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Chapter 1191: Final Four!

The final four were finally revealed. They were Zhao Hai, Streep, Xiong Li, and Lei Xiaotian. This time, drawing a bye wasn't needed. But after they were selected, the four were given a few days of rest. What happened next was the battle between the 5th to the 25th place. This would make the battle between the four the highlight of the qualifier.

Zhao Hai paid attention to the battle for the 5th to the 25th place. After all, Sun Fei and the others were among the participants. And the result was satisfactory. Sun Fei, Dongfang Yu, and Li Kuangren placed in the top ten. Li Kuangren was sixth, Dongfang Yu was eighth, and Sun Fei was tenth.

Although the battle for the 5th to 25th place was very heated, the climax of the qualifiers, the battle between the top four, had yet to happen.

The ranking competition for the 5th to 25th place used up three days. Zhao Hai used these days to watch the competition. And after each event, the brothers would go and have a drink. The time was spent merrily.

The past several days also allowed Xiong Li and the others to understand Li Kuangren more. It was quite obvious that Li Kuangren had quite a fiery temperament. Moreover, not only was he hot-headed, he was the type of person who would give a person a beating right then and there.

But generally speaking, this kind of character made Li Kuangren straightforward and likeable. There was no right or wrong in his eyes, only something he accepted and didn't accept. Even if it was he was an emperor, as long as he agrees to something, then anything could work. Even if you took his axe in exchange for wine, he wouldn't say anything and would just laugh about it.

If such a person fell under bad hands, then he would become a tool to do their bidding. But after Zhao Hai and the others came in contact with Li Kuangren, they knew that Li Kuangren's family weren't bad people.

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Finally, the day tens of thousands of people were waiting for had arrived. It was the start of the battle between the top 4. The first battle immediately began, it was Streep vs Xiong Li.

Upon seeing this matchup, everyone in the stands became excited. Streep was the first among the Ten Great Experts. He was the person most people expected to gain first place in the competition. He was also handsome and polite, making him very famous in the Machine Field.

On the other hand, Xiong Li was second among the Ten Great Experts. His fighting strength was formidable. And with his tall and strong appearance, he was also a dream man for quite a few women. Moreover, he was the sole Warrior among the top four. This made him very famous among the Warriors.

This was a collision between the first and second Great Experts. Sparks were flying in all directions. This caused everyone to be excited.

The competition between the top four couldn't compare to any other ranking tournament. Because of this, the fight needed to be more formal. After the fighters were selected, both sides were given half an hour to prepare before they would fight.

At this time, Xiong Li was sitting down as he looked at the far away Streep. Streep also saw Xiong Li, but he just smiled and nodded. His demeanor was very polite.

Although Xiong Li was repulsed by Streep, he also knew that there were a lot of people looking at them at this time. So he didn't lose his temper and just smiled and returned Streep's nod.

Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li's action and couldn't help but smile. Then he whispered to Xiong Li's ear, "Boss Xiong, you need to be careful. I've received some information in the past few days. Streep is strange."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li became curious, so he asked, "Strange? What's strange about him?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I suspect that Streep has experienced a lucky encounter. I've been looking into his battles in the past few days. His magic formations are just ordinary ones, but their attacking

power is very powerful. I think he has something that could make his spells stronger than normal. So you need to be extra careful when you fight him.”

When Xiong Li heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but stare. Then he nodded and said, “Alright, I got it. Don't worry, I'll be careful.” Zhao Hai nodded.

Half an hour quickly passed by. Xiong Li and Streep proceeded towards the arena. When the two stepped into the arena, their expressions couldn't help but turn serious.

The bell rang, marking the beginning of the fight. However, neither participant made a move. They knew that the other party couldn't be taken lightly, so they were very careful.

Both of Xiong Li's hammers were already in his hands. Streep had also setup a defensive formation for himself. But at the moment, none of the two made a move. This caused a deafening silence to descend on the entire stadium.

After five minutes, Xiong Li finally roared and then waved his sledgehammer and sent sword qi towards Streep. Streep was also able to respond quickly. He used a 10-layer formation to meet this attack. The battle had started.

Xiong Li's attack had been disrupted, but this time he didn't try to corner Streep like he did with Zhang Qinghe. Instead, he sent sword qi at a distance while also minding his defenses.

Streep was also being very careful. He sent 5 and 10-layer formations forward while at the same time he uses formations to protect himself.

The fight between the two was very strange. Nothing happened in the first five minutes, but after Xiong Li moved, everything exploded like dynamite. Both attacked with all of their strength, hoping to end the fight sooner.

Xiong Li's thunderous attacks were fully unleashed. Each hammer qi was sent over with all of his power. But at this point, Xiong Li began to realize what Zhao Hai said. Streep's attacks were indeed strange.

He had fought Ice Mages before. Although the spells fired by these Ice Mages were strong, these spells could still be blocked by battle qi. These spells were never a threat.

However, Streep's magic was different. Even if these spells were blocked by battle qi, there was a slight pinch of cold strands going straight to the opponent's body. This would cause one to spend some effort to resolve these strands, cutting one's focus towards attacking.

In the beginning, Xiong Li didn't care much about these cold strands. He thought that the small amounts wouldn't do anything to him. But as more of these cold strands enter his body, Xiong Li discovered that they were beginning to wreak havoc inside his body. This caused Xiong Li to waste Battle Qi in order to eradicate these strands.

Xiong Li became more cautious. However, he was slowly falling behind. Streep wasn't Zhu Chen whose attacks were weak. Whether it be offense or defense, Streep was equally strong in each aspect.

As the fight reached the one hour mark, Zhao Hai began to wrinkle his brow. Dongfang Yu and the others' faces were also quite ugly. Xiong Li was now clearly at a disadvantage. There was no hope for him to win.

If this was a real-life situation, then Xiong Li might use other methods. However, they were forbidden to hurt their enemy in the arena. Because of this, Xiong Li's hands and feet were essentially tied.

After another hour of battle, Xiong Li discovered that there was no longer any point to this fight. So after thinking about this, he finally stopped and admitted defeat.

Once Xiong Li got down from the arena, Zhao Hai looked at him as he smiled and said, "Boss Xiong, are my suspicions correct?"

Xiong Li nodded and said, "He's indeed strange, very strange. His attacks have something other than spiritual qi. Other Mages don't have it. It should be something that doesn't exist, but it did."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "This Streep certainly experienced a luck encounter. But Boss Xiong, rest assured, I'll teach him a lesson when we meet later on."

Xiong Li smiled and said, "If it was a real fight, then I might not be afraid of that fellow. But since we're at the arena, I'm limited by what I can do. This caused him to have an advantage."

Zhao Hai gave a nod. At this time, he was preparing for the next battle. This time, there was no need to draw on who the two participants were. There were only two remaining people, Zhao Hai and Lei Xiaotian.

Half an hour passed in a blink of an eye, and Zhao Hai began walking to the arena. But when Zhao Hai arrived, he discovered that Lei Xiaotian wasn't there. Zhao Hai waited for several minutes before seeing Lei Xiaotian slowly walking over.

Zhao Hai just calmly waited for Lei Xiaotian. Even after he entered the arena and the shields got up, Zhao Hai didn't say anything. He knew that if he got angry now, Lei Xiaotian's plan would succeed.

When Lei Xiaotian saw that Zhao Hai kept silent and hasn't made any noise, he couldn't help but be surprised. However, he still smiled and said, "Zhao Hai, it's been hard for you to reach this place. How about you admit defeat so that you can avoid losing too badly."

Zhao Hai looked at Lei Xiaotian, unsure if Lei Xiaotian was extremely arrogant or was just overly good-natured. After reaching this point, even if Zhao Hai wasn't strong, there was no way for him to surrender. Otherwise, it would be hard for him to enter social circles in the Machine Field.

Also, Lei Xiaotian was talking as though he was giving Zhao Hai the privilege to surrender. This caused Zhao Hai to be speechless. Seeing that Zhao Hai remained silent, Lei Xiaotian's expression turned unhappy. He looked at Zhao Hai and said, "What? You don't want to surrender? Don't give me that expression. I think highly of you so I gave you the opportunity to surrender. If you don't surrender, I'll have to be impolite."

Zhao Hai looked at Lei Xiaotian and said, "Are we close?"

Lei Xiaotian shook his head and said, "We aren't close."

Zhao Hai nodded and then he said, "Then did we know each other before? Or do you know Boss Xiong and the others? Do we have any connection with each other?"

Lei Xiaotian didn't know what Zhao Hai was going for, but he still replied, "What? You want us to be friends? I already told you, we're not close. I don't know anybody you know."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, since we're not close, we're not friends either. So why do you need to give me face? Is it because you're not strong enough and just won because others gave you face? So in turn, you want to give face to others? Am I right?"

When Lei Xiaotian heard Zhao Hai, his face couldn't help but turn red. Then he said, "Dogfart! This Lei Xiaotian ascended when he is 20 years old. And I reached level 4 in just three years. My talent has been widely recognized in the Machine Field. I don't need to give others face. Alright, since you don't accept my goodwill, then excuse me for being impolite. You don't know how fierce this Lei Xiaotian could get."

After he said that, Lei Xiaotian waved his hand and released a 10-layer formation that shot ice arrows towards Zhao Hai. These arrows were very fast, evidently passing through a wind element formation.

Zhao Hai didn't really care about it as he smiled and then waved his hand, releasing a 5-layer formation. This formation turned into a shield that protected his body, keeping the ice arrows off.

After the shield appeared, Zhao Hai waved his hand once more, releasing a 10-layer formation that produced a fire dragon that went straight towards Lei Xiaotian.

Lei Xiaotian coldly snoted, then he released another 10-layer formation that produced a contrasting ice dragon. When the fire and ice dragons met, it looked like a real fight between two dragons as they bit and clawed each other.

After Zhao Hai launched his fire dragon, he immediately sent his ten thousand fiery arrows towards Lei Xiaotian. Lei Xiaotian was somewhat startled. Now that the fire and ice dragon were in a dogfight, they demanded strict control over them. Lei Xiaotian's ice dragon also needed all of his spiritual force to control it. There simply was not enough spare spiritual force to release another spell. And now, Zhao Hai actually sent another spell. This only meant that Zhao Hai was stronger than Lei Xiaotian.

With this thought in mind, Lei Xiaotian's expression couldn't help but turn ugly. He had been called a genius ever since he was very little. This caused an arrogant and conceited attitude to bloom inside him. Now that he saw someone more talented than him, how could he easily accept it?

Lei Xiaotian immediately let go of his control over the ice dragon. Then he quickly released a 10-layer formation that exploded and transformed into five huge ice shields, guarding Lei Xiaotian in all directions. And right after this, Lei Xiaotian was heard muttering an incantation as well as making hand gestures. He was planning to unleash advance level magic.

Zhao Hai looked at this and just smiled. Then he waved his hand, releasing another 10-layer formation. A huge ice cone flew out of the formation. Then soon after the ice cone materialized, winds surrounded it causing it to spin like a giant drill bit. Zhao Hai waved his hand again, causing the ice drill to head straight towards Lei Xiaotian.

Lei Xiaotian's ice shields soon met with the drill. However, the drill just paused for a moment before it punched a hole through Lei Xiaotian's shield and then shot towards its target.

Lei Xiaotian, who was still making hand gestures, was taken aback. He immediately stopped casting his spell as he retreated. But at this moment, he suddenly felt heat coming from behind him.

Chapter 1192: Defeating the Genius

When Lei Xiaotian felt the heat on his back, he couldn't help but get startled. Then he turned his head to see the fire dragon that had fought against his ice dragon. He didn't notice it going behind him and was now opening its mouth to wait for him to come over.

As soon as Lei Xiaotian stopped, the ice cone immediately appeared in front of him. Lei Xiaotian could already feel the coldness on his face. Ice and fire on both directions, he was in a dilemma.

Lei Xiaotian knew that he had already lost. He didn't think Zhao Hai could still control his fire dragon in this scenario. Although Lei Xiaotian didn't see how the fire dragon went behind him, he was sure that the fire dragon moved right after he extinguished his ice dragon. This only meant that Zhao Hai could control three spells at the same time!

Lei Xiaotian's thought was correct, Zhao Hai could in fact maintain three spells at the same time. In fact, Zhao Hai can maintain more than three. It was just that using three spells was enough for Lei Xiaotian.

When Lei Xiaotian gave up control over his ice dragon, Zhao Hai continued controlling his fire dragon and had it go behind Lei Xiaotian. This was done while Lei Xiaotian was casting his spells, so he wasn't paying attention to the fire dragon. Because of this, Lei Xiaotian was successfully trapped by Zhao Hai.

Even if Lei Xiaotian didn't admit his defeat, it was already clear that Zhao Hai had won. Therefore, Zhao Hai withdrew his ice cone as well as fire dragon. The referee also declared that it was Zhao Hai's win.

Lei Xiaotian had a difficult expression as he was looking at Zhao Hai. He didn't expect to lose this match. To be honest, he didn't look down on Zhao Hai nor did he despise him. The reality was because he was jealous of Zhao Hai.

Lei Xiaotian had always been called a genius, some even tell him that he was a genius among geniuses. But compared to Zhao Hai, Lei Xiaotian was nothing. Ascending less than one year ago but already managed to reach level 4. Lei Xiaotian took three years to attain this achievement.

His jealousy towards Zhao Hai caused Lei Xiaotian to wear an arrogant appearance before the battle. The reason for this has something to do with his character as well as his intent to make Zhao Hai lose to him in front of many people. This way, he could prove that he was the most talented among the beginners.

Although he had seen Zhao Hai's previous battles, he still believed that Zhao Hai couldn't match him. But now, not only did Zhao Hai defeat him, Zhao Hai managed to do so without much difficulty and in less than 20 minutes!

Even compared to the battles for the top 25, a fight lasting less than 20 minutes was still considered short. Let alone in the semifinals, 20 minutes was too short. Lei Xiaotian could almost feel the sky falling down on him.

Zhao Hai noticed Lei Xiaotian's reaction, but he didn't have the mood to comfort him at this time. He wasn't related to Lei Xiaotian and both of them didn't have any connections to speak of. There was no need for Zhao Hai to be charitable. So after the result was announced, Zhao Hai just walked off the arena.

Upon returning to where Xiong Li and the others were, Xiong Li gave Zhao Hai a large hug as he laughed and said, "Good job kid. That was beautiful. This is the shortest semifinals I have seen. Hahaha."

Dongfang Yu also laughed and said, "I also didn't expect the fight to be this short. That was beautiful Little Hai."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "It's nothing. Maybe it's just because Lei Xiaotian didn't take me seriously. But Boss Xiong, you're going to fight Lei Xiaotian next. I haven't fully tested his abilities so you need to be careful."

Xiong Li smiled and said, "Rest assured, I'll win."

Dongfang Yu and the others smiled. They didn't leave the stadium yet since the battle for the 3rd and 4th position would happen soon. Lei Xiaotian and Xiong Li would fight after half an hour of recovery. As for the finals, it would be held the next day.

Half an hour quickly went past. Xiong Li already arrived on the arena but Lei Xiaotian seems to be taking his time. But it was obvious that Lei Xiaotian wasn't being intentionally late this time. Instead, he had yet to recover from his loss. His thoughts were still mixed up.

The bell rang and Xiong Li and Lei Xiaotian's battle began. However, Lei Xiaotian's actions seem to be limited by something, making him use only sixty percent of his true power. This allowed Xiong Li to win the battle.

To be honest, Lei Xiaotian's level wasn't just this. His confidence had been seriously damaged when he was defeated by Zhao Hai. This caused him to behave abnormally. Otherwise, Xiong Li wouldn't have won this easily. After all, Lei Xiaotian was a Mage of two elements.

Now that Xiong Li and Lei Xiaotian's battle was done, the qualifiers was nearing its end. The next day, the last battle of the competition would happen, Zhao Hai versus Streep. This was a battle between the Machine Field's most powerful beginner and the qualifier's dark horse. Everyone had their own guess as to who would end up winning in the end.

In the eyes of the Machine Field's people, even if Zhao Hai had been performing well, it would still take some time for him to surpass Streep. Zhao Hai finished his battles in a relaxed manner and he didn't use any items. However, Streep was the same, he had yet to use any items. Moreover, Streep managed to

easily defeat his opponents, the only exception was his fight with Xiong Li where he exerted a bit of effort. But nevertheless, Streep managed to breeze through the qualifiers.

Now that the two were going to meet, it would be a battle between a dragon and a tiger. Although Zhao Hai had gained a lot of supporters, there were a lot more people who were rooting for Streep.

Since Zhao Hai could see that Streep's attacks weren't ordinary, other people could naturally see it as well. One shouldn't underestimate the people from the Machine Field, they weren't fools. All who had some knowledge could see that Streep's attacks were different compared to others. And just like Zhao Hai, all of them were thinking that Streep managed to have a lucky encounter.

The next day quickly arrived. Since it was the last and most important day of the qualifiers, there were even more people in the stadium. There were also some honored and distinguished people who came to watch the battle. Cadjo and Desbarres were naturally present. Besides the two, Luke and Margaret were in the stands. The group all had smiles on their faces, they didn't have any trace of worry at all.

In fact, the progress that Zhao Hai made was satisfactory enough. Even if Zhao Hai was defeated, they wouldn't be disappointed. After all, the progress that Zhao Hai made was Ashley Family's best record.

Zhao Hai's placement would give the Ashley Family a huge benefit. They could use Zhao Hai's progress to develop the family as well as gain new allies. Being able to draw the Fire Temple, Wu Family, and the Yan Family was already enough to offset being enemies with the Zhang Family.

Because of this, Cadjo and the others were in a very happy mood, causing them to have wide smile whenever they meet people they were acquainted with. These acquaintances were also smiling whenever they meet the Ashley Family. Even if they weren't that close, they would still say a few good words.

The Machine Field's people were practical. The Ashley Family would receive great benefits and could share it with other people. With the Ashley Family's foundation, they would use these benefits to develop the family as well as their relationships. It was a good time to establish a good relationship with the Ashley Family.

Time quickly went past and it was already nine o'clock. The bell of the stadium rang, making everyone settle themselves down. Zhao Hai didn't move and just stayed in his seat. The match was scheduled for

ten o'clock so there was still an hour left. This hour would be used to prepare for his battle with Strep. But since they couldn't just make people wait in the stadium, there would be performances to pad out the time.

This would be Zhao Hai's first time seeing live artistic performances in the Machine Field. There were a lot of performances set up. There were dances, songs, and even theatrical shows. All of these performers learned martial arts. Their moves were very delicately arranged and there were even Mages at the side to assist in making gorgeous and beautiful magical visuals in the background.

Since Zhao Hai didn't need to prepare anything, he just used this one hour to enjoy the performances. He was quite relaxed. Terry was also very relaxed. The two weren't tensed, making everyone else feel awkward.

Before long, the bell rang once more. The performances stopped. Zhao Hai looked at the time and it was ten minutes before the battle. Zhao Hai couldn't help but look at Strep. Strep was calmly sitting in place while talking to another person. There was no anxiety seen on his face at all.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, he could understand why Strep was so confident. Strep's attacks contain a special energy, this would no doubt give anyone confidence in winning. Strep must have thought that nobody would be able to defeat him at this level. So even if Zhao Hai was strong, Strep still believed that he would win.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh deep inside. He was afraid that he might kill Strep if he used his astral qi. Zhao Hai believed that his astral qi was stronger than Strep's unknown energy.

The reason for Zhao Hai's confidence was the results of his analysis. He asked Xiong Li in detail regarding his battle with Strep. And after running the information through the Space's Scanner, Zhao Hai reached this conclusion.

From the Space's analysis, Strep's unknown energy should be a variant similar to evil qi. However, his energy wasn't as strong as evil qi. He could increase the energy he could send by increasing the frequency of his attacks. However, this increment couldn't be large, which made it worse than evil qi or astral qi.

Because of this conclusion, Zhao Hai could rest assured. He didn't want to exert too much strength in dealing with Streep. Zhao Hai wanted to hide his trump cards as much as possible.

Chapter 1193: A Huge Move

Clang!

After a melodious ring, Zhao Hai and Streep proceeded towards the arena.

Once the two were on the arena, the shields went up. The two stood opposite of each other 100 meters away.

Terry, with his everpresent confident smile, looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, I have known about you all this time. Being able to compare notes with you at this moment is truly an honor."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then returned the greeting as he said, "Mister Streep is too polite. I've long admired the person in the first place among the Ten Great Experts. I'm very lucky to be able to exchange one or two spells with you."

If one just looks at them, they wouldn't look like two people who were going to fight. Instead, they looked like two friends who liked each other and were having a nice discussion.

Naturally, none of the two believed what the other said. Those who took the other party's words seriously were certainly fools. At this time, the bell rang, signifying the start of the realm qualifier's finals.

As soon as he heard the bell, Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Mister Streep, the battle has begun. Excuse me for being impolite. I'll be making my move first."

Although Zhao Hai was talking to Streep, his defense didn't relax at all. He had an uncomfortable feeling towards Streep.

Despite Streep's nice and polite way of talking, Zhao Hai never had the inclination to be friends with him. This was due to the uncomfortable feeling that he had been experiencing all this time. It always told him to stay far away from Streep.

Streep was also quite stunned by Zhao Hai. Actually, he was paying attention to Zhao Hai in the past few days. Zhao Hai had formidable strength even with him having ascended less than a year ago. In that short time, he was able to become a level 4 Mage. Moreover, he managed to succeed in pursuing the Ashley Family's young miss, making it possible for him to become a core member of the family. Most importantly, in just a very short time, he was able to become friends with Xiong Li, Dongfang Yu, Sun Fei, and even Li Kuangren. It was clear that Zhao Hai was an extremely skilled person.

And such a person was talking polite towards him, which made Streep's heart even more cautious.

So upon hearing Zhao Hai, Streep stared. Then his expression turned serious as he said, "Mister Zhao Hai is too polite. We'll have to exchange blows eventually. Please proceed."

Zhao Hai looked at Streep's eyes, then he smiled faintly and said, "Alright, then allow me to be impolite." Then Zhao Hai made his move and released a 5-layer formation that sent out a fire dragon towards Streep.

Streep looked at Zhao Hai's attack and then moved his hand to release a 10-layer formation. This formation appeared to be a huge machine gun. It sent out a barrage of ice cones towards the approaching fire dragon.

Naturally, Streep knew about Zhao Hai's multicasting abilities. He knew that if he used an ice dragon to combat the fire dragon, then he would only be the one losing the exchange. Therefore he changed his battle plan and decided to just shoot ice cones towards the fire dragon. It was much easier to cast and operate. He would just adjust the direction in order to deal with Zhao Hai's fire dragon. This was the best way to deal with this situation.

When Zhao Hai saw Streep's response, his eyes couldn't help but light up. Then he waved his hand and released his ten thousand fiery arrows. At this point, his fire dragon had already been shot down by Streep's ice cones.

When Streep saw Zhao Hai's ten thousand fiery arrows, he immediately erected a giant 10-layer formation ice shield in front of him. This managed to keep Zhao Hai's arrows at bay.

But this time, Zhao Hai's attack turned more violent. He used two offensive spells at the same time to attack Streep. However, Streep wasn't just any other Mage. After he blocked Zhao Hai's ten thousand fiery arrows, he immediately countered.

It must be said that Streep's spiritual force was very formidable. And since the ice shield was just there, he spend little to no effort to maintain it. This allowed Streep to use another magic with ease.

Streep had naturally realized that Zhao Hai was a severe threat. He wanted to deal with Zhao Hai as soon as possible. Because of this, while he supported his ice shield, he muttered an incantation while performing hand seals. His seals were very quick and before long he had completed his incantation. Streep pointed towards Zhao Hai and said, "Extreme Cold, Permafrost, Bind!"

Right after Streep said that, the entire arena was suddenly shrouded with white fog. This white fog was quite overbearing. Everything that was touched by this fog was immediately turned into ice. The arena was no exception.

One must know that Streep's Extreme Cold, Permafrost spell was a 100-layer formation. It was certainly very formidable.

Zhao Hai saw this and knew that the spell was powerful. He waved both of his hands and then released 10-layer formation fire dragons from both of them. Lifelike dragons emerged from the formations. But this time, they didn't attack Streep. Instead, they circled Zhao Hai and revolved around him.

Streep saw this and couldn't help but smile. He believed that his spell wasn't that easy to break. This spell wasn't only a level 4 formation with hundreds of layers, it also had a lot of yin energy added to it.

This yin energy was Streep's biggest trump card. He depended on this energy to become the first of the Ten Great Experts. If not for this yin energy, then he wouldn't even be able to become one of the Ten Great Experts.

Just like what Zhao Hai saw, even if Streep was a genius, his talent still fell short compared to Lei Xiaotian and Xiong Li. His formations were very common even if he was able to obtain secret formation sets. But after yin energy was added to these formations, their attacking power greatly increased. This allowed Streep to be very powerful among the beginners.

Ever since he discovered the uses of yin energy, Streep continued to collect it all these years. And as he collected more and more yin energy, his magic formations became stronger and stronger. And in the past two years, no Mage nor Warrior of his generation were able to match him. Because of this, he became very confident in his spells. He believed that Zhao Hai's fire dragons would never be able to hold the Permafrost spell back.

But much to Streep's surprise, after the white mist got in contact with the fire dragons, it began to dissipate. Although the fire dragons got smaller in the process, they still managed to hold off against the permafrost spell.

Upon seeing this outcome, Streep's eyes became round. This was the first time he saw someone block his permafrost spell using a ten-layer formation. One must know that whenever fire magic was used to fight against permafrost in the past, both the fire spell as well as its user would be frozen. This was the first time where the permafrost was blocked by a fire element spell.

After releasing more than ten fire dragons, Zhao Hai stopped. Then he began whispering incantations and then making hand seals.

Actually, Zhao Hai's actions were just for show. He didn't need to mutter any incantations nor do any hand seals. This was because the formations had already been recorded by the Space, he could use them whenever he wants.

However, he needed people to see that he was still casting spells and doing hand gestures. Otherwise, people would probably turn crazy knowing that he could cast hundred or thousand layered formation sets instantaneously. How long has it been since Zhao Hai ascended? Being able to reach level 4 for in less than a year was already monstrous enough. If he shows that he could release a 1000-layer formation instantaneously, he would no longer be seen as a monstrous talent, he would be seen as a monster.

After whispering and making hand gestures for some time, Zhao Hai proceeded to release his magic, "Wind breathes fire, fire rides the wind, Raging Inferno, Burn!"

Along with Zhao Hai's declaration, fire began to shoot up into the sky. Then with him as the center, a fiery tornado appeared. The winds helped the fire to turn intense almost instantly. The tornado swallowed the fire dragons in before heading towards Streep's location.

The permafrost spell launched by Streep was broken the instant the fire tornado came into being. When Streep saw this, his expression couldn't help but change. He quickly waved his hand and muttered some words. Before long, a more than 100-layer formation appeared in front of him as he said, "Ice as the body and water as blood, Ice Dragon, roar!"

When Streep's voice fell, the formation consisting of hundreds of layers in front of him suddenly shook as a dragon roar was heard. Then a huge blue being came out of the formation. It was a giant dragon with a height of 100 zhang(333m). When the dragon appeared, it immediately clashed with Zhao Hai's fire tornado.

Boom!

The entire arena shook. Meanwhile, the shields surrounding it began to develop cracks. It looks like it would split at any moment.

When the referee saw this, he was greatly surprised. Then he immediately called over several Mages in order to repair the shield. This allowed the shield to stabilize and not break.

But due to the large explosion, the inside of the arena became hazy. Nobody could see what was going on inside. However, there weren't any sounds of fighting heard, which made people feel relieved.

Although the sound of the explosion was very loud, the spells used by the two participants were very dazzling. This caused the spectators to cheer.

Even after seeing the arena's shield crack, none of them left the area. Instead, their eyes were locked into the battle. Although, nothing could be seen at this time.

Chapter 1194: The Peak

The fog on the arena quickly dissipated and two shadows could be seen. One figure was on the left while the other was on the right. Both were about 100 meters away from each other. It looked like none of them moved from their initial positions.

In fact, this was exactly what happened. Ever since the battle started, the two just sent their magic without moving. This also showed how “evenly matched” the two were.

After the fog completely dispersed, people could finally see the two combatants. What they saw caused an uproar. This was because the participants on the stage were in completely different states.

Zhao Hai was still calmly standing in place. His robes were in perfect condition. He looked like he didn't undergo a fight.

On the other hand, Streep looked somewhat in distress. His robes were burnt in a few spots. Moreover, his hair had been burnt. There were black marks on his face. He looked very pitiful in his current appearance.

This was also the reason why the people were in an uproar. This was because most of them thought that Streep was stronger than Zhao Hai. But now, it seems like Zhao Hai was the more powerful one.

Streep was aware of his own situation, and he stared at Zhao Hai with a burning gaze. He had always cared about his image and he didn't expect Zhao Hai to place him in such a situation. What annoyed him more was the fact that Zhao Hai looked basically untouched.

Streep began to form a hatred towards Zhao Hai. He hated Zhao Hai for embarrassing him. He also hated Zhao Hai for being stronger than him. And lastly, he hated Zhao Hai for defeating him.

However, Streep was also a cunning man. He knew that he could no longer do anything to Zhao Hai in this arena. Therefore, he took a deep breath to calm his mood. Then he bowed and said, “Mister Zhao Hai's strength is really extraordinary. You have my sincere admiration. I admit defeat.” Then he turned his head to the referee to announce his surrender.

When the referee saw Streep's signal, he immediately opened the arena's shield while at the same time announcing the winner, “The Machine Field's realm qualifier champion is Zhao Hai! Holding second place is Streep!” When the referee announced the result, the stadium was in an uproar. There were a lot of people who were cursing Streep for admitting his defeat. This was because Streep just made them lose a lot of money.

Seeing Streeep surrender, Zhao Hai couldn't help but get surprised. Then an intrigued smile bloomed on his face. Naturally, he could see the killing intent in Streeep's eyes. Zhao Hai just didn't expect Streeep to give up this early.

Of course, Zhao Hai wasn't so naive to believe that Streeep would let him off just like that. Streeep just decided to endure, so that his retaliation would be bigger. Streeep's revenge would certainly be fierce, he might even be planning on killing Zhao Hai.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of Streeep. If Streeep really decided to kill him, then that would give him a reason to kill Streeep.

When the referee announced that Zhao Hai had officially become the realm qualifier's champion, the whole stadium immediately resounded with cheerful music. All kinds of magical fireworks flew up into the sky.

Zhao Hai remained standing in the arena as he bowed in all directions. Actually, Zhao Hai didn't need to do that. But his actions gained him the admiration of the audience. Soon enough, people were standing up to give Zhao Hai applause.

On the reserved seats, Cadjo was wiping away his tears. The Ashley Family will gain a lot from Zhao Hai becoming the champion. And these gains didn't only come from the tournament's prize. Since Zhao Hai was the largest dark horse of the qualifiers, Cadjo made use of it to bet on him. After each victory, the Ashley Family's winnings became bigger and bigger.

Cadjo knew that the Ashley Family's opportunity to rise up has arrived. The current Ashley Family was too vulnerable. They didn't have that much territory, manpower, resources, and allies. If they didn't aim to increase their status at this time, then it would truly be a huge waste.

The awards ceremony came immediately after. There was nothing special about it. The prize they sent Zhao Hai wasn't to his liking, so they negotiated the entire afternoon before the event formally finished.

Once everything was done, Zhao Hai wanted have a drink with Xiong Li and the others. However, he was stopped by Cadjo and was asked to prepare to attend a party that evening.

Zhao Hai knew that this was something he couldn't avoid, so he agreed. However, he told Xiong Li and the others that they would be drinking the next day. Then after that, Margaret and Zhao Hai returned to the Ashley Family's building

When they returned, they immediately went to their room and then entered the Space. Laura and the others welcomed them with happy faces. Laura looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Congratulations Brother Hai!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "What's there to congratulate about, it's just the realm qualifiers. Right, did you monitor Streep's situation?"

Laura nodded and said, "Rest assured, he's under surveillance. But this man is really shameless. The moment he returned to his room, he immediately went and looked for a woman." While Laura said this, her face turned red. It seems like Streep did something that shouldn't be looked into.

When Zhao Hai heard Laura, he couldn't help but knit his brows as he said, "He's looking for a woman? It seems like Streep's strange energy had something to do with the female gender. Continue paying attention to him. Of course, don't look at him when he's with a woman. Otherwise, I'll be jealous." Laura and the others twisted Zhao Hai's sides immediately after he said that. However, Zhao Hai just laughed it out before leading everyone in. After taking a bath, he returned to the living room to see that Laura and the others were doing something.

Zhao Hai went behind them to see what they were doing on the computer. From what he could see, they were designing clothes that would look good for him to wear.

When Zhao Hai saw this, he didn't know whether to laugh or cry. It must be said that Zhao Hai didn't care much about what he was wearing. Normally, he would just use his transforming garment that turned into mage robes. This mage robe looked ancient and ordinary. It was just black and not anything special.

However, this didn't sit well with Laura and the others. In their eyes, Zhao Hai's fashion sense was very bad. And this time, clothing was very important. He would meet distinguished people in the party so he needed to look special when facing them.

Zhao Hai just smiled and went along with what they were doing. He didn't want to be the one to take care of this. He usually prioritized comfort when it came to his clothing. But if he were to attend a formal occasion, he needs to wear formal clothes. Otherwise he would lose face.

Zhao Hai sat on one side drinking tea while Laura and the others were discussing about what he should wear. His heart couldn't help but enter tranquility. This was what he yearns most in life, a life with no disputes.

It can be said that once women discussed clothing, their spirits would reach an astonishing degree. Time passed, two hours, three hours, and they were still discussing. They had already selected one outfit, but they seem to think that there was still something better, so they kept discussing.

Zhao Hai didn't care much about it. Now that Cadjo was preparing for the party, nobody went to look for him all this time, and they also didn't want to disturb him. Zhao Hai comfortably changed the Space's monitor to look at Streep.

At this time Streep was currently practicing. The woman that Laura and the others talked about was no longer there. Actually, Streep wasn't injured at all, he was just ruffled up. Zhao Hai didn't dare hurt Streep, or else he would have to give up being first place.

Zhao Hai didn't dare to do such a thing. There were other opportunities to deal with Streep outside of the arena. But while Zhao Ha fought against Streep, he released a very thin silver needle and inserted it into Streep's scalp. At that time, Streep was so focused on fighting that he didn't notice pain that was only a bit stronger than a mosquito bite.

Moreover, Zhao Hai's silver needle can turn soft. So when it pricked Streep's scalp, it immediately turned soft, disguising itself as white hair.

Streep's hair was blue, so it was able to hide the silver hair much better. Because of this, Zhao Hai believed that his silver needle wouldn't be discovered.

After watching Streep, Zhao Hai changed the monitor's display to the Machine Field's channels. There were movies, tv series, and news. There were a lot of content to watch.

Upon seeing the content of the news, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. This was because it was currently showing the awarding ceremony. He was there bowing to the audience.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he looked at himself turning to face the audience. But this time, Laura suddenly shouted, "Brother Hai, turn the volume up. We want to hear what they are saying."

Zhao Hai turned his head and saw that Laura and the others were also watching the news. Their eyes turned bright upon seeing him in the monitor.

Zhao Hai smiled and then waved his hand to increase the volume of the television. "Zhao Hai ascended less than a year ago but he has already become a level 4 Mage. He's a genius in cultivation and through his indisputable strength, he managed to get the first place in the Machine Field's qualifiers. He is the Machine Field's pride, the might of the realm....."

Hearing these praises, Zhao Hai couldn't help but bitterly smile. He didn't expect the Machine Field's television program to be so polite while talking about him.

Laura and the others were looking at the monitor with great interest. But after hearing the discussion for some time, they finally got bored. Zhao Hai looked at them and then said, "Are you done picking what I should wear?"

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Laura and the others immediately took out a laptop and then faced it towards Zhao Hai. Of the thousands of clothes present, they were finally able to settle on one.

Zhao Hai inspected the clothing. It was a black robe with silver embroidery. It was gorgeous but not flamboyant. Moreover, its style was different than normal mage robes. Inside was a long gown that was like a robe but was divided into a top and a bottom. It was covered by a buttonless robe that had a sort of windbreaker. It looked very charming.

Zhao Hao nodded and said, "That looks very good. Margaret, how about you? It's a party to celebrate my win, so it's natural that you're going to be my female companion."

Margaret smiled and said, "I'll be wearing this." Then she showed her dress. It was also a black mage robe with silver embroidery on the upper part. Its style was very novel and attractive.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright. It's a pity that you can't go out in public yet. Otherwise, I'll be taking all of you outside. People will surely envy me to death." Zhao Hai looked at the other clothes on the computer as he smiled towards Laura and the others.

When she heard this, Laura smiled and said, "It's fine. There will be time later on. Brother Hai, you should prepare. The party is happening soon."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he changed the image on the monitor to Cadjo and the others. The party would be held in the large hall of the Ashley Family's building. This place was big enough to host a party. The preparations were already complete, only some finishing touches were being done.

Zhao Hai looked at the time and said, "Alright, I think I need to leave. Boss Xiong and the others will be arriving soon. It's possible that they'll look for me first." Then at this time, Zhao Hai saw Xiong Li and the others walking over. Zhao Hai and Margaret left the Space. Zhao Hai's robe already changed to the design they decided on. As for Margaret, her robe was still being made by the Processing Machine. Laura and the others would send it to her in her room.

As for other things like jewelry and makeup, everything had already been taken care of. Margaret's hair didn't need to much work since her natural hair already matched her robes. And after all, Zhao Hai was the star of the party.

After coming out of the Space, Zhao Hai immediately opened the door to his room. Xiong Li and the others were already waiting outside. Xiong Li, Dongfang Yu, and Li Kuangren all changed into new Warrior clothing. Xiong Li also made an exception and put away his huge hammers. Sun Fei was also wearing new mage robes which made him look quite handsome.

When the group saw Zhao Hai, they couldn't help but stare. Zhao Hai's robes were very well-designed. It gave him a noble and charming aura. And at the same time, it gave people a bright feeling towards him.

Xiong Li laughed and said, "Little Hai, good, good. I didn't expect you to know how to dress well. You look like another person. You look very good. How could a kid like you look so charming?"

Upon hearing this, Dongfang Yu and the others laughed!

Chapter 1195: Viper Ba Dong

The night silently came. However, Machine Field Planet was a planet that never sleeps. The planet's night life was very rich. This was even more so today since the qualifiers just ended. Families held parties to commemorate their achievements. And the most eye-catching party of them all was of course hosted by the Ashley Family.

The Ashley Family wasn't considered to be that big of a family in the Machine Field. Before this, it can be said that their name was unknown in the vast territory of the realm.

Although the Ashley Family was in good terms with other families before, these families were just medium to small-sized families. They weren't that influential in the Machine Field.

In the past, whenever the Ashley Family held parties and sent written invitations to powerful families, they didn't even expect them to respond. Those who participated in their parties were those from medium-small sized families who they had good terms with. Moreover, besides those who they have a really good relationship, the other families would just send in representatives to attend, they didn't place great importance to the party.

However, this time, it was different. Now that Zhao Hai had gained first place in the realm qualifiers and brought the Ashley Family great benefits, the great families of the Machine Field had to give them face. This was because everyone knew that the Ashley Family was on the path to becoming powerful. Having the Ashley Family as a friend was much better than being their enemy.

Because of this, a lot of people expressed their desire to attend the Ashley Family's party. In the parking lot of the Ashley Family's building were a lot of cars passing in and out. There were men and women dressed in their best attire holding crystal glasses and drinking wine inside the building's lobby. Once in a while, women's laughter could be heard in the halls.

The melodious music as well as the light breeze that sent coldness to everyone, and also the absence of the sweltering heat of the day, made those present very comfortable.

Cadjo shuttled back and forth in the crowd to meet and talk with people he was both familiar and unfamiliar with. Desbarres and Luke were the same. At this time, the three of them were the faces of the Ashley Family.

Xiong Li's group of four were standing in the lawn. Xiong Li looked around him and then snorted as he said, "I hate these kinds of parties the most. These are just people wearing masks and talking nonsense. It's very boring."

Li Kuangren nodded and said, "Right, you can see that their laughs and smiles are all fake. It's better if we take Brother Zhao Hai out and then have some drinks and meat ourselves."

Donfang Yu looked at them and then he smiled and said, "Alright, stop complaining. It's already very good that we managed to attend this kind of party. Look at everyone here, some are from powerful influences, there are also honored and famous people here. It's only because of our relationship with Little Hai that the Ashley Family gave us invitations to this party. Do you really think these kinds of parties would invite people from External Halls like us?"

Sun Fei nodded and said, "Boss Xiong, don't be too sad. Also, we can use this as an excuse to take Brother Hai out drinking later."

Upon hearing Sun Fei, Xiong Li stared for a moment, then he said, "Right, we can do that. I like that plan. Then it's decided!"

The group laughed, causing them to attract attention. However, the looks directed at them had despise mixed in. It was clear that the natives of the Machine Field were still looking down on ascenders.

Xiong Li and the others didn't care about it. They were people who could summon wind and rain back in the lower realms, they had seen everything. Even if their status in the Machine Field wasn't as good as back in the lower realms, they were still geniuses that were highly valued in their respective External Halls. They wouldn't care about minor matters like these.

At this time, the clock struck eight. Those who were going to come had already arrived. It was also at this time that Zhao Hai and Margaret showed themselves to the guests.

When the two appeared, they immediately attracted the attention of everyone present. Zhao Hai and Margaret were both wearing black robes that weren't too showy. However, one could see that these robes were specially made. There were places that were unique compared to other robes. Most importantly, the designs of the two robes were specially made so that when they stood together, their clothes would blend in with each other. At this point, even blind people could see that they were a couple.

Seeing Zhao Hai come out, everyone came to give him their greetings. Zhao Hai also received each person with great politeness. And to everyone's surprise, Zhao Hai was able to say their names casually as if they had met before.

Achieving this feat wasn't easy. This was because everyone present here could affirm that this was their first meeting with Zhao Hai. And when the Ashley Family handed over their invitations, their families didn't even say who would be coming. In other words, Zhao Hai being able to know who they were was very remarkable.

Zhao Hai had participated in a lot of parties back in the lower realms. Although the environment has changed, the courtesy needed for such events didn't change much. Therefore, Zhao Hai was able to comfortably conduct himself well in this situation.

Although this party was held to celebrate his victory, Zhao Hai knew that he was just an expert of the Ashley Family at this time. If it wasn't for giving the Ashley Family some face, then these people wouldn't have been enthusiastic in meeting him.

This party's star was Zhao Hai, but the truth was actually different. He was only the face of the party. This party was a ground for powerful and influential people to mingle with themselves in both an open and covert way. Zhao Hai's purpose in this party was no different than a vase being used as decoration.

After greeting everyone that needed greeting, Zhao Hai led Margaret towards where Xiong Li and the others were. Seeing the two arrive, Xiong Li smiled and said, "Little Hai, I didn't expect you to be this experienced in dealing with people. Did you attend a lot of parties before?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I had time to attend these parties before. In fact, the parties are the same each time. As long as you participate in one, you'll know what to do the next time." Xiong Li couldn't help but laugh. Like Zhao Hai, he had attended parties before, so he knew what Zhao Hai was talking about.

The group proceeded to talk amongst each other. On the other hand, more and more people went to talk to Cadjo. After all, those who came here knew that Cadjo was someone that held the trust of the Ashley Family's Patriarch. Moreover, he was a very powerful character. The true star of the party was actually him.

Zhao Hai knew about this, so after giving his greetings, he took Margaret with him and then went to where Xiong Li and the others were. He didn't try to approach any guest and try to build a relationship with them.

Time passed in a moderate manner in this event. Unknowingly, it was already 9 o'clock. At this point, Cadjo had established cooperative relationships with some families. It can be said that he had received a bountiful harvest.

At this time, a blue light was seen from a distant place and before long it arrived at the Ashley Family's parking lot. When Cadjo saw this blue light, his expression couldn't help but change. This was because he recognized this blue light. In the Machine Field, only one group had this specific blue light in their vehicles, it was the Water Temple...

The Water Temple was one of the top powers of the Mage Alliance. The power that they held was much more than the Ashley Family.

Originally, the Water Temple had no enmity with the Ashley Family. Sending someone to this party was equal to the Temple's support of the Ashley Family. Cadjo should be happy about this.

However, one shouldn't forget that Streep was someone from the Water Temple. If it weren't for Zhao Hai, then Streep might have gained first place. But now, Streep has been defeated by Zhao Hai. This was akin to the Ashley Family having developed enmity with the Water Temple.

Naturally, not wanting to offend the Temple, Cadjo was polite and sent an invitation. However, the Temple didn't send a response. This caused Cadjo to think that nobody from the Temple was coming. But now, an hour into the party, the Water Temple suddenly arrived. This caused Cadjo to think about the possible reasons why.

When the car stopped, the door opened and two people came out. Upon seeing who came, the eyes of those present couldn't help but shrink. This was because they didn't know who the other person was. Moreover, this unknown person wasn't wearing clothes normally worn in the Machine Field. Instead, the man was dressed as though he was from the Cultivation Realm.

Cadjo believed his own judgement. He knew that those from the Cultivation Realm didn't just dress differently than those in the Machine Field. They also carried themselves differently. Even if someone from the Machine Field wore clothes from the Cultivation Realm, they still wouldn't be able to gain the Cultivation Realm's special temperament.

As for the other person, Cadjo knew him very well. This was the reason why Cadjo's heart jumped. This person was a Bishop from the Water Temple. He was named Ba Dong. However, this Ba Dong had a nickname, Viper!

Viper Ba Dong. Upon hearing this nickname, one would have an idea as to what kind of person he was. Just like his nickname, Ba Dong was as venomous as a snake. As long as someone enters his sights, they wouldn't have any lucky day. When this person decides to be vicious, nothing would stop him from chasing after his enemy. He was a very hard to deal with character.

It can be said that Cadjo wouldn't be nervous if any other person from the Water Temple came. But after seeing Ba Dong, Cadjo's heart couldn't help but tighten up. However, he still took a step forward. When he was a couple of meters away from Ba Dong, Cadjo laughed and said, "I didn't expect Bishop Ba Dong to actually come. My Ashley Family is incredibly honored. This Cadjo expresses his gratitude."

Ba Dong was tall, dark, and thin. He had no redeeming qualities. But once you look at his eyes, your body would no doubt turn uncomfortable. You could see a hint of coldness in his eyes, it was as though you were staring right into the eyes of a snake!

Chapter 1196: Skyfrost Sword Li Chuchen

Ba Dong looked at Cadjo and slightly nodded as he said, "Cadjo, congratulations on your achievement. Right, let me introduce you to this talented gentleman. This is Li Chuchen from Extreme Cold City of the Cultivation Realm. He's also going to participate in the 6 Realm Beginner Competition. In the Cultivation Realm's qualifiers, he managed to get the tenth place."

Ba Dong saying that Li Chuchen was just 10th place wasn't an insult, but actually a compliment. Becoming tenth place in the Cultivation Realm was much more significant than being first in the Machine Field. It must be said that it was extremely rare for a tenth placer in one realm to be equal to a tenth place to other realms.

Cadjo immediately felt angry due to Ba Dong talking to him like he was talking to a junior, but after hearing Ba Dong's introduction, Cadjo couldn't help but dissipate his anger.

Although the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm occasionally had friction, the two realms weren't without communication. And even if these exchanges were far and few in between, the Cultivation Realm always had the upper position during these events. They always took the lead.

And since the Six Realm Beginner Competition was about to begin, everyone began getting information about the talented newcomers from the Cultivation Realm. And Li Chuchen's name was one of the names being passed around.

A genius named Li Chuchen, nicknamed Skyfrost sword, ascended into Extreme Cold City four years ago. Although it has only been four years since he ascended, he was now a Foundation Establishment cultivator. Moreover, he was granted an advanced-grade magic treasure by the Extreme Cold City's City Lord, an item named the Skyfrost sword. Li Chuchen relied on this sword to slowly increase his reputation.

Extreme Cold City wasn't an unknown force in the Cultivation Realm, it was one of the more influential sects. Its disciples reached 10 million in number. Their Inner Disciples numbered 1 million and their Core Disciples were about 10 thousand. Including their Elders and other resident experts, they were no doubt one of the more powerful sects in the Cultivation Realm.

One shouldn't look down on Extreme Cold City's 10 thousand Core Disciples. Although they were few, they were very strong. The Cultivation Realm's Core Disciples were in a completely different level compared to the Machine Field's Core Members.

Most Core Members in the Machine Field were people from the families themselves. It didn't matter if they were strong or talented, as long as they were from the family's direct lineage or members from extended families, they were allowed to become core members. Because of this system of not attaching great importance to a person's talent, the core faction of some families were very weak.

But the Cultivation Realm was different. In the Cultivation Realm, everyone spoke with their strength. Before becoming Foundation Establishment, cultivators would be in the Outer Sect. Only once they reach Foundation Establishment would someone become part of the Inner Sect. If one could become Gold Core Experts, then they would become Core Disciples. They would then have enough strength to face one Machine Field fleet.

As for Li Chuchen, he was able to reach Foundation Establishment and enter the Inner Sect only four years after ascending. This in itself was a great accomplishment. He was a rare genius.

Because of this, even if Li Chuchen was only in tenth place in the qualifiers, Cadjo didn't dare underestimate him. He immediately gave Li Chuchen a bow as he said, "So it is Young Hero Li. This Cadjo has been disrespectful. I didn't expect Young Hero Li to visit our Ashley Family. It's truly an honor to have you visit."

Li Chuchen didn't give Cadjo even a little bit of face. He just snorted and said, "I heard that a genius has popped up from your family and became the champion of your qualifiers. Hahaha. The Machine Field has been getting more and more absurd. Hahahaha. Someone who ascended less than a year ago actually became the realm champion. You still have the face to host a party? Don't you think it's ridiculous?"

Upon hearing Li Chuchen, Cadjo's face immediately turned ugly. Then he turned to Ba Dong and saw him just smiling and staying silent.

Cadjo wasn't actually angry because of Li Chuchen's arrogance. The Cultivators had always been like this. The reason Cadjo was angry was because Li Chuchen seemed discontented with Zhao Hai's achievement. If this was really the case, then he might challenge Zhao Hai. This would put Zhao Hai in danger.

When he thought of this, Cadjo couldn't help but get angry at the Water Temple even more. He didn't expect the Water Temple to be this malicious. Zhao Hai could use his strength to fight for the Machine Field in the Six Realm Beginner Competition. However, the Water Temple actually wanted to cut Zhao Hai's path prematurely. This was absolutely a shortsighted plot that didn't think about the bigger picture.

Although he was seething, Cadjo didn't dare show his anger. He remained polite as he answered Li Chuchen, "Of course, the strength of the Ashley Family can't enter the eyes of Young Hero Li. However,

the Ashley Family hasn't achieved any decent accomplishments recently, so we couldn't help but celebrate this one. I apologize for making Young Hero Li laugh."

This wasn't because Cadjo was submissive. If this was any other event, he would be impolite towards Li Chuchen. After all, even if Li Chuchen was a disciple of Extreme Cold City, he was still an ascender. Moreover, he's from the Cultivation Realm. Even if Li Chuchen was offended, he still couldn't do anything. In the end, this was the Machine Field and he was an outsider.

The reason Cadjo was polite was because he wanted to shift Li Chuchen's attention so that he wouldn't challenge Zhao Hai.

Cadjo was an old fox who had been swimming in rivers and lakes for a long time. What he heard from Li Chuchen wasn't good. Although Li Chuchen was from the Cultivation Realm and that the Cultivators wouldn't dare to easily wage war with the Machine Field, if Li Chuchen used the excuse of challenge to kill Zhao Hai, then the Ashley Family wouldn't be able to do anything. After all, the Ashley Family couldn't declare war against Extreme Cold City.

Li Chuchen wasn't the fearful one. What was scary was the influence behind him. Extreme Cold City was very powerful. When the time comes, not a lot of people would support the Ashley Family in going against the city. After all, nobody was willing to offend a huge power like Extreme Cold City.

It can be said that the Water Temple's move was quite ruthless. Since they couldn't act against Zhao Hai, they used Li Chuchen. If Li Chuchen challenges Zhao Hai, then Zhao Hai would have no choice but to accept. This was the custom in the Machine Field.

The Machine Field had been pressed down by the Cultivation Realm. However, the Machine Field's people had their own dignity. If a Cultivator killed Zhao Hai, then the Machine Field would certainly make a move. This was because they could claim that the Cultivators were bullying the weak. However, if Zhao Hai was challenged, then Zhao Hai had to agree. If Zhao Hai refuses the challenge, then he would be bringing shame to the Machine Field. Because of this, Zhao Hai had to agree to Li Chuchen's challenge. The Machine Field would rather have Zhao Hai be killed in a challenge than to have Zhao Hai bring shame to the realm. This was the pride of the Machine Field.

The Water Temple had already settled the event. They wanted Li Chuchen to step forward and challenge Zhao Hai in order to seek revenge. It seems like the Water Temple really wanted to snatch the first place position away from Zhao Hai. The Water Temple didn't get what they want, so they had to resort to these means.

It was pure coincidence that Li Chuchen, a disciple from the Extreme Cold City and a participant of the Six Realm beginner competition, happened to visit the Water Temple. This was because there was something he needed there, and this thing was called Heavenly Divine Water.

Heavenly Divine Water was also a treasure in the Cultivation Realm. However, the quantity of this item wasn't a lot. This divine water was very useful for Li Chuchen's cultivation. Additionally, Li Chuchen was currently in a bottleneck. So he decided to go out for experience and personally get the divine water from the Water Temple.

Heavenly Divine Water was also very important for the Water Temple. However, they wouldn't deny Li Chuchen's request. This would make Li Chuchen owe them a favor. And if Li Chuchen gets stronger and achieves great results in the Six Realm Beginner Competition, Extreme Cold City would owe the Water Temple. There was no reason for the temple to refuse Li Chuchen's request.

Li Chuchen had a similar situation to Lei Xiaotian. He grew up receiving constant praise from others. Therefore, he was very proud. Ba Dong could see this so he brought Li Chuchen to the Ashley Family's party so that Li Chuchen would challenge Zhao Hai.

Ba Dong also knew that he would bring trouble to the temple by doing this. After all, this was colluding with an outsider to deal with someone from the Machine Field. However, he couldn't help but do it. He really wanted to kill Zhao Hai.

The reason Ba Dong was like this was because Streep became strong under his tutelage. He paid a great price so that Streep could become strong as soon as possible. Ba Dong did this so that Streep could gain first place in the qualifiers. In turn, Ba Dong's position in the Temple would increase and maybe he might become an Archbishop of the Water Temple one day.

However, all of his efforts were destroyed by Zhao Hai. Therefore, Ba Dong hated Zhao Hai so much that when he saw Li Chuchen he immediately thought of it as an opportunity. As long as Zhao Hai was removed, then everything else would be worth it.

It was said that a dead genius wasn't a genius at all. As long as Zhao Hai was dead, the Ashley Family wouldn't be able to do anything in the Six Realm Beginner Competition. It would then be impossible for the Ashley Family to rise up. Meanwhile, Streep would still be alive. And as long as Streep could get a

good score in the competition, then the Ashley Family's allies would turn their heads towards the Water Temple. And Ba Dong wouldn't be in any trouble!

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Since he had thought of all of these consequences, Ba Dong decided to have Li Chuchen take action. This explains why he was here.

Although Cadjo wasn't aware of the thoughts going on inside Ba Dong's mind, he knew clearly why Ba Dong was here. He was here for Zhao Hai. Because of this, Cadjo had to lower his head in order to shift Li Chuchen's focus away from Zhao Hai.

At this time, the guests of the party also noticed the conversation between Cadjo and the guests from the Water Temple. All of them looked at Ba Dong with despise. However, it seems Ba Dong didn't even notice their gazes.

To Ba Dong, this was a path to no return. He didn't ask Li Chuchen to deal with Zhao Hai. Instead, he took a shot against Zhao Hai's achievement. Now, even if he stopped Li Chuchen from challenging Zhao Hai, Li Chuchen wouldn't listen to him.

Cadjo's plan was good. However, Li Chuchen wasn't easily deceived. Although Cadjo adopted a low position, this didn't remove Li Chuchen's intention to challenge Zhao Hai.

Lu Chuchen snorted and said, "I heard that this Zhao Hai is quite arrogant. I even heard that he's looking down on Cultivators. I always wanted to compete with the experts of the Machine Field. Since I'm here, I might as well teach him that the world is much more profound than he thinks."

Upon hearing Li Chuchen, everyone's vision changed from Ba Dong to Zhao Hai.

Those who came here weren't fools. All of them knew that Li Chuchen's presence here was certainly incited by someone. And there was no need to ask as to who this person was, since it was clearly Ba Dong. Ba Dong was from the Water Temple and Zhao Hai just snatched the qualifier's first place from Streep who was also from the temple.

Everyone felt that Ba Dong's behaviour was shameless. It was clear that he wanted to kill Zhao Hai. Ba Dong was shameless enough to collude with people outside of Machine Field in order to kill someone from the same realm. However, they had to admit that this plot was quite venomous.

Nobody would reject a challenge in the Machine Field. If you declined, then you would be losing face for the Machine Field and showing weakness to the other realms. Nobody in the Machine Field would want to associate with you anymore. Moreover, all of your benefits would be cancelled and your qualifications for the Six Realm Beginner Competition would be withdrawn.

Because of this, despite everyone looking at Cadjo with despise, people were looking at Zhao Hai in pity. However, there were even more people who looked at Zhao Hai with looks of schadenfreude. It was as if they were looking at someone who was already dead.

As soon as Cadjo heard Li Chuchen, his body slightly shook then his face paled. He knew that he could no longer change the situation.

Not only Cadjo, besides Zhao Hai and Margaret, the faces of Desbarres, Luke, as well as Xiong Li and the others paled in an instant. They all had the same idea as Cadjo, that Zhao Hai was finished.

Zhao Hai naturally knew what was going on, so he took Margaret and went to Cadjo. Then he looked at Li Chuchen as he smiled and said, "Is it Young Hero Li? Hehe. This Zhao Hai is very honored to be able to meet you."

Li Chuchen looked at Zhao Hai, then he coldly snorted and said, "You're that arrogant one?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "I haven't said anything like that. It seems like Young Hero Li has misunderstood. I had always been impressed by the power of the Cultivation Realm. And how can I be so stupid to say such a thing? Young Hero Li is smart, you should be able to differentiate between right and wrong. And since this is the case, Young Hero Li should already be careful against villains who use you as a tool for their malicious plans."

As soon as Li Chuchen heard Zhao Hai, he immediately understood what he meant. He turned to look at Ba Dong and coldly snorted. However, he turned back to Zhao Hai and said, "You're not worthy of lecturing me. If you don't want to fight, then just tell it to me straight. This Li Chuchen wouldn't want to dirty his sword with the blood of a coward."

When he heard Zhao Hai's appropriate response, Cadjo couldn't help but feel hope. However, Li Chuchen's response quickly extinguished this hope. Cadjo's face suddenly sank. He didn't expect Li Chuchen to be this overbearing. Even in such circumstances, he still insisted on going after Zhao Hai.

At the same time, Zhao Hai didn't expect Li Chuchen to be this unreasonable. His eyes narrowed slightly, then he smiled and said, "Since Young Hero Li wants to do it, then there's no reason for this Zhao Hai to disagree. Young Hero Li, please decide on a time and a place."

Lu Chuchen coldly snorted and said, "There's no need to decide on a time and place if it's a lesson. We'll do it now. As long as you can take three of my swords and survive, then I will let you go and wait for you in the Six Realm Beginner Competition. But if you die to my swords, then you're just getting what you deserve."

Zhao Hai looked at Li Chuchen's face, then he smiled and said, "Since that is the case, then allow me to receive the power of the skyfrost sword."

Li Chuchen coldly snorted, then he waved his hand. A shortsword appeared. It wasn't very long at only about one meter in length. Both the blade and the handle were white. At the hilt of the sword was a sword knot. It was a sword knot that was similarly white.

The moment this sword appeared, the temperature of the surrounding area immediately dropped. And after some time, the air became icy cold. Li Chuchen confidently smiled as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Are you ready?"

Zhao Hai looked at the people around them and then he said, "Young Hero Li, there are too many people here. If you and I fight in this place, then innocent people would be affected. How about we find another place?"

Li Chuchen was also aware that the people in the party were distinguished and famous people of the Machine Field. It wouldn't be good if he injured one of them. So he coldly snorted and said, "Alright, let's go." Then he flew up and headed towards a forest nearby.

Machine Field Planet had always been a large planet that was scarcely populated. Therefore, its ecological situation was very good. Despite its huge cities, each building was actually at a distance from each other. Some were even separated by several li. Therefore, there were quite a few forests nearby.

This forest wasn't far away from the Ashley Family's building. Actually, this forest was purposefully planted by the Ashley Family. It was composed of Incense Trees. The seeds of these trees were known to emit bursts of pleasant scent. This scent wasn't strong but it can calm someone's mind. It also had an effect of repelling insects.

The construction cost of this forest wasn't cheap. However, nobody cared about it right now as Li Chuchen and Zhao Hai flew inside it. Those among the visitors who had the ability to fly took to the skies. As for those who were unable to fly, they got into their vehicles and then hovered at a distance away from the forest.

Xiong Li and the others had ugly faces as they approached the forest. Margaret also went with them. Xiong Li and the others looked at Margaret and discovered that she didn't seem to be worried at all. This caused them to feel strange. Isn't Margaret too confident in Zhao Hai?

Li Kuangren couldn't help but ask Margaret, "Sister-in-law, aren't you worried about Little Hai? His opponent is a Cultivator from the Cultivation Realm."

Margaret looked at Li Kuangren, then she smiled and said, "Third Brother, rest assured, Brother Hai will be fine. Have confidence in his abilities. Even if he faced a native from the Cultivation Realm, he still wouldn't fall."

Right after Margaret said that a cold snort was suddenly heard at the side. Margaret turned her head to see Ba Dong. Margaret's eyes couldn't help but narrow as she quickly ignored him and proceeded forward.

This narrowing of the eyes was Zhao Hai's habit. He does this whenever he was dissatisfied with something. Margaret seems to have obtained it from him.

Li Kuangren and the others also heard Ba Dong's cold snort. They all glared at the Water Temple Bishop, but Ba Dong seems to be unable to notice them.

Xiong Li and the others didn't do anything in retaliation. Even the impulsive Li Kuangren didn't berate Ba Dong. This was because despite his plots, Ba Dong was still a Bishop of the Water Temple. However, they already took an oath that no matter what the outcome of Zhao Hai's battle was, they would definitely take revenge against the Water Temple.

Xiong Li and the others haven't known Zhao Hai for a long time, but most of them were temperamental people. It can be said that it was fate for these brothers to meet. Fate was truly wonderful at times. Although they hadn't been friends for long, it was like they had been brothers for their entire lives.

For Xiong Li and the others, Zhao Hai was their brother. And now, their brother has been placed in a bad situation. They couldn't get angry because their strength was still not enough. Because of this, they can only endure.

At this time, Zhao Hai and Li Chuchen had arrived at a spot inside the Incense Tree Forest. They didn't step on the ground but instead hovered above. The two were separated by a hundred meters.

Li Chuchen looked at the spectators before he tauntingly smiled at Zhao Hai and said, "It looks like your achievements hasn't been well regarded."

Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "I only think about what I can deal with. Young Hero Li, please begin."

Li Chuchen looked at Zhao Hai's expression before he coldly snorted. He held his skyfrost sword in front of him before he waved it and announced, "Severing the Mountains and Rivers, First Sword!" Along with his declaration, the skyfrost sword increased in size. The originally 1 meter sword became meters long. The sword also got thicker as it extended and cut towards Zhao Hai.

This sword seems like an ordinary chop. However, Zhao Hai knew that this attack wasn't so simple.

The skyfrost sword chopped down from the sky, its body gently trembling. However, one shouldn't look down on this gentle shaking. This wasn't because of Li Chuchen's lack of control of his sword. On the contrary, Li Chuchen's mastery of the skyfrost sword was very good. The reason the body trembled was because it was blocking Zhao Hai's routes of escape. No matter which direction Zhao Hai dodges, the sword would still be able to hit him at the shortest amount of time. It can be said that Zhao Hai would have no other way to deal with this attack other than going at it head on.

When Zhao Hai saw this, his expression changed. Then he waved his hand, taking out a silvery white mage staff. When the spectators saw this staff, they couldn't help but stare. This was because Zhao Hai never took anything out during the qualifiers. Everyone thought that this was because Zhao Hai had yet to find a staff that was compatible with him. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to actually reveal his staff at this time. This was to say that Zhao Hai hadn't used his true strength during the competition.

Naturally, the staff that Zhao Hai took out was Liquid Silver. Zhao Hai saw the might of the skyfrost sword and knew that it was impossible for it to be a threat to him. However, if Zhao Hai used his body tempering fist to counter the attack, then he would be showing an important aspect of his strength. Because of this, he chose to take Liquid Silver out instead.

After taking Liquid Silver out, Zhao Hai immediately waved it as a layered formation appeared in front of him. This magic formation set quickly turned into a shield.

At this time, Li Chuchen's sword chopped down. The huge skyfrost sword carried with it a might that could shake the heavens and the earth. It didn't take long before it hit Zhao Hai's hundred-layer formation shield.

Boom! A loud explosion entered everyone's ears. When the skyfrost sword came down, everyone's heart rate increased. This was because the sword kept falling towards Zhao Hai.

However, just as the sword managed to break the shield, another smaller shield took its place. The sword broke the shield again but was blocked by another smaller shield.

It was at this time that people discovered that the skyfrost sword hadn't actually broken through the first shield. Although it looked large, it was actually a formation set that produced layers upon layers of shields stacked one after another. As the sword chopped through each layer of Zhao Hai's shield, its momentum began to slow down.

Some quick minded people counted and saw the skyfrost sword breaking through more than sixty shields. This feat was actually very amazing. It was a large shield composed of 100-layer shields stacked one after another. It wasn't easy to break even one of them yet the skyfrost sword managed to go through sixty.

After going through approximately 90 shields, the skyfrost sword finally stopped. Everyone let out a long breath, some couldn't help but cheer. They didn't expect Zhao Hai's formation set to block Li Chuchen's formidable sword.

Li Chuchen's expression slightly dropped. He looked at Zhao Hai as he coldly snorted and said, "Good job. I didn't expect you to block my sword. However, you still have two more to deal with."

After he said that, Li Chuchen held his sword once more and chanted, "Pierce the skies, Second Sword!" Along with his voice, the skyfrost sword transformed into its normal form. Then Li Chuchen stabbed towards Zhao Hai's direction. The sword quickly shot out as though it was going to stab the entire world at its tip!

Chapter 1198: The Third Sword That Never Misses

Zhao Hai stood still as he watched the sword. It wasn't that he doesn't want to move, it was that he couldn't. Li Chuchen's second sword was very formidable. It completely locked into Zhao Hai. If he moved, then the sword would follow behind him. The sword doesn't only fly in a straight line, it could also turn. Therefore, dodging would only be a waste of time.

Zhao Hai waved his hand as a hundred-layer formation appeared in front of him. When the formation appeared, a large sword began to materialize out of it. The sword wasn't any smaller than the first sword. The sword's body was entirely golden, glistening as it appeared. This golden sword faced the skyfrost sword, tip to tip.

Boom!

The large sword and the skyfrost sword collided. Two different swords clashing caused an unbelievable amount of energy to burst out. The explosion caused a wave that started at the center of the collision and spread outward. Whenever a tree was hit by this wave, they would immediately be uprooted.

The spectators outside the forest immediately erected their shields. But since they knew that the energy that would remain when it reached them had decreased by a lot, ordinary shields were enough for protection.

When the large sword collided with the skyfrost sword, it froze over before turning into fragments. But in turn, it managed to stop the skyfrost sword from going forward. Now that its momentum was quenched, the skyfrost sword lost all of its imposing power. At this point, even if Li Chuchen himself was to fly forward to attack Zhao Hai, the force he would add would still be insufficient.

Knowing that his second attack has been rendered useless, Li Chuchen's expression sank even more. Although he was used to having his attacks being blocked, he didn't expect Zhao Hai to be able to do so. He knew that the Machine Field's hundred-layer formations were strong, however, he still didn't pay any attention towards Zhao Hai. In his mind, he only needed one sword to kill Zhao Hai on the spot. But unfortunately for Li Chuchen, Zhao Hai was able to survive two swords in a row. This caused Li Chuchen's face to turn ugly.

Cultivators from the Cultivation Realm were rarely defeated by the Machine Field's Mages and Warriors. Even if the opponent wasn't a level 4 but instead a level 5, Foundation Establishment experts would still be able to survive, even killing the enemy. This had something to do with how both sides cultivate.

When Cultivators practice, they would take in energy into their own body and then digest it in their dantian to be absorbed by their sea of energy. This would give them a supply of energy during fights.

And once this energy reaches a certain level, they would liquefy. Upon successful liquification of energy, one would then become a Foundation Establishment Expert. And once one's energy becomes a solid core, they would then reach Core Formation.

As for the Machine Field, they practice differently than the cultivators. Warriors in the Machine Field mostly practice Battle Qi. Battle Qi gave importance to tempering one's body. They would frantically exercise their body then produce Battle Qi. Once Battle Qi was produced, they would store it in their bodies to slowly transform their physique. However, this battle qi wouldn't form a dantian. Therefore, Battle Qi was much more difficult to utilize compared to the qi used by the Cultivators.

Meanwhile, Mages practice spiritual force. However, practicing spiritual force wasn't easy. And in addition, items suitable for Mages were too few. Cultivators, on the other hand, had a lot of tools they could use.

Mages in the Machine Field would generally have only a Mage Staff and also their own formation sets. Their families might provide them with additional protection but that was it. Warriors were in the same state. Besides their weapons and defensive equipment, they weren't able to use any other thing.

Cultivators were able to forge all kinds of artifacts. From portable flying swords to peculiar items that had unique effects. It can be said that they had tools for everything. Because of this, Cultivators would win most of the time when up against Mages and Warriors from the Machine Field.

And today, Li Chuchen declared that as long as Zhao Hai survived three of his swords, then he would let Zhao Hai go. Therefore, the only weapon he could use now was the skyfrost sword. He was too arrogant in making his declaration.

Li Chuchen had become arrogant, not only because he was a genius, but also because he was a Cultivator from the Cultivation Realm.

Of the entire World of Cultivation, there was without a doubt that the strongest group hailed from the Cultivation Realm. Because of this, no matter where they went, Cultivators would always think that they were a cut above others. Naturally, Li Chuchen wasn't an exception, let alone here in the Machine Field.

Because of this arrogance, Li Chuchen wanted to kill Zhao Hai in a flawless manner in order to show his power and prestige. However, he didn't expect Zhao Hai to block two of his swords. This caused Li Chuchen to be caught in a tight situation.

A Foundation Establishment Cultivator unexpectedly couldn't deal with a level 4 Mage. If this went out, then people would certainly laugh to death. Li Chuchen's face would be dragged into the mud. Not only his face, he would also pull down the face of Extreme Cold City as well as the entire Cultivation Realm. Therefore, Li Chuchen needed to make his last sword succeed.

Li Chuchen looked at Zhao Hai with a cold expression on his face. He didn't expect Zhao Hai to be this hard to deal with. Although he hadn't fought against Mages before, he still knew something about them.

Mages in the Machine Field rank their strength based on how many layers of formations they could support. The more layers, the stronger the Mage. However, this didn't mean that a level 6 Mage could send out 1000-layer formations all the time, this was impossible. It was like how a Cultivator couldn't use his unique skill all the time. If such a skill was that easy to use, then it wouldn't be called unique.

Because of this, Cultivators held an advantage when going up against a Mage. Cultivators could use all kinds of artifacts in order to fight at 100 percent of their strength. Meanwhile, Mages would need to

reduce their strength. This was because if they sent out a strong formation, then they would need a long time to prepare it. The enemy would never give them this much time. In actual combat, using instant-cast formations were the norm.

The fact that Zhao Hai could cast 100-layer formations instantaneously and repeatedly actually surpassed Li Chuchen's estimates. Li Chuchen might understand if Zhao Hai could send a 100-layer formation shield the first time since it could just be stored inside his staff. However, where did the large sword come from?

Li Chuchen's attacks weren't just randomly sent out. His Severing the Mountains and Rivers sword was actually meant to test Zhao Hai's strength. That move would generally have no problems dealing with Level 4 Mages since that move blocked all of the opponent's escape routes. Even if Zhao Hai was able to block it, Li Chuchen could also use his second sword to exploit Zhao Hai's weakness.

Sure enough, when Zhao Hai used a layered formation to form a shield, Li Chuchen immediately saw Zhao Hai's weak point.

Because of this, Li Chuchen's second move was his Pierce the Skies sword. His first sword was a cutting move, so its power was somewhat scattered. Since it needed to take into account a lot of things, it was impossible for it to concentrate all of its power into a single point. It wasn't surprising for it to be blocked by a thick shield.

As for the second sword, pierce the sky was a very overbearing attack. It locked on to the enemy as it stabbed towards them. There was no need to doubt its penetrating power. Li Chuchen intended to use this attack to puncture through Zhao Hai's shields. However, Li Chuchen didn't expect that Zhao Hai would use another formation and had a huge sword block the skyfrost sword's attack.

Li Chuchen looked at Zhao Hai for a moment before he smiled and said, "Good, good. It seems like the Machine Field's newcomers this time have some skills. I didn't expect you to be able to block two of my swords. However, my third sword will certainly cut you."

Zhao Hai gripped liquid silver before he returned the smile and said, "Young Hero Li, please proceed. If I die by your hand, then that only meant that I haven't practiced enough. Nobody will complain on my behalf."

Li Chuchen coldly snorted and said, "So what if there's a complaint? Nobody will listen to a dead person's grievances. Take my move, Flowing Clouds, third sword!"

Just as his voice fell, Li Chuchen's skyfrost sword flew up and made unnatural movements. It didn't fly in a straight line and instead hovered slowly. Moreover, as the sword flew up, mists began to appear on the surroundings. This mist travelled faster than the sword and before long Zhao Hai was covered by it.

Zhao Hai felt that this sword wasn't as overbearing as the last two. However, it was very flexible. It was like water that silently crept on. Naturally, murder in this way would happen silently.

Zhao Hai discovered that the white mist that the skyfrost sword produced wasn't simple. Not only was the mist producing very cold air, it was also suppressing spiritual force in a large scale. This limited the distance his spiritual force could travel...

Upon seeing this situation, Zhao Hai decided to take the bull by the horns. He quickly released fire dragons. As fire dragons appeared, they immediately surrounded Zhao Hai's body. This scattered the white mist. However, the mist couldn't be underestimated, it also consumed the fire dragons at a very fast rate.

Zhao Hai didn't care as he casted another formation. This formation set produced winds and ice blades that eventually formed into a tornado. This formation set was initially used for offensive means but Zhao Hai used it this time to defend. He stood in the center of the tornado as it expanded bit by bit.

The two magic formation sets extended the range of Zhao Hai's spiritual force. But at this moment, Zhao Hai suddenly felt that something had entered the area covered by his tornado. If it weren't for the Zhao Hai's formidable spiritual force, then he wouldn't have sensed it!

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When he detected this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. But he immediately concentrated his spiritual force and explored the surrounding area. Soon, he was able to discover something abnormal in the tornado.

Zhao Hai knew that in this tornado filled with ice blades, there were 360 ice blades altogether. These ice blades were coordinated with each other, forming a large net inside the tornado. All those who enter would be shredded.

But when Zhao Hai's spiritual force searched inside the tornado, he actually felt that there were 361 ice blades inside. What made it 361 was precisely Li Chuchen's skyfrost sword. The attacking method of the skyfrost sword was actually very strange. It could even enter Zhao Hai's magic and become part of it.

With the skyfrost sword becoming one with the ice blades, it was akin to a fish returning to its school. It advanced alongside the tornado and didn't resist. This wouldn't only make it undetectable to Zhao Hai, it could also hide its aura using the tornado as a cover.

Li Chuchen's previous two attacks were very overbearing. But the attack this time was actually as supple as running water. However, Zhao Hai didn't dare to underestimate this attack. If Li Chuchen's last two attacks were sword and spear meant for clashing, then this third attacking was simply meant to kill.

The skyfrost sword was now akin to a silent assassin. Only when it was the opportune time would it reveal itself and make a sudden attack. This was very dangerous.

If Zhao Hai's spiritual force wasn't formidable, then it would be impossible for him to discover the hidden sword. And even if he knew about it, it was still very difficult to deal with this attack.

Zhao Hai was well aware that having the skyfrost sword this close to him was too dangerous. Even if the skyfrost sword had integrated itself into the tornado, there was still a trace of Li Chuchen's soul inside it. If Zhao Hai used any means other than magic, then Li Chuchen would certainly find out.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai's eyes couldn't help but flash a cold light. Then he waved his hands and cast a 50-layer formation from each one. Once these formations materialized, they immediately became ice dragons. These ice dragons shook their bodies before charging towards the wind blade filled tornado.

When the skyfrost sword detected the approaching ice dragons, Li Chuchen knew that his plan was most likely discovered by Zhao Hai. In an instant, the skyfrost sword exploded with incomparably powerful might. One ice blade sprang out from the tornado as it headed towards Zhao Hai.

However, this action didn't seem like an attack. It was like a stream of water that arced towards its target. This time, the attack was more complex and unpredictable. Moreover, its speed was anything but slow.

Zhao Hai's expression turned heavy. He lifted his mage staff as he whispered some incantations. A 100-layer formation appeared in front of him and soon formed a huge hammer. Once this metallic hammer appeared, it immediately locked into the skyfrost sword. With the might that could destroy the heavens and the earth, the hammer pounded towards the incoming attack.

As the trajectory of the skyfrost sword changed, the hammer did as well. Since the sword was locked into him, there was no need for Zhao Hai to purposefully command his hammer.

It didn't take long before the hammer and the sword came in contact. Boom! A loud sound was heard as Zhao Hai's large hammer vanished. However, the skyfrost sword didn't slow down, instead it became faster as it stabbed towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai felt his heartbeat going quicker, he didn't expect the skyfrost sword to use the strength of the explosion to propel itself forward. It truly was very difficult to deal with.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai waved his hand as huge magic formation appeared in front of him. Once this formation appeared, the ice and wind tornado vanished as it gathered around the magic formation. Even the white mist was being sucked by the formation. This allowed the spectators outside to have a clearer view of things.

The formation set rotated, and in the process of rotating, all magic formations slowly fused together forming a huge formation plate. This formation plate revolved around Zhao Hai before stopping in front of him, restricting the approaching skyfrost sword.

The skyfrost sword wanted to avoid the formation plate but was unsuccessful. If the skyfrost sword was a car, then the formation plate was a roadblock. However, the plate just rotated in place and didn't attack the skyfrost sword, it just guarded Zhao Hai.

The sword was at a deadlock. The spectators couldn't help but have their hearts stuck in their throats. But at this time, Li Chuchen's expression changed. This was because he knew that it wouldn't be good to drag on. He knew that there was no way for his attack to break Zhao Hai's magic formation.

Zhao Hai's magic formation was strange. Although it was just a 100-layer formation set, it could actually absorb the surrounding energy to strengthen itself. This caused the formation to be more and more solid and increasingly hard. At this point, it was impossible to break through this formation using the skyfrost sword.

This isn't to say that Li Chuchen couldn't break this formation, but it was impossible for his third attack to do so. His third sword was akin to flowing water that changes its direction silently as it approached the enemy before making a sudden attack.

Although this attack was very hard to defend against and was the best for killing, there was no denying that the power of this attack was much worse than the last two attacks.

This was an attack that sacrificed offensive strength in exchange for unpredictability. And if the skyfrost sword was met by another attack, then it could use that to strengthen itself.

Zhao Hai discovered this characteristic back when he sent his hammer out. Because of this, he changed his tactic and instead used the rotating formation disc. Moreover, he controlled it in a way where it wasn't attacking. Instead, the magic was used to protect. This way, the skyfrost sword wouldn't be able to make use of it.

Zhao Hai was dragging on since he knew he could. However, Li Chuchen wasn't in the same situation. His identity didn't allow him to make a compromise. Either he withdraws his sword or continues on with his attack.

Receiving his sword meant that Zhao Hai blocked his three attacks. And with his arrogance, Li Chuchen would no longer attack Zhao Hai, which meant that Zhao Hai had passed his test.

Also, Zhao Hai had the confidence to block Li Chuchen's attack. This meant that Zhao Hai had won since he could block Li Chuchen's third sword if even Li Chuchen decided to continue on with his attack.

Naturally, Li Chuchen taking his sword back held a different meaning compared to him continuing with his attack. These choices would show Li Chuchen's character. If Li Chuchen receives his sword, then this meant that he knew that he had failed, and has decided to give up. This would show that he was a very dangerous person. Those who had the patience to retreat were dangerous enemies.

If Li Chuchen carried on with his attack, then this meant that he was a person who couldn't accept losing. He would insist on doing what was impossible just to save face. Such person was equally dangerous since he might become a villain that would take any opportunity for revenge.

It wasn't late for a gentleman to take revenge after ten years, while a villain would be a threat from morning to night. This didn't mean that a gentleman wouldn't retaliate. On the contrary, a gentleman's revenge would be calmer. He waited for ten years for an opportunity. So when this opportunity arrives, he would make sure that the enemy would never recover.

A villain's revenge lacked the patience to endure patiently and calmly. He would retaliate from dawn to dusk and would use all means to achieve his goal. This would make him very annoying. But in the end, it was still difficult to know which of the two had a more effective method.

Zhao Hai was now waiting for what Li Chuchen would do next. He wanted to see what kind of person Li Chuchen was.

Li Chuchen looked at the stalemate with a cold expression. He knew that continuing would be futile. Although he was reluctant, he needed to make a decision.

Li Chuchen turned his head to Zhao Hai who was controlling his formation disc and couldn't help but give a cold snort. His three attacks were meant to test Zhao Hai's strength. The first sword tested his ability to respond. That sword wasn't easy to deal with, yet Zhao Hai was able to block it.

The second sword was to test Zhao Hai's offensive capability. Not only was the sword so simple. It also represented Li Chuchen's confidence. And once again, Zhao Hai passed the test.

As for the third sword, it was meant to test Zhao Hai ability for magic. Magic control wasn't an easy matter. The move 'flowing clouds' wasn't a simple move. This sword required an intense amount of concentration. In order to block this strike, Zhao Hai would need a similar level of control over his spells. Although it seems like he made a bit of an effort, Zhao Hai still blocked it regardless.

Li Chuchen knew that he didn't have the means to kill Zhao Hai in three swords. Therefore, he coldly snorted and then took his skyfrost sword back. He knew that he was in the Machine Field, and that it

wouldn't be good to continue fighting with Zhao Hai. If he wanted to deal with Zhao Hai, then he needed to do it in the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

Upon taking his skyfrost sword back, Li Chuchen looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Very good. Zhao Hai, you're quite strong. I'll be seeing you in the Six Realm Beginner Competition." Then he turned his head towards Ba Dong for a moment before flying away. He didn't even spare a word towards the Water Temple Bishop.

Seeing Lu Chuchen fly away, the environment became alive once more as applause began to break out. Almost every single person present were smiling. The Machine Field has been suppressed by the Cultivation Realm all these years. In one-on-one battles, there was almost no way for the Machine Field to win. But now that Zhao Hai managed to block three swords from Li Chuchen, they couldn't help but feel that it was a victory for the Machine Field.

There was only one person present who had a very ugly expression, and it was Ba Dong! Ba Dong didn't expect Zhao Hai to be able to block Li Chuchen's three swords. Now, he was someone who tried to steal a chicken only to lose the rice used to lure it. Everyone knew that he brought Li Chuchen to deal with Zhao Hai. This meant that he would no longer be received well in the Machine Field.

At this time, Cadjo's voice sounded out from beside Ba Dong, "Bishop Ba Dong, I apologize for the Ashley Family's poor treatment of your companion. Please accept a glass of wine from me as an apology." Cadjo's words didn't have any shred of sincerity in it and it even held a bit of chill.

Chapter 1200: Instant Fame

Cadjo's expression showed his current mood very well. He was both cheerful and murderous. He was happy because Zhao Hai was alright, but he felt like he wanted to kill Ba Dong on the spot.

When Ba Dong heard Cadjo's words, he couldn't help but look at Cadjo. The Ashley Family Manager was looking at him with a cold stare. Ba Dong's heart turned cold, then he said, "I'm afraid I can't. I've already disturbed you for long enough. I'll be taking my leave." Then after he said that, he turned around and went to his car before it sped away.

Seeing Ba Dong vanishing in the distance, Cadjo couldn't help but coldly snort. He will remember this and make sure that Ba Dong wouldn't have any good days to come. Being called the Smiling Demon wasn't a joke.

At this time, Zhao Hai flew back from the forest. Then he received his magic staff before looking at Cadjo and said, "I've been unfair to General Manager. I caused the family to lose money by destroying the Incense Tree forest."

When Cadjo said this, he couldn't help but laugh. Then he patted Zhao Hai's shoulder and said, "Alright, alright. I'll ask the higher authorities to excuse you."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and didn't say anything. At this time, people from the party went to talk to Zhao Hai and Cadjo. The two stayed there and handled the courtesies.

However, this time, people's attention weren't on Cadjo. Instead, they were more interested in talking with Zhao Hai. He just managed to block three swords from Li Chuchen, this was enough evidence that he had true strength.

Looking at these people, Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel a bit of sorrow. The Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm was supposed to be on equal grounds. He was the first place in the realm qualifier while Li Chuchen was tenth. Yet these people see it as a miracle that he was able to block Li Chuchen's three swords. This showed how pitiful Ascenders were in the Machine Field.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't show his emotion at this time. He just smiled as he talked with the people who approached him. Zhao Hai not being arrogant made everyone feel very good about him.

Xiong Li and the others weren't able to squeeze in, but they didn't seem to care. They just stood aside and looked at the smiling people surrounding Zhao Hai. Xiong Li even said, "How famous do you reckon Little Hai would be? I think the entire realm will know about this by tomorrow."

Sun Fei's face showed his excitement as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Too strong, Brother Hai is too strong. He's my idol."

Li Kuangren laughed and said, "Very good, very good. But this way, he'll have to treat us for drinking tomorrow. Hahaha, that Cultivator fellow had an ugly face when he left."

Xiong Li smiled and said, "I think Ba Dong had the ugliest expression. When he left, he almost seemed like he was running away. He plotted against Little Hai but failed. Now, Little Hai will be seen by the Machine Field as a hero while he would be seen as a traitor. I wonder how he'll fix his reputation now."

Margaret, who didn't join the crowd, smiled and added, "He'll have a very hard time doing that. Don't forget that Uncle Cadjo is also known as the Smiling Demon by the Machine Field. He would only plot against another person if provoked. And now that Ba Dong offended him, he wouldn't be able to leave it at that. Ba Dong will surely have a hard time."

Upon hearing Margaret, everyone present unconsciously nodded. It has been a few years since Xiong Li and the others ascended, so they were familiar with Cadjo's title of Smiling Demon. They also knew what this name entailed. Therefore, they agreed to Margaret's words.

Dongfang Yu looked at Margaret and asked, "Sister-in-law, why are you here instead of being beside Little Hai?"

Margaret smiled faintly and said, "I don't like dealing with such crowds. Actually, Brother Hai dislikes it as well. However, he has no choice but to face them now. If he wasn't thinking about the Ashley Family, then he would've already went drinking with you. He said that it's very exhausting dealing with such people."

Dongfang Yu and the others laughed. They had some understanding of Zhao Hai, and he did indeed dislike such crowds.

If any other Ascender were placed in Zhao Hai's position, then they would have already been shining with joy. Being able to gain connections with such famous and influential people was something that was very important for Ascenders. Therefore, most ascenders would definitely flatter these people if they were in Zhao Hai's shoes.

Dongfang Yu and the others couldn't help but think about what would happen if they were in Zhao Hai's position. They wondered if they were still able to be as calm as Zhao Hai. But after inspecting themselves, they knew that they couldn't be sure.

Cadjo's party was held not so late. So when people found out about what happened, they immediately drove over to the party in order to inquire about the situation. In the end, the party had to extend beyond its schedule.

The party finally ended very late into the night. When everyone had gone back to take a rest, Margaret and Zhao Hai returned to the Space. Zhao Hai didn't feel anything when he was fighting against Li Chuchen. However, he found himself to be very exhausted when dealing with the crowd. After going to the hot spring with Margaret, he returned to his room and slept.

What Zhao Hai didn't know was that when he was asleep, the entire Machine Field erupted. Video of his fight with Li Chuchen had spread. Nobody knew who spread it around but it didn't take long before it reached all corners of the realm. This caused a stir in the Machine Field.

The Machine Field had always been at a disadvantage when it comes to one-on-one. Not to say about the same levels, even those who were a level or two above their Cultivation realm counterparts wouldn't dare challenge cultivators.

Yet now, Zhao Hai who was a level 4 Mage managed to block three swords from a tenth place beginner Cultivator. He didn't even look frazzled after receiving the three swords. Zhao Hai was already famous for being a dark horse, and this event made him even more well-known.

Countless people faced their computers that night, watching a recording of Zhao Hai and Li Chuchen's battle on repeat. They were unable to restrain themselves from feeling excited, they were unable to sleep.

The fight was too beautiful. The attacks were splendid and even more so Zhao Hai's defence. From the video, Zhao Hai's defense was flawless. He didn't even press wind one time, no distress was seen on his face.

Beautiful, it was too beautiful. This was the most beautiful battle between a Mage from the Machine Field and a Cultivator. Zhao Hai's popularity sharply increased.

Zhao Hai wasn't aware of any of these since he was sleeping inside the Space. He had a very good sleep. He was aware that Li Chuchen was a Cultivator at Foundation Establishment stage. His fight with Li

Chuchen made him realize how strong he was in relation to his peers. Being able to fight with Li Chuchen like that without exerting much effort gave Zhao Hai a boost of confidence. Zhao Hai knew that Li Chuchen didn't use all of his strength. However, this was natural. Li Chuchen had a lot of magical artifacts that he didn't use, but Zhao Hai was in the same position. He still had his astral qi but he didn't use it. This was because he was afraid that Li Chuchen would find out about it.

The Cultivation Realm's people were very sensitive when it came to special qi. Astral qi was one with very overbearing strength. If Li Chuchen felt even a hint of astral qi in Zhao Hai, then Zhao Hai would certainly have bad days ahead.

After resting the entire night, Zhao Hai ate his breakfast the next morning before leaving the Space along with Margaret. Then the two returned to their room in the Ashley Family building.

Just as they returned, Cadjo sent for someone to call them over. Upon entering Cadjo's office, the two couldn't help but stare. There were only three other people inside, Cadjo, Luke, and Desbarres. However, their eyes were very red. They looked like they hadn't slept since last night.

Zhao Hai looked at the appearance of the three as he confusedly asked, "General Manager, Camp Lord, what happened? You didn't sleep last night?"

Cadjo looked at Zhao Hai, then he suddenly laughed as he said, "Little Hai, sit, sit. Hahaha. You really did great this time. Hahaha. You're famous now. There's nobody in the Machine Field who doesn't know your name."

Zhao Hai looked puzzled at what Cadjo said, he couldn't understand what was going on. From the time he slept last night up until now, he didn't access the internet, the same was true for Laura and the others. Because of this, he didn't know anything that happened online.

After Cadjo had Zhao Hai sit down, he said, "Last night, someone uploaded a video of your battle with Li Chuchen to the internet. This caused a sensation online. Everyone is talking about you saying that you are a hero of the Machine Field."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "They're exaggerating. I just blocked three swords from Li Chuchen. Cultivators have far more means than we can imagine. If we really fought each other, then I can't guarantee if I can win against him."

Cadjo waved his hand and said, "It's useless. The moment you blocked Li Chuchen's three swords and won the duel, you've already become a hero. Besides you, nobody can do something like that at the same level. Not to say all three swords, they wouldn't even be able to block one."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "I know, but I can't get anything out of this fame. Being famous isn't that big of a deal."

Cadjo looked at Zhao Hai as he shook his head and said, "You idiot. This doesn't benefit you directly. But this is a huge advantage for the Ashley Family. You're now like a living billboard of the family."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly, then he waved his hand and said, "Alright. But I don't want to participate in those parties anymore. If anyone wants to invite me to a party, please tell them that I'm busy. I'll leave everything else to the family."

Cadjo looked at Zhao Hai and couldn't help but shake his head and smile bitterly. He didn't know what else to say. However, Desbarres smiled and said, "Alright, you also need to show yourself less. People would surely come over to challenge you so that they could elevate their own fame. So before the Six Realm Beginner Competition begins, you need to be in seclusion."

Zhao Hai knit his brows and said, "Camp Lord, didn't you say that other participants aren't allowed to challenge anyone before the Six Realm Beginner Competition? Then why would I need to close up?"

Desbarres smiled faintly and said, "Of course, no other participant would want to challenge you. However, this news wouldn't only spread in the Machine Field. What if some Cultivators come here and challenge you? What do you do now? It's better for you to close up immediately."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll close up. But I already promised Brother Xiong Li and the others to drink. If they come to see me, just have them go to my room." Desbarres nodded and said, "Alright, I'll take care of it. Don't worry." Zhao Hai nodded before leading Margaret back to his room.

When the two returned to their room, Margaret immediately opened up her computer and went to a video website. And just as she opened the site, she saw the huge headline, "Newly crowned Machine Field Champion Zhao Hai fighting against the Cultivation Realm's Top Ten!" The headline linked to the

video. Margaret went to the link and then saw a video viewed billions of times, and that number was still going up.

Margaret couldn't help but giggle as she turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, it seems like you're very famous now."

Zhao Hai just smiled faintly as he watched the video. The footage was clearly taken by someone who attended the party. The quality of the video wasn't good, but it was because of this that it was more authentic.

And even if the quality wasn't good, it had shown everything that happened. It even managed to record every word they spoke.

Zhao Hai looked further down on the page and saw that there were comments below.

First comment: Beautiful, fantastic! Our Machine Field finally managed to face a Cultivator and win. Support! Supporting Zhao Hai! The pride of the Machine Field!

Second comment: I support the first comment! Support Zhao Hai! The pride of the Machine Field!

Third comment: I didn't expect our Mages to face a Cultivator. Powerful, too powerful. Why didn't anybody do this before? It's too strange!

Fourth comment: The commenter above isn't a Mage, so he doesn't know that Zhao Hai is far more powerful than most level 4 Mages. In the machine field, as long as one could use 100-layer formations, then they would be level 4. Casting 100-layer formations instantaneously is something that cannot be done by any other Mage. Zhao Hai is just too powerful!

Fifth comment: Don't get your hopes up. Zhao Hai only managed to block against the enemy's three attacks. Moreover, Cultivators have a lot of magic treasures. Those three swords isn't their only means to attack. Moreover, Zhao Hai is going full defense. It isn't unusual for him to block three swords.

Sixth comment: The fifth comment is talking fart. Even a plant could see everything clearly. Although Zhao Hai is on the defensive, it's clear that he wasn't in distress. His clothes aren't even ruffled nor did he take a step back. This shows that Zhao Hai still has more strength than this. His strength should be on par with Li Chuchen. Fifth comment, if you don't know anything, then keep your mouth shut!