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Chapter 891: The Three Great Warriors I

“Hahaha, a billion years passed, but I, Marta, have finally broken free from these chains. The Vestigial Tribe’s prophecy master was right. The three leaders of the Golden Ray Warriors are the most important variable. The Void Zone cannot defeat us. As long as we survive, the Vestigial Tribe will not be vanquished!”

There was a burst of maniacal laughter. The man radiating a golden shimmer fiercely broke away from the shackles of the power of the natural order. Easily, his punch shattered all the power of the natural order around him.

This was pure power. Merlin did not sense a single trace of the power of the natural order from his body.

This was a true Golden Ray Warrior. Nonetheless, despite the man’s immense power, Merlin could still see that the threads of power of the natural order on him were still unbroken. That meant even the Vestigial Tribe could not completely isolate themselves from the Void Zone.

Just like Merlin, although he had been rejected by the Void Zone, he was still unable to detach himself from the Void Zone. He was still inextricably linked to it.

“Marta has broken free, I’ve failed...”

The watchman murmured softly as his face turned hateful.

“You despicable creatures, go to hell!”

The shimmering golden light around the Golden Ray Warrior was amplified once again, then transformed into a big mouth that chomped down viciously.

“Chi.”

The watchman was unable to put up any form of resistance and was “swallowed” by the Golden Ray Warrior. Even Merlin was astonished.

“The Golden Ray Warrior’s power is truly formidable... He can transmute energy?”

Although Merlin’s Illusory World shrouded the entire region, there was an invisible force in the Golden Ray Warrior that prevented Merlin’s scrutiny.

However, Merlin could distinctly sense the familiar energy fluctuations. After swallowing the watchman, the Golden Ray Warriors’ energy fluctuation grew more intense. New energy had been absorbed into his body.

This was the true terror of the Golden Ray Warriors – the ability to transmute energy. Swallowing and transmuting, they were somewhat similar to the black cat Didimoss. They were probably the same. If the black cat Didimoss managed to survive its dead end, then he would certainly be comparable to the Thirty-six Emperors. When that time comes, Dididmoss could even compete against the Golden Ray Warriors.

Regardless, the Golden Ray Warrior’s fighting power was more powerful, seeing as a single punch was able to shatter the origin of the natural order. Previously, when Merlin faced the origin of the natural order, he also had to wrap his Illusory World around it, and mobilize the natural order of the Illusory World to crush it.

The Golden Ray Warrior had achieved the same feat with a single punch. This showed that the Golden Ray Warrior was not at all weaker than Merlin. Of course, merely using destructive power as a comparison was unfair. For example, Merlin’s Mind Power was effective in restraining most life forms. As for the fourth-grade ultimate existences, they were a part of the origin of the natural order, so Merlin could not use his Mind Power to entrap them. However, this might not be true for the Golden Ray Warriors.

Nevertheless, Merlin did not try, so he did not know whether his Mind Power could affect the Golden Ray Warrior.

After swallowing the watchman, the Golden Ray Warrior saw Merlin and walked up to him. The golden glow gradually dissipated and revealed his real look.

The Vestigial Tribe was no different from ordinary people. Only, their ears were a little pointy and their skulls were slightly bigger. Besides that, they appeared normal. Moreover, the

Golden Ray Warrior before him was also somewhat different than the ordinary Vestigial Creatures. He was completely fused with the Golden Ray Armor and could not be separated from it.

Hence, the Golden Ray Warriors could no longer be classified as a living creature, but instead a semi-living creature. All that was left was his intellect, which had fused completely with the ice-cold Golden Ray Armor.

“You brought me Beanie’s Golden Ray Armor and saved me. Originally, I should reward you, but I can sense a familiar aura coming from you. Haha, that’s the aura of being rejected by the Void Zone. Similar to the Vestigial Tribe, you’ve been rejected and shunned by this world. Did a more powerful civilization rise during the long absence of the Vestigial Tribe?”

This Golden Ray Warrior Marta was able to see through Merlin with a single glance. Different from the other ultimate existences, he did not care that Merlin had not mastered the power of the natural order. Instead, he saw that Merlin had been rejected by the entire Void Zone, thus concluded that Merlin was extraordinary.

“No, it’s just me alone, due to a combination of encounters. Since you know that you’re rejected by the world, do you have a solution?”

To be fair, Merlin had an idea, which was to turn his Illusory World into reality. However, this idea was far too preposterous and too impossible. It only existed within Titus’ speculation, and Merlin did not have any clue as to how to turn an illusion into reality.

Therefore, it was better to hear if the Vestigial Tribe had any other solution. After all, the entire Vestigial Tribe was rejected by the Void Zone.

“Solution? Unless we break past the natural order, what other solution can there be? There’s only three of us left from the Vestigial Tribe, what else can we do?”

Marta shook his head dejectedly. Although he had just broken free, it was still a little daunting to defy the entire Void Zone.

“Why don’t you come with me? If you’re alone, you won’t be able to defy the Void Zone.”

Marta looked at Merlin calmly. Marta was very surprised to discover that someone else besides the Vestigial Tribe had been rejected by the Void Zone.

Merlin did not refuse the offer. Currently, he was unclear about the consequences of being rejected by the Void Zone. Perhaps, following Marta would help him find out the true situation.

“After being imprisoned for such a long time, my energy is running low. I’ll swallow this place first!”

Marta’s gaze turned toward the Three-headed man and the giant tortoise. Both their faces drained pale. Earlier, they had witnessed the Emperor-level watchman being swallowed by Marta with ease, what more them.

Thinking along these lines, the Three-headed man and the giant tortoise turned toward Merlin because they saw that this vicious Vestigial Tribe Golden Ray Warrior seemed to be “friendly” towards Merlin.

“Marta, these two are my friends.”

Merlin voiced up immediately. No matter what, it was the Three-headed man and the giant tortoise who had brought him here, so he could not allow them to be swallowed by the Golden Ray Warrior.

Marta glanced at Merlin and nodded. “Alright, I’ll let them go. However, I’ll swallow up the rest!”

As soon as he finished speaking, he paid no attention to them, and began swallowing the entire white halo. The elaborate set-up by the Thirty-six Emperors was meant to imprison the Golden Ray Warrior, but ironically, became his source of energy.

Honestly, Merlin was also secretly frightened. This Golden Ray Warrior was more terrifying than he had imagined. It was not surprising that the ancient Thirty-six Emperors were unable to handle them and could only imprison them here.

The white halo gradually disappeared. Merlin sensed that Marta’s aura became even more powerful. However, Marta appeared dissatisfied. He shook his head and grumbled, “Still not

enough. After being imprisoned here for so many years, my transmutation ability has weakened greatly.”

“Very well, let’s go.”

Marta led Merlin and crossed the Void Zone. Transforming into two light streamers, they vanished, leaving behind the abysmal Three-headed man and giant tortoise.

“The Vestigial Tribe hasn’t been exterminated, and the most powerful Golden Ray Warriors still remain... We’re in big trouble now. Will there be another massive war like ancient times?”

Recalling the cruel scenes that were recorded in ancient times, the two of them could not help but shiver. Initially, they were hoping to grow stronger, but instead, accidentally unleashed a catastrophe and caused the Golden Ray Warrior to escape.

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In the pitch-black dark territory, the Golden Ray Warrior Marta seemed able to distinguish his direction. At breakneck speed, he led Merlin through the dark territory.

Marta’s speed was even faster than the Aurora warship that Merlin used to steer. This was a real Golden Ray Armor. Back then, Merlin was only able to mobilize a very small portion of its abilities. He was incomparable to Marta.

“Marta, where are you bringing me?”

Although Merlin’s Mind Power could see his surroundings, he did not know where Marta was leading him. Merlin was not familiar with this dark territory.

“Of course, we’re going to rescue the other two Vestigial Tribe’s Golden Ray Warriors! I guess the three of us are all there’s left of the Vestigial Tribe. Since the three of us have achieved one hundred percent compatibility with the Golden Ray Armor and cannot be separated from it, we cannot be killed as long as the Golden Ray Armor isn’t destroyed. Hehe, the Thirty-six Emperors may be powerful, but they merely won due to their numbers. They’ve imprisoned us for so many years, yet they haven’t found a way to kill us. Once I’ve rescued the other two, we’ll have the ability to defy the Void Zone.”

As soon as Marta mentioned the Void Zone, Merlin raised his head in epiphany. Ever since he followed Marta, there was an uncomfortable feeling as if his every move was watched.

This was normal. The three Golden Ray Warriors of the Vestigial Tribe naturally attracted more attention than Merlin, due to the massive disruption they had caused in the past. The Void Zone merely reacted according to the natural order and basic instinct.

Therefore, it looked like from now on, the Golden Ray Warriors and Merlin would face the counterattack from the entire Void Zone, including the surviving ancient Thirty-six Emperors!

“Swish swish.”

The two light streams finally stopped. Marta looked at the white halo in front of him. It was the same as the one which kept him imprisoned. However, below the white halo, Merlin saw that the scene was filled with bloodshed and a sea of purgatory.

This was the dream realm of the imprisoned Golden Ray Warrior. Every Golden Ray Warrior’s dream realm was different. This Golden Ray Warrior before them was trapped in a nightmare filled with bloodshed.

“This is Larkin. He’s still imprisoned. I’ll wake him up and help him break free!”

Marta said calmly as he watched the bloody sea of purgatory in the white halo. Following that, there was an intense energy fluctuation from his body. He roared, “Larkin, wake up!”

“Boom.”

Marta’s fist collided brutally with the white halo. Then, like fragile glass, cracks began to appear on the white halo and shattered into smithereens.

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“Marta, is that you?”

The white halo shattered in an instant and an even taller figure gradually appeared. He was also wearing a Golden Ray Armor. With a wave of his hand, the violent storm subsided. However, his aura seemed much weaker than Marta.”

“Huh? Larkin, why do you have very little energy left?”

Marta was slightly astonished. While the energy of the Golden Ray Warriors was not infinite, their storage capacity was incredibly large. Added with their transmutation ability, their energy levels should still be plentiful even after millions of years of imprisonment.

However, Larkin had very little energy left, probably only the most essential amount.

While a Golden Ray Warrior could not die from energy exhaustion, they would fall into hibernation. Upon hibernation, the Golden Ray Armor would descend into dormant mode as well. No one knew if the Golden Ray Armor could be awoken afterward. After all, none of the Golden Ray Armors had fallen into a state of dormancy.

Right now, two out of the three great warriors had recouped.

“Marta, it really is you. Back when the three of us were imprisoned, you definitely had the biggest potential...”

Larkin’s tone was nonchalant but a murderous aura seemed to be emitting from his body. He appeared more intimidating compared to Marta.

“Yes, when the three of us were imprisoned, the other Golden Ray Warriors were killed. Only three of us who achieved 100% compatibility with the Golden Ray Armor survived because they couldn’t destroy the Golden Ray Armor. Why don’t you recover some energy first, only then we’ll rescue Myron.”

The three great warriors were only lacking Myron.

Larkin, on the other hand, glanced at Merlin. “This person’s aura is a little strange. He doesn’t have the blood of the Vestigial Tribe, yet he’s rejected by the entire world. Marta, who is he?”

This Golden Ray Warrior also discovered Merlin's uniqueness with a single glance.

"Oh? This person is called Merlin. He's indeed unique. He has also been rejected by the Void Zone, so we can consider him an 'ally' of the Vestigial Tribe," Marta replied with a trace of self-deprecating humor.

"Ally? Haha, back when the Vestigial Tribe conquered the whole Void Zone, who was our ally? I want to see for myself, why has this person been rejected by the Void Zone? Perhaps, through him, we can find the Void Zone's weakness."

Larkin smirked. Killing was in his blood. In the past, he had led the Vestigial Tribe and killed countless powerful civilizations. The amount of blood on his hands was beyond imagination.

Therefore, he did not demonstrate any restraint towards Merlin and attacked immediately. In fact, he attacked to kill.

"Hum."

Merlin sensed the change in gravitational force around him and laughed. Larkin was wielding his gravitational field. However, this gravitational field no longer had any effect on Merlin.

Nevertheless, Merlin did not intend to back away. He believed that Marta wanted to see Merlin's power too. Unless he instilled a healthy dose of respect in them today, their future relationship would be strained.

Moreover, Merlin was curious to find out whether his Illusory World could affect the Golden Ray Warriors.

"The gravitational field cannot bind me."

Merlin grinned and gently extended a hand. The Illusory World swiftly enclosed Larkin. The Mind Power inside the Illusory World began to interact with the tangible world and unleashed a huge binding force.

"Bind!"

Inside Merlin's Illusory World, he was almost omnipotent. He even held the Illusory World's most unique power of natural order. Yet, this power of natural order had not been turned into reality, so it could not be used to attack an opponent. Thus, Merlin could only mobilize Mind Power's ability to interact with the tangible world and channel it to suppress the power of natural order wielded by the ultimate existences.

For the ordinary ultimate existences, including the fourth-grade Emperor-level existences, the suppression effects of Merlin's Illusory World were unmistakable and very effective. However, these Golden Ray Warriors consisted of pure power and did not have any power of natural order. Hence, the effect on them was almost negligible.

Merlin could only rely on the Illusory World's ability to interact with the tangible world to fight against them, which was very difficult.

"Rumble".

Larkin's destructive power was utterly terrifying. After all, he was a Golden Ray Warrior and also one of the three most powerful Golden Ray Warriors. He was suppressed and imprisoned by the ancient Thirty-six Emperors until today; even they could not kill him.

Merlin's Illusory World shook violently. Larkin's attack seemed even more destructive than the origin of natural order.

"Damn it!"

Merlin's face turned grim. His Illusory World was extensive and would not be affected with a bit of loss, plus destruction would give birth to new life, but he still had to maintain the balance between destruction and new life. Therefore, large-scale destruction like what Larkin was wreaking certainly would not be good for the Illusory World.

Merlin had no other way to stop Larkin now except to mobilize the most abundant Mind Power force. He wanted to experiment if it could influence these 'invincible' Golden Ray Warriors.

"Hallucinate!"

Instantly, the entire Illusory World transformed. Every power seemed to vanish without a trace as invisible Mind Power pervaded every opening and entered the Golden Ray Armor.

Although the Golden Ray Armor contained a mysterious energy that could obstruct the infiltration of Mind Power, Merlin's Mind Power was simply too powerful and pervasive. Even if the armor could withstand 10% of Mind Power, the remaining 90% still managed to infiltrate the Golden Ray Armor.

"What power is this?"

Larkin felt the invisible force as well, which made him very uncomfortable. As a Golden Ray Warrior, he already fused with the Golden Ray Armor, so he had never felt such an 'uncomfortable' sensation. It felt as if he would be separated from the Golden Ray Armor.

"Mind Control!"

Merlin gritted his teeth and decided to activate all of the Mind Power to infiltrate the Golden Ray Armor and control Larkin's mind.

"Damn, what power is this? I can't control myself..."

Larkin could still speak but he sensed that he could not control the rest of his body.

Meanwhile, Merlin was also under tremendous strain. Even though his Mind Power was able to infiltrate the Golden Ray Armor, there was not much left. The Golden Ray Armor was too powerful and managed to stop most of the Mind Power from entering.

Furthermore, when Merlin tried to use the small amount of Mind Power to exert Mind Control, he discovered that it was impossible for him to exercise complete control over a Golden Ray Warrior. The Golden Ray Warriors were different from the rest of the Vestigial Tribe because they had fused thoroughly with the Golden Ray Armor, including their consciousness.

As a matter of fact, they were similar to the Matrix. Although their 'intellect' still remained, it was hard to describe them as living creatures. The only reason Merlin's Mind Power could render some effect was simply because the Golden Ray Armors used to be an ordinary Vestigial Creatures and not a pure 'program' or 'intelligence' like the Matrix.

Therefore, they were still somewhat susceptible to Merlin's Hallucinating spells and Mind Control. Still, he could not progress further to control or entrap them.

Perhaps, in the future when Merlin's Illusory World grew bigger and comparable to the Void Zone, he would be able to use Mind Power to control these Golden Ray Warriors. For now, it was impossible.

"Larkin, come back!"

Suddenly, Marta roared. With a huge force, he grabbed Larkin, which indirectly disrupted Merlin's Mind Control attempt. The entire Illusory World trembled violently.

Merlin's Mind Power greatly diminished but it seemed like he had the upper hand throughout. Larkin, on the other hand, appeared to be horrified. Merlin caused him to feel as if he could not control the Golden Ray Armor. That was a very scary feeling. Additionally, even the ancient Thirty-six Emperors could not separate a Golden Ray Warrior from the Golden Ray Armor.

Hence, this feeling of losing control over the Golden Ray Armor gave Larkin an immense jolt.

"Mind Power! I know this is a very weak but mysterious ability. Back in the days, there were a few foreign tribe civilizations who tried using this mysterious ability to control us. It was very effective at the beginning but once they encountered the powerful Black Star Warriors, the ability became ineffective. Not to mention a Golden Ray Warrior. You, on the other hand, are very powerful. You've developed a Mind Power field that resembles a fort. We're constantly encased within your Mind Power field, right?"

Marta had been observing Merlin the whole time. In fact, he also wanted Larkin to test Merlin's capabilities. Otherwise, he would have stopped Larkin right from the start.

Marta's observation had been very comprehensive. He even noticed that Merlin had a fort-like Mind Power field.

"Mind Power field? This name is quite appropriate. That's right, it's quite similar to the Mind Power field you mentioned. The power I just used is Mind Power!"

Merlin did not hide that his power was not a Mind Power field but in fact a far more formidable world. This was the reason the Void Zone did not hesitate to reject Merlin.

“Turns out you have such a mysterious ability... Back then, although Mind Power was powerful, it was not too intimidating since it could not affect our Black Star Warriors. However, your Mind Power field is strong enough to affect the Golden Ray Warriors. Now I understand why you would be rejected by the entire Void Zone. It’s because you are a threat to the Void Zone’s natural order,” Marta said thoughtfully.

Merlin’s had a flash of inspiration. His whole purpose of following Marta and these Golden Ray Warriors was to understand more about the Void Zone’s natural order. This was a good opportunity.

“So, what is the Void Zone’s natural order actually? The Vestigial Tribe is a civilization born within the Void Zone, why would you be rejected by the Void Zone?”

Merlin stared straight at Marta and asked. This was the question he desired to know the most.

Perhaps by knowing why the Vestigial Tribe was rejected, Merlin could gain some insight regarding the mechanism of the Latitude Cosmos, which would subsequently help transform his Illusory World from illusion into reality.

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“The Void Zone’s natural order is actually quite easy to understand. You can view it as a simple code. The reason it exists is to ensure the ongoing operation of the Void Zone. So, its job is very simple, which is to keep the balance!”

“In order to keep the balance of the entire Void Zone... Perhaps, from our perspective, the Void Zone is infinitely vast and extensive. Even the ultimate existences could never travel across the entire Void Zone. However in reality, no matter how extensive the Void Zone is, every corner is filled with civilizations of all shapes and sizes. Various life-forms are scattered throughout the Void Zone.”

“When a civilization grows to a certain extent, the Void Zone may decide that it could no longer sustain it and become overwhelmed. As a result, it will balance the Void Zone.

“And the Vestigial Tribe was born precisely because the Void Zone wanted to balance out those countless foreign tribe civilizations...”

Marta’s words struck Merlin like a deafening blow. He was completely dumbstruck.

This was utterly ludicrous beyond any imagination. The incredibly powerful Vestigial Tribe civilization was considered to be ‘crafted’ by the Void Zone. It was simply unbelievable.

However, the so-called balance that Marta described was very familiar to Merlin. It was because he gained enlightenment about balance, that his Illusory World was completely perfected. Therefore, balance was essential in a world.

Nevertheless, in order to keep balance, the Void Zone actually gave birth to a powerful civilization like the ‘Void Zone’. Later, it even ‘rejected’ the Vestigial Tribe and encouraged other foreign tribe civilizations to join forces and fight against the Vestigial Tribe.

Ultimately, all of this was to restore balance. In order to purge the foreign tribe civilizations from the Void Zone, countless life-forms were killed in the massive war. In the end, the Vestigial Tribe was exterminated and the entire Void Zone suffered a devastating blow. Countless foreign tribe civilizations had disappeared.

Marta saw the look of disbelief on Merlin’s face and smiled wryly. “Ridiculous, right? Back then, we too didn’t think that it would be so. We thought that we were much stronger than all the other civilizations, that we can become the masters of the Void Zone, and that nothing could determine our destiny. But, in the end, this is our outcome. Our appearance in itself was a by-product of the Void Zone... However, the Void Zone doesn’t have too strong of a consciousness. It simply plays by the rules, so some degree of oversight is expected. The three of us are such oversights of the Void Zone.”

“Originally, the entire Void Zone should have been wiped out, leaving no drop of blood behind. However, because the three of us achieved 100% compatibility with the Golden Ray Armor and the ancient Thirty-six Emperors were no match for the absolute strength of the Golden Ray Armor, we survived. Today, we finally escaped. Now that I’ve met you, I’m somewhat uncertain, did the Void Zone mess up again?”

Marta's eyes flashed with a trace of hesitation. He was indeed confused. Merlin's emergence was simply too bizarre. Was the Void Zone trying to regain balance again? Otherwise, why would a person rejected by the world emerge?

Merlin immediately understood Marta's meaning. Obviously, anyone who was rejected by the Void Zone was extraordinary. In other words, a deliberate product of the Void Zone.

However, previously, it was because the Void Zone was too prosperous and the foreign tribe civilizations were too numerous, that the Void Zone had to keep the balance. After the catastrophe wreaked by the Vestigial Tribe, many civilizations had been wiped out. Even some of the Thirty-six Emperors were dead or missing and the number of fourth-grade Emperor-level existences diminished greatly. Such a situation proved that the Void Zone had not reverted to the glorious era as it used to be prior to the Vestigial Tribe war, so why would it need to balance itself once again?

"The Void Zone... I'm definitely not deliberately created by the Void Zone, because I'm not a life-form born in the Void Zone. I'm a discrepancy!"

Several thoughts flashed through Merlin's head. He remembered how frantically the origin of the natural order tried to destroy his Illusory World and kill him. Merlin grew more certain. The Void Zone did not have the ability to incorporate Merlin, who was from another Latitude Cosmos, into the Void Zone. He was the only discrepancy in the entire Void Zone!

"No matter what methods the Void Zone may employ, it cannot kill us. Now, let's rescue Myron!"

Marta took a long look at Merlin. The future of the three greatest warriors of the Vestigial Tribe now seemed foggier than before due to Merlin's appearance.

"What if the Vestigial Tribe won? Would they be able to overcome the natural order?"

Looking at Marta and Larkin's backs, a bold idea appeared in Merlin's head. If the Vestigial Tribe represented the power of destruction and the power of destruction overshadowed the power of new life, what would the Void Zone look like under the rule of the Vestigial Tribe?

Would there be a chance of overcoming the natural order?

“The Void Zone would collapse! That will be true destruction...”

Titus’ voice resounded. Everything that Merlin saw now, Titus could also see.

Merlin fell silent. Indeed, if the Vestigial Tribe won and ruled the entire Void Zone, then it would face true destruction. One after another, the dimensions would be exhausted, until one day, the Void Zone would collapse and be destroyed.

“So how do you overcome the natural order? How to transcend beyond the natural order?”

Merlin could hardly imagine, how could a life-form born in the Void Zone overcome the natural order? Perhaps, Aruba also managed to overcome the natural order due to a series of coincidences, which allowed him to become a Latitude traveler that transcended beyond the Latitude Cosmos.

“Merlin, you don’t have to overcome the natural order. You merely have to turn your Illusory World from illusion into reality. Your path is completely different from Aruba!”

Although Titus’ achievements were no longer superior to Merlin, he had been watching Merlin each step of the way. Naturally, he understood Merlin crystal clear.

The Illusory World was Merlin’s foundation. Turning that illusion into a reality was the current path that Merlin had to follow. Unfortunately, until now, Merlin still did not know how to achieve it. Thus, he could only follow Marta and Larkin, the two Golden Ray Warriors of the Vestigial Tribe. Perhaps, he would encounter some different experiences that would help him see the path of turning illusion into reality.

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Within an unknown place inside the Void Zone, there was a horrifying vortex that seemed to swallow everything around it. Even the ultimate existences dare not step foot near this place.

However, deep inside this vortex was a stable subspace.

The subspace contained only one huge palace. The palace was decorated plainly, but at this particular moment, inside the palace stood nine different-looking contenders with powerful auras.

These people seemed to all emit fluctuations of fourth-grade Emperors. The threads of power of the natural order on their bodies were so dense, that they were practically condensed into a ball. Their connection with the origin of the natural order was interconnected beyond imagination, far stronger than the ordinary fourth-grade ultimate existences.

“Blue Emperor, why have you summoned all of us here?”

“Blue Emperor, ever since the Vestigial Tribe catastrophe passed, we’ve rarely gathered together. You’ve woken the eight of us from our deep slumber, what is the reason?”

It turned out that these nine people were nine of the ancient Thirty-six Emperors. Besides the Blue Emperor, the other eight had to be woken up from their deep slumber.

The man known as the Blue Emperor had a handsome face and his entire body shimmered with a pale blue glow. At their realm, they would simply be slumbering unless there was a big issue, similar to a Slothful Beast.

The Blue Emperor would be in deep slumber too, but it was his turn to observe the situation of the entire Void Zone. Back then, after the war, only nine of the Thirty-six Emperors were left. So, they reached an agreement that no matter what, one Emperor-level existence must remain to look after the situation of the Void Zone. The Blue Emperor was in charge of the current one hundred million years. Only 6,800,000 years had passed, so it was still a long time away to the end of one hundred million years.

Waking the eight Emperor-level existences on such short notice, they were noticeably unhappy.

Nonetheless, the Blue Emperor’s expression was extremely grim. In a deep voice, he said, “Everyone, Marta and Larkin have broken free. They must be on their way to rescue Myron. Due to the severity of this matter, I must wake everyone up to discuss.”

As soon as the Blue Emperor spoke, the entire palace fell into a dead silence. The faces of the Emperor-level existences who were filled with dissatisfaction earlier were now replaced with

shock. Of course, they knew who Marta, Larkin, and Myron were. These three people were personally suppressed by them.

Now that they had broken free, it was a very serious matter.

“What else can we do? The Vestigial Tribe has been destroyed, and we’ve imprisoned the three of them for so long but still failed to kill them. Even if we rush there now, what use would that be? Furthermore, there’s only nine of us left.”

“Nine? Hehe, don’t forget how we got the title of Thirty-six Emperors in the first place? As long as the Void Zone wills it, brand-new Thirty-six Emperors can be birthed.”

One of the Emperor-level existences fell silent. Obviously, the words struck a chord. To many other people, the almighty Thirty-six Emperors transcended above the ordinary Emperor-level existences.

In reality? Only the ancient Thirty-six Emperors knew where their powers come from. Their special strength was simply bestowed to them by the Void Zone.

As long as the Void Zone agreed to bestow these powers, any ordinary fourth-grade Emperor-level existences could immediately become one of the ancient Thirty-six Emperors.

The reason why there were Thirty-six Emperors was probably because the Void Zone could only sustain thirty-six of such powerful existences.

Of course, there were sacrifices to be made in exchange for the strength they obtained. The Thirty-six Emperors’ sacrifice was to become part of the Void Zone and to protect it.

“The Void Zone did not give us any instructions. This means that the three Golden Ray Warriors won’t pose a threat to the Void Zone. Don’t worry, so what if they escaped? As long as they don’t go crazy and slaughter indiscriminately, it’s fine. Moreover, should things spiral out of control, the Void Zone would naturally give birth to other Thirty-six Emperors...”

After a lengthy discussion between the nine Emperor-level existences, they agreed to pay close attention to the movements of the three Golden Ray Warriors, but not to engage them directly.

Chapter 894: Prelude

Marta and Larkin both seemed able to navigate the endless dark territory as they walked ahead steadily.

“Marta, does the Vestigial Tribe know the secret of the dark territory?” Merlin, who was following behind Marta, asked suddenly.

“How would we know all the secrets of the dark territory? But we do know a few things. This dark territory is probably more extensive than the entire Void Zone but it is covered by the power of the natural order, so most likely, it belongs to the Void Zone. As to what is inside, no one knows. Back then, the Vestigial Tribe conquered the entire Void Zone but we never set foot in the dark territory.”

Merlin nodded. The dark territory was indeed mysterious. However, he had never even traveled across the Void Zone, what more the dark territory?

Merlin observed Marta and Larkin carefully. They were indeed flying toward a specific direction. Most probably via some unique positioning method, they were able to know Myron’s general vicinity.

“By the way, when both of you escaped, Marta had a watchman. How come there was no watchman when Larkin escaped?”

Merlin thought of a detail. Rightfully, these watchmen were supposed to guard over the Vestigial Tribe’s Golden Ray Warriors Marta and Larkin, so they would not disappear for no reason.

“That watchman left a long time ago,” Larkin replied coldly.

Merlin was taken aback as a possibility struck him.

“Does this mean that the ancient Thirty-six Emperors know that you’ve escaped?”

Merlin knew that behind the watchmen were the ancient Thirty-six Emperors. Until now, Merlin had never met any of the real Thirty-six Emperors. Back then, the Purple Emperor and the Flare Emperor merely left behind some items.

It was only when the Honorable God Blackfrost released some of the Darkness God Emperor's power that Merlin got some exposure.

"Of course they know. But again, so what if the ancient Thirty-six Emperors know?"

Though they had been imprisoned by the Thirty-six Emperors in the first place, Larkin and Marta seemed unafraid of the ancient Thirty-six Emperors.

"Back then, the Thirty-six Emperors outnumbered us. Although they managed to imprison us, they were unable to kill us. Now, many of them have died and are injured. What is there to be afraid of? Furthermore, they're not stupid. They wouldn't care unless we start another massacre," Marta replied solemnly, as if in deep thought.

Merlin frowned. He did not understand what Marta meant, but the ancient Thirty-six Emperors were indeed peculiar. It was impossible that they did not know Marta and Larkin had escaped after such a long time.

However, they had not appeared. Most likely, it was not that they did not know, but instead, were unwilling to show up.

Merlin's knowledge of what happened in the past was extremely limited, plus he had never met the ancient Thirty-six Emperors. Hence, it was normal for him to be doubtful.

Merlin followed Marta and Larkin doubtfully. Soon, they arrived at the last white halo and everything looked peaceful. Merlin scanned the surroundings with his Mind Power and did not find any watchman.

"It seems like the ancient Thirty-six Emperors have indeed found out. Even the watchman has been recalled."

A trace of suspicion arose in Merlin's heart. The relationship between these three Vestigial Tribe's Golden Ray Warriors and the Thirty-six Emperors was definitely not as simple as common enemies.

The calmness inside the white halo was soon torn apart by Marta. He shouted, “Myron, wake up!”

Subsequently, Larkin threw a fist in the direction of the white halo. Just like how he initially escaped, the white halo cracked and shattered.

“Boom”.

The mist inside the white halo was released and the entire dark territory seemed to be quaking.

“How many years have passed, I’ve finally broken free... Marta, Larkin, have you come to rescue me?”

A low, hoarse voice sounded. From the heart of the quake, a burly figure emerged. His body also exuded a terrifying aura.

“Myron, we’ve come to rescue you!”

This burly figure was none other than the last of the three great warriors, Myron. The energy on his body seemed adequate and he was the calmest of the lot. He was not at all as violent as Larkin.

“I knew you were coming. The watchman already told me.”

Myron’s words startled Larkin and Marta.

After a while, Marta calmed down and said, “They made the right decision. In the war back then, both the Vestigial Tribe and the ancient Thirty-six Emperors were mere sacrifices. Sacrifices to restore balance to the Void Zone!”

Despite his indifferent tone, there was a hint of frigidness.

“Anyway, since they don’t want to cause any trouble, we don’t have to pay any attention to them either. Now that the three of us are free, what’s our plan?” Myron seemed composed as he asked.

“Plan?”

Larkin shook his head helplessly. If it was a slaughter, he would stand at the foremost, but making plans and strategizing was not his forte. He simply looked at Marta.

Moreover, Marta seemed to be the unofficial leader of the three of them.

“The Vestigial Tribe has been wiped out, there’s just the three of us left. What can we do? We can’t even call ourselves a true Vestigial Creature anymore. We’ve completely fused with the Golden Ray Armor, producing an heir is practically impossible...”

Marta’s words turned the atmosphere gloomy. The once incredibly glorious Vestigial Tribe had been wiped out, leaving only the three of them. Even then, they could not revive the entire Vestigial Tribe civilization.

“So what do we do? Do we just live forever surrounded by loneliness?”

Larkin’s temper was a little violent. If he had to live the rest of his life alone, he might as well stay imprisoned. Sometimes, a long aimless life was a terrible prospect.

“Of course now. Although we cannot revive the Vestigial Tribe, we must still fulfill the Vestigial Tribe’s unfinished goal, which was to overcome the constraints of the Void Zone!”

A look of determination appeared on Marta’s face. Larkin and Myron turned their gaze towards Marta.

“Marta, tell us, we’ll follow you as our leader!” Larkin replied instantly.

“Great, then, let’s go to the origin of the natural order!”

“The origin of the natural order?”

Larkin's eyes sparkled, but Merlin's brows were wrinkled. Merlin could feel the omnipresent origin of the natural order everywhere in the Void Zone. How could it be found in a specific place?

"Marta, you can find the origin of the natural order?"

Merlin's heart skipped a beat as he asked. If they could locate the origin of the natural order, he would certainly follow. That was the source of the entire Void Zone's power; the real core of the Void Zone.

No matter what, Merlin must go there and understand the mechanisms of a Latitude Cosmos. If he could unearth the secrets of a true Latitude Cosmos, then surely it would help him turn the Illusory World from an illusion into reality. Maybe, it could also give him some inspiration.

"The origin of the natural order, of course we can find it. Actually back then, the Vestigial Tribe already discovered the origin of the natural order. We wanted to enter it but were involved in the massive war against the other civilizations. Unfortunately, all three of us were trapped by some other Emperor-level existences. Hence, despite knowing how to enter the origin of the natural order, we did not manage to accomplish it. Otherwise, based on our 100% compatibility with the Golden Ray Armor, perhaps we could have turned the situation around..."

Merlin shook his head. If the Vestigial Tribe managed to turn the situation around, then the entire Void Zone would fall apart. How could a Latitude Cosmos filled with destruction continue to survive?

Perhaps the three great warriors understood this concept or perhaps they did not understand. Regardless, they did not want to delve in further and simply perceived matters from a different vantage point.

"If you can enter the origin of the natural order, bring me along!" Merlin said in a deep voice, his expression serious.

"You? Merlin, although you've been rejected by the Void Zone, you're not like us. With your ability, even the Thirty-six Emperors cannot defeat you easily. You just have to be more cautious and the Void Zone will remain relatively safe. On the other hand, the origin of the natural order is the core of the entire Void Zone. Anyone who dares to enter it would encounter a furious attack from the entire Void Zone. You have to think about this clearly," Marta said gravely.

“Furious attack? I’ve already gotten a taste of a portion of the origin of the natural order’s powers. How can I possibly miss the opportunity to examine the core of the Void Zone close-up?”

Merlin did not hesitate and would not retreat. He had a premonition that, unless he saw the operation of a Latitude Cosmos and understood its true secret, his Illusory World would never be turned into reality.

“Haha, alright, then we’ll go together. However this time, those Thirty-six Emperors would probably stop us at all costs. You better be prepared.”

Once Marta finished speaking, he transformed into a stream of light and flew out of the dark territory towards the depth of the Void Zone.

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“What? You said they’re actually going to search for the origin of the natural order?”

The nine Emperor-level existences revealed faces of disbelief. They, of course, knew the significance of the natural order’s origin. It would definitely shake the whole Void Zone.

If there was any damage to the origin of the natural order, the Void Zone might even collapse entirely. The origin of the natural order was the power source of the Void Zone; its heart and its core.

Back then, the Vestigial Tribe discovered the origin of the natural order, which forced the ancient Thirty-six Emperors to face the most brutal war. Even thinking about it now, it was incredibly vicious. They did not want to experience another war like that ever again.

Nevertheless, now that Marta and the others were searching for the origin of the natural order, they had no other choice.

“The Void Zone is already beginning to affect us... I’m afraid more Emperor-level existences will become part of the new Thirty-six Emperors. Let’s go first. No matter what, we cannot allow them to breach the origin of the natural order.”

The Blue Emperor stared at the depths of the Void Zone and sighed silently. The three Golden Ray Warriors had not given up, so they had no choice but to fight. Still, how many of the nine Emperor-level existences would remain after this?

Subsequently, the nine Emperor-level existences triggered the power of the natural order and disappeared into the depths of the Void Zone.

Chapter 895: The Gateway of the Natural Order!

Merlin was steering the Aurora warship as he followed closely behind the three Golden Ray Warriors in search of the natural order's origin. Although he could sense the origin of the natural order, he could not sense its specific location. He could only sense that it was almost omnipresent and its power was everywhere.

The truth was, the origin of the natural order possessed a core that contained infinite energy. It was also the core of the entire Void Zone. Its location was also not fixed, as it floated all around the Void Zone, just like how the Glorious Land used to be when it was sealed by the three Arcane Wizards.

Marta and the others could detect the general vicinity of the origin of the natural order but needed some time to search for it. However, to these people, tens or even hundreds of years were considered a very short time.

Therefore, Merlin immersed his consciousness inside the Illusory World after setting the Aurora warship to follow after Marta and the group automatically.

The Illusory World was his foundation. Although he still had no idea how to turn the illusion into a reality, he must at least make the Illusory World more powerful.

Ever since the Illusory World was perfected, it expanded even faster than before. Moreover, the expansion was very stable, so Merlin did not have to worry about the problems the expansion might cause if the rate of expansion was too fast.

At that point, the Illusory World was very huge but still less than one percent of the Void Zone, so it still needed to expand continuously. Previously, Merlin allowed the Illusory World to expand at its own pace but now that they were embroiled in a long search for the origin of the natural order, he had nothing much to do. Therefore, he made use of his Mind Power to help the Illusory World expand further.

Merlin's consciousness immediately merged with the Illusory World. The feeling of controlling a world was truly wonderful. At this moment, Merlin felt like he had surpassed the ultimate existences. The entire Illusory World, along with hundreds of billions of creatures, countless stars and planets, and all kinds of strange and peculiar sights appeared in Merlin's mind.

Merlin was well-aware that all of these were still illusory, meaning that if he died, all of them would collapse. He still had no way of making all these real.

Even though they were illusory, Merlin still relished the feeling of being in control. His consciousness enveloped the entire Void Zone and with a tick of his heart, his immense Mind Power tirelessly helped the Illusory World's expansion.

An Illusory World, especially at this stage, was like an infant. Merlin could personally witness its growth and maturity until it eventually reaches full maturity.

Meanwhile, the Illusory Tribe civilization inside the Illusory World had also recovered from the devastating invasion of the power of the natural order the last time. By design, they were the hegemon of the Illusory World, the most advanced and powerful civilization of all. Therefore, they immediately restarted their development.

However, the Illusory World was no longer the same as before. There were a myriad of dangerous situations that were challenging even for the Illusory Tribe civilization.

For example, black holes. Some of the celestial bodies' black holes were so terrifying that even the Illusory Tribe's most advanced methods could not escape the devouring of the gigantic black holes.

Prior to this, such occurrences were unimaginable. Before the devastating catastrophe, the Illusory Tribe civilization were practically the masters of the entire Illusory World. They were able to conquer any civilization and any planet and were even able to transform any celestial bodies.

Now, on the other hand, they realized that they had to move cautiously before the daunting celestial bodies. If they did not pay close attention, a tragedy could befall them.

Furthermore, after the great destruction, other civilizations began to develop as well. There was no longer a huge gap between them and the Illusory Tribe civilization. Instead, each of the various civilizations had their distinctive characteristics.

In short, the entire Illusory World had changed dramatically and was no longer as monotonous as before. Perhaps it looked chaotic, but this balanced path was essential for a healthy world.

Merlin could clearly sense that ever since he made some adjustments to the Illusory World, it became stronger than before. In fact, even the Illusory World's power of the natural order was strengthened. Remarkably, the healthy development of a world would correspondingly strengthen its power of the natural order.

“Is it also the same for the Void Zone?”

Merlin immediately associated it with the Void Zone. This was a huge Latitude Cosmos. It did not hesitate to maintain the balance of this world at all costs, so maybe it was to ensure that the Void Zone could develop healthily.

A healthy and developing world could continue to enhance its power of the natural order. As a result, the stronger the power of the natural order, the more powerful its ultimate existences would be; like the Thirty-six Emperors.

As for the Thirty-six Emperors and the rest of the ultimate existences, their fates were interconnected with the Void Zone. They would rise and fall together!

Following Merlin's assisted expansion of the Illusory World, the entire Illusory World expanded rapidly. Now that Merlin understood the importance of ensuring a balanced world, he also created some unique and powerful civilizations that could challenge the Illusory Tribe civilization during the expansion process.

Moreover, Merlin no longer paid special attention to the Illusory Tribe civilization and even stripped away their role as the 'main characters' of the Illusory World. Thus, the Illusory Tribe civilization would no longer be as lucky as before. Whatever progress the Illusory Tribe civilization made would be entirely dependent on their own effort.

As the master of the Illusory World, Merlin had this ability!

Most probably, when the Vestigial Tribe first arose, they were given the role of ‘main characters’ by the Void Zone. Thus, all kinds of lucky encounters befell them and empowered them to conquer the entire Void Zone.

However, they did not know that the Void Zone was simply trying to achieve balance, with the Vestigial Tribe as the ‘destructive’ force. Then afterward, the Void Zone stripped away the Vestigial Tribe’s role as ‘main characters.’ Consequently, the Vestigial Tribe lost their immunity and under the leadership of the Thirty-six Emperors, were jointly attacked by countless foreign tribe civilizations. Finally, the Vestigial Tribe was exterminated.

All of these were deliberately set in motion by the Void Zone in order to achieve balance!

Through the development of the Illusory World, Merlin suddenly understood many of the Void Zone’s secrets. The truth was, no one else could provide him any guidance or useful experiences at his level. Even if Aruba were to mentor him personally, it would not be useful to Merlin. This was because the path he chose had never been traveled. Therefore, he had to explore every step by himself.

If he took a wrong turn, the result might be irreparable!

Fortunately, Merlin was very cautious. The path he took was to control a world. Although this world was illusory, his objective was to turn it from an illusion into a reality. Hence, using a real Latitude Cosmos like the Void Zone as a comparison, Merlin continued to make adjustments to his Illusory World.

The effects had been promising and even helped him carve out the most critical step needed to perfect the Illusory World. Right now, he was constantly consolidating the Illusory World to improve and strengthen it even further.

For the next step, Merlin wanted to examine the origin of the natural order for himself. The core power of the Void Zone. If he could gain some understanding from that process, it would certainly be beneficial to his Illusory World.

Perhaps, it could even help Merlin discover another most critical step!

“Hum.”

Suddenly, the Aurora warship jolted slightly. Merlin immediately woke up from the Illusory World. He looked up. In front of him, Marta, Larkin and Myron had all stopped.

“Have we arrived?”

Merlin extended his Mind Power outwards. He saw that Marta and the others were gazing towards a half-hidden lighted door. This lighted door measured tens of thousands of meters. Even a warship would be able to pass through it easily.

However, this was only a lighted door that loomed vaguely. Merlin’s Mind Power could not investigate beyond it.

“This is the entrance to the origin of the natural order, called the gateway of the natural order! According to legends, once you step past this gateway, you will be able to access the entire Void Zone’s secrets.”

There was a tinge of heaviness in Marta’s voice. The legends about the gateway of the natural order had been popular even back in the ancient times when the Vestigial Tribe were most glorious.

“Back then, all the top-level contenders of the Vestigial Tribe acted together. Other than the three of us who were otherwise engaged, the rest of them went to search for the gateway of the natural order. However, before this door, they suffered a vicious massacre. The Void Zone gathered all of the Thirty-six Emperors and we lost that battle!” Larkin said, gnashing his teeth.

Nevertheless, this indirectly proved the significance placed by the Void Zone on the origin of the natural order. Just at the gateway of the natural order, it had already summoned the most powerful force to stop the Vestigial Tribe’s exploration.

Behind this gateway of the natural order was the biggest secret of the Void Zone. Merlin was immediately excited and flew out of the Aurora warship to stand beside Marta and the others.

“Is there any danger behind the gateway of the natural order? Why aren’t we going it?”

Merlin could not wait to enter and uncover the secret of the Void Zone. Perhaps, it would help him turn his Illusory World into reality.

“Of course there’s no danger behind the gateway of the natural order, but the danger lies in the Thirty-six Emperors! Do you think the Void Zone will allow us to pass through the gateway of the natural order so easily?”

Marta’s reply was filled with mockery and his tone was incredibly hostile. His gaze was trained at a random territory outside the gateway of the natural order, seemingly discovering something.

Merlin also strained his eyes. Under the careful investigation of his pervasive Mind Power, he sensed that the power of the natural order in this place was unusually concentrated. However, seeing as the gateway was the entrance to the origin of the natural order, what was so strange about a higher concentration of the power of the natural order?

“Hehe, Merlin, you’re not a Golden Ray Warrior and had never fought the Thirty-six Emperors. Naturally, you don’t know their tactics. They are basically the embodiment of the origin of the natural order. As long as the origin of the natural order has sufficient capacity, it can produce countless existences like the Thirty-six Emperors. The Thirty-six Emperors consist of mere ordinary Emperor-level existences but because the origin of the natural order needed their help, it bestowed them with special abilities. Thus, the Thirty-six Emperors were born. Do you understand now?”

Merlin’s was shocked. He kept hearing of the distinguished ancient Thirty-six Emperors, but he never knew the difference between the Thirty-six Emperors and ordinary Emperor-level existences.

It was only now that he achieved an epiphany. The Thirty-six Emperors were simply supported by the Void Zone, which enabled them to mobilize a greater portion of the origin of the natural order. As a result, they transcended beyond the ordinary Emperor-level existences.

Therefore, the Thirty-six Emperors could be perceived as the embodiment of the origin of the natural order. They were completely integrated with the power of the natural order. While Merlin could detect the power of the natural order, he could not distinguish the Thirty-six Emperors who were hidden inside it.

Only these Golden Ray Warriors, who were undoubtedly familiar with the Thirty-six Emperors, could see through their concealment.

“Marta, Larkin, Myron, the massive war has ended and the Vestigial Tribe has been exterminated. Since you’ve broken free, why stir up another fuss?”

Sure enough, as soon as Marta finished speaking, nine unfamiliar silhouettes appeared from the gateway of the natural order.

Chapter 896 Nine Emperors Versus the Vestigial Tribe!

These nine silhouettes were none other than the nine Emperor-level existences led by the Blue Emperor. There were only nine out of the original Thirty-six Emperors.

It was Merlin’s first time seeing powerful existences such as the Thirty-six Emperors. True enough, they were very different from the watchman. Back then, the watchman was also a fourth-grade Emperor-level existence. The threads of the natural order that were connected to his body were completely frayed and could not be detached.

On the other hand, the ancient Thirty-six Emperors no longer had any threads of the natural order. This was because their bodies had been fully integrated with the natural order’s origin and became a part of it. They could even be seen as the origin of the natural order’s avatars.

This was the price the Thirty-six Emperors had to pay in order to have more power and transcend above the ordinary fourth-grade Emperor-level existences. There was only one way, which was to become part of the origin of the natural order.

Of course, with great power comes great responsibility. Their responsibility was to maintain the smooth operation of the Void Zone and keep its balance. If there was any trace of a threat to the Void Zone’s balance, they must destroy it.

Prior to this, despite the three great Golden Ray Warriors’ escape, they did not cause any massive bloodshed, so the nine Emperor-level existences could choose to turn a blind eye. Even though they were a part of the origin of the natural order, they would not care unless they were compelled.

However, the three Golden Ray Warriors intended to enter the origin of the natural order. They wanted to achieve the Vestigial Tribe’s goal of crossing the gateway of the natural order and into the natural order’s origin.

The origin of the natural order was the foundation of the entire Void Zone. No matter what, the Void Zone would not allow the three Golden Ray Warriors to enter its origin. Thus, the nine Emperor-level existences were sent to stop them.

“Stir up trouble? Haha, the three of us were imprisoned by you for over billions of years, and the Vestigial Tribe was exterminated. Yet you say that we’re stirring up trouble? We all know that this whole saga is unrelated to you. Whether it’s the Vestigial Tribe, you guys, or even the rest of the life-forms in the Void Zone, all our actions are dictated by a higher power. But, precisely for that reason, we want to enter the origin of the natural order.”

“What benefit would you obtain from destroying the origin of the natural order? If that happens, the entire Void Zone will collapse. You won’t survive either...”

Both sides were ready to engage, but no one attacked.

“Who said that we are going to destroy the origin of the natural order? We just want to enter to see the core of the Void Zone that the Vestigial Tribe did not manage to see. All we want is to break free of its control.”

The Blue Emperor shook his head. “Regardless, you’re not allowed to enter the origin of the natural order!”

The nine Emperor-level existences emitted a magnificent aura, especially since the gateway of the natural order behind them seemed to radiate traces of the power of the natural order which fortified the nine Emperor-level existences. The origin of the natural order was increasing their power levels.

When the Vestigial Tribe tried to enter the origin of the natural order the last time, the same thing happened in the battle outside the gateway. The origin of the natural order enhanced the Thirty-six Emperors’ power, causing a massive defeat to the Vestigial Tribe. That single battle had determined the outcome of the war.

Therefore, the Vestigial Tribe failed to enter the origin of the natural order until they lost the war. Now that the three great Golden Ray Warriors had broken free, they simply wanted to fulfill the Vestigial Tribe’s dream.

“Haha, can you stop us?”

When he saw the nine Emperor-level existences, Marta laughed. At the same time, along Larkin and Myron, who had already replenished their energy levels, the three Golden Ray Armors began to balloon up. All of their bodies radiated a dazzling golden glow.

Every single inch of this golden glow was capable of disintegrating the power of the natural order and could destroy countless numbers of dimensions. Even the fourth-grade ultimate existences could not withstand a single blow from the Golden Ray Warriors.

Only the Thirty-six Emperors, who were the avatars of the origin of the natural order and possessed an endless stream of power, as well as able to mobilize the origin of the natural order, could possibly challenge the Golden Ray Warriors!”

“Fight!”

Marta was far more impressive than a Titan Giant. A single punch released a terrifying force that swept across every direction and smashed multiple layers of the natural order’s power. The ancient Thirty-six Emperors’ powers of the natural order, which had been condensed to the limit, transformed into a huge shield that blocked Marta’s punch.

However, Marta did not stop at a single punch. Following after the first punch was hundreds and thousands of punches. Every single blow consisted of pure power. Although such an attack would consume an immense amount of energy, the Golden Ray Armor demonstrated its resilient nature. They were able to transmute the power of the natural order into energy.

Therefore, they too were in no shortage of energy. The fight was very intense, which was why back in the day, even the Thirty-six Emperors were unwilling to engage these Golden Ray Warriors in battle.

“Boom”.

The three Golden Ray Warriors triggered a huge explosion with unparalleled force. The nine Emperor-level existences were knocked into the air. Although they did not die, the power gap was apparent.

In terms of absolute power, the three Golden Ray Warriors held an unmistakable advantage. Their explosive power, in particular, shocked Merlin to no end. He would much rather face an Emperor-level existence than a Golden Ray Warrior.

Nevertheless, these nine Emperor-level Warriors were still the illustrious Thirty-six Emperors, so their abilities were not so inadequate. Naturally, they had access to special tactics beyond the abilities of ordinary Emperor-level existences.

“Origin of the natural order, bind!”

The Blue Emperor roared. An apparition of a halo which contained the origin of the natural order coalesced above his head. Following that, the threads of the natural order began to tremble mightily.

The thread flew towards the three Golden Ray Warriors. Moreover, the other eight Emperor-level existences began to wield their strongest power too. Distinct apparitions of the origin of the natural order coalesced above their heads respectively.

This was the most unique ability of the Thirty-six Emperors. They were able to mobilize the origin of the natural order’s power, in other words, the Void Zone’s power!

Originally, the threads of the natural order would not change. Merlin only knew that these threads were somehow linked to the natural order’s origin.

Right now, however, the origin of the natural order was astonishingly able to manipulate these threads. Hence, it was able to bind its enemies invisibly. This was the inherent weakness of all life-forms born in the Void Zone. No matter what, they could be suppressed by the origin of the natural order.

Multiple threads of the natural order swiftly entangled Marta and the others. Despite the brilliant radiance of the Golden Ray Armor, they could sense the strain and could not break free from the threads’ bondages.

“You don’t have to struggle anymore. These contain the power of the natural order. Every time we use this power actually causes a huge loss to the origin of the natural order, so we don’t want to use it. But you leave us with no choice. When you broke free, we wanted to give you a chance, as long as you don’t commit any massive bloodshed. However, it seems like we can’t let you go free. We will just have to imprison you forever...”

When that sentence ended, the nine Emperor-level existences flew towards Marta and the others. If these three Golden Ray Warriors were like the other ordinary Golden Ray Warriors who had not achieved 100% compatibility with the Golden Ray Armor, they would certainly be separated and killed.

However, the three of them were completely fused with their Golden Ray Armors, so they were very difficult to kill. Thus, they could only be suppressed and imprisoned.

“You want to imprison us again? Impossible, I will not allow you...”

The dazzling golden rays on Marta, Larkin, and Myron grew more intense and the Golden Ray Armors continued to expand. They, too, threw all caution to the wind and unleashed all their powers. For a split second, the pure power began to struggle against the threads of the natural order.

“This is bad, I can’t hold them for long. Let’s work together to imprison them!”

The Blue Emperor’s face shifted. Everyone could see that Marta and the others had unleashed their full power. It was a final act of desperation, but also very effective. They were able to break free of the suppression.

“We’ve exhausted our power as well unless the origin of the natural order gives us more power!”

“Yes, only with the origin of the natural order’s power, it will be possible for us to suppress these three Golden Ray Warriors.”

These Emperor-level existences turned their gaze towards the enormous gateway. That was the gateway of the natural order, and behind it, was the true core of the entire Void Zone!

As if able to sense the thoughts of these nine Emperor-level existences, the gateway of the natural order began to hum. At the same time, an overwhelming aura emerged from the gateway of the natural order.

This overwhelming aura contained a sense of geniality to everyone, except for Merlin, Marta, and the others, who instead felt uncomfortably suppressed. They felt suppressed by this aura, which was the purest power of the origin of the natural order.

With the support of this aura, the apparitions above the heads of the Blue Emperor and the others became stronger and solidified several folds. Their power was stronger than before.

The nine of them combined their powers and the threads of the natural order once again suppressed Marta and the others with a vengeance.

“Haha, the origin of the natural order has given us power.”

“In the Void Zone, the origin of the natural order is forever our strongest fort!”

The nine Emperor-level existences were overjoyed. The origin of the natural order had not responded to their requests for a long time. Unexpectedly, this time, it lent them its supportive powers. This also proved that the three Golden Ray Armors were actual threats to the origin of the natural order.

Marta and the others were gradually suppressed and bound. At this time, Marta looked towards Merlin and shouted, “Merlin, you’re also rejected by the Void Zone. This is the best opportunity for you to enter the origin of the natural order. Once you miss this opportunity, you’ll never be able to enter. What are you waiting for?”

“Whoosh”.

As soon as Marta’s voice fell, the nine Emperor-level existences turned their attention to Merlin, their eyes filled with vigilance.

“Rejected by the world? He’s not from the Vestigial Tribe though? What is going on?”

It was only then that the Emperor-level contenders discovered Merlin’s unique existence.

Chapter 897 The Core of the Void Zone

Everyone's eyes were on Merlin. At this time, Merlin had become the focus of everyone, especially the nine Emperor-level existences. They were even more nervous and did not dare to underestimate Merlin after discovering that he was such a 'special' existence. After all, the three Golden Ray Warriors would not bring ordinary people into the origin of the natural order.

If Merlin was an ordinary person, the Golden Ray Warriors would have killed him long ago.

Merlin did not immediately move but looked at the gateway of the natural order behind them instead. The huge door was open and sent a horrible aura. However, Merlin had already sensed that that was the force of the origin of the natural order. It was the true Void Zone's core that Merlin had always wanted to see!

"The origin of the natural order..."

Merlin murmured softly. Then, he suddenly raised his head, a determined glint flashing in his eyes.

"Of course, I won't give it up!"

At that moment, Merlin's figure flashed and his huge Illusory World instantly descended, trapping the nine Emperor-level contenders.

"Boom."

Unlike Marta and the others, Merlin's Illusory World was extremely effective on ultimate existences. However, Merlin had never fought against opponents like the Thirty-six Emperors and did not know whether he could compete with them.

However, it was fortunate that Marta and the other Golden Ray Warriors had pinned down the nine Emperor-level existences' Mind Power. Otherwise, Merlin would find it extremely hard to fight these nine Emperor-level existences by himself.

Merlin's Illusory World immediately cut off the nine Emperor-level existences' connection with the origin of the natural order. The Illusory World clearly had a stronger suppression effect on ultimate existences.

Instantly, the presence of the natural order's origin above their heads weakened greatly, and the strength they used to struggle against the three Golden Ray Warriors also decreased; Marta and the others also started to struggle.

“He can actually block our connection to the origin of the natural order. What is that power? It's no wonder the Void Zone rejected him. He's even more terrifying than the Vestigial Tribe. Fortunately, we're already avatars of the origin of the natural order and our real bodies' strength is endless. Although he cut off the connection, it'll only slightly weaken us. We won't be defeated!”

The Blue Emperor and the other Emperor-level existences were still full of confidence. They were only slightly affected.

Yet, the Mind Power inside Merlin's Illusory World burst out in the next moment.

“Illusion!”

The terrifying Mind Power transformed into a large net and trapped everyone in it. It completely surrounded and pulled all nine Emperor-level existences into the illusion.

They were the Thirty-six Emperors but they were all affected by it in the face of Merlin's terrifying Hallucinating spell.

In their trance, Marta and the others roared and sent out a powerful force that tore the binding power to pieces and escaped.

“Haha, you can't stop us. Let's go!”

Marta did not bother with the nine Emperor-level existences and flew directly into the huge gateway of the natural order with Larkin and Myron.

“We can't let them enter.”

Immediately, a few of the nine Emperor-level existences blocked Marta and the others. Merlin also relaxed slightly. With fewer people, his Mind Power could be released more powerfully and constantly attack these Emperor-level existences.

It was not to control their minds. In fact, it was supposed to control the minds of ultimate existences, but Merlin only needed to influence them. Merlin's Illusory World had an even more terrifying power and he was waiting for the right moment to use it.

“Boom.”

Merlin's Mind Power broke out all around. Instantly, a trace of struggle appeared on the faces of the remaining three Emperor-level existences. However, it was only for a moment. They were already avatars of the origin of the natural order and would not be affected by Merlin's illusion.

Still, even if it was just a moment, it was enough!

“Power of the natural order!”

Merlin's voice was cold as ice. For the first time, he used the power of the natural order in his Illusory World!

The power of the natural order was not limited to the Void Zone. Merlin's Illusory World also had the power of the natural order. Ever since Merlin perfected the Illusory World, the power of the natural order inside it became stronger. Although the Illusory World still could not materialize illusions into reality, it could affect the material world.

In the past, Merlin had been hesitant and never used the power of the natural order in the Illusory World. After all, it was the foundation of the Illusory World and could not be damaged in the slightest. Moreover, Merlin did not encounter anyone who could force him to use the power of the natural order in the Illusory World.

Nevertheless, it was different now. Against three Emperor-level existences, especially avatars of the origin of the natural order, Merlin deeply understood that the Hallucinating spell alone could not confuse these three people. Therefore, he could only use the natural order's power in the Illusory World and fully utilize it in the split second they were confused.

Within the Illusory World, the power of the natural order could also burst into unprecedented power. When the power of the natural order hit the three Emperor-level existences, the effect crushed them directly!

“Bang bang bang.”

The three Emperor-level existences were shocked. The moment they came into contact with the power of the natural order in the Illusory World, they were unable to resist and panicked. This was a new power of the natural order that made their heart palpitate.

However, they had no chance to speak before their bodies were completely crushed under the power of the natural order in the Illusory World. Their life force completely disappeared.

“They’re dead?”

At this moment, everyone stopped. The remaining six ultimate existences who were chasing after Marta and others also froze in disbelief.

Marta and the others also looked shocked. Although they were the strongest three among the Golden Ray Warriors and were almost immortal, they could not kill an Emperor-level existence. However, Merlin had just killed all three at once!

“Boom.”

At the next moment, the gateway of the natural order also seemed to shake and an unimaginably terrifying force descended, like the origin of the natural order was lashing out.

In fact, the origin of the natural order was close to lashing out. Merlin’s Illusory World used the power of the natural order for the first time and he used it so close to the natural order’s origin. Since a brand new power of the natural order appeared next to the origin of the natural order, how would the Void Zone remain indifferent?

Merlin felt like he would suffocate. He quickly dispelled the Illusory World as the power of the natural order began to work, allowing the Illusory World to offset the vast majority of the attack. Merlin breathed a sigh of relief.

The Void Zone would never let a brand new power of the natural order go. At this time, the terrifying force was still brewing inside the gateway of the natural order. He had to leave here temporarily.

“Let’s go!”

However, at this time, Marta and the others refused to let go of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. They had no one to suppress them anymore, so by taking advantage of the six Emperor-level existences’ negligence, they turned into three streams of light and quickly flew into the gateway of the natural order.

“Hum.”

The gateway of the natural order kept shaking but gradually calmed down when Marta and the others entered. There was no longer the kind of terrifying force that made Merlin feel as if he were suffocating.

“They entered the gateway of the natural order?”

“No one has entered the gateway of the natural order before. Even us, as avatars of the origin of the natural order, has never entered before...”

The remaining six Emperor-level existences watched helplessly as Marta and the others entered the gateway of the natural order. The gateway did not allow even them to enter. As avatars of the origin of the natural order, they seemed to be fearful of what was inside the gateway. They had a faint feeling that they would never be able to leave again once they stepped inside.

They could not enter but that did not mean that Merlin could not enter as well. He originally followed Marta and others because he wanted to enter the gateway of the natural order and see the mystery of the origin of the natural order. These six Emperor-level existences could not stop Merlin at all.

“Whoosh.”

Merlin did not hesitate and immediately turned into a streak of light and flew into the gateway of the natural order. The six Emperor-level contenders left outside looked at each other in dismay.

“They all went in. What do we do?”

“What else can we do? We can only wait here. That Merlin could actually make the origin of the natural order agitated. I’m afraid it would cause a catastrophe, but he still entered. Hmph, he’s following the path to his own doom!”

The inside of the gateway of the natural order was dangerous. Even these avatars of the origin of the natural order did not dare to enter easily. The reason why they were so nervous was that they were just following the orders of the natural order’s origin.

Since there was no way to stop them, then just let them enter. The origin of the natural order would deal with them naturally. They believed that in the face of the vast and endless might of the origin of the natural order, no one could resist it...

Merlin, who entered the gateway of the natural order, did not think much. He only wanted to catch up to Marta in front of him. However, the moment he entered, he felt a strong resistance, as if he had fallen into a swamp. It was hard to escape and his movements were extremely slow.

“What’s going on?”

Merlin spread the Illusory World, but the moment he did, an even more terrifying force pressed down. The Illusory World did not seem to be able to withstand it, so Merlin hastily kept the Illusory World; which barely preserved it.

Merlin then recalled that this place was the core of the Void Zone and where the power of the natural order was the strongest. The Illusory World could not be casually released here. Otherwise, the power that he had to face would be countless times stronger than those Thirty-six Emperors.

With vigilance in his heart, Merlin slowly sent out his consciousness. As expected, he found some movements in front. It was Marta, Larkin, and Myron.

Currently, they were also very slow. They slowly walked in the vast expanse of the Void Zone. It seemed that they had to exert a great force with each step.

“Marta, what is this place?” Merlin could not help but ask.

“This place? If I’m not mistaken, we should be inside the origin of the natural order!”

“What? Inside the origin of the natural order?”

Merlin’s expression changed. Entering the gateway of the natural order dropped him into the origin of the natural order? It was unbelievable. This was what the origin of the natural order was like?

Chapter 898: The Core of the Void Zone II

In Merlin’s imagination, the origin of the natural order was a highly condensed ball of energy. It was not like this, where it would be flooded with the power of the natural order.

The mysterious power around Merlin was like a sticky swamp. It was indeed the power of the natural order and it was highly condensed, but it was a little unfathomable that it was distributed in this vast and boundless space.

“This is indeed the origin of the natural order. It’s the true core of the Void Zone! Every power of the natural order actually maintains the operation of some places in the Void Zone. If you don’t believe me, Wizard Merlin, you can take a closer look.”

Marta’s words reached Merlin’s ears and his heart moved. If that were true, it was incredibly terrifying. How terrible was the power that controlled the vast Void Zone?

Then, Merlin reached out his hand and randomly grabbed a bunch of the natural order’s power. In Merlin’s Mind Power, there were also strands like this power of the natural order. It was as if they were connected to somewhere in the distance. Even Merlin could not cut them off.

Merlin’s Mind Power penetrated the power of the natural order and instantly, he seemed to arrive at an unfamiliar area. It was a very remote place with countless dimensions. This power of the natural order controlled the basic order of that dimension.

For example, the weather, rivers, mountains, forests, and so on were all controlled by the natural order’s power.

“If this power of the natural order is destroyed, what will happen?”

Merlin pondered. With his current strength, it would be incredibly easy to destroy a small amount of the power of the natural order.

“Crack.”

The power of the natural order was completely destroyed by Merlin. Immediately, Merlin seemed to feel something. This power of the natural order affected the dimensions it controlled. Mountain torrents erupted, earthquakes occurred, and all order was lost as all kinds of disasters transpired. Soon, this dimension would become barren and fall apart.

“This is order!”

Merlin’s seemed to have an understanding. In a complete Latitude Cosmos, balance alone was not enough. There needed to be order as well. Everything needed order so that there would not be chaos and only then would development slowly happen.

“Balance, order!”

Merlin’s Illusory World did have balance and partial order but many places were very chaotic. Occasionally, wars between civilizations would occur and lead to the destruction of a planet.

These were all beyond Merlin’s control. Ultimately, it was due to a lack of order!

“Order! Order!”

Merlin felt more and more that this adventure to the natural order’s origin was worth it. It seemed to be true now. Just by entering the origin of the natural order, he had already understood a very important point of the world; a stable order was also needed in addition to balance.

“What do these black strands represent?”

Merlin saw that in the vast power of the natural order, there were a few black threads. However, they were hidden in the power of the natural order and were extremely rare.

“Those naturally represent beings or forces that destroy balance!”

Marta continued with a sneer, “When our Vestigial Tribe swept through the Void Zone, a small part here turned black. Haha, destroy balance? Our Vestigial Tribe was also born in the Void Zone, but we’re people who destroyed balance and were eventually wiped out by the Void Zone...”

Marta’s laughter was full of sadness. There was no lack of contenders in the Vestigial Tribe, especially Golden Ray Warriors like Marta. During the long war, they naturally gradually learned some secrets of the Void Zone.

The birth of the Vestigial Tribe was deliberately done by the Void Zone. As an existence that destroyed balance, they had to be completely eliminated. They were only tools used by the Void Zone to ‘balance’ the whole world.

“Hum hum hum.”

Suddenly, the space started to shake violently, as if a storm was occurring. Merlin and the others struggled to support themselves as waves of the natural order’s power pounded at them.

“What’s going on? Have we been discovered?”

The origin of the natural order did not have a consciousness. At best, it was only a simple program code. It was only running according to the natural order’s established style. It was impossible for it to ‘discover’ anything.

However, this situation was truly strange. Although the impact was strong, Merlin and the others were still able to withstand it.

“Hm? There are several black spots there. They’re very obvious. I wonder what force disrupted the order.”

Soon, Merlin and the others discovered that there were three big black spots in front of them nibbling away at the surrounding power of the natural order, which represented the collapse of order. There must be some powerful force just born that was rapidly destroying order.

“These represent the three of us, haha!”

Marta and the others burst out in laughter. These three huge black spots represented the three of them. Looking at the trend of the black spots, they were still expanding. Still, in comparison to the size of the origin of the natural order, the three black spots were not even worth mentioning.

Perhaps this was also why the Void Zone did not fully encircle and kill Marta and the others. It was only when Marta and the others entered the gateway of the natural order that they were blocked by the nine Emperor-level existences. It was because the order they destroyed, and the damage they brought to the Void Zone was too small.

“Hoo...”

All of a sudden, a strong squall blew again. Then, in the vast and boundless origin of the natural order, a black area suddenly appeared. It had already formed an area, and it was a world of difference compared to Marta and the others’ black spots.

“What’s going on? Besides our Vestigial Tribe, is there any other terrifying civilization that’s rising up? Are they wantonly destroying order and causing the origin of the natural order to become this way?”

Marta and the others also looked surprised. This black area was too great and grew incredibly large in size, indicating that order was being uncontrollably destroyed.

What was this power that could destroy order so uncontrollably and make the origin of the natural order become this way?

Besides Marta and the others, Merlin was also puzzled. The Void Zone was too vast, but even they had not heard of the birth of any powerful civilization.

According to this trend, the black area could compete when the Vestigial Tribe swept through the Void Zone. At that time, it would be another catastrophe.

“What civilization is it?”

Marta and the others entered their consciousness inside it, and Merlin did the same. When his consciousness was immersed inside this black area, a picture quickly appeared in his mind.

This was the projection of the origin of the natural order. It was gathering all its strength against a familiar figure below.

After seeing this figure, Merlin jumped in shock, as if he saw something unbelievable.

“It’s you?”

Marta and the others also saw the figure and immediately woke up. Their eyes stared intently at Merlin, full of disbelief.

The figure they saw was Merlin. In other words, Merlin destroyed order and became the primary person that the Void Zone had to deal with.

This black area was still spreading unceasingly. One day, it would spread to the size the Vestigial Tribe had and perhaps even surpass them.

Marta and the others only knew a little about Merlin. They knew that Merlin was rejected by the Void Zone like the Vestigial Tribe was, but they did not know why he was rejected by the Void Zone.

“What’s going on?”

Even Merlin did not know why he created such a large area, much less Marta. He did not wantonly kill or destroy, so how did he destroy order?

Merlin suddenly thought of the Illusory World. Perhaps when the Illusory World was born, order had already been destroyed. Especially when the Illusory World was perfected, it had grown into a force that even the origin of the natural order could not destroy. At that time, the Illusory World had posed a serious threat to the Void Zone.

“I underestimated the influence of the Illusory World on the Void Zone!”

Merlin looked at the Illusory World scattered around him. He knew that as long as the Illusory World existed, it would affect the Void Zone and destroy the order of the Void Zone.

As long as the Illusory World was used, it was equivalent to destroying the order of the Void Zone. Therefore, Merlin would be regarded as the most serious threat after the Vestigial Tribe by the Void Zone.

However, Marta and the others did not know about this. They looked at Merlin as if Merlin was a riddle. They did not know the ins and outs and did not know what caused the Void Zone to reject Merlin.

Nevertheless, at least they knew that Merlin was extremely strong and could help them now.

“Merlin, we’re all destroyers who were rejected by the Void Zone. As long as we stay in the Void Zone, we will always be rejected by it and be brought endless trouble. Back then, our Vestigial

Tribe’s higher-ups actually made a plan. No matter how powerful the Void Zone was, it still had a core, which was the origin of the natural order! The natural order’s origin didn’t have a will, but if we can become the will of the origin of the natural order, then the entire Void Zone would come under our control. This is the real purpose of us coming to the origin of the natural order.”

Marta stated their purpose. They wanted to control the origin of the natural order and by extension, the Void Zone. It was truly a wild and bold idea.

If they could really control the Void Zone, then would it not be the same as Merlin’s Illusory World materializing illusions into reality, and him becoming a master of a Latitude Cosmos?

Perhaps this was the only way the Vestigial Tribe, and the other living beings in the Void Zone, could think of to reverse the natural order. If Marta and the others really controlled the origin of the natural order, then the natural order of the entire Void Zone would be changed by them.

Chapter 899: Vortex!

“You’re insane.”

Merlin said coldly. He did not think that Marta and the others would be able to succeed. If it was so easy to control the Void Zone, then it would have been controlled by countless people already.

“How would we know if we don’t try? Besides, the Vestigial Tribe was destroyed. What’s the point even if we never die?”

Marta’s tone revealed a hint of determination. They were the only three members left of the Vestigial Tribe, and lived in remorse every day. Days like that were endless. At this time, an endless life was just endless torture to them.

After a long silence, Merlin raised his head and asked, “What are you going to do?”

“Do you see these threads in the power of the natural order? The end of the threads must be the center of the origin of the natural order. If we want to control the origin of the natural order, we just have to find it.”

Marta said in a low voice. It seemed that they had already prepared.

“I’ll go with you!”

Although he thought they could not succeed, how would Merlin be willing to miss such an opportunity? It was only natural that he would go and see for himself.

“Alright, continue searching.”

Marta and the others released all their power, and a large vacuum immediately appeared beside them. This was to prevent erosion of the power of the natural order. Of course, since they were surrounded by the power of the natural order, their speed was abysmally slow.

Day after day, year after year, Marta and the others may not care about time at all but Merlin was very sensitive to it. It had only been a few thousand years since he came to this world.

Therefore, rushing a hundred years was quite long for him.

One hundred years. They had spent one hundred years just slowly walking in the origin of the natural order. However, they did not seem to have reached the center of the origin of the natural order.

However, they felt that the surrounding threads were becoming denser, and the denser the threads were, the closer they were to the center.

Merlin did not dare to expand his Illusory World easily this time. Instead, it was tightly restrained, and only protected Merlin from harm. As for the power of the natural order in the Illusory World, he did not dare to reveal even a trace of it.

In the origin of the natural order, if Merlin had revealed the new power of the natural order in the Illusory World, he did not know what changes would happen. Therefore, he remained cautious in the origin of the natural order.

Another two hundred years had passed. Marta and the others seemed to have used up more than half of their energy but they had not reached the center yet.

“Are we going to run out of energy and just drift in this endless origin of the natural order?”

Marta and the others were unreconciled but they did not have any other ideas. In the origin of the natural order, they were severely suppressed. Even if they went all out, it would only be equivalent to a little spray in the origin of the natural order. It had no effect at all.

Therefore, the only thing they could do now was to keep moving forward.

During these hundreds of years, although Merlin was restraining the Illusory World, the inside of the Illusory World was expanding continuously at a fairly fast speed.

Although the Illusory Tribe was of no active help to Merlin, they could quickly adapt to a new environment and become a powerful civilization again. This was caused by the details of their

civilization. A civilization like that could quickly become strong even if they had temporarily fallen into a low ebb.

Of course, Merlin understood “order” from the origin of the natural order. Therefore, in the Illusory World, he also paid great attention to order and began to let the power of the natural order slowly disperse some power to maintain the order of the entire Illusory World.

With the order, the expansion of the Illusory World would become more rapid.

Although he still had not found a way to materialize illusion into reality, he could feel that the power of the Illusory World was increasing bit by bit. With the expansion of the Illusory World, and with balance and order, it would also promote the power of the natural order in the Illusory World.

Merlin felt that the natural order in the Illusory World, which had been simple in the beginning, was gradually strengthening under an imperceptible influence. The stronger the Latitude Cosmos was, the stronger its natural order would be.

Merlin was different from Marta and the others as he did not have to worry about energy exhaustion. His Illusory World had its own system and had endless power. Even if he wandered in the origin of the natural order for hundreds of millions of years, it would be fine.

However, once Marta and the others’ energy was exhausted, they would lose their strength and be trapped in the origin of the natural order forever. Therefore, as time passed and their energy dwindled, Marta and the other Golden Ray Warriors also started to appear anxious.

They did not expect the world of the origin of the natural order to be so vast. They had been walking for hundreds of years but they still had not reached the center of the origin of the natural order.

“Maybe in a few more hundred years, our energy will be exhausted...”

Marta was also slightly helpless. They did not seem to notice that just in front of them, the threads suddenly increased in number, and the originally calm power of the natural order began to ripple like water. The ripples spread outward in circles.

Merlin noticed this phenomenon and became alert. He felt that there must be something hidden in front of them.

“Look, a vortex!”

Suddenly, a huge vortex appeared in the vast origin of the natural order. The vortex was the center of the origin of the natural order. Numerous threads converged into the vortex from all directions and were sucked into the vortex directly before appearing in another place.

The cycle repeated and never seemed to stop.

“We found it. We found it! This is the center of the origin of the natural order, and the source of all the power in the Void Zone!”

Marta, Larkin, and Myron were all extremely excited. Their voices were even shaking. They had searched for hundreds of years and now, they had finally found it.

Merlin was also overwhelmed with shock. This vortex seemed to have endless energy. His Mind Power extended to probe but was sucked in instead, and did not have any use. He could not find out what was inside at all.

This strange vortex was the source of the power of the Void Zone. It was full of mystery!

“Quick, go closer!”

Marta and the others saw the vortex, and quickly approached it while Merlin stood in the distance and watched coldly. He carefully observed the vortex and saw that there seemed to be some changes when it was devouring the strands.

For example, there were many black spots in the origin of the natural order, and these black spots were caused by creatures or forces that destroyed the order. There must be many living creatures like the black cat Didimoss who had reversed the natural order. The appearance of those creatures was what destroyed the order, and formed the black spots.

Therefore, when these black spots were engulfed by the vortex, they disappeared and were reintegrated into the origin of the natural order. This indicated that the being or force that had destroyed the order had disappeared.

Merlin immediately thought of the black cat Didimoss' death. Was the cause of death also related to this vortex?

“Could it be that after the black spots are devoured by the vortex, it's the way of the origin of the natural order to resolve these black spots? Once the black spots enter the vortex, the projection of the origin of the natural order will appear in the Void Zone, and cause a dead end and kill the being who had reversed the natural order.”

Merlin was shocked. He felt that his guess was very close to the truth. This vortex was a self-evolved area of the origin of the natural order. This vortex was the true center of the origin of the natural order, and the real center of the Void Zone. That was because it contained the power of the entire Void Zone!

If, after passing through the vortex, the black spots became larger, it was because the being who had reversed the natural order had overcome the dead end. In that case, it would have become an existence comparable to the Thirty-six Emperors, and would be directly absorbed by the origin of the natural order into becoming avatars, and gain a portion of power to mobilize the origin of the natural order.

However, such examples were extremely rare and almost impossible. Most of the beings who had reversed the natural order had been killed.

Merlin glanced at the black area representing him. It was still quite far from the vortex. He knew that the black area representing him was not as large as it was now. It must have already entered the vortex. However, at that time, Merlin had encountered the attack of the origin of the natural order, and managed to overcome it. Therefore, the black area rapidly expanded and seemed to have formed a threat to the Void Zone.

“The vortex represents the strongest power in the Void Zone. Aren't Marta and the others in danger?”

Merlin saw that Marta, Larkin, and Myron were already gradually approaching the vortex. They wanted to control the vortex, which was quite outrageous.

However, Merlin did not dissuade them. Even if he did, Marta and the others would not listen at all. To them, it was the same whether they were in danger or not. They did not feel any “freedom” at all. Instead, they were immersed in their inner self-accusation. For them, the demise of the Vestigial Tribe was their greatest pain.

Therefore, they had to finish what the Vestigial Tribe had failed to at any cost. Even if the chances were slim, they still had to try.

Perhaps, to them, death was also a relief!

Soon, Marta and the others were close to the vortex. The huge vortex seemed to engulf everyone but the three of them were Golden Ray Warriors. They were powerful and fearless.

The three figures were tall but before this vortex, they still looked insignificant.

“We’ve finally entered the origin of the natural order and have the chance to finish what our Vestigial Tribe couldn’t.”

“Even if we fail, there won’t be any regret. Our Vestigial Tribe will always try and will never be at the mercy of the Void Zone!”

“That’s right, we have to try anyway!”

Marta took the first step and charged forward. His body emitted a golden radiance as he laughed, “Haha, let me try first. Take control of the Void Zone, just like how the Void Zone took control of our destiny!”

The Vestigial Tribe was born in the Void Zone for balance. From the beginning, the Vestigial Tribe had been “manipulated” by the Void Zone. Even if they had been splendid, it was just a flash in the pan.

This was the tragedy of the Vestigial Tribe!

“Whoosh.”

While laughing, Marta's figure flew into the huge vortex.

Chapter 900: Danger Approaches!

"Hum."

Just as Marta's figure flew into the vortex, the entire vortex began to shake violently like a giant gear, and a horrifying force broke out. Anyone would feel incomparably small in front of this force.

There was nothing much that could harm Marta's Golden Ray Armor. Even the Thirty-six Emperors could only imprison the three Golden Ray Warriors.

Furthermore, Marta was currently using his full power. Although his body was small, his willpower was amazing. That force was incredibly terrifying. He reached out his hand as if to grab something in the vortex.

"Crack."

The vortex seemed to stop at that moment but it was only for a moment, and it was restarted soon. At that instant, the terrifying power crushed directly as if it was tearing everything apart.

"Bang."

The power of the vortex was so strong that it caused despair. In a split second, it seemed unstoppable. The Golden Ray Armor that seemed to be indestructible was as fragile as an eggshell under this power. It was crushed instantly, turned into countless fragments, sucked into the vortex, and never seen again.

Dead. Marta, one of the three great warriors, who even the Thirty-six Emperors could not do anything against, died just like that.

Silence. In the pin-drop silence, the remaining Larkin and Myron looked at the vortex in astonishment. This huge vortex was still churning slowly as if nothing could make it change.

Merlin closed his eyes. Perhaps the others did not notice it but he could feel that at the moment of Marta's death, the power of the vortex increased a little. This vortex represented the power of the entire Void Zone. In other words, when Marta died, the power of the Void Zone increased again.

The Void Zone was born from the Void Zone, and their power belonged to the power of the Void Zone. A powerful Golden Ray Armor like Marta would return to the Void Zone after his death, so the power of the Void Zone would increase.

Furthermore, the Vestigial Tribe should have been destroyed but due to some accidents, these three Golden Ray Warriors had escaped the control of the Void Zone and became immortal and could only be imprisoned. They could not be killed, so their power naturally could not return to the Void Zone.

At that time, Merlin seemed to understand that it was a repeating cycle. This was the only way for a world to survive, and for the Latitude Cosmos to develop healthily.

Although he took great risks to come to the origin of the natural order, it was not fruitless. His was enlightened time and time again, which made his Illusory World more stable and stronger. Although he had failed to materialize illusions into reality, he could gradually become stronger step by step. Perhaps, there would be a metamorphosis in the end.

Merlin was not in a hurry now. He still had a lot of time and could make the Illusory World grow stronger. Even if it took hundreds of millions of years, he always had the hope of the Illusory World turning illusions into reality.

After Marta's death, Larkin and Myron glanced at each other but there was no sadness in their eyes as if they had expected this to happen. This was the origin of the natural order, the source of the power of the Void Zone. It would be strange if they could easily control the origin of the natural order and successfully control it.

"Marta died. Do we still try?"

"Of course, we do. Larkin, haven't you always been waiting for this day?"

Larkin and Myron looked at each other. They did not have a trace of fear at all. Perhaps death was a relief to them instead. Furthermore, they were acting for the long-cherished wish of the Vestigial Tribe.

“Haha, that’s right. We’re Golden Ray Warriors. We’re soldiers who never yield. Even if it’s the will of the Void Zone, it’ll never break us. Let’s go, together!”

Larkin and Myron flew into the huge vortex without hesitation. The golden light on their bodies vaguely formed to giant figures. The surrounding power of the natural order was pushed away by the powerful force, forming two vacuum areas.

“Boom.”

The entire vortex trembled violently. The originally slow churning vortex slowly stopped, just like when Marta had entered it earlier.

Once the vortex stagnated, the entire origin of the natural order shook. The power of the natural order was like water, slowly boiling up. The threads in the power of the natural order seemed as if they were about to snap.

This was a sign of the Void Zone collapsing. Merlin was not clear at this time in the origin of the natural order but in the outside world, the entire Void Zone had undergone great changes.

The Void Zone without time and space began to shake slightly. Some small and barren dimensions even began to fall apart for no reason, and some weak civilizations were horrified. They did not know what was happening. It was just like the end of the world.

At this time, outside the gateway of the natural order, the remaining six Emperor-level existences also felt the turmoil in the Void Zone. With their sensitivity to the power of the natural order, they could instantly sense the change.

“Something has happened to the origin of the natural order.”

“The origin of the natural order is the core of the entire Void Zone. Could those three Vestigial Tribe warriors and that mysterious Merlin pose a threat to the origin of the natural order?”

“Don’t worry, it’s just a little shake. The three great warriors were the strongest force of the Vestigial Tribe, and a problem the Vestigial Tribe left behind when they had escaped the control of the Void. Now, they dared to enter the origin of the natural order. That’s clearly a suicide. Rest assured, soon, the three great warriors will return to the Void Zone, and it will be calm again. However, the only variable is Merlin. Until now, we still don’t know why the Void Zone had rejected Merlin.”

These six Emperor-level existences had a high status. As avatars of the origin of the natural order, they knew more secrets than anyone else. They were the ones who had imprisoned the three great warriors in the beginning because they were a problem without a solution. They could only treat the symptoms instead of the root cause. The three great warriors were a problem left behind by the Vestigial Tribe. They should have died along with the demise of the Vestigial Tribe long ago. That was the most perfect ending.

However, the three great warriors had survived successfully, and even the Thirty-six Emperors were helpless. They had already escaped the control of the Void Zone. Fortunately, the influence of the three great warriors was not big, so the Void Zone did not care about them either.

However, they dared to enter the origin of the natural order, which was to seek their own deaths. The six Emperor-level existences let the Void Zone settle the affairs with the Vestigial Tribe instead and make the Void Zone complete again.

However, the Thirty-six Emperors could not see through Merlin. As avatars of the origin of the natural order, they could not peer into Merlin’s secret. This made them look at the gateway of the natural order with a hint of worry. Perhaps, the only variable was Merlin...

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Merlin did not know that he had become the only variable in the hearts of the six Emperor-level existences. Currently, Merlin was attentively staring at the huge vortex.

Once the vortex stopped rotating, the entire Void Zone would be affected. The origin of the natural order had already experienced monstrous waves as if it could no longer be controlled.

“Crack.”

Another burst of noise sounded, and the stagnant vortex began to slowly turn again, carrying the force of the entire Void Zone. Nothing could stop it.

A trace of sadness appeared on Merlin's face. He knew what it meant for the vortex to start spinning again. It meant that Larkin and Myron had failed to control the origin of the natural order.

Perhaps they had already expected this to happen. How would the core of the entire Void Zone be so easily controlled by them? However, whether it was a glimmer of hope or death, it was also a relief for them.

“Boom.”

The vortex suddenly increased in speed, and the boundless power instantly crushed Larkin and Myron. The vortex became even more powerful after the death of the two Golden Ray Warriors and their powers returned to the Void Zone.

With the death of the three Golden Ray Warriors, the Void Zone had lost the final trace of the Vestigial Tribe bloodline. The “plan” that the Void Zone had since the beginning could be said to have come to a perfect ending. Currently, the Void Zone seemed to be as strong as the most powerful moment it was after the ancient war. The surging power of the natural order combined with the vortex had also increased in speed.

Black spots passed through the vortex one by one and quickly disappeared without a trace. After the ancient war, in front of the powerful origin of the natural order, how could those beings or forces that had reversed natural order resist?

The disappearance of those black spots symbolized their death and destruction!

“There are times when a world goes out of control but in the end, the world will always restore calm and stability...”

Merlin felt something in his heart. He watched as the vortex speed increased and the black spots gradually disappeared. Then, he suddenly felt a sense of danger.

“Swoosh.”

Merlin raised his head, and looked at the black area that represented him. This black area, which was still expanding, had become a very obvious area within the origin of the natural order.

Now, this black area was rapidly approaching the huge vortex.

Merlin was shocked. He had done nothing, and stayed in the origin of the natural order but why was the black area getting larger?

“Is it my existence that’s causing the greatest damage to the order?”

Merlin glanced at the Illusory World around him. In the past couple of hundred years, the Illusory World had expanded countless times. As a result, its power had become more powerful. Even if it still could not materialize illusion to reality, its ability to interfere with the material world had increased a lot, making it impossible for the surrounding power of the natural order to approach Merlin.

Perhaps, as Merlin thought, the existence of the Illusory World itself was the greatest destruction to order. For the Void Zone, Merlin’s Illusory World posed a far greater threat than the Vestigial Tribe.

In the beginning, the Vestigial Tribe was born because the Void Zone wanted balance. However, Merlin’s Illusory World was not controlled by the Void Zone. From its birth, it was the greatest threat to the Void Zone.

The reason why Merlin was not dealt with before was simply because the Void Zone wanted to recover the power of the three Golden Ray Warriors. Now that the Void Zone was at its peak, it was only natural that Merlin, the “unstable” factor should be thoroughly solved.