

## Medical M 1171

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Chapter 1171: Because He Took a Pee...

“Clever move.”

Lin Qingyi applauded with a smile.

“Indeed. You pulled off this remarkable feat at such a young age. John Doe, you’re really great”

“How did he do that? I did not notice anything, and now the danger is already over?!”

“The avalanche came at full force, so our young friend John Doe must have resorted to some formidable means. Otherwise, he couldn’t have blocked the mountainous waves of snow so easily.”

“It seems we are all very curious.”

Patriarch Qian grinned and said to Fang Qiu, “Young man, why don’t you reveal what you did to clear our doubts and satisfy everyone’s curiosity?”

As soon as he made this request, everyone smiled and immediately clamored for answers from John Doe.

“So, now you want to steal my martial skills after sending me to do the laborious work?”

Fang Qiu sneered and said reproachfully, “You disrespectful old guys, don’t you feel ashamed?”

“What are you talking about?”

Diwu Mingchuan was the first to get up. Posing as a man of moral integrity, he protested, "How can you regard us Wulin people as thieves? Besides, have you ever come across anyone who steals martial art skills in such a flagrant way? It should be considered as a technical exchange."

"Absolutely!"

Elder Zhan also said with a smile, "You are a junior, and we old fellows are more experienced than you. Go ahead and perform your martial arts, so we can give you some practical advice. You should cherish this rare chance to improve your skills."

Fang Qiu was speechless.

He finally saw through these elders.

They were a group of old hooligans.

These old rascals must have had a devil-may-care attitude even when they were young. Although they are much older now, their deep-rooted bad habits remained unchanged. They were just better at hiding these evil traits deep in their hearts.

Rumble! Rumble! Rumble!

Behind their coach, the thunderous roars of rolling snow waves were still reverberating deep in the mountains.

The two drivers standing outside the coach were scared silly by the appalling scene in front of them.

They got back into the coach, looking at their passengers in consternation.

"Who, who the hell are you?"

The driver, who was also a tour guide, observed them and asked in a trembling voice.

“Ha-ha.”

His question amused everyone in the coach, and they couldn’t help laughing out loud.

“We are all normal people.”

Diwu Mingchuan smiled, pointed at Fang Qiu, and said, “But, this guy is out of his mind. You can lock him up in a mental hospital.”

“Yes, he is a complete nutcase.”

“He dared to face the avalanche at the risk of his life. Anyone who will do that must be crazy.”

Everyone nodded.

Fang Qiu was rendered speechless and did not know what to say to justify himself.

“That’s sheer nonsense! Don’t believe them.”

Fang Qiu said with a wry smile, “Let’s carry on with our journey. I observed the route you took and didn’t find any branch road. Since an avalanche just happened, you can’t go back the same way we came. I suppose there should be another way ahead for you to go back, right?”

The two drivers nodded mechanically.

“Then drive.”

Fang Qiu said, waving his hand.

In the coach, the two drivers frantically rushed to drive. They lost their initial chattiness and remained silent for the rest of the journey.

However, the lively atmosphere in the coach did not change at all.

These old codgers were still animatedly talking about the beautiful scenery outside the window as if nothing had happened. Occasionally, bursts of merry laughter could be heard.

Unlike them, Fang Qiu had been observing the surroundings.

The coach was going deeper and deeper into the snowy mountains. Fang Qiu noticed they had reached an area with no signs of human habitation, which was even beyond the reach of those professional expeditions.

Fang Qiu didn't think the two drivers had been here before because they were using maps on their phones to navigate.

Lin Qingyi must have paid them a lot of money. Otherwise, the two drivers wouldn't risk their lives to bring them here.

Forty minutes later, the two drivers finally located the main road shown on their mobile navigation. It had been buried deep under the heavy snow, and no one had ever ventured to the site for at least half a year.

"Stop the bus!"

While the elderly people were still chatting animatedly away in the coach, Lin Qingyi jumped to his feet and called out. He swiftly grabbed his backpack from the compartment and said while slinging it on his back, "It's time to alight from the coach."

One after another, the rest of them got up, carrying their backpacks on their backs.

The driver quickly pulled up.

In their eyes, this group of people were simply not in their right minds.

They feared they would get some kind of mental disease when they stayed too long in the company of these lunatics!

Frankly, they had wanted to go back for a long time already.

However, there was no chance of doing so, so they could go on moving forward.

This time, Lin Qingyi's words sounded like an amnesty to them, and they instantly let out a long sigh of relief!

Before long, all their passengers had alighted from the coach with their backpacks.

Led by Lin Qingyi, they walked toward the snow-clad mountains with their backpacks on their backs after getting off the coach.

"Hurry up. Let's go!"

The reserve driver urged.

"Let's see if they left anything behind. Otherwise, they would catch up with us later," the other driver said cautiously.

The two of them got up to check.

Unexpectedly...

As soon as the two drivers stood up, the group of people, who had walked 30 or 40 meters away from the coach, suddenly zoomed forward with flying leaps, as if they had defied the earth's tremendous gravity pull. They abruptly jumped high up in the air and began to walk on the snow with vigorous strides. Like a dragonfly skimming the surface of the water, they streaked into the depths of these snow mountains.

The two drivers were stunned by such an astounding sight!

They froze on the spot as they watched their insane passengers for a long time.

They turned to look at each other in horrified disbelief when the group was out of sight. From their partner's eyes, both of them learned the other party was also shaken to the core, and neither was able to speak for a long period of time.

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Whoosh! Whoosh!

The piercingly cold wind blew through the snow mountains and whistled by Fang Qiu's ears.

Following behind Lin Qingyi, everyone flew at the same speed.

Lin Qingyi was only a Half-step Guru, after all. With his current strength, he couldn't fly. Besides, none of the leaders of the eight factions and sixteen sects were as powerful as a guru.

Although the four patriarchs and Master Numinous could fly, they didn't do so and just followed Lin Qingyi all the way in silence.

Anyway, Lin Qingyi's speed was fast enough.

Fang Qiu was at the tail end of the procession.

Along the way, they crossed several snow mountains before a particularly lofty mountain shaped like an ox's head with two horns appeared in front of everyone.

Unlike the other tall mountains, this one had no snow but was covered with thick ice.

It looked like a man-made landscape. However, after taking a closer look, one could tell that the mountain and the ice were not artificially made but were naturally formed.

"What a magnificent scenery."

Looking at the oxhead mountain from a distance, they began talking about the matter.

"Could it be that the secret land is right there?"

"See? There's no more snow ahead. The ground and the mountain are covered with ice."

"The mountain that looks like an ox head with horns seems to be covered in a layer of ice as well."

"Are we in the glacier area?"

"Yep, the area in front of us is full of glaciers."

"This place looks ancient. If not, this mountain should not be covered with such a solid layer of thick ice."

"We were wrong. There are two mountains!"

When they got a little closer, everyone suddenly discovered that the mountain which resembled a pair of ox horns from a distance turned out to be two high mountains! Due to being concealed by the snow,

their bottom halves were almost hidden from their view. Though the two mountains were only dozens of meters apart, the group was sure the two high mountains were not connected at all.

The mountain parts which were above the ice were several hundred meters high.

“Patter! Patter! Patter!”

Once they reached the site, Lin Qingyi immediately landed at the foot of two mountains, and the others also came to a halt on top of the incomparably thick ice.

Though he landed on the ground, Lin Qingyi did not stop. Instead, he continued to move forward and stepped between the two high mountains.

Fang Qiu also arrived at the foot of the two towering mountains.

Then he looked up.

For some reason, Fang Qiu felt the two mountains which resembled the shape of an ox horn were like two giant snakes confronting each other!

Everyone felt cowed by the magnificence of the twin peaks, which made them feel suffocated and under a tremendous pressure.

“Faction Leader Lin, have we arrived at the right place?”

One of them suddenly asked.

“Yes!”

The moment they heard the reply, Lin Qingyi stopped.



Everyone looked toward him.

Lin Qingyi stopped right between the two mountains.

At a glance, they saw nothing above the empty plains.

“Is this the right spot?”

Diwu Mingchuan walked up with a puzzled look on his face.

“Yes.”

Lin Qingyi nodded and said, “You can try to walk a few steps forward.”

Everyone did what he suggested.

However, when they walked past Lin Qingyi, they couldn’t even lift their feet. It was as if a wall had appeared before them and obstructed their hands, feet, and bodies!

“Huh?”

Diwu Mingchuan, walking ahead of the others, was the first to discover that something was wrong. Instantly, he took a step back. Then, he raised his hand and thrust it forward.

He seemed to have touched something in the void before him, and a layer of sparkling light suddenly surged forth.

It was like a mirror!

Everyone felt shocked.

No one had expected this secret land to be so magical.

“Pay attention.”

Lin Qingyi, who had retreated ten steps, reminded the others.

They quickly took a few steps back and then looked up.

Many characters loomed on the transparent mirror-like light curtain. Even at first glance, all who saw those obscure patterns found that it was very hard to understand the words.

It was an ancient Chinese script of Huaxia.

Through the transparent light curtain, everyone could sense the rich Qi of Heaven and Earth inside; it was so abundant that all of them couldn't help casting a covetous eye inside!

“Faction Leader Lin, you've done a hard and amazing job! How could you find such a well-concealed place?”

“No human being would come here even in thousands of years. Even if some people were here, they might not be able to discover this secret land.”

“Yeah, how on earth did you find the place?”

Several people asked him curiously.

“It happened a few years ago.”

Lin Qingyi gave a wry smile and said, "In my faction, sometimes, we hike as a way of cultivation. After passing through high hills, grasslands, lofty ridges, and towering mountains, I came to this place of glaciers. Anyway, I didn't intend to stop here. But when I was passing through, I suddenly had the urge to pee. So, I hurriedly ran here to pee. To my great surprise, something blocked its way and it splashed back..."

His recollection of the incident stunned everyone.

It sounded a little disgusting. But Lin Qingyi spotted a secret place when he stepped aside to take a pee. Wasn't he excessively lucky?

But there was something they didn't ask, though they all wanted to know the answer: did he wet his pants when the urine splashed back?

"John Doe."

Patriarch Qian turned to see Fang Qiu and said, "Here we are. Please have a try first."

Everyone nodded in unison.

Indeed, John Doe was brought here to gain access to this secret land, wasn't he?

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"Okay."

Without any hesitation, Fang Qiu took two steps forward to examine these ancient Chinese characters of Huaxia on the light screen under everyone's gazes.

To ensure that these characters stayed visible to Fang Qiu, one of them took the initiative to come forward and touch the light curtain again to reactivate it. Then, once again, the text emerged.

Fang Qiu looked at each character very carefully.

He took note of every character on the light screen.

Fang Qiu could recognize each ancient Chinese character in Huaxia, but the whole text was meaningless to him.

Facing this predicament, Fang Qiu had a frown on his face.

Never had he seen such a jumble of words. No matter what means he tried, he couldn't make any sense of those characters which lacked logic and coherence and did not produce any meaningful sentences.

"No."

After reading all the characters, Fang Qiu couldn't help shaking his head and said, "I don't have a clue. I need more time and may also fail to decipher it."

Everyone was taken aback.

"Guys, you can understand these characters, can't you?"

Diwu Mingchuan raised his eyebrows and stood up to offer his advice. "Old chaps, don't keep your strength under wraps. If we take this passage literally, it looks confused and disorderly without any inherent logical connections. John Doe is young and inexperienced, after all. Besides, this secret land hasn't yet shown anything related to the formation, so I guess the advantage he can bring to us is of no use for the time being. In my opinion, each of us should demonstrate our prowess to figure it out."

All the others nodded in agreement.

"What he said is reasonable."

“We’ve just arrived, so all of us are not familiar with everything here. It’s better for us to observe the surroundings first.”

“Since these characters appeared, they must mean something. It must be challenging for one person to crack a word puzzle like this. Thus, let’s all take a look, and then each of us should share our opinions.”

Everyone agreed and stepped back. Then they sat cross-legged on the ground and started taking items out of their backpacks.

Fang Qiu was no longer the center of everyone’s attention.

He turned to look at the crowd.

He was surprised to find that this group had begun to do their own research separately.

Many took pictures of the text on the light screen with their mobile phones. After translating it, they began searching for the connections between these characters on the Internet.

Some people took out many ancient books to check these characters, one by one.

Notably, some of them brought laptops with them.

For a moment, they all joined together to compare these ancient and modern characters with great care and even posted the text on various forums, message boards, and Weibo to invite many others to try and figure out the connection between these characters and the text’s meaning.

“Oh, impressive moves!”

Seeing them like this, Fang Qiu couldn’t help sighing with emotion, “These old stagers must have learned something beforehand, so they are not only experienced but also well-equipped.”

Looking back at his large bag filled with water and snacks, Fang Qiu couldn't help laughing at his foolishness.

He could do the same thing with his phone as everyone else, but he didn't think it would be helpful because he could recognize the characters on the light screen at a glance.

Why would he bother to translate the text online?

The most important thing was...

If seeking help online was useful, these people should soon find a way out. He just needed to wait for their answers. Why should he waste the energy doing the same thing?

While everyone else was absorbed in their tasks, Fang Qiu kept walking back and forth around, observing the characters on the light screen from all angles in the hope of observing any changes.

Occasionally, he would go forward to activate the light curtain for the others.

After working on this for a long time, Fang Qiu concluded that from any angle, the characters on the light screen stayed the same, and there was not even the slightest change.

"It looks like I'll have to go to the top of the mountain to check everything. Maybe I can see the situation inside!"

With that thought in mind, Fang Qiu immediately said, "I'll go up to take a look."

His voice faded.

With a slight movement, he thrust himself up toward the mountain three times in a row. Finally, he landed precisely halfway up the mountain. By rapidly treading on the thick ice on the mountain, he zipped to the summit.

No one knew Fang Qiu could fly directly to the mountain top with his actual strength.

However...

There were too many people watching him, most of whom were Wulin forces' leaders. Fang Qiu had hidden his strength for so long already. How could he easily reveal his secret before them?

"Whoosh, whoosh..."

Just as Fang Qiu was heading rapidly for the summit, he heard the whistling sounds of wind behind him.

He looked back.

Everyone was chasing after him.

"What are you doing?"

Fang Qiu stopped.

"We want to have a look too."

Elder Zhan chuckled.

All the others nodded in agreement.

Seeing them, Fang Qiu was speechless.

He knew these guys followed him because they feared he would either run away or avoid telling them the solution he had found. Although they seemed to be doing their own stuff, they had been watching him closely.

Soon, the group of people came to the peak of the mountain.

Looking down, they could see the light curtain which stood upright like an ultra-thin glass wall. The view from the back of the light curtain was exactly the same as what they could see at the foot of the mountain!

“I can’t see anything special.”

Fang Qiu shook his head with a frown.

The rest of them, also watching attentively, found nothing particular to be seen.

Fang Qiu then came down the mountain.

Everyone followed him down.

Back at the foot of the mountain, Fang Qiu walked ten meters away from the light curtain, sat cross-legged in the middle point between the two mountains, and continued observing the characters on it with rapt attention.

The others also sat down cross-legged, trying to figure out the puzzle.

Time flew by.

In the blink of an eye, it was night.

In the darkness, a bright moon shone and the stars twinkled in the night sky.



Despite the beautiful scenery, no one found anything.

At midnight, the stars were shining even more brightly in the inky sky. To everyone's surprise, Master Numinous, the Pear Garden's chief, took out a Feng Shui compass and tried to find a solution by using his fingers to do some calculations, and using astrology.

But after a long time, he still couldn't find a way to unravel the riddle on this thin light curtain.

Throughout the night, everyone continued to observe the texts and mull over them.

When the sun came out the next day, they took the chance to observe closely. But still, they couldn't find any clues.

Twenty-four hours had passed, but none of them managed to figure out anything.

Since the light curtain remained unchanged, they couldn't find any way to resolve this difficult problem. At this time, everyone felt helpless because not a single piece of clue had appeared.

If it went on like this...

Even though it had been a day, they couldn't unravel the mystery of this light curtain even if it took another ten days or half a month.

Those foreign forces would have long since arrived before they cracked this case.

When they thought of this, everyone became even more anxious.

Time was running out. If they really couldn't find a way to crack the code, everyone would lose the relic to foreign forces!

“Ha-ha...”

However, a burst of laughter suddenly attracted everyone’s attention when they were mulling anxiously over this problem.

They looked for the source of the sound.

The one who laughed out loud was none other than Diwu Mingchuan!

Everyone was stunned at his ill-timed laughter.

“Brother Diwu, what are you doing?”

Xi Fengling, who had not uttered a word for a long time, cast a puzzled look at Diwu Mingchuan and asked.

“Old dumb-ass, what’s wrong with you? You scared us, don’t you know?”

Elder Zhan rolled his eyes at Diwu Mingchuan.

“Brother Diwu, did you find anything?”

Patriarch Qian asked with a smile.

The others also asked one after another, eager to know the reason for his laughter.

“Patriarch Diwu, what were you laughing about? Did you find something as what Patriarch Qian had suggested?”

“It’s been a whole day. We should hurry for we won’t have much time left.”

“That’s right. Patriarch Diwu, can you tell us what you’ve discovered?”

Everyone bombarded him with questions from all sides.

Fang Qiu also turned his head to look at him for the first time.

“Everyone, calm down.”

Diwu Mingchuan stopped laughing and said, “Something has come to my attention.”

Everyone watched him in amazement.

Eagerly they waited for Diwu Mingchuan to continue.

Even Fang Qiu immediately focused on him, ready to listen to what Diwu Mingchuan had discovered. He was one of the four great patriarchs, and his clan was top-notch among the forces this group of people belonged to. Also, he was very experienced. After all, the four great families had several times more of the ancient books and records than the other forces.

Therefore, all the others thought Diwu Mingchuan must have found something valuable.

Even Master Numinous was watching him attentively, waiting for his answer.

But...

Under everyone’s expectant gazes...

Diwu Mingchuan smacked his lips and said, “It suddenly occurred to me: this place is a world of ice and snow, so why the hell would we laboriously bring so much water here? We are all fools, aren’t we?”

His logical analysis startled everyone.

Obviously, no one else had expected that Diwu Mingchuan would say something that had nothing to do with breaking the puzzle on the light curtain. Of course, some suspected Diwu Mingchuan had found something, but he didn't want to share it.

"Don't think too much about it."

Diwu Mingchuan smiled wryly and said, "I didn't expect you all to be so nervous. What I discovered was what I said, and I haven't found anything else yet."

All the others pursed their lips in disapproval.

"Then what did he do just now?"

"After trying to fool us, he told everyone he hadn't found anything!"

"What the fuck was that? A bad joke?"

They were not satisfied with his answer.

But Diwu Mingchuan was the patriarch of the Diwu Great Family, so no one dared to say anything. Unlike them, the three patriarchs of the Xi family, the Qian family, and the Zhan family had a good idea of Diwu Mingchuan's nature, so they were not surprised by this matter and pretended not to hear his words.

"See what this guy has done."

Fang Qiu smiled wryly at Diwu Mingchuan's performance.

Usually, no one dared to question Diwu Mingchuan's authority.

But now, it seemed that...

Diwu Mingchuan possessed no air of authority.

"This fellow must have severely ruined his own public image!"

Fang Qiu uttered a silent sigh in his heart.

Sitting cross-legged, he went on watching the characters on the light screen.

On the other side, some others would reactivate the light curtain constantly.

The characters on the light curtain kept flashing. Like a day ago, they found no connection between the characters.

Fang Qiu fixed his eyes on it.

He engraved all the words on the light curtain onto his mind.

In his mind, he copied the picture of the light curtain before him. Then these characters on the light curtain in his brain kept shifting around.

Fang Qiu, who had been staring at the light curtain, slowly closed his eyes.

"Whiz!"

Three hours later, Fang Qiu abruptly opened his eyes.

He had figured it out!

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Chapter 1173: Mean!

The moment he opened his eyes, Fang Qiu's eyes flashed brightly.

On the surface, those characters on the light curtain remained unchanged, but the entire light curtain had been changing continuously.

However, no one had studied it down to the smallest detail.

Just now, Fang Qiu closed his eyes and observed it closely.

He surveyed it with his Divine Consciousness. By touching the light curtain with his Divine Consciousness, Fang Qiu received some feedback. Then he combined it with the image of the light curtain he kept in his brain. As expected, he spotted the changes occurring on the light curtain.

It was an exchange of energy flow.

The energy within the light curtain traveled at an exceedingly fast speed so that no one could notice any changes. What they caught was the same picture.

Even with his powerful Divine Consciousness, Fang Qiu could only perceive the change in the light curtain bit by bit and then synchronize it with the image he kept in his mind.

The images flashed continuously, one after another and it took him three hours to complete one round!

Except for Fang Qiu, the others also had great strength, and the four patriarchs were even more capable. However, compared with Fang Qiu, their spiritual forces were far inferior.

Therefore, even if they could sense the change, their perception speed was not as fast as Fang Qiu's.

From what he had perceived, Fang Qiu could detect that many character patterns changed at the same time on the whole light curtain, instead of singly.

After careful observation, he discovered something else.

Those changing character patterns were like the people in the Combined Attack Sword Formation that he had obtained. As the formation changed constantly, all nine people would also change in every aspect.

The key to passing through this light curtain must lie in these changes!

Fang Qiu finally figured it out.

With its enormous velocity of energy flow, this light curtain was not something that an ordinary person could break through. Even if everyone on the scene focused their energy on one spot of this light curtain, they couldn't forcibly break through this thin layer of light.

The light curtain was a formation.

Since he couldn't break the formation, he could only find an opportunity to pass through it!

When he thought of this, Fang Qiu turned around and cast a quick look at Lin Qingyi, the head of the Peace Faction.

As the person who discovered this secret place, Lin Qingyi must have been observing the light curtain for a long time in the past. Beyond that, he must have discovered the secret of this light curtain long ago. Otherwise, he would not have said that this light curtain was a formation, and he would not have agreed that John Doe's formation was similar to the light curtain's.

However, this fellow released no further details about it. Instead, he had been sitting cross-legged and observing it since he arrived.

It seemed he was determined to get a head start.

He wanted to find a way to pass through the light curtain before John Doe.

What a pity.

He did not succeed.

Sure enough. He failed after spending so many years on it. Then, this time, how could he make it within one day?

Fang Qiu glanced at the others and found most of the people's eyes were closed.

It was evident that the majority had caught the critical feature of the light curtain, but no one said it out loud. They all kept this major new discovery to themselves.

"Humph, since you like making progress behind closed doors, let's see who will locate the Life Door in this formation first!"

He muttered to himself.

Fang Qiu immediately closed his eyes and began to break the formation.

Since he had grasped the Combined Attack Sword Formation, Fang Qiu could crack this formation fast.

The two formations were similar, so the information on the light curtain must have the same pros and cons as the Combined Attack Sword Formation.



Fang Qiu hadn't practiced the Combined Attack Sword Formation before.

Nevertheless, this Combined Attack Sword Formation was passed down along with the divine sword. Therefore, Fang Qiu remembered everything about the formation very clearly. He knew and understood it way better than He Gaoming and the other eight people.

Therefore, he could easily find Life Door and Death Door in the formation.

Soon after confirming the change of the light curtain, Fang Qiu figured out the form of the light curtain formation and spotted the Life Door of the formation easily.

It was within the left side of the curtain, about one-third of the entire light curtain.

There was an opening.

He could directly pass through the light curtain by wrapping himself with internal Qi.

Fang Qiu opened his eyes again.

He kept quiet about his discovery.

His face was as expressionless as before.

Because everyone had closed their eyes to meditate, the light curtain had not been activated for a long time.

So, Fang Qiu stood up.

He walked up to the light curtain.

With a light tap on it, he activated the light curtain again.

Looking back, he found that everyone's eyes were still closed. Almost immediately, he began to summon up his internal Qi secretly. Then he swayed slightly and darted directly to the Life Door that he had just found.

"Swish."

There was an abrupt sound.

"I'll go in first. Take your time."

After that, John Doe, blocked by the light curtain, suddenly disappeared!

It was as if he had never been there at all.

At this moment, all the others present opened their eyes in unison.

Though their eyes were closed, they had been paying close attention to John Doe and Lin Qingyi.

They thought John Doe was just going to activate the light curtain, so they didn't take it seriously. However, much to their surprise, John Doe vanished in no time.

Everyone was stunned.

"This scoundrel went in just like that?"

"Damn it! I should have kept an eye on him!"

“This kid is as slippery as a loach. If we don’t keep any eye on him, he would be gone.”

Everyone broke out in curses.

After giving vent to their anger, they turned their heads to look at each other.

“Do you remember the place where he just disappeared?”

“I only remember the general location, but I don’t remember its exact location.”

“It should be on the left.”

They asked each other.

They all shook their heads in the end.

No one got it.

Indeed, Fang Qiu guessed it right. After he closed his eyes and used his Divine Consciousness to sense the formation, everyone else gradually discovered this method too. Therefore, they were all studying the light screen’s energy changes just now.

They all knew John Doe had gone forward to activate the light curtain, but they did not pay any special attention to him. As a result, they could only recall the general location where John Doe was just now and did not know where exactly the entrance was located.

However...

Only one person had fixed all his attention on John Doe since he came here.

This person was Lin Qingyi, the leader of the Peace Faction!

He was fully aware that even if they managed to trace their way to the light curtain formation, it would be hard for them to find its Life Door. The only one who could break the formation had to be John Doe.

Therefore, from the moment they came here, Lin Qingyi appeared to have been sitting cross-legged and studying the characters on the light curtain, but in fact, he had been secretly watching John Doe's every move.

As a result, he clearly saw John Doe's exact position when he passed the formation.

Of course, though he knew the correct location, Lin Qingyi had decided to keep it to himself. He sniggered and stood up when the others were all talking at the same time. While no one was looking, he also rushed into the light curtain with a swoosh.

"What the fuck!"

"Another one ran away?"

"Back then, a furtive youth ran away, and now a shifty elder got away too!"

Once again, everyone let loose a torrent of abuse.

While cursing, they still remembered to ask about the location.

"Did you get it this time?"

"Where did he go in?"

"Where is the entrance?"

Once again, they hurled questions at each other.

Like before, they shook their heads, indicating that they couldn't recall the location.

Unexpectedly...

As soon as they stopped denying it, everyone moved quickly. With a swoosh, they all rushed to the same place.

It was the Life Door, the entrance of the light curtain formation!

They gathered together at the entrance.

Each of them stared speechlessly at the other.

Awkward yet sheepish smiles instantly appeared on everyone's faces.

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Lin Qingyi passed through the light curtain.

"Whoosh."

He rushed forward as quick as a flash and soon saw the back of John Doe, who was some distance away. Immediately, he called out, "My young friend John Doe, you're so mean!"

"Didn't you play the same dirty trick on others?"

Fang Qiu looked back and found that only Lin Qingyi had followed him, so he immediately sneered at him

However...

Hardly had his voice faded away.

“Swish, swish, swish...”

One figure after another, the rest of them came through the light curtain quickly.

In the blink of an eye, all of them came in.

“Who is mean?”

Diwu Mingchuan rolled his eyes at John Doe and Lin Qingyi and said, “Both of you are dishonest and unkind!”

Hearing this comment, John Doe, who was looking at Lin Qingyi, shook his head and saluted him.

Lin Qingyi hurriedly saluted back.

“Join the club.”

They said that together and laughed at the same time.

Then, the others also came up to Fang Qiu.

They strained their eyes to look ahead.

But what appeared in front of them was an area as desolate as the Gobi Desert!

All of a sudden, everyone frowned at the sight.

It was completely different from what they had imagined.

In their minds, an ancient relic should be located in a place similar to a fairyland. No matter how bad it was, it should at least have something magnificent!

How could it be as barren as the Gobi Desert?

They wondered if they had come to the right place.

Several of them took deep breaths and found this place had plenty of Qi of Heaven and Earth. They felt as if they could swim in this sea of Qi of Heaven and Earth.

“This area seems vast.”

Master Numinous spoke up, “Since we’ve all come in, let’s find our own opportunities. I’m leaving now.”

With this, Master Numinous moved and flew off in one direction.

When the others saw this, they looked at each other and went their separate ways in different directions.

Fang Qiu also chose to fly rapidly for some distance in a certain direction while wielding his Divine Consciousness to observe the situation around him. When he was sure that no one was after him, Fang Qiu stopped.

He continued to check out his surroundings with his enhanced Divine Consciousness.

Sure enough, he locked onto a place where the Qi of Heaven and Earth seemed abnormal.

Without thinking too much, Fang Qiu immediately headed for the site.

Before long, he arrived at the place with the unusual Qi of Heaven and Earth. Fang Qiu stopped to check the area cautiously, but he couldn't sense anything. The abnormal Qi of heaven and earth was floating in midair. Although he could feel it, he couldn't locate it at all.

He knew that something was wrong here, but he couldn't figure out where it went wrong!

Fang Qiu felt depressed and cheerless.

He had no choice but to search the surrounding area.

However, after searching for a long time, he couldn't find any clues. He was surrounded by the Gobi Desert, and there was nothing else.

"What's going on?"

Fang Qiu raised his eyebrows and muttered, "Just now, we were on the glacier. In an instant, the land became the Gobi Desert. Where am I now? And what on earth is the so-called ancient relic?"

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Chapter 1174: Mirages!

Fang Qiu remained where he was.



Feeling the strange movements of the intangible traces of the Qi of Heaven and Earth, Fang Qiu turned his head and looked around, only to find that he was surrounded by the boundless plains of the Gobi Desert.

It was as if he had arrived at the deepest part of the desert. Other than the mountains weathered beyond recognition, there were only sand, stones, and scattered blades of grass.

“Before coming in, it was a world of glaciers, but the surroundings became like the Gobi Desert after I entered?”

Fang Qiu’s frown deepened.

Apparently, this odd place had aroused many doubts in his heart.

If the light curtain was just a formation preventing outsiders from moving forward, what they saw after passing through it should also be glaciers. How could this place turn into the Gobi Desert?

Was this some kind of a bad joke?

The more he thought about it, the more he felt that something was off.

Immediately, he took out his mobile phone to locate his position.

To his great surprise, he found his position was in the same location before he crossed the light curtain. In other words, according to his position indicated by satellites, Fang Qiu was still in the same place.

“What’s going on?”

“Why didn’t my position change?”

“If the location did not change, then what the hell is this relic?”

“Is it illusory?”

A series of questions welled up in his mind.

But Fang Qiu still kept a clear head and wasn't bogged down by these questions.

“Since my position can be fixed, there must be a satellite signal — I can make a phone call.”

Fang Qiu thought of something and immediately clicked on the phone book, found Li Ji's number, and called him.

He waited for a little while.

“Hello?”

He got through and heard Li Ji's voice.

“Help me check the current location of my phone. The sooner, the better,” Fang Qiu said.

“Okay, don't hang up.”

Li Ji answered, and then there came the sound of scurrying footsteps from the phone.

When the sound ceased, Li Ji's voice sounded, “I'm searching for your location.”

Fang Qiu was stunned upon hearing that.

He had thought that after he received the satellite phone, the higher-ups would have someone to keep an eye on him at all times. But from Li Ji's words, Fang Qiu learned that there was no one monitoring him at all on Li Ji's side. It was because Li Ji had to spend some time searching before getting his positioning signal.

This situation surprised Fang Qiu.

"It's in Zangjiang."

Li Ji's voice came from the other end of the phone. "Have you arrived?"

Hearing this, Fang Qiu's frown deepened.

"Yes."

After giving a brief response, Fang Qiu asked, his face growing grave, "Has there been any movement from those foreign forces?"

"Yes."

Li Ji nodded and said, "Since you rushed to Zangjiang, those foreign forces also followed suit, one after another. Our secret seems to be out in the open. We are now looking seriously into this matter. I planned to inform you about this change in advance, but I was afraid of disturbing your quest for the ancient ruin, so I haven't contacted you."

"Has the news been leaked?"

Fang Qiu's face fell, and he looked even more puzzled.

"Right."

Li Ji said with a nod, "The higher-ups attach great importance to this issue. We've already spent a lot of effort and energy looking into it. If possible, try your best to accomplish the task quickly!"

"I'll do my best."

Fang Qiu gave a favorable reply and hung up the phone.

He was no longer in the mood to chat. Everything he saw at the moment seemed chaotic to him.

"What exactly is going on?"

"My position didn't change at all!"

"Then, what is going on in this place hidden behind the light curtain?"

"What's this place?"

Fang Qiu took a good look at his surroundings. Slowly, he squatted down, reached out, and grabbed a stone at his feet to take a closer look. The rock looked and felt super real, which means it really existed in his hand.

"How could this be?"

"Virtuality? Reality? What the hell is this space?"

Fang Qiu was utterly confounded.

He knew next to nothing about the principle of how this space existed.

According to science, this space should not exist. His position stayed the same, whether he was outside or inside the light curtain, which meant that he had not moved at all, and he was still in the same position.

However, this space seemed to stretch endlessly.

It was dozens or even hundreds of times more expansive than the two ice-covered mountains outside.

How could such a vast space be hidden from view?

However, according to ancient mythology...

This place might be a Space in Poppysseed that only top talents in ancient times could create. Usually, they would make an opening in the normal space in order to enter this special space.

But that was a story from myths and legends!

But most of the immortals couldn't perform such a fantastic feat. If any of them could even create one, the space would be very narrow and could never be so expansive.

Fang Qiu viewed the weird object from all angles. However, the longer he pondered over the matter, the dizzier he felt.

This place was way too abnormal.

It gave Fang Qiu a real headache.

"Buzz, buzz..."

Suddenly, the air quivered as a buzzing sound resounded.

Fang Qiu looked over.

In the distant sky, a mirage suddenly appeared.

It loomed into view in the sky above a layer of white clouds and was made up of pavilions, terraces and towers. It gave off a majestic air that awed anyone who caught a glimpse of it.

Fang Qiu had never seen a real mirage in the desert, but he had heard of its existence.

Therefore, he didn't pay much attention to it initially.

After all, a mirage was nothing but an illusion!

But...

Just as he turned around to examine the surroundings again, Fang Qiu's eyebrows suddenly shot up in astonishment.

He seemed to have seen the mirage moving.

It moved along with the clouds!

To be exact, it dropped downward toward the earth.

"Huh?"

Once again, he focused on the mirage, paying more attention to it this time. The strange feeling, he had grown even stronger as he looked at it for a period of time. Now, he was certain that the mirage was moving!

Not only was the whole mirage moving down slowly, but those flowers, plants, and bells hanging from the bamboo plants on the pavilions were swaying.

“A mirage is a natural phenomenon formed by the refraction and total reflection of light. The apparent divergence of light rays from objects on the earth would be refracted by the atmosphere and form a virtual image. Its appearance is closely related to the geographical location, the geophysical conditions, and the meteorological features of these places at certain times. It is characterized by its numerous reappearances at the same time and place!”

“That is to say, each mirage must have a corresponding object of reference!”

“So, where is the reference object of this mirage?”

Fang Qiu discovered this somewhat creepy occurrence.

This area was an open and empty tract in the Gobi Desert. Even if there was a mirage, it should also be that of the Gobi Desert. How could there be any pavilions, terraces, and towers?

“Divine Consciousness!”

Feeling something was amiss, Fang Qiu immediately released his Divine Consciousness.

Since the last time he achieved the Great Hand of Formlessness, the range of his Divine Consciousness could now extend up to 50 kilometers.

But the mirage was much more than 50 kilometers away.

Right after releasing his Divine Consciousness, Fang Qiu approached the mirage.

However...

As the distance between Fang Qiu and the mirage narrowed, he was utterly astonished to find that all the incomparably rich Qi of Heaven and Earth was surging toward the distant mirage in midair.

While the Qi of Heaven and Earth continuously poured into the mirage, it kept going down.

Gradually, those pavilions, terraces and towers above the clouds actually landed on the ground in the distance. The moment it touched the ground, the layer of pure white clouds dispersed.

“It’s not a mirage! It’s real!”

Having witnessed this scene, Fang Qiu literally jumped out of his skin.

It was a large stretch of pavilions, terraces, and towers.

Out of the blue, they appeared in the sky, floating down gradually to the ground. Now, these buildings seemed to have been originally there from the beginning.

Amazing!

“Could that be the real ancient relic?”

Fang Qiu didn’t dare to waste any more time thinking.

His figure flashed past the original spot, and he dashed toward those buildings like a bolting wild horse.

Although he was anxious, he chose not to fly as he was aware of all the other people nearby.

What...



Fang Qiu had just dashed away.

Several people who were scattered in the distance spotted Fang Qiu's fast-moving figure. Then, when they saw the building complex that Fang Qiu was heading for, they rushed over without hesitation.

Just like Fang Qiu, a few more people also caught sight of these pavilions that seemed to be a mirage. After confirming that these magnificent ancient buildings were real, they hurried over.

For a moment, the majority of the group moved swiftly to the same place.

A small number of people who were a bit slow to perceive the change also followed up when they saw everyone else hurrying to the particular spot.

Fang Qiu was the first one to arrive.

While stepping up to the front of these pavilions, Fang Qiu noticed a layer of white smoke.

It seemed to be the layer of white clouds that disappeared on the ground when the pavilions landed.

Obviously, the clouds did not disappear but faded and formed a layer of fog, which engulfed the entire pavilions like a new fence.

Fang Qiu did not pause at all.

By using his Divine Consciousness to investigate, Fang Qiu was assured that the fog held no danger, so he rushed straight in.

As soon as he broke through the fog, Fang Qiu stopped.

A large oasis came into his view, which looked completely different from the Gobi Desert outside the fog. There were lakes, luxuriant trees and grass, and a vast pavilion.

To his astonishment, he found that there were lots of wooden puppets scattered about the broad field in front of these pavilions.

“Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...”

Just as Fang Qiu was observing them carefully, the sound of wind whistling by came into his ears.

All the others came in.

“What’s this place?”

“How can there be an oasis in the Gobi Desert?”

“I didn’t see it just now. How did this place just pop up?”

“It fell from the sky!”

Everyone was particularly curious about this place that appeared out of thin air.

They all stepped forward cautiously, getting closer to these beautiful old buildings.

“What is the purpose of the wooden puppets?”

Moving forward a little, one of them scrutinized the lifelike wooden puppet in front of him and stretched out his hand to feel it.

To everyone’s surprise, as soon as his finger touched it, the motionless wooden puppet suddenly waved his arm with a creaking sound and threw a good punch at the man’s head.

Not only that, when the first wooden puppet sprang into action, a sea of wooden puppets in the vast oasis seemed to suddenly gain consciousness and come to life. Each one of them launched a furious and wild attack against those humans around them!

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Chapter 1175: The Mo Group in the Spring-autumn Era?

“Pow! Pow! Pow!”

These savage wooden puppets, which seemed to have been equipped with human consciousness, assaulted the people near them before everyone could react.

The crowd had just arrived.

Everyone was curious about everything inside, and they wanted to conduct the search alone in case others would snatch their treasures, so the group had separated from each other from the beginning.

It would have been much safer if they had gathered together.

As these people strayed away, the sole person left had to fight singly against several wooden puppets.

“Hmm?”

Unlike the others, Fang Qiu observed and deliberately avoided those wooden puppets, while making his way to the pavilions.

He didn’t sense any premonition of danger.

Fang Qiu only felt it was definitely not a good thing to have so many wooden puppets placed in such a mysterious place. Even if it were an ancient relic, the precious items here would be in the buildings instead of in these wooden puppets.

As a result, Fang Qiu didn't pay too much attention to the wooden puppets. When these wooden puppets were activated, he was able to avoid their unexpected attacks.

Almost all the people around him were trapped by the wooden puppets.

Only then did the few wooden puppets beside Fang Qiu walk up to him.

He took a closer look.

These puppets were made precisely in the same forms as humans!

Each of them had a head with ears and eyes. There were even teeth in their mouths! Beyond these vivid facial features, the joints of their arms and feet were the same as that of humans. By combining this excellent craftsmanship with modern technology, perfect copies of humans could be produced!

"The strength of these wooden puppets is considerably strong."

When these artificial puppets came near, Fang Qiu found that several force leaders became a little flustered when they were besieged by three or four wooden puppets. They had a hard job fighting back though they eventually won.

"Bang!"

The wooden puppet who rushed toward Fang Qiu struck a hard blow to his face. Its movement was fast, and the angle of its attack was very strange. The puppet acted the same way as a human being, not mechanically at all.

Fang Qiu was startled.

"They're made of wood! How could they be so true to form?"

Of course, Fang Qiu understood.

Their movements and postures were natural and smooth, and they could attack from various angles. It was a challenge to make those wooden puppets, but not impossible!

At the very least, he needed to plant dozens of gears in this wooden puppet's arm. Beyond that, he would have to add many ingenious devices to the joints in the arms!

"How could these ancient experts be so intelligent to design a wooden puppet that looks and acts like a human?"

The more Fang Qiu thought about it, the more concerned he became.

These sophisticated methods were comparable to modern machinery manufacturing technologies.

It was unthinkable that these wooden puppets were made during ancient times!

This discovery struck fear in him.

Fang Qiu threw a punch, colliding violently with the hard fist of the puppet coming at him.

"Pa!"

There was a crisp sound.

Their fists smashed together.

Fang Qiu looked even more shocked.

In the collision, he felt the strength of this puppet was so immense that it was hard for him to accept the truth. Merely in terms of strength, this puppet was at least at ninth-class with one opened meridian!

No wonder the few leaders had to exert such strenuous efforts to repulse their attacks;

After all, the cultivators below the average level among this group that came with Fang Qiu had achieved the ninth class with two opened meridians. Not many people had reached the Half-step Guru Realm, and only five of them were at the Guru Realm.

“Damn it, why are these wooden puppets so strong?”

“They are all made of wood. How could they move so flexibly and have such strong powers?”

“This puppet looks very advanced. If there is a chance, we’d better take one back to study it carefully.”

“Even dummies made of wood can make skillful moves, which is something to be expected from items found in an ancient relic!”

“They are equipped with not only enormous strength but also incredible speed. In particular, these puppets fight in no systemized ways, simply meeting force with force!”

“Everyone, let’s not destroy them. We should make a thorough study of them. They’re of some research value.”

There were a lot of comments about these wooden puppets.

Fang Qiu also began to observe these wooden puppets carefully.

But...

The wooden puppet was made of wood from head to toe!

It was hard to tell even from close observation.

Fang Qiu was also very curious about how these wooden puppets could exert so much strength. If they just swung their arms mechanically to exude their power, it was impossible for them to release a great deal of force.

That was to say...

All these wooden puppets must have a source of power.

But...

The wooden puppet was not transparent, so he could not see what was hidden in its body. No matter how long he stared at it, it would be futile.

After observing for a long time, Fang Qiu found nothing useful. Thus, he immediately sped up and knocked the wooden puppet back with one palm.

Then, he turned to see the pavilion in front of him.

Among all the things falling from the sky, the whole interior of the pavilion was the only part that Fang Qiu couldn't see with his naked eye, while everything outside could be seen clearly.

Now, Fang Qiu could rest assured that there was nothing else outside except these wooden puppets.

Then, there was only the pavilion left.

He was about to go in...

“Swish! Swish!”

Suddenly, two wooden puppets dashed toward Fang Qiu and dealt him twin blows as they blocked his way.

Fang Qiu made his move.

While fighting with them, he secretly shifted his position.

At the same time, he was also observing the others.

With a tacit mutual understanding, the others secretly supported him by concentrating on these wooden puppets during their fights. All of them began to study how these magical wooden puppets worked.

Seeing them like this, Fang Qiu cast a glance at the pavilion.

He found that he was the closest to it.

“Boom! Boom!”

He beat back the two wooden puppets by launching two palm strikes in a row. After that, Fang Qiu flashed aside and rushed straight off to the pavilion.

The sound of something rapidly dashing through the air could be heard.

It immediately attracted the attention of all the others.

Everyone looked over.



John Doe was rushing toward the pavilion at a dizzying speed. Almost at the same time, the rest shook off the wooden puppets beside them without hesitation and followed John Doe toward the pavilion.

They feared John Doe would collect all the good stuff if they were left behind.

As Fang Qiu rushed into the corridor on the first floor of the pavilion, he turned around and found that the puppets close behind him had stopped at the other end of the passage. Then they turned around and started to attack the others.

“Bravo.”

Fang Qiu burst out laughing.

Taking advantage of the time when the puppets ran to block the others, he quickly swept through the rooms of the pavilion.

But after going into three rooms at one go, he found nothing.

Each room was empty, and there was not even a speck of dust anywhere in the room.

Even the doors of some rooms were not closed.

Over at the site, the others also rushed into the pavilion and began to search.

In a short time, they finished scanning all the rooms in the pavilion, only to find that all the rooms were empty. There was nothing.

In this case, everyone was vastly disappointed, but had no choice but to return to the living room in the center of the pavilion. Its center door was wide open.

Fang Qiu was the first one to enter the living room.

He inspected the hall carefully, paying attention to the smallest details.

In his eyes, this hall was the same as the other rooms. There was nothing in it either, not even a chair for guests. It had nothing but bare walls.

There was only one solo item there.

It was a huge picture that hung on the innermost wall with the character “Mo”.

Fang Qiu took a closer look.

The painting was coated with a layer of dust.

The others also arrived at the scene.

“John Doe, you are so unkind, aren’t you? As a young man, don’t you know you should always give priority to seniors? How could you go ahead of us?”

“Alas, why are young people nowadays so insidious?”

They complained one after another.

They could have stayed outside a bit longer to study the puppets. However, after John Doe’s sudden dash, everyone was busy going after him the most important thing was that there was nothing in this pavilion. This trip was totally a waste of time.

However, Fang Qiu carelessly shrugged his shoulders and didn’t say anything.

He continued to observe the picture.

It was a very long and large one.

The size seemed to be specially designed for the prominent character.

The character “Mo” in the picture was well written, and there was a vigorous but graceful style to the calligraphy. Its strokes were not lightly or carelessly written. On the contrary, it appeared dignified and magnificent.

“Mo, Mo... wooden man, machine puppet...”

While looking at it, Fang Qiu was suddenly stunned.

“Could it be the Mo Group in the ancient spring-autumn era?”

Thinking of this...

Fang Qiu became more and more curious about this place.

If this place belonged to the Mo Group, how could there be nothing? Was it just a dwelling place abandoned by the Mo Group?

Beside him, after everyone took a good look, their eyebrows furrowed in frustration.

There was indeed nothing in the hall.

“It’s strange. How could this place be absolutely empty?”

“Is this the ancient relic?”

“Is there anything else that we haven’t yet discovered?”

“Impossible. There are so many wooden puppets outside, but there is nothing inside. Then what are those wooden puppets guarding?”

“Are those wooden puppets the most valuable treasures here?”

Everyone was very puzzled and curious.

This kind of situation was really mind-boggling!

Their questions reached Fang Qiu’s ears.

Seized by a sudden inspiration, he released his Divine Consciousness.

He scanned the surroundings with his Divine Consciousness.

Sure enough, he found something special.

While sensing everything with his strong Divine Consciousness, Fang Qiu felt that the Qi of Heaven and Earth in the whole area fluctuated a lot, and the most significant change happened in the center of the oasis lake on the side of the pavilion.

Clearly, no one noticed it.

Moreover, Fang Qiu knew everyone had used their spiritual force to investigate, but none of them seemed to have found anything unusual in the lake.

The most likely explanation was that their spiritual force was not strong enough.

With that thought in mind, Fang Qiu immediately withdrew his Divine Consciousness.

“What should I do to get rid of these people?”

Fang Qiu thought to himself.

“There’s nothing here. I’ll go and check the other rooms.”

After saying that, Fang Qiu left the hall and walked to the other rooms.

One after another, they followed suit and went to re-examine each room.

After another round of investigation, they still couldn’t find anything.

Everyone felt truly disappointed.

“Damn it, isn’t this place excessively barren?”

“There is indeed nothing here?”

“This desert region is far inferior to a tourist attraction!”

“Although nothing worthwhile can be found here, there is plenty of Qi of Heaven and Earth. Even if we can’t find any treasure, it’ll be nice for us to cultivate here.”

“Right, it helps increase the overall strength of each force.”

After exchanging some ideas, these old guys began to discuss how to cooperate with each other by taking this place as a new base.

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Chapter 1176: A Mysterious Jade Stone

“Take your time. It’s rather nice outside, so I’ll go out and have a look around the area first.”

Just as everyone was in an animated discussion, Diwu Mingchuan sauntered out after saying these words.

Everyone watched him carefully.

But they thought there was nothing wrong with that.

After all, Diwu Mingchuan was the patriarch of the Diwu Great Family, which was one of the top Wulin forces. Even if he didn’t take part in the discussion, part of this place would belong to his family.

As for the other sects, they had to get their share through these discussions.

The other three patriarchs of the Four Great Families continued to search around. The leaders of the other forces began a new round of search after their discussion.

Fang Qiu remained in the hall, staring at the character: Mo.

However...

“Pa! Pa! Pa!”

Within minutes, the sounds of fighting came from outside.

Fang Qiu hurried out to check.

The others who were doing their search for the third time also went out to see what was happening.

When Fang Qiu stepped out, he saw Diwu Mingchuan fighting with those wooden puppets.

His eyes swept over the scene: Diwu Mingchuan had defeated many of the wooden puppets, and there were only a few remaining.

Everyone saw what he did.

Then they realized what Diwu Mingchuan was up to.

There was nothing in this pavilion, so the only valuable thing in this place was the wooden puppet!

Thinking of this, everyone immediately understood why Diwu Mingchuan took the initiative to fight with those wooden puppets.

At this time, all of them knew it was a clear indication.

The most precious thing here was indeed the wooden puppet.

Since everyone else had been busy scavenging for all the good items and treasures, they had clearly forgotten about these wooden puppets.

At this very moment, they were suddenly enlightened.

But there were only a few puppets left after Diwu Mingchuan's slaughter.

Everyone became anxious when they saw what happened.

They rushed out of the pavilion, surging toward the few wooden puppets like a swarm of hornets.

Some time ago, in order to observe these wooden puppets, no one dared to use any killing moves, so they didn't get anything from the wooden puppets by merely watching them.

Now, they were no longer in the mood to observe.

Only with brutal strikes could they beat these wooden puppets to the ground or even smash them into pieces. Then, they would know where the power of the wooden puppets came from.

But now, there were not many of the wooden guards left. If anyone wanted to find out the secret, he had to grab hold of one. Otherwise, he would never get the chance.

"Damn it, you old bastard!"

"No one is allowed to grab my puppets!"

"In any case, he is one of the four great patriarchs. How can he become as insidious as the young people today?"

Everyone was speaking ill of him.

"Ha-ha."

While listening to all these criticisms, Diwu Mingchuan howled with laughter and carried on hitting the wooden puppets.

Soon, everyone rushed up and started attacking those wooden opponents.

When Diwu Mingchuan saw this, he knew he had to change his tactics.



If this group of people came up, they might take away the one that was fighting with him.

When such a thought passed through his mind, he immediately unleashed a heavy attack and swiftly grabbed the puppet before him, turned around and ran off.

Everyone saw him fleeing.

Then they hurriedly charged at the other wooden puppets.

Fang Qiu didn't waste any more time and dashed to strike a wooden puppet.

But as soon as he made his move, three or four people rushed over from different directions, trying to snatch away his target!

Fang Qiu raised his eyebrows in trepidation.

He decided to go all out.

With one mighty punch, he knocked the wooden puppet back a few meters and pounced on it to distance himself from the others. By throwing a series of heavy blows, he kept beating back the wooden puppet charging at him.

The others didn't give up and continued to chase after him, still wanting to snatch this wooden puppet.

"Do you guys have to go that far?"

Fang Qiu roared. Seeing that they were about to catch up, he immediately delivered another tremendous blow to the wooden puppet, sending it flying up high in the air. Meanwhile, he stamped hard on the ground and lunged forward before the others could catch up with him. He grabbed the wooden puppet that had not yet landed on the ground and sprang away.

It was now obvious that the wooden puppet belonged to John Doe.

Seeing this, those going after John Doe didn't think it was a good idea to chase after him. After all, there were several more puppets in other places. Compared with scrambling for the one in John Doe's arms, it would be better for them to go back to grab the few puppets on their way here.

After all, they had a good idea of what John Doe was capable of doing. No matter how vigorously they pursued him, it would be hard for them to snatch the puppet from John Doe.

"This guy is so fucking fast!"

"I can never catch up with that brat."

The people pursuing John Doe sighed with emotion.

Then they turned around and made a dive for the remaining wooden puppets. Their battle for benefits continued!

All those who competed with each other for a puppet had similar strengths. For example, the leaders of the eight factions were fighting for the wooden guards with each other, and so were the leaders of the sixteen sects. As for the four patriarchs, each of them got one because no one dared to challenge them.

Master Numinous, the chief of the Pear Garden, also managed to get one.

These people who just turned around saw this situation and realized that everyone was powerful. They might get none if they tried to make a grab for the puppets.

In desperation, they wanted to go back and chase John Doe.

But Fang Qiu was so fast that he had already fled to a far distance in the blink of an eye.

Everyone could only smile bitterly at his receding figure.

The rest of the wooden golems lured the others away. The small group was busy fighting for these wooden puppets, so no one paid any attention to Fang Qiu.

“A good opportunity!”

With sudden insight, Fang Qiu immediately rushed into the mist.

He had taken note of the location of the lake in advance so he dashed to the lake with lightning speed under cover of the fog. Then he leaped out of the fog and jumped directly into the lake without anyone noticing it.

He dived into the lake.

Suddenly, the wooden puppet, which remained motionless after getting a sound beating from him, began to struggle wildly.

To prevent it from stirring up the lake surface and attracting the others’ attention, Fang Qiu could only hold the struggling puppet tightly and sink to the bottom of the lake as quickly as possible.

No one noticed that John Doe had disappeared from their sight.

None of them noticed the disturbance in the lake just now, and they were still fighting with each other for the few remaining wooden puppets.

With his spiritual force, Fang Qiu mobilized the abundant Qi of Heaven and Earth around him and managed to still the waters of the lake. Then, holding the dummy in his arms, he dived deep down into the lake.

“What on earth is underneath this lake?”

Fang Qiu had always been curious about the bottom of the lake, for he had sensed that the largest fluctuation of the Qi of Heaven and Earth was actually coming out of the lake.

He wondered what exactly was under the lake.

But...

After Fang Qiu dived straight to the bottom of the lake, his face changed dramatically.

At the bottom of the lake, he saw a huge hole!

That's right!

There was a big hole.

The bottom of the lake was very wide, and the location of the large hole was near the center of the lake. It looked very deep and dark. Judging from the size of the crater, the diameter of the hole was at least five meters.

"Could it be in this cave?"

Fang Qiu hit upon a strange idea.

He looked around and found that the area at the bottom of the lake was extensive. Then he immediately swam around, searching carefully.

But he didn't find anything.

At the bottom of the lake, everything looked completely normal. Except for the ordinary stones and sand, there was nothing else.

In the end, Fang Qiu returned to the center of the lake.

He came to the big hole again, held the wooden puppet close to him, and swam toward the hole.

It was a deep lake, so it was a little dark at the bottom. After Fang Qiu entered the deep hole, everything around him became even darker.

The lake water was as cold as ice.

After descending for a long time, Fang Qiu realized the hole seemed bottomless.

When he went down more than ten meters, he finally saw a hole at the side.

This one was on his left.

From there, the underground water kept surging up.

A formation sealed the hole on the right.

“Could the abnormal change of the Qi of Heaven and Earth be happening inside?”

Fang Qiu stopped before the hole enclosed by the formation. After taking a closer look, he found that the formation that sealed the hole was just like the formation outside, which was a layer of light curtain.

But this light curtain had no characters. Nevertheless, Fang Qiu could sense the energy flowing and changing on the light curtain when he focused his mind on it.

“This formation...”

Fang Qiu carefully looked into it and concluded that this light curtain formation was the same as the one outside.

He didn't hesitate.

Fang Qiu put forth his strength, clasped the wooden puppet tightly in his arms, and then began to break through the light curtain formation with his eyes closed.

It was just like what he had done before.

Because of his proper understanding of the formation, Fang Qiu quickly cracked it and found the entrance of this formation.

“Swish.”

After locating the entrance, Fang Qiu immediately flashed inside.

To his amazement, the dim scene before him suddenly disappeared as soon as he entered the formation.

It was pitch-black inside.

Even the surge of ice-cold water flowing around him was gone.

There was no water, and there seemed to be nothing within the deep hole!

A ray of light suddenly lit up.

Fang Qiu looked over to see what was going on.

It came from the chest of the wooden puppet in his arms.

The light was not very bright — only a limited space around it was illuminated.

“Could it be the source of the power of the wooden puppet?”

Fang Qiu’s heart skipped a beat.

He immediately put his hand into the chest of the wooden puppet.

There was originally a piece of wood there, but when he reached toward the light, the wood automatically slid to one side.

He put his hand into it.

Fang Qiu grabbed the orb inside and took it out to have a look.

“Gee?”

What appeared in his hand was a piece of jade-like object.

When he took the jade stone away, the puppet, which had been struggling in Fang Qiu’s arms, suddenly collapsed and became motionless, like a robot that had run out of battery!

Fang Qiu’s eyes lit up.

Then, he put the glowing jade back into the puppet.

As expected, the wooden puppet moved again!

“Sure enough!”

Fang Qiu looked at the piece of jade in surprise, carefully observed it, and murmured, “What is this piece of jade?”

Feeling rather puzzled, Fang Qiu took the jade, threw the wooden man aside, and began to explore the dark space.

“Swoosh! Swoosh!”

After exploring for some time Fang Qiu found that there was still traces of the Qi of Heaven and Earth in the deep hole.

“It should be this place.”

This thought occurred to Fang Qiu.

At once, he activated his Divine Consciousness and continued to probe into the depths of the hole.

His Divine Consciousness set off.

As anticipated, he received some information from the deeper part of the underground hole!

There was something inside!

Right away, Fang Qiu turned his head and then quickly went into the depths.



There was no flowing water in this deep cave. Although it was humid inside, he felt as though he were in the same cave that was outside!

By following the vibes from the depths of the cave, Fang Qiu penetrated deeper into the cave.

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Chapter 1177: Where Is John Doe?

“Woo, woo...”

The dark and secluded cave was located at the bottom of the lake. Because the formation blocked the underflow, Fang Qiu didn't feel bleak in this cave's damp environment. Better still, this place seemed very airy with gusts of wind blowing in it.

Lucky for Fang Qiu, he had night vision.

On his way down to the cave, he felt the space around didn't get narrower or wider. It felt like an artificial underground passage straight from beginning to end. Therefore, while going through it, Fang Qiu felt as if the cave was not at the bottom of the lake but on flat ground.

Normally, if he walked along an underground cave which led downward, he would not be able to stand firmly.

However, Fang Qiu had been stepping on the stone wall of the cave as if he was on flat ground.

This cave should have changed its direction during his winding process underground.

Fang Qiu walked for a long time.

After he thought that he had walked for quite a long distance, there were finally some signs of change ahead.

He gazed in wonder at the scene before him.

Finally, he had almost reached the end of the pitch-black cave after walking for a long time.

Ahead was a ray of light.

It didn't look like an exit because the light was faint, unlike sunlight at all.

"It shouldn't be there."

Fang Qiu raised his eyebrows and told himself.

Through his Divine Awareness, he could sense that the fluctuation of the Qi of Heaven and Earth came from a much deeper place, not the place where the glimmer of light was.

"Then what's that light?"

An idea struck him.

Fang Qiu immediately sped up there.

When he got closer, he was utterly astonished to see a giant entrance to another cave. This immense space was like an intermediate node of the entire underground passage.

And those weak glimmers of lights were from a huge group of wood puppets!

The light from each wooden puppet was quite weak, but when they were grouped together, it formed quite a conspicuous ball of light. Although it was not bright, it attracted attention in the dark tunnel beneath the ground.

“So many puppets?”

Fang Qiu had a moment of panic.

Looking at the closely-packed ranks of wooden puppets, Fang Qiu, subconsciously rubbed the piece of jade glowing faintly in his trouser pocket and suppressed the shock in his heart with great effort and entered.

Like the ones outside, these wooden puppets remained deathly still. At least before Fang Qiu laid a finger on them, they were as good as dead.

The place was pretty huge. If this subterranean tunnel was compared to a huge underground water pipe, then this area was like a reservoir at the intersection of pipes!

There was plenty of space for Fang Qiu to pass through without touching these wooden puppets.

However...

That was not Fang Qiu's plan.

These wooden puppets outside were treated as treasures. They were still fighting to grab one.

Now that there were so many of them, how could he let the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity go?

Moreover...

Fang Qiu had by now gotten the knack for handling these wooden puppets. Not only could he easily immobilize them all, but he could also take out all the jade stones in their bodies.

These jade stones could activate these wooden puppets, but he hadn't yet figured out what they were. Anyway, they were not something ordinary!

"How about I take out all the jade stones before they start moving?"

A plan came to Fang Qiu in a flash of inspiration.

He smiled.

He had figured out how to take out the jade stones from these wooden puppets. Using these means, he could rely on his lightning speed to take out all the jade stones from their bodies before they even woke up.

Theoretically speaking, as long as he was fast enough, he could destroy some of the puppets before they were even activated.

Thinking of this...

Once again, Fang Qiu carefully examined the chests of these wooden puppets.

It was because he feared the wooden puppets here might not be the same as those he met outside, but after a round of careful observation, he found nothing different.

"Let me get on with it!"

He was certain that his plan would work.

Fang Qiu with a faint smile, readied himself and rushed straight to the first wooden puppet and thrust his hand into its chest. He then took out a small piece of shining jade. Then he shifted his position slightly and rushed to the next one.

“Swish, swish, swish...”

With great speed, Fang Qiu swiftly took out seven pieces of jade in a row before the other wooden puppets were activated.

As soon as the large group of wooden puppets was aroused, they turned around and charged ferociously at Fang Qiu in unison. This scene looked particularly scary!

“Whew...”

Fang Qiu heaved a long sigh and put away the few pieces of jade he had just gotten. Before these wooden puppets could surround him, he readied himself and dashed into the crowd of puppets first.

He worked at breakneck speed to grab the jade stones within the wooden puppets.

The reason being, that he was in deep underground space.

Since no one else was around, Fang Qiu didn't need to hide his capabilities. At the very start, he concentrated all his efforts on exerting all his strength and achieving his highest speed.

These nine-class wooden warriors with one opened meridian did not even have a chance to attack Fang Qiu, who spared no effort to get what he wanted. One after another, they all fell.

Ten minutes later, a large group of wooden puppets collapsed to the ground, and the jade stones in their bodies ended up in Fang Qiu's hands.

“So many jade stones! What a sumptuous treat!”

Looking at these trophies in his hands, Fang Qiu smiled with satisfaction.

“What on earth are these jade stones?”

“They were the source of strength for the wooden puppets, which means they must contain abundant energy. If I carefully sense it, I can indeed feel the incomparably rich Qi of Heaven and Earth within it. However, this Qi of Heaven and Earth seems to be deeply buried in the stone and does not diffuse.

“So, if I use these jade stones to set up a terrain, how well would it work?”

A plan came into Fang Qiu’s mind.

His eyes suddenly brightened.

That was right!

He had been looking for a way to enhance the terrain for a long time, but he couldn’t find any. The Qi of Heaven and Earth outside was limited. No matter how good his terrain was, the amount of Qi of Heaven and Earth it could absorb was fixed. After the terrain was set, it would take in all the nearby Qi of Heaven and Earth. Once it absorbed all the surrounding Qi of Heaven and Earth, the terrain could only start the self-circulation mode. In such a situation, it was nearly impossible to increase the terrain’s effect.

However, these jade stones would make a big difference!

The Qi of Heaven and Earth in this place was vastly abundant.

If he could call forth the Qi of Heaven and Earth in these jade stones at the terrain, it would undoubtedly have an unexpected effect!

With this in mind, Fang Qiu lost no time building a mini terrain with a diameter of five meters.

Just as the terrain was formed, the Qi of Heaven and Earth around immediately surged over.

It was a small terrain, so it couldn't attract the Qi of Heaven and Earth that was farther away. In the tunnel, the Qi of Heaven and Earth was minimal, so the terrain didn't get much of the Qi of Heaven and Earth.

But...

Once Fang Qiu finished setting up the terrain with the jade stones, these stones began to constantly provide the terrain with the Qi of Heaven and Earth.

Within one minute, an astonishingly large amount of Qi of Heaven and Earth had gushed out of this terrain. It was even denser than that in the outside world. Such a surprisingly good result was entirely unexpected by Fang Qiu!

"Are these jade stones so fantastic?"

Fang Qiu couldn't help exclaiming in his heart.

Originally, he was thinking about how to get the Qi of Heaven and Earth in these jade stones. To his great surprise, when the terrain was formed, the Qi of Heaven and Earth in them came out automatically.

After thinking it over, Fang Qiu immediately understood.

A jade stone was a battery, which could release electricity without being stimulated when placed in a suitable place. Likewise, there was nothing special in the wood puppet's body, but if the jade stone was put in, it could come alive.

"There are such kinds of magical stones between heaven and earth!"

The astonishing effect of the jade stone amazed Fang Qiu!

It had never occurred to him that merely leaving a few jade stones in the terrain could work such miracles.

With these jade stones, his Desert Cistanche, Snow Lotus, and dendrobe would be many times more effective than the current ones.

As a result, the effect of any medical products mainly made from the three kinds of magic herbs would be significantly enhanced.

Most importantly...

In addition to the drugs, Heaven Dew would perform even better along with these jade stones. When Heaven Dew was buried in a terrain, its effect improved by 30% to 50%. Better than that, the appearance of these stones would mean a onefold, twofold, or even threefold increase in the liquor's effect.

What did this mean?

Fang Qiu didn't even dare to think about it.

"I don't know if there are any more stones inside. If I find enough jade stones, I can make a huge terrain! Whether for cultivation or planting herbs, it will be as good as a treasure land for immortals."

Thinking of this, Fang Qiu continued to feel the fluctuations of the Qi of Heaven and Earth in the depths of the cave. Somehow, he couldn't help feeling thrilled in his heart.

"Perhaps, these jade stones are inside!"

He didn't waste any time thinking.

Fang Qiu hurriedly removed the terrain, put away the jade stones, and rushed to the deeper part of the cave.



Outside, the few remaining wooden puppets had all been snatched up. Without any wooden puppet to fight for, all the masters returned to the hall of the pavilion, each with a puppet bound hand and foot, and started to observe them.

“Huh?”

Suddenly, someone brought up a question, “Where is John Doe?”

Everyone turned their heads to look around but didn’t see John Doe.

“This guy just took a puppet and ran away. Did he run out?”

“He must have run far away.”

“That brat is a coward. Does he think we old fellows would snatch his puppet?”

Everyone sneered at John Doe because they thought he had escaped.

After discussing John Doe’s whereabouts, everyone’s focus switched back to this magical place.

“There are so few things here.”

“Yes, except for these wooden puppets that we know little about, there is nothing else.”

“This is the first time I’ve seen such a poor ancient relic!”

“I don’t think it’s an ancient relic. Even if it is, it’s just a tiny remain and can’t be considered an ancient relic.”

“At least you got a puppet. See? We obtained nothing.”

Those who didn't have a wooden puppet complained gloomily and immediately began to fit together the pieces of those broken wooden puppets they had gathered.

Fang Qiu had walked very far into a deep cave at the bottom of the lake. Although he could see with his night vision, he used the flashlight on his phone to light the way. After all, the cave at the bottom of the lake was excessively peculiar. Maybe there would be characters carved on the stone wall. It would be hard to see if he didn't use the flashlight to light up the surroundings.

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Chapter 1178: Locate the Route

He went deeper into the tunnel.

Fang Qiu walked carefully as he scrutinized the surrounding rock walls. He wanted to see if the ancients had left anything behind on these rock surfaces.

Unfortunately, he didn't see anything along the way.

He had no idea how far he had gone.

Anyway, when Fang Qiu felt that he had walked a long distance, a big shining ball of light emerged ahead.

“That's it!”

The moment he saw the light ball, Fang Qiu's Divine Consciousness reacted. Immediately, he confirmed the fluctuation of the Qi of Heaven and Earth under the lake was from the fluorescent ball in front of him.

This was the site.

Fang Qiu could clearly perceive the special fluctuation of the Qi of Heaven and Earth!

Perhaps because this place was too far away, plus there was a formation that sealed the cave off from the outside world and a lake, it was difficult to detect the fluctuation of the Qi of Heaven and Earth from outside.

“Could the light be coming from the wooden puppets?”

The fluorescent ball before him emitted the same kind of light as the bunch of wooden puppets he had met before, but it was dozens or even hundreds of times stronger than the light from the dozens of wooden puppets.

“Whoosh.”

Fang Qiu shifted slightly and directly picked up his mobile phone and made a sprint for the light ball.

He arrived at the place where the light was.

He then trained his eyes on the site.

To his surprise, he saw a stone cave at the end of the tunnel.

It was like a mine that had been dug open. A tunnel of the same size extended several meters into it. All sides of the stone walls were studded with the same jade stones as those in the wooden puppets!

This cave was a jade stone mine!

Seeing that the jade mine had already been excavated, Fang Qiu was instantly rooted to the spot.

“Oh, my gosh!

“I’m going to be rich!”

Taking a closer look, he saw a rich and thick layer of jade here that stretched far away and only the top few meters had been mined. At present, less than one percent of the mine had been used.

If all these jade stones were excavated, they could weigh hundreds of tons at least!

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“No matter what, this place is still a relic, isn’t it?”

Those people outside the cave, who had gone to search for John Doe several times, gathered together again in the open space before the pavilion. One of them said, “John Doe, he couldn’t run far away with a wooden puppet, right?”

“There’s nothing here, and there’s only a desert outside without anything to explore. Why would he run out?”

“Could it be that this brat didn’t get out at all?”

Someone made a guess.

Everyone was a little taken aback.

“Didn’t he go out? Then where is he hiding?”

“Just now, we’ve searched all around. There was nothing and nobody in this pavilion, let alone outside. It’s all empty. There’s no place where he can hide from us.”

“No. One place seems to have been left out.”

One of them stepped forward.

As he spoke, he pointed to the lake next to the pavilion.

Immediately, everyone turned to look at the lake.

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In the depths of the lake, Fang Qiu finally collected his wits after standing in shock at the jade mine for a long time. Feeling the extremely thick Qi of Heaven and Earth floating around him, he sucked in a lungful of air.

He even felt that he had swallowed the Qi of Heaven and Earth straight into his belly.

Inside his body, his internal Qi surged slightly.

The air he sucked into his belly turned into a stream of Qi of Heaven and Earth instantly and integrated into his meridians in no time.

“What the fuck.”

Fang Qiu was in shock.

This place was way too terrifying.

In this place, martial arts practitioners didn't even need to cultivate. Merely by sitting here, they could feel their strength rising constantly. This cave was nothing less than a martial arts practitioners making machine!

Although astounded, Fang Qiu understood how it worked.

So much Qi of Heaven and Earth converged here because of these jade stones, which could attract the Qi of Heaven and Earth, but did not release any. By taking in the Qi of Heaven and Earth, these jade stones became magically powerful.

The thick Qi of Heaven and Earth was drawn here by those jade stones in the past hundreds or even thousands of years. That was to say, the resources were limited and could be exhausted. The best way to use this mine was to nourish it.

Fang Qiu took out his phone.

He had to call Li Ji.

"Hello?"

The call was connected.

"Can you locate me now?" Fang Qiu asked.

"Yes."

Li Ji nodded with certainty and said, "I've been keeping up with your location and waiting for you to call me."

"Great."

Fang Qiu nodded with satisfaction and said, "Remember my precise position at this moment. Take care not to deviate in the slightest."

"No problem."

Li Ji nodded in response.

Fang Qiu also nodded.

After a long time of doing business together, their cooperation became even better. Even so, Fang Qiu didn't expect that Li Ji would be monitoring his position all the time.

Obviously, Li Ji knew it was not a mere coincidence for him to check on Fang Qiu's location. Therefore, he had been waiting for his call. By doing so, he could provide Fang Qiu with the necessary information and save as much time as possible.

Indeed, Fang Qiu had to work within severe constraints of time.

He needed more time to get out of this deep cave, not to exploit this mine of jade stones!

These experts outside were not stupid. Fang Qiu knew they would soon reach the bottom of the lake to look for him. Of course, they would try to break the seal formation at the cave's mouth. So, Fang Qiu had to leave this deep cave before that.

Only in this way could he keep the existence of this jade mine a secret from them!

But Fang Qiu was worried about one thing.

He might not find this place again after he left.

This place was under the lake. Besides, Fang Qiu couldn't remember the direction and the distance he had taken along the way. That was why he needed Li Ji's help.

If he fixed the exact location this time, he could return to this place.

No matter how deep he dug, he could get back to this place!

"Did you take note of the location?" Fang Qiu asked.

"Yes, sure."

Li Ji answered at the other end.

"Okay, I'll call you later."

Fang Qiu replied and hung up the phone. Without wasting a second, he zipped through the tunnel as fast as his legs could carry him.

In no time, he reached the intersection.

After making sure no one was outside, Fang Qiu nipped out and coated his phone in some internal Qi. Then he swam to the branch at the intersection that was not sealed by the formation and called Li Ji.

"Hello."

The phone was connected.

"From now on, follow the real-time position of my phone and note down my route."

Fang Qiu told him what he should do.



“Okay.”

Li Ji promptly nodded in response.

Fang Qiu put away his phone.

He looked back and found no one from outside had come in yet. Deep down in his heart, he breathed a sigh of relief. Then he got ready and swam into the deep hole that was not sealed by the formation.

He wanted to swim in the hole and see where it led to.

Since there was flowing water, there must be a source!

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“This lake is nothing special, isn’t it?”

Everyone who had the highest position from the four clans, eight factions, and sixteen sects had gathered at the edge of the lake. Led by Master Numinous, they carefully observed the lake and the water in it.

“The water looks perfectly normal to me. I can feel there’s the Qi of Heaven and Earth under it, but it’s not as much as outside.”

“The Qi of Heaven and Earth in this relic is excessively dense. Since the lake has been surrounded by the thick Qi of Heaven and Earth all year round, it appears strange when the water in the lake does not contain much Qi of Heaven and Earth!”

“But, except for this lake, there is no other place left to search.”

“Is John Doe down there?”

Everyone looked at each other.

At this very moment, they all came out empty-handed, so they had no worries. After all, they had hidden the wooden puppets everyone had fought for.

“I’ll go down and have a look first.”

They stood there, looking at each other. Seeing no one making a move, Lin Qingyi rolled his eyes, jumped into the lake without a word, and dived rapidly into the lake bed.

“I’ll go too.”

As soon as Lin Qingyi sprang into action, another person next to him jumped in as well.

At last, the rest stopped hesitating and plunged into the lake one after another.

After that, all 28 people threw themselves into the water and exerted all their energies to dive into the depths of the lake.

However...

As gurus, the four patriarchs and Master Numinous advanced much faster than others in the water. When the others got to the bottom, the five masters had finished exploring the whole bottom of the lake. Except for the deep hole, they found nothing.

Soon, everyone gathered at the entrance of the deep cave at the bottom of the lake, but no one went down first. They stood silently gazing at each other, just like what they did when they were above the water.

In fact, it was not that they had nothing to say, but they couldn't speak.

Even the four patriarchs and Master Numinous could only use their internal Qi to push away the water near their mouths. Even so, the others still couldn't hear what they said.

After all, their voices couldn't pass through the flow of water.

As they stared helplessly at each other, Master Numinous grinned and swam down first.

The four patriarchs followed closely behind.

One after another, the others hurriedly kept pace with them.

They were willing to wait for someone to take the lead. None of them knew what was in the deep hole at the bottom of the lake, so this group needed a leader of exceptional ability to explore the way ahead.

Undoubtedly, Master Numinous was the one who had the strength.

They went all the way down.

Led by Master Numinous, this group swam non-stop and came to the intersection.

Everyone was exhilarated when they saw two passageways. One had water, and the other was sealed by the formation.

No one had expected that.

There was really a sealed place in the deep hole at the bottom of the lake. In their view, all the treasures of the ancient ruin must be within the hole sealed by the formation.

Because they couldn't speak, they could only communicate with each other with their eyes.

Everyone exchanged knowing looks.

In great excitement, everyone began to try to crack the formation.

After swimming through another cave for a long time, Fang Qiu finally reached the surface of the water.

“Whew...”

Just as his head emerged from the water, Fang Qiu released his breath in a long exhalation and found that it was an underground river.

Then, he moved along the surging river and soon came to a rock cave located amid the impenetrable darkness.

It was similar to those water-eroded rock caves unearthed in the outside world.

Fang Qiu emerged from the water.

He observed the cave closely.

This rock cave's position was very high. Judging from the waterline, Fang Qiu learned this place must be much higher than the oasis and lake in the ancient ruin.

He should be inside a mountain!

Otherwise, how could there be such a large karst cave?

However, in this ancient relic, there were no mountains, only a vast Gobi Desert. How could that lake be connected to the inside of a mountain?

So, where was this mountain exactly?

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Chapter 1179: Pay for Your Mistake!

“Tock, tock...”

Unable to figure it out, Fang Qiu took out his mobile phone to call Li Ji again.

“Hello?”

Li Ji answered the phone.

“Where am I now?” Fang Qiu asked directly.

“On a Snow-mountain sect.”

Li Ji said.

“A Snow- mountain sect?”

Hearing that, Fang Qiu immediately cried out in surprise.

This was what he had imagined, but he didn’t expect it to be at a Snow-mountain sect.

“Absolutely!”

“It’s about two kilometers away from your first fixed position. It’s in the southwest!”

Li Ji explained in detail.

“The southwest... Then I’m inside the Snow-mountain sect that is not far from where we got off the coach?”

While Fang Qiu thought over the matter, the routes he had taken immediately came to his mind. According to what Li Ji said, he should be under the place where he had passed before.

He should be in an ice-capped mountain not far from the ox-horn snow mountain.

“Okay, I see.”

After Fang Qiu confirmed his position, his eyes brightened, and he finally breathed a soft sigh of relief in his heart.

According to the position, the place where he stood really existed in real life.

At least, his position had moved and could be seen on the map. It was unlike before — his position remained unchanged even after he moved quite a distance away.

“Remember the few anchor points. Also, don’t forget the route I’ve asked you to take down.”

Fang Qiu reminded him again.

“Don’t worry.”

Li Ji replied, “I’ve recorded all these things. There won’t be any mistakes.”

Fang Qiu's tone sounded severe, but Li Ji didn't ask why he had to do this. The higher-ups had decided to let him handle the matter with regard to the ancient ruin. After all, no one could be more qualified than him to do this task.

Fang Qiu contributed to the country all the time. In turn, the state would grant him some rights he deserved to have, one of which was the right to privacy.

"Okay, I gotta go."

Fang Qiu answered and hung up the phone.

Originally, he wanted to follow the current to see where the exit was.

However, something emergent came to his mind.

Those old guys must have discovered by now that he had disappeared and might catch up with him if he didn't return in time. This place would become dangerously unstable once this underground river was exposed. If he wanted to revisit this place, the others would surely place him under surveillance.

Therefore, Fang Qiu could only turn back quickly.

Anyway, with Li Ji's record of the accurate location, he would no longer have to worry about how he would find the jade mine after the ruin disappeared!

He went back through the way he came and floated down the stream.

Fang Qiu moved very fast.

When he got close to the intersection, he slowed down, bringing his strength down to the ninth-class with two opened meridians, and swam out of the cave smoothly.

Right after he swam out, he saw a large group of people gathered at the mouth of the cave sealed by the formation. All of them were concentrating on unraveling the formation seal!

Because everyone was focusing on cracking the puzzle, they didn't notice Fang Qiu's appearance.

Fang Qiu didn't stand at the ceremony.

He immediately swam up quietly and with a curious look on his face, made his way to the entrance sealed by the formation.

He rushed over all of a sudden.

His sudden appearance startled everyone who was trying to solve the riddle.

"Kid, where did you go?"

"Sure enough, you're in the water!"

"Damn it! I was nearly scared to death. I thought you were a ghost in the water which ran out randomly."

Although they couldn't say anything, they stared at Fang Qiu, with disgruntled looks. Obviously, all of them were discontented by his sudden disappearance and appearance.

"Where did you go?"

Master Numinous also turned around and asked, using his eyes.

"Brat, where did you go exactly?"



Diwu Mingchuan and the others also had doubtful looks in their eyes.

With a shrug, Fang Qiu, facing so many people's suspicious looks, pointed to the lower half of his body and had an anxious look on his face as he said, "I was in a hurry to pee. I just needed to find a place to take a wee."

Everyone was speechless.

"Where have you been? Have you been underwater all the time?"

Everyone asked again.

Fang Qiu nodded and again indicated the lower half of his body. Then he turned his head and pointed at the body of water where he had just come out from, to show that he had gone upstream to do a wee.

Everyone was rendered speechless.

"What the hell! What's wrong with him?"

"How could anyone run upstream to pee?"

"After he passed water, wouldn't the current bring his urine to us?"

Thinking of this, everyone instantly felt extremely disgusted.

Fang Qiu, on the other hand, burst out laughing.

All the others squinted at him, their mouths twitching with displeasure.

Patriarch Qian swam over and waved to Fang Qiu, pointing to the formation that blocked the entrance. Apparently, he was asking Fang Qiu if he had seen the sealing formation when he came down.

"I saw it."

Fang Qiu nodded and communicated with him through his eyes, "When I came down, I stayed here for quite a while to try and solve the mystery, but I could do nothing about it. Then I had to leave to pee."

This explanation sounded reasonable enough.

Everyone nodded.

"Try again to see if you can crack this formation."

Xi Fengling urged.

"Okay."

Fang Qiu nodded and walked up, attempting to unlock the formation.

The others were once again engrossed in trying to break open the seal.

Just like that, the crowd continued to gather before the sealing formation. Some of them thought they had a chance to break it. Some considered that this mission was far beyond their capabilities, so they turned their attention to Fang Qiu, waiting for him to decode it.

More than ten minutes passed quickly.

Fang Qiu fixed his eyes on the formation for more than ten minutes.

Then he could no longer stand it and gave up his pretence of trying to crack the formation. Thus, he directly turned around and shook his head with a wave of his hand, then pointing upward, he swam to the lake's surface.

Everyone watched him as he did this series of actions.

They understood what John Doe meant: he wanted to go up and get some fresh air.

No one thought much about it.

They went on trying to resolve this complex problem.

Fang Qiu quickly went straight to the surface of the lake, breaking out of the water.

"Whew..."

Inhaling deeply, Fang Qiu looked around and noticed that all the wooden puppets had been taken away. He didn't think much of that and went on walking toward the pavilion.

"Now, I've searched everywhere but still found nothing. The only thing left should be the painting with the big character 'Mo' in the hall!"

With this in mind, Fang Qiu walked into the hall and looked up at the painting.

A lot of people must have observed this painting, and many of them wanted to take it. After all, it was the only object in the entire relic.

However, on closer inspection, they discovered it was very ordinary. There was nothing special about it.

In addition, there were too many people.

As soon as anyone made a move to grab this painting, others would also make a mad rush for it.

To maintain the peace, everyone chose to let the painting hang here.

But...

Now, Fang Qiu was the only one in the hall!

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Everyone was waiting for John Doe's return beneath the lake.

They had thought John Doe would be back soon to crack the formation, but after waiting for a long time, there was no sign of him. Moreover, it gradually dawned upon them that John Doe might never return.

For a moment, everyone frowned.

What did this mean?

Normally, John Doe would not have abandoned such a mysterious place that might likely have treasures hidden in it. How could he leave like this?

Could it be that he had discovered more valuable treasures outside of the water?

This thought struck everyone.

They exchanged glances, feeling that something was wrong there. One after another, they swam ashore.

They emerged from the water.

“Boom!”

There suddenly came a deafening sound of an explosion.

Abruptly, the entire space in the ruin began to shake.

Fang Qiu was still in the hall of the pavilion.

In his hand was the painting with the character “Mo” that he had taken off the wall!

After taking the painting from the wall, Fang Qiu wanted to study it carefully before putting it away. But before he could take a closer look, it spontaneously combusted.

It burst into flames and soon, the ashes whirled all over in the sky.

The painting began to burn.

The entire relic also started to shake violently.

Everyone trembled; it felt as if they were in an earthquake.

Then, everyone looked up.

A huge crack could be seen in the sky. Usually, a violent earthquake would cause large gaps to appear on the ground. This time, the impact of the enormous shock even split the sky!

This scene frightened everyone.

Rumble! Rumble! Rumble!

When everyone was at a loss about what to do next, the crack in the sky exploded abruptly.

Everything turned black.

The world suddenly lit up.

The lake was gone, and so was the fog surrounding the ruin. It was not only the pavilion in the relic that disappeared, but the ripped sky caused by the vibration vanished at the same time.

Instead, a group of rugged snow mountains appeared.

As far as their eyes could see, they were in a world of ice like the South Pole. They could see parts of the frozen mountain inside the ice.

“Are we back?”

“We’re out?”

“The relic?”

“Where is the ancient ruin?”

“What the fuck! We’ve just found the seal under the water. How could it all be gone?”

Seeing the utterly different scene around them, everyone immediately thought that the secret place had disappeared!

The ruin was also gone.

Looking around in puzzlement, their eyes finally landed on Fang Qiu, who was not far away.

“What did you do?”

Diwu Mingchuan asked, bristling with fury.

“What did you touch?”

Master Numinous also asked hurriedly.

“I, but I didn’t do anything?”

Fang Qiu shrugged, acting innocent.

His reply confused everyone even more.

“He did nothing, but how could this relic suddenly disappear?”

They looked at each other and suddenly a thought seemed to occur to all of them simultaneously. Immediately, these masters turned around in a great hurry, crazily searching everywhere.

They found nothing.

All the puppets that they had hidden were gone.

The relic was nowhere to be found. Everything had disappeared without a trace!

Their efforts in the relic were in vain!

Their expressions turned ugly.

They all glared at Fang Qiu.

The others were together earlier, so they were above suspicion. The only person who could have done something was John Doe!

Otherwise, why would he make his way out of the lake so early?

“It must be you. You made the relic disappear. There is nothing in there, but we managed to get a few puppets. Now because of you, both the ruin and our wooden warriors are gone forever. You have to pay for the damage!”

Someone shouted out loud.

Everyone immediately backed him up.

Hearing that, Fang Qiu trembled and then quickly ran away from them.

“Don’t run.”

“Stop right there.”

“Why are you running away? What are you escaping from?”

As soon as everyone saw him fleeing, they chased after him.

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He ran off frantically.

Of course, Fang Qiu didn't intend to escape. He just wanted to see the geographical location of this area with its snow-capped mountains and glaciers.

Everyone followed closely behind.

Fang Qiu ran up to the icy mountains that resembled a pair of ox horns. Once again, he put some distance between himself and the rest of the people and stopped where the formation of the light curtain was. This was where he had entered the ruin.

"Two kilometers."

Arriving at the foot of one of the ox-horn mountains, Fang Qiu came to a halt and calculated in his heart, "It's not far at all. Why did I walk such a long way in the ruin?"

Fang Qiu remembered it clearly.

Upon entering it, he walked far into the Gobi Desert. Then, after the relic of the pavilion fell from the sky, he had walked dozens of kilometers to reach it. This way, the total distance should be about 60 or even 70 kilometers.

"How can it only be two kilometers?"

Fang Qiu wondered about this and couldn't help frowning.

Behind him, the rest who pursued him closely reached the foot of the ox-horn snow-capped mountain. Like Fang Qiu, they were also confused.

“It’s strange. How can it be so close?”

“We’ve walked at least dozens of kilometers inside, haven’t we?”

“How did we come back here after running less than two kilometers?”

They didn’t argue with Fang Qiu. Instead, they began to ask each other questions when they stopped. Even though they were the top figures in Wulin, they had never experienced such a mystical event before.

“Is the formation still there?”

Lin Qingyi asked.

Everybody was dumbfounded.

They all stepped forward, reaching out to probe into the space before them.

There was nothing ahead.

The light curtain with characters that had initially blocked them had completely disappeared.

“Even if the entrance is gone, there must be another way to get in.”

“That’s right. Everything in the relic looks and feels very real. The relic must be hidden somewhere nearby!”

“Let’s keep searching.”

After a heated discussion, everyone was ready to look for it.

“Patter! Patter! Patter!”

At this very moment, the sounds of footsteps could be heard.

Hearing these footsteps, the crowd paused and looked over.

A group of people, led by a middle-aged man in black, stepped out from between the snow-capped mountains ahead. He had a team of followers behind him.

Looking carefully at this group of people, they noticed an acquaintance among them!

Ma Chunyu!

At this time, he was being held hostage by this crowd.

He looked much older than before and appeared haggard and depressed — he must have been seriously maltreated.

“Ma Chunyu!”

At the sight of Ma Chunyu, Lin Qingyi’s face darkened instantly, and he stared angrily at the group of people.

Everyone understood instantly what was going on.

Clearly, this crowd had caught Ma Chunyu and forced him to show them where the relic was located!

They were less than 20 meters away.

The atmosphere suddenly became awkward when they met each other's eyes.

That group never expected to see so many masters from four clans, eight factions, and sixteen sects in such a place. Like them, these Wulin people also didn't envision that any of the others would be here either.

"Who are you?"

With his eyes fixed on them, Diwu Mingchuan frowned in puzzlement. "I don't think I've seen any of them before!"

"They belong to Nirvana Organization!"

Before this group of people could say anything, Ma Chunyu, who was being held captive, immediately shouted out loud.

He wanted these Wulin experts to save him.

"Nirvana?"

When everyone heard this, their faces instantly clouded over.

As the force leaders, they had more or less some knowledge about the Nirvana Organization. It was a notorious cult.

Hence, when they heard that the other party was from the Nirvana Organization, everyone's faces immediately turned hostile.

"Run!"

Without giving too much thought, the leading middle-aged man shouted in haste and then turned to make his getaway.

He was a Nirvana organization member, and he was not a fool!

He was very clear about how perilous the situation was.

This group before him comprised 29 top Wulin experts with the best martial arts skills!

Once the fight started, they would be slaughtered!

Therefore, they didn't dare to make any moves.

"Don't let them escape. Go after them!"

Master Numinous narrowed his eyes and shouted. Then he readied himself and took the lead to catch up with them.

The four patriarchs, after exchanging glances, also pursued them with all their might.

The leaders of other forces and Fang Qiu started to chase after them.

Seeing this, these people from the Nirvana Organization were in a state of panic. Each of them ignored the others, searched for seemingly safer places, and turned to run for their lives.

In the blink of an eye, this bunch of people scattered in four directions and fled in four small groups, leaving Ma Chunyu on the glacier.

Everyone was about to continue their pursuit.

“Hold on!”

Fang Qiu suddenly shouted, stopping everyone from hunting them down.

His yell stopped everyone, who turned their heads in confusion.

“What are the members of the Nirvana Organization doing here?”

Under everyone’s gaze, Fang Qiu walked over to Ma Chunyu and said, “Did they want to steal the treasures? Were they going to kill us? There are so few of them, aren’t there?”

“Their goal is to take your lives!”

Ma Chunyu turned to glance at everyone and said.

“Hmm?”

When everyone heard this, they all frowned.

Judging from the scene just now, the group of people had only two gurus in total. In contrast, they had five!

What was noticeable was that the two Nirvana Organization gurus ran in different directions.

One guru ran in one direction with a small group.

It was so obvious that their combat capability would be weakened.

“Tell us everything you know!”

Fang Qiu kept staring at Ma Chunyu.

“That’s all I know.”

Ma Chunyu continued, “I only know that they planned to destroy all of you in one clean sweep. They ran away as soon as they saw you, probably because they had set up a trap in advance. But I’m not sure if there is any!”

When everyone heard that, their expressions turned severe.

After they thought about it carefully, it seemed that there could be such a possibility. Otherwise, how could Nirvana send only a few people over? The two gurus would only be able to survive when they stayed together, but why would they run in two different directions? Moreover, they chose to go in opposite directions but didn’t turn around and run back. Why?

“We can’t let him escape!”

Elder Zhan took a big gulp of wine, and his dazed eyes suddenly sparkled!

He was indeed serious.

“Yes, even killing only one will be a good thing!”

“But what should we do in this situation?”

Several force leaders asked.

Fang Qiu raised his eyebrows and continued interrogating Ma Chunyu, “How many Nirvana people were there?”

“I only saw this group of people.”

Ma Chunyu was so cold that he started to shiver uncontrollably and folded his arms across his body tightly.

After all, without any martial arts skills and internal Qi, he was only an ordinary old man. So, he couldn't withstand the cold in this frozen, snow-covered land.

Fang Qiu reached out and transferred a little internal Qi to him to help him overcome the cold.

“I didn't see anything else.”

Feeling a little warmer, Ma Chunyu added, “This group escorted me here. I haven't seen anyone else. I don't know if they have set any other traps.”

Fang Qiu narrowed his eyes, pursed his lips, and said, “In that case, Nirvana must have sent some people to hunt for us to mess up the whole of Wulin. All of you should know Nirvana Organization's wild ambitions.”

“Since they dared to show up, we must not let them go back unscathed!”

With this, Fang Qiu stood up, looked in the direction that one Nirvana guru had fled in, and said, “Their purpose of running in separate directions is to disperse our strength and then besiege us. They must really have such a low opinion of us, so much so that they think they can annihilate us by using such a simple plot.”

“This time, we might not be able to wipe them out.”

“However, even if we manage to put down one, it's our victory!”

“In order not to fall into the Nirvana Organization's trap, I suggest we go after one person together!”



Everyone heard his suggestion.

They nodded in unison.

“Okay.”

Master Numinous and the four patriarchs nodded at the same time.

Everyone was very clear on this.

John Doe’s method was the best. In this way, they could ensure everyone’s safety to the greatest extent and kill the Nirvana members. Although they might only slay one, it was better than not finishing off any and getting ambushed!

Thinking of this...

Everyone looked at each other, each with a resolute look in their eyes. In no time, they dashed to look for their prey in one direction.

This time, Fang Qiu no longer held back his strength.

He ran at full speed. Though he didn’t fly, his speed was no slower than that of the four patriarchs and Master Numinous. On the contrary, he was even slightly faster.

This scene startled everyone.

They all knew that John Doe’s combat capability was excessively outstanding, but no one had expected that his speed was so astonishing!

Even the four patriarchs and Master Numinous were shocked by John Doe’s incredible speed!

Just when everyone was in shock, Fang Qiu had already spotted the few Nirvana people who had fled earlier!

Although the other side ran at full speed, they were much slower than Fang Qiu.

After a while, Fang Qiu caught up with one of them.

It was the middle-aged man in black who had taken the lead before.

“Get lost!”

When the middle-aged man saw John Doe bearing down on him, a cold light suddenly beamed from his sharp eagle-like eyes and he shouted at Fang Qiu coldly.

“Humph!”

Fang Qiu responded with a snort of contempt and continued to chase after him fearlessly. He rushed straight toward him and stopped him.

“You’re courting death!”

The middle-aged man looked back and found that the others had already caught up. Immediately, he glared at John Doe with a furious look. With a wave of his hands, a strong murderous intent erupted from his body.

A layer of black mist suddenly surged out of his sleeve and wrapped around his hands. Then, his body shifted slightly and he pounced on Fang Qiu with a stream of deathly energy Qi.

“Hmm?”

Fang Qiu was taken aback.

He felt an extremely gloomy and cold aura, which sent chills down his spine, emerging from the other party's hands. He felt as if something horrifying would stab into the back of his head at any time.

"Go to hell!"

The middle-aged man shouted coldly and sprang toward Fang Qiu in an instant.

"Great Hand of Destruction!"

At this crucial moment, Fang Qiu waved his right hand and a huge energy palm immediately formed between heaven and earth. As Fang Qiu moved his arm, the palm violently collided with the man's pair of hands which were covered by a layer of black mist.