

The Quest 315

Chapter 315: Collapse

The following days were as calm as water. With constant efforts day and night, Mo Hua's ability in divine sense calculations increased day by day.

Until one day, he suddenly thought of a question:

"Can I try to cause the array to collapse?"

Although Mr. Zhuang said that teaching him divine sense calculations was not to make him collapse the array, since he had learned it, he had to give it a try.

Mo Hua wanted to see what the collapse of an array would look like.

Even Mr. Zhuang found the power of collapse incredible. How strong could it be?

The principle of array collapse was not difficult; the hard part was learning the Reverse Spirit Array and divine sense calculations.

Mo Hua had now learned the Reverse Spirit Array. Though not proficient in divine sense calculations, he had practiced for many days and had become quite skilled, having the basic foundation for collapsing an array.

Still not completely confident, Mo Hua sought out Mr. Zhuang to subtly inquire about the precautions of array collapse.

Mr. Zhuang saw through Mo Hua's little scheme at a glance but did not mind.

Curiosity was a good thing.

Without curiosity and a thirst for knowledge about arrays, one could easily become numb to the monotonous path of cultivation and lose the original intent of seeking the Dao of arrays.

Moreover, array collapse was not that easy to learn.

With Mo Hua's current divine sense, it would be commendable if he could calculate and collapse a First Grade single array.

The power of a First Grade single array collapse, though not weak, was not particularly strong. Even if he made a mistake, it wouldn't be life-threatening.

Mr. Zhuang then instructed:

"Array collapse is based on divine sense calculations."

"First, calculate the spiritual power trajectory of the array, and then set up the Reverse Spirit Array on the array hub according to the trajectory."

"Once the array is activated, the spiritual power will flow through the array hub and be reversed by the Reverse Spirit Array, leading to the collapse of the entire array, generating a force close to the primal power of destruction..."

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Mr. Zhuang explained in detail.

Mo Hua remembered every word Mr. Zhuang said, and then found a time to go to Dahei Mountain to experiment with array collapse.

The array to be collapsed was a First Grade Earth Fire Array.

Although Mo Hua's divine sense was at the Foundation Building stage, he couldn't calculate too complex arrays, so he had to start with a simple First Grade array.

Mo Hua set up the Earth Fire Array, spent some time calculating the spiritual power trajectory, and then drew the Reverse Spirit Array on the array hub according to the trajectory.

After a long time, Mo Hua finally prepared everything.

Everything was ready, only needing to activate the array.

Mo Hua placed the spirit stones on the array and then ran far away.

He didn't know how powerful the array collapse would be, so to be safe, he stayed far away.

Mo Hua cast a Fireball Technique, accurately shattering the spirit stones, releasing spiritual energy into the Earth Fire Array.

The array flashed for a moment, and then the light disappeared.

Mo Hua, hiding in the distance, only saw the array light up briefly and then nothing.

No explosion, no sound, no spiritual power fluctuations, as if he had just set off a dud firecracker...

Mo Hua was stunned.

Did the collapse fail?

Or was there an error in the calculations?

Mo Hua couldn't figure it out and didn't dare to go forward recklessly. He waited for a while and saw no movement. He released his divine sense but couldn't sense any spiritual power flow, so he approached.

With just one look, Mo Hua frowned, even more confused.

The array was gone!

Nothing was left on the ground.

Only the stones that carried the array had turned into fine powder, which scattered with the wind.

"So this is... success?"

The array had collapsed, completely dissolving everything, even the array medium turned into powder.

But was this what collapse was supposed to be?

Mo Hua was not sure and decided to try again.

He set up the array again, calculated the spiritual power trajectory, and drew the Reverse Spirit Array on the array hub, then activated the array.

This time, Mo Hua didn't run too far. He observed closely, focusing his divine sense on the changes during the array collapse.

This time, he finally saw what happened.

The moment the array was activated, spiritual power began to flow, connecting the array patterns. When the spiritual power reached the Reverse Spirit Array, it was decomposed.

The pale blue spiritual power decomposed not into finer elements but transformed into a completely different kind of spiritual power, faintly edged with black, exuding a destructive aura, dissolving everything it touched, and then vanishing.

This process was extremely terrifying but silent.

No, even sound was decomposed! That's why it was silent...

Mo Hua was shocked.

This was unlike any spiritual power form he had ever seen.

Ordinary cultivators used spiritual power to activate Dao techniques, forming the mysterious powers of the Five Elements and Three Wonders. If this process was positive, then this destructive power was negative.

It was a form of spiritual power outside the usual framework of cultivators.

As Mr. Zhuang had said, it was a power close to the primal destruction of the Dao...

Previously, Mo Hua had not fully understood these words. Now, having seen it with his own eyes, he deeply felt the terrifying nature of this primal destruction power.

The only problem was that the range of the collapse was too small...

When an array explodes, the spiritual power spreads outward; when it collapses, the spiritual power concentrates inward.

The Earth Fire Array in front of him, if it exploded normally, would be as large as a big watermelon. When it collapsed, the range was only as big as a small hawthorn.

To use this against an enemy, they would have to be tied to the array, otherwise, it wouldn't harm anyone.

Even if it did, only injuring an arm or a leg wouldn't mean much.

Mo Hua sighed.

No wonder Mr. Zhuang had no reservations about telling him such a dangerous method of collapse.

With his current divine sense, he could only collapse a simple First Grade single array.

As Mr. Zhuang said, "Ordinary single arrays are not worth collapsing because their spiritual power is too weak..."

The weak spiritual power composition, even though the collapse power was special, was too small in scale to be much of a threat.

Stronger arrays, at least more complex composite arrays, could not be calculated by his current divine sense.

Mo Hua felt disappointed. He had hoped that if the collapse power was strong enough, he would have a more powerful trump card.

That way, even when facing Foundation Building cultivators, he wouldn't be helpless.

The First Leader and Third Leader of Heishan Stronghold were still at large. If left unchecked, they would be a great hidden danger in the future.

If he could master array collapse, he would have a way to deal with them.

But now it seemed he had thought too simply.

The power to threaten Foundation Building cultivators was not so easy to obtain...

Mo Hua sighed again.

Since that was the case, he decided not to dwell on it and focused on practicing divine sense calculations, increasing his understanding of arrays through calculations.

"One shouldn't be too greedy; mastering calculations is enough. Forget about collapse for now."

Mo Hua silently reminded himself.

That was his original plan...

Until two days later, at midnight, when Mo Hua was practicing calculations on the Dao Stele in his sea of consciousness, he suddenly froze.

Mo Hua looked at the Dao Stele, frowning slowly.

There were two spiritual power trajectories calculated on the Dao Stele.

One was what he had just calculated, and the other was what he had calculated before but forgot to erase.

At this moment, the two spiritual power trajectories coexisted on the Dao Stele.

A question naturally emerged in Mo Hua's mind:

"Drawing an array requires 'one continuous effort,' does divine sense calculation require it too?"

The so-called 'one continuous effort' meant that all the array patterns of a single array, or the complete array hub of a composite array, needed to be drawn continuously without interruption, otherwise the array would not work.

Mo Hua had always assumed divine sense calculations were the same, but now it seemed they were not.

For an array, you could calculate a bit today and a bit tomorrow, as long as the final result in the sea of consciousness was a complete spiritual power trajectory diagram.

In other words, for a composite array, he could calculate one single array at a time and then piece them together to form a complete spiritual power trajectory of the composite array.

Divine sense calculations did not need to be done all at once.

Mo Hua thought for a moment and roughly understood.

Because the array exists externally as an objective spiritual power flow, while the spiritual power trajectory calculated by divine sense is actually a recognition of the array.

Whether you calculate it or not, the array exists; you just might not recognize its essence.

Upon realizing this, Mo Hua was completely stunned.

His Dao Stele could trace back his divine sense.

This meant he could use the Dao Stele to truly calculate arrays indefinitely.

It also meant that not only single arrays, but even complex composite arrays, or even large arrays, could be calculated bit by bit over time.

Being able to calculate composite arrays or large arrays meant...

He could collapse composite arrays or even large arrays, thus truly possessing the power to annihilate Foundation Building cultivators!