

Another World 1101

Chapter 1101: Terminator?

Zhao Hai wasn't attracted to the ghost mithril ores, he wanted the ghost mithril essence. If he can get his hands on the ghost silver essence, the s.p.a.ce might be able to create endless amounts of ores. It might even provide experience, allowing the s.p.a.ce to level-up.

For Zhao Hai, there was nothing more important than levelling up the s.p.a.ce. After all, if the s.p.a.ce levels up, his strength would increase. And nothing was more important than increasing his strength.

Although Zhao Hai wishes the s.p.a.ce to level up quickly, he wasn't too anxious about it. This was because being anxious was useless. Worrying would just cause him to make mistakes. And in the World of Cultivation, mistakes were closely related to death.

Zhao Hai let his spiritual force loose as he sat inside the blood lotus. At this time, the blood lotus had reduced its size to a person's fist. It was currently on a crack in the ore vein.

Behind him, the mithril ores were vanishing in a constant rate. With the Undead coordinating with the s.p.a.ce, receiving the ores was very simple

As Zhao Hai proceeded forward, he suddenly felt a trace of spiritual waves in front of him. This spiritual movement was very well hidden, but Zhao Hai was still able to feel it.

Zhao Hai immediately stopped in place. There was no possibility of any creatures in this place. Sensing spiritual movement only meant one thing, the ghost mithril essence!

Zhao Hai carefully pushed his spiritual force towards the direction of the waves. He controlled his spiritual force to be as discreet as possible. This was because he was afraid of making the other side discover him.

Before long, Zhao Hai's spiritual force arrived at its destination. But when he saw what was giving out spiritual waves, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. This wasn't what he expected. In his mind, he expected either a rock or a humanoid, or an animal-shaped ghost mithril. In the end, it turned out to be an egg!

Zhao Hai scanned the egg. It wasn't a huge egg. It was about half a meter high and a diameter of 30 centimeters. Its body was also bright silver.

There were no ores nor dirt surrounding this egg. The egg floated in the void appearing both peaceful and strange.

Zhao Hai paused for a moment before leading the blood lotus to approach the egg. As soon as he reached the egg, Zhao Hai stopped because not only was the egg emitting spiritual waves, it was also physically shaking. It was as though it was afraid.

Zhao Hai had the blood lotus slowly approach the side of the egg. He reached out and gently touched the egg. After touching the egg, Zhao Hai was shocked once more. This was because the egg's shaking had reduced. He could also feel a breath of life inside!

Zhao Hai stared, he couldn't help but extend his spiritual force towards the egg. He wanted to sense the inside of the egg.

Just as Zhao Hai's spiritual force reached the egg, the egg suddenly sucked the spiritual force in. Zhao Hai was surprised, he wanted to retrieve his spiritual force but found out that he wasn't able to. The egg seemed to produce a huge cortex, sucking up Zhao Hai's spiritual force into the egg.

Zhao Hai suddenly found out that he had no longer any control over his spiritual force. When he tried to pry his spiritual force away from the egg, he felt that there seems to be a connection that tied his spiritual force to his egg. This connection gave a steady stream of spiritual force for the egg. And it was impossible for Zhao Hai to sever this connection.

Zhao Hai was more surprised to find out that he wasn't able to enter the s.p.a.ce. If he cannot enter the s.p.a.ce, then his greatest advantage was gone. He can only wait for death.

It was at this point that Zhao Hai discovered that the s.p.a.ce cannot guarantee his safety all the time. If other people could deal with him with the same method, then he could only wait to die.

Just as Zhao Hai thought that the egg would suck him dry, a stream of spiritual force suddenly spread out from the egg. This spiritual force was sent to Zhao Hai's head, making up for the spiritual force that was just consumed.

Zhao Hai stared as he felt the spiritual force that the egg had sent back. At the same time, there were some information being sent over. Zhao Hai closed his eyes and comprehended this information.

To Zhao Hai's surprise, he found nothing. The egg just sent information about its loneliness, its fears and so on. It was like a child being locked up in a dark room all alone.

Zhao Hai gawked, he didn't know what was going on. At this moment, he suddenly felt the egg sending an expression of joy. Then the egg shone with beams of light as its shell melted in Zhao Hai's hand. Before long, the egg transformed into a molten metal version of a human.

Zhao Hai discovered that this figure of molten metal didn't have any evil intentions towards him. Although it was in his hand, it didn't hinder his movement at all. Moreover, he could feel a warm feeling from the figure.

Then the liquid figure suddenly flowed to Zhao Hai's arms before it gathered on his shoulders. After that, the molten liquid slowly turned into a child.

Zhao Hai curiously watched the little thing. It was smaller than Cai'er. Its upper body had a small belly band while its lower body had baby shorts. It looked quite adorable.

Zhao Hai stared blankly at the kid. Although it was very adorable, its entire body was bright silver. It looked like a baby robot.

At this time, the kid sent another wave of spiritual force. This spiritual force passed its sentiment towards Zhao Hai stating that it was going to depend on him.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but let out a helpless smile. He really couldn't understand what was going on. But in the end, he changed his mind and saw that the kid had just been born, and that it had already labeled him as his family.

Zhao Hai didn't know if he should laugh or cry. But in the end, he rubbed the kid's belly. In turn, the kid rubbed its small face into Zhao Hai's cheek. Although the kid looked like a metallic being, its skin was actually very soft.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly before he brought the kid into the s.p.a.ce. Just as the two entered, a prompt was heard, "Metallic man discovered. Metallic man is accepting of the Host. Extracting the metallic man's ability to improve the Host's genes. The Host now has the ability to turn into liquid metal. Because the metallic man is the ghost mithril's essence, the s.p.a.ce can now produce ghost mithril ore veins."

"Ability to a.n.a.lyze and store detected on the metallic man. s.p.a.ce's Universal Scanner has levelled up. Hoping the Host to continue working hard." Just as the prompt was heard, the s.p.a.ce's scanner had been improved. It was much taller now at ten stories high.

After seeing this development, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh. Ascending to the Machine Field showed him how important the Universal Scanner was. At this moment, he already had several hundred thousand magic formation combinations gathered. All of this was because of the scanner's ability. Now that the scanner has been upgraded, things would only get better.

However, with this thought, Zhao Hai's brows couldn't help but wrinkle. Although this aspect of his strength has been improved, his overall status didn't increase that much. This could help him get stronger indeed, but Zhao Hai still haven't found out a way to increase his spirit nor advance in the Stellar Transformation art.

At this time, his Myriad Stellar Transformations art had reached the peak of the first layer, he had yet to enter the second layer. He was able to break through to the second layer at any time, but he seems to be unable to.

Taking a deep breath, Zhao Hai calmed down. He knew that even if the scanner had leveled up and can a.n.a.lyze more layered formations, it was still useless to him. This was because he didn't have enough spiritual force to support it. With his current strength, 100-layer formations was his limit.

Nevertheless, getting his hands on the ghost mithril essence and allowing the s.p.a.ce to produce ghost mithril ore veins was already a good harvest. He wasn't too greedy to expect for more.

Zhao Hai didn't go to see the scanner, there was no need to. He didn't have much involvement with the machine. It was Cai'er, Laura, and the others that used it frequently.

Upon returning to the villa, Zhao Hai needed to stop his jaw from falling. Laura and the others were in front of their computers and commanded the Undead to move the ghost mithril to the s.p.a.ce. It looked just fine as it was, but looking at the computers, it seems like they were competing in a computer game.

While Zhao Hai was shocked, Cai'er suddenly flew over. Looking at the kid, Cai'er smiled and said, "Young Master, is this the kid the prompt mentioned?"

Zhao Hai nodded, he turned his head to the kid and said, "Kid, this will be your companion from now on. She's your elder sister Cai'er. Treat her and also my wives as your family. Since you're silver colored, we'll start calling you Little Silver from now on. Go on, play with Cai'er."

Little Silver looked like he couldn't understand Zhao Hai's words. However, it could understand what Zhao Hai wanted to say. Therefore, it giggled before a pair of silver wings appeared on its back. The wings fluttered as Little Silver flew crookedly towards Cai'er.

Looking at Little Silver's appearance, Cai'er smiled before leading the kid to play around. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai went to Laura and the others and looked at the game they were playing. Each one of them were commanding ten Undead creatures and competed on who could mine the most ghost mithril ore.

Zhao Hai didn't care about their conduct. They had been inside the s.p.a.ce all this time, bored. Being able to find things that could amuse them was good. Zhao Hai didn't disturb them as he teleported to an uninhabited area in order to try his newly gained ability.

Zhao Hai already discovered that ever since he took Little Silver with him, the dark energy in the tunnel had decreased. It seems like all those dark energy had been supplied by Little Silver. Therefore, there should no longer be any danger in future examinations.

Liquefying his body into metal was Zhao Hai's new ability. In order to understand more of the ability, Zhao Hai tried to use it. He immediately felt his body turn silver up to the cellular level. Moreover, he could feel his bones and internal organs dissolve. He was now ready to transform.

Then Zhao Hai thought about turning his hand into a sword. And before long, a bright silver sword was in place of his hand. Zhao Hai suddenly thought that he was now like the terminator, being able to turn into liquid metal at ease. At this point, his personal appearance held little meaning.

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly. He began to think that he was becoming less and less human. However, he didn't necessarily need to become metallic being. For Zhao Hai, this ability was just one means among the many that he already had. It was just like a sword. He didn't need to use it all the time.

After letting out a long breath, Zhao Hai began to cultivate. He had already decided on his schedule moving forward. Besides sleeping, he would condense magic formations nonstop for two hours. Then after that, he would familiarize himself with formation combinations. This way he would know which ones were the most appropriate to use in future battles.

Like this time, for example. Besides the formation he used to defeat the beasts, the other five-layer formations he used were the most appropriate ones to use at that time. If the Mages from the Adam Academy knew which formation to use, then they wouldn't have died.

It was one thing to have power. It was another thing to hold complete control of that power, making it your own. Because of this, Zhao Hai made sure to familiarize himself with formations every day.

Besides his condensing formations and familiarizing himself with formation combinations, Zhao Hai also allotted time to practicing sword qi. He's both a Warrior and a Mage. Not using sword qi would be a waste of his talent.

Zhao Hai saw how Khan and the others utilized their sword qi in order to destroy even the hardest defenses. As long as he gained a good grasp on sword qi, then Zhao Hai would have more cards to play in the future.

Besides magic formations and sword qi, Zhao Hai was also sharpening his usage of spiritual force. In the Machine Field, spiritual force was also very important.

And lastly, Zhao Hai also practiced in his Stellar Transformation Yin-Yang art. In the past, Zhao Hai didn't deliberately practice this technique. But now that he was actively cultivating this method, his fundamental strength would certainly increase.

While Zhao Hai was learning formation combinations, Cai'er's voice was suddenly heard, "Young Master, return to the ship quickly. Margaret is looking for you."

Chapter 1102: Pirates

Zhao Hai paused for a moment before he quickly exited the s.p.a.ce and reappeared inside his room. And just as he arrived in his room, Zhao Hai immediately heard knocks coming from the door.

Zhao Hai quickly went to the door and opened it. Margaret was on the other side, her facial expression somewhat anxious. She looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, come with me to the command hall quick. There are s.p.a.ce Pirates, we might have to retreat." Then she turned around and walked towards the command hall.

Zhao Hai hastily followed behind. Before long, they arrived at the ship's command hall. The atmosphere inside the room was completely different from before. The last time Zhao Hai was here, everyone was very relaxed, some were even drinking tea. Even those who controlled the ship didn't look busy.

But now, the place was extremely active. Those who controlled the ship were very busily typing on the keyboard as they shouted information. The entire hall was noisy.

Margaret didn't make any noise as she just led Zhao Hai towards the ship's commander. The commander stood in front of his table, looking at the display. His expression was very strict. He would also issue commands from time to time.

Zhao Hai looked at the display on the table. From what Margaret said, Zhao Hai expected s.p.a.ce pirates to be driving their own s.p.a.ceships, just like those written in fiction back on earth. However, it seems like this wasn't the case at all. They were just people who were flying in s.p.a.ce.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. He didn't expect people to be able to fly in s.p.a.ce. Moreover, these people were wearing Mage and Warrior clothes. This was completely out of Zhao Hai's imagination.

Zhao Hai turned to Margaret and said, "Instructor, these are pirates? And are those Mages?"

Margaret didn't turn her head to Zhao Hai, but she still nodded and said, "Yes, those are the pirates. Some of them are also ascenders from the lower realms. Their strength should be level 3 or above, since that is the level you need in order to fly in s.p.a.ce. They rob people for a living. With their strength, the Mages and Warriors are powerful enough to damage ordinary ships. The academy's ship is also an ordinary s.p.a.ceship, but with a little bit more defense. However, it would still be difficult for us to get rid of them."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. He was now level 4. If level 3 allowed one to fly in s.p.a.ce, then this means that he could fly in s.p.a.ce as well.

Margaret hasn't been paying attention to Zhao Hai's expressions. She was still looking at the s.p.a.ce pirates. Then she added, "Commonly, s.p.a.ce pirates don't attack academy ships. This is because they know that academy ships don't hold anything valuable. Even if they take an academy ship, it would still be useless for them since it is just a common ship. n.o.body would buy it from them."

Zhao Hao knitted his brows. From the information he checked online, the status of ascender academies were very high. Moreover, academy ships were protected by the three major powers of the Machine Field. Anyone who dared to attack academy ships would be jointly pursued by these powers.

Margaret then said, "The way they appeared is strange. We just left Tyro Planet and now they're here. It seems like they were waiting for us."

Upon hearing Margaret, Jin Changji's image suddenly appeared inside Zhao Hai's mind. So he immediately said, "Instructor, is this Jin Changji's plot? Since n.o.body from the Adam Academy came back, he won't allow any of us to safely return."

Margaret stared, but she shook her head and said, "That's impossible. Jin Changji knows about my status. He wouldn't dare do anything like this!"

Zhao Hai couldn't help but pause, then his two eyes shone. Margaret's words just made him understand that her status wasn't simple.

But Zhao Hai didn't dwell on it for long as he said, "Instructor, I can think of four possible reasons . First, they are just pirates and met us coincidentally. But that's not very likely to happen. It's common sense for pirates to leave academy ships alone unless some strings are pulled. Second reason is that they are

people that are hostile to the Adam Family. They want to attack us in order to frame the Adam Family. If this succeeds, then the Adam Family and the Ashley family would fight and they would profit."

"The third possibility is that these people are from the Adam Family. They can attack us because they could just claim that they are being framed by other people. People would think that they wouldn't blatantly attack like this and set themselves on fire. In this case, people might even believe them."

"The fourth possibility is that these people are other enemies of the Ashley Family. They attack us here so that we would blame the Adam Family, causing a war in the process."

It wasn't just Margaret who heard Zhao Hai's words, the captain was listening as well. When they heard this, they couldn't help but think that this pirate attack wasn't as simple as it looked.

Margaret turned to Zhao Hai and said, "So who do you think these people belong to?"

Zhao Hai answered, "First of all, these people cannot be pirates. Tyro Planet being an examination area isn't a secret. Us being here isn't strange as well. Therefore, pirates wouldn't be lurking in this place. Secondly, they couldn't be from the Adam Academy. Even if the Adam Academy's students were wiped out in the exam, it didn't cause too much loss to them. They will not risk damaging themselves just by this event alone, it just isn't worth it. Third, It is also likely that they aren't Adam Academy's enemies. Although killing us would incite a fight between the Ashley Family and the Adam Academy, the two families aren't stupid enough to not understand the implications of this fight. Both would certainly launch investigations about this matter. And if the perpetrator is found, they would definitely meet a violent retaliation. Therefore, although it seems like it would be a good move to attack us, it is in fact a stupid action. So in the end, I think that the only possibility is that these people are the Ashley Family's enemies. With enough grudge, people wouldn't let off any opportunity to attack a member of the family." Zhao Hai made a careful analysis of this matter. Because of this, Margaret couldn't find any point to rebut. In the end, Margaret and the Commander nodded.

After nodding, Margaret asked Zhao Hai, "What do you suggest we should do?"

Zhao Hai looked at the Mages and the Warriors on the screen and said, "I think we should return to Tyro Planet. We just left the planet, so it wouldn't take long for us to head back. Being in Tyro Planet would be the safest move we could do. Upon arriving at the planet, we can send word back to the family and ask them for support."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Margaret nodded and then turned to Kirk and said, "Kirk, what do you think?" Kirk thought about it for a moment and said, "It's reasonable. We're not far from Tyro Planet. As long as we turn around, we should be able to reach it if we use our shields. Even if we take damage before arriving at the planet, it wouldn't be too heavy. At the very least, we can guarantee everyone's safety."

Margaret nodded, "Then let's head back to Tyro Planet at our maximum speed." Kirk complied and then gave the order. Since the ship wasn't overly large, it wasn't difficult for it to turn around and leave.

The attackers didn't expect the ship to make a sudden turn. They were too surprised that they weren't able to respond for some time.

Just when they were about to start attacking the ship, it was already quite a distance away. Although these people could fly in s.p.a.ce, they weren't as fast as s.p.a.ceships. The reason why they can ambush the ship was because the ship was already heading their way. It was the same concept as train robbers. It was impossible for them to catch up to the train, but it was possible to wait for the train to come to them.

However, now that the ship suddenly turned around, these people were left behind. Also, the ship's defensive shield wasn't just for decoration. It was a shield that had evolved with Magic Theory, allowing it to block level 5 attacks. Because of this, after the Mage and Warrior attacks. .h.i.t, they still weren't able to make a substantial damage... The ship was now using almost all of its energy on propulsion, but this didn't mean that they slacked on using their shield. Blocking attacks from these pirates wouldn't be a problem.

Margaret and Zhao Hai didn't expect that just as the ship turned around, Kirk suddenly said, "Increase energy use to 100%. Place 80% on propulsion while 20% are on shields."

At this moment, the ship began to shake. Then a staff member reported, "Commander, cabin 5, 7, and 11, have been damaged. The cabin pressure is beginning to change." Along with this report, the ship began to slow down.

Kirk quickly made an order, "Close the emergency doors outside cabin 5, 7, and 11. We don't need them anyway. Make a straight course towards Tyro Planet!!"

And with Kirk's command, the ship's speed increased once more, leaving the Mages and Warriors far behind.

Chapter 1103: Full Support In Cultivation

s.p.a.ceships had protective shields, but this didn't mean that these shields were omnipotent. In outer s.p.a.ce, danger was in every corner. They may be attacked by s.p.a.ce junk, cosmic rays, or anything else at any time. There even some cosmic rays that could tear apart a ship's shield like paper.

Because of this, most ships had emergency doors installed on its outer cabins!

These emergency doors were there to be used whenever the ship gets damaged. Once the hull gets breached, these emergency doors would immediately be activated, isolating the affected compartments. Even if the pressure on those compartments shred and rip apart everything inside, it still wouldn't affect the ship's overall operation.

Those three cabins had been damaged because they had been targeted by the pirates. Therefore, Kirk immediately ordered the emergency doors of those cabins to be closed. This way, it ensures that the ship continues to fly normally.

If the emergency doors were left open, then the pressure on the ship would get bigger and bigger. It might even cause the ship to break in two. If that happens, then they would surely be finished.

Seeing that the pirates had been shaken off, Kirk and the others began to relax. Then Margaret and Kirk looked at Zhao Hai with an unusual gaze. They didn't think that Zhao Hai would stay calm in such a critical event.

One shouldn't underestimate the decision to turn back. In their position, it wasn't an easy task to calmly choose to turn around and head back. Although they were indeed closer to Tyro Planet, they weren't that close. They had already been travelling for close to day, and were now one-third of the way back to the academy. Most people might just bite the bullet and push through.

Zhao Hai also thought about going forward. However, if the Ashley family's enemy really did want to deal with them, then it's possible that they would stage multiple ambushes along the way. Because of

this, Zhao Hai knew that going back was the only solution that could provide them with an assured chance of survival.

And his choice was correct. As the ship turned around, the pursuing Warriors and Mages couldn't catch up. This allowed Zhao Hai and the others to escape with their lives.

Zhao Hai saw Margaret and Kirk's gaze, but he just smiled and didn't say anything. Margaret didn't ask Zhao Hai anything as well as she turned to Kirk and said, "I'll send news back to the family and ask them for assistance as soon as possible. Meanwhile, let's stay in Tyro Planet and recuperate." Kirk nodded.

Although they still haven't arrived at Tyro Planet, Kirk knew that they were as good as safe. And as long as they reach the range of the planet's defenses, nothing would happen to them.

Planetary defenses were quite common in the Machine Field. And on a planet with mithril ore, Tyro Planet had defenses much stronger than most.

After landing on Tyro Planet, the people on the ship were finally able to let out relieved sighs. Margaret took Zhao Hai back to the reception area and told Sim about the situation. Then she asked Sim to provide them with a place to stay.

Naturally, Sim immediately agreed to the request and arranged a room for them. After the rooms had been assigned, Margaret went to Zhao Hai's room.

After being invited inside by Zhao Hai and offered a cup of tea, Margaret sat opposite her student. She looked at Zhao Hai for some time before she said, "Zhao Hai, I need to thank you for your calm thinking. If it weren't for you, we would've decided to proceed." Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Instructor is too polite. I'm just thinking for myself. If we really continued going forward, then not everyone in the ship might have survived."

Margaret nodded, then she said, "I reckon you've already known about the Bone Symbol Camp. To be honest, the camp's present state isn't the same as the past. There's nothing in the camp that could attract an expert. However, I still hope that you can join the camp. At the very least, you will be safer if you join us. And after you enter, I will tell the camp leader to concentrate the camp's resources into cultivating you. With your talent, you will definitely be a famous expert in the region."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Instructor, there's no need to go that far. I will join the Bone Symbol Camp because I want to. I definitely won't regret this decision."

Margaret nodded, then after a moment she said, "I'll give you more freedom when we go back to the Academy. This way, you can adapt to the spiritual qi at your own pace. Once you adapt to the normal density, you can tell me and I will let you graduate in advance."

Zhao Hao nodded. To be honest, he didn't want to stay in the academy anymore. And he also wanted to adjust to the Machine Field's normal spiritual qi density as soon as possible so that he could strengthen himself more effectively. He wanted to advance quicker so that he could gain a footing in the World of Cultivation, as well as providing Laura and the others with an identity. This way, they would be able to boldly move about in the Machine Field and not stay inside the s.p.a.ce all the time.

Margaret added, "I've already informed the family. They will be sending support but they would arrive the day after tomorrow. You need to be careful in these two days. Although n.o.body would dare make a large-scale a.s.sault on Tyro Planet, this doesn't mean that they won't send someone to do a.s.sa.sination. If you have nothing to do, it would be best if you stay inside your room."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Alright. Instructor can rest a.s.sured." Margaret nodded before she stood up and left.

Through this event, Zhao Hai was able to confirm that the Bone Symbol camp had already settled on recruiting him. Otherwise, Margaret wouldn't have told him that they would allocate all their resources in order to cultivate him.

Besides this, Zhao Hai also discovered something from Margaret's words. First, it seems to be true that the Bone Symbol Camp lacked experts. And second, Margaret's was certainly someone of considerable status.

After Margaret left, Zhao Hai immediately entered the s.p.a.ce. Seeing Zhao Hai return, Laura and the others quickly welcomed him. Then Laura said, "Brother Hai, that was dangerous. You need to be more careful." Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "It's fine, you don't need to worry. You heard Teacher Margaret, after returning to the academy, I will be able to adapt to the normal level of spiritual qi quicker. This way, I could leave the academy earlier. Once I leave, I will find a way so that you can go out. You don't have to stay inside the s.p.a.ce every day."

When they heard Zhao Hai, Laura and the others immediately cheered. For them, this was a very important matter. They've already seen how colorful the Machine Field was, so they all wanted to explore the place with their own eyes. It was just a pity that they had yet to gain the opportunity to do so. So when Zhao Hai told them about this, they couldn't help but be happy.

Seeing their happy expressions, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be happy as well. After everyone had calmed down, Zhao Hai said, "However, we still have to stay in Tyro Planet for a couple of days. I plan to use these days to take a look at the tunnels and take normal mithril for ourselves. It would be a waste if I couldn't get some mithril after coming here."

Laura smiled and said, "You don't need to worry yourself about this. Since we've been here already, you can return at any time. I think what you need to focus on right now is to improve your combat effectiveness. Right, if you have time, you should go to the mining city and buy some gifts for Dins and the others. If Brother Hai really wants Dins and the others to follow you in the future, you need to increase their strength and provide them with formations to practice on. Take Dins for example, he's a Fire Mage so he should be studying fire element formations. You can give him a combined formation and have him condense a formation that suits him best. Not only would he get stronger, he will also feel indebted to you. Although Margaret said that the Bone Symbol Camp would concentrate on cultivating you, there would still be people inside the camp that will feel dissatisfied with this decision. Therefore, you need to cultivate your own group."

After listening to Laura, Zhao Hai felt that her words were justified. If he joins the Bone Symbol Camp in the future, he would need to cultivate his own influence. Otherwise, he would be isolated. Although Dins and the others were older, Zhao Hai didn't find any problems with them. The s.p.a.ce had potions that can extend life so they should be able to live a couple of hundred years more. Moreover, as their cultivation increased, their lifespan would also increase. When the time comes, they would be experts that n.o.body would dare underestimate.

As long as Zhao Hai shows them favor now, then when he joins the Bone Symbol Camp later, he wouldn't be afraid of being surrounded on all sides. He would have his own group to rely on.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, I'll listen to you. I'll use these days to practice. Right Cai'er, I was thinking of using potions to break through my bottleneck. Help me look for herbs that can allow me to break through to the second layer of the Stellar Transformations art. I always felt that breaking through the second layer would bring me a huge benefit." Cai'er nodded. Then she turned around and flew away. At this point, Little Silver had become Cai'er's a.s.sistant, following behind her all the time. As for Bubble, the fellow actually liked to hang around in the villa alongside Laura and the others. The women were already used to its existence. They even use Bubble as a pillow from time to time.

By this time, Zhao Hai had lost interest in dealing with Bubble. Although this fellow looks lazy, its strength was actually pretty good. Zhao Hai had already placed a lot of things inside Bubble's body to undergo water refining. Among these things were two grown azure dragon snails as well as the column of ice where Bubble was originally taken from.

It needs to be said that Zhao Hai was able to learn about the azure dragon snails in the Machine Field. As long as the snails were refined to a certain degree, they could be used as a warship. As for the column of ice, it was born from Bubble and was very rich in the water element. This type of material had numerous uses in the Machine Field. There would definitely be great uses for it in the future.

Chapter 1104: Bone Symbol Camp's Hope

Just an hour after Zhao Hai started cultivating inside the s.p.a.ce, Cai'er suddenly went to look for him. Upon seeing Cai'er, Zhao Hai knew that she was here regarding the potion that he needed to break through.

Sure enough, when Cai'er reached Zhao Hai, she said, "Young Master, we've found a potion for your cultivation. However, it needs some time to brew. Moreover, you also need a ma.s.sive amount of spiritual qi when you consume it. How much spiritual qi you absorb will have a great impact on your strength."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he said, "Are you saying that the spiritual qi inside the s.p.a.ce and the Academy are not enough? So do we need the Machine Field's spiritual qi in order for me to advance?"

Cai'er nodded, "Yes, Young Master. Also, Sister Laura and the others just checked online and discovered that there's a spirit gathering formation in the Machine Field. It can acc.u.mulate ma.s.sive amounts of spiritual qi in a specific area. Moreover, we've a.n.a.lyzed that as Young Master adapts to the Machine Field's spiritual qi, the spiritual qi in the s.p.a.ce will also increase up to the point where it will be the same as the Machine Field. Therefore, it would be better for you to get used to the Machine Field's spiritual qi first before trying to increase your strength. This way, we can arrange the spirit gathering formation when you can absorb the most spiritual qi."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll wait. However, you still need to prepare that potion. This way, we could avoid later troubles."

Cai'er nodded, then she turned around and left. Zhao Hai put the matter of his promotion to the back of his mind as he continued to practice. By dinnertime, Zhao Hai went out of the s.p.a.ce. He reckons that people would bring him supper. But he didn't expect that not long after he came out, a knock would come from his door. Sweeping using his spiritual force, it was actually Margaret.

This caused Zhao Hai to stare. Him and Margaret weren't too familiar with each other. Their encounters with each other were minimal. If he were to count the times they had met, it wouldn't reach ten. Margaret looking for him at this time caused Zhao Hai to be puzzled.

However, Zhao Hai still opened the door. Upon seeing Margaret, he pretended to be surprised as he said, "Instructor Margaret, why are you here?"

After seeing Zhao Hai, Margaret smiled faintly as she answered, "What? You don't want me to come? It's not good to cultivate inside your room every day. Good cultivation is a balance between hard work and relaxation. Follow me to the dining hall. The crew are there. You need to mingle with them."

When he heard Margaret, Zhao Hai understood why she came to see him. Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't reject the invitation, so he said, "Alright, then I'll have to trouble Instructor."

Margaret nodded, then he led Zhao Hai towards the dining hall. Zhao Hai also discovered that since he offered his help in the recent crisis, Margaret began to have changes in her att.i.tude.

The two arrived at the dining hall. And sure enough, the s.p.a.ceship's crew was already inside. Seeing Zhao Hai arrive, they immediately welcomed him enthusiastically.

Zhao Hai also knew that these people were happy because they were able to preserve their lives. Even if they were paid highly, the risk they had to go through was also equally as high. Moreover, their strengths aren't that great, they were just average people.

Regarding these people, finding a stable and high-paying job was something that brought them great joy and satisfaction. After all, in the Machine Field, they simply held little to no status.

Just like ordinary people, the crew also had families to feed. If they died, even if the Ashley Family provided their families with pension, their family's living conditions would still drastically decline. Because of this, these people were very grateful to survive the recent ordeal.

Zhao Hai didn't put too much air as he politely returned the crew's greetings. Seeing Zhao Hai's conduct, the crew were immediately won over. It didn't take long before the Zhao Hai became one with whole group.

Margaret and Kirk sat on another table. This table was smaller, and those who were sitting with them were the ship's first and second mates. In other words, sat on this table were people who had status.

Kirk looked at Zhao Hai's conduct and couldn't help but smile as he turned to Margaret and said, "Miss Margaret, it seems like an extraordinary fellow would be joining our Bone Symbol Camp. He also looks like someone who had killed other G.o.d-rank experts. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been this calm."

Kirk as well as his two mates were also from the Bone Symbol Camp. Just as stated before, this camp was structured differently compared to the other camps. Other camps would just recruit talented individuals and wouldn't care about other people. The Bone Symbol Camp, on the other hand, would accept anyone as long as they show skill.

Margaret smiled and said, "Zhao Hai is truly special. You might not know, but he already has his own group in the academy. Moreover, these people are unlike those blind followers of young geniuses. Also, you're right. It seems like this guy has slaughtered at least a million people in the lower realms."

Kirk and the other two people from the Bone Symbol camp knew what killing a million people meant. So when they heard Margaret, their expression couldn't help but change. The first mate commented, "Killing a million people? He doesn't look like it."

Margaret replied, "From what I saw, it's possible that he had killed a million people. Before he entered the exam's mining tunnel, he asked me if there would be problems if the Adam Academy's six students die. But as he asked me, I couldn't feel a sliver of killing intent. Additionally, his calm manner in the earlier crisis only appears on two types of people. The first type are those who are very confident in their strength. They don't believe that the destruction of the ship would have any effects on them. The second type are those who don't think seriously about human lives. I think Zhao Hai is the latter. Because of this, I believe that Zhao Hai had killed more than a million people."

Kirk turned towards Zhao Hai who was currently chatting with the crew. No matter how he looked at it, Kirk couldn't see Zhao Hai as someone who had killed a million people.

However, Kirk also knew that people had all sorts of mysterious means and secrets. He was just curious so he didn't say anything.

On the other hand, Kirk's second mate was more curious. He turned to Margaret and said, "Miss Margaret, how long has it been since Zhao Hai came to the academy? Why haven't I heard of his name before?"

Margaret turned towards them and then lowered her voice as she said, "Zhao Hai just ascended a month ago. Also, you didn't hear any of this. If others know that Zhao Hai became a level 1 Mage a month after ascending, then he will be in certain danger."

Although Kirk and the others didn't cultivate, after serving the ascender academy, they knew what being a level 1 Mage just a month after ascending represented. In all of their time serving the academy, this was the first time that they heard an achievement as great as this.

Margaret looked at Kirk and said, "You know our camp's current situation. And you should be aware that Zhao Hai's strength isn't normal. His talent is very great. Not only was he able to become a level 1 mage before the exam, he also achieved skill in utilizing Magic Theory properly. His future development should be limitless. Because of this, we cannot reveal that he had only ascended for one month. We should tell everybody that he had ascended 5 months ago. If we don't, not only do we need to be on guard against outside powers, we also need to be wary about the family's other camps. Those fellows don't want the Bone Symbol Camp to rise again."

As a member of the Bone Symbol Camp, Kirk was aware of the infighting amongst the family's camps. What Margaret said was correct. If other camps discover Zhao Hai's special talent, they would certainly deal with him. Because of this, the three nodded, then Kirk said, "Miss Margaret, rest assured. We know how to keep a secret. The other camps have stepped on the Bone Symbol Camp all these years. Now that Zhao Hai is here, it's natural that we would take care of him."

Margaret nodded, then her eyes began to light up as she said, "Zhao Hai will certainly become a pillar of the Bone Symbol Camp. With his help, the camp would rise again."

Kirk and the others agreed. If the Bone Symbol Camp wanted to rise, then they would need an expert at its head. But at this time, the camp had no experts that can assume command. The Bone Symbol Camp didn't lack funds. The External Hall would certainly allocate funds to make the camps function. Moreover, they can also generate income on their own.

Although the Bone Symbol Camp didn't have powerful experts, their ability to make money was second to none in the Ashley Family. However, the Bone Symbol camp also knew that increasing their ability to make money would only bring them trouble.

Because of this, the Bone Symbol Camp had always hoped for a powerful expert to join their ranks. But because of its deteriorating reputation, talented students didn't choose the camp. This caused the camp to lack powerful experts. This was the Bone Symbol Camp's weakest point.

After the meal, Zhao Hai returned to his room. It was already late into the night, therefore, Zhao Hai didn't head out and instead he just entered the s.p.a.ce. And after practicing for a while, he took a rest.

The next morning, Zhao Hai went out of the s.p.a.ce and had his breakfast at the dining hall. Just as he was about to head out, Margaret and the crew arrived. Seeing that Zhao Hai was leaving, Margaret wrinkled her brow as she asked, "Zhao Hai, are you planning to head out?"

Zhao Hai stared for a moment before he answered, "Instructor, I haven't explored Tyro planet before so I want to head out and see it for myself. I also want to give Dins and the others some gifts. I heard that mithril here is much cheaper compared to other places. Since mithril is very helpful for Mages, I want to buy some before I head back."

Margaret frowned, "It's dangerous outside. I suggest that you don't go. Pirates may be watching and waiting for us to head out."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Instructor, it will be fine. I still have strength to fight back. You can rest assured that nothing will happen to me."

Margaret shook her head. But after thinking that Zhao Hai had been inside his room all this time, she couldn't help but feel embarrassed. So after a while, she said, "Alright, you can go. But I will come with you."

Zhao Hai stared, then with a shy expression, he looked at Margaret and said, "Instructor, there's no need. I can go by myself."

Margaret coldly snorted and said, "No. Either I go with you or you're not leaving."

Zhao Hai looked awkwardly at Margaret. But in the end, he gave a helpless nod and agreed, "Alright. Right, since Instructor is going, why don't the others come as well? If you see anything you like, just tell me and I'll buy it for you as a gift."

Zhao Hai's offer made the crew cheer. Then all of them grouped up and walked out. Margaret looked at the crowd around Zhao Hai and couldn't help but helplessly shake her head. She didn't know if she should praise Zhao Hai for being generous or scold him for spending too much money.

Although it was true that mithril and mithril products were much cheaper in Tyro Planet, besides those, other items were much more expensive in comparison. Besides being a mining planet, Tyro Planet was also a tourism spot. And one major characteristic of a tourist spot was its inflated price on goods. It seems like Zhao Hai was going to bleed today.

Margaret quickly followed behind Zhao Hai and the others. Actually, Tyro Planet's mining city wasn't any different compared to other cities. Besides its houses being caves and not seeing the sun, the other facilities weren't that different from other planets. And also, compared to other planets, the amount of mithril products here were indeed a lot more.

Along with the jolly crew of the ship, Zhao Hai walked on the city streets. They didn't ride a vehicle and instead opted to walk on foot. There were a lot of shops in this street. Besides shops, there were also stalls selling wares. But since these stalls didn't have any high-quality goods, Zhao Hai didn't bother looking.

Then suddenly, Zhao Hai felt a few hostile gazes directed at them. Zhao Hai swept the area using his spiritual force and found out that the gazes came from a couple of Mages sitting in a small teahouse. Although they seem to be laid-back, their eyes wandered murderously towards Zhao Hai's group from time to time.

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Zhao Hai had experienced countless killings, so he was very sensitive when it came to killing intent. Therefore, upon sensing the killing intent directed at him, Zhao Hai knew that these people were the pirates.

Zhao Hai didn't say anything, instead, she contacted Cai'er with his mind, "Cai'er, pay attention to those Mages in the teahouse. Record their faces and see if they're the same as the pirates we met before." Cai'er immediately complied.

After this exchange, Zhao Hai carried on and strolled with the ship's crew. Then suddenly, Zhao Hai's attention was taken by a magic staff in a nearby shop. Also, the ship's sign looked like it had been there for many years, making the shop look ancient.

The signboard was made of wood, contrasting the other high-tech signboards of its neighbors. The signboard's print was also very common, making it look like the ugly duckling among the group.

However, Zhao Hai was dazed by this sign board. This was because he could feel magic coming from the piece of wood. It seems like the signboard wasn't made with simple methods.

Seeing Zhao Hai stop, the crew became confused. One of them looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Zhao Hai? What are you staring at?"

Zhao Hai recovered. Then he looked at the others as he smiled and said, "Everyone, let me take a look at that shop for a moment. I want to buy some things for my friends back at the academy. Mithril is very cheap here, so I want to see what that shop has to offer." The crew were originally invited by Zhao Hai to play. So upon hearing him, they immediately nodded and joined him in entering the shop.

The shop wasn't big. So when Zhao Hai's group of more than ten entered, they immediately made the place cramped.

Zhao Hai proceeded to examine the shop. It was very ordinary. It had wooden shelves and containers that looked like they were made a long time ago. They were also covered with gla.s.s, adding to their unique look. The staff displayed on these shelves and containers were also very plain. Beneath each staff was its name and then its price.

As soon as Zhao Hai's group entered the shop, a robot quickly received them. The robot bowed and said, "Welcome. What can I help you with?"

The robot looked ordinary, just like the shop. Although it was a bit more advanced than Tinkle, it still wasn't advanced. Zhao Hai didn't care as he replied, "I need several magic staffs. Let me see your catalogue."

The robot immediately complied as it said, "Please wait a moment." Then the robot went to one side of the store and took out a book from a cabinet. After handing the book over to Zhao Hai, it said, "All of our magic staff are listed here."

Zhao Hao nodded, then he opened the book. Although it looked like a book, it was actually an electronic display. Once a page was opened, a projection of the magic staff would appear. Then a voice would be heard, introducing the staff's functions as well as the magic formation recorded inside.

This kind of things was rare in the Machine Field. Zhao Hao flipped the book as he paired them with the numbers below the staffs on the cabinets. He was looking for staffs suited for Dins and the others.

Honestly, the mage staffs in this store were really good. All of the staff were made of wood that were suited for Mages to use. They were also engraved with five-layer formations for level 1 Mages and formations for level 2 Mages. The shop didn't have staffs surpassing level 3. However, this selection still caught Zhao Hai's eyes. After all, Dins and the others had yet to reach level 1. Giving them too advanced staffs wouldn't be good.

Margaret stood at the back, observing Zhao Hai earnestly scanning through the staffs. She couldn't help but sigh, she began to understand Zhao Hai less and less. A month after ascending, he was already a level 1 Mage. It can be said that he was a genius. It was normal for these kinds of people to be arrogant. However, Zhao Hai wasn't arrogant at all. Not only did he befriend Old Mages like Dins and the others, he could also mingle with the ship's crew. Such a person was truly rare.

Margaret couldn't help but wonder what kind of place could train someone such as Zhao Hai. One must know that each young ascender from the lower realms were very talented individuals. They most likely had powerful influences supporting them back in the lower realm. Besides cultivating, all of their other needs were well taken care of. Because of this, these talents developed arrogant behaviours.

Zhao Hai was a genius among geniuses. Since he was able to ascend at a young age, this meant that he also had a huge background. However, Zhao Hai was experienced in battle. He also had well-developed social skills. Margaret even suspected Zhao Hai of killing more than a million people. Putting these facts together, it seems like Zhao Hai was different compared to the others of his kind.

Zhao Hai bought 15 level 1 staffs. After paying nearly twenty thousand machine coins, the group proceeded to walk out of the shop.

And just as they came out, Cai'er's voice resounded inside Zhao Hai's head, "Young Master, we've investigated those people. They were indeed the pirates that attacked the ship. There's no mistaking it."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he stepped back two steps to Margaret's side and said, "Instructor, the pirates that attacked us are close by. Moreover, we've already been surrounded. We need to see that our brothers are safe..."

Margaret stared, then her expression turned cold. She turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Are you sure?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I'm very sure. I'm quite sensitive to killing intent. Moreover, their glares didn't stop. Before we went into the shop, I saw a few Mages at a teashop. At that time, I thought that they looked like the people that attacked our ship. And now, I feel their murderous intent. It seems like they're ready to take action."

At this point, Margaret already had great trust towards Zhao Hai. So she immediately replied, "Alright, I'll tell the crew to return."

Zhao Hai shook his head and whispered, "We can't just abruptly retreat. Otherwise, the pirates would make their move. We need to divert their attention. Instructor, as long as we guard the crew, it'll be fine."

Margaret nodded, she couldn't help but raise her spiritual force. Zhao Hai looked around him and sneered. Then he turned to the crew and laughingly said, "Brothers, I managed to buy a lot of good staffs today. I want to celebrate. How about we drink at that bar over there?" Then he pointed at a roadside bar.

Although the crew couldn't understand why Zhao Hai suddenly decided to have a drink, liquor was always welcomed. The crew didn't become polite and just cheered as they ran towards the bar.

Upon seeing the crew running, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh as he shouted, "You heard drinking and you ran faster than anyone I know. If I don't follow behind, who would pay for your drinks?"

Knowing Zhao Hai was just having a playful banter, one of the crew replied, "We'll just tell them to put the drinks on your tab. Brothers, let's run faster. We must drink at least two bottles today!"

Zhao Hai pretended to be anxious as he ran after them towards the bar, saying, "Brothers, don't drink too much. I might not be able to afford it all." Then he showed the physical weakness of a Mage. Even when the crew had entered the bar, Zhao Hai still fell behind.

Looking at Zhao Hai's acting, Margaret couldn't help but commend him secretly. Zhao Hai's words made the crew run faster and his acting was on point.

At this time, Zhao Hai suddenly cast a formation in front of him. Then a big sword flew out of the formation and went straight towards the bar's second floor.

Just as the sword was about to hit the bar's window, a barrier appeared and blocked Zhao Hai's attack.

However, after releasing the sword, Zhao Hai followed up with a five-layer formation. A fiery spear emerged out of the formation and chased behind the sword and also hit the barrier.

One could see a faint silhouette of a person right behind the barrier. The person easily blocked the sword, but the fiery spear caught him off-guard. The fiery spear tore through the barrier as though it was paper and then stabbed the person behind it. The man screamed for a moment before the fiery spear exploded.

After the loud explosion, the person's entire body was erased. However, what was strange was the fact that although the person was killed, and the bar's window was damaged, nothing else was affected by Zhao Hai's attack.

Zhao Hai didn't stop. He released another five-layer formation. When the formation appeared, a burst of dark mist suddenly spread out, covering the entire street. One couldn't even see their own fingers if they stretched it out.

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As the Dark Mist spread, Zhao Hai immediately flew towards Margaret's side and whispered, "Instructor, I can feel their position and they can't sense us. Once they enter the dark mist, we can deal with them."

Margaret nodded. She also felt her own spiritual force being greatly suppressed. One must know that Margaret was a level 5 Mage. Her spiritual force was very strong. But in this dark mist, her spiritual force could only reach 500 meters.

Zhao Hai continued to whisper, "Instructor, come with me to the bar first. Let's take the crew go to a safe place. My magic will last for a while. But if they use light magic, then the most it could last is ten minutes. We need to save the crew during that time before we can move on our own."

Margaret agreed, then she said, "Ten minutes is enough. And don't forget, Tyro Planet has guards. Since we just made a huge move, they would definitely be alarmed. Ten minutes is enough for them to rush over."

Zhao hai nodded. Then he caught Margaret's body and then led her towards the bar.

The people inside the bar were also aware of what just happened outside. Because of this, n.o.body went out. Some of them even hid below the tables.

The magic Zhao Hai used didn't just cover the street, it shrouded the bar as well. However, this magic didn't affect Zhao Hai. After Zhao Hai and Margaret entered the bar, he immediately let go of her hand and said, "Instructor, stay here while I go look for the others."

Margaret, who has never been pulled by a man before, was now blushing. She just nodded as Zhao Hai went towards a table. Naturally, the crew were the ones drinking there. When they heard the commotion, they immediately hid under the table.

When Zhao Hai arrived at the table and saw the crew's state, he couldn't help but laugh. Then he knocked on the table and said, "Alright, you need to get out of here." Then he waved his hand. A light quickly covered the table, dispersing the dark mist around the crew.

When the crew members heard Zhao Hai's voice, they couldn't help but stare. They looked up and saw Zhao Hai standing in front of them. After a short pause, the crew immediately jumped up.

Zhao Hai made a gesture to silence them and then whispered, "Listen to me, the pirates that attacked us are here. I just killed one of them. I'll send someone to lead you out of this area. Remember, unless he disappears, you shouldn't come out." After he said that, Zhao Hai waved his hand and summoned a skeleton.

The crew knew that this wasn't the time to talk, so they just nodded and followed the skeleton. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai's body disappeared and went to Margaret's side.

Margaret had already calmed down at this time. Although her spiritual force has been suppressed, she was still able to know what happened inside the bar. Naturally, she was able to see Zhao Hai's action. When Zhao Hai returned, she immediately said, "There's no visibility in the dark mist. Are they not going to attack?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "They will. They are still outside the dark mist. Maybe they want us to think that they won't attack. It would be more dangerous for us if the guards don't arrive for some time. This way, the pirates can be more assured to take bolder actions."

Margaret thought about what Zhao Hai said for a moment, then she said, "That's impossible. Tyro Planet is supported by the three major groups. It isn't that easy to bribe the guards of the three powers at the same time."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Then that means they used other methods to lure the guards away. Instructor, we need to find a way to deal with them. It would be good if we could break out of the encirclement."

Margaret nodded, "Alright. But don't you feel that their encirclement is quite tight?" Margaret couldn't help but feel regret. She had been very negligent. On the entire ship, only she and Zhao Hai could use magic. The others were just ordinary people, they couldn't provide any firepower.

Moreover, Margaret wasn't a fool. They had been entangled with the pirates yet the guards had yet to arrive. This meant that the enemy had prepared themselves well. It seems like they planned to deal with the Ashley Family's group today.

Upon thinking about this, Margaret turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, I'm afraid that even if we break through, they still won't let us go easily. At the earliest, the people from the family would arrive tomorrow. Before that time, we will be in constant danger."

Zhao Hai thought for a moment before he said, "Instructor. I think we need to find a proper battlefield for us to fight in. Doing it in this city is certainly not good. We couldn't move properly knowing that innocents might be caught in the crossfire. We would also be in trouble if the three powers look into the fight and see the damage we did to the city. Additionally, they have a lot of people surrounding us. We need an environment that is more complex and easier to hide in."

Margaret agreed, "Aren't you good at dark magic? Why don't we enter a tunnel. That kind of environment should suit our needs."

Upon hearing Margaret, Zhao Hai's eyes shone. Then he immediately agreed, "Instructor, I just thought about a place. As long as we lure them there, I can guarantee that none of them would be able to return."

When Margaret heard Zhao Hai, she couldn't help but ask, "Are you thinking about the exam's tunnel?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "The exam's tunnel has a large amount of dark energy. If we enter there, we could use dark magic at full strength. And with my summoning magic, they will surely die."

Margaret paused for a moment, then she frowned and asked, "But do you know the way to the tunnel? Moreover, that place is quite far from here. Will those people follow?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Of course they will. They want to kill us. So if we go to a remote place, they will be more than happy to follow. Most importantly, if we attract their attention, the crew will be safe. I reckon the Mage and Warriors attacking us wouldn't make the crew their priority. Also, I was able to remember the path I went through when I took the exam. Instructor can trust me on this."

Margaret nodded, "They wouldn't attack the crew who can't use magic. Alright, let's head there." She might not be aware of it, but Margaret had already begun to blindly trust Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright. Follow me. Let's break through their encirclement first. Then we'll run straight towards the tunnel." He didn't wait for Margaret to respond as his body suddenly flew. Margaret followed closely behind.

Zhao Hai sped towards the people on the opposite side of the bar. At this time, Zhao Hai took out a magic staff. This staff wasn't the blood ghost staff. Instead, it was a staff he just recently bought. It was a light element staff.

When Margaret saw Zhao Hai take out the light element staff, she couldn't help but stare. Low-level light magic can be said to be the weakest of its rank. Only when it reaches higher levels would light magic be considered very powerful. So why did Zhao Hai take out a light element staff?

After taking the staff out, Zhao Hai turned to Margaret and said, "Instructor, in a while, make sure to close your eyes."

Margaret finally understood what Zhao Hai wanted to do, she couldn't help but secretly nod. She was already aware that Zhao Hai was an all-element Mage. However, Zhao Hai was still level one, which was the lowest level when it came to Magic Theory. Nevertheless, if Zhao Hai was skillful in his usage of magic, then he was someone that couldn't be underestimated.

Magic Theory and lower realm magic were still somewhat related. In the lower realms, all-element Mages were very powerful even at lower levels. However, this was given that they were able to utilize their magic properly. They need to be able to discern which magic was appropriate to use at a certain time.

Even if a spell wasn't strong, as long as it is used properly, it could still kill someone. And even if someone could use strong magic, if they didn't know when to use it, then their efforts would just be wasted. Because of this, there was a saying among Mages, 'There are no bad spells, only garbage Mages.'

At this time, the attackers were fully focused on the dark mist. A sudden eruption of light magic from the darkness would certainly disorientate them. Even if it was a low-level spell, the abrupt change in brightness would still blind them. And once they were blinded, they would panic, fully disturbing their encirclement. This would give Zhao Hai and Margaret an opportunity to escape.

It didn't take long before the two arrived on the street. Margaret felt two hidden spiritual forces at an intersection nearby. It seems like two Mages were hidden near that place.

These two spiritual forces were very well hidden. Margaret even failed to notice them before. Even now, if she wasn't concentrating, she wouldn't have been able to see them.

This caused Margaret to be surprised. She was a level 5 Mage, a level most Mages wouldn't reach in their lifetime. And now, there was Zhao Hai. Was his spiritual force stronger than her's?

Without delaying, Zhao Hai waved the staff in his hand as he said, "Burst Light!" And with his voice, a five-layer formation suddenly appeared and then exploded. The explosion emitted an incomparably bright light. This turned everything around him into white. The two Mages who were waiting for them felt a stabbing pain in their eyes before their vision was completely blocked.

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Zhao Hai didn't make a move on the two Mages. He just said, "Let's go."

Then after he said that, Zhao Hai went to the alleys. If Zhao Hai was by himself, then he would've killed the two Mages with his sword. But since Margaret was with him, he cannot do that. He wasn't prepared to reveal his cards yet.

While they were quickly flying on the street, Zhao Hai also released flying needles in order to scout the surrounding terrain. This way, they wouldn't walk into a dead end.

The longer Margaret flew beside Zhao Hai, the more curious she became. She was able to see Zhao Hai suddenly turn to a corner from time to time. Although they were being chased by a large number of Mages and Warriors, they had never been stopped. Zhao Hai seems to be very familiar with the streets here.

While Margaret was thinking about this, she discovered that they were already outside the city; at the entrance of the mining tunnels. However, the entrance to the tunnel was covered by a fence which read 'Examination tunnel. No entry.'

Margaret didn't expect them to really reach this point. At this time, Zhao Hai waved his hand, releasing a spell that exploded the fence. Then he immediately flew in.

Without even the time to process her thoughts, Margaret also flew into the tunnel. However, Margaret could still feel that they were being pursued. She was also able to see that there weren't any level 5 experts among them. The highest was only level 4.

Margaret's strength was higher, but she wouldn't dare go around and fight it out with them. This was because there were just too many of them. Margaret felt that their pursuers numbered no less than 50. And there weren't just Mages, there were Warriors among them as well. And worst one being level 2. In this situation, if she did decide to fight, then she would be courting death.

Margaret followed Zhao Hai into the mine, with their pursuers closely behind. When they were in the city, the Mages and Warriors were afraid of destroying any buildings. But now, they didn't have this concern anymore. So from time to time, magic and sword qi were being sent towards Zhao Hai and Margaret.

The two flew quickly. Also, since the tunnel wasn't a straight line, the enemy had yet to overtake them.

The dark energy in the tunnel gradually became thicker. Although Zhao Hai had already mined the ghost mithril and taken Little Silver, there was still remnant dark energy in the tunnel. After all, after many years of accumulation, it wouldn't disappear in such a short time.

However, it was clear that neither Zhao Hai nor the pursuers cared about this. They knew that this was the exam tunnel. And also, Tyro Planet's examination site was well known to be fairly safe. Some of the pursuers had also taken their exams here. Because of this, they knew that there were no such dangers for them given their current strength.

Margaret kept following behind Zhao Hai's figure all this time. To be honest, Margaret was forced to accept this arrangement. She had seen their pursuers, and she was now aware that the guards have been made unavailable. With so many people chasing them, this was definitely a trap.

If they fought in the city, then they might injure innocents or cause huge damage to property. When the time comes and the matter was solved, it was possible that the three powers would use this excuse to cause trouble to the Ashley Family. At the very least, they would not let off the Bone Symbol Camp. And Margaret didn't want to pull the camp into this conflict.

Because of this, Margaret agreed to Zhao Hai's plan on going to the tunnels. Not only would they ensure the crew's safety, she would also have the s.p.a.ce to annihilate these fellows. Even if she couldn't kill them all, with the tunnel's terrain, she could at least get rid of some of them.

The two quickly flew straight ahead. Their pursuers weren't slow either. Both sides were separated by about 500 meters. It would be impossible to hide from the Mages and Warriors at this distance. As long as they stay close to Margaret and Zhao Hai, tracking magic can be used to follow them all the time. During times where they caught glimpses of Zhao Hai and Margaret, the pursuers couldn't help but smirk.

Margaret was just following behind Zhao Hai at this point. She couldn't recognize the tunnel anymore. She believed that if Zhao Hai left her here, then she might take a very long time to return.

At this time, Zhao Hai's voice was heard, "Instructor, we're arriving at the exam's mining tunnel. Make sure to follow closely behind." Margaret nodded.

When the two entered the dark tunnel, Zhao Hai immediately released dark magic. This dark magic not only made the dark mist in the tunnel thicker, it could also conceal their presence.

After releasing this magic, Zhao Hai quickly brought Margaret to hide in a nearby cave. Then they both stood there quietly.

Margaret kept still as she just stood there, looking at their pursuers arrive. As the Mages and Warriors entered, Margaret counted them all. There were actually 78!

Zhao Hai whispered, "Seventy-eight people. Forty Mages, Thirty-eight Warriors. Eighteen level 2's, all of them Warriors. 20 Mages and 20 Warriors at level 3. And then 20 level 4 Mages. This isn't a small force. Hmm, that's not correct, there are also two a.s.sa.s.sins. It seems like these people really want us dead."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Margaret couldn't help but stare. She whispered, "a.s.sa.s.sins? There are a.s.sa.s.sins?" She failed to sense these a.s.sa.s.sins. Now that she heard Zhao Hai, she couldn't help but be shocked.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Right, they're about level 3. They almost evaded my notice. They're quite strong."

Margaret slowly wrinkled her brow, "What should we do now?"

Zhao Hai didn't turn towards Margaret as he smiled faintly and said, "What do we do? Easy, make sure that these 80 people don't run away. They will become members of my Undead Army."

After that, Zhao Hai waved his hand. Then as he made his signal, a spatial rift appeared beside him. It didn't take long before large quantities of Undead flooded out of the rift and charged forward.

What made Margaret stare was the fact that the Undead seem to be inexhaustible. She tried counting them all but soon found out that there were too many of them.

Margaret might not be surprised if it was just the number. The most important thing was the strength of these Undead. They were very strong. Although they were a bit worse than level 1 Mages, their strength couldn't be said to be the worst in the Machine Field.

Levels in the Machine Field depended on Magic Theory. However, such classification was unfair to lower realm ascenders.

Ascenders from the lower realm hadn't studied Magic Theory. Because of this, it was impossible for them to be level 1 Mages immediately. From Margaret's estimation, lower realm ascenders should have at least level 3 spiritual force. It was only because they didn't know Magic Theory that they weren't classified as level 1.

If there was no Magic Theory, then there would be a lot of level 3 Mage and Warriors in the Machine Field. The natives would have no way of being stronger than ascenders. It can be said that Magic Theory was already biased against ascenders from the lower realms.

However, the world was unfair. You can't blame anybody for being born in a lower realm. The heavens are blameless, this was a fact.

For Zhao Hai to release bordering level 1 Undead was already a great feat.

People from the Machine Field didn't fully neglect lower realm magic. After all, Magic Theory absorbed a lot from lower realm magic in order to be made. Therefore, Margaret had a clear understanding regarding lower realm magic. She knew that Mages from the lower realm could turn Undead into their summoned creatures. This method could also be used in the Machine Field. However, n.o.body used this method since the creatures summoned would be very weak. They were almost useless. A normal person in the Machine Field could casually destroy ten creatures summoned this way.

However, Zhao Hai's summons had strength close to level 1 Mages. This caused Margaret to be startled. Not to say ordinary people, even those who had cultivated would be no match against these undead.

There were also 9 ranks in the Machine Field. However, they couldn't be called true experts. Generally, people in these levels or lower were called apprentices; Mage Apprentice and Warrior Apprentice.

Only after breaking through beyond 9th rank could one become a level 1 Mage, a true Mage. Because of this, most level 1 Mages won't pay attention to Apprentices.

However, this didn't mean that they didn't have any fighting strength. Compared to normal people, these Apprentices were still much better. This was especially true for 9th rank Apprentices. They were close to being level 1, so n.o.body looked down on their strength. If a level 4 Mage was surrounded by 100 9 ranks, then its possible they would be killed.

The biggest difference between Mage Apprentices and Mages was that Apprentices cannot practice Magic Theory. This didn't mean that they weren't allowed to study it, it was just that their spiritual force was insufficient. However, they were still able to study ordinary magic. And during this study, they would dabble in magic formations. This will help them in the future when they study Magic Theory.

It can be said that Apprentices were inferior to Ascenders when it came to spiritual force. However, Apprentices still had their own advantages. Compared to ascenders, they were more familiar with magic formations.

But in the end, spiritual force was the most important. Even if an apprentice was adept in magic formations, he still wouldn't be able to reach level 1 if they lack the spiritual force needed. There were plenty of 9th ranks in the Machine Field that weren't able to break through to level 1.

Because of this level division, Zhao Hai's uncountable number of 9th rank Undead caused Margaret to be shocked.

Zhao Hai didn't release a lot of Undead. He stopped when they reached 10 thousand. However, these Undead weren't any ordinary Undead, all of them were wearing bone armor.

The Bone Armor Legion was Zhao Hai's elite force in the Underworld. Upon arriving in the Machine Field, Zhao Hai wouldn't dare to release ordinary Undead. This would just be sending the undead to their demise.

Currently, Zhao Hai's Bone Armor Legion had reached thirty thousand. But this time, Zhao Hai only chose to release a third of them.

After releasing the Undead, Zhao Hai turned his head to Margaret and said, "Instructor, let's go outside. So when we kill these people we would know where they came from."

Margaret broke out of her shock, then she turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, you brought all of these Undead from the lower realm? Did you make them?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Yes. I learned a secret method that can refine ordinary Undead into Advanced-level. All of these Undead are made by me."

Margaret stared at Zhao Hai, her expression quite pale as she asked, "Are they people you killed?" Upon hearing Margaret, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "They are. But not all of them. There are many that can't be used because I failed to refine them."

Margaret's expression turned paler. She looked at Zhao Hai and said, "How many people did you kill?"

Zhao Hai looked at Margaret's expression and couldn't help but smile faintly as he answered, "It would be best for you to not know." After saying that, Zhao Hai went out of the cave. The Undead were already fighting against the Mages and Warriors.

Margaret looked at Zhao Hai's departing back as her expression turned ugly. She believed Zhao Hai's words. There were demonic characters in the lower realm that made undead by killing people. If such a person joins the Bone Symbol Camp, who knows if it was a blessing or a curse.

Chapter 1108: Fire Temples Zhang Family

Zhao Hai was calmly looking at the fight happening outside. He deliberately revealed that he had killed a lot of people, so he wasn't surprised that Margaret knew. What he wanted to see was Margaret's response.

Margaret was beside Zhao Hai. Although her eyes were directed at the fight inside the tunnel, one could see that her eyes were empty. It was obvious that her thoughts weren't on the fight in front of her.

Zhao Hai's words gave her quite the impact. She didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so casual about his character. He was actually able to refine a lot of people into his summoned undead.

No matter which realm, such a person was called a demon. Even in the Devil Realm, there weren't a lot of people like Zhao Hai.

When she thought of this, Margaret couldn't help but turn her head towards Zhao Hai. At this time, Zhao Hai was focused on looking at the battlefield. His expression looked a little disturbed.

Margaret stared, then she hastily looked at the battlefield, thinking that the Undead might be having troubles dealing with the enemies.

But when she saw the situation, she gawked. This was because the undead were overpowering the pursuers. They were performing excellently. So why was Zhao Hai looking disturbed?

What Margaret didn't know was that Zhao Hai didn't treat Undead as mere tools. To him, they were living people who had their own identity. They were treated as Zhao Hai's subordinates. Currently, Zhao Hai just felt the death of several hundred Undead. Because of this, his expression turned serious.

The fight didn't last long. These Undead were Zhao Hai's elite. In normal days, they would be in the hell space. They didn't only cultivate, they also practiced battle formations and coordination. Because of this, the Mages and Warriors simply couldn't do anything amidst the assault of the Undead.

In less than an hour, the 80 pursuers were completely eliminated. Margaret stared at the performance of the undead. The coordination between each Undead were simply fantastic. Even the Machine Field's best army would have trouble mimicking such coordination.

With the fight finished, Zhao Hai waved his hand and received the Undead. The killed Undead were also taken back to be sent to the hell space and buried under the Bone Mountain. This has become a tradition among the Undead.

After receiving the Undead, Zhao Hai turned his attention to the corpses of the slain Mages and Warriors. After a short pause, Zhao Hai waved his hand and surrounded those bodies with black gas.

Zhao Hai's didn't use his ordinary black gas to turn these corpses into Undead. Instead, he added a 100-layer formation to amplify the effect.

Zhao Hai originally didn't intend to go through so much trouble. He could just turn these bodies into Undead and then throw them into the space. However, the scanner had analyzed this formation a long time ago. This was also the first 100-layer formation that Zhao Hai learned.

There wasn't anything wrong with turning the corpses into Undead using Zhao Hai's usual method. However, this formation wouldn't only preserve the corpse's intellect and memory, it could also minimize the loss of strength. For example, if a level 4 Mage were turned into an Undead using Zhao Hai's old method, even if it was improved by the space, it could only reach 9th rank strength. And in the Machine field, 8th or 9th rank Apprentices weren't able to use Magic Theory.

But if he used this 100-layer formation, the Undead would keep their level 4 strength. This was why Zhao Hai's settled on using this method. And since he didn't want Margaret to see his 100-layer formation, he decided to cover himself with a thick dark mist.

Before long, Zhao Hai finished his magic. The dead Mages and Warriors were now standing, their weapons in their hands. Their strength had also been preserved. But since Zhao Hai didn't want Margaret to know about his ability, he had the Undead be in their skeleton form.

Zhao Hai immediately interrogated the Undead. After getting the needed information, Zhao Hai turned to Margaret and said, "Instructor, does the Ashley Family have a grudge against the Fire Temple's Zhang Family?"

When she heard Zhao Hai, Margaret couldn't help but stare. Then her expression changed, "Fire Temple's Zhang Family? They sent these people?" The Undead were in their skeleton form, so naturally they couldn't talk. Zhao Hai communicated with them using his spiritual force. Margaret wasn't able to hear anything.

Zhao Hai gave a nod and said, "They did. The Zhang Family's target is you. Once they dealt with you, they would bring a calamity to the Adam Family. And once the Ashley Family and the Adam Family went to war, the Zhang Family would greatly benefit."

Margaret coldly snorted and said, "Zhang Family, so it's the Zhang Family. Good, good."

Zhao Hai looked confused at Margaret's reaction. Margaret looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, I won't hide anything from you. I'm actually the sixth daughter of the Ashely Family's Current Patriarch, Thunder Ashley. My mother was a lower realm ascender and married my father later on. However, my father didn't treat mother well, causing mother to be depressed. When my mother ascended, she became a member of Bone Symbol Camp. And since I don't want to join family struggles, I decided to join the Bone Symbol Camp as well and be a teacher at the academy. And when I was young, my father ordered me to marry the Zhang Family's third son, Zhang Ming!"

When Zhao Hai's heard this, his eyes couldn't help but rise up as he said, "So the Ashley Family and the Zhang Family had a very good relationship?"

Margaret sneered and said, "Not only good, they're known as our most faithful ally. I didn't expect that this ally was actually the family's biggest enemy."

Zhao Hai looked at Margaret and said, "Instructor, what are you planning to do now?"

Margaret coldly snorted, "What else do I have to do? After I head back, I will immediately report this to father. Although he didn't treat my mother well, he is still my father in the end. And I'm a member of the Ashley Family. If the family falls, then I won't have a good life."

Zhao Hai looked at Margaret and said, "Instructor, I suggest not telling your father about this yet. He wouldn't believe you immediately. And even if you tell him, will he wage war with the Zhang Family? If your two families go to war, then only outsiders would benefit."

Margaret stared, then she lightly frowned and said, "That's true. But if I don't tell him, then the Ashley Family wouldn't be guarded against the Zhang Family."

Zhao Hai also frowned. He knew that what Margaret said was true. But if they tell the Patriarch now, then the Ashley Family would be disadvantaged with the fallout.

Moreover, Margaret already said that her relationship with her father wasn't good. Her father might not even believe the report.

But as a Patriarch, would he neglect this matter completely? Even if he didn't believe it, he would still be wary of the Zhang Family. In this case, it would be good for the Ashley Family.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Reminding your father would be fine. But remember, you're just reminding him. Don't get too angry at the Zhang Family and make this matter known to everyone. The Ashley Family wouldn't benefit if it wages war with the Zhang Family."

When Margaret heard this, she couldn't help but frown. Although her relationship with her father wasn't very good, she knew her father well. The current Patriarch was a self-contained person. He wouldn't easily listen to anyone else's words. If she really told her father, then her father wouldn't immediately believe it. And just like Zhao Hai said, they shouldn't spread this matter.

Upon thinking about this, Margaret sighed and said, "Alright, I'll deal with this matter. I won't mention this matter to anyone."

Zhao Hao nodded. When he saw Margaret's expression, he knew that there were some underlying matters he was unaware of. However, these were things that were out of his hands.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and sent the Undead to the s.p.a.ce. However, there was no response from the s.p.a.ce, which surprised him.

In the past, when a strong Undead enters the s.p.a.ce, a prompt would always come up. But this time, after formidable Undead entered, there was nothing.

However, Zhao Hai changed his mind when he understood what was going on. Actually, this wasn't the first time this has happened. Ever since he received Undead from the Underworld, the s.p.a.ce began to adjust.

For the Undead who haven't reached demiG.o.d-level, the s.p.a.ce would automatically upgrade them. However, after they become demiG.o.ds, they would have to rely on their efforts in order to progress.

This matter might also stem from the s.p.a.ce treating the Undead as their own independent race. In the past, the s.p.a.ce treated the Undead as robots, allowing the Undead to be upgraded.

Although it was a bit disappointing, Zhao Hai accepted the s.p.a.ce's new way of handling the Undead. After all, he was the one who thought the Undead to be their own race. Therefore, he wasn't opposed to the s.p.a.ces' decision. In fact, it seems like the s.p.a.ce was adjusting to his own wishes.

Chapter 1109: The Guards Finally Arrive

Seeing Zhao Hai take his Undead back, Margaret began to relax. She can now affirm that Zhao Hai wasn't the kind of person to kill people just to turn them into Undead. His current actions reflect what he did.

When Zhao Hai finished collecting his Undead, Margaret turned to look at him. It seems like Margaret was waiting for Zhao Hai to talk. Zhao Hai looked at Margaret and said, "Instructor, there seems to be 100 of them. 80 came after us and the rest went to the reception hotel. They're planning on catching all of us in a net. Can the people in the hotel hold on?"

Upon hearing this, Margaret's expression changed, then she said, "The reception should have some defenses of their own. But if the enemy has level 3 or level 4 Mages, they would find it difficult to defend. However, Sim is there. Although he isn't very strong, he's still a capable level 3 Mage. We should quickly head back."

Zhao Hai thought for a moment and said, "Instructor, I have a spatial ability. We can use it to teleport back to the hotel. However, once we arrive, my strength would be completely drained. I won't be able to help in dealing with the enemy."

When Margaret heard him, her two eyes shone. Then she said, "Good, then let's head back. Don't worry about the enemy, I can deal with them." Zhao Hai nodded, then he muttered some incantations before pointlessly waving his hands. Before long, a spatial passage appeared. Margaret followed closely behind after Zhao Hai entered. The next moment, the two were already inside the hotel.

As soon as they arrived, they immediately heard bursts of explosions coming from outside. Zhao Hai pretended to pale as he said, "Instructor, I need to adjust my breathing. I'll leave this place to you." Margaret nodded, then she turned around and went out. Before long, she arrived at the hall. Upon reaching the hall, Margaret knew where the explosions were coming from. The hotel actually had a defensive formation in place.

Defensive magic formations in the Machine Field were different than the ones back in the lower realms. In the Machine Field, defensive magic formations used crystals in order to operate. Because of this, the energy used in defending was much more powerful than defensive formations in the lower realms.

Upon seeing the crystal stones, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. He didn't expect the crystals inside the space to be an important resource in the World of Cultivation.

Margaret looked at the shield that encircled the reception. Sim was standing behind it, occasionally firing spells towards the enemies outside. His appearance seemed to lack anxiety.

However, Margaret's expression wasn't very good. The fight in the reception lacked the presence of Tyro Planet's guards. This meant that the people from Tyro Planet might have been bought.

Tyro Planet was an important mining site for mithril. The control of the three major powers over this place was quite strict. But now, attackers were in the city while the guards were nowhere to be found. This could mean that the guards were replaced, and that they were replaced by the enemy's people.

If this was the case, then this action might not only involve the Fire Temple's Zhang Family. The Zhang Family wasn't powerful enough to accomplish this.

However, all of these things were just speculations inside Margaret's head. She didn't think too deeply into this matter. It was impossible for her to find out relevant information on her own.

After this thought, Margaret began to move. One must know that Margaret was a level 4 Mage. She might not like fighting and opted to teach and research magic formations, but she was still more skilled in using formations than most Mages.

If this was an ordinary fight, then Margaret might suffer a loss due to her inexperience. However, Margaret was in a defensive position, sending magic towards the opposing Mages. This was a different matter, she couldn't be hit but she had all the avenues for attack. Naturally, it was the attackers who suffered losses.

The opposite party also discovered Margaret's sudden appearance. Although they didn't know how she was able to appear here, they knew that the a.s.sa.s.sination had failed.

Their main goal this time was to a.s.sa.s.sinate Margaret. They already surrounded the bar Margaret was in. They even prepared a back-up plan. If Margaret managed to break out of the encirclement, then she would definitely return to the reception. This was where another batch of ambushers would wait for her.

But unfortunately for them, the ordinary-looking Zhao Hai that they neglected completely ruined their plans. Instead of returning to the hotel, the two went to the mining tunnels instead.

With their main force pursuing the two into the mining tunnel, those left behind decided to assault the hotel in order to kill the ship's crew. However, they failed to take into account the hotel's defensive formation.

However, they weren't worried. In their mind, it didn't matter if they were stuck here. After all, their main goal was Margaret. As long as she was killed, the crew being alive or dead didn't matter.

But now that Margaret appeared, they couldn't help but panic. They didn't know why Margaret was here, but they were aware that their operation had failed.

With the defensive formation in place as well as Margaret's presence, assaulting the hotel was no longer possible. Moreover, they couldn't attack for a long time. Although they had bribed this region's garrison officer, if the guards took too long to respond, the garrison officer would get into trouble. With no time to change their strategy, the attackers were completely defeated.

The attackers looked at each other before their leader nodded and waved his hand. The attackers immediately withdrew from the scene. However, Margaret and the others didn't take the defensive formation down. They didn't know if an attack would come once more.

After seeing the enemies retreat, Sim went to Margaret and said, "Instructor Margaret, what just happened? Where is Zhao Hai?"

Sim had a very good impression of Zhao Hai. The kid had a good temper and wasn't arrogant.

Margaret let out a long breath before replying, "Zhao Hai is fine. He's just inside his room adjusting his breath. Are the crew fine?" Sim nodded and said, "They're alright. However, some of them had yet to come back. They're the ones Zhao Hai brought with him outside."

Margaret thought about the skeleton that Zhao Hai had the crew follow. There shouldn't be any problems on that side.

Margaret nodded and said, "They should be fine. Right, where's Kirk?"

Sim replied, "He should be in his room. I told them to stay in their rooms and don't come out." Margaret nodded, then she turned and went towards the rooms.

Zhao Hai was also paying attention to what happened outside. Naturally, since he didn't really need to settle his breathing, he could spare the effort to look at the scene. Seeing the attackers retreat, Zhao Hai felt relieved. Then he immediately informed the Undead leading the crew to head back. Meanwhile, he walked out of his room, still in his pale appearance.

Just as he came out, he immediately saw Margaret, then he asked, "Instructor, how is the situation below?"

Margaret looked at Zhao Hai, then she quickly replied, "Everything's fine. The attackers had withdrawn. You can take a rest, there's no need to worry." Zhao Hai nodded, "That's good. I just used too much energy. Meanwhile, I'll immediately have the Undead lead the crew back."

Margaret nodded, "I'm heading to Kirk's room. You can come along." Zhao Hai nodded, then he followed Margaret to Kirk's room.

Zhao Hai knew that Margaret was now considering him as someone on her side. This was a welcome development, this meant that he could move more conveniently in the academy.

Kirk's room wasn't far from Zhao Hai's. It didn't take long before the two arrived outside. After knocking at the door twice, Margaret called out, "Captain Kirk, are you in? It's Margaret."

Just as her voice fell, the door immediately opened. Kirk looked at Margaret with pleasant surprise. He couldn't help but feel glad as he said, "Miss Margaret, you're back. Good, good. That's fantastic. Mister Zhao Hai, you're here as well? Good, this is good news."

Margaret nodded, "Rest assured, there's no need to worry anymore. Right, call the others and gather at the dining hall. It's almost time for lunch, let everyone eat what they want." Kirk nodded, then he proceeded to call the others.

At this time, a siren was heard. This siren was different than the ones back on Earth; this one was more incisive.

Then suddenly, Sim arrived and then said, "Miss Margaret, the guards are here. Do you want to see them?" Margaret's expression quickly turned ugly. She just encountered three attacks today, yet the guards didn't appear even once. And now that the matter had settled, they suddenly appeared. Margaret sneered before she turned and went downstairs.

Zhao Hai didn't say anything and just followed behind Margaret. He knew that Margaret was about to say unpleasant words. However, he didn't prevent Margaret from doing so. The Ashley Family isn't a small influence in the Machine Field. Because of this, they need to have bearing. If they didn't say anything about how the other party handled this matter, then they might appear weak to others.

Chapter 1110: Meatball Zhu Dachang!!

Just as Margaret and the others arrived at the hall, they suddenly heard a loud and arrogant voice, "Where is your manager? Get him out here! Let's hear what he has to say."

When Margaret heard this, her face turned uglier. She quickly walked towards the hall alongside Sim and Zhao Hai.

After arriving at the hall and seeing the guards, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. Just as he imagined, the leader of the guards was a fat, round-headed man. He was so fat that his neck was practically nonexistent. He had two small beady green eyes. His arms, body, and belly were round. He looked like a mascot for meatb.a.l.l.s.

At this time, Sim took a step forward before giving the fat man a salute, "Garrison Officer Sir, what winds blew through you that you actually came to my broken place. You give me too much face."

The meatball looked at Sim, his eyes actually lit up as he said, "Sim, you old b.a.s.t.a.r.d. You have some explaining to do. What just happened?"

Without even waiting for Sim to respond, Margaret interjected and said, "Who are you to ask us for an explanation? It is you who needs to answer to the Ashley Family."

After hearing Margaret, the meatball man turned to look at her. His beady green eyes blinked before it glared with intensity. He looks like a hungry wolf that just found a defenseless lamb.

The meatball immediately answered, "Is the beautiful lady talking to me? Well, I am the garrison officer of the western district of this mining city. Zhu Dachang!"

"Hahaha", upon hearing this name, Zhao Hai couldn't stop himself from bursting with laughter. He looked at the meatball and said, "You're actually called pig large intestine? Really? Hahaha. What a name!"

Margaret was also about to laugh, but she suppressed it to the point where her face was blushed. Zhu Dachang was speechless, his face turned red, then he said, "My name is Zhu Dachang, not pig large intestine! Kid, you're courting death!"

Margaret just met the meatball's threat with a cold snort. Then she said, "I don't care if your name is Zhu Dachang or pig large intestine. Where were you when we were attacked? And now that those people retreated, you conveniently arrived. Are you surnamed Zhu or are you a real pig? You actually have the gall to ask us for an explanation?"

Zhu Dachang didn't expect Margaret to be this impolite. He was stunned silly for a moment before he huffed repeatedly as he said, "You're just an insignificant academy instructor. What gives you the courage to speak to me?" Upon hearing this Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. He was now sure that the Zhang Family had bribed this meatball officer.

Zhao Hai coughed lightly and said, "Garrison officer, sir. Please allow me to interrupt. This is our academy's Instructor Margaret. She is also the Ashley Family Patriarch's sixth Miss. People just attempted to assassinate her. Has Sir thought about what would happen if the Ashley Family's sixth Miss gets killed here? Will the Ashley Family let this matter go? Even if Sir has a backer, do they have the courage to offend the entire Ashley Family?" If he was speaking to a smart person, Zhao Hai might not have uttered these additional words. However, he needed to elaborate further so that Dachang would never miss any detail.

When Zhu Dachang heard Zhao Hai, his originally red face turned pale. Just like Zhao Hai said, he became the garrison officer because his brother-in-law was a Bishop of the Fire Temple. Although a Bishop wasn't that powerful, he had enough pull to place Dachang in Tyro Planet to be the west district's garrison officer.

Even if Dachang was as stupid as a pig, he still knew the Darkness Church's Ashley Family. And they weren't just a small force in the Machine Field. Although his brother-in-law was a Bishop, even he wouldn't dare to make war with the Ashley Family.

With this thought in mind, Dachang couldn't help but wipe a cold sweat. At the same time, he was cursing the person who bribed him. They didn't tell him Margaret's true status, they only stated that she was an academy Instructor. Because of this, he didn't care about the repercussions. With Zhao Hai's words, however, Dachang couldn't help but be frightened.

Zhu Dachang wiped his cold sweat, then he turned to Margaret and with a stuttered voice, he said, "I have seen Miss Margaret. Miss Margaret, I truly apologize for not knowing that you're here. What happened today was truly unfortunate. It happens to be the guard troop's quarterly exercise. I ask Miss Margaret to forgive me for this mistake."

Margaret coldly snorted, "Officed Zhu, no matter what happened, I was attacked here. You neglected your duties and that is a crime. So how can we solve this matter? Are you still asking me to compensate for what happened?"

Dachang quickly replied, "I wouldn't dare. I just followed normal procedure and plan interrogate everyone on the scene. I wouldn't dare let Miss Margaret suffer a loss. Miss Margaret, rest a.s.sured, after I head back, I will immediately find those responsible for today. We will definitely provide you with a satisfactory answer." Zhao Hai nodded. Although the meatball officer was stupid, he wasn't stupid enough to reveal anything. Moreover, his response and excuse was actually calculated.

Zhao Hai went to Margaret's side and whispered, "Instructor, this is not the time to make another enemy." Then he retreated after saying that.

Margaret pressed her anger down upon hearing Zhao Hai. Then she said, "Since this is the case, I will not say anything. However, you need to give me an answer. Or else, the Ashley Family will make sure to investigate."

Zhu Dachang wiped his sweat away and then said, "Yes, Yes. Miss Margaret can rest a.s.sured." Margaret snorted before turning around and leaving. Naturally, Zhao Hai followed closely behind.

Dachang began to relax after Margaret left. As he wiped another batch of sweat, he turned to Sim and said, "Brother Sim, you protected Miss Margaret. For this, I must thank you. If I really allowed Miss Margaret to fall, then I'm truly finished."

Sim smiled bitterly and said, "Sir Garrison Officer, even I'm unaware of Miss Margaret's status. I just fulfilled my responsibilities here. Now that I think about it, it was quite scary. If Miss Margaret suffers an accident in my watch, then even my old bones won't be able to appease the Ashley Family."

As he wiped his sweat once more, Zhu Dachang said, "In any case, I need to thank you this time, brother. Alright, I need to head back and see which b.a.s.t.a.r.ds decided to cause us trouble." Then he ran out. Although he was unsightly, he wasn't slow. In a blink of an eye, he disappeared into his car and before long, the vehicle was seen speeding out of the hotel.

Seeing Zhu Dachang escape, Sim sneered and muttered, "Thank me huh. Hmph. You think you can escape the Ashley Family's retaliation? Stupid pig."

After he said that, Sim left the hall. Before this event, Sim was truly unaware of Margaret's status. If Zhao Hai didn't say it, then he would've never thought that the common academy Instructor was actually the Ashley Family's sixth Miss. With such an extraordinary status, an unimportant person like him couldn't afford offending her.

Margaret quickly arrived at the dining hall. At this time, Kirk and the crew were already inside. After Margaret and Zhao Hai appeared, those who were nervous began to calm down.

At this time, Sim walked over to Margaret and said, "Miss Margaret, this old man is truly unaware of your status. Excuse me if I have ever offended you."

Margaret shook her head and said, "Mister Sim, you don't need to apologize. Instead, I need to thank you. If not for your help, the crew might have been in danger."

As she said that, they suddenly heard footsteps. Margaret and Sim turned to look at the source. The crew that went with Zhao Hai had come back.

The crew were hidden by the skeleton in a small alley for two hours. Although they were afraid, the skeleton remained motionless so they didn't dare to go out. Then after the skeleton left the alley, they knew that the danger has passed. Therefore, they immediately followed behind it and returned to the reception. Once it was in front of the hotel, the Undead vanished. And after they entered the hotel, they were informed by a robot to head towards the dining hall.

When Zhao Hai saw them enter, he smiled at them and ushered them over to the hall. And upon seeing that Zhao Hai and Margaret were safe, the crew felt relieved. They gave the two their salute before then entered the dining hall.

Seeing that Margaret was about to say something, Zhao Hai gave a nod before taking a seat.

Margaret looked at Zhao Hai and didn't say anything to him. Although she looked favorably at him, she knew that it wouldn't be good to be enthusiastic at this time.

After everyone had sat down, Margaret looked at everyone and said. "It has been a very dangerous day. Me and Zhao Hai were attacked outside, and even the hotel was sieged. Fortunately, with the help of Mister Sim, we were able to survive. Also, there's no need to worry anymore. There are 100 attackers this time, 80 of them were killed by me and Zhao Hai in the mining tunnels. Moreover, the clan's help would arrive tomorrow."

Upon hearing Margaret, everyone cheered. However, Sim was actually startled. He had fought with the attackers, so he knew how strong they were. He didn't expect there to be 100 of them all in all. This was equal to the strength of a small power. But what made Sim surprised even more was Margaret killing 80 of them.

Eighty level 3 to level 4 experts couldn't be underestimated. Margaret was only a level 4 Mage while Zhao Hai was level 1. Sim was very curious about how the two were able to kill 80 experts.

Margaret waited for the others to calm down before she continued, "It has been a terrifying experience, but I expect that there shouldn't be any danger from now on. I called everyone to the dining hall today so that we can enjoy a good meal and recover from the shock. Mister Sim, I have to trouble you. If you have anything delicious, please serve it.'

Sim laughed and said, "Today's outcome is a joyful occasion. This is fate. This old man will take care of it. Everyone, wait for a moment." Then immediately after he said that, Sim turned around and left.

Margaret turned to the others and said, "Alright, since we still need to wait for the dishes, I'll have to ask everyone to have a couple of drinks. There's no need to be polite. Captain Kirk, Zhao Hai, Mister Ken, Mister, Jing, please sit with me. I have something to say."

Zhao Hai, Kirk, as well as the first and second mate sat at the table Margaret was gesturing towards. After everyone had sat down, Margaret said, "Today's matter was too dangerous. I need to thank Mister Zhao Hai. If you weren't here, then we might have suffered an accident."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Instructor is too polite. I'm now a member of the Ashley Family. Naturally, I will do my best to help. Also, if I don't make a move on those people, then I would be the one who will perish."

Margaret shook her head and said, "Even if you say that, I still need to thank you. If you weren't here, then people would have died. You can rest assured, after you return to the academy, you will definitely be given the best grades. And once you enter the Bone Symbol Camp, you will be given the best treatment."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Then I'll have to thank you, Instructor Margaret."

Margaret nodded and said, "Zhao Hai, how long do you think you can get out of the academy? You should be getting more familiar with the density here, am I correct? It shouldn't be long before you fully adapt."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Right. Just like Instructor said, I'm beginning to adjust to the Machine Field's density. I should be finished in a couple of months."

After hearing that, Margaret gave a nod and said, "When we return to the academy, I'll be giving you some materials to read through. These are about the Bone Symbol Camp. I hope you can understand what it means to be in the camp."

Just after she said that, robots arrived at the hall and began serving food. The atmosphere inside the dining hall immediately turned lively.