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"The Evil God preaches, and it is similar to how other deities preach, but the means employed are bloody and eerie."

"Evil Gods divide and preach."

"Because deities are also restricted by the Heavenly Dao, a great Evil God often divides its own Divine Body into many First Grade, Second Grade, or Third Grade 'Divine Remains', spreading them throughout the lower-grade state boundaries of Nine State, to disseminate the Evil Path to the greatest extent, feeding on the degenerate desires of humans, nourishing itself

"Preaching divine statues, parasitizing flesh, nurturing desires, devouring human hearts

"Evil Gods also require 'ritual offerings', using human flesh and Divine Sense as offerings."

"Especially the distorted desires rooted deep in human hearts, the filthy sins within cause and effect, and the bloody and fervent beliefs are considered premium offerings for Evil Gods

Lord Yellow Mountain pondered, then summed up:

"Hence, if you ever encounter bizarre divine statues, weird cultivators, Demon Monsters' altars, flesh as offerings, and distorted sins... They are most likely related to Evil Gods."

Do not hesitate; run as far as you can."

"Right!" Mo Hua vigorously nodded, then blinked and humbly asked, "What if I can't run away?"

Lord Yellow Mountain shook his head, "Then I have no solution."

"You are a Mountain God, and you have no solution either?"

Lord Yellow Mountain felt a bit aggrieved:

"How can a Mountain God fight against an Evil God

Let alone an Evil God, I probably can't even beat you, a little cultivator kid...

Lord Yellow Mountain silently grumbled internally.

"Really not a single solution?" Mo Hua asked again.

Lord Yellow Mountain glanced at Mo Hua, pondered for a moment, and then slowly said:

"If you're fortunate in the future and learn a Formation that can restrain deities, maybe you can fight

Mo Hua was stunned, then his spirits lifted, his eyes sparkling.

"A Formation that can restrain deities?!"

"Yes Lord Yellow Mountain nodded, then suddenly became alert, "Just don't use it against me

"Don't worry, you're not an Evil God!" Mo Hua reassured Lord Yellow Mountain, "Besides, we're good friends now."

Although Lord Yellow Mountain didn't fully agree with the term "good friends," he didn't dare to object.

Friends are always better than enemies.

"What's different about a Formation that can restrain deities, compared to ordinary Formations?" Mo Hua eagerly inquired.

He never expected that inquiring about deities would lead to new secret Formation insights from Lord Yellow Mountain.

Lord Yellow Mountain nodded, "Naturally

He sighed, looked up through the broken temple roof, and lamented:

"Heaven and earth have the Great Dao, the Dao transforms myriad things, and all are Law."

"Formations are one of those myriad transformations of the Great Dao, except they are closer to the origin of the Great Dao."

"Great Dao is myriad, thus Formations are also myriad, with diverse categories and differing rules."

Lord Yellow Mountain turned to Mo Hua, "The Formations commonly used by your Human Race are mostly based on natural forces like the Five Elements and Eight Trigrams; however, their root is using Divine Sense, comprehending the Heavenly Dao, employing Laws, and manifesting through natural spiritual powers like the Five Elements and Eight Trigrams

"In Formations, both Divine Thought Power and the power of the Five Elements and Eight Trigrams are incorporated."

"Different Formations emphasize natural spiritual power and Divine Thought Power differently."

"For dealing with humans, natural spiritual power based on the Five Elements and Eight Trigrams is primarily used."

"But to confront deities

Lord Yellow Mountain paused, corrected himself, "To confront 'Evil Gods

He emphasized the words "Evil Gods" heavily, implying I'm not an Evil God, don't come after me.

Mo Hua nodded understandingly.

Lord Yellow Mountain then continued, "To confront Evil Gods, emphasis in the Formation must be on 'Divine Thought Power'."

"The laws of heaven and earth harm the tangible with tangibles and the intangible with intangibles."

"Bodily spiritual power is 'tangible'."

"Blood Qi turning into Strength, spiritual power morphing into Spells, can harm 'tangible' flesh, meridians, and Qi Sea."

"Divine Thought is 'intangible'."

"A deity's essence is a certain type of Divine Thought condensed from all spirits between heaven and earth. Without knowing the Lifebound Divine Statue, only Divine Thought Power can harm the 'intangible' deity."

"Therefore, in ancient times, some powerful Ancient Cultivators, in order to restrain Evil Gods, manifested a part of the cosmic rules to create Formations that could maximize the use of Divine Thought Power."

"These kinds of Formations focus on the 'intangible' divine and lessen the 'tangible' force, possessing strong restraining effects against secretive deities but having weak killing power against ordinary cultivators."

"Some Ancient Cultivators collectively referred to these Formations as

Lord Yellow Mountain's gaze intensified, showing deep reverence.

"Divine Tao Arrays!"

Divine Tao Arrays...

Mo Hua was deeply shocked, holding his breath.

This name sounded both cool and powerful!

Wanted to learn!

Mo Hua's eyes glowed with excitement, unable to resist asking:

"How do I learn the Divine Tao Array

Lord Yellow Mountain shook his head, "I am a Minor Mountain God, neither a human nor a Formation Master, how would I know

"Moreover, through the many years of the Cultivation World, much of the ancient Formations established by Ancient Cultivators have been lost; even if you want to find them, it's not easy."

"Even if you find them, they're tough to learn."

"If they are sealed within some massive Tao Cultivation powers and considered a 'taboo,' it is even more impossible to let you learn."

Mo Hua felt a bit disappointed, "Such important things shouldn't they be passed down through generations, to be further glorified?"

Lord Yellow Mountain profoundly said, "In ancient times, the Human Race was vulnerable, and the greatest killers were Demon Monsters, Heavenly Demons, and Evil Gods."

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"After the Human Race grew strong, the ones who killed the most were humans themselves."

"This kind of Formation that restrains deities, how can it possibly be more important than a 'man-killing' Formation?"

Mo Hua was stunned, showing a thoughtful expression.

"And moreover

Lord Yellow Mountain slightly raised his long eyebrows, his eyes revealing a trace of pride:

"Since it's a 'Divine Way' Formation, capable of unleashing the ultimate Divine Thought Power, how could an ordinary Cultivator just learn, understand, or transmit it as they wish?"

"Deities of Heaven and Earth, with overwhelming majestic power, how could they be easily restrained?"

"If someone with weak Divine Thoughts recklessly tries to violate the taboo and desecrate deities, they will surely end up with no place for their corpse!" Mo Hua felt a chill in his heart and then looked at Lord Yellow Mountain with puzzlement.

Lord Yellow Mountain, unsettled by Mo Hua's innocent gaze, immediately softened his "proud" expression and spoke gently and humbly:

"Of course, this is all what I've heard. I, a mere Downcast Mountain God, don't know much

Mo Hua looked at Lord Yellow Mountain with a deep gaze.

Lord Yellow Mountain smiled outwardly, but inside, he was extremely nervous.

Fortunately, Mo Hua did not delve deeper, but instead asked another question:

"The 'Divine Way' Formation can restrain deities, but what about 'Divine Thought into Sword'? Does it also involve a Formation?"

Lord Yellow Mountain sighed in relief and explained:

"That's another matter."

"Another matter?"

"Yes," Lord Yellow Mountain nodded, "Not all Cultivators in this world know Formations."

"Those who can't learn Formations and need to kill Evil Gods or other powerful Evil Spirits have to 'find another way."

Divine Thought into Sword' is exactly that."

"Without knowledge of Formations, and with insufficient Divine Sense, one substitutes swords for Formations, integrating Sword Qi into Divine Thoughts, transforming it into Sword Intent, creating powerful Divine Thought Slaughter Power."

Lord Yellow Mountain lamented, "Humans may be weak, but indeed have extraordinary intellect."

"So," Mo Hua asked again, "what's the difference between 'Divine Thought into Sword' and 'Divine Way' Formation?"

Lord Yellow Mountain thought for a moment and nodded:

Divine Way' Formation is primarily about suppression and restraint, which can be considered a kind of 'Sealing.'"

Divine Thought into Sword,' on the other hand, is purely about slaughter."

Mo Hua asked curiously: "So, does that mean 'Divine Way' Formation isn't as powerful as 'Divine Thought into Sword'?"

Lord Yellow Mountain said somewhat helplessly:

"How can these be compared? Those who know Formations would definitely prioritize learning 'Divine Way' Formation, while those who know Swordsmanship but not Formations would learn 'Divine Thought into Sword."

"The two are utterly different, one is 'Sealing,' the other is 'Killing

"Human's Divine Sense is inherently weaker and cannot be compared with a deity's Divine Thoughts."

"To truly kill an Evil God, a human's Divine Sense Realm must be much higher than that of the deity. Moreover, it's likely to be a pyrrhic victory, where even if one succeeds, it comes with great loss."

"If they fail, it results in God Destruction and Path Obliteration."

Divine Thought into Sword' itself is hard to learn, and confronting Evil Gods directly leads to many deaths."

Divine Way' Formation is different; although it might not kill an Evil God or some powerful Evil Spirits, by using the Formation to meticulously trap and successfully suppress the Evil Beings, it maintains peace to some extent and allows for 'overcoming the strong with the weak.'"

Mo Hua suddenly realized and then asked: "Can deities use Formations?"

This question had been on his mind for a long time.

Back then in the Sea of Consciousness, he fought with that golden eyeball.

Initially, the eyeball couldn't tell whether he was a human or a deity.

Later, when he used a Formation, the eyeball immediately determined that he wasn't a "deity."

Mo Hua guessed that perhaps the deities of this world couldn't use Formations?

Lord Yellow Mountain indeed said: "Deities can't use Formations."

"Why?" Mo Hua was very curious.

Lord Yellow Mountain replied: "Deities are naturally endowed, born with the Dao of Heaven and Earth, inherently containing some special Dao origins."

"And Formations, too, are manifestations of Dao Laws."

"A Formation encompassing myriad Daos, if its Laws match the deity's innate, then the deity inherently knows them without needing to learn or use Formations."

"If the origins differ, the Formation repels the deity's own Dao, making it impossible for the deity to learn or use them."

"A deity's strength lies in the 'purity' of its Dao."

"The more powerful a deity, the deeper its inherent Dao origin. But at the same time, it repels other Laws more strongly and cannot comprehend other Daos."

"Human beings are different; their Innate Great Dao is weak, so they can continually learn, comprehend Formations, and manipulate the Dao Laws in nature by using Formations."

Mo Hua suddenly understood.

In simple terms, deities inherently know, so they don't need to learn.

Cultivators are inherently lacking, so they must comprehend Formations.

In other words...

Deities are naturally advantaged, inherently embracing part of the Dao's origin, so they can't learn other Laws.

Cultivators start with nothing, not favored by the Dao, yet they can control myriad Formations and comprehend the heavens' Dao through learning.

This is like...

Mo Hua pondered for a moment, his eyes suddenly brightening:

"Having it is beneficial, not having it is functional?"

Lord Yellow Mountain's pupils sharply contracted, struggling to speak, and after a long time, it murmured back:

"That's the principle

Yet, in its gaze towards Mo Hua, there was a hint of covert incredulity.