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Chapter 355: Array Master

The scattered cultivators delayed for a while, and Commander Yang had already caught up, the golden light on his long spear intensified, piercing the left shoulder of the Kong Family's head.

The other scattered cultivators, fighting desperately, hacked at him with knives.

The head of the Kong Family, a Foundation Building cultivator, was hacked to death alive.

With the death of the Kong Family head, the situation spiraled out of control.

The enraged scattered cultivators rushed into the Kong Family, killing anyone they saw.

Commander Yang led the Dao soldiers, taking a long time to regain control of the situation.

But by then, the Kong Family was in ruins.

Almost all of the young and strong cultivators of the Kong Family were dead or injured, leaving only some elderly, women, and children, protected by the Dao soldiers, barely surviving.

The scattered cultivators who slaughtered the Kong Family cultivators gradually calmed down, their faces showing no joy of revenge, but numbness and painful tears.

Blood stained the white walls, corpses were everywhere.

Commander Yang watched this scene, his heart shaken.

How much sin had the Kong Family accumulated...

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Listening to this, Mo Hua felt uneasy.

"How will this matter be handled?"

Mo Hua was a bit worried about the scattered cultivators in Qingxuan City.

"What else can be done?" Commander Yang sighed, "The law does not blame the masses, and besides, this matter is understandable. The Kong Family met their deserved end."

"The Dao Court won't trouble them?"

The Dao Court of Qingxuan City had been in cahoots with the Kong Family, allowing the Kong Family to act so recklessly.

Now that the Kong Family was gone, the Dao Court of Qingxuan City might not let it go easily.

"Dao Court?" Commander Yang sneered, "They can hardly protect themselves."

Mo Hua's eyes lit up, "Will the Dao Court pursue this?"

Commander Yang nodded, "The Kong Family's rebellion, the scattered cultivators' riot, and the Kong Family's collusion with Heishan Stronghold... With so many troubles under their jurisdiction, the Dao Court of Qingxuan City will not come out unscathed."

"What will be the outcome?" Mo Hua asked curiously, digging for details.

Commander Yang said, "Typically, the person in charge will be held accountable, and the position of the Chief Supervisor of Qingxuan City will definitely not be preserved. If more evidence of corruption and bribery is uncovered, his life might even be in jeopardy."

"The subordinate officials are also likely corrupt; they will all face imprisonment to some extent."

Mo Hua nodded, feeling relieved, and then asked, "Were all the Kong Family members killed?"

Commander Yang shook his head, "The young and strong cultivators and those with higher cultivation levels are all dead. The scattered cultivators' resentment was too strong, even the Dao soldiers couldn't stop them. Only the elderly, women, and children are left."

"These people can't stay in Qingxuan City anymore. The Dao soldiers will arrange for them to go elsewhere to make a living, but they will be stripped of the 'Kong' surname. The Kong Family is completely finished..."

Mo Hua felt a vague sense of melancholy but also thought it was justified.

The heavier the oppression, the stronger the backlash.

A family that grew strong by sucking the blood of scattered cultivators could be toppled in an instant.

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The Dao soldiers confiscated the Kong Family's assets, most of the spirit stones were transported to Tongxian City to build a large array.

The remaining spirit stones were distributed to the scattered cultivators of Qingxuan City, making their lives less harsh.

Mo Hua thought this matter was over, but two days later, Ji Qingbai, Ji Li, and Fu Lan came to visit again.

Ji Qingbai, upon seeing Mo Hua, gratefully said:

"All the scattered cultivators of Qingxuan City asked me to thank you."

Mo Hua quickly waved his hand, "I didn't do anything..."

Ji Qingbai shook his head, calling Ji Li and Fu Lan to bow deeply to Mo Hua.

Fu Lan's eyes were red; her father died at the hands of the Kong Family when she was young, she grew up with her mother, who was eventually forced to death by the Kong Family.

Now that the Kong Family was destroyed, she finally had her revenge, but regretted that it wasn't by her own hands.

Mo Hua could only sigh inwardly.

He hoped that from now on, neither Tongxian City nor Qingxuan City would have such hatred and pain.

The spirit stones were almost enough, the last task was to find array masters to help draw the array.

Mo Hua could draw the core of the array himself, but the many smaller arrays under the core needed other array masters to help.

Otherwise, it was impossible to complete the large array in two months.

Thinking of this, Mo Hua sighed.

Building a large array was really troublesome.

Resource preparation, manpower recruitment, various adjustments... it was time-consuming, labor-intensive, and required a lot of thought.

But even so, it had to be pushed forward step by step...

Mo Hua went to find Master Luo for help with the array masters.

He was the most famous First Grade array master in Tongxian City, well-connected, highly respected, and influential among the array masters in Tongxian City.

Mo Hua visited him and briefly explained the situation.

Master Luo hesitated, thought for a moment, and finally said:

"I will convey Mr. Mo's intentions to all the array masters in Tongxian City, but whether they are willing to help depends on their own decision."

Master Luo apologized, "Array masters hold a special status, not under any jurisdiction. Although I have some reputation, I can't force them."

Mo Hua knew this, so he thanked Master Luo.

It was good enough that Master Luo was willing to help.

The core of the large array was the most critical part, the other smaller arrays just needed to be drawn to specifications, which wasn't too difficult and didn't require high-level array masters.

After all the drawing was done, the chief array master still needed to inspect and control the adjustments.

The most challenging parts would be handled by Mo Hua.

The other parts of the array just needed any array masters to lend a hand.

After Mo Hua left, Master Luo gathered the array masters of Tongxian City for tea, and briefly mentioned the large array.

The younger array masters were excited and eager to participate in constructing the large array.

For many array masters, participating in the construction of a large array was a lifelong pursuit.

The older array masters mostly didn't express their stance, but after returning home, they sneered at the idea.

"Overestimating themselves..."

"A bunch of scattered cultivators and bottom-tier array masters below First Grade dreaming of building a large array, what a joke!"

These array masters, having lived long and experienced much, knew the difficulties of constructing a large array, something beyond the capability of ordinary array masters and powers.

Meanwhile, they were also jealous of Mo Hua.

These old array masters had struggled for years, not only failing to become First Grade array masters, but their current array skills were also inferior to Mo Hua, who had studied arrays for less than ten years.

They knew Mo Hua was good at drawing arrays, but didn't believe he could truly create a large array, secretly waiting to see him fail.

"Naive child, getting carried away!"

"Taking such a big step, he will surely stumble..."

These thoughts, they dared not voice, but it didn't stop them from mocking in their hearts.

In the end, about half of the array masters in Tongxian City agreed to stay and help.

This proportion was more than Master Luo had expected.

With so many array masters, building the large array should be barely enough, provided that the large array could actually be constructed...

Master Luo then faced another dilemma: should he stay or not?

He had already found a backup plan.

The Third Grade Lanshan Sect in Lanling Province was willing to hire him as an Outer Sect Elder. Although it was just a nominal position with a teaching salary, he would receive true elder treatment once his cultivation level rose to Foundation Building.

This couldn't compare to Mo Hua's treatment.

After all, his array skills and talent, as well as future prospects, were far behind Mo Hua.

But this backup plan was already good enough.

With Lanshan Sect as his backing, his later years wouldn't be prosperous but at least comfortable.

But was this really enough?

Did he not want to build a First Grade large array?

Master Luo asked himself, leaving himself stunned.

In the face of disaster, seeking benefits and avoiding harm is human nature. Finding a safe retreat is natural.

But this was a First Grade large array!

It might be his only chance in life to witness and even participate in the construction of a large array.

Master Luo sighed.

Only an array master knew how difficult it was to build a large array.

The old array masters knew, and he, being more experienced, knew even better.

Not to mention the difficulty of drawing the large array, finding a chief array master was even harder.

The sheer scale of the large array's construction was massive.

Such large-scale Daoist construction was generally either organized by the Dao Court or built by deeply rooted family sects.

In any case, it had nothing to do with an ordinary First Grade array master like him.

He wouldn't even get a chance to touch it.

Only because Mo Hua was building the array did he get a call.

If the Dao Court or family sect were constructing the array, they wouldn't even glance at him, no matter how many spirit stones he offered.

Not to mention helping to draw the array, he wouldn't even qualify to draw a stroke on the large array.

Master Luo felt lost, but his heart also pounded with excitement.

Now there was an opportunity right

in front of him...

An opportunity to personally participate in constructing a First Grade large array!

If he missed this, he might never have another chance in his life.

The youthful passion and enthusiasm he felt when he became an array master gradually revived in his numb body.

Master Luo felt very strange but also joyous.

But he forced himself to calm down.

"Can this large array really be built?"

Master Luo believed in Mo Hua's array skills, but not enough to believe he could draw the core of the large array.

After all, Mo Hua was too young.

If Mo Hua couldn't draw the large array, someone else must be behind it, likely a mysterious senior backing Mo Hua.

Master Luo breathed a sigh of relief, feeling more assured.

If so, then this was promising.

Master Luo thought for a while and gradually understood.

That senior probably wanted to stay out of the spotlight and also wanted to "polish" his disciple.

Letting Mo Hua, at such a young age, have the experience of leading the construction of a First Grade large array would be a prestigious accomplishment.

This was a common method used by powerful families.

To elevate a family heir, they would attribute the achievements of others to him, creating a "prodigy" image.

Compared to such heirs, Mo Hua was much better.

At least in Master Luo's eyes, Mo Hua's array skills were already the pinnacle of a First Grade array master.

Given time, he could genuinely draw a First Grade large array on his own.

A bit of embellishment now was normal.

After all, no matter how good the wine, it needs a good reputation to sell. As an array master, having a renowned name was essential for a career.

With this understanding, Master Luo made up his mind.

He would stay and help build the large array.

Mo Hua was very surprised when he heard this.

He thought that Master Luo, being well-connected, would quietly leave now that he had a backup plan. He didn't expect him to stay and take the risk.

"It seems I underestimated Master Luo..."

Mo Hua nodded, gaining new respect for Master Luo.

With Master Luo staying, some wavering array masters also decided to stay, increasing the number of helpers significantly.

Mo Hua breathed a sigh of relief.

With enough manpower and resources, and spirit stones gathered, everything was ready for the Five Elements Demon-Slaying Array to officially begin construction!