

## **Wizard 752**

Chapter 752: Gloomy Lamp Dragon! (1)

Black Line City, a city constructed from dark giant stones, exuded an ancient and rugged aura, giving off a sense of barbarism.

The origins of this city date back countless years, making it impossible to verify its exact age.

The current lord, Lord Blackline, defeated the previous lord a hundred years ago, leading his tribe to seize control of the city and renaming it "Black Line City."

The Ancient Saint Empire was the earliest name for the Ancient Saint civilization.

During that time, the Ancient Saint Empire was a true unified nation.

The founder of the empire was the first Ancient Saint in the history of the

Ancient Saint civilization, later known as the "Initial Ancient Saint, Yuan Tuo."

Before the emergence of this "Initial Ancient Saint," crawlers were merely weak creatures that served as prey for ferocious beasts.

With the appearance of the “Initial Ancient Saint,” he rose to power like the protagonist in a novel. In just a hundred years, he went from being a tribal chief to conquering in all directions, assimilating other tribes, and ultimately forming the unified “Ancient Saint Empire.” The title “Ancient Saint” originated from that period.

Crawlers believed that the “Initial Ancient Saint” was a “Holy Snake Envoy” born with the will of the Holy Snake, a god sent to save crawlers from the challenges of their existence.

Regardless of whether the “Initial Ancient Saint” was truly a Holy Snake Envoy, after the emergence of the Ancient Saint Empire, crawler civilization continued to prosper. They evolved from being prey to ferocious beasts to beings capable of contending with them.

The “Initial Ancient Saint” established a unified crawler language, script, and transformed tribes into city-states.

He also passed down many methods that directly connected to the Ancient

Saint, collectively known as the “Ancient Saint Laws.”

With the support of the Ancient Saint Laws, crawler civilization could give birth to “Ancient Bloodline Beasts,” comparable to “Ancient Beasts,” in each era. These beings were considered Ancient Saints.

Thanks to the protection of these Ancient Saints, crawler civilization has endured to this day.

During the peak of history, in the later years of the Initial Ancient Saint, there were a total of eighteen powerful Ancient Saints of the same era, known as the “Eighteen Saints of the Empire.”

The Eighteen Saints united around the Initial Ancient Saint and, under his leadership, not only addressed the great challenge of ferocious beasts weighing on crawlers but also proactively expanded, conquering new territories.

However, with the disappearance of the Initial Ancient Saint, the once-unified crawler empire faced the fate of city-states and lords, much like numerous human empires in history, embroiled in chaos.

Afterward, there was no longer an exceptional powerhouse like the Initial Ancient Saint, capable of subduing numerous Ancient Saints, unifying all tribes and city-states, and establishing the absolute unity of the "Ancient Saint Empire."

City-states and lords holding sway became the prevailing theme of the present Ancient Saint Empire.

Each city-state represented a tribal society of small nations and few people, with its lord possessing absolute rule and authority over the city-state residents.

As of today, the number of city-states in the Ancient Saint Empire reached hundreds.

Powerful tribes often established their city-states and then, with the city-state as the center, delineated a territory.

Non-tribal crawlers within the territory were considered "foreigners," and their status within the city was lower than that of the locals.

After the disappearance of the Initial Ancient Saint, continuous wars between city-states plagued the land, leading to unending suffering for the inhabitants. Small tribes, like Chief Kaku's, were forced to risk their lives, barely surviving in the primal forests where ferocious beasts roamed.

Compounded by beast invasions, the Ancient Saint civilization had significantly declined compared to its peak period.

Currently, only thirteen Ancient Saints held sway over different territories, making it difficult for them to unite. Moreover, the Ancient Saint Empire faced the constant threat of powerful enemies.

To the south of the Ancient Saint Empire lay a vast sea, within which several civilizations rivaled the Ancient Saint Empire in strength.

The most notable was the "Mosasaurus Empire," established by Ancient Saints who had defected from the Ancient Saint Empire. Leveraging the rich resources of the ocean, they prospered and repeatedly encroached upon the borders of

The Ancient saint Empire.

In the northern reaches of the Ancient Saint Empire, within the vast and endless "Yintis Mountains," a rising powerful empire had taken root. The "Wind God Empire," founded by the "Feathered People," was considered by crawlers to be their descendants, albeit mutated. Almost all members of this race possessed the ability to fly, rapidly establishing dominance in the Yintis

Mountains and currently disturbing the northern borders of the Ancient Saint Empire.

Within the Ancient Saint Empire, only a few powerful Ancient Saints, particularly those led by the “Skybreaking Ancient Saint,” could effectively harm the Feathered People and engage in aerial combat.

Inside Black Line City, Levi and Kaku sat in a tavern, sipping on the crawlers’ intensely bloody “Blood Demon Wine.” They listened to an old man, Kane, discourse on the past and present history of the Ancient Saint Empire and the current situation.

Kane, once a librarian in a city-state where an Ancient Saint resided, found himself enslaved after the city-state collapsed following the Ancient Saint’s demise in war. His library went up in flames. Eventually, he became a slave among foreigners, experiencing a tumultuous journey that brought him to Black Line City. Due to his cultural knowledge, he became a butler in the lord’s mansion.

In his leisure time, Kane frequented the tavern, enjoying a drink, sharing stories, and showcasing his knowledge. Gradually, he gained a degree of renown in the city..