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This was not a request, but an order from a master to his apprentice. Most of Kayden's time at this point was spent just meditating and trying to figure out what to do now. <sup>1</sup>

The difficulty of his task was simply gigantic. He was the first in his path, both from the Monarch of Mana and the Heart of Mana. The two things had never been seen in his world before, each step had to be explored slowly by him.

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"Where are we?" Kayden's vision was obscured, but he could feel the cold wind around him and his breath producing steam. Bolt's two-week time span extended to a month.

The man did this so Kayden wouldn't miss class. They were currently in the sixth month of the year, and during this period, all college classes stopped so that students could train with their classes for the mid-year test. Kayden and his subjects weren't going to participate, so it was a



month's vacation for them.

"We are on the Mountain of Indra. There are more species of the lightning element here than in the entire kingdom." Kayden could feel the electricity in the room, almost as if he were inside a storm. "You came here to learn my technique that made me able to reach the top of the world, at least the fake top." The last part was added too low for Kayden to hear. "Have you ever wondered what the limit of spiritual sense is?"

Bolt's question made Kayden reflect. The man didn't rush the boy and let the minutes pass, in the meantime, he lit a fire and started cooking fish as if it were the most normal thing in the world.

"I don't know, master." Kayden ran dozens of tests of his spiritual sense during those minutes and found nothing debilitating.

"At the moment you won't understand, but as



you advance through the realms, spiritual sense becomes obsolete in combat. Firstly, he is slow in responding to information. For each realm you advance, your reflexes become insane. Milliseconds can decide the outcome of a fight."

If someone asked Kayden how long the spiritual sense copy he used was delayed, his answer would be zero, the information reached him instantly.

"After the second realm, this delay can be used to deceive your senses, but that is not the main thing. The important point is that it doesn't help you predict the future, you can only see the opponent's movement and adapt to it, you can't be a few steps ahead of your opponent."

At the moment, Kayden was able to predict and prepare for his opponent's blows, but after listening to Bolt's speeches it was clear that as soon as he advanced to make this small advantage would completely disappear from his portfolio.





"What I'm going to teach you is the basics of the skill that allowed me to be known as humanity's fastest wizard." A smile of someone who fooled the entire world appeared on Bolt's face. "The funny thing is that it doesn't increase my speed, it allows me to react faster than my opponent."

Kayden was beginning to understand what this magical ability of his master was.

"My ability works based on the energy of the opponent's body, not only his but everything around him. You will be able to identify every little variation in the system, even the flapping of a mosquito's wings has energy. And the best thing is that this skill only requires knowledge of the concept of spark and energy."

Kayden took a while to think, but as soon as it hit him he was surprised, because the technique his master used was at the level of someone from the fourth realm, but only needed something basic that anyone could learn in a few months.



"But make no mistake, Kayden. It's not easy, I had to spend decades to understand it enough to use it in combat. You must understand what each energy point means and what its variation means. That's why I brought you to learn the second concept. As you already know spark, everything gets easier. It should take you a similar amount of time or even less."

"Master, if it's so easy to learn different concepts, why do most people get ahead with just one?" The boy was going to learn his second in just two months.

"Learning concepts is simple, Kayden. With focus, you can learn a dozen in a year, logically if you train correctly. If you want, you can spend decades accumulating hundreds or thousands of concepts. But the real difficulty is bringing them together to move forward. That's why if you learn antagonistic concepts you may not be able to put them together to move forward."

This was similar to having just one rope to pull something out of a river. You may be able to pull



something out of the currents, but you won't have time to pull two items unless they are together.

This made Kayden think his way through. He urgently needed to find a way to combine the concepts he was learning along the way, otherwise all of this would be a huge waste of time.

"Your role for the next few days is to live blind and just try to move around the power points. You are prohibited from using your spiritual sense. Logically, you won't be able to fight or do anything difficult. I just want you to understand the concept of energy."

For the next few minutes, Kayden just sat there as he tried to feel things around him. Because of the spark concept, he could see large points of energy, for example, his master beside him.

Over the next few hours, he was able to see a few different spots, but nothing more. His





master instructed him to walk and assured him that he would be safe. This opened his horizons, now he saw large points of energy constantly.

Not only that, but he managed to differentiate them by their types. There were minimal variations, but in some points, the mass of energy was more violent, and in others, it seemed calmer. Kayden couldn't understand the difference between them as he was blindfolded.

As the days passed, Kayden noticed an increase in all of his senses. His sense of smell became more acute, his hearing was increasingly better, and, incredible as it may seem, even his taste was more refined. 1

Energy variations have been classified into different types. Kayden began to understand when someone was attacking or performing basic tasks like walking. Everything could be observed by variation and intensity.

Before, he could only sense things close to him,



at most ten meters away. But now, his vision range reached nearly 30 meters. The further away, the lower its accuracy in detecting energy variations.

The only weakness at the moment was that he had not yet understood how to sense the energy of lifeless things, for example, the ground and relief. This was a huge hindrance in a fight, especially when your opponent used sneaky attacks.

"Energy is present in everything, Kayden. Each thing releases energy differently. Most are undetectable. Remember that energy is different from electricity." This phrase repeated itself in Kayden's head all the time.

Kayden couldn't understand how electricity was different from energy. The boy didn't know how much time had passed and he didn't care. His focus was absolute. He had already gotten used to living blind. His vision had always been a crutch and in this training, he had the chance to change that.



