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[Chapter 1511 A Method To Take The Violet Mystic Life Tree](#)

Lin Mu didn't just need to rely on his stores of Immortal Essence to obtain the Violet Mystic Life Tree, but he also needed them to escape later on.

'I need to optimize my usage of Immortal Essence. Otherwise I might be caught off guard with low stores... off setting them with the Immortal Essence Crystals is an option too, but I don't wish to let the situation reach that point...' Lin Mu pondered on it.

In all this, he had grasped one thing. He first needed to know just how the Violet Mystic Life Tree was doing all this.

"Senior Xukong, can you figure out what happened to the Violet Mystic Life Tree?" Lin Mu questioned. "I don't think a normal Violet Mystic Life Tree is supposed to be capable of all this, is it?"

"It surely is not..." Xukong agreed. "While a normal Violet Mystic Life Tree does have defenses, its usually in the form of beasts or other creatures that protect it. These creatures are nurtured by the tree and thus support it as a form of mutual benefit.

But... we didn't see any creatures here." He spoke.

"We didn't indeed... and then the change that the tree had. What's up with that?" Lin Mu said next.

"I can only attribute the change to the Desolate Blood Battlefield and its uniqueness. It seems to have absorbed a lot of its bloody aura as well as a part of the baleful energies. This has caused it to mutate." Xukong stated.

"It still seems to have its original characteristic though. If it was contaminated by the baleful energies, shouldn't its vitality have fallen too?" Lin Mu asked in doubt.

"The Violet Mystic Life Tree is far too strong to be affected by mere baleful energies. For how long it has existed, I can expect that it should have a cultivation base that is equivalent to the peak of the Immortal realm." Xukong replied.

"Peak of the Immortal realm... no wonder it can put up such an offense." Lin Mu muttered.

"But at the same time, it is restrained by its natural characteristics. It cannot move or attack directly, thus it uses its natural affinity to runes to make formations." Xukong added.

"That means that it has developed intelligence, right?" Lin Mu said.

"Yes. The bloody aura and vitality should have given it that. It's hard to tell how or why it happened, but then again there has never been a Violet Mystic Life Tree that has grown on a battlefield like this." Xukong replied. "This can only be attributed to a miracle."

Lin Mu thought over Xukong's words and wondered how he should proceed.

'I won't be able to take the tree without being able to use Qi... Plus, storing it in the ring directly isn't an option either. With how much energy it has, it can easily resist the spatial displacement.' Lin Mu's mind continued to run.

A hundred thousand went through his mind while he continued to dodge the attacks of the offensive formations. Dodging them was the best option at conserving energy, and sometimes that meant retreating a few steps back.

This back and forth meant that approaching the tree wasn't easy. Though thankfully Lin Mu could think and dodge at the same time.

"Something doesn't add up..." While dodging the attacks, Lin Mu had a slight realization. "Even if it is equivalent to the peak of the Immortal realm, for it to use Formations like this is not possible... not to mention the way it is also restraining immortal Qi.

Just the restraining of immortal Qi would be a mountainous task and would need a massive array to do so." Lin Mu could understand, thus due to his past experience with the Northern Tribes.

Both of the times when the people of the northern Tribes has restrained Qi, it had been done through a large array.

'If it was sealing just spirit Qi, I could understand it being able to do it without an array, but for immortal Qi... that too restraining the cultivation of fifth tribulation stage Immortal realm elder? That won't be possible without the support of an array.' Lin Mu continually analyzed.

"And if the array isn't on the surface, then..." Lin Mu's eyes went to the ground.

A second later, he understood. "THE ROOTS! The Violet Mystic Life Tree's roots are the basis behind the Immortal Qi restraining array!" he exclaimed.

Lin Mu then activated his Spatial Perception and took another look at the ground. Since Spatial Perception wasn't something that was reliant on Qi, Lin Mu could still use it with no issues.

And while looking at the ground, his assumption was confirmed.

'The are fluctuations that can restrain even the space... these are definitely due to the array.' Lin Mu determined.

Having understood how the Violet Mystic Life Tree was doing its work, Lin Mu now had a better chance had fulfilling his goal.

"If I am to take the tree, I'll need to first disrupt the array made from its roots." Lin Mu said to himself.

Doing this was certainly possible, and there were many methods to do so too. But Most of these methods were violent and would harm the tree.

For example, he could use his Immortal swords and slash the roots. Since he had Sword Intent, Lin Mu would still be able to do a lot of damage without his immoral Qi. The other option would be to directly attack the roots and break them.

'But that would defeat the purpose of obtaining the tree... I want the tree to obtain its resources and effects, harming it would only go against this.' Lin Mu needed a method by which he could obtain the tree with little to no harm.

"There is a way you can do that." Xukong spoke at this time. "A straightforward method of doing it."

"What senior?" Lin Mu asked.

"Just uproot the tree." Xukong replied, much to Lin Mu's surprise. "With its vitality, being uprooted won't cause it any harm and it'll be able to return to normal as long as it gets soil again."

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Xukong's suggestion of uprooting the Violet Mystic Life Tree certainly seemed outlandish, but it was still something Lin Mu could accomplish.

"Hmm... doing that will be difficult, but possible." Lin Mu muttered.

But at the same time he also knew that there were other things that he'll need to take into consideration if he did decided to go ahead with the plan.

'The others will certainly notice that someone is uprooting the tree if I do that. It'll definitely get a target painted on my back for sure.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

After being chased for years in the Xiaofan world, Lin Mu did not want a repeat of it again. He wanted a time of peace so that he could continue to learn more skills and knowledge.

"Normal disguises won't work either... There's no way a simple mask would be enough." Lin Mu thought over his options as he watched the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

But as he was doing that, the red glow and bloody aura emanating from the tree reminded him of something.

'If I use that, it'll certainly be possible.' Lin Mu had an idea that just might work.

"Though I haven't used it for a long time now..." Lin Mu reminisced a few memories before shaking them off.

~huh~

"Let's just try it. It'll certainly be able to hide my identity long enough for me to hide and will work despite the Violet Mystic Life Tree's restrictions on Immortal Qi." Lin Mu said to himself and took a deep breath.

A few seconds later, Lin Mu started chanting.

The chants were strange and would be incomprehensible by others. But if they did hear it, they would find themselves getting enraged unknowingly. The same seemed to be happening to Lin Mu as veins popped up on his skin, with blood pumping through them furiously.

His muscles suddenly bulged out before starting to expand. His complexion turned redder and darker while his face started to turn broader. If it weren't for the fact that his eyes were closed, one would see that his eyes had also turned red.

This was merely the start though as Lin Mu suddenly started to grow!

His body expanded to the point where his loose robes became stretched taught. It eventually reached a point where his robes couldn't hold his body in and were ripped apart!

~HISS~ HISS~

The Yin Yang Twin Serpents were woken up from this sudden change and were a bit startled. But the link between Lin Mu and them quickly calmed them down and they changed their position. They quickly moved up and wrapped around his arms, looking like black and white bands.

~Haa~

Lin Mu's breath turned heavier and it felt more like a beast was breathing now. His skin had turned entirely red and fine bumps could be seen growing on it.

~SHUA~

After a few more moments, a dense red aura burst out of his body and fully enveloped him. The red aura was like a bloody mist that hid Lin Mu's body within.

The aura rose above his body and slowly took the form of a figure. The figure was that of a large bear that had an inverted triangle pattern on its chest. At the same time, it had two horns growing from its head.

This was none other than the figure of the Great Slumber Bear!

~ROAR~

The figure raised its head and let out a loud roar. It was so loud that it was actually audible over the attacks of the Violet Mystic Life Tree, as well as the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion.

"What was that!?" The people of the Grand Sky Pavilion sensed a wave of energy coming from the area of the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

The elder who was leading them looked over and saw a red aura rising from the distance.

"Is the tree doing something?" The elder wondered.

With how the Violet Mystic Life Tree had mutated, they had no way of confirming anything. Not to mention, the red aura coming from Lin Mu was very similar to the red aura of the mutated Violet Mystic Life Tree.

But a few seconds later, the Elder's eyes went wide.

~gasp~

"No... This... how can this be?" The Elder suddenly gasped.

"What is it, elder?" the people around him were concerned seeing their elder react like this.

"Demonic Aura... There's no mistake... Just like that time... it really is Demonic Aura!" The elder exclaimed.

"Demonic Aura?" The others heard the Elder's words feeling confused.

~WHOOSH~

But then, a couple seconds later, they felt a wave of energy washing over them. It was tinted with red and seemed to be different from Immortal Qi. But when the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion sensed it, a wave of anger rushed through their minds.

"What in the?!" Still, these were people who were immortal and experienced.

A temporary wave of anger wasn't something that would make them lose their mind and they quickly composed themselves.

"That was a Demon's energy?" The members of the Grand Sky Pavilion finally understood their elder's surprise.

"How can a demon appear here?" Someone questioned.

"This is the Desolate Blood Battlefield. If a demon has to appear, it makes sense that one has appeared here. It does have a suitable environment for a demon." Another elder spoke.

"What do you think, Head Elder?" The others asked the leading elder.

"I think... The Violet Mystic Life Tree mutating might be related to the Demon." The head elder spoke, his tone serious.

Hearing this, the expressions of everyone turned stern.

~gulp~

A few of the younger members swallowed their saliva in nervousness. They had only heard stories about rumors and how ruthless and dangerous they could be. It was even said that the Rust Sky World once had demons living in it, but they were long since annihilated.

While the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion were coming to terms with the appearance of a demon, the person behind it all was still not done.

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The red aura had grown to a height of five meters now while the figure of the Great Slumber Bear above it had also grown. It seemed to be gathering energy as the area around it was being affected too.

The bloody aura in the soil, rocks and stones was seemingly responding to it and swirling around it.

~GAOOOOO!~

The figure of the Great Slumber Bear let out a loud roar before turning into mist and merging into the five meter tall ball of aura.

~SHUA~

The ball of red aura started to condense and a large figure appeared from, within it.

He was five meters tall and was covered in dense fur. Most of his body was covered in red fur with black fur forming an inverted triangle on its chest and a pentagram pattern on its chest and back.

Two crimson horns grew from its foreheads and were about six inches long. The horns had fine ridges that looked like blood grooves on a blade.

The arms were wide like that of an elephants legs and were bulging with muscles. Even the dense fur on them was not enough to hide the veins and outlines of the muscles. On the arms though, two bands could faintly be seen.

These black and white and could barely be seen due to the fur hiding them.

The most eye catching part of the arms though was the sharp claws that were nearly twelve inches long and were like blades!

The legs of the being were as wide as that of tree trunks and looked like they could trample on boulders with ease.

The most stunning part of the being was none other than its face. It wasn't covered with fur but looked rather sharp and broad. Multiple fangs peeked out of its lips while a rough nose hung above it.

The being's pupils were yellow while a red outline surrounded them. Its sclera though had turned pitch black, looking like the empty night skies.

Along with such an imposing form, a dominating aura also surrounded it. Anyone weak that felt it would first be terrified before passing out. As for those that could bear it, they would find themselves getting enraged for no reason.

~HAA~

The being took a breath that was like the bellows of a furnace opening.

"Looks like reaching the Immortal realm has changed this form too..." Lin Mu spoke, his voice no longer the same.

It now felt deep and heavy, almost bordering on hoarse.

Lin Mu took a look at his transformed body feeling the pure power and vitality was that coursing through it all. But that was not all, as he felt the Apertures within his chest also spinning at great speed.

'The Immortal Essence is actually flowing steadily in my body?' Lin Mu was surprised.

From what he had experienced so far, Immortal Essence was something that would naturally reject the body of a cultivator. It took them a long time to adapt to it and the function of the Apertures was to store the Immortal Essence while slowly letting the body adapt to it.

But right now, it seemed like his body was accepting the Immortal Essence.

"No... there are still limitations. It cannot stay within my cells for longer than a few seconds and is ejected after that. But after being injected, it circulates once more and enters the cells again." Lin Mu analyzed his condition.

It was certainly a surprising discovery and something that was attributed to his transformation.

'The Demon Path is certainly inclined towards Body cultivation.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

He decided to research more about it later, but needed to focus on the task at hand. His gaze turned to the Violet Mystic Life Tree while his aura flared.

"Let's see just how strong I am in this form now..." Lin Mu muttered before taking a step.

~BOOM~

A single step was enough to create a crater and send Lin Mu flying forward at great speed.

"LOOK! WHAT'S THAT!" The people of the Grand Sky Pavilion quickly spotted the large red figure that was flying towards the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

The red aura emanating from the figure was hard for them to miss after all. And looking at the figure also gave them a feeling of fear.

The head elder narrowed his eyes and watched the red figure until it reached the base of the Violet Mystic Life Tree. At that point, the figure became clear and everyone finally saw what it was.

"DEMON! THAT'S DEFINITELY A DEMON!" they shouted.

"A demon has truly appeared here... or perhaps it has always been here." The Head elder muttered to himself.

'If the mutation of the Violet Mystic Life Tree can be attributed to it, that means that the demon has either been raising the Violet Mystic Life Tree or had stumbled upon it earlier than us. But if it did that, how did it get past the barrier?' The Head Elder wondered.

A few more thoughts came to his mind, but he knew there was no way to confirm them right away.

"What is it doing?" The people of the Grand Sky Pavilion noticed the demon stopping at the base of the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

They then saw the demon hold on to the trunk of the Violet Mystic Life Tree. Of course, with the difference in size between the two, it merely looked like the Demon was embracing the tree.

But then, a few seconds later, the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion were left flabbergasted.

~RUMBLE~

"NO WAY!" they saw as the entire Violet Mystic Life Tree was shaken.

The Head Elder, who could see the entire scene even more clearly, was astonished. He could see that the demon had dug its claws into the trunk of the tree and was exerting force on it. This had caused the entire Violet Mystic Life Tree to shake.

~CRACK~CRACK~CRACK~

As everyone watched this, a loud cracking sound could be heard.

~TREMBLE~

Then a few seconds later, the very earth itself split apart!

[Chapter 1514 Uproot!](#)

Lin Mu was feeling the intense power flowing through his body.

'Seems like using the Burning Heart Sutra was the correct choice. If I just use my body's normal strength, I still wouldn't be able to uproot it.' Lin Mu had seen just how heavy the Violet Mystic Life Tree really was.

And not just that, but the way its roots were gripping the earth, it was even more difficult to uproot it. Right now, Lin Mu had merely moved it a bit and just that alone had made the ground below him split apart.

The fissure that formed on the ground spread from the base of the Violet Mystic Life Tree all the way to the edge of the barrier.

~CRACK~CRACK~CRACK~

It didn't seem like it was going to be small either, as the crack kept on extending. And the longer it went, the wider it grew in the middle part. The people of the Grand Sky Pavilion watched in shock as the demon pulled on the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

"We need to stop it! It's destroying the Violet Mystic Life Tree!" The people of the Grand Sky Pavilion shouted.

The head elder thought to himself for a few moments, before speaking. "Use all your strength to overpower the formations!"

"HAAAH!" The group that was in charge of defending the formation masters increased their speed.

Utilizing all their skills, they not only managed to defend the formation masters, but they also started to progress towards the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

Still, that was nothing compared to what Lin Mu was doing.

"HAAAH!" Lin Mu kept on exerting force on the trunk of the Violet Mystic Life Tree, pulling it upwards.

His claws dug into the tree firmly, while his muscles were stretched taught. Red waves of aura seethed around him, making the bloody aura of the area flare up.

~TREMBLE~

The Violet Mystic Life Tree seemed to have reached a tipping point as it moved by a foot!

~BOOM~

Even if the distance was as small as a foot, it was still quite a lot when such a large tree was moved.

~SHUA~SHUA~SHUA~

The Violet Mystic Life Tree didn't take it calmly either, as more runes spread out from its leaves. These runes turned into formations that assembled above Lin Mu.

~BOOM~BOOM~BOOM~

Then a few seconds later, several attacks shot out of the offensive formations, all of them targeting Lin Mu.

The attacks reached Lin Mu and created a large cloud of dust, making it hard to see his body.

"Did it die?" the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion didn't miss the Violet Mystic Life Tree's retaliation against Lin Mu.

~WHOOSH~

But then a few seconds later, the dust cloud was cleared by a wave of energy. The demon was revealed again, and it was still trying to uproot the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

"It's not hurt at all?" The people were surprised.

"How's that possible?! Those offensive formations should be enough to injure even fourth Tribulation Stage Immortals!" The Formation masters said upon noticing the scene.

"Unless... the demon is stronger than that." One of the elders said.

This made several of the members look towards the head elder, wondering about his opinion.

"It's hard to tell the cultivation base of that Demon." The head Elder spoke.

"Even you can't sense it, Head elder?" the juniors asked.

"The demon probably follows a different cultivation system than us. That's also why it can still use its strength despite the restriction on Immortal Qi." The Head Elder replied.

"Of course! That makes sense. Since the Demon doesn't use Immortal Qi in the first place, it has no issues in staying within the area of the Violet Mystic Life Tree." They understood.

"Still, seeing it withstand the attacks of the Violet Mystic Life Tree's offensive formations with ease, and also being able to move it this much, I can assume that it's at least equivalent to a fifth or even a sixth Tribulation Stage Immortal realm expert." The Head Elder stated with a hint of anxiety.

~Gasp~

This made a lot of members take a deep breath, as they knew just how dangerous it could be. After all, if the Demon could withstand multiple attacks that could kill a fourth tribulation stage immortal realm expert like that, there was no saying if they would be able to do much to him either.

Other than the elders of the Grand Sky Pavilion that had come with them, it didn't seem like the others would have any chance that harming the Demon.

It was a valid thought, as they would certainly need to kill the demon. Letting it go was not an option at all.

It wasn't just a matter of harming their interests either, as the mere existence of a Demon was against the rules of all the empires.

~RUMBLE~

But while they were thinking all this, the Violet Mystic Life Tree moved once again and was lifted another meter upwards. Now the ground all around the Violet Mystic Life Tree was bulging too, with the roots being pulled up.

'I can't pull it up more like this... I need higher height,' Lin Mu thought.

At his body's height, there was only so much he could pull out the Violet Mystic Life Tree. After all, the tree was over fifty meters tall above the surface, but underground; it was much larger. Lin Mu had already seen that its roots were spread quite far, and should have expanded for a few kilometers all around the core area.

Not to mention, he was trying to pull it out while standing on the ground itself.

"I need to move up from the ground." Lin Mu focused on the Apertures within his chest and drew out several wisps of Immortal Essence.

The immortal essence was directly converted to red energy that accumulated in his legs. He directly channeled them to his legs before exerting force.

~WHOOSH~

In the next second, two jets of red energy were shot out of Lin Mu's legs, propelling him upwards!

[Chapter 1515 Twin's Assistance](#)

Flying normally wasn't an option when Lin Mu was trying to move an object of great mass such as the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

And since the Immortal Qi was restrained in the area round the tree anyway, Lin Mu had to resort to another method of flying. It was a bit crude, but it was still working in the current situation.

~BOOM~

The two jets of red energy from Lin Mu's feet bore into the ground, giving him a place to pivot.

"HAAAH! COME OUT!" Lin Mu continued pulling on the trunk.

~CRACK~CRACK~CRACK~

More fissures started to spread from the base of the Violet Mystic Life Tree and extended all around the tree. The radial fissures ended up reaching the outskirts of the ruins, making several of them collapse.

And now, it wasn't just the ground around the Violet Mystic Life Tree that was bulging. The ruins also had patches that were randomly starting to bulge.

"What's happening?" The cultivators who had been camping in the ruins were stunned to see the fissures as well as the ground that had started to bulge.

A few of the flew towards the Violet Mystic Life Tree to check and witnessed the scene of Lin Mu trying to uproot the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

"What in the name of heavens is that!?" The newly arrived cultivators didn't even know what Lin Mu was.

"Inform your elders that are going to arrive. A demon has appeared at the Desolate Blood Battlefield." One of the elders of the Grand Sky Pavilion ordered the other cultivators.

"A demon?" The cultivators were taken aback.

They took another look at Lin Mu, and finally came to terms with it.

"We'll need all the help we can get. That demon seems very powerful." The elder of the Grand Sky Pavilion spoke.

"Y-yes! We'll inform the others right away!" The cultivators quickly returned to their camps.

The news about a demon appearing at the Desolate Blood Battlefield officially started to spread at this time.

Lin Mu didn't care about it though as all his focus on was on the tree.

'This is definitely the heaviest thing I've lifted...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

The Violet Mystic Life Tree was consciously trying to hold onto the ground, and Lin Mu could tell that too. It was trying to pull itself back into the ground and was doing its best to resist.

"I won't let you do that." Lin Mu injected even more Immortal Essence into his legs while also channeling some to his arms.

~BOOM~

The force increased once more, and the Violet Mystic Life Tree was raised by another meter!

~TREMBLE~

The ground shook and the roots shifted.

It was at this time, that Lin Mu sensed the change in the formations.

'They're weakening! It's working!' Lin Mu knew he was on the right path.

He continued channeling Immortal Essence into his body and consumed it rapidly.

~BOOM~BOOM~BOOM~

Consecutive explosions happened as the ground below Lin Mu was depressed by nearly twenty meters. At the same time, the Violet Mystic Life Tree was now raised by nearly ten meters!

~HONG~

And it was at this time, that the tree couldn't bear it anymore.

~WHOOSH~

Suddenly, Immortal Qi started to flow in the area and the restriction that had been stopping its use collapsed.

"Ahahah! That's it!" Lin Mu could tell that the roots had been moved just enough that the array couldn't maintain its form anymore.

"Do it now Lin Mu!" Xukong urged.

"Right!" Lin Mu activated his ring and forced the Violet Mystic Life Tree to be stored inside it.

~hum~

The Ring thrummed with power and exerted its influence over the tree. Spatial fluctuations covered the entire Violet Mystic Life Tree along with the parts that were underground.

Lin Mu could vaguely sense just how massive the tree really was. The above ground portion of it wasn't even ten percent of its true mass.

'Then there's also the entire Immortal Essence crystal mine that's encapsulated by it. It has basically become a part of it.' Lin Mu observed.

But while the ring was exerting its power, the Violet Mystic Life Tree was also trying to resist the spatial displacement actively. And being an immortal tree of a high cultivation base, it could truly do that.

"I'll see how long you can resist it!" Lin Mu channeled Immortal Qi into his ring, while continuing to pull on the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

He wanted the tree to have no spare energy left to resist the ring.

This struggle lasted for five minutes and exhausted nearly half of all the Immortal Essence that Lin Mu had accumulated in his first Aperture!

"Come on now... Peacefully enter the ring and you'll be fine. I know you can understand me. If you follow my words, I'll let you keep the Immortal essence crystal mine and even provide you a better place to stay." Lin Mu spoke to the tree.

He didn't know if the Violet Mystic Life Tree would really listen to him, but it didn't cost anything to try.

~HISS~

All of a sudden though, the twins moved.

They rose from Lin Mu's arms and slid down towards the Tree Trunk.

~SHUA~

They coiled up against each other while their aura rose. Then in the next moment they opened their mouths, and bit into the Violet Mystic Life Tree!

'What are they doing?' Lin Mu was confused by the actions of the Twin snakes.

~HUALA~

A few moments later though, Lin Mu saw the Violet Mystic Life Tree changing. It was as if something was being sucked out of it by the twins.

He could sense several streams of energy being pulled out of the Violet Mystic Life Tree and being consumed by the twins. The twins held onto the tree for about a minute, during which the red glow on it started to dim down.

And when it became very dim, the twins let go.

~RUMBLE~

Lin Mu felt the resistance of the Violet Mystic Life Tree weaken and the ring overpowering it.

A second later, the entire Violet Mystic Life Tree disappeared!

[Chapter 1516 Short Offense And Quick Retreat](#)

When the Violet Mystic Life Tree disappeared, a large portion of the ground had also disappeared.

~CRUMBLE~

"AAHH!" The cultivators camping in the ruins were surprised as the entire ruins started to fall.

It wasn't them either, as the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion that had been preparing to resist the Violet Mystic Life Tree were also affected. The ground beneath all of them collapsed, making them all fall along with it.

Though they didn't fall for long. After all they were all immortals and could fly.

After they got over the initial shock, they all hovered in the air, while watching the large depression that had formed under them. It was at least a hundred meters deep and this was still the shallow part.

If one looked towards the area where the Violet Mystic Life Tree used to be, they would see a depression that was several hundred meters deep!

"WHAT!?"

"HOW IN THE NAME OF HEAVENS!?"

The people of the Grand Sky pavilion couldn't figure out how the Violet Mystic Life Tree had disappeared.

To them it was simply incomprehensible.

"Where did the Violet Mystic Life Tree go?" Even the cultivators in the ruins could see that the tree had disappeared.

The large chunk of land that was missing was also quite eye catching, and so was the change in the energy fluctuations of the area. It felt like the area had suddenly become weaker and the energy fluctuations greatly decreased.

This was reflected in the formations that were hidden all around the ruins, as all of them were broken at the same time. After all, they were actually being powered and maintained by the Violet Mystic Life Tree secretly.

It was the roots of the Violet Mystic Life Tree that would provide them with the energy to run and would also maintain their form. While they might have been made by humans originally, the tree had managed to control them in the recent times.

Though this information was unknown to everyone other than Lin Mu. And even he only knew about it since he had sensed the entirety of the Violet Mystic Life Tree's body. When the ring was exerting its power, it allowed Lin Mu to 'see' how big it really was.

This included all parts of it, including roots and the Immortal Essence Mine that was encapsulated within its central roots. And since all of that had been stored within the ring, it had left empty spots in the ground.

"GET THE DEMON!"

"IT MUST BE BEHIND IT ALL!"

"IT STOLE THE TREE!"

The people of the Grand Sky Pavilion didn't wait long to respond to the situation. Since Lin Mu was the one attempting to uproot the Violet Mystic Life Tree, they put the blame of its disappearance behind it on him too.

There was no chance they would be letting him get off just like that.

Even if he had not taken the Violet Mystic Life Tree, they would have still come after him since they considered him a Demon.

'Xiao Yin, Xiao Yang, return!' Lin Mu ordered the twins through his link.

~HISS~

The two snakes quickly wrapped back around his arms. Due to their size they had not been seen by the others, and the dense waves of red energy around Lin Mu had also helped in hiding them. This was good, since Lin Mu didn't wish for the snakes to be noticed by the others either.

After all, even if he had disguised himself as a demon, there would still be people who would relate the presence of a pair of white and black snakes to him. If not now, they might find out about them in the future, which wouldn't be good.

~SHUA~SHUA~SHUA~

Just a few moments later, a barrage of attacks came towards Lin Mu.

"HAH!" Lin Mu directly waved his large clawed arms.

~WHOOSH~

The energy imprint of his arm spread out, and directly destroyed the initial attacks that were coming towards him.

'So this is how the Immortal Essence can be used...' Lin Mu instinctively knew how to use this due to his bloodline. 'Was this perhaps an original skill of the Great Slumber Bear too?' he wondered.

He knew that the Great Slumber Bear could even go above the Immortal realm, thus it would make sense if it could use Immortal Essence too. Plus the skill that he had used was quite different from any Qi skills.

'Immortal Essence skills are different... they don't seem to have a fixed energy circuit either. They just seem to work as long as I can replicate the way the Immortal Essence moves.' Lin Mu thought.

But he also understood that this was a skill he could only use in his current form. This form was greatly adapted to Immortal Essence and could thus use it with ease. If Lin Mu tried to do the same in his normal human form, the Immortal Essence would simply be ejected out of his body.

That would lead to a waste and was not something that Lin Mu wanted. But now, his body was letting the Immortal Essence flow through it as if it had always been a part of it.

~SHING~SHING~SHING~

Lin Mu quickly retaliated and slashed out with his claws.

The claws turned into large claw imprints that attacked the Immortals of the Grand Sky Pavilion.

"WATCH OUT!" The elders warned.

"ARGH!"

"NO!"

But unfortunately for them, the power of the claw imprints was far too strong for their defenses to hold against. They were broken through and were quickly injured. Some of them directly lost their limbs, while some were inflicted with deep cuts.

~DENG~

One of the elders used a barrier skill and blocked the incoming claw imprint.

"What? How is it still intact?" The Elder was surprised.

His barrier skill should have caused the incoming attack to dissipate and yet, it didn't happen.

But while the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion were busy defending against Lin Mu's attacks, he had already turned around and left!

"The Demon's gone!"

[Chapter 1517 Cautious Disappearance](#)

One moment the Demon was fighting against them, and in another it was gone.

The people of the Grand Sky Pavilion simply couldn't figure out how it had happened.

"Activate the Thousand Mile compass!" The head elder ordered.

"Yes, elder!" the formation masters took out a small compass that flew out and expanded to become nearly five meters wide.

The formation masters stood around it and controlled the runes on it.

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A wave of energy spread out from the compass and covered an area of 100 kilometers in an instant.

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The wave of energy kept on spreading, and as it spread, red dots appeared on the surface of the compass. One could also see an illusion appearing on it, that showed the topography of the land.

Evidently the compass was showing all the living creatures that were within its range. The red dots were of different sizes, some small and some big. Each of the red dot belonged to a creature, and the size of the dot showed their cultivation base.

Most of the red dots were concentrated around the area that the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion were. It was obvious that it showed themselves as well as the cultivators of the other parties that were camping in the ruins.

"Huh..." but when the formation masters observed the compass, they were confused.

"How's this possible?" one of them muttered.

"What's the issue?" the head elder questioned.

"Elder, there is no significant trace of the demon on the compass." The formation master replied.

"How's that possible?" The head elder himself checked the compass and saw the red dots.

"What about these ones?" The head elder saw three red dots moving in the distance.

They were about twenty kilometers from their location and seemed to be moving at a relatively fast speed.

"It's far too weak to be the Demon elder. According to the compass, they are barely at the first Tribulation stage of the immortal realm." The formation master said. "Plus, they are three of them. It is likely to be a small group of beasts."

"But they are quite fast, aren't they?" the head elder was still doubtful.

"They might have been scared by the explosions. Besides, the energy signatures do not match that of the demon at all." The formation master replied. "Though we can do a proper scan if you wish."

"Do it!" The elder ordered.

"Yes!" The formation masters focused on the fast moving red dots and channeled the power of the compass.

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Another wave of energy spread from the compass, but this time, it transformed into a small stream.

~SHUA~

It shot out from the compass and traveled towards the fast moving red dots. Like a bullet, it covered kilometers of distance within seconds and reached the fast moving red dots.

"We got it!" the formation masters spoke.

"Show me." The head elder ordered.

The formation masters controlled the compass and a formation screen appeared above it. On it they saw a beast. It was about a meter in size and was running.

"It's not the demon... It's a tiger beast of some sort." The formation masters spoke as they saw the red beast on it.

The head elder watched the beast closely, finding it a bit strange.

"How are there three dots when there is just one beast on the screen?" The head elder questioned.

"This..." the formation masters were now confused.

They fiddled with the compass and tried to see if they could pull up the images of the other two dots. But after a bit, they were still unable to do so.

"There's no change, elder. It seems to be malfunctioning somehow. There's just one target there," the formation master said with a wry smile.

"Bah! Useless!" The head elder scoffed.

"We can't do much elder, the compass can malfunction due to the baleful energies of the Desolate Blood Battlefield." The formation masters hurriedly replied.

"Fine... continue to search." The head elder said before turning to the other members. "As for you lot, go and establish a perimeter! I want a thorough analysis of this area and what exactly happened." He ordered.

The disappearance of the Violet Mystic Life Tree was highly suspicious, and there was no way it could just disappear like that. The elder knew there was something else happening and he wouldn't rest until he found it.

But while the people of the Grand Sky pavilion were wondering how all this had happened, the perpetrator behind it all was already far away.

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Lin Mu reappeared two hundred kilometers away from the site of the Violet Mystic Life Tree and took a breath of relief. He was already back in his human form and was now naked.

"The transformation is really not good for my clothes..." Lin Mu quickly put on a new set of robes.

He had plenty of them in his storage, so he wasn't that bothered. Next, he closed his eyes and sensed the location of his pets.

"There they are." Lin Mu quickly found them. 'We'll meet two hundred kilometer from here, Little Shrubby.' He instructed the beast through their link.

'Okay, master!' Little Shrubby replied.

Lin Mu started moving towards the decided location while keeping his energy fluctuations to as low as possible. In fact, he stopped using immortal Qi and simply used his body to run.

He had already guessed that the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion might try to track him and wanted to take proper precautions.

Lin Mu had the best method of escaping, too. He could use fade, but it came with the restriction that he couldn't take others with him. Thus, Lin Mu resorted to the help of Little Shrubby.

He let Little Shrubby take the twins with him and run, while he himself disappeared using Fade.

Lin Mu knew that they were focused on a demon and wouldn't pay much attention to a beast. And his bet turned out to be accurate, as they had already given up on Little Shrubby!

[Chapter 1518 Growth Of The Sutras](#)

The risks that Lin Mu had taken were still reasonable to him and had paid off in the end.

He had obtained the Violet Mystic Life Tree while also having kept his identity hidden. Not only that, he had also sent the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion and possibly many other powers on a wild goose chase for some Demon.

'Though all this only works due to the fact that the burning heart sutra's effects are quite effective. They entirely changed my body and the growth was greater than the last time I used it in the Xiaofan world.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

Lin Mu knew that the transformation was related to the Demon Path and would make use of his Great Slumber Bear Bloodline to manifest. Before he had the bloodline, it merely resulted in increased strength as well as increased muscle mass.

But now, it entirely changed his body. So much so that even people that knew him wouldn't be able to recognize him. Perhaps only Little Shrubby and the twin snakes who were directly bound to him would be able to tell.

Though Lin Mu wondered just what the extent of the transformation would be.

'It isn't just that my breakthrough to the Immortal realm had resulted in it. The progress of my body cultivation should also be an important part of it.' Lin Mu thought about it.

In the end he came to the conclusion that he needed to test out the Burning Heart Sutra more. He had not used it before since it was a bit risky to use due to him potentially losing his sense of reason, but this time around he fully felt like he was in control.

"There were no stray thoughts and my mind felt stable too. Even the anger that burns due to the properties of the Burning Heart Sutra felt containable. It didn't feel like 'true' anger." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

"Seems like the Nine Divine Heart Sutra's can change with your cultivation base. Or rather they probably expand on their properties." Xukong spoke upon seeing Lin Mu's thoughts.

"Indeed, senior." Lin Mu nodded his head.

He wondered if his other sutra's would have the same effect.

'The Calming Heart Sutra worked as intended and quickly reverted my transformation so I guess it has been strengthened equally. The same can be said for the severing heart sutra as it allowed me to focus on the creation of the Apertures too.' Lin Mu analyzed the changes that he had missed unknowingly.

But after thinking about them all, he realized that there was one thing that had not changed.

"The Nurturing Heart Sutra is still the same. It hasn't grown in strength or anything." Lin Mu realized.

"That's not wholly true. It can convert Immortal Qi into Beast Qi, right?" Xukong interrupted.

"It can yeah." Lin Mu nodded his head.

"That can be considered a change, too. Especially since the amount is greater as well." Xukong reminded.

"Of course..." Lin Mu now understood. 'The Sutras are not all the same, thus their growth won't be equal either.' He reckoned.

After thinking all this though, another thought appeared in Lin Mu's mind.

'So far I've obtained four of the Nine Divine Heart Sutras... I wonder when I'll obtain the next.' Lin Mu knew that unlocking each sutra needed a requirement to be fulfilled.

This meant that to unlock the next sutra, there was some hidden requirement that was waiting to be completed.

'Not knowing about them makes it a bit difficult though...' Lin Mu knew it wasn't good to yearn for it excessively. "I'll get it when the time is right..." He said to himself.

~GROWL~

Time passed quickly as Lin Mu was thinking all this and he ended up reaching his destination, where he heard Little Shrubby's growl. He was currently in a smaller form and was the size of a normal tiger.

Lin Mu had asked him to be in this form as it wouldn't be as eye-catching as his normal form.

"There you are." Lin Mu came to a halt as Little Shrubby approached him.

"Master!" Little Shrubby was happy to see Lin Mu. "Are you okay?" he asked with concern.

Little Shrubby had not forgotten the last time when Lin Mu had used the Burning Heart Sutra and was thus worried about him.

"I'm fine. You don't need to worry." Lin Mu replied. "And what about you? Did anything happen?" He asked,

"I feel like something is attached to me, some kind of energy." Little Shrubby replied.

"Oh?" Lin Mu spread his Immortal Sense over Little Shrubby and checked him in detail.

The first thing he detected were the twins, who were wrapped around Little Shrubby and were hidden in his thick fur.

"Come here, you two." Lin Mu called the twins.

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Xiao Yin and Xiao Yang rose up from Little Shrubby's fur and coiled up around Lin Mu's arms again. It was clear that the two were in no mood to sleep now and were full of energy.

'Hmm... Looks like little Shrubby is right.' Lin Mu could sense the faint imprint of some kind on him.

"It should be a tracking seal." Xukong spoke.

"How do I get rid of it?" Lin Mu didn't know.

"For a seal of this kind, it'll dissipate automatically after a while. But you can speed it up by breaking the connection between the tool it was cast." Xukong replied.

"Breaking the connection? Letting Little Shrubby return to the Sleepscape should work then." Lin Mu guessed and sent him back.

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Little Shrubby disappeared for a few seconds and returned.

Lin Mu checked him again and saw that the trace had disappeared. "It worked, perfect!" He was pleased.

Lin Mu checked the twins and saw that they had the tracking seal too. He repeated the same with them and let the trace be erased in Sleepscape. Since he didn't have to send them to the Sleepscape for that long, the twins weren't bothered by the separation.

[Chapter 1519 Contacting Ruoxian](#)

Having cleared the tracking seals from the three beasts, Lin Mu decided to rest for a bit.

'I did use up a lot of energy in all that...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

More than half of his Immortal Essence had been consumed in uprooting the Violet Mystic Life Tree as well as enduring its attacks. Even the claw imprints that Lin Mu had learned were attacks of decent consumption.

Each of the claw imprints used up wisps of Immortal Essence, which was also what made them quite strong.

'If I think about it, that might be one of my first dedicated Immortal Essence skills...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

While he did have the boulder collapsing fist too, it wasn't a skill specifically meant for Immortal essence. Rather it was a skill that could utilize all kinds of energies as long as one was skilled enough to control them.

'That reminds me, I need to see if I can handle using Immortal Essence with the Boulder Collapsing fist or not...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

He had been able to use immortal Qi with no issues since its properties were similar to spirit Qi and even controlling it was similar. But for Immortal Essence just holding it within his body was difficult, thus he didn't know how the skill would work with it.

Lin Mu took note of it and added it to the list of things he needed to do.

"I'm done, master!" Little Shrubby's voice could be heard.

Lin Mu looked towards the cave that Little Shrubby had dug out and nodded his head in approval.

"This is good enough." Lin Mu walked into the cave and closed its entrance to prevent anyone from finding him..

"Thankfully the bloody aura that permeates this area makes it easier to hide like this too." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

He then sat down and let Little Shrubby and the twin's settle in too.

Next, he took out the Tri Essence Immortal Pills, and consumed one of them.

~SHUA~

The burst of energy was released in his stomach and was quickly contained by it. He then practiced the Three Apertures invoking technique and let the Immortal Essence be channeled into his Aperture.

'The process is smooth. Looks like if I've accumulated a certain amount of Immortal Essence before, it is easier to return to that amount again.' Lin Mu found this aspect to be similar to that of Immortal Qi or spirit Qi. 'Though my body cannot generate Immortal Essence naturally. That is the only con of this...' he thought.

According to what Lin Mu had learned so far, if one fully completed the Three Apertures Invoking Technique their body would be truly adapted to the Immortal essence. At that point, they would be able to generate their own Immortal Essence too.

Of course, Lin Mu didn't know just how much Immortal Essence would be generated in that way.

'Even a little passive generation would still be better than nothing.' Lin Mu reckoned.

He spent a day in absorbing all the Immortal essence as well as replenishing his stores of Immortal Qi. Once he felt like he was back to his optimum condition, Lin Mu opened his eyes again.

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Letting out a deep breath, Lin Mu looked towards his tamed beast. They were silently cultivating on their own and had not disturbed him during his recovery.

Though when Lin Mu observed the twins, he could see that their stores of energy had already increased by more than double.

'They did absorb some energy from the Violet Mystic Life Tree... what exactly was that?' Lin Mu didn't know and couldn't verify it right away either.

But he did know that it was due to the twins help that the Violet Mystic Life Tree had become weaker towards the end. It had allowed him to uproot the giant tree and store it away in the ring.

'I need to take care of the Violet Mystic Life Tree too.' Lin Mu had not forgotten. "But before that, there is someone I need to talk too..." he took out a communication jade slip from his ring.

It was the special jade slip that Alchemist Ruoxian had given him, so that they could talk to each other even in the Desolate Blood Battlefield. Due to the baleful energies, there was often interference and the Jade Slip helped in avoiding that for the most part.

'Since the Grand Sky Pavilion was there, Alchemist Ruoxian should have been there too.' Lin Mu couldn't remember seeing the man there though.

After all, he had finished the original goal of finding the Hundred Year old Essence Spring Stalactite. And not just that, he had also obtained triple the amount that was needed for him.

"Is this working?" Lin Mu held the jade slip and waited for the message to be sent.

Unlike a normal jade slip, it seemed to be taking time.

'Is it due to the interference?' Lin Mu tried to use his normal jade slip and found that it was entirely blocked. "Hmm... the special jade slip seems to at least be working to some extent." He just waited for the message to be sent.

Fifteen minutes passed like this before a connection was finally made.

"Daoist Mu Lin? Daoist Mu Lin!" Alchemist Ruoxian's voice could be heard.

"It's me yeah! Where are you?" Lin Mu questioned.

"I've just arrived at the site of the ruins." Alchemist Ruoxian answered. "But where are you? I heard a demon appeared at the ruins and the Violet Mystic Life Tree has disappeared." He spoke in a really anxious tone.

"You just arrived? You didn't come with the other group of the Grand Sky Pavilion?" Lin Mu was a bit confused.

"No. They split us into two parties since they needed to rush to the Violet Mystic Life Tree. But from what I can see here, the tree is gone and the elders are quite furious." Alchemist Ruoxian replied. "What about you? Where are you? Did the mission fail?" he questioned.

[Chapter 1520 Situation At The Ruins](#)

Lin Mu had expected Alchemist Ruoxian's question and already had a response prepared.

"I managed to get the Hundred Year old Essence Spring Stalactite before everything happened. But I escaped at the first sign of trouble. Right now I'm hiding a few hundred kilometers from the ruins. I didn't want the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion or other powers to notice me." Lin Mu answered.

"That's great!" Alchemist Ruoxian felt greatly relieved. "It's also good that you escaped and hid. They are thoroughly checking all the cultivators that are appearing here right now. The ones that were camping were also taken into custody." He explained.

"I see..." Lin Mu replied. 'Just like I had thought. No way they wouldn't suspect the people around them first.'

Even if the others in the ruins' were not involved in it, the Elders of the Grand Sky Pavilion wouldn't be naive enough to think that there wouldn't be someone secretly conspiring. After all, hiding within plain sight was a well-known tactic now.

The elders with thousands of years of experience knew this quite well and were shrewd.

Considering that Demons had long since disappeared from the Rust Sky World, they couldn't help but think that they might have actually been in hiding. And in order to hide for this long, they certainly must have the support of human powers.

Alchemist Ruoxian gave a gist of all that was happening in the ruins right now.

Hearing it all, Lin Mu knew his decision of getting away was good. But it did make him curious about one thing.

"What do the elders of the Grand Sky Pavilion think about the disappearance of the Violet Mystic Life Tree?" Lin Mu questioned.

"They've determined that the Violet Mystic Life Tree was teleported away." Alchemist Ruoxian answered.

"Oh?" Lin Mu replied in surprised.

"Yeah, the formation masters detected traces of Spatial disturbance there and came to this conclusion. They are still investigating of course, but the signs all point to some kind of teleportation array being used." Alchemist Ruoxian explained.

"So they think the tree did it?" Lin Mu replied.

"Either the tree or the Demon. From what the elders saw, the Demon was trying to uproot the Violet Mystic Life Tree for some reason. We don't know why, but our guess is that the Violet Mystic Life Tree teleported itself away to protect itself.

Though there is a chance that the Demon might have used some kind of trick too and teleported the tree away." Alchemist Ruoxian stated.

Hearing this, Lin Mu confirmed that his attempt at misdirection had worked quite well.

'If they think that the tree did it to protect itself, it'll be even better. It mean's they'll keep on thinking it's somewhere and try to keep looking for it. That reduces their chances of coming after me.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

"What else is happening? Have the other powers arrived yet?" Lin Mu asked next.

"No... all of them are still restrained by the Leafless Dead forest." Alchemist Ruoxian replied. "The befuddling array that the forest has turned into is quite strong."

"They are? Then how did the elders of the Grand Sky Pavilion get through it?" Lin Mu asked.

"The elders have their own means. Even I don't exactly know, but I think it might be an immortal tool that can break through illusions." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"Why didn't they use it to get the rest of the people there then?" Lin Mu asked.

"They did use it. But just to get us to the ruins. I think there is a limit to how many times they can use it, so they aren't using it again." Alchemist Ruoxian spoke. "Besides, I think they want to make use of the forest to let the other powers be stalled." He added.

"That does make sense." Lin Mu nodded his head.

"Though it wouldn't take long before they find a way out." Alchemist Ruoxian replied. "Or they might just destroy the forest instead."

"Why haven't they done that already?" Lin Mu questioned.

Lin Mu could have done the same, but didn't want to create too big of a commotion back then. But the other powers had no reason to do the same.

"Because every time they try that, they get attacked by some strange rock creatures." Alchemist Ruoxian answered much to Lin Mu's surprise.

"Rock creatures?" Lin Mu recalled the strange creature that was a mix of flesh and stone.

"Yes. Damaging the trees causes them to appear and attack all those that are there. The more trees that are damaged, the greater their numbers increase." Alchemist Ruoxian stated. "So right now they are figuring out a way to get past the befuddling array without damaging the trees. Though if it takes long enough, there will be many people gathered there."

"And when that happens, they'll just band together to destroy the forest as well as the rock creatures." Lin Mu guessed.

"Indeed." Alchemist Ruoxian nodded his head. "Though it is quite strange as there are no records of these rock creatures. From what I heard, they don't seem to stay as a corpse either and turn into a pile of normal rocks." He expressed his confusion.

"No one knows about them? Even the Grand Sky Pavilion?" Lin Mu questioned.

"No... it seems like they are a recent creation. After all, this area isn't unknown either. There have been plenty of people that passed through the Leafless Dead forest in the past, but never encountered these rock creatures.

Even the forest itself seems to have transformed into what it is recently according to the cultivators waiting in the ruins." Alchemist Ruoxian answered in detail.

This put Lin Mu into deep thought as he wondered, just what it could be that made the changes happen in the forest.

'Are the Violet Mystic Life Tree and the rock creatures linked somehow? The mutation and aura of theirs seemed to be quite similar too...' Lin Mu wondered to himself.

Lin Mu thought about what other mysteries might be hidden in this land.

