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Chapter 681 - Influential Figure

Zhao Hai stood under the city's gate, he didn't want to act too high-profile, it just wasn't his character. Although he was now the Emperor of the Lyon Empire, he knew absolutely nothing about the Empire at all. Because of this, he really didn't think of himself as the Emperor, he was more like a stabilizer, temporarily acting as the Emperor because of the present situation.

At the same time, he also didn't deem himself to be an influential person. In his mind he was just like any other person on the continent, doing what anybody would have done. The only reason why people were unable to do things that he can do was because they didn't have the help of the Space.

Zhao Hai might not be aware, but he was actually an extremely influential person on the continent. From what the continent knew, Zhao Hai was a Foreign Prince of the Beastmen as well as a Foreign Elder of the Dwarves and the Elves. In fact, Zhao Hai was also given the title of Foreign Admiral by the Fishmen, but this information was withheld by the Mermaid Queen.

These many statuses on one person was unprecedented in the continent, something that might not even be repeated in the future. This made Zhao Hai an very influential figure in the continent. Perhaps it was only Zhao Hai who has yet to discover this point.

The gates of Demon City slowly opened. What made Zhao Hai surprised was the first person to come out, it was a Dark Mage. This person looks like 40 years old, he wore a somewhat new Dark Mage robe, he had a grassy hair and a thin beard. The person was also quite thin, he looked just like that weird uncle that everyone has. This person had a flush on his face along with shining eyes, he actually gave Zhao Hai a bit of a scare.

This person was naturally Wei Gan. He was too excited, he didn't think that he would meet his idol while defending the city wall. His heart was extremely happy to the point that he began to lose control of his body.

Under Zhao Hai's gaze, this strange uncle ran very fast toward him. Then the man plopped to the ground, and under Zhao Hai's surprised expression, he kissed Zhao Hai's shoes.

This made Zhao Hai stare, then he immediately pulled the Dark Mage up and said, "Mister, there's no need to do that. Who are you?"

When Wei Gan discovered that Zhao Hai was asking for his name, he immediately bowed to Zhao Hai and said, "Paying respects to Mister Zhao Hai. This one is called Wei Gan, a mage of Demon City's Gan family. I represent the Gan Family in welcoming your arrival. If it is possible, please pay us a visit."

Wei Gan was very excited, he really wasn't expecting Zhao Hai to be a guest in the Gan Family. In his opinion, even if Zhao Hai only promised visit, then it would already be the greatest honor to the Gan Family.

Zhao Hai looked at Wei Gan. In fact, he already knew the things that Wei Gan has been doing since Cai'er has been monitoring the entirety of Demon City. Zhao Hai was afraid that there were people controlled by the Demons here. It wouldn't be good if there was a Demon collaborator inside the city when the battle starts. But unexpectedly, there were no Demon controlled people inside Demon City. Especially in this Gan Family, they were the ones that advocated for the defense against the Demons the most. Therefore, Zhao Hai had a very deep impression towards this family.

Zhao Hai immediately smiled and said, "So it turns out to be Mister Wei Gan. I already know about what your Gan Family had done, so I must thank you in behalf of the people of the continent. You can rest assured that I would pay a visit to the Gan Family. However, I need to pay a visit to the defending army first. I have some things to discuss with them."

Wei Gan didn't dare to stop him, he immediately replied, "I won't dare to stop Mister from doing his business. But please make sure to pay a visit to the Family. We will welcome you at any time. I will now go back to inform the family." Then he turned around and ran back to the city with a speed that even a Warrior wouldn't be able to stop him.

Zhao Hai looked at Wei Gan's departing back and couldn't help but smile. He thought that this Mage from the Gan Family was quite interesting. At this time, the army officer has arrived in front of Zhao Hai. The officer then gave Zhao Hai a salute and said, "We welcome the arrival of the Lyon Emperor Zhao Hai. I am the defender assigned to the East Gate, Leonard."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Captain Leonard is too polite. There's no Empire here, so you can just call me Zhao Hai. We're now allies, jointly fighting against the Demon Race."

Leonard didn't expect that Zhao Hai was very easy to speak to, he immediately replied, "Alright, Mister Zhao Hai. Mister, come with me, I already sent word to the General. I'll be taking you to the General's residence."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he took a step towards Demon City. At this moment, a horse carriage flew from inside Demon City. This carriage was quite spirited but it still managed to keep stable. It stopped in front of Zhao Hai as its driver got down and said, "Mister, please board the carriage."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then boarded the carriage. Then the carriage turned itself around and rushed back to the city. Leonard didn't dare to neglect Zhao Hai's arrival as he led 20 other subordinates and escorted the carriage on the back to the city.

Zhao Hai wasn't surprised about this reception, although he didn't regard himself as a Monarch and an influential person, he was after all the Buda Clan's Patriarch. In Demon City, this status should've at least gained high regard, giving him some allowance when it comes to authority.

Before long, Zhao Hai and the others had arrived at the General's residence. The General's residence was actually just a normal house. Since there was no military outpost here, what the General used was the residence of a former Merchant in Demon City. Because that Merchant has returned to the Buddha Empire, his house was requisitioned and became the General's temporary place.

As soon as the carriage arrived, Zhao Hai didn't even need to open the door as it was opened from the outside. Zhao Hai stared blankly as he saw a middle-aged man in military uniform holding the door of the carriage open.

Then that middle aged person gave Zhao Hai a salute and said, "Buddha Empire's General Besmir welcomes Mister Zhao Hai to Demon City."

Zhao Hai walked out of the carriage and returned the salute, "General Besmir is too polite. There's actually no need to open the door for me."

Besmir smiled and said, "It is only proper for me to open the door for Mister. Mister has been running around the continent, contacting each power personally. Compared to Mister's effort, me and the others can only bow down in shame. Mister, please come with me." Zhao Hai quickly replied, "Alright." Then he walked towards the General's residence alongside Besmir.

This temporary residence was not big, just a house and a courtyard. Besmir invited Zhao Hai to sit inside the residence's living room. At this point, the living room looked a lot more like a battle command center. There were stretches of map hanging on the wall as well as a big table at the middle of the room. This big table also had a map. This map showed Demon City as well as outside of it, the verified areas of the Demonic Abyss.

This Demonic Abyss map was naturally incomplete. But the map of the surrounding areas was already helpful for the upcoming fight.

Zhao Hai nodded at Besmir's methods, he turned to Besmir and said, "General is very diligent. May I know the plans that the General has come up with?"

Besmir didn't expect Zhao Hai to be straightforward, having just arrived to Demon City. However, Besmir also knew that it wasn't time for small talk, so he immediately lead Zhao Hai to the map. Then Besmir said, "Mister, look here, this terrain is very crucial in protecting the Demonic Abyss. This is due to the gentle slope, although it isn't that steep, it can still hinder an army's advance. I intend to use this slope to carry out layers and layers of blockade to resist the Demon Army. What does mister think about this?"

Zhao Hai looked at the map, gently knitting his eyebrows. To be honest, there weren't any major issues to Besmir approach. However, that plan didn't take into account the large number of demonic creatures that would be coming out of the abyss. If a large amount of creatures come out, then this layers upon layers of blockade would eventually be overrun. At the same time, this plan would also dilute the number of personnel on each point, which was also detrimental in defending the city.

When Besmir saw Zhao Hai frown, perhaps not contented with what he heard, his heart couldn't help but beat faster. Zhao Hai was an existence that he cannot afford to offend. In fact, even the Buddha Emperor wouldn't dare offend Zhao Hai. Therefore, when Besmir saw that Zhao Hai seemed to be dissatisfied with the arrangement, he immediately became afraid.

Zhao Hai was divided on whether to expose the numbers of the Demon Race or not. He was afraid that if he revealed the number of invaders to Besmir, then it might topple the General's confidence in defending the city. However, if Zhao Hai didn't tell the General the enemy's numbers, how could Zhao Hai convince him to change the plan?

Zhao Hai thought about this for a while, then he opened his mouth and said, "There are no problems with the General's arrangement. However, I think the General seems to have overlooked something. That is the quantity of the Demon Realm's army."

When Besmir heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but stare for a moment. Then his expression turned ugly, he looked back at the map which made his expression change even more, he turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, are you saying that there would be a large number of Demon Realm invaders?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "General, think about it, if the Demon Realm wanted to invade the continent, then would they only send a small number of soldiers? First, let's not discuss about how big the Demon Realm is, but in Ark Continent, if one were given the power of the entire world, how big would their army be? The number of Demon Realm soldiers certainly wouldn't be smaller than that. At the same time, the combat power of the Demons is quite strong, when I met a 9th rank Demon last time, he didn't die even when I managed to slice his head open, he even managed to make a counter attack. This kind of combat resilience is astounding. Therefore, I think that the General should just withdraw the army and defend the city. And while the General defends the city, the external defenses will be handed over to me."

When Besmir heard Zhao Hai, he immediately understood. Zhao Hai had a lot of strong undead, this fact was already known to the continent. He also didn't doubt the fighting capability of Zhao Hai's undead. Besmir just overlooked the power and numbers of the Demon Realm army, now that Zhao Hai said it, he also felt like there were problems in his plan.

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Besmir understood that Zhao Hai wanted him to withdraw his army, minimizing the losses to the defending troops. At the same time, Zhao Hai would use his undead army to bear the brunt of the attack, after all, they were also strong enough to do so.

Besmir wasn't a fool, considering the manpower present in Demon City, it would be impossible for them alone to block the Demon Race. The previous time that the Demons attacked, it took the power of the entire continent to drive them back. Ninth rank experts joined in the resistance back then as well. Those 9th ranks even used forbidden sacrificial magic in order to seal up several spatial rifts. It was said that those 9th ranks were much stronger than the 9th ranks in the present time. And more importantly, a lot of forbidden magics have been lost from that day forth. If one were to compare the proficiency of

magic today and in the past, then one could say that it might not have improved, and in terms of forbidden magics, then it might be even worse.

The reason why Besmir thought about all of these was because magic was something that was constantly being developed. It was just like how Earth developed from using cold weapons into using firearms, from using stone tools into using metal ones. However, that progress took thousands of years. The Ark Continent underwent the same process as well. After a long period of research, the continent's progress was also quite amazing.

As far as people were concerned, the magic of the continent tens of thousands of years ago wasn't as complicated as it was now. That magic back then was just powerful, especially the forbidden magics, it had the power to move mountains. Although forbidden magics can still accomplish this at the present time, one shouldn't forget the fact that only very few Mages were able to use forbidden magics.

People who had studied history discovered that tens of thousands of years ago, promoting to 9th rank was much easier than it was now. At that time, there were even news that people had been ascending to the Divine Realm. But after that, there were no information of people ascending for tens of thousands of years.

Although this point made people confused, their research yielded them with no results. In the end, the researchers just reckoned that the magic elements present in the continent right now was much thinner compared to back then. But was it really like this? Nobody knows.

However, even if forbidden magics were very rare in the present time, the continent had actually taken another road when it comes to magic. Some low to mid-level magics have become stronger compared to back then. There were also a lot of Mages right now, so if one would really compare, then the current magical level wasn't that worse compared to before.

But while people can say that it's no worse than tens of thousands of years ago, nobody would dare say that it was stronger. If it took the entire continent to repel the Demons last time, then it would also take the entire continent to repel the Demons now.

Although Besmir didn't know about the situation of the Demon Race, he was quite smart, he knew that the spatial cracks in the past had appeared by accident. The Demons weren't aware that those spatial cracks would appear, they were also very ignorant when it comes to the Ark Continent.

But now, it was different, the Demons had been aware of the Ark Continent for tens of thousands of years. Although they were defeated and had the spatial cracks sealed, the Demons still waited for many years in order to invade the Ark Continent.

The previous Demon invasion can be said to be done in haste, they just didn't have time to prepare. But now that they were prepared, there was no way to solidly compare the two events. Therefore, blocking the Demons here would certainly prove impossible. Besmir's purpose here was to delay the Demons for a couple of days, giving the continent time to gear up.

When he heard Zhao Hai's plan, Besmir couldn't help but nod and said, "Alright, then we'll be doing it according to Mister's plan. Does mister have any more ideas?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "I don't. However I'll be heading to the Gan Family and then going to the Demonic Abyss to take a look. I want to clear all the undead and magic beasts there before the Demons arrive otherwise they might aid the Demons in their invasion."

Besmir stared, then he knit his eyebrows and said, "Mister, that is too dangerous. I suggest that you don't go."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "General can rest assured, I already had managed to explore several Forbidden Areas of the Continent. I had been to the Northern Icefield as well as the Carrion Swamp. The Demonic Abyss shouldn't be any different from those." Then Zhao Hai turned around and walked towards outside.

When Besmir heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but stare. There were few people who were aware that Zhao Hai went to the Northern Icefield, however, the fact that he had explored the Carrion Swamp wasn't well known. Zhao Hai's exploration of the Carrion Swamp was what made Besmir astonished.

The people of the continent had always speculated that the Buda Clan had a secret territory somewhere. Otherwise, where would the family's good products come from? However, up until now, people weren't able to find it. But if one adds Zhao Hai's statement that he had explored the Carrion Swamp, seeing how well he was doing, and the fact that the Black Wasteland was still owned by the Buda Clan, Besmir immediately thought that the Buda Clan's mysterious territory was actually their first territory in the continent, the Black Wasteland.

What was this? Is there something good out there in the Black Wasteland? It depends on which hands it falls into. Other Dark Mages can control thousands of undead, and it was known that Zhao Hai can control undead that numbered in the millions. If he can do this, then why can't he grow something in the Black Wasteland?

Zhao Hai didn't care about what Besmir was thinking. The reason he told Besmir about this fact was because he was already prepared to reveal the Black Wasteland to the entire continent. At this point, there was no use for him if he were to take the Black Wasteland as his secret.

After Zhao Hai left the General's residence, a carriage driver immediately bowed towards him and said, "Mister, I am the General's personal carriage driver. I have been given the task of taking you wherever you want."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I want to go to the Gan Family, do you know the way?"

The carriage driver immediately replied, "Of course, Mister, there's no place in Demon City that I am unable to find. I ask Mister to please board the carriage."

Zhao Hai nodded and went into the carriage while the driver held the door open for him. Then the carriage immediately soared towards the Gan Family. In Demon City, there were only few people who don't know of the Gan Family. However, the family's residence wasn't very special. There were no special structures anywhere, it looks just like an ordinary residence with a very ordinary courtyard.

As soon as the carriage stopped in front of the Gan Family's residence, the carriage driver immediately got down from the carriage and went to two Gan Family members who were guarding the gate. When the two Gan family members saw the carriage driver, they immediately recognized him, one of them said, "Barn, I didn't expect that you'd come. We really can't accommodate you, do you know who we're expecting today? It's Mister Zhao Hai. Therefore, the family can't really receive visitors now."

Barn smiled at the two people and said, "I was given an order by General Besmir, starting today, I will be acting as Mister Zhao Hai's carriage driver. Today, Mister Zhao Hai asked me to take him here to see the Gan Family." After Barn said that, he quickly opened the door as Zhao Hai walked down from the carriage.

The two people from the Gan family were shocked, then didn't think that Barn would actually be Zhao Hai's carriage driver. Although Barn's driving skills and carriage were the best in Demon City, they still didn't expect Zhao Hai to sit in Barn's carriage. They thought that Zhao Hai would be visiting the Gan Family on board the General's special carriage.

Actually, this arrangement was made by Besmir. He wasn't actually very stingy in handing his carriage over, however, he was given information by the Buddha Emperor that Zhao Hai preferred to be low-key if possible. Making a huge show wouldn't be to Zhao Hai's liking. Therefore, Besmir decided to have Barn take Zhao Hai around. Naturally, this arrangement was very well liked by Zhao Hai.

After seeing Zhao Hai come out, the two immediately responded, they took steps towards Zhao Hai before bowing, "We have seen Mister Zhao Hai. Mister, please come in." Then one of them escorted Zhao Hai in while the other ran as fast as he could to report the matter to the family. Naturally, the first one to be informed would be the Patriarch of the Gan Family.

Zhao Hai wasn't surprised about this situation, he turned his head towards the doorman and said, "Hey, are you very familiar with Barn?" The Gan Family member didn't think that Zhao Hai would be very polite. He couldn't help but gape his mouth, unable to speak.

Zhao Hai looked at the person's expression and smiled faintly, "Don't be anxious, just answer my question, I won't eat you."

The Gan family member recovered, his face couldn't help but turn red as he apologized, "I'm very sorry Mister, I have been rude. Right, I am very familiar with Barn. He grew up inside Demon City and his parents were adventurers. But one time, his parents went to the Demonic Abyss to explore, only to never come back. After then he became a beggar in Demon City before working for other people when he grew older. Afterwards, when he had the money, he bought himself a horse carriage, becoming Demon City's best carriage driver. With him having grown up in the city, there were nobody who bullied him, making him enjoy a good life. When the news about the Demon invasion came and civilians were leaving, Barn decided to stay behind. He said that although he couldn't fight and help in resisting the Demons, he would still offer his carriage to help the army with transportation. General Besmir felt grateful for Barn's decision so he decided to have Barn be his residence's attendant."

Zhao Hai quietly listened to the words of the Gan Family member. If Zhao Hai was an influential person in the continent, then this Barn was a very small and unimportant person. In his entire life, Barn could only become a carriage driver, besides slaves, he was among the lowest ranked people in the continent.

However, Zhao Hai was actually touched by this unimportant person. He didn't have the strength yet he still offered his efforts to defend his home. If the continent were to have a lot of people like this, then the continent would never fall. It wouldn't be a slave to the Divine Race nor would it be eliminated by the Demons, Zhao Hai had a firm belief of this point.

When he heard the doorman's words, turned towards the carriage and looked at the scenery. Standing nearby the carriage was Barn, peacefully standing there while looking at the surroundings. It seems like it didn't matter to Barn whether he had seen this scenery before or not.

Zhao Hai felt like Barn was like 1900 in the movie 'The Legend of 1900'. Ever since childhood, Barn didn't leave Demon City, the same as 1900 who didn't leave the ship. Their lives were reflections of each other. The outside world was too big, and because of this, both of them were afraid. This made them decide to just stay in their own world. It also made Zhao Hai reflect on his life back on Earth, when he was just an ordinary nerd.

The Gan Family member was confused as he looked at Zhao Hai. He didn't know why Zhao Hai stopped. Moreover, he was looking at Barn with a very strange gaze. However, the Gan Family member didn't say anything, with his status, he didn't have the merit to disturb Zhao Hai. Not only him, even if the Gan Family Patriarch were to see Zhao Hai, he would still need to respect Zhao Hai's actions.

Then Zhao Hai turned his head towards the doorman and said, "Let's go." He had made a decision, he would lead Barn to the outside world. He wanted Barn to see another world other than his own, even if it meant that Barn would know about the Space.

Although it was said that the Gan Family's residence was common, it wasn't small. Just after Zhao Hai walked through the first courtyard, he suddenly heard some footsteps in the distance. Then as the footsteps got louder, several people appeared. These people were wearing mage's robes, it seems like they are the core members of the Gan Family.

On their lead was 50-year old Mage. He didn't have a very magnificent robe, and the staff on his hand seems like it was made out of beast bones. His hair was somewhat gray but it was actually very neat. If one were to see Wei Gan and see him as embarrassing, then this person exudes the presence of seriousness.

However, instead of seriousness this old Mage had a very excited look on his face. When he saw Zhao Hai, he immediately walked towards Zhao Hai and knelt, "Mister, please forgive me for being unable to personally welcome you. I ask mister to excuse my bad manners. I am the Patriarch of the Gan Clan, Tywin Gan." The Mages behind him knelt down as well. This action gave the doorman an extreme fright. When the core members saw Zhao Hai, they didn't just salute, they actually knelt. The doorman was afraid that he had been very disrespectful.

Zhao Hai didn't expect these people to go overboard with their greeting. He immediately helped Tywin up as he said, "Why would Patriarch Tywin give me such an overboard greeting? This Zhao Hai won't dare accept it."

Tywin bowed down and said, "Mister can surely accept it. If mister can't then nobody could. Our Gan Family is willing to be Mister's slaves, I hope mister can agree."

Zhao Hai stared, being a slave was completely different from being vassals. Vassals have their own autonomy, it would be fine as long as they obey their master's orders. However, slaves didn't have the right to autonomy. In the future, they would need to obey Zhao Hai's every word. They would do what Zhao Hai wanted them to do. Zhao Hai couldn't understand, why would they suddenly decide to become his slaves?

Zhao Hai didn't agree immediately, instead, he calmly said, "Patriarch is too polite. I will not accept for now. Can we go in and discuss it first?"

Tywin immediately replied, "Of course, we have been disrespectful. Mister, please come in." Then he led Zhao Hai towards through the courtyard and then to a lobby. Then he asked Zhao Hai to sit down while all of them stayed standing.

Zhao Hai looked at them and calmly asked, "Might I know why your Family wanted to become my Clan's slaves?"

Tywin settled his own emotions down and seriously replied, "I'll be totally honest to Mister, after this Demon Race matter gets finished, we won't be able to stay inside Demon City anymore. We had stayed inside Demon City for a long time, but we still haven't made any close friends. Even if we side with the Calci Family, we still can't be assured of our future. Therefore, we decided to side with Mister. You are

the continent's strongest Dark Mage, so we want to rely on you for survival. And since we don't have the abilities to be vassals, we are willing to be your slaves."

Zhao Hai looked at Tywin, he can somewhat understand the sorrows of this small clan. Therefore, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "How many people currently belong to the Gan Family?"

Tywin immediately replied, "We have a total of 17 Dark Mages in the family. Seven 4th ranks, three 5th ranks, three 6th ranks, two 7th ranks, and two 8th ranks. There are also 32 other members along with 10 slaves."

Zhao Hai nodded, the number was not a lot. He turned his head to Tywin and said, "You really want to be my Clan's slaves? You can think about it more."

Hearing that Zhao Hai seems to be willing, Tywin quickly said, "We are willing, very willing. Mister, rest assured, we already discussed this with everyone."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Alright, I agree. Starting today, you shall call me Young Master. Call all your family members as well as slaves, I shall be sending them to a safe place. The Dark Mages would have to remain, I need you somewhere else."

Tywin immediately responded, "Yes, Young Master. We will arrange it right away." Then he immediately told the Dark Mages behind him to arrange the things that Zhao Hai had ordered. Then Tywin stayed to listen for further instructions from Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at them and said, "Most people in the continent only know that I am a Dark Mage, but they didn't know how I became one. Since you have become my slaves, then I shall be open about you about these. After this matter, I shall tell you. In the meantime, I shall be using my Space Divergent Technique in order to send your family members to the Black Wasteland, that place is the true place of my Buda Clan. Then I shall be giving all of you potions, elevating your strengths to 9th rank. I'll be leading you to the Demonic Abyss in order to eliminate all the magic beasts and undead there so that they cannot become part of the Demon army."

Even if Zhao Hai hadn't revealed too much, these small secrets were enough to make the Gan Family Dark Mages excited. Zhao Hai telling them things that ordinary people couldn't know meant that Zhao Hai already treated them as his Clan's slaves.

Although being a slave to another wasn't the most glorious thing, it still depends on where one was a slave to. Slaves of an Emperor were still powerful people, and Zhao Hai himself was a monarch.

There weren't a lot of people in the Gan Family and they didn't have a lot of belongings. In a place like Demon City, one couldn't really get that much belongings.

Zhao Hai arrived outside and when he saw the others he nodded, then he said to Tywin, "You arrange two people to go guide them. When they arrive at the Black Wasteland, someone will arrange their accomodation. Tell them to not be anxious and just follow instructions."

Tywin nodded, then he immediately acted on Zhao Hai's instructions. Before long, everything was arranged. Then Zhao Hai opened a spatial rift and took these people to the Black Wasteland.

Just when he had agreed to take the Gan Family as his slaves, Cai'er already went to inform Green and the others. There weren't a lot of people this time, so Green shouldn't have any problems in accommodating these people. Green had already arranged residences for tens of thousands of people, this matter should be very easy.

However, Green stil needed to take special attention to these people. After all, they had just become the Buda Clan's slaves. Therefore, they should be given the same accommodation as the clan's slaves. They were going to be arranged at Iron Mountain Fort.

Before long, the two Gan Family Dark Mages came back. Seeing that the two Dark Mages had arrived, Zhao Hai immediately turned to Tywin and said, "Have all of the family's Dark Mages come here. I shall be giving you potions that would make you 9th ranks at the shortest time."

They looked at Zhao Hai with surprised expressions, this was because Zhao Hai had told them that he would make them into 9th ranks. Although Zhao Hai had told them about this beforehand, they just thought that they had misheard him. Their strongest members were 8th ranks, and even them didn't know when they'll become 9th ranks. Therefore, what they got from Zhao Hai's previous announcement was that they would just get stronger by a bit, and not become 9th ranks. But it seems like they had not misheard Zhao Hai, he really wanted to make them 9th ranks. Was this possible?"

Zhao Hai looked at their expressions and coldly snorted, "Don't doubt me, even my undead are 9th ranks. Otherwise, where would I find the confidence to trash the Dragons?"

Tywin, who was still shocked, immediately recovered and bowed down, "Please forgive us, Young Master. We don't dare doubt the Young Master's words." The other Dark Mages also bowed down to Zhao Hai, "Please forgive us, Young Master."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Alright, don't doubt me from now on. Your Young Master is a God-ranked expert, I just didn't decide to ascend to the Divine Realm. I tell you this, the laws of this world can't control me. I want to head towards the Demonic Abyss this time in order to promote my own strength. But since you had sided with me, then I shall increase your strengths. After all, I cannot manage everything in the continent, so I would have you be my representatives. And since you represent my Buda Clan, I can't have you looking so weak lest you lose face for the clan."

All of them were stunned, however, they couldn't hide the excitement on their faces. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be a God-ranked expert. No wonder Zhao Hai dared to eliminate the Dragons. All of them were extremely happy, they didn't think that they would actually serve a God-ranked expert. There was zero shame in becoming slaves to a God-ranked expert, in fact, it might even cause envy on a lot of people.

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The reason why Zhao Hai dared to say these words to these people was because he has his own plans. He was not afraid that these people would reveal his secrets. He would make them into 9th ranks and then bring them to the Demonic Abyss in order to fight against the magic beasts as well as the undead. He wanted to do it in this way because he wanted to see the reactions that came with these people.

If they were sincere with him, then the advantages that they would gain wouldn't be small. However, if they were insincere, then Zhao Hai would have no choice but to be impolite.

But Zhao Hai was just being too overly careful this time. Being a slave to the Buda Clan wasn't a shame. In fact, having a God-ranked expert as well as an Emperor as a master was something that not a lot of people could have.

Zhao Hai withdrew a bottle of water, naturally, this water was Spatial water. This water can help the Gan Family members become 8th ranks. When they arrive at that rank, then they would consume God's blood in order to become 9th ranks.

Zhao Hai gave the bottle over to Tywin and said, "This is a potion that can elevate your level. However, this is only effective up until you become 8th rank. When all of you become 8th rank, you come back to me."

Tywin was shaking while he received the bottle of Spatial Water. For their family, this bottle was extremely precious. There were potions in the continent that would elevate the levels of Mages and Warriors, however, those potions were very expensive!

Even Great Nobles were reluctant to spend that money. In the minds of the Great Nobles, instead of spending a huge amount of money to buy that potion, they might as well spend that in training someone with high talent. It was because of this that potions that can upgrade levels became very rare in the continent.

After handing the potion over, Zhao Hai turned around and returned to the living room. He wanted to see how long these people would take in order to rank up.

One must know that this potion was much better than the one before. Zhao Hai believed that upgrading ranks this time would be much faster than back then with Laura and the others. At the same time, Zhao Hai also noticed that the low-ranked Dark Mages of the Gan Family weren't in their current rank because of their lack of talent, but because of their young age instead. In fact, if one were to compare the Gan Family's talent with the rest of the continent, then they can be deemed to be quite gifted. One must know that aside from the difficulty of reaching 9th rank, being an 8th rank was quite hard as well, there were even some small clans that didn't have these 8th ranks. But the Gan Family, while being in Demon City, actually managed to produce two 8th ranks. This was sufficient evidence for their lineage.

There was not much control in Demon City, but in the same way, this made them isolated towards the supplies of the continent. If one were to see the Buddha Empire's capital as a metropolis of magic, then Demon City would be that small village in the outskirts of the Empire, a small village that was regularly attacked by wild beasts.

When he saw Tywin and the others discussing about the potion and then cultivating, Zhao Hai came out of the living room, he wanted to see Barn. At this point, all of the Gan Family's servants have left. Originally, Tywin wanted to keep some people here but Zhao Hai didn't agree. This way, he didn't have

to worry about these people and even made it easier for him to walk around. More importantly, there wouldn't be a lot of people who would come and give him greetings.

Barn was currently sitting outside his horse carriage, patiently waiting for Zhao Hai. Seeing Barn's attitude, Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Barn, come here."

Barn was sitting in his carriage while in a daze. He knew that there was only a small chance for this home of his to remain. This was the reason why he was in a daze, he has never left Demon City in his entire life. If he left this place, he wouldn't know how to live, therefore, he chose to stay behind.

When Barn heard Zhao Hai, he immediately recovered. He looked at Zhao Hai who called him from the Gan Family's gate. He stared for a moment before he quickly jumped down from the carriage and went towards Zhao Hai. Then he gave a bow and said, "Mister, do you need me for anything?"

Zhao Hai looked at Barn and said, "Barn, come with me, I have something to tell you." Barn nodded, then followed Zhao Hai into the Gan Family's residence.

After entering the Gan Family's residence, Barn felt that it was empty. He had visited the Gan Family once or twice before, and he recognized almost all of the people in the Gan Family. However, he wasn't able to see any of them when he entered this time. It was as if the entire Gan Family had vanished.

But Barn didn't dare to ask as he followed Zhao Hai into the Gan Family's living room. Then Zhao Hai sat down as Barn respectfully stood there. Zhao Hai saw Barn's anxious face and couldn't help but smile, "Barn, there's no need to be nervous. I want to ask, are you willing to leave Demon City?"

Barn stared for a moment, he didn't expect Zhao Hai to ask him about this issue. He couldn't think of a good answer. He can just refuse and use the same reason that he gave the General, wanting to protect Demon City. However, he would be lying if he said so. At the same time, Barn had the feeling that he had been seen through by Zhao Hai. Therefore, he really can't say that he wanted to stay in Demon City, willing to fall along with the City's demise.

Zhao Hai looked at Barn's expression and smiled faintly, "Can't think of a good reply? You don't want to leave Demon City? After all, this is your home right? But as you can see, this place was also the home of the Gan Family, but now all of them had left save for the family's Dark Mages. All of them had been sent away by me. Barn, if you want to leave, then I can send you to my Buda Clan's territory, making you live

a whole new life there. Also, I forgot to tell you, I am not talking about Golden Island, it is a different place. Are you willing to go?"

Barn stared, he really hadn't thought this point through, he looked puzzled at Zhao Hai as he asked, "Why would Mister want to help me?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "No special reason, I can just see a certain person's shadow on you. Barn, I know what you're thinking. You have never left Demon City since you were a child, so you don't know how you'll live once you go outside. This made you afraid, so you decided to stay in the city. I can arrange for you to live in my Buda Clan's territory, I can even have someone offer you a job or you can continue driving your carriage. You don't have to worry about your life changing so much. You will be able to meet new people and also make new friends. So, do you want to go?"

Barn looked at Zhao Hai, then suddenly he made a serious question, "Mister, if I went there, can I continue to drive your carriage?"

Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare at this question, he didn't think that Barn would ask this, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "If you want to drive my carriage for me, then that's no problem. However, you have not cultivated yet, this wouldn't be good. After you go there, then I will make them teach you cultivation. After you have reached a high enough level, then you can drive my carriage."

Barn knitted his brows and said, "This, Mister, I hadn't cultivated before. And I'm not very young anymore. Wouldn't it be too late for me to start cultivation?"

Zhao Hai actually laughed and said, "There's never too late Barn. Rest assured, whether you learn magic or battle qi, as long as you are willing to practice, then I can make you into an expert in a short period of time. What now? You want to go?"

As soon as Barn heard Zhao Hai, his two eyes lit up as he answered, "Mister, is that true? Then I'm willing! I want to go!"

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Alright. Barn, to be honest, you are completely unable to provide help here even if you choose to stay behind. I shall be sending you to the Black Wasteland, people will be there to arrange you to your place. Right, do you want to go along with your carriage?"

Barn's face expressed his excitement as he said, "You can do that mister? That's fantastic! Thank you very much!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Starting today, just call me Young Master. Now go and drive your carriage towards the back door." Barn nodded and then ran outside to get his carriage. Zhao Hai told Cai'er about Barn's situation and then had Green and the others arrange a place for Barn to live in. Before long, Barn arrived then Zhao Hai used the Space to send Barn and his carriage towards the Black Wasteland.

After completing all of these, Zhao Hai looked at the Gan Family's situation. Majority of them had already reached 8th rank, the other two were on the cusp of breaking through. But, Tywin was very faithful to Zhao Hai's order, he waited until all of them became 8th ranks before going to see Zhao Hai.

It was already noon when all of the family's Mages reached 8th rank. After that, they all went to the living room. Zhao Hai looked at the group and nodded. He took out a red vial of liquid and said, "This potion shall boost you from 8th rank to 9th rank. In a while, some people would come and invite me over for a meal in the General's residence. When I come back, all of you should have already reached 9th rank. After that, we'll depart towards the Demonic Abyss."

All of the Mages nodded, then at this time, a voice was suddenly heard from outside, "Is Mister Zhao Hai in? General Besmir is inviting Mister Zhao Hai over for a meal."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he turned his head to the Mages and said, "All of you work hard." The Gan Family nodded, then Tywin went and escorted Zhao Hai to the gate.

Waiting outside the gate was a team of cavalry. When they saw Zhao Hai come out, their captain immediately gave a bow and said, "The General is inviting Mister Zhao Hai over to dine."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Alright, let's go. Barn has become my servant and has already left. Later on, you don't need to arrange a carriage for me, I can walk by myself." Then with an intention, Zhao Hai summoned Alien. He sat inside Alien's body before heading towards the General's residence.

Seeing Zhao Hai leave, Tywin turned to the others and said, "Did you hear the Young Master? Immediately go and cultivate. If Young Master comes back and someone is still not 9th rank, then I will be giving out punishments."

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Zhao Hai calmly stood on the Bone Dragon, behind him were the people from the Gan Family. At this moment, these people were already 9th rank. They were currently feeling like they were in a dream, they couldn't believe that they had become 9th ranks, it was completely unbelievable.

9th rank experts were considered to be the peak powers of the continent. And all of the Dark Mages in the Gan family were now 9th ranks, this gave them extreme excitement.

However, they didn't dare to be complacent. They understood that this was given by Zhao Hai. If they dared to betray him, then Zhao Hai would definitely clean them up.

The didn't believe that they were the only 9th rank subordinates of Zhao Hai. If Zhao Hai can make them into 9th ranks, then he could definitely make other people 9th ranks as well. If Zhao Hai had a lot of 9th rank subordinates and then the Gan Family decides to rebel, then aren't they just courting death?

But most importantly, when they became 9th rank, they still weren't able to fathom Zhao Hai's level. This made Tywin and the others believe Zhao Hai's previous words, that Zhao Hai was a God-ranked expert. A 9th rank and a God-ranked expert were just too different. Their disparity was leagues greater than the difference between an 8th rank and a 9th rank. Therefore, the Gan Family was very loyal and devoted to Zhao Hai. They were afraid that if Zhao Hai wanted them to die, then they wouldn't even have the time to blink before they perish.

Zhao Hai didn't have the mood to think about these right now. He was thinking about the Radiant Church's reaction upon hearing about the Demon Race's arrival.

The news about the Demon Race had spread quickly throughout the continent. This was also in line with Zhao Hai's plan. He wanted the church to give this news to the Divine Race, prompting them to make their move ahead of time.

The people from the Radiant Church weren't aware that Zhao Hai had so many 9th ranks in his hand. So after they received the news about the Demon Race, they would surely inform the Divine Race. After all, the Divine Race wouldn't want the Demon Race to conquer the continent first.

Compared to the native population of the Ark Continent, the Divine Race should be more afraid of the Demon Realm. This was because the strength that was displayed by the Demons was no worse than the Divine Race.

It was impossible for the Divine Race to allow the Demons to eliminate the people in the Ark Continent, then just swoop in to claim the prize. In fact, Zhao Hai reckoned that the Divine Race was not interested about the Ark Continent itself, but its people instead. If the entire population of the Ark Continent were to get extinguished, then the Divine Race wouldn't be able to gain anything.

Most importantly, the Demon Race's launching point was in the Demonic Abyss, a place not too far from the Radiant Empire. In this case, the Demons would surely target the Radiant Church first. And since the Radiant Church alone couldn't stop the Demon army, they would definitely call upon the Divine Race. After all, there weren't any other people in the continent who would come into their rescue. Instead, the continent might even find joy in this encounter, these were the two invaders, they might as well fight each other.

In the case of the Demons, their spatial rift needed the Blood Void formation in order to activate. On the other hand, there doesn't seem to be some magic that was being done by the Divine Race. This made Zhao Hai believe that the Divine Race really had the capability to take action. Perhaps they might even appear in the continent quite soon.

This was what Zhao Hai desired. If the Divine Race failed to arrive, then the Ark Continent would then face an enemy one after the other. On the contrary, if the Divine Race were to come, the situation would now turn into a three-way battle with the locals of the Ark Continent, the Demons, and the Divine Race, like in the Tale of Three Kingdoms. Between the Divine Race and the Demons, one of them wanted to get the Ark Continent for themselves, while the other wanted to enslave the natives. Although it seems like there was an avenue for zero conflict, the Divine Race wouldn't just allow the people of the Ark Continent to enter the Divine Realm. In the eyes of the Divine Race, the Ark Continent was inhabited by savages, people who didn't belong to the Divine Realm. What the Divine Race wanted to do was to keep the natives in the Ark Continent, making it like a pen. The sheep were the natives and the herders were the Divine Race. When the time comes that a sheep gets fat, the Divine Race would then come over and take it for themselves.

On the other hand, the Demon Race wanted to massacre the entire native population. This was something that the Divine Race wouldn't agree to. They don't really care about the pen, but if the sheep were to be touched, then they certainly would fight back. This was where the two came to contradict each other.

As long as they have this contradiction, then it would be impossible for them to cooperate and in the process, making the pressure on Zhao Hai much smaller.

And the most important thing was that the place where the Demons would arrive was not far from Radiant Empire. Behind the Demonic Abyss would be the Buddha Empire, the Lyon Empire, the Rosen Empire, the Aksu Empire, and then the Beastmen. With all of these in line, the continent would have a strategic depth in their defense. On the contrary, the Radiant Empire would be left isolated, without any backers supporting them. If the Demons were thinking right, then they would definitely target the Radiant Empire first, getting themselves in conflict with the Divine Race. This was the scenario that Zhao Hai wishes to happen the most.

Because of this, Zhao Hai started paying attention towards the Radiant Empire. But unfortunately, he can't use the Blood Ghost Staff to conduct reconnaissance on the Empire. This was due to a strange situation happening in the Radiant Empire. When the Blood Ghost Staff went there, it seems like its range of vision had become very small. And it also seems like the Empire's 9th ranks had been tasked to patrol the area. This made Zhao Hai unable to have his Staff wander off too closely. Otherwise, if those 9th ranks find out, then he would have to find more innovative ways to scout the enemy out.

However, this wasn't a bad thing for Zhao Hai. This performance from the Radiant Church meant that the Divine Race has started to move quickly. As long as the Divine Race takes action, then it would be good for Zhao Hai's side.

Zhao Hai's current strength was very strong. It can be said that compared to the war tens of thousands of years ago, Zhao Hai's capabilities had already surpassed the other powers. But one shouldn't forget that the Demons had managed to prepare for ten thousand years as well. Additionally, they were also very well suited for battle, every one of them were formidable fighters. This was something that gave Zhao Hai some worries, therefore, he wanted everything to be prepared as much as possible.

To be honest, Zhao Hai didn't believe that the Buddha Empire would be able to defend against the Demons. Because of this, a plan for evacuation was already gone underway. The Buddha Empire would be turned to be a strategic defense position. Their generals would block the Demons as much as possible.

Naturally, this was in the premise that the Divine Race didn't come. If the Divine Race arrives, then they would get into a skirmish with the Demons. When that happens, then the lives of Zhao Hai and the others would become better.

Zhao Hai was also quite worried that the Divine Race wouldn't act. Although the Blood Ghost Staff wasn't able to see the situation inside the Radiant Church, Zhao Hai knew that a plan of action was already underway by the Divine Race. But as to what plan this was, Zhao Hai had no clue. This matter being out of his vision was not very good, Zhao Hai didn't like this feeling.

At this time, the Bone Dragon had already penetrated inside the abyss. Every single magic beast and undead that Zhao Hai came across weren't spared. Those he can kill were killed, while the undead were absorbed into the Space, turning them into Zhao Hai's soldiers.

However, Zhao Hai also discovered that the magic beasts and undead present here were relatively low-level. One must know that Zhao Hai and his team were already quite deep into the abyss. Where were the formidable creatures? Did they go back to the Demon Realm?

The Gan Family were behind Zhao Hai during the entire ordeal, and they had witnessed how powerful Zhao Hai was. While they were descending, Zhao Hai had released a batch of undead, sweeping everything in the way. Whether they be darkness beasts or undead, all of them were eliminated in a short period of time.

The Gan Family Mafes were also Dark Mages, moreover, they were very familiar with the Demonic Abyss and had used undead summoning to subdue the undead here. However, compared to Zhao Hai's undead, their own undead had fallen extremely short. They now understood why Zhao Hai didn't trust their combat efficiency, they were just too weak. If they didn't rank up, then not to say Zhao Hai, even Zhao Hai's undead would stump them then and there.

Soon, the group went deeper into the Demonic Abyss. This was a place where no person had explored before, this made the group even more careful in their advance.

Zhao Hai stood on top of the Bone Dragon as it went forward in a moderate pace. At the same time, the undead on the ground had kept on cleaning up the Demonic Abyss, missing absolutely nothing.

Then suddenly, Zhao Hai had noticed something interesting. He made the Bone Dragon slowly go down as they stopped a few meters above the ground.

Tywin and the others followed Zhao Hai's gaze, they wanted to see what managed to attract Zhao Hai's attention.

Looking down, Tywin and the others couldn't help but get absorbed by the view. Under them was a sea of flowers. Flowers of various colors were everywhere, it looked very beautiful.

The Gan Family Dark Mages were very surprised to see this flower garden. They didn't think that the Demonic Abyss would have such a place. Was beauty something that belonged to the abyss? Compared to an Emperor's garden, this sea of flowers was just more attractive. This fact was quite inconceivable.

At this time, Zhao Hai's undead had also arrived by the flower garden. However, they didn't advance, they just stared into this sea of flowers.

Chapter 686 - Man Eating Flower, Flower Devil Race

The reason why Zhao Hai stopped to see these flowers was because Cai'er just recognized what these were. The flowers weren't flowers from the Ark Continent, instead it was one that was found in the Demon Realm.

This flower was a demon plant, simply because it was from the Demon Realm. It was a flower that gave Demons a headache. In fact these flowers were controlled by a Demon itself, it was called Man-eating Flower.

Just from the name alone, one could see what kind of flower it was. The attacking power of a single flower can reach the strength of 4th to 5th rank. If it was a large one, then maybe even 8th ranks would have to turn around and leave it be.

Cai'er had been low-key during her stay inside the Demon Realm. She didn't attack Demons, on the contrary, her leaves can even become a food source for the Demons and the demonic beasts. Therefore,

her reputation in the Demon realm was quite high. After Demons die, they would even bury their bodies under Cai'er's vines, providing her with extra nutrients.

On the other hand, this Man-eating flower was different, since their attacking strength was formidable, they didn't need Cai'er's methods in order to survive. On each petal on these flowers were sawtooth like teeth. As long as a person or beast comes walking in, they would act like wild beasts and snatch them using its petals, like how a predator snatches their prey. Then the flower would chew the body into dust. Because of its sawtooth teeth, they can even grind a magic beast's bone down to nothingness.

Although the flowers don't look too tall, their vines were in fact very long. Moreover, these flowers were said to be perennial. They can also grow up to a meter wide. Their flowers were usually curled up and when the flower attacks, the vine would suddenly shoot out as the flower went in to take a bite.

If you think that the flower only had this as a means of attack, then you are wrong. It still had other offensive ways. They also had their vines that were so tough that normal swords wouldn't be able to cut through it. Not only were these vines thorny, they were poisonous as well. Once one gets cut through the skin, then they would immediately get paralyzed in no time. This paralyzing effect was very strong that even most 7th rank magic beasts weren't able to resist it.

And if you were able to cut those vines off, you still shouldn't consider them as finished. This man-eating flower was very abundant in sap, and this sap was very corrosive. This corrosive effect can melt through your flesh and bones. It was so corrosive that once you ingest it, then it wouldn't take too long before your entire body turns into a heaping pile of mush.

This mush would then become very helpful to the man-eating flower, becoming its fertilizer. Most importantly, the reproductive ability of this flower was very strong. Although the flower vine doesn't grow fast, as long as it doesn't get uprooted, then a flower would eventually bloom on top of it.

For these reasons, these flowers had become a difficult existence in the Demon Realm. Only the Flower Devil Race of the Demon realm can control these flowers. Naturally, it wasn't just the flowers that they can control, at the same time, it can also cultivate them and spread them out. From the appearance of the flowers in the Demonic Abyss, it seems like they were cultivated by a Flower Devil.

Zhao Hai looked at the sea of man-eating flowers. He now knew why many adventurers fell inside the abyss. If one couldn't recognize these flowers, then it would be very easy to be the flowers' prey.

Tywin looked at Zhao Hai and asked, “Young Master, are there any issues with these flowers?”

Zhao Hai turned his head to Tywin, then he smiled faintly and said, “You will know when you see it.” Then he turned his hand and took out a magic beast corpse that he got from Accra Mountain, and then he threw it towards the sea of flowers.

When the magic beast was thrown down, the flowers immediately turned into something that can only be compared to sharks that had smelt the scent of blood. All the flowers immediately snapped towards the corpse, wrapping it inside them. Before long, the flowers withdrew, leaving nothing behind. Even the bones of the magic beast weren't spared.

Tywin and the others looked at this in shock. They didn't expect these flowers to have so much attacking power.

Zhao Hai looked all around before moving his hand, taking a man-eating flower directly into the Space. As soon as the flower entered the Space, a prompt was heard, “Carnivorous plant detected. This flower has a spiritual imprint of another. Removing spiritual imprint.”

Zhao Hai nodded, it seems like this flower was indeed raised by someone from the Flower Devil Race. Zhao Hai looked at the sea of flowers, since all of these were cultivated here, then the Flower Devil shouldn't be too far. Zhao Hai wanted to find it.

However, Zhao Hai was also aware that this was not easy to do. The Flower Devils belong to a very special race in the Demon Realm. Their race can be said to be Plant Sprites like Cai'er, but they weren't fully Plant Sprites, they were also part beast, it was very unusual.

They can turn into a person, able to walk in all directions while also able to become flowers, taking the place of a bud. Moreover, their lifespans were quite long, most of them can easily live for about a thousand years. And when they die, they would form into a seed, known as a Flower Devil seed. It didn't matter if they were people or magic beasts, as long as this seed gets mistakenly eaten, then the seed would slowly germinate inside the body of its host. And when it finally digested the host's body, a new Flower Devil would be born.

There weren't a lot of Flower Devils in the Demon Realm. Moreover, they also needed to be adults in order to control flowers with strong attacking capability like the man-eating flowers. Usually, they would just control ordinary flowers.

Although adult Flower Devils were strong, they were very weak in their childhood. Flower Devils can breed as well. Their breeding method was very special, two Flower Devils would meet and then they would become flowers. After that, through pollination, another Flower Devil would be born between the two of them.

Zhao Hai looked all around but he still couldn't see even a shadow of a Flower Devil. It seems like it had turned into its flower form. Zhao Hai didn't become polite, he wanted to snuff this Flower Devil out.

Zhao Hai absorbed a huge chunk of man-eating flowers into his Space. Then no prompt came from the Space, so Zhao Hai took another chunk into the Space.

Finally, when Zhao Hai took his fifth chunk of man-eating flower into the Space, a movement can be seen in the distance. A flower suddenly changed and slowly stood up. Zhao Hai knew that this was what he was waiting for.

Zhao Hai sized this Flower Devil that was in the process of standing up. Its stature was tall and big, it was unexpectedly four meters high. It was wearing a long robe that was composed of flower petals. It was brilliant purple and looked very fancy. The Flower Devil's face was red, and it had a hair that looked like a fresh flower that was in full bloom. This person had its eyes closed, probably not quite sober yet.

Zhao Hai stood there, quietly observing the Flower Devil. After a while, the Flower Demon opened its eyes. The eyes weren't divided into sclera and pupil, instead, it was pitch black, looking just like two reflective gemstones. Due to it being fully black, it actually gave out a very evil feeling.

The Flower Devil looked into the distance and into Zhao Hai and his Bone Dragon. Then it opened its mouth and said, "How dare you take by children?! Hand them over now, or else, die!" The Flower Devil's opened mouth made Tywin and the others shocked. The Flower Devil actually had sharp jagged teeth, it looked extremely horrible.

Zhao Hai looked at the Flower Devil and asked, "Are you a Flower Devil? What is your name?"

The Flower Devil couldn't help but stare, its black eyes seemed to shine for a moment before it asked, "Are you from the Ark Continent? How come you are aware of our Flower Devil race?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "You don't need to know that. Now, tell me your name, or else I won't spare you."

The Flower Devil laughed out loud and replied, "Empty boasts. Just because you are a 9th rank expert, you think you can deal with me? You are too naive."

Zhao Hai looked at the Flower Devil and smiled, "Of course I can deal with you. You're quite an easy target."

The Flower Devil looked at Zhao Hai, then it coldly said, "A Human Expert, finding out about the Demon invasion, so he decided to stop it. Then I have something to tell you. You're already too late. The Demon army will come soon, and there's no other way for you to stop it."

Zhao Hai looked at the Flower Devil and smiled, "I'm not here to stop it. There's no stopping the Blood Void formation. The Demons back then told me about it, I'm only here to clean the place up."

As soon as the Flower Devil heard Zhao Hai, his eyes suddenly flashed, then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You actually knew this much? Who are you? Why would you know about the matters of the Demon Realm?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It doesn't matter as to who I am. You only need to know that when the Demon Race comes, I would be the first one to stand up and defend the continent."

The Flower Devil's eyes showed a cold expression, then he gave a long hiss, seemingly giving a command to the flowers on the ground. The flowers all stretched up like snakes getting ready to pounce.

The Flower Devil looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You meeting me today can only be blamed on your bad luck. You shall die today. Flower Armor!" Then just as his voice fell, the man-eating flowers immediately flew towards him. Before long, his body was covered with an armor completely made out of man-eating flowers.

With this, the Flower Demon's stature had become even bigger, reaching a height of about ten meters. But what made Zhao Hai shocked the most was that this armor actually performed just like the Flower Devil's own body. There weren't any awkward movements that can be seen, it moved fluidly just like how a normal being moves. It seems like the man-eating flowers had become part of the Flower Demon's body.

Chapter 687 - Flame Demon

Zhao Hai didn't think that the Flower Devil would have this trick. And at this moment, the Flower Devil started to actually fly. This made Zhao Hai surprised, Cai'er who was God-ranked still cannot make her main body float. Zhao Hai didn't expect the Flower Devil to be able to do what Cai'er can't.

After the Flower Devil flew, it immediately waved his hand as man-eating flowers flew directly towards Zhao Hai and the others, looking just like pouncing snakes.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, then he waved his own hand as several Bone Dragons appeared and threw themselves towards the Flower Devil. At the same time, the Bone Dragons also blocked the flying man-eating flowers.

Now it was the time for the Flower Devil to be startled. It didn't think that Zhao Hai would actually be able to unleash formidable undead.

Just when the Flower Devil decided to hide, it suddenly discovered that it was already surrounded by undead. These undead formed a huge ball that rotated continuously. The Flower Devil stared, he didn't know what to do. Then a spatial rift appeared and before the Flower Devil could react, it was quickly pushed into the rift by the undead.

When the Flower Devil entered the Space, a prompt was heard, "Plant-type Demon detected, unwilling to surrender, proceeding to subdue. Plant-type Demon surrenders. Detected special ability on plant-type demon. Withdrawing ability and integrating it into the Space. Space's Manager can now use these abilities. Space's plants now have a higher chance of gaining sentience. Plants in the Space now have much more defensive ability."

Zhao Hai expected this result, therefore he wasn't surprised. He was already aware that the Flower Demon had a lot of abilities.

However, Zhao Hai still couldn't ignore the abilities that the Flower Demon had given to Cai'er. From what he can understand, Cai'er can now fly, which may allow her to leave the Space. This was a good thing, it meant that Zhao Hai had gained another strong helper.

Naturally, Tywin and the others were unaware of all of these. What they saw was the undead surrounding the Flower Devil in a giant ball. Then after that, the Flower Devil disappeared. Although they couldn't understand what happened, they didn't dare to ask.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and stored the excess undead. Then he commanded the Bone Dragon to fly forward and go through the sea of flowers. After the man eating flowers, the amount of undead and dark beasts had increased. Zhao Hai was not polite, he absorbed all of them into the Space.

Zhao Hai and the others flew down even more. However, their speed had gone slower since the visibility had also gone shorter. Zhao Hai also discovered that even his divine sense was affected, he cannot sense things that were too far.

At this point, the power of the dark beasts and the undead got stronger and stronger. Even Zhao Hai's 9th rank undead needed to exert some effort in order to clean them up.

In order to eliminate the beasts and undead inside the abyss as soon as possible, Zhao Hai decided to speed things up. Since he couldn't see very far, decided to release more undead. At the same time, Zhao Hai also quickened their speed of advancing.

However, the Demonic Abyss has once again proven how bottomless it was. Just as Zhao Hai was thinking that there was no end, he suddenly felt a powerful aura in the distance. Zhao Hai stared for a moment before he stopped. Then a fierce roar was heard from in front of him as a fiery red light appeared. Zhao Hai immediately erected a magical barrier. If his movement wasn't quick, then they might have been burned by fire.

Zhao Hai looked in front of him in surprise, he wanted to know where this heat came from. At this moment, a clump of red light slowly approached the Bone Dragon. Zhao Hai stared at the human-

shaped monster that was made out of fire. This monster made a loud hissing sound as fire spewed out towards Zhao Hai's direction.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare at the creature, he can feel how destructive its flame was. Zhao Hai waved his hand to produce a ball of water. Then he threw the ball of water to quench the approaching fireball.

Zhao Hai's water wasn't any common water, it was actually the Space's glacial water. The coldness of this water easily trumps frozen ice. Once an average person touches this water, then they will surely be frozen to death.

The ball of water slowly approached the fireball. It wasn't very big, compared to the fireball, it would be like a watermelon being hit by a walnut. But unexpectedly, when Zhao Hai's ball of water came into contact with the fireball, the fire was immediately extinguished. At the same time, the water ball seemed to be untouched as it continued its trajectory towards the monster.

The monster seemed very surprised. It immediately roared and raised its hand to release a stream of fire to collide with Zhao Hai's water ball. This time, the ball of water couldn't block it as it vaporized under the constant barrage hot flame.

Zhao Hai knit the brows on his head, this Flame Demon was really hard to deal with. It was also at this time that Zhao Hai heard from Cai'er that the monster was named Flame Demon. It was another peculiar lifeform in the Demon Realm. In the Demon Realm, they can become God-ranked beings, with the majority of them having strengths much stronger than 9th ranks. Although the one in the Demonic Abyss wasn't God-ranked, it was still something that shouldn't be underestimated.

It seems like the Demons had gone big with their move. First, it was the Flower Devil, and now it was a Flame Demon. Who knows what else was waiting for Zhao Hai.

At this rate, Zhao Hai can only use Bubble in order to deal with this Flame Demon. However, Zhao Hai didn't want to bother Bubble right now since the little blob was still learning about how to refine items. It wouldn't be worth it to have Bubble stop what he's doing just to deal with this Flame Demon.

In fact, Zhao Hai can just kill this Flame Demon, but he also thought that the Flame Demon would be useful for the Space, therefore he wanted to capture it.

Just as he was thinking about this, he suddenly felt something move in the Space's sky. Zhao Hai stared for a moment before he thought about the little thing that he gained along with the crystal jar. It was something that looked like a small sun. After arriving at the Space, the small sun went to the skies and stayed there. At this time, that same small sun transmitted the feeling of wanting to go out.

Zhao Hai gawked, he couldn't help but think back to Bubble. If Bubble was the source of myriad water, then couldn't this little sun be a source of myriad fire?

After thinking up to this point, Zhao Hai made an intention as the small sun appeared in front of him. Then Zhao Hai waved his hand and had the little sun charge towards the Flame Demon.

The Flame Demon suddenly sensed something dangerous coming from Zhao Hai's direction, so it didn't delay as it immediately turned to run away.

However, its speed wasn't faster than the small sun. In just a short moment, the little sun already arrived by the Flame Demon and entered its body. The Flame Demon immediately stopped and roared out loud before it slowly turned silent. The Flame Demon's body slowly shrank before it completely vanished, leaving the little sun floating there. It seems like nothing changed from the sun's appearance. But Zhao Hai can feel that the little sun was quite happy, it was as if it had just eaten great food.

After that, Zhao Hai absorbed the small sun back into the Space the he urged the Bone Dragon to go further into the Demonic Abyss. On the other hand, Tywin and the others couldn't help but turn stupid. They were very shocked by Zhao Hai's attacks. Zhao Hai was using special methods in order to deal with the enemies. Although it seems like Zhao Hai's methods weren't eye-catching, they still couldn't hide the strength that Zhao Hai had.

Zhao Hai didn't care about the Gan family's reaction. He was now more curious about the situation with the Demons. He was now convinced that there was something inside the Demonic Abyss.

However, after flying for some time, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be disappointed. They haven't met anything, it seems like the Demons have exhausted everything that they had.

At this moment, Zhao Hai suddenly stopped moving forward. He felt that something was wrong. He had been moving forward after he defeated the Flame Demon. But although the scenery in front of him was changing, he still felt that he wasn't advancing at all.

Zhao Hai immediately called Cai'er over to see what was going on. What he got from Cai'er was information that he wasn't moving all this time judging from what she saw from the monitor.

This made Zhao Hai feel confused. This was because he had always been flying, but Cai'er actually told him that he didn't move. What was happening here?

Zhao Hai calmed his mind, he closed his eyes and then felt everything around him. With this, he found out a lot of floating things that seemed to surround him. These seemed like filaments but Zhao Hai wasn't sure if they really existed, they feel more like energy projections than actual objects. From what he can see, it looks like these hair like things were giving Zhao Hai's surroundings a strange feeling.

Zhao Hai quietly felt these floating energy filaments, he wanted to know what these were. Zhao Hai can feel that these things had no offensive ability, it cannot hurt him. However, these filaments were also giving Zhao Hai a dangerous vibe. This contradictory feeling surprised Zhao Hai.

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Zhao Hai calmed his mind as he felt the energy around him. He wanted to know what these things were doing and what their use was.

However, Zhao Hai found himself unable to find anything out. Besides what he felt, there was nothing else, just the Bone Dragon and the others, hovering mid-air.

Zhao Hai continued to feel out these energy filaments. Although they don't have any physical effects, it seems like they were doing something akin to a stick hitting water. Ripples were going outwards as the filaments waved around. The ripples were extremely faint, if Zhao Hai didn't have his God-ranked divine sense, then he wouldn't have sensed them.

Zhao Hai carefully examined the ripples and was quick to discover that they were special types of spiritual force. It was quite peculiar, not only was it hard to detect, their effect was manifested quite quickly. As soon as the ripples touched Zhao Hai's mind, they would immediately get absorbed and then disappear.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel very strange, this mental attack was too weak, but he immediately found out that something was wrong. Then suddenly, the opposing party's fluctuation increased. At the same time, the more the other party exerted this force, the more comfortable Zhao Hai felt.

However, Zhao Hai was not happy with this, in fact, he was quite startled at this point. He was now convinced that these ripples were up to no good and were responsible for Zhao Hai's strange situation. And then, Zhao Hai understood that he had been trapped in an illusion.

After he had thought up to this point, the Space immediately issued a prompt, "Host is receiving an advanced level hypnosis attack. Host's form separated from hypnotic state. Space has increased its own hypnosis ability."

Zhao Hai's mind went blank, then he opened his eyes. It was not long before he discovered a Demon not far away from him. She was a very attractive Demon, she wore bewitching leather clothes, one could clearly see that this leather was made out of the skin belonging to a very advanced level beast. The leather was black, it didn't have any speck of hair on it and had a texture of a diver's suit. The leather tightly fit her body and was very perfect for her own form. The Demon's skin had the same color as wheat and her facial expression was exquisite. She had silvery-white hair which was quite long. At this time, she was about ten meters away from Zhao Hai and the others.

The Bone Dragon wasn't moving at all, it was just quietly floated in the air. Then Zhao Hai turned to Tywin and the others, it seems like they were still unable to notice this female demon in front of them.

Zhao Hai turned his head back to the female demon in surprise. This woman was too powerful, to the point that she can actually place Zhao Hai in an illusion. If Zhao Hai didn't become suspicious and was saved by the Space, then he would have suffered consequences.

At this time, Cai'er talked while inside the Space, "Young Master, that's a Succubus. Their race has the most powerful spiritual attack in the entire Demon Realm. Young Master, it seems like you are in deep trouble now."

Zhao Hai was confused at what Cai'er said, "Trouble? What trouble? I have broken her attack, therefore, I can just kill her whenever I want. How can that be trouble? Is it because I'm still in an illusion?"

Cai'er gave a smile and said, "Of course not. Young Master is certainly out of the illusion. However, the Succubi are the hardest people to deal with in the Demon Realm. Moreover, their race had a very unusual rule. When an adult Succubus attacks using her mental power and her enemy manages to break free, then she would have to marry him. Of course, this isn't the only way that Succubi get married. However, all married Succubi would have a crystal piece on their foreheads, increasing the potency of their mental attacks. Young Master, from what I can see, this adult Succubi in front of you is still undefeated, meaning that she is still unmarried. Now that the Young Master has broken free of her attack, then I'm afraid that this Succubi would have to marry you."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare blankly, he would never expect this in a thousand years. Then he asked Cai'er, "Is that really the case? Is there nobody in the Demon Realm that can defeat this Succubus? From what I can see, her mental attack is indeed powerful, but it isn't to a point where nobody else can defeat it."

Cai'er smiled and said, "Of course they aren't invincible, otherwise, the Demon realm wouldn't have been ruled by the Demon Race. However, these Succubi are very careful. In addition to their mental attack, they still have other ways to harm their enemies. If they aren't confident with their mental attack, then they certainly wouldn't use it. After all, the assassination techniques of the Succubi were also very formidable. Additionally, they weren't the kinds of people who would stir up trouble with existences that they wouldn't dare to provoke. Because of this, marrying a Succubus by withstanding their attack wasn't a very easy matter. A lot of Succubi married their husbands voluntarily instead of being compelled to marry their opponent. At the same time, it is also impossible to force a Succubus to marry someone. If the Succubus is forced, then she might commit suicide. But before she dies, she would curse the other party, leaving an unerasable mark on him. After that, the person would then be hounded by the other Succubi. One must also know that the Succubi held great influence in the Demon Realm, a lot of them married very powerful people in the hierarchy of power and influence. Moreover, their unreasonable passion was also quite known. Once one person get married to a Succubus, they would no doubt be held as someone worth respect. And when their husbands die, Succubi wouldn't even hesitate to kill themselves. Because of this, everyone in the Demon Realm wanted to have a Succubus as their wife. Not only are the Succubi proficient in assassination, their mental power would also increase after being married. And most importantly, all Succubi are very beautiful. They are the most ideal wives in the Demon Realm."

This gave Zhao Hai a headache, then he asked, "What if I just refuse to marry her after I break her mental attack?"

Cai'er shook her head, "That would not be a good idea. The temperament of the Succubus shouldn't be underestimated. If you chose to not marry her, then she would kill herself in front of you, marking you with the unremovable curse as well."

Zhao Hai felt his head get more painful, he didn't think that he would meet such a hard to deal enemy. If the Succubus were to discover that he had escaped from her attack, what reaction would she have?

After thinking about this point, Zhao Hai couldn't help but gain hope, he turned to Cai'er and said, "Cai'er, I'm not from the Demon Realm. Then wouldn't she refrain from marrying me?"

Cai'er shook her head and said, "That is impossible, Young Master. It didn't matter what race you are, as long as you break a Succubus' attack, then she would marry you. It didn't matter if you aren't a Demon, even if you are a magic beast, she would still marry you."

When Zhao Hai heard this, he couldn't help but stare. He hadn't heard of a race as terrifying as this. They were completely not in line with common sense. How could all of these be possible?

Zhao Hai was thinking of methods to make the Succubus believe that he was still under her attack. He wanted to get out of this trouble, marriage wasn't an easy thing to decide on.

At this time, Cai'er actually chuckled and said, "Congratulations, Young Master. You just gained another wife. The Succubus just discovered that you had freed yourself from her attack."

Upon hearing Cai'er, Zhao Hai's mouth couldn't help but twitch. Then he looked up at the Succubus who had also opened her eyes. She was currently looking at Zhao Hai, her wheat colored cheeks seemed to have developed a blush.

One couldn't deny how beautiful this Succubus was, especially now where she was being timid and shy. But after thinking about their race's peculiar rule, Zhao Hai couldn't help but force a smile.

When the Succubus saw Zhao Hai's expression, her face couldn't help but get redder. She shook her head and then fixed her hair before she sternly looked at Zhao Hai and said, "From what I can hear during your conversation with the Flower Devil, you should be knowledgeable about the Demon Realm. Do you know what I am?"

Zhao Hai wanted to say that he didn't know. But when he saw the Succubus' expression, he couldn't help but nod. On the other hand, Tywin and the others had just recovered. All of them couldn't help but freeze when they saw the beautiful woman in front of them.

When the Succubus saw Zhao Hai nod, she couldn't help but relax. Then she looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Then do you know about the rule of our Succubus race?"

Zhao Hai had no choice but to bitterly nod. He didn't know if it was an illusion or not, but he can feel that the other party can ascertain whether he was speaking the truth or not. He was afraid that once the Succubus discovered that he lied, then she might kill herself immediately.

If it was an ordinary enemy who killed themselves, then Zhao Hai wouldn't even bat an eye. But after Cai'er told him about the custom of the Succubus race, he couldn't afford having this Succubus kill herself. Therefore, he had no choice but to bitterly smile at this time.

The Succubus looked at Zhao Hai and said, "So you are aware. Then from today on, I shall be your wife."

Zhao Hai forced a smile and said, "But first you should know that I already have several wives. And I love them very much."

The Succubus actually coldly snorted and said, "I don't mind."

Zhao Hai was left with nothing to say. He didn't think that the other party would give such a nonchalant reply. At this point, Tywin and the others couldn't make sense of what just happened. This woman in front of them seem to be an enemy, but now she has become Zhao Hai's wife. They didn't know if they should prevent her approach or just stay there. All of them felt that they had gone stupid from all that just happened.

In the end, Tywin and the others decided to refrain from moving. This was because even Zhao Hai himself didn't make a move. They decided that it wouldn't be good if they were to make any unnecessary actions.

Zhao Hai looked at the Succubus that stood right beside him in the Bone Dragon. Then he said, "You have to think carefully, I am the focal point of the Ark Continent alliance, the first one to go up against the Demon Realm. If you really want to marry me, then you would be enemies with your own people, every Demon, and all of the Demon realm."

The Succubus looked at Zhao Hai and coldly snorted, "If you must kill all the Demons, then I would even help you sharpen your blade."

Zhao Hai gave a short hmph, however, he didn't say anything, he knew that it wasn't the time to talk too much at this point. So he just asked, "Are there any more Demons ahead? And why are you here? Isn't the Blood Void supposed to be indestructible?"

The Succubus looked at Zhao Hai and said, "We are here to guard the void formation. Although the Blood Void can still activate after being destroyed, it would still be much better if it operates in its full potential. There aren't a lot of people here, aside from the Flower Devil, Flame Demon, Me, and the dark beasts and undead, there aren't other people. However, there are ten Demons in the formation itself. If you go forward, the undead and dark beasts would go all out in stopping you. Ten of those dark beasts and undead are 9th ranks, the others are all 8th ranks. They are tasked to delay you as much as possible from destroying the void formation. However, I think you're not here to destroy the formation. Otherwise, you would have destroyed the blood formation back then."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he nodded and said, "Your right, I didn't want to destroy the Blood Void. Instead, I'd rather wait for it to finish and get more preparation time that way. After all, there aren't very much difference between launching now and launching later. Right, I still don't know your name."

The Succubus looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I'm called Berry. If you destroy the Blood Void ahead of time, the power of the rift would be reduced by a tenth of the original." Berry's voice had become mellower compared to before, her cold disposition seems to have vanished.

But Zhao Hai didn't pay much attention to it now. He was currently pondering about what a tenth of a difference can do. Will he have to destroy the formation now?

In the end, Zhao Hai decided to refrain from destroying it. Once he attacked the Blood Void, then it would immediately start. However, Demon City was still unprepared. Although a tenth couldn't be underestimated, Zhao Hai deemed it to be negligible in when compared to the time for preparation.

Even if the rift were to be reduced, the sheer size of the Blood Void rift would still be quite large. A difference between a million demons and 900 thousand Demons seemed to be insignificant in the long term.

Berry looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You really don't want to destroy the Blood Void?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "Destroying it is useless. This time, I only came to eradicate all dark beasts and undead in the abyss. I want to prevent them from being an addition to the Demon army. What can a tenth of a difference really do to us? What significant difference would there be between a million Demons and 900 thousand Demons?"

Berry's eyes flashed while she looked at Zhao Hai, then she sighed and said, "You really don't understand the Demons. They had been waiting for that day, for many years. For you, 1 million and 900 thousand might not have much of a difference since you are the enemy. However, for 100 thousand Demons to see the Ark Continent in advance is a very big factor for the Demons. People would fight to the death even for just a spot of being able to see the Ark Continent a day ahead."

Zhao Hai can understand what Berry meant. If one were to tell people who lived in darkness that they can see the sunlight, then they would be extremely desperate in order to be the first one in the line. Between Zhao Hai and the Demons, the significance of a tenth was completely different.

Zhao Hai sighed, then he didn't speak anymore. He urged the Bone Dragon to go forward. He wanted to complete his original plan of coming here, eliminating all the dark beasts as well as the undead.

Just as Berry said, Zhao Hai didn't meet any significant resistance as he went forward. All that they had come across were more dark beasts and undead.

Zhao Hai relaxed, then he turned to Berry and said, "You have become quite close to me back then, why haven't you used your assassination techniques and went for a mental attack instead?"

When Berry heard Zhao Hai, her face couldn't help but turn red, "I was already near you when you were fighting with the Flame Devil. However, I knew that our assassination techniques would alarm the Bone Dragon before I arrive. Therefore, I decided to trap you here using my mental attack until the Blood Void activates."

Zhao Hai nodded, he knew that since Berry was aware of his conversation with the Flower Devil, then she should've been present when he fought the Flame Demon. However, the two fights had shown Berry how strong he was. Therefore, Berry had no choice but use their mental attack. However, she didn't expect that she would lose.

Zhao Hai stopped asking about this matter. He turned his gaze towards the distance and said, "They should be coming about now." Zhao Hai was referring to those ten 9th ranks.

As expected, just as Zhao Hai said that, ten black spots appeared in the distance. The black spots slowly grew as it approached Zhao Hai. Among them were eight dark beasts and two undead creatures who were emitting a strong aura.

The dark beasts are just special magic beasts, so they didn't get too much out of Zhao Hai's attention. On the other hand, the undead made Zhao Hai intrigued. He didn't expect that the undead would be able to reach 9th rank naturally. This was the first time that he saw a true 9th rank undead.

The two undead had human forms. Their bodies were equipped with worn out battle armor. They were also holding damaged great swords. Their image conforms to what Zhao Hai expected 9th rank undead would be.

However, these two undead creatures gave Zhao Hai a peculiar feeling. Zhao Hai felt that he was facing actual people instead of undead. Compared to what he felt with the Space's 9th rank undead, these two undead had a more formidable aura.

Zhao Hai curiously looked at the two 9th rank undead and said, "Are you naturally evolved undead? Why would you listen to the words of the Demons?"

"Demon consciousness. Unsurpassed honor! Kill!" Zhao Hai thought that the opposite party wouldn't reply. He really didn't expect that they would say anything, even in broken sentences.

Zhao Hai waved his hand as he commanded the undead on the ground to fly up. Then he had this group of undead form a small cube formation in front of Zhao Hai. After that, he commanded them to fight the 10 9th ranks.

Zhao Hai didn't care much about these undead, he wanted to see how these 9th rank dark beasts and undead from the Demon Realm fight. From Zhao Hai's calculation, aside from the 9th ranks, there should be about 1 million undead as well as about 2 million dark beasts.

However, he didn't kill the 8th rank dark beasts this time, all of them were absorbed into the Space. Additionally, the 8th rank undead were also taken into the Space, changing them into Zhao Hai's own undead army.

Before long, the 10 9th ranks had managed to eliminate about a hundred of Zhao Hai's own 9th rank undead. But instead of being angry, Zhao Hai was actually glad. He discovered that these naturally formed 9th rank undead seemed to be much more powerful compared to the 9th ranks that were produced by the Space.

This made Zhao Hai puzzled at first, but he quickly thought of the reason. One was artificially promoted by the Space while the other was made after innumerable years of existence. In these years, the undead should have encountered a lot of battles, making its fighting experience constantly improve. It seems like battle experience was more important to these undead than what Zhao Hai originally thought.

Although the undead of the Space were similarly 9th rank, they were still far behind those who were forged through constant battle. Because of this lack of experience, the Space's undead were unable to utilize all of their strength. It was like having powerlifter fight, he might be strong, but it was extremely possible that he would lose against a similarly strong but experienced fighter.

However, there was no way for Zhao Hai to have an immediate solution to this problem. The undead in the Space were truly lacking in genuine battle experience. Moreover, before becoming 9th ranks, most of them had strengths that were incomparably low. This caused a disparity in their thoughts and actual strength. The only solution that Zhao Hai thought of was to forge them through constant battle during the war. Only when they can accumulate experience would they be able to perfectly control their strength.

Now that the Demons were on their way and the Divine Race not far behind, huge battles would surely happen in the future. Zhao Hai would use this opportunity to have his undead acquire ample experience. That way, Zhao Hai can then command an invincible army. Whether it be the Demons or the Divine

Race, Zhao Hai would not be afraid anymore. He would even march into the Demon Realm and the Divine Realm in order to eliminate future problems!

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It didn't take too long before the fight finished. Although Zhao Hai's undead suffered when faced with the same 9th rank power, they were completely dominating those who are less ranked. After all, 8th rank and 9th rank were totally different from each other.

After all the dark beasts and undead have been cleaned up, Zhao Hai continued to fly ahead. And before long, they arrived at a valley inside the Demonic Abyss.

At the valley, the first thing that Zhao Hai noticed was the spatial rift. Coming out from the rift were clumps of black gases. Fortunately, this rift wasn't big, it was only less than a meter long and a half meter wide. Aside from small people, no bigger creatures can emerge at this time.

With the spatial rift as the center, a huge magic formation was erected, shooting out white radiance now and then. This was the void formation of the Blood Void.

Zhao Hai inspected the spatial crack, he wanted to see how different this rift was compared to the Space's own. After looking at it for some time, Zhao Hai couldn't see much of a difference. It was the same floating hole, like a hole in a transparent canvas.

Behind this rift was nothingness, one couldn't see anything at all. Even light seems to get swallowed by it.

Upon looking further, Zhao Hai noticed that the rift was surrounded by ten Vile Demons.

Zhao Hai was no stranger to Vile Demons, he looked at the ten of them and smiled, "Vile Demons enemies, you can rest assured that I am not here to destroy your formation. However, when you Demons arrive, be sure that I shall be there waiting."

Zhao Hai's attitude shocked the Vile Demons. They were puzzled at Zhao Hai, they couldn't understand what Zhao Hai meant.

Zhao Hai looked at them and smiled, "There's no need to be anxious. Usually, I call people with a different race than me, friends or brothers. However, you Demons wanted to invade my Ark Continent, so I had no choice but to call you enemies. But I am indeed sincere in not attacking the Blood Void. I know that there's no way to stop the Blood Void, and I also don't want it to activate ahead of time. Therefore, I shall be leaving you here and I will just wait for you in the surface."

The Vile Demons stared blankly at Zhao Hai, then after some time, one of them said, "No matter who you are, you are worthy of our respect. We will defeat you in the battlefield, we'll make you aware of how strong the Demon Realm is."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, he already knew that although these Demons were battle freaks, they were also people who respected brave warriors. To be clear, they respect brave warriors, not strong experts.

Brave Warriors and Experts have their distinction. A brave warrior isn't necessarily a strong expert. When faced with an enemy much stronger than yourself but still are willing to fight, then you are a brave warrior. These kinds of people were very well respected by the Demons. For this respect, the Demons would defeat you in an upright manner, there would be no tricks involved.

Berry was also quite surprised at Zhao Hai. She discovered that Zhao Hai actually understood the Demon Realm fully. This made her confused, she didn't understand how a Human was able to know about the Demon Realm. This was too inconceivable. The Humans haven't even entered the Demon Realm.

At this time, the head Demon turned to Berry and said, "Berry, why are you together with him? Do you want to betray the Demon Realm?"

Berry looked at the Vile Demon and said, "I didn't betray the Demon Realm. I am just following the customs of my Succubus Clan. This person managed to break free from my mental attack. Therefore, according to the rule, I shall have to marry this person."

When the Vile Demon heard Berry, he couldn't help but gawk. Of course, the Vile Demon was aware about which rule Berry was talking about. He just didn't think that Zhao Hai would survive Berry's attack.

One must know that the Succubi held the most powerful mental attacks in the Demon Realm. Additionally, Berry is a 9th rank Succubus, her mental power was very well known in the Demon Realm. The Vile Demon didn't think that she would actually lose to a Human.

The ten Demons looked at Zhao Hai with envy, then their leader said, "Congratulations, brave Human warrior. You actually managed to get yourself a Succubus as a wife. Human, we shall not attack you as well. Our fight might possibly destroy the Blood Void. You can leave now. Our Demon Army shall fairly defeat you in Demon City."

Zhao Hai looked at the ten Demons, he couldn't help but develop a slight appreciation towards them. However, it was a pity that they are his enemies. Zhao Hai was surprised when the Vile Demon said that the Blood Void might get destroyed if they decided to fight. It seemed like nobody wanted to activate the spatial rift ahead of time.

Zhao Hai looked at the eyes of the Vile Demons, then he nodded and said, "Alright, then I shall be waiting for you in Demon City. Farewell." Then Zhao Hai commanded the Bone Dragon to fly out of the Demonic Abyss. The ten Vile Demons stayed true to their promise, they didn't attack Zhao Hai.

Compared to when he entered, Zhao Hai's speed of advancement was quite faster. Zhao Hai had calculated that after entering the Demonic Abyss and undergoing battles inside, two days had already passed by. Zhao Hai reckoned that it would only take them half a day to come out.

With this rate, Zhao Hai had already used up four days. In three days, the spatial rift would open and the Demon Race would arrive.

Zhao Hai stood straight on top of the Bone Dragon as he muttered, "Three days, three days."

Berry looked puzzled at Zhao Hai as she said, "Three days? Are you expecting the Blood Void to activate in three days? That's not right, from what I can remember, there is only one day left before the Blood Void activates."

Zhao Hai stared, he quickly turned his head to Berry as words came flooding out of his mouth, "One day? How could it be one day? Doesn't the Blood Void activate after seven days?"

Berry nodded, "Right, it takes seven days. The countdown starts the moment the blood formation gets moistened by blood. From what I can remember, five days have already passed since then. After a bit more than a day, the Blood Void would activate."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but from upon hearing Berry. He kept thinking about why Berry would say that only a day was left. Did he go wrong somewhere?

Suddenly, Zhao Hai thought about where he slipped. He had missed the timing of the blood formation. He miscalculated how long the formation had been running before he arrived at Accra Mountain. The formation started the moment Zhao Hai began killing the beasts in the mountain, not when he discovered the formation.

If Zhao Hai took that thought into account, then the Blood Void really only had one day left to activate. In a day's time, the Demons would be coming out of the spatial rift.

Zhao Hai regretfully tapped his own head. He didn't think that he would miscalculate this matter. This shouldn't be happening, it was his fault. He immediately had the Bone Dragon pick up its speed to return to Demon City as soon as possible. Upon reaching the city, Zhao Hai was met with the gazes of the Adventurers and Mercenaries. All of them looked at Tywin and the others in envy, they didn't think that the Gan Family would be able to establish a relationship with Zhao Hai in a short period of time.

Zhao Hai wasn't in the mood to act low-key right now as he flew directly towards the General's residence. Upon reaching the front door, Zhao Hai didn't hesitate to enter the room.

The guard in front of the General's residence naturally didn't dare to block Zhao Hai. Nobody dared to stop him. After all, Zhao Hai had the highest status here in Demon City. The whole city depended on Zhao Hai to defend against the Demons.

Zhao Hai proceeded to head towards Besmir's room. At this moment, Besmir was looking at the map. When he heard footsteps and looked up, he didn't imagine to see Zhao Hai. So he quickly straightened himself up and said, "Mister, how did your expedition go? The layout of Demon City had already been set up. We're just waiting for Mister's undead to settle in."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, as long as the General has adjusted, then I can feel relief. However, I had made a miscalculation this time. The Demons will be arriving much earlier than we thought. I'm

afraid our current layout wouldn't be good. But since you have already settled in, you can stay put. There's no need to send word back to the mainland, I shall be taking care of it."

Besmir stared, then his expression changed as he immediately asked, "Really? Mister, what happened?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "Now's not the time to explain. I shall be handing the city over to you. The outside matters would be taken care of by me. I'll be sending word to the major Empires and Races of the continent. As long as you prepare yourselves, then you are good."

Besmir nodded, he understood that it really wasn't the time to be asking. He said, "Alright, then mister can rest assured, the city has already prepared. All the logistics and commands have already been given."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Then that's good. I'll be leaving first, I still need to inform the mainland." Then Zhao Hai hastily left the General's residence and returned to his own.

After arriving inside the Gan Family's residence, Zhao Hai released a group of undead and turned to Tywin and said, "These are the undead that we have acquired in the Demonic Abyss. I also took the effort of strengthening them. You can take them under your command. Right, how many undead can you currently control?"

Zhao Hai didn't know how much undead a regular 9th rank can control. Therefore, he had no choice but to ask. Tywin gave Zhao Hai a bow and said, "Answering the Young Master. Although we had become 9th ranks, we still aren't accustomed to our new strength. So at this moment, each of us can only control about ten thousand undead. When we get fully adapted, then we can control 20 thousand undead each."