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Chapter 312: Calculation

Disabling an array involves interpreting its patterns and disrupting the entire formation through the interaction of these patterns.

The Reverse Spirit Array can also disable formations, but its deeper use lies in directly disrupting spiritual power.

Mo Hua, though not fully understanding, felt it sounded impressive.

"But how do you disrupt it?"

He could disable formations, but he had never heard of disrupting spiritual power.

Mr. Zhuang hesitated before finally speaking slowly:

"Spiritual Awareness Calculation."

Mo Hua frowned. This was another term he had never heard before.

None of the array books he had read or the array masters he had encountered had ever mentioned "Spiritual Awareness Calculation."

"Sir, is Spiritual Awareness Calculation also a highly advanced array study?" Mo Hua asked.

Mr. Zhuang nodded, "Yes."

"How advanced is it?"

"Ordinary array masters will never learn it in their lifetime."

Mo Hua was taken aback, "A lifetime?"

Mr. Zhuang emphasized again, "A lifetime!"

"Even high-ranked array masters won't learn it?"

Mr. Zhuang laughed, "High-ranked array masters merely have higher cultivation and stronger spiritual awareness, so they learn higher-level formations. However, in terms of using spiritual awareness and understanding formations, they may not necessarily surpass some lower-ranked array masters."

Mo Hua was shocked.

So there was such a concept...

"Do array masters not learn Spiritual Awareness Calculation because it's unnecessary or too difficult?" Mo Hua asked again.

Mr. Zhuang said, "Both because it's unnecessary and too difficult."

Mr. Zhuang sighed slightly, "Array studies are profound and vast. The more advanced the formation, the more it taps into the mysteries of heaven and earth, reversing yin and yang."

"In comparison, a cultivator's spiritual awareness is much more limited. The more advanced the formation, the more strained the spiritual awareness becomes. Being able to comprehend the formation is already good enough; there's no extra spiritual awareness to calculate the formation."

Mo Hua nodded repeatedly as he listened.

Mr. Zhuang glanced at Mo Hua with a gentle expression:

"Originally, Spiritual Awareness Calculation is not something you should learn now, but if I don't teach you now, there may be no one else to teach you later."

"Your spiritual awareness foundation is so good; it would be a pity not to learn it."

Mo Hua felt a bit sad, "Sir, are you leaving?"

Mr. Zhuang sighed softly, "There is no eternal banquet. I've stayed here long enough."

Mo Hua's small face fell.

Mr. Zhuang gently patted his head, "There's still some time. I'll teach you a few more things. You must study well."

Mo Hua nodded seriously, "Don't worry, sir. I will study hard!"

Mr. Zhuang smiled slightly and began to explain Spiritual Awareness Calculation to Mo Hua:

"The array knowledge you have learned before, whether it is array mediums, patterns, hubs, or eyes, single arrays or composite arrays, is based on the understanding of the array structure itself."

"You should have realized that besides the structure of the array, the essence of the array's effectiveness comes from the flow of spiritual power."

"The array eye is the source of the spiritual power flow, the array medium is the carrier of the spiritual power flow, and the patterns and hubs are the trajectories of the spiritual power flow."

"All paths lead to the same goal. Like other cultivation methods, spiritual power is the intrinsic essence."

"Spiritual Awareness Calculation is to deduce and reconstruct the operation trajectory of the array's spiritual power in the sea of consciousness."

"Just like seeing the spiritual power state of others in spiritual awareness, Spiritual Awareness Calculation is to precisely deduce the existence of the array's spiritual power in spiritual awareness."

Mo Hua remembered that he had sensed the existence of a Fog Array in the fog forest before, so he could distinguish directions.

However, what he sensed at that time was only the vague form of the array patterns, more precisely, the spiritual power shadow of the array patterns, not the clear flow of spiritual power.

Mo Hua weakly asked, "What is the use of this?"

Mr. Zhuang smiled and patiently explained:

"First, it can deepen your understanding of formations, letting you know what array patterns and hubs are for, and how spiritual power passes through the hubs and connects the patterns."

"Ultimately, patterns and hubs are forms, and the flow of spiritual power is the essence."

"If you understand this, you'll know why the same formation, from different traditions or schools, always has some differences in pattern strokes."

"You'll also understand why the same formation can still work even if different array masters draw the patterns differently each time, but if a pattern is drawn slightly off, the formation fails completely."

Mo Hua's eyes lit up, "Because the former's patterns, although different, do not affect the spiritual power flow, while the latter's single deviation prevents the spiritual power from flowing, causing the formation to fail. Is that right?"

Mr. Zhuang nodded approvingly and warned:

"Some array masters, stuck in their ways, don't understand the essence of formations. They treat fixed patterns as the Dao itself and rigidly adhere to the form, not allowing any alteration. Don't become such a rigid mind."

"Yes, yes." Mo Hua nodded repeatedly.

Mr. Zhuang continued, "Second, by learning Spiritual Awareness Calculation, you can sense the spiritual power flow within a formation and deduce its patterns."

"Some formations are deeply hidden, and you can't see through them. The most dangerous formations are those you can't understand."

"When you travel in the future and inadvertently fall into someone's formation, if you can't see the patterns and can't guess the formation, you're basically left to await your doom."

"If you guess wrong and mistake a killing array for an illusion array, the consequences are equally severe."

Mo Hua suddenly realized, "So learning calculation allows you to see through formations based solely on the spiritual power flow, making it impossible for other array masters to deal with you!"

Mr. Zhuang nodded.

Mo Hua's eyes lit up, and he whispered, "Can I also learn others' formations secretly?"

If he could deduce the patterns from the spiritual power, he could learn formations without needing diagrams.

In the future, if other array masters used formations against him, he could even learn their formations directly.

"Your formation is powerful, but after a few glances, it's mine."

Mo Hua could already imagine how domineering he would be when he said this in the future.

Mr. Zhuang, however, shook his head.

Mo Hua was greatly disappointed, "Can't I learn secretly?"

"You can learn, but it's not called secret learning."

Mr. Zhuang laughed, "With your own skills, learning openly and honestly, how can it be called secret learning?"

Mo Hua was stunned for a moment, then also laughed, "Sir, you are right!"

"The final use of Spiritual Awareness Calculation is what I mentioned before, using the Reverse Spirit Array to reverse and disrupt spiritual power, causing the formation to collapse and generating terrifying destructive power."

Mr. Zhuang's gaze was slightly focused, and his tone was also more serious.

Mo Hua was shocked and curious, "How strong can it be?"

"It depends on the formation's strength. Ordinary single arrays are not worth collapsing because their spiritual power structure is too weak; common composite arrays also don't need to be collapsed because their hub structure is simple; only slightly complex composite arrays need to be collapsed."

"On this basis, the more complex the formation and the stronger the spiritual power, the more powerful the collapse."

Mo Hua was invigorated, "Can it cross levels to kill enemies? Can collapsing a First Grade composite array kill Foundation Building cultivators?"

Mr. Zhuang nodded, "It can."

Mo Hua was excited, "Then I..."

"No."

Mo Hua felt a complex mix of emotions, "Sir, I haven't even finished my sentence..."

Mr. Zhuang couldn't help but laugh, "No need to say it. I know you want to collapse composite arrays to kill a few Foundation Building cultivators."

Mo Hua smiled shyly, "Can't I?"

"No."

Seeing Mo Hua's puzzled expression, Mr. Zhuang said directly:

"Your spiritual awareness is insufficient."

Mo Hua was surprised, "Even Foundation Building spiritual awareness is insufficient?"

"Insufficient." Mr. Zhuang nodded, "The reason so few array masters learn Spiritual Awareness Calculation is that the consumption of spiritual awareness during calculation is excessive."

"I'm teaching you now because your spiritual awareness in Foundation Building has barely reached the threshold, but with your current spiritual awareness, you can at most calculate a simple First Grade composite array. This collapsing force can injure Foundation Building cultivators but cannot kill them."

Foundation Building spiritual awareness was barely at the threshold...

Mo Hua felt a bit disappointed.

Mr. Zhuang said warmly, "I'm teaching you Spiritual Awareness Calculation not to collapse formations, but to see through the essence of formations, better comprehend them, and not be endangered by unknown formations in the future..."

Mo Hua was stunned, feeling warmth in his heart, and gratefully said, "Thank you, sir!"