

Another World 1121

Chapter 1121: Test, A Group of Ten!

On the Bone Symbol Camp's mountainous region was a training ground. It was the most elaborate training ground of the eight. People were currently present in this place. There was a competition between members of the Bone Symbol Camp.

One side was Zhao Hai while the other side were people elected by Desbarres. These were the representatives of the latest generation, totalling ten. The context of the test was very simple. As long as Zhao Hai can win against these ten people, then he would be allowed to participate in the Six Realm Beginner Competition!

After Zhao Hai revealed his hundred-layer formation, Desbarres finally relented. He agreed to Zhao Hai joining the beginner competition, but on the condition that Zhao Hai pass a test.

The mountainous training ground was chosen out of all the training grounds because Desbarres knew that the battles of the Six Realm Beginner Competition weren't only in arenas. Participants would also fight under various environments.

The Bone Symbol Camp spent a high price constructing this training ground. The entire place took more than 2000 mu. There were nearly a hundred thousand cameras installed inside the area. There were also 100 aerial cameras circling the place. These cameras could monitor the training ground for five straight days, completely recording the entire event.

At this time, Desbarres and Tao Wang were sitting inside the training ground's spectator's room. In front of them was a large screen showing Zhao Hai and his ten opponents. The former entering a different entrance than the latter.

It wasn't just Desbarres and Tao Wang who were inside the spectator room. Elders of the Bone Symbol Camp were also present. When these people learned from Tao Wang that the unseen Zhao Hai was currently being tested, they couldn't stop their curiosity from surfacing, so they joined in to spectate.

The ten people elected by Desbarres had already surpassed the five-year mark of ascending. Moreover, their strengths were pretty good. There were six Warriors and four Mages. Three of the Warriors were level 4 while the other three were level 3. As for the Mages, two were level 4 while the other two were level 3.

With Desbarres's signal, Zhao Hai and the other ten people entered the mountainous grounds. The grounds were densely forested and had varied terrain. There were stones, trees, water, pits, and holes inside. The terrain was very complex. Only those with enough fighting experience could find the enemy and make a surprise attack.

When Zhao Hai entered the grounds, everyone's eyes were immediately aimed at him. They wanted to see how Zhao Hai planned to proceed. Zhao Hai looked around and then waved his hand, releasing about a hundred Undead. The undead went on to scatter themselves out into the surrounding area. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai looked for a cave where he sat down and closed his eyes.

Upon seeing Zhao Hai's action, Desbarres and the others were stunned. But in the end, they nodded. They understood what Zhao Hai wanted to do. He hadn't been to this training ground before, so he was quite unfamiliar with its terrain. In this situation, it was better to have the Undead scout while he looked for a place to wait in. He would only attack once he found the enemy. This was the most correct approach for him.

Desbarres spared a lot of thoughts in constructing this training ground. There were large numbers of spirit-suppressing stones installed all around the training ground. This way, people wouldn't be able to use their spiritual force to scout the area. Otherwise, Mages could just sweep the entire area with their spiritual force. If this happens, then what's the point of the varied terrain?

Spirit-suppressing stones were relatively common in the World of Cultivation. This stone doesn't have any other effect other than suppressing a person's spiritual force. Also, the more stones there were, the more powerful the suppression would be. If your original spiritual force could be released up to 10 thousand meters and there are 100 cubic meters of spirit-suppressing stones, then your spiritual force would be limited to 100 meters.

Although spirit-suppressing stones weren't rare in the World of Cultivation, this didn't mean that they were cheap. In this mountainous training ground, Desbarres installed 2000 cubic meters of stone. One could see that its construction was definitely a huge deal.

Even if the people in the spectator room thought that Zhao Hai's method was very good, there were actually only a few who could really do it.

If one wanted their Undead to scout like Zhao Hai, they needed to accomplish a few points. First, if one was a Dark Mage, then they would need to know summoning magic. Second, they need high-level Undead. If they only had low-level undead, then they wouldn't be able to gain any information at all, completely removing the possibility of reconnaissance.

The third point was that they should have formidable spiritual force. It was well known that summoners couldn't be too far from their summoned creatures. If a summoned creature goes beyond the summoner's range, then their control would go weaker up to the point where the summoner could no longer control the creature.

Out of everyone present, only a handful of them could achieve this. And to those who were able to do it, they were able to gauge of Zhao Hai's strength.

Before long, Zhao Hai's undead discovered an enemy, it was a Mage. Zhao Hai began to move. He walked out of the cave and went towards the Mage. The Undead that discovered the Mage was already unsummoned by Zhao Hai. Because of this, the Mage had yet to know that he has been discovered.

Just like everyone else, the Mage was using spiritual force in order to explore the surroundings. He carefully moved forward while also having a protective shield around him. Although this might possibly cause him to be discovered, the shield would protect him from any surprise attack.

Zhao Hai slowly trekked through the dense forest. From the Undead, he knew about the terrain in front of him. Therefore, he wasn't worried about falling into pits.

Before long, Zhao Hai felt the Mage's presence. He didn't only feel the Mage's spiritual force, he could also feel the energy coming off of the shield.

Zhao Hai began to tread carefully. Not only did he withdraw his spiritual force, he also hid his form using the shadow of the trees.

The people in the spectator room looked breathlessly at Zhao Hai's actions. They found that Zhao Hai was like an assassin as he proceeded carefully. The Mage didn't discover Zhao Hai at all. The distance between the two was getting smaller and smaller.

When the distance between the two became a hundred meters, Zhao Hai suddenly sped up. He appeared behind the Mage and then a 50-layer formation set appeared in his hand. Then Zhao Hai said, "Sharp Metal, Spear!" As his voice fell, a huge metal spear flew out of the magic formation, stabbing through the Mage's shield. And like a bubble, the shield broke.

Just as the Mage was about to counterattack, Zhao Hai already got another 50-layer formation ready. When the formation appeared, Zhao Hai said, "Breeze lock!" Along with Zhao Hai words, a wind element chain appeared around the Mage and then entangled him. When the Mage was captured, the Mage was already out of the test. This was because Zhao Hai could kill him in that state.

The Mage understood this point and his expression couldn't help but drop. Then he nodded towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai waved his hand and the wind chains vanished. The Mage bowed towards Zhao Hai before leaving the battlefield.

Zhao Hai moved once more and disappeared into the forest. If the people from the spectator room didn't look through the cameras, then they wouldn't have known where he was.

Zhao Hai's fight with the Mage was very short. Zhao Hai only sent two magic formations to defeat the other party. However, as long as magic was used, a disturbance would appear. The others already noticed the magical waves coming from the battle.

At this time, Zhao Hai was flying towards a Warrior. This Warrior was level 4. Although his strength was among the top, he was still quite careful. He had his weapon ready and he moved slowly.

Then suddenly, the Warrior felt magical ripples in front of him. He wasn't familiar with this ripple, so he readied his sword so that he could immediately send his sword qi.

After carefully advancing for two minutes, the Warrior suddenly felt some movement not far away from him. He hid behind a tree and looked ahead. What he saw stunned him. This was because not too far from him was an Undead holding a mage staff. When he saw this, he was startled, he knew that this was a trap!

But even if the Warrior found out about this, it was already too late. He suddenly heard a voice saying, "Green vine, entangle!" Upon hearing this voice, the Warrior found that the tree he was hiding behind suddenly sprouted vines. It didn't take long before the vines wrapped around the Warrior.

However, the vines didn't wrap him for a long time and loosened slowly after. When the Warrior saw Zhao Hai, he didn't say anything and just nodded before leaving the area.

The man sighed as he took his sword and left the training grounds.

At this moment, the other people arrived at the place of Zhao Hai's first battle. Naturally, there was nobody there. Although traces of magic were still present, nobody could make any use of it.

The eight people looked at each other. Then they felt the magic that Zhao Hai released when fighting the Warrior. But just as they were about to go over, they suddenly found out that they had been surrounded!

Chapter 1122: Resolution of Zhao Hai

There were ten thousand bone-armored Undead, each holding their own weapon, and were on battle formation. The undead surrounded the eight people. The eight knew that the test was over upon seeing all of these Undead. The undead were too high-level; each one of them were rank 9 Apprentices. Such strength with that number, they had no chance to resist.

Desbarres and the others also knew that the test was over when they saw this situation. Desbarres and Tao Wang looked at each other and saw a trace of excitement on the other's eyes.

Zhao Hai's strength and his use of magic formations were completely beyond their imagination. One shouldn't just look at the layered formations that Zhao Hai used. For Desbarres, level 4 Mages could also use normal formations instead of layered ones. They were like cooks. If they only have a handful of recipes on hand, then it might not be appropriate to use those all the time. Sometimes, the chef needed to use ordinary dishes to serve his customers.

Level 4 Mages might be known for their multiple-layer formations. But during battles, they only use layered formations about ten to twenty times. It was impossible to use layered formations all the time. Although layered formations held great power, the speed of casting them wasn't quick. And in battle, the faster you can release your magic, the better your chances of winning would be.

On the other hand, the magic that Zhao Hai used were all 50-layered formations. Moreover, he casted them in almost an instant. Not even level 5 or level 6 Mages could do this. Therefore, Desbarres and Tao Wang were very happy.

The other people in the room were also very happy. Zhao Hai's performance far exceeded what they expected. They really didn't expect a three-month ascender to have this strength. In their minds, Zhao Hai was the hope of the Bone Symbol Camp.

Now that the test was done, Desbarres and Tao Wang led the other people in the Bone Symbol Camp towards the training ground's exit. When Zhao Hai came out, Desbarres laughed and patted his shoulders, then he said, "Little Hai, good, good. Everyone, let's go to the restaurant. We'll have a good drink together!" Everyone cheered. But some of them curiously looked at Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't appear in the camp in the past two months; he just stayed inside his room. However, details about him were spread towards the camp. He only ascended for a month; then after taking an exam, he entered the Bone Symbol Camp.

To be honest, the people from the Bone Symbol Camp found this timeframe hard to believe. But at the same time, they also felt happy. They were somewhat looking forward to seeing this talent that Desbarres brought. They were anticipating what miracles he would do after closing up for two months.

And sure enough, Zhao Hai didn't disappoint them. After closing up for two months, he really did bring forth a miracle. He actually ended a battle against ten people in such a short time. Although his undead practically ended the test, these Undead were part of his strength. Because of this, nobody thought that it was unfair.

Desbarres brought everyone to a large restaurant. This large restaurant spanned the first to third floor of the building. The entire place could accommodate ten thousand people at the same time.

At the end of each year, members of the Bone Symbol camp would come here for a meal. Everyone would participate. They would review what happened that year while also giving away bonuses.

After bringing the group to the restaurant, Desbarres also rung everyone currently in the camp. It didn't take long before 5000 people came in at once.

Desbarres didn't stop anyone. When he saw that almost everyone was here, Desbarres stood up from his seat and walked to the middle. He looked at everyone and said, "I reckon everyone already knows about today's gathering. I'm officially introducing Zhao Hai. He joined the Bone Symbol Camp two months ago. And after closing up for two months, he is now officially joining the camp."

Zhao Hai stood up as well. Tao Wang then pushed him towards the Camp Lord's side. He bowed to everyone in the camp and was met with applause.

Desbarres waved his hand down and the crowd stopped. He looked around and said, "Besides introducing Little Hai to you, I also called you over for an announcement. I've decided to have Little Hai represent the Bone Symbol Camp in this generation's Six Realm Beginner Competition!"

Upon hearing the Camp Lord, the entire room went abuzz. Theoretically, the Six Realm Beginner Competition can be attended by any ascender that had ascended for less than five years. However, most groups would have an internal test before deciding on who to send.

As for the Ashley Family, the eight camps of the External Hall would conduct a test among themselves. Then they would select the strongest to participate in the Machine Field's own test. This time, there was no limit to how many joined. This matter will be decided by the Camp Lords; the family wouldn't interfere.

Although there were quite a few newcomers who wanted to participate in the competition, they still have to pass Desbarres's test. And according to the Camp Lord's previous actions, he wouldn't send the truly strong individuals. He was afraid that they would lose their lives in the competition.

Desbarres properly cared for these new members. Although those people might blame him, Desbarres didn't want to make any risks. This was because Desbarres knew that their strength was still quite bad. Not to say about the Machine Field's qualifiers, they might not even pass the test inside the family.

The Ashley Family adopted a very strict stance on competition. The relationship between the eight camps wasn't good; and the competition between them was very serious. If these newcomers from the Bone Symbol Camp join the competition, then some of them might die. Because of this, Desbarres didn't allow them to join.

If Zhao Hai didn't pass the test, then Desbarres wouldn't let him participate. Even if Zhao Hai wanted to, then it was useless. The test didn't only test Zhao Hai's strength, it also tested his combat experience. Seeing Zhao Hai's performance, Desbarres knew that Zhao Hai had been in wars. So he was at ease.

Desbarres looked at everyone's reaction. These people didn't know Zhao Hai's ability, so their reaction was normal.

Desbarres didn't say anything and just stood quietly for a while. At the same time, when those present saw that Desbarres didn't speak for some time, they also began to quiet down.

When the hall turned quiet, Desbarres said, "There's no need to doubt Little Hai's strength. Although he just ascended for three months, he had already passed the test I've prepared for him. He definitely has the strength to participate in the beginner competition's qualifiers. If you aren't convinced, then you can talk to his opponents."

The people that Desbarres talked about weren't embarrassed to be defeated by Zhao Hai in the test. On the contrary, they stood up and gave everyone a salute.

Desbarres continued, "The first competition is in one month. So nobody disturb Zhao Hai during this period of time, understand?" Everyone loudly complied. Then Desbarres led Zhao Hai to return to their table.

Desbarres's table only had a few people in it. There was Desbarres himself, Tao Wang, Zhao Hai, and then a man dressed in Warrior clothing. This person was very tall and had muscles akin to forged copper. He had a bald head and radiant eyes. His pair of hands were particularly thick.

This person was called Tie Sheng. He was a level 5 Warrior whose weapons were a pair of hammers. He was also an Expert who knew how the camp worked and was Desbarres's most efficient assistant.

Tie Sheng was on duty before and had just come back. He also saw Zhao Hai's exam and understood his strength. Because of this, he was very polite towards Zhao Hai.

After Desbarres sat down, he looked at the three and said, “Now that Little Hai’s test is finished, A’Wang, take Little Hai to the treasury tomorrow. Let him choose a few weapons and armor. Those things have gathered dust for several years, its time for them to come out.”

Tao Wang gave a small nod before turning to Zhao Hai and saying, “Little Hai, although our Bone Symbol Camp is worse than before, when it comes to riches, no other camp compares to us. All these years, the camp has been collecting a lot of good treasures. I will go take you to see them tomorrow.”

Although he knew that these wouldn’t be useful for this strength, Zhao Hai still gave a nod. He doesn’t want people to know about this magic staff yet. Even if his staff was his exclusive item, people would still attempt to grab it once they know about its abilities. In their eyes, even if they couldn’t use it, they’d still prefer it if it was in their hands.

Because of this, Zhao Hai decided to follow Tao Wang and take a few weapons for himself. After all, when in battle, it was always better to have more weapons in hand.

Everyone happily ate their meal. Naturally, everyone was talking about Zhao Hai. Desbarres and Tao Wang seems to be very happy as they drank a lot of wine and talked nonstop.

When the feast was over, Zhao Hai returned to his room and entered the Space. Laura and the others were already waiting for him to come back. After they saw Zhao Hai, they immediately provided him with spatial water.

After Zhao Hai had settled down, Laura looked at him and said, “Brother Hai, how’s the test?”

Zhao Hai’s face was a bit heavy when he replied, “It went very well. Instantaneous casting of 50-layer formations are on a completely different level compared to lower realm spells. Although they look ordinary, I’m quite sure that even Addison wouldn’t be able to block them.”

As soon as they heard this, Laura and the others nodded. But then, Laura asked, “That’s fantastic. But why aren’t you glad?”

Zhao Hai let out a long sigh and said, “Although this power is already good in the Machine Field, we still fall short compared to the people in the other realms. Don’t forget, the Machine Field is the weakest

one among the six realms of the World of Cultivation. Battleships are the king here. Experts defeated by battleships couldn't be defeated by normal Mages. On the other hand, powerful experts from the Cultivation Realm could contend against a fleet just on their own. If we are recognized by Lu Wei this time, then we'll be out of luck."

When they heard this, Laura and the others turned silent. After a while, Laura said, "Brother Hai, what do you mean?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "It's nothing, I was just thinking. We've already arrived here in the World of Cultivation. Additionally, with our current strength, we don't necessarily need to be afraid of Lu Wei. Even if Lu Wei is a member of a sect, he still wouldn't be able to do anything in the Machine Field. If we keep being afraid because of Lu Wei, then we wouldn't be able to advance in this place."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Laura and the others stared. Then they looked at Zhao Hai in confusion. In the past, because he was afraid of being chased by Lu Wei, Zhao Hai ascended in the Atlanta Plane. But now, he's no longer afraid?"

Zhao Hai saw their expressions and couldn't help but smile faintly as he said, "Are you wondering why I'm afraid of Lu Wei in the lower realms but now I'm not? We're already here, so why the need to be afraid? Why should we continue being afraid of Lu Wei? Since I decided to show my abilities, then we need to prepare for a fight. This time, I'll make an impact so big that the other realms would understand that Mages in the Machine Field couldn't be underestimated. And as long as we give benefits to the Machine Field, then the Machine Field will certainly guarantee our safety."

Laura and the others were clever people, so they immediately understood what Zhao Hai meant. Laura nodded and said, "Alright. Since Brother Hai can now use thousand-layer formations, you will certainly get a high ranking in the beginner competition. As long as you have a good accomplishment, then the Machine Field will certainly ensure your safety. Even if Lu Wei chases you down, the Machine Field would still block him. If they don't save you, then nobody might want to work for them in the future. Therefore, it doesn't matter if it was Lu Wei, Yin Wind Ghost Emperor, or the Myriad Treasures Pavillion, we don't have to worry about them."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Not only that, but I also want to use this competition to contact a huge sect in the Cultivation Realm. As long as I can enter one of them, I would truly be assured."

The others nodded. Laura said, "Brother Hai will surely get to join one."

Chapter 1123: Treasury

Zhao Hai was currently inside an elevator with Tao Wang. Not everyone can go inside this particular elevator. Without Desbarres's permission, nobody besides Tao Wang can enter this place. If those with no permission force their way in, then the defense system will immediately attack them.

There were only two buttons that can be pressed in this elevator. Moreover, this elevator was headed towards an underground area. Only a few people were aware of it.

While he stood inside the elevator, Tao Wang turned to Zhao Hai and said, "This elevator's sole destination is the camp's treasury. Inside are things that the Bone Symbol Camp had accumulated for many years. The Camp Lord was always reluctant in using what's inside. He always said that we could only use them during major situations. Besides me, the Camp Lord, and Tie Sheng, nobody else is allowed to enter this place."

Zhao Hao nodded. He couldn't help but feel warm inside. Desbarres and the others had taken very good care of him, making it difficult for him to pay them back. Zhao Hai's principle was returning a drop of graciousness with a river of gratitude. Therefore, he will definitely pay Desbarres's favor back.

Tao Wang continued, "The treasury is a kilometer underground. Above it are multiple defensive measures. One floor is built out of spirit-suppressing stone. There are also early warning systems, magical defense system, and even a self-destruct system. Anyone who dared to go to the treasury without authorization will be ruthlessly dealt with. And even if an extremely powerful expert comes, the treasury could blow itself up. The might of this explosion is equivalent to a hundred thousand nuclear bombs. I'm afraid that if the treasury truly explodes, then it would take the entire Dark Demon Planet along with it."

Zhao Hai was startled, he didn't expect a treasury defense system to be this formidable. It even has a self destruct mechanism that can destroy the entire planet.

Tao Wang turned to look at Zhao Hai and said, "The reason why the Bone Symbol Camp is rich was because the Camp Lord and our various brothers had desperately worked hard for it. The Camp Lord said that these things are shared by all of the brothers in the camp. Even if one of us is left, then they could still revive the camp. And if the Bone Symbol Camp cannot keep these things anymore, then the treasury might as well be buried along with our brothers. It can't fall into the hands of outsiders."

Zhao Hai nodded. He didn't expect the ferocious looking but friendly Desbarres would actually be this ruthless!

The elevator descended for more than ten minutes before it stopped. Then Tao Wang left the elevator first with Zhao Hai closely following behind. Outside the elevator was a small room with three doors in it. Marked on the doors were the numbers one, two, and three.

Tao Wang led Zhao Hai to door number 1. Then he took a key no more than 30 centimeters long. Zhao Hai observed the key and saw that it looked very ordinary. However, it was made out of a material that was neither wood nor metal. It looked quite magical.

After walking to the door, Tao Wang softly knocked on it. After knocking more than 20 times, he stopped. Shortly after that, a magic formation began to appear on the door. When the formation disappeared, a keyhole was left in its place.

Tao Wang proceeded to insert the key and proceeded to unlock the door. The unlocking process wasn't a one-directional action like rotating. It involved moving the key left to right as well as twisting it at certain angles, it looked very troublesome.

Tao Wang used more than ten minutes to unlock the door. Seeing the door open with no problems, Tao Wang let out a long breath before he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Let's go. The treasury is divided into four small storehouses. And in order to be safe, doors 2 and 3 are false storehouses. If people went through those doors, then they would immediately be reported. And if the door is forcefully opened, then the self-destruct mechanism would start."

As they were talking, Tao Wang and Zhao Hai entered door number 1. Upon passing through the door, Zhao Hai's eyes shone brightly. This storehouse was 30 meters high, about ten thousand meters long and also ten thousand meters wide. There were a lot of shelves inside. These shelves were covered with glass containers. There were a lot of weapons on these shelves, both used by Mages and Warriors. There were even formation plates.

Tao Wang looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, "This is only the outside of storehouse 1. We won't be staying here for long. Let's go and see the other three storehouses. The good things are there."

Tao Wang led Zhao Hai further into the storehouse. There were three other doors in this place, each about ten meters high and four meters wide. This time, Tao Wang didn't use a key and just knocked a few times before the door automatically opened.

When the door opened, Tao Wang led Zhao Hai to go in. Then as they were walking, Tao Wang said, "This is one of the three internal treasuries of the Bone Symbol Camp. The three treasures are respectively named, Armor Treasury, Weapon Treasury, and Magic Treasury. We're currently in the Armor Treasury. Deposited here are things used for protection. Armors present here not only included those for Warriors. There are also armors that Mages can use. You can look through each item to see their function. It's much better than me introducing them."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he used his spiritual sense to scan the entire treasury. To be honest, he wasn't expecting to obtain something useful here. With his staff, almost all of his problems were solved. If he wasn't afraid of other people getting suspicious, then he would've already rejected choosing a weapon.

As he swept the area with his spiritual force, Zhao Hai discovered that not only was his spiritual force not suppressed, it was even amplified. This enabled him to see the armors more clearly.

After he swept the place, Zhao Hai saw that the armors here were divided into two types. The first type were those that were made in the Machine Field. A majority of these armors were made of metals with engravings on them. Some looked like iron cans. There were also a few that were inner armors, they were mostly made out of metal arranged in a chainmail configuration.

The other type of armors were armor that had been snatched or bought from the other realms. The styles of these armors greatly varied. Some looked like ancient armors while some looked like cotton garments that doesn't seem like protective armor at all.

Zhao Hai wasn't interested on those full body armors. Even if he received those armor by chance, he still wouldn't use them.

Armors from the Cultivation Realm were further divided into two types. There were protection-type and garment-type. Protection types could recognize their owners by spiritual force. Afterwards, they could be nourished by their users. The longer they were nourished, the more powerful their protection would be.

As for garment-type armors, they were armor that can be worn outside. They could provide pure defense and also passive body cleaning. There were also those that can allow their user to turn invisible. But because of its nature, garment-type armors had much worse defense compared to protection-types.

At the same time, armors from the Machine Field were also divided into two types. First type were exoskeleton armors. These armors were those iron cans that Zhao Hai saw before. These armors were made with the combination of magic and science. When not in use, these armors would be like small devices. But once they were activated, they would surround the user's body, including the eyes. There was also a computer program inside these armors. The armor itself had a magic formation that provided it with power. Not only could these armors provide protection, they could also aid its user during battle.

However, the downside of this armor was that it takes time for it to fully activate. Although it was only a fraction of time, this smidgen of time was enough for an Expert to take a life.

The second type of armors were these inner armors that looked like chain armor. These armors couldn't cover the entire body and could only be worn as undergarments. Moreover, the manufacturing of these armors was very complex. Each chain in the armor had a magic formation engraved on it, making it good for defense. This chain armor could only play a defensive function and can't be used for attack. It also needed a supply of spiritual force when defending. The more powerful your spiritual force is, the stronger its defensive ability.

To be honest, armors made in the Machine Field still couldn't compare to those in the Cultivation Realm. Although the chain armor looked good, depending on it for defense at the very beginning was very dangerous. Armors from the cultivation realm provide for their own energy and can automatically protect their user. With the Cultivation Realm's armors, regardless if the user noticed the attack or not, they would still be protected by their armor; which was almost a life-saving ability.

Zhao Hai scoured through the armors and analyzed them. He was favoring the cotton garments of the Cultivation Realms. Although their defense was quite poor, the functions were still very useful. It was also the most comfortable armor to wear in comparison to the others.

Just as he was about to pick a cotton armor for himself. Zhao Hai suddenly discovered something at the corner of the Machine Field section. It was a clump of mercury-looking substance. It didn't look like an armor at all and instead it was a metal sphere.

Zhao Hai stared. This was because this metal sphere had no introduction, which was surprising.

Tao Wang had been paying attention to Zhao Hai all this time. When he saw Zhao Hai's expression change, he couldn't help but be curious. He didn't know what Zhao Hai just discovered.

At this time, Zhao Hai suddenly said, "Big Brother Tao, I just saw a sphere of liquid metal. What is that?"

When he heard Zhao Hai, Tao Wang immediately knew what he found. Tao Wang smiled bitterly and said, "That sphere of liquid metal is actually very famous in the Machine Field. Nobody knows that it fell into our hands. But even if they did, there wouldn't be too much of a reaction. After all, it is a failed product."

Chapter 1124: Leng Wuyeng's Shocking Talen

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Zhao Hai asked, "Failure? Why would a failure be in the treasury?"

Tao Wang smiled bitterly and said, "Although it is a failure, the person who made it is very famous. He is the most renowned refiner in the Machine Field of all time, Leng Wuyeng."

Upon hearing the name Leng Wuyeng, Zhao Hai was shocked. Leng Wuyeng was born 35 thousand years ago. He wasn't an ascender and was a native of the Machine Field. He died 32 thousand years ago, living up to three thousand years old!

Naturally, Leng Wuyeng wasn't famous because of his longevity. Instead, he was known for his refining ability as well as his contribution to Magic Theory. Leng Wuyeng was a natural genius. He also had a knack for Magic Theory. During his time, the Machine Field still wasn't an independent existence. Instead it was a territory managed by the Cultivation Realm. It was a piece of wasteland where people that cannot cultivate gather. They could only study lower realm magic and battle qi. Because of this, they had no way to contend against those who use cultivation methods.

Leng Wuyeng was born to an ordinary Mage family. Even if both of his parents were Mages, their status was very low. Their family was pretty much living in hardship.

Because of his background, Leng Wuyeng swore that he would change the status of Mages in the World of Cultivation. He diligently studied Magic while also researching magic formations. During his time, runes were still unknown and the system of creating formations had yet to be made.

Later on, because of his talent, Leng Wuyeng joined a sect called Formation Gate and became a disciple. It was then that he started being in contact with true formations of the Cultivation Realm.

The formation system of the Cultivation Realm was a complete one. Each formation were comprised of runes. This made the formation easier to arrange and even more powerful.

After being introduced to this, Leng Wuyeng started to deconstruct magic formations. Then he used his results to systemize runes. His research was specially aimed towards runes.

When Leng Wuyeng reached the age of 2000, Magic Theory was beginning to take shape. And once Magic Theory was announced to the Machine Field, the entire realm seethed with excitement.

Although Magic Theory was unable to contend with cultivation methods, it was still a huge improvement for Mages. If a Mage was able to use a ten thousand or ten million-layer formations, then they would surely be able to contend with the top experts in the World of Cultivation.

This method didn't only cause an uproar in the Machine Field. The effects of its creation rippled throughout the six realms. Afraid of losing control over the Machine Field, the Cultivation Realm began suppressing the Mages.

Having just studied Magic Theory, the Mages naturally couldn't match the cultivators. They were defeated again and again. It didn't take long before they were driven into a corner.

Leng Wuyeng didn't expect this outcome since he was so focused on improving the strength of the Mages. He didn't think that he would bring forth a disaster to his people. In the end, he didn't hesitate to close up for eight years, resulting in magic formations that were now used inside mechs and battleships. And once the Machine Field began manufacturing mechs and battleships, they started their counterattack. After years of battle, the Machine Field was finally able to carve their own territory in the World of Cultivation. They were finally able to become the sixth realm in the World of Cultivation.

But Leng Wuyeng was still aware of the innate flaw between the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm. The Machine Field didn't have peak artifacts that major groups in the Cultivation Realm had. With these peak artifacts, a person's power would equal the might of ten million. They were the true ultimate weapons.

And at the same time, as they were repelling the Cultivation Realm, Leng Wuyeng began to feel the end of his lifespan. Because of this, he used his remaining time to leave a treasure behind. This way, the Machine Field would have a peak artifact capable of resisting the Cultivation Realm.

Leng Wuyeng closed up once more for refining. He used a large number of treasures that he collected his entire life, as well as a powerful technique in order to condense them together and form this liquid sphere. But this sphere was still a half-finished product. This was because it missed the most important step, condensing the formation.

Leng Wuyeng's refining technique was different from the Cultivation Realm's. In the Cultivation Realm, the final step of refining was the attachment of an artifact spirit. Only with an artifact spirit would magic treasures display their most formidable might.

However Leng Wuyeng's method didn't have spirit attachment. Instead, it was a three-step method divided into smelting, tempering, and condensing formation. Moreover, Leng Wuyeng doesn't engrave formations from the Cultivation Realm, instead he used those made with Magic Theory.

In the Cultivation Realm, the influence of the first formation was big. The reason for this was because the five elements promotes and restrain each other. Some artifacts only allow a few formations to be engraved on them. Even if the material was good, the most formations one could engrave was 1890 formations. Moreover, this was a number most Cultivators wouldn't reach.

Leng Wuyeng's weapon allowed the engraving of 129,600 formations. Moreover, this weapon can be augmented with additional materials. And every material added, one could carve an additional 1890 formations. It was absolutely formidable.

Unfortunately, Leng Wuyeng's lifespan ran out just as tempering was finished. At this point, it was impossible to engrave it with formations.

And because it was an original artifact, it had special requirements. One needed to engrave the 129,600 formations in one go. If one fails to do this, then engraving would not succeed. Only after the 129,600 formations were finished could one add materials and another 1890 formations.

Leng Wuyeng decided to create the weapon because he thought that he could still engrave formations on it. Since his lifespan was nearing its end, he wanted to squeeze the last part of it in order to engrave the 129,600 formations. As long as he finished engraving this formation, then other formidable Mages would be able to add materials and engrave the succeeding formations. With this setup, the weapon would get stronger and stronger until it would surpass any weapon in the Cultivation Realm. By that time, the Machine Field would no longer be afraid of the Cultivation Realm.

Unfortunately, Leng Wuyeng underestimated the time needed to smelt the materials. When he died, he just barely managed to finish tempering the weapon. He didn't have time left to engrave the formations.

After Leng Wuyeng, although the Cultivation Realm still accepted disciples from the Machine Field, nobody was able to reach his level. Therefore, Leng Wuyeng's weapon was never finished. In the end, it can only be placed here.

Zhao Hai wasn't strange to the name of Leng Wuyeng. Although Leng Wuyeng has been dead for countless years, his position was still irreplaceable in the Machine Field. It can be said that the Machine Field wouldn't have become this powerful without him. According to legend, Leng Wuyeng can release 50 thousand-layer formations, and maybe even more. Mages from the present Machine Field would find it impossible to reach this level. Only a few could use 1 thousand-layer formations, not to say 50 thousand layers.

But as for Leng Wuyeng refining a weapon, Zhao Hai was completely clueless. Now after hearing Tao Wang, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be both shocked and happy.

He was shocked because Leng Wuyeng was actually a talent beyond comparison. By his own ability, he snatched the Machine Field from the hands of the Cultivation Realm. He single handedly gave the Machine Field its independence.

Zhao Hai was happy because Leng Wuyeng actually refined a weapon. Others might not find any use of it, but for Zhao Hai, this weapon was something that he must have.

Tao Wang stood beside the weapon and couldn't help but sigh. He failed to see Zhao Hai's eyes burning as they looked at the weapon. After some time, Tao Wang felt that something wasn't right. Sensing that Zhao Hai was silent, Tao Wang turned and was shocked. Zhao Hai's eyes were stubbornly stuck on the weapon made by Leng Wuyeng. Tao Wang was scared for a moment, Zhao Hai had the same look as someone who wanted something no matter what.

Tao Wang stared, then he quickly said, "Little Hai, don't tell me you want this thing? It's useless. Although its materials are top-ranked, you cannot use it with Magic Theory. It would be a waste if you have this, choose another one."

Zhao Hai turned his head to Tao Wang and said, "Big Brother Tao, can you give this thing to me? I want it."

Tao Wang sighed and said, "Little Hai, you know that even if this thing can't be used, it is still a sentimental item. So even if I give it to you, you still wouldn't be able to take it out. If others see it, then they will certainly grab it. Listen to Big Brother's words, choose something else."

Zhao Hai firmly shook his head and said, "Big Brother Tao, I don't want anything else other than this. I have a strong feeling in my heart that I must have it. Brother Tao, what do I need to do to get it?"

Tao Wang looked at Zhao Hai and couldn't help but be moved. To be honest, from the establishment of the treasury up to today, there had been a lot of people who had seen this item, but not one of them had the same strong feeling like Zhao Hai. Tao Wang felt that he needed to think about Zhao Hai's request even more.

Instinct was a strange and mysterious thing. Sometimes, you will have a strong feeling in obtaining something. This item might not be great to others, but when the right one gets it, it would be extremely useful for them. This magical feeling seems to be in Zhao Hai right now.

With this thought in mind, Tao Wang said, "Wait for a moment." Then after he said that, Tao Wang went to a nearby wall. The wall had a communication device on it. Tao Wang called Desbarres and told him about Zhao Hai's request. Desbarres didn't say anything other than to wait for him.

Desbarres, Zhao Hai, and Tao Wang were standing in front of a sphere of liquid metal. After some time, Desbarres said, "Little Hai, do you really want this thing? Aren't you afraid of getting just this one and nothing else?"

Zhao Hai repeatedly nodded, then he turned to Desbarres and said, "Camp Lord, I need to obtain it. As long as I have it, I don't care about anything else."

Desbarres looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Can you tell me why you want it? Is it just because of your instinct?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "It's not just because I feel it. I also want to try and see if I can succeed in engraving the formations. I want to make it a true weapon."

As soon as he heard Zhao Hai, Desbarres couldn't help but stare. Then he said, "You really want to try?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'd like to give it a try. This weapons needs 129,600 formations and then another 1890 formations after adding other materials. I think I can do both of it. I also have some materials that can add to it. If I can succeed, then even if I cannot display all of the weapon's strength, I can still go against experts in the Cultivation Realm."

When Desbarres and Tao Wang heard Zhao Hai, they let out a sigh. They shook their heads at the same time then Desbarres said, "Little Hai, if this is your reason, then I suggest you just forget it. A lot of people thought about this before but weren't successful in the end. This is because the weapon has high requirements for added materials. The materials that can be added to it are limited in number. It also needs to be a material that can handle a lot of formations. Even if you can engrave the formations, if the material is not enough, then you still wouldn't succeed. I tried it before and I failed. You should give up.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Camp Lord, Big Brother Tao, rest assured. I'm not doing this on a whim. I want it."

Zhao Hai found that the two didn't want to give him this weapon wasn't because they were reluctant, they just thought that it wouldn't have any use for Zhao Hai. And if others know that the weapon was in Zhao Hai's hands, then he would be in unnecessary danger.

Desbarres and Tao Wang saw Zhao Hai's conviction, they didn't say anything and just nodded. Then Desbarres said, "Alright, take it. Take two items for yourself as well. Even if you can complete it, you still can't use it right now. You need things to protect yourself."

Zhao Hai smiled at Tao Wang and Desbarres, then he said, "Camp Lord, Big Brother Tao, there's no need. I'll use the remaining one month before the family competition to complete this."

Desbarres stared, then his expression changed as he said, "Little Hai, listen to me, your that wouldn't be good. You choose two items, one weapon and one defensive item."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Camp Lord, rest assured, I'm quite confident in this. Actually, in the lower realms, I once took a risk and was able to obtain a treasure. The treasure's name is measureless golden sand. It is produced from earth fire and can be used for refining. I intend to use it to complete this weapon. I believe I can succeed."

Desbarres paused after hearing Zhao Hai. They also heard about measureless golden sand. It was a formidable treasure that didn't only give the metal attribute, it also had space attribute. It's quite a rare crafting material. If Zhao Hai really has this, then he could certainly try completing the weapon.

Seeing Desbarres and Tao Wang's appearance, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then waved his hand. He took out a crystal jar. Inside the jar wasn't wine nor other liquor. Instead, what was inside was a glistening golden sand.

Zhao Hai handed the jar over to Desbarres and said, "Camp Lord, I'm giving this bottle of measureless golden sand to the camp. A refiner in the camp should be able to use it. I don't have much in my hands and I still need to leave some for the weapon."

Desbarres' eyes shone when he heard Zhao Hai. Then upon receiving the bottle of golden sand, he laughed and said, "Kid, you really have a lot of good things on hand. Alright, I'll accept this. But if you still aren't able to complete the weapon in one month, then you need to come back here and pick two items."

Zhao Hai showed a smile and said, "Alright, then I agree. Camp Lord can rest assured."

Desbarres nodded, then he walked over to the cabinet with the liquid metal sphere. He tapped for a light screen to appear and then entered a passcode. The glass covered opened and the liquid metal sphere was revealed.

It was a sphere a meter in diameter and looked like a huge metal bubble. The metal surface was still flowing. And most importantly, this thing was floating inside the glass cabinet.

Seeing the metal, Zhao Hai's eyes shone. Then he waved his hand, sending the liquid metal to the Space. After storing the item, he turned to Desbarres and said, "Camp Lord, let's head back."

Desbarres nodded and placed the measureless golden sand into the cabinet. Then he turned around and left the treasury along with Tao Wang and Zhao Hai.

Upon leaving the treasury, Zhao Hai immediately returned to his room. He already told Desbarres that he would be closing up. Then he went to the Space.

The moment Zhao Hai introduced the sphere of metal to the Space, a prompt was heard, "Synthesized liquid metal sphere detected. Liquid metal can be used in conjunction with magic formations. Liquid metal can be analyzed through the Universal Scanner. Liquid metal can also be reconstructed through the Universal Processing Machine. Liquid metal can be unified with the Host's staff. The staff will turn silver and will increase in strength. The staff will then help the Host in using formations and layered formations. The original abilities of the staff will remain unchanged."

Zhao Hai nodded at the prompt. He understood that the sphere of liquid metal could be joined with his staff. Moreover, since this metal can aid in using magic formations, the staff could also assist him in using Magic Theory.

Zhao Hai's staff could still assist him in using magic formations before, but not much. This was because even if the staff had a lot of materials, like the 12 ultimate weapons, the Hell King's ship, as well as its other upgrades, these materials weren't specially designed for Magic Theory. They were more inclined towards the Cultivation Realm's formations. Zhao Hai was able to use magic formations with the staff entirely because the staff was able to transform itself and change to suit magic formations.

But now, if the liquid metal was incorporated to the staff, the staff would now have compatibility for formations. It can be said that the staff was now geared for Magic Theory.

It was because he heard this prompt that Zhao Hai quickly returned to the Space. He wanted to see what other pleasant surprises the liquid metal could give him.

Upon entering the Space, Laura immediately welcomed him. Zhao Hai looked at them and said, "What happened to the liquid metal?"

Laura smiled and said, "I'm sorry, Brother Hai. We've already fed that thing to the scanner. Once it's done analyzing, you can have a look."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile bitterly and said, "You're really impatient. If I came later, then would you have already completed it?"

Laura smiled faintly and said, "We can't do that. We know that the process is beneficial to you. We just want to see the item's composition."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then turned to Cai'er and said, "Cai'er, after the liquid metal is done being analyzed, fuse it to the staff. Also, have the scanner find the most compatible 14,850 formations for the metal. Then add those formations into the staff."

Cai'er smiled and said, "Young Master, there's no need to do that. Even if a compatible set is found, you still wouldn't be able to find a use for it. After the liquid metal combines with the staff, it would also be integrated to the Space. So as long as a formation is analyzed by the scanner, the staff would have it. However, with Young Master's current strength, you still wouldn't be able to use formation sets over a hundred layers. But after your strength is improved, you can even use millions of layered formation sets. Therefore, there's really no need for you to analyze formations for the staff."

Upon hearing Cai'er, Zhao Hai's expression lit up. Then he said, "Really? Will the staff really change that much after adding the liquid metal? Right, the liquid metal hasn't been combined with the staff, how do you know its effects?"

Cai'er replied, "Young Master, don't forget that when the liquid metal entered the Space, it has already been branded. Now that the Space is level 150, as long as it brands something, then it will immediately carry on an initial analysis. Therefore, although the liquid metal hasn't been unified with the staff, the Space can already figure out its future ability."

Zhao Hai nodded. His face was lit up, he was just too happy. The stronger the staff was, the better it was for him. With his current strength, he could only use thousand-layer formations. And after adding the liquid metal, the staff unexpectedly increased his ability by 100 times. This would allow him to layer about 100 thousand magic formations. This was absolutely good news for Zhao Hai.

According to Leng Wuyeng's deduction, as long as one could use 100 thousand layer formations, then they could contend with general powerhouses in the Cultivation Realm. This means that as long as the liquid metal merged with Zhao Hai's staff, then Zhao Hai would have means of protecting himself in the World of Cultivation.

This was what made Zhao Hai glad the most. The reason he flew to the Machine Field was because he had enemies in the Cultivation Realm. If he ascended in the Cultivation Realm, then most experts there would squash him. Because of this, he didn't dare enter Cultivation Realm.

After knowing the result, Zhao Hai relaxed. He didn't proceed to condense magic formations. This was because he had already condensed all formations that were made public. After thousands of years of development, the Machine Field made more than 13 million formations. If all of these formations were layered together, then its power was surely hard to imagine. Zhao Hai can be sure that even experts in the Cultivation Realm wouldn't be able to block formations made with a million layers.

However, with Zhao Hai's present strength, his limit was only a thousand layers. He has to rely on the staff and liquid metal to use 100 thousand layer formations.[1]

What Zhao Hai must do at this time was to practice the Stellar Tempering Body Technique. This wondrous benefits to the technique seemed infinite. And there was also the fist technique that could be used against the enemy. Zhao Hai believed that as long as he practiced, he will certainly gain great advantages.

In the beginning, Zhao Hai could only practice the tempering technique for two hours each day. But after days of practice, he was able to increase it to three hours. One shouldn't look down on this one hour of increase. For Zhao Hai, this additional hour can make double the effects of the body tempering technique.

Besides practicing the Stellar Body Tempering Technique and practicing his layered formations, Zhao Hai was also busy with another matter, researching the composition of magic runes.

Actually, Zhao Hai himself couldn't remember and understand all magic runes. His ability to use magic runes was mainly the Space's merit, not his own accomplishment. The Space was like an automatic memory storage, recording all of the runes that had been seen. Whenever Zhao Hai saw a rune, the Space would immediately give him the relevant information about it.

However, in the end, these things didn't belong to Zhao Hai. Because of this, he could only use existing formations, he cannot create new ones. This was also the Space's biggest weak point. The Space was merely a tool that can help you accomplish tasks. It cannot help you create something new. Without a proper understanding of the core principles, Zhao Hai wouldn't be able to create new things.

Therefore, Zhao Hai began studying magic runes by himself. This way, he can create his own formations. And with the Space, he wasn't afraid of making trash formations. What he needs to do was write magic formations down and analyze them.

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Chapter 1126: Heading Ou

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Zhao Hai spent the entire month practicing inside the Space. Ever since the staff and the liquid metal fused together, Zhao Hai gave it the name Liquid Silver. Zhao Hai also took this time to get familiar with Liquid Silver. At this moment Zhao Hai could use 100 thousand-layer formations sets.

Since Zhao hai already told Desbarres that he needed to close up, Desbarres gave the word that nobody should disturb him. Besides hoping Zhao Hai to prepare for the beginner competition's qualifiers, Desbarres also hoped that Zhao Hai could complete the liquid metal. Not only would this give Zhao Hai benefits, this advantage would also extend to the Machine Field.

In this month, Zhao Hai practiced the Stellar Body Tempering Technique and also familiarize himself with his new staff. At this point, Liquid Silver could no longer be called a magic staff as it was now closer to being a magic artifact. It was more of an item than a weapon.

Liquid Silver didn't only have the Blood Ghost Staff's ability, it also gained the liquid metal's characteristics. The staff can be used both offensively and defensively.

Zhao Hai wanted to see to what extent he could use the weapon. This way, he would know how to use his abilities more effectively.

Zhao hai could now use Liquid Silver to achieve 50 thousand layered formation sets. Even if it was 100 thousand, there wouldn't be any need to spend too much time.

And just like what he expected, if he only used his spiritual force to use Magic Theory, then he could only use 1 thousand-layer formations. But with Liquid Silver's support, his formations could reach 100 thousand layers. This strength was increased by nearly a hundred times.

In this one month, the Bone Symbol Camp was quite calm. Everyone did what they needed to do. Some of the less convinced members went to get tested. But after the test, they didn't mention entering the Six Realm Beginner Competition anymore.

And also during this time, Tao Wang and Desbarres were in agony. Zhao Hai wanted to close up, so they didn't dare disturb him. They didn't know anything about the liquid metal's progress. Without any knowledge about Zhao Hai, the two couldn't help but get more sleepless as the time limit was approaching.

Unlike the Bone Symbol Camp, the entire Machine Field wasn't calm. The Bone Symbol Camp didn't have any competition for their participants. However, the same wasn't true for the other camps. They could only fight, sometimes kill, their opponents so that they could progress further and be chosen as the representative for their camp.

Every external hall camp in the Machine Field was filled with bloodshed. It was precisely because of the Bone Symbol Camp's calmness that it was considered unique in the realm!

The newcomers of the Bone Symbol Camp were also paying attention to these competitions. After seeing the number of casualties each camp had, they quickly lost their motivation to join the competition. The rewards might be very good, but you would need to take lives in order to gain it. And once they participate in the qualifiers, if they didn't win, they would either be injured or dead. If this happened, then they would have lost everything.

The internal competition of the Ashley Family's camps only lasted for three days. Three days later, the Ashley Family's eight External Hall's camps would proceed to compete with each other. Then they would select 10 ascenders to be the Ashley Family's representatives in the Realm's qualifiers.

One shouldn't think that ten people from the Ashley Family was a very small number. Medium-sized influences in the Machine Field numbered several thousand. And if one adds those lower-sized powers, there would be even more participants. The Ashley Family having a quota of ten people was already an evidence of their status in the Machine Field.

The common language of the Six Realms was strength. The more strength you had, the more benefits, advantages, and favors you would gain.

Every time the beginner competition happens, the Machine Field would have a 100 slots. Compared to the thousands of ascenders who want to participate, 100 slots was too small of a number. It was precisely because of this that the three major powers of the Machine Field carried on intense internal assessments for their representatives. In the end, each power was given a quota based on their strength. First-class forces could send 20 people to the qualifiers, second-class could send 15, third-class was 10, fourth-class was five, and then one for fifth-class.

Naturally, this metric wasn't absolute. But changes to quotas could only decrease, never increase.

With this setup, there would be over ten thousand people participating in each realm qualifier. Selecting 100 people over more than ten thousand meant that the 100 left in the end would be the cream of the crop!

The Bone Symbol Camp didn't gain any good results the last few times the Bone Symbol Camp participated in the Ashley Family's qualifiers. In the end, they didn't get any slots in the realm qualifiers. It was precisely because of this that people thought that the Bone Symbol Camp had fallen.

But in the past few times that the Bone Symbol Camp had attended, they would at least send five people. But this time, Desbarres only listed one person, Zhao Hai!

If the eight camps want to enter the family's internal competition, then they would have to send their list of participants a month before the event. Moreover, it was prohibited to change this list. This was

because once people find out which people were participating, then they might replace their participants.

The Ashley Family decided to do it like this because they want the eight camps to investigate the participants and get familiar with their fighting style. Besides the Bone Symbol Camp, all other camps sent ten participants. Only the Bone Symbol Camp would submit less than the maximum number of people.

In the last competition, the Bone Symbol Camp sent five people to participate, but this time they only sent one. This caused an uproar in the Ashley Family. Not only the Ashley Family, the other people in the Machine Field were also baffled. They didn't expect the Bone Symbol Camp to only send one person. In their minds, the Bone Symbol Camp has truly fallen.

As the days passed, the day for the family's competition approached. However, Zhao Hai had yet to come out. Desbarres and Tao Wang couldn't help but worry even more. They sent people to stroll outside Zhao Hai's villa every day. They want to see if there were any sounds inside. But to their disappointment, Zhao Hai was completely silent.

On this day, Desbarres was currently sat inside his office, his face showing his anxiety. At this moment, Tao Wang entered the room. Upon seeing his assistant, Desbarres immediately asked, "Did he come out?" Tao Wang smiled and shook his head and said, "The family qualifiers is happening the day after tomorrow. If Little Hai fails to come out, then he would miss his chance for the Six Realms Beginner Competition."

Desbarres let out a long sigh. He smiled bitterly and said, "If he missed it, then he missed it. It's also good if he doesn't join. With the brutality of the competition, he would be safer if he doesn't join it. Moreover, since he had closed up for one month, then it means that the thing had some use for him. If he can make use of it, then it's worth it even if he missed the competition."

Tao Wang nodded, then his eyes shone as he said, "If Little Hai can use that thing, then it wouldn't only be the luck of the Bone Symbol Camp. It would also be the luck of the Ashley Family and the Machine Field."

At this time, Desbarres's computer made a sound. Desbarres looked at his wrist, the name on it made him stare. It was Zhao Hai calling him.

Desbarres stared for a moment before he opened his computer and happily greeted, "Little Hai!" Then Zhao Hai's image can be seen on the screen.

Seeing Zhao Hai's face, Desbarres asked, "Little Hai, how is it?" Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Camp Lord, I've completed it. I named it Liquid Silver. Right, Camp Lord, when will the family's qualifiers start?"

Desbarres immediately replied, "The day after tomorrow. Are you done with everything? Me and Tao Wang want to see it."

Zhao Hai understood what Desbarres wanted, he wanted to see Liquid Silver. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright. I'll prepare some food while waiting for you." Desbarres nodded, then he closed his computer and turned to Tao Wang, "Let's go see Little Hai."

Then he took off with Tao Wang following closely behind.

Tie Shen has been busy doing tasks outside, so he was rarely in the camp. However, he was coming back. After all, the Ashley Family's internal competition was approaching. For the camps, this event was very important. And now that the Bone Symbol Camp was only sending one participant, this means that this was the most crucial event for the camp in the last 20 years. This was something that Tie Sheng wouldn't want to miss.

Before long, Desbarres and Tao Wang arrived at Zhao Hai's villa. Zhao Hai was already waiting for them in the living room. Tinkle was the one offering everyone food, Zhao Hai just sat.

When Desbarres and Tao Wang entered the room, Zhao Hai smiled at them. He didn't say anything and just waved his hand, taking his silver staff out. The staff was more than 2 meters long. Its entire body was bright silver and at its head was a nine-layered silver lotus. On each tip of the lotus were small bells.

Liquid Silver's form didn't differ too much from the Blood Ghost Staff. However, its aura changed. Now, the staff looked more holy compared to its fierce appearance from before.

Chapter 1127: Life and Death Stage!

Dark Demon Planet, Lofty Demon Island, Life and Death Stage

Normally, only a few people were present in the Life and Death Stage. Only people hostile towards each other would duel there. In the Life and Death stage, injuries and deaths didn't matter, only enmity was taken into account. Average people wouldn't use the stage to take care of their enmity.

The Life and Death stage was a huge metal platform with a width and length of 100 meters. Each corner of the stage had a column with crystal stones, covering the stage with a barrier that won't let energy go through. This way, the spectators on the sides wouldn't be harmed.

Surrounding the stage were seats that could accommodate thirty thousand people. The VIP seats were based on the north side. People of status would sit in this area. Meanwhile, the other three sides were saved for the civilians. Anyone can sit on these three areas to watch the duels.

Usually, unless it was related to them, normal people wouldn't come to this place. This was because the killing aura in this place was too heavy.

Lofty Demon Island's area is huge, but the Life and Death Stage was placed on a small corner of the island. To be exact, the stage can't be regarded as part of the island. Instead, it was on a huge reef just outside. It was only connected to the island by bridges.

This day, in the normally desolate life and death stage, were a lot of people. There were numerous cars stopped at its parking lot outside. The spectator area was also packed with people. However, the northern area was empty. Naturally, this meant that the Patriarch had yet to arrive.

Then at exactly 9 a.m, melodious bells began ringing. The original bustling life and death stage suddenly turned quiet. The members of the Ashley Family were too familiar with these bells. This was the Ashley Family's World Bell!

The Ashley Family had plenty of special traditions, for example, there's the World Bell as well as the Police World Drum!

The World Bell was used whenever people with influence arrive and the area needed to be quiet. As for the Police World Drum, this would be used to issue a warning whenever danger came. Then all of the

family's combatants would have 30 breaths to get ready. If they weren't ready in 30 breaths, they would be executed.

Along with the Ashley Family's strong regulations, as soon as the World Bell rung, the audience immediately turned silent. Those who dared deliberately open their mouth would be executed.

The World Bell rang three times and then people began falling straight down from the sky. At the lead of these people was a man wearing a black mage robe and holding a black cane. He already had some white hair, but his face was ruddy, looking stern and defiant.

On his side were people with Mage Robes as well as Warrior Clothing. Desbarres was also among these high-level people.

The person at the lead was the Ashley Family's current Patriarch, Thunder Ashley. There were eight people around him. Two of them were managers of the internal government, two were external affairs directors, and the other four were managers of various manpower branches. But there was something that was common among these eight people, all of them handled their own camp. They were all Thunder Ashley's eight most trusted people.

The group stood on the life and death stage. Thunder Ashley looked around him and then announced, "Six Realm Beginner Competition, Ashley Family's internal qualifiers, officially begins!" Then he moved along with his entourage towards the northern spectator area.

When the group entered their reserved seats, a transparent glass immediately emerged from the ground, separating them from other people. Some of the other core members of the Ashley Family also entered and sat on their own seats.

At this time, a middle-aged man appeared on the stage. This person was also a fatty. But compared to Desbarres's ferocious face, this man was much more lovable, with a round face and a thick smile. He looked like someone you could fool. However, to those who knew this person, if you dared to make a fool of him, then you would die. This fatty was also quite famous. His name was Cadjo. He was someone Thunder Ashley grew up with. His current position was the Ashley Family's general manager, he is also the Chief Manager of Desbarres and the others.

With Desbarres's ferocious face as well as his kill count, he was named as the Killer Fatty. However, in the Ashley Family, there was another fatty with a much higher fame than him. This man was Cadjo. He killed more people than Desbarres, but his face wasn't as ferocious. He was the type of person who had a smiling face with a terrifying heart. Because of this, he was given the nickname of Smiling Demon Cadjo!

As soon as one hears these nicknames, one would know its meanings. Desbarres was given the name Killer Fatty while Cadjo was named a Demon. From this point, one could see the difference between the two.

At the same time, one shouldn't look down on Cadjo's position of General Manager. He was the person Thunder Ashley trusted the most, his relationship with Thunder Ashley's children was also quite good. Thunder's children treated him with great respect. It can be said that, in the Ashley Family, Cadjo was the number 2 after the Patriarch.

Cadjo stood on the stage with his big and wide smile. On the other hand, everyone in the Life and Death Stage were giving him their full attention. Nobody dared to look at him in contempt.

Cadjo looked around the stage before he said, "Today is a grand event for our Ashley Family. The Ashley Family's talented individuals will go on this stage and fight for the family's honor. I invite the 71 brave individuals from the External Hall's camps to stand on the stage!"

Just as his voice fell, two teams came out into the Life and Death stage. Some of them wore Mage Robes while the others wore Warrior Clothing. On their bodies were badges with a dark mist skeleton emblem. This was the Ashley Family's badge. However, there were small differences in their badges. For example, below the dark mist skeleton in Zhao Hai's badge were two criss-crossed bones, making it look like a pirate flag. This meant that Zhao Hai was from the Ashley Family's Bone Symbol Camp.

After the contestants entered the life and death stage, they quickly stood in groups according to their camps. The other groups had ten people while Zhao Hai stood alone, looking somewhat pitiful.

Cadjo also saw Zhao Hai, but he didn't say anything and just said, "We'll have the computer arrange everyone's numbers." Then after he said that, a ship appeared on top of the stage which released a light screen that formed a projection in mid-air.

Names began to appear on the screen, from number 1 to 71. Zhao Hai's number was at the middle, number 36.

After the numbers were shown, Cadjo looked at the projection and said, "For the first battle, we'll draw two numbers from the list."

Just as his voice fell, the projection began to roll two numbers. Finally, two numbers appeared, number 2 and number 58. Not only did the names of two participants appear on the screen, their faces and details were also displayed.

Zhao Hai also looked at the screen and saw that both were three-year ascenders and level 2. One was a Mage and the other was a Warrior.

When Cadjo saw that both sides had been decided, he said, "Alright, I'll have to ask the other participants to leave." Zhao Hai and the others who were in the life and death stage left and sat on the seats reserved for them.

At this moment, people in the VIP room began discussing the battle. Desbarres was sitting next to Thunder. From this point, one could see Desbarres's position in Thunder Ashley's heart. Otherwise, he wouldn't have sat this close to the Patriarch.

Thunder looked at Zhao Hai through the glass, then he turned to Desbarres and said, "Fatty Des, you're too stingy in sending fellows. You protect your people too much. That isn't good. And this time, you only sent one. Do you want to lose sooner to ease your worry? Also, I've read reports about this kid. He just ascended four months ago. Are you making it too easy?"

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "Patriarch, rest assured. I will not disappoint you this time. I might have sent only one person, but I can guarantee that you will be surprised."

As soon as he heard Desbarres, Thunder couldn't help but stare. At this time, a nearby person said, "Fatty, there's no point in bragging. Your camp hasn't sent more than eight people to participate in the competition. And every time, you're defeated early. This time, you even sent a young kid. I don't even believe people who ascended for four months to be able to use spiritual qi."

Desbarres didn't need to look to know who was talking. It was one of the four managers, Dia. Dia was brought into the Ashley Family's management 20 years ago. Him and Desbarres had always disagreed with each other. The two were always fighting each other in the dark.

Nevertheless, Desbarres wouldn't fight him too seriously. After all, Dia was also a member of the Ashley Family. If they were to fight for real, then the family would be heavily affected. For someone who grew up in the Ashley Family, this wasn't something that Desbarres wanted to see.

Since Desbarres didn't want to fight him head on, Dia began to think that Desbarres was afraid of him. Because of this, he would frequently make a jab at Desbarres during public situations. Seeing that it was difficult for him to retaliate, Desbarres chose to endure.

Thunder also knew about Desbarres thoughts. To be honest, he didn't like Dia. Thunder and Desbarres grew together, so he understood his friend the most. Thunder was aware that the Bone Symbol Camp was lacking a super expert. But in terms of comprehensive combat power, the other seven camps couldn't contend with the Bone Symbol Camp. Because of this, Thunder just turned a blind eye at Desbarres's passiveness.

Upon hearing Dia, Thunder couldn't help but wrinkle his brows. Desbarres gave Dia a glance before he sneered and said, "Dia, how about we make a bet. I bet ten million that Zhao Hai will take first place in the competition. If he gets first, then you'll give me ten million. Conversely, if Zhao Hai fails to get first place, then I lose ten million to you. What do you think? Do you dare?"

Chapter 1128: Going on Stage

As soon as Dia heard Desbarres, he couldn't help but stare. This was the first time Desbarres bet on something. Moreover, Dia was clearly aware of how sly Desbarres was. One shouldn't look at his ugly and terrifying face as well as his fat build, this fellow wasn't stupid. Conversely, the way this person plots was truly terrifying.

People who liked to plot would make sure that they won't suffer losses. And Dia knew that Desbarres was someone who only took profits and not loss. And now, this person actually proposed a bet. There was certainly something going on.

Dia couldn't help but turn towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai was currently on the side of the stage looking at the battle. There was nothing much to look at. Although the Mage was level 2, he was still having problems using Magic Theory. Perhaps he was too used to using his magic in the lower realm. However, this method was no longer powerful in the upper realm.

The Warrior was also having similar problems. Although he can already send out his sword qi, it was obvious that he was burdened every time he used it. Therefore, he wasn't sending his sword qi out and instead did melee combat with the Mage. The Mage was constantly moving as he shot magic towards the Warrior. It was a common type of Warrior vs Mage combat from the lower realms.

Zhao Hai looked at the two and shook his head. He then closed his eyes. All participants already had information about each other. However, this was the first time they saw each other in battle.

As for Zhao Hai's information, the only thing people knew was that he had ascended four months ago. He was a complete greenhorn. In their minds, Zhao Hai had offended Desbarres. Because of this, the Camp Lord sent him to this stage. This was basically murder using a borrowed knife.

In fact, after seeing this information, even Thunder had the same idea. But when he heard the bet Desbarres was about to make, he couldn't help but doubt this thinking. Then he turned to Desbarres in confusion.

Desbarres was intently waiting for Dia's reply. Dia looked at Desbarres and said, "Desbarres, how are you so sure?"

Desbarres coldly snorted and said, "Why do you care? Will you bet or not?" At the same time he showed glee in his eyes. As soon as he saw Desbarres's eyes, Dia knew that he was bluffing. Zhao Hai couldn't be an expert. Desbarres was just using this to make him afraid of doing a bet.

Dia thought himself smart when he deduced this. He immediately felt a great opportunity. He turned to Desbarres and coldly snorted, "Why wouldn't I? Of course I'll bet!" Desbarres willed his expression change, but he still said, "Alright, then it's decided." He didn't care about Dia after he said that.

Seeing Desbarres's appearance, Thunder couldn't help but feel worried. This fatty just dug a pit, and Dia happily jumped into it.

Thunder grew up with Desbarres. Because of this, he could understand the fatty's manners. He knew that Desbarres wouldn't go into matters that he didn't have control over. Since he made a bet with Dia, then it's certain that he believed his contestant would win.

With this thought in mind, Thunder couldn't help but feel more curious about Zhao Hai. He knew that Desbarres wouldn't lie about the time Zhao Hai ascended. Every ascender was assigned a robot and was managed by the ascender reception tower. These two places were controlled by the three major forces and were not subject to anyone's jurisdiction. Even the Ashley Family wouldn't be able to touch it. Therefore, Zhao Hai's basic information should be true.

Since Zhao Hai's records weren't a problem, then this meant that Zhao Hai was a true four-month ascender. Moreover, he was invited by Desbarres one month after he ascended. There's also the ten million machine coin bet that Desbarres made. From this point, Thunder Ashley could gauge Zhao Hai's strength.

Thunder turned towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai was currently closing his eyes. He was motionless, as though he fell asleep.

Seeing Zhao Hai's state, Thunder couldn't help but knit his brows. Zhao Hai's action was unsatisfactory. As a participant who is about to fight, he shouldn't give up the opportunity to observe his opponents. Generally, two kinds of people do this. The first kind are those who were arrogant. They think that they are invincible and didn't bother observing their opponents. The other kind are those with absolute strength. They would know at a glance how strong their opponents would be. They don't care how strong their enemy was as they are confident in winning.

Thunder thought that Zhao Hai should be the latter type. But even so, he still hoped that Zhao Hai would pay attention to the matches. This was because there were experts who lost to opponents weaker than them just because they were uninformed. And those who participate in this competition had one or two tricks up their sleeves. If one doesn't pay attention, then they would suffer under their opponents.

It didn't take long before the first battle ended with the Warrior's win. However, this result didn't make Thunder happy. This was because the skill of the two combatants wasn't high, even to the point of being weak. If they participate in the Machine Field's qualifiers with this strength, then they would come back defeated or even dead.

To any power in the Machine Field, the realm qualifiers was very important. Only through the qualifiers could a family get a lot of benefits. The higher their placement, the more benefits the family would

receive. In the past years, the Ashley Family's talents weren't too good. They weren't even able to join the top 100 in the last competition. This made Thunder very disappointed.

It was also for this reason that Thunder turned a blind eye on the camp's brutal elimination methods.

As battles go on, Thunder's expression turned more serious. Although the levels of the combatants were quite good, they still fall short compared to the talents from the other powers.

Being the Patriarch of the Ashley Family, Thunder also attached great importance to the talents of the other powers. It was especially true whenever the beginner competition was approaching. With their interests on the line, each power would look into the participants from other groups. It was because of this that Thunder understood how high the average strength of talents were.

Thunder also knew that this didn't mean that the eight camps weren't training their newcomers seriously. In fact, the camps from other powers weren't any better than the Ashley Family's. There were even some who were much worse than the Ashley Family's. Other families were just taking a different approach in training their participants.

Actually, this approach wasn't anything special. The key point to this training were the innately talented ascenders. From the day they entered the camp, all of the camp's resources would be immediately spent on them. Naturally, a program like this would produce more competitive talents compared to the Ashley Family. However, this also came at a disadvantage. Since most resources were focused on a select few, the cultivation of the other members would lag behind, causing the overall strength of the camp to go down.

Thunder knew what these people were thinking. In their minds, ascenders simply weren't included in their groups. These ascenders were merely tools in order to further the family's benefit. This mentality caused their method to be fundamentally different than the Ashley Family.

The Ashley Family attached great importance to their External Hall. And because of this, they were somewhat famous in the Machine Field.

What Zhao Hai didn't know was the fact that discrimination existed in the Machine Field. However, this discrimination didn't target different races. Instead, its focus was on the lower realm ascenders.

A large part of the World of Cultivation's natives held a feeling of superiority over lower realm ascenders. In their opinion, those born in the upper realms were a cut above those in the lower realms. Because of this, not a lot of them placed great importance towards ascenders.

Thunder looked at the participants in today's competition. If compared to other camps, their strength was actually very good. However, when it came to competitions, they fall short. Thunder began to consider reorganizing the family's camps and carry on targeted training.

The competition carried on, but Zhao Hai had yet to fight. With 71 contestants, there would be 35 battles while one participant would get a bye. Nobody protested this setup, after all, luck was part of one's strength.

Zhao Hai wasn't anxious. He just sat there and recalled the runes he studied. At this point, Zhao Hai couldn't help but praise magic rune study. Runes could be said to be the essence of magic formations. Only once someone understood runes could they become better at using magic formations.

At this time, 24 battles had already happened. Although the first battle didn't last long, more than 20 battles lasted quite a long time.

However, the spectators didn't complain. This was because the battles were becoming more and more intense.

This intensity was caused by both sides becoming more and more ruthless. After 24 battles, three already died while 5 were heavily injured.

Just in the recent 24th battle, a Warrior in the Body Symbol Camp broke the opponent Warrior's sword and killed them on the spot.

Although Zhao Hai had his eyes closed, he was still aware of the things happening on the stage. He didn't feel any discomfort from what happened. If he wanted to survive in the Machine Field, then he would have to kill people. Moreover, hadn't he killed people before?

At this time, the sign for the 25th battle appeared on the huge screen. Then an announcement was heard, "25th battle, Bone Symbol Camp Zhao Hai versus Ghost Symbol Camp Luo Zhi!"

Then after a short pause, another announcement was made, “Zhao Hai from the Bone Symbol Camp is a newcomer that has ascended just four months ago. He was able to gain the recognition of Camp Lord Desbarres a month after his ascension. After closing up for two months, not only did he adapt to the Machine Field’s spiritual qi density, he was also able to break through to level 2 Mage. One couldn’t deny that he is an absolute talent!”

“Ghost Symbol Camp’s Luo Zhi has already ascended for four years. He’s also a rare talent in the Ghost Symbol Camp, being able to succeed in task after task. He is a level 3 Warrior. And because he has killed a lot of people, people outside the family called him Blood Ghost Luo Zhi. This battle is a showdown between two talents!”

When Zhao Hai heard his name, he opened his eyes and slowly walked towards the stage. As for the spectators, they were all humming in discussion. All of them were talking about Zhao Hai as well as his short time in the Machine Field.

Although he was able to hear these discussions, Zhao Hai wasn’t fazed by it. For Zhao Hai, entering this competition was basically him bullying other people.

Before long, Zhao Hai got up the stage. His opponent was already standing there. Blood Ghost Luo Zhi wasn’t tall and didn’t look strong. However, he had an indifferent face. He wore blood red Warrior Clothing while his sword was at his waist. His sword was a little longer than normal. Its length was approaching a small spear’s. It doesn’t seem to look like a sword.

Zhao Hai looked at Luo Zhi and couldn’t help but knit his brows. Although this Luo Zhi didn’t look anything special, his killing aura was very strong. One could see that he was skilled in killing people.

When the stage’s shield was raised, Luo Zhi took his long sword out and waited for the signal. It didn’t take long before Cadjo announced the start of the battle.

Upon hearing the signal, Luo Zhi didn’t immediately charge like the other Warriors to get to the Mage’s side. In Luo Zhi’s mind, he was a level 3 Warrior against a recently ascended rookie. As long as he sent his sword qi flying, the other side would certainly be cut in half.

However, what made Luo Zhi surprised was the fact that his Mage opponent didn't erect a shield like other Mages. Zhao Hai was just calmly standing there, his expression showing that he seemed to not care about his situation.

Luo Zhi stared, then he sneered and said, "Kid, you're quite unlucky to run into me in your first battle. You might be a genius before this battle, but after I'm done, you will be a dead genius."

Zhao Hai just calmly looked at the opposite party. He didn't take his magic staff nor did he release a protective shield. This caused Luo Zhi to feel that he was being despised!

Chapter 1129: Magnificent Performance

When Luo Zhi saw that Zhao Hai didn't reply, even set-up any defense, his expression turned ugly. His eyes became cold. Then he directed his killing intent towards Zhao Hai. He knew that Zhao Hai was a newcomer. And for those who killed only a few, being hit with a killing intent as strong as his would certainly make them panic. Then as long as they lost focus, an opportunity would appear.

Zhao Hai continued to look at Luo Zhi despite feeling the killing intent washing over him. He didn't care about the other party's killing aura. To Zhao Hai, this kind of pressure was pitifully weak.

Seeing Zhao Hai remain unflinching, Luo Zhi's heart tightened. Not responding to his killing aura only meant one thing, the other party was also used to killing. Such a person wasn't easy to deal with. And after remembering Zhao Hai's ascension, Luo Zhi's eyes turned murderous.

Luo Zhi was a realistic person. He wasn't a Warrior in the lower realm, but instead an Assassin. Because of this, he preferred his unusual sword.

Assassins experience a much crueler world than Warriors. In the world of Assassins, failure meant death. And you won't only need to watch out for your enemy, you also need to watch your back against your allies. This was because if you can't surpass your peers and become the most powerful person, then you would be left behind at any time. And being abandoned meant death.

Because of this mindset, Luo Zhi had always wanted to be the best. And if someone appears that might surpass him, then his choice was very simple. While the other party was still weak, he would kill them.

It was also because of this mindset that Luo Zhi became famous in the Ghost Symbol Camp. Those talents comparable to him were now dead. And now that Zhao Hai appeared, Luo Zhi began to feel a threat. He felt that Zhao Hai was going to surpass him, becoming a famous genius.

Although Zhao Hai wasn't in the same camp as him, they were in the same family. With the internal competition in the family, Luo Zhi would certainly kill anyone who might become his opponent.

Luo Zhi looked at Zhao Hai and began to feel threatened. He took a deep breath. Although he was threatened by Zhao Hai, Zhao Hai had yet to protect himself. Luo Zhi saw this as the best opportunity for him.

Luo Zhi calmed down his mood and then began to slowly raise his sword. The tip of the sword was aimed at Zhao Hai. Then he exhaled as he gripped the sword with both hands.

The build of the Luo Zhi's sword was the same build as huge swords in the lower realms. The actual sharp part of the sword was only 30 centimeters from the tip. As for the rest, it was no different as a flattened spear, it didn't have any cutting power at all.

Luo Zhi grasped his sword with his two hands as though he held a spear. He pointed his weapon at the calmly standing Zhao Hai. Seeing this stance, Zhao Hai finally opened his mouth and asked, "You want to kill me?"

Luo Zhi stared. He thought that Zhao Hai wouldn't speak to him. But now, Zhao Hai disrupted his rhythm by speaking. Although he had yet to attack, the mental battle had begun. Zhao Hai's few words just broke Luo Zhi's momentum.

Luo Zhi's eyes narrowed. He didn't know if Zhao Hai deliberately did this, but he didn't answer. Zhao Hai looked at Luo Zhi's expression and smiled faintly, "I saw the killing intent in your eyes. So do you want to kill me? Why? We work for the same family, why do we need to kill each other?" Luo Zhi coldly snorted and said, "We work in the same family. But you should know that if I kill you right now, the family will place more importance towards me, giving me more resources to cultivate quicker."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he replied, "So it's like that. This isn't the first time you did this? Killing people who seem to get in your way?" Luo Zhi coldly snorted and said, "Less talking, it's time for you to die!" Before Zhao Hai could move, Luo Zhi's sword qi was already stabbing towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and whispered, "Shield!" After he said that, a five-layer formation appeared in front of him. Then a giant metal shield flew out of the formation, blocking Luo Zhi's sword qi.

A sneer appeared in Luo Zhi's face. He was a level 3 Warrior, so how could a mere five-layer formation stop him? Zhao Hai must be dreaming!

However, something shocking happened. When the sword qi hit the shield, the shield only lightly trembled. Then the sword qi slid from the shield and hit the life and death stage's barrier.

Luo Zhi stared. He couldn't believe that his full powered strike was deflected by Zhao Hai's five-layer formation. How was this possible?

It wasn't only Luo Zhi, those who knew Luo Zhi were also baffled. They knew that Luo Zhi wasn't someone who would show mercy. All of his moves were aimed with the intent to kill. He never sparred with another person, and those who asked to fight him were all dead.

After blocking Luo Zhi's strike, Zhao Hai didn't stop as he waved his hand, releasing a 10-layer formation. Then he whispered, "Turning Wind, Blade of Ice, Behead!" As his voice fell, a group of tornadoes began to appear. The tornadoes became bigger and bigger until they became 20 meters in diameter.

And inside these tornadoes were an uncountable amount of ice blades, all attacking towards Luo Zhi.

When he saw Zhao Hai's attack, Luo Zhi's expression changed. He immediately waved his sword and released sword qi towards Zhao Hai's tornadoes.

Since Luo Zhi's attention was on the tornadoes, he failed to notice Zhao Hai casting a 10-layer formation once more. The formation turned golden yellow and then it blinked with red light. Then Zhao Hai whispered, "Fire Arrows, Barrage of Ten Thousand, Release!" Just as Zhao Hai's voice fell, the magic formation set blasted out and released an uncountable amount of red fiery arrows, blasting towards Luo Zhi.

Luo Zhi had just broken through the ice blade-filled tornadoes. When he saw the arrow rain that Zhao Hai shot out, his expression turned manic. He frantically waved his sword in order to block every attack coming his way. But just as he blocked a red arrow, it suddenly exploded!

This explosion wasn't just a simple fireball. One should know that the arrow was made out of the metal element. That is to say that when the arrow exploded, shards of metal spread out. One of these shards found their way into Luo Zhi's eye. Luo Zhi screamed, the sword in his hand forgetting to defend.

What happened next was easy to predict. Arrow after arrow hit Luo Zhi's body, then they exploded. By the end of the rain of arrows, Luo Zhi's body could no longer be seen. His long sword left behind lying on the stage.

The area turned silent. Zhao Hai and Luo Zhi's fight was too short, not taking up even five minutes of time. Luo Zhi attacked first with his sword qi, which Zhao Hai defended and then Zhao Hai retaliated with two spells. And that was the end!

When the two began to move, the audience were loudly clapping. But by the end of the battle, everyone was silent. Nobody made a noise. This was because Zhao Hai's magic was both mesmerizing and terrifying!

Nobody could deny that Zhao Hai's magic was enchanting. His metal element shield, the icy tornado, and then the fiery explosive rain of arrows, all three were beautiful to look at.

And these three magics were as terrifying as they were beautiful. The shield was but a 5-layer formation, nevertheless it was able to fend off an attack from the level 3 Warrior. This showed how uncommon the formation set was.

The following two spells weren't much worse. Although the icy tornadoes were broken by Luo Zhi, the pillars of wind with ice shards in them looked like revolving pillars that seem to turn wild at any time.

Normal people might praise the spell for its beauty, but for Desbarres and the others, what they saw was the terror behind the spell. If anyone was surrounded by the magic, then they would be shredded as though they had been sent into a meat grinder. Upon thinking about the outcome, anyone would feel chills crawling up their body.

As for the rain of ten thousand arrows, once one was overwhelmed, their outcome wouldn't be good. This was especially true after the arrows exploded. The fire mixed with the fragments of metal looked much like fireworks.

And in the midst of these arrows was Luo Zhi, a level 3 Warrior. Upon receiving these spells, not even his body was left behind. Such spells were more than scary, they were terrifying!

I was a magnificent and terrifying display!

All those who understood what was going on couldn't help but think of Zhao Hai's spells as both magnificent and terrifying. It was like a beauty with a hidden terrifying trait. It was too scary!

The everlasting smile on Cadjo's face vanished. He heard the conversation between Zhao Hai and Luo Zhi. To be honest, he wasn't against Luo Zhi's procedure. Those who wanted to raise their head above others needed to tread on top of countless corpses. Cadjo just didn't expect Zhao Hai to be this powerful.

If Cadjo didn't know Desbarres, then he would've suspected Desbarres of bringing a level 5 Mage pretending to be level 1 for the competition. Those who can instacast ten-layered formations only belong to level 5.

Everyone inside the VIP room were also stunned. They didn't expect Luo Zhi and Zhao Hai's battle to end so fast. When Zhao Hai stepped down from the stage, Thunder turned towards Desbarres and said, "Desbarres, are you sure that he ascended four months ago?"

Desbarres smiled and said, "Of course. When he ascended, he was assigned to room number 2046. He memorized magic runes on his first day in the academy and then reached level 1 a month after. After that, he was sent for an exam to Tyro Planet. Patriarch should already know about all of these matters."

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Thunder Ashley nodded. Naturally, he knew about these matters. After all, they were related to his daughter. He just paid little attention to Zhao Hai in the past. And after Zhao Hai closed up, his name was never heard of again.

At this time, an Internal Hall manager asked with curiosity, “Desbarres. I know that the level of your Bone Symbol Camp isn’t good. Those spells used by the kid, I haven’t seen them before.”

Desbarres smiled bitterly and said, “Alright, are you mocking me or praising me? And what do you know about the strength of the Bone Symbol Camp? I can only say that Zhao Hai is a genius. He has a lot of formation sets in his hands, and all of it were created by him. The formations he used already existed, but the sets were all made by him. I have seen some of his creations and to be honest, they are really really strong.”

As soon as those present heard Desbarres, they couldn’t help but stare. Then all of them looked at Desbarres with shining eyes. Desbarres saw their reactions and he bitterly smiled as he said, “I know what you are thinking. You want other Mages to learn Zhao Hai’s formation sets? Forget about it. Zhao Hai is indeed willing to hand over his formation sets, but only a few individuals can study them. Don’t forget, Zhao Hai is an all-element Mage. His formation sets have two or three elements in them. Their might is certainly huge, but if you’re not an all-element Mage, then those formations are useless.”

Everyone nodded upon hearing Desbarres. The formation sets Zhao Hai used were indeed from multiple departments. The power was great, but most Mages couldn’t use it.

Everyone couldn’t help but sigh. Thunder turned towards Desbarres and whispered, “Desbarres, tell me the truth. What is the kid’s strength?”

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, “He should be level 4. But even I won’t dare to fight him. I reckon I could lose to him.”

Desbarres was a level 6 Mage. When Thunder heard this, his eyes couldn’t help but narrow. Then he chuckled and said, “It seems like luck has finally come to you. You actually gained a treasure.”

Desbarres smiled and said, “Right, I really picked up a treasure. In fact, he has more than you think. Patriarch, I’ll report something to you later.” Thunder blinked when he heard Desbarres. But he nodded and turned to look back at the stage. Thunder now wanted to know what Zhao Hai had that made Desbarres value him highly.

Before long, the 35 battles ended. The competition's first day had ended. All victors will rest for two days before competing again.

After the competition ended, Zhao Hai returned to his room to rest. Desbarres also issued a strict order stating that Zhao Hai shouldn't be disturbed.

Desbarres didn't return to the Bone Symbol Camp, instead he followed Thunder back into the family. Desbarres and Cadjo entered the study with Thunder. After Thunder waved his hand to invite everyone to sit down, he turned to Desbarres and said, "Fatty Des, tell me. There's no need to be mysterious."

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "Young Master, it's good news. It is about Zhao Hai." When outside, Desbarres would call Thunder 'Patriarch'. However, when they were alone, he would call him 'Young Master'.

Thunder nodded and said, "This Zhao Hai is very good."

Cadjo also nodded and said, "He's calm. And not too forgiving either. He's a skilled kid."

Desbarres looked at the two and smiled, "Young Master, Smiling Demon. Remember the thing I have in the treasury? The item a Machine Field legend left behind?"

When Thunder heard Desbarres, his brows couldn't help but raise. Then he asked, "You mean the failed product? You still have it? I thought you sold it because you lacked money."

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "It's more useful to keep it. Young Master, that thing has been completed by Zhao Hai. He's currently using it."

Boom! Desbarres's words were like a huge bomb exploding inside Thunder and Cadjo's minds. Since the two knew what the item was, they also knew the conditions of completing it. They thought that nobody in the Machine Field could complete it. And now, Desbarres told them that it had been formed. It was no wonder that they were surprised.

Desbarres saw their reactions and laughed, "What? You might not know, but Zhao Hai already completed it and is now using it as his staff."

Thunder stood up, he stared deeply into Desbarres and said, "Datty Des, don't joke with me. Did Zhao Hai really complete it? How did he do it? You should know that a lot of people worked together in the past, but they still weren't able to complete it."

Desbarres nodded and said, "Zhao Hai has done it. But he took the clever route. He added a material in the production and engraved 131,490 formations in one go. This caused the final stage to succeed. Now, he called the thing Liquid Silver."

Thunder gawked, "It really succeeded? People thought of this method before, but they haven't found the appropriate material. What did he use?"

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "Measureless Golden Sand!"

"Measureless Golden Sand! So it's measureless golden sand? No wonder." Cadjo called out in alarm. One must know that measureless golden sand was a very precious material. Who thought Zhao Hai actually had it.

Desbarres nodded, "Little Hai also gave me a bottle of it. I already stored it inside the treasury. But Liquid Silver is truly evil. After Little Hai completed it, it became his exclusive item. No matter what method we try, that thing is only a hunk of silver metal in our hands. But in Zhao Hai's hands, it became ever changing. It can turn into all kinds of weapons, it's godly."

Thunder nodded and said, "Divine Artifacts always recognize their owners, that's normal. Also, that thing had always been useless in our hands, it's good if it can be used by Zhao Hai. This way, he could give benefits to the Ashley Family. But Fatty Des, is Zhao Hai loyal to the Ashley Family? Won't he run to other groups?"

Desbarres shook his head and said, "Young Master, you can rest assured. After observing him for the past few days, I discovered that Zhao Hai is very sentimental. Since we've been treating him properly, he will not betray us. You don't need to worry."

Thunder nodded, "I have tried the refining method you brought back last time. Did you send a reward Zhao Hai? Right, I heard that he's still living inside the camp's building?"

Desbarres smiled bitterly and said, "Forget it, that kid is a training madman. I've already sent his reward over, but he had yet to move to his villa. He's inside the camp every day, training. I don't know how to handle him."

As soon as Thunder heard Desbarres, he nodded and said, "So it's like this. But I still think he needed to be rewarded. Fatty Des, we need to make him satisfied with the Ashley Family. We can't afford to have him leave."

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "Young Master, I have something in mind. But I'm afraid you won't agree." When he heard Desbarres, Thunder stared. Then he waved his hand and said, "Tell me. He has limitless future. I'm willing to pay anything as long as we get to keep him."

Desbarres replied, "I don't want to restrain him. Instead, I want to have him join the Ashley Family. Only once he becomes one of us would he never leave."

As soon as Thunder heard Desbarres, he paused for a moment. Then his expression changed as he said, "You mean Margaret?"

Thunder and Margaret's relationship wasn't good. Of course, this issue was with Margaret. But even if Margaret wasn't intimate with Thunder, Thunder still placed Margaret next to his heart.

Thunder had five sons and three daughters in his entire lifetime; with Margaret being the youngest. His two other daughters had already married while Margaret stayed single. Margaret was Zhao Hai's instructor and had already experienced difficulties with him. This was the reason for Desbarres's suggestion.

Cadjo knit his brows and said, "Fatty Des, your idea is good. But with Miss Margaret's temper, I'm afraid she wouldn't agree."

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "Of course I know about that. But I wasn't thinking of matching them immediately. Instead, we should let them develop feelings for each other. Also, the last time I saw them

together, Miss Margaret already had little thoughts about Zhao Hai. Let's have them meet more often and see what happens."

When Thunder heard this, he relaxed. He always felt that he had been lacking towards Margaret. Because of this, he didn't want to force Margaret into things for the sake of the family. So after he heard Desbarres, he nodded and said, "Alright, then let's have them meet more often. Right, Fatty Des, don't tell anyone else about Zhao Hai's matter. We don't want him to suffer any accidents."

Desbarres nodded. To be honest, Thunder was being seen as a tyrant in the family. There are only a few people who he would listen to, among these were Desbarres and Cadjo. As for the others, he wouldn't even hear them out.

Thunder stood up and said, "The Ashley Family had always been lacking during the past beginner competitions. With Zhao Hai, I hope that we can reach greater heights."

All great families give priority to their benefits. If a person was useful for them, then they would give them importance. If they couldn't be used, then they wouldn't place them in their eyes. Thunder was the same person. If Zhao Hai cannot give him a satisfactory result, then he would deal with him with no hesitation. Then he would snatch Liquid Silver away.