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[Chapter 1521 Planting The Violet Mystic Life Tree](#)

Lin Mu and Alchemist Ruoxian talked for a few more minutes before coming to their original matter.

"You can come to me in two days Daoist Mu Lin." Alchemist Ruoxian spoke.

"Why two days?" Lin Mu asked.

"They are still settling things here and the situation is a bit tense. In two days' time, everything should be done, and I'll be able to use my identity to allow you entry here." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"I don't necessarily need that. I just need to give you the Hundred Year old Stalactites right? We can do the exchange outside of the ruins." Lin Mu stated.

"I'm afraid that won't be possible. They've restrained us from leaving the new camp. I can only stay here." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"Then won't they cause issues for me too? What if they don't allow me to leave?" Lin Mu asked next.

"That won't be a problem. I'll simply be putting in a request that I am commissioning for materials. That'll be a legitimate way for me to call for you." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"Alright. I'll meet you in two days then." Lin Mu agreed after thinking for a bit.

It wasn't like Lin Mu had no ways to escape either.

Lin Mu put the jade slip away after that and decided to check on the Violet Mystic Life Tree. It had been in the Ring for a while now, though Lin Mu didn't think anything would happen to it.

'With the vitality the tree has, it should stay stable with no issues. Plus, if something did happen, Senior Xukong would have informed me.' Lin Mu thought.

Though before entering Sleepscape, Lin Mu talked to Little Shrubby.

"If I'm not up in two days' time, please wake me up." Lin Mu asked Little Shrubby.

"Okay, I'll do that." Little Shrubby nodded his head.

Lin Mu didn't want to accidentally get engrossed in the Sleepscape somehow and left Little Shrubby as a backup option.

With that done, he closed his eyes and quickly entered the Sleepscape.

~rustle~ rustle~

He appeared in front of the Immortal Apple Tree that was gently swaying.

~SHUA~

A second later, a grey orb appeared next to Lin Mu too, which then faded away to reveal Xukong.

"Putting the Violet Mystic Life Tree here will certainly have an effect on the Sleepscape. I'll need to find the right place for it." Lin Mu spoke.

"Yes. And don't forget about the Immortal Essence crystal mine too. It's within the roots of the tree, so it should be absorbed along with it too." Xukong replied. "There's a great chance the entire Sleepscape might change."

"Mmhm... hopefully it goes well." Lin Mu nodded his head.

Considering the size of the Violet Mystic Life Tree, Lin Mu chose to walk far from his initial location.

He had taken the location of his Parent's Graves as the center of the Sleepscape for a reference and walked all the way to the opposite side. The root span of the Violet Mystic Life Tree spread for several kilometers after all, and there was a great chance it would reach all the way here.

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Lin Mu took a deep breath and glanced around the empty area. All that was here was the grass and on the ground and nothing else.

"Let's see if it works..." Lin Mu let his immortal sense enter the ring and located the Violet Mystic Life Tree that was within it.

The tree was seemingly floating in its endless space and was actually quite far from the location of the Altar. Lin Mu had intentionally kept it away, as he didn't know if it would damage the items he had stored in the ring of something.

'Looks like the Spatial Energy did end up damaging the tree a bit though.' Lin Mu noticed cuts and marks on the branches and trunk of the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

Though it didn't seem like they had caused any lasting damage to the tree.

'It has probably managed to withstand it due to its natural defenses.' Lin Mu thought.

If it were any other beast or creature, they would probably end up being disintegrated by the Spatial energy within the ring.

And this was after it was regulated by Xukong. If it were not for him absorbing most of the spatial energy streaks that came near the area, it would have turned the tree into dust a long time ago.

The area around the Altar was quite stable too, but Lin Mu didn't dare to place the Violet Mystic Life Tree there either, as there was no telling what the tree might do to the altar.

The barrier around it was very strong, and if the Violet Mystic Life Tree accidentally touched it, there was a chance that the formation around the altar might retaliate and destroy it too.

The only reason why he had even placed the grey egg there in the past was because it would not make any contact with the altar or its barrier.

'Time to pull it here...' Lin Mu willed the ring to send the Violet Mystic Life Tree to the Sleepscape.

The process was a bit tiring too as it took a lot of energy to transport an object that big. Not to mention that the tree was also sentient and could resist the change, putting extra strain on Lin Mu.

It exhausted a good amount of his Immortal energy before the Violet Mystic Life Tree was finally sent to the Sleepscape.

~SHUA~

And when the tree appeared, it directly overshadowed a large area of the Sleepscape.

"Come on now... plant yourself into the ground." Lin Mu spoke directly.

~TREMBLE~

The Tree landed on the ground and caused the entire area to shake. Then a few seconds later, its roots started to tremble and directly wiggled into the ground.

"Good! It's working." Lin Mu watched as the Violet Mystic Life Tree spread its roots in the ground.

The Sleepscape wasn't resisting it, so he was quite relieved.

Still, it took nearly an hour for the tree to have fully planted itself.

[Chapter 1522 The Expanded Sleepscape](#)

The Violet Mystic Life Tree had fully implanted itself in the Sleepscape, but Lin Mu hadn't felt any change yet.

"Is it not going to do anything?" Lin Mu wondered.

He had seen that the Immortal Essence crystal mine had been absorbed into the ground too along with the roots of the Violet Mystic Life Tree thus he had expected there to be some change.

After all, the last time he had put the Source vein of a Spirit stone mine, it had directly merged into the Sleepscape and increased the spirit Qi in its air. It had helped the plants in the Sleepscape a lot and Lin Mu was hoping that the same would happen in this case too.

~SHUA~

And just as Lin Mu was thinking about this, he felt an energy fluctuation in the Sleepscape. It seemed to have come from deep within it and Lin Mu couldn't pinpoint it exactly. But he knew that the change was finally happening.

"It's beginning..." Lin Mu braced himself for it all.

~RUMBLE~

A few seconds later, he felt the entire Sleepscape shake!

"Whoa!" Lin Mu almost fell.

It was like an earthquake was happening at that moment.

All the plants in the Sleepscape were shaking non stop and so was the Violet Mystic Life Tree. In fact, it was moving the most, and it almost looked like it would shed all its leaves, but it didn't happen.

The tree held on and not a single leaf fell.

~TREMBLE~

A couple of minutes later, Lin Mu felt like the ground under him was moving.

"Its... its growing!" Lin Mu realized.

He looked at the Violet Mystic Life Tree and felt like it was going far from him. He immediately spread his Immortal sense over the entire Sleepscape and observed it in detail. And just as he had guessed, the Sleepscape was truly growing.

The distance between the Violet Mystic Life Tree and other plants grew and even the graves of his parents moved to a farther location.

Lin Mu sat down and decided to watch as the process happened.

It seemed very stimulating, but it wasn't actually fast. After observing for an hour or so, Lin Mu felt like the distance between the graves and the Violet Mystic Life Tree had increased by a hundred meters.

'The area of the Sleepscape is certainly expanding... the only question is how much will it grow?' Lin Mu wondered.

Before this, whenever the Sleepscape had increased in size, it had been due to an increase in Lin Mu's cultivation base. While it wasn't consistent, the growth had not been as radical as now.

Another thing was that this was the first time Lin Mu was directly witnessing the Sleepscape expand. Before this, all expansions had happened automatically after his breakthrough, and none of these changes were witnessed by him.

But now that he was seeing it, Lin Mu started to analyze it.

He questioned how it could grow like this and what was the logic behind the existence of the Sleepscape.

From what he had learned from Xukong, the Garden of Karma was a kind of a unique physique that was directly linked to one's soul. Though even this was debated since there weren't many people that had it.

Before Lin Mu, there had only been four people after all.

The lack of information made both Xukong and Lin Mu wonder about the characteristics of the Garden of Karma. But it was something they could only wait and observe. Thus, now that Lin Mu was seeing it, it felt rather marvelous to him.

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Xukong appeared next to Lin Mu and watched it along with him.

"It's certainly an enigma. I don't think it fits in any definition of a normal plane or world." Xukong spoke.

"Indeed... the Sleepscape does not exist in the void. And then there's also the fact that it allows me to have a body within it while also having a body in the real world." Lin Mu replied.

"The ability to have two bodies is indeed unique. One body for the Sleepscape and one for the real world. Each can affect the other, and even cultivation is possible..." Xukong muttered.

The two of them grew silent, as there was no need for any more words. They simply watched the growth of the Sleepscape. Lin Mu wondered if he could gain any insights from this and tried to observe it using Spatial Perception, but was unable to.

It simply felt like the rules he had learned did not apply to the Sleepscape.

~Sigh~

'It'll be a long observation...' Lin Mu thought.

Hour after hour passed and before Lin Mu realized, over a day had passed!

The Sleepscape had expanded by quite a lot now, and it didn't look the same.

"My Immortal Sense can't cover the entire Sleepscape now... it's far too big." Lin Mu muttered in surprise.

"That's certainly a good growth." Xukong spoke as he looked at the Violet Mystic Life Tree that was now quite far away. "Though it should stop growing soon, the expansion has slowed down too."

Before the expansion started, Lin Mu was standing right next to the Violet Mystic Life Tree. But now, he could barely see it in the distance. This distance alone was over a kilometer and made Lin Mu wonder how much the overall increase was.

~hummm~

After another half an hour, the growth finally stopped as another energy fluctuation spread from the depths of the Sleepscape.

~HONG~

But this time it didn't stop and only continued to increase.

~HUALA~

Then a minute later, it was as if a dam was broken!

A massive surge of immortal essence spread out from the ground and filled the entire Sleepscape!

"Whoa!" Lin Mu's hair was blown back from the wave of Immortal essence.

His body felt the full brunt of it and was energized just from that. And it wasn't him either, as the Violet Mystic Life Tree seemed to be swaying in joy too!

[Chapter 1523 Growth Of The Violet Mystic Life Tree](#)

"This is... pure Immortal Essence?" Lin Mu was surprised by the change of events.

While he had expected there to be some gain in terms of Immortal Essence, this increase was simply stunning.

"Is Immortal Essence even supposed to exist like this in air?" Lin Mu was surprised.

As far as he knew, Immortal Essence was not as stable as Immortal Qi and would dissipate quite quickly if it was in open air. This was also the reason why cultivating using it was often difficult.

Even its formation took a long time and needed to be in the crystalline form for it to be stable or in the liquid form as other essences that were produced by Immortal herbs and other such organisms.

"This might be one of the unique points of the Sleepscape. Since it does not follow the same laws as other worlds, it seems to allow the existence of Immortal Essence as a free energy like this." Xukong commented after thinking for a bit.

~RUSTLE~ RUSTLE~

The Violet Mystic Life Tree suddenly started shaking and its branches swayed loudly.

"Huh?" Lin Mu looked at the tree and saw that it was changing again. "Wait... it's growing too?"

The Violet Mystic Life Tree's trunk started to grow and its height increased. From its earlier fifty meter height, it directly grew to twice that. Reaching an impressive height of 100 meters tall, it stopped but its branches kept on growing horizontally.

Originally the crown of the Violet Mystic Life Tree spanned 30 meters in size, but it was now continually expanding. It continued to grow and soon reached the 100 meter mark, but it didn't stop there.

"How much more can it grow?" Lin Mu wondered.

Five minutes passed like this, after which the crown of the Violet Mystic Life Tree had expanded for nearly 150 meters!

It now looked quite big and wide, giving one a feeling of vitality. But that was not all as a few more changes continued to happen within the tree. The number of branches increased and so did the number of leaves.

The red glow that used to be in the Violet Mystic Life Tree appeared again, but it didn't seem as volatile as before.

"It's not gone? I thought the twins drained that energy away..." Lin Mu flew up to the Violet Mystic Life Tree to observe it closely.

There he saw that the red glow was once again spreading on the tree. This time though, it turned into streaks of red that spanned over its trunk and branches. Red veins also appeared on some of its leaves and melded with the violet veins that already existed there.

Over all, it didn't look out of place and the two colors seemed to be completing each other.

Lin Mu furrowed his brows and tried to sense the energies within the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

'There's more than just its original vitality in it...' Lin Mu realized.

After observing for a while, Lin Mu realized that it was quite similar to something he had obtained before.

"Is it really like that...?" Lin Mu took out a red crystal from the ring.

This was none other than the Blood Essence Crystal that he had obtained on the day he had entered the Desolate Blood Battlefield. Lin Mu compared the energy signatures between the two and found them to be highly similar.

'No... They are almost the same, with the only difference being that the energy in the Violet Mystic Life Tree is hundreds of times more than the energy in the Blood Essence crystal.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

Lin Mu didn't know why this had happened but he was a bit concerned.

"Are there baleful energies within the tree even now?" Lin Mu spent some more time checking it, but was unable to find any of it in the tree. "Those energies were really absorbed by Xiao Yin and Xiao Yang... then why is the bloody energy still in it?" he wondered.

"Looks like this might be the mutation that the Violet Mystic Life Tree has undergone. It has taken on a new characteristic and has this bloody energy within it." Xukong spoke after listening to Lin Mu.

He did his own assessment of the Violet Mystic Life Tree and confirmed it too.

"How's this possible though, Senior?" Lin Mu questioned.

"The Violet Mystic Life Tree is well known for its vitality and endurance. It wouldn't be out of the realm of possibility for it to mutate and adopt a new form of energy. Besides it doesn't seem like it has lost its original characteristics anyway." Xukong answered. "If anything, the Violet Mystic Life Tree has only improved now since it can utilize another form of energy as well as generate it." He added.

"I see..." Lin Mu wondered just what the inclusion of the Bloody Energy would cause.

"Though... what is that energy?" Lin Mu questioned. "The Blood Essence crystals have a mixture of energies within them, including baleful energies. But the Violet Mystic Life Tree has a pure form of it." He wondered.

"It should be Blood Qi." Xukong answered. "It does match its characteristics."

"Blood Qi? It doesn't seem the same as when Gu Yao used it though." Lin Mu replied, recalling the times he had encountered his old foe use it.

"Of course not." Xukong spoke. "The Blood Qi that Gu Yao used was not even pure. It was contaminated with a lot of impurities, but the Blood Qi that the Violet Mystic Life Tree is now has is quite pure." He explained.

"That's interesting..." Lin Mu wondered just how useful it could be.

He did know that Blood Qi could be used by most creatures with blood. It could not only invigorate them, it could even help them heal. In fact, it was highly similar to vitality, other than the fact that it could only exist in creatures with blood.

Vitality was something that was present in all living creatures but it could not be said the same with Blood Qi.

[Chapter 1524 Ten Times The Size](#)

Just like other derivative Qis, in order for Blood Qi to be creatures, the Dao of Blood would have to be involved.

"Perhaps this is the reason why the Violet Mystic Life Tree managed to mutate... it is already rich in Vitality and the Blood Qi is very similar to it. It might have made it easier for it to adopt it too." Lin Mu spoke after observing the Blood Qi within the Violet Mystic Life Tree for a few minutes.

"That does seem likely. The condition in the Desolate blood Battlefield might have provided it the perfect condition to mutate in that route. Not to mention, it had support from the Immortal Essence Crystal mine underneath it and the protection offered by the barrier for possibly hundreds of thousands of years." Xukong agreed.

In all this, Lin Mu could confirm one thing.

"The Violet Mystic Life Tree has turned into another unique existence. Despite having no blood, it can still have Blood Qi within it." Lin Mu spoke.

Another similar comparison was Little Shrubby, who had awakened the innate skill of Vitality Reversal, which was something only plants should have normally. This was the second time he was seeing contradictions change to adaptation.

"You should see some change in the effects of the Violet Mystic Life Tree soon enough." Xukong spoke sounding sure.

"Why so senior?" Lin Mu asked wondering what was behind Xukong's tone.

"I think the baleful energies of the Desolate Blood Battlefield might have actually been holding the Violet Mystic Life Tree back. They were preventing it from reaching its potential and now that they have been removed, it has grown to what it should originally have been." Xukong explained.

"That does make sense..." Lin Mu could sense that the Violet Mystic Life Tree was in harmony now unlike before when the aura coming from it was violent.

"The Baleful energies might have been preventing the Violet Mystic Life Tree from truly adapting to the Blood Qi. And now that it has the true effects of it should appear soon." Xukong continued. "The biggest effect should be in its fruits. Though you'll have to wait for them to grow again." He added.

"I'll look forward to it." Lin Mu was a bit excited now. "Though the vitality of the Violet Mystic Life Tree should be affecting the other plants here too right?" he hadn't forgotten that the Violet Mystic Life Tree could boost the longevity of beings by merely being in its presence.

"Why don't you go and see it yourself?" Xukong chuckled.

Lin Mu nodded his head and flew to the Immortal Apple Tree first. It was the closest tree to him as the Purple Sickle Amaranth and the Wood Spirit Tulip had grown farther too.

"It really has grown..." Lin Mu saw that the Immortal Apple Tree was now twice its original size. "Even the Immortal apples on it have grown quickly!" he noticed.

There were a handful of Immortal apples growing on the tree, and they seemed to be ripe for the picking. Other than that, the Immortal Apple tree seemed to be quite happy and was swaying in joy.

Lin Mu placed his hand on the tree and could almost feel its emotions.

"That's good... grow well and bloom." Lin Mu muttered.

Next, Lin Mu quickly plucked all the Immortal Apples from the tree and stored them away for later. He then moved onto check on the other plants and the next one he saw was the Wood Spirit Tulip.

Similar to the Immortal Apple tree, it had also grown quite a bit. While it wasn't exactly double its original size, Lin Mu could tell it had grown by at least 70%.

~RUSTLE~RUSTLE~RUSTLE~

The plant sensed Lin Mu's presence and its flower heads opened up. It then raised one of its vines and tugged onto Lin Mu's hand.

"You're quite happy, aren't you?" Lin Mu laughed.

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The Wood Spirit tulip nodded its flower head in response and let go of Lin Mu. It then moved its vines from side to side, while swaying its flower heads.

The Wood Spirit Tulip was now dancing!

Lin Mu couldn't help but chuckle at the silly dance and moved on to check on the final plant.

The Purple Sickle Amaranth was the latest plant that Lin Mu had added to the Sleepscape before the Violet Mystic Life Tree. It had also been stuck at a bottleneck and hadn't grown much for a while.

But now Lin Mu found it to have gained the most.

"Whoa..." Lin Mu looked at the sentient plant that had grown by a lot.

It was nearly twenty meters tall and had taken up an area of ten meters. It had grown several new stems from the ground, and hundreds of flowers had bloomed all over it. Not just that, but they felt a pleasant scent coming from it too.

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Lin Mu also sensed the flow of energy around the plant. It was absorbing the Qi from the air and transforming it into Wood Elemental Qi. The output of wood Qi in the air had nearly tripled!

"This'll be quite good for the Immortal Apple Tree as well as the Wood Spirit Tulip." Lin Mu said to himself. 'Little Shrubby should be able to take some benefit from this too...' he reckoned.

Having assessed the condition of the three plants, Lin Mu was certainly pleased. Their growth would help him a lot too and he wondered if this would continue even further.

"How much did the Sleepscape growth though... I barely covered half the distance to here." Lin Mu continued to travel around the Sleepscape and did an entire circle around it.

The Sleepscape was in the form of a sphere and after doing his round, Lin Mu determined that the circumference of it seemed to be about forty kilometers now!

"This is like... ten times its previous size, isn't it?" Lin Mu was stunned by the growth.

The growth from the Violet Mystic Life Tree's addition had been several times more effective than his own breakthroughs.

[Chapter 1525 Broken Leafless Dead Forest](#)

Having seen just how much the Sleepscape had grown, Lin Mu was pleased. It now gave him a viable area to actually train his skills.

'I might be able to set up more sections here... Building an entire forge for making weapons as well as tools and perhaps a section for formations too... maybe even a refinery for alchemical pills?' Lin Mu felt his thoughts wander.

One of the biggest reasons why Lin Mu hadn't particularly practiced making Spirit weapons, tools as well as alchemical pills was the fact that they needed a proper place to do so. Of course there were many experts that did it while traveling, but those were experts who were already skilled in the occupation.

But for Lin Mu, it was not like that.

He was someone who was looking to learn it from the start thus it would take him a proper place. Having a place like that was a good advantage too as it would allow one to focus properly and also reduce that chances of mistake.

This was the reason why many experts that specialized in these occupations attached themselves to different powers that could provide a suitable place to practice them.

"Hmm... I can certainly put that as additional tasks for myself for later." Lin Mu decided.

Plus, with all of them being in the Sleepscape meant that he wouldn't have to worry about leaving it behind anywhere. He would also be able to practice all the time and wouldn't have any issues.

But Lin Mu also knew, building proper buildings or Weapon forging, tool refinement as well as alchemy wasn't easy. Not only did it require good materials, one also needed to set up several arrays to support and reinforce them.

"Constructing those buildings will be a good practice for your formations skills too." Xukong spoke at this time.

He had easily read Lin Mu's thoughts and was in agreement with him.

"Learning more skills will allow you to expand your scope of knowledge as well as temper your mind." Xukong advised.

"Yes. I'll look into doing it later." Lin Mu nodded his head.

While he was thinking all this though, Lin Mu felt a thought appearing in his mind.

"Master... Master... it's time to wake up!" Little Shrubby's voice could be heard in his mind.

"Two days have passed already?" Lin Mu muttered in surprise.

He quickly left the Sleepscape and opened his eyes in the real world.

"Master, you're awake?" Little Shrubby looked down at Lin Mu.

"Yeah, I'm awake now." Lin Mu got up. "Thank you for calling for me. I had almost forgotten." He couldn't help it either though, since the changes in the Sleepscape were simply too massive.

It was normal for him to get lost in them and it was also important for him to get a sense of these changes too.

"I should contact Alchemist Ruoxian and see if he's ready too..." Lin Mu took out the communication jade slip and contacted the man.

Thankfully this time, it didn't take long for the connection to be established.

"Alchemist Ruoxian?" Lin Mu called out.

"Ah, Daoist Mu Lin. You're right on time, I've prepared for your arrival." Alchemist Ruoxian quickly responded.

"They'll allow my entry into the ruins?" Lin Mu asked, just to be sure.

"They sure will." Alchemist Ruoxian replied. "And it's not just you, they have called in several people actually."

"Oh? Despite the Natural Befuddling Array of the Leafless Dead Forest?" Lin Mu was a bit surprised.

He could understand one cultivator like him being available to contact within the area, but several was not possible. After all, there were many people there were stuck at the periphery of the Leafless Dead Forest.

"Yeah, the array was broken yesterday." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"Already? Wasn't it going to take time?" Lin Mu was surprised.

"Yes... the appearance of a certain expert sped it up quite a bit." Alchemist Ruoxian said in a slightly anxious tone.

"An expert? Did more elders of the Grand Sky Pavilion arrive or something?" Lin Mu questioned.

"No... but the one that did may as well be stronger than them." Alchemist Ruoxian answered. "The one who arrived was none other than the Steel Horned General, Immortal Niu Juo." He revealed.

"Him? He broke the array?" Lin Mu was surprised.

While he knew the man was in the Desolate Blood battlefield too, he should have been in an entirely different area.

Immortal Juo had entered the Desolate Blood Battlefield a long time before Lin Mu and had gone deep into it. Even if he were to come to the location of the ruins, it should still have taken him a long time.

"Yes. He appeared from another direction and directly carved a path through the Leafless Dead Forest." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"And what about the rock creatures that were appearing?" Lin Mu questioned next.

"Those were nothing to the Steel Horned general. He killed them all with a flick of his hand and if new ones appeared, they didn't last much longer." Alchemist Ruoxian answered. "So while parts of the Leafless Dead Forest still act as a befuddling array, there is a straight path that one can now take." He added.

"I see..." Lin Mu had not expected Immortal Juo to directly take a crude path like this. 'But then it does seem like something he'd do. He does seem like a straightforward person...' he thought.

"With that route, now several parties have entered. And more are incoming. The only reason they are delayed is that they need to take circle around a significant part of the Leafless Dead Forest to reach that path.

Though that is still better than passing through the forest directly." Alchemist Ruoxian stated.

"I see... I'll come over there then." Lin Mu replied.

"I'll be waiting for you. Once you reach the perimeter, you can show them the document I gave you before. They'll allow you inside." Alchemist Ruoxian said before stopping the connection.

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Lin Mu put away the jade slip and decided to take his leave.

[Chapter 1526 The Sleepscape Can Now Accommodate More Beasts?](#)

Lin Mu now needed to head to the ruins, but needed to address his beasts first.

'I shouldn't ride Little Shrubby there, there might be a chance they'll recognize him. Best to keep him hidden for now.' Lin Mu thought.

"I'll send you to the Sleepscape little Shrubby. It has expanded and you'll like it there." Lin Mu spoke.

"You can even set up a place as your kitchen if you want to now." He added.

"Really!?" Little Shrubby was excited.

"Yeah." Lin Mu nodded his head.

"Okay! I'll have some food ready for you till then." Little Shrubby replied with excitement.

"Mmhhh. Now, in you go." Lin Mu willed it and Little Shrubby was quickly sent into the Sleepscape.

But upon doing this, Lin Mu furrowed his brows.

"Hang on..." he felt a difference this time. "Why does it feel like... there is more..." Lin Mu looked at the Twin snakes that were cultivating silently.

He walked up to them and thought about sending them to the Sleepscape too.

~SHUA~

Then in the next second, he saw both of them disappear.

"It worked!" Lin Mu exclaimed.

He sensed the link between the snakes and himself and found that it was still stable. It also showed that they really were in the Sleepscape and there was no issues either.

"Good, good... this will make things a lot simple." Lin Mu was happy.

"Looks like the expansion of the Sleepscape allows you to send more of your beasts in it now." Xukong's voice could be heard in Lin Mu's voice.

"Are you there in the Sleepscape too, Senior?" Lin Mu asked.

"Yes, it's actually allowing me to exist in it freely too." Xukong replied.

"You too? That means... it allows four beings inside it without me being there..." Lin Mu wondered if that really was his limit. 'With how much the Sleepscape has expanded, I might be able to store at least one more beast in it.' He estimated.

"You are probably right." Xukong said. "With how much the Sleepscape has expanded, I wouldn't be surprised if you could store two or even three more beasts in it now."

"If it's really like that, then it's great." Lin Mu replied. "Though I'll need more beasts for that first."

"That is true." Xukong responded. "But it's up to you. You don't need to rush to find the beasts after all." He advised.

"Yeah... the twins are already a handful once they are 'active'." Lin Mu could only imagine the kind of chaos they could cause if they were left to wander.

While the space in the Sleepscape was big, for the twins it might barely be enough to run around. They were still children for the most part and acted accordingly too. It was only when they were cultivating would they calm down.

'I should talk to them, just in case...' Lin Mu brought the twins back out before explaining the Sleepscape to them.

He informed them what they could do and could not do.

Lin Mu certainly didn't want them to accidentally eat the plants there after all. It would be a big shame if they perished due to the snakes.

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Xiao Yin and Xiao Yang nodded their heads in understanding.

"Good. I'll send you two back then." Lin Mu returned them to the Sleepscape.

And just in case, Lin Mu also told Little Shrubby to keep an eye on the twins.

He could have asked Xukong too, but Lin Mu knew the spider would soon get engrossed in his own cultivation. Unless it was absolutely necessary, Lin Mu didn't want to disturb the routine of his teacher either.

Done with that, Lin Mu pushed away the rock blocking the entrance of the cave and flew towards the ruins. The distance between the cave and the ruins was just a few hundred kilometers and Lin Mu was able to cover it under two hours.

And this was when he was restraining his speed, as he was also keeping an eye on the other people.

He had encountered several people that were traveling towards the ruins and from seeing the direction that they had come from, Lin Mu guessed that it was the route that Immortal Juo had carved out.

'Hmm... it's on the other side from where I entered... Looks like Immortal Juo came from the side of Grey Slate Ravines...' Lin Mu understood.

The Grey Slate Ravines was one of the regions of the Desolate Blood Battlefield and was said to have been created during the battle between two powerful sword cultivators. They had eventually carved out all the ravines that were present there and it was an area that was quite distant from the Leafless Dead forest.

'Did he run nonstop to the ruins or something?' Lin Mu wondered since there didn't seem to be any other way for the man to have arrived this fast.

Still, he knew that everything would be known once he got to the ruins.

A few more minutes later, the perimeter of the ruins could be seen by him.

"They set up a border, huh..." Lin Mu saw several people of the Grand Sky Pavilion guarding it.

There were also many cultivators from different powers entering it.

'It doesn't seem like they are restraining or preventing anyone from entering at least.' Lin Mu had expected them to exert their influence and prevent others from even coming close.

But it was clear that the Grand Sky Pavilion was a lot more reasonable.

Lin Mu landed on the ground and walked rest of the way to the perimeter as flying was restricted there. He had seen the others do the same and thus understood this rule quickly.

"Who are you?" A few guards at the perimeter looked at Lin Mu suspiciously.

"I've been called here by Alchemist Ruoxian of the Grand Sky Pavilion." Lin Mu said before taking out the document that was prepared. "Here's the proof."

A guard checked the document and nodded his head.

"Yes, we were informed." The guard also checked their own registers and confirmed. "You can enter."

[Chapter 1527 A Joyous Exchange](#)

Upon gaining entrance to the ruins, Lin Mu quickly found the location of Alchemist Ruoxian.

It was very obvious since there was a large tent that had been set up by the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion.

"They definitely keep up to their name huh..." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

He stood at the entrance of the tent, but didn't go inside. Instead he contacted, Alchemist Ruoxian.

A minute later, the man walked out of the large tent.

"You're here." Alchemist Ruoxian was pleased seeing Lin Mu.

Even if Lin Mu had told him that he would be coming, the man couldn't help but be nervous. It was understandable too, as Lin Mu held the key to his future progress. As long as he obtained the Hundred year old Essence Spring Stalactite, the man would be able to become a high rank Immortal Alchemist.

Not just that, but he'll overcome his personal bottleneck too and be able to make many more pills he was unable too.

His status in the Grand Sky Pavilion would rise as well, thus one could see just how much the man had riding on the success of this mission.

"Where should we do this?" Lin Mu asked, knowing that there were a lot of people watching them right now.

After all, there wasn't just people from the Grand Sky Pavilion here. All the parties that had arrived were interested in the situation and would want to know everything that was going on in the area.

The disappearance of the Violet Mystic Life Tree was a massive issue for them.

"Come with me, I have a place prepared." Alchemist Ruoxian replied and brought Lin Mu to a ruined building.

From the outside it seemed to be on the verge of collapse, but after entering Lin Mu realized that it had actually been reinforced by formations.

"An isolating formation array?" Lin Mu recognized.

"I set it up yesterday just for this. The cultivators in the ruins are quite antsy and are after every little bit of news that they can get." Alchemist Ruoxian spoke.

"Oh? Isn't that a little too much?" Lin Mu replied.

"No... for some reason some of them believe that the appearance of the Demon might have been the work of human powers. And they might be in the ruins already and pretending not to know." Alchemist Ruoxian explained.

Lin Mu narrowed his brows hearing this, but kept his cool.

"So they are jumping at straws..." Lin Mu said.

"That can be said, yes... though some also think that the disappearance of the Violet Mystic Life Tree was orchestrated by the Grand Sky Pavilion. They think that we merely made it seem like the tree disappeared, when in reality we have snatched it away." Alchemist Ruoxian added.

"They're that far gone, huh." Lin Mu was surprised.

"There isn't much that would restrain them from getting a try at the Violet Mystic Life Tree." Alchemist Ruoxian spoke. "And this is merely the start. The news has already started to spread and the entire Rust Sky would should know about it by now." He said with uncertainty.

"That does seem stressful... taking precautions is good then." Lin Mu replied.

"Yeah, if they saw an alchemist of the Grand Sky Pavilion going out to meet someone knew, it would be bound to raise some suspicions. This is the least I can do for now." The man said with a sigh.

"Well, I do have something that'll improve your mood," Lin Mu said, changing the flow of the situation.

"Ah yes! Of course, the main goal of this entire mission." Alchemist Ruoxian said with excitement.

"Mmhhh..." Lin Mu nodded his head and took out a long box.

Alchemist Ruoxian took it from Lin Mu and carefully opened it.

"Beautiful..." The man muttered as he gazed at the dazzling object that laid within it. "It really is the Hundred Year Old Essence Spring Stalactite!" he shouted out loud.

Thankfully, the isolation array prevented any sound from escaping the building and no one knew the exchange happening inside. If they knew that there was a Hundred Year Old Essence Spring Stalactite here, it wouldn't be shocking for a bloody fight to break out.

After all, it was an object that would tempt even the strongest of experts. Lin Mu reckoned even Immortal Juo would be interested in it and might end up fighting for it. That was not something he wanted right now after all.

"It's just as I had imagined..." Alchemist Ruoxian muttered.

"It'll get even better soon." Lin Mu said, much to the man's surprise.

"Huh?" Alchemist Ruoxian then saw Lin Mu taking out two more containers from his spatial storage treasure. "It can't be!" he shouted again.

"Oh, but it is..." Lin Mu opened up one of the boxes and flashed it to Alchemist Ruoxian.

As soon as the glint from the stalactite was seen by Alchemist Ruoxian he fell pale. Then a moment later, his face turned red with excitement as blood pumped throughout his body.

"AHAHAHA! AHAHAHA!" The man laughed madly.

"EXCELLENT! AMAZING! FANTASTIC!" he shouted.

If it were not for that fact that he was still holding a hundred Year Old Essence Spring Stalactite, Lin Mu was sure that Alchemist Ruoxian might have started dancing already.

"How did you... How did you get them?" Alchemist Ruoxian questioned.

"Your estimations were a bit off." Lin Mu answered. "The Immortal Essence Crystal cache had developed a lot more. Enough that three such Hundred Year old stalactite had the time to form." He explained.

"Looks like fate is on our side..." Tears had almost appeared in the eyes of Alchemist Ruoxian.

He was fine with having even a fragment of a Hundred year old Essence Spring Stalactite, and now he was getting not just, but three whole stalactites. It was something he wouldn't even dare to believe in a dream.

"Take them." Lin Mu spoke. "Though I am expecting good results in exchange." He stated firmly.

"I'll kill myself, if I fail despite all this." The man said with determination.

[Chapter 1528 The Determined Alchemist](#)

Lin Mu was impressed by the man's determination to say the least.

"Very well, I'll look forward to it." Lin Mu said.

"You don't have to worry. I'll do my very best in finishing this project." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

Lin mu nodded his head, but a few thoughts were there in his mind.

"How long will it take you though?" Lin Mu questioned.

"It will certainly take long." Alchemist Ruoxian scratched his beard. "I'm expecting at least a year or so. Since I'll need to do some trials and tests before going for the actual refinement." He explained.

"That long huh..." Lin Mu was a little disappointed, but also understood that pill refinement of that level was a difficult task.

He had heard of alchemical pills that took a hundred or even a thousand years of refinement before they were made. And for a pill like the Hundred Vicissitudes Immortal Pill, just year was quite a short time.

'I have plenty of time anyways...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

"Alright, a year it is then." Lin Mu replied. "But since I'm giving you three, what will the output be?" he asked.

"I can assure you at least one pill per stalactite." Alchemist Ruoxian said with confidence. "Any less than that, and I vow to compensate for the difference."

"That's a tall promise. The worth of a Hundred Year old Essence Spring Stalactite is something you know well." Lin Mu replied calmly.

"Of course. If I do fail to keep my promise, I'll simply serve you for a hundred years in exchange." Alchemist Ruoxian stated.

Lin Mu could tell that the man was going to stay true to his words.

'No... it is more the fact that he needs this more than I do. I can progress in my cultivation even without the pills, but he absolutely needs them to progress in his work.' Lin Mu thought.

As long as Alchemist Ruoxian desired to succeed, Lin Mu knew he didn't have to worry.

"I'll wait for the news of your success then." Lin Mu said with a smile. "Though I don't think you'll be able to begin your work here, will you?" he asked next.

"Nope. Not at all." Alchemist Ruoxian replied. "I won't take the risk of refining something as sensitive as the Hundred Vicissitudes Immortal pill here." He clarified.

"Then how will you do it with the mission of the Grand Sky Pavilion keeping you here?" Lin Mu questioned.

"I don't think I'll be here for that long. The main reason for us alchemists being brought here was to help with the gathering of materials as well as the manufacture of any pills that might be needed in an emergency.

But with the disappearance of the Violet Mystic Life Tree, we basically lost our main goal. Even if the Grand Sky Pavilion is going to stay here, they don't necessarily need us here. In fact, keeping us here will only incur them losses.

We are a lot more useful back at the city after all, where we can continue to manufacture pills without any issues." Alchemist Ruoxian answered.

"That's good then. How long will it take you to leave?" Lin Mu replied.

"Shouldn't be long. I'm expecting a week or two at most. They'll get most of their answers by then and send us back." Alchemist Ruoxian guessed.

"I see... that's not that long." Lin Mu said before sensing something.

His brows furrowed and his Immortal Sense went past the isolation array.

"Looks like someone is approaching." Lin Mu said.

"Who?" Alchemist Ruoxian narrowed his eyes and spread his immortal sense too.

But a second later, his expression turned bad.

"Shit... it's that elder." Alchemist Ruoxian cursed.

"He's got problems with you?" Lin Mu guessed.

"Plenty... He'll be a pain if he sees you here. His questions won't stop and he isn't above extortion either." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"I see... I'll leave then." Lin Mu stated.

"It's too late, he's already nearby, he'll see you." Alchemist Ruoxian said nervously.

"You don't need to worry about that. I got my methods..." Lin Mu said before disappearing in front of Alchemist Ruoxian's eyes.

The man was surprised and wondered if Lin Mu had used some illusionary technique.

'Let's hope this works...' Alchemist Ruoxian thought as he walked out of the building.

"Alchemist Ruoxian! Might I ask why you left your post?" The elder who had appeared asked.

He had a mole on his cheek and had thin long eyebrows. Looking at his robes, one could tell that he was actually a high ranked alchemist.

"I just had business with an associate." Alchemist Ruoxian replied.

"Oh? An associate? Might I see them? I can't help but wonder who managed to reach here, at this time." The elder's eyes narrowed.

"I'm afraid that's not possible." Alchemist Ruoxian denied. "My associate has already left."

"Is that so?" The elder didn't seem convinced.

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A moment later, a wave of Immortal Qi spread from his body and covered the building behind Alchemist Ruoxian. It scanned the building and checked for anyone inside it.

"Looks like it is so..." The elder said with a hint of annoyance and turned around. "I hope you stay within your limits, Alchemist Ruoxian. If you cannot progress, it's best to keep your head down and do as you're told." He said before leaving.

Alchemist Ruoxian frowned but didn't reply to the elder.

"Wretched donkey, I'll show you..." Alchemist Ruoxian muttered to himself before returning to the large tent.

Unknown to both of them, Lin Mu had noticed the entire exchange between the two. He was actually right under their feet and was listening to it.

'At least the elder didn't give any trouble to Alchemist Ruoxian. It would have been bad if he asked to see what Alchemist Ruoxian had.' Lin Mu thought.

While Alchemist Ruoxian had stored away the stalactites, Lin Mu didn't trust others to forcefully take a look. It was a common incidence for the elders to suppress their juniors in many places after all.

[Chapter 1529 A Prince To Avoid](#)

Lin Mu didn't wish for the stalactites to be lost before Alchemist Ruoxian even had a chance to use them.

He was even prepared to take action, if things really came to it. But thankfully the elder seemed to have some respect.

'Though it is debatable if it is due to where they are, of if he is plotting something else.' Lin Mu wondered.

As long as Alchemist Ruoxian was fine and could fulfill his part of the deal, Lin Mu wouldn't pay heed to the elder.

Lin Mu didn't leave right away though. Instead, he decided to see if he could gather any information first.

'It'll be best if I know what they are thinking about the Demon as well as the Violet Mystic Life Tree.' Lin Mu reckoned.

After all, he was behind it all, and as long as he stayed a few steps ahead, he wouldn't have to worry about getting caught. Lin Mu restrained his energy fluctuations and wandered around the ruins listening to the conversations of everyone.

He avoided the large tents where the elders were located though as there was still a chance they might notice him somehow. Rather than that, Lin Mu merely needed to listen to the common cultivators, as the rumors had already spread among them.

He spent a couple hours eavesdropping and verified all the information that Alchemist Ruoxian had talked about. There really were rumors about The Demon being supported by a human power as well as some thinking that the Grand Sky Pavilion was behind the disappearance of the Violet Mystic Life Tree.

There were many formation masters analyzing the site where the Violet Mystic Life Tree used to be and tried to track down the traces of it. Though so far they couldn't figure out anything other than the fact that the Violet Mystic Life Tree was indeed moved through the space.

Their original assumption about Teleportation, seemed to have been changed.

'They actually managed to tell that it wasn't a teleportation, just from the spatial traces... impressive.'
Lin Mu thought.

Still it didn't matter much, since there was no way they would be able to tell that it was Lin Mu's ring that had held the Violet Mystic Life Tree. It had already changed positions and was now safely planted in the Sleepscape.

There was no way to remove it from there now anyways.

Lin Mu continued to wander around the ruins and attempted to gather more information. He even wondered if he should meet up with Immortal Juo, but then decided against it.

His reasoning being that being acquainted with the Steel Horned General might bring him attention. So he just decided to avoid that area. Just as he was about to leave though, Lin Mu heard an interesting bit of information.

"Did you hear? The Eleventh Prince seems to have killed another group of immortals." A few cultivators were talking amongst themselves.

They were from the newly arrived group and were talking to the people who had been here since the start. Lin Mu recalled hearing about this prince once before in the Middle Fort city and was a bit interested. He thus decided to pause and take a look.

"Who did he kill this time?" Someone asked.

"They were immortals from different powers, but I suppose the biggest would be the Blue Mountain Palace. He apparently killed one of the younger experts from there." The newly arrived cultivator spoke.

"Why did he do that, though? Even if he is the prince, killing someone from an allied power will still be bad, right?" they asked.

"Who knows? The Eleventh Prince has greatly changed ever since he managed to become an immortal. He kills wantonly and even the Royal Family seems to be ignoring his actions." The newly arrived cultivator answered.

"Ssss~ Looks like we'll have another danger to avoid here."

"As if the creature of the Desolate Blood Battlefield weren't enough already, now we got a murderous prince to watch out for too."

"We should do our best to not be anywhere close to him. Let's keep each other informed if we hear or see the Eleventh prince."

"I agree!"

"We all agree!"

Lin Mu watched as the cultivators came to an agreement to avoid a certain royal.

"Though where exactly was the eleventh price seen?" someone asked. "Shouldn't we know that first to avoid him?"

"Ah yes! I was about to tell that. He was apparently near the Sandfall Valley. At the old tombs."

"What was he doing there? Weren't those tombs already ransacked thousands of years ago?"

"Whatever it might be, we just need to avoid him."

"Yeah... that's right."

Lin Mu thought about the location and felt like he had heard about it.

'Sandfall valley... isn't that area somewhere near the Grey Slate Ravines too?' Lin Mu recalled. 'If it's there, then perhaps Immortal Juo had seen or heard about the Eleventh Prince too...'

Pushing these thoughts to the back of his mind, Lin Mu moved a little further to an empty building and resurfaced. He was done here for now, and decided to leave.

Lin Mu left the same way he had come from, keeping a record that he had indeed left. He didn't wish to create a discrepancy there after all. After leaving the ruins, Lin Mu directly flew two hundred kilometer away before calling out Little Shrubby.

"Oh? Are you done?" Little Shrubby questioned.

"Yes. For now, we'll head farther in." Lin Mu answered.

"Okay, I have some food prepared so we can have dinner once we take a break." Little Shrubby replied.

"That's good." Lin Mu did feel a bit hungry too.

He then climbed onto Little Shrubby's back and the beast turned into a red blur, disappearing over the horizon.

Thousands of kilometers away from them though, a certain young man was standing over a bunch of corpses. Five different colored marbles were floating over his palm while he seemed to be playing with them.

"Spare... please spare us, Senior!"

"Spare you? Hah! None shall live once they slight me!" the man flicked his hand sending a marble flying towards the pleading man, exploding his body.

[Chapter 1530 Constructing A Formation Pavilion](#)

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"That was nice." Lin Mu patted his belly while a pile of empty plates surrounded him.

"The new ingredients you got are good. I want to see if we can get more of them too." Little Shrubby spoke.

"We'll get more when we get back to the city." Lin Mu agreed.

The two of them had traveled for a few days and were now resting in a natural cave they found. And since Little Shrubby had made food for them, there was no way Lin Mu would give up on tasting that.

One thing was for sure, Little Shrubby's skill with cooking was only getting better and better.

"Let's return to the Sleepscape for now." Lin Mu said, wanting to practice making formations again.

"Okay~" Little Shrubby replied.

Lin Mu first sent Little Shrubby into the Sleepscape before closing his eyes and entering it too.

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As soon as he appeared there though, he felt a gust of wind hitting him.

"Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Calm down, you two!" Lin Mu shouted.

~HISS~

Xiao Yin and Xiao Yang were flying around everywhere and were whipping up winds in the process. Lin Mu could only watch them with a wry smile and shake his head.

"At least they aren't destroying anything..." Lin Mu said to himself.

Lin Mu knew they had a lot of energy and won't really tire out easily. It was better to let them do this than something more troublesome.

"I'll watch them." Little Shrubby said before running after them.

"Alright, I'll work then." Lin Mu said and walked some distance away.

Today he was going to make a proper place to create formations in.

He was going to make a Formations Pavilion!

'It'll help me in the future as well as allow me to train my formation skills right now.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

With the increase in the size of the Sleepscape as well as its upgrade, Lin Mu knew that there were no issues in keeping things or building new stuff here. It would stay as it is even if he left the Sleepscape, unlike before.

In the past, anything that Lin Mu placed here would be returned or disappear. He couldn't even make changes to the area as everything would revert to as it was originally. Xukong had said that it was something to do with the laws of the Sleepscape and that it was lacking many of them.

But as Lin Mu's cultivation base grew, it could now allow more and more things inside it.

Besides, adding nonliving things was not an issue and Lin Mu would not have the restriction of numbers here.

"Now then, let's see... I should be able to use Black Iron Wood for the structure and reinforce them with individual Rock Scale Formation..." Lin Mu held his chin and started to think.

He came up with a plan in his mind before beginning. He first took out several large logs from his ring. Lin Mu had obtained these from the storage of a sect in the past and had a lot of them.

Black Iron wood was originally used for making spirit weapons and tools, but now Lin Mu was going to use it to make the frame of a building. It was something that might be very expensive in the Xiaofan World, but now that he was in an Immortal world, the cost was much lower.

Many buildings here were made with woods of similar qualities, with some being even more valuable.

For example, one of the large ships Lin Mu had seen in the port of the Huiqing continent was made from precious Numinous Teak Wood!

It was a type of wood that was used to make immortal weapons and tools, and could even be used to make High grade immortal weapons potentially. One could imagine its value from that.

And yet, there was a ship that was entirely made from it!

Of course, Lin Mu did have materials similar to that in his storage too, but there was still the question of whether he had the skill to use them.

Thus, it was a lot better for him to use materials he could handle well.

'I can always upgrade in the future anyways...' Lin Mu thought to himself as he swung his sword to chop the wood.

He first made four-sided pillars that would form the structural support of the building and then the beams that would join them. Once that was done, he inscribed each of these wooden pillars with Rock Scale formation.

The Rock Scale formation was a defensive reinforcement formation that created rock like scales on whatever it was used on. It was a spirit formation of the high grade, and wasn't really used in buildings as it was difficult to make.

But for Lin Mu, it was not an issue and he could easily use it for mere pillars.

One by one, Lin Mu made tens of pillars and then made more planks. All of them were inscribed with the Black Scale Formation and once that was done, he started assembling them.

For nails, Lin Mu simply pinched and squeezed a few Deep Ocean refined iron ingots, turning them into the shape of nails. There was no need for a hammer or heat when Lin Mu's strength alone could shape the metal.

Then by simply by flicking the nails, Lin Mu joined all the pillars and beams.

More and more components were built by him and several different kinds of formations were also added to them.

Lin Mu seemingly got congressed in this and enjoyed it throughly. And by the time a week had passed, Lin Mu had finally finished building the Formation Pavilion.

"It is done..." Lin Mu looked at the building that was about a hundred square meters in size.

It was relatively simple, but that was enough for Lin Mu to use it to its maximum potential.

"This should be able to withstand any failed talismans." Lin Mu said to himself and entered to test it out.