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Chapter 431 - Another Reason

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I also heard about this from the information Megan's family had acquired. They said that the enemy wasn't really trying to break into the city, they were waiting for me. Hehe. I think they wanted to get the both of us in one fell swoop."

Evan frowned, he knew about the Calci Family, they were more formidable than his Purcell Family. Information obtained from such an established family would certainly be real, it seems like the siege's aim this time was both him and Zhao Hai.

From the passing years, Evan has already shed some of his warrior parts. After hearing about this matter he knew that the enemy attacked him to pressure him to send Zhao Hai a letter asking for help. With this, they could eliminate Zhao Hai and him at the same time.

Thinking about this, Evan's face couldn't help but change. With an apologetic face, he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, I had been inconsiderate this time, I have involved you. How about this, I'll go distract them while you leave Purcell Duchy immediately. I will also have some juniors of the family come with you. No matter what, the blood of the Purcell Family shouldn't be extinguished.

Zhao Hai stared for a moment before he understood Evan's words. He smiled faintly and said, "Escape? Why must I escape? This time, not only would I not run away, I have also brought my Buda Clan's Wild Dragon War Banner. This time, I will make the people on the continent know that my Buda Clan hasn't fallen yet, and that we have re-emerged."

Just after he said that, a loud 'Bang' was heard. Zhao Hai turned and saw Ruyen standing in front of the living room door. His words made her drop the pot of tea she was holding to the ground.

Ruyen has heard that Zhao Hai come. This time, when Zhao Hai appeared, she knew that he was a genuine friend of the Purcell Family. Adding on to the fact that she was under the care of Zhao Hai when she was returning from Rosen Empire, Ruyen wanted to express her gratitude to him. Therefore, she had a servant hand over a pot of tea since she wanted serve Evan and Zhao Hai a cup. But she didn't think that when she arrived in front of the door, she heard Zhao Hai just as he delivered his speech. From what she got, Zhao Hai was actually a person of the Buda Clan. Zhao Hai had already revealed his identity, he was actually her former fiancée, Adam Buda!

When Evan and Zhao Hai turned their heads and saw Ruyen, Evan's face couldn't help but sink, he said. "You came? Come over and greet Little Hai."

Zhao Hai stood up and gazed calmly at Ruyen, then he gave a bow and said, "Miss Ruyen seems well. Zhao Hai gives his greetings to Miss Ruyen."

Looking at Zhao Hai, Ruyen used all of her courage and asked, "Your surname is Buda? Are you Adam?"

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile and said, "I am indeed surnamed Buda. Adam was my former name, I go by the name of Zhao Hai now."

Ruyen felt that she didn't have the face to see Zhao Hai, she covered her face and turned around to run. At the same time, while she was getting farther away, the sound of weeping can be heard.

Seeing this development, Zhao Hai was left not knowing what to do. He really didn't expect this to happen, at this time Evan talked, "Well, let's just leave her to herself. Little Hai, did you really bring the Wild Dragon Banner? Little Hai, listen to me, you must escape, 9th rank experts aren't people you can deal with."

Zhao Hai just smiled faintly and replied, "What's great about 9th rank experts? Rest assured, even if the other party sends 9th ranks, I can deal with them, no problem. Let's rest first, tomorrow, I'll go with you to the walls and declare that the Buda Clan has come back."

Evan looked at Zhao Hai's face and sighed, he didn't know what else to say. He just gave a nod and said, "Alright, go rest for this evening, we'll head to the walls tomorrow." After looking at the situation from the wall tomorrow, he believed that Zhao Hai would know the enormity of the situation. At that time, he would try to persuade Zhao Hai to escape again, he believed that Zhao Hai would agree.

Evan didn't think that Zhao Hai would be so strong. He thought that Zhao Hai would look at the attackers and decide that battling them wasn't possible. As long as Zhao Hai can be persuaded, Evan can have the young generation join him in retreat.

While Evan was dwelling on the scenarios on his mind, Zhao Hai turned his head to Laura and Megan and then smiled, "Tomorrow, I'll head to the walls to take a look. Then I'll go dispatch the troops to deal

with them. Let's see what other plans they have. The two of you should head to the Space and look at the situation in the monitor, just in case they other party sends 9th ranks after me. Don't come out."

Laura nodded, "Alright, we'll just look at your actions there. But Brother Hai, this time, shouldn't you invite Grandpa Green? This time, our reappearance in the continent would be a key moment of the Buda Clan, Grandpa Green should be present right?"

Zhao Hai thought for a moment and said, "That would be good. Let's go invite Grandpa Green." Then the group immediately went to Iron Mountain Fort to tell Green about this matter.

Green immediately agreed and also proposed to include Merine as well, Zhao Hai agreed. In the same day, Green and Merine went to the Space. While Zhao Hai's group was resting in the Space, Green and Merine wasn't, they had been waiting for this day for quite a long time. And since it was just around the corner, the two were too excited to fall asleep.

The next morning, after Zhao Hai and the others woke up, they immediately went out of the Space. Green and Merine didn't eat their meals inside the Space, they knew that Evan would certainly ask them to eat with him.

Sure enough, not long after they reappeared in the mansion, Evan sent someone to invite Zhao Hai and the others. Zhao Hai immediately led Green and the others to exit from the courtyard.

When they came out, the servants couldn't help but stare at Zhao Hai's group. This was because of the two additions, Green and Merine. The servants certainly didn't misremember the faces on the group. However, they knew that they didn't have anything to do with it so they just welcomed Zhao Hai to the dining room.

When they arrived at the dining hall, Evan couldn't help but stare blankly. Naturally, he knew Green and Merine, he just didn't think that they would be appearing here today.

Evan immediately went forward with haste, he respectfully gave a salute and said, "Uncle Green, Aunt Merine, when did you two arrive? I was just about to ask Little Hai as to why the two of you aren't present. I was afraid that the two of you are too busy, I didn't expect to see the two of you today, this is fantastic!"

Green gave a faint smile while giving Evan a small bow, "Young Master Evan, without your help, our Buda Clan may not have survived this long. Let this old man express his gratitude in behalf of the Clan."

Evan quickly replied, "Uncle Green, I wouldn't dare accept your bow, do you want to shorten my longevity? Let's not talk about this anymore, come and sit with me. I've already prepared the meal, moreover I have something to tell the two of you." Then Evan led the group inside the room.

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Evan's arguments were very solid, Green and Merine understood where Evan was getting at. In all honesty, if they didn't have their current capabilities, Green and Merine would surely follow what Evan suggested. But this time, their Clan's strength was more than enough to deal with the enemies.

Thus, Green looked at Evan with a faint smile, "Young Master Evan, you can rest assured. This time, me and Merine didn't come because we want the Young Master to leave, but to witness the Buda Clan's Wild Dragon Banner fluttering again. Don't worry, dealing with four 9th ranks aren't a problem, the 200 thousand troops aren't as well. This time, we're here to let the continent know about our return, as well as make those who plan to offend us shudder at the mention of the Buda Clan."

Evan looked at Green, he didn't think those words would come from Green, he replied, "Uncle Green, this is a 9th rank expert! 9th rank!"

Green smiled, "I know, rest assured, as long as they send four 9th ranks or less, you won't even need to send Senior Origin Sword Saint. Those 8th ranks are nothing as well. Right, no need to talk about these right now, we'll eat first. After eating we'll head towards the city wall to take a look."

When Evan looked at Green and Merine's confident appearance, he couldn't help but calm down. He knew that the two weren't impulsive people. Their initial purpose was to protect Zhao Hai's poor life, protect the Buda Clan, and because of this, they even regarded Zhao Hia's life with more importance than their own. Therefore, how could they allow Zhao Hai to take such a risk? For them to agree with Zhao Hai's action, that mean that they were fully confident this time.

Thinking about this, Evan's heart couldn't help but loosen. But he also felt confusion, he knew clearly that the strongest experts of the Buda Clan were Green and Merine. Although they were formidable themselves, they weren't 9th rank experts. But the enemy has 9th rank experts, maybe even four 9th

rank experts. Can they contend with them? Did they get the support of another 9th rank? But that couldn't be it, a single 9th rank cannot go against four. In the end, what were the cards of the Buda Clan?

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Evan invited Zhao Hai's group for breakfast today, however, he didn't include his family. He knew that the people in the Purcell family weren't very much in Zhao Hai's good books. When the Buda Clan had lost their home, those people didn't give the clan any face. Meeting them right now would be very embarrassing.

After eating their meal, the group was led by Evan to walk towards the City Wall. Casa City was now on a state of Martial Law, there weren't any commoners seen walking around the city, instead, groups of warriors were seen patrolling the streets.

But the garrison troops of Casa City weren't a lot, all in all they just numbered 20 thousand people. They were initially sent in order to protect the Grand Duke's Mansion. The majority of the Purcell Family's forces were in Iron Mountain Fortress, guarding the Duchy from the Beastman raids. With most of their troops there, the troops inside Casa City weren't that much. If not for Casa City's walls being thick, then they feared that the city may have already fallen.

When Zhao Hai and the others got up on the city wall, they saw that some of its parts were damaged. From those damages, one can see that the source was magic, while some were from magical cannons as well as ballistas.

Stood on the walls were the garrison troops. The troops were composed of the Purcell Family's elites. If not for them, Casa City wouldn't have stood to this day.

Zhao Hai gazed outwards, at this time, the entire city was completely encircled by something, probably the doing of Earth Mages. Outside the City, numerous depressions were seen on the ground, probably placed there in order to stop cavalry charges coming from Casa City. It really seems like they really want to place Evan's family in dire straits.

After looking at the situation outside the city, Zhao Hai turned his head to Evan and said, "Uncle Evan, it has been some time since those people started to besiege the city, did you really not have any reinforcements?"

Evan smiled bitterly, "How could it be impossible to have reinforcements? But in the end those troops were rendered useless. In addition to the 100 thousand troops laying siege here, there was another 100 thousand who were actively blocking off all the reinforcements. In addition to our reinforcements, the noble families that we have good relations with were suppressed by the empire. They simply couldn't come and help us, we're really at a loss at this time."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Boris' preparation this time is indeed very adequate. When he attacked Ruyen last time, I should have already been mindful, I just didn't think that he would attack the Purcell Family immediately. Upon further consideration, the Purcell Family really didn't have any enmity with him, moreover, the family is an established noble clan, nobody would dare go this hard on you. I actually didn't expect that someone would be this brazen, they were ruthless as well, to think that they are thinking about extinguishing the family."

Evan shook his head while forcing a smile, "This time's matter shouldn't all be because of you. Moreover, our Purcell Family didn't buy Boris' purpose. Looking at Boris' recent actions, it seems like he wanted to act against some nobles for quite some time. His goals just seemed to coincide with this matter, therefore, he decided to begin with me."

Chapter 432 - Attack

Zhao Hai wasn't aware that there would be such a thing. He looked at Evan and said, "I didn't expect that there was such a matter inside Boris' mind. It's fine, we'll be cleaning up today. I think Boris would think twice if he wanted to repeat today's matter."

Then he turned to walk down from the city wall along with Evan and the others. Upon arriving down, Zhao Hai immediately let Alien out. Then he quickly placed the Buda Clan's Wild Dragon War Banner that was already installed into a pole on top of Alien's back. After that, he made Green and Merine center inside Alien's body. Evan looked at this scene and couldn't help but come with them. Zhao Hai didn't block him, he allowed Evan to enter the space inside Alien's body.

After the group sat at the upper floor, they prepared themselves for tea. When Zhao Hai sat down, he turned to Evan and said, "Uncle Evan, make them open the gate, then leave the rest to us."

Evan turned to look at Green and Merine, when he saw that they were still calm, he didn't object. He immediately relayed his orders to a guard. When Evan entered Alien, he took with him two guards. Evan was a Grand Duke, how could he not bring with him two assistants?

Soon after the guard left, the city's gate was opened. Then Zhao Hai headed out of the city. When the enemies saw this scene, they immediately formed their lines and waited.

Those who laid siege to Casa City had no idea that Zhao Hai arrived. But they knew about the Cavalry units of the Purcell Family. These elite troops regularly clashed with the beastmen cavalries, how could their fighting prowess be low? It was because of this that they deliberately made ditches outside the gate, to prevent the cavalry to fully utilize the might of their charge.

However, it seems like they were mistaken this time. As they prepared to meet the cavalry of the Purcell Family, what they saw coming out of the city gate was a very large undead instead. The undead's body was 20 meters long, with a height of about 10 meters, it had a dark green skeleton, and it was covered with spikes. It looked extremely terrifying.

And on the undead's body, a banner was seen fluttering with the wind. The banner had a blood red surface, along with an embroidery of a threatening dragon. The banner may have some damages here and there, but it only increased its killing aura. For those who were experienced, they knew that this was a War Banner!

The mercenaries outside were stunned. They never thought that what came out this time would be an undead creature. At this moment, the leader of this troop immediately thought of another reason for their attack this time, isn't it because of a Dark Mage?

He immediately issued an order loudly, the troops behind him quickly became more compact. The men and horses of the front line were also getting prepared to meet Zhao Hai.

At the same time, the leader also invited the Mages. They knew that Zhao Hai was a Dark Mage. The best way to deal with a Mage was another Mage. In dealing with Zhao Hai and the Purcell Duchy, the brought more than 50 Mages.

The Mages were specifically tasked to deal with Zhao Hai as well as act as mobile turrets. Therefore, most of the time, they were inside the camps and were only called out this time. Usually, soldiers were the ones doing the attacking, using magic cannons as well as ballistas.

Under the gazes of them as well as the garrison troops, the undead creature just slowly stepped over the ditches that were previously dug out. Although the ditches were quite wide, they weren't enough to stop a large being such as Alien. Before long, Alien had already passed over several obstacles.

The troop leader decided that it was still not time to attack the undead. He wanted to wait for the Mages from the camp to arrive before dealing with Alien. Thus, he made his troops stand by and wait for a while.

But it was a mistake to give Zhao Hai this much time for preparations. While he went over the ditches, he didn't immediately take action, he wanted the other party to be clueless as to what he wanted to do.

At this moment, with Zhao Hai's intention, a battalion of undead cavalry appeared. These undead were all Beastmen. All of them were tall and were sitting on their own mounts along with huge maces on their hands. Just by looking at their appearance, one could see how terrifying they are.

Zhao Hai released 10 thousand cavalry this time. The group immediately covered the surrounding area. Although this number isn't that large, the 100 thousand enemy troops were divided. The enemy troops' 100 thousand soldiers aren't enough to surround the city, so they only deeply guarded the city's four gates.

This way, the armies on each gate numbered about twenty thousand each. With their losses these past few days, the estimation of 20 thousand was quite correct.

While the enemies were still silly from seeing the undead cavalry and were quite confused about how they would handle this, a sudden sound was heard coming out from Alien's mouth. The sound issued a declaration, "With the Wild Dragon Banner as the witness, show them who is invincible! Kill!"

This sound naturally came from Zhao Hai. This was Alien's recently acquired ability. As long as Zhao Hai is inside Alien's body, his voices could pass along Alien's mouth with an increased volume, much like how a loudspeaker worked.

After Zhao Hai gave his words, the Beastmen undead cavalry immediately help their weapons up as they charged towards the mercenary soldiers.

In Ark Continent, there were almost no other race that was able to block a Beastman's charge head on. Their charges were too sharp, any other army wasn't a match.

And in order to deal with the Purcell Family, all these soldiers were disguised as mercenaries. They didn't have their standard issue armor in order to curb the Purcell Family's suspicions, neither did they have any cavalry. With the only armor they were wearing being light armor, they could be classified as light infantry. For them to block a Beastman charge in their current state was akin to them looking for death.

Ten thousand undead Beastman cavalry began to charge towards the mercenary-dressed soldiers. With these scene, the soldier lines immediately became a mess. They were all quite experienced, naturally they knew the power behind a Beastman charge, and they also knew that an undead charge wasn't any less powerful, they certainly didn't want to be on the receiving end of such an impact.

However, their troop leader was quite tenacious as he didn't issue any order for retreat. Because of this the soldiers had no other choice than to stay put. To be honest, the troop leader was quite hopeful, he knew that the level of an undead under a general Dark Mage wasn't that powerful. Their fighting strength shouldn't be that strong, so even if their appearances were quite scary, they might not be very terrifying in battle. Upon seeing Zhao Hai release these many undead, the troop leader was quite sure that they wouldn't be too strong, thus he believed that they would be able to block this charge.

But before long, it was quite obvious that he was mistaken. Zhao Hai's undead creatures were very capable and were unable to be stopped. Even if they aim specifically for the heavy armor cavalry, they still weren't able to stop them, much less the light cavalry mixed in.

When the undead cavalry's formation clashed with the mercenaries, the troop leader immediately realized his blunder. These Beastmen undead were too strong, maybe even stronger than a true Beastman. Their soldiers simply weren't able to resist them, with just a single glance, one could see the mercenaries' formation completely devastated.

Zhao Hai was not idle at this time. He sat inside Alien as it followed behind the undead charge. He gazed at the scene. After all, every mercenary that dared approach him were immediately destroyed by Alien.

Evan was also inside Alien staring blankly at what is happening outside. He never imagined Zhao Hai's undead to be this strong. They were too strong that when they met the infantry, the latter were immediately ruined. Their charge was the visual form of the word 'unstoppable'.

After Zhao Hai destroyed the enemy's formation, he didn't stop, he directly rushed towards the enemy camp on the other side. Moreover, Zhao Hai was also continually releasing Dark Magic, turning all those who had been killed into undead. The dead soldiers immediately rose up and began to chase the other soldiers who were escaping.

These people were very terrified, seeing their former allies rise up again and chase them with their weapons was a scene that would induce panic.

The soldiers getting killed by the Beastman cavalry were getting more and more numerous. The new undead also kept increasing. Aside from the initial Beastman undead that Zhao Hai released, they now had more than 2 thousand additional undead from those mercenary soldiers that died.

At this time, the enemy Mages also began to respond. Lines of magic went flying towards the undead, some of them even headed straight for Alien.

Zhao Hai simply didn't care about any of these. He just sat inside Alien and continued to leisurely drink his tea. These magic attacks heading towards Alien were like small irritating itches. They didn't have any effect on the undead.

This made the Mages very embarrassed, not only could they not deal with this huge magic beast, their spells towards the undead Beastmen Cavalry were also very useless.

The 8th rank experts on the camps saw this situation and immediately went out. In their view, even if these undead Beastmen were quite strong, if they have some 5th or 6th ranks, then they could already be good. They thought that if they give enough effort, they could exterminate all of the undead as well as Zhao Hai.

However, just like those before them, they were very mistaken. The undead were quite strong, to the point that each of the undead could contend with each one of the mages. If two undeads were to fight them, then they would certainly be defeated. If they were attacked by more, they would surely die.

This made the 8th rank experts feel blank inside, they didn't think that they would meet this situation. What kind of undead were these? How could they be this powerful?

Since the mages cannot block the undead cavalry, the undead immediately crashed into their camp. The undead immediately chased down all the mercenaries as well as their servants. Most importantly, they focused their attacks on the Mages.

Chapter 433 - Might of the Undead

By this time, the people who sieged Casa City were now in a mess. Nobody can block Zhao Hai's advances. Only those Advanced Mages could help themselves in order to escape. Any Mages with a rank lower were killed immediately, then were turned into undead. After which they immediately began casting magic in order to attack other mercenary soldiers.

The people's minds were submerged in confusion. Due to the suppression of Dark Mages these years, most armies didn't have any Dark Mages, this was especially true for Aksu Empire. This made them forget the fact that the most terrifying place to meet a Dark Mage was in a battlefield.

The reason for this was because the battlefield provided them with more than enough resources to raise undead anytime. Even if those undead couldn't compare to Zhao Hai's, the pressure they could give people were still very huge. This made people give Dark Mages another nickname while they are on the battlefield, they were called Death Gods.

Because there hadn't been any major wards in the continent, and adding on to the suppression of Dark Mages, the soldiers present hadn't met a practitioner of Dark Magic. So once they encountered Zhao Hai, they dissolved into panic.

Evan looked at the undead who were chasing the mercenaries outside and was completely dumbfounded. He had seen Zhao Hai before, and he has also seen Adam. The last time they met, he felt that Zhao Hai has let go of his playboy attitude. He became more sensible, more fierce. But when he saw the current Zhao Hai who was just leisurely drinking tea, Evan was terrified.

He thought that it was scary. Evan was a warrior, and as a warrior he had seen killings. And even if he became a Grand Duke he had also witnessed a ton of cruel and merciless people. But he hadn't met people like Zhao Hai who didn't even flinch upon seeing this much undead killing people. One could see why, upon seeing Zhao Hai right now, Evan felt fear.

Massacring people without emotion was something a lot of people can achieve. But Zhao Hai was different. While looking at the battle outside, he still drank his tea inside Alien, at the same time, his other hand was continually casting Magic, turning more people into undead and making those new undead kill more people. While all of this is happening, he was still drinking tea, such a person was terrifying.

Evan felt like Zhao Hai wasn't the Adam that he knew. To him, Zhao Hai has become cold blooded. Evan felt strange, he felt mortified.

Zhao Hai had noted Evan's expression, he understood what he was thinking. He placed his cup down and looked at Evan, "Does Uncle Evan think I was too ruthless? Too cold-blooded?"

Evan looked at Zhao Hai and sighed, "Little Hai, I know that the Buda Clan's situation had forced you to undergo such a huge change. But you must know that plenty of these people are also innocent. It should be enough if we were to repel them."

Zhao Hai stared at Evan and sighed, "Uncle Evan, do you think that I want it to be like this? But even if I didn't, they are still our enemies. You see them right now as pitiful, but haven't you thought? If we didn't have enough strength, they will be pursuing us like ghosts. When the time comes, neither me nor the Purcell Family would exist, we would be completely destroyed by them. Do you think that at that moment they would let us off because of their tender hearts?"

Evan naturally understood this. If both armies fight, there was little space for pity. But this time, it was undead killing living people. This scenario made him feel terrible, if he were there, it would feel like was being betrayed.

Actually, it wasn't only Evan who had this sentiment, majority of the people in the continent share this view as well. Otherwise, Dark Mages wouldn't become the most hated profession, they didn't even consider that Dark Mages can minimize their losses in the battlefield. Dark Mages would use anything to attack the enemy. For them, attacking the enemy with a blade or an undead was the same. In the end, they could get the job done.

Green, who had also become numb to the scene, coldly snorted and said, "What's wrong? Do you prefer sending your subordinates to deal with the enemies rather than the undead? It seems like you have been poisoned by the Radiant Church as well."

Evan, upon hearing Green, became embarrassed. There was no way for him to disrespect Green. Because of his position in the Buda Clan, Evan also regarded Green as an elder. Thus, he can't do anything but listen to Green's words.

At this time, the troops on the other gates were also made aware of the situation and sent some reinforcements. However, the reinforcements had no way to deal with the undead. The situation remained the same, the undead were still slaughtering their way along the enemy lines.

The 100 thousand who laid siege on the city were flustered. They immediately gathered their men and started to surround Zhao Hai. But Zhao Hai seemed to not care, he still commanded the undead to continue the slaughter.

If one were to look down from the sky, the battlefield displayed a strange image. A group of mercenaries were surrounding an Undead Creature in the middle, looking like to extinguish whoever was in the middle.

But if you look at it carefully, those who were wearing mercenary clothes were constantly falling. And when they get killed, they were immediately wrapped with a dark mist and then became an undead creature. After which they got up and then attacked their fellow mercenaries.

The fighting continued on for the entire morning. Finally, the mercenaries couldn't hold long and chose to withdraw. They didn't dare continue to attack Zhao Hai since they were constantly getting killed. In the end, those who were killed numbered between 30 thousand to 40 thousand people. Their losses were too great.

What made them very confused was that even if those undead were powerful, it was still impossible for them to suffer losses along these numbers. Some of them only suffered an injury and then died soon afterwards. Later on, they discovered that the weapons of the undead were all coated with poison. As long as they were wounded by the weapon, even if only a little, they would die in a short while.

The mercenaries were too ill prepared in a scenario where they would retreat. They expected that they would only retreat if the matter had already been dealt with. Because of this, Zhao Hai's creatures continually hounded them from behind. Unlike them, the undead didn't know the meaning of exhaustion.

One side is infantry, while the other is cavalry, their disparity in speed was very huge. But since they had the numbers, some were able to escape safely. In the end, 50 thousand mercenaries were saved.

The chase lasted until the afternoon, and Zhao Hai had obtained another 50 thousand additional undead. After the even, the group returned to Casa City. And after eating, Zhao Hai's group returned to the place Evan arranged for them to rest in.

However, Evan was unable to sleep that night. Zhao Hai's performance shook him to his core. Not only was he startled by how Zhao Hai handled life and death, he was also shocked by how powerful Zhao Hai's undead were.

It was now that Evan understood why Zhao Hai was able to survive after all those powers sent people to deal with him. By what Zhao Hai has shown today, it would be strange if those assailants survived.

At the same time, Evan also had to acknowledge the strength of a Dark Mage. He truly didn't pay any attention to the profession before, this was because of the continent's constant suppression of them. This was even more true in Aksu Empire, because of the collusion between Boris and the Radiant Church, the suppression of the Dark Mages had reached another level. From a young age, children were already hearing bad things about Dark Mages. This idea bore into the minds of the people and made them feel disgust towards those who practice Dark Magic.

This was precisely the reason why when Zhao Hai resided in Stony Mountain, he immediately sent people to deal with him. This was also the reason why there were no Dark Mages among the Purcell Family's forces.

But after watching Zhao Hai's might today, Evan felt regret. He knew that casualties are greatest during the initial collision between two armies. And during the skirmish, there would also be losses here and there. If a Dark Mage was present, they could drastically reduce the losses they suffered in the battlefield.

As soon as his thought reached that point, Evan was completely regretful for not having a Dark Mage in his army. But it was now too late, there weren't a lot of Dark Mages in the continent, and those people weren't very trustful towards nobles. Recruiting Dark Mages during this time was close to impossible.

At this time, Zhao Hai was inside the Space. Green and Merine were inside as well. Green was very happy that his face turned red. He was really excited, they finally had shown their might. The Wild Dragon Banner had flown once again and achieved an overwhelming victory.

When Zhao Hai looked at Green's appearance, he smiled faintly and said, "Grandpa Green, I think you should return to Iron Mountain fort tomorrow. The matter in Casa City will be resolved in around two days or so. The enemies cannot block our undead, so their 9th ranks should be making their move. Not just you, even I might need to retreat to the Space. The battle would be handed over to Cai'er and Zhao Wen.

Green thought for a moment before he nodded, "Alright, we'll return to Iron Mountain Fort tomorrow. My desire had already been realized. But Young Master, you should take care of yourself. If the opposite party sends 9th ranks tomorrow, immediately hide inside the Space. Moreover, I'm afraid that the Radiant Church would also make their move. Their main target this time is you and you cannot suffer an accident."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, "Rest assured, if something happens, I'll immediately hide in the Space. Let's see how they handle me then. But what you said is right, the Radiant Church had been quiet all this time. I'm afraid that when they receive the news about my identity, they will send people to Iron Mountain Fort. So it's best for you to return."

Green didn't disagree and just nodded.

Chapter 434 - The Thoughts of Origin Sword Saint

What Zhao Hai didn't know was that the moment they returned to Casa City, their actions were under Origin Sword Saint's attention.

A 9th rank expert can feel everything around them by using Mental Power. With Zhao Hai's performance today, it was natural for the Origin Sword Saint to take note of him.

To be exact, these days, the entire Casa City was under Origin Sword Saint's constant monitoring. After all, he was someone from the Purcell Family, he didn't want an accident to happen to the family.

Zhao Hai's arrival made him very curious. He had been continually paying attention to Casa City, but he didn't notice Zhao Hai's group entering its vicinity. Similarly, had no explanation as to how Green appeared while Zhao Hai and the others were resting.

For a 9th rank expert, this matter was very baffling. He always felt that Zhao Hai was disappearing every time he enters his courtyard, it was impossible for him to know what they were doing. Most importantly, in the daytime, he can feel every single person in the city except for Zhao Hai's group. It seems like Zhao Hai was made of air, he couldn't sense anything from him, it felt very strange.

So this evening, Origin Sword Saint went to Zhao Hai's courtyard to check things out. But even in this proximity, he still couldn't sense anything. It seems like Zhao Hai disappeared from existence.

This made Origin Sword Saint very puzzled. In the end, when he saw that the place's lamp was not lit up, he came out of hiding and went to the courtyard. He saw nobody, not a single person was present.

Seeing this scene, Origin Sword Saint couldn't help but stare blankly. Then his complexion changed, then he thought of a possibility. It may be that Zhao Hai had someone with a formidable Spatial Divergent Ability, or he has a Space Mage.

In the continent, Space Mages were very rare. However, among the people who have Divergent Abilities, those who had abilities related to space were quite a lot. This may have been some sort of balance set by the world.

One has to recognize that among all Mages, Space Mages were the hardest to deal with. And among Divergent Abilities, Space related ones gave you the most headache. Therefore, when Origin Sword Saint noticed that Zhao Hai disappeared, he immediately thought of about a Spatial Divergent Ability. Besides that, he cannot think of any other reason as to how a group of people can silently disappear from the courtyard.

Origin Sword Saint stood for a while in the courtyard, then with an intention he immediately flashed away and appeared in front of Evan's door. Then with a serious tone, Origin Sword Saint said, "Evan, come out."

Evan wasn't asleep, but with his current strength, there was no way for him to sense Origin Sword Saint's presence. Therefore, when he heard those words, he immediately knew who came. He immediately got up from his bed, and wore his nightly robes.

Evan saw Origin Sword Saint when he went out of his house. He gave a bow and said, "Ancestor, what are your orders?"

Origin Sword Saint looked at Evan and said, "This Zhao Hai, I know about him. In the past, I didn't support helping his Buda Clan. But now, it seems like your decision is correct. If Zhao Hai doesn't have a Divergent Spatial Ability, then he should have someone who does. Moreover, it seems like he had acquired a huge backing, otherwise his Water of Nothingness wouldn't have been cured. In addition to those strong Undead, if he can invite some 9th ranks to his side, then he would be formidable. What's most important was the fact that he is in-laws with the Calci Family. His current status cannot be underestimated anymore. No matter what, you should maintain our Purcell Family's good relation with him. Right, didn't we have an engagement arranged with him before? You should carry out that agreement."

Evan's expression couldn't help but express his pain. He knew that if he had the power before, the engagement wouldn't have been cancelled. At this point, Zhao Hai already had three beautiful fiancées. In this case, how could he possibly look for another?

Evan cannot accomplish these requests, he had no other choice but tell Origin Sword Saint about what happened. Upon listening to Evan, Origin Sword Saint frowned and said, "It seems like this matter isn't easy. But it doesn't matter, he can get married to another girl aside from Ruyen. Don't we have some marriageable women in the Purcell Family? We can just change the girl we send."

Evan gave a forced smile, "Ancestor might not know, but Zhao Hai is a very proud person. Moreover, I've asked his fiancée's and they said that there was no way for him to be with someone if the both of them didn't have any sentiment towards each other. I'm very sure he won't agree and oppose if we provide a marriage candidate."

Origin Sword Saint nodded, "Alright, I really don't care much about these things. No matter what, for the good of the Purcell Family, I've already told you about Zhao Hai's strength. Make sure to handle this matter carefully. Also, pay attention to any potions that could enhance someone's strength. Ever since we lost Buffy, the Purcell Family badly needs another 9th rank expert. I alone cannot provide all of the family's security."

Evan stared for a moment and then replied, "Ancestor, rest assured. If there's anything you need, feel free to approach me."

Origin Sword Saint looked at Evan and sighed, "It would be great if it was you who breaks through to 9th rank. But you have to take care of the family's affairs, your attention would be divided. You should go find another person with enough talent to become a 9th rank to serve the family."

Evan nodded, "Yes, Ancestor, be relieved."

Origin Sword Saint nodded, "You must remember, for a Clan to survive, it needs a 9th rank expert. I suspect this Zhao Hai already had the support of a 9th rank expert, otherwise he wouldn't be so unyielding. A 9th rank expert can guarantee a family's survival for a hundred years. If I didn't exist, all of those who has bad intentions towards our Purcell Family would've already gone to exterminate us. Therefore, you must go and find a candidate as soon as possible."

Evan nodded, then Origin Sword Saint's body flashed before he disappeared. Seeing that the ancestor has gone, Evan sighed. He didn't expect the Origin Sword Saint to place this much importance to Zhao Hai. He actually made a special trip to Evan for such matter.

Evan couldn't help but sigh, he didn't need the ancestor to remind him that Zhao Hai was extraordinary. The re-emergence of the Buda Clan today would likely inform the entire continent that there was actually a cure to the Water of Nothingness.

One must know that the Water of Nothingness was something nobody has aside from the Radiant Church and the Great Clans. The Radiant Church uses this to deal with those wicked Dark Mages. Naturally, they also used these on other purposes that nobody knew, but they still claim that they at least used it for a "Righteous cause".

But the Great Nobles in the continent have a lot of use for the Water of Nothingness. But its supply was scarce, moreover, there was no known antidote for it. This made this item a very terrifying thing for all experts in the continent.

And now, Zhao Hai appeared. Before, he had drank the Water of Nothingness, but now he was freely using magic. This represented the fact that he had a way to solve his toxin. This was a serious attack for both the Radiant Church as well as the Great Clans. This was akin to them losing their ultimate weapon.

Moreover, the strength that Zhao Hai has shown made them very startled. Adding on to his matter with the Calci family and his eventual engagement to Megan, most people were now paying attention to Zhao Hai. At this point, there wasn't a person in the continent who dared to underestimate him.

The reason why Southern King Boris decided to attack Zhao Hai this time was not only because he was an exile of the Aksu Empire, someone who didn't have any support from the Imperial Clan. Secondly, it was also because the Calci Family were enemies of the Radiant Church. Therefore, they didn't have any hesitation in this time's attack.

But no hesitation didn't mean that there weren't any disagreements. There a lot of people who were afraid of the Calci Family. Zhao Hai's current fame wasn't any worse than them.

In such a case, Evan didn't know how to proceed with his relationship with Zhao Hai. Even if he worked as a Patriarch for a long time, he was still left with nothing to do this time.

In the past, Ruyen's matter was handled by Caesar. That time, the Purcell Family were bent on severing their relationship with Zhao Hai. If it weren't for this matter, Zhao Hai standing wouldn't be like this. To Evan, he regarded Zhao Hai as his own nephew. He knew that if he wanted to further the family's connection to Zhao Hai this time, their relationship might even deteriorate.

Evan sighed, then he turned back into his room. Although he couldn't fall asleep, he still laid down on his bed with closed eyes. He needed rest, he still had a lot of things to do tomorrow.

Just like Zhao Hai, Evan also thought that since the other party's army couldn't deal with Casa City anymore, then they will certainly send their aces, the 9th rank experts.

Only with their 9th rank experts could they achieve victory in this war. What worried Evan right now was if Zhao Hai could really deal with the several 9th ranks that would be sent.

If Zhao Hai can deal with them, then that would be a good thing. But if he cannot, everything will turn for the worse. These thoughts kept circulating inside Evan's mind over and over.

The next morning, Zhao Hai's group appeared once again inside the courtyard. When they got up that morning, Cai'er told Zhao Hai that Origin Sword Saint had come to the courtyard yesterday to examine them. She also told Zhao Hai about the conversation between Evan and Origin Sword Saint.

Zhao Hai really didn't think that this 9th rank Origin Sword Saint would pay any attention to him. But he had no plans of marrying into the Purcell Family. Just like what Evan said the last time, Ruyen was no longer worthy of Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't think about these things anymore. He had helped the Purcell Family mainly because the family had helped them before. Also, this was also a good opportunity to reveal the Wild Dragon banner of the Buda Clan. And another reason was because the Purcell Duchy's position was right beside the Black Wasteland. The Purcell Family being here was a good thing for Zhao Hai. It was much better to have a friend as a neighbor than an enemy.

When Zhao Hai and the others went to the dining room, Evan was already there. Evan was alone, he was just there to accompany Zhao Hai's group.

When he saw Zhao Hai come without Green nor Merine, Evan stared, then he asked Zhao Hai, "Little Hai, where is Uncle Green and Aunt Merine?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "They had another thing to do so they left. In any case, we don't need their help today. I think that the enemy's 9th ranks would make their move this day."

Evan nodded, "I thought so as well. Yesterday, a fourth of their army was killed off by you. Now, they have no way of surrounding the city as well as stopping the reinforcements. Today is the best time for those 9th ranks to take action, or else it would be too late."

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile and said, "I'll be waiting for them. I hope that they won't be too weak, otherwise I would be very disappointed."

At this point, a voice was heard, "Boy, you're extremely arrogant. Come and meet your death!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, then he appeared outside in a flash as he looked at the sky and saw four figures flying there. Three of them wore a warrior's garments while one wore a mage's robe. And that robe was colored white.

Seeing the group appear, Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Good, three Warriors as well as a 9th rank Light Mage. Very good, it seems like you really wanted to deal with the undead that I have."

After Zhao Hai's words, the Light Mage snorted and said, "Stop talking, you demonspawn. Your judgement day has come, accept the baptism of the light!"

Zhao Hai laughed, "What was that name you gave me? When did I become a demonspawn? You really dare to say that you can baptise the darkness? Then why does the night still exist? You are just deceiving yourself. People might think that you people are righteous, but that doesn't apply to me. Today, if you want my life, then you need to show some real skills."

When Zhao Hai saw that the three warriors seem to be escorting the 9th rank Light Mage, he instantly knew that these people were sent by the Radiant Church.

This made Zhao Hai lose all of his hesitation. For him, it was impossible to resolve his hatred for the Radiant Church. And it so happens that this time, not only could he exterminate some 9th ranks, he can even weaken the power of the church.

These people from the Radiant Church may not have known that the 9th rank expert they sent to the prairie was actually killed by Zhao Hai. Otherwise, they would have some reservations in attacking Zhao Hai this time.

Chapter 435 - Wealthy Twin Stars

When the Light Mage saw Zhao Hai's calm appearance, he couldn't help but snort, "Young man, you're quite insolent. You must know that insolent people don't live for too long."

Before Zhao Hai could reply, an old voice was heard, "To dare come to my Purcell Family wand acting unruly, don't you think you're being too much? I really don't know what gave you the courage, young man, but you shouldn't be too insolent. You must know that insolent people don't live for too long."

Zhao Hai turned his head to see an old man standing behind him. The old man gave out a strong and majestic aura. Although his hair was white, when seeing him standing there, one could feel as though they saw a ferocious beast crouching, ready to pounce at any time.

When the Light Mage saw the old man, his face couldn't help but change, "So it seems like the Origin Sword Saint has arrived. Hehe, Senior is already too old, are your old arms and legs still function?"

Origin Sword Saint showed a faint smile and said, "Even if I'm old, I still have the decency to be disciplined for years. Not like you young people, these past several days, constantly shouting about killing, but still acting charitable. For this old man, killing is killing, there's no other pretense in it."

Hearing Origin Sword Saint, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh. This old man was really amusing. Expressing this satire towards the Radiant Church helped him vent some of this pent up thoughts.

When the Light Mage heard the old man, his face paled, he looked at Origin Sword Saint and said with a cold tone, "The Radiant God is omnipotent, the great Radiant God isn't someone a worldly person like you can understand. With the Radiant God, one can enter eternal bliss. Otherwise, you would be subjected to the eternal torment of hell. For you to slander the Radiant God, you will certainly be punished."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "What qualifications did the Radiant God have to punish me? If he was indeed real, then if he knew what you people who bear his banner were doing, then he would definitely punish you first."

The Light Mage naturally treated Zhao Hai's words as rubbish. He looked at both Zhao Hai and Origin Sword saint and then snorted, "Do you really want to contend with us with only the two of you? You're really naive." After that, there were two other people who appeared at the Light Mage's side. The two men weren't dressed as a Warrior or a Mage. Both of them wore normal clothes but were made of excellent quality materials. The two of them looked just like Big Merchants.

Zhao Hai was confused when he looked at the two persons. He already started practicing Battle Qi, but he didn't feel any fluctuation from the bodies of the two people for both Magic and Battle Qi. This felt very strange.

Although feeling out 9th rank Warriors and Mages were very difficult. Zhao Hai can still feel them out using the Space. But these two people didn't have anything on them.

At this time, Origin Sword Saint talked, "So you invited the Wealthy Twin Stars. Good good, you actually spent a lot of money to invite two famous Divergent Ability Users, doing so isn't easy."

Zhao Hai stared at the two people and then respectfully asked Origin Sword Saint, "Senior Sword Saint, did you say that the two of them are Divergent Ability Users? What type?"

Origin Sword Saint replied, "The Wealthy Twin Stars are famous in the continent for being Metal Divergent Ability Users. They are a pair of twin brothers, they love money as much as they love their own lives. They were initially merchants before they were deceived and lost all of their money. After that event, the both of them went ill. What they didn't expect was that after they recovered, they actually developed Divergent Abilities. Both of them possess Metal Manipulation techniques, they could control anything metal under 100 jin. The two of them are also free assassins. If you pay them 100 jin of gold, they they would kill anybody in the continent, aside from a few notable people."

Zhao Hai gawked, then he turned his head to Origin Sword Saint and said, "100 jin of gold isn't too much. It's just 20 thousand gold coins. Such experts would actually kill people just for 20 thousand gold coins?"

Origin Sword Saint shook his head, "It's 100 jin for each person, in other words, 40 thousand coins for inviting the two of them. Moreover, they love gold coins, all payments should be provided in gold coins. I really didn't think that the Radiant Church would invite them this time. It seems like they really want to kill us today."

When Origin Sword Saint finished speaking, one of the Wealthy Twin Stars said, "Senior Sword Saint really is formidable, you actually found out about us brothers. We brothers generally didn't want to recklessly kill people, but the Radiant Church has offered us 400 thousand gold coins to deal with you, we just cannot refuse."

Origin Sword Saint couldn't help but stare, then his voice turned cold, "Four hundred thousand gold coins, the Radiant Church truly invested heavily this time."

Origin Sword Saint didn't mean that 400 thousand gold coins is a huge amount. In fact, for any established power in the continent, 400 thousand was nothing. But for a person to have 400 thousand gold coins on hand was something very rare. One had to know that people store their coins inside banks. They exchange these coins by handing over a crystal card that had its corresponding value. There was nobody who would carry around 400 thousand physical gold coins.

This was the problem with dealing with the Wealthy Twin Stars, they wanted physical gold coins for their commissions. They wouldn't accept any other form of payment, Crystal Cards or so on. Because of this, not a lot of people can invite them, since withdrawing 200 jins worth of gold coin from the bank was a very troublesome thing to do.

Zhao Hai didn't know of this, and he also didn't care. He was only curious towards the Wealthy Twin Stars because of their Metal Manipulation Ability. Zhao Hai had the same ability, he wanted to see if he can learn something from the two of them,.

But Zhao Hai didn't have the time to dwell on this since at this moment the Light Mage opened his mouth, "Enough with the idle talk, Begin!" Then he threw himself towards Zhao Hai.

With an intention, Zhao Hai made Zhao Wen appear in front of him. Then Zhao Wen transformed into a large mosquito before she fought with the Light Mage.

The Light Mage stared for a moment, but he immediately fought with Zhao Wen. At this time, the three Warriors threw themselves towards Zhao Hai as well. Origin Sword Saint, intended to block the three Warriors but he was blocked by the Wealthy Twin Stars.

At this point, nobody was blocking the three Warriors. For them, Zhao Hai was now like a fish on a chopping board, there was no escape.

But when they approached him, vines suddenly appeared on the back of Zhao Hai and curled towards them. The three warriors couldn't help but stare slightly at Zhao Hai's appearance. In the end, they didn't give it much thought, they thought that Zhao Hai was one of those rare Plant Mages. But a Plant Mage's fighting capabilities weren't very strong. The vines were their most commonly used weapon, except in the forests, Plant Mages are pretty weak in any other place.

Moreover, their weapons can deal with Plant Mages. Metals were a Plant Mage's worst enemy,

As they made their swords chop the vines off, they felt something strange. With their 9th rank strength they were confident in cutting those vines. But they didn't think that the vines were actually very tough.

Their swords were basically incapable of cutting the vines. The vines took this opportunity to entangle their swords. And while the Warriors were stunned, the vines also engulfed their bodies. At this time, they felt that their bodies seem to be pricked by needles. Then they discovered that they didn't have any strength anymore.

The one who attacked the three Warriors were naturally Cai'er. Cai'er was at the pinnacle of 9th rank. Otherwise, why would the other experts not dare approach Flower City. It was naturally because she had the strength to drive those experts away.

This strength was terrifying, clearly shown by how easily Cai'er managed to subdue three 9th rank Warriors. They were also injected with Cai'er's poison, and that poison wasn't a joke. Before her evolution, her poison could already deal with other 9th ranks. But now, after being upgraded by the Space, they it was rare for a 9th rank to resist the toxin.

The captured 9th ranks were not far from death. If not for their strength and vitality, they would have already died.

After attacking the Warriors, Cai'er didn't stop and continued on to deal with the Wealthy Twin Stars. Even if the two's strength wasn't that formidable, they were still able to place the Origin Sword Saint in a deadlock. Because of their Metal Divergent Ability as well as Origin Sword Saint's minimal understanding of Divergent abilities, there was no way for their fight to end very soon.

But now with Cai'er's help, the situation was much easier to deal with. Before long, the two were also engulfed by Cai'er. It was estimated that they would die much sooner than the three Warriors.

Now, the only remaining person was the Light Mage. The Light Mage was simply not a match for Zhao Wen. One must know that Zhao Wen was a 9th rank Magic Beast, not something a Human 9th rank can contend with. Adding on to her improvements by staying inside the Space, even if she wasn't peak 9th rank, she could still contend against anything below that level. With the innate superiority of Magic Beasts over humans, Zhao Wen didn't suffer a single loss from fighting with the Light Mage, she was even on the winning side.

The Light Mage also thought that things weren't doing so well, so he was thinking about escaping. Zhao Hai knew what he wanted to do so he smiled and said, "Go try and run." Then with his mind, he made Little Jin appear on Zhao Wen's back.

Little Jin's body was already transformed into his Large Ape form. One should know that Little Jin was very well gifted in strength. Even if he was an 8th rank, his fighting strength was on level with common 9th rank experts. Therefore, he released Little Jin to support Zhao Wen.

Little Jin already knew what was happening, so when he came out, he immediately pounced towards the Light Mage.

Chapter 436 - Level Up

Little Jin was now more like a Knight, but this knight didn't use a weapon and instead used his own huge arms. And adding on his overbearing strength, the Light Mage became exhausted before long.

The Light Mage felt that the situation was becoming inconceivable. He didn't know how Zhao Hai managed to get these Magic Beasts. One must know that 9th rank Magic Beasts are very difficult to come across. However, even if he only encountered one today, the other one not reaching 9th rank evident in how it was riding on the other one's back, but both of its offensive and defensive strength were no less than a 9th rank expert's. This made the Light Mage very confused.

Although 9th rank Magic Beasts are stronger than 9th rank Human experts, 8th rank Magic Beasts were never as good as 9th rank Humans. Rank difference can never be compensated with racial traits. This fact was widely accepted by everyone on the continent.

But this understanding was shattered today because of this 8th rank Magic Beast in front of him that had the strength of a 9th rank. This was really inconceivable.

Origin Sword Saint had drawn back and didn't participate in fighting the Light Mage. He already knew that the enemy had no chance of escaping. At the same time, he was also startled, he didn't think that Zhao Hai actually had such aces up his sleeves.

At this moment, Little Jin gave a shout as his body emitted a magnificent golden light. Then he moved and left Zhao Wen's back. His figure soared in the air as it directed an attack towards the Light Mage, and surprisingly breaking the former's guard.

It was not only Origin Sword Saint and the others who were shocked, Zhao Hai was shocked as well. But before he wondered what made Little Jin break through this time, a prompt came from the Space, "Massive amount of metal element energy has been received. Upgrading the Space. Space may now produce metallic ores, 100 ton per day output. Compatibility between Host and Metal element energy detected, upgrading Host's Metal Manipulation Ability. Host can now freely control 200 jin of metal. Compatibility with Little Jin and Metal element energy detected, upgrading Little Jin's strength and abilities. Space Ranch upgraded to Level 28, Space Farm upgraded to Level 35. Because of the Space's promotion, monitor range increased to 15 thousand meters. Transmission Point quantity increased to 20. Because of the Metal element energy, plants in the Farm have evolved. Vines now have added metallic attributes, they are now more resistant to metal attacks."

Zhao Hai's mind was blank upon listening to this. He didn't think that he would gain so much from killing two Metal Ability users. The Farm actually levelled up to 35, while the Ranch rose to 28. Moreover, the Space can now produce metallic ores everyday. His metal manipulation has also increased. At the same time, Cai'er and Little Jin has also been upgraded, all of this seems too unbelievable.

However, Zhao Hai knew that the Space wouldn't deceive him. If it said that it levelled up, then it certainly did level up. In other words, Zhao Hai's strength has increased once again, this was a huge surprise.

While the Light Mage was stunned by the sudden appearance of the golden light, Zhao Wen made use of this opportunity to puncture its mouth into the body of the Light Mage. Before long, there was nothing left from the Light Mage aside from his skin and bones.

When Zhao Hai recovered, he immediately stopped Zhao Wen. Then he gave out a black gas before Little Jin and Zhao Wen vanished. At this point, they no longer have any opponents. Four 9th rank experts and two Metal Ability users actually died in less than a day.

Origin Sword Saint was blankly staring at all of this. He didn't believe all of that just happened. One must know that a typical fight between 9th rank experts would take one or two months. Some special cases may even take 1 or 2 years. But now, the fight actually ended in less than a day. If Origin Sword Saint's calculation was correct, then not even two hours had passed before the result was obtained. The opposite party was totally exterminated, while Zhao Hai's group was completely intact. This show of power was too astonishing.

Zhao Hai didn't have the mood to think about Origin Sword Saint's feelings, he just turned to the old man and said, "Sir Sword Saint, now that the matter here has been settled. I'll have to go down and deal with those mercenaries before they run away, at the very least expelling them from Purcell Duchy."

Origin Sword Saint recovered, he was also reminded of the people outside. He immediately stood firm and looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Alright, then I have to trouble mister." Then his body vanished with a flash.

At this time, Laura and the others appeared by Zhao Hai's side. Megan held Little Jin on her bosom. Megan looked very surprised at Little Jin, she didn't think that the little ape could actually change into such a ferocious form.

The fight outside was naturally seen inside the Space. Megan didn't expect that the Little Jin that she loved to hug was that strong.

Zhao Hai turned his head to Laura and said, "Laura, did you hear that? Sir Sword Saint just called me mister."

Laura smiled faintly and said, "Sir Sword Saint calling you mister meant that he regards you as an equal. On the other hand, Brother Hai, I didn't think that Little Jin and Cai'er would get stronger."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I also didn't think that Little Jin and Cai'er would be improved. Moreover, the Space levelled up as well. This is very good for us. And later on, the Multi-purpose Processing Machine wouldn't be idle anymore. Since the Space can now produce metallic ores, we can make weapons from the machine."

At this time, Shue suddenly knelt in front of Zhao Hai and with a serious voice he said, "Young Master, Shue has some words to say."

Zhao Hai stared at Shue and said, "Get up, you can tell me while standing up."

But Shue didn't listen, he kowtowed instead and said, "Young Master, Shue has always been disappointed with this world, but ever since Young Master has taken me in, you didn't make me feel like

an outsider. For this, Shue is very thankful to the Young Master. Shue has seen that after you absorbed the two ability holders, the Space levelled up. Young Master, Shue proposes that you kill me and make the Space absorb my ability. This way, the Space would level up again.”

Zhao Hai, Laura and the others stared blankly, then their faces changed. They didn’t think that Shue would have such thoughts. Zhao Hai replied with a flat tone, “Who told you that the Space levelled up after absorbing two Divergent Abilities?”

Shue replied, “This is Shue’s calculation. The Young Master has had a lot of undead, some of them are Mages, some of them Warriors. But those people wasn’t able to make the Space level up. Only those two Divergent Ability users managed to upgrade the Space. Moreover, it raised by five levels. Young Master, Shue thinks that as long as the Space absorbs Divergent Abilities, then it would get upgraded. This Shue doesn’t have any more aspirations in life, I only hope that I could help Young Master. If Shue’s ability gets absorbed into the Space, then it would certainly level up. This can be a great help to Young Master.”

Zhao Hai looked at Shue, then all of a sudden Shue’s mouth was knocked down as he fell to the ground. The slap made use of all of Zhao Hai’s strength. Shue’s face was swollen, one or two teeth might have been broken.

Zhao Hai looked at Shue and said, “This palm should have told you that your life is mine. I do what I want with it, it’s not for you to decide. What do you think your master sees you? A Magic Beast? I want to upgrade the Space, but not to the point of killing my own people. Remember this, if you dare say this again in the future, then I will have to drive you away. Now go back to my side and protect me.”

Although Shue fell to the ground, he immediately got up again. When he heard Zhao Hai’s words, he didn’t say anything and just returned to his young master’s side. This time, Shue has truly regarded Zhao Hai as his Master. If Zhao Hai were to tell him to commit suicide, he wouldn’t hesitate to do so.

At this time, sets of footsteps could be heard as Evan led some of his subordinates. When the 9th ranks came, Evan really wanted to assist Zhao Hai. But he was already delegated by Origin Sword Saint to look after his own family members. This was the reason why he only managed to arrive after those 9th ranks have been dealt with.

When Evan saw Zhao Hai, he seemed to have a complicated look in his eyes. But he immediately laughed and said, “Little Hai, you really are greater than you let off. With the Buda Clan under your care, glory would be flooding in. You shouldn’t forget about your uncle when that time comes.”

Zhao Hai looked at Evan and smiled faintly, "Uncle Evan is too polite. As long as Uncle isn't afraid of being implicated. Uncle should know that the world is full of my enemies."

Evan laughed, "Why do I need to be afraid, fear is useless. How could fear be useful in dealing with enemies? Hahaha. Right, Little Hai, what do you plan to do next?"

Zhao Hai coldly smiled and said, "The enemy seems to have some tens of thousands of troops remaining in Purcell Duchy. How could I just let them peacefully retreat? Wouldn't it be too easy for them?"

Evan looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Are you sure?"

Zhao Hai smiled, "Of course, I just feel like I have a little too few undead in my hand. I just want to increase their numbers."

Evan couldn't help but shiver. Although he didn't know that Zhao Hai already had several hundred thousand undead, he still knew that Zhao Hai should have at least 60 thousand undead. Listening to a Dark Mage who has 60 thousand undead saying that he wanted more is too terrifying.

Zhao Hai seemed to not see Evan's reaction as he released Alien, then he turned to Evan and said, "Uncle, do you want to come with us? In the shortest time, we would certainly expel those mercenaries from the Purcell Duchy."

Evan stared at Zhao Hai and shook his head, "Their attack had left a huge injury to the Purcell Duchy. I'll take this opportunity to handle that matters of the Duchy. So I think I won't be coming with you." Zhao Hai nodded, and walked towards Alien before they left the city.

Chapter 437 - Next Plan

All the forces in the continent didn't expect this war to end so fast. It lasted much shorter than what they expected.

The end of the war was too sudden, too fast, and the victor seemed to be the Purcell Family, which were at the disadvantageous position since the beginning. Those with discerning eyes could see that the victory of this was solely because of one person, Zhao Hai!

They didn't think that Zhao Hai would be a person from the Buda Clan, they also didn't think that Zhao Hai's prowess as a Dark Mage could be this strong. His enemies were simply looking to die. Most importantly, a Dark Mage was known for being able to increase his army as the battle continues on. Naturally, Dark Mages have their own limit as to how much undead they can command. However, this limit seems to not exist with Zhao Hai. The undead that he currently controlled has probably reached 100 thousand by now. This was the same quantity as a 7th rank Dark Mage can handle.

Although almost every Dark Mage didn't summon undead, there were some of them who specialize in cultivating them. If these people use all of their energy to summon undead, they could summon at 6th or 7th ranks for an army numbering 100 thousand.

Naturally, all of these undead are common undead, unlike Zhao Hai's advanced level undead.

However, those who didn't face Zhao Hai in the battlefield had no idea how strong his undead were. Therefore, although they were surprised that Zhao Hai can control 100 thousand undead creatures, they didn't pay much attention to this matter. What they paid attention to were some other points.

First, Zhao Hai's status. When Zhao Hai revealed the Wild Dragon Banner, the people knew that Zhao Hai's true identity was Buda Clan's Adam Buda. He now changed his name to Zhao Hai, which surprised the people on the Continent.

In the past, the Buda Clan wasn't very famous in the continent, this was because the Buda Clan were still emerging Nobles, for the major powers, this didn't merit their attention. Only when the Buda Clan was given the Black Wasteland did they become famous. Everyone in the continent knew where the Black Wasteland was. For the Buda Clan to be transferred there was akin to giving them the death sentence. This was the reason why the name of the Buda Clan was still on the minds of everybody.

Second point, the toxin from the Water of Nothingness actually had an antidote. For the Radiant Church as well as the Great Clans, this was a serious attack. Before, the Radiant Church and the Great Clans would use the Water of Nothingness as a deterrent weapon against experts. No expert was willing to lose their strength, that would be worse than killing them.

Because of this, a lot of experts had no choice but hire themselves into the Great Clans as well as the Radiant Church. Because only by doing so will they be spared from the Water of Nothingness.

But now, it was known that the Water of Nothingness has an antidote. For the Experts on the continent, this was definitely a good thing, because they didn't need to be afraid anymore. Of course this information was also a huge blow to the Radiant Church.

Third point, the matter about the 9th ranks. The alliance between the Radiant Church and Boris had set out four 9th rank experts as well as two high-level Divergent Ability users. But with such lineup, they were still extinguished in less than two hours. This made all of those who were paying attention feel as though something was stuck in their throats, their hearts were jumping crazily, this development was too scary.

At this point, the major powers in the continent now had two things to consider, those powers under the control of the Radiant Church, and the matter about having Dark Mages in their armies.

It has been a long time since the last major war. Because of this, people have forgotten how terrifying Dark Mages were in the battlefield, they forgot the advantages of having Dark Mages.

But with the recent war in the Purcell Duchy, people now had an image of the Dark Mages' appeal. For the profession to surprisingly turn the tides of war, this was something that all those who were paying attention to the event recognize.

Compared to all these people, Zhao Hai actually didn't think much of these. After he eliminated the 9th ranks, he started to deal with those mercenaries who remained in Purcell Duchy.

The mercenaries didn't expect Zhao Hai to kill the 9th ranks this quickly. They haven't even thought that Zhao Hai would defeat the 9th ranks. Because of this, the mercenaries didn't retreat far away, and instead, they even prepared themselves to attack Casa City.

Therefore, when Zhao Hai made his undead attack their camps, the mercenaries were ill prepared. And adding on the strength of the undead, all of them were immediately forced to run away. In the end, about 100 thousand managed to escape the Purcell Duchy, the other 100 thousand remained and would forever be part of Zhao Hai's undead army.

After doing all of these, Zhao Hai gave Evan word that he would be leaving Casa City. He came to Purcell Duchy only to expel the attackers, he didn't come here to do anything else.

Evan also understood Zhao Hai, and since he still had a lot of matters to deal with in Purcell Duchy, he didn't stop Zhao Hai leaving.

Zhao Hai also knew about the amount of difficulties that Evan would face. Casa City was a big city, it cannot produce enough grain for its consumption, so the grains would have to be brought from outside. Although the Purcell Family had a stockpile of grain, it was not enough to feed everyone in the city. Even though the enemies didn't manage to take down Casa City this time, they still managed to heavily damage the grain producing lands around the city.

So now, the Purcell Duchy was once again experiencing food problems. But this time, nobody decided to hoard the grains. The shops in the city also didn't try to raise their prices. They knew that using this method to deal with the Purcell Family was no use.

Before Zhao Hai left Casa City, he also gave Evan a lot of grain, enough for the City to survive its food crisis. Since the Purcell Family would have to buy grain from someone, they might as well but from him.

After dealing with the problems of the Purcell Family, Zhao Hai didn't immediately return to Sky Water City, instead, he went back to Iron Mountain Fort. He was ready to carry out his plan to make the 9th ranks in the Carrion Swamp his subordinates. With them on his side, the major powers in the continent would have no choice but see him as someone equal.

They weren't afraid of other powers in the continent since they could just escape to the Space. But if those powers really did want to deal with Zhao Hai, he would have no choice but to hide inside his Space for his entire life.

Zhao Hai didn't want that kind of life, he wanted to be able to give a good life to his people. So he had no other choice but to become strong and powerful. Although his status wasn't low, it still came from Megan. At this rate, there wouldn't be a lot of people in the continent who would give serious respect to the Buda Clan. The respect would have to be caused by the Calci Family.

But Zhao Hai already knew that depending on the Calci Family wasn't a good choice. Nor does depending on Charlie. All of those scenarios are just him having fake strength, in the end, it wasn't his

own. He wanted to have strength and respect that was fully his. The Calci Family is a Great Noble Family, they could sacrifice almost anything for the benefit of the family. Although he was now their son-in-law, he could still be sacrificed at any time.

Moreover, Zhao Hai didn't want to be known as the Calci Family's son-in-law forever. In the future, he wanted people to regard him as the Patriarch of the Buda Clan, and not a son-in-law of the Calci Family.

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This time, Zhao Hai was preparing to stay in Iron Mountain Fort for a few days not only because he needs to carry out his plan, but to take personal command of the fort and deal with those people who would be sent to the Black Wasteland by the major powers of the continent.

Zhao Hai was almost certain that that people would come and investigate him the moment he revealed his identity. Now, every power in the continent knew that he was from the Buda Clan. And they also knew that the Buda Clan was now residing in the Black Wasteland. From this, they would certainly send people to come and see the situation there.

If an ordinary person would come, then it would be easy, just kill them and that's the end. But if they send a 9th rank expert, then matters would get complicated.

Therefore, after Zhao Hai returned to the Black Wasteland, he immediately released every single one of his undead. About 800 thousand undead roamed the entirety of the Black Wasteland. As soon as they see an intruder, they wouldn't be polite.

At the same time, Zhao Hai also had Megan fully explore the Black Wasteland. Currently, the entire Black Wasteland was covered by Cai'er's poisonous mist. Zhao Hai had also almost finished improving the land, making them fertile farmlands to be used in the future.

In order for these lands to be fully sustainable, Zhao Hai also began to prepare the waterworks system of the territory. As long as the waterworks gets completed as well as having watersheds implemented, the Black Wasteland would be transformed into the best farmland in the continent, making it the largest granary in the future.

These days, Megan was always in awe. She didn't expect that the legendary Black Wasteland would look like this. And since it was still winter, the ground outside was full of snow. Megan grew up on the coastlines, she wasn't able to see this scene before, this made her very excited everyday.

Aside from Megan, Little Jin was very excited as well. This little ape has not seen snow before. So when he came here, he was scared at first, but he quickly got used to it. He followed Megan and played around in the snow everyday, they enjoyed it very much.

Naturally, the factories inside Iron Mountain Fort were free for Megan to see. Especially the assembly line production that Zhao Hai has set up, which was an eye-opener for Megan.

Although Megan didn't involve herself much in the matters of the Calci Family, she still learned a lot of things. So she naturally understood the usefulness of this assembly line method of production. Once she could clearly see how it can greatly improve working efficiency.

Of course, there were some products that weren't made using the assembly line method, examples of these were the blankets and carpets made by the Beastmen. Even if the method can be applied to those products, Zhao Hai chose not to do so, since if they did so, the carpets and blankets would lose their special touch. The products would be the same as those produced by the Multi-purpose Processing Machine.

When a person creates something, his feelings and efforts would naturally be reflected on his work. And this sentiment would be felt by those who bought the product. This was the biggest difference between products made by a machine and made by hand.

It has to be acknowledged that there were some things that were better when made by a machine, it can even be said to be close to a perfect product. But this perfection itself was precisely its shortcoming.

Those who make something by their own hands would find it impossible to make zero flaws in their work. But these flaws carry the feelings and personal touch of its maker. People aren't perfect, and products that they make should be the same, perfectly made products do not exist.

Zhao Hai didn't allow blankets to be made using the assembly line method. However, the other things were. Zhao Hai had a lot of products being made in Iron Mountain Fort. And most of these were made with the assembly line method.

Zhao Hai didn't prevent Megan from telling the Calci Family about his production method. In all honesty, the only thing that Zhao Hai didn't want Megan to tell the Calci Family was the situation in Iron Mountain Fort, anything other than that, Megan can freely say.

Zhao Hai knew that Megan had feelings for him, because of this, he didn't want to place Megan in an awkward position where he couldn't talk about anything in Iron Mountain Fort. He knew that there was no way for Megan to keep everything a secret, otherwise she wouldn't have anything to talk about with her family, and Zhao Hai didn't want that.

While they were staying in Iron Mountain Fort for several days, Zhao Hai began to deal with the Magic Beasts inside the Carrion Swamp. In fact, Zhao Hai had already regarded Carrion Swamp as his own back garden. And since the beasts in his back garden weren't very obedient, all he needed to do was make them his subordinates.

After Zhao Hai greeted Green and the others, he lead Laura and the others to Flower City. The moment they arrived at Flower City, Megan became stunned. Although Iron Mountain Fort had become a second Flower City, the place was too small. It was the first time for Megan to see a big city, enough for 500 thousand people, just like this.

The most important thing was that almost everything in the city was comprised of Cai'er. In the endless facade of flowers, Megan almost lost herself, the place was too beautiful.

Excluding Megan, even Laura and the others were continually awed by the beauty of the city. Everytime they come here, they couldn't help but stare blankly at everything. The place was that beautiful and magnificent.

In order to make Megan happy, Zhao Hai decided to stay inside Flower City for three days. In the meantime, Zhao Hai let out Zhao Wen to see what the other 9th rank experts of the Carrion Swamp were doing, and then select their first target.

Since they weren't very strong, they would start looking for the weaker ones. And after bringing it to the Space, they would continue on to the next target, slowly moving towards the stronger Magic Beasts. This way, the Magic Beast Alliance would get weaker and weaker until Zhao Hai subdued every single 9th rank inside the swamp.

Chapter 438 - Defending the Black Wasteland

The third day after Zhao Hai and the others arrived at Flower City, assassins started appearing on the Black Wasteland. These people brought various antidotes for poison as they investigated everything inside.

However, they soon discovered that they were mistaken. Even if they drank some antidotes so that they wouldn't be poisoned temporarily, they didn't expect to get besieged by a large number of undead. Moreover, these undead were very powerful, and since they're undead, they didn't need eyes to see the intruders. This meant that stealth techniques were utterly useless. All of their methods of stealth were not effective in dealing with the undead.

It was already known in the continent that the most headache inducing enemies that an assassin could face were undead creatures. This was because most of their methods aren't very effective against the undead. Hidden weapons were useless, poisons were useless, and assassinations were useless. In the minds of the assassins, the undead were a huge pain in the ass.

For the assassins, to have headaches is when dealing with ordinary undead. They had no other fate than to die under Zhao Hai's undead.

Zhao Hai didn't make his undead deal with the assassins by using their instincts. Instead, he grouped up a thousand undead and gave them to an Advanced Undead to command. When the assassins enter the Black Wasteland, they didn't immediately attack them since it would be very troublesome. When those people penetrated deeply into the area, they will surround them and then kill them in one go.

When Zhao Hai heard that the first assassins had arrived in the Black Wasteland, he cared about it. He already knew that this day would arrive. As long as these people enter the Black Wasteland, then they wouldn't be able to come back. After that, people would be too scared to enter his territory.

At the current time, the other powers wouldn't be sending in 9th rank experts to enter the Black Wasteland. 9th rank experts weren't as common as cabbages, they cannot just dispatch them casually.

Common 9th ranks weren't very willing to be dispatched easily, especially into the Black Wasteland. The Black Wasteland was too close to the Carrion Swamp. All of them knew that the 9th rank Magic Beasts inside the swamp were very strong. Most 9th ranks in the continent weren't their opponents.

More importantly, in the last few months, the poisonous mist from the Carrion Swamp has begun to spread to the Black Wasteland. All who entered barely managed to get out. Even if they did get out, the poison that they got from the fog eventually killed them.

This poison was the same as those that proliferated in the Carrion Swamp. Because of this, ordinary people didn't dare to enter the Black Wasteland.

Naturally, this development was Zhao Hai's arrangement. Zhao Hai wanted to instill the idea that the Black Wasteland has become the second Carrion Swamp.

Zhao Hai's plan was very effective. In the beginning, when the Seven-colored poisonous mist started to spread to the Black Wasteland, some people started to examine what happened inside. Upon seeing nobody inside, they declared that the Black Wasteland has become a place full of beasts and poisonous mist.

This development naturally made the people of the Purcell Duchy very restless. They neighbored the Black Wasteland, if the Seven-colored poisonous mist continued to spread, they would be the first people to experience bad luck. This made the people from the Purcell Duchy attach great importance to the Black Wasteland.

Fortunately for them, when the poisonous mist spread to the whole Black Wasteland, it didn't go any further. Instead, the mist engulfing the Black Wasteland became thicker and thicker. People may be able to survive entering the place in the beginning, but now, nobody managed to survive.

But ever since Zhao Hai revealed the Buda Clan's Banner, there were a lot of people who entered the Black Wasteland. These people were assassins sent by various nations. They also made sufficient preparations, they brought all kinds of detoxification potions as well as protective masks. But all of these were useless, these people wouldn't survive. If the only thing present in the Black Wasteland was the poisonous mist, then they might have a chance to survive. But unfortunately for them, in the Black Wasteland, the poisonous mist wasn't the only thing they need to look out for.

These assassins entering the Black Wasteland was like a pebble entering the ocean. This fact made the Great powers feel surprise. They didn't think that the Black Wasteland would become this terrifying.

But to Zhao Hai's disappointment, they didn't send out 9th rank experts to do their investigations. Just as what Zhao Hai thought before, 9th ranks weren't as common as cabbage, they couldn't just be casually deployed, especially to such a dangerous place. This made the powers hesitate in sending them over.

Although the great powers were somewhat wary of the Buda Clan, they weren't afraid of them. After all, the Buda Clan was just another entity in the vast continent. Except for Boris who has a huge enmity with the Clan, most people didn't take the Buda Clan too seriously.

Even if Zhao Hai had a lot of good things in his possession, those wouldn't be able to drastically affect the continent's economy. For a lot of Nobles, only when you touch their sources of income would they seriously come and deal with you.

In simple words, Zhao Hai didn't pose a threat to their interests, so they didn't go and intentionally provoke Zhao Hai. Naturally, the Radiant Church and Boris were different, their enmity with Zhao Hai was deep, there was no resolving it.

Zhao Hai didn't care about any of these, as long as the continent didn't send in 9th ranks, he can carry on his plans in the Carrion Swamp.

At this time, undead filled the ground of the Black Wasteland while Blood Hawks filled the skies. The defense of the land was already very solid. Even if a 9th rank came in, Zhao Hai can still deal with it. Thus, Zhao Hai didn't really worry about anything.

After playing around in Flower City for three days, Zhao Hai was already ready to carry out his plan. But before carrying out his operation, Zhao Hai did another thing, it was to absorb parts of the carrion swamp into the Space, whether it be the mud or the plants in the swamp.

Zhao Hai chose a place in the swamp and absorbed a chunk of it into the Space. Taking in small insects, plants, and the mud. Then he took another island sized chunk into the Space.

These two absorptions made the Space's farm reach level 45. He could now cultivate most of the plants. But it was a pity that the Ranch didn't get upgraded, so Zhao Hai didn't know what happens when the Ranch and Farm reaches level 30 and 40, respectively.

After completing all of these, Zhao Hai began to deal with the Carrion Swamp's 9th rank Magic Beasts. For other people, dealing with those 9th rank beasts was difficult. But for Zhao Hai, it was much easier, he already had Zhao Wen and Cai'er,

After Zhao Hai asked Cai'er about the positions of the 9th ranks, they started to plan their course of action. One must know that dealing with 9th ranks wasn't an easy thing. If they made the 9th rank escape, then it would certainly alert the other 9th ranks in the swamp, and eventually the entire Flower Protection Alliance. By that time, Zhao Hai's losses would be great, so he needs to be careful.

For the first target, Zhao Hai must choose someone who wasn't very strong and was someone who didn't get into contact with the others too much. This type of target would have the most chance of succeeding.

After Cai'er and Zhao Wen discussed for a long time, they finally decided on their first 9th rank target. This Magic beast was a flying type 9th rank Magic beast. Its form was a Skylark, it flies quickly, has poison magic, and is very cowardly. This made it choose to not get in contact with other Magic Beasts often. Its strength in the swamp was quite common, not the same as Zhao Wen. So Zhao Hai decided on this target as well.

Because of the Skylark's personality, its territory was placed in an odd and remote location, ensuring that it would be the least attacked place. Adding this to the other reasons, this made Zhao Hai choose him.

But Zhao Hai was still very careful, no matter what, this was a 9th rank expert, someone not easily dealt with. Otherwise, 9th ranks wouldn't be treated like nuclear weapons.

Flower City didn't undergo a change since Zhao Hai and the others directly appeared there using the Space. Therefore, the 9th ranks defending Flower City didn't take note of the differences happening inside.

Since Cai'er and Zhao Wen spent these past several months inside the Space, there shouldn't be any huge change that happened inside Flower City. Therefore, the positions of the 9th ranks shouldn't have changed as well.

Time didn't have any meaning to 9th ranks. For them, what they needed to do was to comprehend the heavens and hopefully achieve supreme existence.

Ninth rank experts would generally close up for several years at a time. Therefore, when Zhao Hai enter the swamp in the past, even if he let out a small disturbance, the 9th ranks didn't give it much attention.

Having decided on their target, Zhao Hai began their operation. Zhao Hai opened the monitor and released Zhao Wen, who was holding the Ghost Staff, on the northwest side of Flower City.

This was the direction towards the Skylark's territory. But before arriving there, they needed to pass through the territory of another 9th rank Magic Beast, one having the form of a Platypus.

Platypuses were also present on the other parts of the continent. Moreover, its impression on the people was that of a very docile Magic Beast. If you don't attack it, then it wouldn't attack you.

But the Platypus inside the Carrion Swamp was different. It was because the Platypus' defensive measure was poison. Adding on to the environment inside the Carrion Swamp, this made the Platypus on the other parts of the continent very different from the ones inside the Carrion Swamp.

As far as Zhao Wen knows, this 9th rank Platypus was one of the more terrifying existences in the swamp. It has tremendous strength as well as defensive power. The most important thing about this Platypus was that it was the most powerful poison expert in the entire swamp. This made him part of the top existences in this place.

Chapter 439 - Two-in-One

But the reason why Zhao Wen decided to pass through the Platypus' domain was because even if the Platypus was strong, its attitude towards those inside the Carrion Swamp was very good. Moreover, it cared extremely well about rookie 9th ranks. Thus, Zhao Wen dared to go through its territory all the time.

However, if one wanted to pass, it was good practice to pay him greeting. This was respect meant for those who were strong. Unlike Humans, Magic Beasts have great regard towards those who had great strength. As long as they weren't in war, they generally don't challenge those who had higher strength than them

After Zhao Wen entered the Platypus' territory, she stopped and then passed a message through her divine sense, "Blood Devouring Mosquito pays a visit to Sit Platypus."

Before long, a calm voice was conveyed, "It's you, what is the little mosquito doing in my territory?"

Zhao Wen immediately replied, "Sir, I just want to pass through your territory to reach Skylark. I have some business with him, I just came to specifically pay my respects to mister."

Just as Zhao Wen voice fell, a platypus appeared in front of her. The platypus was very huge. Its body had a length of 50 meters, it was also about 20 meters tall. Zhao Wen's base form looked like a single dot in comparison.

Platypus had golden hair all over his body. The hair shook gently with the wind and looked very healthy. He also had a pair of small eyes, a huge duckbill, short limbs and a short and stout tail. Although he was very large, he didn't give people any fear at all, instead, he looks very cute.

But Zhao Wen didn't dare underestimate him. Although 9th rank Magic Beasts can change their form freely, most of them stayed in their true form. For the Platypus to be this large was a testament to his might as a 9th rank Magic Beast.

Zhao Wen said to Platypus, "I have seen mister. I want to go to Skylark, but I need to pass through your territory to do so."

Platypus smiled and said, "You're interesting kid. It seems like you're not quite familiar with being a 9th rank, most of them don't wander around. What business do you have with Skylark?"

Zhao Wen stared at Platypus, then a sudden idea popped into his mind, "Sir, I have this recently acquired Magic Staff. Actually, this staff is a Spatial Equipment. Moreover, I also have my subordinates live inside it, I enter it from time to time as well. But the space inside the Staff is very big, I still haven't found its limits. I heard that Skylark is very fast, I want to ask him to come with me inside this space and find its boundaries together."

Zhao Wen was now getting more and more intelligent. What she said was actually made to bait Platypus. If she can deceive Platypus into entering the Space, then inviting other 9th ranks inside the Space would be much easier in the future.

Sure enough, when Zhao Wen said this, Platypus looked strangely at the Ghost Staff, "Does it really have a huge space? I have heard about spatial items, those have a lot of uses. In here, only Old Mouse can use Space energy. But his Space energy can only open a small pocket space, it didn't have much use. Is it really true that the space inside of your staff is very big?"

Hearing that Platypus seemed to be tempted, Zhao Wen quickly replied, "It's true, the space inside is very big. I haven't found its boundaries even after flying inside for ten days. Thus, I'm going to ask Skylark for help, we'll fly in opposite directions and measure how big the space is."

Platypus looked very interested, he looked at Zhao Wen and said, "Can you open the space and let me in? I haven't seen such a magical space yet."

Zhao Wen quickly agreed, "Of course." Zhao Hai was observing Zhao Wen inside the Space, when he heard Zhao Wen's words, he immediately opened a spatial rift right beside Zhao Wen. Then Zhao Wen looked at Platypus and said, "Sir, please." Then she stood inside the rift. Seeing Zhao Wen do this made Platypus relieved. One must know that Space energy can certainly kill 9th ranks. Platypus was afraid that Zhao Wen was deceiving him, he feared that when he was halfway through the rift, it would close, killing him in the process.

Now that he saw Zhao Wen's action, Platypus nodded then crawled his body through the spatial rift.

After Platypus, Zhao Wen also entered, then at this time, a prompt was heard, "Platypus-type variation beast detected. High attacking strength, extremely dangerous. Subjugation function initiated, Platypus surrenders. Level 50 beast. Can be raised inside the Space. Needs four feed per hour, can be purchased in the shop. May reproduce 8 times, six children every time."

:Ranch upgraded to level 31. Medium World requirements met, Ranch and Farm will now combine and become a medium world. Host has the right to name the world. Host has full control of the world. Perfect ecosystems can now be achieved, making all organism inside the Space self sufficient. Additional 100 mu of Farming Ground added, host can use every land in the World to plant as well, but they grown at a normal rate."

After the prompt finished, the Space flashed a white light. The Ranch and the Farm combines. Zhao Hai can now see the Magic Beasts he raised freely going around the Farm. Beside the Farming Ground, the Magic Beasts could also go to the Villa and the Processing Factory, they can go almost everywhere. Moreover, when Zhao Hai stood on the villa's balcony, he can clearly spot a sea. Also, on the side of the villa, a river came flowing, one could see it full of fishes jumping and leaping out of the water. When someone exits the villa and goes through the Farming Ground, one could arrive at the seaside and enjoy the beautiful fine white sand beach.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't in the mood to enjoy the beautiful beaches right now. He quickly opened a file as it appeared on the monitor, showing every change that happened in the Space.

Now that the Space levelled up, the Farm and the Ranch had been combined. He can breed beasts and plant crops any way he wants. But besides the Farming Ground, all other places wouldn't be able to speed up the plant's growth. It was the same with the Magic Beasts, anything that exceeded the 10 thousand limit would only grow in their normal rates. Naturally, Zhao Hai can capture and kill Magic Beasts inside his Space, this was because he had absolute authority here. Even if a 9th rank expert enters, Zhao Hai can make them unable to use their abilities in just a flick of his hand. Inside the Space, Zhao Hai is a god, each word from him is akin to a heavenly decree.

He can also exercise control over the digitization of animals in the Space. For example, if he allows 10 thousand Argali to have accelerated growth this day, he can make them into normal Argalis the next day while having another batch of 10 thousand Argali digitized and have sped up growth.

And since the Space has been transformed and wasn't divided between the Farm and the Ranch anymore, the overall level of the Space was now Level 38. It was calculated by adding the levels of the Farm and the Ranch and dividing the result by two.

If Zhao Hai wants to transform the Space once again, then he needs to wait until it reaches level 50.

However, he can now buy level 45 seeds and can now buy level 31 animals. Although he can buy animals like Platypus, those he purchased could only have 6th rank strength, like an ordinary Platypus in the continent. It was just like what Zhao Hai expected, it was impossible for 9th rank Magic Beasts to produce 9th rank offsprings.

Because of the combination of the Ranch and the Farm, Cai'er can now assume the tasks assigned to Mu'er as well. Now, Cai'er can manage the various Magic Beasts. Mu'er also has 9th rank strength and could now also fight outside of the Space, similarly she could also manage the plants inside the Space.

However, the Bread Trees that Cai'er had planted before cannot be left unattended anymore. Therefore, Zhao Hai had Cai'er control the beasts in order to not attack the Bread Trees.

But Zhao Hai chose to not strictly impose this prohibition. He knew that there were a lot of herbivores inside the Space, some of them would eat grass while some would certainly munch on the Bread Trees as well as their fruits. Zhao Hai decided to just let things happen, after all, this was a World and he already had sufficient area inside the Farming Ground. Also, it would be impossible for the Magic Beasts to eat all of the Bread Trees inside the Space since the Space was now a medium world, having an area no smaller than the Ark Continent.

After the Space transformed, it now has more attack functions. Zhao Hai can use Cai'er, Mu'er, the blood mosquitoes, the Magic Beasts, the Undead, the Profound Glacial Liquid, and the Fly Swatter to attack. Even if the Ranch and the Farm has combined, Zhao Hai can still use these basic functions provided by the two.

For Zhao Hai, this development was very good. These will certainly increase Zhao Hai's strength. Although he still wasn't a 9th rank expert, he was sure that even if he didn't use Zhao Wen, Platypus, and Cai'er to attack, he can still contend with 9th rank experts.

Laura and the others were looking at the changes that were happening outside and were too surprised to speak. They didn't think that the Space would change this much, it was really very mysterious. However, they already experienced several of these transformations before, so they just stayed still and didn't disturb Zhao Hai who was still understanding the Space.

Chapter 440 - Deception Squad

While they were waiting for Zhao Hai to fully comprehend everything in the Space, Laura and the others waited in of the villa while discussing the various Magic Beasts present outside.

At this moment, Zhao Hai looked at them and faintly smiled, "Why are you watching inside? Go out and see them, those Magic Beasts wouldn't be afraid of you."

This was also a function of the Space. Those who Zhao Hai deemed to be his people would be tagged by the Space as friendlies. Because of this, all Magic Beasts inside the Space not only were unafraid of Zhao Hai's group, they would even get close to them.

When Laura and the others heard Zhao Hai's voice they turned their heads to look at him. Zhao Hai noticed that on their arms were Magic Beasts. Laura held Platypus on her arms, Megan hugged Little Jin, while Meg had Zhao Wen on her shoulder. Seeing these women holding 9th rank beasts as though they were plushies would certainly make an ordinary person go crazy.

Zhao Hai gazed at Platypus, at this point, its size was reduced, it now looked very cute and lovely. It was no wonder that Laura liked it.

Laura looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, are you sure that those beasts wouldn't run away when we go approach them?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "They won't, they will even be intimate with you. So go out and play with them." Laura and the others cheered and then ran outside.

Zhao Hai smiled and then turned his head to Mu'er, "Mu'er, since the Space really didn't need you to manage it anymore, how about exiting the Space and coming along with me? You can transform into a type of clothing, my belt would be good."

Mu'er didn't oppose. He was an obedient child, otherwise he wouldn't be bullied by Cai'er. Mu'er transformed his form and slowly turned into a golden belt before coiling around Zhao Hai's waist. Although it seemed low-key, the belt's appearance fully expressed noble elegance, it was very attractive.

Zhao Hai looked at the belt that Mu'er has turned into and gave a satisfied nod. Then he walked outside and couldn't help but smile. Laura and the others were playing with small Magic Beasts who didn't grow up yet. The adult Magic Beasts seem to not mind and just continued grazing around on the grass.

This image showing the harmony between man and nature was something Zhao Hai had only seen on television. But Zhao Hai knew that compared to television, what he was seeing was real, in this world, man and nature could truly exist harmoniously.

Zhao Hai suddenly remembered that he could name the Space. He didn't think too much and directly named it Haven, a homage to how this place was a paradise.

After playing around the Space for the whole day, the group returned to the villa when evening came. Zhao Hai had also invited Green and the others to the Space and told them the changes that happened.

When Zhao Hai invited Green over, he also experienced another difference in the Space. After the Space got upgraded, the Transmission Points were also upgraded. But this upgrade wasn't an addition of one or two point, but instead a qualitative upgrade. As long as Zhao Hai had been to a place, then he could establish a Transmission Point there at any time. In other words, as long as that place was recorded into the Space's monitor, then Zhao Hai can go there anytime.

This function was too formidable, it added to the usefulness of the Space's monitor. At this point, Zhao Hai even felt that the massive Ark Continent had turned into the Ark Village.

Naturally, the number of places that Zhao Hai had been to wasn't a lot, but this wasn't a huge disadvantage. No matter what, as long as he had been to a place, and had the place recorded into the monitor, then Zhao Hai can go there. With these, he can still go to quite a few places.

Upon hearing the changes that happened to the Space, Green and the others were very happy as well. For them, this was very good. The more formidable the Space becomes, the more advantages they would have.

Looking at Green's happy expression, Zhao Hai also smiled, then he said, "In fact, Zhao Wen's method today gave me a reminder. We can actually get the 9th ranks without resorting to violence. Instead, we can just trick them into going inside the Space and have it subdue them. Now that we have Zhao Wen and Platypus on our side, inviting those 9th ranks would be much easier. Grandpa Green, what do you think?"

Green thought for a moment then nodded, "We can try that. Now that the Space is strong and has five 9th rank experts, it was better if we refrain from using violence. Otherwise, if we suffer any damages, then it wouldn't be very good."

Zhao Hai nodded, "I also think that we need to try tricking them into the Space first. If we can do that, then we're fine, but if we can't, then we have other choices than to take them by force."

Green agreed, "Also, we should finish this matter in the Carrion Swamp as soon as possible, or else the day when the Magic Beasts rampage to the Black Wasteland would come. When that happens, the

losses that we'll suffer would be too great. Additionally, if the 9th rank Magic Beasts come, then it would be more troublesome. It would be better if we do take care of this matter right here."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Rest assured, we will certainly solve that problem this time. We don't want to worry about this hidden problem in the future."

After resting for a day inside the Space, Zhao Hai released Zhao Wen and Platypus. This time, their target would be Skylark.

Platypus and Zhao Wen stopped just right outside Skylark's territory. They knew that if they were to directly enter, Skylark would think that they came to attack him. From Skylark's cowardly nature, he would certainly run away immediately. When this point comes, it would be very difficult for Platypus and Zhao Wen to catch up to him.

Therefore, as long as they don't enter Skylark's domain, Skylark won't run away. After they stopped, Platypus opened his mouth and said, "Skylark, come out and meet me."

Platypus' status was higher than Skylark, because of this he didn't include respectful words like when Zhao Wen talked to him before. Also, if he was too polite, it would certainly alarm Skylark.

Before long, a small petite Skylark drilled out from the poisonous mist. Although Skylark wasn't that small, when compared to Platypus, she really looked very small.

However, even if Skylark was small, in exchange, she gave people a sense of dexterity. And with its shape, it appeared very cute.

Skylark stared when she saw both Platypus and Zhao Wen. With a calm tone, he asked, "What matter made the two of you come here?"

Her sound was very clear, and from the tone, one could hear a feminine voice, it seemed very fragile. It sounded like the tones that birds sing in.

Platypus looked at Skylark and smiled, "Younger sister Skylark, we came this time because of Little Wen. She obtained a Magic Staff which turned out to be a Spatial Item with a very huge space inside. Both of us had already checked but we weren't able to see its boundaries. Therefore, we thought we could approach you for help in finding the edge of this space. Is younger sister Skylark willing to help?"

Skylark stared, she didn't think that Platypus would go find her for this matter. She looked at her visitors and said, "Is what you're saying true? But even if we do find the edge of this space, what use can we get out of it?"

Platypus smiled faintly and said, "To tell you the truth, we're planning to occupy the space inside. But since it was too large, we're afraid that there are other experts present inside. If we manage to offend some experts, then we wouldn't be able to peacefully practice inside. Therefore, we thought about surveying the entire space first and make sure that there was nobody else inside. This way, we can peacefully comprehend the heavenly laws inside and maybe even break through."

Skylark stared, she looked very moved by Platypus' words. All 9th rank experts strive in understanding the laws of the heaven. If one manages to succeed, then they would definitely become a supreme existence. If what the space really did provide even has smidgen of possibility, then it was definitely worth it to look inside.

But Skylark still has some worries, "Why did you look for me? Why not somebody else?"

Platypus smiled, "Naturally because you're the one closest to us. When Little Wen got her staff, the first thing she wanted to do was approach you. But since she needed to pass through my territory, we decided to check the inside together. However, neither the two of us managed to find the space's boundaries. Therefore, we wanted to look for help, so even if there really was something inside, we can deal with it much easier. You're the one closest to my territory, so we came to you first. So how about it? Do you agree? If you agree, then we'll go and see the space right now. If we still can't do it, then we'll go find another one. But if you don't agree, we can also go away and find someone else."

Even if she sees that they seem to be telling the truth, Skylark still couldn't help to hesitate. She was very timid and cautious, but she also understood that Platypus was stronger than her and that Zhao Wen's speed was not much worse than her. If these two really wanted to deal with her, then they wouldn't need to spend too much trouble. After looking at their appearances for one more time, Skylark began to believe them.

After thinking for a moment, Skylark said, "If it is true, then I will naturally agree. But I need to go inside first, right, you should accompany me in."

Platypus smiled, "Alright, no problem. Little Wen, open the space." Zhao Wen nodded then held up the Magic Staff as a spatial rift appeared. Zhao Hai was already prepared for this, as long as the Magic Staff was held high, he would immediately open up a spatial rift.

When the rift opened, Zhao Wen didn't immediately go inside. Platypus turned to Skylark and said, "Younger sister Skylark, I'll be going in first" Then his body flashed into the space. Zhao Wen stayed outside, she looked at Skylark and said, "Elder Sister Skylark, I shall wait for you here, If I go in as well, the rift would vanish." Then she stood at the rift.

Looking at the two's performances, Skylark didn't hesitate. Her body immediately flashed as it entered the Space. After Skylark entered, a prompt was heard.

In the end, Skylark was graded as a level 45 Magic Beast. Before she can be raised inside the Space, naturally the Space still needed to subdue her. But to say that Platypus and Zhao Wen deceived her was not totally right. This was because inside the Space, the elemental energies were indeed quite strong. And because of the plants inside the Space, the energies were becoming stronger and stronger.

Plants absorb nutrients from the soil. After they die, they would rot and become nutrients themselves. Their fruits, however, can become food for animals and people. Because of this, plants can be considered as the most selfless creatures.

In the Space, this principle stays true as well. The Space would be providing the plants with nutrients and in turn they would be giving back some energies into the Space, making the Space upgrade. Which in turn, allows more plants to be grown in the Space. And now that it has become its own world, the energy released by the plants became even more powerful. Animals release energies as well, this made the elemental magic present in the space stronger and stronger.

Since Zhao Hai's group spent time inside the Space on a daily basis, they weren't able to detect this small change. But for Skylark and Platypus that were just introduced to the Space, they could clearly feel the difference. This also made them want to continue staying inside the Space, they didn't want to return to their territories anymore.

After subduing Skylark, Zhao Hai proceeded to their next target, now with Skylark added to the squad. This made the deception squad increase by one, additionally, this also made their story much more credible, making Zhao Hai's plans more likely to succeed.

If this plan was used against 9th rank Human experts, then it may not succeed. This was because 9th rank human experts have experienced a lot of things in their life, they were already acquainted with various schemes and plots just like today's action. They would certainly be on guard and wouldn't trust anyone very easily, this would make it very impossible for them to enter the Space.

But the 9th rank Magic Beasts inside the Carrion Swamp aren't quite the same. They lived in a world where plots and schemes were basically non-existent, the only matter that they cared about was protecting Flower City as well as cultivating. Because of this, even the cautious Skylark was deceived into entering the Space.

As more and more 9th ranks enter the Space, the Space was also getting stronger and stronger. At the same time, the success rate of the plan became higher and higher. The other 9th ranks just didn't believe that these group of 9th ranks would scheme against them, there was no need to. If the deception squad really wanted to deal with a single 9th rank, it would be very easy, a roundabout way was just too impractical.

Stemming from such thinking, there was no battle that happened since all of the 9th ranks were deceived into entering the Space and became its fighting strength. At the same time, they also became Zhao Hai's subordinates.

But Zhao Hai didn't excessively restrict their freedom. He allowed them the choice of cultivating inside the Space or in their territories inside the Carrion Swamp. Zhao Hai also made it clear that he wouldn't force them to do anything.

However, these Magic Beasts weren't fools, they knew which one brought them great benefits. Because of this, they didn't go back to the Carrion Swamp to practice and instead stayed inside the Space. In any case, the Space was truly big, they can just pick a place where they would practice and stay there.