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Chapter 1231: Plum Blossom Sword Technique

Li Chuchen was already pale with anger as he looked at Zhao Hai. He was a Heaven's Chosen. Normally, people would lose in arguing against him. But now, it seems like he has been put down by Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't say anything. Instead, he chuckled for a few moments as he talked Dongfang Yu into fighting. Dongfang Yu held his fire dragon sword in front of Li Chuchen. Then he sneered towards Li Chuchen and said, "I didn't expect the Cultivators to have tolerance this low. Losing a battle of three swords actually went to your head. This truly broadened my view."

Li Chuchen coldly snorted and said, "Yapping is useless. You will all die today!"

Dongfang Yu sneered and said, "You want to kill us? Then you need to prove yourself. Let Grandpa Dongfang test your sword first."

His words caused Zhao Hai and the others to laugh once more. Zhao Hai loudly said, "Second Brother, Third Brother Li said that those words don't sound great coming from your mouth. Hahaha"

Li Kuangren and the others also laughed. This caused the faces of Streep and the others to change. Even after seeing Li Chuchen, Zhao Hai still had the capacity to joke freely. There were only two implications for this. First was that they were simply insane. But looking at it, Zhao Hai and the others weren't crazy. The second reason was because they didn't treat Li Chuchen seriously. They weren't afraid of Li Chuchen.

Dongfang Yu waved his hand and released his fire dragon sword. But this time, he used his fire dragon art. The fire dragon sword immediately burned with fire. Then it surrounded Dongfang Yu like a fire dragon.

When Streep saw this, he couldn't help but shudder. Then his expression changed. Only cultivators had methods that can control swords like this. The Machine Field's practitioners simply couldn't do it. This could only mean that Dongfang Yu had learned a cultivation method.

Li Chuchen's expression changed as well. Then he calmed down as he sneered and said, "You want to fight me just because you managed to learn a flying sword technique? I really don't know what to say."

But let me show you a real flying sword technique.” Then he waved his hand and also used a flying sword technique. Before long, Li Chuchen’s blue skyfrost sword flew straight towards Dongfang Yu.

Although Dongfang Yu was a beginner in using flying swords, the sealed fire dragon sword has given him a lot of information. This information didn’t only include techniques and methods, it also included insights and experiences regarding those techniques. If explained in Buddhist terms, it provided Dongfang Yu with enlightenment.

Because of this, even if Dongfang Yu was a beginner in controlling flying swords, his experience wasn’t very bad. It was only because he hadn’t used such a technique before that he was quite awkward in using it, but he was gradually adapting to the technique. Naturally, he wasn’t fazed by Li Chuchen’s sword.

The fire dragon sword moved and swayed like a real dragon as it welcomed the skyfrost sword. Coldness and heat were two natural enemies, now two swords of the same attributes were going to clash.

Boom! A loud sound was heard. Dongfang Yu and Li Chuchen’s faces both changed. Dongfang Yu suffered a small loss since the time he studied the Divine Fire Dragon Art was too short. His foundation was still shallow.

But at the same time, Li Chuchen didn’t fare well. This was because the skyfrost sword was inferior to the fire dragon sword. In terms of sword quality, Li Chuchen also suffered a loss.

It can be said that the clash was somewhat even. Li Chuchen’s expression turned ugly. He didn’t expect his move to be countered to this extent. This was unacceptable. He coldly snorted and said, “Die!” Then he waved his hand as he commanded his sword to swing towards Dongfang Yu. But at this time, Li Chuchen’s eyes flashed a cold light. All of a sudden, a disk flew out and went straight towards Dongfang Yu.

The disk was very sharp, its entire body was pitch black. As it rotated, the wailing of ghosts was heard. This caused everyone who heard it to unconsciously shiver.

Dongfang Yu didn’t expect Li Chuchen to use such an attack. And it was now impossible to withdraw the defending fire dragon sword. But at this moment, a hand suddenly appeared and grabbed the disk. Then a voice was heard, “I said that Brother Dongfang needs to try his sword. Sneak attacks aren’t allowed.”

Zhao Hai looked at the disk as though it was an ordinary item then threw it to the Space. In the next moment, he reappeared next to Xiong Li and the others.

Zhao Hai's action caused everyone to shake, including Li Chuchen. That weapon couldn't just be easily caught. That disk wasn't a weapon of Extreme Cold City but was a weapon Li Chuchen gained from killing a Ghost Cultivator. It was known as spinning ghost disk. Its speed was fast and also had elements of a sound attack. Most importantly, this weapon was very sharp. Most weapons wouldn't be able to block it. Back when Li Chuchen faced the spinning ghost disk, he broke his weapon and was almost injured by the ghost cultivator.

He sneakily took out the spinning ghost disk in order to kill Dongfang Yu. He was very confident in the disk because of its speed and the timing. Dongfang Yu wouldn't be able to escape even if Zhao Hai wanted to save him.

However, Li Chuchen didn't expect his plan to be broken by Zhao Hai. Moreover, Zhao Hai dealt with it with ease, he didn't even treat it seriously.

At the same time, Li Chuchen began to dread Zhao Hai's strength. Zhao Hai caught the spinning ghost disk empty handed. Even Li Chuchen wasn't able to do this.

Li Chuchen couldn't help but complain about his bad luck. He didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so strong. He heard about Zhao Hai fighting back against the silverback gold-winged bug alone. Back then, he thought that people were speaking nonsense. And if it was possible, then Zhao Hai should have drunk a forbidden potion. But now it seems like Zhao Hai's strength was the real deal.

Zhao Hai looked at Li Chuchen, then he smiled and said, "Young Master Li, please be serious in comparing notes with Second Brother Dongfang. Rest assured, after your done, I'll turn you into one of them. Having you would be very interesting." While saying that, Zhao Hai gestured towards the Undead standing not far from him.

Whether it be Li Chuchen or Streep, everyone was shocked when they heard Zhao Hai words. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so ruthless. He even clarified that they wouldn't be able to survive today.

Li Chuchen's expression changed, he coldly snorted and said, "Very arrogant. You really think that you can kill me? I'll let you see my true strength!"

As he said that, Li Chuchen put away his skyfrost sword and then took out another one. Compared to the skyfrost sword, this sword was different. This sword was entirely white. The hilt looked like an ordinary plum blossom. It meandered and seemed to be unsuitable for grasping.

Upon seeing this sword, Zhao Hai stared for a moment before he smiled faintly and said, "I didn't expect Extreme Cold City to give you a plum blossom sword. It seems like you learned the plum blossom technique as well?"

The location of Extreme Cold City could be said to be a world of white. The scenery around the city could be called a plum forest. And the entire Extreme Cold City was a very huge plum forest. However, this plum forest wasn't just a simple scenery. This plum forest was a great formation known as the Plum Blossom Bitter Cold Myriad Sword Formation. It was a very famous formation in the Cultivation Realm.

The plum blossom sword technique was a legend in Extreme Cold City. It was a sword technique that was created by the founding ancestor of Extreme Cold City. It was said that the ancestor was watching the plum blossoms in cold snow when they created this technique. Once used, the plum blossom technique wasn't only powerful, the sword would also bloom like a plum blossom and then scatter snow around like plum petals in the wind. The technique was beyond beautiful once executed.

Although the plum blossom technique was the signature technique of Extreme Cold City, not anybody can use it. Only inner disciples of Extreme Cold City can learn the technique. Moreover, they could only learn the first nine moves. The other nine moves could only be learned by core disciples.

The plum blossom sword was as famous as the plum blossom technique. The plum blossom sword was a signature weapon of the inner disciples of Extreme Cold City. The forging technique of the sword was also created by the founding ancestor. Although the might of the replicas was just 1% of the original plum blossom sword, creating one wasn't very easy. It was impossible for outer disciples to get one. Zhao Hai didn't expect Li Chuchen to actually have one.

After hearing Zhao Hai, Li Chuchen couldn't help but sneer as he said, "I didn't expect a country bumpkin like you to know about this sword. But in the end, you're a bumpkin. Today, I'll let you experience the might of Extreme Cold City's plum sword technique!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Extreme Cold City's plum blossom technique has a huge reputation. So how could this Zhao Hai be ignorant of it? However, you can't see the true essence of the technique from just a few moves."

Li Chuchen just coldly snorted. To him, Zhao Hai's words were satirizing him, so he didn't listen to it. He waved his hand and released the plum blossom sword. Then he used the technique, causing the sword to tremble and then vanish from sight. White plum petals began falling from the sky and then headed towards Zhao Hai's group. This plum blossom was very beautiful. However, Zhao Hai knew that these plum blossoms were capable of taking human lives.

Zhao Hai was aware that Dongfang Yu's experience in battling with the new fire dragon sword was very small. Although he had obtained Fire Dragon Daoist's inheritance, it wasn't easy to comprehend and digest battle experience. It seems like Dongfang Yu wouldn't be able to stop Li Chuchen's attack.

Zhao Hai coldly snorted as he waved his hand and released a 100-layer formation. This formation exploded and then became a huge inferno. Its might seemed to burn the heavens and the earth. This inferno welcomed the approach of the plum blossoms.

Seeing Zhao Hai's move, Li Chuchen sneered and said, "Good, it seems like you improved compared to last time. But Zhao Hai, you are destined to die under my plum blossom sword today. I'll let you suffer the disgrace of being killed by Extreme Cold City's snow!"

Then as he said that, Li Chuchen's aura rose. Then at the same time he shouted, "The Plum Blossom born from extreme cold!"

After he said that, the plum blossom sword stabbed straight towards Zhao Hai.

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The plum blossom sword goes up, the plum blossom rain falls. The sky was blotted by the plum blossom rain, drenching Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai could even feel himself standing in a plum forest. The petals of the plum blossom looked like simple rain, he could also smell the plum blossom. However, this was what made this rain very terrifying!

The chills seem to go straight for the bottom of a person's heart. It gave a feeling that it could freeze a person's mind, a person's body, and a person's soul!

The Plum Blossom born from extreme cold. It was a move of freezing coming from the plum blossom. The domain imposed by the sword was truly outstanding. It seems like if one doesn't have real skill, then nobody would be able to deal with Li Chuchen.

Zhao Hai coldly snorted. He didn't take something out of his robe, nor did he use any spells. This time, he stood in the air and then stepped forward before punching out!

Nobody had ever imagined Zhao Hai to attack using his fist. Moreover, it looks like a very ordinary punch. Such a stance could be used by anyone in the World of Cultivation. And since this punch was too ordinary, there would be a million ways for the enemy to break it. If it was broken, then it meant that the enemy would have the initiative for attack. In this case, why would Zhao Hai use such a method? It was because of this that everyone was stunned.

Others might be clueless about the might behind Zhao Hai's fist, but Li Chuchen who was the recipient of the punch knew very well. Li Chuchen's current state wasn't so good. He thought that his move 'the plum blossom born from extreme cold' couldn't be blocked by the punch. However, once the fist met with the technique, Li Chuchen finally felt that he was wrong.

The fist was as heavy as the mountain, like a meteor. As soon as Zhao Hai punched out, Li Chuchen felt a huge meteor slamming into himself. The domain imposed by the plum blossom couldn't compare to the explosive strength of the fist. In almost an instant, the plum blossom domain was destroyed with the fist that could destroy the heavens and the earth. All of it disappeared like smoke!

Li Chuchen was shocked. Zhao Hai's fist broke his sword technique. And Zhao Hai's fist didn't stop. It continued towards Li Chuchen. The pressure seemed to wrap the skies, causing Li Chuchen to feel as though he was a person standing in the meteor's orbit trying to block it

A mantis trying to stop a chariot! This statement suddenly appeared inside Li Chuchen's mind. He discovered that his confidence completely vanished. As Zhao Hai's fist approached him, he actually felt genuine fear!

Li Chuchen was a determined person. He bit his teeth to calm his senses. Then he moved his hand and took out a turtle shell to block in front of him. It was a shield large enough to cover his entire body.

But it was also at this moment that Zhao Hai's fist arrived. Actually, Zhao Hai just stood in place, it was only the projected qi of his fist that travelled the distance and hit Li Chuchen's shield. There was a loud noise before the shield shattered. The fist, now unblocked, continued to hit towards Li Chuchen.

Li Chuchen felt the pain on his chest. The fist qi travelled through his internal organs. Li Chuchen felt his five solid organs and six hollow organs being crushed. He vomited blood. His two eyes stubbornly looking at Zhao Hai. He didn't think his gap with Zhao Hai was this huge. He couldn't even take Zhao Hai's fist.

This was also the final thought that crossed through Li Chuchen's mind before everything went dark. Zhao Hai waved his hand as black gas surrounded Li Chuchen's body. After the black gas vanished, what remained was Li Chuchen's skeleton.

Streep and the others stared at the skeleton wearing Li Chuchen's robes. It was also at this time that people discovered that Li Chuchen was wearing inner armor that was as thin as a cicada's wing. It was woven with gold threads that looked beautiful. But this time, a hole was in the middle of this armor. The size of this hole was as big as the fist that Zhao Hai just made.

What struck them even more was the plum blossom sword that kept floating beside the skeleton. It was as if the sword didn't notice that Li Chuchen had already been turned into an Undead.

Zhao Hai coldly snorted, then he turned his head towards Streep and said, "Streep, it's time to settle our account."

Everyone was still stunned by what happened. After hearing Zhao Hai's words, Streep and the others changed their expressions. Then everyone began to feel regret, especially Streep. His face was very pale. But this time, he wasn't pale with anger, but instead with fear.

Zhao Hai looked at Streep and the others and said, "I didn't really intend to deal with you just because I want to give face to the Machine Field. However, all of you wanted to deal with me. Especially you, Streep. Do you really think that I don't know about your ability? You rely on women to collect yin qi. Then you use this yin qi to improve your attacks. If not for the yin qi, you would just be an ordinary level

4 Mage. I can't blame you for using women like that, but only as long as they do it voluntarily. You can play with as many women as you want, that's your method. However, you shouldn't have killed them. You wear a gentle mask but behind it is a ruthless face. I initially wanted to deal with you when the elimination round is about to end. But who would've thought that you would find trouble with me first. You even pulled these people's backgrounds over to deal with me. You really think that I will submit? Streep, you're too naive. This is Fabio Planet's underworld. Even if all of you die, the Machine Field still wouldn't say anything. Now, since you want to deal with me, then be proud of becoming new members of my Undead army!"

After he said that, Zhao Hai waved his hand then Undead began appearing everywhere. These Undead immediately threw themselves towards Streep's group.

Streep and the others turned frantic. They initially wanted to beg for mercy, but Zhao Hai didn't give them the opportunity to do so. The Undead attacks were extremely sharp. And since they were in a formation, they were much harder to deal with. The defenses formed by Streep's group were quickly torn apart by the Undead. After being separated into smaller groups, it didn't take a long time before they succumbed to the Undead's attacks.

Xiong Li and the others looked at the scene with cold gazes. They were disappointed with these people so they didn't stop Zhao Hai. Moreover, they knew that Zhao Hai wasn't the kind of person that would let this matter go.

The only one surprised was Lu Dingtian. He didn't expect Zhao Hai to be this ruthless and kill everybody. Seeing the number of Zhao Hai's Undead, Lu Dingtian began to understand how Zhao Hai was able to deal with so many bugs.

At this time, the Machine Field's participants were almost wiped out. There were only a few alive, including Streep. Although his cultivation method had yet to be known by Zhao Hai, it has to be said that yin qi was very effective in increasing offensive strength. This was the reason why he was able to survive this long.

Naturally, this was also because the Undead Li Chuchen didn't join the fight. Otherwise, Streep wouldn't be able to stop Li Chuchen's attack.

Streep had deep despair in his eyes. While he was resisting the Undead attacks, he shouted towards Zhao Hai, "Zhao Hai, I'll do anything as long as you let me go. I ask you to let us off."

Zhao Hai looked at Streep and said, "I don't need you to do anything other than dying!"

Streep shouted back, "If you let me go, I'll tell you my cultivation method. This is a method used by an ancient cultivator. I already destroyed the jade slip containing the method. As long as you let me go, I'll tell you..."

Zhao Hai sneered and said, "I'm not interested in your cultivation method. And even if I was, I can still find out about it once I turn you into an Undead. I don't need you to survive, I can just wait until you become an obedient Undead."

As soon as Streep heard this, his final ray of hope vanished. He could only wildly curse, "Zhao Hai, you'll die like a dog. You have made so much Undead. Sooner or later, you will pay for everything!"

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "You don't need to worry about this. Now you can die with ease."

After he said that, Zhao Hai flicked his finger. Then Streep suddenly stopped moving. The spirit in his eyes began to disappear. He was dead, killed by Liquid Silver's needle.

Actually, Zhao Hai had long wanted to kill him with the silver needle. However, he needed to make Streep suffer for a while. It could be considered revenge for those women that Streep killed.

Streep's murder of women was unknown to Zhao Hai until a few days ago. When Streep cultivated, he would need a lot of yin from women. Some of these women were provided to him by Ba Dong, while some were enticed by him. However, a large part of these women were forcefully seized. These women suffered intensely as their yin was extracted. And then in the end, they would die. It seems like Streep had a sick hobby of watching women suffer. All of these were saved in his computer, waiting to be viewed.

Streep was still very honest some time ago. However, after he was particularly annoyed by Zhao Hai, he returned to his room and watched those videos. It was only then that Zhao Hai came to know about this matter. These events strengthened Zhao Hai's determination to kill him.

The reason why Zhao Hai revealed everything to Streep before killing him was because he wanted Streep to know why he was killed. What he did to those women was already enough for Streep to be executed.

Another reason why Zhao Hai decided to use the silver needle to kill Streep was because he discovered that Streep wanted to use a small nuclear bomb. If Streep managed to detonate that bomb, even if Zhao Hai survived, then a lot of Undead would be killed in the process. So before Streep could execute his final plan, Zhao Hai decided to just have the needle strike Streep's brain.

1. The five solid organs of traditional chinese medicine: heart(hsin), liver(gan), spleen(pi), lungs(wei), and kidney(sen). And the six hollow organs of traditional chinese medicine: small intestine(shao chang), gallbladder(tan), stomach(wei), large intestine(ta chang), urinary bladder(pang guang), triple heater(san jiao). The triple heaters were regarded as an organ that has a name but no form...

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The battle was already over. Everyone from the Machine Field was killed. Moreover, those who died had now become members of Zhao Hai's Undead army.

After dealing with these people, Zhao Hai made the Undead clean the battlefield. Every bug part was collected and piled up in equal portions on the ground. Then Zhao Hai and the others stored their pile in their spatial equipment, Lu Dingtian did the same.

Lu Dingtian's actions made Zhao Hai regard him as a friend. Lu Dingtian also didn't say anything and just collected his own pile. He was also beginning to look at Zhao Hai as a friend. But since he was embarrassed, he wasn't able to say his thanks to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't care about it. After taking his own pile, he looked at everyone and said, "Brothers, it's only us left. Hahaha. I reckon we're the most insane out of all the six realms. We already butchered our own people just as the competition began."

Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but laugh. They didn't think much about it. This was because they knew that if they weren't as strong as they were, then the ones who would die would be them. They felt no guilt about this event.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "We should leave this place and look for some bugs to kill. Otherwise, we wouldn't be able to get to the top 100. That would be troublesome."

Xiong Li smiled and said, "Killing those bugs is quite easy. It's not interesting. Right, Little Hai, what do we do if we run into people from other realms?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "What else can we do? If we can defeat them, then we'll kill them all. If we can't defeat them, then we can just escape. In any case, they would certainly try to kill us. The Machine Field really has a great reputation."

Xiong Li and the others laughed. They agreed that the Machine Field has a great reputation. However, this reputation wasn't a good one, but the reputation that they were soft persimmons.

Xiong Li and the others were confident in Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai was able to kill a top ten ranker of the Cultivation Realm with a single fist. With Zhao Hai's strength, why would they be afraid of the other realms?

Lu Dingtian looked at the brothers who were laughing and joking with a touch of envy in his eyes. Ever since he ascended, he had always been cautious. He wouldn't easily believe anyone. This was because he had seen a lot of geniuses that suddenly disappeared into obscurity. It was a world where a friend could become an enemy in the blink of an eye. Because of this, Lu Dingtian was never able to make any friends. He just cultivated and performed tasks given by his family.

Due to his lifestyle, Lu Dingtian was able to become strong. But at the same time, he was envious of people like Zhao Hai and the others who were brothers that cared for each other.

Zhao Hai looked at Lu Dingtian and then smiled as he said, "Old Lu, it seems like you're stuck with us. Rest assured, now that we're teammates, we're also friends. I hope that we can get closer in the future."

Lu Dingtian nodded but didn't say anything. Zhao Hai didn't mind it as he nodded and said, "Let's go. It's time to look for bugs to kill." Then after he said that, he led everyone out of the cave.

While Zhao Hai and the others were in battle, Laura released silver needles in order to inspect the surrounding caves. And not far from the cave that Zhao Hai and the others were in was a large collection of eight-legged bugs.

These eight-legged bugs can be said to be the Bug Race's most populous species. They were also at the very bottom of the race's hierarchy, completely made to be cannon fodder. These eight-legged bugs lived inside nests. However, these nests weren't queen nests of the Bug Race. Instead, these were nests that produced only eight-legged bugs. Nevertheless, the production rate of these nests was very astonishing. In a year, an eight-legged bug nest could produce more than 100 thousand bugs. Such reproductive speed can only be described as completely broken.

It was precisely because of this nest's reproduction that the Cultivation Realm needed to clean the bugs from Fabio Planet regularly. Although the strength of the eight-legged bugs wasn't on par with the Cultivators, once their number reached a critical degree, the might they could exhibit would be astonishing. Moreover, their offensive strength wasn't very weak.

The intelligence of these eight-legged bugs was very low, but their territorial instincts were strong. If other eight-legged bugs were to enter their territory, they would immediately frantically attack. After seeing the eight-legged worm nest, Zhao Hai was almost certain that the bugs that besieged them in the transmission formation were from the same group.

From the research that the Cultivation Realm did on the eight-legged bugs, Zhao Hai knew that these bugs were divided into two groups. The first group was called 'hunting bugs', these were bugs that go out and hunt for food. The other group was called 'guard bugs', the bugs that defended the nest.

Eight-legged bugs were omnivores. Whether it be other bugs or leaves or grass, they would all consume it. The hunting bugs' main job was to seek these kinds of food for the nest. The task of the guard bugs was much simpler. Their duty was to protect the bug nest.

The insane reproductive ability of the eight-legged bugs would also cause trouble for themselves. Bug tides would happen all over Fabio Planet due to the bugs being overpopulated. When it's time for a bug tide, they would target the Cultivation Realm's bases as well as other bug groups. This wouldn't only reduce the number of eight-legged bugs, it would also provide food for other bugs.

For the Bug Race, nothing was inedible. As long as it can provide them with energy, then it was food.

Naturally, the bugs that attacked Zhao Hai and the others were hunting bugs. But now that they were heading to the bug nest, they would fight the guard bugs soon.

Zhao Hai was aware of all of these, but the others weren't. They just followed Zhao Hai and carefully flew forward. Zhao Hai and the others were now quite close to the nest. They would arrive in about half an hour.

Before long, they arrived in the nest's territory. Zhao Hai waved his hand, causing everyone to stop and look at him. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Wait a moment." Then he waved his hand and a large number of Undead appeared. Shortly after being summoned, the Undead attacked the bug nest.

The bug nest was divided into multiple layers with countless caves. These caves were connected to each other, forming a vast network of caves that only the bugs could navigate.

The center of the bug nest was a huge cave with a height of more than 400 meters and a floor area that spanned tens of thousands of square meters. There's a huge organic ball in the middle of the cave that housed the eight-legged bug queen. This was also the structure that the guard bugs protected.

Several circular paths were on the periphery of this huge bug nest. Each passage was about 3-400 meters wide and 200 meters high. Eight-legged bugs patrol these paths regularly. On each passage would be 10 thousand patrolling bugs. It could be estimated that the number of bugs in this nest numbered in the hundreds of thousands.

Zhao Hai and the others were now in the outermost region of the nest. All in all, Zhao Hai released 5000 Undead. They would be the first line against the bugs.

Zhao Hai didn't release too much Undead since he wants Xiong Li and the others to have a go at the bugs. Although the bugs were dangerous to them, the threat wasn't that huge. This would also allow Xiong Li and the others to get familiar with their weapons. If they relied on the Undead the entire time, then the purpose of the elimination round would be lost.

Xiong Li and the others were also waiting for an opportunity to raise this issue with Zhao Hai. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be the one to mention it. Naturally, they were glad with this arrangement. They immediately roared and took out their own weapons.

Among those present, only Sun Fei and Lu Dingtian's weapons weren't very good. Sun Fei was a Mage, and the Fire Temple had already prepared a lot of good things for him. His magic staff alone provided him with a lot of support. However, this weapon wasn't manufactured by Zhao Hai, so it didn't have the weapon shattering property. This caused Sun Fei to feel unsatisfied. But Zhao Hai already made a promise that he would prepare him a staff with weapon shattering once the elimination round was done.

The weapon that Lu Dingtian used was still the dagger-axe. He had used this weapon for several years so he was quite familiar with it. Moreover, after repeated upgrades by the Dong Family, the weapon became very compatible with Lu Dingtian. Since Lu Dingtian wasn't friends with Zhao Hai before, then it's a given that his weapon doesn't have weapon shattering. Actually, Lu Dingtian wasn't aware that Xiong Li and the others had weapons that had weapon shattering.

As soon as Zhao Hai and the others entered the first perimeter of defense, the bugs immediately found them. One by one, bugs began streaming in. Naturally, the Undead were being commanded by Megan and the others. At the same time, Xiong Li and the others rushed over and began killing bugs with their weapons. Only Zhao Hai stayed still and stood by, watching the battlefield with a keen eye.

With Zhao Hai's present strength, fighting the bugs would no longer benefit him. What he needed to do now was to make sure that Xiong Li and the others were safe.

Although Xiong Li and the others weren't weak, these eight-legged bugs didn't know fear. These bugs were tenacious. If Xiong Li and the others make a mistake, then they would be injured.

Zhao Hai took Xiong Li and the others here so that they could practice. They weren't here to go all out against these bugs. Naturally, Zhao Hai didn't want them to receive any injury.

This kind of guided trial was something that big sects in the Cultivation Realm only do to their Core Disciples. Most inner and outer sect disciples would never have gotten such attention.

This was also possible because Zhao Hai's strength has been greatly improved. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to do this.

Zhao Hai noticed that the battle had moved to open ground. Two more groups of eight-legged bugs joined the battle. Zhao Hai expected this, so he had more of the Undead participate in the battle.

Xiong Li and the others were now immersed in battle, shouting as they attacked the bugs. However, they weren't able to kill the bugs faster than the Undead.

The coordination between the Undead was perfect. This allowed them to dispose of the bugs in a very efficient manner. Because of this, it was naturally impossible for Xiong Li and the others to surpass them in killing speed.

Zhao Hai didn't allow Xiong Li and the others to kill the bugs alongside the Undead. The Undead were being commanded to perfection by Megan and the others. If Xiong Li and the others join in, then the Undead coordination would be destroyed. Therefore, Xiong Li and the others formed their own group and fought the bugs themselves.

It must be said that Xiong Li and the others weren't that much stronger compared to the Undead. Although they had more powerful weapons, they were still beginners in using it. On the other hand, when the Space leveled up, the bone armor and the golden combat suits were upgraded. The bone armor and the combat suits were no weaker than the Machine Field's items.

Zhao Hai stood in the air and would often shoot spells to support Xiong Li and the others. Seeing Zhao Hai's action, Xiong Li and the others didn't say anything. Instead, they felt relieved as they focused on killing the bugs.

The fight continued for some time. Due to Zhao Hai's support, Xiong Li and the others were completely fine and were happily attacking the bugs. However, the first one to give up was Sun Fei. Because he has gained new spells from Zhao Hai, Sun Fei was very eager to try them out. He tried each formation and ran out of energy before long. So he took a potion and then went to Zhao Hai's side to rest.

Zhao Hai didn't mind Sun Fei as he continued to pay attention to the battle. On the other hand, Sun Fei was observing Zhao Hai's actions. This was especially true whenever Zhao Hai made a move. Sun Fei discovered that Zhao Hai doesn't use formidable spells in order to save Xiong Li and the others. Most of

the time, Zhao Hai would use ten-layer spells, rarely would he use 100-layer formations. The amount of formation layers he would use was just enough to save Xiong Li and the others. He wouldn't waste energy.

As time went by, Sun Fei was able to somewhat take note of Zhao Hai's tactics. He found that Zhao Hai had been in a complete state of control over the entire battlefield. The moves that Xiong Li and the others did as well as the attacks made by the bugs seem to be under Zhao Hai's influence. Sun Fei noticed several times that Zhao Hai would prepare a spell seconds in advance. This showed how long Zhao Hai had anticipated the development of the battlefield. This ability to control the battle was extremely terrifying.

Sun Fei examined himself and knew that he would be unable to do this. However, he didn't feel depressed. He continued to observe Zhao Hai in earnest. Although he couldn't achieve the degree of Zhao Hai's ability, he can still learn a few things. This experience was important for a Mage. When to use magic was one of the most important things that a Mage needed to learn. Being able to gain this ability would increase a Mage's battle proficiency by at least three layers.

Time went by and Lu Dingtian was the next person to give up. After all, his weapon was still ordinary. Because of this, the battle qi he used was much greater compared to Xiong Li and the others. He drank a potion of recovery before going to Zhao Hai's side to rest.

Chapter 1234: Transforming Bug Nest

The eight-legged bugs were still frantically attacking. These bugs survive on instinct, so they didn't have any fear in them at all. The only thing they knew was attacking and killing their enemies.

Soon after, Xiong Li and Li Kuangren gave up. Although their weapons had been transformed by Zhao Hai, they still weren't able to fight for a very long time. They took a potion like Lu Dingtian did and then went to Zhao Hai's side to rest.

The only one left on the field was Dongfang Yu. Although his fight with Li Chuchen ended in almost an instant, it still made Dongfang Yu aware about the strength of the Cultivators in the Cultivator Realm. Without Zhao Hai's help, he would've already died under Li Chuchen's spinning ghost disk.

However, Dongfang Yu believed that he wasn't any worse compared to Li Chuchen. His only disadvantage was his short time in studying the Divine Fire Dragon Art. Otherwise, he wouldn't lose that easily against Li Chuchen. Therefore, Dongfang Yu made sure to use the current battle with the bugs to train his Divine Fire Dragon Art as well as his fire dragon sword technique.

It was at this moment that the difference between the Machine Field's method and the Cultivation Realm's method appeared. Xiong Li and the others were already tired, their battle qi was consumed, they don't have any capability to fight. Meanwhile, Dongfang Yu was still fighting. Moreover, he was becoming more and more skilled when it came to using his fire dragon sword. This also allowed him to be more relaxed in battle.

After watching Dongfang Yu, Xiong Li and the others finally knew why he was able to fight for so long. This was due to the difference between flying swords and sword qi.

Flying sword techniques allowed one to control their sword to fly and kill their enemy. Meanwhile, sword qi was akin to arrows being shot out by a bow. Once it was in motion, it could no longer be controlled. It was the same difference between artillery shells and remote missiles.

One must know that enemies that would just stand there to take the hit were very rare. Most of them would just avoid the attack. Even the bugs who lived on instinct knew to avoid sword qi. Even if they couldn't completely avoid the attack, they would still make sure that their vital organs weren't hit. In this case, taking someone's life using sword qi was very hard.

Flying swords were different. Once a flying sword was set in motion, it could still be controlled. Even if the bugs managed to dodge, the sword could still home in on their vital parts. This allowed Dongfang Yu to kill a large amount of bugs while keeping his energy consumption to a minimum.

With this thought in mind, Xiong Li and the others couldn't help but be envious of Dongfang Yu's luck in being able to obtain a Cultivation Method.

At this moment, Zhao Hai's voice was heard, "After this competition, everyone can also practice a Cultivation Method. Look, haven't we already gained a water-attribute method?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others stared. Then they immediately understood what Zhao Hai was saying. They managed to kill Li Chuchen who practiced a high-level water-attribute cultivation

method. Now that Li Chuchen has become Zhao Hai's Undead, this meant that they could also practice this water-attribute cultivation method.

But after thinking about it, Xiong Li and Li Kuangren weren't happy. This was because they were both earth-attribute. A water-attribute cultivation method was useless to them. Meanwhile, Sun Fei doesn't need to wait until the competition to learn Dongfang Yu's Divine Fire Dragon Art.

However, they still had hope. If they could kill a water-attribute Cultivator today, then what's stopping them from killing an earth-attribute Cultivator tomorrow? When the time comes, they would have their own cultivation method.

Seeing Dongfang Yu's sword technique becoming more and more refined, Zhao Hai stopped looking and instead turned to the others and said, "When we get a few more Cultivation Methods, I'll take a look at them first if they're good to practice. You should know that I have all the attributes. Right, Old Lu, what attribute do you have?"

Lu Dingtian paused for a moment before replying, "Metal attribute."

Zhao Hai stared, then he nodded and said, "Metal? That's good. Then we'll grab every attribute there is. This way, we can find appropriate ones in the future."

The fight with the bugs was nearing its end. Xiong Li and the others might not have killed a lot of bugs, but the Undead absolutely did. At this time there weren't a lot of bugs left in the passage.

Moreover, from what Zhao Hai can see, only the bugs from the first and second perimeter came to fight. The bugs from the third, fourth, and fifth perimeter of defense didn't move.

Before long, the battle was over and the Undead began clearing the battlefield. Xiong Li and the others looked at the Undead with envy. Xiong Li murmured, "Having these fellows is truly convenient. Especially at this time. Others have to divide the bugs to themselves while we can just sit here and chat."

Upon hearing Xiong Li, Zhao Hai and the others laughed. Dongfang Yu received his sword at this time, then he looked at Xiong Li and said, "Boss Xiong, how about you ask Little Hai to teach you summoning magic?"

Xiong Li immediately shook his head and said, "Forget it. I still have to learn magic then how to write magic formations. It's too troublesome."

The group laughed once more. Zhao Hai wasn't anxious to continue attacking. Everyone had just finished a battle and they needed to take a good rest. It would be unwise to attack now.

At this time, the Undead were done cleaning up. The bugs were divided evenly and every useful material were taken out.

Zhao Hai and the others didn't hurry in getting the materials. Instead, they sat down and then chatted. Although there were a lot of bug corpses around them, they were used to such an environment so they didn't care.

The reason why Zhao Hai was assured in taking a rest here was because he knew that there weren't any dangers in the surroundings, unless someone from the other realm or an advanced-level bug came. Besides those, no other eight-legged bugs were nearby.

This nest belonged to eight-legged bugs. And since the area belonged to this particular nest of bugs, eight-legged bugs from other nests wouldn't come near. This was because the territorial consciousness of the eight-legged bugs was very strong.

After resting for two hours, everyone had almost recovered. Zhao Hai gave a nod and said, "Let's go and continue the attack. I believe that there would be pleasant surprises waiting for us today."

Xiong Li and the others still weren't aware that they were inside a bug nest. Moreover, they weren't able to scout the area ahead of them like Zhao Hai. Also, this cave system restricted the use of spiritual force. This caused Xiong Li and the others to be relatively clueless about their surroundings.

In the past, the Cultivators wanted to map out the cave systems so that they could fight the bugs better. However, they soon discovered that it was useless. This was because the passages transform constantly.

These bugs would dig more caves and passages while also burying old ones. This caused any maps made to be scrapped.

After multiple explorations into the cave system, the Cultivators also found out that the bugs secret a type of mucus. This mucus is very potent. As long as it gets mixed in with the earth, it would make the ground as strong as concrete.

Most importantly, this mucus had the ability to restrict spiritual force. But once the bugs were killed, this mucus would quickly dry up, unable to be used. From the Cultivation Realm's investigations, almost the entire underground system was covered by this mucus. Therefore, whether it be the Cultivators or the people from other realms, when they enter the cave system, their spiritual force would be affected. One could use magic to explore, but spiritual force was impossible.

It can be said that having the elimination round here was giving Zhao Hai a home ground advantage. He can use the silver needles to explore the surroundings first. And since this was on the outer layer of Fabio Planet, advanced-level bugs were very rare. So even if the silver needle was found out, it couldn't be dealt with easily. Zhao Hai used the silver needle to perfectly grasp the situation inside this bug nest. Naturally, this gave him an advantage in the competition.

Additionally, Zhao Hai had a lot of Undead to help him hunt and kill the bugs. The results of this elimination round would definitely surprise a lot of people.

Although Xiong Li and the others didn't know about the situation ahead, they already had absolute confidence in Zhao Hai. In their opinion, the only thing they needed to do was follow Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai led Xiong Li and the others towards a passage. While they were flying, Zhao Hai suddenly heard Laura's voice, "Brother Hai, you need to take care. The fourth and fifth defensive line's bugs had reinforced the third defensive line's bugs. The eight-legged bugs that you would face will number 30 thousand."

Zhao Hai gave a short nod, indicating his understanding. Then he turned to Xiong Li and the others and said, "Boss Xiong, be prepared. A large number of bugs are ahead. There are more bugs there than we faced before."

As soon as Xiong Li and the others heard Zhao Hai, their expressions turned serious. Then they nodded and couldn't help but tighten their grip on their weapons.

Zhao Hai wasn't holding back this time and directly took out 20 thousand Undead to drive back the wave of bugs. Before Zhao Hai and the others entered the third line of defense, the bugs and the Undead were already fighting.

When the group entered the third defensive line, the Undead and the bugs were already killing each other. Xiong Li and the other quickly joined in on the battle. Zhao Hai was still doing the job of a caretaker. Not only was he enhancing the fighting abilities of Xiong Li and the others, he was also making Megan and the others adjust their battle formations in order to get used to the battles of the World of Cultivation.

Chapter 1235: The Straightforward Lu Dingtian

The Undead were very important combat elements in Zhao Hai's arsenal. Although they weren't strong right now and were only equal to level 3, their cumulative strength makes up for it. This allowed the Undead to become very powerful in the battlefield.

However, they also have their own issues. Undead needed to be commanded. They could fight on their own, but the difference between having a commander and not was very clear. The ones commanding the Undead this time were Megan, Lizzy, and Margaret.

Laura and Meg don't usually like to command the Undead, but Margaret actually took a liking to it.

On the other hand, Lizzy and Megan commanded the Undead since the lower realms. However, they found that the battles in the World of Cultivation were much more intense. No matter from which realm, their practitioners were much more formidable. Now, with the elimination round, Zhao Hai allowed them an opportunity to adapt to the rhythm of battles in the World of Cultivation.

Because of this, Zhao Hai didn't make a move against the bugs. In addition to overseeing Xiong Li and the others, Zhao Hai also left the Undead to the ladies.

Lizzy and the others were indeed improving. After several battles with the bugs, they had learned to adjust the Undead's formation according to the changes in the battlefield. Seeing them adapt faster and faster, Zhao Hai was very satisfied.

What surprised Zhao Hai was Margaret's interest in commanding Undead. He truly didn't expect this to happen. Zhao Hai thought that Margaret was only interested in supporting formations. Who would've thought that Margaret was also interested in commanding the Undead.

Compared to the last battle, this one progressed slowly since there were a lot more bugs involved. But during the battle, Zhao Hai noticed that Sun Fei's tactics were beginning to contain something special. In the past, Sun Fei acted like his attribute, hot-headed and straightforward like fire. His attacks were all quite fierce, which caused him to consume more energy than required.

However, his tactics were changing. He was no longer the same as before. Now, instead of pursuing the greatest attacking strength, he was now using efficient attacks.

Attacks with great strength completely differed from attacking with efficiency. It was just like people using a cannon to kill a mosquito. They could indeed kill the mosquito, but the power they used was too much. Although their attack was very powerful, it wasted a lot of energy if it only dealt with a single mosquito.

Using large-scale attacks reduced one's lethality. Without Zhao Hai's insane strength, even 100-layer formations wouldn't be able to kill the bugs.

Sun Fei was using large-scale attacks in the past battle. But now, Sun Fei was using 10-layer formations and even 5-layer formations. His biggest attacks would never exceed 50-layers. But even so, he was now killing more bugs compared to before. Moreover, as he was staying behind Xiong Li and the others, Sun Fei was beginning to pay great attention to Xiong Li and the others' actions. Whenever a great danger appears near the Warriors, Sun Fei would make sure that it would be eliminated.

Naturally, since he wasn't that strong yet, Sun Fei was unable to keep Xiong Li and the others completely safe. Nevertheless, he was heading in that direction.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but nod at Sun Fei's learning capability. Sun Fei observed him last battle and was now starting to apply what he learned. Zhao Hai was very satisfied.

Mages were smart people. However, there were Mages that were very stubborn. Once they see a solution to a problem, they would immediately stick to it.

A Mage's large-scale attack was indeed stronger than a weapon, but it heavily depended on the situation. If there were a lot of enemies, then this kind of attack would be very useful. This would greatly increase the speed in killing enemies.

But if a large-scale attack can't cause a lot of damage to the enemy, then it was better to help your companions by clearing the dangers around them. This way, they could fight in relative safety.

Doing so wouldn't only enhance Sun Fei's ability, this would also increase the efficiency of the Warriors. After all, a Mage's best weapon in battle wasn't their magic, but instead their control over the situation. Knowing when to use spells was the most critical ability to have.

This point might seem simple, but it was rare for Mages to achieve this. Even Zhao Hai wouldn't be able to achieve this if he didn't have the Space's help. In a fast battle, a simple mistake may develop into a fatal loss. If you cannot grasp the situation of the battle, then you would already be three points closer to a loss.

Grasping the changes of the enemy was also a type of control. It was impossible for a Mage to only use one kind of spell. And choosing a suitable spell for a specific situation wasn't easy. Mages weren't like Warriors who had a set of stances. If these stances were practiced to the extreme, then the Warrior would be able to use them at any time. However, a Mage's magic arsenal wasn't fixed. Even if one practices all spells, then they still couldn't guarantee that they would be peerless in the battlefield.

When the enemy changes their actions and you weren't able to grasp it, then your effectiveness would be reduced. Therefore, the most important thing for a Mage is control, control of the situation and the entire battlefield.

This ability of control couldn't be gained by simple training. Only through grounded actual combat could one gain this ability.

Although Zhao Hai was satisfied with Sun Fei's progress, Sun Fei was still beginning to train. Therefore, he still fell short in some areas. The one in full control of the situation was still Zhao Hai.

This fight ended up quicker compared to the last. First was because Zhao Hai released more Undead. And Second, because Lizzy and the others were beginning to adapt themselves to fighting the bugs and were now more able to coordinate themselves.

When Xiong Li and the others felt that they were about to run out of energy, their battle had abruptly ended. They weren't able to foresee this, so as they killed bugs, they suddenly found out that there were no bugs to kill. They were stunned for a moment before they recovered when they saw that the Undead were already cleaning the battlefield.

When Xiong Li found out about this, he turned his head to Zhao Hai and gave a dissatisfied glare as he said, "Little Hai, can't you make your Undead slow down? I haven't killed enough bugs yet, and now they're all gone."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Boss Xiong, you're too complacent. You already look like you're going to die, but you still want to fight. But if you really have some energy left, you can head further in. There's a bug nest ahead with tens of thousands of bugs left to kill. Moreover, since its the interior of the nest, those bugs would be more frantic. I'm sure you can fight properly there."

When he heard Zhao Hai, Xiong Li waved his hand and said, "Forget it. I'm not that greedy. Let's just use the extra time to relax."

Dongfang Yu laughed and said, "Boss Xiong, you should go. Not only can I assure you that you can fight properly, you would also end up being bug poop. Hahaha." Li Kuangren and the others laughed as well. Xiong Li didn't care and just laughed alongside them. They were brothers for life and death, these kinds of jokes were harmless for them.

While the Undead were cleaning the battlefield, Zhao Hai led the group back to a clean cave nearby. After they settled themselves down, Zhao Hai took out some dishes and said, "Let's take a rest here and wait until we fully recover. I estimate there to be about 60 thousand bugs in the bug nest. Since we're in the nest, those bugs would certainly go all out. Even if there are 10 thousand more bugs, we're still going to be fine. So we can relax here with no worries."

The group nodded. Since they trusted Zhao Hai, they didn't doubt his words. They took Zhao Hai's words as is.

Everyone took out their own bottle of wine and then opened it as they said, "Drink!" Then they all took a sip. Zhao Hai took out his finest liquor at this time. It's flavor was very pure, the taste was neat, and drinking it was satisfying.

After putting his bottle down, Zhao Hai looked at Lu Dingtian and said, "Old Lu, we brothers are going to establish our own base when we go back to the Machine Field. We'll be going on our own. Although we would still perform tasks, we would act independently. Are you interested in going with us?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Lu Dingtian's eyes shone. Then he nodded and said, "Alright."

Zhao Hai didn't expect Lu Dingtian's answer. Most people from external halls wouldn't prefer working alone. Although being independent seems like the smart move, this also meant that you would lose the family's support. This was the same as leaving the family. Since you can no longer benefit the family, then there's no reason to support you. There would no longer be potions, weapons, armor, and other things. You would now need money in order to purchase them. These weren't easy things to acquire, one would need to complete multiple tasks in order to afford them.

But undergoing too many tasks would hamper one's cultivation. Therefore, not a lot of people would choose to leave. Although there was no freedom in the family, everyone knew about the saying 'leaning on a tree to enjoy the breeze'. Leaving the family meant leaving the tree and undertaking the difficulties outside this zone of comfort. Not everyone would have the courage to do this. However, Lu Dingtian didn't even hesitate. This truly was out of Zhao Hai's expectations.

Chapter 1236: Attacking The Main Bug Nest

Not only Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others were also surprised. They looked at Lu Dingtian in puzzlement. They had known Zhao Hai for a long time, even long before the elimination round. On the other hand, Lu Dingtian had just recently joined their group. Agreeing to Zhao Hai's proposal that easily caused the others to feel that it was strange.

Xiong Li was a person who wouldn't withhold words, so he looked at Lu Dingtian and asked, "Old Lu, why did you accept Little Hai's proposal that easily?"

Li Dingtian gave a succinct answer, "I believe him." He always talked simply, as if saying one more word would cause him to waste a lot of energy.

However, when the others heard Lu Dingtian's words, their eyes couldn't help but brighten, then they all laughed. They raised the bottles and then took a huge drink.

After placing his bottle down, Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li and the others and said, "Brothers, it has been some time since we've known each other. We're also used to each other's temperament. And since we're going together after the competition, I was thinking that we might as well become sworn brothers with different surnames."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Xiong Li and the others stared, then their expressions lit up. Xiong Li loudly agreed "Alright, then it's settled. What do you all think?"

"I agree!" "I agree!" "I agree!" "I agree!"

Seeing that everyone agrees, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh, then he said, "Alright, then there's no need to wait. Let's do it right now." He waved his hand and an additional table appeared in the cave. Zhao Hai waved once more, causing three bug legs to appear.

Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li and the others and said, "Although I always bring food and drinks, I don't have the habit of bringing incense. Brothers, let's use these bug legs as incense. Is it fine if we use it to swear our brotherhood?"

Xiong Li laughed and said, "Of course its fine. The important thing is our conviction. Even if we use soil and leaves, we can still swear on our brotherhood. Let's do it."

Everyone knelt down before loudly expressing their oath, "With heaven as the witness, we brothers are willing to swear on each other. We shall be brothers of different surnames. We shall share sorrows and joys. We might not be born on the same day and year, but we swear to die together. With the heavens as the witness, we swear!"

After saying the oath, everyone kowtowed towards the table and then stood up. Everyone proceeded to assign names to each other. Xiong Li would be known as First Brother. Lu Dingtian will be Second

Brother, Dongfang Yu will be Third Brother, Li Kuangren will be Fourth Brother, Zhao Hai will be Fifth Brother, and Sun Fei will be Sixth Brother.

Becoming sworn brothers made their relationship a layer closer. Zhao Hai received the table and then everyone ate and drank heavily. It was as if they weren't inside a dangerous cave system.

However, Zhao Hai and the others were modest people... After drinking two bottles of liquor, they began to eat and chat for a while. Then they proceeded to take a rest. They had undergone two battles in a day, so Xiong Li and the others were very tired. When they lied down, they immediately snored loudly.

The reason why Xiong Li and the others dared to sleep like this was because they believed that Zhao Hai would take care of everything. Additionally, there were Undead guarding outside. This made them assured that they can sleep.

Zhao Hai also closed his eyes. He wasn't worried at all. The eight-legged bugs and the bug nest were under the Space's surveillance. It was impossible for them to be caught off-guard.

The eight-legged bug nest seemed to feel that it was in danger. The queen nest was desperately laying eggs. More and more eight-legged bugs were born. And just like Zhao Hai said, ten thousand bugs were born in one day. However, this would also damage the vitality of the nest. At this point, the queen could no longer give birth to so many bugs.

Zhao Hai and the others slept for about six hours. When they got up, they ate once more and then took a short break. At this time, Xiong Li said, "Little Hai, what do we do now? Are we going to attack the bug nest that you talked about?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Of course we will. After we deal with this bug nest, we can proceed to explore other areas. But at that time, we won't be hunting bugs, but people from the other realms."

When Xiong Li and the others heard this, they quickly knew what Zhao Hai wanted to do. Once they deal with the bug nest, then it's time to plunder other realms for their cultivation methods, especially the Cultivation Realm. They couldn't help but laugh loudly, as though the upcoming battles weren't a big deal.

Of course they weren't worried, Zhao Hai's Undead were too powerful. Moreover, the nest they would be attacking wasn't an advanced level nest. As long as Zhao Hai was willing, then he wouldn't need any help in dealing with the bugs. Therefore, Xiong Li and the others had nothing to worry about.

Zhao Hai also doesn't need to consider a lot of things in this attack. After two battles, Xiong Li and the others were able to adapt to their weapons. They wouldn't need to participate in the following battles.

When the time to attack the nest was close, Zhao Hai looked at Xiong Li and said, "Boss Xiong, are you still interested in fighting? If you're not, then I'll just clean them all up."

Xiong Li shook his head and said, "It's fine, we won't participate. In any case, I have already adapted to my new weapon. Also, fighting bugs is very boring, it's a waste of time. Right, Little Hai, when we have free time, you should refine Second Brother Lu's dagger-axe."

Zhao Hai nodded, "After dealing with the nest, we'll take a day off so that I can refine his weapon."

Then after he said that, Zhao Hai waved his hand, releasing Undead to attack the nest. Xiong Li and the others were no longer surprised with the number of Zhao Hai's Undead. They were also no longer interested to find out the exact amount of Undead. They were afraid that they would be depressed when they do.

Zhao Hai wasn't polite and directly released 100 thousand Undead to attack the eight-legged bugs. These Undead were added to the Undead already summoned before. This large number of Undead advanced towards the bug nest. He wanted to settle this matter as soon as possible.

However, just as the battle began, Zhao Hai was stunned. This wasn't because the eight-legged bugs had gotten stronger. These bugs were still insignificant in his eyes. What surprised him was the nest of the eight-legged bugs.

The nest of the eight-legged bugs was a giant organic ball about 20 meters in diameter. This ball had two tubes extending below. These two tubes were arranged so that it would excrete masses that would slowly form into eight-legged bugs after several minutes. These two tubes that usually pointed to the ground were now raised. When the bugs and the Undead began to clash, these tubes suddenly fired two clumps of meat moistened by some mucus.

When these two clumps of meat hit the Undead army, they suddenly exploded. The power of the explosion wasn't weak. Each explosion killed nearly a hundred Undead.

Seeing this happen, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. The bug nest had just developed defensive turrets. These turrets needed to be removed first, otherwise they would make dealing with the bugs very difficult.

When Xiong Li and the others saw Zhao Hai's expression change, they knew that something must have happened. Xiong Li immediately asked, "Little Hai, did something happen? Did anybody else arrive?" They were no longer afraid of the bugs. What they were afraid of were people from other realms. Therefore, Xiong Li asked this question.

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "No, I just encountered something tricky with the nest. I'll take care of it. Don't follow me, the situation is quite dangerous." Then Zhao Hai's figure moved as he entered the cave and then disappeared.

Xiong Li looked at Zhao Hai's departing back, his expression was ugly as he said, "Sh*t, I just swore that we would share sorrows. But now when things turn difficult, I can't do anything. I really hate that I'm weak."

Dongfang Yu forced a smile and said, "Come on, Boss Xiong, this makes me even more embarrassed. I'm now a Cultivator, but I still can't do anything. Let's just wait for Little Hai here, I'm sure he can take care of it. When this competition is over, we can work hard so that we can help Little Hai. Otherwise, this would really leave a bad taste in our mouths."

The others bitterly nodded, nobody said anything else. After swearing on their brotherhood, they were now of the same family. In this case, they can only watch Zhao Hai's battle. Weirdly enough, this thought made them feel better.

However, Zhao Hai didn't take in mind what Xiong Li and the others were thinking right now. The metal bombs that the bug nest fired were really powerful. If Xiong Li and the others came, and a bomb finds its way to them, then they won't have any strength to block it.

To be honest, Zhao Hai didn't expect the bug nest to have this kind of offensive ability.

Upon appearing in the bug nest, Zhao Hai ignored the eight-legged bugs and immediately flew towards the nest itself. Upon discovering Zhao Hai, the nest immediately readjusted the two tubes and aimed towards him. Then it fired several balls of meat one after another.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and released a 50-layer formation. Several fire dragons emerged and then met the balls of explosive meat.

After several loud explosions, no bombs were able to reach Zhao Hai. Each bomb was detonated by the fire dragons. Zhao Hai used this time to appear above the organic mass that is the core of the nest.

The organic mass probably felt danger as it immediately aimed its tubes to Zhao Hai once more. Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he waved his hand, causing a spatial rift to appear. Then the rift moved downwards, swallowing the organic mass as well as the eight-legged bugs nearby.

Zhao Hai discovered that the eight-legged bug's queen nest cannot move at all. In addition to birthing eight-legged bugs, its only action was launching those meat bombs. Neither of these methods were able to protect itself from Zhao Hai.

Once the queen nest was taken away by Zhao Hai, the eight-legged bugs lost their final support. However, the bugs continued fighting, but this time there was no longer any threat towards the Undead.

Zhao Hai relaxed and then shifted his attention towards the bug queen nest inside the Space. At this time, the nest was still inside the Space's storage. With an intention, Zhao Hai caused the nest to appear inside an empty background.

As soon as the queen nest appeared, a prompt was heard, "Low-level bug queen nest detected. This nest can only produce low-level bugs. It can absorb a small amount of gene material to improve bug's combat power. However, this improvement is very limited and will still result in low combat power. It is recommended that the host transforms this nest into a meat bug farm. Once the transformation is done, meat bugs will be produced. These bugs have low combat power but they have delicious meat. Will the host transform the nest?"

When he saw the result, Zhao Hai couldn't help but bitterly smile. He didn't expect the Space to suggest something like this. Not to mention this suggestion was actually good.

Presently, there were a lot of demand for meat in the Space. Since the reproductive ability of this nest was very good, if he can produce shrimp and crabs from it, then it would definitely be a good choice.

In any case, the nest was low-level and the fighting strength it possesses wasn't very strong. Moreover, the Space has no need for eight-legged bugs right now. It was much better if it was transformed into a meat farm.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Transform it." The Space's prompt was heard, "Host has agreed to transform the nest to a meat bug farm. Transformation will immediately begin. Asking the Host to wait for a moment."

A beep sounded before white light surrounded the queen nest. After a while, the white light disappeared. The nest reappeared on the ground. When Zhao Hai saw the nest, he couldn't help but gawk at it. It looked much better and much larger than its previous form. It was now a huge ball about 50 meters in diameter. What surprised him the most was the exterior of the ball. It no longer looked like it was made with organic matter. Instead, the ball had a carapace that flashed with metallic light. It now looked like a huge metal ball.

Below this metal ball were eight tubes. The diameter of these tubes was about a meter. The color and texture of these tubes were the same as the metal ball.

But Zhao Hai knew that even if the ball looked like it was made of metal, it wasn't metallic in nature-just a resemblance. As Zhao Hai looked at the metal ball, he said, "Cai'er."

Cai'er whizzed beside Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, what's the matter?"

Zhao Hai gestured towards the nest and said, "Take a look. This thing is supposed to produce meat bugs. Find out what it needs and also find a way to control the amount of bugs produced. But first, let's produce a batch and have a taste. It would be useless if it tastes bad."

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Cai'er smiled and said, "Young Master, rest assured. Information about this thing is now in my head. It's nothing more than a machine. It's like a Universal Processing Machine but instead produces a specific

kind of meat. It can be fed with both plants and animals and we can control how much it produces. It needs spiritual qi to function, but it isn't a problem since the Space is rich with spiritual qi."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Can you produce a batch right now? Don't make it look disgusting, we don't like people losing their appetite when they see it."

Cai'er smiled faintly and said, "Young Master, rest assured. That wouldn't be a problem, the Space has already considered this issue." Then after she said that, a meter high egg tumbled out of a tube. The egg rolled to the ground and after a few seconds, the eggshell broke. Then what came out made Zhao Hai stare. He didn't expect the Space to make the bugs into this form. It's clearly a crab.

Right, a giant crab hatched out of the egg. When he saw the crab, Zhao Hai chuckled and said, "Alright, it turned out to be a crab. No wonder the Space said that it tastes like crab-meat. That's good, let's produce them. Also, how is their fighting strength?"

Cai'er nodded and then said, "They can fight back, but they're not very strong. They are far weaker than the eight-legged bugs. After all, they're intended for consumption."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "But if I still want the eight-legged bugs for battle, can I get them?"

Cai'er gave a nod and said, "That bug has been saved in the Space's shop as well as the eight-legged bug nest. If Young Master wants to use them, you can buy them at any time."

Zhao Hai replied, "That's good. Alright, pay attention to how much meat this crab has. And then promote it in the various backgrounds in the Space. In any case, this thing doesn't need much to be fed. And people also need more variety in their food."

Cai'er nodded, "Young Master, rest assured. I'll take care of it."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, I'll trust you with this." Then he disappeared out from the Space and then got back to the cave.

The battle with the bug nest was basically over. The eight-legged bugs had lost their commander. With the Undead as their opponent, it wouldn't be long before they would be killed off.

Zhao Hai went out of the battlefield and back to the anxiously waiting Xiong Li and the others.

Seeing Zhao Hai coming back, they immediately relaxed. Xiong Li quickly asked, "Little Hai, how is it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's basically finished. There's just a small problem with the nest. But I already dealt with it, there won't be any more problems."

Xiong Li and the others relaxed. Then Zhao Hai led them to enter the nest. At this time, eight-legged bug corpses were in piles. Besides the Undead who were cleaning up the remaining bugs, the others Undead began to clean up the battlefield.

Zhao Hai looked around him and said, "Alright, let's find a clean place to sit down. At the same time, I'll be refining Second Brother's dagger-axe."

Xiong Li and the others nodded. Although they didn't mind the bug corpses, the sight of them would still make food taste worse. It was much better if they went to a cleaner place.

Fortunately, the bug nest was full of caves. Zhao Hai found a random cave and then went there. Zhao Hai cleaned the place up a bit with magic before everyone sat down. Then Zhao Hai looked at Lu Dingtian and said, "Second Brother, let me have a look at your dagger-axe."

Lu Dingtian nodded and then took out his dagger-axe and gave it to Zhao Hai. When he was handed the dagger-axe, Zhao Hai found out that it was quite heavy. It was even heavier than Xiong Li's two hammers.

Moreover, it seems like Lu Dingtian's weapon was very old. Strictly speaking, this weapon should be a double-ended spear. The head would be the spearhead while the other would be a two-ended dagger-axe. The entire weapon was very long. Its entire body was azure in color, with a bit of copper tint. However, Zhao Hai knew that it was impossible for this weapon to be made out of copper. The material of this weapon should be on par with Xiong Li's hammers.

Zhao Hai gave a nod and said, "Give me some time. I'll make sure that the weapon pleases Second Brother. Wait here for me." Then as soon as he said that, he disappeared.

Seeing Zhao Hai's vanish, Xiong Li sighed and said, "No wonder we can't sense anything in his room whenever Little Hai goes into seclusion. It turns out he wasn't in his room at all."

Dongfang Yu nods and said, "It seems like this is also the reason why Little Hai is very familiar with the Machine Field's situation back in Base Number 5. It's possible that he went back to the Machine Field when he closed up. I reckon it's Margaret who told Zhao Hai what happened."

Xiong Li and the other agreed to what Dongfang Yu said. On the other hand, Lu Dingtian didn't know until now that Zhao Hai can use Space Magic - but he still kept silent. During this period, Zhao Hai had taken great care of him and even allowed him to become sworn brothers with the others. Naturally, he wouldn't cause Zhao Hai any harm.

It was said that the World of Cultivation was ruthless, everyone was scampering for benefits and cultivation methods, acting like savage beasts. If one doesn't have any good friends, then they would suffer in this world. And if one relaxed, then they would be destroyed by others sooner or later.

Therefore, if one wanted to reach great places in the World of Cultivation, then one would need dedicated friends. Moreover, because of how ruthless the World of Cultivation was, friendships were more precious. If you become friends with someone and then you betray them, then your reputation would forever be tainted. Nobody would work with you in the future anymore, let alone becoming friends. Therefore, in the World of Cultivation, friendships were seen as a sacred covenant between people.

This turned out to become a strange scene, causing balance in the World of Cultivation. Ruthless people would die out because they were isolated in this ruthless world.

In the World of Cultivation, one would need to be ruthless but also become someone who regarded sentiment heavily. During tumultuous times, love between people was rarely discussed, but at the same time, this love would be thicker. The World of Cultivation was the same. Sentiment wasn't easily discussed in this world, but the regard for sentiment here was much stronger than any liquor there was!

Xiong Li and the others weren't fools. They understand clearly what the Machine Field's natives see ascenders as. They knew that the only way for Ascenders like them to survive in this world was to band together!

Zhao Hai wasn't aware of what Xiong Li and the others were thinking. In fact, Zhao Hai didn't think so much when he became friends with Xiong Li and the others. He thought that he had great compatibility with them when it came to temperament. Therefore, he decided to befriend them. Also, Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of Xiong Li and the others betraying him. He has the Space, so he could never be in grave danger. Therefore, he was very assured when becoming brothers with Xiong Li and the others.

When Zhao Hai returned to the Space, he immediately went to the processing machine and deconstructed Lu Dingtian's weapon. At the same time, using the vast collection of minerals that the Space has as well as the Universal Scanner, a long dagger-axe with 80 engraved formations was produced in not even half an hour.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't head out immediately. Instead he returned to the villa to chat with Laura and the others. But when he arrived, he saw a massive crab on the ground, menacingly pinching its pincers.

Zhao Hai stared and immediately knew that this was the crab that the nest produced. How did this crab get here? Zhao Hai looked at Laura and the others in confusion and said, "How did this get here? Are you going to eat it?"

Meg nodded and said, "Young Master, we want to see how this thing tastes. We have eaten crabs before, but we haven't eaten one as large as this."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, let's taste it. Right, Cai'er, prepare two of them for me. I'll bring them out for Xiong Li and the others to taste."

Cai'er nodded. Getting a couple of crabs wasn't an issue. In fact, the Space has already started to produce crabs. There were several hundred crabs in the Space, two crabs were very small in comparison. She could even take out 200 crabs with no problem.

After getting Zhao Hai's approval, Meg immediately moved. She cast magic and froze the crab. Then she waved her hand and said, "Cai'er, help me get this thing to the kitchen. We'll be eating crab today." Cai'er nodded and then waved her hand as the crab floated. Then she followed Meg to the kitchen.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then turned his head to Laura and said, "How are you all doing?"

Laura smiled and said, "It's quite tiring. But I think Lizzy and the others are more tired. Brother Hai, the weapons that the Undead use are too low-level. How about we make them more powerful ones? How about engraving them with magic formations? With this, the Undead would be stronger."

Zhao Hai thought about it and then nodded and said, "Both the bone armors and the combat suits are already good for defense. But their weapons are indeed lacking, causing them to be on the defensive most of the time. We should replace their weapons. You can discuss this with Cai'er."

Laura nodded. Then at this time Berry said, "Brother Hai, we discovered a good place for a base. Do you want to take a look?"

Chapter 1238: Floating Island

When Zhao Hai heard Berry, he couldn't help but stare for a moment. Then his expression lit up as he said, "You did? Where is it?"

Berry didn't say anything as she just smiled faintly and then waved her hand. A large screen appeared and showed the place. Zhao Hai was stunned, it was a beautiful place, beautiful beyond imagination.

It was a small island-looking place. However, this island was floating in the air with a pointed cone shape in the bottom. The entire island was about a thousand kilometers across, it wasn't very large. Its environment was also very strange. On one side of the island was a mountain range. The mountain range wasn't tall, only a few hundred meters high. The mountain range was divided into five peaks. There's also a river flowing down the mountain range. The volume of water from the river wasn't much – with the river only 10 meters across. Its depth wasn't visible, but its flow wasn't fast and looked very gentle. This river flowed down the mountains and into a forest. There were all kinds of trees in the forest, but they weren't tall as well, with the tallest trees barely reaching 20 meters high. The entire mountain looked rich and beautiful.

A plain was under the mountains. It was covered with green grass as well as small shrubberies. It looked like an ordinary grassland.

But what's strange about this island was its lack of fauna. Besides the plants, there were no other living creatures on the island.

At the same time, the island's sky wasn't blue, instead it was bright yellow in color. It wasn't bright but it also wasn't dark. There were also several clouds fluttering by the island, adding to its beauty.

Zhao Hai's eyes were shining as he looked at the island. Then he asked, "Where is this place? So beautiful. But is it safe?"

Laura smiled faintly and said, "Take a guess. It's an absolutely safe region."

Zhao Hai stared, then after seeing the cunning smiles on everyone's face, he immediately had a hunch. So he asked, "It's in the Quicksand Starfield is it?"

Laura and the others laughed. Then Laura smiled and said, "Brother Hai guessed right. It might seem unbelievable, but do you believe it now? This place is truly in the Quicksand Starfield, moreover it's at the very center of the huge desert."

Zhao Hai looked at the floating island on the screen, then he muttered, "This universe is truly vast. Such a place even exists. This place is beautiful. It's a good place to make a base."

Laura smiled and said, "That's why we thought that it would be a good location for a base."

Zhao Hai nodded, "This is the place. Let's go and see it." Then he waved his hand, causing everyone to appear on the island.

As soon as he stepped on the island, Zhao Hai became stunned. The spiritual qi in the island turns out to be adequate. Although it was worse than the Space, it was still stronger than in the Machine Field. It can even be compared to cities in the Cultivation Realm.

Since the spiritual qi was thick, the natural air was also very good. A light breeze caresses you, making the island very comfortable to be in. If an average person came here, then they would definitely be attracted by the beautiful colors of the scenery. However, to Zhao Hai, everything was just average.

After taking a look at the surroundings, Zhao Hai knew that it was impossible for any ores to grow here. Meanwhile, the sky shouldn't be yellow by itself. What caused it to turn yellow should be the radiance of the desert that surrounded it. However, Zhao Hai couldn't believe an island like this to exist in the Quicksand Starfield. Just as Laura said, this place was truly safe.

The endless desert of the starfield existed for a very long time. And during that time, even almighty Cultivators didn't dare enter this place. If this place was unsafe, then nothing in the World of Cultivation was safe.

Zhao Hai believed that if strong Cultivators discovered this place, they would immediately move here. It was because this place was not only secure, it was also well hidden. This was the best place to close up.

Powerful practitioners would still close up from time to time. It was during this time where they tried to comprehend their Cultivation. Powerful beings closing up was a fairly common matter in the World of Cultivation.

However, they would need to find a safe and secret place to close up. There weren't only one or two powerful beings who were slain during their seclusion.

Zhao Hai was sure that nobody had found out about this place before. This was because there were no traces of people here. It was a completely pure environment.

But it was clear that the vitality of this place was lacking. Although there were plants everywhere, the lack of animals was an issue.

Zhao Hai didn't mind it as he turned to Laura and the others and said, "You have worked hard. I didn't expect you to find a place like this. However, I have another favor to ask you. We need a small settlement built here with all the facilities needed. I'll leave the design to you. What do you think?"

Laura smiled and said, "That's not a problem. Leave it to us."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Besides building here, continue looking for places for a base. We shouldn't put all of our eggs in one basket. Find a place close to the Ashley Family. This way, if the Machine Field suffers an accident, we would be able to provide help to the Ashley Family."

Laura turned her head to Margaret and then nodded as she said, "Rest assured. This is related to Sister Margaret, so we'll pay extra attention to it."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, let's leave. The scenery here isn't as good as the Space. By the way, if you have time, put some fish and animals here. Make this place more alive."

Laura smiled and said, "Don't worry about it. Leave it to us. Let's head back. Sister Meg should be done with the crabs." Zhao Hai smiled and then waved his hand, returning everyone to the Space.

When they went back to the Space, everyone took a deep breath, especially Laura and the others. They were already used to being inside the Space. So when they headed out, they weren't used to the taste of the air.

Just as everyone returned to the Space, Meg walked out from the kitchen and said, "Young Master, the meal is done." Zhao Hai and the others nodded. Then they went to the dining room together with Meg.

Upon arriving at the dining room, Laura and the others couldn't help but be wowed. Nothing else was placed on the table other than the giant crab. This huge crab almost occupied the entire table. It looked impressive on top of the dining table.

When Zhao Hai saw this, he laughed and said, "Alright, let's eat. My mouth is already watering." Then his hand moved as Liquid Silver appeared. Then he divided the crab and took out the crab meat inside and placed it on the tray. Laura and the others immediately took knives and forks to eat.

Zhao Hai also took some meat and put it in his mouth. A fresh taste immediately went through his taste buds and then to his head before spreading to his entire body. The flavor made his hair stand up, it was too tasty.

The giant crab was consumed by everyone in no time. Looking at the empty crab shell on the table, Zhao Hai sighed and said, "It's very delicious. I'm thinking about opening a shop after the competition. Then we can serve this crab and get rich off of it."

Laura's eyes shone and she said, "That's a good idea. But Brother Hai, you need to give us an identity. Then we can manage the shop."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Alright. Then I'll get you a legitimate status once the competition ends. Don't worry about it." Zhao Hai also knew that Laura and the others had stayed inside the Space for too long. It's time for them to head out and play.

The group rested in the Villa for some time before heading to sleep. It was impossible for Zhao Hai to head out this quickly, so he also spent his night inside the Space.

After Zhao Hai woke up, he calculated that it was time to head out. So he took Lu Dingtian's dagger-axe and then appeared back inside the cave. Xiong Li and the others were currently practicing. They haven't participated in the last fight, so there's no need for them to rest. Instead, they used the time to practice.

When they felt that Zhao Hai had come back, everyone opened their eyes at the same time. Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he handed the dagger-axe to Lu Dingtian and said, "Second Brother, try this out. See if it suits you."

Lu Dingtian nodded and accepted his weapon. After weighing the weapon in his hand, he quickly moved and tried a few moves inside the nest cave. The dagger-axe came to life in Lu Dingtian's hands. Lu Dingtian's actions seem to cut wind and rain. Most importantly, Lu Dingtian's dagger-axe was emitting extremely strong killing aura. Each wave was akin to a terrifying general rampaging through the battlefield.

Lu Dingtian's actions caused Xiong Li to nod. Then he said, "Old Lu's dagger-axe technique is very powerful. I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to defeat him anymore. His technique isn't complex, instead it is very simple. It matches well with his strong temperament. No wonder he gained the nickname 'Army Breaker'. He alone could face thousands of soldiers."

Dongfang Yu nodded and said, "Dagger-axes are also rare weapons. Using a dagger-axe to a degree like Second Brother is very difficult. Second Brother is truly a genius."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly. He didn't say anything and just waited for Lu Dingtian. After some time, when Lu Dingtian became familiar with his new weapon, he stopped. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, thank you."

Zhao Hai chuckled as he patted Lu Dingtian's shoulder and said, "We're brothers, so save those formalities. Everyone, come and take your pile of bugs. I have something for us to eat." Nobody held back and took a pile for themselves. Then they returned to the cave they were in before.

After that, Zhao Hai took out the big crabs for everyone to eat. And then everyone took off towards other caves.

Chapter 1239: A Group of Five Cultivators

Zhao Hai's face was calm as he flew forward – he wasn't worried at all. In any case, it has only been two days since they entered the caves and there were still several days left. He had also found a target to attack, so he wasn't anxious.

As they were flying forward, Li Kuangren licked his mouth as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, I want to eat crabs for the next meal. Get me two of them."

Zhao Hai loudly laughed and said, "Alright, I'll get two for you. I've been thinking about opening a shop once the competition ends. When we find a base, we'll raise these crabs and then sell them. What do you think?" Xiong Li laughed and said, "Let's find a base first. That's the most important."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and didn't say anything. He couldn't tell Xiong Li and the others that he had already found a base. This would only welcome a pile of unwanted questions.

Zhao Hai continued to lead Xiong Li and the others forward. They were currently going from cave to cave. Before long, Xiong Li and the others became confused as to which was north, east, west, and south – so they just kept on following Zhao Hai. As for where Zhao Hai was bringing them, only Zhao Hai knew. They were also disinclined to ask.

Actually, the party of Cultivators that Zhao Hai wanted to attack was very close. However, the quickest path to them was filled with bug nests. Zhao Hai didn't want to waste time on fighting bugs, so he chose to circle around and take the safe route. Moreover, if they fought bugs, they would only alert the Cultivators.

Zhao Hai didn't know which sect these Cultivators belonged to. There were five of them in total. The clothes they wore were different from each other. Zhao Hai chose these five people because their cultivation methods were suitable for his brothers.

Among these five people, two of them were using earth-element cultivation methods, one used a wood element method, and the last two were metal-element cultivators. The earth-element Cultivators defended, the metal-element cultivators attacked, while the wood-element cultivator was in charge of treating wounds and restoring stamina.

This doesn't mean that the earth-element cultivators couldn't attack and metal-element cultivators couldn't defend. Whichever Cultivation method they use, since they were from the Cultivation realm, their fighting prowess was strong. The arrangement was like this because this was the most suitable for their composition.

The grouping of these five could be said to be very good, they even have someone to heal them and aid in recovery. This was also the reason why Zhao Hai targeted them. At the same time, he lacked the cultivation methods from these three attributes.

Zhao Hai currently had two cultivation methods in his hand. The first was Dongfang Yu's fire-element cultivation method, Divine Fire Dragon Art. The other was Li Chuchen's water-element cultivation method. Zhao Hai still had no idea what this cultivation method was since he didn't have the time to ask Li Chuchen about it. But seeing how Li Chuchen fought, Zhao Hai knew that it must have been a highly ranked cultivation method. But since none of his brothers had the water attribute, Zhao Hai wasn't anxious about getting the cultivation method.

Xiong Li and Li Kuangren were earth attributes, so it was best for them to cultivate an earth-element cultivation method. Lu Dingtian was a metal attribute, so he would need a metal-element cultivation method. As for the wood-element cultivation method, even if it was useless to Zhao Hai, he still wanted to get ahold of it.

Zhao Hai discovered that his Yin-Yang Stellar Transformations Art was an extremely powerful cultivation method. However, this art only has the tempering technique for offense. This kind of attack looked very

ordinary. Zhao Hai also wanted to use a flying sword but he would need an extremely powerful technique to match his cultivation method. Therefore, Zhao Hai was planning to get techniques from multiple elements and see if there were aspects that he could copy from them. This way, he can make a useful flying sword technique for himself.

Since Zhao Hai had all attributes, he had the idea of getting multiple flying sword manuals and creating his own flying sword technique.

This might be impossible for other people, but to Zhao Hai, it won't be much of an issue. This was because he has the scanner. As long as he gets flying sword manuals from five elements, then he can scan them. Zhao Hai believed that with the recent upgrade to the scanner, this matter wouldn't be very hard to do.

Because of this, Zhao Hai decided to target those five people. As long as he kills those 5, he would be able to obtain their techniques for study. At the same time, this would also be a great help for Xiong Li and the others.

Although there were other people in other caves, they were far from Zhao Hai and the others. If Zhao Hai wanted to deal with them, then he would have to walk farther. Most importantly, these five people had the elements that Zhao Hai needs. If he dealt with people separately, then Zhao Hai would need more time. And Zhao Hai was afraid that he would run out of time.

This time limit wasn't brought by the end of the elimination round, but something else instead. Laura and the others found out that the bugs were starting a large-scale tide. If the bugs truly start their bug tide, then Zhao Hai and the others would certainly be plunged into battle. When the time comes, he wouldn't be able to find time to deal with other people. Therefore, Zhao Hai decided to make this party of 5 his target.

These five were from the Cultivation Realm. Moreover, they were quite strong. If these five acted, then Zhao Hai wouldn't be able to deal with them easily. One must know that the Cultivators had a lot of trump cards. Zhao Hai managed to deal with Li Chuchen because Li Chuchen didn't take him seriously at first, and was then frightened by Zhao Hai's strength. At that time, Li Chuchen could only use 80% of his strength at most. Otherwise, Zhao Hai would have had a hard time killing Li Chuchen.

Although the five people that Zhao Hai was targeting weren't from the same sect, the cooperation between them was quite solid. Zhao Hai saw them easily deal with thousands of bugs, and their

cooperation played a vital role in this achievement. Therefore, it wouldn't be easy for Zhao Hai to deal with them.

And even if Xiong Li and the others were now stronger, they still fall short compared to these five Cultivators. Only Dongfang Yu might be able to stand on his own against them. However, Dongfang Yu was just one person. It would be impossible for him to have a great impact in the battle. In the end, Zhao Hai can only rely on himself.

Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of those five people, what he was afraid of was the fight taking too long and alerting others from the Cultivation Realm. If other Cultivators see their fight, then it's highly probable that they would join in.

If it was any other place, the other Cultivators wouldn't join in if Zhao Hai and the five Cultivators fought. Even if they saw it, they still wouldn't act. Life and death was common in the Cultivation Realm, so nobody would butt in if someone unrelated to them were to die.

However, this was the elimination round. The top 100 rookies from the six realms compete with each other. If the other Cultivators saw Zhao Hai, then they would immediately attack him, removing the biggest enemy first. Although Zhao Hai has the power to protect himself, he couldn't allow those people to escape. If they left and told others, then Zhao Hai and the others would be under pursuit from the people in the Cultivation Realm.

Zhao Hai was afraid of attracting the attention of these other Cultivators. But this fear didn't stem in the fact that they might fight, but instead when they would run away. He didn't want his strength known since this would give him trouble in the formal matches.

Zhao Hai continued flying forward as he chatted with Xiong Li and the others. However, he would occasionally talk to Laura and the others with his mind regarding the five Cultivators.

The five-man team were currently fighting a group of bugs. The bugs weren't numerous, only about 1000. However, these bugs weren't the eight-legged bugs that Zhao Hai and the others faced. Instead, these were the flying mantis bugs that would take heads off.

In addition to their ability to fly, these bugs were offensively strong as well as agile. Because of this, the five were unable to kill them all at once.

Zhao Hai and the others inched closer and closer to the five Cultivators. At the same time, they were making sure to avoid any bugs. This allowed them to have a smooth travel with no bugs interrupting.

After flying for about eight hours, Zhao Hai and the others were already close to the five Cultivators. Although Zhao Hai didn't feel anything, Xiong Li and the others could still get tired. As they were heading here, they took two breaks and ate one meal.

When they were already near the battlefield, Zhao Hai stopped. Seeing Zhao Hai stop, Xiong Li and the others stopped as well. Everyone looked at Zhao Hai, then Xiong Li whispered, "Little Hai? Did we reach our destination?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Not far away in front is our target. However, they're currently fighting bugs. Let's wait for them to finish."

Xiong Li and the others nodded. They didn't ask Zhao Hai about what's ahead or anything. There was no need for such questions, they completely trusted him.

The group entered a cave as Zhao Hai took out some food to eat. While they were eating, Zhao Hai was paying attention to the state of the Cultivators.

These Cultivators were very strong. One of the two earth-element Cultivators was using a huge shield. The shield was massive at about ten meters high. But even if the shield looked unwieldy, the earth-element Cultivator was able to handle it with ease. This caused the bug attacks to be useless against the five.

The weapon used by the other earth-element was unique as well. It was a magical treasure in the form of a bell. This bell could enlarge and shrink itself. At its current form, it was about 5 meters high. In addition to its defensive capability, it also had a sound attack. Not only was it able to protect the party, it also caused casualties towards the bugs.

The two metal-element Cultivators were attacking the bugs in tandem. One of them used a huge scissor-like weapon. The blades of these scissors weren't straight, instead they were curved like scimitars. The blades were very sharp. No bug survived after being cut.

The other metal-element Cultivator had an ordinary weapon – a sparkling gold sword. However, this sword was different from ordinary swords. It didn't have a hilt since its entire body was the sword. This meant that both ends of the weapon were sharp. From its looks, one could see how offensively powerful it was.

As for the wood-element Cultivator, he stood behind the group. His weapon was quite special. It was an azure-colored leaf made with unknown material. It didn't have a sharp edge like a blade. It was currently the vessel in which the group stood on. The leaf's surface would oftentimes radiate green light that would enter the bodies of the other Cultivators. It seems like this leaf was a treasure that can speed up the recovery of spiritual qi.

With the group's cooperation, the bugs were getting grinded down. From the initial 1000, the bugs had been reduced to more or less 200.

However, these flying bugs seemed to be different from the eight-legged bugs. Eight-legged bugs would continue fighting to the last bug. On the other hand, these flying bugs seem to be more intelligent. Upon seeing that they were losing, they immediately retreated.

But even if these bugs wanted to retreat, this doesn't mean that they would be successful. The five Cultivators didn't allow the bugs to escape. Seeing the bugs retreating, the five immediately separated and surrounded the bugs. Then the five used their weapons to attack them. The shield-bearing Cultivator had also changed his weapon into a seal. It was a square seal that had a dragon turtle's head carved into it.

The attack of this seal was very simple. When it was used, a mountain like pressure descended into the bugs. All the bugs caught in this pressure were soon turned into paste.

The last 200 bugs didn't take long to be killed. Once the bugs were cleaned up, the five put away their weapons. The Cultivator who had the bell turned to the Cultivator with the seal and said, "Dong Tutian, didn't I tell you to stop attacking? Look at what you did, a lot of bugs had been smashed. You're decreasing our loot!"

Dong Tutian coldly snorted and said, "I've been defending all this time, I'm feeling suffocated. And you're one to talk, Situ Nan. That bell of yours disintegrated a lot of bugs as well."

Situ Nan didn't respond. At this time, the wood-element Cultivator said, "Alright, don't fight. Let's clean up the battlefield quickly and then leave. This cave will soon attract other bugs. We need to find a place to recover, we can't afford another fight."

Chapter 1240: 1 vs 5

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An applause was suddenly heard, causing Situ Nan and the others to change their complexion. Although Cultivators were more durable compared to Mages and Warriors in the Machine Field, their strength was still reduced to 60 percent after fighting all those bugs. If an enemy came at this time, then it would certainly be troublesome.

The other party making themselves known through this matter only meant bad intentions. The five looked at the direction of the clap, then couldn't help but get stunned.

Several people in mage robes and warrior clothing came out from a passage. The one clapping was a man in black mage robes.

Situ Nan and the others were stunned at the clothing worn by these people. Mage robes and warrior clothing were only worn in the Machine Field. And it was well-known that the folks from the Machine Field were at the bottom of the six realms. This was the first time where people from the Machine Field actually showed themselves and didn't hide.

Zhao Hai looked at Situ Nan and the others, then he smiled and said, "Cultivators are truly strong. Your fighting strength caused me to be in awe. To be honest, I don't want to kill you. But it's a pity that you have the cultivation methods that I want. Therefore, even if I don't want to, I'll have to end your lives here."

Situ Nan's group of five looked at each other before they burst out laughing. Situ Nan covered his belly as he pointed at Zhao Hai and said, "Kid, are you awake? You want to kill us? You're from the Machine Field, how can you possibly kill us? Hahahaha. I swear, this is the funniest joke I heard."

Zhao Hai didn't care about their reaction. He just looked at his prey with a smile on his face. That's what people are. If you ridicule the other party and they get angry, then you would find pleasure in it. If the other people scolds you, and you scold them back, but then you turn indifferent, this would make the other party uncomfortable.

Seeing Zhao Hai's calmly smiling, Situ Nan and the others couldn't help but be shaken. They stopped laughing. Then Situ Nan looked at Zhao Hai with a cold expression and said, "Kid, I'm amused that you don't know the immensity of the heavens and the earth. Leave all the bugs you killed, then we'll let you go. Otherwise, you can go die!"

After he said that, Situ Nan let out an imposing aura towards Zhao Hai. Seeing this aura, Zhao Hai just smiled and released his own, stopping Situ Nan's aura midway.

Upon seeing this, Situ Nan and the others' expressions changed. It was at this time that they knew that the other party was truly threatening them.

The group immediately went on-guard. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "You're very weak, but you actually want this Zhao Hai's life. I just don't know who doesn't know the immensity of the heavens and the earth." As soon as he said that, Zhao Hai released a 100-layer formation in front of him. Then this formation exploded as a fire dragon burst forth and rushed straight towards Situ Nan.

Situ Nan felt the threat of this fire dragon, his expression changed but then he suddenly sneered. He doesn't believe that a Mage could break his defenses. He moved his hand as his bell appeared before his body.

Dang!

A ringing sound was heard as the fire dragon hit the bell. The bell rocked twice but it managed to block the fire dragon's blow.

However, this wasn't the end of the fire dragon. Like a living being, the fire dragon coiled around the bell and then ignited its body.

Others might not know how strong the fire dragon was, but Situ Nan knew clearly. He could feel the waves of attack that the fire dragon was doing. It was akin to ocean waves hitting the bell, causing it to shiver gently. And if this goes on for some time, then the bell would no doubt be shattered by the fire dragon.

Situ Nan's expression changed. Then he moved his hand to cast his secret art. He mouthed out some words before he whispered, "Nine Tone Method, Shake!" As his incantation completes, the bell sharply rang with a frequency much faster than before. When the bell shook, a buzzing sound was heard. Now that the fire dragon wasn't in Zhao Hai's control, it slowly let go of the bell before its flames shrank.

Zhao Hai's eyes sparkled, then he laughed and said, "Alright, since your bell likes to ring, try this out." Then he waved his hand and another 100-layer formation appeared. This formation transformed into a giant metallic hammer. Then this hammer swung itself towards the bell.

The hammer was more than ten meters in diameter and had an octagonal shape. Although it was just magic, the hammer had the imposing aura that could shake the world.

In addition the hammer, the fire dragon also charged aggressively towards Situ Nan. Although its size was smaller than before, its threatening aura still couldn't be underestimated.

Situ Nan's complexion changed. He didn't expect Zhao Hai's magic control to be this powerful. He could actually use two spells at the same time. Situ Nan quickly retreated as he made his bell make another move. The bell sounded out with tones that were uncommon to the ears.

Zhao Hai didn't care about this change as he continued to command the hammer and fire dragon to hit Situ Nan. But at the same time, he was also paying close attention to the other Cultivators. This was a fight for life, not a fight in an arena. These people wouldn't just sit still if they saw that Situ Nan is in real danger.

And just like what Zhao Hai thought, seeing the two attacks, the others also changed their expressions. Dong Tutian moved his hand as his dragon turtle seal flew out. Then it increased its size and exerted a mountainous pressure towards Zhao Hai's hammer.

Zhao Hai coldly snorted, then his hammer changed direction and pounded towards the dragon turtle seal. A bang was heard before the dragon turtle seal was flung in the air. However, this impact also caused Zhao Hai's hammer to disappear.

Dong Tutian spent a lot of strength to control the dragon turtle seal. Seeing it being thrown away, he quickly told the others, "This is bad, we need to work together!"

The other Cultivators immediately used their magic treasures to attack Zhao Hai. Seeing these attacks heading towards him, Zhao Hai moved and welcomed them. At the same time, his staff appeared in his hand. Upon waving his staff, five 100-layer formations instantly appeared and attacked the five people.

The five Cultivators now knew clearly that they couldn't underestimate Zhao Hai. They quickly controlled their magic treasures to deal with Zhao Hai's spells. At this moment, Zhao Hai's staff turned into a greatsword. Then his figure vanished as he reappeared on Situ Nan's side, already swinging his sword.

When Situ Nan discovered that Zhao Hai appeared beside him, his complexion drastically changed. Then he moved his hand to make a small shield block Zhao Hai's strike. As the shield was broken through by Zhao Hai's sword, Situ Nan used the opportunity to retreat. Then he took out a lot of paper talismans and threw them all towards Zhao Hai.

Just like the sound of paper tearing, Zhao Hai's sword easily broke through the shield. But at the same time, the paper talismans turned into icicles and fire as they approached Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai waved his hand, discarding the shield that was still stuck in his sword. Then Zhao Hai waved his greatsword, breaking all of the icicles and fire with one fell swoop.

At this time, the other Cultivators also discovered the predicament that Situ Nan was in. They all loudly shouted and then used their own secret arts to deal with Zhao Hai's magic before attacking Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai coldly snorted, then he waved his sword causing another five 100-layer formations to attack the Cultivators. At the same time, he released sword qi from the sword to attack Situ Nan.

It didn't take long before the six combatants exchanged several moves. However, Zhao Hai was having the upper hand in a 1 vs 5. Not only did he break Situ Nan's shield, he also made Situ Nan and the others frustrated.

The Cultivators didn't have good expressions on their faces. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be this formidable. At this time, the wood-element Cultivator loudly shouted, "Draw back to a formation!" Then his figure moved as he retreated. The others retreated as well and then made the same formation as they did when they surrounded the bugs. At the same time, they also brought out their own treasures.

Situ Nan had his bell, Dong Tutian didn't use his shield but instead his turtle dragon seal. The other people were also using the same weapons they used to deal with the bugs a moment ago. However, they were preparing another weapon as well as talismans to use at any time.

The five-element formation was Situ Nan and the others' last resort. The five element formation doesn't require five different elements to be used. In fact, it only needed five Cultivators. However, the effect of the formation would depend on the Cultivators using it.

The five-element formation allowed Situ Nan and the others to fight in their full strength. The more these five cooperated together, the more powerful they were.

Back when they dealt with the flying bugs, everyone only used one weapon and they didn't take out a second one nor did they use any talismans. But now that they were fighting against Zhao Hai, their second weapon was out and their paper talismans were also being used. Naturally, they had already regarded Zhao Hai's threat to their lives.

Seeing the five Cultivators like this, Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Alright, good. Gather around, it's better to deal with you this way. Watch this." Then Zhao Hai waved his hand as a 1000-layer formation appeared. The formation activated itself and under the five Cultivator's gaze, a rift opened in the air as a meteorite dropped down. The meteorite's target was the five Cultivators.

When the wood-element Cultivator saw this, his complexion changed. Then he operated his leaf to retreat. However, what they didn't expect was the rift following them. Meteorites continued to fall down from the rift, falling down with immense aura. The sight was astonishing.

Seeing this scene, Situ Nan activated his bell. The bell increased its size as it covered everyone.

At the same time Dong Tutian used his dragon turtle seal to increase its size and then meet the meteorites.

The other Cultivators didn't idle. They knew that all of these meteorites were under Zhao Hai's control. Therefore, the two metal-element Cultivators took out their weapons and attacked Zhao Hai.