# 249 The rhino

He prepared his mana room with a high density and placed several treasures on the ground so that the mana was constant and would not drop by surprise, in addition, he cleaned up all the second realm beasts in the region so there was no risk of being attacked underground. 1

After all the preparations, Kayden circulated his mana until the moment of rupture and... waited for the mana in the environment to normalize, only when he was sure that he would not suffer a lack of mana in the process that began to make the folds in his body.

The last time he did this process was a long time ago, Kayden was approaching having spent more time in the abyss than on the surface, leaving that aside, he soon reached the sweet spot of mana to do the bending.

He didn't even feel pain as the two mana merged into a single density, it was quick and painless, just like the next fold, in just a few minutes Kayden reached three folds and didn't even need to concentrate fully.

Without wasting any time, he continued pulling out mana and bending it on himself, the fourth

bend finally showed a bit of difficulty and caused him to feel a bit of pain, but it was nothing ridiculous and in a few minutes, he finished this bend.

The fifth one was done with a lot of pain and he had to concentrate a lot, it took long minutes to accumulate mana and finally, he was able to converge the two types of mana into one, his veins didn't suffer at all from the process and he continued without paying attention.

This time he took more than an hour just accumulating mana to be able to perform the bending, his veins began to burst similar to when he was in the first realm, in the same way he made a support using mana and gradually finished the mana merge. .

It was difficult, but nothing compared to what he would face now, Kayden began to accumulate mana and expected to have to do this for a few hours and he was right, his veins began to burst as the accumulated mana reached an absurd point.

Unfortunately, he had nothing to do, as he felt that he was still far from the ideal point to converge the two types of mana. Without any fear, Kayden continued the process, and slowly three days passed before he reached the ideal

point.

At this moment, all the veins in his body were completely swollen and cracked at different points, his body was being supported by his will and mana, and every time he converged the two types of mana he felt like something was about to explode.

BOOM!

His left arm was completely ripped from his body when a mana vein burst beyond the point of recovery and the others followed suit, Kayden didn't expect the pressure from seven folds to be so strong, calmly he continued the process, and that was all. or nothing at this point.

Every second made him closer to the end of the process, luckily his only damage was a lost arm, a few minutes later Kayden took a deep breath as he completed the process fully and achieved seven bends. Letting the world complete its advance normally, Kayden just waited patiently.

While recovering his body by circulating his blood at high speed, Kayden also began to apply some neutral mana healing magic all over his body, it wasn't anything too strong, but after treating it for a few hours he was as good as new.

At least for the most part, his arm was still missing and looked like it would take time to grow back, leaving that aside, Kayden began to test his new strength, the bends combined with the perfect advances made his strength much greater than before. should be. He was at the same level of strength as if he were at the ninth level under the same circumstances.

The loss of his arm was not something that had a huge impact on his fighting style, he could wield the katana with just one hand and after a few months of training, he would be able to learn to fight with the imbalance of having one less arm. 1

Over the next few days, he started thinking about a new idea to be able to double his body's mana more easily and without the possibility of dying in the process. He could simply take all the mana out of his body and increase its density outside of it.

That... was a completely ridiculous idea and as soon as Kayden started to drain the mana from his body, he felt like he was going to die, the closer he got to having little mana, the greater the pain and the greater the feeling of death.

It was the most ridiculous pain he had ever felt in his entire life, even facing the eye at that

time wasn't that painful, Kayden didn't understand why taking the mana from his body caused something so strong.

As he didn't want to find out about himself, he started doing tests on magical beasts around him, he took the mana from their bodies up to a certain limit, and when they passed that limit they simply went completely crazy, but... they remained alive and could still survive.

This limit was to have only 0.5% of mana remaining in their bodies, this mana was not the mana stored in cores or something like that but came from the body itself, after lowering more than that, Kayden discovered that at half that value they died.

So the sweet spot was between 0.25% and 0.5% mana remaining in the body. That was the level Kayden wanted to reach, but every time he got to 1%, his body would start to feel ridiculous pain and his entire brain would work to stop him from continuing.

This wasn't something he could do overnight and that's why Kayden started dedicating 15 minutes of his day to this and continuing his normal activities, it would still be a long time before he needed to use this mana drain.

He went back to his normal routine, this time he had another special thing he was also doing, and that was hunting a third realm beast that was easy to fight, this took a few months. His target was a yellow rhino with a red horn, Kayden studied him for a few weeks and his only strong point was his physical strength, he didn't have any element supporting his strength. One day, the rhino was walking through its habitat, its body was completely immense and easily weighed more than a ton, it was the king of several hundred kilometers and...

BOOOM!

Lightning erupted above him, taking him by surprise. His body received the attack full on and the smell of burning flesh began to permeate the air. Instantly, he began to look around for whoever had attacked him. Unfortunately for him, Kayden was camouflaged with some techniques and only when he manipulated the mana to release the second beam, the rhino recognized the boy's direction.

"You will pay for your courage!" Kayden heard this in his mind, it wasn't words, it was a handful of information transmitted by mana, something only third-realm beasts could begin to do.

Without responding, Kayden braced himself as the huge rhinoceros came at him, the horn that was once dull red began to glow, and even the air around him began to sizzle, this was not in the information Kayden gathered. Without any fear, he went in front of the horn with his katana and...

he was thrown dozens of meters backward. He only stopped flying when he crashed into a tree, without pausing to breathe, the rhino was on top of him again.

BOOOM!

Kayden used an aura slash that crossed the sound barrier and exploded over the rhino's back, a large but not very deep cut was opened on the beast's side. Kayden managed to narrowly dodge the animal's attack and this time stuck the katana into one of the beast's eyes.

An animalistic roar of pain resounded for dozens of meters, Kayden immediately moved away after the attack and fired a bolt of lightning at the animal. Even after all these injuries, the beast's strength did not drop and it threw itself at Kayden again.

BOOOM!

Another aura slash opened an even bigger hole in the same spot as before. Kayden managed to perform this attack but had to automatically use the katana against the horn to suppress the attack force he was receiving.

CRACK!

CRACK!

His body passed through two trees before stabilizing. This exchange of attacks was not advantageous for Kayden. Realizing this, he began to try to play for wear and tear, several of his attacks were thrown from a distance and it

was difficult for him to get completely close to the beast.

His lightning continued to fall and his aura slashes continued to cut, after almost 3 hours of fighting, Kayden was starting to feel tired, he had several broken bones and dozens of bruises.

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