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Chapter 761: The Birth of the Mind Power System!

A dimension-level warship, even in the Atlan civilization, was a terrifying tactical-grade warship. It was the strongest force of the Atlan civilization at the present.

In the Atlan civilization, a dimension-level warship was far more valuable than the Great Lords in the Spell Caster civilization. The Spell Caster civilization merely had twenty-eight Lords but in the Atlan civilization, only thirteen dimension-level warships had appeared on the current battlefield, including this one which was destroyed.

Now that they had lost a dimension-level warship, this was the heaviest blow to the Atlan civilization. Moreover, the tide began to turn. The destruction of the Atlan civilization's dimension-level warship had transformed how the Spell Casters perceived the Atlan civilization. Those warships were not unrivaled, and even the strongest one could be destroyed.

Merlin continued forward. The Rock Tribe fighters, Atlan civilizations warships, and Light Believers under his control grew in numbers. With him at the center, it was like a majestic army which turned around, wildly clashing against the other fighters of the Rock Tribe and the Atlan civilization's warships.

The entire situation of the battlefield had been reversed because of Merlin!

By himself, Merlin was practically an unstoppable army. No matter how many there were, they only increased Merlin's strength. It was the first time these Great Legends, Honored Legends, and Lords knew how scary Mind Power Masters were.

Control over their minds – any creature with intelligence could be controlled. On the large-scale of the battlefield, Merlin was practically a master. No one was willing to confront a being who could instantly control their mind.

After all, no one wished to face their brothers who had just fought by their side to turn around to kill them immediately, madly slaughtering everyone.

A Mind Power Master like Merlin who could control hearts and minds was the nightmare of all his enemies!

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh."

As if noticing the changes of the battlefield, the two Progenitors of the Rock Tribe and the Lord God of Light swiftly wriggled out from their fight with the three Ultimate Arcane Wizards, retreating in a bewildered manner.

When they first saw the vast "army" gathering by Merlin's side, they found it inconceivable, especially the Lord God of Light, who was exceptionally enraged. Of course, he recognized Merlin at once.

"How could you not have died?"

The Lord God of Light found it difficult to believe his own eyes. Back then, a puny Spell Caster who had wiped out one of his will avatars was now a key figure in turning the tide of the battle.

Those who could change the course of a battlefield, other than ultimate existences, were those widely recognized Greatest Lords. It was even difficult for ultimate existences to kill these Greatest Lords, who were legendary figures. In millions of years or even longer, the entire Void Zone might not be able to produce one of these fortune-favored children of an era.

Clearly, Merlin was not a Greatest Lord but his strange abilities were naturally discerned by the Rock Progenitors and the Lord God of Light at once. They could tell that Merlin was not using the powers of a Spell Caster but a terrifying new capability.

The Lord God of Light glared steadily at Merlin. His understanding of the Spell Caster civilization was even deeper than some Spell Casters themselves. Therefore, after a quick observation, his face changed slightly as he said hoarsely, "Could he be a Mind Power Master? He is. He must be. In so many years, the Spell Caster civilization has been brewing a transformation, producing existences called Mind Power Masters. They don't rely on the power of Spell Models but Mind Power. It was just that the Mind Power system has never been refined hence, unable to produce beings on par with Great Legends. Even in the Spell Caster civilization, it isn't mainstream at all."

"Mind Power Masters?"

The two Progenitors of the Rock Tribe deeply bore this name in their minds. If a Mind Power Master was so fearsome, then it was a frightening system of power.

"O' three ultimate existences, both of your tribes can withdraw first. We've already analyzed that the opponent has intense Mind Power fluctuations, able to control the minds of any intelligent creature. However, it doesn't seem to affect much any existences above the Lords in the Spell Caster civilization. Let your Lord-level existences stay. Furthermore, our Atlan civilization has thought of a countermeasure."

Suddenly, a raspy voice spoke in the ears of the two Rock Progenitors and the Lord God of Light. They knew that this was the voice of the Atlan civilization's mysterious "leader".

The Lord God of Light and the two Rock Progenitors exchanged a glance. Even though the Lord God of Light wanted to kill Merlin, with three Ultimate Arcane Wizards keeping a strict watch, his chances of killing Merlin was next to nothing.

Thus, he could only retreat for now.

"Alright, I'll keep my strongest believers in the field. Your Rock Tribe should do the same with your strongest Ancestor-level Rock Creatures. We'll see how the Atlan civilization will respond."

The Lord God of Light and the two Rock Progenitors rapidly retreated.

"Running away?"

Merlin turned his gaze to the distance. At this point, his face broke out in a cruel smile. He waved his hand lightly. Instantly, the Rock Creatures and Light Believers under the control of his Mind Power all stepped forward, gathering in a group.

"One after another. There's no rush!"

Merlin's eyes turned increasingly icy. Even though he was able to control his emotions well, the Blackfire Lord had died because of him, causing his fury to burn vigorously even now.

"Bang."

The Lord God of Light and the Rock Tribe's Progenitors had begun to withdraw but they kept their eyes on Merlin. Presently, they saw that the Rock Creatures and the Light Believers controlled by Merlin were all killing themselves one by one in successive explosions.

For a moment, the Rock Progenitors and the Lord God of Light felt a sense of suffocation, as indescribable rage weighed down their retreating steps.

"Three of you, please withdraw as fast as possible. Merlin is provoking you."

Once again, the voice of the Atlan civilization's mysterious "leader" came to them. The Rock Progenitors and the Lord God of Light were all exuding a frightening murderous force. As lofty ultimate existences, they had never wished so intensely to kill someone.

However, Merlin had now succeeded in enraging them. As ultimate existences high above, everyone around them seemed as weak as ants, except for those who were similarly ultimate existences.

Nonetheless, it was the first time they had "properly noticed" Merlin. A method like this was an extreme emotional blow even to an ultimate existence.

At the moment, in the pitch-black Void Zone, Rock Creatures and Light Believers were frantically killing themselves as if it was a competition. They erupted in splatters of bloody mists which wafted through the Void Zone.

Regardless of whether it was the Rock Tribe or the Light God Organization or even the Spell Casters, they were stunned to their very cores at this scene. They had never seen anything like this.

Merlin had controlled over a hundred Rock Creatures and Light Believers. At last, they were all dead – all killed in peculiar, shocking ways, leaving only the warships of the Atlan civilization.

Merlin did not kill the Atlans. After all, these warships needed to be operated by them. This was a great help to the Spell Casters. Faced with Atlans who did not have much fighting power, Spell Casters were able to control them.

"Look, the Rock Tribe and the Light God Organization, even the warships of the Atlan civilization are withdrawing."

"They are withdrawing. Have we won?"

Many Spell Casters finally noticed that the enemies had started to retreat. They had been prepared for extreme cruelties, and now they seemed to have won after just a short time?

Even so, in such a short period, it had been rather ruthless. The Spell Caster civilization had lost three Legend Squads, five Honored Legends, and the Blackfire Lord.

Compared to the losses of the Rock Tribe, the Light God Organization, and the Atlan civilization, this was nothing at all. Only the Blackfire Lord's death caused them much regret.

The twenty-right Lords from now on were left with twenty-seven Lords. However, they had Wizard Merlin, who was not a Lord but even better, a noble existence who had tentatively refined the Mind Power system!

In this war, Merlin had reversed their disadvantaged position by himself. Otherwise, how difficult would it have been to counter the attacks of the Atlan civilization?

Nonetheless, Merlin did not let anyone go but waved his hand, advancing with the remaining Atlan civilization warships which he had controlled. However, Merlin soon discovered that the Lord-level existences of the Rock Tribe and the Light God Organization had stayed behind. The empire-level and city-level warship of the Atlan civilization controlled by Merlin were no match for these Lord-level existences.

Furthermore, from behind them, out flew martial art robots. Among them, many were comparable to Honored Legends, manufactured by the Atlan civilization's dimension-level warship.

Merlin's Mind Power could not overpower Lord-level existences. Likewise, it could not gain control over martial arts robots which were simply controlled by complex programs.

On the battlefield, the Atlan civilization was far more formidable than the Rock Tribe, the Light God Organization, and even the Spell Caster civilization. They were able to think up of an effective countermeasure in such a short time.

Merlin fell into momentary silence. In the end, he did not continue forward. The other side seemed to have stopped the fight as well. Both sides were in momentary respite, each retreating.

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The three great Arcane Cities had currently merged. They were originally founded by the three Great Arcane Wizards, so naturally, they were easily united.

Currently, all fighters of the Spell Caster civilization above Legends had gathered here. The three Great Arcane Wizards presided from up high with the twenty-seven Lords right below them.

However, the one who stood out was Merlin. It was the first time an Honored Legend sat among the twenty-seven Lords but no one had objected. Instead, they seemed to treat it as a certainty.

Everyone knew that in the past thousands of years, ever since the Spell Caster civilization set foot in the Void Zone, the first major development had occurred.

"Everyone, from today, I'll publicize a new cultivation system – the Mind Power system! I've finally refined it tentatively after going through various twists of fate. Anyone who's awakened their Mind Power can cultivate and all Spell Casters can even pick it up! It's just a shame that Teacher Blackfire, who's given me so much help, couldn't live to see this moment..."

Merlin stood in mid-air, his body emanated his grieving emotion, which even spread outward, unwittingly affecting everyone.

Only those above the Lords would not be influenced as much.

"Controlling minds... What a scary Mind Power Master! To think that the Mind Power system, which I thought had no future and would never be developed, is now actually refined. Wizard Merlin is really impressive and amazing. He can lead the Mind Power system to a point where it's not even inferior to our Spell Caster system!"

Even the Ultimate Arcane Wizards had never imagined that the puny Mind Power system could become so formidable. Furthermore, after this war, having seen the terrifying power of Merlin's Mind Control with their own eyes, no one would look down upon the Mind Power system.

The Mind Power system was finally born after being refined tentatively by Merlin!

Merlin knew that this was also due to the contributions of the Blackfire Lord, Titus, and even the Purple Emperor. Nonetheless, the birth of the Mind Power system was perhaps what they had hoped for, and it was fulfilled!

"Blackfire's dream was finally achieved. It's just a shame he can't see it for himself..."

Arcane Wizard Setoh's eyes revealed a subtle, sorrowful look.

"Haha, Wizard Merlin, today you've founded the Mind Power system. After some time, it's bound to be on par with our Spell Caster system. No matter what, the Mind Power system is established by us Spell Casters, and only we Spell Casters can awaken our Mind Power. The birth of the Mind Power system will surely strengthen our Spell Caster civilization!"

Augustus appeared overjoyed. Just as he said, the Mind Power system was not established in opposition to the Spell Caster system but instead, they complemented each other. Those ambitious ones like Merlin could even cultivate both together as they would not affect each other. The only thing that was involved was the Spell Caster's own energy.

"Wizard Merlin, you're now an Honored Legend but you've not been honored with a title. You became an Honored Legend through a Darkness Maxim and should have been called a Legend of Darkness. I believe everyone now thinks that we can scrap this title. You've founded the Mind Power system, so we mustn't be too sloppy with your title, haha. All the Great Legends are gathered here, how about if we honor you with a fitting title today?"

Augustus' words were greeted with cries of endorsement by many Legendary Wizards.

Most Honored Legends would have a unique honorific title. Some were honored based on their Maxims, some by a special characteristic. In short, although Merlin had become an Honored Legend, he had never possessed an "honorific title" belonging to him alone.

Merlin wore a knowing smile. He knew that Augustus was helping him to establish a position with all of the Legendary Wizards gathered to honor an Honored Legend with a "title". It was not just Great Lords but even the three Ultimate Arcane Wizards, who had never enjoyed a treatment like this.

This would immediately establish Merlin's position in the entire Spell Caster civilization. In other words, he was placed above most Lords.

Chapter 762: I Am Glory!

All of the Legendary Wizards began to ease into an enthusiastic discussion. It was their first time participating in such an event – selecting an appropriate "title" for an Honored Legend.

This lightened the tense mood of the war for a moment. After all, the Spell Caster civilization's war against the Rock Tribe, the Light God Organization, and the Atlan civilization had not ended. It was only the beginning.

A more ruthless war was waiting for all Spell Casters.

Merlin smiled, declining to comment on the discussions of these Legendary Wizards, only staying in his seat quietly. No matter what honorific title he was granted, it made no difference to him.

Soon, many Legendary Wizards had spoken their minds, suggesting many names. However, one of these had the most supporters.

"You'd be honored as Glory! Our Spell Caster civilization began in the Glorious Land, and everything we do is for the glory of the Spell Caster civilization. Today, Wizard Merlin has established the Mind Power system, surely becoming the glory of our Spell Caster civilization. Therefore, the Legend Glory is most suited for Wizard Merlin!"

This was the explanation of the Legendary Wizard who had suggested the name, which received an exuberant response. Many Spell Casters supported this suggestion. The Legend Glory – for a moment, it made them think of the origin of the Spell Casters, and the struggle of Spell Casters throughout thousands of years, to finally arrive at where it was today.

"The Legend Glory... Not bad. Setoh, Ceci, what do you think?"

Augustus muttered this name softly. To be named as Glory, Merlin's position in the entire Spell Caster civilization would only be second to the three Great Arcane Wizards. This was something not even he had foreseen.

"That's right, this name fits Wizard Merlin very well!"

Arcane Wizards Setoh and Ceci nodded in agreement. They could perceive that after Merlin had tentatively refined the Mind Power system, in less than a hundred years, this system would make waves in the Spell Caster civilization. Spell Casters who became Mind Power Masters would certainly grow in number, and Merlin's influence at that point would be even greater.

In that case, they might as well establish solid relations with Merlin. If Merlin grew powerful in the future, even if he did not become an Arcane Wizard, the three Great Arcane Wizards would even consider helping Merlin set up a fourth Arcane City named Glory as the sacred land of all Mind Power Masters in the Spell Caster civilization.

"Wizard Merlin, what do you think?"

Augustus asked Merlin. This honorific title was Merlin's. Naturally, they would need his agreement.

"Glory..."

Merlin muttered to himself softly. He recalled the Glorious Land, Blackwater City, the Dark Magic Region and so on. Although he had already left the Glorious Land, it was the place where his path as a Spell Caster began. He would never forget it.

"Very well. From today onwards, I shall be the Legend Glory, that's to say, I am Glory!"

Merlin's chest swelled with a sense of heroism.

Following that, the Great Legends, Honored Legends, and even the twenty-seven Lords congratulated Merlin. The birth of the Legend Glory seemed to provide the Spell Caster civilization with a trace of hope. There was none of the solemnness from before when they were faced with the war.

Thereafter, Merlin publicly passed on the Mind Power system he had refined, along with some specific cultivation techniques. The Mind Power system was merely one system with the First to Sixth-level Mind Power Masters.

Following that, a Seventh-level Mind Power Master would condense a Mind Heart. Next, with the Eighth-level realm of Hallucinating spells, one could compare to a Great Legend. In addition to various Hallucinating spell techniques, the Eighth-level Mind Power Master was stronger than the average Legend.

As for the Ninth-level state of the Illusory Heart, one was practically unrivaled, almost myth-like. At this stage, which was Merlin's current stage, no one would wish to oppose a Ninth-level Mind Power Master.

As for the Tenth-level Illusory World, not even Merlin had reached that point.

Moreover, during Merlin's publicity of the Mind Power system, he did not mention the Tenth-level and the Eleventh-level. These were too far away, and reversing the natural order was too astonishing.

Therefore, there was no need to announce that. Not only would it serve no purpose but it might also even cause chaos.

The Mind Power system was only tentatively refined because the stages were only generally divided like the Spell Casters who had the First to the Ninth-level, then Great Wizard, finally consolidating a Maxim to become a Legend, an Honored Legend, and even a Lord.

This was merely a general division of boundaries. As for the offensive techniques of Mind Power Masters, they were equivalent to the attacks of Spell Casters' spells and Spell Models. The Mind Power Masters of the future would have to slowly develop this.

In the past, Spell Casters were like this, becoming something from nothing, developing and refining bit by bit. In the end, they became a sophisticated cultivation system with an unknown number of Spell Models. They even branched out into alchemy, runology, potions, and so on.

The Mind Power system refined by Merlin today appeared only as an empty rack with nothing but broad divisions of boundaries. It did not even have any offensive techniques such as the Purple Emperor's Mind Suppression which Merlin did not share. This was considered a special attack, and in the future, he would only pass it on to close friends or descendants.

However, Merlin was not worried that the Mind Power system would not flourish. As long as Wizards cultivated and delved into it, over time, all sorts of offensive Mind techniques would be gradually developed. In the future, it might even spawn a system that Merlin could never imagine.

Merlin was simply the founder of a system. To truly perfect it, one would need countless others who had cultivated Mind Power, just like the Spell Models which Aruba had passed on. At first, it only had a pitiful amount but ultimately, with the diligence of innumerable Spell Casters, it was endlessly enriched and refined, finally giving birth to three Ultimate Arcane Wizards.

After a moment of bustle, many Legendary Wizards were interested in the Mind Power system shared by Merlin. As the Mind Power system did not clash with the Spell Caster system, they only had to put in their own efforts.

Having witnessed the terrifying power of Merlin's Mind Control, even those Great Legends, Honored Legends, and the twenty-seven Lords were highly interested in Merlin's Mind Power system. They hurried away, preparing to study it at leisure.

Arcane City was now left with the three Great Arcane Wizards and the twenty-seven Lords as if they had important matters to discuss.

After a long moment, Arcane Wizard Setoh spoke, "Everyone, let's talk about what we should do next."

Right, what should they do next? The twenty-seven Lords were clear that in this war, they had only relied on Merlin and three Great Lords to defeat one dimension-level warship, momentarily gaining the upper hand against the Atlan civilization.

The war had not ended. Furthermore, the martial arts robots manufactured by the Atlan civilization were outside, keeping a strict eye on the Spell Caster civilization. Not even Merlin had a plan. He could control hearts and minds but was incapable of taking over those icy martial arts robots who were nothing more than a series of programs.

"Legend Glory, what say you?"

Augustus asked Merlin.

Merlin knitted his brows. One must not judge based on how he was master of the battlefield earlier, dealing with the Rock Tribe, the Atlan civilization, and the Light God Organization by himself. In truth, that was taking advantage of the fact that the Atlan civilization and the rest did not know about his powers.

Now, the Atlan civilization had already taken precautions. They would keep the warships at a far distance, preventing Merlin's Mind Power from reaching them, then forbid those below Lords from the Rock Tribe and the Light God Organization to join the battle. Moreover, they would use the warships to constantly manufacture martial arts robots comparable to Great Legends or even Honored Legends. Merlin's Mind Control could not be wielded effectively.

"How troublesome. My Mind Control isn't much use against those robots and existences on par with Great Lords. Nonetheless, I can act as a deterrence. With me around, their dimension-level warship and other warships won't dare to appear. With just those martial arts robots, which one can be a match for a Great Lord? As for the Rock Tribe and the Light God Organization, their Lord-level existences make up a pitiful number. In general, we still have the upper hand. However, I'm just afraid that the Atlan civilization would come up with a way to block my Mind Power attack. Then that would be troublesome."

Merlin was most worried that the Atlan civilization would invent some technique to block his Mind Power. Before this, when Merlin had used his Mind Power to attack the empire-level and city-level warships of the Atlan civilization, he had noticed something.

Those warships could slightly hinder his Mind Power. This meant that Merlin's Mind Power was not omnipotent. At the very least, the Atlan civilization must have some methods to cut off a Mind Power attack.

In addition, Merlin now harbored a greater worry. If the Atlan civilization was connected to the Vestigial Tribe who had taken over the Void Zone as mentioned by the Purple Emperor, then they were in real trouble.

Even imposing existences like the Thirty-six Emperors were apprehensive of the Vestigial Tribe. They must be rather abnormal. The Purple Emperor's Mind Power was formidable. Based on pure Mind Power strength, even the current Merlin was somewhat lacking.

However, the Purple Emperor had died. Merlin was very concerned about the Vestigial Tribe's force. If the Atlan civilization was connected to the Vestigial Tribe, it was too dangerous.

"That's right. We'll now rely on the Legend Glory as a deterrence, and we still have the upper hand. Without the threat of the warships, our number of Lords are greater than theirs, and we can almost suppress them directly. Before the Lords, are those so-called robots worth much?

"However, we mustn't think that we can rest easy now. I've heard that the Atlan civilization is working on the void-level warship. Perhaps previously it was limited by something in the Atlan Dimension. Now they've left the Atlan Dimension, and if they really build a void-level warship successfully, it won't be just a catastrophe for the Spell Caster civilization but all civilizations! Therefore, we must be ready."

Augustus' considerations were no less than Merlin's. He knew that the present situation seemed to favor the Spell Casters but in truth, it was just a momentary moment of peace.

If the Atlan civilization found a way, the Spell Caster civilization would be in danger once more. Therefore, they must prepare in advance and come up with a plan to help the Spell Caster civilization survive this crisis. It was just that, how could such a plan be that easy to come up with?

Nonetheless, Merlin's heart leaped as he looked at the seemingly serene expressions of the three Great Arcane Wizards. Evidently, they had something in mind, only Merlin did not know what plan they had to resolve the crisis faced by the Spell Caster civilization.

Chapter 763: Arrangements

"O' Three Arcane Wizards, so what do we do now?"

One of the Lords asked in a low voice. They were the core strength of the Spell Caster civilization. Without the twenty-seven Lords, the Spell Caster civilization could not be considered that scary.

Augustus drew in a deep breath, then said calmly, "It's simple. We can only ask for help now! Whether it's the Light God Organization or the Atlan civilization, they're a threat to many civilizations in the Void Zone. Even the Rock Tribe isn't a living race. They're extremely destructive toward dimensions. Before this, we didn't contact the other civilizations mainly because they didn't know the situation of the Atlan civilization or that the Rock Tribe would ally with the Light God Organizations. Now, those two has joined forces, and we've held the fort. This is our greatest bargaining chip and the best persuasion!"

In the Void Zone, the Spell Caster civilization was not much interested in alliances nor was they on particularly good terms with any civilization. Therefore, if they hastily contacted the other civilizations, who would be willing to help?

However, it was different now. The Spell Caster civilization was facing the collective threat of the Atlan civilization, the Rock Tribe, and the Light God Organization which represented the God Alliance.

The other civilizations would not remain indifferent to such a coalition. These civilizations were interdependent. If the Spell Caster civilization was wiped out, it would be the other civilizations next.

Nonetheless, whether or not they could mobilize the other civilizations was something no one could guarantee.

In addition, there was one key point. Who should they send?

"Three Wizards, the candidate to contact the other powerful civilization mustn't be someone ordinary!"

Some of the Lords immediately thought of this. Currently, the Spell Caster civilization was not in a very favorable situation. If there was no reversal of fortune, and the Atlan civilization managed to devise a way to contend against Merlin's Mind Power, they would be in trouble.

Thus, they had to invite more powerful civilizations, joining forces with them to hold off the Atlan civilization, the Rock Tribe, and the Light God Organization.

Naturally, it was most appropriate for the three Great Arcane Wizards to put in an appearance for such a matter. Their success rate would be high. Although the current war situation appeared stabilized, a war was filled with a myriad of unpredictable changes. If even one Arcane Wizard was missing, the consequences would be unfathomable.

Therefore, the three Arcane Wizards certainly could not leave. In that case, only the Lords were left.

Lords with four Maxims must not leave as well. These Lords were a threat to those dimension-level warships, and they must not lose even one.

However, if they did not even send one powerful Lord to request help from those powerful civilizations, it would not be very persuasive.

Everyone fell into a grim silence. This matter was not that simple.

"I'll go!"

Suddenly, Arcane Wizard Setoh's voice rang out. Everyone stared at him in shock. None of the three Arcane Wizards must leave the battlefield.

However, Arcane Wizard Setoh continued by saying, "I'll use a Darkness Maxim avatar, on par with a peak Lord. He can represent us three Great Arcane Wizards, so it's only fitting."

The Lords below nodded. It was true that Arcane Wizard Setoh had many Maxim avatars. These avatars had decent capabilities and were best suited to contact those powerful civilizations.

Therefore, everyone agreed to let Arcane Wizard Setoh's avatar head toward various foreign civilizations. It was just that no one noticed the hint of worry within the eyes of the three Great Arcane Wizards.

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"Legend Glory, what you said earlier is true?"

After everyone had left, there were only the three Arcane Wizards and Merlin left in the main foyer.

The one who spoke was Augustus. A grave expression had come over the faces of the three Arcane Wizards.

Merlin was solemn as well, and he nodded. "It's best if you three hear it from the Atlans themselves."

With that, Merlin waved his hand, and three Atlans immediately flew out from his Spatial Ring.

These Atlans came from the warship that Merlin had controlled on the battlefield. Merlin did not kill them all since he needed them to operate the warship.

These three Atlans wore a special type of protective attire that was able to withstand heavy blows. Attacks below the level of Legends were nothing to them.

Only a force above Legends could harm them.

The weakness of the Atlans' bodies was merely relative. In truth, with these various defensive measures, it was not that easy to kill the Atlans.

Just like the protective attire they wore – anyone who was not a Legend could not harm them at all.

Nonetheless, faced with Merlin's Mind Control, even the best protective attire was useless. All three of their gazes were lifeless, their minds controlled by Merlin.

"Tell me, what is the Atlan civilization planning?"

Merlin asked calmly.

The three Arcane Wizards stared transfixed at the three Atlans.

"My authority is limited, and I only know that there seems to be an unusually massive plan to build a void-level warship. This plan has been going on in the Atlan Dimension long ago, only we were missing something which I don't know what, that caused its progress to be very slow. However, I heard that once we reached the Void Zone, we might locate some precious materials in the dimensions to manufacture the void-level warship. Perhaps the void-level warship is no longer just a fantasy!"

Upon hearing the words of these three, the Arcane Wizards grew more serious, their faces darkening slightly.

It was not the first time they had crossed paths with the Atlan civilization. Naturally, they knew what the void-level warship meant. It was a frightening military weapon that was a threat even to ultimate existences. It would be the Atlan civilization's greatest power!

Before this, as they were confined to the Atlan Dimension, they were unable to build one for some reason. However, if they had reached the Void Zone, and could manufacture one, it would be a disaster of inconceivable proportions to the entire Spell Caster civilization, even to the other civilizations of the Void Zone.

After all, the Atlan civilization's current greatest weakness was that they had no ultimate existences. They did not even have any forces to contend against ultimate existences. They could only hide like a tortoise in its shell within the Atlan Dimension, which ultimate existences dared not enter.

Nevertheless, if they had manufactured a void-level warship, amending this weakness of the Atlan civilization, it was terrifying to think about even for the three Ultimate Arcane Wizards!

"Legend Glory, are the words of these three true?"

Augustus asked quietly.

"The minds of all three are already controlled by me, so they can't possibly lie! Moreover, I've interrogated other Atlans as well. They didn't know about the plan to build the void-level

warship. Only these three, being captains of an empire-level warship and thus having a higher status, knew this bit of information."

After receiving this news, Merlin informed the three Arcane Wizards as soon as he could. As expected, the three Arcane Wizards seemed to take this matter very seriously.

After a long moment, the three Arcane Wizards looked at Merlin, following which Wizard Setoh said evenly, "Legend Glory, do you know that your announcement of the Mind Power system today is an epochal act? If it was during a stable period of the Spell Caster civilization, we might only need a thousand years for your Mind Power system to develop to a point on par with the Spell Caster system or even greater. Of all days, it had to happen in this period when our Spell Caster civilization is at most risk."

After a pause, Arcane Wizard Setoh seemed to have made up his mind, and enunciated each word clearly, "Legend Glory, make your preparations. After three days, my darkness avatar will leave with you to ask for help from other foreign civilizations!"

"Leave with me? If I'm missing from the battlefield, wouldn't that be dangerous?"

Merlin was doubtful. Currently, everyone knew that his function on the battlefield was incomparably vital. He could not leave now.

"You're now an Honored Legend, and can condense a Maxim avatar. If you condense one, he should be able to deter the Atlan civilization and the rest. At that point, perhaps we'll already be returning with fighters from other foreign civilizations. Alright, go and prepare yourself. This is the decision of us three Arcane Wizards!"

Setoh waved his hand, firmly dismissing Merlin to make his preparations.

Although Merlin had his questions, he knew that the three Arcane Wizards would not answer him for now. He could only shake his head, and turn to leave powerlessly.

"We must defend against the Atlan civilization's void-level warship! If something happens, then Merlin might be the Spell Caster civilization's final hope. No matter what, nothing must happen to him."

As they watched Merlin's departing figure, a determined light flashed in the eyes of the three Arcane Wizards. This was the arrangement they agreed upon after their discussion.

Chapter 764: Titus Awakens

When he returned to his residence, Merlin felt somewhat uneasy. The Atlan civilization was planning to build a void-level warship. Although no one knew whether they were making progress, there was no doubt that this was the biggest threat to the Spell Caster civilization.

Moreover, the war was still ongoing. As the Legend Glory, he was a powerful deterrent. He was going away now, and though he would leave a Maxim avatar in his place, a mere Maxim avatar would not have Merlin's state of Mind Power. Therefore, the avatar would have no way of controlling minds.

If something were to happen, the situation of the battlefield could change in the blink of an eye.

Merlin carefully thought about the manner of the three Arcane Wizards. With a jolt in his heart, he quickly linked various deductions and thought of a possibility.

"The three Arcane Wizards are thinking of the worst outcome, and made a plan based on that! I founded the Mind Power system, and have the highest possibility of becoming an ultimate existence among the entire Spell Caster civilization. However, this is precisely what we lack right now."

Merlin finally understood why Arcane Wizard Setoh would stubbornly bring Merlin away at this moment. This was a discreet way of protecting Merlin.

If something happened in the battlefield, then Merlin, who had left, would avoid the danger. In that manner, the Spell Caster civilization would be left with a spark, a final hope.

If the day came when Merlin could become an ultimate existence, there was still hope for the Spell Caster civilization. This was what the three Arcane Wizards were thinking of.

Merlin finally understood the intentions of the three Arcane Wizards. The entire Spell Caster civilization's development up until the present day, despite growing at a terrifying rate, had only produced three Arcane Wizards.

Furthermore, ever since Arcane Wizard Setoh became an ultimate existence, no matter how ancient those Lords were or how new Lords appeared, none of them had the foundation of becoming an ultimate existence.

Even the First Lord of Augustus Arcane City, the Fowell Lord was known to be closest to becoming an ultimate existence. However, after so many years, he had made no headway. No matter what, he was unable to become an ultimate existence. This indicated that his chances were extremely slim.

Nonetheless, Merlin's appearance had given the three Arcane Wizards hope for the fourth ultimate existence of the Spell Caster civilization. Merlin had founded the Mind Power system and was also an Honored Legend in the Spell Caster system. His talents were not shabby at all.

With potential like Merlin's, this was enough! The three Arcane Wizards must plan for the best and the worst on behalf of the Spell Caster civilization, and prepare accordingly.

Even so, though Merlin knew that the three Arcane Wizards were indirectly protecting him, he did not wish to leave the battlefield at this moment. His technique of controlling minds was crucial to the present situation of the war. He must not leave so easily. Once the Atlan civilization discovered that he had left, the outcome would be unimaginable.

"Why is this a problem? You can condense a Mind avatar and all your worries would be resolved!"

Merlin was slightly taken aback. This voice sounded very familiar.

"Titus, are you awake?"

Merlin saw a familiar figure floating out from the illusion bead. Back then, Titus had been inspired by Aruba, and wished to develop the Mind Power's materialization, reversing the natural order. This was also the Eleventh-level of the Mind Power system that Merlin did not announce.

Currently, the Eleventh-level was only known to Merlin and Titus. In addition, both of them were merely at a phase of speculation. After all, this would surpass ultimate existences with the fearsome power of reversing the natural order!

"I've woken up long ago. I still haven't congratulated you in announcing the Mind Power system and becoming the Legend Glory!"

A smile emerged on Titus' face. In turned out that he had woken up long ago, just that he stayed in the illusion bead this entire time, not disturbing Merlin.

"How is it? You've disappeared for so long – have you learned it?"

Merlin knew that Titus had progressed even further than himself in the Mind Power system. After all, he had already started to condense an Illusory World while Merlin had only reached the realm of the Illusory Heart.

"Learn it?"

Titus shook his head powerlessly. "It's not that easy to materialize illusions as reality... I'm afraid there's no common method to this. It depends on the individual. In one Latitude Cosmo, chances of producing an ultimate existence are high but to surpass ultimate existences and reach Aruba's level, able to travel the infinite Latitude Cosmos, there's only Aruba who can do that. Therefore, the final Eleventh-level of the Mind Power system doesn't have a specific cultivation method or stages. I've thought it through, which is why I woke up to be by your side. Perhaps you can create a miracle."

"Create a miracle?"

Merlin laughed bitterly. Before this, he was awe-inspiring indeed. After becoming a contender with the Illusory Heart, he could control minds and practically altered the course of the battlefield by himself.

However, after a thorough examination of the battlefield's situation, Merlin knew that what he had accomplished did not hurt the Atlan civilization at all. The war would continue, and the Spell Caster civilization was still at a disadvantage.

Titus was unusually serious, saying hoarsely, "Merlin, you must believe in yourself. You becoming a wielder of the Illusory Heart is already a miracle. Even though I had placed great hopes on you at the start, I had no guarantee whether you can step into the realm of the Illusory Heart. Nonetheless, you did it! Other than me, you're the first one to step into the realm of the Illusory Heart!"

Of course, Merlin knew how difficult it was to attain the state of the Illusory Heart. He was a corroborator himself, verifying Titus' Mind Power system before slowly refining it, reaching a point where everyone could cultivate it.

"How do I solve the current problem? I can condense a Maxim avatar... Right, did you mention the Mind avatar?"

Merlin looked toward Titus.

"After reaching the stage of the Illusory Heart, you can condense a Mind avatar. You must already be able to control minds by now. In that case, it's very simple. You'll extract a portion of your emotions, which is a fragment of your mind. Moreover, it'd use up a huge amount of your Mind Power, and you'll need a long time to recover. Therefore, you can't create too many Mind avatars. One or two is about the limit.

"In addition, the Mind avatar possesses the state of your mind, which is the realm of the Illusory Heart, and able to control minds! Although it won't be as strong as you, it's sufficient to deal with most Legends or Honored Legends. The disadvantage is it won't have your Spell Caster powers and have limited ability to interact with the material plane. Its range of Mind control is also smaller."

Titus explained about the Mind avatar to Merlin in detail, causing Merlin's eyes to brighten.

"Not bad, not bad. Those disadvantages aren't much of a disadvantage. The Mind avatar is only used as a deterrence. Even if the Atlan civilization came to investigate, the Mind avatar won't reveal any loopholes in our plot. I'll condense a Mind avatar!"

Merlin had decided to consolidate a Mind avatar. With it keeping watch, he would not have to worry about the Atlan civilization making a sudden attack.

Following that, Titus thoroughly described the steps to condense a Mind avatar, especially how to extract a part of his emotions. In the past, Merlin might think that this was a fantastical tale.

How could one possibly extract emotions?

However, after achieving the Illusory Heart, Merlin could easily understand and accomplish

this task. He could distinctly sense his own emotions or the emotions of others. Peeling away

part of his emotions was a piece of cake.

Merlin thought about it. Previously, his wave of enraged emotion had been the strongest, so he

decided to strip it off. The stronger the emotion was, the more powerful the Illusory Heart of

the condensed Mind avatar.

Furthermore, he was curious about how the Mind avatar would turn out in the end. Finally,

after three days, Merlin's Mind avatar was tentatively created.

"Come out."

Merlin seemed to be talking to himself but soon, a figure abruptly exited from his body. This

figure's force did not seem any different from Merlin's.

The only difference that one could point out was that this figure seemed to perpetually exude a

frightening force of fury.

Chapter 765: The Matrix and the Warship's Brain

The Mind avatar!

When Merlin stared at this person who looked exactly like him, he suddenly broke out in

laughter. This Mind avatar was just like an extension of his mind. Every movement of the

avatar could be controlled by Merlin.

In short, it looked rather unique!

Fortunately, Merlin had achieved the stage of the Illusory Heart by now, and could control his opponent's mind. Therefore, when faced with his own peculiar Mind avatar, he was merely somewhat astonished, following which he relaxed and got used to it.

"No matter how far you are from this Mind avatar, you'd be able to feel it. In other words, he's another you. Once you die, this Mind avatar will die as well."

Merlin bobbed his head. This Mind avatar was Mind Power after all, and its force was the same as Merlin's. It possessed the state of the Illusory Heart as well and was a great help to the current Merlin.

It was a shame that just as Titus had said, condensing a Mind avatar came with a high cost. Merlin's Mind Power was clearly much weaker, needing a long time to recover.

"Merlin, within a short period, you won't be able to condense a Mind avatar anymore. Otherwise, you'd be injured to the core. Your current Mind Power is still a long way from me at my peak."

Titus spoke with disdain.

Nonetheless, Merlin simply shook his head with a slight smile. In the past, Titus had consolidated an Illusory World belonging to him. Naturally, Merlin was no match for him. It was a shame that Titus had been trapped in the Slothful Beast world. Though he had accomplished the Illusory World, he could not possibly leave the Slothful Beast's body.

Otherwise, Titus would not be obscure and unknown as he was now.

Three days had passed. Today should be the day Arcane Wizard Setoh's Darkness avatar brought Merlin away. However, Arcane Wizard Setoh's Maxim avatar still had not arrived. Merlin was in no rush, and used this time to enter the Spatial Ring, checking on the Atlan civilization's warship he had controlled on the battlefield.

His mind was constantly preoccupied with thoughts of the "void-level" warship the Atlan civilization was building. It was not enough to ask the Atlans. It was best if he could obtain relevant details from the warship's records.

Therefore, Merlin thought about the Matrix.

"I wonder if the Matrix is able to access the warship's information?"

Merlin thought about it and decided to give it a go. Therefore, two warships were placed together. First, Merlin picked a mere city-level warship.

"Matrix, read the data within the warship!"

Merlin commanded the Matrix in the empire-level warship.

"Beep beep beep."

The empire-level warship began to flicker with red lights, following which, unseen energy surged through the city-level warship. After a moment, the Matrix seemed to encounter some trouble.

"Obstructed by an intelligent program. Should I absorb the said program?"

The Matrix's voice rang out once more. Merlin was slightly shocked.

"An intelligent program?"

Only then did he recall that every warship of the Atlan civilization was equipped with a brain, which was, of course, an intelligent program. Previously, the Matrix was able to successfully control that empire-level warship because the warship had been broken, and the brain of that warship was destroyed long ago. Naturally, the Matrix could easily take over.

Now, faced with a city-level warship which brain was not at the high-level, the Matrix was still unable to control the warship.

"It can still absorb the intelligent program. If it does so, can it then read the warship's data? However, isn't that the same as destroying the warship's brain? Without the Matrix to take over, this warship would be useless..."

Merlin mumbled to himself. Nonetheless, the Matrix seemed more "human-like" and started to explain, "Absorbing the intelligent program wouldn't ruin the brain, merely lower the control level of the brain as necessary. Even so, the basic operations of the warship would be maintained."

Merlin raised an eyebrow. After such a long time of not contacting the Matrix, it seemed to be slightly different. However, as to what exactly was different, Merlin could not point that out at the moment.

After he considered for a moment, Merlin nodded. "Absorb."

Then, the warship immediately fell silent. Those Atlans were transfixed by Merlin's Hallucinating spell, so they knew nothing about what was going on.

Merlin looked wordlessly at the control desk in the city-level warship, noticing that it was blinking with red lights. Soon, the red lights gradually faded. At this point, it looked as if nothing special had changed.

"Beep. Absorption complete. You may choose to access the data or control the warship."

The Matrix's voice rang out once more. There were two choices – one was to read the information, the second was to control the warship. It looked like after the Matrix had absorbed the intelligent program of the city-level warship, it had completely conquered its brain, forcibly controlling the warship now.

This was another function of the Matrix.

Nevertheless, once it had controlled the warship, it was bound to wreck the warship's brain. Merlin felt it was a waste to leave the Matrix here to control this warship.

Therefore, Merlin shook his head. "Just read the data!"

To him, these warships under his control belonged to the battle strength of the Spell Caster civilization. He must not wreck them so easily. The Spell Caster civilization had a way to make these Atlans obediently operate the warship.

"Data reading complete!"

The Matrix's voice resounded again. Merlin was rather surprised that the Matrix was able to absorb other intelligent programs, and did not know what changes this would induce in the Matrix.

"Could it be like the black cat Didimoss?"

Merlin conceived of a bold notion, yet it was not impossible. The Void Zone was incomparably mystical. Since a living state like the black cat Didimoss could be produced, then a living state transformed from a series of intelligent programs was nothing in comparison.

Nonetheless, this was only Merlin's speculation. At the moment, the Matrix had not changed much, and would obey Merlin's order.

"Look for information regarding the void-level warship."

Merlin began to ask the Matrix to search the data it had just obtained from this city-level warship, hoping to get some information about the void-level warship.

"Search complete. There's no information about the void-level warship."

The Matrix's words surprised Merlin. However, after careful thought, it seemed possible. A top-secret matter like the void-level warship would not be known to everyone.

Still, Merlin controlled many warships, among which were plenty of empire-level warships. Thus, after storing the information from all the city-level warships, he still did not discover any data about the void-level warship.

Of course, the Matrix could similarly absorb all those intelligent programs. Thereafter, Merlin started to search through the data of the empire-level warships. The intelligent programs of empire-level warships were evidently stronger. The Matrix had to use a long time to absorb them, obtaining the information of the empire-level warships.

There was a succession of data from empire-level warships. After the Matrix had absorbed these intelligent programs, it seemed to become stronger. Most programs of the empire-level warships were not a match for the Matrix, which could easily absorb them.

However, though the Matrix had benefitted from this, the information on the void-level warship that Merlin required was still nowhere to be found. Among the warships he had controlled, whether it was city-level or empire-level warships, had nothing useful in their databanks.

"The Atlan civilization is cautious indeed. Although I can't find anything in the databanks of these warships, it proves that this is a classified matter. It's certain to be the Atlan civilization's biggest secret!"

Merlin's eyes flashed with a sharp glint. Although he had searched busily the entire day, he still did not find any information on the void-level warship. Still, this only strengthened his conviction. The void-level warship was the Atlan civilization's most classified secret, and only a small group of people would know about it.

"Merlin, it's time."

Suddenly, Arcane Wizard Setoh's voice came from outside. It was time for Merlin to leave with Arcane Wizard Setoh!

Chapter 766: Trump Card

"Whoosh."

Merlin flew out from his room, and spotted Arcane Wizard Setoh in the sky. It was not an avatar but the real Arcane Wizard Setoh.

"Wizard Setoh."

Merlin greeted respectfully.

"Wizard Merlin, it's about time. Let's go, bid farewell to the other two Arcane Wizards!"

Merlin trailed behind Arcane Wizard Setoh, flying into the distance. In a short moment, they had reached a splendid living room. Currently, there were no other Spell Casters, save for Arcane Wizard Ceci and Arcane Wizard Augustus.

"Setoh, Legend Glory, are you ready to leave?"

Augustus glanced at Merlin and Arcane Wizard Setoh, asking calmly.

"That's right, we're ready."

Arcane Wizard Setoh replied softly.

Merlin hesitated before finally taking a step forward. "Three Arcane Wizards, I shall leave behind the warships of the Atlan civilization which I had control. I believe we can easily control the Atlans, using them to operate the warships, thus increasing our strength!"

Merlin was leaving behind the warships he had controlled.

Augustus nodded with a hint of a smile. Naturally, he knew how powerful these warships were. Merlin was able to leave them here, which would truly increase the Spell Caster civilization's strength.

"Moreover, I've consolidated an avatar but it's not a Maxim avatar but a Mind avatar! He even possesses a portion of my Mind Control power. So, even after I've left, this Mind avatar can replace me, wielding the technique of Mind Control."

Merlin's words made the three Arcane Wizards gasped in surprise as they turned toward him in a hurry.

Merlin laughed, after which a figure suddenly split from his body. This figure was dressed in the same clothes, and even had the same force. Not even the three Arcane Wizards could differentiate him from Merlin.

"Haha, not bad at all. We're worried that after you leave, what would we do if the Atlan civilization suddenly makes an attack. Now it seems like we've worried for nothing. Merlin, can you condense more avatars like this one?"

Augustus recognized the value of Merlin's avatar at a glance. In sufficient numbers, was it not equivalent to having additional Mind Power Masters with Mind Control?

However, Merlin shook his head with a bitter smile. "I wish to create more avatars too, but for now, I can only condense one. I might be able to condense more in the future, but not now. If I do so, I would lose more than I gain."

Augustus was slightly disappointed but he was after all an Ultimate Arcane Wizard. Naturally, he knew that with an avatar like this, even one was rare and precious. How could one possibly create more avatars so casually?

"Very well, Wizard Merlin. You'll go with Setoh. The three of us will help conceal your force. The Lord God of Light won't discover your stealthy departure. Moreover, you still have this avatar. Haha, this time, when you all leave secretly, you'll be much safer."

The three Arcane Wizards knew that the Lord God of Light hated Merlin to his core. Naturally, they had thought of a countermeasure. After all, if Merlin was constantly scrutinized by an ultimate existence, it would be troublesome.

With Merlin's Mind avatar, they could fool the Lord God of Light, which would increase the safety of Setoh and Merlin's departure.

The three Arcane Wizards joined forces to utilize the power of the natural order, unceasingly sealing it over Merlin. Soon, Merlin's Maxim fluctuations had vanished completely.

As long as Merlin did not mobilize his Mind Power to cast Hallucinating spells, even if he was near the Lord God of Light, he would not be detected through his force.

"Alright, we're absolutely safe! We hope that you'll be successful in this endeavor..."

Arcane Wizard Setoh's avatar was leaving with Merlin. They were carrying the hopes of the three Arcane Wizards. The current situation could only be maintained for a period. Ultimately, the Spell Caster civilization would be unable to hold off the alliance of three forces.

Therefore, they could only hope for the support of other powerful civilizations!
"Merlin, let's go."
At an unknown time, another black-robed Arcane Wizard Setoh had appeared by Merlin's side. Nonetheless, this was not the real Arcane Wizard Setoh but a Darkness avatar of his.
Merlin nodded, after which the three Arcane Wizards combined forces to wield the power of the natural order, which instantly enveloped Merlin and Arcane Wizard Setoh's Darkness avatar, sending them outward
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"Swoosh."
In the pitch-black icy Void Zone, a dazzling beam of light flashed out of nowhere, encasing two black-robed figures.
"Where is this?"
Merlin frowned as he asked. He had never come to this place.
"We should still be within the territory of the Spell Caster civilization."
Beside him, the black-robed Arcane Wizard Setoh spoke in a cold voice.
Merlin did not find this strange. After all, this was Arcane Wizard Setoh's Maxim avatar, which inherited the cold nature of Darkness element. Therefore, even his voice was icy.

"We're still within the Spell Casters' territory?" Merlin carefully perceived his surroundings, his Mind Power swiftly expanding outward. Still, he did not see any dimensions. In the Spell Caster civilization, most dimensions were close to each other. It would not be so empty that there was not a single dimension.

"This is near the God Alliance, usually guarded by Augustus! The gods' power is to arouse zeal in people's hearts. They rely upon the spirits of millions and millions of creatures to become strong. Thus, any dimension close to them would more or less be affected. That's why the dimensions here have been moved away by Augustus, leaving only Augustus Arcane City. Nonetheless, because a war with the Atlan civilization has erupted, Augustus Arcane City was moved as well, so of course, this place is empty."

Although the black-robed Setoh's voice was frosty, he was not much different from the real Arcane Wizard Setoh.

"Even Arcane City was moved away... Without Wizard Augustus keeping watch, surely the God Alliance will become restless and eager?"

Merlin thought to himself. The Spell Caster civilization now faced danger on all sides. Before this, they could grow so rapidly because of the support of the three Arcane Wizards.

Currently, once the war had erupted with some powerful civilization and the three Arcane Wizards were not there to keep an eye, the surrounding formidable civilizations would stir restlessly. The most dangerous one was the God Alliance.

Fortunately, the God Alliance was not a unified entity. Therefore, for a short while, it would not be the Spell Caster civilization's opponent.

"Wizard Setoh, did the three Arcane Wizards not prepare for this at all? Back then, if I hadn't broken through to the Illusory Heart and couldn't control minds, wouldn't the situation have collapsed completely?"

Merlin thought back to the battle back then. There was no Spell Caster who would not suffer post-traumatic stress. At that point, faced with the Atlan civilization's warships, and the combined fighters from the Rock Tribe and the Light Believers below ultimate existences, the Spell Caster civilization did not have the upper hand, and was even in a losing position.

It was when Merlin had broken through to the Illusory Heart and controlled minds that altered the unfavorable situation in one stroke!

"Prepare? How could we possibly be unprepared? However, this preparation is connected to you."

"Connected to me?"

Merlin shook his head, confused as to how the Spell Caster civilization's crucial trump card could be linked to him.

"Back then, if you didn't break through, we can only send out Didimoss in advance. Didimoss is a living creature which reverses the natural order. In the past years, under the focused nurturing of us three Arcane Wizards, he has improved rapidly at an unimaginable pace. Moreover, his innate ability is even more fearsome. We have no way of knowing how terrifying Didimoss would become in the end. For now, he truly can reverse, in one move, the course of events below ultimate existences!"

"So it's Didimoss..."

Merlin had not seen Didimoss for a long time. Back then, Didimoss was taken away by Arcane Wizard Setoh. Merlin knew that the three Great Arcane Wizards wanted to nurture Didimoss singularly.

However, he had never expected that Didimoss would be so highly valued by the three Arcane Wizards. He did not know how amazing the current Didimoss would be.

"Please be rest assured. When we return to Arcane City, you'll be able to meet Didimoss once more."

As if he could sense Merlin's thoughts, the black-robed Setoh said in a low voice.

"Return to Arcane City? That's right, we'll surely be able to return to Arcane City!"

Merlin glanced toward the direction of Arcane City, then followed behind the black-robed Setoh. They swiftly headed toward the depths of the black icy Void Zone...

Chapter 767: The Slothful Beast and the Sea of Fire!

Merlin and the black-robed Wizard Setoh flew without using casting tools. Near the God Alliance, it was easy to be detected when using casting tools.

However, this speed was too slow.

"Wizard Setoh, why don't we enter the Atlan civilization warship? We're going too slow."

"Warship?"

Under Wizard Setoh's doubtful gaze, Merlin took out the empire-level warship controlled by the Matrix out from his ring. This warship was incredibly fast. After all, it was an empire-level warship from the Atlan civilization, and was comparable to Honored Legends.

"There are no Elemental fluctuations on this warship, so those gods won't detect it. Very well, we'll use this warship to travel."

Wizard Setoh considered but did not refuse, and flew into the warship immediately. After all, there was not much time left for the Spell Caster civilization. They had to get support as soon as possible and return to Arcane City immediately.

Merlin also flew into the control room of the warship. He was preparing to give orders to the Matrix when he realized that they did not know where they were going this time.

"Wizard Setoh, where are we going?"

Merlin had no idea which civilizations were closer to the Spell Caster civilization.

There were no civilizations that were close to the Spell Caster civilization. The Spell Caster civilization was alone when it rose. Generally, civilizations that had ultimate existences were alone when they rose.

No one would be willing to see an emerging powerful civilization that possessed ultimate existences.

However, Wizard Setoh had already decided where to go. A smile appeared on his lips as he said, "Go to the Giant Tribe!"

"The Giant Tribe?"

Merlin frowned. In his eyes, the Giants were fierce and short-tempered. It was not a good idea to go to the Giant Tribe.

"Although the Giants have short temper, they had conflicts with the Rock Tribe before hence this is the best chance. Since the Rock Tribe isn't a living tribe, their civilization is full of death. The Giant tribe is a living tribe, and fought with the Rock Tribe. That's enough reason for them to side with us!"

Merlin nodded. Wizard Setoh said it easily but Merlin knew that it would not be easy to persuade the Titan Giant.

However, they had no other options, and could only try their best. Otherwise, the Spell Caster civilization would truly be in peril.

"By the way Wizard Setoh, where's the Giant Tribe's Titan Dimension? I don't have a detailed dimension map."

Wizard Setoh took out a dimension map. He had naturally been prepared.

"Matrix, scan."

After the Matrix had scanned the dimension map, Merlin ordered, "Go to the Titan Dimension."

The warship began to shake lightly. It was caused by the startup of the engine. However, the shaking soon disappeared, and the speed of the warship rose wildly.

Wizard Setoh looked out of the warship and nodded. "The Atlan civilization really is unique. This warship is very convenient, much more than our casting tools."

Merlin hardly needed to do anything to operate the warship. Each civilization took a different path but there were still some aspects that were worth learning from. For example, if Spell Casters drew from the Atlan civilization warships, the casting tools refined might become much faster.

Merlin looked and saw that the warship still had a high energy supply, enough to reach the Titan Dimension. It might take half a year to reach but it was not a long time for Spell Casters.

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"Hum."

The warship shook slightly, waking up Merlin from the Illusory World. He had been in the Illusory World discussing with Titus about the Mind Power system.

"You're awake."

Merlin glanced at Wizard Setoh. He had long been awake but his eyes were always fixed outside the warship.

At this time, Merlin realized that a faint light had appeared unknowingly from the outside. The light became brighter as if it could illuminate the entire Void Zone.

"What's going on? Matrix, what's happening in front?"

Merlin hurriedly asked the Matrix.

The Matrix controlled the entire warship, so it would know best what was happening outside.

"A large amount of energy is being emitted. Detected a terrifying unknown being. Danger! Slow down immediately!"

"Stop!"

Merlin quickly stopped the Matrix. At this moment, even the entire warship began to feel burning hot.

"Swoosh."

Arcane Wizard Setoh stood up, his eyes fixed to the front. Merlin and Arcane Wizard Setoh could both see that in the vast Void Zone, lay an incomparably large beast.

"A Slothful Beast?"

Merlin was stunned. He was extremely familiar with the Slothful Beast. In the past, he had been swallowed into the body of a Slothful Beast. If not for Arcane Wizard Setoh's intervention, Merlin might still be stuck inside.

Therefore, after seeing the Slothful Beast, Merlin secretly felt fear. He wanted nothing more than to turn around and stay as far away as possible from the Slothful Beast.

"Wizard Setoh, it's a Slothful Beast. We should hurry away."

Merlin saw Wizard Setoh staring intently at the Slothful Beast, and reminded him.

Wizard Setoh's gaze became more solemn. He pointed at the Slothful Beast in front of them and said, "What's that in front of the Slothful Beast?"

"In front of the Slothful Beast?"

Merlin followed Arcane Wizard Setoh's eyes, and carefully looked at the Slothful Beast.

The beast's head seemed to be at the side, with its back facing Merlin's warship. Its huge head seemed to be submerged in a sea of fire, and upon closer look, one could see a terrifying country filled with flames everywhere, as wide as at least a dozen dimensions.

"Since when did the Void Zone have a mysterious place like this that even the Slothful Beast can't struggle out from?"

Merlin was shocked to realize that the Slothful Beast seemed to have been sucked in by the flames, and could not break free.

"Boom."

Suddenly, the Slothful Beast struggled violently, and that terrifying power even affected Merlin's warship. The roars caused Merlin's Mind Power to feel like they were about to collapse.

"What the hell is this place?"

Merlin looked at Arcane Wizard Setoh but even this grand ultimate existence shook his head. He did not know what this place was either. He was also shocked. The Slothful Beast was a terrifying being in the Void Zone. In the past, even when the Three Great Arcane Wizards had attacked the Slothful Beast together, they could not do anything about it. It showed just how frightening the Slothful Beast was.

However, now, it seemed that this strange sea of fire could make the Slothful Beast extremely fearful.

"Go, run!"

Wizard Setoh seemed to suddenly realize something, and immediately urged Merlin to leave.

Merlin also immediately turned the warship around and flew away, but it was already too late. The moment the Slothful Beast struggled, the flames exploded violently as if turning into a huge mouth larger than the Slothful Beast, and swallowed the Slothful Beast in one bite.

The Slothful Beast disappeared, and at the same time, the flames grew even larger and spread in all directions. Then, a strong suctioning force was released. Merlin's warship had just activated and was firmly sucked backward.

"Leave the warship. We'll escape ourselves!"

Wizard Setoh made a split-second decision, and immediately left the warship. He flew away forcefully by relying on his Maxim.

Merlin also immediately kept the warship into his ring, and Maxim Chains instantly rose, encircling his entire body. He frantically escaped with all his strength.

"Boom."

Just as the two Wizards rejoiced that they had escaped from that strange inferno, an earpiercing sound rang out. Then, a shocking scene occurred. The sea of fire seemed to explode, and the terrible aftershocks swept all directions.

In an instant, Merlin and Wizard Setoh were swept away. Their figures disappeared without a trace into the sea of flames.

Chapter 768: A Strange World!

The blazing temperature scorched the earth, turning the space into a stove. Three suns were hanging in the sky.

It was the first time Merlin and Wizard Setoh had encountered such a strange dimension.

When they came to, they were lying on the ground staring up at a sky. They had been unconscious but they both knew that they had been sucked into the terrifying sea of fire at the Void Zone and ended up in this strange dimension.

"No Elements."

Merlin said in a low voice. He tried his best to sense Elements but there were none. Fortunately, neither Merlin nor Setoh needed the support of Elements since they had Maxims.

"Thankfully the natural order is present here. However, its influence seems to be very weak..."

As an ultimate existence, although Wizard Setoh was just an avatar of an ultimate existence, and could not use the power of the natural order, he could still feel its power.

Therefore, he immediately sensed the power of the natural order. Fortunately, the power of the natural order still existed. However, it seemed that it was greatly restricted. What place could hinder the power of the natural order?

So far, Arcane Wizard Setoh had only heard of one place that could block the power of the natural order, and that was the Atlan Dimension. He did not know how the Atlan Dimension was formed either, to be able to block the power of the natural order, and cause even ultimate existences to hesitate on entering.

That was because once they had entered, ultimate existences would no longer be able to sense the power of the natural order, and their strength would drop greatly.

"What is this place?"

Merlin did not know, and neither did Arcane Wizard Setoh.

"Be careful. The Void Zone is vast. If it were my real body, there wouldn't be much danger. However, I'm only a Maxim avatar now, so it's better to be cautious."

Arcane Wizard Setoh was being very cautious as he was only an avatar.

"Would there be sapient beings in a place like this?"

Looking at the acrid land, Merlin found it hard to believe that there were intelligent lifeforms in a place like this. This place was much more different than many dimensions.

"Boom."

Just as Merlin had finished speaking, a loud sound rang out. Merlin's Mind Power quickly extended out, and his mouth fell open as his expression changed into shock.

He had just said there would not be any sapient creatures but right now, under a small hill not far away, there was a large beast with two curved horns.

"Let's go and have a look."

Arcane Wizard Setoh and Merlin swiftly flew over. It was indeed a living creature, and its living characteristics were very vibrant. Its body's surface temperature was incredibly high, and was even accompanied by flames.

Presumably, this was a special creature created by this unique environment.

This monster was walking slowly when it suddenly seemed to have noticed something. Then, it started to run as if there was danger behind it.

"Merlin, above us!"

Arcane Wizard Setoh pointed above them. Sure enough, there was an even larger bird flying in the sky. It seemed to have found the monster on the ground, and was wildly chasing after it.

The two beasts were both very large and possessed great strength. Merlin and Wizard Setoh did not act without thinking and continued to follow behind the monster.

Around two hours later, Merlin and Wizard Setoh had followed the beasts for an unknown distance, and finally saw a lush forest in front of them.

"Hoo..."

The weather had been blazing hot but the sky rapidly became overcast with dark clouds, and rain started pouring down like a torrent. Soon, the dry land was covered with rain. Merlin and Wizard Setoh had Maxims to protect themselves with, so they were naturally unafraid of this storm.

The bird in the sky watched the beast gradually run into the dense forest. It seemed unsettled, and circled in mid-air for some time but eventually flew away after it found that it could not do anything more.

"There's plenty of rain here, and the trees are all very tall."

Wizard Setoh and Merlin were constantly observing this world. Since there were a forest and even fierce beasts, it was very likely that there was intelligent life as well, which might even develop into a strange civilization.

After all, no one would have expected that a civilization like the Rock Tribe would have developed into such a powerful civilization.

This world's environment was also unique, so a civilization nurtured by it would certainly be unique as well. However, no one knew how powerful contenders from this world would be. Perhaps they would be able to estimate slightly judging by those beasts.

"Wizard Setoh, I'll catch that beast and see how unique the strength of this world is."

Merlin was somewhat eager.

Wizard Setoh considered and said, "I'll go with you. There might be some unknown dangers hidden in this dense forest."

Wizard Setoh was still worried about Merlin.

"Then, let's go together."

Merlin and Setoh immediately entered the thick forest.

Just as they had entered the forest, they felt a cold and damp force. It was completely different from the scorching hot force outside.

Merlin's Mind Power had been continuously tracking that beast, so they gound it easily.

"It's in front of us. We must chase after it quickly. That beast isn't slow."

Merlin's body was wrapped with Maxim Chains. He did not dare to be careless in this unknown environment. Wizard Setoh was the same. He was also wrapped in a Darkness Maxim. However, Merlin could feel that this Darkness Maxim was very different from his own Darkness Maxim. There seemed to be a faint feeling of suppression.

It was purely a feeling but Arcane Wizard Setoh's avatar was comparable to a Lord. He was purely a Maxim avatar, and only had a Darkness Maxim. However, as he was an Ultimate Arcane Wizard's Maxim avatar, even without the power of the natural order, his Darkness Maxim had incorporated some of Arcane Wizard Setoh's understanding about the natural order.

Therefore, although Arcane Wizard Setoh only had an ultimate Maxim, it was comparable to a Lord. His understanding of the natural order was even more valuable than an ultimate Maxim.

Some powerful Lords might have reached the conditions needed to fuse Maxims but failed to fuse them because their understanding of the natural order was inferior to true ultimate existences.

Merlin did not know anything about ultimate existences. Although Aruba had warned Merlin before not to fuse Maxims, it was never wrong to understand more.

"We caught up to it. It's right ahead!"

Merlin and Arcane Wizard Setoh finally chased the beast to a waterfall. Under the waterfall was a small stream. The two figures floated in the air, and Wizard Setoh acted first.

"Whoosh."

The Darkness Maxim immediately turned into a large palm and shot toward the huge beast. However, the beast seemed to sense that it was in danger and opened its mouth wide, and a blazing force spewed out.

It was flames. The flames were blue, and although it did not have the power of a Maxim, it was close to it, which shocked Merlin and Setoh.

"A mere beast can have power close to a Maxim?"

Maxims were legends. The beast did not look particularly powerful, and it was even chased by a bird earlier. From its appearance, it did not seem to have strength close to a Legend.

"Bang."

Although the blue flames spewed by the beast had power close to a Maxim, there was still a big gap compared to Wizard Setoh's Darkness Maxim. His Darkness Maxim easily extinguished the blue fire and firmly grasped the beast.

"Whiz whiz whiz."

Suddenly, three flames turned into sharp arrows and fell from the sky, directly shooting at Merlin and Setoh. The power contained in them clearly reached Legendary level.

Merlin and Setoh both looked up and saw that the bird from before had appeared again. Furthermore, it brought along two other birds as well. There were even three figures clad in strange clothing standing on their backs.

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"Bang."

Merlin's Maxim Chains directly shattered the three flame arrows. The arrows disintegrated into tiny sparks and disappeared in mid-air.

The three figures in the sky were surprised, and immediately flew the birds down.

After the three came down, they said something to Merlin and Setoh. However, Merlin and Setoh did not understand their language and remained confused even after they had finished speaking.

Merlin carefully observed the three beings who were around the same height as Spell Casters. However, their skin was slightly red, and in the middle of their foreheads was a marking of a flame, which was very special.

The three birds seemed to have been tamed by the three men. The beast that they were "monitoring" earlier had been killed by Wizard Setoh, which might have caused a dispute.

Merlin did not understand their language but that did not hinder him from communicating with them.

"Who are you?"

Merlin directly projected his Mind Power into the other party's consciousness. He could speak into his Awareness without using language.

"Huh? You're not from our Flare Nation, and neither are you from the Flame Nation. You don't have the flame imprint, so you're not even from Flare Region. Who are you?"

Hearing Merlin's "words", the man looked at Merlin in surprise. However, Merlin already knew what he wanted to say in his mind.

"Matrix, collect their language vocabulary!"

Merlin told the Matrix to collect the language of these men so he could compare it to the Molta language. With Merlin and Setoh's ability, it would be easy for them to learn the language.

Merlin hesitated for a moment before discussing with Wizard Setoh.

"Wizard Setoh, these men may be the native civilization of this strange world. Judging by those birds they rode on as well as the move they had demonstrated earlier, I'm afraid they aren't a weak civilization. Why don't we learn about this world through them?"

Merlin and Setoh stood at the peak of the Void Zone. Although Merlin was not a Lord, he was even more terrifying than a Lord when facing intelligent lifeforms.

Therefore, although this world might have some secrets, unless under great dangerous circumstances, they would not be afraid of anything.

Thus, Wizard Setoh also nodded, and let Merlin talk to them.

"Who we are isn't important. You're from the Flare Nation? Why did you attack us earlier?"

Maxim Chains appeared one by one on Merlin's body, causing the three men to immediately feel nervous. Their attack earlier had been easily neutralized by Merlin's Maxim Chains. Even now, at close distance, they could feel danger from Merlin and Setoh.

"Yes, we're children from the Flare Nation royal family. We were hunting in our royal forest when you killed our prey. You should know that no one can enter the royal forest except members of the royal family. I won't ask how you entered the royal forest. However, the fact that you were able to enter proves that you're not ordinary. Our Flare Nation is currently recruiting powerful beings. If you follow us and have an audience with His Majesty the King, and obtain his recognition, no matter who you are, this intrusion into the royal forest would be pardoned. What do you think?"

The child of the Flame Nation royal family seemed to have no interest in who Merlin and Setoh were. He simply recommended them to the King of the Flare Nation.

Merlin and Setoh glanced at each other. A strong and special civilization had already developed here. They seemed to be the Flare Nation and the Flame Nation. However, the Flare Nation must have been having trouble recently, so they were recruiting contenders.

This was a good opportunity to understand the Flare Nation. Of course, this was also a very dangerous matter. After all, contenders had surely populated important areas. If this was a powerful civilization, Merlin and Setoh might be in danger.

"I'm just a Maxim avatar, so it doesn't matter even if I'm lost. However, Wizard Merlin, you must be careful. I'm sure you know that now we've left the Spell Caster civilization, a Maxim avatar like me isn't of much use. Your safety is the most important. If something happens to the Spell Caster civilization, you'd be our final hope..."

Wizard Setoh did not care about danger at all. First, those who would be able to kill his avatar would at least be beings that were the top among Lords. After all, he was an avatar of an ultimate existence.

He did not care about his own safety but it was different for Merlin. The Three Great Arcane Wizards regarded Merlin as having the potential to become the fourth ultimate existence of the Spell Caster civilization. Therefore, taking Merlin away this time was to protect Merlin, just as Merlin had guessed.

Thus, Merlin's safety was the highest priority for Wizard Setoh.

Merlin smiled and said, "Wizard Setoh, you don't have to worry about my safety. If we were somewhere without any human habitation, then I might have been in trouble. However, that's the Flare Nation palace. The more people there are, the safer I am. Isn't that right?"

Merlin pointed at the three men at the side, and Wizard Setoh also glanced over following his finger. He realized that the three men's eyes were glazed over. They were clearly under Merlin's control.

This showed that Merlin's method of controlling minds was still usable to the intelligent creatures of this world. The more beings there were, and places where there were more contenders, were exactly places where Merlin was safest.

"Yes, I almost forgot that Wizard Merlin is the Legend Glory!"

Wizard Setoh smiled. In a sense, Merlin was the Legend Glory, and his strength was no less powerful than him as a Maxim avatar.

"Alright, we'll go to the Flare Nation. Let's see what kind of civilization was nurtured here."

This strange civilization had several suns in the sky, and the entire world seemed to be a stove. A civilization birthed by such a unique environment would be unique as well.

Merlin agreed to the three men, and they smiled from above the birds' backs. In their view, they had just recruited two contenders for His Majesty the King. After all, those who were able to neutralize their attack were certainly not simple. They were all prodigies in the imperial city. Otherwise, they would not dare to enter the royal forest either.

Merlin voluntarily initiated conversation with the three men, allowing the Matrix to accumulate enough vocabulary to master the language. With Merlin and Setoh's capabilities, it was easy to master a language. Before long, they could converse with the three men in their language.

Through conversation, Merlin learned that the three men were children from the Flare Nation royal family. The leader was called Flarong, a prodigy belonging to a branch of the royal family. They decided to come to the imperial city because of the recent crisis the entire kingdom was facing.

"Crisis? Is it the Flame Nation?"

Merlin recalled the Flame Nation that the three men had mentioned multiple times. It seemed that this entire continent was only ruled by these two huge nations.

"I know very well that your origins are unknown. You don't have to ask me anything else. Just follow me to have an audience with His Majesty the King. Right now, the kingdom is thirsty for talent. As long as you have the ability, it doesn't matter if you're a homicidal maniac as all your crimes will be pardoned! Therefore, no matter how unimaginable your origins are, as long as you have the strength, the kingdom would accept you. At that time, you'll naturally know everything!"

Flarong spoke to Merlin and Setoh with a smile that did not seem like a smile. He naturally knew that their origins were very strange but he did not care. The kingdom was currently recruiting prodigies, and there were more than plenty of suspicious beings. It did not matter if that amount increased by two as long as they had adequate strength.

Merlin did not control their minds to force the three men to say what they knew either. As Flarong said, once they had reached the palace, and met the King, and as long as they had enough strength, then there would be no problem. It would not be too late for them to slowly understand then.

Chapter 770: The Flare Nation

Flarong soon brought Merlin and Setoh to the capital of the Flare Nation!

It was called Flare City, and from a distance, it looked like a mass of flame or a sea of fire. There was a faint but formless force shrouding the entire city.

"This is Flare City?"

Merlin asked softly. Flare City was not simple at all. The hidden protective layer had made him feel slightly troubled. Only someone comparable to an Honored Legend would be able to make that.

Wizard Setoh's expression was also grave as he said, "Be careful. This civilization isn't simple!"

Flarong easily flew the three birds in the sky, and swiftly landed outside a palace. The three then jumped down.

"Gentlemen, let's go. This is where His Majesty the King recruits contenders."

As they followed Flarong into the palace, they found around twenty to thirty people had gathered, all with a fire marking on their foreheads. Therefore, Merlin and Setoh were very conspicuous when they arrived.

However, Flarong, who was leading Merlin and Setoh, seemed to be quite extraordinary. Many of them looked at him respectfully.

"Wait here, you two. They all also volunteered to be recruited."

Everyone could hear the sarcasm in Flarong's voice as he spoke.

Indeed, when Merlin's Mind Power swept casually, although he was unsure what the strength of those people was, he could feel their general strength and knew that none of them were stronger than Flarong.

Soon, a dignified man in a magnificent robe emerged from the inner court. The people rose slightly and shouted, "Your Majesty the King!"

It turned out that this dignified man was the King. The fire marking on his forehead was more vivid, and flashed with a faint golden light, making it appear very special.

"What a strong life force. I'm afraid he's comparable to an Honored Legend!"

Merlin and Wizard Setoh glanced at each other. For the first time in this world, they had sensed an existence that was comparable to an Honored Legend. However, Flarong already mentioned earlier that not only was the King an extremely powerful person but he was also one of the most powerful in the Flare Nation.

Therefore, Merlin also generally deduced that the strongest contenders in the Flare Nation should be comparable to Honored Legend. Furthermore, there were certainly more than one.

"Looks like the Flare Continent produced many contenders!"

Merlin murmured softly. He already knew that this continent was called the Flare Continent, and everyone belonged to it. The enemy, Flame Nation, used to be part of the Flare Nation in the past but was split up for some reason.

There was more than one existence comparable to an Honored Legend in the Flare Nation, which was quite amazing for a civilization. In the Golden Light Tribe, there was only one existence comparable to an Honored Legend, Maya.

Therefore, Honored Legends were extremely difficult to produce. Once they were produced, a civilization would no longer be considered weak. The Flare Nation could have an existence comparable to an Honored Legend, and there was more than one. There might even be more powerful beings.

"I'll check with my Mind Power!"

Merlin's Mind Power immediately stretched out and investigated the entire Flare City. Although his Mind Power was not powerful enough to check the entire Flare Continent, it was more than enough for a mere city.

"Oh? There are three life forces no weaker than this King!"

Merlin's Mind Power was formless. Even in the Void Zone, it would be very difficult for foreign tribes to detect his Mind Power, let alone such a special world.

No one was aware of Merlin's Mind Power. Thus, he detected three beings comparable to Honored Legends. Including the King, it would be four in total!

"Just Flare City itself has four beings comparable to Honored Legends. They're considered strong... Merlin, are you sure there isn't anyone stronger?"

Wizard Setoh asked repeatedly, appearing very cautious.

Merlin hesitated for a moment as if checking again, and nodded, "I'm sure, unless someone can completely shy away from my sensing, but that's almost impossible. I'm sure there are only four beings comparable to Honored Legends in Flare City."

If Merlin had not broken through the Illusory Heart realm, then four Honored Legends would be hard to suppress just by using Mind Power. However, since he had broken through, it did not matter how many Honored Legends there were.

Wizard Setoh also breathed a sigh of relief. His eyes were fixed on the King, and a smile appeared on his lips. "This King must know a lot of things but we won't make any moves for the time being. Let's see how they recruit contenders first."

In an unfamiliar environment, Wizard Setoh still chose to be cautious. With their strength, even if they did something earth-shattering, it would not matter much.

"Everyone, the Flare Nation is facing troubles now. I'm very happy that all of you have the courage to enlist to be contenders for my royal family. As long as you're strong enough, no matter what you did in the past, no matter what identity you have, the royal family will not investigate! However, the royal family is recruiting contenders, so there must be a screening. I've reared some one-horned fire beasts. If you can defeat them, then you shall pass. How does that sound?"

The King's tone was very calm. It was clearly not the first time he had encountered volunteers.

"One-horned fire beast? Alright, I'll go first!"

Many people had never heard of a one-horned fire beast before so a burly man with a fire marking on his head shouted first.

"Very well. Release the one-horned fire beast. We'll do it here."

As soon as the King finished speaking, a terrifying beast covered in flames was released.

This fire beast seemed to have no true body, and only consisted of endless flames. The power it emitted was almost as strong as the birds that Flarlong and the others rode.

"Roar..."

The one-horned fire beast gave a loud roar. It opened its mouth slightly, and flames instantly turned into a net of fire and enveloped the burly man.

The fire marking on the man's forehead flashed brightly, and strong power burst out but it seemed to have no effect. He was instantly drowned by the fire beast's flames.

Dead!

The burly man died so easily. This fire beast had reached the level of Legend. Some people were already trembling with fear.

The King's face was cold. Ever since the recruitment order was issued, all types of people wanted to volunteer. It was now time to let them know that not anyone could be easily recruited.

If you did not have enough strength, then there would only be death!

"Who's next? Who else wants to try?"

The King's icy gaze swept through the crowd, only to see many people retreating, their expressions full of fear. No one dared to step forward again.

"Useless. All useless!"

At first, the King seemed to be very restrained but he suddenly exploded. The Flare Nation was in trouble, and he even began to publicly recruit contenders.

However, at present, only a few contenders had been recruited. Most of the time was like this – the people only volunteered, hoping to try their luck and get recruited by the royal family.

"Did you think getting recruited by the royal family would be that easy?"

The King's tone was icy as he waved his hand. The terrifying fire beast gave a sharp roar and started to madly attack the people in the hall as if it could swallow several people in one bite.

Immediately, the hall was filled with shrieks and cries.

"Roar..."

The fire beast was very excited. With a roar, its eyes fixed on Merlin and Setoh, and its raging flames immediately surrounded them.

Merlin glanced at Flarong, whose eyes were calm as he remained silent. He must be watching how Merlin and Setoh would react. After all, the royal family was recruiting contenders!

"Let's move!"

Setoh suddenly raised his head. However, he did not look at the fire beast. Instead, he stared directly at the King coldly.