

Another World 1071

Chapter 1071: The Bright Sword Severs The Emotions, Finally Ascending!

Zhao Hai was currently standing on a desert island. This island was quite a distance away from the Mage Continent. Moreover, it was in a location where ship routes never pass through. One could only see stone on weeds on the island. Describing it using a proverb, it was an island where birds wouldn't even defecate in.

This island was the place Zhao Hai chose to ascend in. Although it was far from the Mage Continent, it was still considered to be part of the continent. Not only was it far from the Mage Continent, it was also very far from the Warrior and the Magic Armor Continent. It was fitting to call it a desert island.

With no use as a supply point nor could it be exploited for its resources, the island was naturally unoccupied by humans.

After collecting books from both the Mage and Warrior continent, Zhao Hai used the rest of the time to look for a place to ascend in.

Ever since Zhao Hai discovered that the laws of the Magic Armor Continent and the Mage Continent were different, he knew that he was now left with the decision on where to ascend. He also knew that ascending on a different place would also send you to a different place in the Cultivation Realm. And in the end, Zhao Hai chose to ascend under the Mage Continent's laws.

The reason Zhao Hao chose the Mage continent was because Mages were still less numerous than Warriors. Mages need talent to cultivate whereas Warriors had easier requirements. Because of this, there were fewer Mages compared to Warriors.

The less of a thing there was, the more precious it was. Although Zhao Hai doesn't know the status of Mages in the Cultivation Realm, in his opinion, Mages were still more valuable than Warriors.

Additionally, he was always dressed in his robe and staff. And from the past few days, Zhao Hai came to understand the level of magic in the Mage Continent. Although the magic in the Mage Continent was more beautiful compared to the boring magic of the Underworld's researchers, it was actually weaker. And with his knowledge of the Undead researchers' magic, the magic level of the Mage continent was nothing to him.

As he stood on the desert island's shore, Zhao Hai quietly gazed at the tumbling waves. His heart was a bit melancholic. Although he had been in the Atlanta Plane for some time, he was still aware that the plane was connected to the Ark Continent. With the Continent being his birth place, he felt sad that he would be leaving it probably forever.

Zhao Hai took in the scent of the sea's gentle breeze. As he breathed in, he also felt that he only had two days before the energy inside his body reaches a critical point. When that time comes, then as long as he remains here, he would ascend.

Zhao Hai sighed before he sat down cross-legged. He was concentrating on his Myriad Stellar Transformations Yin-Yang Art. To be honest, besides that time in the Central Continent, Zhao Hai rarely practiced this cultivation method. He just let the method run its course.

Zhao Hai looks like he was just standing there, but in fact he was analyzing his own self. He discovered that he was actually a timid person. It was a deliberate decision for him to not practice the art. He wanted to delay his ascension as much as possible, and stay here for a long time.

There were two reasons for him to do this. First was because he came to love this place. And the second reason was because he was afraid!

He was afraid of the new environment. He was afraid of facing a formidable Cultivator. Perhaps he might not realize this, but it was what his subconscious wanted. It was because of this that he didn't practice the Myriad Stellar Transformations Yin-Yang Art.

After discovering his own true nature, Zhao Hai couldn't help but inwardly shout in shame. No wonder people said that the only person who might not know you would be you. This seems to be the case for him.

If he wasn't about to ascend and tried to clear his mind, then he wouldn't have realized this point. But fortunately, this realization didn't come too late. Zhao Hai immediately used his divine sense to form a sword in order to sever this fear.

In the past, Zhao Hai heard the phrase, "the bright sword that severs the emotions", but he couldn't understand its meaning. But at this moment, he finally understood those words. When the mind reaches a complete phase, it can feel one's seven emotions and six desires. One would then be able to

distinguish each of these and gain complete understanding. It was because of this that Zhao Hai, with no hesitation, used his divine sense as a sword in order to sever the fear in his heart.

Besides this fear, Zhao Hai also used his divine sense to sever any other negative emotion. This didn't mean that he wouldn't have a negative mood from now on. Emotions take root deep into one's heart. Even if you wanted to prevent it from coming out, you couldn't. Zhao Hai just temporarily cut these emotions off, they would come back later on.

The reason Zhao Hai did this was because he wanted to welcome his ascension in his best state. As his ascension gets closer and closer, he began to feel some things. These feelings made it known to him that having too much emotion during his ascent wouldn't be good. Ascension still carried some danger. If one cannot maintain their peak state, then their ascension might very well fail.

Natives from the Mage Continent who failed in their ascensions died. Even Zhao Hai might be seriously injured if this happens. Zhao Hai wasn't hoping for this to happen to him.

After Zhao Hai severed his emotions, he immediately felt an unprecedented sense of clarity. This clarity didn't come from the neatness of his body. Instead, it was a feeling that came from inside.

Not only did Zhao Hai feel comfortable. He also felt that his mind became much more insightful. The rocky parts of the Myriad Stellar Transformations Yin-Yang Art seem to be easily broken through.

The bright sword that severs the emotions was truly worth its reputation!

A whirlpool began to slowly form around Zhao Hai. This energy whirlpool got bigger and bigger until it turned into a small tornado and then into a giant tornado. In the end, it became like a black hole that wantonly absorbed all of the energy around him.

And in the center of this maelstrom of energy was a calm and steady Zhao Hai. He didn't feel anything other than the repulsion of the plane getting stronger and stronger. This tremendous pressure seems to be bent on expelling him from this plane.

Then all of a sudden, dark clouds began to gather on top of Zhao Hai. The clouds began to clump up as it slowly shone with lightning. These lightning snaked through the clouds as if they were ready to strike down at any time.

Zhao Hai also felt the dark clouds forming, causing him to stop his cultivation. He stood up and looked at the clouds right on top of him. He was aware that this was his tribulation before he ascends.

Zhao Hai didn't dare to ignore these clouds, he quickly held his blood ghost staff. This staff went through a lot of transformations in Zhao Hai's hands. At this point, it was a very attractive piece of work. The staff had a blood red body and on it were symbols of the constellations. It looked both attractive and mysterious. The entire staff was about three meters. The body itself was 2.4 meters long, with the constellations hovering 20 centimeters away from the staff. The rest of the 60 centimeters were taken up by the blood red lotus. The lotus had seven cores and was divided into 18 layers. At the end of each lotus flap was a small red ring that held bells that swayed gently with the breeze, emitting a delightful ringing sound.

Zhao Hai's original staff was just a meter long. At that size, it was still very convenient to hold on to. With the lotus on top of it, the staff became bulky to hold. Because of this Zhao Hai normally had the staff head become a skull.

But this long staff was actually something that Laura and the others designed. Zhao Hai also agreed to the three-meter long design. For a Mage, this staff wasn't short nor was it very long.

There was a lot of Mages who use staffs longer than three meters. There were even some who held staffs that were four meters or longer. These were used to arrange formations in order to resist the enemy.

However, after Laura and the others showed him their design, Zhao Hai felt that the staff looked more like what Buddhist Monks use. Also, this staff wasn't only used as a staff, the giant lotus can also be regarded as a weapon. Upon seeing the staff, Zhao Hai thought about a weapon he saw back on Earth, the spiked mace!

Naturally, Zhao Hai's magic staff was much more attractive than spiked maces. Zhao Hai took his staff and looked up as the sky turned darker and darker.

He knew that there was no way to avoid this tribulation, it was a requirement to all those who wanted to ascend. If he hid inside the Space, then this dark cloud would vanish, only to reappear when Zhao Hai went out once more.

Zhao Hai revolved his gold core, providing massive amounts of energy to his body. At the same time, his dao lotus revolved gently. With each revolution, the energy in the gold core became more and more compressed. With the help of the dao lotus' mysterious energy paths, Zhao Hai can oppose any enemy he would come across.

Zhao Hai stood in place, his magic staff on his hand. The wind from the whirlpool disturbed his hair. But despite this, his eyes were stuck on the dark clouds overhead. He was waiting for the tribulation to come down.

Laura and the others were also inside the Space, looking at the dark clouds. They were worried for Zhao Hai, they also knew that this was a tribulation that he couldn't avoid.

Not only Laura and the others, Karen, Green, and the other members of the Buda Clan were also looking at the situation outside. They stopped what they were doing in order to observe the spectacle.

After accumulating to a certain degree, the dark clouds began to rumble. And along with a very loud thunder, a lightning bolt crashed down on Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at the lightning bolt and coldly snorted before he waved his magic staff. A yellowish light went out of the staff. As it went out of the staff, the yellow light began to absorb energy. Before long, a yellow hammer appeared in the air as it opposed the incoming lightning bolt.

The yellow hammer that the staff projected out gave people a very heavy and strong feeling. The hammer shone in the air as it welcomed the approaching lightning.

Boom! A loud sound was heard as smoke and fire began to erupt overhead. After the collision vanished, the lightning bolt nor the hammer can be seen.

However, this wasn't the end. After the first collision, another lightning bolt came down. This time, Zhao Hai's staff issued a purple light as it formed a huge shield. This shield looked incomparably sturdy. As the lightning hit the shield, it seems as though the earth was about to break.

Despite the strength of the lightning, Zhao Hai's huge shield miraculously survived. Then Zhao Hai emitted, blue, green, purple and golden lights from his staff. These lights formed a huge stick that sunk 100 meters deep into the desert island.

Just as this giant stick was formed, the third lightning bolt went down. The shield immediately dispersed. However, the lightning was attracted to the giant stick. Before long, the lightning dispersed.

Right after the third lightning went down, the fourth followed soon after. Since Zhao Hai didn't have time to cast magic, he transformed his staff into a large glaive as he hacked through the lightning bolt.

The dark clouds seem to contain infinite amounts of energy. As Zhao Hai dispersed the fourth lightning, the fifth immediately crashed down, not giving Zhao Hai any time to prepare. But this time, Zhao Hai already crystallized his body. Although the lightning bolt hit Zhao Hai's body, he still kept standing. The staff quickly formed into a shield as he blocked the incoming lightning.

And just as the shield has been formed, the sixth lightning came down. The shield shivered gently, but it didn't sustain any damage. Then the seventh strike came, then the eight, and then the ninth. Each strike as strong as the previous one. However, the blood red shield protected Zhao Hai through them all. It only shivered slightly with each strike.

After the ninth lightning strike, the dark clouds began to disperse. Then Zhao Hai turned his blood ghost staff into its original appearance. Once the dark clouds have dispersed, a ten meter tall, three meter wide spatial rift appeared in the sky. The rift let out a sucking force that pulled Zhao Hai in. Zhao Hai's present strength couldn't resist this pulling force, so he could only let go and let himself be absorbed.

After Zhao Hai entered the rift, the desert island went back to its desolate state. But this time, Zhao Hai can no longer be seen!

Chapter 1072: Machines!

After a dazzling white light, Zhao Hai opened his eyes slowly. He stared at four directions only to see that he was inside a room. Moreover, this room had people inside!

This room was quite big, having a floor area of more than a thousand square meters. It also had a ten meter high ceiling. The floor was made out of the same bright silvery material.

In this room, whether it was the walls or the ceiling, they were all made out of metals. On these metals were magic formations, each as mysterious as the others. These formations were layered on top of each other, adding on to their mystery. Those who were dabbling in magic formations would surely go blank upon seeing this scene, this was how wonderful the formations were.

This ten thousand square meter room was almost empty. Besides the people standing inside, there weren't anything else.

Zhao Hai inspected the people with him. All of these people were wearing Mage's robes. Their robes seems to be made out of ancient standards, covering their entire bodies. Besides these people were their magic staffs. Zhao Hai hadn't seen staffs like these before. These staffs were all made out of metal.

While Zhao Hai was observing these people, they suddenly took a step forward. Zhao Hai waved his hand, taking his blood ghost staff out in preparation of defending against these people.

But at the same time, Zhao Hai also noted that the energy here was much stronger compared to the Atlanta Plane. It can be said that the laws of the Atlanta Plane and even the Underworld couldn't compare to this place. Zhao Hai also noticed that the pressure on him had completely vanished. This feeling of being unrestrained was something that he hadn't felt in a very long time.

Zhao Hai observed the five other Mages inside this room. When he swept them using his spiritual force, he suddenly discovered that these Mages didn't emit any energy, they didn't even emit any signs of life. This made Zhao Hai stare.

At this moment, the five Mages arrived in front of Zhao Hai. When they came close to him, Zhao Hai discovered that these people had number plates on their bodies. And even more surprising was the fact that these numbers are in Arabic Numerals.

The Mage with the number plate of '1' opened its mouth and said, "Greetings, ascended Mage. Welcome to the Machine Field. Please come with us."

The voice that went out of the Mage's mouth sounded female. It actually sounded very gentle. However, Zhao Hai wasn't attracted to this voice. This was because the voice sounded synthetic, artificial.

It was at this point that Zhao Hai can affirm. These Mages weren't people, they were robots!

Although he was able to see this, Zhao Hai still made a polite response, "Thank you." After he said that, he followed the robots.

What made Zhao Hai feel even stranger was the fact that there were no doors nor windows in this room, it was just like a metallic cube. He really wanted to know how they were supposed to leave.

This was also the time that Zhao Hai discovered the reason why the room was bright despite the lack of windows nor doors. This was because on the walls of the room, as well as the floor, were sources of white light. The light was very gentle, it wasn't overly dazzling.

Zhao Hai arrived at a wall alongside the five robots. This section of wall wasn't any different than the other sections. However, Robot Mage Number 1 placed her hand on the wall and pressed a few magical symbols. After that, the symbols shone as a door opened right in front. This door appeared very quickly, Zhao Hai wasn't even able to catch how it opened.

The door wasn't that big, it could only accommodate two people walking side by side. After opening the door, Robot Mage Number 1 turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Respected Mage, please."

Zhao Hai nodded before walking through the door. Upon coming out the other side, Zhao Hai couldn't help but pause. What entered was another room, albeit smaller than the previous one.

This room wasn't big, only about 100 square meters in floor area. The walls of this room seems to be made out of stone. On its ceiling was a very ancient lamp. This lamp comprised of iron chains as well as discs. It looked very sturdy as it held fluorescent stones that lit the place up.

The floor was covered with a layer of carpet that was very comfortable to step on. What attracted Zhao Hai's attention the most were the five bookshelves. Each bookshelf was stocked up with books. However, the books looked like they haven't been touched for a long time.

Behind a table on one corner of the room was a person. The person was flat on the table and seemed to be asleep.

Zhao Hai could feel a formidable strength coming out of this person. It was a level of strength that he hadn't met before. Even at his present level, if he was against this person, he can see himself lose.

The five Robot Mages brought Zhao Hai to the table before Robot Mage Number 1 opened her mouth and said, "Mister, a Mage has ascended to the Machine Field. Please register his presence."

The person groaned before slowly sitting straight. Then he stretched his body before saying, "Really, I couldn't even sleep for a while..." Then after sobering up, the person looked at Zhao Hai and smiled before asking, "Name, plane of origin, and profession?" Zhao Hai looked at the person's appearance. He couldn't help but frown inside, but he still replied, "This one is Zhao Hai, from the Atlanta Plane, an all-element Mage."

While he was giving his answer, Zhao Hai was also sizing the person up. This person seems to be a Mage. His build wasn't small. He had white beard that contrasted with his black mage robe. The man was knitting his eyebrows, his hair and beard were completely unkempt. He didn't look that handsome.

The old man wrote with his quill as he listened to Zhao Hai's answer. But when he heard that Zhao Hai was an all-element Mage, his quill stopped. Then he looked straight at Zhao Hai as he frowned and said, "You say that you're an all-element Mage?"

Zhao Hai was actually attracted to the old man's quill. Zhao Hai discovered that the old man's quill pen wasn't a normal pen. Instead of having ink on its tip, the quill pen actually emitted beautiful, dazzling light.

At the same time, although the table looked like it was made out of ordinary wood, it actually had a small film on top of it. As the light fell on this film, the words that were written began to levitate.

Upon hearing the old Mage's question, Zhao Hai recovered, then he nodded and said, "Yes, this one is an all-element Mage."

The Old Mage's two eyes shone, he smiled and said, "Alright, very good. Show me a spell or two." Zhao Hai stared, then he looked around before turning back to the Old Man, "Right now?" The Old Man looked at Zhao Hai's reaction and smiled, "Yes, right now. But don't use too much magic."

Zhao Hai nodded. He didn't reject the request, he knew that this was some sort of test. He waved left his hand, summoning a tornado on his hand. As though like dancing elves, the tornado danced on his hand, drilling through his fingers as though it was a playful child...

This wasn't the end, Zhao Hai waved his right hand, summoning a little fireball. This fireball also rolled about his hand. Then Zhao Hai threw the fireball over to his left hand. The fireball and the tornado met and proceeded to chase each other.

After that, Zhao Hai waved his right hand once more, summoning a ball of water. Then after tossing the ball of water to his left hand, Zhao Hai summoned a piece of stone, then a black and white mass. After summoning the six elements, Zhao Hai had them revolve around his body. They looked like six naughty children gathering around their father.

After showing this, Zhao Hai knew that he had shown his capabilities. He gave a snort as the elements vanished. Then he looked at the Old Mage and said, "Mister, is that enough?"

The Old Mage looked at Zhao Hai with shining eyes as he nodded again and again, saying, "Good, very good." He said that while writing a few more lines on the table. After some time, he placed the quill down and then took out a piece of paper from the side. Taking a look at the contents of the paper, the Old Man nodded before handing it over to Zhao Hai, "Take this and follow them. Take a break for today. Someone will come and pick you up tomorrow morning. He will take you to a place, there you will know everything you need to know." Zhao Hai looked at the paper and read its contents. The writing was in traditional chinese, but Zhao Hai could see that the contents of the paper were related to him. It had his name, the plane he came from, the fact that he was an all-element Mage, and then some appraisals about him.

The Old Man really wasn't stingy in appraising Zhao Hai. Above the information that Zhao Hai was an all-element Mage, the Old Man also added that he had reached a high-level of control and it was suggested that he should undergo training.

Upon seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but force a smile. He was an apex Expert in the Atlanta Plane. But in here, it seems like he needed training. He didn't know whether he should laugh or cry.

However, Zhao Hai didn't dare to show that he was dissatisfied. This was because he felt that the Old Mage's strength was no weaker than him, and might even be more powerful. If that Old Man saw him looking dissatisfied, then he might teach him a lesson. With no information about where he was, Zhao Hai naturally wouldn't mess anything up.

Chapter 1073: Room 2046

The Old Man looked at Zhao Hai staring at the paper and smiled, "Young Man, go and take a rest. You just ascended to Machine Field. I know that you are the strongest person at your plane. But here, you're just an early ascendant. Go, go and rest. Someone will fetch you tomorrow to take you to a place with all the answers you seek."

When he heard the Old Mage, Zhao Hai immediately stopped reading the paper. Then he gave the Old Man a respectful bow and said, "Yes, thank you for the advice." Then Zhao Hai turned around and followed the five Robot Mages.

After seeing Zhao Hai leave, the Old Mage murmured, "He's a special one. A Mage that isn't arrogant. He will surely make waves in the future." Once he said that, the Old Mage yawned once more before leaning on the table and saying, "I hope those guys can train him properly." His voice got quieter and quieter as he finally fell asleep.

Zhao Hai followed the Robot Mages and left the room. While they were walking up a level, Zhao Hai tried to use his spiritual force to scan the surroundings. Then he discovered that the building was made out of special materials that completely isolated spiritual force.

Upon knowing about this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be more careful. His spiritual force was very formidable, it was many times better than ordinary Mages. But even so, he still cannot penetrate anything inside this place.

Not to mention the Old Mage's strength, nor the materials used to make this building that weren't in the Atlanta Plane, the five Robot Mages alone made Zhao Hai curious about this place called the Machine Field.

But what made Zhao Hai curious the most was the fact that he didn't ascend in the Cultivation Realm, but instead in this Machine Field. Also, he hadn't heard about this place before, did Lu Wei's remnant soul lie? That's impossible. At that time, the soul has been subdued by the Space, it couldn't have lied. It might be because he ascended in the Atlanta Plane.

After he thought about this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel regret. If he knew that he would ascend to this place, then he might not have chosen the Mage Continent. Instead, he would just choose to ascend in the Divine Realm. After all, he still had some understanding with regards to the Cultivation Realm. As for this Machine Field, he was completely clueless.

But after some thought, Zhao Hai removed the negative thoughts from his mind and instead rejoiced. Looking at what just happened, it seems like the Machine Field was used to receiving ascenders. Moreover, they already had a set of procedures in welcoming newcomers. This was noteworthy. This meant that this plane's strength was much higher than the Mage Continent. It shouldn't be any weaker than the Cultivation Realm.

While Zhao Hai was thinking about these things, the five Robot Mages stopped in front of a room before Number 1 turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, please go in and take a rest. We shall be waiting outside. You can call us if you need anything." Zhao Hai recovered, then after he gave the Robot Mages his gratitude, he turned around and pushed the door open. But upon seeing the door plate, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. There were four numbers printed in arabic numerals, 2046!

When he saw these four numbers, Zhao Hai didn't know whether to laugh or cry. It seems like he was number 2046. Who knows if this room was different compared to the others.

He gently shook his head and then entered the room. Zhao Hai also knew that this was just a coincidence, it shouldn't be related to Earth.

It was an ordinary room. It was divided into two parts, a small living room and the bedroom. In between the living room and the bedroom was a door. Zhao Hai opened it and saw that it was the bathroom.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but faintly smile. He didn't mind the room anymore as he walked to his bedroom. The bedroom was also very ordinary, there wasn't anything special inside. It had a cabinet, a bed, and a lamp. After looking through the room, Zhao Hai sat down and began to contact Cai'er using his mind.

And after hearing Cai'er's reply, Zhao Hai began to feel relieved. Then he used his mind to talk, "Cai'er, I won't be able to enter the Space in the meantime. I'm afraid this room is under surveillance. Let's wait for a while as I gain more understanding about this plane. Tell everyone that there's no need to worry." Cai'er gave her approval. After the small conversation, Zhao Hai stopped their communication. Then he began to sit cross-legged as he rested. What Zhao Hai didn't know was the fact that he was right. This room was monitored. Not entering the Space was the right decision.

The moment Zhao Hai entered room 2046, his actions were immediately noted down. Moreover, his presence in this room began to shake the Machine Field.

Zhao Hai just came to the Machine Field so he didn't know. The Machine Field was quite good in looking after ascenders from the lower realms. This was because everyone knew that the concentration of energy in both realms were very different. If someone was able to ascend from a lower realm, then this meant that they were rare talents. Such people needed to be trained well and they might emerge as powerful Experts later on.

Naturally, this went according to how diligent the ascender was. After all, back in their lower realms, these ascenders were powerful experts. But upon reaching the Machine Realm, they were demoted into ordinary people. Some people couldn't bear this change of status and would live a life of degeneracy and vanishing from the eyes of the people. There would also be people who treated the Machine Field as an amusement park, not having the heart to progress in their cultivation. With this mindset, it was impossible for them to become strong.

The place where Zhao Hai was currently in was an area specifically made to receive ascenders. There were quite a lot of planes that the Machine Field was in control of. And almost every year, an ascender would come from the lower realms. However, only a handful of these ascenders would truly prove themselves as talented, the others, for some reason, became just ordinary people.

But among the rooms used to receive ascenders, there was one room the Machine Field deemed very special. And it was room 2046!

Besides the reception tower as well as the first level staff room, the second to eleventh layers were places for ascenders to occupy. There were 100 rooms in each level. Above the eleventh floor were rooms for the staff to rest in.

There weren't necessarily 100 people in the Machine Field's Ascender Reception Area. Moreover, some of them would live here for just one night and then leave the day after. Because of this, these 100 rooms were generally empty. The staff responsible for registering the ascenders was also in charge of where to put them. Naturally, the assignment of the rooms wasn't random.

One's room went according to the ascender's recorded aptitude. The higher your talent, the higher the floor you'll be assigned to. And the lower one's floor assignment was, the lower their talent would be. And Zhao Hai was in the second level, so he should be on one of the worst rooms. However, room 2046 was an exception.

Among the ascender reception staff, room 2046 held a very special status. Naturally, room 2046 was just an ordinary room in the beginning. But one day, it changed when a Mage from a lower realm ascended. This Mage was referred to have a low aptitude, and that he had no future. Because of this, he was assigned to room 2046. But who would've expected that the Mage would create a miracle, becoming a famous expert in the Machine Field. In his old age, the Mage decided to settle down in the Ascender Reception Tower. And from that moment on, each ascender that the Mage had his eyes on would be sent to room 2046. And after that, every ascender that took residence in room 2046 became strong experts. This Mage would continually assign ascenders to room 2046, and almost without fail, those ascenders would become strong experts. As this information got passed around, the Machine Field began to have an unwritten rule, every ascender living in room 2046 was favored to be a strong expert later on.

Because of this, people would pay attention whenever an ascender gets assigned to room 2046. But Zhao Hai was unaware of this. He thought that it was the Robot Mages' decision to assign him to room 2046.

At this moment, Zhao Hai's image was passed around to all influences in the Machine Realm. Before long, all of these powers began to note Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai continued to practice inside his room. However, he felt a little strange. He was very sensitive when it came to energy. Because of this, he knew very clearly that the amount of energy inside this metal room shouldn't be that rich. Although the laws here were the same, the energy density had actually undergone a huge change.

Even if he was puzzled, Zhao Hai recalled the Old Mage saying that someone would take him to a place tomorrow. There, all of his questions would be answered. Because of this, Zhao Hai didn't dwell on this matter for long.

Since he was in a new place, he needed to be low-key. Therefore, Zhao Hai planned to show as little as possible. But he didn't know that the Old Mage fancied his talent and placed him in room 2046.

If Zhao Hai knew about what the Old Mage did, then he wouldn't know whether to laugh or cry. Fortunately, he was careful and didn't enter the Space. Otherwise, his secret might place him into huge trouble.

Zhao Hai didn't know that his information was already on the desks of the Machine Field's various powers. When these huge influences saw that Zhao Hai was a Mage that can use all of the elements, they immediately took note of him.

Back in the Divine Realm, Zhao Hai transformed his energy to shift between battle qi and magic. However, due to the Mage Continent's laws, this transformation between energies and elements was impossible. Zhao Hai didn't know about this because he spent too little time in the Mage Continent.

Chapter 1074: Ascender Academy

The laws of the heavens and the earth have always been a mystery! Each place had their own distinct law. Take the Mage Continent for example, they had laws that only permit the use of magic energy. Besides magic energy, they couldn't use anything else. But even if they could other energies, they wouldn't be able to use too much of it. Because of this, nobody in the Mage Continent cultivated both martial arts and magic. And in the end, they would never reach the peak strength of an individual, not to even say ascending. This was the same case with the Warrior Continent and the Magic Armor Continent. The reason why Zhao Hai was repelled by the laws was because his body was full of both battle qi and magic.

When he ascended to the Machine Field, Zhao Hai was still able to use all kinds of energy. Normally, when the Old Mage asked someone from the Mage Continent to show their spells, they would certainly use the element they were proficient in. But since Zhao Hai didn't know about this, he revealed that he was a Mage that could use all of the elements.

Zhao Hai might not know about the Mage Continent's state, but the people from the Machine Field did. Therefore, when they heard that Zhao Hai was an all-element Mage, they were shocked.

It needed more than aptitude to ascend while also being an all-element Mage. Needless to say, the people from the Machine Field paid very close attention to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't know any of these, so he just sat there the entire evening, cultivating. He knew that even if he was an expert in the Atlanta Plane, but in the Machine Field, he was only someone with some talent. If he wanted to live a better life here, then he needed to be competent.

Zhao Hai's actions actually earned the praise of the people observing him. There were some ascenders who still had the mindset that they were very strong. Because of this, their bodies exuded arrogance and would eventually be idle. People like Zhao Hai who still cultivated after ascending were in the minority.

Even those who became strong afterwards were still arrogant when they ascended. On their first night, they couldn't sit still like Zhao Hai and practice the entire night.

The more he was like this, the more it showed that Zhao Hai was different. Those who've seen Zhao Hai's conduct felt that he was even more worthy of their attention.

To a person who was absorbed in their cultivation, one night was nothing. Zhao Hai only thought that he was circulating his Myriad Stellar Transformations Yin-Yang a few times before he heard a knock coming from outside his room.

Zhao Hai stopped cultivating as he said, "Come in."

The door opened before a person wearing mage robes entered. This person's mage robes were unlike the ones worn by the Robot Mages. This person's robes were very fashionable and didn't cover his entire body.

Zhao Hai stared, he looked at the person and asked, "You are?"

The person smiled faintly at Zhao Hai and said, "Are you Mister Zhao Hai who ascended from the Atlanta Plane yesterday? Hello, I'm here to pick you up."

Zhao Hai quickly replied, "I'm Zhao Hai. Hello. May I know where you're taking me?"

The Mage smiled and said, "All ascenders from the lower realms needs to study in the Machine Field's Ascender Academy for one year. And after a test, you will then be provided with an official citizenship. I'm here to lead you to the academy."

Upon hearing the Mage, Zhao Hai immediately nodded and said, "Alright, I'll have to trouble you."

The person smiled and said, "Not a problem. Since this is a place for you to temporarily take a rest, you'll only get to eat after arriving at the Academy" Then he made a gesture to lead Zhao Hai.

After expressing his gratitude, Zhao Hai proceeded to walk shoulder to shoulder with the Mage. Zhao Hai no longer saw the five Robot Mage as he walked together with the Mage. Since Zhao Hai lived on the second floor, they were able to head outside very quickly.

Zhao Hai was met with shock upon reaching outside. What he saw was something that could only be seen in science fiction movie scenes. There were tall buildings, each one easily reaching 100 floors. On the skies were flying vehicles just like the one from the movies. On some corners and sides of buildings were huge screens showing advertisements.

Upon seeing Zhao Hai's reaction, the person smiled and said, "You'll slowly get used to it. Come, let's get going." As he said that, the person gestured Zhao Hai towards a car not far away. This car was just like other automobiles, but this one didn't have wheels, instead it had something that looked like propellers. It looked like a vehicle meant for aquatic use.

Zhao Hai didn't ask anything and just lowered his head in order to enter the vehicle. While the other person was entering the car, Zhao Hai took the opportunity to look at the place he came from. It was a tall tower, but in this large concrete jungle filled with tall buildings, it was on the shorter side. It only had about 20 floors, and even if looked shorter than it was, it would be 30 floors at most.

The entire tower was made out of a type of azure stone. It looked ancient, just like how the others magic towers were made. There were no windows on this tower, exactly like some magic towers. Zhao Hai couldn't help but be stunned. He didn't expect a building such as this to exist in this place.

The person saw Zhao Hai's reaction as he smiled faintly and said, "Does it seem strange that the ascender tower looks incompatible with the surrounding buildings?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "It looks out of place."

The person smiled and said, "This is the oldest building in the entire Magic City. And the building was also intentionally built to look like this."

Zhao Hai looked at the man with a puzzled expression. The man just smiled and said, "You're from the lower realms. Don't you think that it would be better to live in buildings like these?" Then he gestured towards the nearby tall buildings.

Then he turned his head to the front of the car and said, "Ascender Academy." The vehicle silently started. It was a smooth start that Zhao Hai wasn't even able to notice that the vehicle was already running.

However, Zhao Hai shook his head and replied to the earlier question, "To be honest, I felt uncomfortable in that building when I arrived."

The person smiled and said, "It is for this reason that we didn't replicate its appearance. Also, the appearance of the building has a function. The building has magic formations that suppresses spiritual qi."

Zhao Hai immediately asked, "Spiritual Qi?"

The person looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, "Right, Spiritual Qi. In the Machine Field, we don't study what you call magic energy. Instead, we have spiritual qi. Don't think that Spiritual Qi is weak based on your experience yesterday. That was because the building has formations that suppresses spiritual qi. Actually, the spiritual qi in the Machine Field is a hundred times more than what you experienced before. But newly ascended people like you might not be able to adjust to the abrupt change in

concentration, causing you to turn insane. You need time to adapt, so the tower suppresses the spiritual qi in the surroundings. In the course of one year, the Ascender Academy will gradually train you to adapt to the normal amount of spiritual qi. Once you get used to the normal level of spiritual qi and pass the assessment, then you will become an official citizen of Machine Field.”

While the person was saying that, the car was speeding through the air. Although the car was very fast, the speed can't actually be felt inside. It just felt like they were just sitting in a room.

By the time the person stopped speaking, the car stopped in front of a lot. This lot was quite big, complementing the huge 100-story or more building in front of it. Above the large building were four characters that read 'Ascender Academy'.

After the car stopped, the vehicle door automatically opened as electronic voice was heard, “Ascender Academy, please disembark.”

The person turned to Zhao Hai and said, “Let's head out.” Zhao Hai nodded and exited the car along with the Mage.

Just as they stood on the ground, it suddenly moved forward. Zhao Hai stared at the ground for a moment and didn't care about it anymore.

The person looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, “You reacted quite well. I received someone who fell over the moment it moved.”

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, “Actually, my Atlanta Plane is quite developed. Although we don't have moving platforms, we have elevators. I think the principle between the two is quite similar.”

The man turned to Zhao Hai and said, “Really? The Atlanta Plane has elevators? You aren't lying?”

Zhao Hai smiled and said, “Of course its true. You might now know, but the Atlanta Plane is divided into three continents, the Mage Continent, Warrior Continent, and the Magic Armor Continent. The Mage Continent and the Warrior Continent didn't have elevators, but the Magic Armor Continent did. Oh right, those Mages that received me yesterday, they looked like magic armors from the Magic Armor Continent. They aren't really people are they?”

Zhao Hai deliberately inserted the last part in order to probe for information. The person didn't suspect anything as he said, "Of course they're not people. They're robots that are made to look like people. They're just machines. So those magic armors, what do they look like?"

Zhao Hai replied, "Magic armors are metal giants several meters tall. People can enter this giant and operate it from the inside. In addition to fighting, magic armors can also fly. They're strength is quite formidable. Moreover, there's also an ascension magic armor. I hear that high-level pilots use them in order to ascend. Do they ascend here?"

The person nodded and said, "It's possible that they ascended here. But the place where you're from didn't have any ascenders for a long time. I had this job for 20 years, and I haven't heard of someone ascending from your plane."

Zhao Hai just gave a smile, "The rate of ascension in the Atlanta Plane is very slow. There has been so many years since somebody ascended."

The man gave a nod, "That's normal. There are some planes that won't have ascenders for several hundred years. It's not a big deal."

The two arrived at the large building as they chatted. There was a huge screen before the large building. Shown on that screen were information related to the Ascender Academy. The entire building was called the Ascender Mage Academy. This was because this building was for training Mage Ascenders.

The person looked at Zhao Hai who was reading the screen and smiled, "There's no need to read everything. You'll know all about that as you spend time here. Let's go and have you registered first. Then after you settle down at the dormitory, you can have your meal."

Zhao Hai nodded and entered the building. Inside was a very big hall, it wasn't any smaller than the hall Zhao Hai ascended to.

Inside this hall were people in Mage robes busily walking in and out. Several of these people saw Zhao Hai arrive and then whispered among each other.

Since Zhao Hai's ears were very sensitive, he was able to hear their words, "This one's new. Who knows where he came from."

Another said, "Who cares where he came from? He may be a genius back there, but here everyone is equal."

At this time, Zhao Hai arrived at the innermost part of the hall. There was a door that had three characters that read "Registration Office". The man pushed the door open and entered. Zhao Hai quickly followed behind.

The room wasn't very big, only about 20 or so square meters. The inside looked simple. It only had a table, a chair, and a robot.

This one looked like a very simple robot. It had a round head and its face was half-covered with a screen. It had a silvery body and two arms that showed plates and gears. The robot's left hand was a rectangular box while the other was equipped with a pen.

Zhao Hai looked at this and understood why the person didn't even bother to knock. So the one inside the room wasn't a person.

The man wasn't polite as he arrived in front of the robot and then turned to Zhao Hai, "Give me the piece of paper that you received yesterday." Zhao Hai took the paper that was given to him by the Old Mage and then handed it over to the person.

After the Mage received the piece of paper, he placed it on the table. The robot's screen turned bright before writing something on the paper with its pen. After that, the robot's rectangular box whirled two times before a card was spat out.

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The man took the card from the robot before handing it over to Zhao Hai, then he said, "This is your ID card. For one year, you would only be able to live inside the Ascender Academy. But you can use this card both in and out of the academy. You will have your own separate room to store your items. This ID card also functions as a bank card. Do you know what a bank is?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Of course, we have banks in the Atlanta Plane. We also use our ID cards as bank cards back there."

The man nodded and said, "It seems like I need to know more about the Atlanta Plane. I didn't expect your civilization to be advanced. This card has 10,000 machine coins. You can use this to buy things. Naturally, the dormitory and the canteen won't cost any money. But there's also a restaurant on the premises. If you want to eat good food, then you can go to the restaurant to eat. But you need to spend money if you want to do that. Although 10,000 isn't a lot, it should be enough for you to live with for an entire year. You also need to pay attention to the tests every month. The content of these tests vary, and there's also tests that relate to the military. If you pass these tests, you will gain money as reward. If you fail them, then your money will be deducted as punishment. Do you understand?"

Zhao Hai nodded. Not only did the Machine Field welcome the ascenders, they took great pains in order to construct this academy. They also made sure to have the ascender get used to spiritual qi. At the same time, the academy was built like a small city to make the ascenders familiar with the lifestyle of the Machine Field. And to top it all off, they even gave 10,000 machine coins. They were truly generous.

The man looked at Zhao Hai's expression and couldn't help but ask, "Aren't you shocked? I've seen ascenders before who reacted strongly to the one-year stay inside the academy. They said that we're putting them under arrest."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Mister can rest assured, I'm very satisfied with this arrangement. Right, how can I know where I'll be staying? Going to eat? Or where to head to class?"

As soon as the man heard Zhao Hai, he immediately replied, "There's no need to worry about that. After obtaining this card, you will also be given a Robot Butler. You can even take this robot with you after you leave the academy. If you need anything, you can just ask the butler to assist you."

After he said that, the door opened and a robot entered. This robot wasn't as advanced as the Mage Robots from the ascender tower. This robot looked like a metal shell with a head and two eyes. While it walked over, one could hear the gears moving. One could see at first glance that it wasn't a good product.

The man looked at the robot and said, "This is you Robot Butler. If you don't want this one, you can just go to the school's store to buy another one. Robot Butlers are quite cheap, you can buy several of them using your 10,000 coins. You can also exchange your lower realm items in the shop in exchange for coins. And since your lower realm coins don't circulate here, you can go to the school's bank and have them exchanged. Rest assured, the exchange rate is very fair. At the very least, you won't eat a huge loss. Alright, I've already accomplished what I need to do. If you have any questions, you can just tell them to this robot. Programmed into this robot are common questions that ascenders ask."

Zhao Hai nodded before he gave a bow and said, "Thanks for the hard work. Right, from the beginning I failed to ask for your name. I've been disrespectful. Please accept this small gift." Then Zhao Hai turned his hand to retrieve a small sack. This cloth bag wasn't that big, but the thing inside felt quite heavy.

The man was also a good judge of the items. After seeing Zhao Hai's cloth sack, he knew that it was a bag of coins. To be honest, he didn't expect Zhao Hai to give him a bag of coins.

The man worked in this job for more than 20 years and had met quite a number of ascenders. These ascenders were too arrogant to give him gifts. When they saw him, they all treated him as though he were a servant. Although he took this job because he didn't have the talent to progress, he still felt uncomfortable with being looked down upon. Zhao Hai was the first person in 20 years that gave him any gifts.

The man actually didn't take the coins and just bowed and said, "I thank Mister Zhao Hai. I'm called Gu Mingyue. Mister Zhao Hai, I've been a receptionist for more than 20 years, and this is the first time that someone has given me gifts. However, I simply cannot accept your generosity. You need these gold coins. This academy is built just like a small city. In order to get settled here, you would need money. You also need to save up some money for the future."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "There's no need for Mister to worry about me. I'm a Mage, I could easily study magic for a whole year without going out. I also don't like to walk around, so I don't need that much money. Please take it." Then he took Gu Mingyue's hand and placed the bag on it.

Gu Mingyue looked at Zhao Hai and felt his heart move. He looked outside the room before turning to the Robot Butler, saying, "You go wait for us outside." The Robot Butler didn't move and just turned to Zhao Hai, obviously treating him as its master. It would only listen to Zhao Hai's instructions.

After seeing Gu Mingyue's expression, Zhao Hai knew that the man had something to say. So he immediately turned to the robot and said, "You go outside and wait." The robot immediately bowed towards Zhao Hai and said, "Yes, Master." Then it proceeded to leave the room.

Once the robot had left the room, Gu Mingyue immediately looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, you need to be alert if you intend to use this robot. It isn't just a Robot Butler, it is also used to observe a person. If you use him, make sure to have him modified by a special robot shop inside the school and remove the surveillance device. There are a lot of robot shops inside the academy, but there are special ones that don't care about the academy's power and influence. If you also want to buy robots, buy them from those special stores, they can guarantee the quality of your robot." Zhao Hai blinked upon hearing this. Then he said, "Alright, I will pay attention. Thank you for the warning Mister Gu. If you need anything from me in the future, then don't hesitate to approach me. I'll do what I can to help."

Gu Mingyue bowed and said, "Thank you, Mister Zhao Hai. I will take my leave first." Then he turned around and left.

After seeing Gu Mingyue being honest, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile. He understood that Gu Mingyue was a low-level character here in the Machine Field. And it would be close to impossible for him to advance further in life. Because of this, he could only be a receptionist here. Moreover, he did so for already 20 years.

Because of their status in life, these low-level characters wouldn't enter the eyes of most ascenders. But Zhao Hai knew that these kinds of people had their own methods and means in order to survive. If you make connections with them, then you would certainly gain unexpected benefits later on.

Now that Zhao Hai arrived at a completely new place, his way forward was essentially dark. In this case, it wouldn't be bad to have a few friends while keeping a low profile. If he were plunged into cunning plots and ruses, who would save his life?

Take today's matter for example, a bag of gold coins was nothing to Zhao Hai. But to Gu Mingyue, it might actually represent something, even changing his state in life. Most importantly, Gu Mingyue saw Zhao Hai's respect in that bag of gold coins.

And because of this, Gu Mingyue was able to tell Zhao Hai such a relevant information. Otherwise, Zhao Hai wouldn't have known about the surveillance device inside the robot.

This information was very important to Zhao Hai. His biggest secret was the Farm. If a heaven defying thing such as the Farm was made known to these people, then they would certainly use all kinds of means in order to take it from him.

Gu Mingyue told Zhao Hai that the spiritual qi in the Machine Field was a hundred times more than the lower realms. With such a concentration of energy, the Machine Field certainly had much more powerful experts than the Underworld.

Zhao Hai also came to know that the laws of a plane had a direct relationship with the plane's density of spiritual qi. Since the Ark Continent's spiritual qi was inferior to the Divine Realm, it could only produce experts up to 9th rank. God-ranks would need to ascend not only because of the laws, but also because of the spiritual qi.

If God-ranks stay in the Ark Continent for a long time, then they would absorb massive amounts of the Ark Continent's spiritual qi. This would affect the continent's development. Since the density of the spiritual qi was low, the Ark Continent's laws wouldn't permit the constant presence of God-ranks inside the plane.

The laws and the density of spiritual qi were part of the universe. Naturally, they complement each other. The laws of the Ark Continent's have been forcibly changed, and even if it was connected to the Divine Realm, it still couldn't replenish the spiritual qi being lost. Because of this, the Ark Continent opened more spatial cracks in order to supplement its need of spiritual qi.

Although the energy of the Underworld was dark energy, it was still a type of spiritual qi. Since the spiritual qi of the Underworld was superior than the Divine Realm, the strongest experts born there would naturally be stronger than the ones in the Divine Realm.

And now, the spiritual qi of the Machine Realm was supposedly 100 times more than the Atlanta Plane. According to estimation, the strongest experts here should be at least 100 times stronger than the peak experts in the Atlanta Plane. Faced with such experts, even Zhao Hai was certain that he wouldn't be able to make a struggle.

Zhao Hai recalled his arrogance back in the Underworld, where he could just flatten a city with ease. But now he was clear that he couldn't afford such arrogance.

Chapter 1076: The Massive World of Cultivation!

When Zhao Hai left the registration office, the Robot Butler clunkily went to greet him. Seeing the mechanical being approaching him, Zhao Hai couldn't help but admit that this robot was very ugly. And with Gu Mingyue's reminder, he knew that he wouldn't be keeping this robot by his side.

However, he wouldn't replace this robot immediately, it would be too suspicious if he did so. Also, it wouldn't be too late to exchange this robot later on. And the robot wouldn't be following him at night, so he can just go to the Space then.

Zhao Hai wasn't polite as he told the butler, "I'll be calling you Tinkle from now on, and you'll call me Young Master. Understood?"

The Robot Butler bowed and said, "Tinkle understands. Young Master can rest assured."

Zhao Hai nodded before he said, "Tinkle, take me to see my room."

Tinkle complied before leading Zhao Hai to the side. Zhao Hai was now able to see that there were several elevators. Moreover, the numbers on top of these elevators reached three digits.

To be honest, the level of technology in the Machine Field had exceeded Zhao Hai's imagination. At the same time, their level of magic formations was also beyond his expectations.

Whether it was an elevator or a speeding car, all of these things had traces of magic formations in them. These magic formations weren't just ornaments, they really had a purpose. This caused Zhao Hai to be surprised.

Developing technology and magic formations to this degree wasn't an easy feat. While he thought of this, Zhao Hai and Tinkle entered into the elevator. As Tinkle pressed a few buttons, Zhao Hai noticed that alongside numbers, there were also guides on the panel. For example, on the button with '12' in it, the word 'store' was printed out. And on floor 14, 'restaurant' could be read.

Zhao Hai looked at the elevator panel and saw that there were 110 floors altogether. Ten of which were used as classrooms, another ten were for dormitories, and five for the library. There were even some floors allocated as practice grounds, which made Zhao Hai somewhat confused.

But after recalling what Gu Mingyue said that the academy built like a small city, Zhao Hai began to understand. This practice ground wasn't actually outdoors, it was just built inside the building. This way, they really had no way of going outside for a year.

Zhao Hai didn't need to find the dormitory floor, Tinkle already took care of it. After the elevator doors opened, Tinkle led Zhao Hai out.

Zhao Hai was quite curious about the elevator. He felt that the elevator was much faster than he expected. Upon heading out of the elevator, they were met with an illustration showing the different blocks present in the floor. There was the calming block, clear block, silent block, and common block, a total of four regions.

Zhao Hai looked at the characters of the four regions and couldn't help but murmur, "Clear and calming? Interesting."

Seeing Zhao Hai stop, Tinkle stopped as well. Zhao Hai turned to Tinkle and said, "Tinkle, which block do we live in?"

Tinkle quickly answered, "Young Master, we live in the clear block. Please follow me." Zhao Hai nodded as Tinkle led him in. Tinkle turned corners about seven or eight times. Zhao Hai didn't expect this place to be huge, there might be dozens of rooms on this floor alone.

Tinkle brought Zhao Hai to a room that had the number '13' on it. Then he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, we're here. You can open the door using your ID card."

Zhao Hai nodded and took his ID card out before inserting it on a hole beside the door. A 'ding' was heard before the door opened for Zhao Hai and Tinkle to enter.

Zhao Hai took a deep breath before entering his room. He inspected the place and estimated it to be about 50 square meters. But this was already pretty good. After entering the door, he was met with the

small living room. On the living room was a set of sofas and a television. The living room and the bedroom wasn't partitioned by walls, instead a shelf was used to divide the two. On the shelf were a few decorations such as figurines of cars and other things.

The bedroom was also simple. Besides the bed, closet, and a cabinet, there were no other things inside. Next to the living room was another room. Upon entering, Zhao Hai saw a set of sanitary items inside. It seems like this was the bathroom. There was also another room right next to the living room. Zhao Hai looked in and there was a chair and a table as well as some shelves with books on them. It was the study.

Although his living quarters was quite small, it was fully equipped. This place was really well-made.

After his simple exploration, Tinkle introduced Zhao Hai to the facilities built into the room. There weren't really a lot of advanced things in this room aside from a computer connected to a wide network. For someone who used the internet a lot in his past life, this computer was already good for Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai explored the room a few times before he returned to the study and scanned through some books. Sure enough, these books had relatively simple contents. Most of them were about the Machine Field. Naturally, the books were specially prepared for ascenders from the lower realms. It was also possible to know about these by using the computer. But since most of the ascenders didn't know how to use computers, they could only place the books here.

Since this room was present, Zhao Hai wasn't too anxious about understanding the Machine Field. He could just read them anytime. What he needed to do now was to gain an understanding of the academy.

Zhao Hai turned to Tinkle and said, "Tinkle, lead to me to explore the classrooms, then we'll head to the cafeteria." Tinkle complied and brought Zhao Hai out of the room. Locking the door was very simple, it only took a press of a button in order to lock it. Moreover, the button identified the room's owner by fingerprint. This way, other people wouldn't be able to lock the room's owner in his own room.

Tinkle proceeded to bring Zhao Hai to explore the classrooms. Upon seeing the rooms, Zhao Hai knew that they were different. The classrooms that ascenders entered in were pre-arranged. Inside each classroom was an instructor that would teach you. Then after a while, you would be tested. If you pass the test, you would proceed to another classroom. But that classroom didn't have a living instructor inside, instead you would be taught by a robot.

Zhao Hai didn't oppose to this arrangement. After that, Tinkle brought Zhao Hai to the cafeteria. Actually, the cafeteria wasn't too far from the classrooms. This way, it was convenient for the students coming from their classes. Robots were specially assigned in this cafeteria in order to serve the students. The meals here were free but were fixed. In other words, if you don't like the food, then you would have no choice but to eat it.

After visiting these places, Zhao Hai returned to his room. The stores as well as the other places could be delayed and visited at another time. After all, one couldn't just understand everything in one go. The technology level of this place was more developed compared to earth. He needed to digest everything first.

When Tinkle and Zhao Hai returned to their room, Zhao Hai went to the bathroom and took a good bath. He also noticed a set of night clothes that was hung inside the cabinet. He changed into these night clothes before throwing his own clothes into the automatic washing machine. Tinkle can take care of these things, Zhao Hai didn't need to do anything else.

Zhao Hai proceeded to the study, stopping himself from touching the computer. After arriving at the bookshelf, he took out a book introducing the Machine Field.

Zhao Hai slowly and calmly turned the pages of the book. However, deep inside, his heart wasn't calm. This book didn't only introduce basic things about the Machine Field, there were other things as well. He also understood how he came to ascend in this realm.

Mentioned in this book was the relationship between the Machine Field and Lu Wei's Cultivation Realm. The two were like the Mage Continent and the Magic Armor Continent of the Atlanta Plane.

However, the distance between the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm wasn't just an ocean, but a huge span of void!

There were more than 1,200 planets that can be inhabited in the Machine Field. But there were a lot more planets in the Cultivation Realm, about 10 thousand. Also, the two places weren't peaceful, they were hostile to each other.

The reason the Machine Realm was called as such was because it was not only an advanced Mechanical Civilization, it was also very adept in magic formations.

Back in the Underworld, Zhao Hai discovered that magic formations and the Cultivation Realm's Arrays were completely different systems. Zhao Hai thought that after reaching a very deep realm in magic formations, one would arrive at magic arrays. But afterwards he discovered his mistake. Magic formations and arrays work with two completely different laws. In the Machine Field, magic formations were developed to an extreme level. Arrays used in the Cultivation World were completely different from these magic formations.

It can be said that the Machine Field was supported by two major systems, the mechanical system as well as the magic formation system. This was the reason why it was called the Machine Field.

Besides the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm, there was also the Devil Realm, Spirit Realm, Monster Realm, Elven Realm, and the other smaller groups. They were the influences in this world. Moreover, these realms weren't spread out in one plane. This plane was composed of countless big and small planes connected to each other by transmission formations.

After reading the book, Zhao Hai began to understand that these groups of small and big planes composed this extremely huge entity. It can be said that they composed the very massive World of Cultivation!

Chapter 1077: A Splendid World

Zhao Hai's mind was completely glued to the book. Under the book's guidance, the enormous World of Cultivation slowly unraveled before Zhao Hai's mind.

It was an incomparably mysterious world. Moreover, it was different than the novels that Zhao Hai had read before. Back then, people from the Cultivation Realm would be riding their swords as they flew in all directions. But this wasn't the case here, the technology of this world was very developed. People could still ride their flying swords, of course, but if they want to hurry then they would be using something else. They would either use transmission formations or some vehicles.

The World of Cultivation was also very dangerous. Even powerful cultivators would find themselves in danger at any time. If they fly using their swords all the time, then they would need to keep providing energy. If their enemy knew about what they were doing and then used a transmission formation ahead of time, then the cultivator would be fighting with a deficit in energy. The end result of this wouldn't be

good for the cultivator. Therefore, cultivators who wanted to hurry along would just use cars and other transportation vehicles rather than waste their energy in flying by themselves.

It was just like how a normal human would ride buses when going long distances. Who in their right mind would jog from city to city? The same principle applies in the World of Cultivation.

But Zhao Hai also understood that the level of technology between places differ. It can be said that the science and technology in this world wasn't purely mechanical. Instead, technology would be the base and then other aspects would be added to it.

Take the Machine Field for example, their mechanical technology was unified with magic formations, creating a unique civilization. But the mechanical technology in the Machine Realm was only a partial part of their civilization, magic formations was also added to it.

On the other hand, in the Cultivation Realm, cultivators give cultivation priority. Because of this, their usage of technology was entirely different.

While the Machine Field had fast cars, mechs, and battleships, the Cultivation Realm was still left with the cultivators themselves equipped with magic artifacts.

But currently speaking, the Cultivation Realm's civilization was much better than the Machine Field. Although the Machine Field had powerful battleships, these battleships still fall short compared to the Cultivation Realm's magic artifacts.

Besides the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm, there was still the Devil Realm, Monster Realm, Spirit Realm, and the Elven Realm!

The entire World of Cultivation was mainly composed of these six powers. They were situated at the middle of the world, becoming its central powers.

There were other powers in the World of Cultivation as well, but these weren't as huge and as powerful as the Cultivation Realm and the others. However, these powers still held influence in their respective territories. And with the central powers being hostile to each other, they were able to survive up to now.

Although these six central powers were in a hostile relationship, this didn't mean that they didn't communicate with each other. There were transmission formations connecting their territories. At this time, the six were cautious about fighting lest they risk the lives of the innocent. Because of this, on the surface, the six powers were maintaining peace.

Although peace was needed to maintain trade, this didn't mean that small skirmishes had stopped.

Naturally, these small battles were left unrecorded. However, Zhao Hai had experienced quite a lot of things, so from reading the book, he knew that these battles were constantly happening.

After reading, Zhao Hai understood that the Ark Continent belonged to the Divine Realm that was controlled by the Cultivation Realm. Meanwhile, the Atlanta Plane was under the Machine Field's control. Although the place he ascended was different, he still ascended into a common major plane, the World of Cultivation.

In addition to Zhao Hai's fast reading speed, the introductory book was also quite short. So in just a breath of time, Zhao Hai was done. After reading the book, Zhao Hai let out a long breath before his eyes lit up with sparkling light.

He didn't expect to end up in such a splendid world. This world had battles between battleships and immortal cultivators. And battles between monsters and men was somewhat common. Compared to this huge World of Cultivation, the Ark Continent, Atlanta Plane, Divine Realm, and the Underworld just couldn't catch up.

Zhao Hai let out another breath as he returned to his usual mood. Then he turned to Tinkle and said, "Tinkle, what's my schedule for tomorrow?"

Tinkle nodded and said, "Young Master, you have a class tomorrow at room 1. There, you will receive basic ascender briefing."

Zhao Hai gave a nod, then he said, "Can I go to the cafeteria to eat now?"

Tinkle replied, "You can, Young Master. As long as you present your ID Card, the cafeteria will prepare a meal for you to eat."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Good, then let's eat. Right, Tinkle, what energy do you need? Do you need to consume anything?"

Tinkle said, "Young Master, this Tinkle doesn't need to eat anything. I could just charge myself every evening. There's no need for you to worry."

Zhao Hai nodded. To be honest, he didn't expect Tinkle to sustain itself by charging. He expected the robot to have a huge battery, allowing him to maintain its function for many years. Who would've thought that the Robot Butler would charge itself every night.

Zhao Hai proceeded to wear his Mage Robe. Naturally, this robe was a transformed version of Zhao Hai's battle suit. Of course, he wouldn't transform his clothes under anyone's gaze, or else people will start to suspect.

Although Gu Mingyue didn't say much, Zhao Hai was able to hear a lot of things from his words. A lot of ascenders from the lower realms use spatial equipment, so the academy shouldn't be suspicious about him having one. But if he had two or more things that shouldn't be in a lower realm, then the academy might not let him off easily.

Upon wearing his Mage Robe, Zhao Hai went out of his room along with Tinkle. As the two were walking, Zhao Hai turned to Tinkle and said, "Tinkle, how long will one charge last? Once I leave the academy and explore the world, wouldn't it be troublesome if you just suddenly lose power?"

Tinkle replied, "Young Master, I'm a Robot Butler, so it's impossible for me to be far from home. If Young Master brings me along inside a car, then I can charge using the vehicle. If Young Master wants to take me to a place with no electricity, then you might as well leave me behind. I can maintain two days of work with one charge. I also have a spare battery inside my body, allowing me to work for a total of five days. I will be completely drained after five days."

Zhao Hai nodded, it seems like Tinkle was just a normal home robot. With this information, it seems like robots were inferior to Undead.

When he thought about this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but pause. Then he tapped his head. He forgot that he revealed that he was an all-element mage yesterday. This means that nobody would suspect him if he had an Undead helping him with his matters.

After thinking about this, Zhao Hai immediately turned to Tinkle and said, "Tinkle, I'm an All-element Mage. Will the Academy allow me to summon my Undead?"

Tinkle quickly replied, "It is allowed, but you can't summon a lot. Common ascenders can summon at most five Undead to work for them."

Zhao Hai nodded, he actually didn't expect the Academy to permit this action. But after hearing the answer, he suddenly thought about another matter, Faith power.

Using Undead meant using Dark Energy as well. If the Machine Field was like the Divine Realm, then they might suppress Dark Mages. That wouldn't be good.

However, this matter wasn't something that Tinkle could answer. Zhao Hai could just delay this matter and find the right time to ask the instructor tomorrow.

The two entered the elevator and before long they arrived at the cafeteria. The academy's cafeteria was very huge. The academy's classrooms occupied ten floors, and there was a cafeteria on each floor. Since Zhao Hai was having his classes on the first floor, he could only go to the first floor cafeteria.

The first floor was where the most recent ascenders go to. They were all Mages, but since they came from different places, they each have their own differences.

Just like Zhao Hai who ascended while still young, there were also talents from other planes that ascended at an early age. Naturally, there were also less talented people who ascended late into their lives. One could see a person's talent from this point. After all, one cannot hide their age.

Each floor's cafeteria could accommodate 200 people at the same time. But from the day the academy was established, the cafeteria had never been full. Aside from those wise old men, there were young ascenders that were used to the life in their previous plane where each of their needs were being fulfilled. And since meals in the cafeteria were just ordinary, how could these people eat it? Because of

this, those young ascenders would exchange their lower realm coins for machine coins. After that, they would go to the restaurant and have their meals there.

When Zhao Hai and Tinkle entered the first floor cafeteria, they saw several people already inside. These people were in Mage Robes. Most of them were quite old, with white beards and hair.

These Old Mages quietly ate their ordinary meals. Their quiet attitude made the cafeteria quite a spiritless place.

Looking at these Old Mages, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh inside. He can understand the mood of these Old Mages. They took great pains cultivating their entire life in order to ascend and be treated as deities. But after they ascended, they actually discovered that they weren't treated as deities. Instead, they arrived at an advanced society that didn't look at them as anything special. Faced with this situation, the attack on their spirits would surely be enormous.

Zhao Hai also noted Robot Butlers beside these Old Mages. Moreover, their robots had the same model as Tinkle. There were only a few advanced looking Robot Butlers.

Although these Old Mages were quietly eating, they were still aware of their surroundings. Seeing newcomers coming in, they couldn't help but look at the entrance. Upon doing so, they couldn't help but stare. They didn't expect a young man like Zhao Hai to come to the cafeteria. Moreover, this was someone they haven't seen before.

However, they quickly changed their mind after they understood. This was definitely a new ascender. After that, they didn't care about Zhao Hai anymore as they proceeded to face their food.

Zhao Hai understood the moods of these Old Mages. These Old Mage discovered that they didn't ascend to a holy place. Moreover, they were old, so improving their strength would be very difficult. Because of this, they didn't spend their money extravagantly. Instead, they saved their money so that when they leave the academy, they could use this money in order to live their remaining years in happiness.

Zhao Hai lightly sighed when he thought about these Old Mages. Moreover, he didn't think that these Old Mages were not talented. After all, they were still able to ascend, this meant that they had potential. Moreover, after living in the Lower Realms for many years, they surely had a lot of accumulated wisdom. And sometimes, wisdom was the most precious thing one could have.

Zhao Hai never looked down on these old people. As he stood at the cafeteria's entrance, he looked around the cafeteria before greeting the Old Mages close by, "Hello, I'm Zhao Hai. I just ascended here from the Atlanta Plane. I hope you can take care of me from now on."

The Old Mages didn't expect Zhao Hai to take the initiative to talk to them. Moreover, he was so polite. One must know that the other young ascenders would just arrogantly look at them before snorting. It was as though they had grown eyes on their foreheads. And now, there was this unfamiliar young man being polite to them.

After seeing that the Old Mages weren't replying, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile faintly as he added, "Everyone here is an ascender from the lower realms. It can be said that we came from the same place. The only thing different between us is our age. Other than that, we are the same group. I hope that we can help each other. After all, the Machine Field is a very strange place for us."

The Old Mages stared at Zhao Hai. It took a while before someone spoke out. After some time, an Old Mage stood up and courteously bowed, "I've seen Mister Zhao Hai. This one is Dins from the Ole Plane."

Chapter 1078: Ashley Clan

Being ascenders from the lower realms, these people certainly weren't simple characters. And for these Old Mages to ascend, it only meant that they were somewhat geniuses among their people. It was only a pity that they were already old when they ascended. This caused their future development to be filled with challenges.

But at the same time, these Old Mages were people who achieved the peak of their realms. And it was impossible for their hands to not be stained with blood. Because of this, their mental states would surely be very solid.

It was only because they had ascended to the Machine Field that these Old Mages began to feel temporarily dejected. In the future, they would just casually find a place and live a countryside lifestyle.

Zhao Hai's words were a faint proposal for an alliance. These Old Mages were wizened individuals. Therefore, they were able to read Zhao Hai's intention from his words.

All of them came from the lower realms. Although they had been received well after ascending to the Machine Field, this didn't mean that they would be treated well in the future. Perhaps the people from the Machine Field would treat them as cannon fodder in future battles. These Old Mages didn't have Zhao Hai's Space. Because of this, they had no means to decline arrangements from the Machine Realm. In this case, it's quite possible for them to meet miserable ends.

But if they unite, then the situation would be different. Of course, their alliance doesn't have the means to contend against the entire Machine Field, but if they band together, they wouldn't be abused in the future. There were gangs who lived long lives because of this principle.

These Old Mages were still outstanding individuals, they were only demoralized at this time because of their status as well as the fact that they were plunged into a strange world. Upon hearing Zhao Hai's words, these Old Mages immediately introduced themselves. But in the entire cafeteria, there were only 15 Old Mages present.

After the Old Mages introduced themselves, Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Grandmasters, this young one has just ascended, so I basically know nothing. I'm just like you. I hope that we can mutually support each other in the future."

These Mages naturally complied as they smiled. Zhao Hai promptly went to the robots in order to get his meal before gathering together with the old men.

The food wasn't phenomenal and there wasn't any liquor. Additionally, the room that was built for 200 people was only occupied by a few people, making it very desolate. But despite this, the spiritless atmosphere of the room had vanished.

Zhao Hai knew that with Tinkle present, this matter would certainly be known to many people. However, he wasn't worried because there were only a dozen or so people. It was impossible for them to threaten the Machine Field. He was also doing this in order to catch the attention of the major forces.

Zhao Hai believed that no matter where, a force that wants to grow and develop would always need a lot of talents. And it was quite appropriate to say that Zhao Hai was such a talent.

And what just happened was indeed like what Zhao Hai thought. What Zhao Hai did today has been noted by the various powers from the Machine Field. Those who didn't get a video would get a printed report.

And a Dark Mage Clan, the Ashley Clan, was one of them. The Ashley Clan was quite famous in the Machine Field. And Clans of Dark Mages were quite unique.

In the World of Cultivation, the six influence weren't only hostile to each other. Besides the six, there were also enemies that they needed to defend against. These were some malicious ghosts produced by extreme lands or powerful magic beasts.

Up until now, nobody could explain exactly how malicious ghosts came into being. Some said that they were souls of people who had grievances when they died. Upon death, their souls slowly absorbed resentment before forming into malicious ghosts. This theory was also deemed as the closest one to the truth. Aside from these resentful souls, special conditions also needed to be met. It was just like in the Underworld where dark energy was strong, eventually producing Undead.

These malicious ghosts or powerful magic beasts pose threats to the Machine Field as well. In order to live peacefully, these enemies needed to be dealt with. Normally, this work would be managed by Mages or Warriors. Therefore, Mages and Warriors would take care of it in the Machine Realm.

There were plenty of churches in the Machine Field. Naturally, churches didn't only belong to light element Mages. Each Mage group had their own church. In addition to this, there were also aristocratic families with Mage or Warrior lineage. These families had their own unique magic or martial skill. After developing for many years, they were able to slowly influence the realm.

However, there were only three powers that really held major influence in the Machine Field. The first power was the Church Alliance. This alliance was composed of Mages. The high-ranks of the Alliance were almost made out of Mages. Their main objective was to train and take in Mages. In the Magic Field, the Church Alliance doesn't only composed of various churches. They also take in other Mage groups into their fold.

The second power was the Martial Arts Assembly. Similar to the Church Alliance, the Assembly was composed of Warriors. They opened this assembly in order to take in Warriors who ascended in the Machine Realm. Naturally, Warrior Clans would become members of this assembly.

The third power was the Machine Field Army. It can be said that the Machine Field Army was the largest force in the realm. Since it was an army, it had battleships, mechs, Mages, and Warriors among their members. They were the most powerful fighting force in the Machine Field.

If the Machine Field was the country, then the Machine Field Army would be the country's regular troops. Meanwhile, the Church Alliance and the Martial Arts Assembly would be forces that were recognized by the government. These two powers had complicated relations to the government, but they had certain influence in the overall governance of the realm.

The Church Alliance and the Martial Arts also had their own battleships and mech battalion. However, their quantity and quality was lower compared to the Machine Field Army. And in the Machine Field Army, the strongest divisions were the battleships and the mechs, never the Warrior and Mage divisions.

The Ashley Clan was one of the members of the Church Alliance. They were a famous Dark Mage Clan, and they had 100 members working inside the Alliance.

One shouldn't underestimate these 100 people. One must know that the Machine Field only had a bit more than 1,000 administrative positions in the government. These positions would be divided by the three major powers. The Ashley Clan holding 100 of these positions meant that they had terrifying strength.

The place where Zhao Hai was at now was the Ashley Clan's domain. In the Machine Realm, there were also a lot of places where ascenders end up. Zhao Hai was just someone who happen to ascend in the Ashley Clan's domain.

Since the Ashley Clan was a Mage Clan, naturally they had a special fondness regarding Mages. This was especially true for Mage ascendants. The Ashley Clan attached great importance to people from the lower realms because the Ashley Clan's founding patriarch was an ascender himself.

Zhao Hai's actions have been sent to the Ashley Clan's external hall manager. This manager was also a Dark Mage. He sat there with his black robe. But unlike most thin Dark Mages, this manager was fat. He was 1.9m tall and should be about 300jin(150kg). He had brown hair and silver gray eyes. But he didn't have the honest and simple look of a conventional fatty. Instead, his face looked ferocious, not something a good person would have at all.

Currently on the manager's table was a recording of Zhao Hai's actions. A middle-aged person stood in front of him. This person had a normal nose and was also wearing a mage robe. However, aside from his eyes and his robes, there was nothing noteworthy about the man.

This person was respectfully standing opposite the fat manager. One wouldn't want to take a heavy breath with the atmosphere inside the room.

Zhao Hai didn't do a lot of things in the two days that he had been here. Moreover, the recording didn't show everything that Zhao Hai did. All the irrelevant parts were cut out, only the valuable recordings were kept in.

As soon as the video had finished playing, the fat manager looked up at the middle-aged man and said, "This one is interesting. He didn't have any arrogance despite being an ascender. Moreover, he's quite good at communication. He's also talented."

The middle-aged person bowed and said, "He is. This Zhao Hai has been assigned to room 2046. He also gave the receptionist a gift as thanks. Then he united the Old Mages into an alliance. We could see his talent in these actions. Because of that, I recommend him to Manager. Manager, our Bone Symbol Camp has slowly lagged behind our other battalions. We should attract more talents to this camp."

The fat manager nodded before he sighed and said, "Our Bone Symbol Camp is the first battalion of the external hall. But it is precisely because of this status that they always get the most dangerous missions. Additionally, our Bone Symbol Camp could only be replenished if there are deaths. This caused the Bone Symbol Camp to hold too few ascenders. I hope this Zhao Hai can be a gift to the camp."

Despite his ugly and ferocious face, the manager's voice was actually peaceful. It made people have a favorable impression of him. One couldn't even associate his voice with his face.

Chapter 1079: The Fat Manager's Attention

As soon as the middle-aged man heard the fat manager, he also couldn't help but sigh, "Manager, this is because your heart is just too soft. If you let our members get eliminated, then the Bone Symbol Camp wouldn't decline."

The middle-aged man knew the fat manager's temperament fully well. One shouldn't look at the manager's ugly and ferocious face. Contrary to what he looks like, the fat manager was actually a tenderhearted person. Moreover, he was friendly to all of his subordinates. It was also because of this that the middle-aged man dared to talk like this to the manager.

The fat manager looked at the middle-aged man's eyes and sighed, "Tao Wang, you don't understand. Our Ashley family is one of the top forces in the Church Alliance, this also means that the pressure on us is huge. There are a lot of talents and we aren't really sure who and what abilities they have. Because of this, there are some talents in the family that wouldn't be able to play to their own strength. If they did, then they would provide huge help for the family."

"At this point, the family only looks for people who can fight. No matter who it is, as long as they are taken in, they would be sent to the outer hall in order to undergo a smelting trial inside the camps. A lot of people die during this time because they aren't good at fighting. Talented people dying an undeserved death is truly a waste."

"This is especially true for the lower realm ascenders. All of them are surely geniuses of their generation. And when they arrive in the Machine Field, they are treated with great importance. The ones most attracted to this attention are the young men. They ascended from the lower realms at a young age, so each one of them are arrogant. But there would only be a few of them who would integrate with the Machine Field and fully mature. And as for those older ascendants, they aren't looked at with the same level of importance. Nobody wanted them. But they are also from the lower realms, so their talents are pretty good as well. Additionally, they have practiced for a long time, so they are experienced when it comes to fights. If we give them enough time, then their achievements would be higher than those young ascenders. It is just a pity that nobody sees this point right now."

"This method of elimination might truly unearth talents, but the yields are too low. I remember someone mentioning this saying before, 'a silly servant is useful, but a good servant is rare.' But not many people remember this saying. All of them are just anxious in looking for benefits. They aren't thinking far into the future!"

Despite his looks, the fat manager considers this matter differently compared to the other people. His word indicated how tenderhearted he was. He was much better compared to those who just look at weak people as prey.

Tao Wang looked at the fat manager and said, "Manager, so what do we do about Zhao Hai now?"

The fat manager thought about it for a moment before he said, "We won't monitor him too much. Look for an opportunity to remove his robot's internal surveillance system. We should get on good terms with a person like that. In order to avoid any mishaps in the future, we'll stop spying on him. Let's just observe his character from now on."

Tao Wang nodded, "Alright, Manager can rest assured. I know what to do."

The fat manager nodded, "Go, make sure to observe Zhao Hai's actions. If there are other people who come in contact with Zhao Hai, don't be polite to them. Make sure that they don't get control over our ascendants."

Tao Wang nodded. Then he said, "Manager, what if Zhao Hai is challenged inside the school? There are those who've almost done one year. Those guys have entered other camps. I'm afraid they would be instigated to challenge Zhao Hai."

The fat manager sighed, "Looking at his actions, I reckon Zhao Hai isn't a simple character. If he is unable to survive a challenge like that, then he wouldn't be a huge help even if he enters our camp. And don't forget that challenges in the academy only goes through if the challenged party accepts. We can see Zhao Hai's character from this point. Right, also look for opportunities to recruit those old mages from the advanced classes."

Tao Wang nodded before he turned around and leaving. The fat manager opened the video once more, after looking at Zhao Hai for some time, he muttered, "He's really a talented person. I hope that he'll become a blessing to my Bone Symbol Camp."

Even if the other forces were aware of Zhao Hai, they couldn't do anything. After all, this was the Ashley Family's domain. The Ashley family wasn't a group that could be underestimated. Although they weren't a top force in the Machine Field, the power they held wasn't small. Just for a single ascender, offending a force like the Ashley Family wasn't worth it at all. Additionally, each influence had their own training academies. They had no shortage of geniuses like Zhao Hai.

However, the other camps of the Ashley family don't have the same mindset. The Bone Symbol Camp might be powerful in the past, but now it was in decline. And now that there was a talent appearing in the Bone Symbol Camp's area, how could these people let him off? These people would certainly make a move.

Although Zhao Hai knew that he would be getting attention, he was unaware of how big the focus on him was. In his mind, he was just an ordinary ascendant. How could he cause waves in the Machine Field?

But how could Zhao Hai know that he was already attracting attention the moment he entered room 2046? The matters he did from then on were brought into the attention of many powers.

After eating his meal with the Old Mages, Zhao Hai returned to his room. Then he entered the study and had Tinkle teach him how to use the computer.

The computer here was much more advanced than the ones on Earth. Although the computer itself was also placed on top of the table. But when it was used, it would retract into the table, allowing the use of the entire table as a workspace. One could directly use their hand in order to explore the computer. There were voice commands as well.

Naturally, this computer was better than the one Zhao Hai used before. And in order to improve the user experience, the table can also be moved up, allowing the user to stand up. It was manufactured in order to provide convenience to its users.

Zhao Hai didn't feel strange as he used the computer. Although there were a lot of changes on it, the core principle was still the same. It didn't take long before Zhao Hai was confident in using it.

Before long, Zhao Hai was using the computer. After that, he entered a few websites and read news from there.

There was no need to say whether Zhao Hai was able to understand the interface of these news sites. Zhao Hai absorbed news about the Machine Field nonstop. It was only until late at night that he began to sleep. But with his current level, there simply was no need for him to sleep. He just rested because of habit. It didn't take long before Tinkle woke him up.

Zhao Hai arranged for Tinkle to wake him up every 7 o'clock in the morning. After he woke up, Zhao Hai would clean himself before sitting in the study and drinking two cups of tea. Then after reading for a while, he would proceed to the cafeteria to have a meal. After his breakfast, he would then go towards the classroom.

Zhao Hai already asked Tinkle and knew that there was no time limit in the cafeteria. You can eat whenever you want. Even if you ate at ten, the robots would still serve the same meal to you.

He was already done with scouring the net for news. So after he washed up, Zhao Hai sat in the study room and drank tea while reading a book. There were a lot of books inside the study. Some of these books were introductions about the six powers, some were history books, and there were also books about ascending to the Machine Field. Understanding these things was very important for Zhao Hai.

At about 8 o'clock, Zhao Hai put his book down and then went to the first classroom floor cafeteria alongside Tinkle. The Old Mages were also eating inside. Ever since meeting Zhao Hai yesterday, the Old Mages began to look into their own situations. In addition to their advantage in age compared to the young ones, they were also aware of their advantage in wisdom. At the same time, they also recognized that they too were peak experts in their own generations. They were demoralized in the past because they had just arrived at a strange place that wasn't in their expectations. Now that they looked into themselves, they began to feel better. Their relationship with each other had improved as well.

In the past, when they woke up in the morning, they would just hole up in their rooms reading. Then they would go to the cafeteria to silently eat their meals before heading to class. Most of the time, they wouldn't talk to one another.

But today was different. The cafeteria had become a small meeting place. These old people were now chatting as they ate their food. Even those who finished eating stayed around as they drank tea.

This tea was also one of the academy's free services. Everyone in the room had their pipes, releasing smoke from their nose as they took sips from their teacup. It was just a pity that there was no liquor.

After seeing Zhao Hai arrive, the old men immediately offered him a seat. Zhao Hai returned their greetings before sitting down. Tinkle would get his meal from the kitchen so there was no need to worry about that.

After Zhao Hai sat down, Dins looked at him and said, "Little Hai, have you used the computer yet?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I've used it. That thing is really convenient. It's more convenient than books. If you want to look something up, you can do it immediately."

Dins laughed and said, "It's indeed good. Right, how was your first night?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I forgot the time, so I rested very late."

The other Old Mages laughed. They knew what Zhao Hai was talking about, they experienced it themselves. One of the Old Mages named Barlett looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, you need to control yourself. Otherwise, you would easily get addicted."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Rest assured, I know. I can control myself."

Berlett nodded, then he added, "Since it's your first day, you will have someone provide you with independent counselling. You only have the entire morning as class, you can rest in the afternoon. Since that is the case, how about everyone exchange for some machine coins so that we can go to the restaurant? It's been a while since I've drank some liquor."

Chapter 1080: Rune Study

Although Barlett was old, his character was very straightforward. His stature was tall and strong. If he didn't have his Mage Robe, then people might think that he was a Warrior.

The other Mages agreed with Barlett's proposal. When they were in the lower realms, they were figures at the top of countless people. And ever since they ascended, they were very depressed. Now that the negative feeling has been eliminated, its time for them to go out and explore the other luxuries of the academy.

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Good, I also want to go outside and take a look. But I think there's no need for everybody to take your gold coins out since I have a lot more than you. How about I treat you all?"

When the old Mages heard Zhao Hai, they couldn't help but stare. Dins turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, it looks like you aren't bluffing. Just how much gold coins did you bring? Don't you use bank cards or something like that?"

These old Mages were naturally rich people back in the lower realm. But they use bank cards, causing them to only bring a small amount of gold coins. Most of their wealth were in bank cards or things that were similar.

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Of course we also have banks. But I'm used to carrying a lot of gold coins with me. Naturally, this also includes silver and copper coins. I'm not only a Mage, I'm also a Merchant."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the Old Mages laughed. Then Dins said, "I didn't expect this youngster to be rich and powerful. Good, good. Then today is your treat. When the time comes, you better not ask us to contribute for the bill."

Zhao Hai laughed as well as he said, "Rest assured, I'll take care of it. I'll go to the classroom first. After class, we'll share a meal together."

Dins and the others nodded. Then the group stood up and proceeded to their own classrooms. Since it was Zhao Hai's first day, he would be going to a special room where an instructor would personally meet him.

Zhao Hai had Tinkle guide him to his classroom. There was no need to take care of their eating utensils, the cafeteria's robots would deal with them.

Unlike its title, Zhao Hai's classroom wasn't anything special. It only had an electronic sign saying Room 2. But Zhao Hai didn't care. In any case, with Tinkle with him, he would not worry about which classroom to go every day.

Upon entering Room 2, Zhao Hai saw that the inside was very spacious. Too spacious in fact that there wasn't anything inside, even furniture.

Zhao Hai gawked. He saw the other classrooms yesterday, and all of them had furniture inside.

At this time, Tinkle suddenly said, "One set of furniture!" Just as his voice fell, a set of furniture emerged from the floor.

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't expect it to be like this. He smiled faintly and said, "Alright, that's convenient." Then he proceeded to sit on the chair.

Not long after Zhao Hai took a seat, footsteps were heard from outside. Before long, the classroom's door opened as a female Mage entered.

The female Mage looked young and had blonde hair. Although she looked old-fashioned, her black Mage robe was unable to hide her slender body.

Zhao Hai stared at the woman. He didn't expect the teacher to be a beautiful woman, moreover she was a Dark Mage!

Zhao Hai hastily stood up. The beautiful woman sized Zhao Hai up before saying, "You are Zhao Hai?"

Zhao Hai bowed his head and said, "I am, are you my instructor?"

The female Mage nodded and said, "My name is Margaret, a Dark Mage. I will be your instructor for the rest of the year. You can look for me at any time."

Zhao Hai stared, then he said, "Instructor Margaret, didn't they say that the instructor would only be available for one month?"

Margaret looked at Zhao Hai and said, "No, I'm your instructor for the entire year. However, I will only teach you personally the first month. After that, robots will take over. But I'm still your instructor. If you have any difficulties, you can ask me directly."

Zhao Hai nodded, "So that's how it is. I'm sorry for troubling you."

Margaret shook her head and said, "There's no need to be polite. What I'm going to teach you aren't things like the differences between the lower realm and the machine field. Those things can be found by asking the robots or using the computer. You can learn those at your leisure, so there's no need to waste time on it. What I'll be teaching you is the magic of the machine field. Our magic isn't the same as the lower realms. Although the magic of the lower realms is formidable, they still fall short compared to

the magic we use here. In the machine field, our magic is built upon the research of our seniors. After years of study, our magic formations, summoning magic, alchemy, and other disciplines have been fused together in order to form a new system of magic. If you want to survive here, then you need to learn our magic.”

Zhao Hai nodded, “Alright.” Zhao Hai thought that he would be guided about how to live life in the machine field. Who would’ve thought that he would be instructed in magic?

What Zhao Hai didn’t know was the fact that Margaret wasn’t a common instructor. Moreover, Dins and the others didn’t have an instructor as special as her. It was only because Zhao Hai had potential that the academy specifically assigned a good instructor to train him.

In fact, in the academy, most instructors work part-time. There were only a few instructors present here due to the academy having very few students.

Margaret was one of these part-time instructors. However, she wasn’t just any other part-timer. She was from the Ashley Clan, sent by the Bone Symbol Camp in order to examine Zhao Hai ahead of time. And in addition, she was also here in order to tell people that the Bone Symbol Camp already had Zhao Hai in their sights. If anyone wanted to get in touch with Zhao Hai, then they would have to go through the camp.

Dins and the others didn’t have the same treatment. Their teachers were common part-timers. After teaching them for one month, these instructors would leave and would no longer manage them. And if other powers contact them, the Bone Symbol Camp wouldn’t get in the way.

The Bone Symbol Camp controlling an ascension point didn’t mean that they would recruit every ascender. This just meant that the Bone Symbol Camp had priority in choosing the ascenders they want. After they get their pick, the others would be free to choose their own.

Naturally, their pick could also be poached. If the other party was influential, then they could rob the ascender. After poaching a candidate, these people would then have their picking rights revoked.

Margaret looked at Zhao Hai, then she nodded and continued, “Lower realm magic generally involves incantations and hand gestures in order to cast the spell. If they want to make their spells more powerful, then Mages might use wands or staffs to do so. But this type of magic is limited. This is

because they largely depend on the user's spiritual force. How much spiritual qi can you use by only replying on your spiritual force? Only a small amount. Because of this, the might of the spells is small. This situation might be great in the lower realms since the energy present there is small."

"However, this wouldn't do well in the Machine Field. The density of spiritual qi here is at least a hundred times more than the lower realms. If you use the same method here, then that would be like using a small bowl in order to take water from a river. You're wasting time as well as your source of water."

"Because of this, seniors from the Machine Field studied through the years in order to invent the present magic system of the Machine Field, Magic Theory. It's a system that unites magic and magic formations. Its might is very formidable."

Margaret looked at Zhao Hai and saw that his expression was quite pensive. She couldn't help but stare for a moment. Most people would be confused upon hearing such a theory. However, Zhao Hai seems to understand. This gave Margaret a surprise.

Margaret said, "Can you understand what I just said?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I can understand some of it. Back in the Atlanta Plane, learning magic is basically cultivating spiritual force. Then we would use incantations and gestures in order to concentrate our spiritual force and communicate with the world's energy. Then we use this energy in order to cast our spells. However, I've always thought that this method isn't very convenient. A person's mental strength is limited while there is a lot of energy available for use. Using your own spiritual force to come in contact with this vast amount of energy is very inefficient. I thought that maybe we can use magic formations in order to strengthen our spiritual force so that we can control more energy. It's just that I haven't grasped how to do it yet."

Margaret's eyes shone as he heard Zhao Hai. Then she said, "Correct, very good. The method you are thinking about is very hard to grasp. Because of this, our seniors studied for several hundred years. Their research slowly lead us to the creation of Magic Theory. It uses magic formations and spiritual force in order to communicate with spiritual qi, allowing our spells to gain more power."

Zhao Hai gave a nod. Then Margaret added, "In order to study Magic Theory, you need to first learn about magic formations. Zhao Hai, have you studied magic formations before?"

Zhao Ha nodded, "I've dabbled in it. However, I didn't give it priority. Because of that, I'm only able to learn simple formations."

Margaret nodded, "After many years of development, the Machine Field already formed sets of theories regarding magic formations. It might look difficult at first, but it's actually very simple. If you want to learn magic formations, then you would need to learn its basic framework as well as the runes. As long as you become familiar with these two, you can learn magic formations in a short time."

Zhao Hai gawked for a moment before his eyes shone as he said, "Instructor, so you mean that you already broke down magic formations into frameworks and runes? Do you know what each rune signify?"

Margaret nodded, "Right. After years of study, the Machine Field managed to slowly break down every rune that can be used. In fact, the uses of these runes are fixed. The only thing that differentiates them are in where they are used. Putting it in an analogy, if a rune is a stroke, then magic formations are characters composed of these strokes. Although the strokes are fixed, using them in different characters meant that they had different meanings. This is the core of magic formation study."

Zhao Hai's eyes remained sparkling. He wasn't able to think about this point. Magic formations play a huge role inside the Space.

Margaret looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Making magic formations using runes is only a fundamental skill in our magic system. Later on, you would need to make sets of magic formations in order to form a huge formation net. This net will produce more powerful results than individual magic formations. If magic formations are characters, then formation nets are words. As for what these words mean, then it would depend on the characters used to make them."

Zhao Hai kept nodding. Looking at Zhao Hai's reaction, Margaret couldn't help but give a gentle nod. Then she knocked on the wall opposite Zhao Hai. The wall quickly turned into a screen. The screen was all white with nothing else on it.

Margaret's hand swiped at the wall, making a row of runes appeared. Zhao Hai wasn't ignorant about these symbols. This was because he saw them in magic formations. They were the most common symbols he had seen.

Margaret turned back to Zhao Hai and said, "One of the most difficult parts of magic formation study are runes. Currently, there have been as many as a hundred thousand symbols found. Moreover, as studies go further, more and more symbols would emerge. It would be impossible for a single person to remember more than 100 thousand runes. Because of this, most Mages would specialize on which department they would study runes in."

Zhao Hai interjected, "Runes are also divided into different departments?"

Margaret nodded, then she said, "Correct. They are divided into nine types, metal, wood, water, fire, earth, light, dark, wind, and space. These nine departments comprised runes in our current system."

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't expect runes to be divided into nine departments. Moreover, the first departments refer to the five elements. Are runes somewhat related to the five elements?[1]

As he thought about this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown as he said, "Instructor, is there metal element magic here? Why does the metal element have runes?"