

## 159 New skills

"Don't worry about these formalities." Kayden had read the library rules and knew it was inappropriate to call others by their titles in there. In fact, everyone was treated equally, without class distinction. 1

"The king has already made me aware of your visit. Any floor of the library is at your disposal. I will assign one of our guides to you. If you have any questions or requests, come to me." The old man's tone was very friendly, especially after seeing that Kayden lacked noble pride.

Kayden talked to him for a few more minutes and answered most of his questions. Without delay, he was introduced to a child around twelve years of age.

"My name is Paulo, I am at your service, Marquis." The child had a blindfold on his eyes,



his hair was black and he was small in stature.

"Take me to floor nine, Paulo." Once Kayden placed his order, he was guided to the elevators. Paulo had an access key for each of the floors.

"Paulo, are you blind?" Kayden asked directly, without mincing words. The boy got around very well and, as he wasn't a wizard, there was no way he could have a spiritual sense yet.

"Yes, Marquis. I use a modified spiritual sense. If you're interested, it's on floor four." Kayden was really interested. Even if he only had a few more months as an apprentice at most, it could give him an advantage in some situations.

"How difficult is this technique, Paulo?"

"Average/high. It all depends on how proficient you are in manipulating mana." Mana

manipulation for Kayden was almost like a game when he used his path.

"Take me to the fourth floor first, please."

Quickly, the boy guided Kayden to the book containing the technique, and, to his surprise, the author's name was Paulo, the blind man. This made him look at the boy with new eyes.

It only took Kayden an hour to read and fully understand the technique, but using it took a little longer. The skill consisted of pushing his body's mana out while keeping his will in it. The detail is that it had to be extremely thin and each mana point had to be spaced out.

This meant that a lot of information was lost, but the main ones were kept. This was done so that the apprentice could use the least amount of mana possible, as logically their mana stock was smaller than that of a wizard.

"Holy crap!" A flood of information opened up to Kayden. His sense of touch seemed to have been magnified dozens of times. He was able to feel the floor and shelves around him as if he were touching them.

That was the best way to describe this feeling. Even the passage of air could be felt by him. It seemed like his body had grown in size. At the moment, he only managed to expand 50 centimeters around him. Each increase in space had to be carefully crafted, otherwise the mana points would be destroyed.

"Don't expand it too much or you'll end up vomiting." Paulo tried to warn Kayden, but he was already completely sick and vomiting. But because of his control, he just ignored it and continued expanding.

The expansion reached ten meters and did not go beyond that. It felt like a barrier had imposed itself on him, and no matter how much mana he





put in, he was not able to increase the spiritual sense of distance.

"Did you reach the five-meter limit? According to my studies, our brain is not capable of handling more information than that. And even if you extend the spiritual sense, your brain stops reading the information you collect." Paulo spoke when he saw Kayden open his eyes. He was sure that the boy had managed to maximize the skill in just a few hours.

That was scary. Paulo took years to develop it and anyone he taught took at least a few days to reach maximum range.

"5 meters?" Kayden could see for 10 meters, and without knowing exactly why, he placed the blame on his heart. This was the boy's mistake, because in fact what allowed him to go beyond the normal level was the process of discovering his path.

"Take me to the ninth floor please." For the next few hours, Kayden just studied countless lightning element spells and some neutral ones. In the end, he could barely find one that met his demands.

The library was too big and had a lot of book options. Some had many of the same spells and he needed to keep checking them all to see if there was any difference in performance.

The spell he chose covered his body in small lightning bolts and increased his speed. It was no longer as drastic an increase as the Haste spell was in the early apprentice levels, but it was still a nice gain.

Mainly, this spell used little mana, as its mechanism worked cyclically. Any unspent spell was used as fuel to maintain it. Now, Kayden was looking for someone who could make his rays stronger.



The boy had already abandoned the idea of Pop Flash, mainly because first-realm magicians no longer depended on vision alone and could use their spiritual sense to make up for this deficiency.

It was only in the late afternoon that Kayden left the library and, even though he spent hours there, he didn't get to see all the spells he needed. Over the next week, Kayden gave up his cultivation to focus on finding better spells.

The time to get here was less than 20 minutes if he took the express underground metro. It was a great distance, but with the mana boost and protection spells, the train was able to move faster than sound.

"Thanks for your help, Paulo." Kayden made a mental note to himself to try to recruit this boy in the future. Furthermore, he should look for



solutions to his sleep, he was wasting a lot of time sleeping that he could be improving.

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Next week, Kayden finished his trips to the royal library by choosing three spells. The first was the Elegant Ray, which gave Kayden additional speed. His second spell was called Body of Thorns.

Countless rays surrounded his body and sword. The moment Kayden confronted an enemy, they sporadically moved from his body to that of his opponent. It wasn't solid, but it was capable of freezing his opponent's movements for a few milliseconds.

The last and certainly his strongest spell at the moment was called Zeus's Bolt. Kayden was supposed to channel to summon lightning directly at his enemy. The best thing about this technique was that it used a low amount of



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mana, at least about its effect. 1

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