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Chapter 241: Return to the Wizard Plane

Over twenty days later.

Herag and the three others stood in front of the Teleportation Altar, with Parker beside them.

They had arrived here via teleportation, and now it was time to return.

Asuna was also by Herag's side; he was Herag's servant.

Due to the Master-Servant Contract they signed, Asuna was considered Herag's personal property and could be taken along.

"I've already informed them of your situation over there, and your assessments have been passed. Herag, wizards from Serlandir will contact you later to help arrange the details of entering the Land of Dawn. David and Reese, you two can enter together with Herag at that time to minimize trouble."

Parker was explaining the subsequent matters on the side.

According to previous regulations, David and Reese were supposed to wait for other bases' wizard assessments to be completed before entering the Land of Dawn together.

These people are uniformly arranged, unless someone like Herag catches the eye of a Wizard Organization, then they can make individualized arrangements.

But now, due to Herag's connections, Parker offered a favor, allowing David and Reese to enter the Land of Dawn together with Herag.

Without waiting for others.

Thus, David and Reese can arrive at the Land of Dawn ahead of time.

According to the arrangement, those like David and Reese, who are not noticed by a Wizard Organization, will obtain resident status upon entering the Land of Dawn.

However, they will need to solve their living and accommodation issues themselves.

Of course, they can still join major Wizard Organizations as long as they're capable.

"Thank you, Mr. Parker, for your care over the past year."

Herag and the three others bowed to express their respect.

Parker warmly rubbed the back of his head and smiled, "Alright then, go ahead."

After Herag and the others stepped onto the Teleportation Altar, Parker took out a purple gemstone and placed it into a recess on the altar.

Following that, the altar began to emit a purple glow.

Herag saw the surrounding space starting to ripple as if a stone had been thrown into a calm water surface.

Reese suddenly grabbed Herag's hand, supporting her forehead with the other, appearing somewhat dizzy.

Asuna looked even more uncomfortable, with a shaky posture, as if she could faint at any moment.

Herag felt entirely fine due to his high Constitution.

Seeing Reese and Asuna feeling unwell, he took hold of both of them with a hand each, keeping their balance steady.

During the teleportation, the surroundings were not dark but full of multicolored, distorted scenes.

However, these images flashed by so quickly that even with Herag's vision, he couldn't discern their details.

The process seemed both lengthy and swift.

In the blink of an eye, Herag noticed that the surroundings had changed.

In front of them was the huge coliseum of Augustus Academy, with vacant tiered seating all around.

Behind them stood the massive Light Gate, which, once passed through, led to various bases of the Elf Plane.

Reese and David both sighed in relief as they took in their surroundings.

Having reached here, they felt genuinely safer.

In the Elf Plane, even in Base 27, they were constantly on edge, uncertain of when an accident might occur.

The base contained too many powerful figures, creating a formidable sense of pressure.

For wizards in the Gaseous Stage like them, it was quite overwhelming to stay there.

Returning here allowed them, as Level 1 Wizards, to walk with their heads slightly raised.

In the Barren Land, a Level 1 Gasification Wizard was already considered quite strong.

Asuna was curiously observing the surroundings.

She knew this was the Wizard Plane, so everything captivated her interest.

In front of the Teleportation Gate was a small table, behind which sat a Level 1 Wizard, a slightly overweight middle-aged woman.

She looked up at Herag and the others, asking, "Which base are you returning from?"

"Base 27." Herag said as he approached, indicating it was a registration area.

Asuna felt shy and instinctively held onto Herag's hand, following behind him.

This was a completely unfamiliar world to her, and in this world, the only person she knew and could rely on was Herag.

Herag tightened his grip slightly, giving Asuna a sense of security.

The middle-aged woman glanced at a booklet and then asked, "Are you Herag, David, and Reese? According to information, you've brought a servant named Asuna."

Herag nodded, "That's correct, I am Herag."

The middle-aged lady handed Herag a sheet of paper, saying, "Fill out these details. Congratulations to you three for qualifying to enter the Land of Dawn. According to regulations, you can bring servants as well as relatives and spouses into the Land of Dawn. However, I have a small suggestion here."

"After you've established yourselves there, then bring over your relatives and spouses."

"Thank you for the advice, Ms. Shanna, much appreciated!" Herag noted her name from the table.

Shanna smiled kindly and said, "Herag, take note that people from Serlandir will come to fetch you in about two months. Use this time to prepare. Lastly, congratulations again; Serlandir is indeed a very powerful Wizard Organization."

Shanna's friendly demeanor towards Herag was mainly because he belonged to Serlandir.

Those already part of a Wizard Organization in the Land of Dawn were always treated kindly by Shanna, and she would seize opportunities to build relationships if possible.

Herag then penned some information on the paper, followed by David and Reese recording their own.

"Alright, nothing more. Soon, people from Serlandir will come to the Black Rock Valley to look for you. Also, I've received word from Lord Parker that David and Reese need not wait and can accompany the Serlandir people to the Land of Dawn." Shanna said.

"Yes, thank you, Ms. Shanna." Herag replied with a smile.

After finishing the registration, the four walked out of the coliseum and entered Augustus Academy.

Asuna curiously observed everything in the academy, finding everything novel.

Students of Augustus Academy were buzzing around, exuding youthful energy, with a relaxed atmosphere.

This scene was something Asuna had never encountered before, as she'd never seen so many peers gathered in one place.

Since childhood, she had struggled for survival, and the journey to become a Caster was filled with hardship.

Only after enduring many hardships did she finally save enough money to buy a small house in Oberstein, achieving a place of solace.

Chapter 242: News

Asuna had always envied the children who could attend the academy; she had never set foot inside one.

While her peers were living under their parents' care and attending school, she was already struggling for a living.

So everything before her felt very beautiful and relaxing to Asuna, and she envied those people, too.

Herag noticed Asuna's expression, patted her head, and smiled.

Asuna turned to see Herag, smiled shyly, and then tightened her grip on his hand.

Herag took out a Talisman Stone, wanting to check the messages.

The first one was from Lillian, who had left many messages.

"Lillian has already gone to the Land of Dawn... even faster than me."

After reading, Herag realized Lillian was no longer in the Barren Land; he had hoped to chat with her.

Lillian went to Augustus Academy in the Land of Dawn, which is the true power behind the Barren Land's Augustus Academy, the real Augustus Academy.

Due to the barrier between the Land of Dawn and the Barren Land, it was no longer possible to use the Magic Net to communicate here.

But Lillian left another Talisman Stone number, her Talisman number in the Land of Dawn.

Once Herag reached the Land of Dawn and obtained a Talisman there, he could continue to contact her.

Herag memorized the number quietly, then began to check other messages.

Next was a message from Bessie.

After glancing at it, Herag found that Bessie seemed to treat him like a tree hole.

The number of messages reached into the hundreds!

The content was mainly some of Bessie's daily life shares.

Even though Bessie knew Herag couldn't reply right now, she still sent him messages.

Herag couldn't read all these messages quickly, only leaving them for later.

Since someone took the trouble to send so many messages, Herag felt that not reading them would be letting Bessie down.

Herag opened Bessie's chat box and sent a message: "I'm back."

The Talisman Stone lit up instantly, and Bessie replied at lightning speed: "You're back? Are you hurt?"

"No, everything's fine. I've earned the qualification to enter the Land of Dawn and joined the Serlandir organization." Herag replied.

"Glad you're not hurt! I knew you could do it. I don't know much about the wizard organization in the Land of Dawn, but it must be powerful. If you become a powerful wizard in the future, don't forget to pull me up." Bessie joked.

"If you want, I can pull you up right now. Don't forget, I can bring a spouse into the Land of Dawn." Herag said.

"I'd love to, but I have a contract with the Moonlight Forest for the next hundred years, let's talk then." Bessie sighed.

Back then, she had no choice; signing a contract with the Moonlight Forest was the only option.

Now, even if she wanted to leave with Herag, she couldn't because of the contract.

Herag thought for a moment: "When I'm strong enough, I'll help you resolve the contract issue."

Contracts like these are constraints, rules for weak wizards.

But if you're strong enough, everything becomes negotiable; the strength of rules is weak against the strong.

"You're promising the impossible! Well, I'll wait for that day when you become strong enough." Bessie couldn't help but smile on the other end of the Talisman Stone.

What Herag said seemed far away, but Bessie felt that one day it would come true.

"It's not an empty promise; it's a commitment." Herag replied earnestly.

"Yeah, I believe you. You must be tired coming back, get some rest." Bessie replied.

After ending the brief chat with Bessie, Asuna curiously leaned over and asked, "What is this?"

"This is a Talisman Stone, a communication tool based on the Magic Net. With this, you can transmit information over long distances." Herag explained.

Asuna touched the Talisman Stone and marveled, "Such an incredible magic design."

While there were plenty of casters in the Elf Plane, nothing like the Magic Net existed, nor had anyone heard of something similar.

"When we get to the Land of Dawn, I'll get you one, there's no need for it here since we won't be staying long." Herag said.

"Okay." Asuna nodded obediently.

Then Herag opened Blake's chat box: "Mr. Blake, we're back."

Not long after, Blake replied: "You're back? How are things?"

"I've joined the Serlandir wizard organization, and David and Reese have also passed the examination." Herag replied.

"That's wonderful!" Blake was so excited that he didn't reply for a while.

This was tremendous news for the Cheqi family; two main lineage members entering the Land of Dawn could elevate the Cheqi family's status by several levels instantly.

Blake later replied: "I'll send someone to pick you up right away. David and Reese will have separate pickups to bring them back home as there are other arrangements for them, you head straight back to Black Rock Valley."

"No problem, I'll wait at Augustus Academy." Herag said.

"Soon, our people are nearby, waiting all along." Blake replied.

Blake had estimated Herag and the others would return around this time, so he had prepared the people and a carriage for the pickup early.

He was originally quite worried, fearing that all three could be lost inside.

Because some not-so-good news had already been coming from inside for a while.

Many wizards from the Barren Land who entered for various reasons died in the Elf Plane.

Their messages were released posthumously, retrieving the bodies if they could, they'd send them back.

For wizards whose bodies couldn't be retrieved or didn't exist anymore, only death notifications came back.

This past year, many such news trickled back, it was catastrophic.

Blake had kept an eye on the messages inside, not hearing from Herag and the others meant good news, but his heart remained on edge.

When Herag finally messaged him, Blake's excitement was uncontrollable.

Upon hearing that all three passed their examinations, Blake was thoroughly thrilled; he knew exactly what this meant for the Cheqi family.

Before long, two carriages from the Cheqi family arrived at the Augustus Academy entrance, each guarded by a Crystalization Wizard.

Herag and the others were now the most precious members of the Cheqi family, and no mishap could be afforded.

Blake jumped off one of the carriages, patted Herag's shoulder upon seeing him, and exclaimed, "Thank you!"

His feelings were still impossible to calm, filled with endless gratitude for Herag.

Blake clearly understood that all three passing the examination meant Herag had performed exceptionally well, taking good care of David and Reese.

Therefore, Blake was incredibly grateful to Herag and felt exceedingly fortunate that Larry had taken in such an excellent student.

Chapter 243: Homecoming

Herag smiled, understanding why Blake was so excited.

For the Cheqi Family, this was indeed an event that could change the fate of the entire clan.

"David, Reese, you two head back to the family first. Herag, come with me to Black Rock Valley," Blake said.

David glanced at Herag, chuckled good-naturedly, and then got onto the carriage.

Reese came over, hugged Herag, stood on tiptoes, kissed him on the cheek, and then said, "I'll go back and handle family matters first. Once I'm done, I'll come find you."

"Alright, head back," Herag nodded.

Blake watched this scene with wide eyes, then smiled warmly.

After Reese and David boarded the Cheqi Family carriage, they left first.

Herag also got onto the carriage afterward and began the return journey to Black Rock Valley.

Inside the carriage, Asuna sat beside Herag, curiously looking at the scenery outside through the window.

Blake glanced at Asuna, surprised that Herag had returned from the Elf Plane with a woman.

Their relationship seemed unusual.

Herag introduced, "This is Asuna, a caster from the Elf Plane. Asuna, this is Mr. Blake, a Crystalization Level Wizard of the Cheqi Family."

Asuna sat obediently, nodded at Blake, and said, "Hello, Mr. Blake."

She already knew how the strength hierarchy in the Wizard Plane worked, understanding that a Crystalization Wizard corresponded to a high-tier spellcaster.

Since Blake was a Crystalization Level Wizard, it indicated he was a powerful figure.

From Herag and Blake's conversation, it was evident that Blake was an important person in the Cheqi Family.

A few days later, the carriage arrived at Black Rock Valley.

Herag held Asuna's hand as they got off the carriage, looking at the unchanged Black Rock Valley ahead, feeling quite sentimental.

A whole year had swiftly passed, everything experienced in the Elf Plane seemed like a dream, fleeting.

Asuna observed the black soil on the ground and the Black Rock Valley ahead, scrutinizing it closely.

"We're home," Herag smiled and walked forward, with Asuna holding his hand and following behind.

Inside Black Rock Valley, almost nothing had changed. There were still vast areas of magic potion fields, tended to by Wizard Apprentices.

"Mr. Herag!"

"Mr. Herag has returned."

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After entering Black Rock Valley, many Wizard Apprentices saw Herag and greeted him one after another.

Herag smiled in response, leading Asuna towards the castle in the north.

Asuna looked at the surrounding magic potion fields, filled with amazement.

She could recognize many magic potions. During her time at Base 27, she studied many books left behind by Herag.

Among these were, of course, Herbalism and Magic Potion, knowledge she hadn't encountered before.

Now seeing the surrounding magic potions that had been documented in books, and in such large quantities and areas, made Asuna find it very novel.

The Elf Plane also had various types of magic potion materials, but they were in sparse quantities and hard to find.

But here, they were everywhere, leaving Asuna speechless with surprise.

"Ah, so they can be cultivated in this way, just like growing vegetables."

At this moment, Asuna felt the power of the Wizards in the Wizard Plane. The magic potion fields demonstrated that the Wizards' knowledge system was already very mature.

At least in the Elf Plane, Asuna had never seen anyone artificially cultivating large amounts of magic potion materials like this.

Of course, it might also be related to the power system of casters.

The casters in the Elf Plane do not need magic potions for advancement; they only need to persist in learning and meditation; when the time comes, they advance naturally.

The reason behind this has not yet been researched, but Herag speculated it might be due to the World Tree.

Due to the presence of the World Tree in the Elf Plane, the entire plane is very suitable for caster cultivation.

However, as there is no World Tree in the Wizard Plane, wizards need to rely on magic potions to break through their limits to advance.

The Elf Plane is different; the entire plane's environment is suitable for casters, and their natural constitution is also different from Wizards, allowing advancement without needing magic potions for breakthroughs.

But this is just Herag's speculation. Different planes likely have different world rules, with large inevitable differences, making the reasons complex.

Casters in the Elf Plane, compared to Wizards in the Wizard Plane, find cultivation much easier.

They don't face the same breakthrough risks or difficulties as Wizards.

Just as Herag and Asuna reached the front of the castle, Lennon hurried out, saluting, "Lord Herag, you've returned."

"Yes, and this is Miss Asuna, who will also be one of the castle's owners in the future," Herag introduced.

Lennon glanced briefly, mainly to remember her appearance, and then nodded, "Nice to meet you, Miss Asuna."

Herag nodded and led Asuna into the castle, then said, "There are two servants in the castle, the Lennon you just met, and another named Mary. You can instruct them to do anything you need."

"Alright, okay," Asuna was still somewhat unaccustomed to a life with servants.

Previously, she did everything herself and never had the opportunity to command servants.

Herag took Asuna to the Inner Castle, and just as they went upstairs, they heard the sound of light footsteps from above, followed by the sight of Chatiya.

Having not seen her for a year, Chatiya seemed even more beautiful, her aura more composed.

She was wearing a floral dress, with white knee-high stockings.

Herag felt Chatiya was the girl he had seen who could best pull off white stockings, neither making her legs look fat nor clashing with her aura.

The Elves' beauty and temperament were indeed unmatched, whereas humans struggled to compare.

"Master!" Chatiya dashed over and buried her head in Herag's chest.

During the year Herag was away, Chatiya stayed in Black Rock Valley, not daring to leave due to her status as an Elf.

Life in Black Rock Valley was quite dull. Especially in the large but sparsely populated castle, it felt empty.

Aside from learning to cook and a few spells, Chatiya had little entertainment and found the days incredibly boring.

After she began studying Magic Potion, Blake bought her a harp and other instruments, which finally made life less monotonous.

Ever since Herag left, due to the Master-Servant Contract, perhaps, Chatiya felt a constant emptiness without seeing Herag. It was not until later she understood this feeling as longing.

Upon seeing Herag's return, Chatiya immediately ran downstairs to tightly embrace Herag.

Feeling the warmth in Herag's arms, Chatiya felt a sense of security.

"An Elf?" Asuna looked at Herag, shocked.

She could never have imagined encountering such an extraordinarily beautiful Elf maiden in the Wizard Plane.

More importantly, in Asuna's eyes, Chatiya's bloodline power was extraordinarily strong, surpassing the other Elves she had seen before.

Chapter 244: Advancement to Liquefaction

"This is..."

Asuna was about to speak when Herag covered her mouth with his hand: "You just need to know about Chatiya's identity, don't reveal it, keep it a secret for her."

Herag knew Asuna had probably noticed something, hence he spoke this way.

Asuna nodded, quickly understanding Herag's intention.

Chatiya's identity was certainly not ordinary, she was likely a legendary Royal Elf.

Thus, by keeping Chatiya's identity a secret, Chatiya could be relatively safer, and it would also mean less trouble for Herag.

After introducing themselves, Chatiya excitedly said, "You also come from the Elf Plane?"

Asuna smiled, "Yes, I'm from the Noen Kingdom, I've met some elves before, but I've never seen an elf maiden as beautiful as you."

Chatiya looked at Asuna with shining eyes, feeling a kind of excitement of meeting a fellow countrywoman.

Since arriving at the Wizard Plane, Herag was her only support.

Now she had encountered a girl from the Elf Plane, seemingly around her age, who had also signed a Master-Servant Contract with Herag.

This meant she would have a companion in the future.

"Noen Kingdom! I know it! I've heard some fairy tales from there before..."

This made Chatiya very excited, grabbing Asuna's hand and chatting non-stop.

Asuna, though also excited and thrilled, was clearly much more mature than Chatiya and only covered her mouth and laughed.

Despite being over a hundred years old, Chatiya was not as composed as Asuna.

The three of them chatted happily as they went upstairs. Herag opened his room and said, "This is my bedroom, you can stay here with me from now on."

Asuna looked at the spacious room and nodded, "Alright~"

The conditions here were much better than at Base 27.

Base 27 was just a wooden cabin, with nothing in it.

The living conditions inside the castle far surpassed the simple wooden cabin at Base 27, with all the furniture and facilities being very luxurious, unlike the base's simple cabin.

Asuna had never seen such a luxurious room in her lifetime and was momentarily unsure of where to step.

The floor of the room was covered with a layer of carpet, the quality of which was evidently very luxurious, making Asuna afraid to dirty it by stepping on it.

With a wave of his hand, Herag placed Asuna's clothes on the giant bed, and some of her personal belongings were also placed to the side.

There were several luxurious wardrobes and cabinets in the room, enough for Asuna to store her clothes.

Herag later planned to prepare a small Space Ring for both Asuna and Chatiya, just enough for their use.

"Chatiya, help me see what this is?" Herag took out the World Tree Bow.

He was still unfamiliar with this bow, only knowing its name.

Chatiya paused upon seeing it, then exclaimed in wonder, "The World Tree Bow! Master, how did you obtain this?"

"Got it from a Caster on the Elf Plane, do you know anything about it? Tell me." Herag said.

Chatiya thought for a moment and said, "This is made from the branches of the World Tree, yours is likely from the branches of a particular tribe's World Tree branch. If it were from the World Mother Tree, I could sense the aura, but yours is not."

"Is there a difference?" Herag asked.

"Of course there's a difference. The World Tree Bow made from the branches of the World Mother Tree is many times more powerful, while the effect is significantly reduced when made from the branches of other World Tree branches."

Chatiya continued to explain, "The World Tree Bow can only be used by someone of the Elf Race, using it without the bloodline of the Elf Race will consume life energy and has a great cost."

Looking at this wooden longbow, Herag pondered, "I see."

He had the royal elf bloodline within him, allowing him to use the World Tree Bow normally.

This explained why Cole paid a great price when using this bow, as blood trickled from his mouth.

If he had shot a few more arrows, Cole probably wouldn't have been able to bear it.

Night.

There was a bathroom in Herag's room, with a large bathtub filled with hot water, white steam rising, filling the room.

After staying inside for a while, even your eyebrows would be condensed with droplets of water.

Asuna, her face slightly flushed, wrapped herself in a bath towel, lowered her head, not daring to look at Herag, her shy appearance delicate and charming.

At this moment, Herag took out a wooden box, from which he took a crystal-clear emerald green leaf, and handed it to Asuna, "Eat it."

"This is..." Asuna took the World Tree Juice, not expecting such a beautiful object, only for Herag to tell her to eat it.

"This is World Tree Juice, consuming it will increase life by three hundred years," Herag explained.

He had ten drops in total, one drop for himself was enough, more would be of no use.

The remaining drops could certainly not be sold for the time being, so they might as well be used for those around him.

Chatiya mentioned she used to eat them like candies when she was little, so she certainly didn't need them anymore.

Asuna was still human, the lifespan of a Caster from the Elf Plane was not as long as that of a Wizard.

So Herag took out a drop for Asuna to consume.

"Three hundred years of life!"

Asuna was shocked.

This beautiful object could unexpectedly increase a person's life by three hundred years.

Asuna was a bit dazed, as in her eyes, this was a supreme treasure, and Herag was willing to give it to her, making Asuna feel touched.

"Don't freeze up, eat it quickly, and don't tell others," Herag said.

"Mm~" Asuna nodded, opening her small mouth and swallowing the World Tree Juice.

While she was eating it, Herag also took a leaf and ate it.

The World Tree Juice quickly melted in the mouth, becoming a stream of liquid flowing into her body.

As this stream of liquid entered her body, it immediately transformed into boundless energy, endlessly spreading throughout her entire body.

Herag immediately felt warmth flowing through his body, with his cells seemingly cheering in celebration, feeling unprecedented comfort.

Besides the physical changes, more importantly, there was an earth-shaking change happening in his mind.

In Herag's mind, the gaseous spiritual power had already condensed into a small mass, being at the brink of advancing to the Liquidation Wizard stage.

It had been at this stage for several months, but there had been no real breakthrough.

Herag was not in a rush to break through, instead going through meditation practice in a methodical manner, taking one step at a time.

After just consuming the World Tree Juice, that mass of spiritual power began to change.

This mass of spiritual power started to automatically shift, transforming like twisting clay.

Soon after, this mass of spiritual power began to liquefy, its form gradually changing until it turned into a single drop of water.

"Entering the Liquefaction Stage."

Herag felt the changes in his body, with improvements in every aspect and also some enhancement in spiritual power.

In his mind, a single drop of water floated silently, quietly.

Chapter 245: Erza

"Shenlan, check my current body data."

Herag could feel some improvement, but it shouldn't be much.

Name: Herag Merlin

Power: 25.5

Agility: 25.6

Constitution: 27.2

Spirit: 55.6

Magic Power: 100%

Talent: Great Dark Heaven, Bloodline Perception, High-Level Flame Resistance, Dragonic Language Control, High Magic Affinity

"Spiritual Power increased by two points."

Herag glanced at the data panel, indeed, there wasn't much improvement.

The two-point increment should be due to the enhancement from the World Tree Juice.

But that doesn't mean advancing to the Liquid Stage is no different than the Gaseous Stage.

Herag has just entered the Liquid Stage; before advancing, his Spiritual Power was stagnant and unable to improve further.

But now, after advancing to the Liquid Stage, his mind feels empty once again.

He can continue practicing the Meditation Method to cultivate Spiritual Power.

When his mind is filled with liquefied Spiritual Power, he can advance again, entering the Crystalization Stage.

Herag breathed a sigh of relief; finally, he had entered the Liquid Stage.

He had been unsure when he would be able to advance, but it seemed just a step away.

Yet, this step could stall many people for years.

Herag adjusted his state, stabilized the magic power aura on his body, and then opened his eyes.

"My lord, have you broken through?"

Herag opened his eyes to find Asuna standing beside him, her beautiful eyes filled with concern as she looked at him.

Since Asuna was only wrapped in a bathrobe and Herag was very tall, with a glance down he could see the deep, unfathomable crevice.

"Hmm, I'm now a wizard at the Liquid Stage," Herag said.

"My lord is truly amazing!" Asuna praised.

"There's something even more amazing..."

Herag reached out his hand...

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Chatiya lived next door, blushing at the noises from the adjacent room.

Although the soundproofing was originally very good, Chatiya, being an elf, naturally had good constitution and excellent hearing.

Moreover, Asuna, although trying to restrain herself, couldn't help it when emotions ran deep.

Listening next door, Chatiya's face blushed bright red, feeling somewhat strange.

The noise next door didn't cease until almost dawn, and Chatiya listened for the entire night.

The next midday, Herag cautiously got out of bed.

Asuna was still deeply asleep, exhausted from the night's activities.

After closing the door to his room, Herag found Chatiya next door, also in a deep sleep as if she had just dozed off.

"Do elves like to sleep in late too?"

Contemplating, Herag walked out of the castle to Blake's vegetable garden.

"Herag, so early, why not rest a bit more?" Blake greeted with a smile as Herag arrived.

"It's already noon, how is that early?"

Herag smiled and then stated his purpose: "Mr. Blake, may I borrow the family's messenger?"

"Messenger? Of course you can." Blake readily agreed.

Herag is now considered an important figure in the Cheqi Family, not only having made great contributions but also possessing an extremely bright future.

In fact, even the Cheqi Family needs to curry favor with Herag now.

Herag is now a genuine member of the Serlandir organization, few in the Barren Land dare to provoke him.

"Do you need to summon the messenger now? I can assist you with summoning," Blake said.

Herag thought for a moment: "I'll wait a bit, I'll write a letter and come back."

"Alright, I don't have much to do today, I'll be here; you can find me after you've finished writing," Blake said.

Herag planned to write a letter to Erza.

Having obtained the World Tree Juice, he decided to send a drop to Erza.

Erza is essentially his woman, and he would not treat his own poorly.

Besides, Erza was almost an ordinary person, with too short a lifespan.

With the World Tree Juice, she could gain an additional three hundred years of life.

Strictly speaking, Erza is the one around him who needs the World Tree Juice the most.

Since the Doris Kingdom is at the westernmost end of this continent, while the Black Rock Valley is in the far east, the distance between them is too great.

The people from Serlandir are expected to arrive at the Black Rock Valley in about two months, and he simply doesn't have the time to make a round trip to deliver it personally.

If he entrusted someone else to deliver it, due to the long journey and time consumption, there were many uncertain factors along the way.

Whether the World Tree Juice could be delivered is hard to say, and if it was hijacked, it would be a big hassle.

After much thought, Herag found using the Cheqi Family's messenger to be the most suitable.

The messenger can send things regardless of the distance, making it ideal for this task.

Herag returned to the Inner Castle, where Asuna and Chatiya were still asleep.

He sat at his desk, picked up a quill, and began recounting the events of recent years.

Lastly, he informed Erza of his plan to enter the Land of Dawn.

In the future, if he has time, he would return to visit.

Entering the Land of Dawn wouldn't have as many restrictions as the Barren Land.

People from the Barren Land are strictly prohibited from entering the Land of Dawn, but those from the Land of Dawn can freely enter the Barren Land, although most wouldn't want to visit.

Poor and lacking resources, people from the Land of Dawn have no reason to come to the Barren Land.

Afterward, Herag separately took out a box and put a drop of the World Tree Juice inside.

After finishing the letter, Herag once again sought out Blake.

After Blake wrote down Erza's information on paper, he chanted a few syllables.

A Hexagram Array appeared in front of them, and then the Little Elf appeared once more before them.

"Deliver this letter and this wooden box to Erza," Blake said, handing the items to the messenger.

The messenger glanced at both the letter and the box, took them, and then said, "One Magic Stone."

Blake gave her a Magic Stone, and satisfied, the messenger received it and then jumped into the Hexagram Array, disappearing once again.

Originally, Herag also wanted to send two drops of World Tree Juice to Emil and Melissa, but thinking it over, they were both ordinary people; living for more than a hundred years without aging would surely draw attention.

Until he had the capability to look after them, he could not easily send the World Tree Juice, or he would end up harming them.

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Elsewhere, in the Doris Kingdom, Ryan City.

Erza sat in the courtyard of the City Lord's Mansion, enjoying the breeze and taking a nap with her eyes closed.

Two maids stood by her side, ready to follow her orders at any time,

On a small table beside Erza were many fruits.

Erza rested her eyes, continuously stroking a ring – Herag's Fireball Ring.

Since receiving this ring, Erza had never used it, as she had never encountered danger.

Yet Erza always wore this ring, despite having many prettier and more luxurious ones.

She knew that man might never return in this lifetime, but Erza always held a sliver of hope, hoping that one day he would appear before her.

"City Lord, be careful!" the maid suddenly exclaimed.

Erza opened her eyes to see a Hexagram Array floating in front of her, with a cute Little Elf emerging from it.

"Miss Erza, this is a letter and item Mr. Herag sent to you. The commission is complete, I'll be off," the Little Elf said, putting the letter and box on the table, then turned and disappeared into the Hexagram Array.

Chapter 246: 300 Years

"Miss, are you alright!"

The Knight Captain of the Erza Family, Lewandowski, heard the commotion in the backyard and rushed over in an instant.

He was a servant of the Erza Family and had watched Erza grow up since childhood.

He was both a guardian and, in a way, an elder.

The strength of a Great Knight allowed him to handle most dangers, and wizards were rarely encountered in the Doris Kingdom.

Erza and her companions were under the protection of the wizard organization on Dream Island; ordinary wizards would not bother them unless they had a death wish.

Erza shook her head, "Nothing, Herag sent me something."

"Herag?" Lewandowski was somewhat surprised.

Although Herag was a powerful wizard, Lewandowski never liked him.

Erza nodded, "Yes, nothing else."

Seeing that there was no issue, Lewandowski withdrew.

Erza opened the letter and began to read.

The letter was long, with Herag detailing some of the events after leaving Ryan City.

"Liquidation Wizard..."

Erza did not expect Herag to advance so quickly; he was just a wizard apprentice when he left, and in no time, he had become a wizard at the Liquid Stage.

What surprised her even more was that she did not realize this part of the continent was called the Barren Land, where wizard organizations were exiled to.

There were more powerful wizard organizations in the Land of Dawn, which Erza had never heard of before.

Dino might have known, but he never told her about these things.

Now that Herag could enter Serlandir in the Land of Dawn, his future prospects were naturally bright, and Erza sincerely felt happy for Herag.

After reading the letter, Erza understood why Herag hadn't had a chance to visit her in these years, and her slight resentment faded away.

More than anything, she was worried; it was clear from Herag's experiences that his life was full of dangers and challenges.

And she herself was just a First-Class Wizard Apprentice with a little magic power, unable to offer much help.

"In a few years, even if you come, I wouldn't want to see you. By then, I'll already be old." Erza thought to herself.

She wanted to remain the most youthful and beautiful image in Herag's heart and did not want him to see her in her old age.

After reading the letter, Erza still felt unsatisfied, feeling that the letter was too short.

Some things and sentiments could never be fully conveyed in a letter; only speaking face-to-face through an entire night or day would suffice.

Erza put down the letter and looked at the wooden box, wondering what might be inside, as the letter did not mention it.

She opened the wooden box and found an emerald, translucent green leaf along with a small note.

The small note was folded, with a message saying: "Open it only when no one is around."

Upon seeing this, Erza's soft fingers closed the wooden box, and she gently said, "You two may leave now."

"Yes, City Lord." The two maids quickly withdrew.

When there was no one around, Erza opened the wooden box again and unfolded the small note.

It read, "This is World Tree Juice. Consuming it can increase your lifespan by three hundred years. Remember, this is a precious item and should not be mentioned to anyone. After reading this, burn this note."

Erza hesitated for a moment, then clenched the note into a ball in her palm and threw it into the small fireplace nearby.

She picked up the leaf and murmured to herself, "Such a ruthless man. I thought after a hundred years of missing you, it would all turn to dust, yet now you want me to miss you for another three hundred years."

Erza lightly parted her red lips and consumed the World Tree Juice.

She closed her eyes, feeling the mysterious changes occurring within her body.

Already voluptuous and alluring, she seemed to become even more beautiful and charming now.

More importantly, Erza noticed she had become more acutely aware of the free energy particles around her.

Her wizard qualifications had always been poor, and meditation practice had little effect, with her spiritual power barely increasing.

The main reason was her weak perception of free energy particles and her body's low efficiency in absorbing and converting energy particles, resulting in poor meditation effects and a lack of increase in spiritual power.

But now, it was different. Erza experienced a sensation completely unlike before.

She felt that now she could try to continue her meditation practice.

Erza began to meditate immediately, practicing the Boundless Sea Meditation Method taught by Dino, a high-tier method rarely available to others on Dream Island.

Several hours later, Erza opened her eyes again, her expression somewhat excited.

She found that the process of practicing the meditation method was completely different from before and now produced real effects.

This discovery immediately gave Erza a goal.

Previously, she was almost no different from ordinary people, intending to live out her life in such a way and grow old.

After meeting Herag, although Erza wanted to follow him, she knew in her heart it was impossible.

Wizards and ordinary people were almost different life levels. Her life was too short, and her youth too fleeting.

So, even with great reluctance, she could only watch Herag leave, unable to even speak the words to follow.

Back then, she thought, if only her qualifications were a bit better.

At least she could practice meditation and strive to become stronger.

With the support of Dream Island, as long as she could meditate and practice, resources would not be lacking.

The main problem was that her qualifications were too poor, and meditation almost had no effect.

So Erza could only passively choose to live her life as it was.

But now, it's different. World Tree Juice not only extended Erza's life by three hundred years but also improved her constitution.

In fact, World Tree Juice inherently has such an effect, but Herag and Asuna both had good innate qualifications, so the improvement was not noticeable, and they did not feel any particular effect.

World Tree Juice was originally a privilege for the elves of the Elf Race, who naturally possessed high magic qualifications, so they wouldn't feel how much the juice improved their own qualifications.

Just like a person who could already score 100 on a test, adding one more point to a perfect score would still be 100, and they wouldn't feel any difference.

But Erza was different; her natural qualifications were poor.

Consuming the World Tree Juice immediately raised her practice qualifications above the average line.

The extent of this improvement brought an experience of transformational change, making Erza's perceptions particularly sharp.

This was something Herag hadn't anticipated before, not expecting that World Tree Juice could enhance Erza's qualifications.

Erza couldn't help but smile, now having a new goal.

It was to practice diligently and become stronger.

So that the next time she appeared before Herag, she would give him a real surprise.

Erza suddenly thought that perhaps she could advance to become an Official Wizard.

Typically, advancement to an Official Wizard needed to be completed before the age of eighteen.

Because human lifespan is only about a century, Amanda's Potion would burn a person's life to stimulate potential, to break through to the level of an Official Wizard.

Chapter 247: Bloodline Awakening

If you're too old, Amanda's Potion might just burn your lifespan away without breaking through to an Official Wizard.

Of course, this is not absolute; there are also quite a few who break through to Official Wizards after the age of eighteen.

But statistically speaking, breaking through to an Official Wizard before eighteen has the highest probability and is the safest.

After eighteen, the lifespan is not enough, and breaking through becomes very dangerous.

Erza knows all this, Dino has mentioned it before, and she has read many related books.

Erza thought that since her lifespan has increased by three hundred years, she no longer fears this age limitation of eighteen.

She has enough lifespan, and the probability of breaking through to an Official Wizard is very high.

Thinking of this, Erza started her subsequent training plan.

Of course, the first thing is to contact Uncle Dino and have him quickly send some resources.

The matter of the World Tree Juice cannot be mentioned; Herag doesn't allow her to disclose any related information, so she doesn't plan to tell anyone, not even Uncle Dino.

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Black Rock Valley.

It was not until three or four in the afternoon that Asuna woke up. She stretched lazily as she got out of bed, only to find a black stocking still hanging on her leg.

She was too tired last night, fell asleep right after exercising a few times.

Asuna sat at the edge of the bed and took off the black stocking from her leg.

Looking around, some clothes were scattered messily by the bedside.

Asuna picked up all these clothes, planning to wash them later.

There were some pastries on the table in the room, still warm, obviously just placed there not long ago.

After tidying up the room for a while, Asuna took a bath and washed the clothes.

When she took the basket of clothes downstairs, she still couldn't see Herag's figure, not knowing where he went.

Asuna hung the clothes out to dry in the backyard of the Inner Castle.

As she was about to go back upstairs, she suddenly heard a voice from behind.

"Asuna, just in time, come with me to the basement, I need to take some of your blood for an experiment," Herag said.

"Okay," Asuna replied, her long hair draped over her shoulders, still a bit damp from the bath.

She had wanted to look at Herag's laboratory, having learned Herbalism and Magic Potion before but never having had the chance to practice.

Herag had wanted to study Asuna's bloodline before but had been unable to do so while at Base 27.

Now that they're back at Black Rock Valley, he could study it without worry.

In the basement.

Chatiya was watching a seedling. Since Herag taught her some knowledge, Chatiya had been rapidly mastering Magic Potion knowledge.

She was recently researching a magic potion that could help plants grow quickly and was still in the experimental stage.

Herag pricked Asuna's finger with a blood collection needle and took a few drops of blood.

Then he went to a small separate laboratory and began his research.

Herag took a deep breath, and an ancient stone tablet's shadow appeared behind him.

In his perception, Asuna's bloodline wasn't very strong but bizarrely possessed special abilities.

So Herag tried to use the Great Dark Heaven to absorb the bloodline power in Asuna's blood.

This is the simplest and most direct way to determine if there's any hidden bloodline power.

If it were the blood of an ordinary person or a regular demon, the Great Dark Heaven wouldn't react, wouldn't absorb any bloodline power.

When the Magic Power touched Asuna's blood, an inexplicable power was absorbed.

"There's indeed bloodline power," Herag noted, and immediately continued using the Great Dark Heaven to absorb the bloodline power.

After absorbing the bloodline power in Asuna's blood, Herag quickly understood.

"Eye of True Wisdom: Can see through all bloodline origins."

The information was straightforward; Herag felt it seemed like an incomplete bloodline power.

Herag clearly felt that compared to other bloodline powers, the bloodline power of the Eye of True Wisdom was incomplete, not sufficient.

Therefore, Asuna had such a special talent, but Herag also didn't sense her bloodline power as strong.

Because Asuna only had an incomplete bloodline power, with just a small part of the talent missing the vast majority of bloodline power.

"I wonder what the complete form of this bloodline power would be like."

Herag pondered, always feeling that if Asuna's bloodline power were complete, it might not be much weaker than the Thunder God Ancestral Bloodline Power.

From this perspective, Asuna's ancestors must have been extraordinary, otherwise, this level of power wouldn't have been left behind.

The inheritance of bloodline power is like this; unless both parties have the same bloodline power, it is destined to weaken generation by generation.

The bloodline power will gradually be diluted until eventually, there is no bloodline power left.

Asuna's case is special; some people's ancestors had special bloodline power, which might suddenly awaken in their descendants many generations later.

Asuna is such a case, only the awakened bloodline power is not complete, with just a small portion.

Herag thought, feeling that Asuna's Caster talent is probably related to this.

Lins, her biological younger brother, however, has no talent, just an ordinary person without even a Knight's talent.

This further illustrates that Asuna's talent ability is a special case, a kind of bloodline awakening.

After coming out of the laboratory, Herag found Asuna and Chatiya studying something around the seedling.

"Did the seed sprout into a seedling in just half an hour?" Asuna asked in surprise.

Chatiya, quite proud, said, "Yes, this is a magic potion I've researched and developed over the past few months, capable of making seeds sprout and grow quickly."

Herag glanced at it, touched his chin, and said, "But it seems like your seedling is about to wither."

"Ah? How could that be?" Chatiya quickly looked down.

She found yellow spots appearing on the seedling's leaves, which then started to shrivel and wilt as if dehydrated.

"How can this be?" Chatiya stomped her foot anxiously, thinking her research had succeeded, not expecting it to have aftereffects.

"Keep trying," Herag smiled, patting Chatiya on the back of her head.

Since Chatiya had nothing better to do all day, he let her research on her own.

Herag then said, "Tomorrow, we'll go to White Fang Castle, take a few days to rest there."

"Great! I've been here for so long and haven't had a chance to get out," Chatiya was excited, finally having a chance to go out.

Moreover, White Fang Castle is lively; Chatiya came from there before.

Although Asuna doesn't know where White Fang Castle is, she can tell from Chatiya's reaction it's likely a place of amusement.

Chapter 248: Shopping

Herag mainly considered that Asuna had been cooped up at Base 27 for a long time, and Chatiya had also been staying in Black Rock Valley for quite a while.

The two of them were probably terribly bored, so Herag thought that since there was nothing going on for a few days, they might as well stay at White Fang Castle for a period of time.

Once they entered the Land of Dawn, they might have to return to a busy and tense lifestyle.

Early the next morning, Herag and his companions boarded a carriage to head to White Fang Castle, with Blake also on board.

Herag was very important to the Cheqi Family, and ensuring his safety was a must.

Blake was basically following him at all times, ensuring Herag wouldn't encounter danger.

After the group arrived at White Fang Castle, Chatiya and Asuna walked arm in arm next to Herag, while Blake played the role of a bodyguard from behind.

A dignified Cheqi Family Crystalization Level Wizard willingly acting as a bodyguard naturally drew a few more glances from the people on the street.

Blake didn't mind these things; as long as Herag was okay, that was what mattered.

As for those wizards who looked at him with odd eyes.

They simply didn't understand.

Do you know what Serlandir is?

Do you know what a wizard of Serlandir is?

You simply don't understand how bright the future of our Cheqi Family is.

Being a bodyguard for Herag was entirely worth it; in the future, such opportunities might not even be available.

The streets of White Fang Castle were bustling with people.

Asuna rarely showed the smile of a young girl in her teenage years, chatting and laughing with Chatiya as they shopped.

Within just a few days, they had become close sisters.

"Wow, such beautiful ladies, we just got a new batch of clothing in our store, they'd certainly suit you well. Would you like to come in and take a look?" a saleswoman in her twenties at the door of a clothing store said, her eyes lighting up upon seeing Chatiya and Asuna.

She had been working there as a sales assistant for several years, and it was the first time she'd seen such beautiful girls.

The first part was genuine praise, and the latter part was professional instinct.

Chatiya and Asuna looked over at the sound and saw a large clothing store filled with a variety of clothes, with all kinds of styles available.

Seeing all those beautiful clothes, the two couldn't help but stop in their tracks.

Then, Chatiya and Asuna simultaneously turned to look at Herag.

Herag smiled helplessly, "Go on in and take a look. Buy whatever you like."

The trip was meant for leisure, so Herag naturally had no objections.

Hearing Herag's agreement, Chatiya and Asuna happily walked inside.

The saleswoman respectfully saluted Herag and Blake, aware that these two were the main figures.

Herag glanced at the nameplate on the saleswoman's chest, which read Tobecka.

After saluting, Tobecka followed behind Chatiya and Asuna, starting to introduce the clothes in the store.

"This beautiful Miss Elf, our newly launched dress suits you perfectly. The main color is pure white, matching your temperament..."

Herag followed behind the three, idly looking around.

Blake sat down on a bench at the entrance, idly watching the street.

An hour later.

Herag finally understood why Blake had directly found a bench to sit down; it was evidently out of seasoned experience.

Chatiya and Asuna had shopped for a full hour, buying an unknown number of clothes and still not stopping.

Judging by their excited expressions, it seemed they could keep going without noticing the passage of time.

Herag underestimated the enthusiasm of women for shopping, and even more so, two women.

Given their excellent figures, they looked beautiful in anything, making it hard to stop.

Herag smiled and sat at the entrance. Since they came out to have fun, let them enjoy it without interrupting.

Another hour passed before Asuna realized they might have shopped a bit too long.

She glanced at Herag sitting at the entrance and whispered in Chatiya's ear, "Chatiya, isn't this enough? We've shopped for too long."

Chatiya pondered, "Hmm... it seems so, but it doesn't feel like we've shopped that long. Still, it's not good keeping Lord Herag waiting, so let's stop."

Herag heard their conversation and got up to say, "No worries, if you want to keep shopping, continue. There's nothing pressing to do, and it's okay to buy a bit more."

Asuna, holding a dress in her arms, said, "No, we've shopped for a long time already. Let's stop here."

"Hmm hmm, that's enough, that's enough," Chatiya agreed.

Herag nodded, "Alright, then let's settle up. Ms. Tobecka, what's the total cost?"

"That will be thirteen hundred gold coins in total," Tobecka quickly stated the price.

Asuna's eyes widened. She didn't expect the clothes they selected would cost so much, and immediately said, "Lord, it's too much. Let's return some; I can't wear so many."

Herag waved his hand, "No need, buy them all."

With that, he waved his hand and placed a pile of gold coins on the table.

Herag currently had tens of thousands of gold coins, seven or eight thousand Magic Stones, and hundreds of Magical Energy Crystals on him.

For Herag, there weren't many places where he could actually use gold coins.

He rarely lived in the world of ordinary people, and most shopping transactions were conducted using Magic Stones, rarely settling with gold coins.

This had led to an accumulation of gold coins over the years.

If he hadn't come to White Fang Castle, he'd really have had no place to spend these gold coins.

Behind Tobecka were two carts with small piles of clothes, belonging to Chatiya and Asuna.

Herag waved his hand, storing all the clothes into his Space Ring, saying, "I'll prepare a Space Ring for each of you later, so it will be more convenient in the future."

"Thank you, Lord Herag!" Chatiya and Asuna hugged Herag's arms from each side.

Other men accompanying their female companions in the store were looking at Herag with envy.

Chatiya and Asuna were both stunningly beautiful and in their youth, making many envious of Herag's fortune.

After leaving the clothing store, Herag and his group went to another shop to purchase two Space Rings at a rate of three hundred Magic Stones each.

The Space Rings were as large as a room—not spacious but sufficient for the two girls' daily use.

After spending a day roaming around White Fang Castle, they returned to the Cheqi Family's shop after dining.

The top two floors of the shop acted as a hotel for family members. Herag placed the piles of clothes on the beds, letting Asuna and Chatiya store them in their Space Rings.

"Hmm, what's this?" Herag noticed a black item among Asuna's clothes and picked it up, initially unable to tell what it was.

A moment later, he recognized it as a full-body black silk undergarment, a type of lingerie.

Asuna's face flushed as she took the undergarment, putting it into the Space Ring and murmured, "I know you like it, so I bought it..."

Chapter 249: Airship

"I like it?" Herag couldn't help but laugh.

It sounded as if he liked wearing them.

Chatiya innocently poked her head over, "Asuna sister, what kind of clothes are these? They look strange."

Asuna blushed, "Let's not talk about this..."

Herag smiled and interrupted, "Chatiya, tonight I'm sleeping with Asuna, where will you sleep? We only have this one room."

"Ah? I... I'll sleep with you guys too." Chatiya said.

Herag and Asuna exchanged a glance, both seeing the helplessness in each other's eyes.

Herag glanced at the bed, it was large enough to fit all of them.

They could rest well tonight, as it had been a bit exhausting over the last few days.

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After staying at White Fang Castle for over twenty days, the group returned to Black Rock Valley.

During this period, Herag spent his days with Asuna and Chatiya, exploring, eating, and having fun at White Fang Castle.

At night, he focused on his meditation practice, with the twenty-first star in his mind gradually taking shape.

Reese and David also arrived at Black Rock Valley, making the previously quiet castle lively again.

They planned to join Herag to travel to the Land of Dawn through Serlandir's connections.

Reese quickly became close friends with Asuna and Chatiya, the three women mingling together every day and forming strong bonds.

Several times, the three of them shared one room, leaving Herag alone in an empty room.

Half a month later.

Blake came to the castle to find Herag, took out a ring, and said, "Herag, inside here are one hundred thousand magic stones, a token of sincerity from the Cheqi Family."

"One hundred thousand magic stones? That's more than just a token of sincerity."

Herag didn't expect the Cheqi Family to be so generous.

Though they were wealthy, one hundred thousand magic stones was a significant amount, not easily gathered in a short time.

Being able to offer him one hundred thousand magic stones showed the Cheqi Family's resolve in placing a heavy bet on Herag.

"It's just magic stones. The higher-ups in the Cheqi Family all have high hopes for you. We hope you can go far in the Land of Dawn. You'll definitely need magic stones there initially." Blake laughed.

Herag smiled wryly, "You all have such high expectations for me, it gives me a lot of pressure."

Blake nodded and said, "The Land of Dawn won't be easy to navigate, but as long as you're as cautious as you are now, there shouldn't be any big issues. Also, are you planning to take Asuna and Chatiya with you, or are they staying here for now?"

Herag pondered for a moment; he had been considering this question recently.

Chatiya and Asuna both signed master-servant contracts with him, which made them his personal possessions and thus could be taken to the Land of Dawn according to regulations.

However, Asuna and Chatiya were both Third Class Wizard Apprentices, which was decent strength in the Barren Land.

But upon entering the Land of Dawn, such strength might not even be enough for self-defense.

Most importantly, Herag didn't yet understand the situation over in the Land of Dawn.

It was filled with too many unknowns for him.

If any trouble arose, Herag might struggle to protect himself, let alone take care of Chatiya and Asuna.

Moreover, Chatiya's identity was somewhat sensitive. A royal elf was an exploitable identity for wizards involved in frontier wars.

If Chatiya's identity were exposed, Herag doubted he could keep her safe.

At least until he had enough strength, there were many things beyond his control.

Therefore, Herag preferred not to take Chatiya and Asuna with him to the Land of Dawn until he had a clear understanding of the situation there.

With Asuna and Chatiya not present, he would have fewer concerns in handling matters.

Otherwise, many situations might leave him feeling constrained.

For Asuna and Chatiya, temporarily staying in Black Rock Valley was the safest and most prudent choice.

There were witch arrays guarding the place, making it difficult for wizards from the Barren Land to break through.

Herag spoke, "I've thought about it. I'll have them stay at Black Rock Valley for now. I'll need to trouble you to take care of them."

Blake nodded, "A wise choice, their safety is guaranteed by the Cheqi Family. We don't know much about the other side, and can't offer you much help, so leaving them here is the best solution."

Reese and David would accompany Herag, both being Level 1 Official Wizards, capable enough.

They could protect themselves to a certain extent, relieving Herag from having to focus too much on them.

After discussing some matters with Blake, Herag returned to the castle to inform Asuna and Chatiya of his plans.

Chatiya felt a bit disappointed, as she initially thought she could go out with Herag, but discovered she still needed to stay here longer.

Asuna seemed to have anticipated this, showing no change in her expression as she comforted Chatiya, "It's alright, Chatiya, I'll be here with you. Sir has no choice; if we go with him, it will create many concerns for him."

"Hmm." Chatiya understood the rationale, but couldn't help feeling somewhat reluctant.

Reese laughed behind her hand and leaned on Herag, "Don't worry, sisters, I'll take good care of him by Herag's side."

Asuna and Chatiya, aware of Reese's personality, rolled their eyes at her wordlessly.

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A peaceful half-month elapsed.

Herag, along with Reese, Asuna, and Chatiya, was squatting in the Magic Potion Field, picking a grape called Black Crystal.

Black Crystal was a type of magic potion material that also tasted great and could be eaten as fruit, though it was quite expensive.

Buzz, buzz, buzz...

Herag suddenly heard a buzzing sound from outside. He looked up and saw a black dot emerging from the clouds in the distant sky.

Others in Black Rock Valley heard the sound too, looking up at the sky.

As the black dot drew closer, people gradually made out what it was.

It was a ship, an airship.

From afar, it appeared small, but as it approached, it became clear that the airship had seven full decks.

Both sides of the airship were equipped with what looked like cannons, similar to those found on seafaring ships.

The ones here were obviously not ordinary cannons; their appearance and aura were distinct.

As the airship got closer, the roar became louder, echoing throughout Black Rock Valley.

Blake tensed up immediately, but soon relaxed, recalling something, "It should be an airship from the Land of Dawn. I've heard about it before."

"An airship?" Herag continued to observe the airship.

Just from this airship, the magical industrial level of the Land of Dawn appeared to be from a time far advanced compared to the Barren Land.

This airship embodied multiple technologies, and none of them seemed to have been passed down to the Barren Land.

Chapter 250: Boarding the Airship

Herag, with his experiences from a previous world, naturally understood that behind any industrial product was a combination of multiple technologies.

This airship encapsulated an unknown number of technological systems.

With the current situation in the Barren Land, it is feared that for many years to come, there will be no ability to manufacture this kind of airship.

The gap between the Land of Dawn and the Barren Land was unmistakably revealed just by this airship.

Herag recalled his experiences at Base 27, and it was no wonder those Wizards didn't even have the thought to converse with him.

In their view, the three Wizards from the Barren Land were probably akin to primitives.

"Shenlan, record all data regarding the airship in detail." Herag issued the command.

"Task archived, recording relevant data."

When the airship reached the front of Black Rock Valley, it slowly descended, and Herag's group moved to the valley entrance to assess the situation.

Only then did they fully experience the enormity of the airship, like a moving fortress.

Herag and the others stood at the entrance of the valley, not rushing to leave.

Inside the valley, there was a Witch Array for protection, which could shield them in case of any special circumstances.

The airship didn't land directly on the ground but hovered a hundred meters above the surface.

From below, traces of people coming and going could be seen above, and a figure stood at the rail, glanced down, then stepped into the air, descending like a feather.

The one who descended seemed to be a man in his thirties, dressed in a black robe.

After floating down to the ground, he glanced at the crowd at the Black Rock Valley entrance and said, "Is Herag Merlin living here?"

Herag spoke up, "That's me."

The man glanced at Herag, nodded, and said, "I am Pries from Serlandir, ordered by Lord Parker to bring you to the Land of Dawn. According to Lord Parker's orders, you may bring your family as well as David Cheqi and Reese Cheqi to the Land of Dawn."

Herag turned to look at David and Reese, who came over, realizing it was time to depart.

Chatiya and Asuna stood at a corner in the back.

This was Herag trying to prevent Chatiya's identity from being exposed, instructing them not to show themselves.

Chatiya already had tears in her eyes, watching Herag and the group, while Asuna comforted her from the side.

In fact, Asuna was even more reluctant to part with Herag than Chatiya.

Having been together for so long, Asuna couldn't bear to temporarily leave Herag's side.

But Asuna knew this was unavoidable, so despite her inner sadness, she showed nothing of it.

Pries spoke, "If you are ready, you can come with me now. If not, we will stay here for three days."

"No need, we've been ready for a long time, we can leave at any time," Herag replied.

"Then come with me," Pries said with a smile.

Herag nodded, turned to look at Black Rock Valley, and saw Chatiya crying in the distance, with Asuna holding her and waving a small hand at him.

He waved back with a reassuring smile for Asuna.

Chatiya raised her head, pouted, swallowed back her tears, and waved to Herag.

Herag waved, then turned to leave, with David and Reese following behind.

Blake also followed behind, ready to see the three of them off.

"It's just the three of you, no one else?" Pries confirmed finally.

"Yes, that's right," Herag responded.

David and Reese were not planning to bring their families for the time being, intending to wait until they established themselves before considering it.

For the entire Cheqi Family, they were the pioneers in the Land of Dawn.

Pries nodded, then said, "Let's go then."

With a wave of his hand, a breeze appeared, lifting Herag and the two others.

Then, Pries, along with the three, floated up, flying higher and higher.

Looking down, Herag saw Blake gazing at him, as the ground grew further away and Blake's figure became smaller.

Pries led the three to the third deck of the airship, and once they landed, he said, "Mission accomplished, we will start our return now, expected to reach Serlandir in about a month."

He then walked into the cabin, saying, "Let's go, it's windy outside, let's talk inside."

The three followed Pries inside; after passing through a narrow passage, their view opened up.

They entered a place that looked like a lounge, large like a hall.

Sofas were irregularly placed all around, each with a small table in front of it.

The room was luxuriously decorated, with a gramophone in the corner playing soft music.

Pries found a spot by the wall with a window, through which the outside scenery was directly visible.

They sat down there, and Herag glanced at the window; it wasn't made of glass but was very transparent, an unknown material.

Pries waved his hand, and a kettle from the distant counter floated over to the table, followed by four cups.

Pries opened the kettle, and steam rose, followed by the aroma of coffee.

He poured a cup of coffee for each of the three, finally pouring one for himself.

"Thank you, Mr. Pries!" The three quickly expressed their thanks.

They had already realized that Pries was a Level 2 Wizard.

But Pries didn't have the airs of a Level 2 Wizard at all, being very approachable.

The three had encountered many Level 2 Wizards at Base 27, but none were willing to engage with them.

"Let me first introduce the basic situation of the Land of Dawn, then if you have any questions, feel free to ask me, how does that sound?" Pries suggested.

"Please go ahead, sir," the three naturally had no objections.

Pries nodded, took a sip of coffee, and said, "Let's first talk about the Barren Land. The Barren Land is actually just a corner of the Kala Continent near the sea. North of the Barren Land lies the Ten Thousand Mountains as a natural barrier, and beyond them is the Land of Dawn."

"The Land of Dawn is made up of the Six Great Wizard Organizations, of which Serlandir is one."

"Within each Wizard Organization's sphere of influence, there are many cities, both big and small, inhabited by many people."

"Within Serlandir's sphere, there are twenty-three cities, all managed and ruled by Serlandir."

"The structure of Serlandir is quite simple; at the top level is the council, consisting of three members. You must remember their names, as they are the highest rulers of Serlandir and are powerful Level 4 Wizards."