

The Quest 359

Chapter 359: Activating the Array

Yang Jiyong dared not confront Feng Xi head-on, retreating after each strike, provoking the beast and leading it away.

Feng Xi lumbered forward, its massive body flattening forests and crushing rocks, causing the beasts of the deep mountains to scatter in fear.

But as it moved, Feng Xi seemed to grasp something, suppressing its anger, and continued to refine its blood energy while crouching on the ground.

Yang Jiyong once again channeled his spiritual power, wielding his spear technique to attack Feng Xi.

However, having already expended most of his spiritual power using the high-level Daoist technique, Radiant Golden Spear, its power was now ordinary. Even as the spear tip struck like rain on Feng Xi, the beast remained unperturbed.

Feng Xi seemed to understand that as long as it completed the refining of its blood energy, it could descend the mountain to feed, and thus did not act on its immediate anger.

Yang Jiyong dared not continue attacking. Once his spiritual power was exhausted, he would be in danger. If Feng Xi devoured him, not only would his life be forfeit, but the beast would also gain the equivalent of a "blood-replenishing pill" at the Foundation Building stage.

Yang Jiyong retreated, and Zhang Lan stepped forward.

With spiritual power surging through his body, Zhang Lan formed a giant pale blue sword with his fingers. With a distant point, the sword energy shot forth, directly piercing Feng Xi's head.

Flesh and blood at Feng Xi's head splattered, but then gradually reformed.

This was Zhang Lan's full-strength technique. Although he had just entered the Foundation Building stage and had not yet learned his family's superior Daoist techniques, this technique's power was still considerable, enough to make Feng Xi wary.

Feng Xi, enraged again, struggled to its feet, its eyes darting around before fixating on Zhang Lan. With a roar, it charged at him.

Zhang Lan led Feng Xi for a while longer, but soon exhausted his spiritual power, unable to use any substantial techniques to threaten the beast.

At this point, Yang Rong thrust his spear like a dragon, delivering a full-strength strike, then immediately retreating, drawing Feng Xi's attention.

As Yang Rong's spiritual power waned, Elder Yu, Chief Supervisor Zhou, and Old Master An took turns engaging.

One person would take the lead in attacking, while Dao soldiers provided support, and the others took the opportunity to rest.

They took turns in this manner, step by step, leading Feng Xi to the former Black Mountain Stronghold, now transformed into the Five Elements Demon-Slaying Array.

Embraced by two mountains, the area was filled with buildings and heavily fortified with array formations.

As Feng Xi stepped into the array, it suddenly sensed danger and roared, attempting to retreat.

Yang Jiyong immediately shouted, "Seal the gate!"

At the entrance of the array, embraced by the mountains, two massive iron gates swung shut, forming inner and outer iron barriers, blocking the demon's retreat.

Ignoring the obstacles, Feng Xi rammed into the gates.

The iron gates, forged by artifact craftsmen, were immediately breached, twisting and deforming like clay, rendered useless in an instant.

The sheer power of Feng Xi was terrifying!

Everyone gasped in shock.

Seeing Feng Xi about to break through the second gate, a golden light suddenly appeared on the iron door. Array patterns flickered, reinforcing the entire gate.

When Feng Xi rammed it again, it collided with the array.

The golden light on the array trembled violently, gradually dimming until it finally extinguished, but the iron door remained intact.

Feng Xi was momentarily halted. In that brief delay, Mo Hua focused, swiftly communicating with the array hub through his spiritual sense. The intricate network of the array's spiritual power channels was clearly visible in her sea of consciousness.

With a slight movement of his spiritual sense, Mo Hua controlled the array hub, instantly activating all spiritual power circuits.

Mo Hua coldly shouted, "Activate the Five Elements Demon-Slaying Array!"

In an instant, the array's eyes lit up, and the spirit stones piled on the spirit-gathering sub-array were refined, transforming into immense spiritual power that surged through the entire array.

Spiritual power roared, rapidly circulating, causing the array to tremble and emit a deafening hum.

Like a colossal cultivation machine operating at full capacity, or a massive beast letting out a low growl.

A powerful wave of spiritual energy reverberated.

Simultaneously, all cultivators in Tongxian City felt their hearts tremble, looking up toward Dahei Mountain.

They saw five-colored light beams soaring into the sky under the morning sun.

Array patterns lit up one after another on the mountain, connecting into a vast five-colored canopy. Immense spiritual power gathered into rivers, flowing within the array.

The array radiated light, covering the deep mountains, splendid and majestic, completely suppressing the lingering bloody aura!

At that moment, all the cultivators were stunned, their hearts filled with indescribable shock.

This was the grand and majestic array...

The array they had built with all their might...

The array's formations seemed like a manifestation of the grand Dao of Heaven.

Powerful enough to make hearts tremble, beautiful enough to captivate.

This was the first, and possibly the only time in their lives, that all the cultivators of Tongxian City witnessed a fully activated first-grade array!

On a remote hill in the south.

Mr. Zhuang also gazed nostalgically at the vast array in the deep mountains, a look of reminiscence on his face.

Behind him, Elder Gui's expression was wooden, his eyes slightly narrowed, muttering, "It's really... been completed..."

At the same time, Feng Xi sensed a deadly threat, roaring furiously.

It struggled desperately, trying to escape from the array.

But once inside Mo Hua's array, escape was no easy task.

Mo Hua merely glanced at it, raising his small hand slightly. A pattern in the center of the array hub flashed.

The ground within the array suddenly turned into quicksand, swirling rapidly into a vortex, converging toward the center.

The Five Elements Earth Confinement Array—Quicksand Array!

Feng Xi's eyes gleamed with ferocity as it struggled, but the ground had turned to quicksand, offering no purchase. It couldn't escape and was dragged by the quicksand vortex to the center of the array.

At the center of the array lay the core of the Five Elements Demon-Slaying Array's confinement and killing mechanism:

The Five Elements Confinement and Slaughter Composite Array.

The Five Elements Confinement and Slaughter Composite Array used an earth-stone array base constructed by craftsmen as its array medium, resembling a labyrinth with a five-element cyclic structure, composed of metal, wood, water, fire, and earth, each aligned with its corresponding direction.

The west was metal, the east was wood, the north was water, the south was fire, and the center was earth.

Each direction had a primary five-element base array, forming a five-element labyrinth.

Its fundamental principles were twofold: "confinement" and "slaughter."

The metal base array on the left used the Metal Lock Array for confinement, with the Metal Birth Water Array forming the Water Sword Array for slaughter;

The wood base array on the right used the Wood Prison Array for confinement, with the Wood Birth Fire Array forming the Fire Rain Array for slaughter;

The water base array above used the Overturning Water Array for confinement, with the Water Birth Wood Array forming the Wood Poison Array for slaughter;

The fire base array below used the Red Fire Array for confinement, with the Fire Birth Earth Array forming the Earth Crack Array for slaughter;

The earth base array in the center used the Quicksand Array for confinement, with the Earth Birth Metal Array forming the Gold Light Array for slaughter!

The five-element arrays complemented each other, seamlessly connected, creating a complete system of confinement and slaughter.

The confinement arrays trapped Feng Xi, impeding its movement, while the slaughter arrays depleted its blood energy and ended its life.

Utilizing the mutual generation of the five elements, the attributes of the confinement arrays amplified the slaughter arrays, maximizing the use of spiritual power and enhancing the slaughter arrays' potency.

The five-element base arrays were interconnected, forming a labyrinth.

Surrounding the labyrinth were solid earth and wood structures.

These structures were reinforced with arrays, primarily earth and wood-based, supplemented by metal, water, and fire arrays. With the immense spiritual power of the grand array, they were impregnable.

Feng Xi, unable to break through, had no way out, forced to traverse the five-element labyrinth, repeatedly encountering confinement and slaughter arrays until its blood energy was exhausted and it perished.

The cyclical flow of the five elements severed all life force—this was the first-grade eleven-pattern Five Elements Demon-Slaying Array!

Feng Xi, drawn into the array, first found itself in the central earth base array.

The surging spiritual power and the rumbling sound of its flow alerted the ferocious and foolish Feng Xi to great danger.

It used all its strength to ram the walls of the labyrinth.

With a thunderous crash, the walls, bolstered by the array's spiritual power, remained intact. The array patterns on the walls dimmed slightly, indicating considerable spiritual power consumption.

With a slight mental effort, Mo Hua directed his spiritual sense, and in an instant, new spiritual power flowed in to replenish, restoring the array patterns on the stone walls.

Repeatedly failing to break through, Feng Xi had no choice but to flee along the labyrinth.

But the Quicksand Array trapped it; the ground turned to quicksand, causing Feng Xi to stagger, its movements extremely slow.

Simultaneously, the Golden Light Arrays on both sides lit up, forming hundreds of golden sword

beams, like a torrential downpour, engulfing Feng Xi, repeatedly extinguishing its blood energy.

The immense spiritual power and unmatched killing intent made all the Foundation Building cultivators outside the array shiver.

"So this is the power of a first-grade confinement and slaughter array..."

Although the array was only first-grade, the sheer number of formations was incredibly terrifying!

When the slaughter arrays were activated, it was like thousands of cultivators casting spells simultaneously, as dense as a rainstorm, leaving no place to hide, no way to defend.

Once trapped in such an array, even a hundred Foundation Building cultivators forming Dao soldiers would face certain death!

