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Chapter 581: Tear Apart, Backdoor!

“Blackfire Lord, Wizard Setoh!”

Behind the Slothful Beast, a tiny Wizard as insignificant as a speck of dust quickly came before the Blackfire Lord and Wizard Setoh.

Although Legend Zado already knew Wizard Setoh’s identity of via his maxim avatar, he was still a little excited to see an Ultimate Arcane Wizard in person.

Previously, when the Blackfire Lord had mentioned that he was going to invite an Arcane Wizard, in his heart, Legend Zado did not really believe him. Legend Zado had been in Arcane City for such a long time but had never seen an Arcane Wizard. In fact, even some of the Honored Legends had never met the three Great Arcane Wizards.

Right now, however, Arcane Wizard Setoh had appeared before him. Despite Legend Zado’s excitement, he did not forget the matter at hand. He calmed his emotions, and said solemnly, “Blackfire Lord, Wizard Setoh, the situation isn’t ideal. The Slothful Beast has fallen asleep too sudden. It had already chosen a place, and I’m afraid it’s falling into a deep slumber as we speak.”

“I’ll go and take a look.”

Wizard Setoh only glanced at Legend Zado, and flew directly in front of the Slothful Beast. Before the huge Slothful Beast, anyone would seem incomparably tiny.

The Blackfire Lord and Zado exchanged a look and flew over as well. They saw Wizard Setoh staring at the Slothful Beast’s mouth with an increasingly grave expression.

“This is troublesome. The Slothful Beast is already asleep and will not swallow anything in a while. Before this, I was planning to use some techniques to pass some messages into its body when it opened its mouth to swallow, but now, this plan will not work.”

Wizard Setoh was feeling troubled. Using brute force to pry open the Slothful Beast's mouth was completely impossible. The fact that he was a mere spatial avatar was irrelevant. Even if his real body was present together with the two other Arcane Wizards, it would still be impossible.

Looking at this huge Slothful Beast, even Wizard Setoh appeared quite powerless. The Slothful Beast was considered one of the greatest existences in the Void Zone, the darling of the natural order. Even Arcane Wizards were powerless against it.

Fortunately, the number of these Slothful Beasts was extremely few, probably only up to a hundred or so creatures. A hundred Slothful Beasts might sound disheartening but they were scattered all across the Void Zone, so it was considered very rare. Even after hundreds and thousands of years, none of the Slothful Beasts would meet one another.

"Wizard Setoh, is there no other way?"

The Blackfire Lord asked a little impatiently. More than thirty years had passed, who knew what Merlin would become in the belly of the Slothful Beast.

"Be patient. There are other ways. We just need to try it out."

Wizard Setoh flew one circle around the huge beast. Even with his speed, it took him a few months to complete. That was how immensely huge the Slothful Beast was.

"The Slothful Beast has a few weaker points that can potentially lead into its body. The first is the mouth. However, since it's asleep, the mouth is shut and cannot be entered. Next would be the ear. However, the Slothful Beast's ear seems to contain a layer of membrane. I'm not sure if I'm able to force my way through that.... Lastly, there's one remaining option, which also poses the greatest chance!"

The Blackfire Lord and Legend Zado's eyes both lit up. They were completely helpless against this Slothful Beast. Besides, their understanding would not be able to rival Wizard Setoh, considering that the three Great Arcane Wizards had attempted to "capture" a Slothful Beast before. Even though the attempt was a failure, surely, the three Great Arcane Wizards had studied the Slothful Beast carefully and knew it very well.

"Wizard Setoh, what's the Slothful Beast's last weak point?"

The Blackfire Lord asked softly.

Wizard Setoh's expression turned slightly uncomfortable. He led the Blackfire Lord and Legend Zado half a circle to the back of the Slothful Beast and pointed toward an enormous hole.

"Here!"

"Erm... Wizard Setoh, are you really going to put your head in there?"

Upon seeing the "enormous hole", the Blackfire Lord and Legend Zado each exchanged looks of disbelief. Wizard Setoh's face, on the other hand, was slightly disgruntled. After all, he was a respectable Ultimate Arcane Wizard but now had to probe the Slothful Beast's backdoor, and attempt to tear this hole open to form a communication channel with the inside world.

"Hmph. Blackfire, if it's not because of your insistence to rescue your disciple, do you think I would do this? Anyway, I'm going to try using the Spatial Maxim, Dissecting Slit, to slit open the protection of the Slothful Beast, and establish a communication channel! Oh yes, it's best if someone can enter. However, not a real person or else you might not be able to exit."

Wizard Setoh and the Blackfire Lord naturally turned to look at Legend Zado's maxim avatar.

Legend Zado could only offer weakly. "Wizard Setoh, please use my maxim avatar to try it out."

"Alright. Get ready, I'm starting!"

Wizard Setoh did not want to delay any longer. After all, using such a method to enter the Slothful Beast's body was truly appalling. If they were seen by any top powers of other civilizations, the entire Spell Caster civilization would probably be subject to ridicule.

"Blackfire, you're on guard duty!"

After making proper arrangements, Wizard Setoh took Legend Zado and flew toward the enormous hole behind the Slothful Beast.

This enormous hole looked like a massive black hole. Inside, there appeared to be a vortex layer. Legend Zado was also a Great Legend, so naturally, he could sense the terrifying strangling power contained in this vortex. Even if he was protected by a Maxim, he might be strangled by it, what more to tear open a passage.

“Zado, I’ll do my best to tear open a passage. Then, your maxim avatar must enter immediately and find Merlin as quickly as possible. The number of people coming out must be as few as possible, not more than five! Once time runs out, you might have to remain inside forever. The Slothful Beast has an incredible ability, that is, any injured weak point would automatically be strengthened. Therefore, I cannot guarantee that I can tear it open a second time!”

Legend Zado understood completely. There was only one chance for him to enter. He must bring Merlin out. Otherwise, his maxim avatar would have to remain inside forever.

Taking a deep breath, Legend Zado said to Wizard Setoh in a deep voice, “Wizard Setoh, please be rest assured, I’ll find Merlin as fast as possible and bring him out!”

“Okay, then I’ll start tearing this vortex open!”

Strands of Spatial Maxim began to appear around Wizard Setoh. These Spatial Maxim strands contained an amazing power that was unique to the Arcane Wizards, becoming even more powerful. As soon as the Maxim appeared, a threatening power ensued. Although Zado knew that it was not directed at him, there was still a feeling of trepidation.

“Cut!”

Wizard Setoh growled softly, and the surrounding Void Zone seemed to vibrate. It was important to keep in mind that there were no time and space in the Void Zone.

“Open up!”

Wizard Setoh roared. His Spatial Maxim evolved into an extremely sharp piercing force, and violently speared toward the vortex inside the enormous hole.

“Skrr.”

The huge Slothful Beast shuddered like it felt the intrusion. Amid its deep sleep, the Slothful Beast tremored a little but soon calmed down. Such a small movement was not enough to affect the Slothful Beast.

“Alright, it’s torn! Zado, go on in.”

Wizard Setoh had viciously torn it apart with his hands, and the vortex inside the enormous hole actually began to split open. The terrifying strangling power had subsided. Wizard Zado’s maxim avatar nodded, and swiftly transformed into a light ray, then squeezed through the narrow cracks.

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In the Illusory World, Merlin was sitting opposite Titus. Every day, he would visit the Illusory World and talk to Titus, as well as seek some knowledge about Hallucinating spells.

Titus was undeniably the foremost pioneer in Hallucinating spells and the Mind Power system. After talking to him for several months, Merlin felt that he had gained a lot of benefits, and derived a more profound understanding of Hallucinating spells. In addition, he had also fortified the second step of Hallucinating spells.

However, in order to reach the third step, Merlin would have to depend on his own understanding. According to Titus, upon reaching the first stage of Hallucinating spells, no one could help Merlin. He could only rely on his own understanding.

After all, Hallucinating spells were not static. Every person’s Hallucinating spells would vary based on their own experiences, et cetera. For example, Titus’ Hallucinating spells were filled with peace, so people would unconsciously fall trap to his Hallucinating spells.

This was because Titus had stayed in the Slothful Beast world for a long time. Once his Hallucinating spells had matured, his life became very peaceful, so his Hallucinating spells also became more and more soothing.

Merlin, on the other hand, was different. He had traveled from the Kingdom of Blackmoon to the Void Zone and many dimensions. He had experienced a series of violence and bloodshed, so all his Hallucinating spells were filled with magnificence.

“What else do I need to achieve the third step of the first stage Hallucinating spells? What about the Illusory Heart?”

After talking to Titus for a moment, Merlin opened his mouth and asked evenly.

Titus smiled but it was a slightly helpless smile. He replied softly, “Wizard Merlin, you’ve now reached the second step of Hallucinating spells. You should know by now how difficult Hallucinating spells can be. Only you alone can grasp an understanding! I can only offer you my own experience. If I was to start all over again, even I’m not sure whether I can reach this point smoothly.

“As for the Illusory Heart, forgive my bluntness, Wizard Merlin, but it’s too difficult for you to achieve it at this juncture. Although I hope more than anyone for you to achieve an understanding of the Illusory Heart so that you can perfect the Illusory World for me to be resurrected. Honestly, even I cannot tell whether or not you’ll successfully achieve the Illusory Heart!”

Merlin stared at Titus. After a long moment, he nodded without any expression. In reality, Merlin was most well-informed about how difficult it was to accomplish the Mind Power system that Titus had created.

Not only the Illusory Heart but even the third step of the first stage Hallucinating spells, Merlin did not know if he could achieve it. For example, for the past few months, through his exchange with Titus in the Illusory World, he had gained a lot of knowledge and benefitted greatly. However, most of it was merely theoretical knowledge, and did not substantially increase his Mind Power.

Up to now, his Mind Power had only undergone a massive improvement when he had achieved an understanding of the second step of Hallucinating spells. At other times, there was not a single trace of improvement, and he did not gain any other understanding of Hallucinating spells.

Merlin knew that this process could not be rushed, so he continued to say, “In that case, Titus, tell me about the Illusory Heart.”

Titus nodded and said, “The Illusory Heart is actually very simple...”

“Boom!”

Suddenly, the entire Illusory World seemed to tremor slightly. Merlin's Mind Power connection was instantly broken.

"What happened?"

Titus stared at Merlin's broken Mind Power with surprise. Prior to this, he was able to see the outside situation via the illusion bead, but now that it was controlled by Merlin, unless Merlin was willing, Titus was unable to see anything happening on the outside.

At this moment, outside the Illusory World, Merlin was jolted awake. He opened his eyes, and immediately looked up toward the sky at the previously unchanged Vortex Hole.

Chapter 582: Didimoss Leaves

The Vortex Hole trembled as if there was a terrifying power stirring the vortex as well as the entire Slothful Beast word. Below the Vortex Hole, Spellcast City felt the tremors more intensely.

"What's going on?"

Wizard Luce quickly arrived where Merlin was. Even the black cat Didimoss had awakened, and was watching the huge Vortex Hole in the air vigilantly.

Merlin shook his head. He also did not know what was happening. He only felt that there seemed to be a fearsome force stirring the Vortex Hole.

"Tss."

Suddenly, an illusory finger appeared from the Vortex Hole.

"A finger?"

Merlin and Wizard Luce cast a glance at each other, rejoice showing on their faces. Someone was tearing the Vortex Hole from the outside. There had long been rumors in the Slothful Beast world. If there was a powerful force that tore a vortex from the outside, then it would be possible to leave the

Slothful Beast world. However, that was just an ancient rumor. After all, even Lords might not be able to tear open the Vortex Hole.

However, now, looking at the finger, Merlin knew that this was an external force tearing open the Vortex Hole.

“Boom.”

The huge illusory finger appeared from the Vortex Hole, followed by another, two, three...

Ten fingers, followed by two huge palms, firmly gripped each side of the Vortex Hole, and opened a gigantic hole.

“Whoosh.”

A figure that was accompanied by a terrifying pressure quickly flew down from the Vortex Hole.

“Meow, that’s Zado’s life force. Merlin, Zado came to save you!”

The black cat Didimoss was the first to feel the familiar life force, and said excitedly.

“Teacher Zado?”

Merlin lifted his head, and looked at the figure. He was similar to the Legend Zado he knew in his memories but the life force was a little different.

However, the black cat Didimoss had been by Zado’s side for far longer, so it very quickly felt Legend Zado’s life force.

“Swoosh.”

That figure’s speed was extremely swift, and landed beside Merlin. It was indeed Legend Zado.

“Haha, Merlin, it really is you! Quick, come with me. Wizard Setoh had forcefully opened the Slothful Beast’s passage. We’ll be able to leave the Slothful Beast world through this passage.”

Legend Zado also did not expect that he would meet Merlin so soon, and could not help but laughed out loud.

“Wizard Setoh?”

There was a trace of doubt in Merlin’s eyes. Opening up the Slothful Beast’s passage was not something an ordinary Spell Caster could do.

“It’s a long story. The Blackfire Lord spent more than thirty years trying to get Arcane Wizard Setoh to use an avatar. Quick, I’ll tell you more after we leave.”

Legend Zado looked at the vortex passage in the sky, and urged. He also knew that it was very difficult for Arcane Wizard Setoh to maintain this passage.

“Hmm, Luce, let’s go. We can leave the Slothful Beast world!”

Merlin glanced at Spellcast City. He wanted to bring the Wizards of Spellcast City along with him but that was impossible. Thus, he could only instantly transform into a streak of light with Legend Zado, as well as Luce and the black cat Didimoss, and throw themselves into the passage at the mouth of the vortex.

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The Blackfire Lord looked nervously at Wizard Setoh, who was struggling to support the passage. It seemed that he would not be able to support it any longer.

“Wizard Setoh, how is it? How much longer can you hold on for?”

The Blackfire Lord asked quietly.

Wizard Setoh’s expression was solemn. “I never thought that the Slothful Beast would have such powerful self-regulation. The pressure on me has just doubled, and I won’t be able to hold on to this

passage for much longer. If Zado still doesn't come out, the passage will be sealed, and he'll never be able to leave!"

Even the Blackfire Lord could feel that the sleeping Slothful Beast was slightly swaying. A strange fluctuation was repairing the passage torn by Wizard Setoh.

Under such a situation, even if it was Wizard Setoh, he would not be able to hold on for long.

"Haha, Wizard Setoh, Blackfire Lord, I've lived up to your expectations and brought Merlin back!"

A burst of loud laughter sounded from the passage in the vortex, and at the same time, several figures swiftly flew out from the passage.

"Boom."

The colossal Slothful Beast's body shook again, and Wizard Setoh was no longer able to hold on. As soon as he let go, the passage on the Slothful Beast's Vortex Hole had disappeared immediately, apparently repaired by the Slothful Beast.

Moreover, Wizard Setoh was no longer needed to forcefully open the Vortex Hole again.

"Teacher!"

Merlin greeted the Blackfire Lord respectfully. If not for the Blackfire Lord's perseverance, Luce and he might have been trapped in the Slothful Beast world forever.

"Oh? Merlin, we seemed to have come out from the Slothful Beast's backdoor."

The black cat Didimoss said in an exaggerated tone which even contained a trace of irritation. Merlin also turned around to look and found that the Vortex Hole was indeed the Slothful Beast's backdoor.

Thinking about this, Merlin's expression also became unnatural.

“Blackfire, this is your disciple, Merlin?”

Suddenly, Wizard Setoh’s sharp gaze fell on Merlin, giving Merlin a feeling that he had been completely exposed. Wizard Setoh’s eyes were endlessly deep.

Merlin’s body shivered, and he thought about Legend Zado’s explanation. This unfamiliar Spell Caster was no doubt Arcane Wizard Setoh’s avatar that the Blackfire Lord had spent more than thirty years trying to call.

Even if he was only an avatar, he was worthy of the name. This was the one of the Three Great Arcane Wizards of Spell Caster civilization, Arcane Wizard Setoh!

Merlin had never met an Arcane Wizard before but he could sense an unfathomable life force on Wizard Setoh’s body. It was completely different from the feeling that Merlin got from the Blackfire Lord.

The Blackfire Lord was strong, and even Merlin could feel a powerful sense of oppression. However, in the end, Merlin knew that the Blackfire Lord’s strength was tangible and visible.

However, Merlin could not fathom Wizard Setoh at all. It was as if he was illusory, making Merlin unable to feel that he was real.

“Merlin, this is Arcane Wizard Setoh. This time, it was all Wizard Setoh’s hard work that rescued you safely from the Slothful Beast’s body.

The Blackfire Lord pointed at Wizard Setoh, and introduced to Merlin.

Merlin quickly bowed in respect, “Great Arcane Wizard, thank you for your help!”

“You teacher used a precious promise in exchange for my help, so if you have to thank anyone, thank Blackfire instead! Merlin, you have a good teacher. I’ve never seen Blackfire pay such a hefty price for a disciple. You’re indeed quite good, a Six-Elemental Spell Caster. You have a chance of becoming a Great Legend in the future!”

Wizard Setoh narrowed his eyes and glanced over at the black cat Didimoss. When he saw Didimoss, his expression changed greatly.

“Natural order? I can’t see the brand of the natural order on your body... You’ve reversed the natural order?”

Wizard Setoh’s voice trembled when he mentioned about “reversing the natural order”.

Merlin looked at Legend Zado, and Legend Zado also said awkwardly, “Wizard Setoh, Didimoss only gradually changed into a living entity from a spirit of the Runic Magic Circle by a twist of fate. It was also because of reversing the natural order that it was able to become a being comparable to Great Legends!”

Wizard Setoh grew even more excited after hearing Legend Zado’s firm answer, and could not stop laughing. “Haha, sixteen hundred years ago, the Three Great Arcane Wizards set out for the sake of a weak, ordinary life that had reversed the natural order that the Giant Tribe had obtained first. At that time, the life that reversed the natural order was only equivalent to a Fourth-level Spell Caster, weak and pitiful!

“Even so, because of strong interference from other civilizations, we didn’t manage to get it in the end, and it was taken by the Titan Giant of the Giant Tribe. It’s so regretful! Who would’ve thought that I’d encounter a living being that had reversed the natural order, and also comparable to Great Legends? Hahaha, it’s worth it, it’s really worth it! Merlin, Didimoss is very important to us, the Three Great Arcane Wizards. There’s no brand of the natural order on its body, so countless powerful others would go crazy over Didimoss. It’ll be too dangerous if it stays by your side. If a foreign tribe knows of this, they would compete for it at all costs. I’ll take Didimoss away for now. Didimoss will be safe under our protection. In addition, it’ll even grow faster!”

Wizard Setoh’s expression was completely agitated, and there was even some madness in that excitement.

“Uh... Merlin, I don’t want to go!”

The black cat Didimoss looked at Wizard Setoh, and felt fear from the bottom of its heart. It jumped onto Merlin’s shoulder but with a light grab from Wizard Setoh, an invisible power had enveloped Didimoss, and instantly imprisoned it.

“Wizard Setoh, the black cat Didimoss has been with me for many years...”

Before Merlin even finished speaking, Wizard Setoh waved his hand and said, “Merlin, you can’t even begin to imagine the preciousness of a being who had reversed the natural order. In the vast Void Zone, among billions of dimensions, such an existence can be counted on one hand! Don’t worry, we won’t harm Didimoss. After all, it’s also a friend of ours, the Spell Casters.”

At this time, the Blackfire Lord also interrupted. “Merlin, Wizard Setoh won’t do anything to Didimoss. Don’t worry!”

Merlin still felt a little uncomfortable in his heart. Didimoss had been with him since the Kingdom of Blackmoon to the Void Zone. Furthermore, Merlin felt that with Didimoss by his side, it was like having a Great Legend.

Now that Wizard Setoh wanted to take Didimoss away, Merlin would naturally find it hard to accept.

However, if it really was like what Wizard Setoh had said that Didimoss, a living being who had reversed the natural order was so important, then keeping Didimoss by his side was indeed too dangerous. They were lucky that strong beings from foreign tribes had not discovered them. Otherwise, if they took action, no one would be able to save Merlin and Didimoss.

Of course, the most important reason was that Merlin did not have the power to refuse Wizard Setoh at all.

Thus, Merlin went to Didimoss’ side and said gently, “Didimoss, go with Wizard Setoh to Arcane City. It’s the safest there! I’ll come back for you later. Don’t forget, we need to return to the Kingdom of Blackmoon...”

The black cat Didimoss no longer struggled, and nodded slightly. Then, it swished its long tail and jumped on Wizard Setoh’s shoulder.

Then, Wizard Setoh quickly and excitedly brought Didimoss back to Arcane City...

Chapter 583: Back to the Pavilion of Rarities

After the black cat Didimoss was taken away by Wizard Setoh, Merlin glanced at the Blackfire Lord. Although he did not know what relationship the Blackfire Lord and Wizard Setoh had, it was obvious that the Blackfire Lord must have paid a huge price to invite an Ultimate Arcane Wizard.

“Teacher!”

Merlin was just about to speak when the Blackfire Lord held out a hand to stop him. He said calmly, “You don’t have to say anything. You’re my disciple as well as my hope! I still wish that you’ll be able to perfect the Mind Power system in the future. At that time, my disciple will become a powerful existence who opens up a system, haha...”

The Blackfire Lord said this, and laughed loudly. He did not remain there and flew away directly, only leaving behind one warning. “Merlin, the Void Zone is very dangerous. Not even Great Lords dare to say that they can wander around. You’re on your own now! If you encounter something impossible, try to avoid them...”

The voice gradually disappeared, showing that the Blackfire Lord had already left.

Legend Zado patted Merlin’s shoulder, and said with a smile, “Merlin, it’s not as dangerous as the Blackfire Lord made it out to be. Haha, with me as well as the Blackfire Lord, you can go wherever you want in the Void Zone! However, there’s some truth in the Blackfire Lord’s words. I have to leave and start preparing to form an Earth Maxim, and become an Honored Legend with an Earth Maxim as the foundation!”

It seemed that Legend Zado was also stimulated. Back when he was cornered by Legend Arnie, it made him feel that even if he was a Great Legend with five Maxims, there was still a gap compared to an Honored Legend.

Legend Zado was undoubtedly a true genius. Legends that could form five Maxims were few and far in between in the entire Spell Caster civilization. They were also regarded as Legends who were most likely to become Great Lords.

Thus, now that Legend Zado had made up his mind, it might be a long time before he appeared again.

“Legend Zado, thank you very much for this time. I even caused you to use up a Maxim to form a maxim avatar.”

Merlin also knew that for a Great Legend, forming a maxim avatar required decades or even centuries of recovery. The price was extremely high.

“Haha, what’s the big deal about a maxim avatar? I have five Maxims, so just one maxim avatar doesn’t affect me. However, this incident has also taught me several lessons. There are indeed some dangers in the Void Zone, so just take this maxim avatar along with you although it can’t help much in a battle. The sixth form of your Darkness Eye is no worse than this maxim avatar. Therefore, its real function is to help you to contact me quickly. In the future, if you’ve encountered any difficulties that can’t be solved, I’ll know immediately through this maxim avatar.”

Merlin knew that this maxim avatar was a precious gift. In the vast Void Zone, having Legend Zado’s maxim avatar would indeed make him much safer. In case he encountered any danger, he could inform Legend Zado through this maxim avatar.

“Alright, I’ll leave now. I hope the next time we meet, you’ve become a Great Wizard, haha!”

Legend Zado was very outspoken, completely unlike the Blackfire Lord. Merlin was also quite favorable toward Legend Zado. When he was swallowed into the Slothful Beast’s belly, no matter if it was the Blackfire Lord or Legend Zado, they both had paid hefty prices.

“Wizard Merlin, where do we go now?”

Wizard Luce only spoke after the Blackfire Lord and Legend Zado had left.

Merlin turned around and felt some lingering fear after looking at the colossal Slothful Beast, and said, “We should get out of here as soon as possible and go to the Shkedu Dimension.”

Thus, the two Wizards sat on the casting tool and flew toward the Shkedu Dimension.

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“Phew...”

Finally, they had reached the Shkedu Dimension. The dimension had suffered a catastrophe. Although it had been several decades since, it still had not recovered.

However, as a prosperous trading dimension, the Shkedu Dimension was still very busy. The damage should be able to be completely recovered within a hundred years.

“Wizard Merlin, do you have any plans?”

Wizard Luce asked hesitatingly.

“Wizard Luce, we can be considered to have experienced life and death. After such an adventure, I think I should take my leave! I won’t stay at the Shkedu Dimension for long. I’ll probably leave soon.”

Merlin had a plan from the start to find the Saitu Dimension. He had the coordinates to the Saitu Dimension, so if it was a masterless dimension, Merlin could seize the opportunity to control a dimension.

If he brought Wizard Luce along, although they had a close relationship, it would be very difficult to make a decision if benefits were involved. Therefore, it would be better to just go their separate ways in the Shkedu Dimension.

Wizard Luce also nodded. “After such an adventure, I’ve also gained a lot, so I plan to just settle down in the Shkedu Dimension, and start fusing Spell Models to become a Great Wizard! Wizard Merlin, come look for me when you come back to the Shkedu Dimension. We’ll go on another adventure again!”

“I will, at that time, you’ll be a powerful Great Wizard!”

The two Wizards laughed, and chatted for a long while before finally saying goodbye, and separating in the Shkedu Dimension, flying in different directions.

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“Honorable Wizard, the Pavilion of Rarities...”

Before finishing her words, the beautiful female Wizard raised her head to look at the young Wizard’s countenance and froze.

However, she quickly reacted, and hurriedly said, “Honorable Wizard Merlin, please wait a moment. I’ll ask the Deputy Pavilion Master to receive you!”

The beautiful female Wizard obviously recognized Merlin. The cause of the large battle which shook the entire Shkedu Dimension was Merlin!

Legend Zado and the Great Blackfire Lord were both Merlin’s teachers. How would the Pavilion of Rarities dare to neglect a Wizard with such an identity? Thus, when Merlin appeared, the Pavilion of Rarities could only get their Deputy Pavilion Master to welcome him.

“Haha, Wizard Merlin, welcome to the Pavilion of Rarities.”

Before long, the Deputy Pavilion Master, the Great Wizard Leto, came to Merlin with a smile.

“Wizard Leto, we meet again!”

Merlin also smiled. Back then, it was Great Wizard Leto who had sent someone to Arcane City to inform Legend Zado. It was a great help to Merlin.

“Wizard Merlin, what treasures are you looking for this time in the Pavilion of Rarities?”

The Great Wizard Leto was naturally very cordial toward Merlin.

“It’s simple. I want the Dispelling Water!”

“The Dispelling Water? Does Wizard Merlin wish to re-cultivate a Pandora Demon Ability? How many do you want?”

“Of course, I want six portions of Dispelling Water. Besides that, you should also have some top-level Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities here, right? After using the Dispelling Water, I naturally need to cultivate Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities. You can prepare all these.”

Great Wizard Leto's eyes brightened after Merlin finished speaking. His heart was also excited. Six portions of Dispelling Water plus another six top-level Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, and some rare items for cultivating Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities.

When everything was prepared, it would be an unimaginably large deal. It might be the biggest business transaction since the founding of the Pavilion of Rarities!

“Wizard Merlin, let's go inside to talk about the details. These things aren't that easy to prepare.”

Merlin also knew that this involved too much. Thus, he nodded his head, and followed Great Wizard Leto into a quiet room.

After the two had sat down, only the Great Wizard Leto and Merlin were left in the room. Great Wizard Leto smiled slightly before hesitating and carefully saying, “Wizard Merlin, six portions of Dispelling Water plus six Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, and the rare items isn't a small sum!”

Seeing Wizard Leto's tentative inquiry, Merlin also knew what he meant, so he calmly nodded and said, “Say it, how many elemental crystal stones are needed? Teacher Blackfire told me before that the Pavilion of Rarities is trustworthy!”

The Great Wizard Leto also knew that Merlin brought up the Blackfire Lord to make himself appear bigger. How would a Great Lord know about an insignificant Pavilion of Rarities? However, the Great Wizard Leto also knew that Merlin was trying to suppress others using force, so this offer could not be too outrageous.

After thinking for a moment, the Great Wizard Leto gritted his teeth and finally said, “Six portions of Dispelling Water originally cost ten million elemental crystal stones each but for Wizard Merlin, we'll make it seven point five million elemental crystal stones each. The total is forty-five million elemental crystal stones!”

Merlin did not react. He knew that the Pavilion of Rarities usually only gave a discount of up to two million elemental crystal stones, but now it was increased by another 500 thousand elemental crystal stones, which should be the limit. Thus, he nodded and motioned for the Great Wizard Leto to continue.

The Great Wizard Leto softly sighed in relief. Doing business with Wizards with strong backgrounds was not easy, and required a lot of pressure. Therefore, he also continued. “As for the

six top-level Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities along with their rare items, the Pavilion of Rarities will offer a low price of fifteen million elemental crystal stones!”

Seeing the Great Wizard Leto gritted his teeth like that, Merlin knew that he must have made a great concession because he did not dare to offend the Great Lord behind Merlin.

Forty-five million elemental crystal stones plus fifteen million elemental crystal stones for a total of at least sixty million elemental crystal stones. This was a large number, and it would be difficult even for general Legends to be able to fork out.

Last time, Merlin dug out around ten million elemental crystal stones at the Satsuma Dimension. It was a lot less than sixty million elemental crystal stones.

“Great Wizard Leto, the price of sixty million elemental crystal stones is very reasonable, and I’m also very satisfied. However, I don’t have that many elemental crystal stones!”

“Uh... Not enough elemental crystal stones?”

The Great Wizard Leto’s expression changed slightly and his mouth could not help but start twitching. Then, he said in a trembling voice, “Wizard Merlin, it’s okay. Just... Just take these as a gift from the Pavilion of Rarities to Wizard Merlin and the Blackfire Lord!”

Wizard Leto obviously saw Merlin as a Wizard who wanted to obtain the Dispelling Water by force, but he did not dare to deny him either. Perhaps an Honored Legend would still be slightly fearful toward the Pavilion of Rarities. After all, it was a huge force in the Shkedu Dimension, and faced the nine Honored Legends of the Shkedu Dimension.

However, this was a Great Lord! Never mind just taking some items, even if he was to forcefully destroy the Pavilion of Rarities, the nine Honored Legends would absolutely not dare to stick out for the Pavilion of Rarities.

However, even if it was the Pavilion of Rarities, sixty million elemental crystal stones worth of treasures was a big blow...

Merlin smiled. Although he wanted these things very much, he would not use those kinds of methods to obtain them. Thus, he said slowly, “Great Wizard Leto, I think you’re mistaken. I don’t have elemental crystal stones but I can exchange some casting tools for them!”

“Casting tools?”

Although the Great Wizard Leto was surprised, he did not refuse. What could one or two casting tools do? It was just for the sake of “looking good” in this exploitative deal.

Merlin naturally saw the Great Wizard Leto’s insincerity but did not explain himself either. Instead, he took a pile of casting tools from his Spatial Ring, and dumped them on the ground.

“Great Wizard Leto, what do you think of these casting tools?”

The Great Wizard Leto’s eyes widened as he stared dumbfounded at the pile of casting tools on the ground. His expression was also stunned.

“One, two, five, ten... Thirty-two!”

The Great Wizard Leto seemed slightly numb. Perhaps even if he gathered all the casting tools in the Pavilion of Rarities, there would not be as many casting tools. He could see that each of these casting tools was painstakingly made, and was meticulously refined by Legendary Great Alchemists.

“Is it enough? If it isn’t, then there’s more!”

Merlin pointed at the thirty-two casting tools on the ground, and said indifferently.

Chapter 584: Setting Out

There was no one outside the quiet room which was protected by a Runic Magic Circle. Right outside the room was the extremely powerful Pavilion of Rarities.

In the end, Merlin used twenty-eight casting tools in exchange for nearly sixty million worth of elemental crystal stones, thus obtaining the Dispelling Water and Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities he wanted.

For Merlin, there were many casting tools. It might be hard for Great Wizard Leto to imagine but for a good casting tool that required almost two million elemental crystal stones to obtain, Merlin could obtain with just one hundred elemental crystal stones in the Slothful Beast world.

Thus, Merlin did not lack casting tools at all. In the Slothful Beast world, no one knew how many Spell Casters had been devoured over such a long time. They occasionally carried one or two casting tools, so the amount accumulated over such a period was quite frightening.

After obtaining the Dispelling Water, Merlin asked the Great Wizard Leto to arrange a quiet room. The Great Wizard Leto might have also known that Merlin was going to use the Dispelling Water and re-cultivate his Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, so he specifically told others not to approach this room.

“The Dispelling Water! Let’s see just how amazing it is.”

Merlin flipped his hand, and a droplet of water that looked full of purity, limpid, and sparkling, appeared. He gently opened his mouth and sucked the liquid, directly consuming one Dispelling Water into his body.

After Merlin swallowed the Dispelling Water, it immediately began to have a reaction. Cool strands of life force appeared in Merlin’s body, and he clearly felt the Fire-type Pandora Demon Ability in his body, Fiery Collapse, seemed to melt into the Dispelling Water. It started to gradually be defeated until it finally disappeared!

This process only took a few hours, and Fiery Collapse had disappeared. At least, that was according to Merlin’s senses.

“Fire!”

Merlin held out his hand, and a flame gradually flashed in his hands. Although the flame emitted a terrifying temperature, its might was much lower than before.

“Fiery Collapse really was dispelled!”

Merlin stared at the flame, and did not see any trace of the Fusion Pandora Demon Ability. It showed that the Dispelling Water really could eliminate cultivated Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities.

Thus, Merlin quickly took the remaining five portions of Dispelling Water, and all the Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities in his body were soon eliminated. Only the two special Pandora Demon Abilities – Darkness Eye and Glacier Country could not be eliminated.

Darkness Eye and Glacier Country were special Pandora Demon Abilities, and did not belong to the category of Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities. Therefore, the Dispelling Water had no effect on them. What's more, Merlin could now rely on the sixth form of Darkness Eye.

As for Glacial Country, although it was also a special Pandora Demon Ability, Merlin had never been able to improve it. Perhaps it was because he did not have any talent in Ice-type Spells, so Glacial Country was currently not very useful for Merlin.

After all, special Pandora Demon Abilities were different than Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, and could not be cultivated by just by using some rare items. The requirements for quality was very high, and Merlin had always shown good qualities for Darkness-types. It was because of this reason that he could raise Darkness Eye to its fifth form, and forcefully improved it to its sixth form with the help of the Blackfire Lord.

After eliminating all the Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, Merlin looked at the six Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities in his hands. All six of these could be considered top Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, and all of them had three stages. Now that Merlin was a seventh-level Spell Caster, as long as he had enough rare items, he would definitely be able to greatly succeed in the cultivation.

Merlin's own strength would also be significantly improved as long as all these Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities were successfully cultivated. Therefore, Merlin stayed in the house for the next few days, and focused on cultivating the Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities.

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"Tss."

A white flame that was almost transparent twined around Merlin's fingertip.

Almost half a year had passed. It took longer than Merlin had imagined cultivating the Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities. After all, they were all top Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities, so even with rare items, it would still require a long time to cultivate.

“Not bad. It’s much stronger than Fiery Collapse!”

Merlin could feel that the flame on his fingertip was indeed stronger than Fiery Collapse. The Pandora Demon Ability which he had obtained in the Glorious Land could not be said to be weak. It might have been a first-class Pandora Demon Ability.

However, the Spell Caster civilization was developing continuously, and it had several periods of explosive development.

The first stage was the birth of Spell Casters. At that time, Spell Casters started to actively construct Spell Models. Although the early stage was relatively difficult, it was truly an explosive period that quickly swept across the entire Glorious Land.

The second stage was the establishment of the Molta Empire, a nation entirely established by Spell Casters. The Spell Caster civilization also started to control the Molta Empire, and fought against the natural gods in the Glorious Land. It was during this period that Spell Casters rapidly developed, and finally exiled countless gods and completely controlled the Glorious Land.

The third stage was by far the longest and fastest developing stage of the Spell Caster civilization. It started three thousand years ago when Spell Casters walked into the Void Zone, and set foot in myriads of dimensions.

Since then, the Spell Caster civilization had entered an explosive phase where changes happened every day. The Spell Casters’ civilization also expanded rapidly. One by one, ordinary Legends, Honored Legends, and Great Lords appeared.

Whether it was alchemy, runology or even constructing Spell Models, they all developed rapidly. Pandora Demon Abilities also developed orderly, and many new Pandora Demon Abilities could be created. Powerful Pandora Demon Abilities in the Glorious Land were nothing compared to the Void Zone after it had undergone development.

According to Merlin’s rough calculation, the power of just this top Fire-type Fusion Pandora Demon Ability was at least thirty to fifty percent stronger than that of Fiery Collapse.

This was an extremely terrifying increase!

“Oh? It has succeeded?”

The flame on Merlin’s hand was extinguished in an instant. Earlier, he felt that the final Thunder-type Fusion Pandora Demon Ability had been cultivated successfully. It took more than half a year but he had finally completed cultivating the six top Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities!

“Haha, I’ve finally succeeded. Sixty million elemental crystal stones, let’s try out your power!”

Merlin’s expression became solemn, and flames immediately appeared on his body. The flames condensed into a fireball as it floated in the air, and a Thunder-type, Wind-type, and Ice-type spell fused into the fireball.

The fireball in Merlin’s hand had an extremely peculiar color. Although it was only the size of a fist, it contained frightening fluctuations.

“What’s this power?”

Although Merlin knew that the power of the newly cultivated Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities would be improved, after fusing it into spells, the power would increase even more. After all, it was a combination of a perfect-grade spell and a top Pandora Demon Ability.

“Go!”

Merlin casually dropped the combined spell on the ground.

“Boom!”

The entire courtyard shook violently, and at the same time, a terrible shockwave spread in all the directions. Even the Runic Magic Circle surrounding the courtyard was torn to pieces in an instant.

“Rip.”

The Runic Magic Circle was destroyed, and the entire Pavilion of Rarities quaked. Great Wizard Leto rushed to the rear court immediately.

“Wizard Merlin, what’s this?”

The chaos in the rear court looked like it was caused by a great battle. Perhaps only peak Great Wizard could cause this level of destruction.

Seeing Great Wizard Leto’s shocked expression, Merlin shook his head helplessly, and said, “It’s nothing. I was just testing out a spell’s power but didn’t control it properly, which caused some damage to the Pavilion of Rarities. I’ll definitely compensate you!”

Great Wizard Leto looked at Merlin with disbelief and incredulity. Previously, he only feared the Blackfire Lord and Legend Zado behind Merlin, and never cared much about Merlin himself.

However, now it seemed that Legend Zado and the Blackfire Lord’s brilliance were simply too radiant, and covered up Merlin. To be able to become a disciple of a Great Lord, who was also a Potential Wizard in Arcane City, Merlin’s own potential and qualification was terrifying.

“Wizard Merlin is joking. It’s just a courtyard. I’ll ask someone to clean it up immediately!”

Wizard Leto naturally would not ask Merlin for compensation. The Pavilion of Rarities already made quite a profit from the casting tools from before.

Merlin also nodded, and turned to another room.

Through the test earlier, Merlin became aware that the explosive power of four perfect-grade Seventh-level spells coupled with top Fusion Pandora Demon Abilities was comparable to a peak Great Wizard, similar to Darkness Eye.

There was still a very large difference between peak Great Wizards and top Great Wizards. Top Great Wizards were infinitesimally close to Great Legends, and each had their own incredible tricks. A regular Spell Caster would only be able to reach the level of a peak Great Wizard.

Therefore, whether it was Merlin’s combined spells or Darkness Eye, it could only temporarily reach the level of a peak Great Wizard. Perhaps if Merlin had constructed an Eighth-level spell and combined it with a Five-Elemental spell, it would be able to reach the level of a top Great Wizard.

“Phew...”

Merlin let out a long breath and muttered, “I can only get this far for now. Next up, the Saitu Dimension!”

However, before leaving, Merlin took out the illusion bead, and released its restrictions. He could see the situation in the Saitu Dimension by using the illusion bead.

“Whoosh.”

Merlin’s Mind Projection entered the Illusory World, and materialized before Titus.

“Titus, go look outside. After such a long time, I’m afraid you don’t know any of the changes happening outside.”

Merlin calmly said.

“Outside?”

Titus gently closed his eyes, and extended his Mind Power to the illusion bead.

“This... This is outside the Slothful Beast world!”

Titus abruptly stood up. Although it was just a remnant of Mind Power, he could not hide his shock as he could feel the Elements through the illusion bead.

The long-lost Elemental power showed that they were now outside the Slothful Beast world!

Merlin quietly looked at Titus as he knew that the shock was too great. Titus had been in the Slothful Beast world for so long that even after he formed the Illusory World, he had no guarantee of leaving the Slothful Beast world.

Now, he had lost all hope. He had died, and only a trace of Mind Power was left but he had finally left the Slothful Beast world.

After a long moment, Titus' mood slowly calmed down.

“Wizard Merlin, although I don't know what method you've used to leave the Slothful Beast world, you really did it! I have a request I hope you'll agree to.”

“Request?”

Merlin frowned.

“Yes, I've left my hometown for far too long. I thought I'd never leave the Slothful Beast world... However, it seems like I've returned to the Spell Caster civilization now. I implore Wizard Merlin to go to my hometown in the future so that I may gaze upon my hometown again.”

It was a very simple request. Merlin nodded. He did not have any reason to refuse Titus.

“Alright, after I go to the Saitu Dimension, I'll go to your hometown to have a look when I have time!”

Merlin also breathed a sigh of relief. Now that everything was ready, he should leave for the Saitu Dimension.

“Let's go!”

Merlin said farewell to the Great Wizard Leto, and directly flew into the vast Void Zone. In the long journey in the Void Zone, Merlin was also more cautious now that Didimoss was not around. After all, there were dangers everywhere in the Void Zone.

Chapter 585: Preparations Before Entering

In the vast Void Zone, it seemed that there was no end to it.

“Whoosh.”

A huge flying ship gradually appeared in the Void Zone.

“According to the dimension map, there’s a dimension not far away.”

Merlin carefully looked at the dimension map in the flying ship.

He left the Shkedu Dimension, and had flown for several years but he was still drifting in the Void Zone, which showed how vast the Void Zone was. Moreover, all the places he had passed were within the sphere of influence of the Spell Caster civilization. He had not set foot in any foreign civilizations or vast open areas.

Even so, he had flown for several years, and still had not reached the Saitu Dimension.

“The dimension in front is an open dimension. I can go there and rest.”

Merlin understood from the dimension map that the next dimension was an open dimension. That meant that the dimension’s master did not reject other Spell Casters from entering, and even exchange some items in the dimension, much like the Shkedu Dimension.

There were some dimension masters who did not wish to be disturbed or because the living creatures in the dimension were not strong enough, so they did not open up the dimension. Others would not be able to enter the dimension without the master’s permission. Otherwise, it would be regarded as a provocation to a Great Legend.

In general, Great Legends who had signed the Legends’ Accord would not force themselves into a dimension that was not open.

In the Aurora Ship, Merlin soon saw an unusually beautiful dimension in front emitting multicolored lights.

This dimension was different from all the other dimensions Merlin had seen before. Not only was this dimension large but it also emitted a variety of lights like colored ribbons, enveloping the entire dimension.

However, upon closer look, he was shocked to find that it was a gigantic Runic Magic Circle that shrouded the entire dimension. Runology had grown by leaps and bounds after Spell Casters

stepped into the Void Zone but it really was quite outrageous that it grew to the point of being able to shroud an entire dimension with a Runic Magic Circle.

Even the Great Wizard Fidel, who had very high attainments in Runology, did not have such an ability. However, if the Great Wizard Fidel could become a Great Legend after entering the Void Zone, perhaps his attainments in runology would be even higher.

Merlin urged the Aurora Ship toward the dimension, and the Runic Heartprint between his eyebrows also flickered, wanting to thoroughly understand this gigantic Runic Magic Circle.

However, as Merlin expected, even the Runic Heartprint was unable to see through this Runic Magic Circle.

“Whoosh.”

Merlin slowly flew into the dimension. This dimension had a pleasant and appropriate name called that Rainbow Dimension, meaning that it was like a rainbow.

Merlin urged the Aurora Ship, and had just flown into the Rainbow Dimension when three Great Wizards immediately appeared before him. Merlin’s heart jolted, and he immediately put on his guard, ready to cast Darkness Eye at a moment’s notice.

These recent years, Merlin encountered a few dimensions where he was immediately attacked after entering the dimension. Merlin later learned that some Spell Casters had prepared to ambush when unfamiliar Spell Casters appeared, where they would initiate a flood of attacks.

Spell Casters like these were not much different from plunderers. However, they did not have the ability of plunderers, and could not plunder the dimension’s Elemental Origin, so they specialized in plundering other Spell Casters instead!

Merlin had experienced this several times but he killed them instead. Therefore, seeing this situation now, he immediately became alarmed.

“Please calm down. In the Rainbow Dimension, no one dares to do anything so brazenly!”

One of the Great Wizards hurriedly waved his hand.

“Oh? Then what are you doing?”

Merlin did not ease his vigilance. His eyes constantly scanned the three Great Wizards.

“I believe you don’t know about the Rainbow Dimension. The Rainbow Dimension is the last dimension in the dimension map that the Spell Caster civilization can influence. After leaving the Rainbow Dimension, you’ll enter a much bigger Void Zone. There, you’ll encounter foreign civilizations or maybe even discover new barren dimensions or encounter various types of wondrous things. In short, this place is a paradise for adventurers. As long as you have ambition and courage, you can choose to enter it to experience it yourself!”

Merlin nodded thoughtfully. It was not like he was completely clueless about the Rainbow Dimension. He knew that the Rainbow Dimension was seemingly the last dimension marked by the Spell Caster civilization on the dimension map.

Of course, that did not mean that the Spell Caster civilization only had the Rainbow Dimension. Perhaps in the open territory, there were also many Spell Casters who had controlled several dimensions. However, due to some special reasons such as competition between foreign civilizations, these dimensions would be full of uncertainty. It was a more chaotic and dangerous area.

Therefore, in such a situation, no one could count just how many foreign civilizations were there. The Spell Caster civilization was just one of those many civilizations. Although not many civilizations had a clear-cut stand during confrontations, there were endless fights and battles over dimensions.

Merlin knew that he might face some troubles after determining the coordinates of the Saitu Dimension. That was because the Saitu Dimension was located in the open territory, and was not protected by the Spell Caster civilization.

In other words, if there were foreign plunderers in the open territory, the Spell Caster civilization would not bother them as it would be too easy to cause fierce confrontations between civilizations. It would do more harm than good.

“Back then, it was Wizard Saitu who had plundered a barren dimension here by chance! It’s just that after so many years, it’s hard to say whether Wizard Saitu is still in the dangerous open territory.”

Merlin's heart sank slightly. He had to be careful in such a dangerous place.

Hearing the explanation from the three Great Wizards in front of him, Merlin nodded. "In other words, the three of you are trying to make me join you on the foray?"

"Join us? That's not wrong. We already have three Great Wizards. If you're interested, we can immediately sign an agreement. Even if we find a barren dimension, we can take turns to comprehend the Elemental Origin, and split the resources and treasures found in it equally!"

The most fundamental reason these Great Wizards took risks was because of Elemental Origins. Of course, they did not have the power to directly plunder Elemental Origins and form Maxims. However, if they could comprehend the Elemental Origin, condensing Maxims would become much easier.

If one could obtain a dimension for a thousand years, then a peak Great Wizard's chances of forming a Maxim would increase by at least twenty percent!

Although it was only twenty percent, it was already quite terrifying. If a peak Great Wizard wanted to form a Maxim, it would already be considered good if their success rate was ten percent. Most did not even have a ten percent chance. By controlling a dimension, they could increase the success rate to twenty percent. It was not surprising that those these Great Wizards were so crazy.

"Those aren't bad conditions. However, I'm not a Great Wizard!"

Merlin kept the Aurora Ship, and emitted the life force on his body. His Seventh-level Spell Caster life force was very obvious, and the three Great Wizards' expressions instantly darkened slightly.

"Sigh, what a shame. With such a good casting tool, we thought that it would belong to a powerful Great Wizard. Who would have thought..."

The three Great Wizards shook their heads and left. They would not waste their time on a Seventh-level Spell Caster who was of no use to them.

In the open territory, there were many powerful foreign tribes. Even Great Wizards had to gather a few dozen before entering, much less a Seventh-level Spell Caster.

“They’re so practical.”

Merlin looked at the three Great Wizards in ridicule, and shook his head. If one was not a Great Wizard, it was indeed easy to be “ignored” in a place like this.

Merlin then continued downward, and soon found a place to land. He spent some elemental crystal stones to live in a quiet room.

Then, Merlin began to freely wander the streets that were full of powerful Great Wizards. There were very few Ninth-level Spell Casters, so Seventh-level Spell Casters like himself really “stood out”.

Besides Spell Casters, Merlin also saw a few strange foreign tribes. They even openly walked in a Spell Caster civilization’s dimension.

Upon closer understanding, Merlin found out that these foreign tribes were foreign civilizations that had better relations with the Spell Caster civilization. After all, in the Void Zone, there were many foreign civilizations. There were enemies such as the Rock Tribe that were hostile to the Spell Caster civilization.

However, some foreign civilizations were friendly or neutral, where they did not have any concerns. For example, the Giant civilization was too far away from the Spell Caster civilization but both sides were relatively friendly.

The Rainbow Dimension was on the edge of chaotic open territory, so there would naturally be many foreign tribes. Perhaps it would be difficult to encounter a foreign tribe in other places, but it was quite a common sight here.

“Looks like it’s quite dangerous to enter the open territory to find the Saitu Dimension. I need to make sufficient preparations. First, I’ll need a more detailed dimension map for the open territory!”

Merlin knew that dimension maps were very important. They could help one avoid dangerous areas such as places occupied by powerful foreign tribes. If they approached accidentally, those foreign tribes would not ask for a reason and directly act.

Therefore, a detailed dimension map was extremely important!

Merlin strolled for a long while before finally arriving at a store that was more luxurious and decorated. In it was all sorts of things that Merlin did not recognize, and most were items from foreign tribes. After these foreign tribes were killed, Spell Casters would drag their corpses to the Rainbow Dimension and start selling them openly.

“Do you have a dimension map here?”

Merlin looked at the dazzling items but none of them caught his interest, so he asked directly.

“Honored Wizard, you need a dimension map for the open territory?”

A gray-robed Wizard asked respectfully.

“Yes, after coming here, I naturally need to buy a dimension map for the open territory.”

Merlin had a dimension map, but there were very few maps of the open territory. Furthermore, the prices were quite costly, and could only be bought in the Rainbow Dimension since they were generally not circulated.

Several Spell Casters even especially entered the open territory in order to draw precise dimension maps, and then earn large amounts of elemental crystal stones from them.

The gray-robed Wizard looked at Merlin and smiled. “We have an extremely accurate dimension map. It was planned by ten Great Wizards three days ago, but only seven had returned. It’s definitely the most accurate dimension map.”

The gray-robed Wizard did his best to praise the dimension map, and Merlin said impatiently, “You don’t have to explain so much. How many elemental crystal stones does it cost?”

“If you really need it, then the most detailed dimension map only costs five hundred thousand elemental crystal stones!”

The gray-robed Wizard pondered before reporting an amount.

“What? Five hundred thousand elemental crystal stones?”

A sharp light flashed in Merlin’s eyes. He almost thought this gray-robed Wizard was committing daylight robbery. In general, dimension maps cost a few tens of thousands of elemental crystal stones at most, but this person wanted five hundred thousand elemental crystal stones. Even if Merlin had a lot of elemental crystal stones, he did not want to be regarded as an idiot.

“Honored Wizard, this is the newest dimension map that three Great Wizards sacrificed their lives for. This is already a low price. Of course, if you don’t want to use the newest map, we have other maps drawn a while ago. They might not be very detailed, but they’re also quite good. One costs only a hundred thousand elemental crystal stones!”

“There are even cheaper alternatives if you want them which costs only twenty thousand elemental crystal stones but they were drawn one hundred years ago.

After the gray-robed Wizard had finished speaking, he quietly waited for Merlin’s decision.

Merlin gritted his teeth. A dimension map had to be the most detailed, otherwise, there was no use for it as one could even be misled! Furthermore, he wanted to enter the open territory to find the Saitu Dimension, so he naturally needed the most detailed map to find a safer route. Otherwise, it was extremely dangerous to enter in a muddle-headed way.

“I’ll buy it. Give me the latest and most detailed map!”

Merlin said lowly, and took out five hundred thousand elemental crystal stones. Very quickly, the gray-robed Wizard carefully took out a perfectly mounted dimension map.

Merlin gave it a cursory glance and saw that it was indeed very detailed. However, he still had to take it back to study it. Three Great Wizards had lost their lives just to draw this map. Merlin had to be extremely careful, and be fully prepared if he wanted to enter the open territory to find the Saitu Dimension.

Seeing Merlin’s departing back, the smile on the gray-robed Wizard’s face gradually fell. He shook his head helplessly and sighed. “Another one who bought the latest map and preparing to enter the open territory. The open territory isn’t peaceful recently. I heard that another Wizard discovered a barren dimension. Tsk tsk, there’s only a slim chance of survival if he goes in now.”

The gray-robed Wizard simply sighed. After so many years in the Rainbow Dimension, he had lost count of the number of brilliant and ambitious Spell Casters who entered the open territory, and never came back...

Chapter 586: Barren Dimension?

In the quiet room, Merlin gently took out the precious dimension map which he had just obtained. This map cost five hundred thousand elemental crystal stones. Although with Merlin's financial resources, five hundred thousand elemental crystal stones were not much, it still slightly hurt.

Looking at the areas marked on the dimension map, Merlin also felt his eye brightened. These territories were all clearly marked, and the "common map" he bought before this had no such thing.

According to the coordinates of the dimension, Merlin found a blank area in the bottom left corner of the dimension map. Obviously, the Great Wizards who drew this dimension map had not entered that place before but there was no doubt that the Saitu Dimension was in it.

"This place is a little dangerous!"

Merlin frowned, and studied the map carefully. He found that this path really was quite dangerous. There were a few dimensions occupied by foreign tribes. If he was not careful and went too near, it might cause violent reactions from the other side.

It was very difficult to find a relatively safe passage from this area to the area where the Saitu Dimension was located.

"The open territory really is too large. Perhaps even Great Legends won't have any ways of knowing just how large it is. If one finds a barren dimension in it, and secretly controls it without anyone knowing, they could rely on the Elemental Origin of the dimension to comprehend the Matrix!"

Merlin also slowly understood why the open territory attracted so many Spell Casters. Not only Great Legends but even Great Wizards and some ninth-level Spell Casters would come to try their luck.

The fundamental reason was that the open territory was too vast. If Wizards found a barren dimension, they might go for a few hundreds or thousands of years without being discovered. They would not have to worry about those Great Legends at all.

Of course, if they were found, it would be extremely dangerous. It would be as good as encountering some terrifying plunderers.

Merlin raised his head, and countless thoughts flashed in his mind. From what he saw on the map, there were several dimensions that were controlled by foreign tribes comparable to Great Legends. It would be very disastrous for Merlin to approach them with his current strength.

“If only Didimoss was here.”

Merlin was also helpless. Didimoss was taken away by Wizard Setoh, making Merlin feel uneasy.

Merlin’s strongest power now was Darkness Eye and the Four-Elemental combined Spell. He had also reached the second step of his Hallucinating Spell that could plunge most Great Wizards into an illusion.

Such power was already quite commendable. However, in the open territory, there were no guarantees. Even Great Legends would be besieged and killed by some foreign tribes, much less Merlin.

“I need to be fully prepared before I go!”

Merlin gritted his teeth, and quickly projected his Mind Power into the illusion bead.

“Titus!”

Merlin went to Titus, and said with a grave expression, “Titus, can I mobilize the Illusory World in the illusion bead?”

Titus raised his head in surprise. “Wizard Merlin, as explained previously, with your current Mind Power, it’s impossible to mobilize the Illusory World. You’ll only be able to barely mobilize the Illusory World if you form a Ninth-level Mind Heart or reach the Illusory Heart, and fully fuse with the Illusory World...”

Merlin waved his hand to interrupt Titus before he had finished speaking. He looked at Titus with intense eyes and smiled coldly. “What if you’re included?”

“Me? Wizard Merlin, I’m just a trace of Mind Power.”

Titus’ expression did not change as he said calmly.

Merlin continued to sneer while staring at Titus. If he had strength comparable to a peak Great Wizard, and went into the open territory, it would already be considered lucky if he did not encounter any troubles. If he really did, then it might be extremely dangerous. Hence, he had to be prepared.

However, the Illusory World could confuse Legends. If Merlin could use such great power, he would have some confidence to wander the open territory.

As the creator of the Illusory World, Merlin did not believe that Titus could not do anything about the Illusory World even if he just had a trace of Mind Power left.

Seeing Merlin’s eyes grow colder and colder, after a long moment, Titus finally let out a long sigh, and shrugged helplessly. “Alright, I can grasp a little of the Illusory World but what I can do to help is very limited. With my present Mind Power, I can only mobilize the Illusory World for a short time at best. Moreover, as the owner of the illusion bead, your help is needed to unleash the power of the Illusory World!”

The corners of Merlin’s mouth revealed a smile. He felt long ago that it was impossible that the Mind Power Titus had left behind was unable to mobilize the Illusory World. Otherwise, he would not have been able to affect Spellcast City for so long.

“Good. What I’m going to do will be very dangerous but with your help, the success rate will increase greatly! However, I still need to confirm something. With your Mind Power, what will happen if you persist for too long?”

“I’ll be annihilated. Completely annihilated! This part of my Mind Power will disintegrate and disappear. For you, there won’t be much loss as the Illusory World will still exist. However, without me, it would be much more difficult for your Mind Power to fuse into the Illusory World in the future.”

At this point, Titus could only tell the truth. Merlin was the one who had refined the illusion bead, and fundamentally suppressed him. Titus had no way to resist.

Merlin nodded, and took a deep breath. “Don’t worry. Unless there’s no other alternative, I won’t make you mobilize the Illusory World!”

“Swoosh.”

Merlin’s Mind Projection instantly withdrew from the Illusory World.

In the room, Merlin slowly opened his eyes, his hand holding a white illusion bead. Merlin was very satisfied with Titus’ answer.

However, just as Merlin told Titus, he would not mobilize the Illusory World unless absolutely necessary. After all, he did not intend to let Titus disappear completely.

This was just preparation!

“The preparations are almost ready. It’s time to set out!”

Merlin stood up, and put the dimension map away. He took out the Aurora Ship, and instantly turned into a streak of light, flying away from the beautiful Rainbow Dimension.

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In the icy cold Void Zone, a flying ship quietly flew forward.

“Oh? It’s a casting tool! He’s alone. There’s actually someone who dares to enter the open territory alone?”

In the vast Void Zone, a group of four Great Wizards also discovered the flying ship behind them, and warily looked at the flying ship.

Thankfully, the Elemental fluctuations emitted by the flying ship was obviously from a Spell Caster!

Although there was no distinction between civilizations and tribes in the open territory where everyone killed anyone else, it was still very chaotic. However, if a Spell Caster encountered another Spell Caster, as long as there was no reason to, they would not do anything.

When the two sides encountered each other like now, they had to release their life force in advance. Otherwise, no one could guarantee that the two sides would not act.

Although it was strange that a Wizard would dare to enter the open territory alone, the group of Great Wizards did not come forward to ask. In the open territory, they could remain friendly and not take action, but they would not approach willingly. That was a very provocative and dangerous act.

“Whoosh.”

The flying ship swooped past the group, and its speed even quickened.

“Huh? He flew in that direction. Is he trying to compete for that newly discovered dimension?”

“Hehe, who knows how many strong and weak Great Wizards and foreign tribes have rushed over because of that newly discovered dimension. It’ll end up in a terrible fight. Let’s go somewhere else to try our luck. We might be able to find a barren dimension.”

“It’s true that even Great Legends will hear about that new dimension. It’s not something we can get our hands on. It’s better to try our luck somewhere else.”

The group of Great Wizards cast a pitiful look at the flying ship getting farther away, and flew away in another direction.

In the flying ship, Merlin spread out his Mind Power in vigilance. Although this was very taxing on his Mind Power, Merlin still had to do it. Over the past few days, after he had entered the open territory, Merlin had already encountered several Spell Caster groups. Although there were no conflicts because of his Spell Caster life force, he was still very alert.

“This next section won’t be as smooth. Many foreign tribes have already appeared in this area. My identity as a Spell Caster might become a hindrance instead!”

Merlin opened the dimension map. He had just entered the open territory. As the distance from the Rainbow Dimension was relatively near, those that he met on the previous sections were mostly Spell Casters. As they were all Spell Casters, there were no fights.

However, that might not be the case from now onward. The ones he met might not be Spell Casters but instead various strong members from foreign tribes. A Spell Caster’s identity could no longer provide Merlin with benefits. He might even have to keep his life force.

Thus, Merlin used the Runic Heartprint and sealed the Aurora Ship using a Runic Magic Circle to ensure that no life force was leaked out. However, if an encounter was at close range, anyone would see at a glance that this was a Spell Caster’s casting tool.

Until then, absolute vigilance had to be maintained.

The open territory was too vast and boundless. Judging by the dimension map, it seemed as if the area of the Saitu Dimension was not far but it was only after Merlin flew this far that he had realized that it would take several years to fly to the coordinates of the Saitu Dimension.

“It can’t be helped. I’ll just have to fly slowly!”

Merlin was also quite helpless. This was the prerequisite of casting tools. It was not surprising that even Great Legends needed to use casting tools. Otherwise, just by relying on a Spell Caster’s flying speed, no one knew how long one would need to fly to get from one dimension to another.

Merlin also felt very tired. Not only did he need to maintain the speed of the Aurora Ship but he also had to release his Mind Power to be alert of the surroundings.

Every once in a while, Merlin repaired and recovered his Mind Power, replenished his Magic Power, and continued his flight. Although this area was said to be chaotic and very dangerous, Merlin’s luck was quite good as he never encountered a single foreign tribe.

One year, two years, three years...

After flying for three full years, Merlin looked at the mark on the dimension map and finally revealed a smile. He was about to reach the area where the Saitu Dimension was located.

“The open territory isn’t as dangerous as it’s rumored to be. In such a large place, it’s very difficult to encounter another foreign tribe... In another two months at most, I should be able to enter the area where the Saitu Dimension is located. Hopefully, I’ll find the Saitu Dimension smoothly.”

Merlin did not encounter any foreign tribes in these three whole years, so he had some doubts about the rumor. After all, the open territory was too large. No matter how many foreign tribes there were, it would not be easy to coincidentally encounter them.

“Whoosh.”

Suddenly, Merlin’s eyes lit up. He saw a huge white light enveloping an area in the Void Zone not far ahead.

“A dimension? There’s a dimension but nothing is marked on the dimension map. Could my luck really be so good as to encounter a barren dimension?”

Merlin’s eyes widened, and he could not help but get excited at the thought of a barren dimension. In the open territory, there was never a lack of legends of occasionally finding a barren dimension.

“A barren dimension! However, I’ll still have to be careful. Let’s take a look!”

Merlin continued spreading his Mind Power, and carefully urged the Aurora Ship toward the dimension in front.

Chapter 587: The Inceptive Dimension

In the tranquil dimension, there was a thick and sturdy tree over a hundred meters tall. However, the strange thing was, this tree had not taken root in the soil but was floating in the air.

The twisting and crisscrossing root system formed a web which fiercely gripped the air, silently extended throughout the empty space. The tremendous tangle of roots spread out eagerly, spearing through the earth, the rivers, and the air. It was a puzzling sight.

“Rumble.”

The branches of the tree suddenly swayed fiercely, following which a giant face appeared on the trunk, wearing a grave expression as it mumbled to itself, “Discovered so quickly? It’s only been a mere ten years’ time! D*mn it, someone is flying toward the dimension. I must not let him leave or the position of this dimension won’t be a secret anymore!”

This tree was equipped with consciousness. From the looks of it, it must be from the Tree Tribe civilization, one of the many civilizations in the Void Zone. They were known as the Tree Folk.

The Tree Tribe consisted of one Mother Tree. Nearly all the Tree Folks had split from this Mother Tree. The entire Tree Tribe had in fact, gradually evolved from this one Mother Tree.

The Mother Tree was equivalent to the Arcane Wizards of the Spell Caster civilization. This Mother Tree’s special ability was its incredible defensive powers. Even two Arcane Wizards might not necessarily be able to injure the Mother Tree.

Therefore, among the many foreign civilizations, the Tree Tribe could be considered a relatively powerful one, similar to the Giant Tribe.

This gigantic tree was one such Tree Folk, having taken root in this dimension and harnessing the dimension’s Origin Power. The Spell Caster civilization named a dimension’s Origin Power as its Elemental Origin, but in fact, there was a common term for it – the Dimension Core.

This referred to the core of the dimension, which was extremely important to any tribe or civilization. This was also the fundamental cause of conflict over dimensions between the various tribes and civilizations who were fighting over the Dimension Core.

The Tree Folk shivered all over. Nine Tree Folks immediately appeared in mid-air. They were lush green all over, and verdant branches sprouted from their heads.

Creating nine Tree Saplings was the limit of this Tree Folk. Moreover, each of these Saplings possessed relatively formidable strength, able to compare to rather powerful Great Wizards.

“My children, go forth and help me kill that foreign intruder!”

The colossal tree spoke in a deep voice.

The nine Tree Saplings nodded respectfully, after which they quickly flew toward the exterior of the dimension, ready to stop the intruder in his path.

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The Aurora Ship was very fast. As Merlin cautiously approached the dimension, he did not sense any imprint on it.

“I’ll go in for a look. If it really is a deserted dimension, I’ll still have to be careful of the gods!”

Although Merlin was very tempted, he still appeared careful. In the open territory, if he was not careful, he would not last long.

“Swish.”

Merlin entered in a single step, and flew into the dimension.

“Phew...” Merlin exhaled deeply as his Mind Power began to silently inspect this dimension.

“I can’t believe this... There are no traces of a god’s force! What pure Elements. This is definitely an Inceptive Dimension!”

An incredulous look crossed Merlin’s face and his heart immediately leaped with joy. An Inceptive Dimension, as the name suggested, referred to a dimension that was born not long ago.

A dimension like this usually had not even given birth to intelligent life, and thus was naturally unable to produce any gods. However, it was not a dead and lifeless dimension. Conversely, it was bursting with life, and its Elemental Origin was abundant too.

An Inceptive Dimension like this could only be encountered through sheer luck. Countless Spell Casters and foreign tribes had dreamed of finding a dimension like this because an Inceptive

Dimension typically meant that its Elemental Origin could be easily mastered, and one did not even have to deal with any gods.

“I’ve picked up a dimension...”

This thought now flashed across Merlin’s mind. Finding an Inceptive Dimension was equivalent to acquiring an entire dimension without having to spend any effort.

“A brand-new Inceptive Dimension – I can take control of its Elemental Origin then...”

Just as Merlin was planning how to control this Inceptive Dimension, nine green sparks appeared in the distance, racing through the sky.

“Swish swish swish.”

The nine sparks directly stopped at a distance not too far from Merlin, and revealed themselves. They turned out to be from a tribe that was green all over, appearing very bizarre.

“A foreign tribe?”

Merlin received a nasty surprise. At first, he thought this was a masterless dimension, but now it looked like another tribe had come before him. Based on their appearance, it was the Tree Tribe which was a troublesome opponent.

When Merlin was in the Rainbow Dimension, he had made sufficient preparations. He had specifically researched a few of the stronger foreign civilizations, one of which was the Tree Tribe civilization.

Therefore, when he saw these nine figures, he immediately recognized them as the Tree Tribe.

“Inescapable Net!”

The nine members of the Tree Tribe gave Merlin no chance to even speak, and instantly formed into a huge circle, enclosing Merlin in the middle. Thereafter, the legs of these nine Tree Folks instantly

transformed into a complicated tangle of roots that grew like a tightly woven net as it was cast at Merlin. It practically sealed off the entire area.

The specialty of the Tree Tribe was their defense and binding. Once the Mother Tree of the Tree Tribe revealed its true form, turning into a massive skyscraping tree of unparalleled size, not even two Arcane Wizards would be able to overcome it.

This mystical ability of the Mother Tree was naturally inherited by the Tree Tribe. These nine Tree Folks were at best ordinary Tree Tribe members comparable to Great Wizards. Once they had joined forces and tried to seal and bind Merlin, they could become on par with a peak Great Wizard in an instant.

This was the terrifying thing about the Tree Tribe!

“Darkness Eye, summon Darkness Demon Spirit!”

Without the slightest hesitation, Merlin’s hand flickered with beams of crimson light. Darkness descended, and a furious bellow pierced the air. The Darkness Demon Spirit, with its imposing body, stepped out from the darkness, its body gleaming with a blood-red glow. Its hands gripped the system of roots which was woven like a net and tore it apart viciously.

“Rip.”

Countless roots were ripped to pieces as if a huge hole was forcibly torn in the giant net. Nonetheless, before Merlin could even rejoice, countless roots stretched out once more, mending the gap created by the Darkness Demon Spirit.

The Darkness Demon Spirit roared in rage once more, its giant hands madly grasping and tearing at the roots. However, the roots seemed to be endless, growing incessantly. They were able to easily patch up any hole. In the end, these roots had even gradually wound around the Darkness Demon Spirit.

The strength-type Darkness Demon Spirit was not effective at all against these Tree Folk, and was even restrained by them!

“Humph, fire!”

Ferocious flames abruptly exploded around Merlin. These were no mere flames but flames fused with Wind-type, Thunder-type, and Ice-type spells.

“Boom!”

The spell fusion exploded in an instant. The endless flames, in particular, spread along the roots and began to burn the Tree Folks. These nine Tree Folks who had the upper hand were now cast into chaos. Incapable of maintaining their binding, they fell apart in all directions.

These Tree Folks were trying to escape. Since Merlin had gained the upper hand, of course, he would not let them flee. He had prepared to wipe out all of these Tree Folks in a blow, then take over this dimension.

Even if he was incapable of creating a Maxim for now, mastering a dimension and its Elemental Origin would bring unimaginable benefits to Merlin’s understanding of the Elements’ Essence, his spell fusion, the growth of his Mind Power, and so on.

Thus, Merlin immediately gave chase.

“Whoosh.”

Just as Merlin was speeding after them, he saw that the nine Tree Folks had quickly flown into a gigantic tree which was floating in mid-air, vanishing without a trace.

Merlin’s expression gradually turned somber. He perceived an extraordinary force from this gigantic tree.

“Spell Caster, you shouldn’t have come here. This dimension belongs to me, the great Tree Folk, Alcra!”

Following that, this colossal tree that had taken root in thin air began to tremble and sway violently as if space itself was quaking. Thereafter, the great tree glimmered with a green light, and turned into a well-built man with emerald skin.

There was a trace of apprehension in the haughty gaze the Tree Folk Alcra cast at Merlin. Previously, he had split apart nine Saplings which were a match for peak Great Wizards but they were unable to defeat the Spell Caster before him now. This Spell Caster's strength must at least be on par with a peak Great Wizard or even stronger.

However, Alcra was confident that he could defeat Merlin. He had been in this Inceptive Dimension for ten years, and had grown by leaps and bounds. His level of power was essentially that of a preeminent Great Wizard.

"The nine Tree Folks earlier were all your Saplings?"

Merlin's face shifted slightly. He knew generally about the unique abilities of the Tree Folk. They were able to grow out Saplings. Nine Saplings meant a Ninth-level Spell Caster.

His opponent was a Tree Folk that was equivalent to a Ninth-level Spell Caster but his Saplings were able to match against peak Great Wizards. He must be like Merlin, a being who was quite a freak.

"Of course, I'm a second-generation Tree Folk directly produced by the great Mother Tree with boundless potential. I'm something that the average Tree Folks cannot compare to. I wish no more than to be an upper rank Tree Folk. With this Inceptive Dimension, I'll be able to slowly absorb the dimension's Origin in a hundred years. Then I'll have a high chance of becoming an upper rank Tree Folk of the second generation."

The Tree Folk Alcra spoke, his eyes shining with pride.

Merlin could not help but feel somewhat bitter. Initially, he had thought he was lucky but did not expect to bump into a second-generation Tree Folk.

Merlin had some understanding of the Tree Tribe. The Tree Tribe was able to split into more Tree Folks as a way of reproducing but the more removed a generation was from the Mother Tree, the more inferior their strength and potential would be. If a Tree Folk was directly born from the Mother Tree, their potential would be enormous, and it was possible they could become a new Mother Tree.

It was just like the Dora Demon Tribe from the Bloodshed Universe. Dora Demons who possessed the Royal Demon blood obviously had greater strength than the rest. Alcra belonged to the second-

generation Tree Folk. In terms of bloodline, he possessed pure and direct blood, along with endless potential.

It was not surprising that even before becoming an upper rank Tree Folk, he could erupt with the might of the most preeminent Great Wizard.

“Whiz.”

Without warning, Merlin had boarded the Aurora Ship as soon as he can, frantically retreating. He had come here to locate the Saitu Dimension, and had no wish to cause extraneous trouble by becoming locked in a battle to the death with a Tree Folk who excelled at defense, comparable to a preeminent Great Wizard.

Therefore, he chose to leave, and would not fight with this Tree Folk over the Inceptive Dimension!

However, this was merely Merlin’s own wishful thinking. The Tree Folk Alcra would not allow Merlin to leave. His great hand sprawled into countless thick roots that rapidly sealed off an area of a hundred miles. The space was practically turned into an enormous cage, and Merlin was trapped within.

“Spell Caster, you’re trying to escape and summon companions who are even stronger? I’m afraid you won’t get the chance...”

The Tree Folk Alcra spoke in a pitying tone as if the Spell Caster before him had already become nutrients for his roots.

Chapter 588: The Tree Folk Alcra

As a second-generation member of the Tree Tribe, Alcra’s talents were rather terrifying. His room system was like tentacles that pierced the air. He was able to employ the Origin Power of this dimension to trap Merlin.

With Merlin’s abilities, he knew that it would be challenging for him to break Alcra’s binding in a short time.

“Fire!”

Merlin waved his hand and the Four-Elemental spell fusion exploded instantly. Raging flames and thunder rippled out in all directions. However, Alcra was different from the previous nine Saplings. The net of roots that Alcra had woven was not completely incinerated by the exploding flames. Instead, it glowed with an emerald light, and held on.

“Spell fusion? You Spell Casters really have some incredible techniques. However, you can’t possibly break away from my binding, so die!”

The green glow of the Tree Folk Alcra grew even brighter. One by one, robust roots of immense vigor uncoiled toward Merlin like tentacles.

If Merlin was caught by these roots, he knew he would likely be done for.

“He’s on the level of a preeminent Great Wizard! I’m afraid even Darkness Eye would be useless here...”

Merlin’s face sank slightly. The power displayed by this Tree Folk was on the level of a preeminent Great Wizard. When push came to shove, Merlin was no match for him.

“Must I use my trump card so soon?”

Merlin furrowed his brows. His trump card was using Titus’ help to mobilize the Illusory World of the illusion bead. Even a Great Legend would be caught in the illusion, let alone the Tree Folk before him.

Moreover, if he was not mistaken, the Tree Folk’s defense against Hallucinating spells was not that strong, far from Mind Power Masters who had consolidated Mind Hearts.

“That’s right, I still have Hallucinating spells!”

Merlin’s heart leaped. Besides being a Spell Caster, he was a peculiar, mysterious Mind Power Master. In the beginning stages, a Mind Power Master’s greatest asset was their Hallucinating spells.

In addition, Mind Power Masters were rare among Spell Casters. It was a completely new system, one that was born from the Spell Caster system. To foreign tribes, it was something unfamiliar, and they had not even experienced a Hallucinating spell attack.

Thus, Merlin's current abilities of second-stage Hallucinating spells was enough to mystify most Great Wizards. Although the Tree Folk before him now possessed the strength of a preeminent Great Wizard, his defense against Hallucinating spells was not even comparable to an average Great Wizard.

At this point, Merlin's tremendous Mind Power rapidly shrouded the Tree Folk Alcra without making any sound.

"Hmm?"

After all, Alcra was a being on par with a preeminent Great Wizard. Even if he was unable to sense Mind Power, he could still feel that something was odd, and instantly became on his guard.

Nonetheless, Mind Power had no sound nor shape, and could not be defended against. Although Alcra felt a sense of uneasiness, he was powerless, immediately falling into an illusion.

Seeing that the Tree Folk Alcra had lost consciousness, Merlin was gleeful. This meant that his Hallucinating spell was effective.

"Darkness Demon Spirit!"

Merlin instantly unleashed Darkness Eye. A dark veil descended, and the fearsome Darkness Demon Spirit stepped out of the darkness once more. Its hands were like hefty hammers that frantically destroyed the dense root system.

"Bang!"

After it had torn apart the thick roots, the Darkness Demon Spirit crashed its heavy fist into the Tree Folk Alcra. Alcra recovered his senses all at once but that massive blow only caused him to take a few steps back.

"What a frightening illusion. You're actually able to create illusions?"

The Tree Folk Alcra cried out in astonishment.

The Tree Folk seemed to be undamaged after receiving a blow from the Darkness Demon Spirit. Merlin was stunned as well. He had just experienced the Tree Folk's binding methods but did not expect that the scariest thing about the Tree Folk was not his binding methods but his defense!

As a second-generation Tree Folk, Alcra's defensive powers were outrageous!

The Tree Folk Alcra gradually grew somber. Merlin had launched an unpredictable attack earlier, which caused him to fall into an illusion. He did not wish for more mishaps to happen.

Therefore, the verdant glow around Alcra grew in intensity, following which his body seemed to explode.

"Buzz."

A skyscraping tree materialized in mid-air. Its heavy branches and lush leaves, and its terrifying roots especially, numbered more than millions. They snaked through the air extensively, further solidifying the existing cage.

Alcra had revealed his true form. His defense increased many times over. He had strengthened his resolve – he would keep Merlin in this Inceptive Dimension at any cost.

Seeing that Alcra had revealed his true body, Merlin sucked in a deep breath, and did not hold back anymore. His massive Mind Power began to create illusions one after another.

Even though the Tree Folk Alcra was being vigilant by forcefully focusing his willpower in defense, he was still susceptible and sank into another illusion. This was when Merlin wielded Darkness Demon Spirit, and his spell fusion in a frenzied attack.

Based on Merlin's Darkness Eye and his spell fusion, his attack was completely on par with a peak Great Wizard. Even if it could not compare to the power of Alcra that was like a preminent Great Wizard, it should still injure Alcra somewhat.

However, the truth was, no matter how Merlin attacked, Alcra was practically unharmed. That thick body of his contained incredible defensive powers, and the Darkness Demon Spirit was unable to cause him any fatal injuries.

Merlin could not possibly escape as well because Alcra's roots had formed into an all-pervading net that tightly sealed off the air, leaving behind not a single crack. Merlin could forget about escaping.

Thus, both of them were caught in a deadlock. Merlin attacked incessantly using Hallucinating spells to disturb Alcra so that Alcra could only suffer his attacks passively, but Alcra's terrifying defenses had left Merlin at his wit's end.

One day, two days, three days...

Time flew by one day at a time. In the blink of an eye, both of them were deadlocked for half a month but neither was able to do anything about the other. Merlin had to use elemental crystal stones to replenish his Magic Power a few times.

At first, Alcra thought about draining Merlin's Magic Power, exhausting him to his death. However, when Merlin casually took out a few hundred thousand elemental crystal stones, and even revealed that he had more, Alcra completely gave up on this plan.

Even if Alcra was displeased, he had to admit that the Spell Caster before him had all sorts of weird tricks, and they were equally matched. Both were unable to deal with the other.

Finally, Alcra no longer wished to be locked in a stalemate, and made the decision to tell Merlin, "O powerful Spell Caster, you've overwhelmed me with your powers! Thus, I'll let you go but you must swear on the Ultimate Order to not tell anyone about the situation in this dimension."

"Let me go?"

Strangely enough, Merlin was now smiling coldly. In the beginning, he was indeed planning to leave and look for the Saitu Dimension right away, but having battled against Alcra for so long, he gradually learned that Alcra could do nothing to him. Equipped with his Hallucinating spell and his other techniques, Merlin could sustain this impasse with Alcra for a long time.

Consequently, Merlin would not give up this Inceptive Dimension so easily.

“However, I don’t wish to leave. This is an Inceptive Dimension. You can stay here, so I can stay as well. The Origin Power here is very docile, and even I can control it. I’ll obtain great benefits from staying here!”

Merlin and Alcra thus continued their deadlock.

After three more days, Alcra could no longer stand the endless impasse because he had wasted too much time over this. He was unable to absorb the Dimension Core, which was doing nothing to further his goal of becoming an upper rank Tree Folk.

At last, the Tree Folk Alcra finally nodded. “Powerful Spell Caster, you’ve obtained my respect! This dimension is large enough, and its Dimension Core is rich enough. You and I can both control half of the Dimension core but you must make an oath of the Ultimate Order to never dispute with me on this!”

“Each of us gets half?”

After a moment of consideration, Merlin felt that this was not a bad deal. If he could command half of the Elemental Origin, that was enough for him.

“Very well, I make an oath of the Ultimate Order!”

Merlin agreed with Alcra’s suggestion. Between Spell Casters, one could sign a contract but some foreign tribes were unable to sign a contract, lacking even Mind Power.

Thus, foreign tribes would typically make an oath of the Ultimate Order between themselves. The natural order was omnipresent, existing even in the vast Void Zone that contained no space nor time. As such, swearing on the Ultimate Order was the safest and most common procedure.

“Rustle.”

Alcra retrieved an oath stone and both of them began to swear on the Ultimate Order. Instantly, part of Merlin’s Mind Power was forcibly drawn into the oath stone, and a beam of green light from Alcra’s body also flew into the oath stone.

When making an oath of the Ultimate Order, the oath stone would absorb the most precious aspect of a foreign tribe, no matter what civilization it was. This was Mind Power for a Spell Caster, whereas the Tree Folks had something else.

Nevertheless, after swearing on the Ultimate Order, no one had to worry about anyone breaking the oath because those who did would suffer punishment from the Ultimate Order. Even the Ultimate Arcane Wizards would pay an unbearable price if they had violated an oath of the Ultimate Order.

Seeing that the oath stone had turned red, it meant that their oath had worked, and they could lay down their arms.

“Hoo...”

A breeze passed by. The thick roots that crowded the sky had already vanished, and even that gigantic tree had transformed back into a green figure.

Merlin withdrew Darkness Eye too, and the enormous Darkness Demon Spirit quickly dissipated in the air.

The Tree Folk Alcra flew toward Merlin, fixing his gaze on Merlin before finally forcing a smile. “Powerful Wizard, what do I call you?”

“Merlin!”

Both of them had been deadlocked for so long, and Merlin knew that the Tree Folk was named Alcra but Alcra did not know Merlin’s name.

“So, it’s Wizard Merlin. On this note, I’ve crossed path with Spell Casters in the open territory quite frequently. Your Spell Caster civilization is impressive indeed. I’ve heard that you’ve only entered the Void Zone for a mere three thousand years or so, and developed into such a formidable civilization today. Tsk tsk, having met Wizard Merlin, I finally know the impressive abilities of the Spell Caster civilization!”

A smile tugged at the corner of Merlin’s mouth. Compared to other foreign civilizations, the Spell Caster civilization was far too young. The Tree Folk civilization, for instance, had been in the Void Zone for more than a hundred thousand years whereas the Giant civilization was even older, having been here for over a million years...

Faced with so many ancient civilizations, the Spell Caster civilization arrived later but had overtaken them. After stepping into the Void Zone for merely three thousand years, they already had three Ultimate Arcane Wizards. Although they could not be considered a preeminent civilization, they were one of the stronger ones. This was inconceivable to other civilizations.

“You’re not too bad yourself. The defenses of the Tree Folk Tribe are powerful indeed. My strength is already that of a peak Great Wizard but I could do nothing against you. If it weren’t for your weakness against Hallucinating spells, I wouldn’t have been a match for you no matter what.”

Merlin expressed his sincere admiration too. Each civilization or tribe had its own aptitudes and specialties. The Tree Tribe excelled in their defense. One could attack them as one liked but they would not be harmed.

As for the Giant Tribe, they had boundless strength. Among the same level, when push came to shove, the Giant Tribe would be at an advantage. On the other hand, the Spell Caster civilization was known for their variety of strange tricks.

In short, every powerful civilization had its own greatest advantage!

Merlin and Alkra could set aside their vigilance after swearing upon the Ultimate Order. Conversely, they became more agreeable as they conversed, and spoke for a few days in a row.

“Haha, Wizard Merlin, if we go on like this, we’ll be wasting the natural blessings of this environment. According to the oath, we’ll each control half of the Dimension Core. Before this, I’ve been controlling all of it. I’ll hand over half of it now!”

The Tree Folk Alkra then began to relinquish control of half of the Dimension Core, and Merlin could immediately sense the fluctuations of the Elemental Origin.

Merlin drew in a deep breath, and tried commanding the Elemental Origin. This was his first time! Even when he was in the Mogan Dimension, he had not touched the Elemental Origin. After all, this was the root of a dimension. Other than the dimension’s master, no one would touch the dimension’s Origin.

Merlin promptly mobilized his Mind Power. After sensing the fluctuations of the Elemental Origin, his invisible Mind Power stretched toward the Origin like a giant hand.

This was the most direct way for a Spell Caster to control the Elemental Origin!

Chapter 589: The Dimension's Memory

“Elemental Origin!”

Merlin silently shut his eyes. The Elemental Origin of the Inceptive Dimension was still very pure, and thus easily controlled. When Merlin's Mind Power had taken full command of the Elemental Origin, Merlin could even see the Essence of Elements directly.

The Elemental Origin contained the Essence of Elements. Otherwise, there would not be so many Great Wizards searching for dimensions in order to obtain the Elemental Origin. This was because when one could observe the Essence of Elements within the Elemental Origin, one's chances of creating a Maxim were increased.

“Alright, Wizard Merlin had gained control of half of the Dimension Core. Let's not disturb each other, and use the time well to boost our own abilities.”

The Tree Folk Alcra was rather impatient. He had already wasted plenty of time because of Merlin.

Merlin nodded in assent, following which Alcra immediately transformed into a skyscraping giant tree that extended through the air, starting to absorb the Elemental Origin bit by bit.

“Phew...”

Merlin exhaled in admiration. Compared to Alcra, Merlin could only “spy” on the Essence of Elements silently in his attempt to understand the marvels of the Elemental Origin. He could not directly swallow the Elemental Origin like Alcra.

Of course, there were great advantages to swallowing. For instance, as plunderers immediately plundered the Elemental Origin, their pace of consolidating a Maxim was evidently much faster than those Spell Casters who had signed the Legends' Accord.

However, only a Great Legend could plunder in that manner. Those below the level of Legend were incapable of doing so. Alcra could directly absorb the Elemental Origin because he was a second-generation Tree Folk, and possessed inconceivable natural abilities.

Merlin seized this time to use this extremely rare opportunity, understanding the Elemental Origin with all his might.

First of all was the Flame Origin. Among all of Merlin's spells, he had the deepest understanding of Darkness-type and Fire-type spells. If he were to form a Maxim and become a Legend in the future, he would first consolidate Darkness Element or Fire Element.

Merlin fused his consciousness into the Flame Origin and perceived the mysteries of fire from the perspective of a wisp of flame. Of course, with Merlin's present condition, he was still a long way from creating a Maxim. All he was doing now was laying a solid foundation for when he would make a Maxim in the future.

After merging his consciousness into the Flame Origin, Merlin noticed the fluid nature of flames.

In general, flames were ferocious, but in truth, they were not just that but could also be calm. Flames brought with them not only destruction but also life. Many civilizations had developed from a single spark, and this spark was known as the spark of civilization!

Even the Spell Caster civilization was no exception. From primitive times to when they first used fire, this was a huge step for civilization. It was the spark of civilization, signifying the vital force of life!

Merlin could even sense all the flames in this entire dimension through the Flame Origin.

The fire had begun when the thunder came from the sky to the ground, inciting the incinerating flames. Therefore, fire and thunder were always closely linked and they were inseparable.

From its birth to its descent, Merlin was completely immersed in the Flame Origin. He hungrily absorbed the secrets of fire or its Essence!

Not even Merlin had noticed that his Mind Power had started to grow little by little, for it did so in an unnoticeable manner.

Having fused his consciousness completely into the Elemental Origin, Merlin had experienced terrifying catastrophes one after another. This was everything the Element had gone through in its long history. Everything was recorded in the Elemental Origin. Merlin had essentially transformed into the various Elements, living through a succession of lengthy and mystical adventures.

The thunder blustered in the sky, and metamorphosed into massive bolts of thunder, causing the entire dimension to shudder.

The stubborn ice stopped an entire river in its tracks. The frost stretched as far as the eye could see, and became a frozen spectacle that lasted a thousand years, ten thousand years.

The earth itself trembled violently and split the original, singular continent into multiple fragments.

The wind wailed and whistled, enclosing the entire dimension in the havoc of the tempestuous storm.

There was also the descent of darkness as a myriad of creatures fell silent. This was when the dimension was at its most quiet...

Flames, thunder, earth, wind, ice, and darkness!

Merlin fused his consciousness into all types of the Elemental Origin. Even if he had not constructed the other Elements like Water and Light, he stretched his consciousness into them as well, carefully perceiving everything.

Time unfurled lazily, and it was only after three years that Merlin stirred awake.

“Phew...”

Merlin was finally awake. He glanced at the azure sky. At this point, he felt like everything was from a different lifetime. By tracing the memory of the Elemental Origin, Merlin had basically accompanied this dimension through its tens of thousands of years.

“Perhaps only I would be so ‘stupid’. After controlling the Elemental Origin, I didn’t carefully investigate the Essence of Elements, and instead spend so much time looking through the dimension’s memory left behind in the Elemental Origin...”

Merlin chuckled bitterly. He glanced at the Tree Folk Alcra who was not far away. The skyscraping tree that Alcra had turned into was now abundant in foliage, and his force had gotten stronger.

There were also the nine Saplings that Alcra had produced. When these Saplings had grown to a certain level, he could merge with them and finally become an upper rank Tree Folk, equivalent to a Great Wizard.

With his fearsome talents, once Alcra became an upper rank Tree Folk, he would possess the strength to contend against a Tree King or in other words, against a Great Legend!

This was rather terrifying. Ninth-level Spell Casters who could fight Great Wizards were common but it was rare for a Great Wizard to be a match for a Great Legend. Merlin had been in Arcane City for so long but had not heard of anyone who could contend against a Great Legend while they were a Great Wizard.

Once someone like this appeared, they would be the foremost genius in the entire civilization. Their potential would be limitless. If Merlin could achieve this in the future, the three Great Arcane Wizards would surely take note. This was far more astounding than the Legend Zado’s consolidation of five Maxims.

Between Legends and those below Legends, it was like a step in evolution. There was an insurmountable gulf between them. According to common reasoning, no matter what, those below Legends would have no way of comparing to a Great Legend simply by relying upon their own strength.

However, in the millions of dimensions, there were even lifeforms who went against the natural order, so why not someone who had a Legend’s strength despite being below that level? It was just that this was too rare. The Tree Folk Alcra, according to Merlin’s estimation, was likely to be one such powerful being.

Nonetheless, because the Tree Folk Alcra’s power was too great, it was very challenging for him to merge with the nine Saplings in order to become an upper rank Tree Folk, comparable to a formidable Tree King. Even with the support of the Dimension Core of this Inceptive Dimension, the chances of success were rather low.

Still, in these three years, Alcra's abilities had been gradually fortified. He could absorb the Dimension Core whereas Merlin had not only neglected to research the Elemental Origin, he was also distracted by the memory of the Elemental Origin. He had traced this memory and squandered away three years.

From one perspective, the Elemental Origin represented a dimension's will. In other words, it was a dimension's memory. When one had mastered the Elemental Origin, one would control the dimension, replacing the dimension's will with one's own.

Countless Spell Casters who were mostly Great Wizards or Great Legends would prepare to create their first Maxim to become a Legend or to create their second Maxim.

Almost no one would waste their time in going through the memory of the Elemental Origin. They would try to substitute the Elemental Origin's will as soon as possible and start on consolidating their own Maxim.

However, Merlin was different. He was not a Great Legend and not even a Great Wizard. He did not even fulfill the most basic requirements for creating a Maxim. As a result, he was involuntarily mesmerized by the Elemental Origin's memory and spent three years wandering in that tremendous memory.

"I've achieved nothing in three years. Looks like it's time to get down to it!"

Merlin chortled humorlessly. He must not fall behind Alcra too much.

However, when he began to mobilize his Mind Power, his face was instantly caught in blank shock.

Chapter 590: The Rock Tribe Intrudes

"The peak of the Eighth-level!"

Merlin sensed that the Mind Heart was bursting abundantly, and he felt incredulous. He remembered clearly that when he came to the Inceptive Dimension, his Mind Power was merely at the Eighth-level, and only at the beginning stage.

From the Eighth-level to the peak of the Eighth-level, it would take a few dozen years if he followed the usual method of cultivation. At Merlin's level, potions, meditation techniques, and so on, were of no use to him.

He could only rely upon understanding to expand his Mind Power but how could it possibly be that simple? This relied upon chance, just like how Great Wizards needed to depend on chance to consolidate their Maxim.

On one level, the depth of understanding required for a Mind Power Master to boost their Mind Power was no easier to achieve than consolidating a Maxim.

Merlin had only fused his consciousness into the Elemental Origin, which meant that he had experienced the memory of the dimension. This turned out to help his Mind Power grow at such an incredible pace.

"What a good thing to come out of misfortune! I thought I'd wasted so much time, and the disparity between Alcra and me had grown bigger. Unexpectedly, my Mind Power had advanced to the peak of the Eighth-level. With such a strong Mind Heart, my Mind Power is sufficient to construct all of the Eighth-level spells!"

After Merlin's Mind Heart had grown more powerful, the amount of Mind Power Merlin possessed had increased too. Initially, one's Mind Power would need to be higher than the spells by a level to construct every spell. Nevertheless, Merlin only had to reach the peak of the Eighth-level now to be assured of constructing all Eighth-level spells, becoming an Eighth-level Wizard.

It was just that he could construct spells at any time but expanding his Mind Power was immensely difficult. Moreover, there was now a desire burning in Merlin's heart, which was to upgrade his Mind Power to the Ninth-level as soon as he could.

Only when his Mind Power had broken through to the Ninth-level could he mobilize the power of the Illusory World by force, thus advancing his abilities. At that point, he would truly be equipped with the strength to contend against Great Legends.

Although he might not measure up to a true Legend, he would not be completely defenseless when faced with one. At first, Merlin held not much hope regarding increasing his Mind Power rapidly. He knew that for his Mind Power to reach the Ninth-level, it would be very challenging, taking up at least dozens of years before he could even attempt to mobilize the Illusory World.

However, unexpectedly, now he had the chance!

“The memory of a dimension could elevate my Mind Power so significantly. No matter what, I must give it another shot!”

Merlin’s heart was now burning with unprecedented fervor. All at once, he was confident of condensing a Ninth-level Mind Heart.

Thus, having only woken up for about half a day, Merlin merged back once more into the Elemental Origin, soaking in that immense and endless dimension memory.

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In the pitch-black sweep of the Void Zone, five strangers whose bodies were like rocks drifted in the Void Zone. They looked around their surroundings from time to time as if in search of something.

“We’ve been in this area for nearly half a year, yet we still haven’t discovered that fabled Inceptive Dimension. Should we search in another region?”

From one look, anyone could tell that these strangers were the Rock Tribe. The Rock Tribe was easy to recognize. One look at their rock-like skin would indicate their identity.

These five Rock Creatures had powerful forces. Each of them was on par with a peak Great Wizard, and the one in the lead, whose frame was even larger, must surely be a match for a preeminent Great Wizard.

Only such a powerful group could wander around freely, searching in the open territory. With their combined strength, they would be able to at least put up a battle, no matter what they ran into. This was a common strategy Wizards or foreign tribes used when wandering around in the open territory, which was traveling in a group.

Of course, there were those who relied solely upon their own capability when traveling through the open territory. Wizards or foreign tribes like these had the utmost confidence in their abilities. The Tree Folk Alcra was one of them.

“There’s only a small part left in this area. We’ll take a look. If it’s not there, we’ll switch to another region to continue our search!”

The Rock Tribe group’s leader spoke icily.

In the past few years, a rumor had come out of the open territory. According to this rumor, in one of the regions, there was an Inceptive Dimension. No one knew when this rumor started but news like this would inevitably attract others here. Therefore, many foreign tribes began to focus their efforts on hunting in the open territory.

In particular, the rumor had singled out a general area, so even more foreign tribes had gathered here. This group of the Rock Tribe was no more than one of many teams.

The Rock Tribe was a destructive civilization. Any dimension that they had encountered, regardless of whether it was occupied, would be remolded by them thoroughly. Its Dimension Core would be destroyed, turning into a dimension only suitable for the Rock Tribe.

Thus, the Rock Tribe was an unwelcomed civilization among the many civilizations of the Void Zone. If it were not for the three Rock Ancestors of the Rock Tribe civilization who were comparable to the three Ultimate Arcane Wizards, the Rock Tribe would have been wiped out by some other civilizations long ago.

The Spell Caster civilization, for instance, had a tense relationship with the Rock Tribe. Some predicted that a war between these two civilizations was inevitable.

“This is the last part of this area, so everyone, look carefully!”

The Rock Tribe group’s leader was systematic in his execution. This was the first region they were searching in. If they truly did not locate the rumored Inceptive Dimension, they would have to look for it in another area.

The Rock Creatures rapidly split apart, each of them using their own methods to comb through the area.

After a few hours, one of the Rock Creatures with a scarred face suddenly burst out in a gleeful expression, pointing to a direction ahead. “What a massive force. Dimension, it must be a dimension! I think it must be that rumored Inceptive Dimension!”

After his elated shouts, the four other Rock Creatures all flew to him, and the leader growled, “Quick, go and take a look!”

After the five of them had determined the direction and flew forward for a while, they finally came across an enormous dimension that was glowing and sparkling with light, incomparably dazzling.

“It really is a dimension! Haha, we’ve found it at last, only using more than half a year. That’s pretty good luck. However, we have to be careful. If it has been seized by a powerful being, we’ll run immediately, as far as we can.”

The Rock Tribe group’s leader said softly. In the open territory, some of the unknown dimensions were controlled by beings as powerful as Great Legends. Naturally, these Legends would not want anyone to know about them.

Thus, if they had encountered anyone who had learned about their dimension by accident, they would kill them immediately without hesitation. Therefore, if one encountered an unknown dimension in the open territory, one must first discern if it was controlled by a formidable being.

With that, the five Rock Creatures carefully withdrew their forces, and sneakily approached this strange new dimension...

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Merlin was still lingering in the memory of the dimension. Merlin was practically intoxicated by the tremendous memory, unable to feel the passage of time.

Merlin slowly started from the birth of the dimension all the way throughout its gradual development. The entire transformation of this dimension was “experienced” by Merlin from the beginning to the end.

Just as Merlin was going through the “enormity” of the memory of the dimension, he immediately sensed that strangers had intruded in this dimension since he controlled half of the Elemental Origin.

“Swish.”

Merlin's eyes flew open. At the same time, a gigantic human face emerged on the skyscraping tree that was rooted in thin air. With eyes fixed on Merlin, the face said in a low voice, "Wizard Merlin, I believe you've sensed it too. Someone's intruding!"

"That's right, I've felt it! Five in total, four of whom are comparable to peak Great Wizards. As for the last one, he's on par with a preeminent Great Wizard!"

Merlin's voice was calm. As Merlin and Alcra each controlled half of the Elemental Origin, no one would be able to conceal their activity of entering the dimension from them.

"Wizard Merlin, what do you plan to do?"

Alcra questioned softly.

"Plan? In the open territory, there's only one way to deal with strangers who've intruded the dimension!"

Merlin's voice was determined. Alcra's giant face broke out into a smile.

"I'll hold them in place. Wizard Merlin, the rest is up to you!"

Alcra was somewhat glad all of a sudden. Now that he and Merlin had become collaborators, he was under less pressure when facing these five intruders with Merlin's support.

Otherwise, he would find it difficult to slay so many Rock Creatures by himself. If even one of them escaped, the secret of the dimension would be revealed.

"Alright. As long as you can trap them here, I believe we'll find a way to deal with them!"

Merlin and Alcra exchanged a glance. With that, Alcra's real body vanished in thin air. Both of them, utilizing their powers as controllers of the dimension, tore space apart, instantly traveling toward the five Rock Creatures.

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“What a vast dimension!

“There are no forces belonging to powerful beings. However, the Dimension Core is controlled by someone!”

“Haha, no matter who’s controlling it, if they’re not a great being, what’s there to be afraid of with the five of us?”

Once they had entered the dimension, the five Rock Creatures grinned in excitement. Naturally, they could sense that this dimension had no gods. It was an Inceptive Dimension, and one which was the lifelong dream of any creature below the level of a Legend.

“Despicable Rock Tribe who intrude upon other being’s dimension without permission. You must pay a heavy price!”

Suddenly, a cold voice boomed in the air. Following that, a giant tree materialized in mid-air with heavy branches and thick foliage, full of endless vitality.

“Whoosh whoosh whoosh.”

Of course, this massive tree was the Tree Folk Alcra. Faced with five powerful Rock Creatures, he dared not act slowly, and instantly revealed his true form. The thick twisting roots snaked through the air. Millions of roots constantly wove and twined throughout the air like tentacles. In the blink of an eye, a large net of roots was formed, enclosing the five Rock Creatures tightly.

As the roots grew in the air, the Rock Tribe who did not even have the ability to shatter space could only watch helplessly as they were trapped by Alcra.

“Tree Folk?”

Looking at the skyscraping tree in the air, these Rock Creatures did not panic in the slightest, and instead smiled.

“Oh, powerful Tree Folk, you’re only the best at binding. We’re formidable Rock Creatures. Although our strength can’t compare to the Giants, we have just about enough energy to resist you Tree Folk! I’ll see how long you can keep us trapped. Kill!”

This was not the first time the Rock Tribe had encountered the Tree Folk. Naturally, they knew about the Tree Folk’s strength and weaknesses. Even when faced with one who was comparable to a preeminent Great Wizard, the Rock Tribe was unconcerned.

As soon as the leader gave the command, the Rock Creatures revealed their true, colossal rock form, exploding with incomparable offensive strength. They wildly attacked the web of roots that Alcra had woven.