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Chapter 1201: Stir Between Two Realms

Zhao Hai was famous! Very famous! Everyone in the Machine Field was discussing Zhao Hai. And it wasn't only the average people who were talking about him. Even the huge powers of the Machine Field had him as a topic of conversation.

Zhao Hai underestimated the hatred that the people of the Machine Field had against the Cultivators. This wasn't just because of the Cultivation Realm's various invasions towards the Machine Field. This hatred started at a spiritual level.

People from the Cultivation Realm always looked at the people of the Machine Field with an arrogant attitude. They conducted themselves as though they were emperors looking at beggars. It was this attitude that made people from the Machine Field hate the Cultivators to the core.

This hatred only got stronger and stronger to the point where the people from the Machine Field prayed that someone would get strong enough that it made them equal to the Cultivators.

However, no Mage, Warrior, or Mech Soldier managed to achieve this goal. None of them were able to defeat a Cultivator of the same level. This caused people to hope more and more.

Although Zhao Hai only blocked three swords from Li Chuchen, the significance of this result was actually more than expected. It was a breakthrough for the Machine Field. Because of this, everyone was happily talking about it.

Nobody in the Machine Field believed that Li Chuchen was holding back. This was because the Cultivators were always impolite towards people from the Machine Field. If they ever duelled someone from the Machine Field, they would certainly go brutal. It was simply impossible for a Cultivator to hold back. With this in mind, people believed that Zhao Hai was strong enough to block Li Chuchen's three swords!

These reasons made Zhao Hai a very famous individual in the Machine Field. He was now seen as a hero of the realm.

While everyone was talking about Zhao Hai, the subject in question suddenly announced that he was closing up for practice. It was still unknown as to when he would show up again.

Upon hearing this information, everyone in the Machine Field were startled. Then rumors began surfacing everywhere. Some people said that Zhao Hai was seriously injured after fighting Li Chuchen. He just restrained his injury and was now feeling the backlash. They say that Zhao Hai was dying.

There were also some people who said that Zhao Hai was closing up in order to practice a secret technique. This way, he could defeat more Cultivators in the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

All kinds of rumors appeared and the Machine Field fell into confusion. At this time everyone wanted to see Zhao Hai. However, Zhao Hai was already out of sight.

After things slowly went out of control, the Ashley Family decided to have a press conference. They announced to everyone that Zhao Hai wasn't injured. The reason he was closing up was because he needed to prepare for the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

Originally, people were dissatisfied with the Ashley Family's response. However, what happened afterwards made them understand why the Ashley Family did it.

Just like what Desbarres said, the battle between Zhao Hai and Li Chuchen didn't only cause a huge reaction in the Machine Field. The Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm were connected in a way. Because of this, any important matter in the Machine Field would quickly be made known in the Cultivation Realm. With Zhao Hai and Li Chuchen's battle being the biggest matter in the Machine Field, it was natural for the Cultivation Realm to be aware of it.

Upon hearing about this information, the people in the Cultivation Realm were in an uproar. One must know that in the entire World of Cultivation, the Machine Field was the weakest of the 6 realms. This was also one of the reasons why others look down on the Machine Field.

And now, the Cultivation Realm's tenth place qualifier wasn't able to kill the Machine Field's first placer in three swords. This was absurd for those in the Cultivation Realm.

It didn't take long before the people from the Cultivation Realm found a recording of the battle and watched it. Although the quality of the recording wasn't good, those who knew something were still able to make sense of it. They knew that the result wasn't because Li Chuchen was holding back, it was because his opponent wasn't weak.

Because of this recording, the Cultivation Realm's people didn't blame Li Chuchen for losing. Instead, they were startled by Zhao Hai's strength.

Naturally, those who didn't blame Li Chuchen weren't those of the general public. The high-level beings in the Cultivation Realm didn't blame Li Chuchen since they knew that he was strong. On the other hand, Zhao Hai wasn't weak either. Li Chuchen didn't hold back and yet his three swords were still blocked by Zhao Hai. There was no reason for Li Chuchen to be blamed for this outcome.

Those in higher positions didn't say anything about it, but things were different for the others. After all, competition exists everywhere, especially in the Cultivation Realm.

Although the Cultivation Realm was very rich in resources, this advantage was being negated by its huge population. In this case, those who gets to use these resources were limited. Therefore, competition was brutal.

Every Cultivator had a dream, and that was to achieve immortality and live alongside the heavens and the earth. However, becoming immortal needed a lot of resources such as cultivation methods, weapons, pills, and other things. The more important something was, the more scarce they were. So in order for a Cultivator to get closer to this dream of immortality, they would have to fight for it.

And the top ten newcomers were the top existence among the lower levels of the Cultivation Realm. They were above others and enjoyed resources much better than most people. They also practice the best cultivation methods and were generally envied by a lot of people.

In the past, these experts were very famous because of their strength. Even if other people say anything to them, these words were often said in secret. In the Cultivation Realm, the right to speak depended on one's strength. If that expert heard it, then it would be a problem if they kill the one who talked. Nobody would go to the trouble of talking bad about these top ten experts to just be killed in the end.

However, this matter gave those at the bottom level an opportunity. Li Chuchen was one of the Cultivation Realm's ten great experts and was enjoying the best of treatments. But despite these benefits, Li Chuchen was still not able to take care of a kid from the Machine Field!

There were quite a few talks like these in the Machine Field. Naturally, most experts wouldn't care about this since they saw Zhao Hai's strength. However, those who had been suppressed by Li Chuchen didn't care about how strong Zhao Hai was. They just clung on the fact that Zhao Hai was from the Machine Field, and that Li Chuchen was putting mud on the Cultivation Realm's reputation.

There were also people who had strength worse than Li Chuchen that decided that it was a good idea to kill Zhao Hai. In their eyes, Li Chuchen wasn't able to kill Zhao Hai because of the three sword covenant. If this three sword covenant wasn't in place, then Li Chuchen would've easily killed Zhao Hai.

And since Li Chuchen failed to kill Zhao Hai, the others saw this as an opportunity to elevate themselves. If they could kill Zhao Hai, then they would be regaining a huge face for the Cultivation Realm.

There were quite a few Cultivators who had the same idea. They immediately went to the nearest transmission formation and went to the Machine Field. All of them were planning to challenge Zhao Hai.

Naturally, the movement of such numbers of people couldn't be hidden from the people of the Machine Field. Seeing a sudden influx of Cultivators, the Machine Field couldn't help but turn vigilant. They quickly investigated the reason why these people came.

Before long, they got their answer. All of these people were here to challenge Zhao Hai. Moreover, it seems like they had no intention of hiding their plans as all of them went to look for the Ashley Family.

However, the Ashley Family only gave a single answer, Zhao Hai was closing up and was unavailable! It can be said that this excuse was the most effective one. Closing up to practice wasn't only done in the Machine Field. Every single cultivator did this at some point of their lives. When someone was closing up, it was taboo to disturb them. Therefore, since Zhao Hai was closing up, nobody was allowed to issue him a challenge.

When this information was sent to the Machine Field, people finally found out why Zhao Hai suddenly closed up. To be honest, people became relieved upon knowing about this.

Then almost at the same time, the top 100 beginners of the Machine Field decided to close up as well. After that, a large number of experts decided to close up. "Closing up" had become a trending topic in the Machine Field's online world.

Due to the Machine Field's rogue-like practice, those experts from the Cultivation Field had no way to challenge anyone at all. Some of them thought that since there was no way to challenge Zhao Hai, they would challenge others in order to give themselves a boost in fame. However, it seems like everyone was closing up. They couldn't find anyone to challenge, this caused them to be annoyed.

These Cultivators also knew that they can only challenge famous experts. There was no significance in challenging small fry. Killing these weak Mages and Warriors was useless. Once they go back, they wouldn't be able to gain any face.

Because of this, the foreign challengers found themselves in a very awkward situation. If they remained, then they would have nobody to challenge. Most of them were also unwilling to go home. They were in a dilemma.

Just like the challengers, the high-level figures of the Machine Field were also having headaches. Although they had protected their experts by having them close up, they ended up shouldering all of the stress and pressure.

No matter what the higher-levels say, the people of the Machine Field believed that everyone closing up was just a reason to evade the challenge. This was the action of a coward. Therefore, there were a lot of people cursing online. In their opinion, they would rather have Zhao Hai die in battle than seeing everyone acting like cowards. They had lost face!

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Those in high positions in the Machine Field considered these public clamorings as though they didn't exist. They knew clearly that they shouldn't listen to this public outcry. If they caused the Machine Field to lose all 100 of their participants, then the Machine Field would no longer be able to fight for benefits in the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

And once the Machine Field couldn't fight for benefits, they would get weaker and weaker. Then they would be bullied even more, and then lose more in the future. This wasn't something that the higher-ups of the Machine Field wanted to see.

Actually, both the public and the higher-ups of the Machine Field don't see ascenders as someone on their own side. To them, Ascenders were merely tools. But the difference between ordinary tools and Ascenders was that there were some Ascenders that were useful while there were some that were useless.

Naturally, Zhao Hai and the other participants were useful tools in the eyes of the Machine Field's higher-ups. Therefore, they couldn't just be sacrificed like that.

Zhao Hai was also aware of the troubles happening outside, but he didn't care. For him, those Cultivators outside weren't worth his time. If he went out now, he could easily kill all of those people.

Of course, Zhao Hai wouldn't do that. There was no need to. For Zhao Hai, murder was something he would only do whenever it benefits him. There was no need for senseless slaughter.

Zhao Hai was currently practicing his spells inside the Space. After he practiced with Liquid Silver, he proceeded to use his body tempering fist while inside the sandy region of the Space.

Zhao Hai knew that his own strength still wouldn't allow him to run amuck in the Machine Field. Therefore, he needed to strengthen himself as soon as possible; and the body tempering technique was a good method to reach that goal.

Since the Machine Field were acting cowardly, most Cultivators left. Only a small number of people stayed in the Machine Field, they were still looking for that opportunity.

Peace began to return to the Machine Field as the Cultivators retreated. It was impossible for these people to focus on this matter for too long, especially if it didn't matter much to their lives.

The winds in the Machine Field gradually calmed down, which was something that the higher-ups of the Machine Field wanted to see. They don't want the participants of the competition to be disturbed. This was because they were looking forward to this particular Six Realm Beginner Competition.

This time, the Machine Field's representatives included Zhao Hai, Streep, Xiong Li, Dongfang Yu, Zhu Chen, even Lei Xiaotian. Compared to the past dozens of years, this was the Machine Field's strongest lineup.

In the past Six Realm Beginner Competitions, there would be 600 participants overall. The Machine Field would have participants among the top 500 or 400. This was a complete loss of face for the Machine Field. They weren't able to get any good benefits by these rankings alone.

But this time, Zhao Hai was able to block three swords from the Cultivation Realm's tenth place. This was a good sign for the Machine Field. This was because, most of the time, the top ten experts of the Cultivation Realm would be the top ten experts of the entire World of Cultivation.

Although Zhao Hai only blocked against three swords from Li Chuchen, the higher-ups of the Machine Field still held hope for Zhao Hai. They wanted him to fight for benefits for the realm.

Days passed as the date for the Six Realm Beginner Competition approached. Cultivators that kept waiting for an opportunity were finally able to realize that the whole Machine Field was turtling up, so they just gave up and returned to the Cultivation Realm. After all, the Machine Field doesn't have resources that they need, staying here for long wasn't favorable for their cultivation.

Once all of the Cultivators left the Machine Field, the higher-ups were finally able to relax. The Machine Field returned to its former calm as everyone waited for the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

Zhao Hai didn't leave his seclusion just because the Cultivators had left. He still declared that he would continue with his closed door cultivation. This caused everyone who had their eyes on him to believe that he was truly injured. After all, Li Chuchen's swords weren't that weak.

This time, the Ashley Family didn't bother to clarify the matter. In their opinion, there was no need to do so. Although there were people who kept monitoring Zhao Hai, their number wasn't as great as before.

After one month, Zhao Hai finally decided to head out. It wasn't that he could no longer endure closing up, it was that he had no choice but to head out. It was time for the Six Realm Beginner Competition.

Although the Six Realm Beginner Competition was still a month away, they still needed to prepare beforehand for their departure.

When Zhao Hai announced that he was going out, Xiong Li and the others quickly visited him. Xiong Li and the others were mainly there to see if Zhao Hai was indeed injured. After all, he wouldn't have been in seclusion for that long. But after seeing how well Zhao Hai was doing, they felt relieved.

Once Xiong Li and the others left, Cadjo immediately called Zhao Hai over to his room. Cadjo looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, how is your practice?" Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "General Manager, rest assured, there's no problem whatsoever. This time, I'm sure that I can enter the top 100 of the competition."

Cadjo smiled and said, "Don't put yourself into too much pressure. If it's disadvantageous, then don't show your power. The Patriarch is already satisfied with your performance."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Rest assured, General Manager, I know what to do. Right, how do we leave the Machine Field? Do we use a spaceship? When do we depart?"

Cadjo shook his head and said, "There's no ship. This time, we'll be using a transmission formation since you need to be in the Cultivation Realm for one month. This is also the way it is done."

Upon hearing Cadjo, Zhao Hai couldn't help but ask, "We need to stay in the Cultivation Realm for one month? What kind of rule is that? Isn't that just sending us to the tiger's mouth? What if those Cultivators challenge us?"

Cadjo shook his head and said, "You don't need to worry about this. The Cultivators wouldn't challenge you. You need to stay in the Cultivation Realm because the concentration of spiritual qi there is different from the Machine Field. You would need a month to adjust to their level. It has been decided that no challenges will be made in this period."

Zhao Hai was still frowning. He doesn't believe the words of the Cultivation Realm. The Machine Field was a very weak existence among the six realms, this meant that they don't have much diplomatic influence. Although the Cultivation Realm said that nobody would make a challenge, there were innumerable means for people to accept a challenge. This was reality.

Cadjo looked at Zhao Hai and knew that he was thinking. He sighed and said, "I know what you are thinking about. Don't think too much about it, this is the rule. But just be careful once you leave."

Zhao Hai looked at Cadjo and said, "You aren't going with us this time?"

Cadjo nodded and said, "Right, I won't be going. Those who will be going to the Cultivation Realm would only number 150. There's you 100 participants, and then 50 leaders. Leading the 50 team leaders is a very famous individual from the three powers, Skybreaker Blade Ma Rulong."

When Zhao Hai heard Cadjo, he couldn't help but gawk. He knew who Skybreaker Ma Rulong was. Ma Rulong wasn't an Ascender and was a Machine Field native. Only a few Machine Field natives would want to practice martial arts. However, Ma Rulong loved martial arts ever since childhood. Moreover, the family he belonged to was an ancient Warrior Family of the Warrior Association. It was a tradition in his family to practice martial arts, but it wasn't a priority for them to practice it. However, Ma Rulong put his entire heart into practicing martial arts. In the end, he was able to become a master of fighting.

Ma Rulong established his fame using his ghost head sword. At this time, he's already become a level 7 Warrior. His strength was formidable. He wouldn't have any problems facing a Core Formation Expert of the Cultivation Realm.[1]

But unlike his fellow natives, Ma Rulong doesn't have any prejudice against Ascenders. It may be because of his love for martial arts. Because of this, he looked favorably towards Ascenders. He also wasn't afraid of offending anyone from the Cultivation Realm.

Zhao Hao nodded and said, "I didn't expect Senior Ma Rulong to be our escort. Then there's no need to worry about the travel. General Manager, when will we depart?"

Cadjo answered, "You'll leave the day after tomorrow. Although Ma Rulong will take the lead, you still need to be careful. There will be times where Ma Rulong wouldn't be able to protect you. After all, the place you'll be going is the Cultivation Realm. That is the territory of the Cultivators, we don't have much influence there."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "General Manager, feel relieved. I know what to do. There's no need to worry."

Cadjo sighed, then he went to Zhao Hai's side and then patted his shoulder as he said, "Remember that your own safety is most important. Think about Margaret. Even if you don't get good results, the family will not blame you for it. After all, you already became the realm's champion. You already surpassed our expectations." Zhao Hai nodded, "Rest assured, I'll make sure to be safe. Nothing bad will happen."

Cadjo nodded, then he said, "Take time to go out for a walk. Let other people see you. We don't want them to think that you're really injured."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, I happen to have a desire to explore. I've been cultivating all this time. I haven't had much time to explore the entire planet." Cadjo smiled and said, "Alright, go go. You're currently the richest man in the entire family. You won't have any money problems."

Zhao Hai laughed and didn't say anything else. He cannot tell Cadjo that he was heading out to sell things he had no need for. Everything that he needed was already in the Space. And even if the Space doesn't have it, he could still have it made by the Processing Machine. Things made by the Space was always much better than items that can be bought outside!

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Chapter 1203: Departure

Two days quickly went by. Over the two days, Zhao Hai and Margaret explored the entirety of the Machine Field Planet. This brought attention to a lot of people in the Machine Field.

However, nobody dared to cause trouble for Zhao Hai. With the Six Realm Beginner Competition on the horizon, nobody would disturb any participant, especially Zhao Hai.

But even so, whenever Zhao Hai was exploring with Margaret, a lot of people would stare at them. This made the two feel quite uncomfortable.

Zhao Hai was a high-profile individual, and his sudden appearance caused people to be taken aback. They always thought that Zhao Hai was injured. But judging by his current state, he looked very healthy. Was he really injured? Or was he just suppressing his injury?

Zhao Hai decided to ignore these people. Although there wasn't much in the Machine Field Planet that caught his attention, he still made the effort to get gifts for Laura and the others. These things didn't need to be expensive, it was the thought that counts.

What Zhao Hai brought for Laura and the others were trivial gadgets that weren't worth their money but was instead beautiful. This was something girls liked.

Zhao Hai actually felt sorry for Laura and the others. They had been with him for a long time, but they could only stay inside the Space at this moment. They observe and understand the Machine Field only through the monitor. They can't come out and play in the Machine Field. This caused Zhao Hai to feel very guilty.

After Zhao Hai played around with Margaret for two days, the time for departure finally came. Zhao Hai got up in the morning before going with Cadjo towards the place where they would depart.

The Machine Field Planet has two huge transmission formations. The first formation was something that can only be used by core members of the Machine Field. This formation could be adjusted to teleport towards more than 1000 planets in the Machine Field.

As for the other transmission formation, it was specifically guarded and shut off during normal times. This was done so that people from the Cultivation Realm couldn't use it. A secret technique was used to shut it off.

The two formations were in two teleportation towers specifically constructed for their respective functions. They were heavily guarded structures. And now Zhao Hai and the others were heading there.

Margaret sat besides Zhao Hai as she snuggled to Zhao Hai's bosom and whispered, "Brother Hai, you need to take care of yourself. Cultivators aren't easy to deal with, especially that Li Chuchen. You made him lose face last time, he will surely retaliate."

Actually, there was no need for Margaret to say those words. After all, she could just say them to Zhao Hai while inside the Space. However, if Margaret didn't say anything, Cadjo and the others would get suspicious. Because of this, Margaret had to perform. This was also something that Laura and the others taught her.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Rest assured, nothing bad will happen. I'll come back safely."

Margaret nodded gently, her eyes were somewhat red. The hand that she held Zhao Hai with couldn't help but tighten. Although they could talk to each other inside the Space, being able to talk in person was different. Inside the Space, Zhao Hai doesn't only belong to Margaret, he belonged to everyone. Only in the Machine Field would Zhao Hai belong to her alone.

Margaret was actually half worried and half acting. She loved Zhao Hai and she doesn't want anything dangerous happen to him. Therefore, she acted thus.

Zhao Hai held Margaret near his ear and then whispered, "It's fine. Don't worry about not seeing me. I won't be in any trouble." Margaret buried herself deeper into Zhao Hai's embrace. Zhao Hai could even feel his clothes getting wet with tears.

Zhao hai sighed. This was another debt that he couldn't pay off in his lifetime. The only thing he could do right now was to treat his women well.

Cadjo saw Zhao Hai and Margaret's state and didn't say anything. Thunder already instructed the Ashley Family to allow Zhao Hai and Margaret's relationship. In other words, he agreed to their union. Because of this, Cadjo didn't react.

Actually, Cadjo was hoping that Zhao Hai would end up together with Margaret. Zhao Hai's strength has already been proven. Moreover, Cadjo and the others were convinced with Zhao Hai's character. They believed that Margaret would be happy if she ended up with Zhao Hai.

Marriage was a fuzzy concept in the Machine Field. If the feelings between two people were good, then they can be together without any need for a ceremony. Ordinary people would just live together without much fuss. Only unions between great families would require a wedding ceremony.

When he first found out about this, Zhao Hai was somewhat surprised. However, this made Zhao Hai a bit happy. This meant that there was no need for a flashy ceremony. In any case, Margaret loves him and he loves Margaret too.

It didn't take long before the car arrived at the transmission tower. There were already a lot of cars parked beside the tower. When Zhao Hai and the others got out, they immediately entered the structure.

The first floor of the transmission tower was a hall. This hall was huge with thousands of square meters of floor area. There were a lot of people standing inside this hall.

When Zhao Hai entered the hall, he immediately captured the attention of everyone. The looks directed towards him were mixed with envy, provocation, and hostility. However, Zhao Hai didn't care, this was because he managed to spot Xiong Li and the others.

Zhao Hai quickly walked over to them. In the two days that he had been playing around with Margaret, he didn't go and look for Xiong Li and the others. Therefore, when Xiong Li and the others saw Zhao Hai, they quickly welcomed him.

Xiong Li looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, I heard that you've been merry these past two days. But you've been too happy that you forgot about your brothers."

Without waiting for Zhao Hai to speak, Margaret pouted as she said, "Big Brother Xiong, Brother Hai is accompanying me. Is there any problem?"

Xiong Li smiled and said, "There's no problem, no problem. Hahahaha, Brother, Sister-in-law is angry. I'm just joking." Xiong Li's excuse caused everyone to burst into laughter.

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Ever since ascending to the Machine Field, I have either been on missions or in seclusion. I haven't gone out with Margaret that much. It just so happened that I have two days of free time. So of course, I took the chance to get to know Machine Field Planet. Once we arrive at the Cultivation Realm, it'll be us brothers who will drink together."

Li Kuangren laughed, then he patted shoulder and said, "Good, good. But Little Hai, the wines that you take out tastes so good. I can't drink any other wine now."

Everyone continued to talk with each other. This caused other people to look at them. The identities of the people present weren't ordinary. These were the top 100 beginners in the Machine Field. Moreover, behind these 100 people were powerful groups. This caused everyone else to be pushed to the side.

At this time, the hall suddenly turned silent. Zhao Hai and the others paused as well. Then they turned to look at the person coming in from outside. This man had blue hair and appeared nonchalant.

When Zhao Hai saw Streep, his eyes couldn't help but flash with despise. He wasn't looking down on Streep's strength but instead he was looking down on Streep's conduct.

Zhao Hai didn't give up on monitoring Streep in the past days. Almost every day, Streep would change for another woman. No woman stayed by his side for more than two days.

Zhao Hai was aware that this action was part of Streep's cultivation. This was certainly the harvest he gained from that lucky encounter. Otherwise, he wouldn't be this serious in changing from woman to woman. This also explains why his attacks were strong. His cultivation methods definitely had something to do with the yin aspect.

Streep also noticed Zhao Hai as he gave Zhao Hai a smile and a nod, as if he was very familiar with Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai saw Streep's gesture, he just gave a strong nod before turning around and ignoring him.

Seeing Zhao Hai's actions, a flash of anger appeared in Streep's eyes. Then he turned around and approached the other participants.

After Zhao Hai turned his head, he saw that Xiong Li and the others' faces were somewhat ugly. Li Kuangren coldly snorted and said, "That fellow is really not pleasing to the eyes."

Zhao Hai looked at Li Kuangren and the others. He knew that they were still angry about the injustice that happened back in the Ashley Family's party. After all, Li Chuchen's challenge only came about due to Ba Dong's provocation. There were also a few people in the room whose face darkened, clearly directing hate towards Streep.

Zhao Hai looked at his brothers as he smiled and said, “Brothers, are you prepared? We’re about to leave soon.”

Xiong Li slightly smiled and said, “I’ve prepared everything. What I’m worried about is you, kid. You’ve been accompanying Miss Margaret for two days. Did you manage to prepare anything?”

Zhao Hai smiled and said, “Of course I’ve prepared. I have high grade wine, seasonal dishes, and other delicious snacks.”

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others couldn’t help but stare. They looked at each other before Dongfang Yu looked at Zhao Hai and said, “Little Hai, didn’t you prepare anything else? Weapons? Defensive items?”

Zhao Hai just gave them a smile as he answered, “Rest assured, I prepared everything I need. I’m just used to bring food whenever I head out. This way, I’ll have something to eat and drink during downtimes. Hehe.”

Xiong Li laughed and said, “I know about this. Back in the elimination round, while we were fighting, this fellow actually took out a recliner, an umbrella, and some drinks. He’s the only one who looks relaxed and free.”

Zhao Hai was about to reply, but footsteps were heard coming from the transmission tower. Zhao Hai looked up and saw a group of people going down.

Leading this group of people was a Warrior. This Warrior was tall and big, but he was actually very thin. His skin was a bit dark and he had a scar on his face. He had inch long hair while his eyes were ghastly cold. One could see that he wasn’t an affable person.

Zhao Hai knew that this was Skybreaker Blade Ma Rulong. This person was a true killer. From his debut to the present, he has entered battle thousands of times. There were times where he was injured but that was after he killed hundreds of characters. He was a true menace of the battlefield.

Following behind Ma Rulong were the respective team leaders. These leaders were Mages and Warriors, they were clearly from the three huge powers. These people were arranged to manage and protect Zhao Hai and the others.

After Ma Rulong got down, his eyes swept through Zhao Hai and the others before saying, "Is everybody here?" His voice was extremely low and seemed to carry his imposing aura.

Just as his voice fell, a person wearing Mage robes went to his side before bowing and saying, "Answering to Sir Ma. Everyone is here."

Ma Rulong nodded, then he said, "All participants will follow him to the room over there. Everyone else should say their goodbyes."

After Ma Rulong said that, he no longer gave everyone his attention as he walked towards the room. This was the room where the transmission formation was. Zhao Hai and the others needed to head there.

Upon hearing Ma Rulong, Zhao Hai turned his head to Cadjo and said, "General Manager, we're leaving. You take care. Camp Lord, you take care as well." Then he gave the two a bow before turning to Margaret and giving her a gentle nod. After all the goodbyes were said, he turned and proceeded towards the room that Ma Rulong just entered.

At this time, Xiong Li and the others were also done saying goodbyes to their families. The group walked towards the transmission room shoulder to shoulder. Upon entering the room, they saw that the other participants were already inside. Ma Rulong was also inside. Because of Ma Rulong's presence, everyone's voices were in hushed tones.

When Zhao Hai entered the room, he couldn't help but look at the floor. A magic formation was drawn into the floor. The formation was very complex, moreover it was very large. It spread out to all corners of the room. The formation was also filled with incomparably abstract symbols. It actually gave the room an aesthetic feel to it.

Everyone continued to speak in quiet tones. Before long, everyone was inside the room. The same Mage from before went to Ma Rulong's side and reported, "Sir, everyone is present."

Ma Rulong nodded, then he looked at the participants and said, "I'll be leading our trip to the Cultivation Realm. Therefore, you need to listen to my every word. The Cultivation Realm isn't like the Machine Field. Nobody is allowed to wander about without by consent. Otherwise, I won't be able to save you if an accident happens. Understood?"

Everyone gave a sound of understanding. Ma Rulong nodded, then he turned to a Mage and said, "Let's begin." The Mage nodded before he took out wrist computers from his storage item. These computers were as big as one's palm. These computers floated towards Zhao Hai and the others. Upon receiving the gadget, the participants curiously inspected it.

As the participants were inspecting the computer, a voice was heard, "These devices are mainly used for communication and location. Contact information of the team leaders are already saved inside. If you come across something while strolling in the Cultivation Realm, you can use this device to contact a team leader. This device also has a positioning system, allowing us to find you in the shortest time. Because of this, you need to keep this device on yourselves at all times. Don't store it in your spatial items."

Zhao Hai and the others didn't have any problems with it. They quickly placed the device on their hands. This gadget was made like a wristband. Although it appears like it was made out of bright silver, it wasn't heavy at all. Instead, it was very soft and very comfortable to wear.

After seeing that everyone had equipped their computers, the Mage went to a corner of the room to start the formation. He went over and pushed a button on the wall. Before long, a flash appeared and everyone vanished from the room.

Chapter 1204: A Single Word Causing Public Execution

Zhao Hai only felt a flash of light in front of him before he was blinded. Once his vision returned, he looked around and found out that he was now in another place. This wasn't the transmission tower.

The place where Zhao Hai and the others in was a broad platform. This platform was quite huge. Zhao Hai looked around and estimated the platform to be tens of thousands of square meters. There were dozens of Magic Formations that were constantly flashing. And every time it flashed, people would immediately appear. They seem to be very busy as they quickly went out of the formation and continued on.

Just like Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others were inspecting where they had ended up. Everyone had curious expressions on their faces. Although it has been some years since they had ascended, they haven't actually been to the Cultivation Realm.

The Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm wasn't that far from each other. However, it was very difficult for Xiong Li and the others to leave the Machine Field. Most of the time, they were either at missions or were practicing. The other times, they would head out and socialize with others. Due to this, it was understandable why they haven't gone to the Cultivation Realm.

There were also only two ways to go from the Machine Field to the Cultivation Realm. The first method was to use a spaceship. However, most ships that were used for this method were freighters. These were ships used to transport goods between sects and families. It was almost impossible for normal people to get on board those ships.

The second method was to use a transmission formation, which was also not for everyone. And even if a transmission formation was available to go to the Cultivation Realm, the price to use it would be steep. If one wanted to use the transmission formation to go to the Cultivation Realm, then they needed to first explain who they were and then the reason for their travel to the Cultivation Realm. After that, a record would be kept before a background check would be done. Only after those troubles were finished was one allowed to visit the Cultivation Realm. It can be said that if it weren't for the Six Realm Beginner Competition, then Xiong Li and the others wouldn't have been able to go to the Cultivation Realm. It was just like back on Earth where some Chinese wouldn't be able to go abroad for their entire lives.

Because of this, Xiong Li and the others were very curious about the Cultivation Realm. But at this time, a voice was heard, "Hey, you idiots. Don't just stop there. You're delaying other people."

Zhao Hai and the others immediately looked around and saw a young man dressed in a black robe and a cap standing not far away, yelling at them. He had a look of contempt in his eyes and didn't even bother to hide it.

Zhao Hai stared. They were wearing mage robes and warrior clothing, very different to what people in the Cultivation Realm wear. This young man should be able to recognize that they weren't from here. So why was he being impolite? Doesn't he know who they were?

At this time, a cold snort was heard nearby. Zhao Hai turned his head and saw that it came from Ma Rulong. Ma Rulong looked at the young man and said, "Who do you think you are? Why is a servant shouting here? Are you too impatient for your job?"

The young man actually craned his neck as he sneered and said, "I'm from the Seamount Faction of this city. What? It's you who is impatient, isn't it?"

Ma Rulong's expression changed, he asked once more, "Seamount Faction? You're from the Seamount Faction?"

When the young man saw Ma Rulong's response, he couldn't help but proudly declare, "Correct, this one is from the Seamount Faction. Now, you better leave ten crystal stones to this grandfather. Otherwise, I'll have to be impolite."

At this time, Ma Rulong suddenly laughed and said, "Little Seamount Faction kid, daring to neglect the face of the Machine Field, you're quite brave. Let's see how the Seamount Faction responds after I kill you." After he said that, Ma Rulong took out his one and a half meter long ghost head blade and then gave it a wave. A blade qi flew straight towards the young man. The young man screamed for a moment before he was bisected in half.

Ma Rulong didn't even spare the young man's corpse a glance as he said, "Let's go." Then he stored his blade and then proceeded towards the city.

Zhao Hai and the others were somewhat startled by what happened. Back in the Machine Field, although various families were very rampant, it didn't reach to the point of public murder. There were some cases before, but it wasn't prevalent. But now, Ma Rulong just took his weapon out and killed someone. This caused Zhao Hai and the others to be shocked.

But after seeing Ma Rulong proceeding forward, Zhao Hai and the others didn't stay for long and just followed behind. However, there were some people who looked towards the corpse of the young man. Ma Rulong's methods taught these newcomers a lesson about the Cultivation Realm.

Ma Rulong and the others quickly left the platform. As for the other people inside, almost nobody spared any effort to look at the young man's corpse. In the Cultivation Realm, a dead person was as good as trash. This was especially true if the deceased was someone with no status.

After some time, another person wearing black clothing arrived. With a relaxed manner, he stored the young 's corpse before taking the young man's job of maintaining order. It seems like nothing ever happened.

Ma Rulong proceeded to lead Zhao Hai and the others to the city. Upon entering the city, Zhao Hai was suddenly hit with a wave of nostalgia. This was because the city was constructed in a very familiar manner to him. The architecture of this city looked very much like ancient China, but much more exquisite. As they walked the cyan stone street, Zhao Hai thought that he had been sent back to the time of Ancient China. The clothes worn by people were also ancient robes, making Zhao Hai feel even more reminiscent of his home.

Before long, Ma Rulong arrived at a courtyard. Zhao Hai looked at the courtyard and saw a small plaque. Written on the plaque were three characters that read, Machine Field Headquarters.

As Zhao Hai was reading the plaque, Ma Rulong pushed the door and walked in. Upon entering the courtyard, Zhao Hai saw two Mages busying themselves. In front of them were two robots. It was clear that these two Mages were servicing these robots.

When the two Mages noticed someone coming in, they immediately turned their heads to see Ma Rulong. They couldn't help but stare, then they placed their tools down as one of them greeted, "Sir Ma, we didn't expect you to be here personally. Excuse us for our lack of manners."

Ma Rulong waved his hand, he glanced at the robots and said, "Forget it, you're busy. Are the rooms prepared?"

The man quickly replied, "Sir Ma, rest assured, the rooms have been prepared. Please follow me." Then after he said that, he led Ma Rulong and the others further in. Upon entering the courtyard, Zhao Hai and the others discovered that there were several buildings and even more courtyards inside. Moreover, there were a lot of rooms. It wouldn't be a problem if more than 100 people stay here.

Ma Rulong walked past the second courtyard and then walked into the third courtyard. Then he looked at the participants and said, "This courtyard can house 30 people. The first 30 people according to ranking will stay here. As for the rest, you will be staying at the previous two courtyards."

The Mage who repaired the robot said, "Mister Ma, rest assured, I'll take care of the others." Ma Rulong nodded before turning to the team leaders and said, "The first and second team will live with me in the second courtyard. The last team will live inside a courtyard of their own."

The team leaders nodded before proceeding to take care of their things. Zhao Hai and the others remained in the third courtyard. Among them were the top ten great experts as well as those ranking up to 30th place.

A team leader assigned a room to Zhao Hai. The rooms weren't divided according to ranking. Because of this, Zhao Hai, Xiong Li, and the others had rooms next to each other. The features of the rooms were more magnificent than those from the Machine Field, however it didn't have any special appliance inside.

Zhao Hai and the others looked at their rooms from inside out. There were no notable things inside their rooms, it just had all required furnishings. It didn't take long for them to get familiar with the room.

Each courtyard had its own small garden. There were trees as well as stone tables and benches there. When Zhao Hai and the others went out of their rooms, they went to the courtyard and took a table for themselves.

Xiong Li looked at the other people in the courtyard before turning his head towards Zhao Hai and the others, then he forced a smile and said, "So, the Cultivation Realm is really that brutal. Senior Ma actually killed someone in broad daylight."

The group nodded, they didn't expect Ma Rulong to kill someone that quickly. This surprised them. Dongfang Yu added, "It's possible that Senior Ma did that in order to put out a warning. I also think that the actions of the young man are quite suspicious, it seems like someone had instructed him to do it. They want to demonstrate their authority. If Senior Ma wasn't overbearing, I'm afraid we wouldn't have any good days ahead."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I think so too. However, I think that this isn't the end. Other people will certainly come here looking for trouble. It seems like the people from the Cultivation Realm really wants to get ugly."

Sun Fei smiled bitterly and said, "It's not just this time. I checked for information a few days ago. It seems like whenever the Six Realm Beginner Competition happens, people from the Cultivation Realm always find ways to make us suffer. They would often start a fight before the real competition began. At the worst, the Machine Field lost more than 20 people even before the start of the competition."

Zhao Hai and the others' expressions changed. They forgot to take note of this. They thought that since they were now in the Cultivation Realm, people would leave them alone. After all, they were here to attend the competition. It wouldn't be great for the Cultivation Realm to be too excessive.

But now, upon hearing Sun Fei, they discovered that they had been naive. The Cultivation Realm's people were more arrogant than they thought. Even those who were a stickler for the rules in the Cultivation Realm looked down on the Machine Field. In their minds, killing a few unremarkable people from the Machine Field was nothing.

The reason the Cultivators were rampant against the Machine Field's participants was because they knew that the families wouldn't dare wage war against their sects. Therefore, they held nothing back.

And now, Zhao Hai and the others were in the domain of the Cultivators. It wouldn't be strange if the Cultivators were going to be impolite. It was hard to guess what kinds of things they would do.

Chapter 1205: Demonstration of Authority

While Zhao Hai and the others were speaking, they suddenly heard someone's shout outside, "Machine Field thieves, come out here!"

Zhao Hai and the others were stunned. The loud voice had a hint of imposing aura in it, obviously coming from an expert. The expression on everyone's faces changed. Then they stood up and went to the front courtyard.

When a team leader saw Zhao Hai's movement, he immediately said, "Don't move, you don't have any business with this. Be good and just stay put." The team leader didn't go to the front courtyard and just looked at Zhao Hai and the others.

Upon seeing this person, Zhao Hai and the others paused. And since this was the rule, they just sat back down.

At this time, Ma Rulong's voice was heard, "Who's yelling here? Don't you know that this is the Machine Field's courtyard?"

The person outside loudly replied, "Is the Machine Field that prestigious? You actually dared to kill someone from the Seamount Faction for no reason? Come out here and give me an explanation."

"Hahaha. Who does the Seamount Faction think they are? You're not worth explaining to. This grandpa can kill whoever he wants!" Domineering, too domineering. As soon as Zhao Hai and the others heard Ma Rulong say this, they knew that a fight would happen soon. The other side needed to save their face.

Zhao Hai quickly released his spiritual force and before long his expression changed. He discovered that the courtyard has actually been surrounded. Zhao Hai turned his head to look at the team leaders whose expressions were the same. Naturally they also discovered the issue.

Zhao Hai turned his head to Xiong Li and the others and said, "Boss Xiong, get ready. Those people from the Seamount Faction has us surrounded. It seems like they that young man earlier wasn't really the end. They're going to attack us." As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the other's faces changed. But since they had considered this possibility, they nodded before they took their weapons out.

Sure enough, just as they were armed, the person outside shouted, "Good Machine Field, Good. But this isn't your realm. You can't just kill anyone in the Cultivation Realm. Everyone, I want these people from the Machine Field to know that we cannot be bullied. Attack them! Make sure that not even chickens or dogs survive." Just as the man's voice fell, a war cry was heard all around the courtyard. Then soon after that, the attackers began flooding in.

When the team leaders saw this, they knew that the situation wasn't good. The other side was really prepared for this attack. It didn't take long before the team leaders began to fight back.

When Zhao Hai saw the situation, he coldly snorted and then waved his hand. Liquid Silver appeared and then a 100-layer formation materialized. The formation turned into over ten thousand golden red arrows and then shot towards the attackers.

This move was the Ten thousand fiery arrows, however, this was different to Zhao Hai's usual 100-layer formation spell. This specific one had more arrows and held more power.

The attackers didn't expect to meet a rain of arrows just after entering the courtyard. They were immediately caught off-guard. The explosion caused by Zhao Hai's ten thousand arrows quickly injured several people on the spot.

At this time, the other people in the courtyard responded. They were all skilled and experienced people, so their combat sense was very rich. Since people came to cause trouble, then they would have to be impolite. It didn't take long before various attacks flew towards every direction.

Zhao Hai's group of five composed one team as they attacked the enemies together. Once the exchange began, Zhao Hai and the others found out that their enemies weren't weak. And most of the attackers were a bit stronger than them.

At this time, Ma Rulong moved to the front and then attacked their uninvited visitors. Explosions were soon heard, officially starting the clash between the two sides.

Zhao Hai looked around and found out the possibility that these attackers weren't all from the Seamount Faction. There must be other people joining in. It was impossible for the Seamount Faction to have this much experts.

Although Ma Rulong's previous behavior looked crude, Zhao Hai believed that the man wasn't stupid. If the Seamount Faction was a huge sect, then Ma Rulong should have endured. However, he didn't, which explains the strength of the faction.

But now, it seems like the Seamount Faction was itself being incited by another group. It might be everyone in this place planning to use this ruse to demonstrate their authority.

As Zhao Hai continued to observe, he discovered that Ma Rulong and the others had been tied down. Meanwhile, the people that Zhao Hai and the others were fighting seems to be holding back. Otherwise, the casualties here should be very huge. Instead, the Machine Field group had yet to suffer some losses.

Once he saw this, Zhao Hai was certain that the Seamount Faction had been incited by someone. However, it seems like they cannot act too excessively. They just want the Machine Field's people to know their place. Besides this, it was possible that they were also here to probe the Machine Field's participants.

After having thought through this point, Zhao Hai felt relieved. If they wanted to probe, then let them probe. Zhao Hai dealt with every attack coming his way, but he didn't kill anyone. He understood that once he got ruthless, then the other party might return the gesture. This means that the Machine Field would suffer losses even after the competition began.

And just like what Zhao Hai thought, after the two groups clashed for about an hour, someone arrived. A long howl was first heard before a voice said, "Stop, everyone. Friend, this one is a member of the Six Realm Beginner Competition's preparation committee, Fan Yi. Is this the residence of the Machine Field's representatives?"

Ma Rulong knew that more trouble would come if this continued on, so he didn't make another move as he replied, "This one is Ma Rulong, I lead the participants from the Machine Field."

When Fan Yi heard Ma Rulong he quickly said, "So it is Master Skybreaker Blade Ma Rulong. This one has been disrespectful. People from the Seamount Faction, stop immediately. We're all friends here."

At this time, the person leading the attackers opened his mouth and said, "Brothers, stop."

The people from the Seamount Faction also stopped. As for the team leaders, they proceeded to stop the participants from attacking. After that, they went to where Ma Rulong was in order to discuss something in secret.

Zhao Hai and the others went back to the ground. They looked all around them and saw that the fight destroyed the courtyard. Fortunately, the damage wasn't that severe. Moreover, there weren't many casualties, only very few participants died. There were also many people who were injured, but they wouldn't be dying from their wounds.

After looking around him, Xiong Li coldly snorted and said, "Good, Seamount Faction, good. I will not forget this. Just wait and see."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "The actions of the Seamount Faction seems to be directed by someone. They came here to show their power and also probe our bottom line. Hehe, that person from the preparation committee came at a very good time. I think he's just waiting, only coming out when it is time."

Xiong Li and the others thought about it and immediately understood what Zhao Hai was saying. Their expressions turned difficult. Dongfang Yu coldly snorted and said, "Shameless. I didn't expect the Cultivation Realm's people to resort to these methods. Too shameless."

Li Kuangren huffed angrily, but he didn't rush out in order to fight the Seamount Faction. At this time, Zhao Hai opened his mouth and said, "It looks like the Cultivators had found out that we're quite strong. Therefore, they came here to see how strong we really were. Hmph. If they want to probe, then let them probe. When the competition begins, I'll clean them up properly."

Xiong Li and the others bitterly smiled. Of those present here, it seems like only Zhao Hai could say those words. During the earlier fight, all of them were exerting great effort to fend off the enemy. On the other hand, Zhao Hai accomplished this task with ease. They were once again reminded about their strength gap with Zhao Hai.

Although the fight was over, many people were still very alert and were prepared to fight against the Seamount Faction once more. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai and the others returned to their stone table. Zhao Hai took out some wine and food as the group proceeded to drink and eat.

Zhao Hai's actions caused everyone in the courtyard to stare. Not only the participants, but even the team leaders were shocked. They didn't expect Zhao Hai and the others to be this nonchalant about the current situation.

And just like what Zhao Hai thought, everything was just an act. Both sides wouldn't dare to go all out. The Seamount Faction withdrew their troops while Ma Rulong and his group sent for people to repair the courtyard. Nothing noteworthy happened after that.

When Zhao Hai entered the Space that evening, Laura and the others immediately led him to the living room and showed him the video of Ma Rulong and Fan Yi's conversation. There was nothing special about the recording, just Fan Yi being an ordinary peacemaker. He mediated for both sides and urged them to let matters go.

Although Ma Rulong knew what was exactly going on, the only thing he could do at this time was to swallow his anger. After everyone left, Ma Rulong smashed the table as he said to the Mage next to him, "Every time the Six Realm Beginner Competition happens, those bastards always come causing trouble. Aren't they tired of using the same tricks? Damn, they are really looking down on us."

The Mage beside him bitterly smiled and said, "Those Cultivators are used to being arrogant. They would never change their methods. To be honest, it's good for us if they repeat this trick every time. This way they wouldn't come here and give us a direct challenge."

Ma Rulong coldly snorted, then he calmed down and said, "The participants of the Machine Field this time is the strongest we've had. There must be no incidents. Especially Zhao Hai, you need to make sure that he's safe at all times."

The Mage nodded, but then he said, "Or make sure that Zhao Hai doesn't leave the courtyard. Just let him practice here."

Ma Rulong shook his head and said, "No need, just send for people to protect him in secret. It wouldn't be good if we restrict him. Think about what others would say if we did that, not to say Zhao Hai's own thoughts. Zhao Hai's strength is good, he will certainly get a good ranking in the competition. The Machine Field relies on him to get good resources."

The Mage nodded and said, "Alright, but what about Streep and the others? Should we send people to protect them as well?"

Ma Rulong shook his head and said, "Streep's strength can't reach even half of Zhao Hai. I don't know if it's me going crazy, but I feel that Zhao Hai isn't any weaker than me. We need to protect him."

The Mage was startled, "Are you sure? Is Zhao Hai that strong?"

Ma Rulong sighed, "Let's just hope I'm right. If he's really that strong, then he would be a blessing for the Machine Field!"

Zhao Hai didn't really expect Ma Rulong to have this high of an appraisal for him. He couldn't help but smile bitterly. It seems like the Machine Field is truly placing their hopes on him. They wouldn't have done this if Zhao Hai didn't have any real skills.

Laura and the others looked at Zhao Hai and quickly knew what he was thinking. Laura smiled and said, "Brother Hai, it seems like you're being treated as a precious gem by the Machine Field."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "The more they do that, the more in danger I will be. It seems like I'll be in for quite some trouble. However, I must say, this place is really good for cultivation. The energy here is very abundant, much more than in the Machine Field."

Margaret nodded, "I heard that the Cultivation Realm has a lot of spirit veins. Places with spirit veins have more abundant spiritual qi, sometimes a hundred times more than other places. If you can cultivate there, then you'll be able to achieve twice the result with half the effort."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Rest assured, we'll have an opportunity later on. I believe that there are other places other than the Cultivation Realm that has spirit veins. We just don't know where these veins are in the Machine Field."

Margaret forced a smile and said, "The Machine Field has some spirit veins. However, they are very scarce. I'm afraid the amount can be counted using one hand. Moreover, the density in those veins fall short compared to veins found in the Cultivation Realm. If not for this, then the Cultivators would have already taken it from us. We will never be able to enjoy such luxury."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but bitterly smile. After learning about the Machine Field's situation, he couldn't help but recognize how much worse it was compared to the Cultivation Realm. In the Cultivation Realm, the strength of each major sect wasn't any weaker than the entirety of the Machine Field. For those in the Cultivation Realm, the Machine Field was a huge wasteland, a useless place. But even if the Machine Field was quite weak, once it retaliated, then it would bring forth heavy losses to the Cultivators. Because of this, nobody took control of the Machine Field.

If the Cultivation Realm really decided to end the Machine Field, then the Machine Field would have been destroyed 800 times over.

The Machine Field's strength was equal to a sect in the Cultivation Realm. Yes, the Machine Field controls a bigger territory than the Cultivation Realm's sects, but its territory had nothing of significant value.

After he thought of this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but knit his brows. Then he turned his head to Margaret and said, "If, say, I win first place and get a large number of resource planets. Then wouldn't the Cultivation Realm go to war with the Machine Field? If this really happens, and the Cultivation Realm and the Machine Field goes to war, then we might be bringing a calamity instead of a gift."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Margaret and the others immediately frowned. Their expressions turned difficult. They haven't thought of this before. Now that Zhao Hai pointed it out, they couldn't help but feel that there was a possibility of this happening.

Margaret turned anxious as he said, "Then what do we do? Brother Hai, will the Cultivation Realm really attack us?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly, then he patted Margaret's hand and said, "Alright, thinking about this at this time is useless. And even if this is the case, we wouldn't have any ability to change anything. Then only thing we can do is take one step at a time."

Margaret and the others nodded. Although their moods had turned heavy, it was just like what Zhao Hai said, they needed to do what they can. Currently, they don't have any ability to change anything. The Machine Field wouldn't listen to anything they say.

The group turned silent for some time before Margaret said, "Brother Hai, I want to ask for a favor."

Zhao Hai stared, he looked at Margaret in confusion as he asked, "What's the problem? Do you really need to ask?"

Margaret didn't smile and instead turned serious as she said, "Brother Hai, if the day comes where the Cultivation Realm really eliminates the Machine Field, then I hope that you can move the Ashley Family to the Space and give them their own background to settle in."

When Zhao Hai heard this, he couldn't help but frown. To be honest, this request made him feel awkward.

The Space was Zhao Hai's biggest secret. Upon arriving at the World of Cultivation, Zhao Hai's main goal was to keep the Space as secret as possible. But if he made the Ashley Family enter the Space, then this secret would be discovered. Who knows what would happen then.

Margaret waited for Zhao Hai's response. She was also aware about how important the Space was for Zhao Hai. The Space was truly strange. It allowed Zhao Hai to develop his strength bit by bit. But if others were to know about it, then it would be troublesome for Zhao Hai. This would make it very difficult for him to gain a foothold in the World of Cultivation.

Margaret was afraid that Zhao Hai would decline. However, she didn't force him. So she just sat there silently as her eyes began to tear up. Laura and the others looked at Zhao Hai and knew that he was currently feeling embarrassed. Actually, they didn't want Zhao Hai to let the Ashley Family in. But everything depended on Zhao Hai in the end. So all of them were waiting for him to respond.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone before he turned to Margaret who was tearing up and then said, "Margaret, I can only promise to help the Ashley Family as much as I could. However, I cannot let them know that the Space exists."

When Margaret heard Zhao Hai, her face lit up, then she immediately said, "Alright. Brother Hai, rest assured, I won't reveal anything. When the time comes, I'll tell them that you want to relocate to another planet. Is that ok?"

Zhao Hai nodded, then he turned to Laura and said, "Laura, in the next few days, take note of any special planets in the Machine Field, especially around Rainbow Meteorite Field and the Quicksand Starfield. Even if their environment is bad, we can just terraform it later on. We'll make a base of operations there. This way, we can guarantee that the Space's existence wouldn't be leaked."

When Laura and the others heard Zhao Hai, they paused for a moment before immediately agreeing. A flash of delight was seeing in their eyes, as though they had just found something amusing to do. Upon seeing this, Zhao Hai could only force a smile.

Meanwhile, Margaret's heart was moved. She didn't expect Zhao Hai to actually help her. Actually, looking for a planet suitable for a base wasn't an easy thing to do.

The next morning, Zhao Hai went out of the Space and returned to his room. It must be said that his room was very neat. It was enough for a single person to live with and not something made for multiple people. It was very cozy.

When Zhao Hai came out, he discovered that Xiong Li and the others were already sitting in the stone bench and chatting. Zhao Hai walked over and said, "Brothers, you're up early."

Xiong Li smiled and said, "We just got up. Little Hai, we're planning to head out to explore, how about we go together? We can find a place to drink along the way."

At this moment, Sun Fei chuckled as he said, "Boss Xiong, it seems like you don't know much about the Cultivation Realm. If we talk about shops, then they have a lot. But as for restaurants, there's actually very few of them around."

Xiong Li asked, "Why is that?"

Sun Fei smiled and said, "People in the Cultivation Realm believe that consuming food produces impurities and isn't helpful in cultivation. Therefore, a lot of people don't eat food. Instead, they eat something called a fasting pill. This pill is very interesting. It allows you to not eat for several days. Naturally, this thing is flavorless and is just like any other pill. Since people from the Cultivation Realm liked to use these fasting pills, restaurants became rare. Especially in a big city like this. Only places where commoners live can we find restaurants. However, the Cultivation Realm has a rule that forbids commoners from living inside big cities. Because of this, it would be very difficult for us to find somewhere to drink in this city."

Upon hearing Sun Fei, Xiong Li couldn't help but stare. Then he angrily responded, "Your mother. What kind of rule is that? If they don't like to eat and drink, then what is there to enjoy in life? The people in the Cultivation Realm are really weird."

Li Kuangren laughed and said, "Boss Xiong, those who desire immortality will no longer drink. They also couldn't eat large amounts of meat. Living like that is more painful than death. Such people will suffer

for tens of thousands of years. Even if I have only ten years left to live, I would still be happier than them.”

Xiong Li and the others laughed. Zhao Hai smiled and said, “Alright, let’s head out and explore. However, we need to be careful. We’re currently inside the territory of the Cultivators. If those Cultivators wants to deal with us, then they would have a lot of methods to do it with. We need to endure, endure. Let’s just wait for an opportunity later on.”

Dongfang Yu nodded, then he sighed and said, “I just have to say, the Ascenders in the Cultivation Realm are just the same as us when they arrived here. But in the Cultivation Realm, the cultivation methods they use are much better than ours. This allowed them to be stronger. If we learn the same methods as them, I reckon we’ll be able to face them on equal grounds.”

When Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li and the others, he saw them nodding in agreement. He couldn’t help but smile faintly before he leaned his head forward and then whispered, “Actually, if you want to practice cultivation methods, there’s a way to do that. In fact, right now is the best opportunity to do so.”

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others stared. Then their eyes shone as they moved their heads in as well. After that, Sun Fei asked in a hushed tone, “Big Brother Hai, what do you mean?”

Zhao Hai replied, “Don’t forget, the beginning stage of the Six Realm Beginner Competition is an elimination round. In this round, we can kill anyone we want. Some Cultivators will certainly bring their cultivation methods along with them. As long as we kill a few of them and grab their cultivation methods, then wouldn’t we be able to practice?”

Upon hearing what Zhao Hai said, everyone nodded. But then Xiong Li said, “That’s a good plan if it succeeds. But Little Hai, you need to think more into it. It’s useless. Those Cultivators have storage belts on their bodies. Moreover, their cultivation methods are inscribed inside jade slips with spiritual restrictions. If we aren’t masters in using spiritual force, then that jade slip will shatter. If what you said is that simple, then the Machine Field would have already been practicing cultivation methods.”

Dongfang Yu and the others heard this and nodded. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, “Naturally, I have a solution for this. Brothers, don’t worry about it. As long as we get a cultivation method, I’ll make sure that we can practice it. What do you think?”

When they heard Zhao Hai, the others couldn't help but feel excited. Dongfang Yu immediately replied, "Are you telling the truth? Little Hai, you must know that the Cultivation Realm's spiritual restrictions aren't easily broken through. You might even injure yourself."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Brothers, don't worry, I can do it. Because of this, we need to kill as many Cultivators as possible in this elimination round. As long as we get their cultivation methods, then we can begin our practice."

Everyone's eyes shone. They saw the power of the Cultivators, but they don't think that they were any worse than those people. Those cultivators had also ascended in the last five years. Thinking that those cultivators would be used as stepping stones for their future, Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but feel excited.

Hearing that there was a possibility for them to practice the Cultivation Realm's methods, Dongfang Yu and the others felt energized. They believed that they weren't any different in calibre compared to the Cultivation Realm's ascenders.

Zhao Hai looked at his brothers and then said, "Actually, the Machine Field's method is also very good. However, the Machine Field focused on mechs and battleships. Because of this, research towards magic formations as well as training Mages and Warriors weren't given priority."

Sun Fei looked puzzled at Zhao Hai, he asked, "Brother Hai, are you sure? Can the Machine Field's methods really compete against the Cultivation Realm's methods?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Of course it can. Didn't I just block Li Chuchen's three swords? Little Fei, don't you wonder why the formations I use are much better than ordinary formations?"

Sun Fei nodded and said, "Of course I wonder. Your 5-layer formations seem to be stronger than most 10-layer formations."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's actually a reason for that. First, I have very strong spiritual force. Spiritual force is the foundation of a Mage. If you have strong spiritual force, then your formations would be stronger as well. The second reason is the formation set that I use. The formation sets I use are mostly my own creations. These formation sets don't only contain offensive and defensive formations, I also put in supporting formations that are usually used in mechs and battleships. A lot of people think

that mixing supporting formations to formation sets would cause that formation set to become weaker. In fact, this isn't the case. If you can use supporting formations the right way, you could vastly improve your formation set."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, everyone's minds turned blank, especially Sun Fei. His face was looking at Zhao Hai in disbelief. He couldn't wrap his head around what Zhao Hai just said.

Chapter 1207: Not Today

Sun Fei looked at Zhao Hai with his mouth open, he couldn't say a word. It took a while before Sun Fei was able to return to clarity. He suddenly exclaimed out loud as he stood up. His two eyes were completely fixed on Zhao Hai. His mouth was moving up and down, mumblin incomprehensible sounds.

Dongfang Yu, who was sitting besides Sun Fei, patted him on the shoulder and then led him back down to take a seat. Then he said, "Little Fei, calm down. Little Hai told you this because he wanted to teach you. But don't tell it to other people, or else Little Hai will be in trouble."

Upon hearing Dongfang Yu, Sun Fei completely recovered. He let out a long breath, then he looked at Zhao Hai as he nodded and said, "Rest assured, Brother Hai, I will not tell anyone, even the people from the temple."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he patted Sun Fei on the shoulder. Then he said, "It's no big deal. In fact, I would announce this discovery sooner or later. This is a huge benefit to the Machine Field's Mages and Warriors. Presently, there are a lot of magic formations in the Machine Field. If we add them all up, nobody would be able to count them. This caused a problem where we don't know which formation is compatible with which. And if we add supporting formations to the mix, then things would become more confusing."

Everyone nodded. Even a Warrior like Xiong Li agreed. In the Machine Field, whether they be Warriors or Mages, they would have some understanding regarding magic formations. After all, the Machine Field relied on formations to support their way of life. It didn't matter if it was a mech or a battleship, or it was an electric lamp or a computer, all of these things had magic formations inscribed in them. It would be very difficult if one doesn't know anything about magic formations.

Zhao Hai then said, "Other than me, the only other person that is well-versed in magic formations in Little Fei. Since Little Fei is a fire Mage, I will use a normal 5-layer fire shield. Little Fei, take a look and find out what's different about my formation." After he said that, Zhao Hai waved his hand and a 5-layer formation appeared in front of him. And when it appeared, it didn't absorb any fire element in the surroundings, causing the formation to look like a child's toy.

Sun Fei was called Fire Saint because of his deep understanding with regards to fire element formations. So there was no need to wonder about his mastery about the 5-layer formation fire shield. Because of this, Zhao Hai showed him this basic magic formation to let him see what's special about it.

A level 1 fire shield consists of five magic formations; a solidifying formation, a spirit formation, a fire element formation, a reinforcement formation, and a directional formation. The solidifying formation would be next to the reinforcement formation. The first formation would fix the formation into a shield shape while the latter would strengthen its form, making it stronger and defensively better. Meanwhile, the spirit formation had the most important function, which was to connect and help the formation in absorbing the surrounding spiritual qi, allowing the formation to truly materialize. As for the fire element formation, it was there to provide the elemental aspect of the formation.

Naturally, if the fire element formation was changed to say, a water element formation, then the formation would become a water shield. But if this part of the formation was swapped, the formation set wouldn't be able to be used by fire element mages.

The directional formation had a simpler function. It didn't facilitate in the energy consumption of the formation nor did it assist in the elemental aspect. Instead, it allowed the shield to be moved around. Otherwise, the fire shield would just stay in place.

However, Zhao Hai's fire shield was somewhat different. It still had the same four formations; the solidifying formation, the spirit formation, the fire element formation, and the directional formation. What it didn't have was the reinforcement formation. Instead, what Zhao Hai had was a formation that Sun Fei didn't recognize.

Zhao Hai pointed at the new magic formation and said, "This magic formation isn't something that is used by Mages. Instead, it is often seen on defensive formations in battleships. This formation is called the shipscale formation, since this formation can be seen outside the ships and looks like the scales of a fish. It's main function is to increase the defensive capability of a battleship. This formation is much better compared to the reinforcement formation. It can increase defense by about three points."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Sun Fei couldn't help but stare. Three point increase in defense? What kind of logic is that? This was almost equivalent to a 7-layer formation set. However, 7-layer formation sets demand more spiritual force from a Mage. Increasing defense while still keeping the spiritual force requirement the same was a godsend to Mages.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and the fire shield immediately started to attract the energy around it. But since Zhao Hai was just demonstrating, the shield was very small, only about the size of his palm.

It was at this time that Sun Fei saw the clear difference in Zhao Hai's fire shield. Ordinary fire shields used fire to cause an imposing image. However, Sun Fei and other Mages knew that these flames were the exact weakness of the formation.

The burning of these flames dispersed the energy of the formation and thus preventing it from achieving the best defensive effect. Zhao Hai's shield looked very defensive, but not as imposing.

Zhao Hai's fire shield just lit up with red light and didn't emit any flame. This meant that it used most if not all of its energy in defense. This caused the formation to be more defensively effective.

Zhao Hai waved his hand once more as the shield disappeared. Then he said, "A lot of new formations had appeared in the past few years. The reason why people thought that supporting formations couldn't be used alongside offensive and defensive formations was because past tests showed them that adding supporting formations reduces the power of formation sets. But after so many years of development, whether it be offensive, defensive, or supporting formations, there are now a lot more of them in existence. Take this shipscale formation as an example. It has only been developed in recent years and it is now starting to replace commonly used formations and is even being used by mechs. I believe it's time for us to revisit the idea of adding supporting formations to our formation sets. This will certainly give us great benefits in the future."

Sun Fei vigorously nodded, his expression showed that he was moved by Zhao Hai's words. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Big Brother Hai, please give me that formation. I want to study it."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, I'll give it to you. But not now, it's already late. We still have to go out and play, right Boss Xiong?"

Xiong Li shook his head and said, "Let's not head out today. Little Hai, I'm more curious about your magic formations. How long has it been since you ascended? How could you know more than Little Fei?"

Zhao Hai had already thought the answer for this, so when he heard Xiong Li he smiled and said, "You might not know, but back in the lower realms, I was already researching magic formations. However, the research of magic formations in the lower realms isn't as comprehensive as the Machine Field. So after arriving at the Machine Field and learning about magic runes, my magic formation research leveled up."

Xiong Li nodded, then he looked around them and then said, "Let's head indoors. We won't be heading out today. Little Hai, let's talk more about your magic formations. Have you researched about magic formations in weapons?"

Upon hearing Xiong Li, Zhao Hai knew where the conversation was heading towards, he nodded and said, "I have, as long as it's about magic formations, I've researched it. Boss Xiong, your two sledgehammers have about 70 formations inside them, yes?"

Xiong Li was shocked when he heard Zhao Hai, he immediately replied, "Correct, fantastic. I didn't expect your research to reach this point. Let's go inside and talk more about these formations. It would be great if you could improve our weapons."

Zhao Hai gave a slight nod. For Xiong Li and the others, weapon magic formations are very handy. Like in mechs and battleships, these formations were mostly comprised of supporting formations. The formations inside Warrior weapons all had something to do with offense. The most important role of these formations was to amplify the attacks made by their users.

Because of Zhao Hai's relationship with Liquid Silver, he was able to conduct research on formations used in weapons. And with Karen and the others as well as the Universal Scanner, Zhao Hai's understanding of weapon magic formations wasn't any less than his knowledge about formation sets. Therefore, he was happy to help Xiong Li and the others.

Once everyone had entered Xiong Li's room, Xiong Li immediately took his chained sledgehammers out and then placed it on the ground before saying, "Little Hai, take a look."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he squatted and inspected Xiong Li's hammers. The workmanship of the hammer was very good. The materials used in making it was also well selected. Zhao Hai could see in these

hammers how much the Wu Family cares about Xiong Li. He used his spiritual force to inspect the hammers and saw the formations carved inside. These Formations were small and mithril was used as a conductor for spiritual qi. If others inspected Xiong Li's hammers, then they might think that it was a perfect product. However, in Zhao Hai's eyes, there were some flaws here and there, ranging from the arrangement of formations to the actual formations used.

Xiong Li and the others were anxiously looking at Zhao Hai. After some time, Zhao Hai got up and then said, "Boss Xiong, the materials used for your hammers are very good, everything is high-grade. Moreover, the way it was forged was skillfully done. However, there is still room for improvement. I can't do it here. But after we return to the Machine Field, if you trust me, I can help you refine your hammers. I believe that after we are done, your offensive strength would increase from three to five points." [1]

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, everyone took in a breath of cold air. Increasing offensive strength by three to five points? Wasn't that an increase of 50%? This figure was too astonishing.

Xiong Li looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, are you sure? Do you want me to ask the family to give you the blueprint of the weapon?"

I really don't know what these 'points' are.

Chapter 1208: Secret of the Axe

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, then he shook his head and said, "It's useless. I probably already know about the magic formations in your hammer. If others see them, then they may think that there's nothing wrong. However, I can guarantee that my formation sets would definitely perform better. And Boss Xiong, sorry for this, but your hammer isn't allowing you to exert all your power."

Xiong Li nodded and said, "That's true. My strength has improved a bit, so this hammer is no longer suitable for me. The family is making me a new one, but it isn't ready yet."

Zhao Hai nodded, "That's good. After we return to the Machine Field, I will make a better weapon for you. I believe it wouldn't be any worse than the one your family made."

Xiong Li laughed and said, "Of course, of course, hahaha. I believe you. Or I can tell the family to stop making my weapon."

Upon hearing Xiong Li, Zhao Hai immediately said, "No, don't do it. Boss Xiong, don't do that. You should know that a lot of formations used in your hammers are secret formations of the Wu Family. If they find out that you allowed me to make a weapon using their formations, then they might not be happy. We don't want them to misunderstand and think that I stole their secret formations."

Xiong Li nodded, "Alright, but when the new weapon comes, they will have to take this weapon away."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Just return it. When the time comes, I'll just modify your new weapon. Don't worry about it." Xiong Li nodded, "Alright, then we can only do it like that."

At this time, Dongfang Yu went forward as Xiong Li retreated. Then he took his fire dragon sword out and then handed it to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, take a look at mine."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly before taking Dongfang Yu's fire dragon sword. But just as Zhao Hai tried inspecting it with his spiritual force, he didn't expect the fire dragon sword to emit a fierce flame to block his spiritual force. At the same time, the flame also proceeded to attack.

Zhao Hai stared, then he quickly released a defensive magic formation to block the fire. At the same time, he also withdrew his spiritual force, causing the fire dragon sword to calm down.

Dongfang Yu and the others stared at Zhao Hai, they didn't know what was going on. Zhao Hai looked at the fire dragon sword before he turned to Dongfang Yu and said, "Second Brother, your fire dragon sword isn't simple, it blocked my spiritual force. I didn't expect it to be this great, there's no need to modify it. It's a divine weapon. I reckon you still couldn't use all of its power?"

Dongfang Yu nodded as he took the fire dragon sword that Zhao Hai handed over. Then he sighed and said, "This fire dragon sword has been obtained by the Yan Family. Everyone who uses this sword needs to give it a drop of blood before they can be recognized as an owner. Because of this, no one else could use the sword before the owner dies. I always felt that this sword had a lot of abilities, so I wanted you to see them. However, I didn't expect the sword to have the ability to defend itself. It's unfortunate."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "The sword is truly wonderful. If there's an opportunity, I'd like to research it in the future. This way, I'll be helpful to Second Brother." Then after he said that, he turned to look at Li Kuangren.

Li Kuangren didn't hesitate and quickly handed over his axe. Zhao Hai took the axe and immediately scanned it using his spiritual force. This time, there was no accident, his spiritual force penetrated smoothly and allowed Zhao Hai to see everything inside. But after a few moments, Zhao Hai was stunned before his expression changed. Then he looked up at Li Kuangren and said, "Third Brother, have you offended anyone from the Song Family?"

Li Kuangren stared, then he looked at Zhao Hai in confusion and said, "Offended anyone? I don't think so."

Seeing Zhao Hai's expression, Dongfang Yu knew that a problem had come up, so he immediately asked, "Little Hai, what is it? Is there a problem?" Zhao Hai let out a long breath and then said, "Third Brother's axe has a fatal weak point. Once the axe is under great pressure, it will have a risk of exploding. Moreover, the power of the explosion is no less than a small nuclear bomb!"

"What!" Xiong Li and the others called out in alarm. They looked at the two-handed axe in Zhao Hai's hands in disbelief. It seems like they saw a calamity or a savage beast.

Small nuclear bombs, to people of their level, was akin to an ultimate weapon. Even Cultivators would see an explosion of this magnitude as fatal, they would be very lucky if they were able to escape.

And now, Li Kuangren's axe actually held a small nuclear bomb inside. This was too absurd!

Li Kuangren was also stunned. Then with blood red eyes, he said, "Those bastards, no wonder they took my axe back when I managed to get a place in the qualifiers. They told me that they would upgrade it. Shit, what an upgrade. Those bastards."

When they heard Li Kuangren, Xiong Li and the others also had difficult expressions on their faces. If Li Kuangren's axe explodes, then it would be impossible to escape from it. They looked at each other and could see a hint of shock in their eyes.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and then said, "We aren't sure if this is meant for all of us or just Third Brother. This might mean that the Song Family has some spies in their internal circle. Moreover, it isn't a low status spy."

Things like what happened to the Zhang Family caused the Machine Field to be very sensitive. So when Zhao Hai discovered the mystery inside Li Kuangren's axe, he immediately thought of this.

During the qualifiers, everyone in the Machine Field knew that Li Kuangren and Zhao Hai were close, and almost inseparable at times.

Just like the realm qualifiers, the first round of the Six Realm Beginner Competition is an elimination round. But unlike the realm qualifiers which didn't allow the formation of teams, the Six Realm Beginner Competition allowed it.

Being able to form teams in the elimination round was very advantageous to Zhao Hai. The Brothers can form a team and move together. In this situation, if Li Kuangren's axe explodes during a fight, then they may all be killed. Because of this, Zhao Hai thought of the possibility that the rigging of the axe was aimed at their group, not just Li Kuangren.

Upon hearing this, Xiong Li and the others nodded, they understood what Zhao Hai was implying. Their expressions couldn't help but turn ugly.

Dongfang Yu appeased Li Kaungren before turning to Zhao Hai and saying, "I think it's best if we tell our families about this as soon as possible. But Third Brother shouldn't tell the Song Family, it might alert the spy inside."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "We still don't know how many traitors the Machine Field has. If we pass this information to our families, then a spy might be able to pick it up. We should keep it a secret." Dongfang Yu frowned and said, "So what should we do?"

Zhao Hai looked at the axe in his hands and then he turned to Li Kuangren and said, "Third Brother, I'll need to deal with your axe. I'll guarantee that I can give you a new one in a couple of days. Moreover, it's an axe that suit you the most. What do you think?" Li Kuangren nodded and said, "Take them. I believe you." Zhao Hai nodded then he sent the axe to the Space.

After dealing with the axe, Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "Let's return to our rooms. Don't tell anyone about this. We'll slowly investigate this matter."

Xiong Li and the others nodded. Then Zhao Hai left the room along with Dongfang Yu and the others. Their expressions were difficult to look at, this matter caused their hearts to burn with anger.

When Zhao Hai returned to his room, he immediately entered the Space. Then he took out Li Kuangren's axe to have it go through the Universal Scanner.

Laura and the others also went out and joined Zhao Hai beside the scanner. Once he arrived at the scanner, Zhao Hai placed the axe on a magic circle. The scanner started up and then swallowed the axe. A short while after that, the manufacturing method of the axe was printed out.

Then after a flash of light, a pile of materials appeared on a formation on the other side. These materials weren't metallic in nature, it seems to be a pile of powder.

Zhao Hai knew that this pile contained the components of the nuclear bomb. He let out a long breath before taking the materials. Then he turned to look at Laura and the others and then said, "I didn't expect something like this to come up. Interesting, very interesting."

Laura looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, you should remake the axe first. Will you add more materials?"

Zhao Hai read the manufacturing method for Li Kuangren's axe, he shook his head and said, "There's no need to add more. Third Brother's axe is already made with good materials. Let's head inside and discuss what magic formations to put inside."

Laura and the others nodded and then walked indoors with Zhao Hai. Upon entering the living room, Laura and the others quickly took their computers up and made some analysis.

Li Kuangren's offensive characteristics was akin to a tornado. He uses the enemy's strength against them by using rotational motion. Because of this, the axe cannot be too light but cannot be heavy either, or else it would be difficult to control. Moreover, the requirements for compatible magic formations was quite high.

After some time, a plan was finally made. Then they took these plans and then had it run under the Universal Scanner. The scanner would arrange the most suitable formation set for Li Kuangren's weapons.

Before this, Li Kuangren had 70 formations inside his axe, the same as Xiong Li's sledgehammers. The difference between the two lies on the axe's preference for sharpness and speed, compared to the sledgehammers' preference for size and weight.

Once the scanner was done, Zhao Hai saw that the axe could be engraved with 80 formations, ten more than before. This would make Li Kuangren's attacks more powerful while reducing the energy he needed for combat.

Chapter 1209: Weapon Shattering

Zhao Hai secluded himself inside his room for three days. Xiong Li and the others also didn't disturb him. Conversely, they were defending the door to Zhao Hai's room, they wouldn't permit anyone to disturb Zhao Hai.

Naturally, their actions attracted Ma Rulong's attention. Ma Rulong was the leader of their delegation and was very concerned about every participant. Moreover, Zhao Hai was a person he has been keeping tabs on.

So after seeing Zhao Hai secluding himself in his room for three days without going out, Ma Rulong couldn't help but worry. He went to Zhao Hai's room and then saw Xiong Li and the others sitting outside. They were whispering to each other and failed to notice him.

Ma Rulong stepped towards the group. Once Xiong Li and the others noticed Ma Rulong, they hastily stood up and bowed as they greeted, "We've seen Senior Ma."

Ma Rulong nodded, then he looked at Zhao Hai's room and said, "What's wrong with Zhao Hai? Why hasn't he come out? Is there a problem?"

Xiong Li shook his head and said, "Senior Ma doesn't need to worry. Little Hai is fine. There's just something he needed to do so he secluded himself. I believe he will come out in a day or two, there's no problem."

Ma Rulong looked at Xiong Li and said, "Is he really alright? You can tell me if something happens."

Xiong Li nodded and said, "Senior Ma can rest assured. If something happens, we will certainly inform you. There's no need to worry."

Ma Rulong nodded, then he looked at Xiong Li and the others and said, "Alright. Try to stay in this place in the next few days. There are people who went out and got forced to accept a challenge issued by the Cultivators. They have a lot of methods to make you accept. Some even came back injured. So if you do go out, be extra careful, especially Zhao Hai. There are a lot of Cultivators who see him as a threat."

Xiong Li and the others nodded, "We will. Senior Ma can rest assured. We'll pay attention." Ma Rulong nodded, then he left.

Just as Ma Rulong left, Xiong Li turned to the others and said, "It seems like those Cultivators really aren't leaving us alone. Right, do you think we can go out when Little Hai is done?"

"Go out? Of course we'll go!" Just as Xiong Li said his words, Zhao Hai's voice was suddenly heard. Xiong Li and the others turned around and saw Zhao Hai smiling as he walked out of his room.

Seeing that Zhao Hai was out, Xiong Li and the others immediately surrounded him. All of them were looking at Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Come in." Then he went back inside his room with Xiong Li and the others following behind.

Upon entering the room, Zhao Hai closed the door before he waved his hand taking out a two-handed axe. The axe didn't look any different than the one Li Kuangren used. It was completely identical to his previous weapon.

Zhao Hai handed the axe to Li Kuangren and then said, "Third Brother, try it. I managed to refine the axe. Although I didn't add any materials to it, I managed to modify the formations inside."

Li Kuangren nodded and took his axe. He tossed his axe in his hands before he nodded and said, "Good, it's as heavy as before." Then he began to input battle qi.

Just as battle qi entered the axe, it immediately shone. Li Kuangren stared before quickly withdrawing his qi, the radiance also vanished as he did that.

Li Kuangren began to funnel in battle qi once more and saw the axe light up. Li Kuangren's eyes shone as he said, "Nice, this is very good. Fantastic. The amount of battle qi I need is less than before, and it seems like the effect is the same. Little Hai, am I right?"

Zhao Hai nodded, then he smiled and said, "Correct. What you feel is right. Your axe now needs only 70% of what you use before in order to achieve the same effect. So what do you think?"

Li Kuangren laughed and said, "Fantastic, fantastic! This will be very good for me. Thank you Little Hai."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Not only that, I also added a magical effect to your axe. Once it clashes with an opponent's weapon, it would vibrate and shatter the enemy's weapon."

Li Kuangren stared, everyone's expressions changed as well. Then at the same time they asked, "Shatter the enemy's weapon?"

Zhao Hai nodded as he smiled and said, "Right, it can shatter the enemy's weapon. This feature used to only be found in mech weapons. This is due to the large amount of energy required to do it. Since mechs have energy batteries, this allowed them to have this feature. Battle qi is also a type of energy, so why can't Warriors use this ability? Therefore, I researched magic formations and ended up with the one I put inside Third Brother's weapon. Third Brother, try it." Li Kuangren nodded, then he looked around the room, probably finding something to test this ability on.

Seeing Li Kuangren, Xiong Li said, "Third Brother, the things in this room can easily be cut off even if you don't use battle qi. How about you try this." After he said that, Xiong Li took out a weapon from his storage equipment.

In his hand was a heavy sword. It can be seen that it has been excellently worked on. Xiong Li smiled and said, "This is from a level 4 Warrior I killed before. To be honest, this weapon isn't any worse than my hammers. Try attacking this one."

Xiong Li gripped the sword hilt and then lifted it up. Li Kuangren nodded before funneling battle qi into his axe and then attacking the sword.

Xiong Li quickly detected his weapon shaking. He immediately poured in battle qi when the crash happened.

A bang was heard before the axe cut through the sword as though it was a piece of paper. A clang was then heard as the top half of the blade fell to the ground.

Everyone in the room looked at the sword in Xiong Li's hand. Whatever Xiong Li was holding now could no longer be described as a sword. The only remaining part was ten centimeters of blade besides the hilt. As for the other half that hit the ground, it was less than ten centimeters long. Only this much remained, the other materials of the sword was vaporized.

Not wrong, vaporized. It wasn't broken to pieces or smashed to bits. It was vaporized, turned into very fine metallic powder.

Upon seeing this result, Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but breath in cold air. Li Kuangren stared at his axe, it seems like he saw a monster.

Hiss! The sucking of air was audibly heard as Xiong Li and the others finally recovered. Xiong Li held the sword up and looked at the fractured part. The portion of the blade looked like it has been dissolved, leaving a very neat cut into the sword. If he hadn't tried this sword before, then he would have thought that he had taken out the wrong weapon.

"Hahaha", Li Kuangren was beyond happy with his axe. His laughter lasted for some time, causing Xiong Li and Dongfang Yu to be envious.

After some time, Li Kuangren finally calmed down before storing his axe. Meanwhile Xiong Li and Dongfang Yu turned their heads towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai saw their expressions, he smiled faintly and said, "I can also transform Boss Xiong's Weapon. As for Second Brother Dongfang, I don't think the fire dragon sword needs to be modified right now. Let's wait until the secret of the sword becomes clear."

Xiong Li nodded and said, "Alright, give it the weapon shattering ability as well. It's very good."

Dongfang Yu was somewhat depressed. However, after thinking that even Zhao Hai couldn't read the fire dragon sword, he couldn't help but feel hope.

It must be said that Sun Fei was the most depressed. He was a Mage so he couldn't use any Warrior weapon. Zhao Hai looked at Sun Fei's expression as he smiled and said, "Alright, Little Fei, there's no need to be sad. I'll organize a few formation sets for you in a couple of days. I believe they will be helpful to you."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Sun Fei repeatedly nodded and said, "Alright, then it's settled. Brother Hai, you need to hurry up."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "I know. Right, how about we go out to play now?"

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others paused. Xiong Li frowned and said, "Little Hai, do you really want to head out? You should know that there are a lot of Cultivators waiting for us outside. They're especially attentive towards you. If you leave now, they will certainly bring you trouble."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Of course I know. However, we need to teach those fellows a lesson. Do they really think that the Machine Field is full of herbivores? Rest assured, if they dared to look for trouble, I'll happily accommodate them." Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others knew that persuading him otherwise was useless. Therefore, they just agreed to it before heading out of the courtyard.

As soon as they were out, Zhao Hai quickly felt someone following behind him. However, he wasn't worried. He knew that the person behind him has been arranged by Ma Rulong. Therefore, he just ignored it and the group of brothers continued to walk down the street.

Ever since they came to Seamount City, they haven't had the proper opportunity to explore the place. But even if they hadn't come out, Zhao Hai was already familiar with the city's streets.

The moment Zhao Hai and the others entered Seamount City, Laura and the others had already begun mapping the entire place. At this time, the entire city has already been mapped by the Space. In the last three days, besides practicing, Zhao Hai also took the time to familiarize himself with the city. Because of this, he knew every street in the city.

Xiong Li and the others were completely clueless about the place, so they just followed Zhao Hai as they proceeded to window-shop. Zhao Hai wasn't just randomly wandering around, his main target was Seamount City's market.

Seamount City's market area was actually their business district. In this business district, not only were there shop fronts, there were also people who put up stalls. These people were Cultivators, but they were mostly rogue individuals. As for the shop fronts, they were mostly under the control of major powers.

It's a custom in the Cultivation World that only Cultivators could enter a major city. No person who hasn't cultivated was allowed to enter a major city.

Not everyone in the Cultivation Realm cultivated. At the current moment, people who haven't cultivated still account for the majority of the population. However, the lives of practitioners weren't as good as those back in the Machine Field.

The Machine Field's science and technology was very advanced. The average person in the Machine Field had a home to stay in and entertainment to kill time with. As long as they were willing to work, then even if they didn't practice, they would still live quite well.

Things were different in the Cultivation Realm. Almost all of the non-practitioners in the Machine Field were controlled by a major sect. These people couldn't farm whatever they wanted. If a family has ten mu of land, then they would have to use 5 mu for plants that the sect needs and the other five for food. Naturally, the sect wouldn't rob them of their harvests. There would be monetary rewards, moreover these rewards were often big.

However, if they didn't look after their land, then they would be punished by the sect. Moreover, this punishment was heavy. Besides this, all non-practitioners would pray to the Sect, providing the Sect with faith power. If a sect discovers that a non-practitioner hasn't been praying enough, the non-practitioner would be punished. Unlike non-practitioners in the Machine Field, non-practitioners in the Cultivators were like pigs in a pen. They had lives only a tad bit better than slaves.

Non-practitioners in the Machine Field only think of cultivation as a way of life. If one can practice then they would be congratulated. Not only the person, but their family would also benefit. Their living environment would be greatly improved and many others. But in the Cultivation Realm, not everyone can practice. In order to become a Cultivator, one needed to have a spiritual root.

Spiritual roots were like Mage talents or innate skills for Warriors. If you don't have talent for magic, then you won't be able to become a Mage. If you don't have any innate skills, then you couldn't learn strong martial techniques and reach a high level. Spirit roots were the same. If one didn't have a spiritual root, then they wouldn't be able to cultivate.

However, not everyone who can practice could enter sects. Take a small sect like the Seamount Faction, for example, their selection for disciples was very strict. If their talent for cultivation wasn't good, and they didn't have much potential, then it would be impossible for them to enter the sect. There were low-level cultivation methods that were circulated for free. But it can be said that these methods weren't enough. People who practice these methods were called Rogue Cultivators.

Rogue Cultivators who managed to enter a sect were limited to a few lucky fellows. If a Rogue Cultivator wanted to join a sect, then they needed to successfully arrive at Qi Condensation stage. And by then, only small sects would accept them. But in order to cultivate, one would need pills and better cultivation methods. These things can only be bought in the city. And in order to buy these things, they would need crystal stones. To gain crystal stones, Rogue Cultivators would hunt and kill beasts, collect medicinal plants, mine for precious rocks, and so on. They would then go to markets to trade their stuff for crystal stones. In turn, these crystal stones would allow them to buy the cultivation materials they need.

Chapter 1210: Country Bumpkins?

There's a saying in the Cultivation Realm, it goes... "There are always treasures everywhere, but everything depends on your eyes being in the right place!" The sentence might sound ridiculous, but it was somewhat true.

Nobody in the Cultivation Realm would dare underestimate these stalls. This was because treasures were often seen on them! This treasure might not be a weapon or a magic artifact, it may be a plant or a piece of ore.

After all, these Rogue Cultivators weren't as informed as sect disciples. Although they were also Cultivators, their knowledge about various treasures couldn't compare to sect disciples. Because of this, there would be times where they get a treasure but were unable to identify it. In the end, they would just sell these items in their stalls.

This caused the stalls of the Rogue Cultivators to be a special sight in the Cultivation Realm. People in the Cultivation Realm would have no objection to Rogue Cultivators pitching up some stall on their own. On the contrary, they strongly supported them. The more stalls there were, the more treasures would appear in a certain city. For the people in the Cultivation Realm, treasures were one of the most important things in Cultivation.

Zhao Hai's trip to the marketplace was mainly in order to pick up a treasure for himself. At the same time, he would also hunt for valuable plants and ores.

It has been some time since the Space got some new plants. Because of this, Zhao Hai plans to send a batch of new plants to the Space.

The group of brothers chatted as they proceeded forward. Xiong Li and the others were excitedly looking at the scenery. The clothing of the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm was different, making Xiong Li and the others extremely eye-catching. Everyone they pass by looked at them with expressions that was anything but friendly.

Sun Fei looked at the Cultivators in the surroundings before whispering to Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, these guys don't look very friendly. What do we do?"

Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "Don't worry. If they dared to make a challenge, I'll clean them up."

Sun Fei looked at Zhao Hai's confidence and didn't say anything. He was well aware that Zhao Hai was strong and that the two of them weren't on the same level. Zhao Hai managed to block three swords from Li Chuchen. Because of this, Sun Fei didn't see any problems from what Zhao Hai said.

The group walked for about half an hour before they could finally see a bustling marketplace in the distance. Moreover, the sound of bargaining was already audible.

Upon seeing this scene, everyone couldn't help but look at Zhao Hai. They weren't familiar with Seamount City, so they just followed Zhao Hai as he led them to take a few turns. Xiong Li unwittingly asked, "Little Hai, what's that?" Zhao Hai already became the center of the group. Although he was ranked fourth according to seniority, he was the strongest among them all. In this world that spoke with strength, the strongest would naturally be the center.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "The marketplace. This is where people from the Cultivation Realm buys their items. Let's go, maybe we can see something good."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but smile bitterly. Dongfang Yu looked depressingly at Zhao Hai and said, "There's certainly things that are good here. However, this isn't the Machine Field. They don't accept machine coins. And we don't any crystal stones."

Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "Don't worry about it. If you fancy something, I'll buy them for you. I have enough crystal stones for all of us." The Space was able to make crystal stones. With the amount already mined inside the Space, Zhao Hai could be considered as a wealthy man in the Cultivation Realm.

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but gawk. Xiong Li confusedly looked at Zhao Hai as he asked, "Where did you get crystal stones? Those things are strategic resources in the Machine Field. Don't tell me the Ashley Family gave some to you? Are they that rich?"

Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "There's no need to worry about where I got them. In any case, it's good that we have crystal stones. It's time to let the Cultivation Realm know that we're filthy rich."

Zhao Hai looked very much like a rich young master right now, causing Xiong Li and the others to laugh. However, their actions caused the surrounding Cultivators to get angry.

People from the Cultivation Realm looked down on the people from the Machine Field. In their opinion, those from the Machine Field held lower status than them, even inferior compared to non-practitioners who were living like pigs in a pen. They felt disgusted to see these people from the Machine Field in their city laughing and being wild.

Actually, talking out loud wasn't a problem. There were no rules disallowing loud chatter in the streets, after all, this was a normal occurrence. However, if those being loud were from the Machine Field, the Cultivators seem to find fault in it.

Zhao Hai didn't care about them as he led his group towards the market. Upon entering the area, Xiong Li and the others gawked. There were stalls everywhere, much more than what they expected.

Shop fronts in this place seem to disappear due to the sheer volume of stalls being set up in the streets.

Zhao Hai didn't care about the spectacle as he just proceeded to go forward. Xiong Li and the others immediately went and followed behind. However, their arrival became the focus of attention in the market. Everyone looked at them while whispering. Naturally, these people knew who Zhao Hai and the others were.

Zhao Hai didn't mind this kind of attention. As long as someone was wearing Mage robes in the Cultivation Realm, this situation would always happen. This was because there were very few people from the Machine Field here.

There were quite a few cultivators who would go to the Machine Field in order to look for something. On the other hand, not a lot of people from the Machine Field could go to the Cultivation Realm. First, it was because the transmission formation couldn't be used at will. Only spaceships could permit their travel, and even then it was very difficult to get into one. Secondly, people from the Machine Field would get discriminated once they go to the Cultivation Realm. Therefore, only an extreme few from the Machine Field would go to the Cultivation Realm. It can be said that the Cultivators wouldn't see someone from the Machine Field for years. But now, there was a group of people from the Machine Field. It was no wonder why the Cultivators were somewhat curious.

Zhao Hai didn't mind it as his eyes proceeded to sweep the stalls. But disappointingly, there were nothing special in the stalls. Majority of those displayed were beast skins or beast bones. These things were completely useless for Zhao Hai. What Zhao Hai needed was a live beast, not parts of a dead one.

Then suddenly, Zhao Hai discovered a stall in the corner. And unexpectedly, the stall was manned by a small child. The child looked more than ten years old and was quite mature for his age. There were some items in his stall that looked very simple. But on a rag on the ground lay a plant. This plant was in a small tile pot. However, the plant's trunk looked dry, it also had a few leaves left. It can be said that the plant was half-dead.

Zhao Hai proceeded to walk to the stall and examined the potted plant. Although the plant looked half-dead, Zhao Hai could sense a strong life force coming from it. Because of this, Zhao Hai decided to buy the plant.

Zhao Hai looked at the child and said, "What plant is this? How many crystal stones for it?"

The child stared at Zhao Hai, but after he heard his question, the child immediately answered, "I don't know what plant it is. I dug it from the foot of a mountain. If you want it, I can sell it for ten crystal stones."

To be honest, 10 crystal stones wasn't cheap, especially for a half-dead plant. And even if Zhao Hai can feel the life force inside this plant, other people couldn't. Zhao Hai had the Space that had an affinity for plants. This also explained why this child has been here for days not being able to sell the plant.

But without hesitation, Zhao Hai took out ten crystal stones and handed it over to the child. Then he carefully inspected the plant. This plant was a small tree about a meter high. It still had a few scattered leaves remaining. It's trunk was very dry, looking much like the face of an old person. It wasn't attractive at all.

However, this feature made the plant special. Generally, plants of this size wouldn't have a lot of cracks on their trunks. But this specific plant seem to have weathered through life for countless years. It was truly strange.

A short while after Zhao Hai began inspecting the plant, an arrogant voice was suddenly heard, "I want this tree, how many stones?" Zhao Hai turned around to see a young man dressed in Cultivator clothes. The young man had an extremely arrogant look on his face.

The Cultivator robes he wore was very well made. His hair was in a ponytail while a fan was held in one of his hands. The young man looked like a son of a wealthy family.

The child looked at the young master as he awkwardly said, "I'm sorry, this tree has been sold to this gentleman. He has already given me his payment."

The Cultivator turned his head to Zhao Hai when he heard the child. He coldly snorted and then said with disdain, "Machine Field bumpkin, state your price. I want that tree."

Zhao Hai looked at the young cultivator as he smiled faintly and then sent the plant to the Space. Then he calmly replied, "I'm sorry, it's not for sale."

When the young man saw Zhao Hai putting the plant away, his eyes couldn't help but shrink. This slight reaction couldn't be hidden from Zhao Hai. This caused Zhao Hai to confirm that the plant was certainly special. Otherwise, this young man wouldn't have been so adamant to buy it.

Upon hearing that Zhao Hai was not willing to sell, the young man's expression changed. Then he gave out a strange smile as he asked once more, "You're really not selling it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm not selling."

The young man suddenly laughed and said, "Machine Field bumpkin, you actually dared to come to the Cultivation Realm to steal our treasures. I don't know if you're dumb or you just want to die. You better surrender that tree to me today, or else, hehe. I will let you know that the Cultivation Realm isn't for people like you."