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Chapter 1111: Killer Fatty Desbarres

Zhao Hai was currently sat inside the s.p.a.ce, looking at s.p.a.ceships. The Ashley family sent 10 ships altogether.

Upon seeing these ships, Zhao Hai couldn't help but recall what happened yesterday. They drank too much, he didn't even know how he got to his room.

He drank a lot yesterday. The crew were drinking alcohol like maniacs. This might be because they had just escaped possible death. Each one of them offered Zhao Hai a toast. In the end, Zhao Hai lost count of how many gla.s.ses he drank.

Zhao Hai didn't use his abilities to dispel the alcohol. Although it would be easy for him, he wanted to become friends with these people. So he just went along and got drunk.

After Zhao Hai was sent to his room, he was immediately hauled over to the s.p.a.ce by Caier. Then after being filled with spatial water, he sobered up.

Now was the day after the event. The Ashley Family's reinforcements finally arrived. There were ten ships altogether, each one bigger than the academy ship.

Zhao Hai began to understand the Ashley Family's strength after seeing these ships. Being able to send ten ships at a moment's notice meant that the Ashley Family weren't people that could be underestimated.

Because of the planet's atmosphere, the ships had to slow down upon its descent. While this was happening, Zhao Hai observed the ships. Printed on their side were emblems depicting a skeleton covered in dark clouds. This seems to be the Ashley Family's emblem.

After that, Zhao Hai measured the ships using his eyes. The ten ships were 500 meters long, 200 meters wide, and 100 meters high. They were shaped like a shuttle, possibly because they were made for speed.

Zhao Hai also inspected the crew manning the ten ships. There were 100 crewmen on each ship. And besides the crew, there were about 500 Mages and Warriors divided among the ten ships.

These Mages and Warriors spanned from level 1 to level 5. The majority of them were level 1 while the level 5's numbered only ten. This manpower was already astonishing.

Leading this group was a fat man. Although he was thinner than Zhu Dachan, he was still larger than average people. He wore Mage robes and had a ferocious face. It made one think that he was a butcher.

Zhao Hai knew who this person was, he was the Bone Symbol Camp's lord. Zhao Hai saw him in the pictures. However, when he saw the images, he couldn't imagine how a ferocious looking man was leading the camp with the least amount of deaths. His actions were truly the reverse of his appearance.

Actually, Zhao Hai's impression of this fatty was very good. Not only did he publicly state that the Bone Symbol Camp would eliminate brutal eliminations, he also stuck to his decision. This alone was a good reason for Zhao Hai to look at him in a favorable light.

Moreover, from the information found online, this fatty wasn't only the Bone Symbol Camp's Lord, he was also the Ashley Family's External Hall Manager. It can be said that he had a high position in the family. Because of this status, n.o.body dared to make a move on the Bone Symbol Camp despite its declining status.

Besides being the manager of the External Hall, he also had another identity. He was a loyal servant to the Ashley Family's current Patriarch, gaining the Patriarch's deep trust.

However, one shouldn't discount him just because he was a kind Camp Lord that eliminated brutal elimination methods. In fact, it was well-known to Ashley Family's enemies that he was actually a fierce butcher.

Killer Fatty Desbarres was a very famous character in the Machine Field, famed for being vicious and merciless to his enemies. His character seemed contradictory, but he was actually quite similar to Zhao Hai. He would be caring to his own side while merciless towards his enemies.

It was also because of this that the Ashley Family's Patriarch was relieved having Margaret join the Bone Symbol Camp. The Patriarch believed that Desbarres wouldn't place Margaret in any danger.

Naturally, all of these were connected together by Zhao Hai. It was impossible to see everything just by searching online. However, his assumptions shouldn't be far from the truth.

This time, Desbarres actually came here in person. This meant that the Ashley Family was attaching great importance to this event. Seeing that the ships were about to break through the atmosphere, Zhao Hai closed the monitor and prepared to head out.

Just as he returned to his room, Zhao Hai immediately heard a knock. Zhao Hai quickly opened the door and saw Kirk on the other side. Upon seeing Zhao Hai, Kirk immediately said, "Little Hai, come with me quick. The reinforcements that the Young Lady asked for has arrived. Moreover, it is personally headed by the Camp Lord."

Zhao Hai pretended to be shocked. Then he quickly nodded and followed behind Kirk. Before long, they arrived at the entrance hall. Margaret was waiting for them there along with Sim.

Seeing Zhao Hai arrive, Margaret nodded and said, "Zhao Hai, you'll come with us to greet the Camp Lord." Zhao Hai nodded. After that, Margaret and Sim went out of the hotel first, Kirk and Zhao Hai followed closely behind.

While the group's car was approaching the s.p.a.ceport, they could already hear the faint sound of s.p.a.ceships. As they got out, they saw several huge ships coming down.

Once the ships stopped, a cabin door opened on one of them. Then a big and fat figure came out and walked towards Margaret, this was Killer Fatty Desbarres.

After seeing Margaret, Desbarres said, "Young Miss, are you alright? You scared me to death!" Then he inspected Margaret, afraid that she might be missing a part of her body or something.

Margaret smiled faintly and said, "Uncle, there's no need to worry. I'm fine."

At this time, Sim stepped forward and offered his greetings, "Sim Pujian has seen Manager Desbarres."

Zhao Hai and Kirk also stepped forward and gave their salutes. Desbarres only gave Sim a nod before he turned to Zhao Hai and Kirk. Kirk also only received a nod from the Camp Lord. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai was being carefully sized up.

After Zhao Hai gave his salute, he proceeded to stand still. And although Desbarres was sizing him up, his expression didn't move, he kept calm.

Some time passed, Desbarres suddenly laughed and said, "Good, good. Zhao Hai, I already heard about you. You're a good lad. Right, let's head back first before talking." After he said that, he patted Zhao Hai's shoulder.

Zhao Hai gave a short bow and said, "Thanks for the praise, Manager Desbarres."

Desbarres waved his hand, causing the group to enter the vehicles and proceed towards the hotel. It was impossible for Zhao Hai and Kirk to ride with Desbarres. Because of this, they rode another car along with Sim.

After boarding the vehicle, Kirk looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, "Now that the lord has praised you, your future in the camp will certainly be bright. And with the Young Miss's support, you will certainly become an important member of the camp. When that time comes, I'll have to rely on you."

Zhao Hai forced a smile and said, "I haven't entered the camp yet. Moreover, there are still more exams I need to go through. Let's talk about that when it happens."

Kirk actually laughed, "You don't have to take them all. With your current strength, you are already qualified to enter the camp. And with just a few words from the Camp Lord, you can be exempted from those exams. Just like what the Young Miss said, as long as you adapt to the Machine Field's normal density of spiritual qi, you will immediately be summoned to the camp."

They didn't hide their conversation from Sim. After all, this wasn't a secret. While they were talking, the car continued to speed towards the reception. Before long, they already arrived.

The group entered the entrance hall. Sim tactfully asked to be excused. Zhao Hai and Kirk also asked to be excused, but Margaret stopped Zhao Hai. Kirk was able to return.

After the three had taken a seat, Desbarres looked at Margaret and said, "Young Miss, what happened? Tell me everything."

Margaret nodded, then she told everything from beginning to end. She described the end of the exam, the attack in outer s.p.a.ce, up to the attack on the hotel as well as the pirates' retreat.

Desbarres listened carefully. And once Margaret was finished, he let out a long breath and said, "That was close. You're lucky that Zhao Hai is here. If not for him, you might have been in serious danger."

Zhao Hai just smiled faintly and didn't say anything. Desbarres turned to Margaret and said, "Young Miss, you can rest assured, I will make sure to investigate this matter thoroughly. No matter who it is, I will definitely bleed them dry."

Margaret hesitated for a moment. She didn't say that Zhao Hai managed to interrogate the attackers. Now that she heard Desbarres, she couldn't help but think whether to tell him or not.

Desbarres was a man who had seen a lot. So after seeing Margaret's expression, he knew that there were still things that had not been said. So he immediately asked, "Young Miss, do you know anything? Tell me."

After hesitating, Margaret finally opened her mouth and said, "After the attackers in the mining tunnel were killed, Zhao Hai turned them into Undead. Then from the Undead's mouth, we were able to discover that they're from the Fire Temple's Zhang Family."

As soon as he heard Margaret, Desbarres couldn't help but stare. Then he said, "Fire Temple's Zhang Family? How is that possible?"

Then he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, are you really sure that they're from the Zhang Family?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I am. They told me that they're people from the Zhang Family. The Undead can't lie, so the information should be correct. Moreover, we killed 80 people this time. It shouldn't be that hard to find some clues as to who sent those fellows."

Desbarres nodded. He agreed with Zhao Hai's idea. It was impossible to hide any traces of 80 people disappearing. As long as they looked, they would certainly find clues. With this thought in mind, Desbarres sneered and said, "Zhang Family, so it is the Zhang Family. Good, they're quite ambitious."

Then Desbarres turned to Margaret and said, "Young Miss, prepare to head back. The Old Master has placed great attention on this matter. It would be better if you see him as soon as possible."

Chapter 1112: Treatment

Zhao Hai was currently sitting inside his room in the s.p.a.ceship. This room was bigger than the one he had at the academy ship. Altogether, the room was 50 square meters. It was divided into the living room and the bedroom. The entire layout was the same as those seen on ordinary accommodations.

This room was inside The Dry Bone, Desbarres' flagship. Zhao Hai was taken by Margaret to this ship while Kirk returned to his own.

Zhao Hao was only able to embark on the Dry Bone because of Margaret. After Desbarres saw Margaret, he didn't delay for a moment and immediately had Margaret pack up to leave. But before they left, Margaret said that she wanted Zhao Hai to go with her to the Dry Bone. Otherwise, Zhao Hai would have been inside Kirk's ship.

After Zhao Hai entered his room, he didn't immediately enter the s.p.a.ce. Instead, he took his anti-surveillance device out to examine the room. Upon seeing that it wasn't being monitored, he felt relieved.

However, he still didn't enter the s.p.a.ce. There were a lot of powerful Mages inside the Dry Bone. These Mages would certainly pay attention to his room. If they managed to sweep his room with their spiritual force and found that he wasn't inside, then he would be in trouble. Because of this, instead of entering the s.p.a.ce, Zhao Hai stayed inside his room and condensed Magic Formations.

At this point, Zhao Hai had no idea how many magic formations he had condensed. He now had very good control over his spiritual force, allowing him to condense a hundred formations at the same time. Such speed was quicker than before.

While he was condensing formations, Zhao Hai was also opening his computer. Actually, this action was merely a decoy. What was shown in his screen was the display from the s.p.a.ce's monitor. Seen on it was Killer Fatty Desbarres' room.

Desbarres wasn't in his room at first, but instead he was giving instructions to the ship's crew. But after the fleet departed, he returned to his room. Not long after Desbarres returned to his room, a knock was heard.

Desbarres stared, then he said, "Who is it?"

Margaret's voice replied, "Uncle, it's me."

When he heard that it was Margaret, Desbarres immediately opened the door and asked her to come in. After Margaret had sat down, Desbarres had his robot pour her some tea before asking, "Young Miss, why did you come here? Do you have something to say?"

Margaret nodded and said, "Uncle, I'm here to tell you something about Zhao Hai." Desbarres wasn't the only one listening to her, Zhao Hai was also eavesdropping.

Desbarres looked at Margaret and said, "Young Miss, is something wrong with Zhao Hai? When I heard that you killed 80 experts back in Tyro Planet, I began to feel that something is not right. Is this related to him?"

Margaret nodded, then she said, "Actually, fighting in the tunnel was his idea. Moreover, I offered no help in killing the 80 Mages and Warriors. All of them were killed by Zhao Hai." As soon as Desbarres heard this, he couldn't help but be shocked. He knew that Zhao Hai was a level 1 Mage. How could a level 1 Mage deal with 80 level 2 to level 4 experts? How was that possible?

Margaret looked at Desbarres and said, "Zhao Hai is a Mage that specialize in Dark Magic Summoning. While in the lower realms, he was able to create ten thousand Undead. More importantly, these Undead

all had the strength of rank 9 Apprentices. It was because of these 10 thousand Undead that he managed to kill all those Mages and Warriors. Then he turned all of them into Undead."

As soon as he heard Margaret, Desbarres' eyebrows couldn't help but wrinkle, he said, "Young Miss, you mean Zhao Hai made those Undead in the lower realm? He killed more than ten thousand people?" Margaret nodded and said, "Last time, I asked him and he seems to recognize it. Not only did he confirm this, he also said that he has a secret method to refine Undead and turn them into these rank 9 Apprentices. In other words, he should have made much more than ten thousand undead."

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "I didn't expect a young man of his age to be vicious. Hehe. Interesting. If he can hand over the method to refine the Undead, then it would be a great boost for the Ashley Family."

Margaret saw Desbarres' reaction and couldn't help but angrily retort, "Uncle, do you understand what I'm saying? Zhao Hai could have possibly killed more than 1 million people in the lower realm. He's a dangerous character. Is a person like him appropriate for the Bone Symbol Camp?"

When he heard Margaret, Desbarres laughed and said, "Young Miss, you're thinking into this too much. Which ascender doesn't have their hands stained with blood? Moreover, ascenders of that age are rare. Being able to ascend at a young age meant that they have a huge background. Even if someone has great talent, as long as they don't experience bloodshed, then they wouldn't be able to have the mindset required for ascension. Zhao Hai's formidable strength and talent, along with his vicious and merciless nature, is what makes him a worthwhile person to nurture. Also, killing a lot of people don't generally mean that they aren't good people. And even if he is a dragon, the Ashley Family is a den of dragons itself. The Young Miss doesn't need to worry."

Margaret knit his brows, but in the end she nodded. Although he didn't dabble too much on family matters, she was still aware of the Family's strength. Not to mention Zhao Hai's ten thousand rank 9 Apprentice Undead, even if he has a hundred thousand, the Ashley Family still wouldn't be afraid of him. If you want to rear a dragon, then you need to have the skills to kill one. And the Ashely Family wasn't afraid to kill a dragon!

Desbarres saw Margaret nod and then said, "From what I can see, there's no point for Zhao Hai to return to the academy. How about we send him directly to the Bone Symbol Camp and have him adjust to the density of spiritual qi there. After he adapts to the density, we can immediately give him something to do."

Margaret paused, then she frowned and said, "Uncle, isn't this too soon? Moreover, is it really appropriate to take him away from the academy?"

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "Young Miss, special people need special means for training. And since Zhao Hai is a unique person, there's no need to train him using normal methods. There's no need to worry about this. Right, Young Miss, accompany me to visit Zhao Hai. I want to see if he is willing to hand over the method to refine undead creatures. It would be a huge help for the family if we can get our hands on it."

Margaret frowned for a moment before nodding. Although she didn't have that good of a relationship with his father, she was still a member of the Ashley Family. Naturally, she needed to consider the family's benefit.

After listening to their conversation and seeing that they were coming over, Zhao Hai proceeded to close the computer.

If he hadn't been to the Underworld, then he wouldn't have a method to refine high-ranked Undead. But after he entered the Underworld, with notes from the Lich as well as the rare herbs found there, Zhao Hai was able to summarize a method of refining ordinary Undead into high-ranked ones. Moreover, after some experimentation, the method succeeded. Although it wasn't as fast as just sending the Undead to the s.p.a.ce, it was still a proven method. Moreover, with this, he could conceal the existence of the s.p.a.ce.

Not long after Zhao Hai closed the monitor, he heard a knock on his door. Zhao Hai didn't ask who it was and just opened it.

Seeing that it was Desbarres and Margaret outside, Zhao Hai pretended to be startled. Then he invited them in and poured them a cup of tea.

Desbarres looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Alright, Zhao Hai, don't be so busy. Take a seat. I have something to ask you."

Zhao Hai pretended to be curious, so he sat down and asked, "Camp Lord, I'll do my best to answer."

Desbarres smiled and said, "I heard from the Young Miss that when you were attacked, you released a large amount of Undead. Moreover, these Undead were high-ranked ones. Is this correct?"

Zhao Hai acted frowning as he nodded and said, "That's correct. In the lower realm, I was able to come by a method to refine ordinary Undead. That is why I have a lot of powerful minions."

Desbarres nodded and said, "Is it possible for the Ashley Family to buy this method from you? If you decide to sell it to us, then the family would make sure that you won't suffer a loss."

Naturally, Zhao Hai couldn't just immediately agree. Such action would make Desbarres suspicious. Instead, he made an awkward expression before forcing a smile and saying, "Camp Lord, it isn't that I don't want to hand over the method. But I'm afraid that you won't be able to use it."

When he heard Zhao Hai, Desbarres frowned. Then he asked, "Why wouldn't I be able to use it?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly, then he waved his hand, taking sheepskin scrolls out. Then he placed them on the table and said, "Camp Lord, please take a look." Desbarres took the scroll and read it carefully. He discovered that the scrolls had existed for a very long time. It seems like Zhao Hai was able to preserve it well that the prints were still visible.

The more he read, the more Desbarres was surprised. Then in the end he was shocked. Then he turned to Zhao Hai and asked, "Zhao Hai, where did you get this method?"

Zhao Hai forced a smile and said, "Back in the lower realms, I was being chased down. In the end I can only enter a forbidden region. There were a lot of Undead in this place and n.o.body dared to enter it. When I entered the region, I saw a very old Mage Tower. It was also inside that tower that I managed to get the herbs written on that method. Additionally, there's a very strong density of dark energy present there. Therefore, I was able to succeed in making those powerful Undead. However, after I managed to escape that place, no matter where I went looking, I wasn't able to see those herbs anymore. I also checked online after coming to the Machine Field and still wasn't able to find those herbs. So even if I handed the method over, I'm afraid the Camp Lord wouldn't find it unusable."

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When Desbarres heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but laugh and said, "Kid, you're really careful huh. You actually looked them up on the internet. However, you can rest assured. After you become a member of the Bone Symbol Camp, you will know that this isn't a problem. Even if you cannot look up those herbs online, this doesn't mean that the Bone Symbol Camp had no way of procuring them. If you give this method to us, you can skip the academy and directly join the camp. Moreover, I will give you the best allowance as well as ten million machine coins, a good house, car, and everything you will need to live your life here. If you don't want robots to serve you, I can also give you two maids. What do you think?"

When Margaret heard Desbarres, she couldn't help but feel anxious. She was afraid that Zhao Hai would really want female maids. She didn't know why, but she felt uncomfortable hearing that Desbarres would provide Zhao Hai maids.

Upon hearing Desbarres, Zhao Hai was shocked. Then realization dawned on him. The sheepskin scroll did indeed record plants in the Underworld. However, he was in the World of Cultivation where treasures are abundant. It wouldn't be impossible to collect the herbs written on the scroll.

However, Zhao Hai didn't regret his decision. Firstly, the method on the scroll was already proven to work. And second, this method was completely useless to him. Using this method in order to gain benefits was a very good decision.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai immediately replied, "Since the Camp Lord says so, then I will accept your offer. However, I don't want the maids. Having the robots serving me is already enough."

Desbarres didn't expect Zhao Hai to accept the offer immediately. Moreover, he didn't hesitate to accept the reward. This caused Zhao Hai's image to be elevated in Desbarres' mind. The fat manager laughed happily and said, "Alright kid, since this is the case, there's no need for you to return to the academy. You can go to the Bone Symbol Camp immediately and receive your payment. Remember this, kid, you're now a member of the Bone Symbol Camp."

Zhao Hai nodded. Desbarres proceeded to stand up and leave. Margaret also stood up. She gave Zhao Hai a look before following Desbarres.

Zhao Hai suddenly opened his mouth and said, "Instructor, wait a moment."

Margaret stared. Desbarres stopped as well. Zhao Hai looked at Margaret and said, "Instructor, will you be going back to the academy? If you will, can you please take the magic staff I bought for Dins and the others with you?"

When Margaret heard that it was about this matter, she immediately nodded and said, "Alright, since I will be returning to the academy, I'll hand them over to Dins and the others."

Zhao Hai nodded and then waved his hand, taking the magic staffs out and handing them over to Margaret. Seeing Zhao Hai take out staff after staff, Desbarres couldn't help but feel amazed as he said, "Kid, are you a wealthy lord or something? What other things did you take with you from the lower realm? Come on, let me see them."

Zhao Hai wasn't offended by Desbarres' words. Instead, he couldn't help but smile. Although Desbarres was quite rude, this also meant that he already had a certain trust towards Zhao Hai. Also, even if Desbarres wanted to make a move on Zhao Hai, he couldn't since Margaret was here.

When she heard Desbarres, Margaret couldn't help but frown and said, "Uncle, how can you be like this?"

Desbarres laughed out loud. After some time Zhao Hai laughed as well and said, "Camp Lord, now that you say it, I have some things I want to give you. I hope you won't dislike them."

Desbarres was just joking around. He was a famed character in the Machine Field, he had seen too many good things. So how could he covet things from a young ascender? He was merely teasing Zhao Hai. But after hearing the young man, Desbarres gawked. He couldn't help but turn his head to Zhao Hai and saying, "Really? Good, good. Take them out and let me see."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, then he waved his hand and took out two bottles of liquor. Then he handed them over to Desbarres, saying, "Camp Lord, these are liquor I brought from the lower realms. I saved them for a good occasion, so please have a taste."

Desbarres expected Zhao Hai to give him money or treasures. He didn't think Zhao Hai would give him two bottles of liquor. This caused him to look at Zhao Hai in a more favorable light. If Zhao Hai had given him money or some precious treasure, then that would make him too vulgar. With these two bottles of liquor, Desbarres' appraisal of Zhao Hai became higher.

Desbarres laughed and said, "Alright, then I'll accept them. Right, join me for a meal. Let's drink this wine together."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I wouldn't dare disobey your order!" Desbarres laughed as he patted Zhao Hai's shoulder. After that, he turned around and left. Margaret also gave Zhao Hai a nod before leaving.

When Zhao Hai saw the two leaving, he couldn't help but smile. His experience in gaining favor was quite lacking. However, he had help. He asked Laura to help him out. Laura was a skilled businesswoman, a profession where gaining favor was essential. What to send and who to send to needed to be carefully considered. Laura was also very skilled in this aspect.

Zhao Hai went according to what Laura said and gave Desbarres two bottles of liquor. Seeing Desbarres laugh, Zhao Hai was very glad. Having Laura and the others was truly a blessing to him.

Zhao Hai didn't go to the s.p.a.ce and just stayed in his own room, condensing magic formations. He was taking less and less time to explore lately. He looked like a cultivating madman. However, such actions only made Desbarres and the others relieved.

This isn't to say that Zhao Hai was doing this for the Ashley Family. This was Zhao Hai's nature. He didn't like to attract too much attention, especially when his strength was still lacking. Otherwise, he would only attract unwanted trouble.

There were just too many magic formations in the Machine Field. Moreover, these magic formations weren't just limited to ones in the Machine Field. The Cultivation Realm also shared some similar formations with Magic Theory. Because of this, even if Zhao Hai was condensing formations every day, he still didn't know when he would be done.

However, his current accomplishments still made Zhao Hai happy. The magic formation sets in his mind were increasing. At this point, 100-layer formation sets that Zhao Hai could use had numbered over a thousand. The other formation sets were even more numerous. If one was a normal Mage, then even if

they had these formation sets, they still wouldn't be able to use them. It was impossible for any other Mage to learn all-element formation sets. They could only use formations that belonged to the elements that they were proficient in. It was just like how a warrior couldn't master all of the techniques in the world. He could only learn those techniques that were compatible with him.

In the Machine Field, the level of a Mage didn't rely on how many formations they mastered. Instead, levels were determined by how many layers a Mage could support. Even if you condensed a 5 or 10-layered formation, you would still be a level 2 Mage. And even if you grasped a 50 layer formation, you were still a level 3 Mage.

However, Zhao Hai's situation was different. He can use the s.p.a.ce to cast these formations. And this wasn't his only advantage. His advantage in fighting against an enemy was also very huge. He could use the most appropriate formation set during a fight. This would allow him to always gain momentum in every encounter.

Although Mage fights looked different than Warrior fights, they were essentially the same. The only thing that differed between the two were their styles. An example of this would be a straight palm attack. One could choose to defend against it or just counter-attack. Mages were also the same. If the enemy used an ice cone to attack, one could choose to use a shield to block or instead send a spell to counter-attack. All of these decisions relied on a person's mindset. It was also impossible for a person to be fully calm during these encounters. In this case, experience would play a huge part.

But things were different for Zhao Hai. The s.p.a.ce could calculate the most advantageous way to fight. This would allow him to use the most appropriate method to attack. This would also allow Zhao Hai to be in the upper hand in most fights he would be in.

This didn't mean that Zhao Hai was under the s.p.a.ce's control. The s.p.a.ce was just used as a tool. The s.p.a.ce just provided Zhao Hai with these techniques. To Zhao Hai, the s.p.a.ce was a tool, the most convenient tool there was.

Zhao Hai practiced up until mealtime. He didn't go out of his room at all. At this moment, someone knocked on his door. Zhao Hai opened the door and saw a robot on the other side. This robot looks like a Daoist. It's body was covered with biochemical skin. However, it was bald. It also had a serial number on its forehead, informing people that it was a robot.

The robot bowed to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, the Camp Lord asks for your presence in the restaurant." Zhao Hai nodded and followed the robot to the restaurant.

The Dry Bone was a medium-sized ship. There were more than 100 people on board. With the addition of Mages, there were only about 200 people inside. Besides the compartments meant for cabins, weapons and ammunition, there was still ample s.p.a.ce inside the ship. Because of this, there were things like restaurants, bars, entertainment areas, and other recreational areas inside the ship.

One must know that ships were usually travelling for very long distances. Travelling in s.p.a.ce for several months was a very common occurrence. Therefore, the crew needed places for entertainment. Otherwise, people would burn out from the stress.

The ship's restaurant wasn't well-decorated. It was only a white room without any side halls. It can be described as a huge cafeteria.

Although it was already time for eating, there were only a few people inside. Most of the crew were still working, they didn't have the time to spend at the restaurant.

When Zhao Hai entered the restaurant with the robot, Desbarres immediately saw him. He waved to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, here!" Zhao Hai proceeded to go over along with the robot.

The table was quite huge, enough for ten people to sit beside it. At this time, nine of them were occupied. The only free spot was beside Desbarres.

Also sitting on Desbarres side was Margaret. She was left of Desbarres while Zhao Hai was supposed to be on the right.

Zhao Hai didn't become too polite as he quickly approached and gave a salute, "I have seen the Camp Lord."

Desbarres laughed and said, "Alright, don't be overly polite. Take a seat. These people are from my Bone Symbol Camp. Later on, all of you will be working together."

Zhao Hai bowed towards the others and said, "Zhao Hai has seen everybody. Please look after me in the future."

As he gave his bow, Zhao Hai saw that four of the people here were Mages while the other four were Warriors. Although they didn't carry any weapons, they were full of vigor. One could see that they weren't weak.

Zhao Hai also saw that the people in front of him were level 5. Whether they be Mages or Warriors, level 5 strength was already considered as an expert in the World of Cultivation.

When they saw Zhao Hai giving them a salute, the others immediately returned the gesture. They knew that Desbarres had a high evaluation of this young man judging by his sitting position. Moreover, they also knew that Zhao Hai was a genius. He was the hope of the Bone Symbol Camp. Therefore, they were being polite to him.

After exchanging greetings, Zhao Hai sat down. Seeing Zhao Hai salute the others, Desbarres was very satisfied. He heard that even if Zhao Hai was a genius, he wasn't arrogant at all. But it was better to see it firsthand.

Once Zhao Hai had settled down, Desbarres smiled and said, "Our main duty is fetching the Young Miss. We've already accomplished our duty. Additionally, Zhao Hai has officially entered the Bone Symbol Camp. This is a cause for celebration. And it just so happens that Little Hai had saved some liquor from the lower realms for me. It seems like we'll be tasting something new today." After he said that, Desbarres laughed.

As soon as the others heard him, they couldn't help but laugh as well. Zhao Hai looked at Desbarres and said, "Camp Lord, actually, I can bring more than those two bottles of wine. Those two bottles aren't enough for all of us to drink. I'll take out some more for us. These aren't as good, but please do have a taste." After he said that, he took out more bottles of wine. Just by looking at the bottles, one could see that they weren't as good as the ones given to Desbarres.

Zhao Hai gave Desbarres liquor bottles made with crystal. They looked beautiful. However, the bottles he took out were made out of simple glass.

Desbarres didn't say anything. Instead, he just enjoyed the event. Moreover, leaders were supposed to receive better gifts compared to others. Even if it was the same gift, it needs to be shown that it was still unique.

Naturally, Desbarres wasn't excused from this rule. Seeing that the wines Zhao Hai took out were different from what were given to him, Desbarres felt refreshed. He laughed happily and said, "Kid, you seem to have a lot of wine. It seems like you're quite the drinker in the lower realm. Quick, pour us a cup."

Zhao Hai complied. He opened the bottle and then poured everyone a gla.s.s. Naturally, this wine was made inside the s.p.a.ce. He was able to find out that people in the Machine Field didn't have much liquor to choose from. What they drank was a version of fruit wine. Although the taste was good, it wasn't easy to get drunk off of it.

After Zhao Hai poured everyone a gla.s.s of wine, he didn't make an address or something. Instead, he turned to look at Desbarres. Seeing Zhao Hai's action, Desbarres' smile turned wider. He secretly commented about Zhao Hai's tactfulness. Generally, the first person who would propose a toast at the table would be the head of the family, the person with the highest status. And in this situation, even if this wasn't a family, Desbarres was still the person who needs to raise the gla.s.s first.

Although Margaret technically had a higher status than Desbarres, she was a woman. In this case, the one who should propose a toast should be Desbarres.

Desbarres expected Zhao Hai to give the toast. However, Zhao Hai actually turned to look at him. Naturally, this meant that Zhao Hai was waiting for him to make the toast. This made Desbarres appreciate Zhao Hai even more.

Desbarres took his wine gla.s.s, looked at everyone and said, "Our operation this time is mainly to retrieve the Young Miss. However, we're also here to show those people that our Bone Symbol Camp couldn't be underestimated. We're showing them that we aren't afraid of war. Anyone who dares to step on the Bone Symbol Camp's dignity will be put to death! I know that everyone has been feeling suffocated in the past few years. However, this isn't the time for the Bone Symbol Camp to fall. As long as the conditions are ripe, the Bone Symbol Camp shall rise again! The whole realm will know and fear the banner of the Bone Symbol Camp!"

Desbarres knew that the overall strength of the Bone Symbol Camp was very good. However, what it lacked the most was a powerful expert. Most camps would have level 6 or level 7 Experts as deterrent

forces. They were far stronger than a thousand ordinary experts. They were like nuclear bombs, but much more feared.

However, the current strongest expert in the camp was Desbarres. His strength was quite powerful, achieving level 6. He also reached the peak of his level by being able to use a thousand-layer formation. However, if he wanted to use his formations, he would need a long time to prepare. He gained his title "Killer Fatty" not because of his strength but because he killed his enemies using calculations and plots.

After Desbarres found out about Zhao Hai's talent, he immediately regarded him as the camp's hope. He needed to concentrate the camp's efforts into cultivating Zhao Hai. This would enable the Bone Symbol Camp to rampage through the Machine Field once more.

Because of this, Desbarres had the confidence to declare the future rise of the Bone Symbol Camp. The people sitting by the table were also old members of the camp. Naturally, they understood what Desbarres meant. Everyone raised their glasses and cheered, "The Bone Banner approaches, the Bone Banner will be seen everywhere!" Desbarres laughed out loud and said, "Good, let's drink!" Then he consumed the entire glass of wine.

"Drink!" Everyone simultaneously held their glasses and drank the wine in one go. But since they haven't drank this kind of wine, they weren't aware of how strong it was. The moment they drank the entire glass, they immediately felt the path from their throat to their stomach burn as though it was on fire.

There were some who couldn't bear the smell of alcohol, there were also some who immediately coughed repeatedly. Some were even choked to tears. At this time, Desbarres let out a long breath smelling of alcohol and said, "Hah! This is good wine. It's strong enough for me."

The Warriors among the group had the same reaction as Desbarres. Upon drinking the wine, they couldn't help but applaud its strength and fragrance.

They didn't need Zhao Hai to pour them another glass and just poured a glass on their own. After a while, the atmosphere of the table turned warmer.

But Margaret, who was on the left side, couldn't help but hold her stomach upon drinking her first glass of wine. Then she stood up and ran away.

The proceeding meal went greatly. Desbarres and others' capacity for alcohol was evidently better than Kirk and the others. Everyone drank a lot.

However, Zhao Hai didn't drink a lot. He drank a few cups of spatial water beforehand. And even if he drank some wine, he didn't consume too much. This way, the outcome with drinking with Desbarres and the others wouldn't be the same as drinking with Kirk's group.

Kirk and the others were just ordinary people. So if he drank with them and passed out, they would just treat it as normal.

On the other hand, if he drank too much and passed out while being with Desbarres and the others, then they might think that he was weak. They wouldn't feel secure with a person who couldn't handle liquor.

Finally, Desbarres and the others passed out on top of the table. Zhao Hai helped them return to their rooms before he went to his own room. Then he continued to practice.

The next day, when Zhao Hai appeared in the restaurant, everyone he knew and even those who he didn't know gave him a smile. And as he sat down to eat, Desbarres entered.

One has to recognize that the wine made by the space was very high quality. Therefore, even if Desbarres and the others passed out from drinking too much, they didn't suffer from a hangover. Moreover, spatial water was used as the wine was created. Because of this, not only would the drinker not feel a hangover, they would instead feel more refreshed the next day.

Seeing Desbarres enter the restaurant clearly full of energy, everyone inside couldn't help but gawk. Desbarres noticed that Zhao Hai was about to eat a meal and his two eyes couldn't help but shine. He laughed and said, "Little Hai, you young people really know how to drink. You actually drank with us until we passed out. Hahaha"

Zhao Hai smiled and gave Desbarres a salute. Desbarres, laughed once more and said, "Come eat with me. That was the greatest drinking session I've been in. Your wine is very satisfying."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Camp Lord, if you want, I can hand over the formula so that you can make it yourself. Then we could share it with our brothers. We can also sell it to increase the Bone Symbol Camp's income."

As soon as he heard Zhao Hai, Desbarres couldn't help but pat his shoulder and said, "Good. Little Hai, now that you're a member of the Bone Symbol camp, you can rest assured. When we start selling this wine, I'll make sure that you'll have one-fifth of its profits."

When he heard Desbarres, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. Then he embarrassedly replied, "Camp Lord, that wouldn't be good. I only handed over the formula..."

Desbarres waved his hand and said, "Stop right there, you don't know how much your formula is worth. Rest assured, the Bone Symbol Camp would never treat our members unjustly. You don't know, but the robots made by that kid Qi Yi have been mass produced by the camp's factories and sold outside. He also gets one-fifth of the profits. This is the rule of our Bone Symbol Camp."

Hearing Desbarres, Zhao Hai had no way to decline. So he nodded and said, "Alright, I will accept it. But if our brothers need me to do anything, please tell me so that I can offer some help."

Desbarres patted Zhao Hai's shoulder. At this time, a robot came with Desbarres' meal in hand. Then the two proceeded to silently enjoy their meal.

After having eaten his meal, Zhao Hai was about to return to his room before Desbarres stopped him. Then after going to Zhao Hai's room, Desbarres looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, tell me the truth. Can you deal with people with higher levels?"

Zhao Hai thought for a moment and said, "Camp Lord, I think I'll have no problem dealing with level 4 Experts. This is because in addition to being a level 4 Mage, I'm also a Warrior. I can wield a sword and attack like a Warrior. With my Undead and sword, I should be able to exterminate level 4 Experts."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Desbarres actually stared for a moment. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You're a warrior as well? You study battle qi in the lower realms?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I did. I just chose to ascend in a Mage Continent because I thought that Mages would be more valuable after I ascend. Therefore, I chose to ascend as a Mage."

When he heard Zhao Hai's reply, Desbarres laughed and said, "That's good, fantastic. I can understand your decision. Rest assured, the Bone Symbol Camp will make sure to properly cultivate you. Have you been using formations you found online? The Bone Symbol Camp has secret formations and formation sets that haven't been released to the public. You will have access to all of those. Moreover, I will make you a weapon suitable for you. We'll also provide you with everything you need so that you can grow into an expert as soon as possible. This way, the Bone Symbol Camp would rise sooner!"

If someone else said that, Zhao Hai might feel something off. However, since it was Desbarres, Zhao Hai wasn't offended. This was because Desbarres wasn't doing it for himself, he was doing it for the Bone Symbol Camp and the Ashley Family.

To be honest, Zhao Hai didn't have any sense of belonging to the Ashley Family. However, he actually had a favorable impression regarding the Bone Symbol Camp. The one who approached him from the very beginning was Margaret. And up to the present, the Bone Symbol Camp had always gained Zhao Hai's favor. Zhao Hai liked the Bone Symbol Camp's people since they weren't plotting against each other in order to gain benefits. Everyone had the same goal, and that was to make the Bone Symbol Camp rise. Everyone made sacrifices in order to meet this goal. This was what moved Zhao Hai the most.

Chapter 1115: External Hall's Eight Camps

Zhao Hai has the s.p.a.ce, so he didn't care about gaining something like authority. Additionally, he has a very good family. There was no reason for him to be sad.

However, humans were group animals. And after ascended to the Machine Field, the Bone Symbol Camp had been really good to him. Although he handed over some benefits, those things weren't useful to Zhao Hai in the first place. Now, Desbarres was more willing to provide him with benefits, which was good for Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai also knew that huge families would have their own secrets. And these secrets would be very useful to him.

Desbarres saw that Zhao Hai had not spoken, so he couldn't help but ask, "Little Hai? Is something wrong?"

Zhao Hai stared, then he shook his head and said, "There's no problem. But Camp Lord, I have to ask for your help. I have two robots back in the Academy. Please help me to transport them to the camp. One of those two robots is made by Qi Yi. I also see Tinkle to be very convenient."

Desbarres thought that Zhao Hai had some misgivings, so when he heard Zhao Hai, he laughed and said, "This isn't a problem. That kid Qi Yi might not be good at anything other than tinkering with robots, but he's really talented. Rest assured, after you adapt to the density of spiritual qi, everything you need will be taken care of."

Zhao Hai nodded. Seeing Zhao Hai agree, Desbarres said, "Good, then go and take a rest. We'll be close to the Bone Symbol Camp tomorrow." Then he stood up and proceeded to leave. Zhao Hai also stood up and escorted him out.

Zhao Hai spent the rest of his day condensing formations in his room. He didn't expect a simple academy exam to spiral into his present situation. Moreover, he was even able to prematurely enter the Bone Symbol Camp.

Recalling the experience, Zhao Hai wasn't able to see anything improper. Although he showcased his terrifying ability, his true strength was still hidden. This was very important for him.

And Zhao Hai also needed to do this. When it came to the Machine Field, only when one shows off their strength would they get attention and benefits.

Imagine if Zhao Hai didn't become a level 1 Mage just one month after ascending. If his strength wasn't as strong as it is right now, if he was like Dins and the others who were old and had no potential, would Desbarres still be polite to him? Will the Bone Symbol Camp allocate materials so that he could cultivate? Certainly not.

Also, if other camps hear that Zhao Hai had the wine formula as well as the means to refine high-level undead, then they would definitely try and eliminate him. The Machine Field wasn't a simple place. It was precisely because of this that Zhao Hai was careful in revealing his capabilities. Telling Desbarres that he was both a Mage and a Warrior was on purpose.

Zhao Hai discovered that the real essence of the Machine Field were the secrets of the various powers. However, those secrets could only be passed on to a family's loyal members. Even those inside the family would find it hard to get access to restricted magic formations and formation sets, not to say ascenders. Therefore, Zhao Hai revealed that he was also a Warrior to Desbarres so that the Camp Lord would place more importance to him. Only then would Zhao Hai gain the qualifications to learn these restricted secrets.

The day quickly passed by. Besides inviting Zhao Hai over for dinner, Desbarres also brought Zhao Hai to the entertainment area to play around for a while.

This entertainment area was for the crew to relax in. There were plenty of fun things to do inside the huge iron hall.

After playing around for a while, Zhao Hai talked to Desbarres and then returned to his room. Regarding Zhao Hai's actions, Desbarres didn't say anything. In his mind, Zhao Hai was a person who was infatuated with cultivation. Otherwise, his strength wouldn't have reached this high in such a short time.

Nothing noteworthy happened that night. The next day was the same as the previous. He had breakfast with Desbarres and was told to prepare his things. They might arrive at the Bone Symbol Camp by evening's time.

Zhao Hai nodded and returned to his room. Then he investigated the Bone Symbol Camp's situation. He was able to know the location of the camp's main base. Zhao Hai also discovered that the ascender academy was quite far from the camp's base.

The city where the ascender academy was located was called Auspicious Cloud City. This was a city managed by the Ashley Family. About ten thousand li south of the city was a huge remote landmass. This landmass wasn't any smaller than a continent. Altogether, the island was more than three million square kilometers. This island was the main city of the Ashley Family, named Lofty Demon City.

The entire city occupied the whole island. The island's name was Lofty Demon Island. Surrounding the big island were eight smaller islands. These eight islands looked like soldiers guarding Lofty Demon Island. Stationed on these islands were the Ashley Family's eight camps of the External Hall.

The eight camps had names that were themed with bones or ghosts. The Bone Symbol Camp was one of the four camps with bone in their name.

The planet where the Ashley Family was stationed at was called Dark Magic Planet. The entire planet was the Ashley Family's domain, their supreme headquarters.

There were more than ten thousand cities on this planet, with a population surpassing 10 billion. As for ascension points, there were more than a hundred of them. The area where Auspicious Cloud City was located was under the jurisdiction of the Bone Symbol Camp. The lands surrounding it also belonged to the camp. With the decline of the Bone Symbol Camp, the other camps began to target these lands. However, since these places were under Desbarres, they didn't dare to be excessive. The least they could do was to poach talents away from the camp.

Although the eight camps of the External Hall were all under the Ashley Family, this didn't mean that all of them had good relationships with each other. Conversely, the relationship between the eight camps wasn't too good. This was because of the system of competition that the Ashley Family set up. There would be competitions between the eight camps each year. The financial support of each camp relied on the results of these competitions. Control over ascension points and recruitment also hinged on the competition.

Besides these things, it was also a matter of status. Each year, people on other camps want to be a step above the others. Those below would treat those above as their elder brothers.

The Bone Symbol Camp haven't been in a good state in recent years. Although they weren't at the bottom of the competition, they hovered at sixth or seventh place. When they see the other camps, they have to give a salute. Who wouldn't be embarrassed with this?

The Bone Symbol Camp didn't lack money. The robots that Qi Yi made already brought huge profits to the camp. Because of this, even if the family hadn't been giving that much money to the camp, the camp was still quite rich. What the camp needed the most was status.

It can be said that the Ashley Family was a very famous existence in the Machine Field. One family controlling an entire planet was quite rare in the realm.

There were a bit more than 1000 livable planets in the Machine Field. Moreover, these 1000 planets were divided by the three major powers. And in these major powers were smaller powers. If each of these smaller powers wanted a planet of their own, then even 10 thousand planets wouldn't be enough. Therefore, most planets were controlled by an alliance. Groups like the Ashley Family that controlled an entire planet were rarely seen.

After understanding the strength of the Ashley Family, Zhao Hai knew that they really weren't simple. Controlling an entire planet despite there being only more than 1000 planets in the realm was a huge accomplishment.

Before long, the fleet arrived at Dark Magic Planet's outer s.p.a.ce base. All in all, the Ashley Family had four outer s.p.a.ce bases. These bases were used to protect the planet's safety. The base they were in had ten large-cla.s.s ships, more than 100 medium-cla.s.s s.p.a.ceships as well as countless small ships.

Although the Dry Bone was a medium-cla.s.s ship, it was generally used for reconnaissance duty, something that smaller ships would do. Because of this, the Dry Bone was able to enter planets. As for large and other medium ships, they weren't permitted to enter. This was due to the disturbance that they would cause upon entering the atmosphere. It was very possible for them to cause natural disasters. Generally, only smaller ships could enter a planet.

With Desbarres being the Patriarch's trusted subordinate, he was able to move ten ships without reporting. Although the Dry Bone was on the smaller side among medium-cla.s.s ships, even to the point where it can enter a planet and do tasks that only smaller ships would do, it was still a medium-cla.s.s ship to its core. Its combat power was much stronger than small ships. And since it was made for scouting, its speed was extremely fast. This was the reason why Desbarres used it to fetch Margaret.

But even with the Dry Bone's properties, it still wasn't allowed to enter Dark Magic Planet. The only thing they could do was leave the ship on the outer s.p.a.ce base and then transfer on smaller ships before entering the planet.

Back when Zhao Hai headed towards Tyro Planet for the exam, he wasn't able to see these outer s.p.a.ce bases. This was because there was no need for them to go to these places. The academy's ship was a small-cla.s.s ship. They could use another route to enter and leave the planet. Because of this, Zhao Hai wasn't able to see these bases.

But this time, they needed to stop on a base in order to transfer ships. Therefore, Zhao Hai was able to look at these outer s.p.a.ce bases. Zhao Hai stared at the sight. He didn't expect these bases to be so

enormous. The entire base looked like a floating metropolis. Besides the base itself, it was surrounded by innumerable satellite ports. Ships were seen everywhere, coming in and out of the base.

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When the ship stopped, Desbarres brought Zhao Hai and disembarked. When they went out of the ship, Zhao Hai discovered that they were now walking on an airlocked corridor. People could use this passage to safely get into the base.

After passing through the corridor, they arrived at a platform. This platform was also airlocked. The environment inside it was the same as the spaceship. There were several vehicles stopped at the platform. Desbarres took Margaret and Zhao Hai to ride one of them.

As they sat inside the car, Desbarres turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, we need to quickly head back to the family, so we wouldn't be able to stay here for long. But next time, I will definitely take you to play around this base."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Camp Lord is too polite. I also want to head back so that I can continue practicing."

Desbarres smiled and said, "Don't think about practicing all the time. Your training speed is fast enough. Being able to use five-layer formations in such a short time is already a good accomplishment."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and didn't say anything. Desbarres didn't persuade Zhao Hai further either. He had spent most of his life in the Ashley Family and had seen all kinds of people. Cultivating madmen like Zhao Hai were among these people. And as long as they don't die in the future, they would definitely become famous experts of the realm.

The car quickly flew through the base. And before long, they were already on another port where a smaller ship was waiting for them.

There were a few people standing at the door of the ship. All of them were dressed in their uniforms. The uniforms were in one-piece with the upper and lower body connected together. It seems like they were made out of leather. It had a tight design, looking quite good.

When Desbarres' group of three got out of the vehicle, the person at the lead immediately said, "We have seen the manager. The ship has been prepared."

Desbarres nodded. Then he said, "Good, help me express my thanks to your chief. I'm in a hurry and don't have time to see him." The man didn't dare stop Desbarres.

At this time, Desbarres embarked on the ship along with Margaret, Zhao Hai, 30 Mages and 20 Warriors.

This time, Zhao Hai didn't go to a room inside the ship. It would only take a short time for this small ship to reach the planet's surface. Therefore, Zhao Hai spent the time inside the command hall along with Desbarres.

Naturally, there was a captain taking command of the ship. So Zhao Hai and the others just stood in the hall and looked through the displays in order to look at the scenery outside.

When the ship entered the atmosphere, Desbarres let out a long breath. Then he turned to look at Zhao Hai and said, "We'll be sending you to the camp first to get settled down. After that, I will deliver the young miss to the family. I already gave word to the people back in the camp. They will give you a good room that will allow you to adapt to the Machine Field's spiritual qi. However, don't adapt to the density too fast, or else you'll get corrupted. You need to gradually adapt."

Zhao Hai nodded. On the other hand, the Mages behind them felt their hearts stir. Although Desbarres had been very good to everyone in the Bone Symbol Camp, they had never seen their Camp Lord take care of someone like he did with Zhao Hai.

Desbarres didn't tell anyone else about Zhao Hai being both a Mage and a Warrior. When Zhao Hai told him this information, Desbarres decided to block it from spreading. In his opinion, being both a Warrior and a Mage was Zhao Hai's trump card. But what he didn't know was that Zhao Hai had much more terrifying secrets.

At this time, Zhao Hai saw nine islands arranged in a squarish manner on the ship's computer. The middle island was much bigger than the eight surrounding it. The surrounding islands looked like it was guarding the middle landma.s.s.

Desbarres pointed at an island and said, "There is Bone Symbol Island where the Bone Symbol Camp is. Currently, the camp has more 4000 Mages and more than 6000 Warriors. The weakest is level 1 while the strongest reached level 5. In addition to the camp itself, there are also two residential areas as well as eight training regions in the island. While you get settled in the island, I will send the Young Miss home. I will certainly come back as soon as possible."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Camp Lord can relax. I don't have a lot of demands anyway. After I reach the camp, I will immediately practice. I won't be doing anything else in a short time."

Desbarres nodded and said, "I already told them to not make any mistakes. Alright, let's prepare to head down." The ship had already reached the Bone Symbol Camp's airbase. It was now slowly descending into the camp.

The Bone Symbol Camp also had their own port. However, it wasn't very large. Its main use was to accommodate small ships that brought supplies from the outer space base as well as the other islands. Because of this, the port doesn't need to be too big.

Zhao Hai used this period of time to observe the camp's headquarters. Although it was called a camp, it was actually a very high building. From his estimation, Zhao Hai reckoned that it was about 200 floors high, exceeding a kilometer tall. Its surface area also reached about ten thousand square meters. The entire building was tower-shaped with glass windows. It actually looked very beautiful.

Zhao Hai didn't expect the camp to have a very advanced building. It was not what he expected.

At this time, the ship had safely landed on the ground. Desbarres brought Zhao Hai as well as the Mages and Warriors out of the ship.

There were members of the Bone Symbol Camp waiting for them outside. Desbarres looked at Tao Wang who was standing at the front and said, "Tao Wang, Zhao Hai has already joined the camp. Have you arranged his things?"

Tao Wang nodded and said, "Camp Lord, you can rest assured, everything has been prepared."

It was obvious that Desbarres trusted Tao w.a.n.g. So he nodded then turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, go follow Tao w.a.n.g while I send the Young Miss home. If you need anything, just ask Tao w.a.n.g."

Zhao Hao nodded and gave Tao w.a.n.g a salute. Then Desbarres turned around and re-entered the ship. He would be heading to Lofty Demon Island.

Seeing the ship fly away, Tao w.a.n.g turned to look at everyone and said, "Alright, all of you should get going. Little Hai, come with me. I'll lead you to your place."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Thank you, Big Brother Tao." Tao w.a.n.g smiled and said, "There's no need to be polite. We're already camp brothers. Let's go." Then after he said that, he led Zhao Hai into the building. The building's first floor was a very large hall. There were dining rooms and resting areas on the side. But the biggest attraction on this hall was the huge electronic wall, showing all kinds of information.

Tao w.a.n.g said to Zhao Hai, "Besides the funds the family gives each year, the camp is pretty much self sufficient. The family would also post tasks for the camps to accomplish. These tasks would be sent through the internal network. We can complete these tasks in order to gain more money. So every year, there would be a lot of people who are idling here to pick tasks. Additionally, we take the funds allocated by the family and distribute them to the members as wages. However, for those who want to practice, this wage is simply not enough. Because of this, the camp needed to create its own wealth."

Zhao Hao nodded at Tao w.a.n.g's words. Although the Ashley Family supported the camps, this didn't mean that the family would shoulder all of their expenses. Every year, the money provided by the family was always limited. So each camp needed to think of ways to make money on their own.

Tao w.a.n.g continued, "These tasks aren't only on Dark Magic Planet, there are some that were on other planets. If you want to accomplish this task, then you can only use a ship. And if you want to get there faster, then you will have to use a transmission formation. However, the transmission formation's fee is higher. If the task is issued by the family, then the costs would be subsidized. Otherwise, we would need to pay for it with our own money." While he said that, Tao w.a.n.g and Zhao Hai went inside an elevator. Then Tao w.a.n.g pressed the number for the 180th floor.

After he pressed the b.u.t.ton, Tao w.a.n.g turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Actually, our camp is similar to the academy. The first floor has the restaurant. There are also places for practicing and other things. The building also has a market where people run their own shops. This is also where people trade for goods.

The tasks we do usually don't just include monetary compensation. Sometimes, people would unearth treasures. You can go to the marketplace and trade them for some money. Naturally, you can contribute these treasures to the family. The family would certainly make sure that you would not be treated unjustly."

Zhao Hao nodded. He understood that the External Hall's camps were actually just the family's exclusive mercenaries. They would receive remuneration in exchange for accomplishing tasks given out by the family.

A huge family's development not only depended on their experts and powerful ships. They also need to work on other aspects such as their foundation.

The External Hall plays an essential duty for this aspect. Although the people in the External Hall weren't individually strong, their overall strength wasn't bad. They were equal to an army. The External Hall was an army that doesn't need too much money to function. And at the same time, they could also provide the family with benefits.

For example, an External Hall Mage could dig up a valuable ore during their time outside. If they didn't have any uses for this ore, then they could sell it off to other people. However, this exposes them to the possibility of being robbed and killed. Because of this, their best choice was to sell the ore to the family in exchange for something of equal value. Naturally, they could also keep them for their own use. When they were strong enough in the future, they could use the ore. But before that happens, if someone knew what they had, then they would definitely be in danger.

This ore might very likely be an indispensable piece for a powerful weapon. If the family gets their hands on it, then they could make a weapon that would help the family increase their strength.

With this setup, the family would acquire a lot of good items. And during wars, these manufactured weapons might play a critical role. A weapon's value was very difficult to estimate, especially in the World of Cultivation. There were some average powers in the World of Cultivation that rose into prominence just because they had an extremely powerful weapon in hand. Ordinary people wouldn't dare to provoke them. This was akin to a country having their own nuclear arsenal.

It was because of this that the family allowed the camp to post their own tasks for their members. This way, the External Hall's members would bring them more benefits.

Tao w.a.n.g proceeded to introduce Zhao Hai to the camp's situation. The market was divided into two floors, one on the 100th floor and the other on the 105th floor. The market on the 100th floor was a mall opened by the Ashley Family. This was where potions and goods for Mages and Warriors were sold. Moreover, the prices here were cheaper than the markets outside.

On the other hand, the market on the 105th floor was the trading floor. People from the camp go there to trade. Mages that obtained magic swords would trade it since it was useless for them. Meanwhile, a Warrior that needed items like magic swords would find it on this floor.

When he heard this, Zhao Hai's eyes shone. He didn't expect a trading floor to exist here. This will certainly provide him with a lot of items for the s.p.a.ce. At the same time, he could use the Processing Machine to make items that he could trade for.

At this time, the elevator sounded out with a ding. When the elevator doors opened, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. This was because he didn't expect this floor to look like his. The floor was very tall at about ten meters high. There were also some ornamental trees planted on the ground as well as some gra.s.ses. Most importantly, the rooms here didn't look like the other places. Each accommodation had its own yard, just like a villa. They looked very elegant.

Looking at Zhao Hai's reaction, Tao w.a.n.g smiled and said, "Normally, this place is reserved for people level 4 and above. However, the Camp Lord specifically instructed me to prepare a spot for you. Let's go, I'll show you to your house."

Zhao Hai was somewhat touched. He was no doubt treated specially. Although he hadn't seen the other floors, he knew that the other rooms weren't as good as the ones on this floor. Zhao Hai felt that only level 5 experts deserve spots on this floor.

Chapter 1117: A Little Gift

Zhao Hai felt that it was unfair. However, this unfairness wasn't for him, but for other people in the camp.

He was a newcomer to the camp, and the strength he revealed so far was only level 1. In this case, him living in a villa meant for level 4 experts was unfair to the other people in the camp.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai couldn't help but look at Tao Wang, "Big Brother, this isn't good. If I live here, what would other people think? I think I should live in the lower floors."

Tao Wang smiled and said, "Rest assured, those fellows wouldn't think bad of you. Don't underestimate those guys. Every one of them are rich. Don't forget that besides this building, there are also two residential areas in the island. Those who wanted to live in villas would have already bought their own. Also, since the Camp Lord wanted you to live here, nobody would dare say anything."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "Then I'll have to thank Big Brother Tao. Big Brother, this little brother just ascended from the lower realms. So I don't have a lot of precious things. The only thing I can gift you are these two bottles of wine. These are the most valuable things I have right now. I also gave the Camp Lord two bottles of this wine. Please have a taste. Also, please have everyone in the camp have a taste of the wine. If they like the flavor, then our Bone Symbol Camp might open our own winery. I've also given the formula for this wine to the Camp Lord."

After he said that, Zhao Hai waved his hand and took two bottles of wine out as well as a spatial bag. Spatial bags weren't rare in the Machine Field. One could easily buy one as long as they practice at a certain level. Therefore, Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of taking one out.

Tao Wang understood what Zhao Hai wanted to convey. But regarding Zhao Hai's respectful manner, he happily received the gift. He received the two bottles as well as the spatial bag and said, "Alright. This Big Brother doesn't have a lot of hobbies besides drinking. I'll have a taste of your wine when I head back. I'll also send these wines to everyone. Don't worry, I'll tell them that these came from you."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Big Brother Tao is too polite. Come drink with me later. Right, I also have two other kinds of liquor. Take it back and have a taste." After that, Zhao Hai took out another two containers and handed them over to Tao Wang.

Tao Wang wasn't polite and stored the two containers into his own spatial item. Then he smiled and said, "Let's go and take a look at your house. We'll have a drink after you get settled." Then he led Zhao Hai along.

Zhao Hai's villa wasn't near the elevator. He was placed in the floor's best location. This location was beside a window, allowing its occupant to see the scenery outside.

Zhao Hai inspected his place. He didn't have much requests for his accommodation. As long as it was livable, then it was already good. The whole villa was divided into two floors. The land area of the villa was less than 100 square meters. There was also a small garden outside. The other villas on this floor were constructed the same way.

Tao Wang carefully introduced Zhao Hai to the villa. Although the house was very small, it was fully equipped. It even had a kitchen installed.

The upper floor had three bedrooms while the lower floor had the kitchen, living room, and bathroom.

After showing Zhao Hai the house, Tao Wang said, "Little Hai, although this house is quite small. You can rest assured. The Camp Lord has already prepared a good villa for you. As long as you get used to the Machine Field's density of spiritual qi, you can immediately move to that villa."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "There's really no need to bother, this place is already good. Right, Big Brother Tao, can I use the kitchen here instead of going to the cafeteria below?"

Tao Wang smiled and said, "Of course you can. If you don't want to prepare your own food, I can buy you some robots that can cook for you. You don't need to worry about payment. The Camp Lord already made sure that you get everything you want."

Zhao Hai replied, "Brother Tao, I already have robots left them behind in the academy. I've already asked the Camp Lord to fetch them for me. Please help me deliver those robots here. As for other requests, my main task here is to adapt to the spiritual qi as soon as possible. As long as I can adapt to the spiritual qi, then everything is fine."

Tao Wang laughed and said, "This kid. Alright, then I will get you some food for now. You will also get your food delivered regularly. The Camp Lord wants to make sure that you won't get burdened with pointless stuff." Then after he said that, he left with a laugh.

Zhao Hai knew that Tao Wang was joking with him. So he just smiled and familiarized himself with the villa. He went to his room and took out the anti-monitoring device. After seeing that there weren't any surveillance device inside, he felt relieved.

However, he didn't enter the Space. He knew that Desbarres might come later on. So instead of returning to the Space, he sat down and condensed more formations.

After two hours, the sound of a car was heard outside the villa. Then quickly after that, Tao Wang's voice was heard, "Little Hai, Little Hai, are you there? Come here quickly." Zhao Hai went out of his villa and saw Desbarres and Tao Wang outside. Besides the two, nobody else was present.

Zhao Hai quickly opened the door and asked the two to come in. Zhao Hai also discovered that Tao Wang was bringing several bags which seemed to contain things.

Tao Wang wasn't too polite as he directly went to the villa's dining room. Then he put the bags down and took out its contents. What was inside were few meal boxes with food inside.

Looking at Zhao Hai's dazed expression, Desbarres laughed and said, "Little Hai, since it's your first day in the camp, I brought Tao Wang here to drink. So how about sharing a few cups with us?"

Zhao Hai replied, "Since the Camp Lord wants someone to drink with, then I will naturally comply. It's a pity that you brought me food. Otherwise, I would've prepared you some food myself."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Tao Wang suddenly smiled. Then he gave Zhao Hai's spatial bag back to him and said, "Little Hai, I already took the liquor inside and replaced it with food ingredients. If you want to make some food, then you can feel free to do so."

Desbarres and Tao Wang thought that Zhao Hai was boasting. In their opinion, a cultivating genius like Zhao Hai must have certainly focused his efforts on cultivating. In this case, how could he possibly know how to prepare food?

Zhao Hai didn't care about what the two thought. The thing in his mind right now was what Tao Wang just said. Then out of curiosity, he took his spatial bag and looked inside. And just like Tao Wang said, there were ingredients inside. There was meat, eggs, vegetables, and other things needed for cooking.

Zhao Hai looked at the ingredients and then looked at the food that Tao Wang and Desbarres brought. There were fried chicken, fries and so on. There weren't any special food. To be honest, Zhao Hai truly wanted to drink. But he couldn't enjoy his drink with these foods.

When he drank inside the Space, he would have liquor and food prepared by Meg. At this point, Meg's cooking was a bit inferior if not on par with a master chef. And since Zhao Hai wanted country cooking, Meg prepared Chinese cuisine for him.

And because of this, Zhao Hai had developed a particular taste. At this point, he couldn't eat common dishes. Therefore, Zhao Hai took out some fish and vegetables and then proceeded to cook.

Seeing Zhao Hai's skillful actions, Desbarres and Tao Wang couldn't help but stare. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to actually know how to cook.

Before long, Zhao Hai completed two dishes. One of them was a cold dish, which was a home-cooked dish of Pu Ai. The other dish was a hot dish which was made with fish. Zhao Hai placed these two dishes on the table amidst Desbarres' and Tao Wang's surprise.

It must be said that even if the World of Cultivation was much stronger than Earth, it was still inferior to Earth in terms of cuisine.

In the World of Cultivation, everyone gave full priority to cultivation. Even if they had the same ingredients as back on Earth, they still wouldn't spend the time to research how to make better dishes. If people from the World of Cultivation had the time to research dishes, they might as well use it to research formations or other things related to getting stronger.

Because of this mindset, the entire World of Cultivation didn't have any deep understanding of cuisine. What people generally ate were simple dishes.

Home-made dishes like cold dishes didn't look any special. The hot fish dish, on the other hand, looked like it took a lot of work to prepare. Desbarres and Tao Wang were dumbfounded by the skills they witnessed.

In the past, when Zhao Hai was eating at the academy's cafeteria, he discovered that the dishes there weren't much to talk about. And after accessing the internet, he finally knew the level of cuisine here. Therefore, he decided to show off some cooking skills. It must be said that his cooking skill was only inferior to Meg's.

Desbarres looked at the two dishes and said, "Little Hai, did you just cook these two dishes? Where did you learn to cook?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I studied it back home. Have a taste."

Tao Wang took some chopsticks and proceeded to eat.

Chapter 1118: Level Up, Stellar Body Tempering Technique!

The people in the Bone Symbol Camp were aware that a new member had joined them. And that this new member was assigned a villa in the place where level 4 Experts live in. Although there was no point for them to go to the floor where the villas were, some of them still read about the floor. And when they heard the news, they couldn't help but feel uncomfortable.

Moreover, this new member seems to be a mystery. In addition to the time where he asked Tao Wang to give the members some wine, this person never appeared in the camp. It has been two months since then. And the number of people who had seen this new member could be counted on one hand.

It was also found out that in addition to not exploring the camp, this person doesn't leave his room most of the time. He would stay inside his villa every day. Besides his two robots as well as Tao Wang and the Camp Lord, nobody had ever gone to his villa. Also, Tao Wang and the Camp Lord were often seen visiting his villa once or twice a week. In the past two months, the two had visited the villa twenty times.

Also, every time Tao Wang and the Camp Lord left the villa, both of them would be red-faced, obviously drunk. This made the members of the camp even more curious about the person in the villa.

What the people in the camp didn't know was that Tao Wang and Desbarres didn't only visit Zhao Hai to drink. They were also monitoring how Zhao Hai was adapting to the spiritual qi.

Seeing the rate of Zhao Hai's adaptation, Desbarres and Tao Wang were ecstatic. Others would take one year before adjusting to the density of spiritual qi, but Zhao Hai only took one month.

However, Tao Wang and Desbarres were clueless about something else. Besides adapting to the Machine Field's density of spiritual qi, Zhao Hai's strength had also experienced a breakthrough.

Zhao Hai had already adapted to the spiritual qi density a month after entering the Bone Symbol Camp. Moreover, he felt that he was going to break through. Because of this, he looked for a chance to go out of the camp and look for a desolate place. Then he arranged a spirit gathering formation and attempted to break through. The Myriad Stellar Transformations Yin-Yang Art's spiritual qi requirement for breaking through from the first layer to the second layer was simply terrifying.

After breaking through to the second layer, Zhao Hai's spiritual force underwent a huge enhancement. Originally, the most he was able to use were hundred-layer formation sets. But after this breakthrough, he was now able to use one thousand-layer formations. This made him equivalent to a level 6 Mage.

This breakthrough didn't only improve Zhao Hai's strength. The second layer of the Stellar Transformations Art gave him a technique. The technique was a set of fist martial arts with an unusual name, Stellar Body Tempering Technique!

The fist technique with a peculiar name made Zhao Hai very curious. In the beginning, he thought that this set of fist techniques wouldn't have any use to him. After all, he had additional abilities that made his body beyond what most people had. His crystal body as well as his ability to become liquid metal was already very good. He thinks that this set of techniques was a bit weak!

But after he carefully looked through the Stellar Body Tempering Technique, he began to take it seriously. The contents of the book was too formidable!

The technique would let the user absorb the strength of the stars into their body. And this absorption didn't mean on the meridians or the skeleton. This was actually tempering on a cellular level.

According to the Stellar Body Tempering Technique, every human cell was a place to store energy. They were dependent and independent of each other in certain aspects. The Stellar Body Tempering Technique leads the power of the stars into a person's body, making it more sturdy and allowing it to store energy. As long as one can persist on practicing, eventually, each cell of a person would attain the power of a star. When that time comes, they would truthfully be unparalleled under the heavens.

This technique was unprecedented. It was like those heaven defying methods from the novels Zhao Hai read before. If it wasn't in his hands right now, then Zhao Hai might think that this method was too perfect to exist.

However, after seeing this technique, Zhao Hai couldn't help but hesitate. Did a perfect technique really drop into his hands out of thin air? It doesn't look like it.

By the end of the technique, its weakness was pointed out. And just like any body tempering technique, its disadvantage was the pain!

This body tempering technique requires one to use their own spiritual force to move the power of the stars and introduce it to their body. The power of the stars doesn't temper the flesh, the blood, nor the bones, but a person's cells, every cell in the body!

When practicing the Stellar Body Tempering Technique, one needed the ability to separate their consciousness and body. Otherwise, they would be in danger!

This separation between consciousness and body meant that one's spirit was separated from their physical body. It was similar to a soul leaving the body, but not exactly the same. When one's soul left their body, their body couldn't move. However, the separation of consciousness and the body only meant that one's mental intent was outside the body. In other words, while being outside the body, ones' consciousness could still control their body as though it was a puppet.

Although the Stellar Body Tempering Technique explicitly wrote the dangers of using it, Zhao Hai still practice it. He now felt that the technique would be a great use to him.

Zhao Hai thought that with his crystal body as well as his ability to become liquid metal, this body tempering technique shouldn't hurt as much. However, he soon discovered that he made a mistake, a very huge mistake.

His body had multiple divergent abilities. His crystal body made his body incomparably hard, meanwhile, his liquid metal body made his body like mercury.

But because of this, Zhao Hai's pain was elevated when practicing. If other people's cells were like pieces of bread as it underwent the technique, then Zhao Hai's cells were akin to iron balls. Tempering this iron ball made it red hot, and as it was repeatedly hammered, this iron ball would eventually turn into a refined steel ball.

When Zhao Hai began practicing the technique, he began to understand why one would need to separate their consciousness from their body during tempering. Unless one separates their consciousness from their body, they would experience soul-wrenching pain, endangering their mental state.

Upon directing the power of the stars to temper his body, Zhao Hai felt his every cell in his body burning from pain much worse than being burned alive. He wasn't able to issue a punch before he fainted on the spot.

After he stopped practicing the technique, Zhao Hai began to think about how to succeed in practicing it. Separating his consciousness while controlling his body shouldn't be difficult. He could have his consciousness fly out of his body and have Cai'er possess it. However, Zhao Hai didn't do this. This was because he felt that achieving mastery on this process would provide him with a great advantage.

Zhao Hai used five days to fully achieve the separation between consciousness and body. But it still had to be said that he had Cai'er's help with this. He would have Cai'er control his body in order to feel the separation. Then he would slowly control his body with his own thought until he was able to fully use it.

After achieving this step, Zhao Hai began practicing the Stellar Body Tempering Technique. This time, he succeeded with his consciousness in the air while controlling his body. He began to control his body to execute a punch, and this time he didn't even feel a little pain.

This was where Zhao Hai began truly learning the Stellar Body Tempering Technique. However, practicing this method couldn't be done for days on end. At most, Zhao Hai can separate his consciousness for two hours each day. This was also his limit in practicing the fist techniques.

Now, Zhao Hai's daily schedule included practicing the Stellar Body Tempering Technique. Just as expected, this technique was really useful for him. After he began practicing the technique, his crystallization and liquefaction had been perfectly integrated to his body. In the past, when he used his crystal form, his body would become like crystal. And although he hadn't used it in a fight, he saw that his liquid metal form would make him indistinguishable compared to a normal human form.

But now, when Zhao Hai used these two forms, his body wouldn't undergo a drastic change. Although it would change his form a little, one could still see that it was Zhao Hai. Moreover, his body can now be as hard as diamond and also as soft as a mountain stream.

The advantages of the Stellar Transformations Body Tempering Technique didn't stop here. It also had a huge benefit to Zhao Hai's spiritual force. At the same time, his absorption of spiritual qi in practicing the Stellar Transformation Yin-Yang art had become much smoother and quicker.

Besides these harvests, in the past two months, Zhao Hai had also received the secret formation sets of the Bone Symbol Camp. When Zhao Hai opened the file, he saw that there were about 100 thousand formations inside. Using these two months, Zhao Hai was able to condense these formations. Now that Zhao Hai had broken through, he could easily condense ten thousand magic formations at the same time. His speed had become extremely shocking.

Not to mention the Bone Symbol Camp's formations, even the entire Machine Field's public collection of formations had already been condensed. At this point, the number of formation sets that Zhao Hai can use had reached an insane and uncountable amount.

But even if this was the case, Zhao Hai didn't think that he was unparalleled. This was simply impossible. He was clear that Mages in the Machine Field still fell short compared to other people in the World of Cultivation. In the other 5 realms, their strongest weapons were the people themselves. But in the Machine Field, their strongest weapons were battleships.

Because of this, while Zhao Hai was still condensing formations, the majority of his effort was practicing the Stellar Body Tempering Technique. Although he could only practice for two hours every day, Zhao Hai could still visualize how the fist techniques were used. The more he visualized, the more he felt the novelty of this technique.

There were two ways to use this set of fist techniques. One was to supplement the tempering of the body itself. Using the set of fist techniques to temper the body would allow the tempering to be done with twice the results and half the effort.

But the other way to use the fist technique was to use the Stellar Transformations Art to enhance it. This would make the fist technique a top-level technique against enemies.

Zhao Hai's Stellar Transformations Yin-Yang Art had now reached the second rank of the second layer. Each layer of the art was divided into 9 ranks. Before this breakthrough, Zhao Hai was stuck at the first layer, ninth rank. And now that he had broken through, he immediately barreled through to the second rank of the second layer. One could see how hard it was to break through from layer to layer.

Besides his cultivation level being promoted, the Space had also leveled up. Zhao Hai's Space was now level 150. Moreover, the spiritual qi of the Space had become equal to the Machine Field. And because of the Hundred Spirit Tree and the Tree of Life, the level was beginning to surpass the Machine Field.

The reason of the Space's upgrade was the increase of the spiritual qi density. As Zhao Hai adapted to the Machine Field's spiritual qi, the Space was also undergoing changes. As Zhao Hai's adaptation improved, the Space's level increased as well. And in the end, the Space stopped at level 150.

Naturally, it was impossible for there to be no benefits when the Space reached this level. The Space had recognized the Machine Field's spiritual qi to be medium-grade. So now, Zhao Hai can purchase medium-grade Cultivation Backgrounds as well as Science and Technology Backgrounds. As for Magic Backgrounds, Zhao Hai could now purchase advanced-level ones.

One shouldn't underestimate these backgrounds. Zhao Hai had benefited a lot with this upgrade. The science and technology background now allowed him to make mechs and battleships. As for the Cultivation backgrounds, high-ranked herbs can now be planted there. It even reached the point where the backgrounds can produce magical treasures.

It was because of all of these developments that Zhao Hai stayed inside his villa for two straight months. He was continuously practicing in the Space.

Chapter 1119: Six Realms Beginner Competition

Although the people in the Bone Symbol Camp were very curious about Zhao Hai, nobody actually said anything about his treatment. This was because his arrangement was given by the Camp Lord himself.

The Bone Symbol Camp was a very united group. Every member of the camp was very respectful of Desbarres. Therefore, when Zhao Hai was arranged to live in the level 4 area, nobody made a bad

comment. Instead, everyone hoped that Zhao Hai could make accomplishments soon. This way, the Bone Symbol Camp could rise.

The people from the Bone Symbol Camp were also not strangers to Zhao Hai's progress. They knew that Zhao Hai had just ascended for a month before being taken to the Bone Symbol Camp. And in the past two months, Zhao Hai had been adapting to the spiritual qi of the Machine Field.

When they first heard about Zhao Hai, the people in the Bone Symbol Camp couldn't help but feel their blood boil. Zhao Hai being invited over to the camp a month after ascending was enough to show his talent. The people in the camp knew that their own talents weren't that good. The current strongest expert in the camp was at level 5. They simply had no superiority over the other camps. Because of this, they want Zhao Hai to progress quicker. This way, he could make the Bone Symbol Camp raise their heads high once more.

In the beginning, when the people from the Bone Symbol Camp saw that Zhao Hai was quite fast in adapting to the spiritual qi density, they couldn't help but get worried. They were afraid that since Zhao Hai was getting preferential treatment, then he would become arrogant and complacent. But in the end, this thought quickly vanished.

Seeing Zhao Hai not leave his villa for two months made people shut up. And in place of worry, their feelings were replaced by anticipation.

It was common for Mages to close up for practice, but this would only take a few days. This was because they would need to take a few walks in order to unwind. Not only would stress not offer any advantages, it would also affect their mental state. And an unsteady mental state was detrimental to cultivation.

Generally, those who cultivate for extended periods of time were cultivators from the Cultivation Realm. They had methods that had high requirements when it came to mental states. Closing up for a long time was a method of training their mental state. By closing up for a long time, they would be able to polish their mental states. In turn, this would benefit their cultivation.

However, those cultivators had different methods compared to Mages. Although they didn't want to, Mages had to recognize that their training methods were inferior to that of cultivators.

Now, Zhao Hai had grinded for two straight months. His mental state truly left the people from the Bone Symbol Camp ashamed.

Although it can be said that Desbarres and Tao Wang were often looking after him, achieving this point wasn't easy. But what they didn't know was that Zhao Hai spent the majority of his time inside the Space. He didn't stay outside for a long time.

Two months had passed but Zhao Hai had yet to come out. However, the people from the Bone Symbol Camp didn't have the time to think about him at this time. This was because the pentennial Six Realms Beginner Competition was approaching.

This so-called beginner competition was actually a life and death battle. This battle was held every 5 years. Only those who ascended in the last five years could participate in it. And people from the World of Cultivation were barred from entering.

This competition has been held more than 100 times. The goal for this competition wasn't just for comparing skills, it was also resource allocation.

Although the World of Cultivation was seen as a huge treasure trove for resources, the true treasures of this world was actually very limited. Take ghost mithril, for example. One might see that Zhao Hai managed to mine a lot from Tyro Planet. However, if these ores were divided to those who needed it, then only a small number of people would be able to get their hands on the ore.

Things like the ghost mithril ore were very important for experts. This was because one's cultivation would be improved once they get their hands on it. This was especially true for

those who practice Magic Theory.

Because of this, competition for resources among the people in the World of Cultivation went non-stop.

There were no obvious territorial lines between the six realms in the World of Cultivation. And in the borders between two powers, there were grey areas that both territories manage. However, there was actually no control over them. And the planets in these grey areas would sometimes have things that everyone needed.

In order to compete for these resources, people from the six realms fought repeatedly. Casualties in these fights were innumerable. In the end, the higher ups of the six realms knew that this couldn't continue. Therefore, the six realms reached a consensus to hold an event every year for ascenders. The ones permitted to join this event were only those who ascended in the past five years. This way the participants wouldn't be too strong. Additionally, if they died, then the loss wouldn't be too big and no group would be seriously damaged.

Those who won the competition would have more jurisdiction over these grey areas for five years. And then five years later, another competition would be held in order to decide who would control these areas for the next five years.

And to those ascenders who attended the competition, the people from the six realms would make sure that they weren't treated unjustly. Not only would these people obtain rich rewards, their influence and advantages would also increase. Some were even given a high-value mine. It can be said that the beginner competition wasn't just a way for the six realms to establish borders, it was also a way for newcomers to become famous in a very short time.

Each time the Six Realm Beginner Competition happened, geniuses would come out of the woodwork. Although these people were from the lower realms and had ascended for no longer than 5 years, their cultivation levels were actually quite good. Some had even developed to become experts.

The competition was also a grand event where major forces compete for their interests. Although there would be countless losses and injuries, for the major powers, the gains far outweigh the losses.

As time passed, the Six Realm Beginner Competition became not just about vying for resources. It also became an event for realms to showcase their strength. So every time the beginner competition happened, everyone paid it attention.

And now, even if there was still a year left before the beginner competition, the qualifiers for the competition had already begun. All the forces in the six realms were beginning to compete on who would participate in the competition. The top 100 in the qualifiers of each realm would go to join the beginner competition.

Because of the rule that ascenders were the only ones allowed to enter the competition, the major influences of each realm didn't have the means to participate. Take the Ashley Family, for example, their

key forces were all members of their family. And thus, these members were natives to the Machine Field, with almost no ascenders among their ranks. And even if ascenders managed to join their core forces, these ascenders couldn't join since they had ascended for more than five years. Therefore, the core of each family had no way of joining the competition.

Therefore, in the Machine Field, those who attended the beginner competition were certainly from External Halls. This was because, besides the few family members joining, each External Hall were made up of ascenders.

There were plenty of ascenders in the Bone Symbol Camp that had the qualifications to join the competition. However, they weren't strong. The strongest among them was no more than level 2. And those who were thinking of joining the competition were very little.

This situation didn't stop the Bone Symbol Camp's members from paying attention to the Six Realm Beginner Competition; especially those who had the requirements to attend. Although they weren't strong, they still thought that they had the chance.

Zhao Hai was completely unaware of this matter. He just ascended to the Machine Field. And in addition to his time practicing, the times he accessed the net was very minimal. Therefore, he managed to miss information about this huge event.

Moreover, Desbarres and Tao Wang didn't inform Zhao Hai about this matter. This was because the beginner competition carried an extremely huge risk. People would die in the most unexpected ways. Zhao Hai had ascended three months ago and was still adapting to the density of spiritual qi. Allowing him to join the competition was simply sending him to his death.

Although Desbarres knew that Zhao Hai had plenty of powerful Undead, allowing him to compete against level 4 Mages, he still didn't think of having Zhao Hai join the competition. This was because Zhao Hai was the Bone Symbol Camp's hope. Also, the Bone Symbol Camp wasn't lacking in money nor resources. So he didn't want Zhao Hai to take risks.

But even if Zhao Hai didn't know, this didn't mean that other people wouldn't, especially Laura and the others. They surf the net every day in order to understand the Machine Field better. And how could the internet not include information about the competition? Not only was information available, the propaganda about the competition was overwhelming. There were even sites that wrote about the competition's origins, its process, and its past results. Everything about it was expertly detailed. Therefore, Laura and the others were aware about this matter.

Needless to say, the Machine Field was at the bottom of all participants. After all, the strength of the other realms was focused on the individual while the Machine Field relied on mechs and battleships. Because of this, the Machine Field had no chance in winning the competition.

But this didn't mean that they wouldn't send participants. Conversely, the Machine Field would always send ascenders to participate. Although they would struggle against the other five realms, these participants were also fighting for their groups in the Machine Field.

The Machine Field was also using the Beginner Competition as the basis for the internal distribution of resources. Just like how the 100 final participants were handsomely rewarded, their groups would also gain a corresponding benefit. And if a participant did well, gaining good achievements, then their group would receive good advantages. Because of this, the Machine Field placed great importance on the competition. During this period of time, as long as one was online, they would definitely read about this event. And it was in this manner that Laura and the other learned about the entirety of the competition.

Chapter 1120: I Must Participate!

Zhao Hai was currently inside the villa. In front of him was a computer with an article about the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

After reading the article, Zhao Hai turned to Laura and said, "What? You want me to join this competition?"

Laura nodded and said, "Right. We have been in the Machine Field for three months now. And in the past three months, we have basically adapted our lifestyle to it. You should also know how sincere Desbarres has been. So isn't this beginner competition an opportunity to make the Bone Symbol Cmap rise again?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "You sound like a member of the Bone Symbol Camp."

Laura chuckled, "Although I'm not a member of the camp, I was able to see how the camp works in the past few days. To be honest, I've taken a liking to this group. Everyone is united, Desbarres certainly poured great effort into this camp."

Zhao Hai nodded, he couldn't help but agree to Laura's words. He also liked the atmosphere of the camp. And to be honest, he had already learned a lot in the Machine Field. It was time to go outside and look at different sceneries in the World of Cultivation.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai gave a nod and said, "Alright, I'll join the competition. I also want to see the strength of the other realms."

Laura and the others happily nodded. Zhao Hai saw their reaction and smiled. To be honest, Zhao Hai's stay inside the Space was to accompany them. He knew that Laura and the others were bored of staying inside the Space. Therefore, he took the time to be with them.

Looking at the time, Zhao Hai and the others had their meal before Zhao Hai went out of the Space. Then he told his robot to contact Desbarres and Tao Wang.

All robots have communication functions built inside them. However, when people leave their homes, they usually don't bring their robots with them. When they were out, they would use their computers to contact other people.

Although they didn't know why Zhao Hai contacted them, Desbarres and Tao Wang still used the quickest time to head towards the villa.

Seeing that Zhao Hai was already waiting for them, Tao Wang looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Little Hai, what's the problem? You want to drink?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Camp Lord, Brother Tao. Take a seat first. I have something to tell you."

Desbarres and Tao Wang looked at Zhao Hai's conduct and couldn't help but feel that something was happening. They had been in contact with Zhao Hai for two months, so they already have an idea about his temper. Zhao Hai, who wasn't really too formal, acting formally made them feel somewhat strange.

The two sat down with Zhao Hai opposite them. Zhao Hai looked at the two and said, "Camp Lord, I called you over to tell you that I have already adapted to the Machine Field's spiritual qi. Moreover, I've decided to enter the Six Realms Beginner Competition!"

Desbarres and Tao Wang heard what Zhao Hai said and couldn't help but stare. Desbarres immediately stood up and said, "No, Little Hai, you can't! The beginner competition is very dangerous. You can't participate."

Tao Wang added, "Little Hai, you shouldn't join, it's too dangerous. It's common for people to die in the competition. Even those powerful experts lose their lives."

Zhao Hai saw their reactions and could understand what they were thinking. He smiled faintly and said, "Camp Lord, Brother Tao Wang. Rest assured, I fully understand the danger of the competition. However, I need to participate. This is the turning point for the Bone Symbol Camp!"

Desbarres and Tao Wang found themselves silent upon hearing Zhao Hai. They worked hard so that the Bone Symbol Camp would rise. However, they still didn't think it's time for Zhao Hai to help them.

Naturally, not allowing Zhao Hai participate in the competition didn't mean that Zhao Hai wouldn't participate in future battles. They knew that practice couldn't make an expert. And they already made plans about Zhao Hai's future development.

This plan was quite comprehensive. It started after Zhao Hai adapts to the density of spiritual qi. He would first be assigned small tasks. These tasks would be done in groups so there wouldn't be any danger. This would exercise Zhao Hai's mindset as he was given more and more responsibility. Then several years later, he would represent the camp in the Family's internal competition. This would be the beginning of his rise in the Machine Field.

There were no risks in this plan as it involved training Zhao Hai. All of these were made because Desbarres and Tao Wang placed too much of their hopes on Zhao Hai. They didn't want Zhao Hai to go out this early.

Because of this, when they heard Zhao Hai saying that he wants to join the beginner competition, they couldn't help but show a huge response. In their minds, sending Zhao Hai to join the beginner competition was akin to sending him to his destruction.

Zhao Hai looked at their reactions and smiled, "Camp Lord, Big Brother Tao, don't reject so easily. Let's sit down and slowly talk this over. To be honest, my decision isn't done in the heat of the moment. Let me be true to you, my strength has reached level 4. I have confidence to defeat the enemy. Therefore, I decided to join the competition."

Desbarres frowned and said, "I know that you have strong Undead and is both a Mage and a Warrior, so it isn't surprising to know that you can defeat level 4 Mages. However, you are competing in the Six Realms Beginner Competition. No matter which realm, each one would treat this matter with importance. Therefore, the participants of this competition are all elites from all kinds of origin. The losers would either be dead or severely injured. It is a competition with a high rate of mortality. It isn't the reputation boost that I want, and I don't want to extinguish our hopes in it. And to be honest, there is a huge disparity between the Mages and Warriors of our Machine Field compared to the other 5 realms. And that disparity is weapons."

Desbarres stopped here, but Tao Wang followed up, "Right, our biggest gap is in weapons. The strongest weapons of the other realms are those magic talismans. These talismans are single use weapons. So in this competition, the other realms would surely use these talismans. The might of these talismans is quite terrifying. Even if we have Mages more powerful than them, we still couldn't underestimate them because of these talismans. This is the reason why me and the Camp Lord doesn't want you to participate in the competition."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I found out about those when I was researching the other 5 realms. But Camp Lord, this makes me want to join the competition even more. Don't forget, all spoils from the battle will belong to the winner. I want to get those items. Moreover, I have the confidence to deal with them."

Desbarres frowned, "Little Hai, I still think that it is too risky. Our Machine Field had never achieved success in the beginner competition. Our top three members have already surpassed five years. Also, every time we send participants for the competition, they were at least ascenders for three years. From this point, you should see how powerful the opponents are. I really don't want you to enter the competition."

Zhao Hai didn't say anything and just smiled faintly as he waved his hand. Then a layered formation set appeared in front of him.

When Desbarres and Tao Wang saw the formation set that Zhao Hai released, they couldn't help but be shocked. One must know that layered formation sets weren't easy to use. Every layer added to a formation demanded a high amount of spiritual force. Moreover, experiments would be needed for a Mage to use a formation set. They need to know which formation was compatible with another formation, and also find out if the formation was beneficial to the set. Because of this, beginner Mages would find it difficult to use layered formations. Only after gaining enough experience could they push on and become stronger. The more they know which formations were compatible for them, the quicker they would be able to layer them. This was also why level 1 Mages have 5 formations as their peak, level 2 Mages have ten, level three Mages have 50. And more than that for level 4.

And for most Mages, finding a 50-layer formation would need about five to ten years of research. Even if one studied Magic Theory all their life, they would still need three to five years. Not to say achieving 50-layered formation sets, there were Mages who got stuck at level 3.

Now that Zhao Hai revealed this formation, Desbarres and Tao Wang were shaken. They didn't know how Zhao Hai managed to accomplish this in such a short time.

Zhao Hai waved his hand again, withdrawing his spiritual force. In turn, the formation dissipated. When the magic formation disappeared, only then did Desbarres and Tao Wang recover. They looked at each other and saw the surprise and joy in each of their eyes.

Zhao Hai looked at the two and smiled, "I'm already a level 4 Mage. Moreover, my battle qi is quickly catching up. At the very least, I have the means to survive if I join the competition. Camp Lord, Big Brother Tao, this is an opportunity for the Bone Symbol Camp to rise!"