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The environment was destroyed, with Kayden having crashed through several trees, but the rhino wasn't doing much better; His two eyes were destroyed, meaning he could only move through a spiritual sense, and with Kayden's speed, he could not keep up with the attacks. 1

SWISH!

This time, an aura slash even greater than all the others came out of Kayden's katana and reached the beast in less than a second. The attack was delivered in the same location as several others and finally managed to penetrate far enough for the beast's guts to begin to fall out. At this moment, the horn began to cool slightly. Without missing this opportunity, Kayden unleashed another beam on the beast and went into closer combat, than...

"Shit" proved to be a mistake when Kayden realized that the rhino's vitality was ridiculously high and even though he was

almost dead, he still had ridiculous strength. Kayden had to defend himself again and was thrown into the wind. This time, his arm broke in an awkward position, with his shoulder completely dislocated from his body. Kayden didn't even blink as he continued unleashing aura and lightning attacks.

Whenever the rhinoceros started to get close to him, small streams of mana would shoot out from the ground and impede his movement. Additionally, Kayden began simulating several clones with a mana signature identical to his.

Its lightning changed color and began to fall without stopping. The environment quickly became congested with electricity and Kayden was already expecting it. His lightning began to be launched using elemental mana as a base. All these skills alone would have ended the fight, but Kayden was taking the opportunity to train with all his new spells.

Then, a giant pentagram over 50 meters tall appeared on the ground and began to rotate rapidly. In just a few seconds, there was no

more sound or smell in the room. Furthermore, the animal's sense of touch was messed up, as if dozens of different sensations were passing through its body at the same time. Another pentagram appeared above in the sky, this one was black and all the mana in the surroundings started to feel strange and listless. It became difficult for any spell to move around inside, even the rhino's recovery was weakened, as he no longer had access to mana.

Kayden still had dozens of other spells, but it was time to end this battle. Wasting no time, he snapped his fingers and the two pentagrams collapsed and the mana around the beast simply...

BOOOOM!

The mana exploded in direct contact with the animal and this time it suffered a lot, to the point of no longer being able to get up. Kayden wasted no time and bombarded his body with dozens of aura slashes until his head rolled onto the ground. Kayden was looking at his hand.

"I'm over the hump," Kayden smiled for the first time in over a decade. This fight would have been much more difficult if he hadn't learned the dozens of spells from Han and other books. The boy mentally thanked Han.

Without wasting any time, he took out the rhino's body and began to fly away. He was too weak to fight any other animals that might have been drawn into the battle. It made him realize how out of shape he was.

In the past, he wouldn't get tired of spending hours throwing aura slashes, but this time he felt his body slightly stiffened by the effort. Kayden believed he was out of shape, but the truth is that the force he was wielding was too strong and his level of wear and tear was ridiculous.

Over the next few months, Kayden continued facing beasts one realm above his rank and eating their flesh. Outside of his expectations, he had several battles won. Something he noticed was that there weren't many beasts in the third rank that ascended with a lot of

lightning.

For the most part, he would say that they were beasts that got 3 rays when advancing, only a select minority got four and these were the most difficult battles, especially against beasts that had more combat experience and knew how to use their element to an excellent level.

The latter only posed a danger when they managed to suppress their mana dominance, which most four-rayed beasts were. This spell was something that Kayden developed using everything he learned during this period. It relied on a huge circle being raised on the ground and caused the 300-meter mana around Kayden to become thickened and under his control.

This meant that he was able to destroy his opponents' spell before they even crossed a few meters toward him. Unfortunately, only the weakest beasts were capable of being suppressed like this.

Time passed and when Kayden reached 16 years in the abyss, he broke through to the eighth level of the second realm, but that was not his main gain in these two years, but rather

his ability to make pills in the second realm. They were weak and had ridiculously low effects, but it was still a huge quality improvement. For example, now he could use some pills to speed up his recovery from injuries. It wasn't anything ridiculous, but it managed to shorten the time.

Another thing was his arm finally growing back. Kayden had a spell being used as a base that caused the body to seek to return to its model state that was previously chosen for Kayden a few years ago. It was practically a restoration point where his body would return as long as he stimulated it with mana in the right way.

The addition of Kayden's missing member didn't make much of a difference to him; his combat style just had to be perfected for the addition of the new member. Slowly, he continued to fight and brave the abyss. He had already stopped walking in circles and knew how to get around well in there. His almanac already had more than 500 pages of useful content.

Furthermore, he began to move further and further away from areas where he had his resting spots. At this point, he practically had to walk a long way before finding one of them,

and only when he went backward. Kayden was determined to explore different parts of the abyss.

During his stay, he passed through different biomes and noticed how each biome had its uniqueness. Sand biomes were more capable of producing defensive and resilient beasts, while snow biomes produced more birds. It was probably because of natural selection, only the fittest could survive and pass on their offspring.

When he turned 17 in the abyss, Kayden was able to make pills that helped with cultivation. The operation was like small mana storage supported by leaves capable of absorbing large amounts of mana and releasing them slowly. All of his advancements as an alchemist were because of his high mana control. The time it took him was practically the same as it would take someone to start making peak first-realm pills.

The main difficulty for every alchemist was the subtlety in perceiving variations in mana in the product. A year later, he managed to reach the ninth level. It wasn't difficult for him at all, it was practically natural to advance, and his

strength was ridiculously high with the interruptions maximized.

Practically the first three levels of the third realm no longer posed any challenge to him. The beast could have three or four beams and he would still completely slaughter it. He also had a multitude of spells and became a fighter with a wide range of skills. His focus was still on lightning and katana, but now several support spells supported his combat.

Kayden estimated that it would take at least another five years for him to fully maximize the second realm and that was assuming he continued cultivating and taking pills daily.

The concepts were left aside, in fact, there was only one that came naturally to him and that was the concept of distance. The amount he walked in these years was beyond ridiculous and could easily bypass the entire human empire several times over.

Kayden was sitting in his metal box cultivating normally when he felt a cat appear on the surface. Instantly, he stopped what he was doing and began camouflaging his location with

fake mana points.

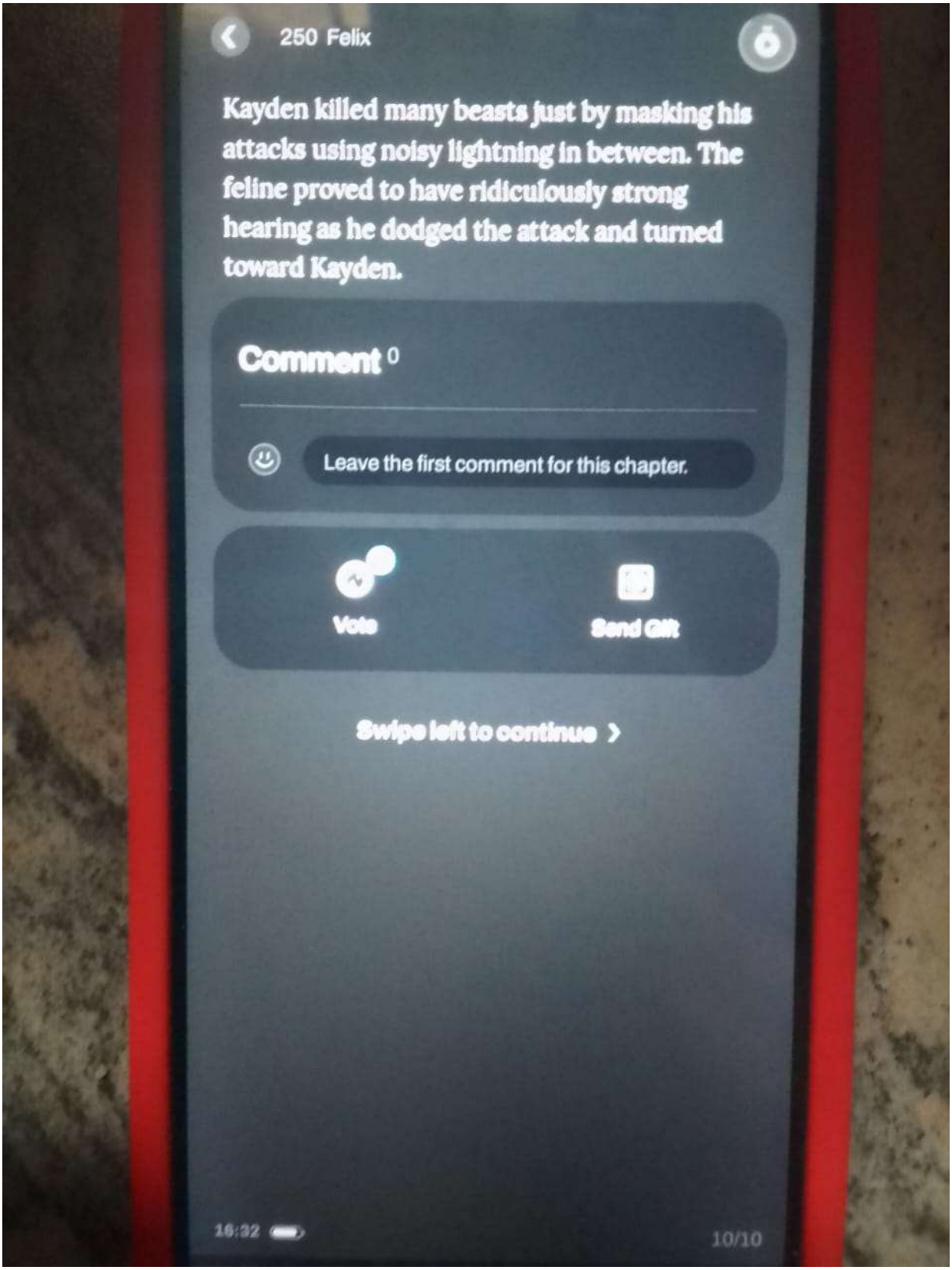
Within seconds, everything was stored in his ring and Kayden was leaving almost a hundred meters ahead of where he was previously. As soon as he went up, he saw a small, completely black feline with white paws and intense golden eyes. She was at the third level of the second realm.

BOOOM!

Kayden threw lightning without even thinking twice and saw the beast dodge easily. Its mana domain dropped and this time the beast became more cautious. She found Kayden when she searched the center of this domain.

SWISH!

Kayden's aura slash made the sound of cutting through the wind. It still broke the sound barrier, but that noise was masked by a nullification spell. Its noise was now extremely low and amid confusion, it would be unnoticeable.


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Kayden killed many beasts just by masking his attacks using noisy lightning in between. The feline proved to have ridiculously strong hearing as he dodged the attack and turned toward Kayden.
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