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Lin Jing looked at Bai Yi, lost in thought.

The way Bai Yi acted seemed as though he had felt the vibrations coming from the Wood Hall.

Seeing Bai Yi like this, Lin Jing also couldn't quite figure it out and observed him for a while longer.

However, during this time, Bai Yi maintained the same expression, which made Lin Jing even more puzzled.

What on earth was Bai Yi thinking about?

Since Bai Yi remained still, it was unrealistic for Lin Jing to just keep observing like this.

Afterward.

Lin Jing, with questions in his mind, left Bai Yi and headed toward the Formation Eyes where the remaining two Island Masters were located.

Next, Lin Jing arrived at the Formation Eye where the Demon Lord Wan Mo was.

At that moment, Demon Lord Wan Mo was sitting cross-legged with his eyes tightly shut, his body surrounded by countless black Demonic Qi, mingled with streaks of red, bloody aura that floated up and down with his breath.

Lin Jing observed for a while and then left.

There was nothing of interest to observe with the Demon Lord Wan Mo, who was cultivating.

After leaving the Demon Lord's place, Lin Jing continued toward the Formation Eye of the Island Master of True Dragon Island.

This time, when Lin Jing saw the Island Master of True Dragon Island, although he was also sitting cross-legged, he was staring in the direction of the Wood Hall with an unfathomable look in his eyes...

At the same time, one hand was gesturing as if he was calculating something.

Seeing this, Lin Jing confirmed...

It seemed the commotion he caused in the Wood Hall had indeed alerted the others.

Now that he knew this, Lin Jing needed to think carefully about the excuses he should use when they met again.

After his reconnaissance, Lin Jing pondered for a while and then decided to head over to the Water Hall to see what was happening there.

The others already knew about the incident.

Lin Jing wanted to know Li Mingwu's reaction to the incident and whether he knew the specifics of what had happened in the Wood Hall.

Afterward.

Lin Jing left the Island Master of True Dragon Island and continued his exploration toward the Water Hall.

Upon arriving at the Water Hall, Lin Jing immediately saw Li Mingwu, who was sitting cross-legged.

At this moment, he frowned deeply, looking in the direction of the Wood Hall.

Next to him, Xue Yilin looked at Li Mingwu with a puzzled expression.

It was only after a long while that Li Mingwu suddenly spoke:

"The Wood Hall..."

"must have undergone some changes."

Xue Yilin's face was immediately filled with shock:

"A mishap in the Wood Hall? How is that possible?"

"Especially at this time. Could it be that someone entered before us?"

As he spoke, Xue Yilin seemed to think of something and suddenly changed his tone:

“But that’s not right either. The Formation around the Wood Hall in the plaza is clearly intact...”

Li Mingwu said with a frown:

“It must be true...”

“Earlier, there were several tremors coming from the direction of the Wood Hall, and although blocked by the Formation, they could still be clearly felt.”

“Tremors?” Xue Yilin looked confused, turning to Li Mingwu.

Li Mingwu looked up and glanced at Xue Yilin, saying:

“The Formation of this Five Elements Cave Mansion is quite formidable. The tremors occurred within the Wood Hall. With the Formation acting as a barrier, you couldn’t feel it.”

“But those with a Cultivation surpassing Divinity Transformation can sense it.”

“Aside from me right now...”

“the other three outside must have felt it too.”

Having said that, Li Mingwu turned his head and looked toward the plaza, his eyes as deep as an abyss, almost as if he could see through time and space, murmuring to himself:

“Could it be you guys?”

At this moment, Xue Yilin also heard Li Mingwu’s murmur and quickly spoke:

“Senior...”

“That shouldn’t be possible. In terms of understanding this Five Elements Cave Mansion, I’m afraid no one knows more than you do. Even you can’t pass through the black fog, let alone them.”

“Moreover, without the Five Elements Water Command, even if they wanted to enter the Wood Hall, they would have to wait for the black fog to disperse and break the Formation.”

“Without us here, their attempt to break the Formation would be just wishful thinking...”

After listening, Li Mingwu pondered for a while and then said:

“What you said is correct...”

“Let’s leave this Water Hall now and go out to check the situation outside...”

Xue Yilin paused, then nodded and said:

“Okay...”

Upon saying that.

The two of them headed together toward the Teleportation Array.

After reaching the Teleportation Array, Li Mingwu and Xue Yilin stepped into it one after the other.

The Teleportation Array resembled a Tai Chi pattern, divided into two parts, with the two of them each standing on the two Formation Eyes in the center.

Then, Li Mingwu took out the Five Elements Gold Order and started to activate the Teleportation Array.

Subsequently.

The Teleportation Array emitted intense white light, and as the light grew stronger, blinding to the point where one couldn’t keep their eyes open, the Teleportation Array activated.

After a moment, the white light faded, and the two figures had disappeared from within the Water Hall.

Seeing the two teleporting out, Lin Jing also controlled the observational view and left the Water Hall, heading toward the plaza outside, to the two water-attribute Formation Eyes where the two had previously been.

When Lin Jing arrived at the first Formation Eye.

At this point, Xue Yilin had already returned inside the Formation Eye.

He was frowning deeply, looking at the black fog outside the Formation Eye, and murmuring to himself:

“It shouldn’t be...”

“How could someone have breached the Wood Hall under these circumstances?”

“This is too unexpected...”

It seemed that Xue Yilin was also lost in bewilderment.

Then, Lin Jing left Xue Yilin's location and, controlling the observation, went to another water-attribute Formation Eye and saw Li Mingwu, who had already returned.

By this time, Li Mingwu had completed his disguise, transforming back into the look of the cultivator he had killed.

Li Mingwu was also the same, looking at the black fog in front of him, his brow tightly furrowed...

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Lin Jing, during this investigation, did indeed obtain some useful information.

At the very least, Lin Jing now knew that the disturbance affected only those whose cultivation was below the Divinity Transformation Stage; anyone with a lower cultivation level could not sense it.

If Lin Jing had left immediately after probing the Island Master of True Dragon Island, he might have been misled and made the wrong choices.

Fortunately, Lin Jing was prudent and decided to probe Li Mingwu once more.

Now, Lin Jing knew exactly what to say once the black fog dispersed.

Lin Jing stayed with Li Mingwu for a while, until Li Mingwu began to sit in meditation. Realizing he would not gain any more useful information, Lin Jing left using the Observation Mode.

After leaving the proximity of the Formation Eye where Li Mingwu was, Lin Jing did not hesitate and immediately probed towards the final Five Elements main hall.

The Five Elements main hall was located right behind the plaza, very close to where everyone was.

Thus, within just two breaths, Lin Jing controlled the observational viewpoint and arrived at the Five Elements main hall.

The main hall of the Five Elements was very spacious, with eight pillars thick enough to require three men to encircle, supporting the entire structure.

In the very center of the hall stood a lifelike statue of an elder with his hands crossed over his chest.

The visage was quite kind and benevolent, resembling an elderly man who seemed extremely protective of his juniors.

Moreover, the clothing on the statue was very plain and seemed to belong to an era long past, not to the current one.

Besides this statue, there were three podiums in front of it.

These three podiums were not much different from those Lin Jing had seen in the other two annex halls.

However, unlike the annex halls, on top of these podiums in the main hall were three Jade Slips.

The Formation protecting these three podiums emitted a five-colored radiance as well.

After reviewing the front, Lin Jing then controlled the observational viewpoint to probe behind the statue.

He saw that behind the statue was a Formation several meters in diameter.

This Formation, shaped like a five-pointed star, had a small Formation Eye at each direction, and those Formation Eyes were shaped exactly like the Five Elements Command Token.

Furthermore.

This Formation also appeared very ancient, out of place with the rest of the hall, as if the hall was built later solely to protect this Formation.

It seems that this Formation might be the Teleportation Array leading to the Five Elements relic.

After observing the entire hall, Lin Jing found that, apart from the Formation at the podium, there was nothing unusual, likely just like in the other two annex halls, with no danger present.

Having assured there was no danger, Lin Jing exited Observation Mode and once again used Fixed Point Teleportation to teleport into the main hall of the Five Elements Cave Mansion.

Upon arriving inside the hall, Lin Jing walked directly towards the podium. The Formation at this podium, with its five-colored lights flowing, seemed even more difficult to decipher than the one in the Wood Hall.

Lin Jing circled around the entire podium, and upon returning to the front of it, his brow furrowed involuntarily.

He didn't dare to recklessly try this podium yet.

The wild surge of wood-attributed Spiritual Power he encountered earlier at the Wood Hall podium had already injured him.

Now, the podium inside this main hall could be even more dangerous, and if he wasn't careful, he might get severely injured or even die.

After observing the Formation at the podium for a long time, Lin Jing couldn't find a solution for the moment.

Afterward, Lin Jing lifted his head and took a long breath.

Then he began to ponder with a frown.

It was at this moment, as Lin Jing's gaze met the crossed hands of the statue, that he noticed something within the crossed hands emitting a glow.

Next, Lin Jing took a step forward and approached the statue.

The statue was several meters tall, with the crossed hands alone over half a meter high.

Lin Jing came in front of the statue's chest and looked into its hands.

There, he saw a multi-colored Formation only a few inches big, and within the Formation was a Treasure Orb emitting five-colored light.

The light Lin Jing had seen was radiating from the Treasure Orb, and through the glow, he could see two lines of small characters engraved on the statue's fingers by the Formation.

"The treasures on the stone platform below are left for the inheritors of the Five Elements. They can only be accessed with the 'Immortal Five Elements Technique' in combination with the Five Elements Treasure Orb. To break the Formation of the

Treasure Orb, only the 'Immortal Five Elements Technique' is effective; any other Cultivation Technique will be ineffective.”

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“If not an inheritor of the Five Elements, the treasure might as well be useless, let those who see know this...”

It seems that to break this formation, one must use the Immortal Five Elements Technique.

Afterward, Lin Jing took a moment to examine the formation.

Having examined it, Lin Jing resolved to first try using the Immortal Five Elements Technique.

Following that.

Lin Jing activated the Immortal Five Elements Technique and extended his spiritual power towards the formation.

The spiritual power Lin Jing mustered with the Immortal Five Elements Technique was immediately drawn to the formation as he approached, and directly penetrated into it.

Indeed.

Using the Immortal Five Elements Technique truly had an effect.

As Lin Jing's spiritual power entered the formation, it became more active.

Seeing this, Lin Jing didn't stop but continued to channel spiritual power into the formation using the Immortal Five Elements Technique.

Thus, as Lin Jing channeled more and more spiritual power, he began to feel a slight connection with the formation.

Lin Jing felt that he was gradually building a connection with the formation, which was growing stronger and stronger.

Additionally, Lin Jing had a feeling that he might be able to control this formation.

With this feeling, Lin Jing then sent out his Divine Sense towards the formation, and as his Divine Sense probed, the spiritual power within the formation, along with the formation patterns, all started to become active.

Feeling this active spiritual power, Lin Jing willed his heart, and then controlled the spiritual power within the formation to try opening it.

This time, Lin Jing opened the formation effortlessly.

As the formation opened, the Five Elements Treasure Orb floated out and drifted toward Lin Jing.

When the multicolored orb floated in front of Lin Jing, he reached out and grasped the treasure orb in his hand.

At that moment, the Five Elements Treasure Orb lay quietly in Lin Jing's hand.

Having obtained the orb, Lin Jing returned to the stone platform near the statue.

Upon reaching the platform, Lin Jing chose one of them and then brought out the Five Elements Treasure Orb, activated the Immortal Five Elements Technique, and probed towards the formation.

Lin Jing concentrated his spiritual power, channeled it through the Five Elements Treasure Orb, and fed it into the formation.

This time, Lin Jing's spiritual power entered the formation through the Five Elements Treasure Orb, and the formation didn't exhibit any anomalies.

Moreover.

There was no violent shaking this time.

Thus, Lin Jing continued to feed spiritual power into the formation on the platform, and after four hours, the formation gradually faded and then vanished shortly after.

And Lin Jing, as the formation disappeared, successfully obtained the jade slip from the first platform.

Engraved on this jade slip were the words "Cultivation Insights".

After obtaining the jade slip, Lin Jing didn't immediately probe it with his Divine Sense.

Instead, after pondering for a moment, he took the jade slip with him into the System Space.

This was out of caution.

Getting the jade slip in this main hall had been too easy, and even Lin Jing felt it was somewhat surreal.

But to prevent any accidents, Lin Jing decided to enter the System Space to examine the jade slip.

After entering System Space, the jade slip didn't provoke any reaction from the system; it seemed to be without issue.

Therefore, Lin Jing projected his Divine Sense into the jade slip.

No sooner had he probed it than he found the following passage within the jade slip...

"Descendant who cultivates the Immortal Five Elements Technique, obtaining this jade slip means we are fated..."

"Within this jade slip are the cultivation insights I have gathered in my lifetime; with these for reference, you will be spared much trouble as a junior disciple."

"Consider this a fulfillment of my duty to the Five Elements Ancestor who left behind this technique..."

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Following that,

Lin Jing continued to extend his Divine Sense, scanning the contents within.

"There are nine major realms in cultivation, commonly known to the outside world are only the Qi Refinement, Foundation Establishment, Golden Core, Nascent Soul, and Divinity Transformation realms..."

"Above Divinity Transformation, the realms are rarely spoken of externally."

"And the final four realms are Body Condensation, Dao Integration, Tribulation Transcendence, and Mahayana."

"Among the entire path of cultivation, the Nascent Soul Stage is the most special and the most critical realm for transitioning from mortal to immortal."

“Below Divinity Transformation, you refine the spirit and body; no matter how advanced your practice, you are merely a cultivator, bound to eventually enter the cycle of reincarnation.”

“Above Divinity Transformation, you refine the soul and spirit— this is the essential path for Immortal cultivators. Success leads directly to the pinnacle, allowing for ascension to immortality; failure results in the dissipation of the soul and spirit, vanishing forever.”

“For a junior disciple to receive these insights, you must have already crossed the barrier between mortals and immortals, stepping into the Divinity Transformation Realm.”

“Below are some of my insights on Divinity Transformation and the subsequent realms of Body Condensation and Dao Integration. These insights are not for instruction but for reference only.”

“I hope the junior disciples can forge their own paths of cultivation. This was the admonition I received from the Five Elements Ancestor, and now I pass it on to you, junior disciple...”

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Further on were insights on cultivating in the Divinity Transformation Stage. The contents of the Jade Slip brought Lin Jing an indescribable joy.

This was indeed a treasure— the insights of a senior cultivator were invaluable. Although merely for reference, it was much better than groping in the dark on his own.

Lin Jing then went straight to the Alchemy Room, where he sat down cross-legged. He extended his Divine Sense into the Jade Slip, studying its contents.

The various introductions to the Divinity Transformation Realm within the Jade Slip were truly enlightening for Lin Jing, even including records on the stages of advancement within the realm.

To advance through the Divinity Transformation Stage, one could no longer rely solely on cultivation, for what is cultivated thereafter is the Soul Spirit.

Therefore,

to advance from the Nascent Soul Stage to the Divinity Transformation, insight is critical. Otherwise, no matter how many Elixir Medicines one consumes, it would be useless.

Moreover,

the methods of attack after advancing into the Divinity Transformation Stage are different as well.

Before Divinity Transformation, a Cultivator's attacks mostly involve various forms of Spiritual Power, condensed into Spells for combat.

Or controlling Magical Treasures with Spiritual Power to engage the enemy.

Even for Body Refinement Cultivators, Spiritual Power support is necessary for combat.

On the contrary, Divine Sense attacks are uncommon.

Divine Transformation Cultivators, however, are different. Because they have condensed their Soul Spirits, ordinary Spells are ineffective against them.

Their battles, in addition to using various Spells, each person would comprehend their own divine abilities.

Divine abilities are different from Spells; they are a powerful form of attack created from the fusion of the Soul Spirit with Spells.

After advancing to Divinity Transformation and focusing on the Soul Spirit, the cultivation of the physical body becomes secondary.

Moreover,

Divine Transformation Cultivators could almost be said to have achieved an immortal body; even if their physical bodies are destroyed in battle, as long as the Soul Spirit remains intact, they can recondense their bodies in an instant.

To eliminate a Divine Transformation Cultivator, one must destroy their Soul Spirit, for only when the Soul Spirit is extinguished does the cultivator truly die.

For example:

Li Mingwu sought the Five Elements Cave Mansion this time because his Soul Spirit was injured, yearning for the Pure Revival Elixir.

Injuries to the Soul Spirit differ from those to the body and are extremely difficult to heal. Moreover, materials for elixirs that treat Soul Spirit injuries are incredibly hard to find.

Therefore, unless under special circumstances, Divine Transformation Cultivators usually do not easily engage in fights with those of equal standing.

After all,

if the Soul Spirit is injured, it can be quite troublesome, and the elixirs for treating it are not easy to find.

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Lin Jing thus continued to study the knowledge contained within.

Not knowing how much time had passed, Lin Jing finally finished reviewing all the insights on the Divinity Transformation Stage.

When Lin Jing finished with the insights on Divinity Transformation and was about to continue to the subsequent sections, he found that his Divine Sense was obstructed by an incomprehensible Divine Sense force.

Moreover,

after his Divine Sense was blocked, a message followed:

“If a junior disciple, by extraordinary chance, obtains these cultivation insights without sufficient cultivation to be in the Divinity Transformation, then this is where you will stop.”

“To prevent the junior disciple from being overly ambitious, I have set up a little trick here. Only those Cultivators who are in the Divinity Transformation Stage or above, using a Soul Spirit attack can unlock it. If you’re not at the level of Divinity Transformation, just focus on your cultivation...”

Upon seeing this message, Lin Jing came back to his senses.

Unexpectedly, the senior who left these cultivation insights had set up this little trick, stopping him here.

However,

the senior’s actions were meant for his benefit. Although Lin Jing felt helpless, he did not harbor any resentment.

Afterward, Lin Jing put away the Jade Slip and did not linger any longer, leaving the System Space.

Lin Jing had been engrossed in studying the cultivation insights and thus spent quite a while in the System Space.

However, due to the accelerated time flow within the System Space, the actual time spent would not amount to more than four hours when converted to the outside world.

Adding the time Lin Jing spent exploring the Water Hall and the time in the Wood Hall, it totaled roughly twenty hours.

Now, with one day and four more hours remaining until the black fog lifted, he had ample time.

Consequently,

Lin Jing, after leaving the System Space and returning to the main hall, continued towards the second platform.

Arriving at the platform, just as before, Lin Jing presented the Five Elements Treasure Orb and began to activate the Immortal Five Elements Technique, preparing to break the formation.

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With the experience from the first formation, the remaining two were somewhat easier to break, taking just six hours for Lin Jing to dismantle both.

After obtaining the two Jade Slips, Lin Jing did not look at them immediately but instead continued his exploration inside the grand hall.

He first went to the Teleportation Array at the back, examined it thoroughly, and then made a round throughout the entire hall.

However, he didn't find anything.

In the end, Lin Jing turned his attention to the towering statue, a depiction of the creator of the Immortal Five Elements Technique, the Five Elements Ancestor.

The said Five Elements Ancestor was mentioned within the Jade Slip left by the unknown predecessor.

Legend has it that the Five Elements Ancestor was a powerful cultivator from the Ancient Era who, with his own Five Elements Spiritual Root, created the Immortal Five Elements Technique and the Five Elements Divine Art.

He forcefully carved out a path of cultivation unique to cultivators with the Five Elements Spiritual Root.

Furthermore,

after achieving success in his practice, he didn't just keep these techniques to himself but instead took in disciples, passing the methods down and bringing a glimmer of hope to many cultivators possessing the Five Elements Spiritual Root.

It is for this reason that he came to be revered as the Five Elements Ancestor.

As time passed and the world changed, with spiritual energy becoming increasingly scarce, the once common Five Elements Spiritual Root gradually became the Five Elements Mixed Spirit Root, no longer suitable for cultivation.

From that time, the Immortal Five Elements Technique, being only suitable for cultivators with the Five Elements Spiritual Root, began to slowly disappear, and even what was eventually passed down was no longer complete.

The only remaining complete set of the Immortal Five Elements Technique exists within the Five Elements relics.

These relics were the Five Elements Ancestor's final place of secluded cultivation before ascending, and the Five Elements Cave Mansion where Lin Jing and his companions were was built by that unnamed predecessor.

The unknown predecessor built the Five Elements Cave Mansion at the entrance to the relics to protect them from being destroyed.

Additionally, it served as a selection mechanism, allowing cultivators who practiced the Immortal Five Elements Technique to enter the relics and gain the inheritance of the technique.

Both individuals, the Five Elements Ancestor and the unknown predecessor, are worthy of admiration.

Subsequently,

Lin Jing bowed respectfully to the statue.

After paying his respects, Lin Jing left the main hall of the Five Elements and entered the System Space.

In the System Space, Lin Jing immediately entered Observation Mode and looked outside, where everything seemed normal, with the black fog shrouding the entire cave mansion as usual.

After leaving the main hall of the Five Elements, Lin Jing used Observation Mode to scan the others at the Formation Eye; none of them showed any anomalies.

Apparently, the others were unaware of what Lin Jing had done in the main hall.

After all,

this time, everything in the main hall had gone smoothly, unlike the situation with the Wood Hall, which had caused tremors.

Since there were no tremors this time, naturally the others could not notice anything.

After his examination, Lin Jing did not immediately return to the Formation Eye but instead started to look at the other two Jade Slips directly in the System Space.

One of these Jade Slips contained a cultivation technique, the Five Elements Divine Technique.

This Divine Technique, realized by the unnamed predecessor, was left here as a reference for the next person who cultivated the Immortal Five Elements Technique.

Since each person's insights into the heavens and earth differ, the Divine Techniques they can realize are all distinct.

If one were to forcibly learn another's Divine Technique, it might not be quite suitable.

Therefore,

this Divine Technique could at best serve as a reference.

If Lin Jing wanted to practice it directly, he could, but a technique not realized by oneself would slightly mismatch with one's nature and be inconvenient to use.

After advancing to Divinity Transformation, Lin Jing would need to realize a Divine Technique unique to him.

Beyond the Divine Technique, there was another map in the Jade Slip, which depicted the layout of the Five Elements relics.

After reviewing the Jade Slip, Lin Jing hurriedly took out an incomplete map from his Space Ring.

This incomplete map had been obtained from the Black Shark Gang Leader's Space Ring.

After comparing it, Lin Jing discovered that the area depicted was indeed a corner inside the Five Elements relics.

However, it was unclear when it had been drawn.

Presumably, someone had entered the relics at some point, but whether it was the unnamed predecessor who had left it was unknown.

Now that Lin Jing had acquired the complete map of the relics, the incomplete map obtained from the Black Shark Gang Leader's Space Ring was less valuable.

Nonetheless,

Lin Jing kept it anyway, as it might prove useful at some point...

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In addition, within this map,

there was a message left by the unknown predecessor.

The message was about the inheritance of the Immortal Five Elements Technique.

Because the Immortal Five Elements Technique, along with the Five Elements Divine Art, were incomplete in their external transmission,

one must enter the Five Elements relics to accept the inheritance and obtain the complete techniques.

If Lin Jing did not enter the relics to receive the inheritance, then his cultivation of the Immortal Five Elements Technique could at most reach the Nascent Soul Peak, and there he would be at his limit.

Reaching such a stage, even contemplating a change in cultivation technique would not be easy, and if not handled correctly, it could even damage his cultivation.

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So.

This Five Elements relic, Lin Jing must make another trip in the future to accept the inheritance inside.

However, even if he were to receive the inheritance, it certainly wouldn't be now.

Currently outside there are three major Island Masters, and Li Mingwu watching eagerly; Lin Jing, merely a Nascent Soul Stage cultivator, would certainly be doomed if he rashly exposed himself.

Now, Lin Jing has two of the Five Elements Command Tokens in his possession: Wood and Fire.

Without Lin Jing's two tokens, no one else would be able to enter the Five Elements relic, so Lin Jing naturally didn't need to worry about someone else getting there first.

As for when to re-enter the Five Elements relic, he would at least have to wait until after he reached the Divinity Transformation Stage, having the strength to contend with them, then find a way to see if he could obtain the other Five Elements Command Tokens to enter the heart of the relic.

After checking the two Jade Slips, Lin Jing used the Fixed Point Teleportation again to transport himself back to the previous Formation Eye.

Now, all he had to do was wait at the Formation Eye, wait for the black fog to disperse.

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One day later, the black fog began to slowly thin out, and gradually, things a few meters ahead became visible.

As the three-day mark approached, the black fog also started to gradually fade away.

At this moment, Lin Jing, who was sitting cross-legged in meditation, opened his eyes and saw the other cultivators. After they opened their eyes, each looked around.

Of course, the three Island Masters were a bit more composed and did not do this.

As the last of the black fog disappeared, someone couldn't help but begin to test their surroundings with a Flying Sword.

After the Flying Sword flew out, there was no obstruction, no issues at all, but no one took the lead in stepping out.

Finally, it was Xue Yilin who took the initiative to speak:

"Fellow cultivators..."

"The black fog has dispersed, and all is well. Everyone can come out now."

Having said this.

Xue Yilin was the first to walk out of the range of the Formation Eye.

Seeing Xue Yilin walk out without any issue, the others followed suit and started to walk out as well.

Lin Jing also took this moment to step out.

After coming out, Lin Jing first looked towards the plaza, the place where the Formation had been cracked by the others earlier.

That Formation had vanished, revealing a Teleportation Array on the ground where the Formation had been.

This Teleportation Array, different from the one in the Water Hall, was an ordinary one with black Formation Patterns etched into it.

However, at the moment, the patterns on the Formation were dim, clearly not yet activated and unusable.

Apart from Lin Jing, other cultivators also looked towards this Teleportation Array.

"The Teleportation Array has revealed itself, so can we enter the Water Hall now?"

Instantly, one person spoke up.

At this point, Bai Yi turned to look at Lin Jing and the others and said:

"You several, during your time at the Formation Eye, did you encounter anything unusual?"

Bai Yi's eyes were sharp as they swept over Lin Jing and the others, especially pausing a bit longer when looking at Xue Yilin.

“Unusual?”

“Since entering the Formation Eye, I soon began to meditate and did not detect any anomalies. Has something happened?” Xue Yilin asked.

Hearing this, Xue Yilin also turned to Lin Jing:

“What about you, Lin Daoyou?”

Lin Jing then replied:

“My situation is similar to Xue Daoyou; I have not noticed anything unusual either.”

Following that, someone else spoke up, asking Bai Yi:

“With the black fog everywhere, even if something did happen outside, we wouldn’t have been able to notice. What kind of anomaly is Lord Bai referring to?”

The rest of the group looked at Bai Yi with puzzled expressions.

Bai Yi frowned slightly before speaking:

“It’s nothing...”

“Please wait here for a moment, while I consult with the other two Island Masters on some matters. After the discussion, we will enter the Five Elements Water Hall.”

“Understood, Island Master,” Xue Yilin was the first to speak.

The others nodded as well, waiting patiently.

Bai Yi then turned and walked towards the other two Island Masters.

When the three came together, they exchanged glances before Bai Yi waved his hand, and a shield of Spiritual Power enveloped them.

Lin Jing knew that the three of them were surely discussing the disturbances that had come from the direction of the Wood Hall earlier.

Previously in the Water Hall, Li Mingwu had mentioned that only cultivators above the Divinity Transformation Stage could feel the shaking.

Clearly, Bai Yi and the others were aware of this as well, which was why Bai Yi simply inquired without further action.

Presumably, he was also quite clear that Nascent Soul Cultivators like Lin Jing would not be able to detect that tremor.

It wasn't until a good while later.

That the three Island Masters finished their discussion.

After coming out, they said nothing, but the expressions on their faces were somewhat solemn.

Then the three of them approached Lin Jing and the others.

When they reached the group, Bai Yi directly said to Xue Yilin:

“You activate that Teleportation Array; we will now enter the Five Elements Water Hall.”

Xue Yilin nodded in agreement and said:

“Alright, Island Master...”

With that said, Xue Yilin walked towards the Formation.

Arriving at the Formation's side, after some busyness, Xue Yilin embedded several Superior Grade Spirit Stones around the Teleportation Array.

Shortly after, the Formation Patterns began to gradually light up, and the entire Formation was activated.

“Island Master, it's ready...” Xue Yilin said to Bai Yi.

Bai Yi nodded, and after glancing over everyone, he then said to the other two Island Masters:

“Let's go, into the Water Hall to take a look.”

The two Island Masters nodded and followed Bai Yi towards the Formation.

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A few people came to the formation together, and the three Island Masters stepped onto the formation first.

Then, after a flash of light, the three Island Masters vanished and entered the Five Elements Water Hall directly.

After the three Island Masters entered the Water Hall, the remaining people stepped onto the formation in turn.

Soon, everyone had entered the Five Elements Water Hall.

Upon arrival, Lin Jing looked up at what was before him.

At that moment,

the three Island Masters stood inside the grand hall, and in front of the hall stood an empty platform.

Bai Yi was looking at the platform with an ashen face, and the Island Master of True Dragon Island was also frowning deeply.

Although the face of the Demon Lord was covered by black Demonic Qi and indiscernible, the aura he emitted suggested that he was likely feeling much the same as the other two.

Soon afterward,

the three walked over to the platform and began a careful examination.

And Lin Jing's group, realizing the ominous nature of the opened platform, did not dare to approach and stood at a distance.

After inspecting the platform, the Island Master of True Dragon Island immediately condensed Spiritual Power to form a Spiritual Barrier, ensconcing the three within it.

The barrier also had a reflective effect, so Lin Jing's group from outside could not see them, let alone probe with Divine Sense.

However,

they could see Lin Jing and the others on the outside.

After setting up the Spiritual Barrier, the Island Master of True Dragon Island spoke first, saying,

"Judging by the lingering aura on this platform, the Water Command wasn't stolen too long ago."

"I reckon it was taken while we were hiding in the Formation Eye to avoid the black mist; someone must have sneaked into this Water Hall and stolen the Water Command."

"And..."

“Looking at the residual aura here, it likely happened around the same time that disturbance in the Wood Hall occurred. Now, the situation in the Wood Hall is also hard to predict.”

Bai Yi, with an iron face, nodded in agreement.

Then, turning his head with a cold gaze, he swept a look over everyone...

Only to turn back and ask the other two:

“Could it be them?”

The Island Master of True Dragon Island also turned back, sweeping his gaze over Lin Jing and the others, pausing especially when his eyes met Lin Jing's.

The Island Master of True Dragon Island turned back to Bai Yi and spoke:

“The people we brought with us are all well-known to us, except for one...”

At this point, the Island Master of True Dragon Island looked at Bai Yi and paused.

After hearing this, Bai Yi also turned to look at Lin Jing.

However,

after sizing up Lin Jing, Bai Yi did not say anything, but instead turned back to the other two and said:

“He is the Island Master of Li Yan Island...”

“I investigated him before; there's no problem. We needed someone with knowledge of the Five Elements Cultivation Technique to enter this Five Elements Cave Mansion, which is why I brought him along.”

“To say that he could enter this Five Elements Water Hall and steal the Five Elements Water Command without our knowledge...”

At this point, Bai Yi hesitated for a moment before continuing:

“There is a possibility, but it's slim.”

The Island Master of True Dragon Island then spoke:

“Are you suggesting there are others present?”

Bai Yi shook his head:

“That seems even less likely. We encountered so many troubles along the way and exhausted so much effort to get here. How could someone else have arrived before us?”

“Moreover...”

“The formations we encountered are not easy to break through; I can’t imagine anyone else coming in earlier than us.”

Just then, the Demon Lord, who had been silent, spoke:

“Li Mingwu...”

“He knows the Five Elements Cave Mansion best; only he could have entered here before us.”

As soon as the Demon Lord finished speaking, Bai Yi quickly said:

“Impossible...”

“Li Mingwu is severely injured; you all know that. He wanted to enter the Five Elements Cave Mansion before but we only forced him back by joining forces.”

“Apart from him, I can’t think of anyone else...” the Demon Lord spoke again.

Upon hearing this, Bai Yi fell into contemplation.

After a moment, Bai Yi turned to look at Lin Jing and the others again.

This time, his observation of the group was more meticulous, with his gaze lingering on Lin Jing the longest.

After observing, Bai Yi withdrew his gaze and then said to the other two:

“Fellow Daoists, what are your thoughts?”

The Island Master of True Dragon Island spoke up, saying:

“The two Array Masters I brought with me, I have known for hundreds of years; there can’t be a problem there.”

“The two Array Masters brought by Demon Lord are also renowned in the southern outer seas and are well-known.”

Having said that, the Island Master of True Dragon Island glanced at Xue Yilin, then turned to Bai Yi and continued:

“As for that Xue Yilin, I know he has always been following Bai fellow Daoist and helping him. He certainly is not a problem.”

“Now, the only one with an unclear background is Lin Jing.”

“Bai fellow Daoist, you say he’s the Island Master of Li Yan Island, but how long has this Island Master been in our Thousand Islands Domain?”

“Before coming to the Thousand Islands Domain, what did he do; do you know?”

Bai Yi, frowning, looked outside at Lin Jing.

After hesitating for a while, Bai Yi turned back and asked the Island Master of True Dragon Island:

“So, what do you plan to do?”

The Island Master of True Dragon Island then spoke to Bai Yi:

“Why not question him? If possible, we can directly conduct a Soul Search; what do you think, Bai fellow Daoist?”

However,

As soon as the Island Master of True Dragon Island suggested this, Bai Yi immediately interrupted:

“I think that is improper...”

The Island Master of True Dragon Island’s brow furrowed slightly, and then he looked at Bai Yi and said:

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“Lord Bai, could it be that you have a better solution?”

Bai Yi then spoke up, saying:

“The situation is unclear right now, it’s not necessarily our own people who did this, and it’s possible that there are others here as well.”

“There is another point...”

“We now need Lin Jing’s help to break the Wood Hall Formation that follows, it’s not appropriate to be too aggressive at this time.”

“There’s been a disturbance from Wood Hall, but we are all in the dark about the situation in Wood Hall.”

“What I mean is that we should first break the Wood Hall Formation and take a look inside to see the specific situation. If Wood Hall is the same, then we can question Lin Jing and the others...”

After hearing this, the Island Master of True Dragon Island pondered for a moment, then nodded and said:

“That’s a good plan, let’s proceed that way...”

“Later on, we’ll head out first to break the other Wood Hall Formation.”

The Demon Lord spoke up at this time, saying coldly:

“Let them break the formation first.”

“If the Wood Hall Command Token is also missing, then I won’t mind conducting a Soul Search on a few of them.”

After the three of them finished discussing, the Island Master of True Dragon Island waved his hand, removing the barrier.

Afterwards.

The three Island Masters walked towards Lin Jing and his companions.

When they reached Lin Jing and the others, they did not ask questions but directly called out to them:

“Let’s go...”

“We’re going to open up the Formation at Wood Hall now.”

Having said that, the three Island Masters led the way to the Teleportation Array and teleported out, and Lin Jing and his people also teleported out after the three great Island Masters left.

After coming out, the three Island Masters said nothing.

Lin Jing and his group, after exchanging glances, chose to remain silent.

While he had the chance, Lin Jing stole glances at Li Mingwu and Xue Yilin.

Their demeanors were very calm.

Now, with the Water Hall Command Token missing, the three Island Masters were certainly suspicious.

In such a situation, for Li Mingwu to remain so calm, he must surely have something to rely on.

Lin Jing naturally would not choose to expose them at this time.

Faced with such a calm Li Mingwu, although Lin Jing wasn't clear about his ace in the hole, he was very aware that Li Mingwu was absolutely not someone he could afford to provoke at that moment.

It was even less likely to be able to depend on the three great Island Masters to retain Li Mingwu.

Even if he wanted to deal with him, he would need to wait, wait until his own strength had increased further.

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When Lin Jing and the others returned, the three Island Masters immediately began arranging for them to break the other Wood Hall Formation.

After receiving Bai Yi's instructions, Xue Yilin did not hesitate, and he began directing everyone to start breaking the Formation.

The Wood Hall Formation in this plaza wasn't much different from the Water Hall Formation.

However, the Formation was of a green color, and the Five Elements Power within it seemed to be much more abundant than in the Water Hall Formation.

After Xue Yilin had given his arrangements, everyone took their positions at a corner of the Formation, ready to start breaking it.

Lin Jing stood to the side, ready to control the Five Elements Power within the Formation.

The three Island Masters stood to the side as well, quietly watching Lin Jing and his group breaking the Formation.

Perhaps because Lin Jing had previously solved the Wood Hall dais Formation, breaking this Formation at Wood Hall felt even more difficult.

Moreover, with more Five Elements Power within the Formation, and it being more ferocious, everyone found it harder to break than before.

It was several hours later when the outer layer of the Formation was finally broken, and the group reconfigured another Formation, trapping the violent Five Elements Power there.

At that point, with difficulty, Xue Yilin spoke to Lin Jing:

“Daoyou Lin, it’s your turn now.”

Clearly, the violent spiritual power was causing Xue Yilin discomfort.

Lin Jing nodded and then stepped forward, using the Five Elements Divine Art to conjure a five-colored radiance, which he extended into the Formation.

At that moment.

The Five Elements Power within this Wood Hall Formation was more than double the amount in the Water Formation previously encountered.

The Array Masters responsible for controlling the Formation, including Xue Yilin and others, seemed to be struggling.

Even Li Mingwu, in order not to arouse suspicion, was acting the same as everyone else.

As Lin Jing extended the five-colored radiance into the Formation, it was immediately overwhelmed by the violent Five Elements Spiritual Force, causing Lin Jing to frown.

Then, Lin Jing continually conjured several more strands of five-colored radiance into the Formation.

However.

These strands of five-colored radiance also lasted only briefly before they were inundated in the Five Elements Power, slipping from Lin Jing’s control.

Lin Jing had to stop and looked thoughtfully at the Five Elements Power within the Formation.

Seeing Lin Jing’s furrowed brow, Bai Yi immediately asked:

“Is there a problem?”

Lin Jing then responded, saying:

“Lord Bai, the Five Elements Power within this Wood Hall Formation far exceeds that of the Water Hall Formation; controlling it will likely be extremely difficult.”

After hearing this, Bai Yi looked at the Five Elements Power inside the Formation and then spoke again, asking Lin Jing:

“Does that mean the Five Elements Power cannot be drawn out?”

Lin Jing looked at the Formation, hesitating for a moment, and then replied:

“If we want to draw it out, it will probably be very difficult, and additionally, I might need your assistance, Lord Bai, to be somewhat confident.”

“You need my help?”

Bai Yi asked in confusion, then hesitated for a moment before declaring: “No problem!”

“Just tell me what I need to do.”

Lin Jing began to explain:

“The spiritual force within this Formation is very ferocious. Previously, when breaking the Water Hall Formation, the Five Elements Power inside wasn’t this abundant, and I could still bear it.”

“For some reason, this Wood Hall Formation has more than double the Five Elements Power than the Water Hall Formation.”

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“I find it extremely difficult to take control again,”

“I can only barely guide the Five Elements Power out of the Formation, but as I guide it, the Five Elements Power is not stable and could explode at any time.”

“Therefore, as I guide this Five Elements Power away from the Formation, I need Lord Bai to use Spiritual Power to form a barrier around the Five Elements Power, to stabilize it.”

After listening, Bai Yi nodded and said,

“Can do, no problem...”

“You can start now. When you need my help, just speak up, and I will take action.”

Lin Jing nodded, then turned around to face the Formation again, and stretched out his hand to condense several streams of Wǔ Cǎi light, floating in front of him.

Afterward, Lin Jing gathered these streams of Wǔ Cǎi light into a clump and continued to probe into the Formation.

This time, it was a little smoother than before.

And so, Lin Jing condensed the Wǔ Cǎi light, while secretly using the Immortal Five Elements Technique to control the Five Elements Power.

This Five Elements Power was indeed difficult to control, but for Lin Jing, it was still not a problem with a little more effort.

However, Lin Jing was doing this to see if he could still use the Five Elements Power within the Formation for some other matters...

As time passed by, Lin Jing's control over the Five Elements Power grew stronger.

Yet the Five Elements Spiritual Force still seemed rather violent.

Lin Jing, at this moment, appeared extremely tired, seemingly struggling to hold on.

Xue Yilin and the others were in a similar state.

Before Lin Jing could draw out the Five Elements Power from the Formation, they could not casually dismantle the Formation, and thus they persisted.

Just then, Lin Jing spoke to Bai Yi,

"Lord Bai, I am about to draw out this Five Elements Spiritual Force, now it's up to you."

Bai Yi nodded and then said,

"Rest assured..."

Having said that, Bai Yi took two steps forward, coming to Lin Jing's side, ready to take action.

At that moment, Lin Jing began to move the Five Elements Spiritual Force, starting to leave the Formation.

Next,

Bai Yi also released a large amount of Spiritual Power from his body, forming a barrier that enveloped the Five Elements Spiritual Force.

Just as Bai Yi had enveloped the Five Elements Power, he found it wildly violent, almost overwhelming him as well.

Therefore, Bai Yi quickly operated his Cultivation Technique and condensed even more Spiritual Power to barely suppress the Five Elements Power within the Formation.

Seeing the Five Elements Power stabilize, Lin Jing then began to guide it slowly out of the Formation.

But just as Lin Jing was guiding the Five Elements Power, just after leaving the Formation, it suddenly became extremely violent.

At that moment, Lin Jing was thrown backward, spitting blood due to the shock of the Spiritual Force.

Without Lin Jing's control, the Five Elements Power instantly lost control, and Bai Yi felt the pressure double, feeling the Five Elements Power growing stronger, becoming even harder to contain.

At this time,

the Five Elements Power had already left the Formation. Although it was still rampant, if only they could direct it somewhere to dissipate, then the Wood Hall Formation would be considered broken.

Seeing that the Five Elements Power was on the verge of exploding, Bai Yi quickly scanned the surroundings, intending to channel these Five Elements Power into a safe area.

At this moment,

Lin Jing, seriously injured, was lying not far behind himself.

In another direction was Xue Yilin, who had followed him for many years.

Now, there were only two directions left to dissipate the power.

One of them faced the Water Hall Transmission Formation. If the energy were released there, it would likely destroy the Water Hall Transmission Formation.

Therefore,

the only direction Bai Yi could dissipate the power was now just one.

Bai Yi looked in the direction where Li Mingwu was, and without hesitation, he pushed the Five Elements Power towards where Li Mingwu was...

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The Five Elements Power was full of vigor, and in an instant, it attacked toward the direction where Li Mingwu was located.

Seeing this, Li Mingwu could no longer care about anything else and quickly flashed to the side, retreating backward. If he let the Five Elements Power explode in front of him, even with his cultivation, he probably wouldn't be able to withstand it and would at least get injured.

Moreover, he was still seriously injured. If he were hit by the Five Elements Power, he would undoubtedly be even more severely injured, and it might even reveal his hidden abilities.

By then, he would likely be unable to escape even if he wanted to.

Although Li Mingwu had retreated, the speed of the Five Elements Power's attack was even faster. In just an instant, it neared Li Mingwu, giving him no chance to withdraw.

Seeing this, Li Mingwu made a quick decision, no longer hiding his cultivation, he went all out in his counterattack and directly brought out an artifact for defense.

The artifact Li Mingwu brought out was round, somewhat resembling a jade disc. Just as he held the jade disc in front of him, the Five Elements Power had already reached in front of him.

Then, there was a huge "boom" as the Five Elements Power exploded utterly, engulfing Li Mingwu in an instant.

Only after the Five Elements Power had completely burst did the others, also controlling the formation, react.

After they reacted, they also swiftly retreated, wanting to avoid the burst of the Five Elements Power.

Although this force of the Five Elements did not explode in their direction, they would still be affected to some extent.

Especially the two closest to Li Mingwu.

After the explosion of the Five Elements Power, the two of them reacted instantly, barely managing to protect themselves before the Five Elements Power was already upon them.

Facing that wild Five Elements Power, they couldn't even mount a resistance before being directly blown away.

Fortunately for them, what hit them was only the aftermath of the Five Elements Power. Otherwise, with their cultivation, it wouldn't be as simple as just getting injured.

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Bai Yi chose to direct the Five Elements Power toward the direction where Li Mingwu was for several reasons.

First, because Li Mingwu's position was the safest.

Second, his revealed cultivation was not low and was at least stronger than the others.

Even if he was faced with the furious Five Elements Power head-on, he would not die immediately.

However, severe injury was inevitable.

Another point was that the Five Elements Power, for some unknown reason, kept surging toward Li Mingwu's direction. It would be much more difficult for Bai Yi to control it and direct it elsewhere, so it was better to let it burst toward Li Mingwu's position.

Originally, Bai Yi had already thought...

If that cultivator was really seriously injured, he would pay some price to heal him directly.

After all, this was a person invited by the Island Master of True Dragon Island, and the face of the Island Master had to be given.

But when Bai Yi saw that he had released the Five Elements Power,

The Nascent Soul Cultivator that was originally there had unexpectedly brought out an artifact, and it was one that he was very familiar with.

"Li Mingwu..." Bai Yi was stunned for a moment, then blurted out.

Not only Bai Yi saw this scene, but the Demon Lord and the Island Master of True Dragon Island behind him also saw that familiar artifact.

They never imagined that Li Mingwu had been following them all along.

Especially the Island Master of True Dragon Island, upon seeing that familiar artifact, his face turned particularly ugly.

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The Five Elements Power arrived quickly and left just as fast.

Li Mingwu, at the center of the explosion, actually used that jade disc-like artifact to block the incoming attack.

After the explosion dissipated, the Demon Lord and the Island Master of True Dragon Island quickly approached, wanting to encircle Li Mingwu.

However, Li Mingwu reacted even faster.

Before the three could complete the encirclement, Li Mingwu had already disappeared from the spot.

Soon after.

There was a cry of “ah,” a scream was heard.

It was one of the Nascent Soul Cultivators who had just been blown away, who had not yet recovered when he was sent flying by a palm from Li Mingwu, flying towards Bai Yi’s direction.

This Nascent Soul Cultivator was another Array Master invited by the Island Master of True Dragon Island. Seeing this, the Island Master immediately stepped forward, wanting to catch the Array Master.

But just then, the Array Master’s body began to swell like a balloon, and the aura emanating from his body grew stronger and stronger, still carrying a distinct sensation of the Five Elements Power.

The expression of the Array Master was twisted, indicating great pain.

Seeing the Array Master’s body inflating more and more and detecting a dangerous aura emanating from within him, the Island Master swiftly stopped and then extended a finger...

A sword radiance shot up from his fingertip, and with a flick of the Island Master’s hand...

The soaring sword light slashed out, aimed directly at the Array Master.

Seeing this, the Array Master’s expression showed horror, and he hurriedly spoke:

“No...”

“Don’t...”

But before he could finish, the sword light had already cut down.

Then, with a “boom,”

As the sword light slashed down, the Array Master suddenly exploded, his remains scattering in all directions.

Especially at the center of the explosion, the very same wild Five Elements Power appeared again.

It turned out that Li Mingwu had absorbed a part of the Five Elements Power from the earlier explosion and then, taking advantage of the moment, had infused it into the body of that cultivator, causing the explosion they were now witnessing.

Following the blast, the wild Five Elements Power continued to rage. Even the three Island Masters did not dare to approach rashly and were stopped in their tracks.

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All three Island Masters were looking at Li Mingwu, who had now shed his disguise and appeared as a wizened old man.

Moreover, the corners of his mouth were still stained with blood; clearly, in the recent explosion of Five Elements Power, although he had managed to block it, he had still been wounded.

“Li Mingwu...”

“So it was you; you’re the one behind all this.”

Bai Yi was furious as he glared at Li Mingwu.

The Island Master of True Dragon Island was no different, his gaze upon Li Mingwu filled with fury.

The Array Master from before had been invited by him, yet in the end, he had died at the hands of Li Mingwu.

Furthermore, the Array Master that Li Mingwu had been impersonating had also been his invitee.

Now, that somewhat famous Array Master had suddenly turned out to be Li Mingwu; needless to say, he must have already fallen victim to Li Mingwu’s deadly hands, especially if they recalled the previous assault outside the entrance of the cave mansion, amidst the white fog.

The Island Master of True Dragon Island instantly understood what had happened.

It wasn't just the Island Master of True Dragon Island; Bai Yi and the Demon Lord of Myriad Demons realized it at the same time.

Because the number of people they brought with them to enter the Five Elements Cave Mansion this time wasn't large, so they were somewhat familiar with each other.

If Li Mingwu wanted to blend in, obviously, it would be best to find someone to replace, but as for when Li Mingwu infiltrated the Five Elements Cave Mansion and suddenly made a move against the Array Master

The three of them were currently unsure.

Presumably, he must have had other methods.

After all, no one knew the Five Elements Cave Mansion better than Li Mingwu.

Facing the three Island Masters, Li Mingwu merely glanced at them before a hoarse and aged voice emanated from his mouth:

"Do you really think that with just you, you can stop me?"

Having said that, Li Mingwu immediately departed, flying in a different direction.

This direction was where Xue Yilin was located.

Seeing Li Mingwu heading towards him, Xue Yilin first panicked, then managed to use his Flying Sword to defiantly attempt a defense.

At this moment, Bai Yi's face turned extremely ugly; he ignored the rampantly dissipating wild Five Elements Spiritual Force and rushed out, trying to intercept Li Mingwu.

At the same time, Bai Yi shouted:

"Li Mingwu..."

"You won't escape today, don't waste your energy."

However, Li Mingwu only turned his head and let out a sneer at Bai Yi, and then in a flash appeared behind Xue Yilin.

At that moment, Xue Yilin's Flying Sword struck empty air, and Li Mingwu abruptly appeared at his side, grabbing him.

Xue Yilin, now as pale as a ghost, cried out desperately to Bai Yi:

“Island Master, save me...”

Seeing this, Bai Yi’s brows furrowed even more as he directly confronted Li Mingwu:

“Let Xue Yilin go...”

“You’re cornered now, resistance is futile; you might as well surrender.”

However,

Li Mingwu paid no heed to Bai Yi and, seizing Xue Yilin, attempted to flash away and escape.

Meanwhile, Bai Yi and the other two Island Masters gave chase, conjuring their magical treasures, trying to stop Li Mingwu for fear that he would flee.

Watching the battle commence, the remaining two Nascent Soul Cultivators kept their distance, afraid of being caught in the crossfire.

Lin Jing did the same, naturally dragging his ‘injured’ body to one side.

This battle wasn’t something they could participate in; even a mere brush could be life-threatening.

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The combatants, on one side, were Li Mingwu at the Nascent Soul Peak.

On the other side were the three Island Masters of Divinity Transformation Stage.

If we’re being honest, the three Island Masters combined were not weaker than Li Mingwu, especially since Li Mingwu was severely injured.

Together, they should have already captured him.

However, this place was too special; the slightest mishap could trigger the local Formation, and they did not dare to exercise their full power.

Moreover, Li Mingwu had a ‘hostage’ in hand, which made them even more cautious, not daring to unleash their full strength.

Li Mingwu was likewise restrained, perhaps also cautious, not daring to go all out.

Thus, both sides repeatedly clashed with their spells, with neither suffering substantial losses.

Lin Jing watched the battle and Xue Yilin, who was held hostage by Li Mingwu, and hesitated.

Lin Jing wondered whether or not to expose the relationship between Li Mingwu and Xue Yilin.

The current hostage situation was probably a play orchestrated by Li Mingwu and Xue Yilin

Looking at the situation, the fact that Xue Yilin was actually Ling Yi might be unknown to the three great Island Masters.

Only Lin Jing knew.

Although Lin Jing knew, it was not appropriate for him to alert the three Island Masters.

Because the matter was too confidential, if Lin Jing rashly spoke out, he would likely immediately raise the alarm for Li Mingwu, which could lead to dire consequences for himself.

Furthermore, while he knew, the source of this information was not something he could easily explain.

Therefore, Lin Jing remained silent.

Besides, he had already done his utmost by devising a plan that caused Li Mingwu to reveal himself.

The rest was up to the three great Island Masters.

Indeed, Lin Jing had played a role in Li Mingwu's exposure.

Or rather, it was a deliberate calculation by Lin Jing.

Previously, after learning of Li Mingwu's collusion with Xue Yilin, aiming to acquire the healing Elixir Medicine and the Five Elements Command Token,

Lin Jing began to think of a strategy.

It wasn't until after coming out from the Water Hall of the Five Elements that Lin Jing, seeing the surging Five Elements Power within the Wood Hall Formation, had a moment of inspiration and came up with a plan.

That was to use the outburst of the Five Elements Power within the formation to force Li Mingwu into a position where he had no choice but to reveal himself.

And moreover,

To extricate himself from suspicion, Lin Jing even involved Bai Yi, allowing the final burst of the Five Elements Power to be controlled by Bai Yi.

As for himself, he pretended to be injured and unable to continue, flying backwards.

Of course,

Faking his condition in front of them was hardly feasible, and while Lin Jing was indeed injured, it was not as serious as it appeared.

Lin Jing, using the Immortal Five Elements Technique, directed the Five Elements Power to explode towards Li Mingwu's location.

Bai Yi saw the opportunity and pushed the violent Five Elements Power towards Li Mingwu, forcing him to reveal himself and thus creating the current situation.

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While the two sides were in a stalemate, the entire Five Elements Cave Mansion began to undergo another strange change. A thick, smoke-like blue mist rose from all around the cave mansion, pouring towards the palace.

This fog rose after the Wood Hall had been broken.

Seeing the rise of the blue mist, all three Island Masters were pleased.

Because with the fog, it meant Li Mingwu could not escape. Even if Li Mingwu had obtained something from the Water Hall, he would not be able to take it out. In the end, it would fall into their hands.

At this moment, Bai Yi spoke to Li Mingwu:

"Li Mingwu..."

"Stop your futile resistance, you can't escape."

Li Mingwu, upon seeing the blue mist, also frowned slightly. Then, as if venting his frustration, he suddenly grabbed Xue Yilin and slapped him hard, sending Xue Yilin flying.

Mid-air, Xue Yilin spat out a mouthful of blood and then flew straight toward one of the blue Formation Eyes.

As Xue Yilin was sent flying, Bai Yi quickly looked over and saw that Xue Yilin did not swell up like the cultivator before had.

Aside from being injured and somewhat weakened, there was nothing else amiss with him.

Bai Yi immediately felt relieved and then looked back to Li Mingwu.

After throwing Xue Yilin aside, Li Mingwu, like a cornered beast, gathered his Cultivation, causing his aura to swell dramatically, and then commanded his Magical Treasure to charge towards the three Island Masters.

The three Island Masters were instantly on high alert, too preoccupied to concern themselves with anything else, closely watching Li Mingwu who was about to charge at them.

The other two Nascent Soul Cultivators did the same, focusing intently on the combatants, with nobody noticing Xue Yilin, who had just been sent flying.

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Only Lin Jing was always watching Xue Yilin's movements.

And after being sent flying, Xue Yilin landed precisely within the blue-glowing Formation Eye.

Falling into the formation, Xue Yilin stood up within the Formation Eye and took out a Token from his person, then began to quickly recite an incantation.

This Token was the very Five Elements Water Command that had been obtained earlier in the Water Hall. Seeing Xue Yilin produce the Five Elements Water Command, Lin Jing knew this was bad.

Considering the rule where water nurtures wood, the Five Elements Water Command was the key 'key' for early entry into the Wood Hall.

It seems...

They had long planned to use this Five Elements Water Command to gain early access to the Wood Hall.

If they managed to enter the Wood Hall early, then given Li Mingwu's familiarity with the Five Elements Cave Mansion, it was very likely that they would manage to escape.

If Li Mingwu escaped, that would add too many unforeseen complications and even Lin Jing himself ran the risk of having his identity exposed.

At this point, Lin Jing could no longer stand by idly.

So, Lin Jing made his move...

But...

Just as Lin Jing was about to speak out to warn him, Li Mingwu suddenly burst into laughter:

“Hahaha...”

“You fools have all fallen into the trap...”