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It had been a long time since he found a diligent student like Kayden, the boy had been sitting in the same position for hours and didn't even stop to eat, most of his students were just people who were attracted by the offer of quick learning.

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"Sorry teacher, but I have a lot of classes this period", Kayden didn't know how to give up so many classes without seriously damaging his learning, his response made the man's smile visibly diminish. "Besides, I will first try to reach the peak of the ninth rank before focusing on the concepts, I just came to do a test and ended up getting carried away."

Every word from Kayden felt like a stab in Bolt's heart, when he thought he had found the perfect apprentice he was knocked out of paradise in

seconds, but even so the old man didn't give up.

"Come cultivate in my room, I can increase the mana in the environment by almost 35 times and I have countless runes of focus and mental clarity", the man's offer took him by surprise, but Kayden didn't know the level of madness of high-ranking mages. level in finding a successor.

"Why are you doing all this?" Kayden was surprised by the teacher's goodwill.

"I know your potential, Kayden, I have seen your struggle and I have been looking for an apprentice for a long time, this is my offer to you, just take my knowledge and pass it on as you wish," Bolt explained.

Kayden hadn't yet reached the top of the world so he didn't know how the death process worked among the powerful, most ended up dying of old age, and there weren't many fights or big battles at the top.

Currently, the human world was experiencing a stagnation of power, no one knew exactly how to advance beyond what they were and they had nothing to do, slowly they were dying and would disappear.

Another main point is that no one knew exactly how long they would be able to live, the world still didn't have enough history for that, but the desperation of living at the top and the loneliness of being the only ones made the fear of oblivion come into play, their hearts easily.

"I don't look for a master, because I look for my path", Kayden said bluntly, he would never give up everything he has already achieved for another type of knowledge.

"I can accept this, just receive my inheritance and apply it however you prefer, but make it clear to the world that I am your master and that my abilities have value", a glint of madness appeared in the teacher's eyes.

Kayden was interested in the proposal, even though he didn't know anything about Bolt, the wizard had to be at least in the fourth realm to be a teacher who taught concepts, that alone was something very good and he also knew the fight that Kayden had gotten into in the test from the gym and accepted that.

"First explain to me who you are", Kayden's request was appropriate to the situation and did not seem disrespectful.

"I am Bolt, the Lord of the Heavens, I am currently at the peak of the fourth realm and hold the title of marquis, furthermore, I have a fortune valued at over 10 trillion gold coins," Bolt said. Kayden barely paid attention after hearing "peak of the fourth realm", this was far bigger than anything he had ever seen.

Probably, the king was at that level or beyond, but only Bolt confessed this to him, even without knowing the teacher's reputation, he had already made a decision, his power was too great to be denied.

"I will probably have other masters in the future," Kayden commented.

"As long as I remain solely responsible for teaching about lightning," Bolt replied. His request was also acceptable and Kayden found himself kneeling reciting an oath not to let his new master's teachings die in time and even if it was the last thing he needed to do in his life, he should pass on everything he learned.

Besides that, he no longer had any great request for absolute loyalty, just respect and obedience to his master's teachings and rules. A mere trip made Kayden a big gain. The boy said goodbye to his new master and returned home, unfortunately, his night was not over, he still had an appointment with his head butler, it was not something really pleasant, but necessary.

As soon as he arrived at his mansion, he headed directly to the basement. As soon as he entered, he found himself in a well-lit room with a metal table in the center. Up to this point, everything was normal, at least as far as possible.

The strange thing was the various signs and symbols painted on the ground in black. It seemed like a great ritual was being prepared. A man was sharpening some tools next to the table.

He looked like someone who had taken care of himself all his life. Even with his beard and gray hair, he had a strong physique behind the shirt. His blue eyes resembled Kayden's in a clear summer. Otherwise, he had a square face that exuded confidence that Kayden found enigmatic.

According to the butler, he decided to follow Kayden simply because he had no better option. He was stuck in the second rank because of old battles and, therefore, he just lived his life and provided his services to whoever paid the best.

"Lie down on the table while I finish arranging the procedure, my lord," said the butler. Kayden obeyed the butler's request and just waited.

"This procedure was discontinued decades ago, mainly because everyone who had it went crazy over time, or ended up dying from pain and a heart attack mid-surgery."

The sound of the man sharpening his tools and at the same time telling this story as if it were nothing would cause fear and regret in making this decision. This would be the point at which many would backtrack.

"In my time in surgery, I performed this procedure dozens of times on idiots who thought they were important, no offense, my lord," said the butler. Kayden understood that he was revisiting not-very-pleasant memories. "You will only be able to remove this curse when you reach the second kingdom, do you understand that, my lord?"

His tone made clear his concern and how he disapproved of this procedure for Kayden. But even so, the glow of decision in the boy's eyes didn't diminish even a millimeter. He was right about his decision.