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Senior Yue's monologue was not lost on Lin Jing; he heard every word.

As for Senior Yue,

Lin Jing had no comment.

After all, it wasn't his Spirit Stone that was being lost.

Afterward,

Lin Jing stayed a while longer.

Having received no more useful information, he then left the place.

Leaving Senior Yue's dwelling, Lin Jing continued to explore deeper into the cave.

The cave was very deep.

However,

due to the limited range of the Observation Mode, Lin Jing ultimately did not find the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

Reluctantly, Lin Jing gave up the idea of seeking the Cleansing Spirit Pool for the time being.

Next,

Lin Jing continued to cultivate within the cave dwelling.

It wasn't until two days later that Senior Han came to find him.

When Senior Han arrived,

Lin Jing was cultivating inside the System Space.

It was through the system's reminder that Lin Jing knew of his arrival.

Afterward,

Lin Jing left the System Space and opened the stone door to go out.

Upon seeing Lin Jing, Senior Han spoke directly:

"Let's go..."

"Follow me."

Lin Jing, upon seeing Senior Han, was still puzzled and did not react at once.

Then he heard Senior Han explain:

"I'm taking you to the core area."

"I've arranged a dwelling for you to cultivate in there."

Upon hearing Senior Han's words, Lin Jing was stunned for a moment and then nodded his head.

"Alright..."

Lin Jing knew there was no need for formalities with Senior Han.

Moreover,

Lin Jing did indeed need to head to the core area, as he still wanted to investigate the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

Now, in this inner area, the distance was simply not enough.

If he were in the core area, he estimated the distance would be sufficient.

Having said that,

Lin Jing followed Senior Han toward the core area.

On the way,

Senior Han spoke again to Lin Jing:

“This time, I’ve left you two days. You can cultivate in the core area until it’s time for you to leave.”

“During these two days, you should cultivate well.”

“Who knows, with some luck, you could improve the quality of your Spiritual Root.”

“Rest assured, Senior Han!” Lin Jing nodded in response.

Having said that,

the two of them proceeded along the passage.

Before long, they arrived at the entrance to the core area.

The route they took this time was different from the one Senior Yue took when Lin Jing used the Observation Mode to follow him.

And,

this time there were two disciples of the Qingyuan Sword Sect guarding the entrance to the core area.

Upon seeing Han Jing, they greeted him.

“Senior Han...”

Senior Han nodded, and then addressed the two:

“This is a disciple I used to know well. I’m taking him inside for some cultivation. He doesn’t have a token. I’ve informed you in advance; when it’s time for him to leave, just let him out.”

The two nodded to Han Jing and said:

“Don’t worry, Senior Han.”

Han Jing cupped his fists and said to the two men:

“Thank you both, junior brothers.”

The two men also cupped their fists in response:

“Senior Brother Han, you are too kind. We hope that after you become a core disciple, you can give us some guidance.”

Han Jing nodded and then said to them:

“Don’t worry.”

After saying this,

Han Jing cupped his fists again and said to the two men:

“Alright, junior brothers, we’re going in now.”

“Farewell!”

“Senior Brother Han, farewell,” the two men replied, cupping their fists in unison.

Then,

he walked in with Lin Jing.

After the two had entered,

the two disciples at the door began to discuss among themselves.

The one on the left said:

“Is the cave dwelling that Senior Brother Han applied for actually for this person’s use?”

“Who is this person, do you know him?”

The disciple on the right first peeked inside for a moment, then shook his head and said:

“Not sure, I haven’t seen him before.”

“But...”

“If Senior Brother Han does this, I’m afraid it will displease the elder.”

“The elder arranged this cave dwelling for him to cultivate properly, to improve his cultivation as much as possible before the sect’s disciple conference.”

“To secure a place in the top three in the grand competition.”

“Now...”

“He has given this opportunity to an unknown little cultivator.”

“Moreover, this person doesn’t seem to be the child of one of those big families from Immortal City.”

“I doubt he can offer much in the way of Spirit Stones.”

The disciple on the left nodded in agreement after hearing this.

“Indeed...”

“You know, renting this cave dwelling to other cultivators to earn some Spirit Stones, to buy a few more pills, would be much better than this.”

The disciple on the right said:

“Sigh...”

“Indeed!”

“Who knows what Senior Brother Han is thinking.”

“I guess this cultivator must have a special relationship with Senior Brother Han.”

The disciple on the left curled his lips and said to the one on the right:

“You’re stating the obvious...”

“Otherwise, how could Senior Brother Han treat him so...”

While the two were chatting leisurely,

Senior Brother Han had already brought Lin Jing to the entrance of a cave dwelling in the core area.

The two stood outside the cave dwelling.

Senior Brother Han took a glowing token from his Storage Bag with his hand.

Then,

he placed the token onto the stone platform at the entrance of the cave dwelling.

After the token was placed, there was a fluctuation, and then the formation opened.

Senior Brother Han stepped forward, pushed open the stone door of the cave dwelling, and walked in.

Lin Jing also followed after Senior Brother Han, heading inside the cave dwelling.

This core area cave dwelling was slightly larger than those in the inner area.

After entering the cave dwelling, Senior Brother Han handed the token in his hand directly to Lin Jing.

“You hold onto this token. When you leave, just return it to me.”

Lin Jing took the token and nodded.

Afterward,

Senior Brother Han gave Lin Jing some instructions, and then he left the cave dwelling.

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Not until Senior Han had left,

did Lin Jing finally calm down and carefully sense the components of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid mixed within the Spiritual Energy.

The concentration of Spiritual Energy here was indeed much denser than that of the internal area.

Even the components of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid were much more concentrated.

However,

Lin Jing just felt it briefly,

and had a rough idea in his mind.

If he were to cultivate here, the possibility of enhancing his own Spiritual Root aptitude would still be far from enough.

Unless he could stay here for at least a few years, then there might be a slight possibility.

But now, Lin Jing only had two days.

It was far from enough.

Therefore,

to improve his Spiritual Root aptitude, he still needed to start with the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

It wasn't long after Senior Han had left,
that Lin Jing once again entered the System Space.

This time,
because Lin Jing's location was in the core area, closer to the Cleansing Spirit Pool,
he thought he should be able to observe the Cleansing Spirit Pool this time.

Afterwards,
Lin Jing immediately activated Observation Mode and started exploring.

This time, he did not indiscriminately watch the other cultivators' caves,
but went straight deeper inside at a slow pace.

Following the passage, all the way in,
after some time, Lin Jing finally saw a Formation.

He controlled the viewpoint of Observation Mode and easily passed through the Formation, then arrived inside a very large cavern.

In the center of this cavern,
there was a huge stone column that extended directly to the ceiling of the cave.

The middle of this stone column was hollow.

The milky white Cleansing Spirit Liquid was in the hollow within the stone column.

Lin Jing then turned the observation viewpoint around, observing the entire cavern.

At this time, in this cavern,
there were three elders, spread out, standing guard in three directions of the cave.

These three elders...

should be the three Nascent Soul Elders sent by the three great Sects to guard the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

Lin Jing learned from Senior Han,

that unless a major event occurred, these three Nascent Soul Elders would not leave this place.

After observing around,

Lin Jing controlled the observation viewpoint to continue forward.

First, he passed through a Defensive Array, and then he arrived at the edge of this stone column.

The protection of this Cleansing Spirit Liquid was truly rigorous.

Apart from the three Nascent Soul Elders, there were actually two layers of Formations for protection.

However,

Lin Jing under Observation Mode could completely ignore these.

Of course,

he also could not take away even a drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid while in Observation Mode.

Afterward, Lin Jing looked towards the small pool formed by the hollow in the stone column.

He saw the inside of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

There wasn't much Cleansing Spirit Liquid, if it were put into a wine cup, it probably wouldn't even fill it up.

But just this little bit of Cleansing Spirit Liquid,

was guarded by the three great Sects as if it were a precious treasure.

With such strict defenses, even if Lin Jing wanted to steal it, it would hardly be possible.

Previously, Lin Jing had even thought about using the Fixed Point Teleportation function of the System Space to come here and take a drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

But looking at the situation,

it was hardly possible.

Probably as soon as Lin Jing teleported here, before he could take the Cleansing Spirit Liquid, he would be discovered by the three Nascent Soul Elders and be killed with a direct slap.

And for him to obtain the Cleansing Spirit Liquid,

unless there was some special circumstance that caused the three Nascent Soul Elders to leave at the same time,

otherwise,

he didn't even need to think about it.

Afterward,

Lin Jing once again controlled the observation viewpoint, and observed inside the cavern for a while.

However, he found no clues.

Lin Jing looked at the less than one small cup of Cleansing Spirit Liquid and fell into deep thought.

Just at that moment, a sudden flash of inspiration struck Lin Jing.

He suddenly thought,

Observation Mode is not limited by terrain.

And if he couldn't get the Cleansing Spirit Liquid in this cave, then perhaps he could find the source that produced this Cleansing Spirit Liquid...

With that thought,

Lin Jing became somewhat excited.

Then,

he controlled Observation Mode to carefully inspect the stone column.

He wanted to see how the Cleansing Spirit Liquid was produced.

After observing for a while, he found no clues.

Lin Jing simply controlled the observation viewpoint and delved into the stone column.

As soon as he entered the stone column, Lin Jing's heart sank.

Because,

inside the stone column, the viewpoint of Observation Mode was pitch black.

Just as if someone had blindfolded him, he couldn't see anything.

Lin Jing didn't give up.

He continued to delve deeper within the stone column.

He didn't know how deep he had gone,

when once again a dark red light appeared in the darkness.

And,

this dark red light seemed to be moving.

Lin Jing couldn't help thinking aloud,

"This dark red color..."

"Could it be that I've delved too deep and reached the magma?"

"But..."

"This isn't a volcano vent, logically speaking, it should be far from reaching magma."

Lin Jing then approached it a bit more and looked carefully, only to discover...

It turns out that this dark red light was actually a group of ants.

Lin Jing had stumbled upon an ant nest.

But it was unknown what kind of ants they were.

Their bodies even emitted a dark red glow.

Thanks to the light from these ants, Lin Jing could vaguely make out some scattered stones.

So this place was still within the rock layers.

Lin Jing was not interested in the ants.

He continued his exploration.

However.

This time, even at the maximum range of Observation Mode, Lin Jing discovered nothing.

Helpless.

Lin Jing had no choice but to exit Observation Mode temporarily.

After coming out of Observation Mode, Lin Jing left the System Space directly.

Sitting cross-legged on the stone bed in his cave dwelling, he pondered.

He tried to think of some other methods.

For a long while.

Lin Jing racked his brains to the point of a splitting headache but still couldn't come up with a better method.

Unless, he was willing to risk his life.

If it came to risking his life, then there was no need.

Lin Jing indeed wanted to improve the quality of his Spiritual Root.

But it was not to the extent that he had to take such risks.

Moreover.

This risk-taking was right under the eyes of a Nascent Soul Cultivator.

Lin Jing then shook his head.

Having the System Space, even with a Five Elements Mixed Spirit Root, his cultivation would be much easier than for others.

To take such a risk, which was almost certainly fatal?

Absolutely unnecessary...

"It seems this matter can only be left to fate."

“If in the future, I get the chance to obtain Cleansing Spirit Liquid, then we will see.”

“Who knows, maybe in the future, I can obtain this Cleansing Spirit Liquid from some other place.”

Thinking thus, Lin Jing slowly let go of his fixations.

Afterward.

Lin Jing temporarily put aside this matter and began cultivating once again.

This round of cultivation lasted another day.

Today marked the sixth day since Lin Jing arrived at this Cleansing Spirit place.

One more day and they would be leaving.

Although the core area was indeed much better than the inner area,

the concentration of Spiritual Energy still could not compare with that inside the System Space.

And the effects produced by the Cleansing Spirit Liquid factors contained within the Spiritual Energy were not very significant.

Perhaps it was because Lin Jing possessed a Five Elements Mixed Spirit Root.

His absorption rate of Spiritual Energy was much slower than others.

That could be why.

Despite this.

Lin Jing still did not give up.

Afterward.

Lin Jing continued to sit in meditation and cultivate.

However...

This time, Lin Jing had not been meditating for long,

perhaps not even an hour,

when he was startled awake by a sudden jolt.

Lin Jing frowned and then began to think.

“Why would there be a sudden tremor in this place of Cleansing Spirit?”

“Something’s not right...”

Then.

Lin Jing stopped meditating, sat cross-legged on the stone bed, and waited for Senior Han’s arrival.

Because Lin Jing knew...

If something really happened,

Senior Han would definitely inform him at the first opportunity.

However...

This time Lin Jing waited for half an hour, but Senior Han did not come, and the abrupt tremor did not occur again.

Curiosity arose within Lin Jing.

Afterward...

He entered the System Space once again.

Upon entering the System Space, Lin Jing immediately activated Observation Mode.

He then controlled the perspective to continue his exploration.

Soon.

Lin Jing discovered the two disciples of the Qingyuan Sword Sect who had been guarding the entrance to the core area.

The two were walking down the corridor, just past the entrance of a cave dwelling.

The stone door of this cave dwelling was open, and a cultivator stuck his head out, asking them:

“Fellow disciples, what happened with the sudden tremor just now?”

Obviously...

This person too was awakened by the unexpected tremor.

“Greetings, Senior Brother...”

“Just now, at the very back of the caves, some low-level Ant Demon Beasts caused a boulder to dislodge and fall, creating the tremors.”

“An Elder has already gone to handle it, and it’s estimated that it will be resolved in a short while.”

“Senior Brother need not worry, you can continue your cultivation in peace.”

After hearing this, the cultivator nodded.

“So that’s what happened...”

“Thank you both, fellow disciples.”

Having said this,

he then returned to his cave dwelling to continue cultivating.

And Lin Jing, upon hearing this, furrowed his brows and pondered for a moment.

Afterward.

He continued his exploration going forward.

“Ant Demon Beasts?”

“Could it be the ones I saw earlier?”

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Lin Jing controlled the Observation Mode, reaching the deepest part of the cave.

As soon as he entered the cave, Lin Jing noticed that it was different from the last time he had been there.

A giant boulder lay in the middle of the cave.

There were also many fragments of rock strewn about in disarray.

At the rear of the cave, there was a massive new opening.

Lin Jing clearly remembered that, on his last visit,

this opening did not exist.

It was obviously newly formed.

And inside that opening, a chilling wind howled, with intermittent piercing shrieks resonating within.

In the cave,

the three Nascent Soul Elders who were supposed to guard it were now down to two.

And the remaining two Nascent Soul Elders had ceased their meditation.

At the mouth of the new opening, they had erected a barrier of light.

Seemingly stabilizing the entire cave.

Driven by curiosity, Lin Jing controlled the Observation Mode

and peered into the newly formed opening.

After a period of exploration,

the cave turned sharply downward.

Lin Jing continued his exploration following the descent.

With the faint light to guide him, Lin Jing looked at the cave walls and could barely make out

that the walls, as though hewn by axe and chisel, were irregular but smooth in some areas.

They didn't appear to be naturally formed at all.

It seemed more like a passage carved out by some creature...

After observing for a while, Lin Jing continued his descent.

Soon...

he reached the bottom of the cave.

At this point, the bottom of the cave was much more spacious than before.

Lin Jing moved on,

and finally...

he saw someone.

It was the third Elder who had been guarding the cave with the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

At that moment,

a Flying Sword was positioned by his side, ready to strike at what lay opposite.

And opposite him was a huge Ant Demon Beast, shrieking fiercely and confronting him.

The Ant Demon Beast was dark red all over and glowed brightly.

Just like...

the Ant Demon Beasts Lin Jing had seen before.

Only this one was much larger, the size of a calf.

Besides this colossal ant, there were countless other Ant Demon Beasts within the cave.

Even behind the Ant Demon Beast, the entire cave was a dark red hue, which looked quite terrifying.

However,

the standoff between the man and the beast did not last long before conflict erupted.

The largest Ant Demon Beast leaped forward, charging straight at the Nascent Soul Elder.

But the Nascent Soul Elder simply raised his hand,

and a sea of flames burst forth, rushing toward the swarm of ants.

Countless Ant Demon Beasts were incinerated to ash by the flames,

and only a few managed to survive.

Even the surrounding rocks had begun to melt.

Indeed, befitting of a Nascent Soul Cultivator, the casually unleashed sea of flames was terrifyingly powerful.

Yet, despite this,

the largest Ant Demon Beast emerged from the sea of flames unimpeded,

with not a single mark on its body.

Once again, the Nascent Soul Elder extended his hand and pointed forward.

The previously poised Flying Sword, shimmering with dazzling light, surged towards the Ant Demon Beast.

“Clang!”

Upon contact with the Ant Demon Beast, the Flying Sword produced a sound like metal striking metal.

The Ant Demon Beast shrieked in pain, yet bore no wound on its body.

After shrieking, it continued its charge towards the Nascent Soul Elder.

Just as it was about to rush over...

Suddenly,

a tremendous palm shadow flew out, directly swatting the Ant Demon Beast away.

“Elder Yue, how goes it?”

A voice then emanated from behind the Elder.

Lin Jing subsequently shifted the Observation Mode perspective and looked behind.

He saw that it was one of the men who had previously been above.

The Elder who had been fighting with the Ant Demon Beast didn’t even turn his head and responded:

“This Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant seems to have reached its climate, and might be close to morphing. My fire-based Divine Sense has no effect on it.”

“Elder Li, this Demonic Beast is not easy to deal with...”

The Elder who had just arrived furrowed his brows and replied:

“I did not expect it to be this troublesome...”

As soon as Elder Li finished speaking, Elder Yue once again started to explain:

“This place is not like the others; we need to ensure that the Cleansing Spirit Liquid remains unaffected.”

“Therefore...”

“we should resolve this battle quickly.”

Elder Li nodded in agreement.

He took a step forward, ready to join Elder Yue and slay the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

Seeing their intent, the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant seemed to realize it was no match for the two of them.

After a shriek, it turned and fled into the depths of the cave.

At the same time, the remaining Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants that had survived the sea of flames charged at the two Elders.

As the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant attempted to escape, the two Elders gave chase without hesitation.

Meanwhile, the Devouring Spirit Ants were deemed inconsequential by the Elders.

Elder Yue then waved his hand, and a wave of Spiritual Power swept over.

The Devouring Spirit Ants burst apart...

Lin Jing had wanted to keep watching the battle,

but not long into his pursuit, the range of Observation Mode reached its limit and could not extend any further.

Feeling helpless,

Lin Jing had no choice but to return.

When Lin Jing regained control over the Observation Mode, returning to the cave, only one Elder remained on guard there.

This remaining Elder stood at the entrance, gazing inside,

seemingly using Divine Sense to detect any activity inside the cave.

Yet,

there was not the slightest change in his expression.

Clearly,

the battle inside was well in hand.

The two Nascent Soul Stage Elders facing the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant should have an easy victory.

After waiting a little longer...

just as Lin Jing was about to exit Observation Mode and return to his cultivation,

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Suddenly...

An unexpected change occurred.

“Boom!”

Within the cave, there came a loud noise, and the ground shook violently.

The Elder who had been guarding the entrance with an unfazed expression, suddenly turned pale and subconsciously wanted to rush into the cave.

But it looked like he remembered something...

He stopped abruptly.

He then turned to glance at the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

Immediately after...

he took out a humanoid stone automaton from his Space Ring and placed it at the entrance of the cave.

This stone automaton was grayish-green, holding a spear, and appeared somewhat damaged, like an ancient burial item from a tomb.

Just as Lin Jing was puzzled,

he saw the Elder's lips move slightly and then he stretched out his hand, shooting out a beam of green light from his palm.

It struck directly at the automaton's forehead.

In no time at all, the stone automaton opened its eyes.

Its eyes were blood-red, surveying the entire cave.

Then,

after setting down the automaton, the Elder recited an incantation, and the stone automaton began to slowly move its body.

Afterwards,

it started patrolling back and forth inside the cave,

as if it were a loyal guardian.

Having done all this,

the Elder didn't hesitate and rushed into the cave, then disappeared from view.

At this moment,

the three Elders who had originally been guarding this place had all left.

Within the cave, only the stone automaton patrolling back and forth remained.

And...

Lin Jing, inside the System Space using Observation Mode, watching all of this unfold.

Of course...

There was also the extremely precious Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

Faced with this sudden turn of events,

Lin Jing was initially stunned, but then became extremely excited.

Lin Jing had long thought about scenarios like this.

How to lure the three Grand Elders away and then steal the Cleansing Spirit Liquid for himself.

He just hadn't expected...

that a sudden incident would cause all three Elders to leave.

Leaving behind only the Formation.

And that constantly patrolling stone automaton.

If the three Nascent Soul Stage Elders were present, Lin Jing wouldn't dare make any rash moves.

Even if there were just one Nascent Soul Stage Elder here,

Lin Jing wouldn't dare to make a move.

Because...

The gap in Cultivation was simply too great, and Lin Jing feared he would be killed instantly as soon as he appeared.

Even with the System Space, he wouldn't have a chance to steal the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

But.

Now that all three Grand Elders had left,

only the automaton remained.

As for the automaton...

Lin Jing began to ponder.

According to one method he had previously considered...

After arriving here, he could directly use the System's Fixed Point Teleportation feature to teleport inside the Defensive Array.

The Formation protecting the Cleansing Spirit Pool would presumably have very strong defenses.

However...

Lin Jing could use Fixed Point Teleportation to teleport directly inside the Formation.

Then,

no matter how strong the Formation, it would be useless against him.

Upon teleporting inside the Formation, Lin Jing could directly collect the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

Lin Jing had even planned ahead.

He wouldn't take much, just one or two drops would suffice.

The System Space definitely needed a drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

Only by first bringing a drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid into the System Space could he initiate the environmental simulation of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

After taking the Cleansing Spirit Liquid, Lin Jing would use the System's Fixed Point Teleportation to return to the previous cave dwelling.

In this way, everything would be seamless.

Nobody would notice a thing.

Except for that,

the patrolling stone automaton.

However...

Since the Nascent Soul Elder dared to use the stone automaton, it must be quite formidable.

If Lin Jing were to suddenly appear,

he had no doubt that the automaton would immediately attack him.

Now, the only thing Lin Jing was unsure about was,

just how formidable the automaton was.

Whether it could break through the Formation protecting the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

Because according to Lin Jing's plan, he was going to teleport directly inside the Formation,

he could certainly rely on the Formation protecting the Cleansing Spirit Liquid to shield himself.

As for the automaton...

After contemplating for a while longer,

Lin Jing decided to act.

Because...

even if the automaton was incredibly powerful and could break the Defensive Array, the Formation would still hold up for a while.

That amount of time...

would be enough for Lin Jing to retrieve the Cleansing Spirit Liquid and then hide back in the System Space.

At this time,

the ground trembled violently again.

And a huge hissing sound came from inside the cave.

Furthermore, this hissing was different from what Lin Jing had heard before, clearly it was another, even more powerful Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

The consecutive appearance of two powerful Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants meant one thing for certain...

In the depths of the cave,

the three Nascent Soul Elders must be in a fierce battle with the Devouring Spirit Ants.

Meanwhile, the rocks above the cave were falling continuously amidst the violent tremors...

With such a commotion,

it was likely that not only the core area but even the outer regions could clearly feel it.

Although Lin Jing was inside the System Space and unaware of the situation in the core area,

he also knew.

With such a major event, the people from the three Sects would definitely not sit idly by.

It probably wouldn't be long before someone arrived at the cave to notify him.

Possibly,

there would be a need to evacuate from the land of the Cleansing Spirit.

Time waits for no one, and Lin Jing's opportunity was now or never.

Afterwards...

Lin Jing made up his mind and took a gamble.

Lin Jing had thoroughly explored this cavern before and knew that there was no Shadow Capture Orb present.

However...

he didn't know whether the Nascent Soul Elders had a similar divine ability to reconstruct the scene at that time.

For the sake of caution...

Lin Jing changed into different clothing within the System Space, also activated the Hidden Dragon Pendant of the Azure Moon to alter his appearance, form, and Cultivation aura.

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After completing all these preparations,

Lin Jing spoke directly:

"System, activate the Fixed Point Teleportation function."

The Fixed Point Teleportation feature was not frequently used by Lin Jing.

But at special times, it was exceedingly useful.

Like now, Lin Jing could even teleport directly inside the Defensive Array.

Following that...

Lin Jing quickly selected the location.

The next moment,

his whole person appeared within the Formation guarding the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

As soon as Lin Jing appeared, he felt the difference in the Spiritual Energy at this place.

The Spiritual Energy here was so intoxicating that one breath made it irresistible to indulge in it.

At the same time,

Lin Jing also discovered that, within this formation,

for some reason his Divine Sense was being heavily suppressed.

However,

even so...

Lin Jing didn't have the luxury to contemplate further and dared not delay any longer as he quickly turned his attention toward the Cleansing Spirit Pool, ready to take action.

At this moment...

The stone automaton also reacted.

The moment it saw Lin Jing, red light flickered in the stone automaton's eyes and it charged towards him.

At the same time, it swung its spear.

A dark red light emanated from the tip of the spear, flying out toward Lin Jing within the Defensive Array.

Upon witnessing this, Lin Jing instinctively dodged to the side,

and then he hurriedly made his way to the edge of the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

Looking at the Cleansing Spirit Liquid inside the pool, Lin Jing's eyes couldn't help but shine with excitement...

There and then, the Cleansing Spirit Liquid was right in front of him.

And at that moment, the red light struck directly upon the Defensive Array.

Indeed, this Array was extraordinary.

After being hit by the red light, the entire Array shook violently for a moment before returning to normal.

As expected...

Even though the stone automaton was formidable, it still couldn't break through the Array.

Although the stone automaton failed to break the Array open,
its attack, however...

caused Lin Jing inside to stagger, almost falling, and numerous rocks also fell from the stone pillars inside.

This is testament to its formidable power.

Nevertheless...

Before Lin Jing could relax,

a furious shout suddenly came from the hole that had been breached.

"Who is there?"

Together with this voice...

came an extremely strong oppressive force, which was so intense that Lin Jing almost couldn't catch his breath.

Evidently,

the commotion here had been noticed by the Nascent Soul Elder who was fighting with the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants.

Seeing this, Lin Jing didn't dare to delay any further.

He walked up to the front of the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

Using his Spiritual Power, he enveloped the Cleansing Spirit Liquid to contain it.

Due to the special nature of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid and his suppressed Divine Sense, Lin Jing could only barely manipulate it.

He could extract only a single drop at a time.

However,

as soon as Lin Jing had enveloped the Cleansing Spirit Liquid and extracted it from the pool, it began to dissipate rapidly,

just in the time it took to remove it from the pool, the drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid had already diminished by nearly half.

Because previously Lin Jing did not know how fast the Cleansing Spirit Liquid would dissipate,

he hadn't made adequate preparations in advance.

If Lin Jing wanted to bring this drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid back to System Space, considering the delay in summoning the System...

he feared that by the time he reached System Space, the drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid would have completely dissipated.

There wouldn't be a trace left.

But...

since he had already extracted it, Lin Jing certainly couldn't put it back.

He opened his mouth directly and ingested the drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid.

Afterwards...

Lin Jing didn't dare to linger; he could clearly sense the terrifying presence getting closer...

and the stone automaton

kept on attacking the Formation relentlessly.

Next,

Lin Jing mentally summoned the System in his heart.

"Host, please issue your command."

After receiving the System's response, Lin Jing thought silently:

"Enter..."

Then, once again using his Spiritual Power, he enveloped another drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid, directly into his palm...

"...System Space."

Having completed his silent incantation, Lin Jing's entire being instantly disappeared from the cave.

Chapter 246: Chapter 232: The Nascent Soul Elder's Conjecture

However...

Lin Jing had just disappeared, less than a moment's time had passed.

An elder at the Nascent Soul Stage appeared at the breached cave entrance.

At this time, his expression was somber as he slowly walked out of the broken cave.

He entered the cavern.

In this cavern, the only thing left was the stone automaton.

From Lin Jing's appearance to his ultimate disappearance...

it might seem slow to speak of, but it happened very quickly, taking only a moment.

Aside from the initial attack, the stone automaton, just as it rushed to the formation, had only struck two or three times before Lin Jing vanished.

After Lin Jing's disappearance.

The stone automaton also stopped there, motionless.

Unlike a human cultivator, it could only detect its enemy through their aura.

Now that Lin Jing had entered the System Space and his aura had disappeared with him, it naturally stayed put, unable to sense anything.

The elder who walked in with a gloomy face looked towards the central stone pillar.

This elder was the same one who had placed the stone automaton there before.

He had already left.

But while he was in the midst of the fiercest battle with the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, he suddenly felt the stone automaton stir.

The stone automaton was a unique magical treasure he had acquired while adventuring through ancient relics in the past.

After refining it, it became attuned to his will, and any unusual movements of the automaton were immediately perceptible to him.

When he sensed the stone automaton stirring, he immediately deployed his Divine Sense to probe this area.

The range of a Nascent Soul Cultivator's Divine Sense was truly vast.

Even while battling with the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, they could easily sense into this cave.

As his Divine Sense penetrated the cave, he detected a strange presence beside the stone pillar within the formation.

He was taken aback at that moment.

Because...

The formation protecting the Cleansing Spirit Pool was no simple matter, even for him, it was difficult to break through in a short time.

Moreover.

To prevent other high-level cultivators from causing trouble,

the formation could also shield against Divine Sense.

Even the Divine Sense of a Nascent Soul Cultivator, after passing through this formation, would be greatly weakened.

Especially when probing from outside the formation to the inside...

The power of the formation was terrifying, and there was nothing that could be done except for faintly sensing a hint of a strange aura.

So...

This Nascent Soul elder had not directly discovered Lin Jing.

He had only sensed some strange aura.

And the abnormality of the stone automaton...

made him very certain that someone must have been here.

Following that.

He came to the side of the stone pillar, outside the formation.

He circled around the stone pillar, examining it.

Seeing the stones scattered on the ground, he was even more assured of his guess.

These stones were in fact the result of the stone automaton attacking the formation and the resulting fluctuations causing them to fall.

Afterwards.

He turned his gaze towards the Cleansing Spirit Pool, where the Cleansing Spirit Liquid was the most critical.

This Cleansing Spirit Pool was not large, and the Cleansing Spirit Liquid inside was extremely scarce, only about as much as a small wine cup.

The elder looked and saw that the Cleansing Spirit Liquid seemed as abundant as before, as if it hadn't been touched at all.

Since Lin Jing was in a hurry, he only took away two drops.

Two drops, in the context of a whole cup of Cleansing Spirit Liquid, was still very little.

If one wasn't looking carefully, it would be impossible to notice.

But this elder was clearly a very meticulous person.

After noticing nothing unusual about the Cleansing Spirit Pool at first glance, he did not immediately relax.

Instead, he moved in a bit closer.

He examined it closely once more.

Moments later...

He finished his observation.

And then he muttered to himself:

"It is indeed less, looking at it, this person only took one or two drops..."

“Not much...”

“However...”

“The formation has not been damaged, so how did he pass through the formation and enter inside?”

“And how did he...”

“To suddenly appear within such a short time and then disappear before I returned?”

Having said this, he walked around the stone pillar once more.

But he found nothing.

Then, furrowing his brow, he muttered to himself:

“To leave not a single trace behind...”

“Indeed, that is unfathomable.”

“Or perhaps...”

“This person has an extremely powerful Magical Treasure with instant teleportation capabilities...”

“And has been monitoring us all along.”

“That’s why they appeared and stole the Cleansing Spirit Liquid as soon as we left.”

The Elder looked down in contemplation, then raised his head to gaze at the broken entrance:

“So, was the appearance of the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants their doing, or was it an accident?”

A moment passed.

The Elder’s tightly knit brows finally relaxed:

“Regardless of the connection to the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, since he dares not to show himself openly, it is obvious that his Cultivation is not strong.”

“And furthermore...”

“It is very likely that he possesses an extremely powerful Magical Treasure...”

"I have already memorized his aura, should I encounter him again, he will certainly not escape."

"Once I capture him, that mysterious Magical Treasure will be mine..."

Having finished speaking.

The Elder looked at the stone statue, then his lips moved slightly, reciting a long incantation.

The stone statue also returned to its previous state.

Continuing to patrol inside the cave.

Only after doing all of this did the Elder leave.

However, what he did not know.

Was that the aura of Cultivation on Lin Jing's body was also fake.

All of it was a disguise created by the Hidden Dragon Pendant of the Azure Moon.

After the Hidden Dragon Pendant of the Azure Moon merged into one, its grade substantially increased, and its ability to conceal was incredibly strong, even capable of deceiving the Divine Sense of a Nascent Soul Stage Cultivator.

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Lin Jing, having entered the System Space, was unaware of everything that happened in the cave.

Just as he entered the System Space, a system notification reached his ears.

"Ding."

"System Notification: Congratulations to the host for obtaining the special Spiritual Spring: Cleansing Spirit Liquid. The Cleansing Spirit Liquid environment simulation has been activated, and the host can initiate it at any time."

Upon hearing this system notification, Lin Jing knew that his mission was accomplished.

Then.

He did not activate it immediately but instead began to meditate, trying to absorb the drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid he had just placed in his mouth.

The Cleansing Spirit Liquid was indeed absorbed very quickly.

His Cultivation Technique had only made one cycle, and the drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid was already assimilated.

Lin Jing clearly felt that the drop of Cleansing Spirit Liquid had merged into his body.

Perhaps because the amount of Cleansing Spirit Liquid was too small, Lin Jing did not feel anything different from before.

Afterwards.

Lin Jing did not dare to delay and quickly used Fixed Point Teleportation to return to his cave dwelling.

When Lin Jing returned to his cave dwelling, he finally breathed a sigh of relief, and at that moment, nobody was looking for him.

However, Lin Jing could clearly hear.

The outside of the cave was noisy and chaotic, clearly the commotion from earlier had disturbed the people who were meditating.

At this time, Lin Jing.

With a face full of confusion, opened his cave dwelling and walked outside.

After coming out, Lin Jing discovered.

That many people had already left their cave dwellings.

Like the others, Lin Jing walked out of his cave dwelling.

And saw up ahead...

He saw several people gathered together, seemingly asking something from a Qingyuan Sword Sect Disciple.

Among these people, Lin Jing caught sight of Liu Yiyuan at first glance.

His presence in this core area didn't surprise Lin Jing.

It seemed.

That his cave dwelling was not far from here.

When Lin Jing came out.

Liu Yiyuan, as if sensing something, glanced this way and then froze.

He had never expected.

To encounter Lin Jing in this core area.

Chapter 247: Chapter 233: Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant Attack

Quite soon.

He came to his senses.

Then, he turned his head.

In that interval, he hadn't said a word.

Lin Jing, however, directly ignored him.

Here, Liu Yiyuan, even if he bore a grudge, wouldn't dare to take action.

Lin Jing then moved closer to listen.

The disciples of the Qingyuan Sword Sect were at that time trying to calm the others.

From their words, Lin Jing could tell.

This disciple probably didn't know what had exactly happened inside either.

Only Lin Jing knew...

That the commotion must have been caused by the three Nascent Soul Elders battling the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants.

Just at that moment.

A few more people from the Qingyuan Sword Sect approached, and Senior Han was among them.

The Qingyuan Sword Sect disciple who had been appeasing the crowd upon seeing several people, promptly saluted the first Elder to walk up:

"Elder Qin..."

The Elder Qin nodded, and then spoke:

“There has been a temporary accident here, and the spirit-cleansing cultivation has ended ahead of schedule. Inform everyone to retreat.”

“Yes...”

“Elder Qin.”

The disciple, along with several other Qingyuan Sword Sect disciples behind him, replied together.

After that.

The group spread out to start checking each and every cave dwelling.

While some people had already emerged, others were still cultivating inside the cave dwellings.

They were looking for these people.

At this time.

Those who had already emerged from the cave dwellings hurriedly questioned Elder Qin:

“Elder Qin, may I ask what happened inside?”

“To actually require us to terminate our cultivation early?”

Elder Qin scanned the group with a glance and then said:

“Something indeed happened inside the cave dwellings, there is no need for you to inquire further; you will come to know in time.”

“You all should now leave first...”

But before Elder Qin could finish...

Suddenly.

A loud “boom” resounded.

And this time it was even more exaggerated.

The ground itself began to jump, and rocks from both sides and above began to fall.

After that tremor.

Cracks appeared on the floor and walls beneath everyone's feet.

And it was at this moment.

Lin Jing noticed some dark red lights flickering within the cracks, seeming to squirm.

Lin Jing leaned in, peering carefully into the crevice.

Only then did he see clearly that these wriggling things were the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants.

Lin Jing was startled upon seeing the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants.

Unknown to him, these ants had appeared there.

The others had clearly noticed this as well.

Many looked carefully into the cracks.

After a moment...

Those who recognized the Devouring Spirit Ants could not help exclaiming:

"Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants!!!"

Accompanied by the crowd's exclamations, these ants seemed as if they had just awakened, slowly crawling out from within the cracks.

Everyone realized what was happening.

Some promptly used spells, slapping them towards the emerging ants.

These Devouring Spirit Ants were not large, only a bit bigger than ordinary ants.

The spells that struck these ants immediately killed and wounded them in large numbers...

Seeing this, the spellcaster let out a sigh of relief.

"Everyone..."

"These Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants aren't a concern; with a single spell from each of us, we can eradicate them."

He announced this to the crowd.

Obviously, this person didn't understand the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants well.

At this moment.

It was Elder Qin who spoke up to explain everything for him.

"Once these Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants appear, there are more than just these. The more dangerous ones are still behind. Let's hurry up and leave while we can..."

No sooner had Elder Qin finished speaking than a few clever people started running forward.

The cultivator who had just wiped out some of the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants hadn't yet reacted and was still standing there dumbfounded.

Seeing that some people had already run quite a distance, he finally snapped back to reality, realizing the severity of the situation and hastily ran forward.

However,

Lin Jing did not run away with the others.

Because he saw Senior Han coming toward him.

When Senior Han reached Lin Jing's side, he said,

"Your cultivation is too low. Stick with me later, I'll protect you."

But at that moment,

Not far in front of Lin Jing, the stone wall suddenly cracked open, and a Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, as large as a millstone, emerged from it.

And as it happened, the cultivator who had just cast spells to annihilate a swarm of Devouring Spirit Ants had just run there.

He was hit head-on by the millstone-sized Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

He had just begun to realize what was happening.

He hastily cast a spell toward the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, but it had no effect on the ant, only serving to enrage it further.

Then,

The Devouring Spirit Ant lunged at him, biting towards his neck, and in one bite decapitated him.

The man didn't even have the chance to let out a scream before he perished...

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The others, upon seeing this, instantly broke out in a cold sweat and were scared into continuously backing away.

Especially Liu Yiyuan, who had also planned to rush out at that moment.

He had followed just behind that cultivator, merely a few meters away.

However,

He reacted very quickly.

The moment the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant burst out, he had already moved back quickly.

Thus, he narrowly escaped.

This Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant was clearly beyond their ability to handle.

As for Senior Han, he also reacted swiftly.

As soon as the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant appeared, he immediately pulled Lin Jing back.

Going straight to Elder Qin's side.

Upon seeing this, Elder Qin quickly spoke up to everyone,

"Everyone, come behind me, I'll lead you out..."

After hearing this, the crowd quickly came to their senses.

They hid behind Elder Qin.

At this moment, not only in front...

But also behind them, numerous Devouring Spirit Ants were crawling out from the cracks.

Seeing this, no one was idle.

Various spell lights shone brightly, and Magical Treasure Flying Swords flew together, clearing the Devouring Spirit Ants closing in on them.

These Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants were the weakest kind; a single spell could kill a large swath of them.

However...

They seemed inexhaustible, with more of them appearing from the cracks just after killing a group.

Elder Qin, meanwhile, charged forward and started fighting the millstone-sized Devouring Spirit Ant.

As a Golden Core Immortal, Elder Qin was obviously much more formidable than the ant.

It didn't take long for him to slay the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

Afterward, Elder Qin continued to address the crowd,

"Let's go, follow me..."

Having said that, Elder Qin took the lead and charged ahead.

Seeing this, the others quickly followed.

They advanced through the passages in the cave.

On the way, they encountered several caves, all with their doors wide open.

The inhabitants had already fled.

Which made sense.

Such a commotion would likely awaken anyone.

With that thought...

Lin Jing suddenly thought of Li Tangyu and Huang Qingling...

He wondered what their situation was like in the inner area and if they had encountered an attack by the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants?

He could only hope that they were all safe...

Chapter 248: Chapter 234 Retreat

At this moment...

They continued onward.

Suddenly.

Elder Qin at the front stopped.

Those following him also halted their steps.

Ahead, densely packed, a vast sea of red—Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants swarmed the area.

Among these Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, there were even three that were larger than the one they had encountered earlier.

Moreover, two of the ants had remnants of torn clothing dangling from their mouths.

Clearly.

Some cultivators had already met their demise at their jaws.

At this time, Elder Qin at the forefront had a grave expression on his face.

He watched the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants ahead.

As they spotted the ants,

the ants had also discovered them.

With a shrill scream, the ants charged toward the crowd as if responding to a battle horn.

The entire army of Devouring Spirit Ants surged forward like a crimson tide, overwhelming the whole cave.

“You all retreat first, I’ll hold them off...”

Elder Qin’s eyebrows were tightly knitted as he turned back and roared at the crowd.

Seeing this, no one dared to delay.

Even disciples from the Qingyuan Sword Sect, like Senior Han, were no exception.

As the group began to withdraw, Elder Qin made his move.

He produced a Magical Treasure resembling a Glazed Jade Bead, which emitted a hazy purple light illuminating the path ahead.

The range of this purple light wasn't very wide, but it was formidable.

The Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants that rushed into the purple light immediately turned into ash.

Only the larger ones could endure for a while before dying.

From the looks of it.

This Magical Treasure could only annihilate the weaker Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants.

It would likely have no effect on the three ants larger than millstones.

And it was at this moment that Elder Qin charged forward.

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After Elder Qin charged off, the others also retreated.

Although...

There were still many Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants behind them, the threat they posed was significantly smaller compared to the more formidable ones.

Quickly.

The group retreated to their starting point, the location of Lin Jing's previous abode.

It was then that they heard the sound of something tearing through the air behind them.

Hearing this sound, the group turned back to look.

Several were even ready with their Magical Treasures.

But shortly after.

The group let down their guard.

It turned out to be Elder Qin who had caught up from behind.

Elder Qin's clothes were slightly disheveled with specks of fresh red staining them, and even the corner of his mouth bore a trace of blood.

It was evident that Elder Qin was injured.

"Let's go, follow me..."

Upon seeing the group, Elder Qin didn't waste any words.

He abruptly passed the others and took the lead.

With Elder Qin leading the way, everyone felt significantly more at ease.

Because among them,

only Elder Qin was a Golden Core Stage cultivator.

Without him, if they encountered Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants as large as millstones again, likely none would survive.

On the road, the crowd followed closely behind Elder Qin, speeding onwards.

Suddenly, Senior Han stayed always near Lin Jing,

for fear of his falling behind.

There was one other person who constantly paid attention to Lin Jing.

That, of course, was Liu Yiyuan.

Seeing Han Jing's concern for Lin Jing,

he pondered a great deal.

His speculations about Lin Jing also grew considerably.

Perhaps due to the current situation, Liu Yiyuan didn't take any action.

He just followed the group with his head down, like an unnoticed presence.

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After that,

the group followed Elder Qin to other passages.

However...

The situation in these tunnels was even less optimistic.

And also,

as so much time had passed, even more Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants had emerged.

The entire cave was a dark shade of crimson.

Everyone was retreating while trying to clear away the Devouring Spirit Ants.

But there were too many of these ants; they seemed endless.

Gradually, some began to falter as their Spiritual Power drained, and their pace slowed.

Seeing this situation,

Elder Qin's frown deepened even further.

It was at this moment,

Elder Qin seemed to make up his mind after a brief contemplation, and with a wave of his hand, he then said,

"Come, follow me."

"This time, I'll take you out through the Teleportation Array."

"Good..."

Who would have thought that inside this cave, there would actually be a Teleportation Array.

Upon hearing this, everyone quickly responded with excitement and hastily agreed.

Following that,

Elder Qin turned around to take the rear, charging forward as the vanguard along the corridor.

This time, since they were passing through paths already cleared, the going was smooth.

Before long,

they arrived at a fork in the path.

Elder Qin directly turned into it.

Seeing this, everyone followed suit and turned in as well.

However,

just upon entering the fork, they discovered

this passage was littered with innumerable Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant corpses, as if someone had just passed through here.

Elder Qin glanced over the scene, then without stopping, continued to charge forward.

Without the luxury to ponder, everyone hurried to keep up.

In such dire straits, lagging behind meant death.

No one dared to delay.

Following Elder Qin, just as they turned a corner,

suddenly...

they bumped head-on into a group of cultivators.

When the yellow-robed elder leading the other group saw Elder Qin, joy appeared on his face.

He quickly spoke up,

“Daoist Qin, I didn’t expect to find you here, I thought you had already broken through...”

Elder Qin was also surprised upon seeing this person:

“Daoist Xie...”

“How... why did you come out from the inside?”

Upon hearing this, Elder Xie explained to Elder Qin:

“There are four particularly formidable Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants inside; two of them are equivalent to the Golden Core early stage, and two to the Mid Golden Core stage, truly difficult to deal with...”

“Now that you’re here, it’s perfect...”

“Together, we can deal with those four Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, and then leave this place through the Teleportation Array.”

After saying this, he added with a sigh,

“These Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants seem to be under someone’s control, blocking every exit.”

Elder Qin nodded at this,

“Good...”

“I too noticed this situation just now...”

Daoist Xie nodded and said,

“Together, we should be able to break through here with them.”

After speaking,

he also glanced at the people following him.

Among these people were offspring from large families.

And some were directly disciples of the three major Sects.

But without exception,

they all had close ties with the three major Sects.

Otherwise, they would not possibly have come to train in this core area.

Therefore,

the two elders had been protecting them all this time.

Subsequently,

Elder Qin stepped up to join forces with Elder Xie.

And the people following them merged with Lin Jing’s group.

In this crowd, Lin Jing did not see Yun Long.

It was uncertain whether he had been killed by the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants or had already escaped.

Just then, the two elders regrouped and led everyone deeper into the corridor.

Continuing further inside, Lin Jing noticed even more corpses of the Devouring Spirit Ants.

After a short while, they reached further in.

Suddenly, ahead came strange noises, like wild beasts running amok...

It was then that Elder Xie spoke up:

“Here they come...”

Chapter 249: Chapter 235 Reenactment of the Scene

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As Elder Xie’s voice fell,

Elder Qin and Elder Xie had already summoned their magical treasures and were ready.

It wasn’t just the two of them; even those behind them

had also summoned their magical treasures, ready to support the two elders at any time.

As expected,

within moments, everyone saw two Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants charging over.

These two Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants were not small; they were even larger than the three they had seen before.

Seeing the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants rushing over, Elder Qin and Elder Xie directly summoned their magical treasures and attacked the two ants.

At that moment, Senior Han had pulled Lin Jing back a distance.

Until they were behind everyone else.

Then he spoke to Lin Jing,

“Your cultivation is low; do not go forward, just stay here.”

Lin Jing’s cultivation level, as shown to others, was still at the eighth level of Qi Refinement, the lowest among this group, while everyone else had at least the cultivation of Foundation Establishment Stage.

To avoid revealing his true strength, Lin Jing nodded and agreed.

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Just as the two elders charged forward to confront the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, another two, slightly smaller than the ones before, came out from the depths of the passage and charged towards the crowd.

However, these two Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants directly bypassed the two elders at the front and charged toward the crowd.

Seeing this, Elder Qin immediately controlled his flying sword and intercepted one of the ants.

The other one, without any hindrance, charged into the crowd.

Seeing this,

the hearts that everyone had been holding up suddenly relaxed.

Thank goodness...

It was only one.

Otherwise, if both had come charging over, these people would likely have scattered and fled...

But dealing with just one was much better.

All of these people had the cultivation of Foundation Establishment Stage, and there were several at the Foundation Establishment Late Stage.

Therefore,

as soon as the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant came over, it was immediately attacked by everyone.

For a moment...

Dozens of magical treasures along with flying swords, and even various talismans, were thrown at the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

The Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, having just charged over, was completely surrounded by various attacks and, for a moment, was bewildered by the onslaught from the crowd.

Each person trapped here was not simple.

Various attacks landed on the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, and soon it had countless wounds on its body,

bleeding profusely.

It was at that time...

that another flying sword arrived a moment late, falling last.

But this flying sword struck such a clever spot.

It hit right in one of the wounds of the Devouring Spirit Ant...

The already severely wounded spot, after this attack, burst open, spraying out a large amount of blood.

The Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant let out a painful screech...

and became even more furious.

It directly targeted the person who had last attacked it and charged over.

And the person who had delivered that last attack was Liu Yiyuan.

At that time,

Liu Yiyuan was also stunned.

He had thought that with his strength, he surely wouldn't provoke the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant's enmity.

But he had never imagined that his attack was so cunningly precise, hitting, by a stroke of bad luck, right on the most grievously injured spot of the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

By the time he realized, it was already too late.

Seeing the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant screeching and charging at Liu Yiyuan, the few people who had been beside him quickly moved aside.

Others also hurriedly continued their attacks,

to prevent the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant from charging into the crowd.

Seeing the bad turn of events, Liu Yiyuan finally reacted and frantically dodged.

However,

it was as if the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant had fixed its sights on him.

It completely ignored everyone else's attacks and simply charged at Liu Yiyuan.

Liu Yiyuan was so scared that he quickly changed the direction of his escape and ran into the crowd.

However...

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The Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant followed closely, like a maggot on bones.

Even when it was continuously attacked by some.

It did not alter its course.

But just at this moment of chaos...

Liu Yiyuan suddenly caught sight of Lin Jing, who was hiding behind the crowd.

An idea flashed through his mind.

And so.

He quickly changed direction, charging towards Lin Jing.

Seeing Liu Yiyuan rush towards the crowd, a wave of curses erupted from within.

“Fuck, don't come charging in here...”

Amidst the swearing, everyone promptly dodged out of the way.

Of course.

There were also those who were very reasonable, advising Liu Yiyuan:

“Fellow Daoist...”

“Hurry to the Elders, we’ll hold back this Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant for you.”

The Cultivator from Qingyuan Sword Sect was actually right.

Under their attack, the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant was moving slowly, allowing Liu Yiyuan enough time to escape to where the Elders were.

To have the Elders deal with it.

If they hadn’t been attacking the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, Liu Yiyuan would probably have been caught by now.

However, Liu Yiyuan acted as if he hadn’t heard them, his face stricken with panic, and continued to charge towards Lin Jing.

When Liu Yiyuan glanced over...

Lin Jing knew something was wrong.

As expected.

Liu Yiyuan was charging straight at him.

And the others, naturally not daring to stand in the way, cursed while they scattered aside.

By that time, Liu Yiyuan had also calmed down and quickly started to explain:

“Fellow Daoists...”

“Now is not the time to trouble the Elders further.”

“This Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant is currently fixated on chasing me, with your joined efforts, it could surely be slain.”

At these words from Liu Yiyuan, those who had just been cursing felt so ashamed they wished they could disappear...

They had not realized this was his plan...

As soon as Liu Yiyuan finished speaking, there were already those expressing their support.

“Fellow Daoists, please step aside quickly, let this Daoist lure the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant away, we can’t keep troubling the Elders anymore.”

Seeing this, everyone also hastily gave way.

And Lin Jing wanted to dodge as well, but his shown Cultivation level was only at the eighth layer of Qi Refinement, so naturally, he was much slower.

After everyone else had dodged out of the way, Lin Jing, who had been hiding behind the crowd, was now exposed because he hadn’t dodged in time.

And like that, Liu Yiyuan charged directly towards Lin Jing.

Without guessing, Lin Jing knew.

Liu Yiyuan’s actions were definitely deliberate.

He probably intended to use the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant to kill him right there.

Seeing the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant running towards Lin Jing.

The first to become anxious was naturally Senior Han.

Because he had charged too far forward when attacking the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, he was now far away from Lin Jing.

It was already a bit late to try to help Lin Jing now.

In this urgent situation...

Senior Han intensified his attacks, trying to draw the ire of the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

At the same time, he urged Liu Yiyuan to hurry up and get away from Lin Jing.

However.

Liu Yiyuan seemed not to hear at all, charging straight towards Lin Jing.

Seeing Liu Yiyuan act this way, Lin Jing couldn’t help but sneer internally.

Did he think that he was so easily bullied?

Soon after.

Lin Jing retreated while pulling out two Five Thunder Talismans from his Storage Bag.

Five Thunder Talisman...

Although it wouldn't work against the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

Lin Jing's target was never the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, but the instigator right in front of him...

Liu Yiyuan.

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If two Five Thunder Talismans were used on Liu Yiyuan, with his fourth level Foundation Establishment cultivation, he wouldn't die, but he'd lose a layer of skin.

What's more important is...

It would slow down his escape, putting him in even greater danger from what pursued him from behind.

Although.

The Five Thunder Talisman could cause collateral damage due to its large range.

But at this critical moment, Lin Jing couldn't care less...

As long as Liu Yiyuan continued to charge at him, he dared to throw them directly.

Just then, Lin Jing spoke up:

“Fellow Daoist, let me help you...”

Upon hearing this, Liu Yiyuan saw the Five Thunder Talismans in Lin Jing's hands and a bad premonition arose in his heart.

Then he looked at Lin Jing...

At that moment.

Lin Jing was staring at him, not at the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants behind him.

His heart couldn't help but thump.

“Could it be that he plans to strike at me at this moment?”

It wasn't just Liu Yiyuan; others also saw the Five Thunder Talismans in Lin Jing's hands.

They hurriedly cried out to dissuade him:

"Fellow daoist, be careful, the Five Thunder Talisman could easily cause collateral damage..."

The Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants were chasing Liu Yiyuan at that moment but were very close to the others.

If Lin Jing used the Five Thunder Talismans to attack the ant, given the wide range of the talisman, it could easily injure the people nearby.

But as soon as those words were spoken, Lin Jing had already thrown the Five Thunder Talismans in his hand.

The talismans didn't attack the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, nor did they attack Liu Yiyuan, but formed a huge thunder screen in front of him...

Blocking the path he was charging on.

He indeed wanted to attack Liu Yiyuan.

But...

Not now.

Because.

Liu Yiyuan's words just now had made many people feel goodwill towards him, and he also had justice on his side.

If Lin Jing really directed the Five Thunder Talismans at Liu Yiyuan, he would probably become the target of all in an instant.

Many would feel discontent with him because of this, and it might even be disadvantageous for him.

After releasing the Five Thunder Talismans, Lin Jing hurriedly thanked the person who had reminded him:

"Thank you, fellow daoist, for the warning, or I might have caused a disaster..."

Seeing that the talismans hadn't exploded amidst the crowd, everyone also breathed a sigh of relief.

However, Lin Jing had achieved his goal.

Now, there was a thunder screen formed by the Five Thunder Talismans between him and Liu Yiyuan. He could either continue to retreat or charge into the screen.

But...

Liu Yiyuan obviously wouldn't do that.

The moment Lin Jing threw the Five Thunder Talismans, he knew that his opportunity was lost.

If he charged into the thunder screen now, let alone whether he could get through, such an action would make it clear to anyone what his true purpose was.

Afterwards.

Liu Yiyuan didn't dare to charge at Lin Jing anymore and instead turned his direction, rushing towards the two elders.

On the way...

He passed by the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, which seized the chance and leapt at him with its mouth wide open.

However, Liu Yiyuan was clearly prepared.

At the moment the ant attacked, a white light shone from Liu Yiyuan, directly blocking the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

Clearly.

Whatever could defend against that ant's attack was no ordinary magic artifact, it had to be at least a Golden Core Magic Treasure.

And taking advantage of that moment, he was already far from the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant, rushing towards the two elders.

At this time, despite numerous wounds all over its body, the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant showed no signs of weakness; on the contrary, it became even more aggressive.

It stubbornly pursued Liu Yiyuan without giving up.

Even the attacks of the others were ignored by it.

Seeing that the group's attacks were useless, Liu Yiyuan cried out in a loud voice:

“Elders...”

“Save me!!!”

At that moment.

Elder Qin and Elder Xie had just killed one of the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, significantly reducing the pressure on them.

Seeing Liu Yiyuan rushing over, Elder Qin directly controlled his Flying Sword, slashing at the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant behind Liu Yiyuan.

Elder Qin’s move was truly extraordinary.

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It was just one strike, and the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant had a huge hole torn open in its body, with blood spurting out suddenly.

And with this.

The Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant finally felt pain, and let out a sky-reaching shriek.

It successfully shifted the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant’s hatred as well.

Liu Yiyuan seized the opportunity to flee back.

He then heaved a sigh of relief.

After that, he walked angrily toward Lin Jing:

“When you threw that Five Thunder Talismans just now, were you trying to harm me?”

Lin Jing responded calmly:

“Fellow Daoist must be misunderstanding, I was merely trying to assist you in dealing with the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant behind you.”

“Instead, it was fellow Daoist who, despite knowing my lack of Cultivation, kept moving towards me, perhaps wishing for me to die at the jaws of the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.”

With so many people present at the time, Lin Jing was not worried that Liu Yiyuan would strike at him.

Further more,

what he had said was indeed the truth.

The place where Lin Jing had been just before was at the edge of the passage, leaning against the rock wall, not standing in the middle of the passage with no way to avoid.

Liu Yiyuan could have easily avoided Lin Jing.

And in doing so,

any clear-eyed person could see that Liu Yiyuan was deliberately charging toward Lin Jing with the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant in tow.

At this moment,

Senior Han stepped forward as well.

He was about to say something

when one of the Qingyuan Sword Sect disciples quickly stopped him:

“Brother Han, let me...”

Then, the Qingyuan Sword Sect disciple began mediating between Lin Jing and Liu Yiyuan:

“Both of you, why not just let it go...”

“After all, no one was injured.”

“Given the urgency of the situation just now, the actions taken were out of necessity, I believe this fellow Daoist was simply too hasty, hence the reckless escape.”

“At a time like this, we should be joining forces.”

And the rest of the people quickly started to echo the sentiment in an attempt to pacify the situation.

And with that, the incident was defused.

After the incident had calmed down...

Everyone then turned their attention back to the two Elders.

They saw that the two Elders had already slain two Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants and only the last and largest one was struggling to hold on.

However,

it didn't seem like the remaining Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant would last much longer.

Sure enough,

after a short while,

the two Elders cast spells at the same time, with a black streak piercing the body of the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ant.

The Devouring Spirit Ant instantly froze on the spot, motionless, then another streak of sword light flew out, decapitating the largest Devouring Spirit Ant's head.

The Devouring Spirit Ant fell to the ground with a thump, dead beyond any doubt.

At this point,

the two Elders let out a sigh of relief.

After slaying the Redflame Devouring Spirit Ants, the group didn't dare to linger.

Those who were injured simply dealt with their wounds hastily.

Subsequently,

the two Elders led everyone to continue moving forward.

After less than half an hour and a few turns, they finally arrived at the end of the path.

There was no more road ahead, only a Formation blocking the way.

Elder Xie gestured for everyone to stop.

Afterward,

Elder Qin stepped forward, stood in front of the Formation, and then took out a Token from his Storage Bag.

He then placed the Token directly on the Formation.

Following that,

the Formation first lit up with white light, and after the light dissipated, the Formation gradually became transparent.

In the end, it vanished completely.

It was at this moment that Elders Qin and Xie walked in.

After they entered, Elder Xie didn't forget to beckon everyone:

"The Teleportation Array is right here, come on in..."