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Chapter 1261: Sprite vs Formation Seal Cultivator

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Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Ma Rulong frowned and said, “So I’m right. If this is the case, then a Sect will certainly lose out. One of them will lose and they will have a lower ranking in the tournament. Isn’t that bad for them?”

Zhao Hai sneered and said, “Not necessarily. As long as they reach an agreement, these Sects can divide the spoils among themselves. This is so that they can suppress the other realms to the bottom of the rankings. In the end, wouldn’t they still benefit?”

Ma Rulong stayed quiet. This was because he knew that Zhao Hai was right. Cultivators normally fought with each other, but when faced with the other realms, they would unite.

At this time, the two people in the arena had finished their spar. The loser was defeated by just a small margin. The person who lost had a sad expression while glee was seen on the face of the winner. No magic artifacts were sent out, nor were there any pills used. There weren’t even paper talismans or other consumable items. The battle was as simple as it can be.

It was at this time that everyone else had the same idea as Ma Rulong – these Cultivators were just acting out a play. The other realms couldn’t help but get angry, but they couldn’t do anything since the Cultivation Realm didn’t break any rules. In fact, even if the Cultivators don’t act and one of them just forfeited, it would still be fine. This play was done just to give others face.

Many people couldn’t help but curse deep inside. However, they didn’t protest since they knew that it was useless. In their eyes, what the Cultivators were doing was much more shameless than the withdrawal of the Machine Field’s participants.

The people from the other realms initially thought that it was the Machine Field that was being shameless. Besides Zhao Hai, the other five participants didn’t have any intention to fight at all. They were able to get a lot of bugs because Zhao Hai gave it to them. And after they got on the top rankings, they forfeited immediately. Although they only got the final five places, there were still rich rewards waiting for them. Also, these rewards were pre-arranged before the competition began so nobody can

change it. These rewards were rich enough to live luxuriously. And because they couldn't say anything about the Machine Field's action, they see them as shameless.

However, the Machine Field didn't violate any rule. The insects were obtained by them from the bugs underground. They followed everything. Moreover, the elimination round allowed teaming up and the division of spoils.

The Cultivation Realm and the Machine Field exploited the loopholes in the competition's rules. Nobody could say anything and they just had to accept it.

At this time, the drawing of the second battle had ended. The participants were still Cultivators. And after the two put up a small fight, they left the arena. They merely made a few moves.

This went on until the tenth battle. This was where a true battle will happen. One side was a Cultivator while the other was a Sprite.

Sprites in the World of Cultivation were different compared to Elves in the lower realms. Once Elves in the lower realms ascend, they can at most look like someone from the Spirit Realm. The World of Cultivation's Sprites weren't humanoid. Instead they were their own special race. They resembled Cai'er and were no taller than a person's arm. They had winged backs and were very small. Each one of them looked like dolls.[1]

However, if you treat them like dolls, then you will suffer immensely. These people weren't dolls, they were gods of slaughter.

Sprite attacks had their own special characteristics. They can communicate with a lot of things and use them to attack. This was also the origin of the name Sprites.[2]

The Sprites' ability to communicate didn't only limit them to living things, this also includes the air, rocks, and all visible and invisible things.

This was an inherent skill of the Sprites that no other race had. However, since they also control ascending points, all Ascenders in the Sprite Realm can be part of the Sprite Race. Although their

cultivation method is different from Sprites in the lower realms, as long as they were the same race, they all had this skill.[3]

Although it might seem like other races have the same skill as the Sprites, like humans that can control metal, this metal manipulation was on a very ordinary level.

The skill of the Sprites is much more powerful than simple metal manipulation. Not only could they manipulate metal, they could breathe life into it. They can also instill intelligence on the material. This was what made the Sprites terrifying.

Zhao Hai was already aware of the Sprite Race's abilities even before seeing one of them. However, he has yet to see one fight. Their battle style would certainly enlarge his insight.

When the Sprite and the Cultivator got on the arena, they gave each other a salute. Then the two didn't speak. Zhao Hai then saw the Sprite waving its hand as a transparent humanoid appeared in front of it.

Right, it was transparent, completely clear. Only through spiritual force could this humanoid's presence be felt. Ordinary people wouldn't be able to see it.

Zhao Hai stared for a moment. This was because he could feel the invisible being absorbing the surrounding energy. And within a very short time, the invisible being was able to reach Foundation Establishment-level strength. Then it slowly stopped absorbing energy.

This was the first time that Zhao Hai was able to see a technique like this. It's quite strange. It was one of those odd things that made Zhao Hai curious. Now, he wants to see how strong this being was during a fight.

On the other hand, the Cultivator took out his items. What Zhao Hai felt strange was the items that the Cultivator took out were jade charms.

Right, jade charms, a complete set of 9 jade charms. One big charm and eight small ones. The Cultivator held the big jade charm in his hand while the other eight were rotating around it.

It didn't take long before the two sides began fighting. Zhao Hai was now aware of the strength of the invisible being. This being was actually able to control an invisible type of energy akin to air but not really air. Moreover, not only could this invisible being control energy, it can also turn it into various shapes to attack its enemy. In this regard, it was akin to Zhao Hai's Liquid Silver.

At the same time, the jade charms of the Cultivator were clearly not ordinary. The eight smaller charms contain eight different kinds of energy. These energies were respectively, heaven, ground, fire, thunder, wind, water, mountain, lake.

On the other hand, the large jade charm operates the other eight. This was the center of the eight charms forming the eight trigrams. In the middle was the Cultivator that controlled them all.

Seeing the Cultivator's methods, Zhao Hai understood that this was a Formation Seal Cultivator. He should have come from the Cultivation Realm's Sealing School.

The Sealing School had the same uniqueness as Sword Schools. They were a special school in the Cultivation Realm. Sword Cultivators treat the sword as their life partner and specially nurture it to grow. There might be some special Sects that might have other means to use a sword, but they were swords nonetheless.

As for the Sealing School, just like its name suggests, specialize in seals. They make sealing talismans and then use them as weapons. They take sealing talismans as their specialty, it's the area in which the Sect researched much of.

Among these Sealing Schools were special kinds of people. These were Formation Seal Cultivators. These Cultivators specialize in making formation charms first and talismans second. They assemble formations into their charms in order to fight their enemy. The combination of the sealing charms and formations makes them strong in the battlefield.

There was a fierce struggle between two evenly matched opponents. Both sides were formidable in their own right. Zhao Hai discovered that the Sprite was still somewhat controlling the invisible being after summoning it. Although the being had some sort of wisdom, it was still the Sprite's weapon. It was just like artifact spirits of Cultivators.

Moreover, Zhao Hai could see that Sprites were a difficult race to deal with. Their attacks also have special characteristics. Besides the Sprite's transparent summon, once in a while two stone golems would come out and attack the Cultivator. These stone golems were also quite strong. This fighting style expanded Zhao Hai's vision once more.

It was at this point that Zhao Hai discovered that no race in the World of Cultivation was easy to deal with. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to keep their own territories. This explains why Cultivators were still wary of them.

The Formation Seal Cultivator's methods were also uncommon. Besides the eight trigrams jade charm, he also had a lot of magical artifacts in use. Naturally, the majority of it were jade charms while some were talismans. Moreover, each item had great might.

After seeing the Formation Seal Cultivator making moves, Zhao Hai began to have some general understanding about their methods. These charms weren't consumable goods, instead only low-level talismans were single-use. Higher-level talismans and charms require high-level materials to be used. Single-use talismans that were powerful were very rare.

At the same time, Zhao Hai could also see into the methods of the Sprites. Although they can communicate to all kinds of things, they should also have their own attributes. They will choose to communicate with the things that were compatible with them. They would inject wisdom into that certain thing and then cultivate them. It was just like how a Cultivator grows his Life Source Weapon. Instead of themselves, the Sprites Cultivate their summons or familiars. It was just like how Zhao Hai strengthens his Undead. It was just that the methods of the Sprites were much more powerful.

The two have the same characters 精灵 but it's evident that they weren't the same. So I separated the two into Elves and Sprites.

Elves here are two characters 精灵(Jīnglíng) meaning fine, refined, or smart spirit

I think this refers to Elves with the same form

Chapter 1262: Zhao Hai vs Jiang Tian

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The two sides were intensely clashing. This wasn't a spar like previous battles, this was a real fight.

In the end, the Cultivator gained the upper hand and defeated the Sprite. But in order to win, the Cultivator had to go all out. From Zhao Hai's calculation, the Cultivator used more than 300 paper talismans as well as about 20 jade talismans. And also, he used a single-use jade charm.

Zhao Hai was now certain that the Cultivators had united and had supplied their participants with rich resources to defeat the other realms. They fully intend on suppressing the others.

At this time, the 11th pair was drawn. When the pairing was revealed, everyone couldn't help but pause. This was because the two that had been drawn were Zhao Hai and Jiang Tian!

The reason why people were stunned was because Zhao Hai's appearance was dreaded by the Cultivators. Although Devil Realm's Tu Mietan was strong, people don't care much about him. In the end, Tu Mietan was still a Foundation Establishment Cultivator. On the other hand, Zhao Hai was able to kill a Core Formation expert, such difference was very clear.

Zhao Hai didn't have much of a reaction upon seeing his name. He just smiled and flew towards the arena. As he was flying, everyone's gazes were focused on him. This also made Jiang Tian feel uncomfortable as he flew towards the arena.

Jiang Tian was a son of heaven. He was a genius from the lower realms. After he ascended, he became even more focused on cultivating. Because of this, Jiang Tian was very proud. Besides some people, he wouldn't pay attention to anyone.

Although Zhao Hai's legendary exploits have been flooding his ears recently, Jiang Tan wasn't convinced that Zhao Hai was invincible. His weapons and items had been supplemented and replaced, which made him even more confident. He wants to let everyone know that he was still a genius and the most talented among every participant present.

This arrogant mentality can't be developed in just one day. Jiang Tian received compliments from everyone ever since he was a child. Because of this, he gradually formed this arrogance. And it would be difficult to get rid of it.

Zhao Hai slowly fell on the arena. He really didn't expect to face Jiang Tian in his first battle. Jiang Tian was one of the powerful young experts of the Cultivation Realm. But since Zhao Hai has seen the recording of Jiang Tian analyzing what happened to Mu Dan in the underground caves, Zhao Hai was certain that he was an arrogant person. He was far from Suo Liancheng's attitude.

Jiang Tian and Zhao Hai stepped on the arena at almost the same time. Jiang Tian looked at Zhao Hai's ordinary face and couldn't help but snort coldly, then he said, "Zhao Hai, you've been quite famous recently. I just don't know if you really are that strong."

Zhao Hai heard Jiang Tian and just smiled faintly as he said, "Am I strong? Mister Jiang will soon know about that. Is Mister Jiang ready to begin?"

Jiang Tian sneered, "I wanted to give you more time to live. But since you can't wait, then die!" After he said that, a flying sword appeared in his hand. Then he commanded it to attack Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't take Liquid Silver out. Instead he waved his hand and caused a 100-layer formation to appear. Then an arrow rain burst out to meet the sword.

Jiang Tian took out a shield-shaped artifact and used it to block in front of him while his sword attacked Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai waved his hand and then a 200-layer formation appeared that became a big shield.

Zhao Hai didn't use Liquid Silver nor did he use his fist techniques. He was using formations to fight Jiang Tian. Even so, Jiang Tian still felt that Zhao Hai's actions were very strong. At this point, he had already used five magic artifacts while Zhao Hai was still fighting barehanded. Such contrast caused Jiang Tian to feel uncomfortable.

Jiang Tian thought himself to be heaven's favored son. Besides a few people like Suo Liancheng, nobody was his opponent. However, Zhao Hai's appearance caused him to understand what a monster really was.

People had mixed feelings as they looked at the arena below. Everyone can see that Jiang Tian was doing his best. With Jiang Tian's present strength as well as the quality of artifacts that he took out, most Foundation Establishment experts would have no chance against him. However, he was being held back by Zhao Hai who was unarmed. This only shows how formidable Zhao Hai really was.

At this time, Zhao Hai felt that it was time to stop playing around. He waved his hand as a 1000-layer formation appeared in front of him. Then when the formation activated, a huge fire dragon burst out and threw itself towards Jiang Tian.

Jiang Tian could feel the powerful aura of the fire dragon. He couldn't help but be shocked. Then he retrieved his flying sword and at the same time he took out a shield-shaped magic artifact. There were also two jade talismans in his hand, but he had yet to use them.

The fire dragon swung its claws and bit its teeth towards Jiang Tian. And while Jiang Tian was focused on the dragon, a huge stone golem appeared behind him. As soon as the golem appeared, it gave out a punch towards Jiang Tian.

While he was under his shield, Jiang Tian suddenly felt danger coming from his back. He immediately blocked the golem's fist. However, this caused the shield to be occupied defending the back. The fire dragon used this opportunity to charge forwards.

The unexpected attack caught Jiang Tian off-guard. The moment he was able to respond, the fire dragon was already in front of him.

Jiang Tian grunted, then he shattered the jade talisman in his hand. As soon as the jade talisman was shattered, sword energy immediately spread out and cut the fire dragon. The fire dragon cried out pitifully before it and the sword energy vanished.

However, the fire dragon's actions caused the spectators to stare. They knew that the fire dragon was made from magic, not a true lifeform. So why did the fire dragon cry out when it was cut? Wasn't this too strange?

Meanwhile, Zhao Hai felt that the sword energy released by the talisman had Core Formation-level strength. No wonder it could cut a 1000-layer formation fire dragon.

But Zhao Hai wasn't startled by this result. Instead he waved his hands once more as another 1000-layer formation appeared. This formation set formed into a humanoid being. This humanoid being wore golden full-body armor. In its hand was a double crescent halberd. The humanoid being was the same color as iron and it towered at ten feet tall. When it appeared, it immediately attacked Jiang Tian with its halberd.

Jiang Tian didn't expect Zhao Hai to release such strange magic. However, he knew that he had to prepare. Paper talismans appeared in his hand. And with a wave, he sent the talismans towards the armored giant. At the same time, he controlled his flying sword to enlarge and attack.

If it was any other event, Jiang Tian's methods would have earned him the appreciation of the spectators. After all, being able to swiftly use magic artifacts, charms, and talismans was something noteworthy for a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

Jiang Tian's paper talismans erupted into lightning and struck the armored giant. However, it seems like the armored giant didn't feel it as it continued to go forward to attack Jiang Tian. At this time, Jiang Tian's flying sword enlarged itself to about ten meters long. Then it went overhead in order to cut the armored giant.

But at this moment, the golden armored giant raised its halberd and struck Jiang Tian's sword. A loud sound was heard before the sword was thrown outwards. Jiang Tian's face was pale. If one were to look closely, then they would discover that Jiang Tian's sword had a chip that was the size of a grain of rice.

Jiang Tian's sword wasn't just an ordinary sword where a small chip can be fixed by a few hammering and polish. This flying sword was a precious treasure. Damage done to it would make the sword's ability plummet. And at the same time, the backlash caused Jiang Tian to be injured.

However, this wasn't the end. The golden giant didn't care that Jiang Tian was injured. It raised its halberd once more as it smashed it downwards.

Jiang Tian's facial color changed. His face showed grief as he crushed another jade talisman. Then sword energy was released once more to cut the armored giant. Naturally, its might was equal to a Core Formation Expert's attack.

The armored giant probably felt danger coming since it changed the trajectory of its halberd to block the attack. But a small click was heard as the sword energy cut the giant's halberd. Then the sword energy pierced towards the body of the armored giant. After a crunching sound, the sword energy went through the body of the giant, leaving behind a massive hole. Then the sword energy hit Zhao Hai's shield before disappearing.

Seeing the wound on the armored giant's body, Jiang Tian began to feel relief. Then his eyes sharpened as he took advantage of the opening to execute his sword art to attack Zhao Hai. Although his flying sword was damaged, it could still be used.

But at this moment, Jiang Tian's face changed color as he quickly took back his flying sword. This was because he discovered that even if the armored giant had been injured, it wasn't a living creature. Therefore, it didn't die from the wound. And instead of blood, particles were flowing down from its wound before restoring the giant's body. At the same time, its halberd has been repaired to its original form. This change caused Jiang Tian to be startled.

Jiang Tian really wished that he could use his shield to protect himself at this time. However, the stone golem was still attacking the shield. This left Jiang Tian with no way to deal with the armored giant in front of him.

Chapter 1263: I Can Come Back Later

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Foundation Establishment Cultivators have limits to how many magic artifacts they can simultaneously use, which was about three. And this was given that the three were only controlled. If one of them was being intensely utilized, then three was impossible.

Jiang Tian's shield was being attacked by the stone golem while the armored giant was in front of him. Jiang Tian also didn't dare to use his flying sword to stop that armored giant's attack. His flying sword had already been damaged by the halberd. If he used the flying sword to block a few more times, then the flying sword would definitely be destroyed.

Upon thinking of this, Jiang Tian received his sword and took out a ring-type magic artifact. The ring-type artifact defended his entire body. This way, Jiang Tian was able to retrieve his shield artifact. Then when the shield was taken away, he took out a sharp blade and attacked the armored giant. He also used the paper talismans in his hand. He threw them all towards the armored giant as though he was throwing away money.

However, Jiang Tian forgot that Zhao Hai can still release more magic. Therefore, as Jiang Tian was preoccupied by the stone golem and the armored giant, Zhao Hai released another 1000-layer formation. When this formation appeared, a great wave of water came out before it formed into a water giant. Then the newcomer proceeded to attack Jiang Tian.

The methods of this water giant were very strange. It was like the transparent being that the Sprite used in the previous fight. The water giant's attacks look very soft. However, everyone that was spectating the arena knew that this water giant wasn't simple.

Jiang Tian also discovered the water giant. His expression was now difficult to look at. Then a fierce light flashed before his eyes as he bit his own tongue and took out some life essence blood. He sprayed his life essence blood on the blade in front of him. Upon being injected by the life essence blood, the blade changed trajectory as it bypassed the armored giant and the water giant to attack Zhao Hai directly.

But at the same time, Jiang Tian's move caused his ring-shaped defensive artifact to fall. If this attack doesn't have any effect on Zhao Hai, then Jiang Tian would lose.

Zhao Hai saw Jiang Tian's approach and couldn't help but frown. Jiang Tian was actually going all out. Zhao Hai knew clearly how important life essence blood was to Cultivators. Losing life essence blood was a great disadvantage. This would make a Cultivator's future path more difficult.

And this consequence was much more significant to a Foundation Establishment Cultivator. It can be said that Jiang Tian was sacrificing his future development with his current action. Cultivators would only use their life essence blood during extremely dangerous situations where life and death was decided in a blink of an eye.

However, this was the ranking tournament of the Six Realms Beginner Competition. This wasn't a life and death battle. As long as Jiang Tian admits defeat, then Zhao Hai would stop his attacks. But instead of admitting defeat, Jiang Tian used his life essence blood to attack. No matter what angle one looks at, Jiang Tian was having desperate thoughts.

Zhao Hai knew that he now had a heavy enmity with Jiang Tian. Even if he defeated Jiang Tian, then this battle would still affect Jiang Tian's cultivation. Affecting a Cultivator's cultivation was akin to endangering their lives. Jiang Tian had sown enmity that cannot be resolved.

Zhao Hai coldly snorted. Since this was an irresolvable enmity, then there's no need to solve it. There's only one good way to deal with such enemies, kill them! When he thought of this, Zhao Hai stretched forward and pointed out.

This was an attacking method that was from the tempering fist technique. It wasn't at full power, but its strength was still very great. Jiang Tian wouldn't be able to withstand it.

Zhao Hai's finger crashed through Jiang Tian's blade and immediately turned it into ash. Then the attack proceeded towards the ring-type artifact. Jiang Tian's ring-type artifact screeched before it broke. Then seemingly unaffected by everything it passed through before, Zhao Hai's finger attack hit Jiang Tian's body. Jiang Tian's body shook before it fell to the ground, shock was evident in his eyes.

Jiang Tian died expecting Zhao Hai to spare his life. He expected Zhao Hai to not have the guts to kill him in public. He used his life essence blood to attack just to see if it succeeds. If it didn't then he was prepared to admit defeat. However, he didn't expect that he wouldn't given the opportunity to surrender.

There was no rule in the Void Arena that disallowed killing. In the past, when people from the Cultivation Realm dominated the top 100, they rarely battled to death in the arena. And if someone died, it would always be Cultivators killing people from the other realms.

But today's situation where Zhao Hai killed a Cultivator in front of the crowd never happened before. Even the people from the other realms didn't expect Zhao Hai to have the courage to do so. Although they weren't from the Cultivation Realm, they knew that Cultivators were able to kill people from the other realms because they had many methods and were rich in resources.

However, Zhao Hai actually did kill someone on the void arena. He looked at Jiang Tian's body and then waved his hand, covering it with black gas. Then when the black gas vanished, Jiang Tian's corpse vanished as well.

Those in the scene weren't amateurs. Seeing Zhao Hai's action, they knew that Zhao Hai turned Jiang Tian into the Undead. In other words, Jiang Tian was now Zhao Hai's Undead.

Hua!

An uproar was heard from all around the arena. Nobody thought that Zhao Hai would be so rampant. Not only did he kill a Cultivator, he also turned him into an Undead in front of all the other Cultivators. Wasn't this slapping the Cultivation Realm in the face?

Sure enough, just as Zhao Hai received Jiang Tian, a voice was heard, "So brave, Zhao Hai. You dared to kill Jiang Tian!" Then with his voice, sword energy came slashing towards Zhao Hai. This sword energy was similar to the sword energy emitted by the two jade talismans used by Jiang Tian. It was sword energy that had Core Formation strength. The speed of this attack was very fast and its aura was also quite strong.

Zhao Hai coldly snorted, then he pointed his finger and dispelled the sword energy. Then he turned at the Cultivator and said, "The Void Arena is a place of competition and life and death battles. Since he's too weak to stop my attack, then he deserves to die. If I wasn't skilled enough and was killed by other people, would you protest? If you want to complain, then come here and let's fight!" Zhao Hai's eyes were looking straight towards the Cultivator that sent the sword energy.

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the Cultivator couldn't help but coldly snort as he said, "Extremely arrogant. You just won a few fights and now you think highly of yourself. But since it's the day of the tournament, I'll let you off. I'll certainly ask you for advice on another day."

Zhao Hai just sneered. Then he flew towards the Machine Field's stands and then returned to his seat.

Zhao Hai's attitude made the other realms see how domineering he actually was. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be this formidable.

However, people were quick to analyze what just happened. Zhao Hai didn't intend to kill Jiang Tian. He has been using magic to fight, it was clear that he had no intention of murder. Otherwise, he would have easily murdered Jiang Tian.

Jiang Tian going all out and using his life essence blood to attack Zhao Hai was clearly the reason why Zhao Hai was angry, and chose to go for the kill. Those who were discerning could understand Zhao Hai's decision. But nevertheless, they were surprised by the method he used.

There were very few people who challenged the dignity of the Cultivation Realm in front of the Cultivators. The other realms had learned to endure. But if they cannot bear the insults, then they would go for the kill. But they would make sure that the Cultivators don't find out about the killer.

Zhao Hai was the first to kill a Cultivator in public in several years. However, the people from the other realms calmed down when they remembered that Zhao Hai had already done this before.

Now that they think about it, Zhao Hai had done this act a lot of times before. His killing of Li Chuchen was semi-public, the same was true for his eradication of the five participants from the Three Mountains Alliance. Then there was his victory against Helian Da. But of those who he publicly killed, Helian Da had the greatest weight to his status. Jiang Tian was a rookie, while Helian Da was an Elder of the Three Mountains Alliance. Zhao Hai dared to kill Helian Da, so his actions today shouldn't be a surprise.

When Zhao Hai returned to his seat, he could feel the piercing looks directed at him. However, he didn't care as he sat down and then closed his eyes.

Seeing Zhao Hai's reaction, Ma Rulong couldn't help but smile bitterly. However, much of it was because of appreciation. If this wasn't the Cultivation Realm, then he would have loudly yelled with glee. Unfortunately, he can't do it now. Ma Rulong also clearly knew that the people from the Cultivation Realm couldn't be reasoned with. So even if Zhao Hai wanted to keep low-key, he has no choice but to act domineering. And since the Cultivators present couldn't defeat Zhao Hai, they can only behave.

People who came from the Machine Field were also looking at Zhao Hai. They heard about Zhao Hai's exploits in the Cultivation Realm back when they were still in the Machine Field. At that time, they were able to vent bad air. Zhao Hai's strength caused them to secretly applaud him. Just like Ma Rulong, they couldn't really cheer loudly.

But since things needed to proceed, the battles continued. Before long, the day ended and a total of 48 people would proceed to the next round. It was also time for Zhao Hai and the others to rest.

When the Machine Field returned to their residence, Ma Rulong and the others immediately went to Zhao Hai's room. To be honest, Zhao Hai's room wasn't large. With so many people coming over, it made the room very crowded.

Seeing Ma Rulong and the others, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "What's the matter? Why is everyone here? Do you want to drink?"

Ma Rulong smiled bitterly and said, "Little Hai, how can anyone have any mood to drink? You really shouldn't have killed Jiang Tian. This is like slapping the face of the Cultivation Realm. The Cultivators will never let you off."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Not let me off? To be honest, I'm not really afraid."

Seeing Zhao Hai's indifferent reaction, Ma Rulong sighed and said, "Little Hai, you think too simply. With your current strength, even if you can act freely in the Cultivation Realm now, you still shouldn't offend the Cultivators. After all, you still need to use transmission formations in order to return to the Machine Field. If you slap their faces too hard, then those fellows will find ways to deal with you. Things like redirecting the location of a transmission formation. Or even sending you to a dangerous region. Such things have been done before in the World of Cultivation. A lot of experts went missing because of this."

Upon hearing this, Zhao Hai stared, then he said, "Such things happen? Really? I didn't think about that. But Team Leader can rest assured. I'll be fine. Don't forget that I can use space magic. If I really want to return to the Machine Field, then I can do it alone as long as I prepare."

Ma Rulong gawked when he heard Zhao Hai. Then his eyes shone as he said, "Little Hai, are you telling the truth? You don't need the Cultivation Realm's transmission formation to return to the Machine Field? So does this mean that you didn't need to use the transmission formation when we came here?"

Zhao Hai looked at Ma Rulong and then said, "No, I can't do it before. Since I don't have the Cultivation Realm's coordinates, I can't come here directly from the Machine Field. But now that I'm here and I have coordinates, I can enter and exit the Cultivation Realm on my own through my magic."

Ma Rulong's eyes turned brighter, then he said, "In other words, as long as you have gone to a place, then you can use space magic to go there? No matter the distance?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Yes, but of course the difficulty varies. The farther the distance, the more preparation I would need. Moreover, the consumption of spiritual qi increases with distance. If I want to conduct long distance transmission, then I would consume a lot of energy. If I transport more people, the consumption will increase as well."

Ma Rulong nodded. He felt that this made sense. If Zhao Hai doesn't pay any price to go anywhere, then it would be totally unrealistic. However, Ma Rulong didn't know that this unrealistic thing was in fact realistic.

Ma Rulong turned his head to everyone and said, "Everyone, you need to keep what you hear as a secret. Don't mention it to anyone else. People with abilities like Little Hai are really important to the Machine Field. If the Cultivators know about it, then it would cause great trouble to Little Hai. Understood?"

Chapter 1264: Smuggling

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Although the other team leaders didn't quite understand what Ma Rulong meant, they still nodded. These team leaders were also practitioners. And to be honest, Zhao Hai's actions made them feel great. Additionally, they had shared drinks with Zhao Hai, so their relationship was very good. It was not a problem for them to keep Zhao Hai's secret.

Zhao Hai looked at Ma Rulong, he didn't know what he was excited about. So he asked, "Team Leader, what's important about this information?"

Ma Rulong looked at everyone around him, but he didn't make the other team leaders go out. The team leaders already knew about this, so it would be too much to make them leave. Then he said, "This is very important for the Machine Field. As far as the realm is concerned, it would have a very significant impact."

Zhao Hai and the other team leaders look at Ma Rulong in confusion. Ma Rulong took a deep breath and then waved his hand, making everyone go out of the room and look for a bigger place. Zhao Hai's room

was not huge, so it wasn't a good place to have a conversation in. Just outside was a small living room that can accommodate everyone.

After everyone had sat down, Ma Rulong opened his mouth and said, "Everyone should know that there are a lot of treasures in the Cultivation Realm. This is because the lands of the Cultivation Realm are very good. There are more than 10 thousand habitable planets in the Cultivation Realm. And if a planet is uninhabitable, that doesn't mean that it doesn't have anything good in it. The minerals obtained by the Cultivators from those planets are very precious. And there are a lot of those minerals that aren't available in the Machine Field."

Everyone nodded. This was something that everyone in the Machine Field understood. However, they don't understand why Ma Rulong must mention this matter at this time.

Ma Rulong continued, "Although our Machine Field has our own mines for spirit stones, our production capacity isn't that large. It is because of this that we use machine coins as currency in the Machine Field. It is different compared to the stones that are used in the Cultivation Realm."

Everyone was still confused, they had yet to see where Ma Rulong was heading towards. Seeing everyone's reaction, Ma Rulong said, "Since the Machine Field has so few spirit stones, it's very difficult for us to buy those minerals from the Cultivation Realm. Additionally, the Cultivation Realm imposes heavy tariffs on our imported goods. And there are even some ores that are banned from being sold to us. This is one of the reasons why the Machine Field's development is very slow."

This was something that people knew and it was part of the Cultivation Realm's suppression of the Machine Field. Not only the Machine Field, the Cultivation Realm does this to the other realms as well. Therefore, nobody had yet to beat the Cultivation Realm in strength.

Ma Rulong looked at Zhao Hai and said, "But with Little Hai's ability to come in and out of the Cultivation Realm at will, he doesn't need to pay any tariffs. If he wore Cultivator clothing and bought the materials we can't buy, then wouldn't that be a significant thing for the Machine Field?"

Smuggling! This was the first word that came into Zhao Hai's mind when he heard Ma Rulong. Ma Rulong was planning on using the Space for smuggling. Zhao Hai doesn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Back in the lower realms, he would use his Space to do business most of the time, but he doesn't need to smuggle goods. This was because he was a noble, so he has the privilege to be exempt from tariffs. He didn't expect that the Space would have to smuggle goods in the Machine Field.

Unlike Zhao Hai, the others immediately understood Ma Rulong's words. They couldn't help but stare before they reacted. Instantaneously, the look they gave Zhao Hai changed.

To be honest, the Cultivation Realm was truly rich in resources. They have a lot of things that they want to buy here, but they simply don't have spirit stones to purchase with. Although these team leaders were quite rich in their respective families, most of them had their wealth in machine coins. They were no poorer than children here in the Cultivation Realm.

In the Machine Field, spirit stones were highly sought after goods. Therefore, it wasn't regarded as currency. Moreover, great families would use their spirit stones to trade with the Cultivation Realm most of the time. These stones don't circulate in the Machine Field. It was just like having foreign currency reserves of a certain country. They would only use it to transact with that country and never with their own people.

So even if these team leaders wanted something in the Cultivation Realm, they couldn't afford it. But if Zhao Hai does indeed have the ability to go to the Cultivation Realm without going through transmission formations, then they can definitely ask Zhao Hai to help them buy some things and pay him in machine coins, or other precious goods. It can be said that Zhao Hai was now a highly sought after smuggler in their eyes.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone's expressions and knew what they were thinking. He couldn't help but chuckle as he looked at Ma Rulong and said, "Team Leader, rest assured. As long as the Machine Field is in need, I'll do my best to help. Since Zheng Li is now a close friend, then I can ask his help to deal with this matter."

Ma Rulong couldn't help but increase his evaluation of Zhao Hai upon hearing this. He befriended Zheng Li before this, so it was actually for this purpose.

At this moment, there was a loud noise coming from outside. Ma Rulong stared, then he stood up and looked out. There were a lot of Mages and Warriors that came to visit. These people just came to see how Zhao Hai deals with the other realms, and Zhao Hai didn't disappoint them. He killed Jiang Tian, which made them very excited for the events to come.

Seeing this situation, Ma Rulong knew what these people came for. To be honest, for these people to come here from the Machine Field meant that they weren't low-ranking people. They were usually descendants of great families. Counting on these people to not visit after seeing the battle was almost impossible.

People from External Halls couldn't go here. It's difficult for them to use transmission formations, and even if they arrive at the Cultivation Realm, they wouldn't have any spirit stones to pay for the transmission fee to go to the Void Arena. Therefore, Ma Rulong knew that those who were able to come to the Void Arena weren't people that could be offended.

At this point, it doesn't matter if Zhao Hai becomes the champion or not. He will surely rise up in the Machine Field. Most of these guys knew that establishing relationships early was very important. Also, Zhao Hai was used to these kinds of events.

Zhao Hai received these people with great enthusiasm and entertained them. If one were to look at it, Zhao Hai had the lowest status among everyone in this room. Moreover, he was the only Ascender present here, the others were natives of the Machine Field. If Zhao Hai wasn't monstrously strong, then these people wouldn't have wanted to be intimate with him. And the Ashley Family might not allow his marriage to Margaret.

However, now that Zhao Hai can defeat Cultivators and allow the Machine Field to release bad air, he became the realm's poster child. It can be said that Zhao Hai had the qualifications to sit and chat with these people.

This doesn't mean that there were no families in the Machine Field that was established by Ascenders. In fact, families established by Ascenders held quite some influence in the Machine Field.

Because of this, people approached Zhao Hai with the identification of being from a family established by an Ascender. They felt that their relationship with an Ascender will help with their interaction with Zhao Hai, especially since Zhao Hai was a very powerful Ascender.

A lot of people who visited Zhao Hai were from these families that were founded by Ascenders. But at this point they were already considered to be natives of the Machine Field. After all, these families had been around for a long time, with some of them having survived for dozens of generations. Naturally, their descendants were no different from the natives of the Machine Field.

Zhao Hai got along with these people very well. He did these kinds of gatherings many times in the lower realms. Rapport was slowly being made and everyone was delightedly chatting.

After talking and drinking for a while, Zhao Hai sent everyone off. But as these people left, they were already calling Zhao Hai brother. For most people, sentiment was easiest to make on the liquor table. Although it was only through some wine and dishes, they became friends immediately. Now, if these people wanted to handle some matters outside of their control, they could ask their other brothers for help. Compared to looking for strangers for help, this method was much easier.

When the visitors left, Zhao Hai immediately went back to his room and then entered the Space. Upon entering the villa, he immediately asked, "How is it?"

His words might sound senseless, but Laura actually knew what he was asking about. Zhao Hai released silver needles in order to spy on the other realms present in the Void Arena. Now Zhao Hai was asking Laura and the others about their findings.

Laura nodded and said, "The reaction is quite big. However, since the Spirit Realm, Sprites, and the Demons have nothing to do with us, their reaction isn't as big as the Cultivation Realm and the Devil Realm. The Cultivators ordered their participants to give 120% of their effort when they meet you in the arena. Otherwise, they would be punished. On the other hand, the Devil Realm lost two participants today, so they're now relying on Tu Miantan to advance. It seems like the Devil Realm has given Tu Miantan a powerful artifact to cope with you especially."

Zhao Hai nodded, this response was within his expectations. It wasn't a big deal if the Devil Realm took out one or two artifacts to deal with him. As for the Demon Realm, Sprite Realm, and the Spirit Realm, their participants had been wiped out in the first round. Therefore, they don't care much about the ongoing battles. But when they saw how powerful Zhao Hai was, they were also able to vent out some bad air.

Chapter 1265: Formation Expert

Changes in terms(my bad): Demon Realm -> Devil Realm(Mo), Beast Realm -> Demon Realm(Yao), Elves -> Sprites, still reading forward to see if Spirit Race = Elves. No precise description given yet.

Zhao Hai took a six-hour break inside the Space before heading back out again. This was because the second round of battles was about to begin. Actually, Zhao Hai doesn't need to participate in this round since he gained first place in the qualifiers. However, he still wanted to look at the battles. This was because he would be seeing more actions from the Demons, Spirit Race, and Sprites. Zhao Hai's understanding about these races was too few.

The Demon Race were in fact monsters and plants that had gained sentience and gained humanoid forms. Therefore, they were called demons(yao). These people were also very formidable. They gain strength from preying on other people.

The Demons who came to participate in the competition were also beasts and plants from the lower realms. When they ascended, they gained their humanoid form. And after practicing, they were able to increase their methods and were now more difficult to deal with.

On the other hand, the practice of the Spirit Race was somewhat special. They have methods that's a combination between the methods of Ghost Cultivators and Sprites. They collect spirits and then cultivate them. They use these spirits as weapons as well as energy.

There are several ways to collect these spirits. One was after someone died. However, not all souls could become spirits. These spirits only come up when someone dies of special circumstances.

Another method to generate spirits was to use one's own spiritual force to rip their souls to generate a new spirit. This was also a special method of the Spirit Race. The Cultivation Realm also has the same method, but it could only be done by Soul Severing Experts.

People from the Spirit Realm were able to divide their soul into two because of the unique property of their soul. When Spirit Realm practitioners split their souls, the split soul would become their Life Source Spirit, an external incarnation of their soul. It was a type of weapon that's tightly linked to their entire being. It was similar to a Cultivator's Life Source Weapon. But strictly speaking, Life Source Spirits were much more advanced than Life Source Weapons. However, splitting one's soul was a very painful practice. This would also affect the Spirit Race's cultivation. It's a dangerous and sometimes fatal process.

Although the Spirit Realm and the Cultivation Realm's practices were different, their respective might was extraordinary. One shouldn't look at the fact that the Cultivation Realm had been suppressing the other realms and conclude that there are problems in the methods of the other realms. In fact, the Cultivation Methods of all the other realms were perfect as well, their only problem was resources.

Resources spent by the Cultivation Realm to cultivate was much more compared to the other realms. The other realms weren't able to be as strong as the Cultivators because they just don't have the resources to do so.

It's like a poor person gambling with a rich person. Even if the two had similar techniques, the rich person would still be in a much better state. If the rich person and the poor person were dealt with similar cards, then the rich person could just drown the poor person to defeat using money and the poor person would have no way of fighting back.

It was because of this that Zhao Hai understood that the people from the World of Cultivation couldn't be underestimated. Even the Machine Field had something hidden that wasn't simple.

The second round of the tournament ended quickly. Naturally, Cultivators didn't waste too much time. As soon as two Cultivators meet, they would exchange a few moves before the loser was decided. Then when they were against people from the other realms, the Cultivators would employ ruthless methods, but there had been no casualties yet.

The result of the second round was just like what Zhao Hai thought. The people from the other realms occupied the 90's and late 80's rankings. It can be said that the suppression was fierce.

After the round, no time for rest was allocated as the third round immediately began. This round was still done by drawing two participants. And this time, Zhao Hai would fight.

But what surprised Zhao Hai this time was that Tu Mieten was drawn along with a Cultivator. Zhao Hai expected the Cultivation Realm to pull some tricks, but it seems like they didn't.

Actually, what Zhao Hai didn't know was that the Cultivation Realm had fostered an arrogant character due to their successful suppression of the other realms. They simply disdain using tricks during these competitions.

Zhao Hai was able to spy on Tu Mieten yesterday. To be honest, people from the Devil Realm were really similar to the Cultivation Realm. They also used a lot of magic artifacts. However, their magic artifacts were filled with ghastly auras. They all had the stench of blood and looked disgusting.

Zhao Hai also knew that the Devil Realm's artifacts had the property to corrupt other magical artifacts. If a magic artifact clashed with a devil artifact for a long time, then they would get corroded.

It can be said that devil artifacts suppressed the Cultivation Realm's magic artifacts. If a Cultivator wants to fight someone from the Devil Realm, then they would generally use magic artifacts that were alloyed with a special material in order to cancel the corrosive properties of devil artifacts. However, these special materials were rare, and no average Cultivator could afford it.

In addition to alloying special materials to their weapons, Cultivators could also attach purifying formations on their weapons. Although their weapons could still be corroded, as long as it wasn't serious, it could recover on its own.

Tu Mietan was initially bestowed devil artifacts by the Sacred Blood Sect. From what Zhao Hai saw, there were three devil artifacts that were handed over, one was a blood red ghost head sword, a black colored flag, and a devil face shield. These three devil artifacts were the most commonly used types of artifacts by the Devil Realm. Moreover, the qualities of these particular three wasn't any worse than weapons used by the Cultivation Realm.

The ghost head sword looked very powerful. Average flying swords couldn't survive fighting against it due to its powerful corrosive ability. As for the ghost face shield, Zhao Hai was able to experience it before. Its defensive strength was very strong. Once it was used, it would provide Tu Mietan with great defensive capability.

The black colored flag was even more extraordinary. When Tu Mietan used the flag and swung it gently, innumerable ghost heads came out of the flag and threw themselves towards the target as well as their magic artifacts. Most magic artifacts would be eaten by the ghost heads in no time.

These weren't just the things that Tu Mietan had in hand. As for how many cards he has, nobody knew. And with his already great strength, he has yet to lose to a Cultivator. Because of this, he was able to step on the top 50 of the rankings.

This time, Tu Mietan's opponent was quite well known among the Cultivation Realm's ascenders. The two battled for some time, but in the end Tu Mietan was able to win.

Although it took some time before Tu Mieten won, Zhao Hai didn't dare underestimate him. This was because Tu Mieten was still using his three common devil artifacts to win. He has yet to use anything else.

Even if the Devil Realm had inferior resources compared to the Cultivation Realm, Zhao Hai doesn't believe that the Devil Realm relied on Tu Mieten to get a greater ranking using only these three weapons. For Tu Mieten to reach his current position without using any other devil artifact could only be explained by one thing, he had yet to go all out.

Zhao Hai has been paying attention to Tu Mieten's conduct. Although Tu Mieten has a heavy killing aura around him and seemed to go for murder if there's an opportunity, he actually had some discretion when fighting in the arena. He won his battles without severely wounding his enemies. It was obvious that he was a person who knew how to advance and retreat. He understood what needed to be done.

Also, whether spectating or in battles, Tu Mieten seemed to greet everyone with an everlasting smile. This caused him to gain Zhao Hai's admiration.

After several rounds of drawing lots, Zhao Hai's name was finally pulled out. But when he saw his opponent, Zhao Hai couldn't help but gawk. This was because this person was also among the group that examined the fight scene underground along with Jiang Tian - Yao Guang. This person's formations were definitely the most profound out of those present at that time.

Zhao Hai clearly knew that both Jiang Tian and Yao Guang were in the top ten of the Cultivation Realm's qualifiers. Being able to battle two top tens in a row caused Zhao Hai to have some suspicions about the Cultivation Realm doing underhanded methods.

However, he doesn't have much time to think about this as he was close to the arena. Just as he stepped on the ground, Yao Guang stepped in as well. Yao Guang was very polite as he bowed towards Zhao Hai and said, "I have seen Mister Zhao Hai. This Yao Guang has heard mister Zhao Hai's recent exploits. Being able to face Mister today is certainly my honor."

Zhao Hai didn't lower his guard just because Yao Guang was being polite. He was aware that the Cultivators had already issued a death order on his head. No matter who encountered him, they would have to go all out. Even if they couldn't defeat him, they should at least make him waste a lot of energy. If they could injure him, then that would even be better.

Zhao Hai expected such an order from the Cultivators. He was aware that he was already seen as an enemy of the Cultivators. If the Cultivators didn't decide to deal with him, then they could no longer be from the Cultivation Realm.

Zhao Hai didn't show an arrogant expression as he returned the courtesy with a smile and said, "I have seen Mister Yao Guang. Mister's formations have gained this one's admiration. Being able to compare notes with Mister is a great fortune. Mister Yao Guang, please." Then Zhao Hai gave a gesture of invitation towards Yao Guang.

But when Yao Guang heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but stare. His achievements regarding formations were known to very few people in the Cultivation Realm. He would normally act as an average Cultivator and used magic artifacts to deal with the enemy. He would rarely use formations in battle, he even deemed it as his trump card. He didn't expect Zhao Hai to see through his strongest point. This caused Yao Guang's heart to beat more loudly.

However, since Yao Guang was also a person with deep thoughts, he didn't display his surprise and instead just said, "Mister Zhao Hai's praise makes me happy. Then Mister, I'll make my move." Then he waved his hand, causing a flying sword to come out.

This was a very ordinary flying sword. It was obviously inadequate to deal with Zhao Hai. However, Zhao Hai didn't look down on this flying sword. Yao Guang was a formation expert, the methods of people like him were very difficult to predict!

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Zhao Hai didn't make a move nor did he take out his weapon. He only looked calmly at Yao Guang. However, Yao Guang didn't dare to treat him lightly. This was because he knew that Zhao Hai was capable of defeating a Core Formation Cultivator without using any weapons. Underestimating such a person would basically be courting death.

In fact, what Zhao Hai guessed was right. Yao Guang was just a normal Cultivator when it came to using flying swords. His greatest strength was his formations.

Now that the Cultivation Realm had issued a death command, everyone facing Zhao Hai would need to go all out to defeat him. Yao Guang wouldn't dare go against the will of the Cultivation Realm, so he would need to use his full power. And this meant that he would have to take out his formidable formations.

Two people were in opposite directions of each other, both had yet to make a move. But then, Yao Guang began taking out hundreds of formation flags. As long as he could constrain Zhao Hai for a while, then he would be able to arrange a powerful formation. He immediately commanded his flying sword to pierce towards Zhao Hai. In his battles before this, Yao Guang used this flying sword to deal with his enemies without them knowing that his true strength was in formations. It can be seen that his flying sword technique was not simple. At the very least, he was much better compared to average Cultivators of his level.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly before he waved his hand and made a 100-layer formation appear to block Yao Guang's sword. But at this time, Yao Guang saw an opportunity. He threw eight formation flags from his hand towards eight directions, completely encircling Zhao Hai.

The reason why Zhao Hai didn't deal with Yao Guang immediately was because he wanted to see how strong the formations of the Cultivation Realm were. At this time, he knew more about the magic formations of the Machine Field. He knew that the Cultivation Realm's formations weren't any less powerful than the Machine Field's. Although he learned how to arrange formations from Helian Da, Helian Da wasn't a Formation Cultivator in the end. There were still plenty of formations that he didn't know about. This was especially true for offensive formations.

But Yao Guang was different. He was proficient in attacking enemies using formations. It can be said that he was a true Formation Cultivator. The formations in his hands were ever changing and they were extremely powerful. Because of this, Zhao Hai wanted to experience it for himself. Therefore, he wasn't anxious of ending the battle.

If it were someone from the Machine Field or even the Cultivation Realm, they wouldn't do the same thing as Zhao Hai. This was because even if they saw the formation, they wouldn't know how it worked. However, Zhao Hai was different. He has the Space that can record the battle. And once Yao Guang's actions were recorded, it could be analyzed by the Scanner and harvested for data. Therefore, Zhao Hai waited to see Yao Guang's formation.

But if his opponent was exchanged to another famed Formation Cultivator, Zhao Hai wouldn't dare do this. The Cultivation Realm's formations are very formidable. Underestimating it wouldn't bode well for anyone and Zhao Hai doesn't want to be an unlucky ghost. But Yao Guang was different. Yao Guang's

formations might be fierce, but his strength was still low at Foundation Establishment Stage. Even if his formations were exquisite, the effects were still limited and couldn't be a threat to Zhao Hai. It can be said that Yao Guang was the best candidate for Zhao Hai to test the Cultivation Realm's formations.

Naturally, Yao Guang was unaware of these thoughts. He was thinking that Zhao Hai was holding back and underestimating the might of the Cultivation Realm's formations. Because of this, he made sure to set up his formation correctly. The formation that Yao Guang used this time wasn't a simple formation. Instead, it was the very famous Eight Dragon Shackles formation! The formation flags used for this formation were made out of eight dragon bones, its might was said to be extraordinary!

Of course, this extraordinary might refers to the true Eight Dragon Shackles. The formation that Yao Guang used was merely a replica. However, the materials that Yao Guang's sect used for this formation was still very precious.

Once the eight formation flags have been inserted, Zhao Hai immediately felt his surroundings change. The formation flags vanished as well as Yao Guang. All around him was a golden mist, then the roar of a dragon was heard. When the dragon roar came out, the earth split and eight golden dragons emerged. But although the dragons came out, their tails seem to be anchored to the ground. Then the eight dragon heads met together to form a huge cage.

As soon as he looked at these dragons, Zhao Hai guessed what the formation was doing. He immediately released a 100-layer formation to attack one of the dragons.

However, just as the 100-layer formation was sent out, the eight dragons moved. They fiercely growled at the incoming attack and pressed their heads down as they shot out golden light from their mouths. However, not all golden light attacked Zhao Hai's formation, some of them were headed towards Zhao Hai as well.

Zhao Hai knew that although these weren't true gold dragons, they were comparable to the fire dragons that he released. They have their own entities and can give real attacks. If one regards these golden dragons as imaginary, then they would experience extreme bad luck.

Zhao Hai wasn't polite, he waved his hand and released a series of 100-layer formations. Fire dragons came out of these formations to attack the golden dragons. But even if the fight between the fire dragons and golden dragons were fierce, Zhao Hai just calmly stood on the side and observed with great interest. It was as if he wasn't taking things seriously.

On the other hand, Yao Guang was busily preparing for another formation. Formation flags and formation disks flew out of his hand and gathered around Zhao Hai.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't actually idling at this time. He was making Cai'er record Yao Guang's every movement and every formation arrangement. Even those formation flags and formation disks had silver needles attached to them.

The silver needles were rapidly analyzing the materials used to make the flags and disks, the way they were refined was being analyzed as well. This ability was also something that Zhao Hai just recently discovered after the Space leveled up. This ability was very useful for Zhao Hai. Before this, he could only analyze these flags and disks when they were sent to the Space. But now, having silver needles attached to them was sufficient.

Yao Guang was arranging his formations while Zhao Hai was just looking at it. However, the spectators were seeing another thing.

Yao Guang had a lot of support from the Cultivation Realm. But still, the amount of formation flags and formation disks he has in hand was very astonishing.

Also, it seems like Yao Guang was truly a rare talent in formations. The formations that he arranged were set up perfectly. They were connected with each other and formed a cohesive set. Additionally these formations were all targeted towards one person – Zhao Hai. Once this formation was finished, even Nascent Soul Experts wouldn't be able to sit still.

The Cultivation Realm's people highly praised Yao Guang's actions. The Elders of Yao Guang gave him special training that was only given to Core Disciples. Although Yao Guang's sect wasn't a traditional Sect that specialized in Formations and were primarily an Orthodox Sect, they couldn't ignore Yao Guang's talent and decided to vigorously train him.

In the Cultivation Realm, Sects were bound to receive special talents. As long as these talents were discovered, these Sects would immediately give them training appropriate to their abilities. And just because they were special talents, they weren't suppressed – this was impossible for Sects. Even Sword Sects would have numerous Pill Masters, Forging Masters, and Formation Masters.

In reality, these Crafting Masters were often more popular than ordinary Elders in a Sect. These people hold a Sect's technological level in their hands. No matter where, these people were highly looked upon. This reputation also applies to common craftsmen. People were afraid of offending a future Master of a craft.

But even if Yao Guang's comprehension was very good when it came to formations, he was still at the level of an Inner Disciple and not a Core Disciple. After all, Yao Guang's time in the Cultivation Realm has been short – less than five years. For any Cultivator, five years of time wasn't really long.

On the other hand, when the Machine Field's people saw that Zhao Hai was being buried in layers upon layers of formations, their complexion couldn't help but change. Zhao Hai was currently the Machine Field's hope. If Zhao Hai was defeated, then the Machine Field would suffer elimination in the tournament.

The people from the other realms were also looking at Zhao Hai with a trace of worry in their eyes. In their minds, Zhao Hai was most likely to win the tournament, and they also wanted him to win. Although Zhao Hai had nothing to do with them, one shouldn't forget that they all share the same hatred for the Cultivation realm. The enemy of an enemy is a friend. If someone you don't know hits your enemy, you would feel great and even develop favorable impressions towards that person. This was the same case for the other realms as they looked at Zhao Hai.

Besides the Devil Realm that saw Zhao Hai as a potential enemy, the other realms wanted to see how Zhao Hai slaps the faces of the Cultivators. So now that Zhao Hai was trapped in the formation, they couldn't help but worry.

Different people were having different thoughts. On the other hand, Zhao Hai and Yao Guang weren't thinking of much. Zhao Hai wasn't worried about Yao Guang's formation while Yao Guang was too focused on assembling his formations.

Although Zhao Hai was just standing there and would release a formation once in a while to attack the eight dragons, his mind was actually exchanging information with Cai'er.

The formations that Yao Guang arranged were very special. They were arranged from the inside to the outside. Each formation formed would immediately activate. And with each formation, the pressure that Zhao Hai felt would increase. It can be said that the formations were being layered. When all of Yao Guang's formations finish forming, it's certain that their pressure would be huge. Its strength would naturally be uncommon.

However, one shouldn't think that once they break this formation, then everything will go down. Yao Guang's formations were composed of numerous smaller formations. Even if someone destroys some of them, the others could still attack. So after Cai'er's analysis, it was found out that unless one-third of the formations were destroyed, then the offensive power of the entire formation wouldn't be reduced.

Zhao Hai was no longer attacking the eight golden dragons, this was because he was no longer required to attack them. At this point, the dragons were now attacking him, no longer just retaliating. Moreover, the attacks of these dragons had gotten stronger. In the beginning, the attacks were as strong as 100-layer formations, but now it was equivalent to 700 to 800-layer formations. It was also because of this that the spectators expected Zhao Hai to fall soon and that Yao Guang's victory was close.

Everyone knew that as soon as Yao Guang finished his formation, he would immediately use all of its might to attack Zhao Hai. Formations that attack on their own have different strengths compared to formations that were controlled to attack. Therefore, everyone began worrying about Zhao Hai upon seeing that Yao Guang was about to finish.

But what everyone didn't know was that Zhao Hai was waiting for Yao Guang to be done. Once Yao Guang finishes and Zhao Hai experiences the might of the formations, only then would he proceed to destroy it.

Why was Zhao Hai confident in breaking Yao Guang's formation? Naturally it's because of the existence of Liquid Silver. Liquid Silver's needles had attached themselves to Yao Guang's flags and disks. As long as Zhao Hai gave the order, these needles could destroy these flags and disks. Although the flags and disks were offensive items and had also been inscribed with formations, their main attacking power would only manifest when the formation was activated. Also, they don't have a lot of defensive capabilities. As long as they're attacked by the silver needles, they would immediately be destroyed. In turn, this would also destroy the formation. Therefore, Zhao Hai was very confident.

It can be said that formations were the least reliable means of dealing with Zhao Hai. And illusion formations were the most useless formations to contain Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai has the Space which makes all illusions useless. Zhao Hai also has Liquid Silver that can turn into a thousand flying needles which have strong destructive capabilities. No formation could compare to them.

A team of Formation Cultivators took great pains to create these flags and disks in order to deal with Zhao Hai. However, Zhao Hai could just use his silver needles to destroy everything. The painstaking effort made by these Formation Cultivators became useless.

At this time, Yao Guang finished preparing his entire formation. Zhao Hai asked Cai'er and discovered that Yao Guang had arranged several hundred small and large formations. The formation disks used numbered more than 100, while flags used shot past 200. Without the support of a Great Sect, could a less than 5-year Ascender have all of these? Even if he sold his soul, he wouldn't be able to get all of these resources.

Once Yao Guang was done setting everything up, he couldn't help but breathe out. He was afraid that Zhao Hai would destroy the formation. If that happens, then every effort he made would be in vain. But at the same time, there has been no action from Zhao Hai, which made him puzzled.

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Zhao Hai was still calmly standing in place. At this point, he was using 1000-layer formations to defend. It was also at this time that the people from the Machine Field and the Cultivation Realm discovered how formidable he was.

People from the Cultivation Realm were also very familiar with the Machine Field's Magic Theory. After all, this method wasn't a secret in the World of Cultivation. Additionally, computers were used to varying degrees in other realms. It can be said that Magic Theory can be cultivated by anyone in the World of Cultivation.

It was precisely because of their understanding of Magic Theory that nobody in the World of Cultivation practiced it. Although magic formations could be used as spells and were more powerful, the energy consumption needed to operate it was greater than the formations of the Cultivation Realm. Although spells were also used in the Cultivation Realm, it wasn't the main method of attack. Compared to magic artifacts, it still falls short.

Spells weren't valued in the Cultivation Realm, let alone Magic Theory. The main reason why the Cultivation Realm had some understanding about Magic Theory was because this would allow them to suppress the Machine Field more effectively.

Since the energy consumption of Magic Theory was very big, those in the Machine Field who could release 1000-layer formations were among the realm's top experts. These people wouldn't suffer a loss when fighting against a Core Formation Expert from the Cultivation Realm.

However, even those who can use 1000-layer formations in the Machine Field wouldn't use these formations for a long time. The energy consumption was just too big, they wouldn't dare consume all of their energy.

But now, Zhao Hai can actually use 1000-layer formations with ease. He wasn't even using any items, yet he can cast them instantaneously. This caused everyone in the Cultivation Realm to be startled.

Yao Guang was also observing Zhao Hai. Like others, he has some understanding about the Machine Field's Magic Theory. And since he understood the system, he knew that Zhao Hai was formidable. But Yao Guang believes that Zhao Hai wasn't going at full power. At the very least, he hasn't used his weapon. Yao Guang doesn't believe that Zhao Hai's weapon was useless. He heard that Zhao Hai was both a Mage and a Warrior. Moreover, his weapon was a silver-white staff. Now, Zhao Hai doesn't have his staff with him, this meant that he wasn't at his full power.

Although Yao Guang doesn't know why Zhao Hai was holding back, he doesn't have time to think about it too much. Yao Guang immediately used his secret art to control the entire great formation.

All Cultivators have some understanding about formations, but only some know how to arrange them. And even if they understood how to arrange a formation, that doesn't mean they understood how to operate it.

Operating a formation is a very technical task, but most Cultivators don't necessarily have to learn it. It's just like in the Machine Field. People in the Machine Field couldn't live without magic formations, but they don't necessarily know how to use it.

As soon as Yao Guang used his secret art, the entire great formation lit up. The formation is now under Yao Guang's control. To be honest, controlling such a huge formation wasn't easy. But if he doesn't control it, then Yao Guang wouldn't be able to defeat Zhao Hai.

Although Zhao Hai was still trapped in the formation, Yao Guang was sure that if he didn't control it, then it would only be a matter of time before Zhao Hai would break out.

Once he was able to control the entire formation, Yao Guang was relieved. He now felt that he had the strength to defeat Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai was still calmly standing inside the formation, he was still able to see Yao Guang's movements through the Space. Not only was he not afraid, he was even secretly happy. He really wanted to see how powerful this formation was.

As soon as Yao Guang controlled the formation, Zhao Hai immediately felt the sharp increase of pressure around him. The eight golden dragons had also become more solid and their shapes becoming more vivid. At the same time, their offensive strength increased. Each golden dragon could now attack using spells, not only their claws and breath. These spells were very strong, at about the same level as 500-layer formations

Zhao Hai's eyes slightly shrank. Now that the formation has been unleashed, Core Formation Experts trapped within it would certainly have a very bad time. Yao Guang was showing the might of this entire formation.

However, Zhao Hai believes that the formation was far from displaying its true power. Since the formation was controlled by a Foundation Establishment expert, it's impossible for it to fully function. If Yao Guang was stronger, then the formation's pressure would be greater. When that time comes, then even Nascent Soul Experts wouldn't be able to find a way out.

Now that he saw the formation's capability, Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel satisfied. He knew that he would definitely build up his own influence in the future. And since he couldn't let others know about the Space, then he would need a base. And since it's a base, it would need protection. In the Cultivation Realm, each major sect has a wide-scale defensive formation. These formations were the most powerful defensive means of a sect. It can be said that a sect's power was directly related to the quality of their wide-scale defensive formation.

If one wanted to attack a sect, then they would first need to deal with the sect's defensive formation. If you can't destroy the formation, then you can't do anything. It was at this aspect that the Machine Field wasn't doing very well. Although the power of magic formations wasn't small, it was still much worse than those sect-protecting formations of the Cultivation Realm.

And in the Cultivation Realm, blueprints of sect-protecting formations are strictly kept secret. Even Sect Disciples would be treated as traitors if they were caught sniffing around about it.

Since Zhao Hai doesn't have any means to collect this information, he can only study and analyze formations with this crude method. Although he really wanted to kill Yao Guang now and turn him into an Undead to interrogate him, Zhao Hai knew that he couldn't do that. At this point, the Cultivation Realm's eyes were on him. If he killed Yao Guang, then the Cultivators might forgo all courtesies and tear him up. When that time comes, not to say Core Formation Experts and Nascent Soul Experts, even stronger Cultivators might deal with him.

After weighing the advantages and disadvantages, Zhao Hai decided not to kill Yao Gang. He cannot touch the Cultivation Realm's bottom line.

Seeing that it was time and that Cai'er had recorded everything that could be recorded, Zhao Hai decided to begin. He waved his hand as Liquid Silver appeared.

When Yao Guang saw Zhao Hai taking his staff out, he couldn't help but get anxious. He immediately operated the formation to go at full power. He was preparing to use the most powerful attack for Zhao Hai.

But at this moment, Yao Guang suddenly felt that something was wrong. His expression changed as he took out a pill and then threw it into his mouth. As the pill's effects began to manifest, energy filled up Yao Guang's body, supplementing the lost energy.

At this moment, Zhao Hai waved his staff as a dense number of magic formations appeared next to him. Although the formation wasn't large, its sheer number of layers caused people's scalp to numb.

Zhao Hai waved his staff as the formation burst out. A flash of light flickered causing everyone to unconsciously close their eyes. Once they opened their eyes, everyone saw that Zhao Hai was already standing in front of Yao Guang, his staff on Yao Guang's throat. All of the formations in the arena were destroyed, nothing was left.

Everyone was greatly startled. They didn't expect the 10,000-layer formation that Zhao Hai used to have this much destructive power.

Yes, everyone knew that Zhao Hai used a formation that had 10,000 layers. However, they didn't expect the power of this formation to be this great.

Actually, the formation that Zhao Hai used wasn't that powerful. The formation flags and disks were already destroyed by the silver needles. The 10,000-layer formation was released just to make people close their eyes.

Yao Guang also recovered at this time. He looked at Zhao Hai who had his staff pointed at his throat. Yao Guang smiled faintly and said, "Mister Zhao Hai is truly strong. I admit defeat."

Zhao Hai received his magic staff, then he smiled faintly at Yao Guang and said, "Your formation is also very strong. Thanks for letting me win." Then his body flashed as he returned to his seat.

It was only after Zhao Hai returned to his seat that the people spectating the arena responded. The spectator seats are in an uproar. They didn't expect the situation to be overturned this quickly. One moment, people thought that Yao Guang was about to win. Then in the next, Zhao Hai broke the formation and Yao Guang admitted defeat.

Everyone in the Cultivation Realm couldn't help but stare at the arena. They were startled. They didn't expect Yao Guang to lose. Zhao Hai used one move to break the formation that Yao Guang painfully arranged. What made them surprised even more was the strength of the 10,000-layer formation that Zhao Hai released.

After some time, the disturbance stopped. Then Zhao Hai suddenly felt cold gazes going straight towards him. However, he didn't care and just sat there smiling. At this time, Ma Rulong turned to Zhao Hai and whispered, "Little Hai, did you allow Yao Guang to finish his formation?"

Zhao Hai nodded, then he smiled faintly and said, "I want to see how powerful his formation is. To be honest, the formation is very strong. If he was stronger, then he would be able to create a much stronger effect and I wouldn't have been able to easily break out. It seems like the Cultivation Realm's formations are indeed formidable."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Ma Rulong couldn't help but bitterly smile as he said, "Your courage is too big. Only you would dare do that. If it was anyone else, then they would no doubt be killed. Don't do something like this anymore. It's too dangerous. You're the Machine Field's hope after all."

Zhao Hai smiled and nodded. At this time, the next round of participants were being drawn. However, everyone's attention was still fixed on Zhao Hai!

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Besides those fighting Tu Mietan and Zhao Hai, the other Cultivators were basically just fighting amongst themselves. And at most, these fights would be spars. Because of this, nobody cared about the next round of combatants and they just gave more attention towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai's performance was without a doubt outstanding. Everyone could see the formation that Yao Guang arranged. Even if they weren't Formation Masters, they knew that being trapped in such a formation was just courting death.

Because of this, although the Cultivators didn't know the subtleties of Yao Guang's formation, its power was evident just by looking at it. Zhao Hai even had to use 1000-layer formations to combat the attacks made by the eight gold dragons. These 1000-layer formations were known to be equal to attacks made by Core Formation Experts. One could see from this point how strong Yao Guang's formation was.

However, even with how strong the formation was, Zhao Hai only used one move to destroy it. How much strength does he have? Cultivators began to discover that they needed to reevaluate how they see Zhao Hai's strength.

In fact, this thought wasn't only common among those from the Cultivation Realm. Those from the Devil Realm were also reevaluating Zhao Hai's strength. The Devil Realm wanted to swallow the Machine Field. They had been trying to deal with Zhao Hai but they had yet to succeed. They still don't know that Zhao Hai was aware of their intentions, but they have to recalculate how to deal with him.

The Devil Realm needed to fight for resources, and people were also a type of resource in the World of Cultivation. However, for the Devil Realm to swallow the Machine Field, it would need to get rid of geniuses like Zhao Hai. Otherwise, their path would be troublesome.

But now, they found out that their trouble was much greater than what they imagined. The cost to eliminate Zhao Hai was higher than the benefits. They need to think this through well.

On the spectator seats of the Devil Realm was the team leader of the Devil Realm's delegates. He was also an Elder from the Sacred Blood Sect. Since Tu Mietan was the realm's champion, then it's natural for the Sacred Blood Sect to lead the team.

There were currently a lot of people from the Devil Realm that came to watch this time. Besides the Elder from the Sacred Blood Sect, there are also a lot of guards who came with them as well as people from other Sects. All of them were here to ensure Tu Mitan's safety.

The Sacred Blood Sect's Elder had a two-character surname being Zhongli, and a single-character first name being Qiang. Back in the Devil Realm, he was given the nickname Boundless Blood Sea Devil. He studies a famed Cultivation Method of the Sacred Blood Sect called the Country Drowning Blood Sea. But this Cultivation Method needed to coordinate with a certain devil artifact. This devil artifact is known as the Blue Blood Gourd.

The Blue Blood Gourd's origin traces itself back to the founding of the Sacred Blood Sect. When the Sect was being built, countless mortals were killed for their blood. This blood was concentrated into a huge blood pond. Because the sect was built on top of a yin vein, the yin energy coming out of it would be absorbed by the huge blood pond. Not only would the blood pond not dry up, but because of its location, it contained a dense amount of yin energy. This would in turn help the sect's disciples to practice.

But without anyone knowing, a gourd vine just grew out from the blood pond. As the gourd vine grew, the yin energy and blood energy of the blood pond concentrated around it, turning the vine into the blue blood gourd vine. This blue blood gourd vine would open once every 100 years and produce a blue blood gourd.

Since it has grown in that special environment, the blue blood gourd became a very powerful artifact. Once it was refined, it would become a top-quality artifact. People from the Sacred Blood Sect aspire to have the blue blood gourd as their life source weapon.

But among the rest of the blue blood gourd, the one in Zhongli Qiang's hands was very special. Since his family was one of the founding clans of the Sacred Blood Sect, the blue blood gourd that Zhongli Qiang has been using has been passed down through generations of their family. It was the same blue blood gourd that was used by their first Patriarch. This blue blood gourd has been nourished by many people causing the degree of the blood inside the gourd to be very high. This specific blue blood gourd was among the top artifacts of the Sacred Blood Sect.

Blue blood gourds were filled with profound yin blood, which was the blood in the underground blood pool of the Sacred Blood Sect. This blood was harvested from people and had received the nourishing of yin energy to become a weapon that could corrode magic artifacts. However, this blood was much

worse than Zhao Hai's blood ponds. And there was no way for it to compare to the profound yin water inside Zhao Hai's Space.

And just like his gourd, the profound yin blood in Zhongli Qiang's gourd was more special. This profound yin blood has also been passed down through generations. Because of this, the profound yin blood inside the Zhongli Qiang's blue blood gourd has very potent corrosive properties.

The profound yin blood was kept inside the gourd for a long time wasn't because it wasn't being used. In fact, it has been used numerous times. Otherwise, Zhongli Qiang wouldn't have earned his nickname Boundless Blood Sea Devil.

There were a lot of Cultivators that thought that the blood inside blue blood gourds would run out. But in fact, it doesn't. Since the blue blood gourd was a devil artifact, this meant that the blood inside it also had mystical properties. After going out and attacking, the blood would return to the gourd to be reused. Unless the blood has been destroyed to a certain extent, then even if it was dispersed, it could still be used.

It was precisely because of this that the Devil Realm allowed Zhongli Qiang to be the team leader of their delegation. The people from the Devil Realm clearly understood what the Cultivators were like. In fact, those people were as shameless and ruthless than anybody else. If the Devil Realm doesn't send someone strong, then the Devil Realm's delegation would be eaten up with not even the bones remaining.

At this time, Zhongli Qiang was frowning. Then he asked, "Everyone, this Zhao Hai, we need to deal with him. Do any of you have any ideas?"

Zhongli Qiang was a bit unsure about how to proceed. Zhao Hai was just too strong. If they left Zhao Hai for too long, then he might kill Tu Miantan. The moment they saw Zhao Hai killing Jiang Tian, they knew that Zhao Hai wasn't easy to deal with,

Everyone was silent for a while. To be honest, they were having some problems in proceeding. Zhao Hai was that formidable. If Tu Miantan cannot kill Zhao Hai, then without doubt Zhao Hai would kill him.

Tu Miantan was still smiling and didn't say anything. And he doesn't have any right to speak at this time. With his strength, it's better for him to shut up.

After some time, a guard said, "Leader, I think we shouldn't make a move now. Zhao Hai is strong and it's bad for us if he retaliates. Tu Mietan is our Devil Realm's most talented genius in several decades. It's not worth it if he dies here. We can just send someone to the Machine Field to kill Zhao Hai."

Another guard coldly snorted as he said, "Do you think we can still kill Zhao Hai once we return to the Machine Field? If the Machine Field is so easy to infiltrate, then we wouldn't have failed so much. I think we should kill him in the arena. And we need to go all out in killing him. I have some more yin thunder mines here, I can give them to Tu Mietan. I can see that Zhao Hai is starting to become complacent. When he fought with Yao Guang, he held back certainly because he wanted to try the Cultivation Realm's formations. He wouldn't kill his enemy immediately. And if he's like this, then he would certainly try to see the methods of the Devil Realm. As long as Tu Mietan finds an opportunity to use these yin thunder mines, Zhao Hai will be dead for sure."

Yin thunder mines are very cruel weapons of the Devil Realm. This weapon looks like a jade charm. It's a consumable item that has very potent energy stored inside. If it explodes, its might is no worse than an attack from a Core Formation Expert. Additionally, these mines have the lightning attribute, making them lethal to most Cultivators. It can be said that these mines were one of the Devil realm's weapons against the Cultivation Realm.

However, these yin thunder mines weren't easy to manufacture. The methods to produce them were very harsh. Not only do these mines require high-quality materials, they also need to be engraved with numerous formations. And after carving the formations, one must find yin lightning to store inside the mines. Only then would the mines be completed.

In this process, engraving formations was difficult, but there were a lot of formation masters that could do it. The most tedious part of this process was finding the yin lightning. Almost all lightning have yang attributes. This was the reason why ghosts that were yin were afraid of lightning.

However, if yang exists, then yin exists as well. Even if yin attribute lightning was difficult to find, they were present. Also, capturing yin lightning was very dangerous. It's even more dangerous than capturing yang lightning. Since yang lightning was more common, more people used it, making methods of its capture relatively known. On the other hand, since yin lightning is very rare, only a small number of people know how to handle it. In turn, this makes the process of capturing lightning very difficult.

Due to all of these considerations, yin lightning mines were rare weapons. No matter who has yin lightning mines in hand, they would always use it as a deterrent and rarely used it. If one has 3 to 5 yin

lightning mines, they would live quite a safe life. Even Nascent Soul Experts wouldn't dare make a move on them.

Now that someone offered a large number of yin lightning mines, everyone immediately turned their focus to him. The person wasn't polite as he turned his hand, taking out 7 yin lightning mines. These seven mines were as large as a walnut and looked like black iron balls. Then he turned to Zhongli Qiang and said, "Take these seven mines. If it can deal with Zhao Hai, then I'm fine with losing all of them."

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Although not everyone from the Devil Realm has these yin lightning mines, their insight made them recognize that the mines in front of them were the real deal.

Zhongli Qiang looked at the person in confusion as he said, "Lin Jiang, why do you have so much yin lightning mines? Did you find a way to make them?"

The man named Lin Jiang forced a smile as he said, "Like it's that easy. I got these mines a long time ago. Back then, I was searching for plants on a green planet and came across a cave with a dead Cultivator inside. I don't know for how long the bones have been there but there are these 7 yin lightning mines as well as devil artifacts."

Upon hearing Lin Jiang, everyone lamented on his good fortune. But Zhongli Qiang didn't immediately take the yin lightning mines. Instead he turned to Tu Mieten and said, "Mieten, can you deal with Zhao Hai?"

Tu Mieten smiled and said, "Elder, rest assured. I'll take care of him. I thank Uncle Ling, I'll be impolite and take these mines."

Lin Jiang threw his mines over and said, "I hope that these mines can help destroy Zhao Hai. That guy is too dangerous. He will be a huge threat to our Devil Realm."

Zhongli Qiang nodded and said, "If Zhao Hai is allowed to return to the Machine Field, it would be more difficult to get rid of him. Don't forget, he just ascended less than a year ago. He accomplished all of these in one year. He is a monster."

Everyone was silent. Tu Mieten carefully put away the yin lightning mines. Then he turned back to watch the battles in the arena.

But what the people from the Devil Realm didn't know was that their conversation was being eavesdropped. Zhao Hai was now aware of the existence of the yin lightning mines.

After listening to Laura about what yin lightning mines were, Zhao Hai felt the killing intent welling up inside him. Since the other party wanted to deal with him, then he doesn't need to be polite. The Devil Realm already tried to kill him once, if he doesn't retaliate, then he could no longer be called Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai exhibited his domineering side because he discovered that Nascent Soul Experts could walk sideways in the World of Cultivation. As long as they don't offend any huge sect, then they don't have to fear anything. Nascent Soul Experts were in no real danger unless they met unfortunate circumstances.

Zhao Hai currently has Nascent Soul-level strength. In fact, most Nascent Soul Experts couldn't defeat him. In addition to his Liquid Silver, Zhao Hai also has astral qi. He's more powerful than most Nascent Soul Experts.

Nascent Soul Stage was a bottleneck for Cultivators. As long as they successfully get through their tribulation, then their lifespan would be greatly improved along with their physical body. The body of Transcending Tribulation Experts return to their youth. It wasn't uncommon for Transcending Tribulation Experts to revert their appearance to their younger years.

It was also because of this that Transcending Tribulation Experts treasure their own lives and would normally close up. Only when matters regarding the life and death of the sect would these people come out. Therefore, it was close to impossible for a Transcending Tribulation Expert to come and deal with Zhao Hai.

Transcending Tribulation Experts, Severed Soul Experts, and those above them could only be counted on ones hands. Such people were very secretive in their actions and most Cultivators wouldn't even know them. Even major sect leaders couldn't just meet them whenever they wanted.

Since he knew about this, Zhao Hai decided to show his strength. Therefore, even if the Cultivation Realm and the Devil Realm wanted to deal with him, they would have to think properly. Unless they give

up on courtesies and send a large number of experts to kill Zhao Hai, then once he returns to the Machine Field, then they would lose any opportunity to deal with him.

Although the Machine Field was the weakest realm in the World of Cultivation, they were still able to defend against all other realms for many years. Naturally, this meant that they had their strong point. If the Cultivators and the people from the Devil Realm sent small amounts of people to the Machine Field, then it's highly probable for these people to not return.

For many years, the Machine Field didn't have any great talents appear. But now that there was Zhao Hai, the Machine Field would definitely go all out in defending him.

Naturally, Zhongli Qiang's group was aware of this. Therefore, they decided to have Tu Mieten kill Zhao Hai in the arena. They didn't even hesitate to take out treasures like yin lightning mines. They think that with Zhao Hai's present strength, he would hold back in dealing with his opponents. But they didn't expect that Zhao Hai wouldn't dare treat this matter lightly. Zhao Hai knew that even lions go all out in dealing with a rabbit.

The Cultivators in the arena were still sparring. Their battles weren't interesting. One would win while the other lost, the battles continued on. The constant boring fights caused people to feel sleepy.

After all battles had concluded, Zhao Hai expected that they would be given time to rest before the next round began. But what he didn't expect was that the committee didn't pause. They immediately announced the beginning of the next round of battles.

At this point, only 24 participants were left and 12 battles remaining. The opponent that Zhao Hai has drawn with was someone from the Cultivation Realm. Although the Cultivator was quite strong, he was still defeated by Zhao Hai.

Tu Mieten was also able to smoothly enter the top 12. His opponent turned out to be Qin Zhang, one of the Cultivation Realm's top 10. He was a person who specialized in fire spells. But in the end, he wasn't able to last long against Tu Mieten.

Actually, Qin Zhang's strength wasn't inferior to Tu Mieten. He was only defeated because of the gap in artifacts. In addition to his three artifacts, Tu Mieten also took out a ghost hook and a halberd. These

two artifacts have strength that was comparable to the three artifacts. Because of these two artifacts, Qin Zhang was constantly held back before he was forced to surrender.

This wasn't surprising since Qin Zhang was just one of the top 100 of the Cultivation Realm. It was impossible for the entire Cultivation Realm to support him alone. The only support he had was the support he got from his sect.

On the other hand, Tu Mieten was the Devil Realm's last participant in the competition. His position in the Devil Realm was the same as Zhao Hai's position in the Machine Field. Naturally, he would have the support of his entire realm. Because of this, the artifacts he had in hand were richer compared to the other participants.

After the top twelve has been determined, it was time to decide the top 6. The person that Zhao Hai faced this time was Yi Shuihan. This caused Zhao Hai to feel strange. Besides Su Liancheng and Qin Zhang, Zhao Hai had faced all the top 10 in the elimination round. According to this pattern, it was highly probable for him to meet Su Liancheng the next round.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wasn't polite. Although Yi Shuihan tried his best, he was still defeated by Zhao Hai. Fortunately, Yi Shuihan didn't follow Jiang Tian's path. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't take his life.

The Cultivators also discovered that if one wasn't excessive towards Zhao Hai, then Zhao Hai wouldn't kill them. This caused the Cultivators to pause before starting to make a move.

How strong was Zhao Hai? If the people from the Cultivation Realm order their participants to go all out on Zhao Hai, then it's possible that Zhao Hai would kill them. This wasn't good for the Cultivation Realm. After all, those who participated in the competition were geniuses. Losing just one of them would be bad.

Most importantly, they had to consider the impact of this action to the Ascenders. If the people from the Cultivation realm forced the participants to go all out against Zhao Hai, then Ascenders in the Cultivation Realm would think that the Cultivation Realm don't treat their lives as important.

One must know that the Cultivation Realm's Ascender situation was different compared to the Machine Field. In the Machine Field, Ascenders don't have much status and power. On the other hand, Ascenders in the Cultivation Realm have a much higher status compared to Ascenders in the Machine Field. There

would be no benefit for the Cultivation Realm if this matter goes bad. So even if the Cultivation Realm instructed their participants to go all out against Zhao Hai, they didn't tell them to go desperate in order to win.

Tu Mieten also defeated his opponent. But this time, it was evident that he used a lot of effort to do so. And in addition to his five artifacts, he also used some paper talismans.

Zhao Hai knew that the Devil Realm was saving the yin lightning mines for him. Zhao Hai was also paying more attention to them. He believes that Tu Mieten doesn't only have yin lightning mines prepared to deal with him. He surely has more methods that were hidden.

Zhao Hai knew that the competition in the Devil Realm was much more brutal than in the Cultivation Realm. Unlike the Cultivation Realm, resources in the Devil Realm were scarce. Coupled with how ruthless the people in the Devil Realm were, this resulted in an environment where the strongest tower over the weak. With this treacherous environment as his origin, Tu Mieten certainly has aces that he had yet to reveal.

And who was Zhao Hai? He was now deemed to be the most powerful rookie in the entire World of Cultivation. His position certainly attracts hate and envy. Those who can defeat him would gain instant fame and status.

Tu Mieten might be the current most influential rookie in the Devil Realm, but there were a lot of people who were vying for his position. If he was beaten by Zhao Hai, then his position would certainly be in peril. Therefore, not only would Tu Mieten eliminate Zhao Hai for fame, he would also do it in order to gain more resources from the Devil Realm.

If a person of lower status wanted a higher position in a short period of time, then the easiest method would be killing someone higher up and stepping on their corpse to ascend. With how highly Zhao Hai was being looked upon, those who could step on his corpse would certainly be able to rise smoothly.

Since he knew of this point, Zhao Hai didn't dare take Tu Mieten lightly. Tu Mieten exerted some effort to defeat his latest opponent without taking the yin lightning mines out. This meant that he was saving the mines for Zhao Hai. But if Tu Mieten has something other than the mines, then things would be more troublesome.

When the six battles ended, the top three were determined. These three were Zhao Hai, Tu Mietan, and Suo Liancheng. This time, they would no longer use the tournament format. Instead, they would use points to determine their place in the competition.

This so-called point system was actually very simple. Zhao Hai, Tu Mietan and Suo Liancheng would fight each other. If they won, then they would get a point, and if they lost, then the other party would get the point. The one with the highest point would be the champion.

In other words, one of them would get no points, one would get two points, and one would get one point.

Naturally, it's possible for each of them to get one point each. However, the probability of this was very small. After all, this battle was mainly determined by strength. If Zhao Hai lost to Suo Liancheng but won against Tu Mietan, then this proves that Suo Liancheng was stronger than Zhao Hai and even stronger than Tu Mietan.

But if the three were to tie, then they would fight once again until the tie is broken. But everyone knew that a second round of fights would never happen.

After drawing lots, Zhao Hai was drawn along with Suo Liancheng. Upon seeing the result, Zhao Hai didn't hesitate and immediately flew towards the arena.

Suo Liancheng also appeared in the arena. His sword was still strapped on his back. Back when he was fighting Cultivators, he didn't reveal much of his strength. It can be said that he was able to smoothly progress towards the top three.

However, Suo Liancheng wasn't happy because of this. What he wanted was to fight Zhao Hai. He didn't expect to face him in the last battles of the tournament. This caused Suo Liancheng to be somewhat depressed.

When the two stepped on the arena, Zhao Hai looked at Suo Liancheng and then smiled faintly as he said, "Suo Liancheng, I've been looking forward to facing you. I didn't expect to meet you this late."

When Suo Liancheng heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but laugh as he replied, "That's what I was about to say. You're strong, so I want to test my skills against you. In the eyes of sword cultivators, every enemy is an opportunity to hone our blades."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Then please." Suo Liancheng took out the golden sword at his back. Then the golden sword flashed for a moment before it pierced towards Zhao Hai.

The sword was very fast. Moreover, it brought with it a strong aura. One could see that Suo Liancheng was utilizing all of the sword's power. He was showing how sharp his sword was.

Zhao Hai waved his hand as he released a 100-layer formation in front of him. Then the formation turned into a shield to block the incoming sword.

However, since the sword has the metal-attribute, it was very sharp. The golden sword punctured through Zhao Hai's shield and went straight for his throat!

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Zhao Hai looked at the sword that was quickly approaching his throat, he couldn't help but praise it in his heart. At this point, he wouldn't be able to evade the sword without using the Space since it's too close. It was also too late to use a magic formation. This was the peak of Suo Liancheng's sword. Once it's out, you die! There's no return. The only thing to do was face it head on!

Zhao Hai's throat could feel the sharp aura coming out of Suo Liancheng's sword. His hair couldn't help but rise up.

Seeing Zhao Hai's situation, Ma Rulong and the others stood up. Zhao Hai's current situation was too dangerous. He couldn't evade nor could he defend. He could only stand there to wait for death. Suo Liancheng's sword was too savage.

Almost everyone in the spectator stands stood up, not only the people from the Machine Field . They were also startled by Suo Liancheng's sword. The sword was too fast. It hasn't been long since Zhao Hai invited Suo Liancheng to begin. Moreover, Suo Liancheng's timing was just right. He attacked when Zhao Hai wasn't fully prepared.

Everyone wanted to look and see if Suo Liancheng could break Zhao Hai's unbeatable myth. They were even wondering if he could kill Zhao Hai.

But just as Suo Liancheng's sword was about to piece Zhao Hai's throat, Zhao Hai's hand moved and grasped forward. The next moment, Suo Liancheng's sword stuck firmly between Zhao Hai's thumb, index finger, and middle finger. Because Suo Liancheng's sword was travelling too fast and was suddenly stopped, the sword body couldn't stop shaking violently.

One should know that Suo Liancheng's sword wasn't ordinary. It was Ten Thousand Sword Sect's most known weapons. It was also built excellently. When this sword shook, it rang as though it was a fragile bell.

Everyone was stunned. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to just catch the sword barehanded. One could see the sword's power by looking at how violently it shook. But in the end, Zhao Hai just caught it with three fingers.

When Suo Liancheng saw that Zhao Hai had grabbed his sword, his complexion changed. He immediately used a secret art to retrieve his sword. However, the sword just shook violently and couldn't break out of Zhao Hai's grip. Zhao Hai's fingers were like iron casts, grasping the sword firmly.

Zhao Hai looked at Suo Liancheng and then smiled, "Alright. Suo Liancheng, you're truly worthy of being a sword cultivator. Your sword is very sharp. However, I'm a Warrior as well. This sword cannot deal with me. You should surrender."

If he was against other Cultivators, then Zhao Hai might not be able to tell them to admit defeat. But since Suo Liancheng was a sword cultivator, he doesn't have any other magic artifact. Most sword cultivators wouldn't use artifacts other than their swords. All of them were focused on their sword skills and to make it as sharp as possible. Suo Liancheng was the same.

When he saw Zhao Hai's calm appearance, Suo Liancheng knew that it was already impossible for him to win. Suo Liancheng nodded, his voice solemn as he said, "Mister is correct. Since my sword can't do anything, then this Suo Liancheng admits defeat."

Zhao Hai laughed and then let go of Suo Liancheng's sword. The golden sword hastened back to return. Then it flew around Suo Liancheng looking like a son who was complaining to his father about being bullied.

Suo Liancheng extended his hand and rubbed his sword, comforting it. Then after some time, the sword returned to its sheath on Suo Liancheng's back.

Seeing Suo Liancheng's action, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Suo Liancheng, it seems like you already have a grasp on the sword dao. You're truly talented."

Suo Liancheng smiled faintly and said, "Mister Zhao Hai is too polite. Mister is the true talent. You were able to reach this level of strength less than a year after ascending. This one is envious."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "To be honest, there are only a few Cultivators that have my respect. You're one of them. I hope that we can meet again after this and become friends."

Suo Liancheng looked at Zhao Hai deeply before heading down the arena. Since Zhao Hai won, then he would stay in the arena since he would have to fight Tu Mietan. But even if he lost, he would have to stay to accept Tu Mietan's challenge.

One shouldn't say that this was unfair to Zhao Hai. There are only a few things that's fair in this world. The competition has rules, and these rules needed to be implemented. In fact, this was the rule that the Cultivation Realm prepared for him. In their minds, Zhao Hai was already strong. With his strength, victory was almost certain. As long as Zhao Hai won, then he would have to fight the second person immediately. This would give the other person a greater chance to defeat Zhao Hai.

But they didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so strong and defeat Suo Liancheng in one move. He didn't consume too much energy in the fight. This caused them to be surprised.

However, at this point, there was no way for them to change the competition's rules. Therefore, they can only look at the arena to spectate Zhao Hai's battle against Tu Mieten. The spectators didn't have much expectations towards Tu Mieten. Although Tu Mieten was indeed strong, his strength could only be on par with Yi Shuihan or Yao Guang. He would not be able to win against Suo Liancheng. Moreover, Suo Liancheng was the Cultivation Realm's undisputable strongest rookie.

It was because of this that the other participants from the Cultivation Realm looked at Suo Liancheng with respect. After all, Suo Liancheng's strength was the real deal. But Suo Liancheng was defeated by Zhao Hai in just one move. This meant that it would be very difficult for Tu Mieten to defeat Zhao Hai.

While Zhao Hai was waiting in the arena, he heard the sound of clothes rustling before Tu Mieten stepped on the ground. Tu Mieten still wore his everlasting smile, then he gave Zhao Hai a salute as he said, "Tu Mieten has met Mister Zhao Hai. Mister Zhao Hai has great talent and strength. It's an honor for me to fight you today."

Zhao Hai returned the courtesy and said, "Mister Tu Mieten is too polite. I was also able to see Mister Tu Mieten's strength in the past few days. To be honest, Mister Tu Mieten is strong as well. This Zhao Hai admires your strength. However, since we are in the arena, Mister will have to excuse me for being impolite."

Tu Mieten felt somewhat strange. He didn't expect Zhao Hai to be polite to someone like him. Moreover, Zhao Hai was more polite than him. But he quickly recovered and replied, "Mister is too polite. Mister, please."

Zhao Hai gave a very polite bow. If this interaction didn't happen in the arena, then the spectators might believe that they are seeing two friends greeting each other.

Upon seeing this scene, those from the Cultivation Realm couldn't help but feel disappointed. They thought that the Devil Realm would make Zhao Hai their enemy. On the other hand, those from the Devil Realm were ecstatic. Seeing Zhao Hai being polite, this meant that he wasn't worried about the fight. As long as Zhao Hai wasn't worried, then the plan regarding the yin lightning mines might succeed.

The two people stood opposite to each other. Tu Mieten already took his blade and ghost face shield out. He didn't take his flag out in the meantime. It seems like he's trying to make Zhao Hai lower his guard.

On the other hand, Zhao Hai just stood there, he didn't even take his magic staff out. Everyone knew that Zhao Hai's staff was an extraordinary weapon. If Zhao Hai took his staff out, then Tu Mietan wouldn't have any chance of winning. Seeing Zhao Hai not equipping any weapon, this made Tu Mietan think that Zhao Hai has lowered his guard. The people from the Devil Realm were also becoming more confident in their victory.

At this time, Tu Mietan began to move. His blade cut towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai also took a step forward and punched.

Everyone stared. They haven't seen Zhao Hai use his fist to attack his enemy before. But after Zhao Hai punched out, everyone's expression changed. The speed of Zhao Hai's punch was much faster compared to Suo Liancheng's sword. A very short time after he punched out, the fist had already hit the ghost face shield.

Dang! Hao! The fist hit the ghost face shield. When the two collided, the shield screamed out before disintegrating. However, the fist didn't lose momentum as it continued towards Tu Mietan. When it hit Tu Mietan's body, Tu Mietan coughed out blood before his body was slammed to the ground. He was no longer breathing, he was killed by one fist.

Zhao Hai waved his hand as a clump of gas surrounded Tu Mietan's body. Then as the gas disappeared, so did Tu Mietan's corpse. Everyone spectating the battle couldn't help but gawk upon seeing this outcome. Zhao Hai used the same method to deal with Jiang Tian. But at that time, Jiang Tian had used his life essence blood with the intention of killing Zhao Hai. This time, Tu Mietan didn't even release a hint of killing intent. Zhao Hai's response was too strange.

When Zhongli Qiang saw this, his eyes shook. He immediately stood up and said, "Zhao Hai, you dare!"

Zhao Hai turned his head towards Zhongli Qiang as he sneered and said, "And why shouldn't I dare, Zhongli Qiang? First, you tried to poison us in Seamount City, and now you took out yin lightning mines to deal with me. Do you think that this Zhao Hai is an idiot? Hahaha. Isn't Tu Mietan your once in a hundred years genius? Then this grandfather will make him into his Undead. Everyone who offends this Zhao Hai will pay the price!"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Zhongli Qiang calmed down. He looked at Zhao Hai with a cold gaze as he said, "Good, Zhao Hai, good. I didn't expect you to make this move. Good, good. My Sacred Blood Sect will remember this."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "This Zhao Hai has a lot of enemies, what is one more? If you want revenge, then come at me! I will certainly entertain you."

Zhongli Qiang coldly snorted and then sat down and closed his eyes. He was afraid that looking at Zhao Hai for long would force him to make a move.