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The boy just sat there staring into the abyss while the rest of his class erected some walls and some signal towers, several mages were positioned in the towers to cast offensive spells and at the same time send signals to the other teams. 1

Kayden was not participating in this, as his agreement with Locke allowed him to act freely, only being used when necessary, he did not like commanding other people, it was boring and Kayden considered it a waste of time.

A trumpet sounded in the air, starting the test. In just a few minutes, Kayden saw a kind of wolf coming out of the abyss, it had black features and its paws released a kind of smoke with each step it took.

Instantly, Kayden recognized it as a shadow wolf, a beast capable of manipulating darkness to increase its speed and attack. The nearest tower released a signal warning the other teams, and in just a few seconds another five people arrived at the scene.

The wolf was slaughtered by several different

types of low mana cost spells, as soon as the beast died, the five members returned to the other towers. Locke organized a kind of quick distribution of soldiers that aimed to quickly eliminate the threat safely and at a low mana cost.

A few minutes later, another wolf appeared, it was practically identical to the first. Kayden asked the tower to wait so he would take care of the beast, as soon as the boy approached, he realized that the animal was not afraid and ran against him.

Using acceleration, Kayden took a deep breath and passed by the wolf while chopping its head off in one clean strike, not even a drop of blood spattered on its body. Kayden used a basic wind spell to throw the body into the abyss and watched as it was quickly swallowed by darkness.

Kayden decided to retreat and cultivate that first day, beasts at that level weren't even capable of making him sweat, and it would probably only start to get fun when there were animals at the 3rd level onwards.

The first day passed quickly with no classroom being disqualified, some suffered losses at the



end of the day and night, mainly because of not having a good shift routine and having their students tired on the first day.

Kayden's room managed to sleep peacefully, as Kayden, with the help of just a few people to signal him, managed to practically take care of the entire plain, the beasts barely lasted two moves against him.

The next day some second-level animals started to appear, but most of the students were at that level, making it nothing too difficult, just the number of animals increased considerably, there were just a few per hour, and now it easily reached one or two dozen per hour.

On that day, the first room was eliminated, they had the bad luck that some third-level beasts went up together and broke the entire chain of command. In Kayden's room, some also went up, but they were quickly dealt with by Kayden or Locke.

They also changed the location scheme by placing more students near the center of the plain, their strategy now was to take care of the places with the highest number of animal appearances, in addition, they preferred to let them rise completely, some wizards floated in

the air to pass on information.

At the end of the second day, a fourth-level beast rose on one end of the plain; it was a huge red bear nearly 3 meters tall. Kayden was watching him in the air and was impressed by the size of the animal, he had never seen anything so big before.

"Let me face him alone", Kayden asked Locke, this was a great opportunity to measure his physical strength. As he began to descend, the bear's eyes focused on Kayden.

ROAAR!

A huge roar came from the animal's mouth, causing the earth to shake. Practically everyone who heard this roar would be weakened by its full force; it was a psychological attack imbued with mana. Kayden didn't even feel any difference, his psychology was extremely robust. When the bear saw that it had no effect, he started running with all four paws on the ground towards Kayden.

The bear's every step shook the earth, and Kayden seemed tiny compared to the animal's size. As soon as they approached, the predator tried to grab Kayden.

The boy easily dodged it with a quick jump and stood above the bear, using a mana block. Its speed was fast enough that the bear wouldn't even be able to react if Kayden wanted to bring the katana down vertically on its skull.

The bear instantly rolled over when it realized where Kayden was and tried to claw at him as soon as it recovered. The claw was almost Kayden's size and...

Clang!

Kayden defended with his katana and managed not to be pushed back even an inch. The bear was confused for a moment, this had never happened before. Normally his physical strength was capable of giving him an advantage even against beasts of higher levels than him.

Kayden ran into the bear at high speed. As soon as he got close, he made a vertical cut against the bear's shoulder, opening an immense and deep cut that was capable of exposing the animal's bone.

ROAAR!

Another even louder roar came from the bear. This was his final attack, which consumed his vitality to be used. The moment he felt his life at

risk, he abandoned any reservations instantly.

And even so, Kayden didn't feel any weakness, unlike the people who watched the fight and felt tired just watching the confrontation. The bear used its claw again against Kayden and was defended once again.

Finally, it became clear to Kayden why humans should be superior on the same level as beasts. It was simply a question of rationality. The bear never needed to learn anything difficult, his brute strength combined with his weakening ability was more than enough for him to dominate the environment in which he lived.

"Questions like that popped into a lot of people's minds when they saw Kayden go toe-to-toe with a bear of that level of strength." Within seconds, Kayden got tired and decided to end this fight quickly.

BOOOM!

The bear dodged with a speed that didn't match its size.

BOOOM!

Kayden's second ray hit him squarely, leaving his fur burned and causing failure in some of his

vital organs. As soon as he suffered that damage, he tried to run and...

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