

## 219 kingdom of the enlightened

Virtually all of their food was raised in artificial greenhouses that accelerated food growth, while meat was imported from other countries at high cost. Before, Kayden didn't know what technique or knowledge he could offer them that was of a high level, but after his experiences in the bubble, he developed the blood along with the mana. This should be enough for him to enjoy the large libraries. 1

After a few minutes, Kayden was called by the dean. This was a special invitation made to a few people. It was rare for a kingdom to invite a student, but it was reasonable considering Kayden's performance over the past few years. The director's office was something unique. It was a room that was floating in the sky. It wasn't even a room, just a platform that was floating in the air. Anyone could go to him at any time. Logically, the dean slapped anyone who went into superficial matters out of heaven.

Kayden rose alone and found the dean sitting at a table at least 5 meters long and filled with papers. There was a fireplace burning in the center of the room and two armchairs



surrounding the fire. In addition, there were some shelves with books and another full of sweet foods, practically a mountain of treats of different types, but always sweet, not even salty food.

"Hello, Kayden," the dean was the first to greet Kayden. Along with him, there was a relatively young woman sitting in one of the armchairs. Kayden remembered her from somewhere, but the feeling was just familiarity.

"This is General Ravena, she will be responsible for accompanying you during your visit", the woman looked no more than twenty years old. His hair was completely red and his skin was extremely white. It felt like the sun could burn your skin with just a little contact. Her stature was short and her body didn't have much padding other than some impressive curves. Kayden didn't care about the woman's beauty; he was already used to the exaggerated beauty of superior magicians.

"Hello, General," Kayden greeted with a slight bow and one hand above his heart clenched into fists. This attitude made the woman raise an



eyebrow; it was the standard military greeting, but that was it, she didn't even respond to Kayden.

The boy didn't care and just turned to the dean, who just shrugged. The woman was upset about having to take care of a mere child. Even though Kayden was an adult practically the same age, she saw him as a child, it made her seem like a child to her. This order came directly from Azir, she had no way of refusing.

"You will stay for 7 months and must return for the first day of school of the fourth year. We don't have any championships in the third year, so don't worry about that. Your expenses will be paid by the kingdom of the Enlightened, but I don't think you need to worry about money", Kayden was easily among the 100 richest people in the kingdom. "Ravena will remain by your side 24 hours a day throughout this period. You should have no security concerns. You will leave as soon as you are ready."

Kayden thanked the dean and turned to the sullen woman beside him.



"Can we go now?" Kayden's sentence caught them both by surprise. The boy was only carrying a katana and the clothes on his back. The woman didn't care and, after a nod from the dean, just floated with Kayden into the sky and left at high speed.

Kayden couldn't even discern the shapes on the ground, the speed was ridiculously high. Ravena also placed a bubble spell around the two of them so the wind wouldn't hurt Kayden. The boy didn't care about this silent game and just started cultivating while standing.

After his improvements, his cultivation speed once again increased, and within seconds he entered a sort of trance and stopped caring about the afterworld. Ravena just frowned.

"Let's see how long you can last without communicating", thought the woman. She knew that humans with lower realms were not used to long periods without human interaction, and at one time or another, they would have to stop to sleep.

Unfortunately, that thought was proven wrong when Kayden spent over 24 hours cultivating without a care in the world. The trip should take around two weeks, the longest part was passing through other territories and confirming your identity, there was a speed limit at which foreigners could fly within different kingdoms.

Time passed quickly, with Ravena having a flea behind her ear with each hour that passed. She knew Kayden was special, but going days without sleeping or eating? This was ridiculous in his view.

Fortunately, Kayden could force his body into a state of hibernation and work on a ridiculously low amount of nutrients. He could easily go three weeks without eating or drinking. Your limit should be 1 month without drinking anything and 2 months without eating.

"Hey, kid, did you have the forbidden sleep surgery?" Her voice was unable to reach Kayden, and only after she threw ice water on him did the boy wake up, and only after a few minutes of cold shower.



"Sorry, I was focused." Focused? He was practically in a trance.

"Did you do the forbidden surgery?" Ravena's voice was harsh as she looked into Kayden's eyes. His reprimanding tone didn't escape Kayden, who quickly decided to set limits. He was not a subordinate in this relationship.

"It's forbidden to common people. I'm not common. I'm cultivating. Please don't call me for trivial things." With that, he closed his eyes and didn't see the tone of fury rising in the woman.

Kayden reached a point where he only needed to respect the state's top leaders. Mere transitional mages couldn't even make him tremble. Azir had her back and had heavy soul contracts on everyone in the kingdom, so there was no chance of her freaking out and attacking him.

Every day that Kayden spent in this state, he felt a slight change in his mana. In some places, it seemed hotter, in others colder. Furthermore, his attitude seemed to be different depending on the environment. At times, it seemed chaotic and alive, while at other times, dead and neutral. He didn't know why, he hadn't even seen it



before in his entire life.

A few days later, Kayden was woken up by the same cold water treatment. This time, it was even worse, as the environment was ridiculously cold. Plus, the air felt a little thinner. Kayden has become very sensitive to the amount of oxygen because of his technique. After warming his body by circulating his blood, he turned around and saw a huge mountain with a city at its base and several structures rising the slope. The higher up the mountain, the fewer buildings there were.

The city stretched out at the foot of the imposing mountain, its structures rising amid the icy and snowy landscape. Tall towers, made of stone and enchanted ice, dotted the mountainside, each telling its own story of ancient times. The streets were narrow and winding, paved with hard-packed ice and fresh snow, while the buildings displayed robust, resilient architecture designed to withstand the harsh elements of the climate.

The predominant color was light blue and dark blue. The structures were mostly made of ice



blocks with magical runes. The weak sun that illuminated the city caused the runes to glow a shade of white. Some houses had chimneys that released colorless smoke that disappeared as soon as it touched the outside air.

What protected the city was an immense, ridiculously high wall made of blocks of some completely black material, the light did not reflect on the structure, giving a threatening and fearful air to the wall. The city was not that big, much smaller than the capital of the Sun Kingdom. This was because only people above the first kingdom could live there and they had to be people with decent achievements in at least one area, be it trade or in the studies.

Other than that, the other impressive feature was a huge river that ran through the city in half. It came directly from the mountain and extended throughout the city. It had its exit at one of the points on the wall, where it was possible to see some magical boats floating in the water, lightly moored in a large wooden space.

The two spent a few minutes floating in the air while waiting to be received. They were not

ordinary visitors who would pass by the wall; His arrival deserved correct recognition from the government of the Illuminated. Within a few minutes, an elderly man appeared in the air.

He was extremely old, he seemed to be someone who had lived much longer than nature allowed. His skin was full of wrinkles, and his hair was completely white, but it didn't have a single flaw and it filled his scalp. Furthermore, he was wearing a tunic with a print of a wizard reading a book. His body seemed to be supported by a staff of transparent ice.