#### Another World 1221

Chapter 1221: Immensely Powerful Aura

But after seeing the spells that others launched, Zheng Li understood what was going on. He couldn't help but pay more attention towards Zhao Hai. He discovered that Zhao Hai wasn't a team leader. This meant that he was a participant. A participant being stronger than a team leader, this was too astonishing.

However, he couldn't observe for too long. After giving Zhao Hai a glance, Zheng Li left and entered the battle. The fight outside had become very violent. The bugs seem to be endless.

Zhao Hai continually sent out hundred layer formations. The bugs outside slowed down. This doesn't mean that the bugs stopped attacking. It was just that Zhao Hai had already killed the fastest bugs outside the wall.

Upon seeing this situation, Zhao Hai relaxed. Although using hundred layer formations couldn't tire him out, doing so would attract attention towards him. If he continues his attacks, everyone would pay attention to him soon. He doesn't want that to happen. He was already eye-catching enough.

Zhao Hai stopped firing magic, he closed his eyes, and then drank a bottle of potion. It looked as if he was recovering his energy. This made Zheng Li, who was paying attention to Zhao Hai, feel relieved.

Zheng Li was counting, and Zhao Hai had fired a total of eight 100-layer formation spells. These eight spells weren't the same, which meant that these spells weren't dependent on Zhao Hai's staff but instead in Zhao Hai's spiritual force. Even if his staff was a treasure, only a formidable spiritual force could allow him to fire off eight 100-layer formations. This was an astonishing feat. Even average level 5 Mages couldn't achieve this.

It was good that Zhao Hai was now catching up his breath. Otherwise, Zheng Li would have to reevaluate how he sees Zhao Hai. In fact, it wasn't just Zheng Li, other people were also looking at Zhao Hai in surprise. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so fierce. Sending out eight 100-layer formations almost instantaneously, how much spiritual force does this require? They were astonished when they thought about it. Taking advantage of the bugs slowing down, the Cultivators as well as Ma Rulong and the others dealt with the bugs on the walls. However, they didn't celebrate, they knew that another wave of offense was coming soon.

Although the other Mages of the Machine Field were also firing spells towards the bugs, their effects weren't very good. Their power wasn't as great as Zhao Hai. As long as Zhao Hai's attacks reach the bugs, they would be heavily injured if not killed. On the other hand, the other Mages could only give wounds to the bugs, they couldn't kill them.

The life force of these bugs was very strong. As long as they weren't hit in a vital part, they could still continue to fight for a long time. Because of this, the other Mages weren't able to deal with the bugs effectively.

Ma Rulong also noticed this point. He knew that the spells of the others weren't necessarily bad. They were using wide-scale magic so their attacking power was naturally dispersed. It was natural that they weren't able to kill the bugs.

This also allowed Ma Rulong to see the difference between Zhao Hai's spells and the spells of other people.

Upon thinking about this, Ma Rulong couldn't help but shake his head. Then he loudly commanded, "Everyone, change to single-target attacks. There's no need to use wide-scale attacks." Upon hearing Ma Rulong, the Mages couldn't help but feel their faces redden. They knew that they lost face this time. They couldn't help but get embarrassed. Then they changed to single-target attacks and achieved better effects.

Not only the Mages, even the Cultivators were also using single-target attacks. However, their attacks were coming from magic treasures, different to the Mages and Warriors that use Magic and Sword Qi.

Since the bugs that had climbed up into the wall had already been killed, the Cultivators found that it was now easier to deal with the bugs. Ma Rulong paid attention and saw that even if the Cultivators were using different treasures to make numerous attacks, their effects were still much better compared to magic spells and sword qi attacks.

The Machine Field's spells and sword qi seemed like bullets fired from a gun. Once the bullet has been fired, they could no longer be controlled. If it was shot down, then it would be impossible for it to injure the enemy. After all, bullets could not make a turn mid-flight.

The Cultivators' weapons were different. Once their weapons were released, they could still be controlled. It was like a missile that can be remotely controlled to chase the target. With more control over their attacks, the Cultivators were able to deal more damage.

Although the people on the walls were able to block the bug attack, Zhao Hai wasn't optimistic. It seems like the bugs were endless. Moreover, only low-level bugs were attacking. If a higher level bug appears, then what would happen?

Whether it be Cultivators, Mages, or Warriors, none of them would be able to stay in peak condition for a very long time. If no reinforcements came, then Base Number 5 would be in deep danger.

As he was thinking about this, the transmission formation of the base flashed. Then a large number of Cultivators emerged. These Cultivators immediately flew towards the city walls. Naturally, this flash couldn't be hidden from the defenders. A cheer erupted as the attacks became faster.

Upon seeing this situation, Zhao Hai relaxed. He closed his eyes and continued to pretend to be recovering. Just like him, there were also several Cultivators, Mages, and Warriors recovering their energy. The reinforcements had already reached the walls. At this moment, there was no longer and division between Cultivators and people from the Machine Field. The situation was now purely humans versus bugs.

Seeing that the walls had been well-defended, Zhao Hai thoroughly felt relieved. Meanwhile, even if he was still closing his eyes, he was actually paying attention to the cultivators. He wanted to take a look at their offensive strength.

One has to say that the Cultivators were indeed very strong. Although they had numerous strange and unusual magical artifacts, once these artifacts were used properly, their lethality couldn't be underestimated. The attacks made by these artifacts were much more powerful than Mage spells.

Moreover, Zhao Hai discovered that the attacks made by these Cultivators were much stronger than Li Chuchen's. Li Chuchen might have a lot of attacks that were swift and fierce, but these Cultivators from

Base Number 5 were on a different level. They were unforgiving in their attacks, all of it were meant to kill. Each action they do were all done with an intent to eliminate the enemy. Zhao Hai knew that this can only come forth through innumerable combat situations. In summary, the experiences they gained were kill, kill, kill!

Zhao Hai was aware that it was these kinds of people that were dangerous. People like Li Chuchen might be undefeatable, but you can still retreat when faced against them. But as for Base Number 5's Cultivators, if you weren't dead, then you would be severely injured.

Just as Zhao Hai was paying attention to the artifacts that these Cultivators were using, a powerful imposing aura was suddenly felt from outside the city. This was the most powerful imposing aura that Zhao Hai had ever felt in his life.

Zhao Hai felt his heart turn tighter. This imposing aura certainly wasn't coming from a person. This aura was as firm as a mountain, but was as wild as a savage beast. Even savage people couldn't let out this kind of aura. This was certainly coming from the Bug Race.

It wasn't only Zhao Hai who felt this imposing aura, the others did as well. Everyone's faces changed color immediately. None of these people were ignorant, they all knew what this aura represented.

It was a powerful bug, a very hard to deal with creature. If the bug race did indeed send a powerful bug to attack the base, then the base was truly in danger.

While everyone was thinking about this, the danger had already arrived. The bugs that had just slowed down seem to have turned crazy. All of them frantically rushed to the base. It didn't take long before all of the walls were in a dangerous situation.

Zhao Hai looked at the situation and couldn't help but sigh. He had a feeling that Base Number 5 could no longer be defended. He immediately sent forth several hundred-layer formations. Then he moved towards Ma Rulong and then whispered, "Team leader, we couldn't defend this place anymore. Make everyone prepare to evacuate, just in case."

Ma Rulong looked at the situation around them, then he sighed and said, "I also want to retreat, but we cannot fall back now. If we do, the battle will be taken to the streets. We have less advantage there. Let's defend here for a while, then afterwards....."

Just as Ma Rulong said that, the imposing aura sped up towards the base. Everyone's expression turned dark. They knew that the powerful bug has come!

Zhao Hai looked at the base before turning his head to Ma Rulong and said, "Team Leader, I'll head back first to check on my brothers."

Ma Rulong looked at Zhao Hai and then sighed before nodding. He was beginning to feel despair at this point. Outside the base was an inexhaustible sea of bugs. And now there was a very powerful bug approaching the base. With only them here, it was impossible to defend the base. The only thing they could do now was to do their best to hold on for several minutes.

The other Cultivators were also thinking the same way. To be honest, these Cultivators cherish their lives more than ordinary people. They worked hard and even robbed in order to become immortals. Even if it was clear that there was no hope, they would still not give up knowing that they can live for a few more minutes.

Zhao Hai didn't think about the situation so much. He knew that he wouldn't die. But he was in a dilemma. He was now deciding whether he should take Xiong Li and the others with him and leave, or to show his power and deal with the bugs. If he uses his strength to deal with the bugs, then the base would surely be saved. However, he could no longer act low-key in the future.

On the other hand, if he took Xiong Li and the others to leave, then they would be able to discover the Space. This was his biggest secret. If this goes known, then he would have no place in the World of Cultivation. Whether it be in the Machine Field or wherever else, people would want to catch him.

Of course, Zhao Hai wouldn't be caught. However, it would be very hard for him to gain a foothold in the World of Cultivation. This was the reason why Zhao Hai was in a dilemma.

Although it wasn't a big deal if Zhao Hai reveals his power, one shouldn't forget that it had been less than a year since he had ascended. If he showed outstanding prowess, then wouldn't people be suspicious?

But when he thought about this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smack his own head. He suddenly remembered something. It wouldn't be a problem if his strength suddenly increased. This was because

the Ashley Family told him that if worse comes to worst, then he could use Liquid Silver. Liquid Silver was a weapon of legends. It should be able to keep attention off of him for a while.

Also, after the Six Realm Beginner Competition, people would be aware of his strength. Even if people wanted to deal with him, the scale wouldn't be as bad.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai began to relax. He also understood that being too low-key wouldn't be good. As long as you have enough strength, then you would be able to call the wind and summon the rain. Even if people wanted to covet your treasure, nobody would dare make a move. On the other hand, if you don't have the strength, then even if you don't have anything, people would still catch you and turn you into a slave. This was the case with non-practitioners in the Cultivation Realm.

At this time, Zhao Hai arrived at the courtyard where they were staying in. Xiong Li and the others were eagerly defending the place. Dongfang Yu was still silent. Zhao Hai used his spiritual force to scan the room only to be repelled. This caused him to be startled. He immediately asked Cai'er to look into what's happening in the room.

Before long, Cai'er reported what was happening. Dongfang Yu can currently cross-legged on the ground. His entire body was red, probably at a crucial point in his cultivation.

Upon hearing Cai'er, Zhao Hai's facial color changed. He knew that they could no longer leave. This was the most important moment in Dongfang Yu's cultivation. If Dongfang Yu was interrupted, then he might be heavily injured.

At this moment, Xiong Li and the others also saw Zhao Hai. They quickly flew towards him. Then Xiong Li worriedly asked, "Little Hai, how is the wall doing? Where did that powerful aura come from? Can we hold on?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "I'm afraid we couldn't hold on. And even worse, we cannot disturb Second Brother now, otherwise his cultivation would be severely damaged. It seems like we really have to go all out this time."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the color in Xiong Li and the others' faces changed. Xiong Li immediately said, "Alright, let's head to the wall. We need to block off those bugs."

However, Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "You going there is useless. You might as well continue defending this place. If a bug comes, kill them all. Leave the walls to me." Then his body disappeared as he quickly returned to the wall.

#### Chapter 1222: Silverback Gold-winged Bug

Zhao Hai calmly returned to the city. He looked at the distance and felt the powerful aura closing in fast. It wouldn't take long before it would arrive. The expressions on everyone on the walls weren't good. They knew that when the immensely powerful bug gets close to the base, then that would be their end.

The insects outside were still coming in. Everyone was doing their best to resist. However, it can be seen that they were doing their final struggles.

Ma Rulong saw Zhao Hai, but he wasn't in the mood to manage him right now. Although he didn't stop attacking, the color of his face was already pale. This was partly because he was tired, and partly because he was worried.

Ma Rulong brought the elites of the Machine Field in the past five years with him. And some were even the strongest people in the last decade. If all of them were lost here, then he would have no face left to show the higher ups of the Machine Field.

But now he can't leave, and would only wait for his death in this place. This feeling was really bad, he doesn't have any means to deal with it.

Ma Rulong felt that his heart was on its last embers. He scolded himself again and again. Why must they come here early? If they came later, then they would have evaded the tragedy. Coming here was just charging to their deaths. Not only that, he was ruining the Machine Field's hope!

At this time, Ma Rulong suddenly felt a powerful aura that seem to soar through the heavens. This aura wasn't any less than the aura being emitted by the bug, it was even more powerful.

Ma Rulong was startled, then he quickly turned his head around. He saw Zhao Hai calmly standing there, his imposing aura was very strong. Even the powerful bug outside couldn't overwhelm him.

Ma Rulong stared at Zhao Hai. He didn't know what to say. He felt that Zhao Hai was somewhat strange, that Zhao Hai wasn't the person he knew him to be.

Not only Ma Rulong, everyone in the base was looking at Zhao Hai. They were struck dumb by his powerful aura. This was especially true for Cultivators. These Cultivators knew that only Nascent Soul Sect Masters would have an aura as strong as this.

The Nascent Soul stage, people on this level can be regarded as experts in the Cultivation Realm. They were known as grandmasters. This meant that they could already establish their own sects. Besides the major sects, there were a lot of minor sects that were created by these Nascent Soul experts.

And it wasn't only those in the base that were dumbfounded, the bugs that were attacking the base couldn't help but pause. Although they weren't afraid of death, their instincts could still stop them in their tracks.

Animal instinct was much keener than a human's. Although the level of intelligence of these insects weren't high, they could clearly feel Zhao Hai's imposing aura. Zhao Hai managed to put pressure on them that they couldn't help but slow down.

As for the powerful bug, it naturally sensed Zhao Hai's aura. In turn, it intensified its aura. The bug's aura exploded with intensity, it was like a tide that suddenly welled up.

Zhao Hai's aura slowly increased. It was like an ordinary rock in the sea, steadfast against all currents!

Both the base and the insects couldn't help but stop. This was no longer a fight they could participate in. For weak beings like them, the only thing they could do was wait for the outcome.

The bug's imposing aura was quickly approaching. Before long, Zhao Hai could already feel the bug with his spiritual force. He didn't really expect the bug's aura to be this strong. This caused a huge impact towards the entire base.

As soon as he saw the bug, Zhao Hai immediately noticed its differences compared to the other bugs. This bug was a huge version of a rhinoceros beetle. It's back was akin to black iron. A silvery white stripe streaked through its entire body. It's back was opened as a pair of golden wings provided it with flight. It had six blade-like feet that added to its menacing look. In front and behind the head of the bug were two sharp horns. One could see the offensive capability of this bug.

Silverback Gold-winged Bug, Zhao Hai immediately thought of this name. He was certain that this was the silverback gold-winged bug. The name alone described what this bug looked like.

Zhao Hai's body slowly flew up, then he proceeded to fly forward. When he was a kilometer away from the base, he stopped.

Before long, the bug flew up until he was a kilometer away from Zhao Hai. The bug's blood-red eyes were looking at Zhao Hai. There was even a hint of confusion in its gaze.

Zhao Hai looked at the insect, then he smiled faintly and said, "What clever fellows. You actually had the idea to lure the tiger out of the mountain. Now that you lured the Nascent Soul Experts out, you attacked the city once more. Interesting. I didn't expect you bugs to be this smart."

The rhinoceros beetle-like bug had a glimmer of pride in its eyes. It roared twice as if to show off to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at the rhinoceros beetle, then he smiled faintly and said, "But now that I'm here, you can no longer attack the base. Go back now, I don't want to injure you." The bug seems to understand Zhao Hai's words. It's eyes flashed with anger before he charged towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then waved his hand. A 100-layer formation appeared, forming a big shield that blocked the attack coming in front.

Since this bug was like a rhinoceros beetle, its main attack was ramming with its huge horn. Zhao Hai braced for the impact. A huge bang was heard before Zhao Hai's shield was shattered. However, the bug didn't slow down at all, it still continued to charge towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai held up his staff and then used it to block. 'Dang', a loud sound was heard as the rhinoceros horn slammed into Zhao Hai's staff. However, the staff didn't move. Not only was the staff unfazed, Zhao Hai was also unaffected by the attack. He was able to completely block the bug's attack. A burst of energy erupted from where the staff and the horn intersected. A wave of energy spread out. The bugs around them were hit by this wave of energy. The bugs that were hit were immediately turned into green dust.

The strength of the collision caused those in the base to be startled. Whether they be from the Cultivation Realm or the Machine Fleld, even those with weak spiritual force, all of them could easily see the situation a kilometer outside the base. Not to mention the fact that it was now bright as daylight, it was very easy to see the fight. The Cultivators in the base were taken aback by the strength of the impact.

When the bug discovered that it failed to damage Zhao Hai, it quickly retreated. Then it reorganized itself before attacking once more. One could feel the aura of an ancient general coming from the bug. It had exquisite combat skills. All of its actions were well executed and used a bit of martial arts.

The silverback gold-winged bug was small. All in all, it was six feet tall. It had two pointed horns that can be used as weapons. And with its thick armor, it was like a knight holding a lance and a shield. Moreover, it had six blade-like feet that can also be used for attack. Ordinary people wouldn't be able to deal with this bug.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't an ordinary person. His body moved as he began to send spells one after the other. The staff in his hand was also used as a weapon. He wasn't in any disadvantage in a melee against the bug.

People in the base now knew that Zhao Hai was both a Mage and a Warrior. Moreover, his skill in both professions was formidable. The people from the Cultivation Realm were quickly able to accept this. Meanwhile, those from the Machine Field had mixed feelings about it.

There were a lot of participants who had met Zhao Hai in the competition. Before this, they were not convinced of their loss. But after seeing Zhao Hai, those who were unwilling to accept their loss couldn't help but be convinced. They knew that Zhao Hai was still holding back when he fought them. If Zhao Hai did indeed use his true ability, then they would have been injured to near death. They thought that they might only be warm-up for Zhao Hai.

With this thought in mind, people couldn't help but get embarrassed. Naturally, some people felt envy and hate. One of these people was Streep. He already envied and hated ZHao Hai before this, but he just didn't have the opportunity to act. After seeing Zhao Hai fighting evenly with the silverback gold-winged bug, Streep became aware of how naive he really was. At the same time, he felt that he was lucky. If he

had acted against Zhao Hai, then he would have died. He thought that Zhao Hai was just a strong level 4 Mage.

When he thought of this, Streep's face turned red with anger. He didn't know why Zhao Hai suddenly showed his strength, which was unbecoming of Zhao Hai. But no matter what, Zhao Hai had already displayed his immense strength. This only meant that Streep would have to make another plan to deal with him.

Amongst everyone present, only Ma Rulong knew why Zhao Hai suddenly showed off his strength. Ma Rulong knew about Zhao Hai's relationship with Xiong Li and the others. Zhao Hai went back and saw that Dongfang Yu couldn't be disturbed. Those who were in seclusion shouldn't be disturbed. If the base was broken through, then Dongfang Yu would certainly be attacked. This might be the reason why Zhao Hai made his move.

Ma Rulong wasn't angry that Zhao Hai wasn't going all out before. On the contrary, he felt that Zhao Hai did the right thing. Those from the Cultivation Realm weren't easy to deal with. If they discover that Zhao Hai was this strong, then they would be able to prepare. When the time comes, Zhao Hai would have more trouble when trying to defeat them.

When he thought of this, Ma Rulong couldn't help but feel his heart going hot. He knew that with Zhao Hai's current strength, he could definitely achieve great results in the Six Realm Beginner Competition. As long as Zhao Hai gets great results, then the Machine Field would get benefits. Then as a team leader, Ma Rulong would also get benefits.

What Ma Rulong didn't know was that at this time, Xiong Li and the others were also looking at the direction where Zhao Hai and the beetle fought. Tears were actually in their eyes. If they still had any doubts about Zhao Hai's feelings for them, then all of these doubts were now gone!

# Chapter 1223: Drinking a Forbidden Potion

Xiong Li and the others became friends with Zhao Hai because of various reasons: his temperament, his friendliness, and many more. However, they were all from the lower realms, their hearts were as hard as iron. It was impossible for them to leave their lives to other people just because of friendship.

Xiong Li and the others regarded themselves and Zhao Hai as friends. But although they call themselves brothers, their relationship wasn't that deep. But faced with Zhao Hai's sacrifice of facing the silverback gold-winged bug alone, Xiong Li and the others' hearts melted. They now regarded him as a brother for a lifetime.

Zhao Hai continued to fight the silverback gold-winged bug. Moreover, they went farther and farther from the base. They fought until the bugs and the base were far away. Surprisingly, the bugs didn't use this opportunity to attack. Instead, they slowly retreated.

Seeing the bugs retreating, the people in the base cheered. The Bug Race's retreat was really important for the base. Now that the bugs had left, this meant that the base was safe.

At this moment, the base's transmission formation flashed with white light. Walking out of this formation was a group of Cultivators. The quality of this group of cultivators was clearly higher than those before. Each one of them had threatening auras. Moreover, some of them were experts of the Nascent Soul Stage.

Upon seeing the Nascent Soul experts, everyone in the base began to relax. Zheng Li immediately welcomed the reinforcements. At this point, Ma Rulong became aware of Zheng Li's identity. Zheng Li's Five Element Team was the entire garrison of Base Number 5. This meant that the captain was the manager of the entire base. As for the Nascent Soul defenders, they really didn't care about positions.

Zheng Li arrived in front of the five Nascent Soul experts and then gave them a salute, "I have seen the five grandmasters."

One of the five was a red-faced old man, he nodded and said, "Alright, did the bugs retreat?" Zheng Li nodded and said, "Yes, they retreated." The red-faced old man nodded and said, "Tell me what happened."

Zheng Li nodded, then he said, "Yes. Masters, please take a rest at the main hall first. Allow me to give you a comprehensive report." The five Nascent Soul experts didn't say anything and just nodded. Then they all flew towards Base Number 5's main hall.

These Nascent Soul Experts knew that a small captain like Zheng Li still had quite the power in Fabio Planet. Although Zheng Li couldn't control them, these Nascent Soul Experts still needed to give Zheng Li face.

After the group arrived in the main hall, Zheng Li immediately gave an account of the situation to the five experts. Upon hearing the details, the five couldn't help but be stunned. When Zheng Li finished, the red-faced old man immediately said, "You mean the bug attack was blocked by someone from the Machine Field? Are you sure?"

Zheng Li quickly replied, "I won't dare lie in front of the grandmasters. That is indeed the case. Zhao Hai is a participant of the Six Realm Beginner Competition. His initial strength is only slightly stronger than a level 4 Mage. However, when the silverback gold-winged bug attacked, he suddenly exploded with strength."

The red-faced old man knit his brows and said, "He's participating in the Six Realm Beginner Competition? When did such a powerful figure appear in the Machine Field. Hmmm, I seem to have heard of this Zhao Hai. He gained first place in the Machine Field's qualifiers. He also blocked three attacks from that kid Li Chuchen from Extreme Cold City. But is he really that strong?"

The others nodded. Meanwhile, Zheng Li just stood there without saying anything. Ordinary electronic products wouldn't function in Fabio Planet. Besides places that can be reached by short distance teleportation, the planet had no news coming from the outside. Therefore, those in the planet weren't well-informed about Zhao Hai and the others.

The red-faced old man and the others just came from the Cultivation Realm, so they knew about Zhao Hai, albeit not too detailed. But because of this, all of them couldn't help but wonder. Can a Machine Field rookie really contend against a silverback gold-winged bug? This sounds like something from fantasy.

Silverback gold-winged bugs were high-level beings in Fabio Planet. A fully grown silverback gold-winged bug could never be defeated by an ordinary Nascent Soul Expert. It would need multiple Nascent Soul Experts to defeat a single adult silverback gold-winged bug. And it wasn't certain that they could kill it, only injure. Since this was the case, hearing that a rookie from the Machine Field managed to fight one silverback gold-winged insect alone was something that only very few people could believe.

The red-faced old man as well as the others stayed silent for some time. Zheng Li didn't dare to make a noise as he just respectfully stood there. After staying in Fabio Planet for some time, he knew when to speak and when to stay silent.

At this time, a frail and scholarly looking expert said, "Did Zhao Hai do anything special before fighting the Silverback Gold-winged bug?"

Zheng Li stared for a moment, he didn't quite understand what this person was asking about. However, he didn't dare speak his mind. Although this scholarly man looked frail, Zheng Li knew that he was the strongest and most ruthless among the five.

Therefore, he quickly responded, "He didn't do anything special. But when he was fighting ordinary bugs, he drank a bottle of potion to recover. And before fighting against the silverback gold-winged bug, he returned to the base to check in on his friends. This is because one of them is still in seclusion. "

The scholar nodded and said, "Zhao Hai's strength shouldn't be so high. He must have used a secret potion that burns his potential in order to increase his strength. If he really used that, then there's no need to worry about him. If Zhao Hai didn't use this kind of potion, then he would be terrifying." The others in the room nodded. They also agreed to the scholar's point of view. Zhao Hai must have taken a secret potion. Otherwise, he wouldn't have become that strong.

Meanwhile, Ma Rulong was unaware of this conversation. He was currently leading his people back to their courtyard. Xiong Li and the others were still there, they didn't leave even for a single step. Moreover, there was no need for them to step forward. The arrival of the Nascent Soul Experts meant that Base Number 5 was already safe.

After Ma Rulong had the others take a rest, he directly went to see Xiong Li and the others. Xiong Li and the others had already calmed down. They knew that Zhao Hai's action of revealing his strength would put him in great danger. They accepted this outcome but they buried the sentiment deep inside their hearts.

Ma Rulong looked at Xiong Li and the others, he sighed and then patted Xiong Li's shoulder as he said, "Zhao Hai will be safe, don't worry."

Xiong Li smiled faintly and said, "Team leader, rest assured, we know that Little Hai will come back. That bug couldn't take his life. Also, he needs to return for the Six Realm Beginner Competition." Ma Rulong nodded, then he suddenly laughed and said, "I didn't expect that kid to conceal that much strength. It seems like the Machine Field will win big in the competition." Li Kuangren and the others laughed as well. They were confident in Zhao Hai. They believed that he would come back, he certainly will.

At this time, Zhao Hai and the silverback gold-winged bug were already far from Base Number 5. They were currently on a mountain in Fabio Planet. Although massive insects inhabit the planet, its environment was actually very good. There were giant trees everywhere and its mountains were covered in forests. Taking a broad view of the planet, one could see a sea of green.

Upon feeling that there was truly nobody around them, Zhao Hai waved his hand and sent forth a 1000layer formation. After beating the silverback gold-wing insect back, Zhao Hai waved his staff as the formation formed into a huge net.

The rhinoceros beetle stepped back from the net and then spewed a lightning bolt out of its mouth towards Zhao Hai. This lightning was as thick as a bucket. One could see how powerful it was.

Zhao hai didn't expect this rhinoceros beetle to have a lightning attack. However, he didn't stop as he sent another 1000-layer formation to block the lightning.

Upon seeing the flexible maneuvers of the silverback gold-winged bug, Zhao Hai knew that it would be impossible for him alone to deal with it. So he waved his hand and released an army of Undead that immediately charged towards the beetle.

The rhinoceros beetle looked at this situation and couldn't help but pause. Then it angrily roared as it attacked the Undead. It must be said that the beetle was very strong. When it came it contact with the Undead, it was able to kill them in large numbers.

The Undead weren't true immortals, and with the powerful attack of the beetle, these Undead were smashed into pieces. It was impossible for them to continue living.

Zhao Hai calmly looked at the battle between the beetle and the Undead. He didn't do anything as he waited for an opportunity. He knew that the beetle was still keeping an eye on him. If he moved now, then the beetle would definitely run away.

After fighting with the bug for so long, Zhao Hai learned to never underestimate it. He knew too little of Fabio Planet, so he didn't know if the beetle had any other means. He didn't want it to go all out.

The beetle and the Undead continued to fight for an hour. Zhao Hai lost several thousand Undead. In the end the opportunity finally arrived. Zhao Hai moved and then used the Space to teleport himself on top of the beetle. Then Liquid Silver turned into a large net. With such a sudden action, even the Undead that the bug was fighting were caught. The other Undead immediately helped as they pushed the net towards the Space.

As the silverback gold-winged bug entered the Space, a prompt was immediately heard, "New type of bug lifeform detected. It has an aggressive attitude towards the Space. Subduing, subjugation successful. The bug is a genetically modified bug with strong offensive strength. The host can now buy it inside the Space."

# Chapter 1224: Reaction From All Parties

When Zhao Hai heard this prompt, he couldn't help but knit his brows. He wasn't satisfied with the result. The reason he captured the rhinoceros beetle wasn't because he wanted it to help him fight. What he wanted was the Bug Race's evolutionary ability. The prompt didn't mention anything of that sort. It was clear that this silverback gold-winged bug had evolved. This caused Zhao Hai to be confused.

Zhao Hai immediately said, "Cai'er, use the scanner to do an analysis. See what's going on. Why does this bug not have any evolutionary ability?" Caier immediately used the scanner. By this point, the scanner had already reached an advanced level. It can't only analyze objects, it could also make readings about situations.

Not long after the scanner was used, a prompt was heard, "The bug is only a gene improved member of the Bug Race. It doesn't have any capabilities that its parent had, therefore it doesn't have the ability of rapid evolution. From the analysis, there should be a type of bug queen in Fabio Planet. This queen can grasp changes in the environment and conduct gene improvements on the larvae to suit the Bug Race's needs. Since there is too little data, this is just a possibility. Host needs to provide more material."

When he heard the prompt, Zhao Hai stared. Then he nodded once he understood what the scanner meant.

In other words, a Bug Race Queen Nest was in Fabio Planet. This nest must be the key to the Bug Race's ability to evolve rapidly. Bugs like the silverback gold-winged bug didn't have the ability to evolve on their own.

Although the scanner said that this was just a possibility, and can only be used for reference, Zhao Hai knew that it was likely to be true.

Zhao Hai was happy. One, because he knew that there might be a queen nest. And two, because he discovered that the scanner was beginning to sound more natural. Moreover, its ability to analyze had gotten stronger and stronger. This was a very good thing, especially to him, it was very good.

At this time, Laura and the others took a look at the silverback gold-winged bug. To be honest, this bug was basically just an enlarged version of a rhinoceros beetle. Despite its overwhelmingly powerful strength, it actually looked pretty good.

Laura and the others touched the bug as though they had forgotten that it was an insect. It seems like the black sheen on the bug's armor caught their fancy.

Zhao Hai didn't disturb them as he stood on the side and enjoyed the sight. In any case, the bug has already been subdued by the Space. There was no danger for Laura and the others.

Quite some time after inspecting the bug, Laura turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, let's head inside. Cultivators in Base Number 5 are talking about you."

Zhao Hai stared, he raised his eyebrows and said, "Really? What did they say?"

Laura smiled faintly and said, "They said that you took a forbidden potion to become strong. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai stared, then he chuckled and said, "Isn't that great? Then I'll go into seclusion later when I go back. This will make them think that I really took a potion." Laura and the others chuckled as well.

Zhao Hai didn't immediately return to Base Number 5. Instead, he stayed inside the Space for some time before returning.

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The place where Zhao Hai came out from wasn't far from Base Number 5. It didn't take long before he arrived at the base. The Cultivators in the base were still anxious. There were quite a lot of patrols on the wall, obviously on guard against any bug attack.

As Zhao Hai flew forward, a voice was suddenly heard, "Who's that? Halt!" Zhao Hai turned his head to see a Cultivator stepping on his flying sword. Zhao Hai didn't stop as he coldly snorted and continued flying towards the base.

When the Cultivator saw that Zhao Hai ignored him, his expression changed as he said, "Alright, Little Mage. You're quite arrogant. Stop!" Just before the Cultivator finished his statement, a hand suddenly covered his mouth. The owner of the hand quickly looked at Zhao Hai and respectfully said, "I apologize, Mister Zhao Hai. He's new here. Please come in. Everyone from the Machine Field has already returned to the courtyard to rest. You can go there directly." Zhao Hai nodded and then proceeded to fly forward. He didn't mind the two people, he didn't even speak a word. However, the Cultivator didn't have any dissatisfaction on his face.

Once Zhao Hai was no longer in the wall, the second Cultivator let go of the first one. The first Cultivator immediately said, "Third Senior Brother, why did you do that? It's just a Mage from the Machine Field. He dared to be rampant, aren't I supposed to teach him a lesson? We should let him know that he shouldn't be arrogant in the Cultivation Realm."

The Third Senior Brother looked at the man and said, "Stop talking. If I didn't cover your mouth, then you would have already been killed. Do you know who that person is? That's Zhao Hai, he fought off the silverback gold-winged insect alone. If you continued to shout at him, then you will have died in vain." Then he ignored the man and flew away.

The Cultivator stared, then he turned to look at Zhao Hai's direction and muttered, "So he's Zhao Hai. No wonder his aura was so overwhelming. He's that strong." The Cultivation Realm was a very realistic place. If you were strong, then you can kill all the weaklings you want. But if you're weak, then you can only prostrate yourself to the strong. People might not kill you in public, but there would certainly be someone plotting against you in the shadows. This was the Cultivation Realm.

Zhao Hai didn't care about the man as he directly flew towards the courtyard. Just after he entered, he was immediately discovered by Xiong Li and the others. They surrounded Zhao Hai as Xiong Li worriedly asked, "Little Hai, are you alright?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm fine. I just need to close up. Help me inform team leader Ma."

When Xiong Li heard this, he immediately said, "Alright, go. I'll tell team leader Ma." Zhao Hai nodded before quickly going inside Dongfang Yu's room.

Just as Zhao Hai closed the door, Ma Rulong came out of his room. When he saw that Zhao Hai wasn't there, he turned to Xiong Li and the others and said, "Where's Little Hai?"

Xiong Li immediately answered, "Team leader, Little Hai said that he would close up for some time."

Ma Rulong's expression changed. Then he said, "Alright, if Little Hai needs anything, tell me immediately. I'll try to help as much as I can."

Xiong Li and the others nodded. Then Ma Rulong entered his room and immediately sent information back to the Machine Field. Passing on information from here to the Machine Field wasn't easy. Since Fabio Planet had a lot of interference, signals going in and out were being heavily affected. It was great that the Cultivation Realm had devised a way to send signals to other planets through a transmission formation. Then this signal would use the satellites on those planets in order to pass the information.

But in the base, one would need to spend money in order to use this method. Ma Rulong had to pay a hefty price to send information back to the Machine Field.

Ma Rulong was sent on behalf of the realm, so he wasn't worried about these charges. Keeping the Machine Field informed about the situation in Fabio Planet was of utmost importance.

Actually, it wasn't only the Cultivators who suspected Zhao Hai of drinking a special potion. In Ma Rulong's mind, it was the only explanation for Zhao Hai's sudden increase in strength. Anything else was abnormal.

Zhao Hai had just ascended less than a year ago. He learned magic theory in that time frame and now he was as strong as a Nascent Soul Expert? Nobody would be able to believe it.

Meanwhile, the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm had methods that could make a person stronger in exchange for their potential. These things were quite common. Therefore, people were more inclined to believe that Zhao Hai drank a forbidden potion than Zhao Hai being this innately strong.

Whether it be in the Machine Field or the Cultivation Realm, these kinds of drugs were very overbearing. The side effects would sometimes manifest itself right after the effects wear off. It's even common for a person to just dry up and die. And if they survive, the drug would have a tremendous effect on later cultivations. Because of this, Ma Rulong worriedly passed information back to the Machine Field.

The Machine Field counts on Zhao Hai to gain a good position in the Six Realm Beginner Competition. Now that Zhao Hai was possibly crippled, the matter needed to be reported.

This information wasn't only relevant to Ma Rulong. When Zheng Li heard that Zhao Hai secluded himself right after returning, it affirmed their suspicion that Zhao Hai took something. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been that strong. Zheng Li immediately reported this situation. Whether it be the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm, they both discussed someone, and it was Zhao Hai!

Zhao Hai was currently inside the Space. He was currently observing Ma Rulong and Zheng Li's response. Ma Rulong still felt good about Zhao Hai. After he reported the situation, the higher ups of the Machine Field told him to give up on Zhao Hai. However, Ma Rulong didn't agree with it. In the end, the Machine Field had to agree with Ma Rulong's arrangement. After all, Ma Rulong was the one in the field, and nobody could influence his actions.

Zhao Hai also expected the response of the Machine Field's higher-ups. It doesn't matter if it was in the Cultivation Realm or the Machine Field, these places were practical in their approach towards useless people. They wouldn't waste any investment in those that wouldn't benefit them.

What Zhao Hai cared the most was the Ashley Family's response. If the Ashley Family and the Machine Field had the same response, then Zhao Hai would be really disappointed.

But much to Zhao Hai's surprise, the Ashley Family didn't give up on him. Thunder didn't tell Margaret to leave Zhao Hai as well. This caused people to wonder about this situation.

Zhao Hai didn't expect this. Thunder was a practical person, so how could have this attitude towards a useless person?

After monitoring Thunder, Zhao Hai began to understand. The Ashley Family needed to send a message, and this message was in Zhao Hai.

The Ashley Family obtained first place in the realm qualifiers because of Zhao Hai. They obtained a lot of benefits and even gained several allies. Funding their development was definitely not a problem.

For the family to develop, they would need all kinds of talents. Thunder knew very well that Zhao Hai might already be crippled. Yet he still gave him the best treatment and even gave him his daughter. This would give bystanders the message, "Look, see how we treat those who contributed to the family. Even if he is crippled, he would still get everything he deserves!" The Ashley Family could use this to attract talents to the Ashley Family. This way, the family could develop as soon as possible.

After looking into Thunder Ashley's actions, Zhao Hai couldn't help but recognize that the Patriarch wasn't a simple man. He could actually achieve something like this.

But no matter what reason, at least they didn't ruthlessly cut him off. Zhao Hai decided to treat the Ahsley Family better in the future. After all, it was also Margaret's family.

At this moment, the Cultivation Realm became relieved about Zhao Hai. They weren't as concerned about him as before. After all, Zhao Hai blocked three swords from Li Chuchen and also killed Gongsun Zheng. There were a lot of people that liked Zhao Hai to perish since he had the capability to undermine their plans.

But now, nobody cared about Zhao Hai. Disabled people weren't worth their attention.

Zhao Hai thought that trouble would come looking for him once he revealed his strength. But instead, the opposite happened. Not only did he avoid trouble, there would no longer be anyone that would come looking for him. This caused somewhat of a surprise to Zhao Hai. However, he took this matter off his mind. Even if people came looking for him, with his present strength, there was no need to be afraid. Whether it be in the Cultivation Realm or the Machine Field, he could already carve his own place.

Not to mention the Machine Field, even the Cultivation Realm had sects being set up by Nascent Soul Experts. These Nascent Soul Experts being called grandmaster wasn't a joke.

After seeing everyone's response, Zhao Hai began paying attention to Dongfang Yu's state. Dongfang Yu had closed up for several days and had yet to come out. Moreover, the last time Zhao Hai saw his second brother, Dongfang Yu was at a critical point in his cultivation. Therefore, Zhao Hai wanted to see how he was doing right now.

Seeing Dongfang Yu's situation through the Space, Zhao Hai began to feel relieved. In the past, Dongfang Yu's face was red and his expression was exhausted. But now, Dongfang Yu had a calm expression. The fire dragon sword had already disappeared from sight. Dongfang Yu's whole person was sitting down and meditating. Upon seeing this, Zhao Hai knew that Dongfang Yu would soon come out.

Since Zhao Hai took the silverback gold-winged bug to the Space and with the presence of Nascent Soul Experts in the base, the bugs stopped their attack. However, the elimination round for the Six Realm Beginner Competition had been pushed back 10 days. This was also within Zhao Hai's expectation, it was normal given what happened.

Chapter 1225: Fire Dragon Daois

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Dongfang Yu slowly opened his eyes. His eyes had a hint of shine one them. At the same time, his aura was very different from before. He really didn't expect the fire dragon sword to be this mystical.

Dongfang Yu looked around him and discovered that he was in Zhao Hai's room. Remembering that Zhao Hai had nowhere to stay in, he immediately got up. He didn't know how long he had been in seclusion or whether he had missed the competition.

Upon thinking about this, Dongfang Yu immediately opened the door and left the room. When he got outside, he saw Xiong Li and the others chatting, but Zhao Hai wasn't there.

Xiong Li and the others heard the sound of a door opening. When they turned their heads, they quickly saw Dongfang Yu. They immediately surrounded him as Xiong Li said, "Dongfang, how are you? Did you benefit greatly from your seclusion?"

Dongfang Yu nodded and said, "I gained a lot. Where's Little Hai?" Xiong Li's expression turned difficult as he looked at Dongfang Yu's room, then he said, "Let's head inside first." Then he pulled Dongfang Yu towards Zhao Hai's room.

When he saw Xiong Li's response, Dongfang Yu knew that something must have happened. Upon entering the room, Dongfang Yu immediately asked, "What happened? Did Little Hai have an accident?"

Xiong Li looked at Dongfang Yu and said, "Tell us about what happened to you first."

Dongfang Yu nodded and said, "I closed up because Little Hai helped me unseal the fire dragon sword. I didn't expect that unsealing the fire dragon sword would result to this. As it turns out, the fire dragon sword was the life source weapon of the almighty Fire Dragon Daoist. Fire Dragon Daoist died from a severe injury he gained during a fight. He sent a wisp of his consciousness into the fire dragon sword before sealing it. When Little Hai removed this seal, I received that consciousness from the Fire Dragon Daoist. It included a cultivation method known as the Divine Fire Dragon Art. There is also a set of fire dragon sword techniques. Besides that, the Fire Dragon Daoist also imbued the sword with a fraction of his strength. I managed to assimilate the Fire Dragon Daoist's energy and made it my own. At this point, I no longer have battle qi inside me, all of it has been transformed into fire dragon true qi. It can be said that I'm already practicing the Cultivation Realm's methods. I'm also much stronger than before."

When they heard this, Xiong Li and the others let out cold breaths. Then Sun Fei murmured, "That's good, at least Brother Hai's efforts weren't wasted."

Dongfang Yu heard this and couldn't help but knit his brows as he said, "What's happening? Little Hai had an accident? Tell me!"

Xiong Li sighed and said, "The night you suddenly closed up, a massive army of bugs attacked the base. Little Hai made us defend here while he went to the wall to help alongside the others. The bug attack was very fierce, the base was having trouble defending. Then afterwards, a silverback gold-winged bug attacked. It's a bug that's equivalent to a Nascent Soul Expert of the Cultivation Realm. However, the base's Nascent Soul Experts were not present. They were still chasing the silverback gold-winged insect that attacked before. Little Hai wanted to escape, but you were still closing up and cannot be moved. Little Hai went back again and repelled the powerful bug. This was originally a good thing. But after thinking about it for two days, Little Hai couldn't be that strong. It's possible that he drank a forbidden potion in order to repel the bugs. After he came back from fighting the bug, he immediately secluded himself. This confirmed our suspicion that Little Hai burned his potential to gain temporary strength. We know that Little Hai's strength will be affected because of this. We just don't know how much damage he suffered."

When Xiong Li finished speaking, Dongfang Yu stood up, tears were already in his eyes. Then he said, "Little Hai, you silly brother. How can you do this? This favor, Elder Brother will certainly remember!"

Xiong Li and the others were also low-spirited. After staring at the ground for some time, Dongfang Yu solemnly said, "Now that I have become stronger, and have practiced a Cultivation Realm's method, I can now formally join a sect. Perhaps the Cultivation Realm has a pill that can cure Little Hai."

When they heard Dongfang Yu, Xiong Li and the others stared. People from the Machine Field could only look up to the Cultivation Sects. This was because the requirements to join one were too high. Those who joined a sect were shackled to the sect for their entire lives. Paying obeisance to a sect wasn't something that an average person could bear.

Xiong Li looked at Dongfang Yu and said, "Are you sure?" Dongfang Yu stopped for a moment before he nodded and said, "I've decided. After this competition ends, I will enter a Cultivation Sect. I'll find a way for Little Hai to cure his condition."

Xiong Li and the others didn't stop him and just nodded. But at this time, a voice was heard, "If you leave and join a sect, then what would happen to our plan to establish a base?"

Xiong Li and the other stared, then they turned their head and saw Zhao Hai smiling at them. They were stunned. Dongfang Yu looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, is that you? Why are you out? Are you fine?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm fine, Second Brother, rest assured."

Xiong Li and the others quickly surrounded him and inspected his body. Seeing everyone acting concerned, Zhao Hai said, "I'm really fine. I didn't drink any strange medicine. Relax."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others relaxed. Xiong Li then looked at Zhao Hai in confusion and said, "That's not right. You didn't drink anything? Then how can you be strong enough to repel a silverback gold-winged bug? Don't tell me you're really that strong?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said ,"Boss Xiong is correct. I'm that strong. Actually, it's not purely my own. My weapon is also very powerful." Then as he said that, Zhao Hai turned his hand and took out Liquid Silver.

Xiong Li and the others proceeded to inspect Liquid Silver, but they couldn't find anything special about it. Zhao Hai saw their expressions and couldn't help but smile. Then under Xiong Li and the others' gaze, Liquid Silver transformed and turned into a shield.

Xiong Li and the others stared as Zhao Hai transformed Liquid Silver into 18 different weapons before turning back into a staff. It took a while before Zhao Hai's brothers were able to recover. Looking at the staff in Zhao Hai's hand, Xiong Li's eyes shone as he said, "Little Hai, what is that thing? How can it transform?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Can you remember a legend back in the Machine Field? The one about a certain weapon that was left unfinished?"

When they heard Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others gawked. If it was mentioned that there was an unfinished weapon in the Machine Field, people would immediately think about Liquid Silver. It's quite a famous legend.

Xiong Li and the others looked at Zhao Hai in shock. Sun Fei said, "Brother Hai, you mean that this is the unfinished weapon that Leng Wuyeng left behind?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he nodded and said, "Correct. This is the weapon that Senior Leng Wuyeng failed to complete. I managed to finish it and gave it the name Liquid Silver. What do you think? Pretty good right?"

Dongfang Yu's head was in disarray, he looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "How is that possible? Didn't people say that nobody can complete that weapon? How did you do it?"

Zhao Hai chuckled and said, "I used a clever method..." then Zhao Hai told them about numerous methods that Liquid Silver could be completed. While listening to Zhao Hai, Dongfang Yu had no choice but to believe him. The brothers couldn't help but shift their gazes towards the staff in Zhao Hai's hand.

They had heard about this weapon. It was said that Leng Wuyeng made this weapon in order to combat the Cultivation Realm. Its might was supposed to be peerless, but it was left unfinished. Now that it had been completed, it allowed Zhao Hai to repel a silverback gold-winged bug. Wasn't it too strong?

Zhao Hai looked at his brothers and said, "It's because of this staff that I managed to defeat the silverback gold-winged bug. Liquid Silver is most suitable to those who are both Mages and Warriors. I happen to practice both professions, so I managed to display its powerful might."

Xiong Li and the others nodded, they couldn't help but look at Zhao Hai in envy. Seeing their expressions, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's no need to feel envious. I'm currently looking for a way to make replicas of Liquid Silver. Although it wouldn't be as strong, it would still be stronger than most staff and weapons. If I managed to do it, I'll definitely give you one."

Hearing Zhao Hai say this, Xiong Li and the others' eyes lit up. Sun Fei said, "Elder Brother Hai, are you telling the truth? I heard that Liquid Silver requires a lot of materials. Moreover, most of it has been depleted. Can you still make replicas of it?"

Xiong Li and the others stared at Zhao Hai, afraid that Zhao Hai would tell them that he couldn't do it. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, some materials can be substituted. However, this will make the replicas weaker. But I can assure you that its ability to transform will be retained."

When Zhao Hai said this, the brothers cheered. This was excellent news for them. A transforming weapon, whether to a Mage or a Warrior, was a very good item to have.

It took some time before Xiong Li and the others calmed down. At this time, Li Kuangren looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Right, Little Hai, since you're fine, why did you close up? You made us worried for nothing."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I closed up, but does that mean that I have taken a forbidden potion? Hehe. If they want to think like that, then let them. When the time comes, I'll clean them up in the competition. As long as we make good achievements, we no longer need to care about them. We'll establish our own base and be independent."

Dongfang Yu nodded and said, "Right, we can be independent. Also, after we're done here, I'll teach you the Divine Fire Dragon Art. When that time comes, we brothers can run rampant in the battlefield."

The group laughed. They were looking forward to their glorious future!

#### Chapter 1226: The True Goal Of The Elimination Round

The reason Zhao Hai revealed Liquid Silver was because he was preparing for the future. He clearly didn't take a forbidden potion. Although everyone was thinking that he did, they would certainly know the truth once the competition began. When that time comes, Zhao Hai would need a reason for his immense strength.

Liquid Silver was the best reason. It already had a great reputation not only in the Machine Field but also in the Cultivation Realm. If Zhao Hai puts forth that this was the reason for his strength, then it's highly probable that people would be convinced.

The group chatted for a while before Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "I'll stay closed up in the next few days. You act the same as before, don't let anyone have any ideas. Also, you should be careful of Streep. That guy hates me to the bones. I might not be able to do anything to him at this time, but don't worry. When the elimination round comes, I will kill him. Just look out for him before that time comes."

Dongfang Yu raised his brows and said, "Streep dares to plot? I don't like that guy either. Let's not wait for the elimination round. If I see the opportunity, I'll clean him up."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't bother with it. He can't do anything at this time. Let him live a few more days. Brothers, I'll head back first. Act as you did before." Then he disappeared back into the room.

Xiong Li looked at the spot where Zhao Hai vanished from and then sighed as he said, "No wonder Little Hai is so strong. I heard before that during a battle against the Zhang Family, the Ashley Family became

stranded in the Rainbow Meteorite Field. Little Hai managed to save them by using space magic and teleporting everyone back to Ashley family's planet. I found it hard to believe before, but now, it seems like Liquid Silver made Little Hai formidable."

Dongfang Yu smiled faintly and said, "We can't just put all merit to Liquid Silver. Little Hai is also quite strong himself. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to use liquid silver. I'm relieved now. Right, Boss Xiong, you said that we'll be independent in the future, wouldn't our families stop us?"

Xiong Li coldly snorted and said, "Of course they'll stop us. But we only need to get good results in the competition. Especially you and Little Hai. As long as your results are good, then even if the rest of us want to be independent, nobody would be able to stop us. After all, keeping us from each other is basically offending all of us."

Dongfang Yu nodded, then he said, "When we have the time, I'll teach you the Divine Fire Dragon Art. Let's see if those fellows from the Machine Field would still dare to offend us."

Xiong Li sighed and said, "The Divine Fire Dragon Art should be alright for Little Fei. But for the rest of us, we wouldn't be able to practice. And even if we could, it's just not compatible for us."

Dongfang Yu nodded, "Alright, then let's just kill Cultivators in the elimination round and snatch their cultivation methods. If Little Hai can unseal the Fire Dragon Sword, then he could definitely unseal those jade slips."

Xiong Li nodded and said, "I'm fine with that. Alright, let's head out. Don't let those fellows suspect anything. Act serious." The others nodded with a chuckle. Then they immediately put on their solemn faces.

Time passed by little but little. At this point, almost everyone believed that Zhao Hai consumed a forbidden potion. Looking at the solemn expressions that Xiong Li and the others wore, this belief was further cemented. There were all kinds of rumors saying that Zhao Hai has died or was going to. In any case, nobody was saying good words about Zhao Hai.

Xiong Li and the others didn't stop these rumors. Rumors were like this, the faster you want it to stop, the further it would spread. However, Xiong Li and the others weren't idling either. They were also investigating who started these rumors.

After several days of investigation, Xiong Li and the others finally traced the origin of the rumor. It seems like Streep was the one propagating fake news about Zhao Hai. With this discovery, Xiong Li and the others quickly thought back to Zhao Hai's words. Streep does indeed want to deal with them.

Dongfang Yu almost couldn't stop himself from killing Streep. In the end, he was calmed down by Xiong Li. Without anyone knowing, Dongfang Yu's temperament became more and more explosive since he practiced the Divine Fire Dragon Art. He was even more explosive than Li Kuangren. This caused Xiong Li and the others to be worried.

Days passed and the date for the elimination round was getting closer. The participants from the other realms had also arrived at Fabio Planet. They didn't come ahead of time thus they weren't caught by the recent battle. They suffered no losses and their numbers were healthy.

It was now three days before the elimination round begins. All participants had arrived. In addition to surviving for seven days in Fabio Planet, they must also hunt bugs and then bring back their useful parts. The more you take back, the more points you would gain. By the end of the elimination round, those who get the top 100 points would proceed to formal matches.

The past elimination rounds wouldn't have this high rate of elimination. Sometimes they would even conduct several rounds in order to select the top 100. This was the first time where the formal competition would immediately happen after the elimination round.

Upon hearing this information, Zhao Hai was happy. He was confident that his group would be able to reach the top 100. When that time comes, the Machine Field would obtain more benefits while their position in the competition would be higher.

Moreover, Zhao Hai knew from the Space the reason why the Cultivation Realm had the elimination round happen in Fabio Planet. This was because they wanted to cull the bug population!

The Cultivation Realm had no method to deal with the bugs in Fabio Planet. The stronger experts they send, the stronger the newest generation bugs would be. This caused the Cultivation Realm to be afraid. If they sent experts that were too powerful, then the bugs might gain the ability to get out of Fabio Planet. And with the Bug Race's reproductive ability, this would definitely be a great disaster for the Cultivation Realm.

Because of this, the Cultivation Realm needed another method to trim the bug race's population. This method was very simple, it was to send less powerful people and clean up the weaker members of the bug race. Although this wouldn't cause the bugs to be exterminated, at least it reduced its population. This method has been quite effective in controlling the bug race's development.

And as it turns out, it was time to trim the bug population once more. Because of this, it was decided that Fabio Planet would be the place for the competition's elimination round. This would serve two purposes, to conduct the competition, and to trim the bug population. It was killing two birds with one stone.

The Cultivation Realm also had another purpose. Through this competition, they would be able to eliminate the upcoming experts from the other realms. This way, the Cultivation Realm would stay on top of the six realms.

Cultivators could easily survive in Fabio Planet. Moreover, the Cultivation Realm had conducted multiple operations against the bug race. Because of this, the Cultivators were more experienced in dealing with the bugs compared to the other realms. This elimination round was heavily favored towards the Cultivation Realm.

The Cultivators had been culling the bug race's population multiple times now. And every operation would incur huge casualties. Now that the elimination round was going to be in Fabio Planet, they would kill the bugs while also weakening the other realms. The Cultivation Realm was using this competition as an opportunity to kill any future enemies to the realm.

After knowing about the Cultivation Realm's plans, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. The Cultivation Realm's plan was very good. Even if other realms knew about it, they still wouldn't be able to do anything.

Seeing that it was almost time, Zhao Hai decided to head out. He didn't want Ma Rulong to be too anxious. He said his goodbye to Laura and the others before he left the Space.

Just as he went out of Dongfang Yu's room, Xiong Li and the others immediately surrounded him. They knew that Zhao Hai was fine, but they needed to act in order to fool others. Therefore everyone was looking at Zhao Hai with worry.

The others also discovered that Zhao Hai had gone out. But this time, their gaze towards him was different. In the past, they always looked at him with fear. But now, their expressions were clearly showing schadenfreude.

Zhao Hai didn't care about them and just greeted Xiong Li and the others. At this time, Ma Rulong came out. He just heard that Zhao Hai had shown himself. So he went out and immediately asked, "Little Hai, you're out? How are you doing? Are you alright?"

Of course, Zhao Hai knew everything that Ma Rulong did for him. He greatly respected the team leader. So he stood up and then bowed to Ma Rulong before answering, "Team leader, I'm alright."

Ma Rulong went to Zhao Hai and then inspected him. Then he said, "Are you really alright? If there's anything you need, just tell me. I still have some influence in the Machine Field."

Zhao Hai knew what Ma Rulong meant. In the past few days, Ma Rulong had been constantly inquiring about medicine that can cure Zhao Hai's problem. It seems like the team leader was truly concerned about him. And now that he was out, Zhao Hai needed to tell Ma Rulong to calm down. So Zhao Hai told Ma Rulong, "Team Leader, rest assured. I'm really fine. You don't need to worry."

Seeing that Zhao Hai doesn't look injured, Ma Rulong nodded and said, "Alright. It's fine if you don't want to participate in the elimination round. Don't overwork yourself."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Team Leader, I'm truly fine. I'll participate in the elimination round. Moreover, I'll ensure that my brothers can enter the main tournament." Zhao Hai's voice was very low, only Ma Rulong and those very close by heard it.

Hearing these words from Zhao Hai, Ma Rulong's eyes couldn't help but shine. He looked at Zhao Hai and was met with an affirmative nod. Ma Rulong quickly turned ecstatic. He patted Zhao Hai's shoulder and said, "Alright. Then I'll keep my eye on you. You don't have to care about others. As long as you can accomplish what you said, you have already achieved the highest merit for the Machine Field."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Team Leader, don't worry." Ma Rulong nodded before he left.

Xiong Li looked at Ma Rulong and then looked at Zhao Hai. Confused, he asked, "Little Hai, why did you say those things to the team leader? Moreover, it seems like you give him a lot of respect."

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Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's because the team leader deserves my respect. Everyone thought that I took a forbidden potion, even the team leader. However, he didn't give up on me even though the Machine Field's higher-ups wanted to. Now, tell me, does he deserve my respect?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others nodded with understanding. Everyone looked at Ma Rulong's back, their faces showing their respect.

Now that Xiong Li and the others had completely seen Zhao Hai as a brother for life, everyone Zhao Hai deemed to be good would earn their respect. And those that Zhao Hai deemed evil were also their personal enemies.

But at this moment, Dongfang Yu remembered something. He looked at Zhao Hai and said, "So the news that you had taken a forbidden potion, everyone in the Machine Field knows about it? Does the Ashley Family know? How did they react? How is Margaret?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Second Brother, there's no need to worry about it. Margaret will have no problems. As for the Ashley Family, they're taking it well. The Ashley Family needs talent, and if they want to win talents over, then they need to treat me well. Therefore, there's no need for you to worry about my position."

Li Kuangren looked at Zhao Hai in confusion as he asked, "Little Hai, do you have close contact back there? Why do I feel like you know everything?"

Zhao Hai just gave a smile along with his answer, "Of course I know everything. Margaret's been telling me the news. Don't worry about it, nothing will happen. As long as we win this elimination round, all voices of doubt will disappear."

Li Kuangren and the others didn't ask any further. They already knew that Zhao Hai had a lot of methods. Moreover, Zhao Hai had already gained their absolute trust.

At this time, Streep walked in from outside. His face still held that eternal smiling expression, he looked like a good Young Master. After Xiong Li and the others saw Streep, their expressions couldn't help but sink.

Streep acted like he didn't see Xiong Li and the others' change in expression. He continued smiling as he said, "Hello Mister Zhao Hai. I have shown you my shameful side during our previous battle. I just realized that I don't know the immensity of the heavens and the earth. This time, since Mister Zhao Hai has entered seclusion, I'm sure that your strength has increased once more."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Mister Streep is too polite. But I really did gain some benefits in my recent seclusion. If time permits, then I would like to spar with Mister Streep once more." Streep gave a polite nod and said, "Very well, I will certainly spar with Mister after the elimination round."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Then see you at the formal matches."

Streep also nodded, "See you at the formal matches." Then he turned around and left.

The dialogue between the two was very polite. One couldn't smell even a whiff of gunpowder in the air. If someone had no idea, then they would think that the two were good old friends. Nobody would suspect that both parties wanted to kill the other.

When Streep left, Xiong Li couldn't help but snort as he said, "Little Hai, why the need to be polite to that guy? If it was me, I would have already dealt with him. That will wipe that smile off his face."

Zhao Hai slightly smiled and said, "He wants to joke with me with hidden intentions, so I joked with him with my own hidden intentions. He looks like he wants to test me, but I think he's showing off. He thinks that I'm already dead. But isn't that better? Let's see him smile after we deal with him in the elimination round."

Dongfang Yu let out a long breath and said, "It seems like even if we don't look for him in the elimination round, he'll be the one looking for us. Streep has won over a lot of people lately. I'm afraid these people would join him in attacking us."

Zhao Hai replied, "Me becoming the champion of the realm qualifiers offended a lot of people. Now that I have fallen, they would take the opportunity and take my place. I won't blame them for it, but I just hope that they don't regret their decision."

Li Kuangren coldly snorted and said, "Of course they'll regret it. They'll regret ever stepping foot on this planet."

Sun Fei sneered as well, "Those idiots. Even if I'm all alone, I still won't side with Streep. That guy is obviously a villain at first glance. Those who get convinced by Streep won't even know how they will die. They always think about benefits, now look where it got them."

Zhao Hai chuckled, "They'd better not follow Streep in attacking me. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to stop myself from adding them into my Undead Army."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Sun Fei was curious. Sun Fei got closer to Zhao Hai and said, "Elder Brother Hai, I've been hearing about your Undead army for some time now. How many Undead do you have? 1000? 2000? 10,000?" Xiong Li and the others were also very curious. They heard that Zhao Hai had raised an impressive number of Undead creatures. However, they had never seen Zhao Hai use any Undead.

Zhao Hai looked at Sun Fei and said, "I'll let you see them when the elimination round starts. I assure you that I have more Undead than you can imagine."

Xiong Li and the others stared at Zhao Hai, not convinced at all. Li Kuangren held Zhao Hai's shoulders and said, "Kid, you better tell us now. Or else, things will get ugly."

Zhao Hai just laughed it off and said, "Don't worry about it. How about we go and have a drink? I haven't drunk in the last few days. I'm feeling thirsty."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Li Kuangren who was also a drunkard himself, immediately let go of Zhao Hai and said, "Alright, let's drink! Drink!"

Xiong Li and the others looked at Li Kuangren's abrupt change in attitude and laughed. However, none of them dallied as they quickly sat on the nearest available table.

The other people in the courtyard watched the group. But this time, instead of envy and jealousy, they felt a bit of joy and happiness. In their eyes, Zhao Hai was saying his last goodbyes.

Three days went by quickly and the elimination round was about to start. Zhao Hai didn't feel anything. This time, he was certain to pass the elimination round. There was no need to be anxious.

Zhao Hai wasn't anxious, but this doesn't mean that others felt the same. Xiong Li and the others were a bit nervous. After all, they would have to face the bugs that they fought last time. Not only that, they would also face the participants from the other realms. Those people weren't easy to deal with either.

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The day of the elimination round.

Zhao Hai walked out of his room and saw Xiong Li and the others already waiting for him. Everyone's faces looked serious. Zhao Hai couldn't help but chuckle as he looked at them and said, "What's wrong? Didn't have enough sleep?"

Xiong Li sighed and said, "I can't sleep. Damn. I have been waiting for this day for a long time. But now it's here, I suddenly don't know what to do."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Don't be nervous about it. Especially now that we don't have to be on our own. Just relax." Then as he said that, Ma Rulong came out of his room. Everyone else was also out in the courtyard. Everyone had nervous looks on their faces.

Nobody could blame them for being nervous. After all, today they will not only face the Bug Race, they will also go against the various geniuses from the other realms. Among the participants in the competition, the Machine Field had the worst when it came to raw strength. In almost every competition, the Machine Field would populate the bottom 100.

Ma Rulong looked at the participants in the courtyard and saw that everyone was divided into three groups. The first group was led by Streep. It was the largest group with more than 30 people. The next group was headed by Zhu Chen with members numbering more or less 20. The last and smallest group

was Zhao Hai's with only five members. As for the rest, they had perished in the last two battles against the bugs.

Ma Rulong looked at their nervous eyes as he lightly sighed and said, "Let's go." Then he led the other team leaders to leave the courtyard.

Their target was the transmission formation. People from the other realms didn't go to Base Number 5 since only the Machine Field were assigned to the base. People from the other realms went to other bases in order to participate in the elimination round. And each realm would enter a different transmission formation at a different base.

Zhao Hai and the others already knew that the location for the elimination round would be the underground of Fabio Planet. The underground of Fabio Planet was the world of the Bug Race. Countless bugs constantly dug tunnels to the point where nobody knew where the beginning was nor the end.

These underground transmission formations were also established by the Cultivators, albeit at a high price. This was in order for the bugs underground to be regularly cleaned up.

When Zhao Hai and the others arrived at the transmission formation, they saw Zheng Li already there. As soon as he saw the Machine Field's people, Zheng Li quickly walked forward and then gave Ma Rulong his greetings, "Team Leader Ma, everything is ready."

Ma Rulong nodded, then he waved his hand. This was a signal for Zhao Hai and the other participants to enter the transmission formation. When Zheng Li saw Zhao Hai, he quickly stepped forward. Then after giving a salute, he said, "Zhao Hai, I'll have to thank you. No matter the reason, you still saved Base Number 5. Thank you very much."

Zhao Hai hastily returned the salute. Then he smiled faintly and said, "There's no need to be polite. It wouldn't be proper for me to not move while being inside the Base. Otherwise, my friend would be involved. This is a fight between humans and bugs, this has nothing to do with realms."

Zheng Li nodded. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, you're an unlikely friend that I gained. I wish you luck. I hope you live and return."
Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Then I'll take advantage of your good wishes. Rest assured, I will certainly live and return!" Zheng Li nodded. Then he waved to a person nearby who started the transmission formation. It didn't take long before Zhao Hai and the others vanished.

Zhao Hai felt a flash of white light before he felt a bit dizzy. But as the light slowly faded away, Zhao Hai suddenly felt a dangerous intent coming straight towards him. He immediately shouted, "Be alert! The bugs are here!"

As he shouted, Zhao Hai erected a 50-layer formation shield that protected his group. Xiong Li and the others also took their weapons out.

As soon as the others heard Zhao Hai's shout, they knew that they couldn't treat this matter lightly. Zhao Hai had reminded them several times before, and each warning was real. At this point, all of them believed in Zhao Hai's words.

Sure enough, as the light vanished, the Machine Field's participants saw themselves stunned. The cave was several hundred meters high and spanned nearly ten thousand square meters. Naturally, the size of this cave wasn't the surprising aspect. The cave was full of bugs. One of those bugs were the eight-legged bugs they had fought before. The sight caused everyone present to feel their hairs go up.

While the Machine Field's participants were dumbfounded, the insects quickly threw themselves towards the transmission formation. Even Zhao Hai was feeling cold as he saw the amount of bugs present.

Zhao Hai quickly said, "Let's go!" Then he waved his hand causing Xiong LI and the others to disappear from the transmission formation.

Others weren't as lucky. Upon seeing the approaching bugs, everyone else from the Machine Field immediately turned frantic. Spells and sword qi were sent forth with no abandon. A lot of those present took out their secret items and used them.

Mages repeatedly used their staff as they sent 100-layer formations to both attack and defend.

Warriors were doing the same. They waved their weapons non-stop as they sent sword qi. Some warriors also took out some bombs from their spatial equipment. The battle quickly turned vicious. But as this was happening, Zhao Hai and the others had appeared in another cave with no insects inside.

As soon as they reappeared, Zhao Hai let out a breath of relief. He found this place through the Space's monitor. But when he recalled the scene just now, he couldn't help but feel cold.

Xiong Li and the others also let out long breathes. Sun Fei wiped a cold sweat as he said, "That was terrifying. How many bugs were there? 10 thousand? 20 thousand? 50 thousand? 100 thousand? There's too many to count."

As he breathed out, Dongfang Yu added, "Why do I feel that the bugs knew that we would appear there. Were they waiting for us?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I feel the same way. It seems like the bugs were not fools. Conversely, they seem to be very clever. It's possible that they knew about the transmission formation a long time ago. Therefore, they waited there. Upon seeing us appear, they immediately attacked. I didn't expect them to be this intelligent."

Li Kuangren nodded and said, "Right, I didn't expect those insects to be intelligent. Little Hai, didn't you say that you'll fight the bugs using your Undead? How about now?"

Xiong Li and the others turned to look at Zhao Hai. Dongafang Yu nodded and said, "Right, Little Hai. I really want to see how many Undead you have."

Zhao Hai looked at the others and couldn't help but laugh. Then he said, "Alright, since you want to see my Undead Army, here it is!" Then he waved his hand and sent out a batch of Undead from the Space.

Chapter 1228: Undead vs Bugs

The cave that Zhao Hai and the others were in wasn't very big. It was about 200 meters in height and more than 300 meters wide in all directions. When Zhao Hai waved his hand, this entire cave was filled with Undead.

Each Undead was wearing bone armor and exuded formidable might. The Undead were also arranged in a square formation. All of them were in front of Zhao Hai.

Xiong Li and the others stared at these Undead. Although they knew that Zhao Hai had a lot, they didn't expect this much. They were too shocked to talk, wasn't this too much?

Zhao Hai looked at his brothers and smiled as he said, "How is it, is it a lot? These are just a part of my entire Undead army."

Xiong Li and the others recovered. Xiong Li looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Part? These Undead, they are just a part of your entire army?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "It's a fraction of my entire army. Alright, let's move on. Everyone, let's go and kill some bugs."

Xiong Li and the others were in a daze. At first they didn't know who Zhao Hai was speaking to. But after a short pause, they finally understood.

Just as Zhao Hai's voice fell, the Undead immediately began to walk line by line outward. Their actions were fast but their formation stayed organized.

Xiong Li and the others stared at the Undead. After some time, Xiong Li breathed out and said, "Little Hai, these Undead are as organized as an army. How did you do it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I refined these Undead using a special method, so they're all very intelligent. I also selected a few Undead to lead the others. This way, things can stay organized. And after some training, it led to this."

Xiong Li and the others nodded. Although they haven't heard of Zhao Hai's method before, it sounded believable. Therefore, they didn't have any suspicions.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "Let's go. The Undead are about to clash with the bugs." Xiong Li and the others didn't decline. The group immediately went out of the cave.

Naturally, these Undead were controlled by Laura and the others. They treated battles like these as games. Zhao Hai also liked to give them this job so that they wouldn't be so bored inside the Space.

Zhao Hai and the others slowly proceeded. Before long, roars were heard in the distance. Zhao Hai didn't stop and instead flew forward. After a few turns, they finally saw the battle between the Undead and the bugs.

It was in a small cave. The Undead lined up in neat formation as they fought the bugs. The Undead were uniformly armed. Those in front held up their shields and their blades. The Undead behind them were using spears to attack. And on the very back were Undead archers. It was ordered and perfect. This caused them to become a meat grinder for the attacking bugs.

Xiong Li and the others looked at this fight and discovered that the Undead's individual strength was also extraordinary. They had had least level 3 strength. Most importantly, they don't fear death nor do they feel tired.

What made Xiong Li and the others even more shocked were the Undead Cavalry. These Undead rode on top of bone beasts and had lances as weapons. They would conduct charges towards the bugs, causing massive casualties to the enemy.

Additionally, there were also Mages among the Undead army. Although these Mages didn't use Magic Theory and only used lower realm spells, their lethality wasn't weak.

The Undead Archers were armed with explosive arrows. Each explosion would kill groups of bugs. Even if the bugs were well-armored, they unexpectedly fell after being hit with these explosions.

What Xiong Li and the others didn't know was that these Undead were shooting arrows that came with blood lightning beads. Now that the Space had leveled up, the blood lightning beads had also increased in strength. Its might have become at least three times stronger compared to before. Because of this, the blood lightning beads were able to kill the bugs.

The bugs also couldn't be underestimated. Xiong Li and the others saw the advantages of the bugs when it comes to fighting in caves. The bugs could crawl on the walls in order to attack in more favorable

angles. They could crawl to the ceilings and jump down to attack their enemies. Because of this, even if you flew in the air, you still weren't safe from being attacked.

At this time, there were a lot of insects that had crawled up the cave walls. However, not even waiting for these bugs to fall down, the Archers and Mages were already beginning to shoot them down. And if some survived the fall, the Undead on the ground would end them soon after.

The Undead began to start changing their tactics. They gradually reformed the square formation and then formed a circle. This circle rotated as it slowly advanced.

With this change in form, the speed in which the bugs were killed had increased. Meanwhile, all the bug corpses were being separated by the Undead in the back, waiting for Zhao Hai and the others to collect them.

Seeing this situation, Sun Fei muttered, "I'm suddenly regretting why I didn't choose to be a Dark Mage. If I had this much Undead, I could also kill the bugs with ease."

Xiong Li and the others recovered from their daze upon hearing this. They began to nod in agreement. Then they turned to Zhao Hai with envy. Dongfang Yu sighed and said ,"It seems like Zhao Hai wasn't joking when he said that he'll make us enter the top 100 smoothly. With this much Undead, it would be difficult for us to be eliminated."

Zhao Hai just smiled. To be honest, if not for the elimination round's rules, then he might have already turned these bugs into Undead. But since the elimination round required these bugs to gain points, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. This was such a waste of material.

However, since he needed to progress in the competition, he can only endure. In any case, Fabio Planet had already been mapped into the Space. He could come here at any time later.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown. In the past few days, he sent out silver needles to map the entire Fabio Planet. This way, he could see the terrain and find a queen nest. This way, he could send it to the Space and then gain the bug race's incredible evolutionary ability.

However, before Zhao Hai could celebrate, something unexpected came up. These silver needles were easily discovered by the bugs. Everywhere these needles went, the bugs would immediately attack it. This caused Zhao Hai to be confused. He didn't know how the bugs were able to discover the needles.

Only after communicating with the silverback gold-winged bug did Zhao Hai know the reason. The bugs were more sensitive than humans. Humans use their spiritual force to feel their surroundings while bugs were born with it through instinct. This intuition was very formidable. As soon as they feel a small change, the bugs will immediately look into it using their own spiritual force. Naturally, they would be able to find the silver needles.

This was especially true to the bug race. Even if the change was at a size of a grain of sand, the bugs would sense it. And the closer it was to the nest, the more on guard the bugs would be. Using silver needles to get close to the nest was almost impossible.

Zhao Hai originally wanted the needles to go Underground, but it was evident that it wouldn't work. No matter where in Fabio Planet, he would be blocked by the bugs. In the end, he could only give up on this plan.

After putting plan to use silver needles aside, Zhao Hai asked the silverback gold-winged bug if it could approach the nest. However, the beetle said that it's impossible. The bugs didn't rely on appearance for identification. Instead, they relied on smell and spiritual imprints. Although the beetle hasn't changed, the bugs would immediately discover that it no longer belonged to the race. When that time comes, the other bugs would certainly attack it. Moreover, the beetle told Zhao Hai that silverback gold-winged bugs weren't placed high up in the bug race hierarchy. This meant that it didn't have any qualifications to approach the queen nest. If it was divided according to human classification, silverback gold-winged bugs were regarded as local officials. They manage their territory and wouldn't have any qualifications to see the central government.

To be honest, Zhao Hai was very surprised upon hearing this information. He never expected it to be like this. Zhao Hai could remember the threat that the beetle imposed on Base Number 5. Even he took some time before he could capture it. But now, such an existence was actually a low-level official in the bug race, it wasn't the strongest being. One could see from this point how strong the bug race really was.

However, this also made Zhao Hai feel strange. If the bug race was this strong, then how could the Humans establish their bases on the planet. Moreover, how could the bug race allow Humans to perform regular killing of their lower-level brethren?

Zhao Hai asked the beetle about this issue. But the beetle didn't have any answer to it. It was only a lowlevel official, so it doesn't know what the higher-ups were planning.

Upon knowing this situation, Zhao Hai could only shake his head. He can only take one step at a time and make a few trips to Fabio Planet to collect more bugs for the Space. Then he would slowly find a way to deal with this issue.

At this moment, the Undead were continuing their advance. The cave was becoming more and more spacious. Then in the distance, they could hear the sound of fighting.

Chapter 1229: Confusing Right and Wrong

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Fierce explosive sounds were heard around the transmission formation. Each explosion claimed the lives of several bugs.

These explosions didn't only come from the Undead Army's arrows, these also came from the bombs that theMachine Field's participants used. The might of these bombs weren't much, but its power was much stronger compared to ordinary level 4s.

The participants from the Machine Field relied on these bombs in order to maintain their defensive line. This allowed them to not be destroyed by the bugs in one go.

Streep's expression was currently ugly to behold as he kept sending spells. He didn't expect to enter a cave that was surrounded by bugs. If the current situation continues, then it would be impossible for them to break out.

When he thought of this, Streep's face became uglier. He thought of using the caves to deal with Zhao Hai, but now it seems like there's no chance. Zhao Hai ran away.

He heard that Zhao Hai was capable of space magic before. However, he hadn't seen Zhao Hai use spatial spells so he assumed that these talks were nonsense. But now, he could only believe, albeit already too late.

Seeing everyone around him putting up a last-ditch effort, Streep couldn't help but feel depressed. He didn't think that he who was hailed as a genius in the lower realms would die alongside these people in the hands of bugs. He was unwilling!

At this time, large explosions were heard. Streep stared. He was a very sensitive person. He heard that these explosions were different and didn't belong to the Machine Field's bombs. Moreover, these explosions seem to come from a distance.

Upon hearing this, Streep couldn't help but get hopeful. This only meant that someone was coming to rescue them. Streep looked around and found that another group was fighting the bugs in the cave. And it seemed like it was a large group of people.

Upon seeing this, Streep's spirits were elevated. He loudly said, "Brothers, people are coming to help us. You need to endure!"

Hearing Streep's voice, the others from the Machine Field stared. They were already desperate, but they didn't expect someone to come in their moment of despair. They quickly looked around and saw the Undead Army fighting the bugs. They couldn't help but cheer for a moment as a burst of strength filled their bodies.

Actually, there weren't a lot of bugs in this cave. The reason they looked like so was because they had filled up the cave.

Zhao Hai discovered this but didn't say anything. The reason he dealt with the bugs was to collect bug parts and also to rescue the others. No matter what, these people were lower realm ascenders as well as people from the Machine Field. Also, most of these people didn't have any grievances with him. Since he could lend a hand, then he would do it this one time.

But after this event, they would have to go at it alone. Zhao Hai would no longer help them. It can be said that Zhao Hai only helped them this time because he wanted to give them a chance at least.

The battle continued. These bugs simply didn't know fear. The only thing they knew was to attack, attack, and attack. However, the Undead were the same. They also didn't know fear. The Undead followed instructions and fought. The battle between these two groups would certainly be vicious.

As the bugs were getting extinguished, casualties began to appear among the Undead. This was inevitable. Zhao Hai was already numbed to these losses. He had seen this scene multiple times before.

Zhao Hai was still flying behind the Undead Army. As he was observing the fight, he would also take one or two useful parts of the bugs and send it to the Space. Naturally, Zhao Hai couldn't receive these things personally. So it was the Undead who did this job for him.

Xiong Li and the others were also witnessing the battle. However, they weren't as calm as Zhao Hai. They had been frightened by the battle happening below. It was too vicious!

What kind of battle would occur when two sides didn't know fear nor the word retreat? Xiong Li and the others hadn't thought of this question before. There was only one way to end such a battle, and that was through one side being totally annihilated.

Although it was the Undead and the Bugs that were fighting, their fighting was brutal enough to move Xiong Li and the others. They couldn't help but ask themselves. If those Undead attacked them, will they have any chance to escape? They certainly wouldn't dare think that they would win. They just wondered if they could escape.

But the answer only made them somewhat depressed. They knew that they didn't have any hope of escaping. It's more probable for them to be besieged by the Undead until they die.

The battle slowly continued as the Bugs were getting fewer and fewer. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai's Undead suffered much less casualties. Xiong Li and the others might credit this to the Undead's coordination, but Zhao Hai knew that it was because the Undead were very strong. Unless it had been attacked by a bug several times, the Undead wouldn't fall.

Seeing that the battle was about to end, Zhao Hai began putting away some of the Undead, leaving only a small part of them behind. Seeing Zhao Hai's action, Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but stare. But they quickly understood why he did this. Zhao Hai had too many Undead. Their combat power was very strong. If this kind of fighting strength came out, then the entire Machine Field would be shaken. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't want the Undead to look threatening.

Upon receiving most of the army, Zhao Hai was left with about 1000 Undead. At the same time, Xiong Li and the others began making their move. Zhao Hai used a 50-layer formation spell, Xiong Li and Li Kuangren sent forth their sword qi, Sun Fei also released a magic spell. As for Dongfang Yu, his attack was somewhat different compared to before. He was still using his fire dragon sword, but his attack wasn't the same. When he released his sword qi, it actually formed into a fire dragon.

But Zhao Hai knew that this wasn't Dongfang Yu's real strength. Since Dongfang Yu can now be classified as a cultivator, he definitely had flying sword techniques. The only reason he released sword qi now was because he was preserving his strength.

Zhao Hai didn't say anything. It wasn't only Dongfang Yu who was saving energy, he was doing so too. One should forget that there's still a potential enemy ahead, and that was Streep.

As the battle went on, Dongfang Yu turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, do we take this chance to deal with Streep? Keeping him alive isn't good." Xiong Li nodded and said, "This is a good chance to kill Streep. Nobody would say anything. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry about it. I still want to see what kind of tricks Streep would use. And we also need to get evidence, it's still too early to deal with him. Otherwise, the Water Temple would definitely look for trouble. Streep is their hope to gain benefits. I always thought that he's very strange. Therefore, let's take our time. In any case, he wouldn't be able to escape my palm. If he really wants to kill me, then I can just turn the tables on him."

Zhao Hai had the qualifications to say such things. This was because he still had that silver needle on Streep's head. This needle had followed Streep for a long time without being discovered. At any time, Zhao Hai can use this needle to strike Streep right in the brain, killing him immediately. But at this time, Zhao Hai wanted to see how Streep would try to kill him. If Streep used other people to deal with him, then Zhao Hai would gain another enemy to kill.

With the brothers acting in addition to the Undead, the bugs were quickly cleaned up. Zhao Hai made the Undead clean the bugs under the gazes of the others from the Machine Field.

These Machine Field participants were staring at Zhao Hai and the others. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be the one to rescue them.

Zhao Hai didn't clean up all of the bugs, only a portion. He left the majority for the other Machine Field's participants. No matter what, they were all on the same side. Zhao Hai didn't want to take everything for himself.

After cleaning up some of the bugs, Zhao Hai looked at the stunned crowd and said, "Everyone, the bugs have been cleaned up. This is where we part ways. Goodbye."

Just as Zhao Hai was about to leave, Streep's voice was suddenly heard, "Mister Zhao Hai wait a moment. This one has something to say."

Zhao Hai turned to Streep and said, "And what does Mister Streep want to say?"

Streep looked at Zhao Hai and then his expression sank as he said, "Mister Zhao Hai, why don't you explain why you fled and gave up on us earlier? And now, you seem to come back as a savior. Why is this?"

Streep's words caused Zhao Hai and the others to stare. Not only Zhao Hai's group, everyone from the Machine Field paused. They didn't expect Streep to ask that question. Wasn't this a stupid question?

Zhao Hai burst out laughing and said, "Streep, you're saying funny things. I gave up on you? What relationship do I have with you? Did you form a team with me? We aren't in a group, we aren't even friends. So why do I have to care about you? To be honest, I came back because I'm giving face to the Machine Field. I can choose to just leave all of you here to be besieged by the bugs until you die."

Streep coldly snorted and said, "You didn't come back to save us, but to kill the bugs. You want to snatch our prize? Since you left, those bugs are ours. You just came back to steal our spoils. You better leave them behind, otherwise you can't blame us for being impolite."

Upon hearing Streep, Zhao Hai as well as the others from the Machine Field understood what he meant. All of a sudden, everyone from the Machine Field were stunned! Chapter 1230: Seeing Li Chuchen

Greed!

From ancient times to today, countless people succumbed to this sin. Even countries and dynasties were wiped out because of this word.

However, one has to recognize that people were innately born with greed. They may be greedy for a small profit or greedy to live forever, but all were greed nevertheless.

Streep was obviously a person who knows people's hearts well. Everything he said was naturally fart. Its true purpose was to move the greed of the others from the Machine Field. This way, they would move together and deal with Zhao Hai.

Seeing the crowd's greed being aroused, Zhao Hai laughed and said, "It seems like you all think the same thing? Alright then, I'll give you all a chance. Those who don't want to be enemies with me can stand aside. Those who agree with Streep and want to deal with me, then go stand behind him. Everyone, please choose wisely."

As soon as Zhao Hai's words were heard, the people in the Machine Field became a hub of voices. Then one of them loudly said, "Don't listen to him. He just wants to divide us. We've fought hard and he just wants to take advantage of our efforts. We need him to account for his wrongs."

Another person added, "Right, give us our harvest back!" The others followed shouting. When Xiong Li and the others heard this, their faces paled. They couldn't help but tightly grab onto their weapons. They looked at Zhao Hai and waited to see what he would do.

Seeing everyone like this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile. He just wanted to see if there were other people who weren't greedy like Streep.

Seeing nobody from the crowd move after some time, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be disappointed. But then, a person's figure was seen walking out from the crowd. This person was wearing full-body armor and had a long dagger-axe in his hand. He looked like an ancient warrior that walked the battlefield.

However, when Zhao Hai saw this man, his eyes shone. This was because this person was Army Breaker Lu Dingtian, one of the top ten beginners of the Machine Field.

Zhao Hai had a good impression of Lu Dingtian. Although he was quiet, this person had formidable strength. Moreover, if he lost, he lost, and if he won, won. He accepted things for what they were. Seeing Lu Dingtian walk out of the crowd, Zhao Hai couldn't help but increase his impression of him.

After walking out of the crowd, Lu Dingtian stood aside and didn't speak. Streep looked at Lu Dingtian and couldn't help but get angry, then he sneered and said, "Lu Dingtian, is this what you want?"

Lu Dingtian looked at Streep and then coldly snorted as he said, "This Lu Dingtian is an honorable man. I disdain being on the same side as a villain. Streep, you're unqualified to teach me."

As soon as Streep heard Lu Dingtian, he angrily said, "Alright. Good, Lu Dingtian, you will certainly regret this."

Lu Dingtian coldly snorted and didn't say anything. He wasn't a talkative man, and with how much disdain he had for Streep, he didn't bother talking.

Zhao Hai didn't care about Streep, instead he looked at the others and said, "Nobody else? So everyone else agrees for me to leave everything behind?"

The people behind Streep moved around for a while. However, none of them exited the group and just stood in place.

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Alright, very good. I don't know if I'm being ungrateful to Mister Lu Dingtian, but how about we team up together, what do you think?"

Lu Dingtian heistated before he finally nodded and then walked towards Zhao Hai. Although Lu Dingtian preferred to keep silent, he wasn't stupid. In fact he was a smart individual. Otherwise, it would've been impossible for him to ascend. He clearly knew that if he only depended on himself in this elimination round, then he wouldn't be able to reach far. It was also because of this reason that he joined the majority of people in grouping up with Streep. With greater numbers, the possibility to live longer would be higher.

However, he couldn't stand Streep's actions. Moreover, Lu Dingtian knew that if Streep was trying to deal with Zhao Hai because of benefits, then there's no stopping Streep from doing the same to him when the time comes. Therefore, from the present situation, Lu Dingtain knew that staying together with Streep was no longer safe.

On the other hand, things were different when it came to Zhao Hai's group. Although Zhao Hai hadn't known Xiong Li and the others for a long time, they were close to each other and their friendship caused even Lu Dingtian to be envious. And from what Lu Dingtian saw in the past few days, Zhao Hai's strength seemed to be much more than what he had shown. This strength revealed itself from the fact that Zhao Hai was able to kill so many bugs.

Lu DIngtian knew that the others were idiots that had been blinded by greed. They haven't even thought that since Zhao Hai could kill all those bugs, then he could also kill all of them.

Due to all of these considerations, Lu Dingtian decided to leave Streep and move to Zhao Hai's side. At the same time, Lu Dingtian was also betting on Zhao Hai to win and that his action this time would make him Zhao Hai's friend.

And his bet was right! Seeing Lu Dingtian going to his side, Zhao Hai gave him a nod. Lu Dingtian didn't speak and just held his dagger-axe as he stood beside Zhao Hai. He was prepared to fight at any time.

Seeing Lu Dingtian's actions, Streep's eyes could almost spit fire. Lu Dingtian's actions were no doubt a slap to Streep's face, so how could he not hate him? But now his biggest enemy was Zhao Hai. Streep believed that as long as he dealt with Zhao Hai, then everything will be alright.

As soon as he discovered that it was Zhao Hai that had rescued them, Streep took out a jade charm from his spatial equipment and then crushed it. All of these talking were merely a means to delay for time.

Therefore, even if Li Dingtian moved to Zhao Hai's side and Zhao Hai was ignoring him, Streep didn't immediately move. Instead, he breathed in air to calm his mood. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, I know that you're strong. But aren't you aware of who everyone here represents? They're representing the strongest powers of the Machine Field. Do you want to be enemies with everyone?"

Streep was a smart and clever man. Lu Dingtian's move caused the people behind him to be confused. Although it seems like there were a lot of people on his side, these people were very unstable. If they fought with Zhao Hai, then even a single touch would burst this supposed unity they had. When this happens, then it would be impossible to constrain Zhao Hai. Therefore, he gave those behind him a hint that they shouldn't be afraid because of their backgrounds. They weren't just fighting alone, their families were with them. Zhao Hai wouldn't dare to offend any of them.

Sure enough, as soon as they heard Streep, everyone became calmer. They agreed to Streep's idea. Even Zhao Hai wouldn't dare offend so many powers.

Hearing Streep, Zhao Hai's expression changed as well. Then he said, "Streep, don't make excuses for your greed. We saved you, but you want to snatch out rewards. This is the only truth."

When Streep heard Zhao Hai's response, he couldn't help but be pleased. He heard the hesitation in Zhao Hai's words. As long as Zhao Hai was hesitating, then it would be easier to drag out time. This would allow him to squeeze everything out of Zhao Hai.

Seeing Zhao Hai go soft, Streep immediately pushed, he shouted, "Zhao Hai, I'm giving you the last opportunity to return everything. We will let you go. Otherwise, you can't blame us for being impolite."

When Streep said this, Zhao Hai suddenly laughed. Not only Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others laughed as well.

At the sight of Zhao Hai's laughter, Streep couldn't help but get startled. He found that he had misunderstood Zhao Hai. At this moment, Zhao Hai stopped laughing and said, "Streep, you're really naive. To be honest, when I felt your killing intent back in Base Number 5, I wanted to kill you. But since I had to give team leader Ma some face, I didn't make a move. I intend to just leave you to die to the bugs here. I didn't expect you to court death this early. You've been delaying for time aren't you? As soon as you saw me, you immediately crushed a jade charm to send someone a signal. If I guess right, then someone asked you to inform them when the elimination starts. That person wants to kill me. And this person should be Li Chuchen, correct?"

The more he listened to Zhao Hai's words, Streep's face turned uglier. He didn't expect that his plans would actually be seen through by Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at Streep and said, "Back in Machine Field planet, I managed to block Li Chuchen's three swords. This matter has become huge in both the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm. Li Chuchen lost a lot of face, so how could he just let it go? So before he left the Machine Field, he sent you a letter with the jade charm that can tell him where I am when you crush it. He should be rushing over here to kill me right now."

Streep looked at Zhao Hai with a pale color on his face, because everything Zhao Hai said was correct. Once he crushed the jade charm that Li Chuchen gave him, Li Chuchen would immediately come over to kill Zhao Hai. Streep didn't expect that everything he has done until now was discovered by Zhao Hai.

Despite his pale face, Streep coldly snorted and didn't say anything. Zhao Hai didn't wait for Streep to reply as he continued, "Because of what I did, Li Chuchen wants to kill me. But since he wants to kill me, then I would have to kill him. Keeping a person like that alive in this world is really dangerous."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Streep suddenly laughed and said, "Extremely arrogant. Zhao Hai, you look too highly on yourself. I can recognize that you're strong, but do you really think that you can compete with Li Chuchen? Especially now. You drank a forbidden potion that burned your potential. You should be much weaker compared to before. You think you can injure Li Chuchen with your Undead? Aren't you too naive?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Mister Li Chuchen, since you're here, why don't you come out? Isn't it beneath you to be hiding?"

As soon as Zhao Hai's voice fell, another voice was heard, "You think I'm hiding from you? I didn't expect you to be naive. You think I'll let you go since you blocked my three swords?" Along with this voice, a person flew in from a distance. This person was stepping on a blue sword. Naturally, it was Li Chuchen.

Zhao Hai looked at Li Chuchen, and with a faint smile he said, "Mister has become more elegant since the last time. However, it seems like I don't have any inexcusable feud with mister. Why must you cause trouble?"

Li Chuchen snorted coldly and said, "Who said that there's no enmity between us? You got famous at the expense of my reputation. This is the biggest enmity. Since you got famous by taking advantage of me, then you should be waiting for my retaliation. Are you prepared to settle your debt?"

Zhao Hai looked at Li Chuchen and then shook his head as he said, "I don't really want to kill you. After all, you're from Extreme Cold City. Killing you would cause a lot of trouble for me. But since you want to kill me, then I could only be impolite. Even if Extreme Cold City is hard to deal with, my life is still more important. I just didn't expect that the second Cultivator I would kill would be you."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Lu Chuchen couldn't help but sneer, "Zhao Hai, I really don't know where you get your confidence. Do you really think that you can defeat me?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Of course I could defeat you. However, your opponent wouldn't be me, he should be fine." Then as he said that, Zhao Hai pointed towards Dongfang Yu.

Naturally, Dongfang Yu didn't expect this. He didn't think that Zhao Hai would make him enter the stage. He looked at Zhao Hai in confusion, waiting for an explanation. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Second Brother, you just learned the fire dragon sword's methods. Don't you want someone to test your new strength? Since Li Chuchen is here, then why don't you clash swords? Don't worry about anything else, I'm here."

When he heard Zhao Hai, Dongfang Yu's eyes shone. He nodded and said, "Alright, good. He should be alright to test my sword with. I can now see how strong my fire dragon sword really is."

The two didn't lower their volume, so their conversation was heard by everyone. This annoyed Li Chuchen. Whether it be in the lower realms or the Cultivation Realm, he had always been deemed as a genius. But now, he was reduced to a person who someone tests their sword with. Li Chuchen was incensed, but he didn't say anything. He just watched Zhao Hai and Dongfang Yu, but his face failed to hide his anger.

Zhao Hai looked at Dongfang Yu as he smiled and said, "Second Brother, let's chat later. It seems like he'll be so mad he'll spit blood."

Zhao Hai's remark caused Xiong Li and the others to laugh. And although Lu Dingtian was putting on a serious expression, a smile couldn't help but bloom on his face.