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Chapter 1181: Suppression Using a Magnificent Cover

After Zhao Hai boarded the car, he immediately took out some spatial water and then drank it. So after the car arrived at its destination, Zhao Hai was refreshed.

Upon getting off the car, Zhao Hai directly went upstairs before he was led to Cadjo's room by a robot.

When they arrived outside Cadjo's room, the robot knocked twice and said, "General Manager, Mister Zhao Hai is here."

Cadjo quickly replied, "Come in."

Zhao Hai pushed the door and walked in. He saw Cadjo, Desbarres, and Luke inside. Zhao Hai gave the three men a salute. Cadjo waved his hand and said, "Little Hai, I just received a message from Old Ma Finglei. He expressed his gratitude and said that he made you a guest expert of the Fire Temple. What is going on?"

Zhao Hai smiled and then told everyone about what just happened while in Delin's Barbecue. Cadjo and the others were intently listening. After Zhao Hai finished talking, Cadjo nodded and said, "So it's like that. Good, very good. Although you offended the Machine Field Army, you managed to hook the Fire Temple in. We already established a connection with the Wu Family, and now there is the Fire Temple. This is going to be good for us. After all, the Fire Temple has a huge influence in the Church Alliance. With our relationship with the Warrior Association and the Church Alliance, offending the Machine Field Army is nothing."

Desbarres nodded and said, "I also think that today's matter isn't an accident. It's possible that the Machine Field Army sent those people to probe us. Otherwise, those Mech Soldiers wouldn't have been that courageous. They should be the first ones to know what would happen if they caused any disturbance in Machine Field Planet."

Luke nodded as well and added, "Delin's Barbecue is a very famous establishment in the planet. Almost everyone knew that it belonged to the Fire Temple. However, those mech soldiers actually dared to cause trouble there. This matter isn't simple. Cadjo, I think we should report this matter to the Patriarch. This way, he would make some preparations."

Cadjo nodded, "I'll send word to the Patriarch. At the same time, I'll get in contact with the Wu Family and the Fire Temple. It's best if we can contact the other Churches as well, just to make sure."

Luke nodded and said, "The Machine Field Army has five seeded participants in the competition. Little Hai, they might try to deal with you. You should prepare."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and nodded. Cadjo looked at Zhao Hai and said, "If the Machine Field Army doesn't go too hard, let them go. However, if they dared to be excessive, you don't have to be polite. Just kill them!"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "You can rest assured, General Manager. I know what to do."

Cadjo nodded, "Alright, you can go take a rest. Although the Machine Field Planet looks very calm, you shouldn't underestimate the undercurrents happening within. You need to be more careful." Zhao Hai nodded, before he bowed and left the room.

After Zhao Hai left, Cadjo smiled faintly and said, "Hmm, I didn't expect the Machine Field army's action to give the Ashley Family an opportunity. If we can make the Wu Family and the Fire Temple our allies, then it would be very good for the family."

Desbarres smiled and said, "To be honest, this is due to Little Hai's luck. If it weren't for him, then we wouldn't have been able to establish a connection with the Fire Temple. He actually managed to become a guest expert of the temple. It seems like Old Ma Fenglei really appreciated Zhao Hai."

Cadjo nodded and said, "I didn't expect Little Hai to amuse Ma Fenglei. Also, Little Hai actually refused a Camp Lord position. That's quite a rich offer."

Desbarres smiled and said, "Old Ma didn't expect Zhao Hai to care little about money and status. He's more concerned about sentiment. Little Hai already connected himself with the Bone Symbol Camp. As long as the family doesn't harm him, I believe he wouldn't leave."

Luke sighed and said, "Little Hai is just too strong. I'm afraid the Ashley Family wouldn't be able to keep him. Our Ashley Family is just too small. A character as great as him would leave sooner or later."

Cadjo replied, "If he leaves, then we can't do anything about it. As long as the Ashley Family is in his heart, we could still rely on him when we encounter any trouble."

Desbarres nodded, "Right, I have the same thought."

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By this time, Zhao Hai had already returned to his room. As soon as he entered, Zhao Hai immediately went to the Space. Margaret already went ahead of him.

Seeing Zhao Hai arrive, Margaret and the others immediately welcomed him. Especially Margaret, whose face was full of worry. After some time, she said, "Brother Hai, you're being too risky this time. Ma Fenglei is a difficult person to face. If he decided to deal with you, then it'll be huge trouble."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Rest assured, I know where things stand. He wouldn't deal with me. It's fine." Laura and the others knew that Zhao Hai said was right. However, they were still nervous upon seeing Zhao Hai talk with Ma Fenglei. This was because the old man's reputation in the Machine Field was too well known.

Before this, Laura and the others didn't know about Ma Fenglei. But when Margaret saw Zhao Hai speaking with the Fire Temple Bishop, her expression changed. Then she told Laura and the others about Ma Fenglei, which caused Laura and the others to be nervous as well.

Since the matter has been settled, the group relaxed and then went to the living room. After everyone had sat down, Zhao Hai turned to Margaret and said, "Actually, I was thinking about the Ashley Family during that time. The family needed several allies. I couldn't stay in the Machine Field all the time, perhaps I might leave after the competition. Margaret, will you follow me or stay here?"

Margaret shook her head and said, "It's fine. I don't have much connection to the family anyway. But this doesn't mean that I will abandon the family. Brother Hai, if the Ashley Family were to meet any problems, we need to help them. Even if we can't save everyone, we should still make sure that Camp Lord and the others are safe."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Rest assured, if anything happens, I will certainly offer my help."

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The day quickly went past. The next day, Zhao Hai decided to stay inside the Space. After all, he didn't have any fights today, there was no need to go to the stadium.

Moreover, the two days didn't have anything worth looking at. The level of those competing simply weren't enough to gain Zhao Hai's attention.

Zhao Hai thought that after what happened to Yellowsand Planet, the battles further on wouldn't be too bloody. However, he didn't expect the fights to be bloodier than before. Those who were eliminated had suffered injuries. There were even some people who were killed on the stage. Some were also crippled and there was even an instance where both participants mutually wounded themselves.

Upon seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare, then his expression turned difficult. When Margaret looked at Zhao Hai's expression, she couldn't help but ask, "Brother Hai? What's wrong?"

Zhao Hai sighed and then said, "It seems like the people in the Machine Field really don't regard Ascenders as proper equals. Have you ever thought of how many Ascenders would die after the qualifiers? There are nearly 100 thousand people in the beginning, and there are also those who were crippled. No wonder the Mages and Warriors of the Machine Field couldn't compete against the Cultivators. You should know that those who are killed in the qualifiers are elites of their respective families. If they were trained well, then they might turn out to be powerful experts. They might even be able to fight against the Cultivators. But now, their lives ended in this competition. In this case, how could Mages and Warriors get powerful? It seems like there are some people in the Machine Field that doesn't want Ascenders to get powerful."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Laura and the others stared, then their expressions changed as well. Margaret couldn't believe it, "Brother Hai, how is that possible?"

Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, "Why would it be impossible? Think about it, which people have the most power over the Machine Field? Its the battleships and the mechs. If Mages and Warriors get stronger, then their control over the Machine Field would be affected. Do you think those who control the battleships and the mechs would accept having their benefits taken? In this case, it's impossible for Mages and Warriors to rise up. And there's also the way the Machine Field natives discriminate against Ascenders. It's natural for them to suppress Mages and Warriors. However, since they couldn't blatantly

reveal the suppression, they needed to find a way to hide it. So isn't this competition a perfect way to hide it? This competition gathered every single talented ascender in the realm. Even if some geniuses were left in the end, the other realms would take care of them. In the Six Realm Beginner Competition, not only would Mages and Warriors get injured, only very few of them manage to survive. With so few numbers left, there would be no way for them to influence the Machine Field."

Laura and the others couldn't help but unconsciously nod. They thought that what Zhao Hai said was reasonable. If what Zhao Hai said was true, then it would be too scary. This was basically the Machine Field getting rid of their capable subordinates.

Zhao Hai let out a long breath and then said, "Meanwhile, the Cultivation Realm has a different idea. Since Great Sects absorb ascenders, as long as one of them becomes powerful, the sect would gain a powerful expert. Because the Cultivation Realm talk using strength, they couldn't suppress ascenders. For them Ascenders are another source for powerful experts. They wouldn't threaten the benefits of ascenders. Conversely, they would cultivate ascenders so that they could provide more benefits to their sect. This allowed the Cultivation Realm to progress quickly. But in the Machine Field, Mages and Warriors were kept powerless. The potential of Magic Theory is truly wasted."

Chapter 1182: Circulating Rumor

Laura and the others were earnestly listening. Zhao Hai looked at them and then said, "At this time, you should already have some understanding about Magic Theory. Magic Theory is very formidable and special. Once you reach a very high level, 10 thousand layer formations could allow you to fight battleships. If you continue to get stronger, then there's no reason for you to be any weaker than Cultivators. At high levels, Magic Theory might even win. As for mid and early stages, it's possible to compete at an equal standing. But as you can see, Mages and Warriors are being suppressed. They have no way to fight back at all. Isn't this wrong?"

Bang! Margaret pounded on the table. Then with clenched teeth, she said, "Shameless, those shameless people!"

Zhao Hai stared at Margaret, he didn't expect here reaction to be this big. Zhao Hai looked at Margaret in confusion and then said, "Margaret, why are you so agitated? You're a Machine Field native?"

Margaret breathed in twice to calm down, then she turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, my mother is also an Ascender. Moreover, I have worked in the Ascender Academy for many years. I saw

the hope in the eyes of each Ascender as they venture out to the Machine Field. For them to suffer such a fate is very hateful. Those behind this matter are bastards.”

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, “Alright, we can’t do anything about it for now. If we get an opportunity later, I’ll try to fix this matter. But now, I’m completely helpless.”

Margaret smiled and said, “I don’t expect you to do anything now. I’m just angry. The Machine Field has been suppressed by the Cultivation Realm for many years because our low-middle level experts couldn’t compare to the Cultivators. But as it turns out, the Machine Field has been suppressing itself.”

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, “Alright, thinking about this right now is just useless. Instead, let’s prepare. The Six Realm Beginner Competition would give us the opportunity to come in contact with the other five realms.”

Margaret nodded. At this time, Laura said, “Brother Hai, do you think we would be recognized by Lu Wei because of this?”

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, “So what if we get recognized? I’m no longer afraid of him. Lu Wei and the Yin Wind Ghost Emperor are no longer threats. What we need to worry about is the Myriad Treasure Pavillion. Compared to the two, the Pavillion is more dangerous. It’s fortunate that the pavillion doesn’t know what we look like. Until they find us, nothing should happen to us.”

Laura and the others nodded. They agreed to Zhao Hai’s words. At this point, Lu Wei and the Yin Wind Ghost Emperor are no longer Zhao Hai’s enemies. What Zhao Hai needed to worry about right now was the Myriad Treasures Pavillion.

Time passed by and soon the qualifiers were about to reach its final rounds. At this point, the original 100 thousand participants had been whittled down to 1 thousand.

And this was also the time where the 20 seeded participants would enter the competition. 19 of these participants had no issues to them whatsoever, the only exception was Zhao Hai.

There were people who suspected Zhao Hai’s strength. The core of this rumor was the fact that nobody saw Zhao Hai make a move. Although Xiong Li and Sun Fei were giving Zhao Hai’s praises, the matter

with Zhao Hai, Xiong Li, Dongfang Yu, and Sun Fei drinking together nullified their recommendations. Because of this, people began to think that Xiong Li and Sun Fei were recommending Zhao Hai just because they were friends.

During the time when Xiong Li said his nomination, the voice of this rumor was very small. But this time, for some apparent reason, the voices were getting louder.

Naturally, Zhao Hai knew that the Machine Field Army was behind this. Even if it was Ma Fenglei who slapped their faces, the army couldn't do anything about his due to the Fire Temple. However, they could move against Zhao Hai. In the eyes of the Machine Field Army, Zhao Hai was nothing more than an Ascender of the Ashley Family. Even if it were the Ashley Family's core members, the Army would still dare to kill them. Therefore, what could the Ashley Family do?

These questions about Zhao Hai's abilities were just the beginning. It seems like the Machine Field Army was not yet ready to give up. Upon thinking about this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sneer, he thought, 'Alright, Machine Field Army, let's play.'

The battles between these top 1000 were still decided by electronic drawing of lots. The Machine Field prepared ten arenas for this event so that ten battles could happen at the same time. The Six Realm Beginner Competition is fast approaching, there's no need to waste time.

Of the first 20 people drawn, Zhao Hai and Xiong Li weren't among them. On the other hand, Dongfang Yu and Sun Fei went on to fight their matches. Zhao Hai and Xiong Li didn't bother looking at the fights, their opponents weren't strong, there was nothing to see.

Zhao Hai sat beside Xiong Li in their assigned seats. All those around them were looking in their direction, most of the looks were heading towards Zhao Hai. And these gazes were filled with suspicion.

Upon seeing these people, Xiong Li said, "These bastards. They actually suspect your strength. Little Hai, when your time comes, don't hold back. Kill your enemy in one shot."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, I've already prepared a list. As long as I run into those in my list, I wouldn't let them off."

Xiong Li asked, "List? What list?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "You'll know when the time comes. Right, Brother Dongfang fights quickly. He should be back soon." When Zhao Hai told Xiong Li this, Dongfang appeared.

When Zhao Hai saw Dongfang Yu, he shouted, "Brother Dongfang, aren't you too quick? Did you surrender?"

Dongfang Yu sneered and said, "Get lost. When will your dog mouth spout good words? When my enemy saw that he was against me, he immediately surrendered."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Alright. Come take a seat. Since you won, today's your treat."

Dongfang Yu laughed and said, "Only you is this cheap to take advantage of this. Alright, let's wait for Little Fei to return. Oh, he's back. Little Fei, you're quite fast."

Sun Fei smiled and said, "I'm just lucky to meet a level 3. That fellow is very lucky. He actually reached the top 1000 while being level 3."

As he said this, an announcement was heard, "Xiong Li, prepare for the next battle in Arena 5."

Zhao Hai turned his head to Xiong Li and said, "Brother Xiong, it's your turn." Xiong Li laughed as he stood up and left. Seeing Xiong Li leaving, Dongfang Yu turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, how long do you think Big Brother Xiong would take?"

Zhao Hai and the others already knew about each other's ages. Xiong Li was the oldest, followed by Dongfang Yu, then Zhao Hai, then Sun Fei. This is the reason why Dongfang Yu called Xiong Li 'Big Brother'.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Rest assured, Big Brother Xiong wouldn't take long. Brother Xiong is fierce when he goes to battle. As long as he is in battle, there's no need to worry about him. It's his enemy who needs to be afraid of being destroyed."

Sun Fei nodded, "Right, there's no need to worry about him. On the other hand, we need to talk about Brother Hai. There are many bad rumors circulating around nowadays. I'm afraid people would try to deal with you. Be careful."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm actually hoping that people would disturb me. It just so happens that my Undead Army needed powerful experts. I'll just use them to add to these numbers."

Sun Fei smiled faintly and said, "Right, how strong is your Undead Army? I'd like to see them one day."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Forget it, you don't want to see them. Those who see my Undead army would become one of my Undead. Do you still want to see?"

Sun Fei smiled bitterly and then shook his head as he said, "Alright, just forget it. I haven't lived long enough. Big Brother Xiong is back, it seems like his opponent surrendered as well."

Zhao Hai chuckled and said, "Right, if he fought somebody, he would look very happy. But look at him now, he looks dejected. He definitely haven't fought someone."

Dongfang Yu laughed and said, "Big Brother Xiong, why the long face? Did you lose?"

Xiong Li stared, then he said, "Get lost. When did this grandfather lose? The coward surrendered the moment I began to power up. It was boring. I thought I could have a good exercise. But in the end, I wasted time."

As soon as they heard Xiong Li, Zhao Hai and the others laughed. At this time, another announcement was heard, "Zhao Hai, prepare to fight in Arena 3."

Zhao Hai stretched his body and then said, "Finally, it's my turn. Let's see who I'm up against. If it's from the Machine Field Army, then that fellow is truly unfortunate." Then Zhao Hai stood up and then left.

Seeing Zhao Hai leave, Xiong Li looked at Dong Fangyu and said, "Dongfang, what were you talking about with Little Hai just now? Did the Machine Field Army offend him?"

Dongfang Yu's eyes flashed lightly and said, "Big Brother Xiong, don't you think that the recent rumors about Little Hai appeared too sudden? Back when you said your nomination, not a lot of people doubted Little Hai's strength. But now of all times, these rumors became louder and louder. Isn't it strange?"

When Xiong Li and Sun Fei heard this, they stared for a moment before they understood. Then they turned to Dongfang Yu and said, "Are you talking about the Machine Field Army?"

Dongfang Yu nodded, "Right, the Machine Field Army. Little Hai offended the Machine Field Army before. I heard that even if Ma Finglei was the one who slapped the army's face, the Army couldn't do anything to him. Because of this, they could only deal with Little Hai. I reckon they are the one who spread these rumors. Moreover, this could only be their first step. They should have something else planned."

Xiong Li's expression changed. Then he said, "Then isn't this a problem? What do we do if they deal with Zhao Hai?"

Dongfang Yu shook his head and said, "Relax, if they want to take action, they wouldn't be able to do it outside. Otherwise, the Machine Field would turn into chaos. They can only deal with Little Hai in the arena. However, those idiots in the Machine Field army underestimated Little Hai's strength. Wanting to kill him on the area? Hahaha. Even if they sent in Streep, they still wouldn't be able to do it."

Xiong Li's expression loosened up, but he still coldly snorted and said, "If the Machine Field Army decided to do this, then as long as I meet anyone from the army, I will kill them immediately."

Dongfang Yu smiled faintly and said, "I'm afraid they wouldn't give us that opportunity. Except the five seeded participants from the army, all other participants would just surrender immediately."

Xiong Li's face turned ugly, then he sneered and said, "But we would still meet sooner or later. As long as the Six Realm Beginner Competition ends, I can just go after them."

Dongfang Yu smiled bitterly and said, "Let's think about how to survive the Six Realm Beginner Competition first. This time, the other realms also had genius-level characters. We have no advantage over them at all. In this case, it would be difficult even for us to survive."

Xiong Li coldly snorted and said, "Hmph. At worst, I can just go all out and kill as many people as possible before I die."

At this time, somebody shouted, "Zhao Hai is fighting someone. Everyone, let's go take a look." Then after that, a surge of people began going towards Zhao Hai's arena.

Upon seeing this, Xiong Li couldn't help but stare. Then the three of them shook their heads as they bitterly smiled. Xiong Li muttered, "Which idiot believes such rumors? If it's possible, let's figure out which people spread it. Alright, let's take a look at Little Hai's opponent. If it's from the Machine Field Army, then Dongfang might be able to save himself from treating everyone to a meal."

Dongfang Yu laughed and said, "Alright, although I really don't care about saving money, I'd like to be treated by Little Hai." Then the three laughed before walking towards Arena 3.

Upon arriving at Arena 3, the three stared. This was because there was a sea of people present. Compared to their own matches, Zhao Hai's had much more attention.

The three looked at the stage and saw two people on it. One of them was Zhao Hai while the other was a Warrior. The Warrior was very tall at about two meters high. His skin was completely covered with iron. He also had a bald head. His weapon was quite special as well. On one hand, he has a huge tower shield while the other hand held a thick broadsword!

Upon seeing this, Xiong Li couldn't help but gawk. Then he forced a smile as he said, "Damn, it's really someone from the Machine Field Army. Isn't that the famous Iron Tower? He's very famous for being hard to deal with. He almost got into the 20 seeded participants. But because of mine and Sun Fei's recommendation, the spot went to Little Hai. I didn't expect Zhao Hai's first opponent to be him. Isn't this too suspicious?"

Dongfang Yu frowned and said, "Suspicious, it is very suspicious. Is it possible that this is arranged by the Machine Field Army? Who would have thought that Zhao Hai's first opponent to be someone who is qualified to be on the top 20?"

Chapter 1183: Am I Unqualified?

When Xiong Li and Sun Fei heard Dongfang Yu say this, Xiong Li said, “Dongfang, what are you saying? Are you saying that the random lot is being manipulated?”

Dongfang Yu coldly snorted and said, “Those fellows from the Machine Field Army are getting more and more arrogant. It wouldn’t be impossible for them to manipulate the random lot. If we let the Machine Field army go on like this, we would only suffer. If those Machine Field Army bastards let us go against Zhao Hai, what do we do?”

Xiong Li and Sun Fei stared for a moment upon hearing Dongfang Yu. Then their expressions changed. They knew that the consequences of this matter is very serious. If they were to meet Zhao Hai, then their future opportunities would certainly be stopped.

Xiong Li immediately said, “Let’s go now.”

Dongfang Yu stopped him and said, “There’s no need to be anxious. In any case, a fight will happen today. We should wait until tomorrow. After Little Hai’s fight, we should go together and do something about it.” Xiong Li nodded, then he turned his head to the arena.

Zhao Hai was standing there and facing his enemy. He knew about Iron Tower of the Machine Field Army’s External Hall. This man was known for his height as well as the giant tower shield that he held. His cultivation method was also very special. In three words, his cultivation method was, work hard, work hard, work hard. It was a type of cultivation method that refined the body. This body refining method was very formidable. If it was practiced to a very deep state, one’s body would become very resilient. Most swords and spears wouldn’t be able to pierce through the skin.

Moreover, Zhao Hai also knew that Iron Tower had the opportunity to be a seeded participant. It’s just a pity that he went up against Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at his opponent, then he smiled and said, “Interesting, I actually met you in my first fight. Hahaha. The Machine Field Army’s plans are very good.”

Iron Tower coldly snorted and said, “You can still afford to smile? Today, I’ll let you know who is more qualified to be a seeded participant.”

Zhao Hai looked at Iron Tower and then he smiled and said, "Being a seeded participant isn't necessarily nice. Alright, it's useless to talk anymore. Let's just prove it!"

Iron Tower coldly snorted and said, "I have the same idea!" Then after he said that, he slammed his tower shield in front of him and then roared towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai just smiled and then waved his hand, casting a 5-layer magic formation. Iron Tower quickly braced his tower shield in order to block Zhao Hai's spell. However, the formation suddenly exploded, surrounding the arena with black mist. This caused the spectators to be clueless about what was happening in the arena.

But Iron Tower quickly found something strange. Although they were surrounded by dark smoke, the arena was free of any obstruction. He could still see properly inside. The dark mist looked like a shield that covered the arena.

Iron Tower didn't know what Zhao Hai's plan was. He looked at Zhao Hai warily. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "You think I'm unqualified to be a seeded participant. I'll let you see why I was chosen instead of you." Then Zhao Hai made a move. He took out his own tower shield and on his other hand was a giant hammer.

Iron Tower couldn't help but stare at Zhao Hai. Seeing his opponent's reaction, Zhao Hai smiled, "Come, let me see if you have any skill."

Iron Tower regained his clarity. He stared at Zhao Hai before breathing in cold air, then he said, "You're also a Warrior?"

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Correct. I'm both a Mage and a Warrior. Hahaha. Here I go." Then his figure moved as he charged towards Iron Tower.

Iron Tower immediately recovered. He roared as he prepared to defend against Zhao Hai. He settled his tower shield to his shoulder as he braced for impact.

Boom! A loud sound was heard as the two parties collided with each other. Because of their collision, the entire arena fiercely shook.

In this collision, both Zhao Hai and Iron Tower were subjected to a massive seismic force. However, when this force entered Zhao Hai's body, it merely rippled out before it vanished completely. The bluesteel by his feet was just cracked and he wasn't blown away.

On the other hand, Iron Tower suffered a different fate. He was shaken by the force and had to retreat a few steps. Every step he made caused an indentation to appear on the bluesteel arena.

Iron Tower was only able to stabilize himself after retreating eight steps back. Just as Iron Tower regained his position, Zhao Hai rushed over with his tower shield, looking much like a giant charging elephant.

Iron Tower saw this and knew that if he were to get hit, he would be finished. He roared and then held his shield up high before slamming it firmly straight into the ground.

Iron Tower's shield was specially-made. Below the shield was a sharp point. With Iron Tower's immense strength, a third of the shield easily sunk into the bluesteel floor. Iron Tower wanted to stop Zhao Hai's charge using this method.

However, Iron Tower underestimated Zhao Hai's strength. During their first collision, Zhao Hai didn't even use his full force, only about a fourth of his strength.

It can be said that Zhao Hai's present strength was terrifying. In the past, Zhao Hai's strength wasn't this huge. However, after absorbing astral qi, Zhao Hai's strength skyrocketed. Don't forget, Zhao Hai uses the stellar body tempering technique. No matter what he does, his body would certainly get stronger as time goes by.

Zhao Hai saw Iron Tower's move, but he didn't care. This time, he was charging over with 80% of his strength. After a bang, Iron Tower's body flew. Meanwhile, his tower shield was broken. It was clear that Zhao Hai had put much more power in this charge.

Since Iron Tower's body was in the air, there was no way for him to stabilize his body. Zhao Hai took a few steps forward before jumping. Then he waved his hammer and smashed it straight down towards Iron Tower.

Clang! Iron Tower was like an iron ball dropped from a plane. He fell to the arena, his broadsword had already been bent by Zhao Hai.

Bang! Iron Tower's huge figure fell into the arena. At the same time, blood spurted out of his mouth. Although it can be said that Iron Tower was truly strong, he was still human in the end. This fall, along with Zhao Hai's powerful strength, shook Iron Tower's internal organs violently.

At this time, Zhao Hai fell back to the ground and then he immediately rushed towards Iron Tower. Iron Tower knew that Zhao Hai was about to kill him, but he didn't shout his surrender. He knew clearly that shouting at this point was useless.

Zhao Hai being both a Mage and a Warrior, this was information that the Machine Field Army's intelligence division failed to collect. Naturally, this was because Zhao Hai had been keeping it a secret all this time. Now that he knew about Zhao Hai's secret, Zhao Hai would certainly make sure to get rid of him. It was already certain that he would die today.

Nobody wanted to die, the same was true for Iron Tower. He rolled on the ground before doing his best to stand. However, since he stood too quickly, he couldn't help but spurt out blood.

Zhao Hai looked at Iron Tower, then he smiled faintly and said, "Iron Tower, now do you still think that I don't have the qualifications to be seeded?"

Iron Tower coldly snorted but he didn't say anything. When he saw that Zhao Hai was a Mage and a Warrior, he knew that he could no longer win. Not only was Zhao Hai qualified to be seeded, it was even possible for him to be the strongest participant in this qualifier.

Zhao Hai looked at Iron Tower, then he smiled faintly and said, "I decided that if the Machine Field Army really wants to deal with me, then I would kill every participant they have in this competition. So die!" Then he moved as fast as a cheetah. But this time, he didn't have a shield and hammer in his hand. Instead, Zhao Hai took out a large glaive!

Iron Tower's eyes shrunk, he didn't notice when Zhao Hai traded his weapon. Moreover, he had no idea what Zhao Hai's weapon was. But he knew that Zhao Hai's weapons weren't normal. And from the looks of this weapon, its purpose seems to be cleaving people in two!

With this thought in mind, Iron Tower quickly lifted his tower shield. Although the tower shield only had two-thirds of its body left, it was still a huge piece of steel. Iron Tower had just managed to recover, so holding up the shield wasn't a problem.

Just as Iron Tower lifted his shield, Zhao Hai's glaive arrived. After a 'ka' sound, Zhao Hai stepped on the arena again, his glaive in his hand. On the other hand, Iron Tower stood in place with his tower shield in his hand. After some time, the tall shield fell to the ground, Iron Tower's hand fell along with it. Then shortly after that, Iron Tower's body seemed to lean on one side before it began falling on the ground.

At this time, a red line appeared across Iron Tower's body. The wound went from his left shoulder to his right waist. Zhao Hai's glaive actually split him in half.

Zhao Hai looked at Iron Tower then he stomped his feet. The broken half of the tower shield that was embedded into the arena flew over. At the same time, Zhao Hai waved his hand as Iron Tower's other part of the shield as well as broadsword flew over. Then after turning Iron Tower into an Undead, Zhao Hai repaired the tower shield as well as the broadsword.

After taking care of these, Zhao Hai withdrew the dark mist surrounding the arena. When the mist dissipated, Zhao Hai saw an indignant crowd. However, he didn't care as he turned his head towards the referee.

The referee was blankly staring at Zhao Hai. At the same time, he also swept his gaze towards the arena. It's obvious that he was looking for Iron Tower.

When Zhao Hai saw that the referee didn't announce anything, he said, "Referee, could you announce the result?"

The referee stared, then he said, "Zhao Hai, where's your opponent? Why is he not here? Without him here, I cannot announce anything."

Zhao Hai just met the referee's response with a smile. This caused the referee to feel uncomfortable. He received a bribe from the Machine Field Army to help Iron Tower. But since the arena was covered, he couldn't do anything. Therefore, he could only give Zhao Hai a hard time now.

Chapter 1184: New Rule

Zhao Hai looked at the referee and knew that the man was planning to make things hard for him. This was because there were a lot of instances in this competition where the outcome of the fight was unnatural. Therefore, referees were in place to dispute and decide the winner and loser of the match.

If this was other people, then the people on the stands would have berated the referee. But since it was Zhao Hai, nobody spoke. They also wanted to know where Iron Tower went.

Zhao Hai looked at the referee, then he smiled faintly and said, "He vanished, is that an issue? Since he's gone while I stayed, should I be the winner? Why is the referee delaying the result?"

The referee couldn't help but stare at Zhao Hai's question. According to the rules of the competition, the winner of the competition was decided by who remained standing in the arena. Even if Iron Tower wasn't killed by Zhao Hai, he wasn't on the arena, so he lost.

The referee was somewhat angry. He looked at Zhao Hai and coldly snorted as he said, "I'm the referee, and this is my requirement."

Zhao Hai looked at the referee, then he suddenly laughed and said, "Alright, you are the referee. But don't forget, you're under the control of the committee. Do you remember what happened to the past members of the committee? Do you understand what I'm saying?"

When the referee heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but stare. Then his expression changed. He really wanted to make things hard for Zhao Hai, but after hearing Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but hesitate. Just like Zhao Hai said, referees still answer to the committee. When the last committee members tried to suppress the participants, they were removed. The referee even heard that all of those members had already died, killed by the vengeful small families.

As for the referee, he was just a small element in the competition. If he dared to cause trouble this time, he would definitely be killed. Upon thinking about this, the referee shivered inside. At this moment, he wanted to punch himself for accepting the bribe from the Machine Field Army.

The referee was truly in a hard place. One must know that among all of the arenas, Zhao Hai's arena had the most attention right now. Because of the recent rumors circulating around, everyone's curiosity was directed at Zhao Hai. All of them wanted to see how strong Zhao Hai really is.

It was because of this that the referee was afraid to make a decision. If he makes it hard for Zhao Hai, then he would be removed as the referee.

At this time, someone from the crowd suddenly shouted, "Zhao Hai, stop talking nonsense. What did you do to deceive Iron Tower? You're unqualified to be seeded. You took Iron Tower's spot!"

As soon as this person's voice was heard, more and more complaints came in. All of these voices hinted that Zhao Hai was very suspicious. Zhao Hai looked at the direction of the voices and knew from Laura and the others that these people had connections to the Machine Field Army. Their complaints cause everyone around them to get agitated. This caused a disturbance in the area.

Zhao Hai wasn't surprised at all. He looked at everyone and said, "Does everyone really want to see Iron Tower?"

The stands bursted with conversation. Zhao Hai didn't care, he just smiled and said, "Alright, I'll let you see Iron Tower."

Everyone looked at Zhao Hai. They were wondering about what he would do. Will he take out a handful of ash, pick up a stone, or get a lump of charcoal?

Zhao Hai didn't care about their reaction. He just smiled before waving his hand. A man appeared next to him. This man had green skin. He held a giant tower shield on one hand and then a broadsword on the other. He stood beside Zhao Hai for everyone to see.

All the spectators stared. They didn't expect Iron Tower to really appear. Moreover, he seems to be intact.

The referee still didn't know what to do up to this point. So when he saw Iron Tower, he immediately asked, "Iron Tower, where were you? Did you admit defeat?"

Iron Tower didn't make any noise, he just stayed in place. Zhao Hai suddenly laughed, causing those under the arena to wonder.

Zhao Hai looked at the referee and said, "Mister Referee, you really need to practice your eyesight. At your current level, you shouldn't be a referee. If a misjudgement happens, things would get serious."

When the referee heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but gawk. Then he inspected Iron Tower once again. And this time, he discovered an issue, Iron Tower wasn't breathing.

Even if the referee was an idiot, he would still know what was going on. At the same time, he was shocked by what Zhao Hai did. He actually killed Iron Tower and made him into an Undead.

Zhao Hai looked at the referee. Then he smiled faintly and said, "Mister Referee, can you announce the result now?"

When the referee saw Zhao Hai smile, he felt his heart turn cold. He just found out how ruthless Zhao Hai was. It would be unwise to go against such a person. It wouldn't be good if he doesn't declare Zhao Hai a winner. Therefore, he immediately announced, "Zhao Hai is the victor!"

Zhao Hai smiled, then he got down from the arena. Although the arena had stairs designed into it, none of the participants used it. They would show their magic and just jump down or fly away from the arena. It was rare for people to walk down the stairs like Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai calmly walked down the stairs step by step. Moreover, he didn't store Iron Tower and just had him follow behind.

As for the people from the Machine Field Army, they were far away from the arena so they weren't able to see Iron Tower's appearance. Because of this, one of them shouted, "Why did you announce the winner? Iron Tower is still on the stage!"

The referee wasn't a fool. He knew who were making the disturbance just now. However, he knew that he couldn't offend Zhao Hai. Moreover, those sent by the Machine Field Army were idiots. Creating a disturbance at this time wasn't useful.

The referee gazed coldly at the person on the crowd and said, "Are you blind? Can't you see that Iron Tower has been turned into Undead? And who are you to judge my decision? Are you the referee?"

As soon as these people heard the referee, they couldn't help but pause. Then they turned their gazes towards Zhao Hai and then to Iron Tower behind him. It didn't take long for them to discover that the huge armored man was not breathing.

The area turned silent immediately. Everyone was staring at Iron Tower and Zhao Hai. Even those who were somewhat familiar with Zhao Hai couldn't help but retreat upon seeing this sight.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone's reaction and suddenly laughed, then he continued to walk forward. Everyone stared at Zhao Hai's back and then looked at each other in horror, especially those from the Machine Field Army. They saw that Zhao Hai's eyes stayed the same, which made everyone even more shocked. Each one of them felt shivers running down their spines.

Zhao Hai quickly met with Xiong Li and the others. Upon seeing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li patted his shoulder as he laughed and said, "Little Hai, good job. Beautiful. Let's leave this place and have a drink."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, let's go have a drink." The group laughed before they headed out of the stadium. Everyone's gazes were on them, but they seem to not care at all.

Zhao Hai only put Iron Tower away when they were about to ride the car. Then the group proceeded towards the restaurant. This time, they didn't go to Delin's Barbecue, instead they visited a different place. After everyone had placed their orders and had settled down, Sun Fei turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, Second Brother Dongfang said that your match may have been tampered with. He wants us to act on it so that the Machine Field Army wouldn't pit us against each other. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It definitely is the case. But it's not good to complain against the Machine Field Army right now. We have Iron Tower as a witness. He should be able to know what is going on. When the time comes, he will be a witness against the army. We have to follow the proper procedures. Let's have our families formally protest against the competition. I want to see how these things end."

Xiong Li's expression turned ugly, "Hmph. The Machine Field Army should hope that I don't meet their people. I'll definitely kill them all."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright. These are struggles of the higher-ups. It's something we cannot control. Let's drink! We still have battles tomorrow." At this time, their dishes and liquor were delivered.

When Zhao Hai returned to the Ashley Family's building, Cadjo and the others immediately made an official protest. However, Cadjo didn't target the suspicious drawing of lots. Instead, he complained about Zhao Hai having an unfair referee. This should be enough to keep the Machine Field Army in line.

Also, the Ashley Family weren't the only ones to issue a protest. The Wu Family, Fire Temple, and Dongfang Yu's Yan Family also lodged a protest. But instead of the referee, their families targeted the suspicious drawing of competitors. The protest of these families turned into a very serious matter. It provoked a chain reaction, causing every influence to turn their heads to this matter. Another investigation began.

The Machine Field Army suddenly found themselves playing a dizzy game of chess. The current Machine Field was in a very sensitive state. And during this time, they actually dared to do so many things. They were truly asking for trouble. They immediately made countermeasures but the effect wasn't great. In the end, the investigation found some clues and these clues were pointed directly at the Machine Field Army.

However, the huge powers knew that this matter couldn't be made public. If the small powers were to catch wind of it, then the Machine Field would be plunged into chaos once more.

The entire matter caused the Machine Field Army to pay a heavy price. In the end, the matter was successfully suppressed. This also made the Machine Field Army hate the Zhao Hai even more.

After this matter, the committee announces a new rule. To better ensure the fighting prowess of the Machine Field in the upcoming Six Realm Beginner Competition, the seeded participants would no longer be chosen to fight against each other. This rule would also extend to the top 100 talents in the Machine Field.

This new rule caused waves in the realm. But after being pressed by the three major powers, everything calmed down. At the same time, Zhao Hai and the others felt relieved.

Chapter 1185: Provocation

Iron Tower died without much attention. And besides a few unlucky referees, almost nothing happened.

The Machine Field just passed through a huge chaotic event. They wouldn't want to enter another one at this time. Whether it be the Machine Field Army, Church Alliance, or the Warrior Association, nobody wanted to see the Machine Field turn chaotic. Because of this, everyone took a step back. The Machine Field Army was hit with light sanctions while the Church Alliance and Warrior Association stopped making noise.

But in this small event, the Machine Field Army managed to lose the most. While they were able to keep their five seeded participants, they didn't manage to gain anything. On the other hand, they lost a lot due to the penalties. This caused them to hate Zhao Hai even more. After all, he was the reason why their two plans failed.

Zhao Hai didn't care about this. The Machine Field Army would no longer dare to make a move on him now. If the Machine Field Army decided to make another move, then the Church Alliance and the Warrior Association would no longer let them off.

If it was a one-on-one fight against either the Church Alliance or the Warrior Association, then the Machine Field Army would have no reason to be afraid. However, if the two groups were to work together, then the army would have a hard time. Therefore, they wouldn't dare to make a move at this time.

Zhao Hai was well aware of these matters. The entire Machine Field had already been mapped by the Space. He can see whatever he wanted to see and there were no equipment nor magic that can stop him. Because of this, he was able to know the decision made by the various powers.

Zhao Hai wasn't disappointed with the verdict. This was within his expectations. If the Machine Field didn't do it this way, then that would be very suspicious. After all, these people weren't idiots. They were still on guard against the Cultivation Realm. The Cultivation Realm had no comments about the Yin Yang Sect's actions. So if the Machine Field Army suddenly turned chaotic, the Cultivation Realm's

Cultivators would certainly make a move. In this case, all three major powers would suffer the same bad luck. Therefore, they had to find a peaceful way to solve this matter.

But in the end, none of these matters affected Zhao Hai. If he met people from the Machine Field Army, he would still kill them.

Since the Army already hated him, there was no need to curry favor with them. It was better to be ruthless to them since they were already on bad terms. But there was one thing that made Zhao Hai disappointed. He could no longer meet the people from the Machine Field Army who were among the seeded ones as well as those in the top 100.

However, Zhao Hai changed his mind after thinking about it. If he could still meet those from the top 100, then this meant that he might be setup to meet Donfang Yu or Xiong Li. It would be troublesome when that time comes.

Another three days of competition passed by and the final 100 have already been chosen. And as expected, the 20 seeded participants were among these 100 people. And at this point, nobody dared doubt Zhao Hai's strength.

After the top 100 were selected, the following event would be the ranking tournament. In this ranking competition, no casualties were allowed. If one kills or severely injures someone, then that person would be removed from the top 100. They would then be replaced by those who were close to being in the top 100.

This rule was kept in place in order to protect the top 100 strongest people. This would ensure that the Machine Field would be in its best combat state during the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

Zhao Hai had no objection to this new rule. After all, he was now considered to be a participant of the Machine Field. Moreover, it can be said that the top 100 were the most powerful beginners in the Machine Field in the past five years. Each injury to these 100 people was an injury to the Machine Field's benefits.

But even if Zhao Hai didn't object to this rule, this doesn't mean that he appreciates it. In fact, Zhao Hai despised the rule. This rule was mainly enforced so that the ascenders would work harder for the

Machine Field. If they were truly afraid of loss, then they wouldn't have made such brutal elimination rounds.

Compared to these 100, the 100 thousand participants should also be paid attention to. Relative to the strength of the Cultivation Realm, the power of these 100 participants was simply meaningless. On the other hand, if those 100 thousand people were trained well, then they might provide ample strength to the Machine Field.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't voice these thoughts for now. Because even if he did, people wouldn't listen. On the contrary, it would just attract the attention of everyone in the Machine Field. With the Machine Field Army being the main combat arm of the realm, the benefits involved was too great. This cannot be changed in a short time.

While the undercurrents was still surging, the 100 ranking competition finally started. This was one of the liveliest days in the stadium. This was because these 100 people represented the strongest beginners in the past 5 years. And this ranking competition would decide on who the strongest one of them was.

People seem to be born with a hint of competitive spirit. This was more evident in this ranking competition, which ignited the enthusiasm within everyone. This caused the ranking tournament to be the liveliest part of the realm qualifier.

Most importantly, the top 100 ranking tournament would be broadcasted to the realm. This was because there wouldn't be a lot of bloody accidents that would happen. This would allow the majority of people to be able to watch it.

Not far from the arena, the 100 strongest participants were assigned their own special seats. Xiong Li, Zhao Hai, and the others were sitting together. Xiong Li turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, are you excited to face Streep and the others?"

Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "Not really. What I want to fight are those from the other realms. Fighting Streep and the others is simply useless."

Xiong Li glared at Zhao Hai and said, "Get out. Are you saying that you aren't taking us seriously? But since you're powerful, then you might as well help us when we face the other realms."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly, then he turned to look at Dongfang Yu. Seeing Zhao Hai, Dongfang Yu smiled and said, "The Six Realm Beginner Competition starts just like the realm qualifiers. It would also start with an elimination round. But this time, the scale is much smaller. After all, each realm could only have 100 participants each. Generally, they would find a place and then give each person a number plate. Then the participants would snatch each other's number plates. These number plates would decide the seeded participants of the competition. Those who reached the top ten would be seeded while the others would become ordinary participants. Seeded participants would be exempted from the first and second round of the competition, they would enter in the third. The first two rounds would be the elimination battles while the third round is the battle for points. And the one with the most points wins the first place."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "And those placed beyond 100 would also be ranked?"

Dongfang Yu nodded and said, "Right. Everyone from the first to the 600th will be ranked. From 600-500th position, they would obtain some consolation prizes like weapons as well as pieces of precious ores, herbal medicines, and so on. 500-400th position would obtain ten of these items, 400-300 will get 50 precious items, 300-200 will get the rights to some mines. The prize gets more valuable as the rank gets higher. Naturally, the most valuable prizes belonged to those ranked 100 and higher. These rewards include mineral rich planets, and things of equal or greater value. However, it must be said that the most money one could make in the Six Realm Beginner Competition wasn't in these prizes. Instead, it was from betting!"

Zhao Hai gawked and asked, "Betting?"

Dongfang Yu nodded and said, "Yes. There's a huge gambling scene whenever the Six Realm Beginner Competition draws near. Some of these gambling centers offer their services to individual bets. They would bet on players and see how long they could last. Naturally, the odds for each participant is different. There's also gambling for major powers. A group from the Machine Field, say the Ashley Family, could send a representative to bet using some planetary resources or other valuable items. If they win, then they would gain a lot. Actually, we, the top 100, already have some bets placed on us."

Zhao Hai nodded, "So it's like that. Interesting. It seems like the other realms are going to bleed a lot this time."

Dongfang Yu understood what Zhao Hai wanted to say. He looked at Zhao Hai and couldn't help but gently shake his head. He really didn't know where Zhao Hai got his confidence. Although he knew that Zhao Hai could almost dominate the Machine Field qualifiers, it was a different story when it comes to

the experts from the other realms. The other 5 realms were on a completely different level compared to the experts of the Machine Field.

At this time, the computer had made its pick. Zhao Hai looked at the display to see who the two competitors were. One of them was a seeded participant from the Machine Field army. While the other person wasn't seeded, he was still a level 4 expert. In fact, almost all of the top 100 participants were level 4.

The sight of so many level 4 experts was also the reason why Zhao Hai believed that the Mages and Warriors could have the power to fight those in the other realms. With 4 years of practice on average, these people were able to reach level 4. If they kept practicing in optimum conditions, then who knows what they can achieve.

It's just a pity that nearly a hundred thousand Ascenders had either been killed or crippled with no hopes of recovering.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel anger deep in his heart. This was a complete suppression of the Ascenders by the Machine Field Natives. And since the Ascenders were the minority, they simply had no way to rebel.

At this moment, the fight had begun. The seeded participant from the Machine Field Army was a Warrior who had a long spear in his hand. He was nicknamed Iron Lancer!

The reason why he was called this name was because he was a rare cavalry Warrior!

And since Iron Lancer was a cavalry warrior, he also had his mount from the lower realm. This magic beast was a special species of horse that had formidable strength. Iron Lancer's strength as well as his mount made him a famous expert in the Machine Field army, which allowed him to be selected as one of the seeded participants in this competition.

In the previous matches, Zhao Hai was able to see Iron Lancer's strength. He looked formidable, especially when he was on top of his mount. The mount wasn't any worse than magic beasts from the Machine Field. The result of the coordination between beast and man was more than adding the two together.

Iron Lancer's opponent was a Mage. This Mage was wearing dark robes, it seems like he was a Dark Mage. The Mage was thin, almost as though he was a skeleton. From what Zhao Hai saw in the previous battles, this Dark Mage specializes in summons. He could use 100-layer formations that could summon dark creatures to fight for him. His strength was also very formidable.

The current arena was now 500 meters long and 200 meters wide. This way, everyone could exert their full strength.

Iron Lancer and the Dark Mage were now about 300 meters away from each other. Iron Lancer was already on top of his mount. His mount looked very special. It had a horn on its head, a long and black body covered in scales, hooks on its tail, and fangs in its mouth. It doesn't look like a horse, more like a wolf-horse hybrid.

When the signal to begin the fight was heard, Iron Lancer immediately held his lance and pointed it towards the Dark Mage. Then he tapped his horse's belly twice with his foot, causing him to careen towards the Dark Mage.

At the same time, the Dark Mage held his hands to release a layered formation. Then in front of him, a giant wolf immediately appeared. This giant wolf wasn't any smaller than Iron Lancer's mount. Seeing the enemy, the giant wolf roared and charged.

After releasing the giant wolf, the Dark Mage quickly retreated. Simultaneously, he also waved his hand as he mumbled. Another magic formation appeared, this time it was a 30-layer formation. A rhinoceros appeared from this formation. However, the rhinoceros didn't immediately charge towards Iron Lancer. Instead, it stood before the Dark Mage, acting as a hulking shield.

When the Dark Mage was about to chant another incantation, Iron Lancer had already dealt with the giant wolf. Iron Lancer waved his lance and then sent sword qi towards the rhinoceros. The rhino roared and released a dark shield to cover itself. And at the same time, it lowered its head and charged towards Iron Lancer.

But at this moment, Iron Lancer clamped his mount with his two legs, causing the horse to neigh and leap. It caused Iron Lancer to vault over the rhino and appear directly in front of the Dark Mage. The Dark Mage didn't move. This was because Iron Lancer's lance was already pointed at his throat. The Dark Mage was defeated.

After defeating the Dark Mage, Iron Lancer withdrew his weapon and then turned his gazes towards the stands. Nobody knew who he was staring at except for Zhao Hai. Iron Lancer was looking straight into Zhao Hai with a heavy look of provocation.

Chapter 1186: Wind Sword Zheng Yu

Zhao Hai looked at Iron Lancer's departing back. Then he smiled as he turned to Xiong Li and said, "This guy. He actually dared to provoke me. It's a shame that I'm not allowed to kill people. Or else he won't survive."

Xiong Li coldly snorted and said, "Just wait, an opportunity will definitely come. Aren't we all going to the Six Realm Beginner Competition? Judging by their skill, they wouldn't be able to survive the elimination round. We can make our move then."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Let's see when we arrive at the elimination round. To be honest, I really want to see how strong the other realms are. Big Brother Xiong, it's your turn." Xiong Li was picked, his opponent was a Warrior not from the 20 seeded but from the top 100 participants.

Xiong Li glanced at the list and his eyes couldn't help but light up. He stood up and said, "Yes, I finally get to play. Brothers, I'll head out first." Then he immediately rushed towards the arena. Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile after seeing this.

Xiong Li's fight ended very quickly. Although his opponent wasn't weak, he was still not a match against Xiong Li. In the following fights, nothing managed to attract Zhao Hai's attention. Most of these fights ended quickly, long drawn out battles rarely happened.

Zhao Hai knew that all of the participants wished their fights to end quicker. After all, the longer one fights, the more flaws they would reveal.

For experts, the line between life and death was very thin. This was the truth that everyone understood. This was like wars where there were spans of days or even weeks where nothing happens. And then there would be a sudden fight to end it all.

The first day of battle ended quickly. On this day, a total of 30 battles had been organized. Of Zhao Hai's group of four, only Xiong Li was able to fight, the others had yet to be selected.

On the next day, Zhao Hai and the others returned to the arena. But compared to the relaxed attitude on the first day, Zhao Hai and the others were more tensed. This was because they were worried that they might meet each other in the arena.

At exactly 8:00 am, the computer began to draw names. The first batch of fighters were soon selected. Upon seeing this list, the audience couldn't help but get into an uproar.

There wasn't anything strange on the list, nor did the four brothers manage to go up against each other. On the contrary, the list was quite common. The first on the list was Zhao Hai. But the one he was up against was Machine Field Army's Wind Sword Zheng Yu, one of their five seeded participants.

Ever since Zheng Yu ascended, he used his sword as well as his technique in order to gain the title of the fastest sword among the beginners of the Machine Field.

And with Zheng Yu's fast sword, he was considered to be the nemesis of Mages. Since his attacks were quick, his sword qi was also quick to hit the enemy. This timing would disrupt any Mage trying to cast magic. This caused Mages to be unable to use their skills and end up getting defeated.

It was precisely because of his talent that the people were in an uproar upon seeing the matchup. Although ordinary people didn't know about the relationship between Zhao Hai and the Machine Field Army, just like the Machine Field Army they initially suspected Zhao Hai's selection as a seeded participant. But after several fights, this idea soon vanished. Zhao Hai had proven to them that he had the qualifications to be seeded.

Those who were skeptical at first became supporters. After all, besides Zhao Hai, the top 20 seeded participants were well known characters in the Machine Field. It can be said that Zhao Hai was a dark horse. Everyone hoped to see him show his might and overthrow the established strong participants.

This was the reason why people become chaotic upon seeing Zhao Hai go against the nemesis of Mages, Zheng Yu.

Zhao Hai didn't care about this as he slowly approached the arena. At this time, Zheng Yu was already on the arena, staring at Zhao Hai with a cold gaze.

When Zhao Hai got on the arena, the arena's shields immediately rose up. Zhao Hai gave Zheng Yu a salute. However, Zheng Yu didn't return the gesture. Instead, he looked coldly at Zhao Hai and said, "Don't think that you're amazing just because you defeated Iron Tower. That guy is just someone who has thick skin. If you met me earlier, then you have already been killed. You should thank the committee for saving you."

Zhao Hai looked at Zheng Yu, then he smiled faintly and said, "And why did you only tell me this now that the top 100 has been selected? The words you said just made you look bad."

Zheng Yu looked at Zhao Hai and then said with disdain, "If you still depend on your cheating method of reaching the top 100, then you can only be at the bottom of this ranking competition. You'll never be able to defeat another seeded participant."

Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "Then let's see." At this time, the ring sounded out marking the start of the fight. Zheng Yu quickly waved his hand and taking his sword out. Then almost instantly, he waved it towards Zhao Hai, sending a sword qi flying along the way.

The sword was swung really fast, and its sword qi was similarly as quick. In almost a blink of an eye, the sword had already reached Zhao Hai.

At this moment, a formation appeared in front of Zhao Hai. Before the sword qi hit him, a shield was already there to block. Zheng Yu's aggressive sword qi was actually blocked by Zhao Hai's magic formation.

Although Zheng Yu was very arrogant when facing Zhao Hai, he still knew that he needed to be careful. He knew Iron Tower's strength, so he knew that Iron Tower wouldn't just fall down in one blow. The sword qi he sent out was just a probe to have a fair assessment of Zhao Hai strength. And at this time, Zheng Yu knew that Zhao Hai was strong.

Zheng Yu knew that he couldn't stop. He waved his sword again and again, sending sword qi flying like machine gunfire towards Zhao Hai.

This caused the spectators to be excited. The reason these people came to watch this battle was because they saw Zhao Hai as a dark horse. He was a mysterious character whose techniques were never seen before. During his past battles, Zhao Hai would always use his dark mist, making the audience unable to see what was going on inside. When the dark mist dissipates, only then would they know that Zhao Hai had won. Only a few people were able to see Zhao Hai's attacks. Because of this, everyone was very curious about him.

Unexpectedly, Zhao Hai didn't cover the arena with dark mist this time. Because of this, people could now see how he fights. This caused them to feel excitement towards the show.

When Zhao Hai saw Zheng Yu's speed in releasing sword qi, his eyes couldn't help but shrink. While his right hand was still holding the defensive formation, Zhao Hai made some gestures with his left hand, releasing a 10-layer formation in front of him.

Seeing Zhao Hai's action, everyone watching couldn't help but gasp. Not only those watching, even experts from the Machine Field were surprised.

Using both hands to use two magic formations at the same time wasn't an easy task. One needed to split their attention in order to accomplish this. Moreover, the ratio of this division needed to be seriously considered. After all, this relates to one's control over their spiritual force. Diverting one's concentration might cause the collapse of a formation and lead to a backlash. Because of this, most Mages would never use two formations at the same time. Using one formation for each hand like Zhao Hai was something that only a few Mages could achieve.

After Zhao Hai's second formation was finished, large quantities of fiery arrows appeared. This formation had already become Zhao Hai's signature, ten thousand fiery arrows. These arrows weren't meant to attack Zheng Yu, instead it was to block the sword qi that were being sent over.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Each collision caused a spectacular light show for everyone watching. This caused the audience to applaud in glee. However, there were those who stayed calm and quiet among these displays. This was because they just discovered how strong Zheng Yu and Zhao Hai were.

The arena was soon filled with smoke and sparks. Then suddenly Zhao Hai exclaimed, "Behead!" Upon saying this, he released a huge sword towards Zheng Yu's direction.

And at the same time, Zhao Hai released hundreds of giant shields in front of him. The shields shuddered as a metallic collision was heard.

At this time, the smoke on the arena had dissipated and the audience could finally see the state of the battle. Zhao Hai's giant shield had blocked Zheng Yu's attack. Meanwhile, there was a giant sword that had already been cleared out by Zheng Yu.

As it turns out, not only his sword, but Zheng Yu himself was fast as well. He kept moving around to send attacks towards Zhao Hai while at the same time dodging Zhao Hai's counterattacks.

Zhao Hai's shield was still resisting any attacks coming his way. Zhao Hai waved his hand once more in order to prepare for another formation.

Zheng Yu was finally feeling threatened by Zhao Hai. He depended on his quick sword to disrupt Mages and triumph against them. However, Zhao Hai's ability was completely out of his expectations. Zhao Hai could cast formations with each hand. This was equal to fighting two Mages at the same time. One Mage defends while the other attacks. There was no way for Zheng Yu to gain any high ground.

Now, after seeing Zhao Hai prepare another Magic spell, Zheng Yu couldn't help but feel anxious. He paid careful attention to Zhao Hai and at the same time he was closing their distance.

Zhao Hai finally wielded his hand, releasing a 50-layer formation. This formation turned red before it became a one meter tall fireball. Then this fireball flew towards Zheng Yu with a speed that couldn't be described as fast.

Zheng Yu couldn't help but smile with scorn. He quickly moved past Zhao Hai's fireball and then swung his sword towards Zhao Hai's shield. In his opinion, a fireball as slow as that was no threat to him at all.

But as Zheng Yu moved, he discovered that Zhao Hai's magic was tracking him. And after that fireball, ten more came after. Even then, Zheng Yu was still able to dodge these fireballs. The spectators couldn't help but be confused. They didn't understand why Zhao Hai would use slow fireballs to attack an agile opponent like Zheng Yu.

Chapter 1187: Brothers Against Each Other

Although Zheng Yu was also confused, he was in the middle of a fight and had not found anything strange. He continued to dodge Zhao Hai's fireballs while also sending his attacks. He discovered that Zhao Hai's giant shield was beginning to become less steady, which was good news.

With this thought in mind, Zheng Yu hastened his attacks. However, he failed to see that something had managed to surprise the spectators.

What Zheng Yu didn't see was Zhao Hai's fireballs still existing after he dodged them. Moreover, these fireballs slowly turned into fiery figures. These fiery figures were made entirely out of the fire element. It was one of the summoned fire element creatures.

Any magic department had their own summoning magic. The lifeform that each element summoned were also different. These fiery creatures that Zhao Hai summoned were called Flame Demons.

Actually, Fire Mages in the lower realms could also use summoning magic to summon flame demons. However, flame demons summoned in the lower realms were of the lowest level, their strength was simply bad. But in the Machine Field, with Magic Theory as well as the rich amount of spiritual qi, the flame demons that were summoned had very formidable combat strength.

Zhao Hai shot more than ten fireballs. And now, these fireballs all turned into flame demons. It was only now did the spectators understand why Zhao Hai sent out so many fireballs. His spell was actually a summoning spell, not just an ordinary fireball.

After launching about 15 fireballs, Zhao Hai's formation finally vanished. But Zhao Hai didn't stop here, he waved his hand once more to prepare casting another magic.

Zheng Yu's full attention was on Zhao Hai. He was focusing on what spells Zhao Hai would use. But at this moment, he suddenly felt a burning hot sensation behind him. Zheng Yu was startled, then he immediately moved to the side, evading a claw of fire directed at his back.

Just as Zheng Yu evaded the flame demon, another flame demon came attacking. These flame demons weren't as slow as the fireballs they originated from. Their attack speed was very fast. More than ten attacking flame demons caused Zheng Yu to be flustered.

As Zheng Yu was dodging the flame demons, Zhao Hai was finally able to cast his magic spell. A formation appeared in front of him as ten giant black arrows appeared.

These were dark killer arrows, also one of the spells Zhao Hai used before. These arrows were made from both the wind and darkness element. Their speed was very fast but they were as silent as smoke. This was the best magic to use for assassination.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and sent the ten arrows towards Zheng Yu. Although the speed of the arrows was fast, they didn't make any sound, causing the target to be fairly oblivious to their approach.

Fortunately for Zheng Yu, he was still paying attention to Zhao Hai even as he was fending off the flame demons. Upon seeing Zhao Hai release fast arrows, Zheng Yu couldn't help but get startled. Then he waved his sword faster, causing his attack towards the flame demons to be inconsistent since he was also defending against the killer arrows.

But at this moment, the ten arrows curved and shot towards Zheng Yu in all directions. Zheng Yu was shaken. However, he didn't slow down as he waved his sword faster, causing a ball of sword qi to surround him, forming an almost impenetrable shield.

At this point, the ten dark killer arrows circled Zheng Yu's position. They circled for a few rounds before all of them shot towards Zheng Yu once more. Zheng Yu quickly consumed his battle qi in order to deal with these arrows.

Just as he was able to fend off the arrows, arrow after arrow from Zhao Hai's ten thousand fiery arrows spell fell from the sky. But this time, Zhao Hai deliberately made the arrows hit Zheng Yu's surrounding area but not Zheng Yu's position.

Seeing this outcome, Zheng Yu couldn't help but feel helpless. He knew that he had already lost. Moreover, his defeat wasn't due to cheating or some elaborate plot. It can be said that the fight was under Zhao Hai's total control. Magic after magic, Zhao Hai was able to lead Zheng Yu by the nose from the very beginning. Zheng Yu simply couldn't find his own rhythm. In this case, there was nothing left but for him to declare his loss.

Zheng Yu dejectedly stored his wind sword as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I lost. Zhao Hai, you're strong. I was defeated fair and square." Then after giving Zhao Hai a salute, he turned around and left the arena.

At this moment, the referee also made a declaration of Zhao Hai's win. At this point, the referees wouldn't dare act unreasonably. They wouldn't dare turn any matter into something sensitive. Once they do so, they would certainly suffer extreme bad luck.

Zhao Hai went down from the arena and returned to where Xiong Li and the others were. Xiong Li heavily patted Zhao Hai's shoulder and said, "Little Hai, you were really great out there. Very good. Very very good."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "He's just a bit neglectful."

Dongfang Yu shook his head and said, "Come on, Little Hai, do you treat us as fools? He didn't underestimate you, he just isn't your enemy. I asked Little Fei for his opinion and he told me that even he wouldn't have good odds winning against Zheng Yu."

Sun Fei smiled bitterly and said, "It's just too hard. Zheng Yu is truly fit to be called the Wind Sword. His sword is very fast. If Big Brother Hai isn't able to cast two formations at once, then I'm afraid you would have lost."

Zhao Hai gave a faint smile and said, "Yes, Zheng Yu's sword technique is very fast. He's truly formidable. Right, let's stop talking about him. How about I teach you how to cast two magics at once when we're free?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Sun Fei's eyes couldn't help but light up. One must know that being able to cast two formations at once was a huge help when it came to real battles. Although this meant that one's energy consumption would double, releasing two spells instead of one was an enormous advantage during fights. There were crucial times where another magic spell was needed in order to finish the battle. Also, having such an ability was a very good trump card to use against the enemy.

Sun Fei immediately agreed. At this time, the second batch of participants had been selected. This time, Dongfang Yu was called. However, his opponent wasn't one of the seeded participants but instead it was one from the top 100. Dongfang Yu said his farewell to the group before heading to his arena.

Because of Zhao Hai, Xiong Li, Sun Fei, and Dongfang Yu's close relationship, the people from the Machine Field had already called them the Four Brothers. In addition to their good relationship, they were also very strong.

And since their relationship was good, the Ashley Family, Wu Family, Yan Family, and the Fire Temple had already formed an alliance. This was completely out of the Ashley Family's expectations. However, they really liked this outcome.

Dongfang Yu's opponent was a Mage. Moreover, the Mage was quite strong so Dongfang Yu proceeded with caution. But with Dongfang Yu's mastery of his fire dragon technique, the battle was over before long.

At this point, of the four brothers, only Sun Fei had yet to fight. But Sun Fei's luck was very good. On the second to the last round, he was able to have his turn to fight.

Sun Fei's opponent was also a Mage. But since the Mage wasn't among the seeded participants, Sun Fei was able to easily win.

After two days of fighting, the top 50 was finally decided. The next few days would be Zhao Hai and the others's rest days. These days would be used to rank the number 51 to 100 positions.

Although it was just the ranking battles for the 51st to 100th place, massive amounts of people still came over to watch. After all, these people were the most outstanding newcomers in the past 5 years. The quality of their fights would truly be worth looking at.

After four days of battles, the ranking from 51st to 100th had finally been decided. Wind Sword Zheng Yu was able to easily take up the number 51st slot. This also made it clear to everyone how strong seeded participants were. And it also highlighted Zhao Hai's strength.

Now that the ranking for the lower half has been decided it was time to see who would get the 1st to 50th place. It was time for Zhao Hai and the others to return to the arena.

After one day, the top 25 had been chosen. Zhao Hai and the others had another chance to rest. These days would be used to decide the 26th to 50th positions.

Fortunately, Zhao Hai and his brothers had yet to meet. The four advanced smoothly up to the top 25. During this time, Zhao Hai was once again faced with another seeded participant. But this person wasn't from the Machine Field Army. Instead, it was a seeded participant from the Radiant Temple. But in the end, he was still defeated by Zhao Hai.

After the 26th to 50th positions were dealt with, it was time for the top 25 to fight once more. But since there would only be 12 battles, one lucky person would be chosen to have a free passage to the next round. There was no other way of doing things, after all, one person couldn't fight two battles on the same day.

And this good luck actually fell into Sun Fei's head. Since Sun Fei was able to progress with no effort, naturally, Zhao Hai and the others had him treat them to a meal.

The remaining 24 people would be divided into 12 pairs. But this time, Zhao Hai and the others weren't in luck. Zhao Hai finally bumped into one of his brothers, Dongfang Yu. This battle naturally attracted a very large amount of spectators. Those viewing online had also skyrocketed. The reason for this was because the two were now very famous experts in the Machine Field. Another reason was because the two were very close friends. Because of this, the audience wanted to see the result of their battle.

Zhao Hai and Dongfang Yu stood on the arena. Dongfang Yu looked at Zhao Hai and then smiled bitterly as he said, "I didn't expect to be this unfortunate this soon. Alright Kid, don't you dare show mercy. I don't want our fight to look lame."

Upon hearing Dongfang Yu, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh as he replied, "I have always looked forward to receiving brother's fire dragon technique. Come, Second Brother, let's have a proper fight!"

Dongfang Yu also laughed and said, "Alright, let me have a look at your strength!" Then he waved his fiery red dragon sword before pointing it towards Zhao Hai.

At this time, the ring to start the battle was heard. Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he waved his hand and a 5-layer formation appeared in front of him. Then the formation turned red before a red dragon flew out of it and then headed straight towards Dongfang Yu.

When Dongfang Yu saw Zhao Hai's attack, he couldn't help but laugh. Then he waved his fire dragon sword and then sent a fiery red sword qi towards Zhao Hai's fire dragon.

However, much to Dongfang Yu's surprise, just as his sword qi was about to cut the Fire Dragon, the dragon opened its mouth and then swallowed the sword qi. After the sound of an explosion, Dongfang Yu's sword qi vanished. On the other hand, the dragon's head was the only thing left of its body. Nevertheless, the head kept flying towards Dongfang Yu.

Dongfang Yu shouted, "Ha!" Then he moved and retreated. At the same time, he continually waved his sword and sent sword qi after sword qi towards Zhao Hai's fire dragon.

Dongfang Yu didn't expect Zhao Hai's control over magic to be this delicate. Moreover, his magic actually had this much power to it.

What Dongfang Yu didn't know was that this was the most ordinary kind of attack Zhao Hai could do. If Zhao Hai mixed in astral qi to his attack, then his attacking strength would increase even more.

The emotion below the arena was mixed. There were those who saw the magnificent display of the two fighters and felt excited. They shouted and waved their hands with each blow.

But as for the other participants left in the competition, they couldn't help but turn silent as they looked at the two. Xiong Li and Sun Fei were sitting beside each other. While looking at the arena, Xiong Li turned to Sun Fei and said, "Little Fei, what magic did Little Hai use? How could it be that strong? Dongfang actually used three sword qi strikes in order to get rid of it."

Sun Fei smiled bitterly and said, "On the surface, it looks just like an ordinary 10-layer fire dragon spell. However, I am sure that 10-layer fire dragons cannot be that strong. From what I can see, Brother Hai uses formations that I had never seen before. I don't know what formations he used to make his sets. This is the reason why his spells are much stronger than average."

Although Xiong Li wasn't a Mage, he was still clear about matters regarding magic formations. So upon hearing Sun Fei, his brows couldn't help but tighten up as he said, "You mean Little Hai has been creating his own formations?"

Sun Fei shook his head and said, "That's impossible. I might believe it if he created his own formation sets. But formations? That is absolutely impossible. Creating your own magic formations is much more difficult than creating formation sets. It's possible that those formations are the secret formations of the Ashley Family. After all, secret formations of a family aren't allowed to be distributed outside."

Xiong Li nodded, then he sighed and said, "I heard that I am a genius. But comparing to Little Hai, I'm just too far off. This kid just ascended roughly a year ago and he's now this strong. It's really unbelievable."

Sun Fei nodded, he sighed as he said, "I don't want to think about that right now. Because whenever I do, I feel like killing myself."

Upon hearing Sun Fei, Xiong Li couldn't help but laugh. He patted Sun Fei's shoulder and said, "Don't think about it too much. That kid is a demon that can't be compared to normal standards."

As the two were talking, Dongfang Yu and Zhao Hai continued to exchange blows for several rounds. Although the attacks the two dished out looked impressive, those who were knowledgeable knew that the two were holding back. They were just comparing their qualitative abilities. It was basically an exhibition match.

This caused those who were watching to feel confused. They knew that the two had a great relationship with each other. However, this competition had something to do with their rankings as well as the benefits of their families. In this case, they shouldn't be playing around. However, the two were doing just that, they were playing around.

The two continued to clash for half an hour. The formations Zhao Hai used were mostly from the fire element. Meanwhile, Dongfang Yu proved his skill with his fire dragon sword as he swung it in all kinds of directions. Their fight looked very lively, it was very entertaining for the spectators. Meanwhile, the referee couldn't help but bitterly smile from time to time. The two actually used the ranking tournament as a place to spar.

However, he couldn't stop the fight. After all, the two were still fighting and didn't stop for a moment to chat. This made the referee helpless once more.

After ten more minutes of fighting, Zhao Hai and Dongfang Yu finally got bored. They now had a fair idea of the other party's strength. Dongfang Yu was truly strong, but he was still inferior when compared to Zhao Hai.

Once they reached this understanding, Dongfang Yu withdrew his fire dragon sword as he laughed and said, "Alright, that's enough. Then I'll have to depend on you when we face the other realms." Then he turned to the referee and then said, "I admit defeat!"

Upon seeing the conclusion, the referee didn't say anything and immediately declared Zhao Hai as the winner. In any case, nobody would oppose to Dongfang Yu losing.

Zhao Hai looked at Dongfang Yu and then he laughed and said, "Don't worry, leave those fellows from the other realms to me. Let's go, we still need to make Little Fei bleed. After Boss Xiong's battle, we'll go drink." After this, the two proceeded to walk off the arena.

Looking at the two laughing and being friendly with each other, those under the arena were surprisingly not angry. Instead, they gave the two a heavy applause. For the people on the stands, this was a testament to the two brothers's friendship.

However, those who were knowledgeable saw something else. Although the match between the two was merely a spar, they saw that Dongfang Yu was in fact exerting some effort in the last couple of clashes. However, Zhao Hai just easily received these attacks. Even if the two engaged in real combat, Zhao Hai would still be the winner.

Also, those watching below recalled that Zhao Hai had yet to use any items to defeat his opponents. He did so ever since the start of the qualifiers. In this case, how strong was Zhao Hai really? A lot of people couldn't help but submit when they thought of this.

One must know that Zhao Hai's previous opponents weren't pushovers. Also, there was Zheng Yu and Iron Tower, people from the Machine Field Army who had a grudge against Zhao Hai. In this case, it was impossible for these two to be lenient towards him. But even so, Zhao Hai still managed to easily defeat them. This just shows how strong Zhao Hai really was.

After Zhao Hai and Dongfang Yu returned to where Xiong Li and Sun Fei were, Xiong Li looked at Dongfang Yu and said, "Dongfang, how is Little Hai's strength? Is he a little bit strong? After all, I still need to beat him."

Dongfang Yu gave Xiong Li a look as he said, "Brother Xiong, don't blame me for reminding you. Even if you are a little stronger than me, you're still a long way off from Little Hai. If I were you, I'd surrender immediately."

Xiong Li snorted and said, "Get lost. If I have to admit defeat, then it will be after a huge fight. Otherwise, people will think that I'm weaker than you."

Upon hearing Xiong Li, Sun Fei and Dongfang Yu couldn't help but laugh. At this time, the next round of participants were called over. This time, it was Meteor Zhu Chen versus Iron Lancer. It was a heavy matchup. There was no need to talk about Zhu Chen. Just like Sun Fei's situation, he was absorbed by the Divine Earth Palace. His defensive strength was astonishing while his offensive strength wasn't that bad. Moreover, he was vicious and merciless.

Iron Lancer, on the other hand, was a rare cavalry warrior. He had a powerful offense while his mount adds to his mobility. A man and his mount managed to reach the top 25. Only a small number of people were able to fight him for more than 20 mins. It was obvious that his strength wasn't low.

These two against each other would surely be a good show. Xiong Li became excited to see the match. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai looked at Zhu Chen's appearance. Zhu Chen wasn't tall, he was fat and looked a little like Buddha. But his eyes were very cold, enough to make one's hair stand up.

Even with his cold eyes, Zhu Chen had a smiling face. He had the smile of a person who had just been on vacation for a very long time. It was hard to say what he was thinking about.

At this time, Xiong Li coldly snorted and said, "This Zhu Chen looks more annoying than Iron Lancer. He's still smiling as though he hadn't killed a lot of people. I hate these kinds of people the most."

Zhao Hai turned his head to Xiong Li as he smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, in any case, murder is no longer allowed in the arena. Let's wait until the Six Realm Beginner Competition, let's destroy him then."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others turned to him. Xiong Li looked around them as he whispered, "Little Hai, don't speak like that. If the others know that we're planning to kill people during the Six Realm Beginner Competition, they'll never let us off."

Zhao Hai sneered and said, "As long as we get a good position and gain benefits for the Machine Field, they wouldn't dare touch us. When the time comes, they wouldn't even have enough time to give us praises."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the three brothers looked at each other and saw a trace of excitement in their eyes. They weren't afraid of fighting other people. However, this was offending the Machine Field. They were still aware of their own strengths. But if they could deal with reprehensible people, that would be good as well.

Zhao Hai looked at the three and smiled. Then he turned his attention to the arena. It seems like Zhu Chen and Iron Lancer were talking to each other. It's just a pity that the arena's shield blocked any noise from coming out. However, before long, the two began to make a move.

Zhu Chen's defensive abilities were truly strong. 5, 10-layer formations were conveniently thrown out. As for Iron Lancer, even if he had formidable offensive strength, he still couldn't break through Zhu Chen's defenses in a short time. Meanwhile, Zhu Chen was counterattacking using his Earth Magic. He used Quicksand as well as Earth Spikes. These two spells were fatal towards cavalry units. Although it can be said that Iron Lancer's mount wasn't bad, it still couldn't do anything against those it was weak against.

Moreover, Zhu Chen's attacks weren't actually weak. But one could say that it wasn't something on par with the others in his rank. And even if Iron Lancer's attacks were being dulled, this didn't mean that he couldn't deal with Zhu Chen's counters. This caused Zhu Chen to be unable to do anything to Iron Lancer.

Zhao Hai and the others were already prepared for such an outcome. Zhu Chen was someone who was strong in defense but weak in attack. Generally, he would defeat his enemies by grinding them down until they could no longer go on. This meant that among the top 100, the longest battles would certainly involve him.

This time wasn't an exception. Iron Lancer would attack but he couldn't deal with Zhu Chen's defense. Then there was Zhu Chen's weak counterattack. To be honest, his means of attack couldn't compare to his defense. His offensive means were too limited.

Zhao Hai looked at the battle and couldn't help but feel sleepy. From the perspective of others, this might look like a beautiful battle. But in Zhao Hai's eyes, it was practically meaningless. This battle involved too many matters that both sides were unable to fight at a very solid level.

And just like Zhao Hai thought, the battle went on for more than one hour. In the end, Zhu Chen was able to grind Iron Lancer down and then win. However, the audience was very discontented with the battle. This was because it was too boring. They preferred Zhao Hai and Dongfang Yu's spar than this.

After this fight, it was Xiong Li's turn. Xiong Li had a very good opponent this time. His opponent was one of the Ten Great Experts, tenth place Golden Egg Zhang Qinghe.

Zhang Qinghe was a Metal element Mage. His confrontation with Xiong Li would certainly be full of action. Therefore, when Zhao Hai saw that he was Xiong Li's opponent, he turned to Xiong Li and said, "Boss Xiong, you need to be careful. This isn't like your previous fights. You might be eliminated."

Xiong Li coldly snorted and said, "I'll be fine. Don't forget, I still need to spar with you." Then he stood up and walked to the arena. However, his mood wasn't as relaxed as his words. It was clear that he was attaching great importance towards Zhang Qinghe.

Zhang Qinghe being a metal element Mage meant that his offensive strength wasn't something to joke about. And with his background of being a metal element ability user in the lower realms, this meant that he was flexible in his attacks. Moreover, it was rumored that his control over metal was formidable. He was certainly a very difficult opponent to face. To be honest, if talking about offensive strength, then Zhang Qinghe would be up there with Sun Fei.

Xiong Li and Zhang Qinghe stood at the arena and then looked at each other. Both knew that the other party wasn't someone easy to deal with. Although the Ten Great Experts were one group, they haven't really met each other before. Also, they haven't experienced each other's strength. With this in mind, they would certainly be cautious when faced with each other.

Once the bell rang, Xiong Li immediately roared and then took his hammers before charging forward.

Zhang Qinghe waved his hand and released a huge iron ball. Then this iron ball divided itself into five smaller balls. After that, he cast a layered magic formation, causing an explosion in the sky that rained arrows towards Xiong Li.

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Zhang Qinghe's rain of arrows was different than Zhao Hai's ten thousand fiery arrows. The latter was a mix between the metal and the fire element. Meanwhile, Zhang Qinghe's rain of arrows only involved the metal element. However, it was quicker, sharper, and had more penetrative power.

Xiong Li coldly snorted, then he waved his sledgehammer, causing a round sword qi to appear. This sword qi was something unique to Xiong Li's hammers. It was a type of sword qi transformation. Swords would send out slashes or arrow-type sword qi. Meanwhile, Xiong Li's sword qi was round due to his hammers.

Zhang Qinghe's arrow rain was quickly dispersed. Xiong Li proceeded to wave his other sledgehammer, sending a round sword qi towards Zhang Qinghe. Xiong Li didn't see Zhang Qinghe set up a defensive formation. So he wanted to send a long-range attack to see how defensively strong Zhang Qinghe was.

Zhang Qinghe didn't dodge. Instead, one of the five iron balls stopped in front of him and transformed into a shield. Xiong Li's sword qi that was supposed to hit Zhang Qinghe was instead blocked by this iron shield.

The iron shield in front of Zhang Qinghe shuddered and made a large ringing sound. It managed to block Xiong Li's attack.

When he saw this, Xiong Li's eyes shrank. He knew that even if his attacks looked normal, they actually contained 70% of his strength. And since his fighting technique was mainly based in strength, his attacks couldn't be blocked by any simple 5-layer formation. But now, Zhang Qinghe managed to block it by using an iron ball. It seems like his defensive ability was quite strong.

Although he just found out that Zhang Qinghe was strong, Xiong Li wasn't demoralized. On the contrary, he was even more excited. He had always wished for an even match. It's just a pity that his previous opponents couldn't satisfy his craving.

With this thought in mind, Xiong Li couldn't help but laugh loudly. His battle intent flared up as he said, "Good, Zhang Qinghe, you didn't disappoint me. Hahaha, come. Let's fight." Then he roared and then threw himself towards Zhang Qinghe.

When Zhang Qinghe saw Xiong Li's approach, he couldn't help but feel bitter deep inside. Although it seemed that he easily blocked Xiong Li's blows, he was actually exerting great effort on it. Xiong Li's attack was too strong. It would be uncomfortable if Xiong Li continued his assault.

Zhang Qinghe immediately changed his tactic. He went as far from Xiong Li as possible. Then he used magic to attack. Also, he made it a priority to block Xiong Li's round hammer qi.

Naturally, Xiong Li discovered this change of Zhang Qinghe. He wasn't annoyed by it. After all, this was a common tactic in a fight between Mages and Warriors. Although Warriors in the Machine Field could send out their sword qi to attack Mages at a distance, it would still take time for their attack to reach the target. Mages can use this time to either defend or dodge. It was the same thing as Warriors strafing in order to avoid the spells Mages send their way.

Xiong Li had experienced such tactics many times before, so he had ways to deal with it. Even so in an arena with a limited surface area. Xiong Li wasn't afraid of this tactic.

Xiong Li moved his body and turned sharply. The sledgehammers in his hand danced causing shadows to fly towards Zhang Qinghe. Zhao Hai paid attention to this and saw that Xiong Li's hammer technique was quite special. Not only was it a technique for close combat, it was a technique that combines both the hammer as well as the sword qi that was released during the process.

Close combat techniques can only attack the enemy within the range of the Warrior. Meanwhile, sword qi could attack the enemy from a distance. Xiong Li's technique was a combination between close combat as well as sword qi. Together, his hammer technique would launch sword qi towards Zhang Qinghe, proceeding to restrict Zhang Qinghe like wall. This caused Zhang Qinghe's area of action to get smaller and smaller. At this point, keeping distance against Xiong Li was becoming impossible for Zhang Qinghe.

Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li and discovered that Xiong Li's hammers were specially made. Not only can they launch hammer qi, they were also connected with each other by a chain. This chain was very long,

allowing Xiong Li to make the range of his hammers dozens of meters. This range couldn't be underestimated.

Zhang Qinghe also knew Xiong Li's plan. To be honest, Xiong Li's tactic wasn't intelligent. However, it was a very effective brute force method.

Xiong Li was tall and sturdy. He was super strong and also had an astonishing defensive strength. At the same time, his talent for fighting was very good. His methods were very effective, causing Zhang Qinghe to not know what to do.

As the space got closer and closer, the distance between the two got smaller and smaller. Zhang Qinghe knew that this couldn't go on. He clenched his teeth and exerted some energy as he waved his hand. His five iron balls slammed together and formed an enormous shield in front of him. At the same time, he released a spell. It seems like he wanted to block Xiong Li using his shield while also using the opportunity to use powerful magic to make Xiong Li retreat. This way, he could gain some space for himself to move.

However, if he did this, the amount of spiritual force that he'd use would be huge and he'd risk losing to Xiong Li. But if he didn't do this now, he can only be pushed back by Xiong Li until he surrenders.

But just as the enormous shield was set up, Xiong Li pulled on the chains of his hammers and then received them. Then his body flew towards the shield. He held his sledgehammers up before smashing straight down towards the shield!

Bang! A loud sound of collision was heard. Zhang Qinghe who was casting his spell was shaken. He knew that the matter he was most worried about had happened. Xiong Li didn't wait for him to form his spell and instead just immediately attacked.

Zhang Qinghe let out a long breath. He knew that he had lost since Xiong Li managed to reach him. While he was disappointed at his loss, he looked at Xiong Li and said, "I lost."

Xiong Li was just about to smash his hammer down once more when he saw that the shield had suddenly vanished. Then Zhang Qinghe admitted his defeat. Xiong Li couldn't help but stare, then he clicked his cheek and said, "Boring" Then he took his hammer down. After the referee announced that he has won, he unhappily went down from the arena.

Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li's expression. Then he smiled and said, "Big Brother, don't get too disappointed. Let's go have a drink. There's no longer anything worthy of watching anyway."

Xiong Li nodded and said, "Alright, alright, let's drink." But just as the group was about to leave, Dongfang Yu paused and then stopped Xiong Li and the others. This caused Xiong Li and the others to stare. Then Dongfang Yu pointed towards the arena. And when they saw who was on, they decided to stay.

After Xiong Li's fight, the next group of fighters were selected. The person chosen for this battle made Zhao Hai's group stop. This was because the person that appeared on the arena was too famous. If fame was discussed, then he was much much more famous than Xiong Li. It was Streep.

Saint of Ice Streep. He was the Water Temple's most talented genius in recent years. He was both powerful and handsome. He was the prince on a white horse that countless young girls in the Machine Field idolize. Moreover, he was polite to others and does good things. He was the incarnation of perfect.

However, Zhao Hai knew that this wasn't true. Zhao Hai doesn't believe that a perfect person exists. If such a person existed, then he would have long since died. Moreover, Streep wouldn't have been able to ascend if he was that good. He surely had killed countless people in the lower realms.

But in the Machine Field, Streep actually managed to gain fame by being a saint. This caused Zhao Hai to be confused. Who knew what kind of potion this guy managed to get.

The Machine Field wasn't the same as ancient China. This wasn't the place where you could act like a saint and people would treat you like a saint. The Machine Field placed strength first. If you were weak, then even if you were good, nobody would save you. But if you were strong, even if you were a wicked person, some group would still protect you. It was because of this that Zhao Hai was confused. He didn't know what Streep was planning to do with his reputation.

Since he had this thought, Zhao Hai wanted to see Streep. So when he discovered that Streep was going to fight, he couldn't help but stop as well.

There was no need to talk about Xiong Li and the others. Streep was ranked first among the Ten Great Experts. Xiong Li wasn't convinced by the ranking. So after seeing that Streep was about to fight, he decided to stay back and spectate.

In the past, whenever Streep was about to fight someone, his opponent would immediately admit defeat. And after reaching the top 100, Streep wasn't able to meet a good match. He managed to end his battles in 2-3 moves. Therefore, up until now, Zhao Hai and the others hadn't managed to take a good look at Streep's strength.

The reason why they thought that Streep would have to fight properly today was because of his opponent. Streep's opponent was also one of the Ten Great Experts, Army Breaker Lu Dingtian!

Army Breaker Lu Dingtian was the most secretive among the Ten Great Experts. People might expect Lone Wolf Yan Zhengshan to be the most secretive. However, ever since Yan Zhengshan ascended four years ago, he was already able to kill a thousand enemies. Although these things were done in a low-key manner, the matter themselves weren't a secret.

Lu Dingtian was different. He was very secretive in both his matters and his actions. However, nobody doubted his strength. Being able to defeat an army only by using his dagger-axe was enough for him to join the Ten Great Experts.

Chapter 1190: Streep's Peculiarity

Streep was an idol to a lot of young women. His appearance was very handsome and he also had hair that could make even the most beautiful women jealous.

Compared to him, Lu Dingtian looked very ordinary. Lu Dingtian looked about 30 years old. He was dark and thin. He wasn't that tall. His facial features were on the cold side. He had a full body armor on as he held his dagger axe in his hand. He looked like a warrior from ancient times, but not the strong one.[1]

After the two stood on the arena, Streep bowed towards Lu Dingtian. Lu Dingtian returned the gesture with a salute. However, this salute was quite unusual. He just knocked his dagger axe on the ground, and that's it.

The bell for the start of the battle was heard. Lu Dingtian held his dagger-axe with his two hands and then looked attentively at Streep. Meanwhile, Streep had a faint smile on his face, looking very confident.

Zhao Hai was about to concentrate on the battle when he suddenly heard shouting behind him. This startled him. He turned around and saw women behind him turning crazy as they shouted Streep's name.

Zhao Hai stared, he couldn't help but bitterly smile. He didn't expect to see starstruck fans in the Machine Field as well. And it seems like they were manic fans too.

Naturally, Xiong Li and the others were able to notice these women. Just like Zhao Hai, they also couldn't help but bitterly smile. Xiong Li sighed and said, "This guy is really taking advantage of women." Zhao Hai smiled and replied, "I always hated guys like him. I'd like to face him once later on." At this time, Streep and Lu Dingtian have already begun to move. Just before Lu Dingtian moved, Streep sent out a 10-layer formation. Moreover, this was sent out instantaneously. However, Lu Dingtian wasn't a pushover. This caused their exchange to be very lively.

Zhao Hai saw Streep's actions and couldn't help but feel strange. Streep used very ordinary magic formations. It can be said that these formations couldn't have huge power behind them. However, in Streep's hands, these formations had actually become powerful. It was very strange.

Upon seeing this, Zhao Hai talked to Laura inside his head, "Laura, look into Streep's situation. I want to know how he's able to improve the power of these magic formations." Laura and the others complied and immediately analyzed Streep's footage using the scanner. Before long, a result came out.

Laura quickly reported, "Brother Hai, we found it. The reason of Streep's strength might be because of his cultivation technique. It's possible that he has something that is mixed with his spiritual force that made his formations more powerful. It's the same as your astral qi."

Zhao Hai stared, then his expression changed as he said, "Like astral qi? But his formations doesn't have traces of astral qi. Maybe it's another energy, like evil qi?" Laura replied, "We don't know yet, we haven't seen evil qi."

Zhao Hai didn't ask anymore. He already knew that Lu Dingtian would lose. Streep has something similar to Zhao Hai's astral qi. This meant that his strength was a stage or two higher than Lu Dingtian. There was no way for Lu Dingtian to win.

However, Lu Dingtian wasn't someone to be trifled with. Although Streep was using an unknown energy to attack Lu Dingtian, Lu Dingtian was still able to defend. None of the two were able to gain an advantage for quite a while.

After fighting for an hour, Lu Dingtian was finally caught with a freezing attack. Streep had won.

Seeing this result, Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but have a heavy expression. Xiong Li could gauge that he and Lu Dingtian had the same strength. It might be possible for the two of them to injure one another when they fight. But now, Lu Dingtian was actually defeated. This meant that he wasn't a match against Streep. This caused Xiong Li's mood to get heavy.

Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li's expression, then he smiled and said, "What's the matter Big Brother Xiong? You feel afraid? Rest assured, I'll deal with him if ever we meet."

When Xiong Li heard Zhao Hai, he glared at him and said, "Get lost. Who says I'm afraid of him? But to be honest, Streep really has true skill." Zhao Hai smiled faintly. He knew why Streep was strong, even if he didn't know what exact energy it was. But Streep was indeed strong. It seems like he really deserved to be in the first place of the Ten Great Experts.

The group found a place to eat and then proceeded to take a rest. The next day, they returned to the stadium in order to attend the competition for the final 13 competitors. They would be divided into 6 groups with one person being the bye. It didn't take long before Zhao Hai and the others knew who the lucky person was. The person selected to be the bye was one of the Ten Great Experts, Swift Wind and Rain Lei Xiaotian. He was a Mage of two elements and a person from the Wind God Palace's Lei Family.

Now that Lei Xiaotian has been selected as the bye, the remaining participants had to be selected to fight. This time Sun Fei wasn't lucky. He was arranged to fight against Meteor Zhu Chen. They proceeded to fight each other in the arena and in the end, Sun Fei wasn't able to penetrate Zhu Chen's defenses and was finally defeated.

Xiong Li's opponent was also one of the Ten Great Experts. It was Lone Wolf Yan Zhenshan. Yan Zhenshan was fast and very agile, but he was eventually defeated by Xiong Li. However, Xiong Li also exerted some effort in order to win.

As time went by, Zhao Hai was finally picked. This time his opponent was also one of the Ten Great Experts, it was the person Zhao Hai saw in the past, Strongwind Li Kuangren.

To be honest, Zhao Hai had taken a liking to Li Kuangren. Although this person was impulsive and hot-headed, he was straightforward. He wasn't someone who would let injustice happen in front of him.

When Zhao Hai got on the arena and stood opposite Li Kuangren, he smiled faintly as he bowed and said, "I have long heard about the name Strongwind Li Kuangren. I've admired you especially the last time when you confronted Zhang Family's Zhang Mingyue. It's just a pity that the Five Element Swordsmen made things difficult. I've missed a great opportunity to get to know you. It's truly regrettable."

When Li Kuangren heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but have a favorable impression of him. So upon hearing Zhao Hai, Li Kuangren laughed and said, "Mister Zhao Hai is too polite. I'll be honest with you, I didn't agree to you being seeded in the beginning. But after seeing you fight in the last few days, this Li Kuangren has been convinced. Meeting you today is my misfortune. This Li Kuangren knows that I'm not your match, but I still like to try."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Hahaha, then how about we drink together after our fight? I'll introduce you to my brothers Xiong Li, Dongfang Yu, and Sun Fei."

Li Kuangren was amused, he nodded and said, "That would be great. But mister, we need to begin." At this time, the bell rang to start the fight. Li Kuangren held his two axes in his hands.

Zhao Hai wasn't polite as he immediately sent out a 5-layer formation to begin his fight with Li Kuangren. Although Li Kuangren knew that he wasn't Zhao Hai's match, he was still a Warrior and he wanted to at least give it a try. At the same time, Zhao Hai didn't hold back. He knew that he couldn't hold back against people like Li Kuangren. If he did, then Li Kuangren would think that Zhao Hai was looking down on him. Therefore, Zhao Hai let loose on casting his spells, making the arena very lively.

After exchanging blows for half an hour, Zhao Hai was finally able to see an opportunity to capture and defeat Li Kuangren. Once the two got down from the arena, Zhao Hai introduced Li Kuangren to Xiong Li, Dongfang Yu, and Sun Fei. The group proceeded to get some drinks, no longer caring about the rest of the fights.

The next day was the competition to get the top 4. Naturally, since there were 7 participants left, another bye would be selected. Although it looks unfair, this was the fairest way to go forward. But when the result came about, people were doubting whether the results were being manipulated or not. This was because Lei Xiaotian was chosen once again.

Not to say Zhao Hai, even Xiong Li and the others were surprised. Nevertheless, the competition must continue. Zhao Hai was in the first match. This match was actually against an old acquaintance, Zhu Chen.

Upon seeing Zhu Chen, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile. He had always wanted to test out Zhu Chen's defensive capabilities. The two didn't talk and just waited for the bell to start. Once the bell rang, Zhu Chen immediately set up shields to protect himself.

Zhao Hai would naturally be impolite. He immediately unleashed his spells. Ten 50-layer formations were quickly thrown out towards Zhu Chen. This was something that has never been seen before.

Zhu Chen didn't attack and just went full-on defense. On the other hand, Zhao Hai didn't bother to make any defensive measures as he went completely offensive. This caused the spectators to focus on the battle. This was a battle between offense and defense that has never been seen in this competition before.

Zhao Hai had yet to use his astral qi in this competition. There simply was no need to do so. He also refrained from using astral qi in his battle with Zhu Chen. Although he was now in the offensive side and was consuming more energy. Zhu Chen's energy consumption was surely not small. He could grind Zhu Chen down this way.

People already had an idea about Zhao Hai's strength. But after seeing Zhao Hai send out 50-layer formations in an instant, they couldn't help but reevaluate him. There was no longer any trace of doubt towards Zhao Hai.

Their fight went on for an hour. And throughout this span of time, Zhao Hai's offense never got weaker. Zhu Chen actually couldn't bear the pressure and was forced to drink a restoration potion. However, the restoration was slow and with the rate of his consumption, Zhu Chen was quickly pushed into a corner. He didn't have any opportunity to counterattack.

On the other hand, Zhao Hai didn't drink any potions until now. One could see from this point that he was stronger than Zhu Chen. Zhu Chen also knew that he could no longer go on with this fight. Because of this, he immediately announced his surrender.