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[Chapter 791 - Modifying The Formation Nexus](#)

Every time the ring called him into the space, there was a reason for it. Either it was a new skill that Lin Mu received or a technique. But now it was nothing like that. This left him confused.

This was of course until, he looked at the runes that faintly glowed on the altar. These runes would change every so often and looked to be random at first. But the more Lin Mu looked at them, the more he found them to be understandable.

"Wait a minute... aren't these... similar to the ones used in the formation nexus?" Lin Mu recognized.

He placed his hand on the altar once again and focused on the runes that he had recognized. They appeared on the altar once again and this time they didn't disappear, allowing Lin Mu to understand them better.

He combined the information and knowledge he had learned earlier with the current runes in front of him before coming up with something he had never expected to be able to do this.

Lin Mu opened his eyes that glowed with a new found motivation.

"This might just work!" Lin Mu said and returned to his body in the cave.

"What just happened there? I lost connection with you for ten seconds." Xukong said in a concerned voice.

"Huh? I was just there in the ring senior." Lin Mu spoke.

"No, you weren't. Your body was here and I would have felt if you entered the space in the ring." Xukong replied.

"Strange... then was it just my mind that entered the ring?" Lin Mu wondered.

"Perhaps... the ring is a mystery as always. Anyways, what exactly happened?" Xukong questioned.

"Ah yes! I think I may have a way to improve this minor plane." Lin Mu spoke.

"Improve it?" Xukong said feeling doubtful.

"Or rather make it better for our use... a bit more convenient." Lin Mu added.

He then went on to explain the formation array modifications that he could do that would allow him to link the minor plane with his ring instead of being restricted to the Hong Lin forest.

Xukong heard everything carefully and was actually surprised internally but did not show that.

'He actually managed to modify a spatial formation enough that he could add a different spatial junction to the anchor... while this was done with some assistance, it is no less than a miracle for someone of his level.' Xukong thought.

"So what do you think senior?" Lin Mu asked after being done with his explanation.

Xukong came out of his thoughts and looked at his disciple.

"You can try it of course. Just be careful and don't force it if the formations don't move like you want them to." Xukong replied.

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

He looked at the formations in front of him that were almost completed and were ready for his binding. Lin Mu knew that the process of modification was sensitive and would have to be done in a time period when the core of it was open.

"What better time to make the modification than when binding with it?" Lin Mu chuckled and took out the short sword.

Pricking his hand, he drew out some blood which he then dropped on the formation runes. The blood acted as if there was no gravity and started to float in mid air. The drops of blood merged and split apart in a strange harmony as the energy of the runes permeated them.

~SHUA~

The runes suddenly let out a spirit Qi fluctuation that made the blood drops turn into an extremely thin screen. A very small amount of blood was stretched into a screen that was about a foot wide and a foot tall.

The runes that were floating around started to pass through the screen and were getting stained by the blood. The amount staining them was very less yet it was enough to add a little bit of Lin Mu's aura to the runes.

Lin Mu spread his spirit sense around, and chanted the calming heart sutra while keeping a close eye on everything. His window of opportunity was very narrow and once he lost that it would be close to impossible for him to act.

Five minutes passed by which felt like hours to Lin Mu. His focus was at the peak as beads of sweat dripped from his forehead. Him being able to do this would greatly affect his entire mission of fighting Gu Yao and the invader, thus the pressure on him was significant.

Finally, Lin Mu saw that the blood screen had dissipated fully and the blood had been incorporated into the formation.

'NOW!' Lin Mu said in his mind as his spirit sense moved like tens of tendrils.

All of them entered through the gaps of the formation and started to link up with the core. Lin Mu commanded them with his mind and they started to change the formation array.

The runes shifted, they were removed, they were flipped, they were added and new ones were written.

Different actions were done by Lin Mu as he combined all the knowledge that he had learned about formation till now. This was his most difficult and most important work on formations and he was learning even more while doing it all.

His experiences combined with the information in his mind before transforming into reality as the formations kept on changing. Time turned into a blur as Lin Mu got into a flow.

His hands moved like shadows as the runes flitted around his fingers. Writing them and flicking them around Lin Mu looked like a painter who used his fingers as the brush.

Spirit Qi interwove like the contrasting fibers of yarn and merged into the formations according to the will of Lin Mu.

Lin Mu's eyes darted around and followed the runes making sure all of them went into the right place as he flipped through the layers one by one.

"This shall be a success!" Lin Mu said to himself.

[Chapter 792 - Anchor Transfer Completed](#)

The rune kept on changing as the formations were modified. By now Lin Mu had gotten a better grasp on everything and was doing better than before. He knew that as long as he kept this up he would be done with the entire thing soon enough.

"Just a little more..." Lin Mu muttered as he reached the final step of the process.

~HONG~

The ring on his hand started to hum and he knew the time had arrived.

"Void Anchor linking!" Lin Mu said as he spread his fingers apart.

Rune lined up like a string and wrapped around his fingers before joining up on the ring.

~SHUA~

The waves of spirit Qi started to change as Lin Mu felt the attribute less spirit Qi in the air morphing into something different. His eyes flickered, and he used spatial perception for a few seconds.

'It's working...' Lin Mu thought before stopping his usage of spatial perception.

He had not yet rested his eyes enough to be able to use it for long enough and just wanted to check it for now. He didn't know how this would all go and with the involvement of space, one couldn't be too careless.

Lin Mu had sensed several small openings in the space when he used spatial perception and had seen the runes entering the space as well. For a few seconds, he had even seen the void beyond the world and the spatial attribute spirit Qi that wandered there.

The runes would link up with the outer formation arrays that covered the outside of the minor plane and kept it safe from the void's forces.

What Lin Mu was currently doing was basically changing the anchor of the Wandering sinkhole from the Hong Lin Kingdom to himself. The anchor reality was stuck in a very obscure location of the Hong Lin forest and the sinkhole could wander around like a boat in the sea.

Even if a boat was anchored, depending on the length of the rope, it could still bob and move around a bit. That was exactly what made the Wandering sinkhole 'Wander'. But now once the anchor was transferred to Lin Mu, he would be able to move around freely and so would the minor world.

The rune changes needed for this were very different and no one would be able to come up on their own easily in this world. If it were not for him noticing them on the altar in the ring, he probably would not have been able to do this.

Even if he got the ownership of the entire place, he would still have to come back to the Hong Lin kingdom to enter the minor plane.

Watching all this, Lin Mu was reminded of his own Sleepscape. In a way it was airmail to this minor plane and was linked to him. Though with the Sleepscape there was a fundamental difference.

It could allow the mental world to affect the physical and yet keep things the same in the real world. There were many restrictions on the Sleepscape as well as Lin Mu couldn't really affect it much other than the tree and the spirit stone source vein that he had introduced.

Other than him only Senior Xukong and the Grey egg could even appear there. But with this minor plane, Lin Mu knew that he would be able to overcome those problems. Though there was still the issue of it being attached to him at all times.

'Then there is also the fact that this minor plane is still a part of the Xiaofan world and cannot be detached from it truly. Even if I have the anchor, I still can't move the 'boat' from the 'sea.'" Lin Mu thought to himself.

Pushing these thoughts out of the way for now, he focused on the task at hand and reached the end point.

~Tremble~

Finally, the runes stabilized and the space around the platform got stable as well. Lin Mu felt a weight on his body that was not there before. The sensation lasted for about ten minutes before it faded away.

It felt like he was carrying a hill on his back, but he bore it while just gritting his teeth.

~SHUA~

When the weight finally faded away, he felt a scorching pain on his back.

"Dammit, what is it now?" Lin Mu cursed.

Using his spirit sense to observe his back, he saw several runes appearing there. The characters were those for binding and ownership.

'So this is the binding runes of the anchor...!' Lin Mu finally understood.

~thud~

Once the runes were etched onto Lin Mu's back, they disappeared as well and he lightly stumbled.

~huu~huu~huu~

"Finally... it's over..." Lin Mu muttered.

~HUALA~

But it seemed like he had spoken too soon and a spring of spirit Qi rushed out of the platform. It was like an oil well had been struck and the jet of spirit Qi sprayed out, filling the entire hall.

"Now what is this?" Lin Mu said in confusion.

"You actually managed to do what I failed to do before... you changed the plane's anchor." Lin Mu suddenly heard a voice in his head.

"Huh? Senior Kong Hutao? How are you in my mind?" Lin Mu questioned.

"When you finished the transfer of ownership, you were linked to the entire fomentation nexus of the minor plane, and this includes hat various other formation arrays that are linked to it.

This included the spirit portrait of me as well. I can speak to you as long as you are in the minor plane directly now." Kong Hutao answered.

"I see... but what's happening now? Why's the spirit Qi leaking out like this? Did some problem occur?" Lin Mu asked feeling concerned.

He was wondering if he had broken some secondary layer of the formation array that caused this leak.

"Ahahah!" Kong Hutao laughed out in response to Lin Mu.

"This isn't a problem.. This is your reward... Now just enjoy!" Kong Hutao Stated.

[Chapter 793 - Adult Soul Stage And Approaching The Peak](#)

Hearing Kong Hutao's words, Lin Mu was confused at first but then understood his meaning.

"The spirit Qi... it is for me to use?" Lin Mu asked.

"Of course. It was meant as a reward to the person that inherited the minor plane. I was afraid that they might not be strong enough thus prepared this for them. Even if it was someone at the Qi refining realm, I guarantee that with the spirit Qi here, they will be able to reach the peak of the Nascent Soul realm as long as they absorb it diligently." Kong Hutao said proudly.

This was one of the hardest things he had to prepare and he was happy that he made the decision. The formations set up to gather the spirit Qi were also modified in such a way that a certain amount of spirit Qi would be stockpiled every year.

This was in addition to the base amount that Kong Hutao had set up.

"It has been thousands of years since I set this place up, the spirit Qi that has been stockpiled should still be plenty. In fact, it should already be more than double the principal amount." Kong Hutao added.

Lin Mu was even more surprised after hearing this.

"I'm already close to the Adult soul stage of the nascent soul realm, just how far would I be able to reach with this?" Lin Mu couldn't help but wonder.

It was now that Xukong's voice rang in his mind.

"Just focus on absorbing it now. Once you reach the Dao Shel realm, I have some things that I need to teach you." Xukong stated.

"Oh? If you say so senior. I'll absorb it for now." Lin Mu said before sitting down cross legged in the center of the platform.

This was the place from where all the spirit Qi was rising out of and now it was directly being absorbed by Lin Mu.

~HUU~

With a single breath, it was as if Lin Mu inhaled a river of spirit Qi. The spirit Qi directly started to condense in the air and turned into dense vapor. This vapor was breathed in by Lin Mu and quickly absorbed by his lungs and the rest of his body. It spread through his meridians while nourishing them and finally reached the Dantian.

~drip~drip~drip~

Unlike the usual process that Lin Mu needed to follow to refine spirit Qi wisps into liquid spirit Qi, the vapor directly turned into clouds in his Dantian and raised down the liquid spirit Qi.

If someone were to see this, they would be astounded. This was the same as letting the spirit Qi spoon feed itself to Lin Mu, with him having no need to put in any effort.

The rain kept on falling as Lin Mu's Nascent soul directly absorbed it as well. Half of his Nascent soul was above the sea of spirit Qi while the other half was submerged into the liquid spirit Qi.

The bottom half bathed in the liquid spirit Qi that nourished the Nascent soul and faintly glowed. The more Lin Mu focused on it, the faster the speed of the Nascent soul's absorption.

Lin Mu continued to cultivate and was soon lost in the process. Little Shrubby who was a short distance from him also sat down and absorbed the extra spirit Qi that went a little too far from Lin Mu.

He too was benefiting from it. Little Shrubby was already at the Adult Soul stage of the Nascent Soul realm and would need a while to reach the very peak.

But now this would help speed up the process.

Time passed and a week had elapsed.

Lin Mu had already broken through to the Adult Soul stage of the Nascent Soul realm and his nascent soul looked just like him. No longer was it the teenage form of Lin Mu.

This also meant that Lin Mu's appearance would be largely stationary from now on. He would not age and the only changes that would happen in his body would be due to external factors such as damage or internal factors like growth.

The fountain of spirit Qi had not stopped yet and was still going at the same pace as before. But now Lin Mu had reached the bottleneck and was at the very peak of the Nascent Soul realm.

In fact, it wouldn't be wrong to say that he was already at the Pseudo Dao Shell realm.

The bottleneck between the Nascent soul realm and the Dao Shell realm was actually rather faint and could be overcome as long as one had enough spirit Qi to support it. The main problem that the cultivators actually had was to reach that point.

It was said that the amount of spirit Qi needed to go from the Adult Soul stage to the Very Peak of the adult soul stage was multiples of the spirit Qi needed to go from the Infant soul stage to the Adult stage.

Most of the time the cultivators failed in doing so because they either ran out of longevity, became injured and weak, were crippled, were killed by someone else or were simply too lazy to cultivate.

Of course, if someone wanted to cultivate steadily without the support of external resources they could still do it, but the time needed for that would be very long. Many people were still unable to do so with resources thus it was understandable that they could not without them.

And this was IF they did not encounter any personal bottleneck. Depending on the talent of a body, someone may end up with a bottleneck that would restrain their progress. For such people, they would have to depend on some luck to overcome it or need recourses.

Fortunately for Lin Mu, he didn't have a major bottleneck during the Nascent soul realm and only felt the common one between two major realms.. But with the support of spirit Qi, he was steadily chipping away at the bottleneck and it wouldn't be long before he got rid of it entirely.

[Chapter 794 - Breakthrough To The Dao Shell Realm!](#)

Lin Mu had been in the state of cultivation for two more days now and he was at the very cusp of a breakthrough. The bottleneck had already loosened and he would be overcoming it any moment now.

In his Dantian, the spirit Qi was filled to the brim and his nascent soul was completely submerged into the liquid spirit Qi. The scene was a bit strange as ever so often, the level of the spirit Qi would fall.

But this wasn't because it was depleted, but rather because the Size of Lin Mu's Dantian would increase. The pressure exerted by the spirit Qi would steadily expand his Dantian and right now it had already reached a size that was twice as big as before.

Lin Mu's Nascent soul had stopped absorbing spirit Qi a while ago since it had already reached a saturation point. Lin Wu was now focusing on reaching the Dao Shell realm but was unable to.

He was simply a bit lost and was looking for a solution on his own. This was nothing but the bottleneck that was now loosened.

After a certain amount of time, Lin Wu's Nascent soul suddenly opened its eyes. A powerful gaze was let out by it and it waved its hands. Lin Mu wasn't in control of it right now and the Nascent soul was acting on its own.

Lin Mu had reached a state of hyper-focus, such that he was mostly unaware of everything other than his own body. The Nascent soul worked on its own and manipulated the spirit Qi around him.

His fingers and hands formed obscure gestures and controlled the spirit Qi as if it was his own part like a limb.

~SHUA~

The spirit Qi in the Dantian started to move like a cyclone and spun at a great pace. Soon the entire Dantian started to shake and move with the momentum of the cyclone. The spirit Qi started to gather at one point and it looked like it was condensing further.

At the bottom of the cyclone, one could see that the spirit Qi had turned into something like yarn. This 'yarn' turned into a flat circle and then started to expand in three dimensions.

From a flat circle, it soon turned into a hollow sphere instead. By the time Lin Mu actually awakened, he realized that the process was already complete.

"Huh? What happened?" Lin Mu questioned.

He looked within his Dantian and saw the spherical outline floating below his Nascent soul. His Nascent soul had returned to its normal meditative state and had its eyes closed. Lin Mu looked closer at the outline and knew that he had succeeded.

"Its... it's done! I broke through!!!" Lin Mu exclaimed.

~HONG~

His aura erupted like a tsunami and washed over the entire hall before spilling out of it. The moment was rather strong and it was a testament to just how stronger Lin Mu had gotten.

"Congratulations on breaking through, Lin Mu." Xukong spoke.

"This was a bit unexpected though senior. I thought there would be a far different effect when it formed. I don't feel particularly strong either?" Lin Mu stated.

"Well, that is due to several factors. The first being that you have only formed the outline of your Dao Shell and you are in the Shell Initiation stage. Only when you reach the Shell Genesis stage will the power of your Dao Shell reflect on you.

But you have another reason why this seems so underwhelming. Your body is not weak either. You have completed two treasured organs and thus it was already strong. Due to the power difference being so little, the impact of power you felt was less.

Right now other than your control over spirit Qi improving, there shouldn't be as many changes." Xukong explained.

Lin Mu heard everything clearly and realized that it was all true. He clenched his fist and could feel a slight increase in power. He could also feel the spirit Qi within his body respond to him far faster than before.

Thinking of the spirit Qi made him look around him.

"Huh? The spirit Qi... it is already gone?" Lin Mu observed.

"Of course it would be gone. The amount you took was rather massive. Plus, with your every expanding Dantian the spirit Qi simply continued being absorbed into your body without any limitations.

Even if you see no spirit Qi here, it's still there in your Dantian and you can use it. The spirit Qi you have leftover is still enough to help you progress quite a bit into the next stage of the Dao Shell realm." Xukong replied.

"I see... and what was it that you wanted to speak to me about? You told before that you would explain after I broke through." Lin Mu asked.

"Yes... the thing that I wanted to tell you was... to ignore the Shell expansion stage of the Dao Shell realm and reach the Dao Treading realm directly." Xukong replied.

"What?! Why? But didn't you say that it decides the future potential of a cultivator? If I ignore it won't I have problems in the future?" Lin Mu questioned feeling shocked and confused.

"Indeed, that would be true for most cultivators. But you are a special case. You see, you are focused on the spatial element and a lot of your skills are based on it. Thus if you want the best potential, you would have to form a Dao Embryo related to the spatial Dao and then comprehend it from there on.

But the problem we have is that this world will not be able to support something like that." Xukong stated.

"Huh? Then what do I do?" Lin Mu asked.

He already knew that he would like to focus on the spatial Dao as it was the one he had come into contact with, the very first time and was related to most of his skills.. It was something that he definitely did not want to give up on.

[Chapter 795 - Shape Of The Dao Shell](#)

What Xukong had told Lin Mu went against his very own knowledge that he had taught to Lin Mu.

"The solution to this problem cannot be found in this world. If you want to form a Dao Embryo related to the Dao of Space, you would have to find a higher world. This world cannot handle a Dao Embryo that relates to the three primordial elements.

This is one of the restrictions that are there on lower leveled worlds. Only when they promote to a higher leveled world, can they allow them. In fact, even the formation of the Dao Embryos of the four heavenly elements would be difficult for most cultivators in this world." Xukong explained.

"Then... what do I do? Which Dao Embryo do I form and what will I do about the spatial Dao?" Lin Mu questioned.

He knew that the Shell Initiation stage was important since it would determine the shape of the Dao Shell. It was only in this stage that its shape could be modified. The outline that was formed was a default spherical one that everyone formed.

If a cultivator knew what he wanted to pursue later on in the future, they would modify the shape of the Outline in this stage. And only after the outline was modified would they start to solidify it and enter the Shell genesis stage.

Thus Lin Mu needed to know what Dao to pursue from now.

"I think your best bet would be to try for the Earth Dao for now. Later on when you leave this world you will be able to form more Dao Shells and Dao Embryos. Many people in lower worlds either don't know or think that this is possible too.

One doesn't need to restrict themselves to a single Dao Embryo. Most don't attempt this due to how much time this takes, but for you, this is easier. It's not like you have a lack of time either.

Another thing that I'm doubtful of is the time needed for you to form an embryo related to the space Dao as well. The primordial elements are incredibly complex and thus forming a Dao embryo takes a long time.

That is time that you possibly don't have now since you need to get strong as quickly as possible." Xukong explained in detail.

Lin Mu heard everything and pondered over everything thinking about it in detail. Even if Xukong had told him to do so, he needed to think about it more on his own as well. Making his own decisions was an important skill that he needed to know.

Lin Mu spent a few minutes like this and finally made his decision.

"I'll do as you suggested senior. I do have an affinity with the Earth Dao and can go ahead with it." Lin Mu stated.

"Mmhhh. But you don't have to restrain yourself to just the Earth Dao either. If you feel like it, you can pursue others as well. You have the Fire Dao, the Sword Dao and even the Spear Dao that you can pursue." Xukong replied.

"Oh? Yes... I do have that option too..." Lin Mu was now given more to think about.

Soon, ideas started to form in his mind and he knew what he wanted to do.

"I've decided... I know what the shape of my Dao Shell would be!" Lin Mu said out loud.

"Good, now you can proceed whenever you want." Xukong replied.

Lin Mu nodded his head and stood up.

He was not going to change the shape of it right now as he still needed to think more about the details of the Dao Shell. Cultivators spend decades to centuries in the Shell initiation stage of the Dao Shell realm so as to find the shape that would be perfect for them.

It wouldn't be hurtful if Lin Mu decided to take it a bit slower. Plus the idea that he had in his mind was different than the norm and he needed to do a few more experiments before he was able to attempt that.

Lin Mu went to the spirit portrait of Kong Hutao and saw him staring at him with wide eyes.

"You reached the Dao Shell realm?" Kong Hutao asked.

"I did indeed." Lin Mu acknowledge.

"Good, good!" Kong Hutao was very happy to hear this.

The stronger the inheritor was the better the chances of his wishes being fulfilled.

"Though... was the spirit Qi lacking? Why are you only at the Shell initiation stage?" Kong Hutaο asked after seeing a bit further.

"Ah that... I need time to think of what my Dao Shell will be. As for the spirit Qi, no it was not lacking. It is simply that I absorbed it all into my Dantian for use in the future." Lin Mu answered.

Hearing this, the eyes of the portrait went wide. But a few seconds later he started to laugh.

"AHAHAHAH! EXCELLENT! If such an outstanding person is the heir, then I have less to worry about." Kong Hutaο said, not even asking how Lin Mu accomplished something like that.

Lin Mu rubbed his head in slight awkwardness and didn't know what to say. Kong Hutaο stopped on his own in a bit as well and looked at Lin Mu.

"Now that you are done with binding and taking your first reward, it is time for the others." Kong Hutaο said.

Lin Mu's expression turned serious, and he nodded his head.

"You have already seen the vault and the items contained in it. They are all yours to use as you deem fit. The entire minor plane is also yours of course and you can control its formations as well." Kong Hutaο stated.

"Thank you senior." Lin Mu said feeling grateful.

A few seconds later, another thought came to his mind.

"What about the beasts? Are they mine too?" Lin Mu questioned.

"Of course they are... well... if they agree to that. They aren't really under the control of the formations and have their own free will to act. Though the beasts shouldn't be able to trouble you much now.." Kong Hutaο answered much to Lin Mu's joy.

[Chapter 796 - The Pseudo Immortal Beast That Sank The Western Continent](#)

Hearing the words of Kong Hutaο, Lin Mu was happy. That was exactly what he wanted, as he had another idea in his mind. The beasts in the plane were isolated and were far stronger than most beasts in the Great Zhou continent.

It wasn't that there weren't any strong beasts; it was just that they were scattered across the world. But in the minor plane, they were all confined to the same place and would not be able to move.

'I might be able to make use of them later. The beasts should certainly respond as long as sufficient rewards are provided. And even if they don't and push comes to shove... I can just force them out onto the battlefield.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

With this in mind, Lin Mu made up a temporary plan for now and decided to go ahead with the current situation.

'The beasts are an untapped power that barely anyone in this world uses. They only use them for resources and only a few turned them into tamed beasts. Little Shrubby is just one of them who is the best example of their power.

The Grey egg is still dormant and I don't know how long it'll take to hatch. Perhaps I can use some other beasts in the forest for this.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

"You might not be able to make the same level of connection you made with Little Shrubby. That is a deeper connection that is far harder to form. Only beasts that are raised from the start or those that stay with you for a long time can form connections at that level.

Even if you tame the other beasts, they might only obey you as long as you give them sufficient rewards or satisfy their condition. Though if you consider reward, you do have an advantage that many other beast tamers would kill for." Xukong replied.

"Of course, the beast Qi will be indispensable. That will be my key to convincing the beasts. I don't think they will deny me once I give them Beast Qi in exchange." Lin Mu said.

"Most beasts will probably comply, but there are always some beasts that are either too smart or crazy to do it. That Demon beast you fought is one of them." Xukong replied.

"Ah yes... that troll beast. It really was something else, though it was quite strong as well." Lin Mu said as he remembered the beast.

A few seconds later, another thought came to his mind.

"Senior Kong Hutao... the pseudo immortal beast that attacked the western continent, just what beast was it?" Lin Mu questioned suddenly.

"Oh? That beast... it was actually an unknown beast that we don't know of, though it certainly was different from most other beasts we've seen. It had a tall stature, being over a hundred meters tall.

Its skin was rocky and rough, while tusks jutted out of his mouth." Kong Hutao went on to explain the entire appearance of the beast in detail as well as its powers to Lin Mu.

But the more Lin Mu heard of it, the more he was shocked. He wasn't shocked because of the beast's power or strength but rather because it was familiar to him.

"Senior Kong Hutao... this beast you're talking about... is it perhaps this?" Lin Mu asked as he withdrew the corpse of the Troll beast from his ring.

~THUD~

The heavy body of the Troll beast fell on the ground with a loud thud, shaking it slightly. Kong Hutao's eye went wide the moment he saw the corpse.

"THAT! THAT'S THE BEAST! THAT'S THE PSEUDO IMMORTAL BEAST THAT ATTACKED US!?" Kong Hutao exclaimed.

"Are you sure? This one is far smaller," Lin Mu reminded.

Kong Hutao suppressed his shock and the bad memories that came with seeing the troll beast. Even though he was panting he still took a deep breath and closed his eyes for a few seconds.

By the time he opened them, the familiar calmness had returned to them. Kong Hutao looked at the corpse and realized that the beast was indeed smaller than the one that he had fought in the past.

"This seems to be the beast of the same kind... but this one is smaller." Kong Hutao said.

"And weaker," Lin Mu added. "When I fought this beast, it was at the Shell Genesis stage of the Dao Shell realm.

Kong Hutao's brows furrowed as he thought of something.

"Did the beast manage to leave behind some offspring back then? Its bloodline has passed on." Kong Hutao muttered.

"Indeed. This was originally a normal beast, but it managed to awaken its mixed Troll bloodline. It is actually not a normal spirit beast, but rather a demon beast." Lin Mu explained.

"Hmm... so they are called as Demon Beasts. I think I've read a little about them before, but the information didn't say much other than they were a different race of creatures." Kong Hutao said.

"Not just that, their bloodline is quite proliferated among the spirit beasts. If some of them are lucky, they might manage to awaken a Demon Beast bloodline." Lin Mu replied.

"I see... then this might not necessarily be an offspring of that pseudo immortal beast. From what I've read, some beasts can acquire bloodline by consuming the other beasts. While the one that attacked us exploded, we did manage to injure hit quite a bit.

The beasts' blood was spilled everywhere and some parts of his flesh might also have fallen around. I remember when I removed this minor plane's anchor, it also pulled in some of its surrounding areas with it.

I wouldn't be shocked if some beast consumed the blood of the beast during that time and this bloodline was obtained by it. Perhaps in all these years, the bloodlines managed to concentrate and fully awaken." Kong Hutao guessed.

"That does seem likely. That is good for us though, if this was just the effect of some blood that a beast consumed back then, it means that the chances of another one like this growing is rather low.." Lin Mu spoke.

[Chapter 797 - The Kong Plane And Return To Hong Lin Kingdom](#)

Lin Mu and Kong Hutao talked about the Troll beast for a bit and discussed the techniques and attacks that the demon beast used. Finally at the end, they came to the conclusion that it really was as they had assumed.

The chances of a new beast like this being formed were less and if it had taken so many years for just one of them to awaken, it was probably not going to happen for a long time from now.

And even if a beast did manage to do that, Lin Mu would be able to handle it now.

"It's good that you spoke to me about this. If the invaders try to summon similar beasts in the future, you will know how to kill them." Kong Hutao said.

"Yes senior." Lin Mu said.

The two of them looked at each other for a few seconds before Lin Mu spoke again.

"It is time for me to leave now. It has been a long time and a lot of people are waiting for my return." Lin Mu spoke.

"Go, go back. Take the exit in the front hall, the formation there should be active and allow you to teleport out." Kong Hutao stated.

"Thank you senior. I'll see you soon," Lin Mu said while cupping his hands.

After that, he went to the front hall with Little Shrubby. This was the same place where the former adviser Chu had made the formation for his escape. Lin Mu and Little Shrubby stepped into the circle and Lin Mu activated it with his spirit sense.

"Time for us to return... we are certainly going back with a lot of rewards." Lin Mu chuckled.

Runes appeared in the air and the runes on the ground started to glow. Spirit Qi fluctuations arrived out of the formation on the ground and Lin Mu felt a little giddy and light.

Then in the next second, he disappeared in a flash of light.

~SHUA~

Lin Mu's vision had turned dark for a second, but then something else replaced it.

"Spatial perception is truly useful..." Lin Mu muttered.

In front of him, he could see the edges of the Lesser void. He tried to look far but couldn't, as his travel ended rather quickly.

~HUALA~

In a location inside the Hong Lin forest, a strong wave of spirit Qi appeared out of thin air before they turned into runes, which then formed into a formation. This was the receiving end of the teleportation formations and Lin Mu's body materialized within it.

Lin Mu opened his eyes and looked around.

"Little Shrubby?" He called out.

"Where did he go?" Lin Mu questioned and spread his spirit sense around.

~SHUA~

About five hundred meters from where Lin Mu had appeared, another teleportation formation appeared, and Little Shrubby materialized.

"Ah, there he is. Must have delayed a bit on the teleportation." Lin Mu said.

"Once you get a bit more proficient with them, you should have better control over it," Xukong said.

Lin Mu nodded his head and went to meet Little Shrubby. Originally he was going to use the ring to make a portal to leave the minor plane, but now there was no use for it and he himself was the anchor of the minor plane.

"Should we go?" Little Shrubby asked.

"Mmhm... it just four days before the deadline, we should hurry." Lin Mu said after checking the date.

Little Shrubby withdrew the harness, and Lin Mu strapped in before the two of them ran away at blinding speed. Taking this free time to think, Lin Mu tried to see if he could find a solution to the problem of the minor plane.

He wanted the plane to have other entrances than just him, so that his allies might be able to use it as well.

"If you and Jing Luo work on it, you might be able to expand its ability to have more entrances. It will take time though, unless... you use something else as a stopgap for the time being." Xukong spoke.

"Indeed. Though what do you suggest senior? I know that we might not have the necessary time to set it all up." Lin Mu replied.

"Basically, what you need is a second junction between this world and the Minor plane. Since you are the anchor, you can directly enter and exit it while also carrying others.

But due to the limitations of the formation right now, it cannot allow other entrances. This problem in reality, is due to the distance between the minor plane and the Xiaofan world. Even if they are linked, there is still some part of the lesser void between them." Xukong stated.

"Hmm... something else as a junction. What can that be... it would have to be operating in the lesser void and also be reasonable enough for us to use. Can't have it being too expensive or complex to make either..." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

It was now that another thought appeared in Lin Mu's mind.

"Wait... now that I think of it, the minor plane needs a name too. Wandering Sinkhole does not suit it anymore." Lin Mu said.

"Why don't you name it Lin Mu world." Little Shrubby suggested.

"Eh? That... might be a bit too much. It doesn't suit it either." Lin Mu replied, finding it to be a bit strange.

"Then what else can you name it?" Little Shrubby asked.

"Hmm... instead of my own name... perhaps I can use the Kong Hutaos name. The Kong plane! Yes! That sounds better." Lin Mu said with a nod.

"Your name sense is improving~" Xukong said with a chuckle.

"Hey!~ what's wrong with my naming sense?" Lin Mu said.

"Nothing... you're just a little lacking. Though you're improving... don't mind me." Xukong said, suppressing his laughter again.

Lin Mu pursed his lips and went back to thinking about the solutions.

He didn't even realize as time continued to pass by and he had finally arrived at his destination.

"The Hong Lin Kingdom... I'm back."

[Chapter 798 - Strange Situation In The Hong Lin City](#)

Upon his arrival, the very first thing that Lin Mu could feel was the spirit Qi in the air.

"Huh? Did the spirit Qi concentration increase?" Lin Mu questioned.

Lin Mu spread his spirit sense and tried to observe it and discovered that the spirit Qi in the air was not the attribute less spirit Qi that was common, but instead it was the fire attribute spirit Qi.

"What is happening here?" Lin Mu questioned.

It was now that Little Shrubby spoke up.

"The fire elemental spirit Qi... it's as if it has formed a stream in the air. It's flowing towards the palace." Little Shrubby spoke.

"Huh? You can see it even at this level?" Lin Mu questioned.

"Yes." Little Shrubby answered.

"Hmm... that's new. You weren't able to do that before, were you?" Lin Mu asked.

"Nope, I learned it recently." Little Shrubby replied.

"That's just his bloodline accommodating his body. It's normal since he had two strong bloodlines that are of the fire element. Rather it would be usual if he was unable to do this." Xukong explained.

"I see... it's certainly helpful. Though it does not answer why all the spirit Qi is heading towards the palace." Lin Mu said as he furrowed his brows.

His mind first went the negative way, and he wondered if a strong cultivator was there and was absorbing this all. But then he was reminded that a formation could do the same.

"Did Jing Luo set up an extra spirit Qi gathering formation there, perhaps?" Lin Mu wondered.

"You'll have to go there and see. No use standing around here." Xukong prodded on.

Lin Mu nodded his head and headed directly to the palace. He had already gotten all the permissions and had free rein to do pretty much anything in the city. His position as the guest elder of the kingdom guaranteed that.

Plus, right now Lin Mu's cultivation base had reached the Dao Shell realm and there was no one in this kingdom that could even sense him if he chose to hide himself. The same could not be said for Little Shrubby though.

Still, the moving fire attribute spirit Qi in the air helped mask his presence as well. Little Shrubby was not actually seen by many people and thus it would probably cause some trouble if a beast as big as him appeared in the city.

Whenever commoners or even cultivators saw beasts as strong as this near the human cities, their first thought is that it is attacking them and that they need to run/fight. For that very reason, Lin Mu and Little Shrubby sped directly to the palace.

At their speed, there wasn't anyone that could see them anyway.

~shua~

The moment Lin Mu entered the innermost ring of the palace, he felt like he had passed through some kind of a membrane. And once he fully entered it, he felt another thing.

"WHAT THE HELL?" Lin Mu couldn't help but exclaim.

Everywhere around him, he could see red motes of light floating around.

"Such dense fire attribute spirit Qi? How?!" Lin Mu was shocked.

He looked outside and then around him, finding that no one knew about it. The people outside seemed to be fully oblivious to this.

'Just what was that membrane?' Lin Mu wondered and checked it with his spirit sense.

After about a minute, he remembered the description of a formation that was similar to this.

"An altered version of an isolating formation... this one not only hides the things inside it also prevents the spirit Qi from escaping. The spirit Qi can enter but can't leave." Lin Mu remembered.

He checked the runes hidden within it and realized that the style was a bit familiar to him.

"This is Jing Luo's work, no doubt." Lin Mu recognized.

"Seems like he's been busy with a lot of things in your absence," Xukong spoke.

"Mhmm... he should have finished his work with the large formation array set around the entire Hong Lin kingdom. But even if it has been several months, this seems to be cutting a bit close.

For him to make a formation array as complex as this, he would have needed at least a month. That combined with the detection formation he was making around the kingdom... something doesn't add up." Lin Mu said.

He let his spirit sense wander and it quickly entered the palace. In there, he saw it being mostly empty. Even the servants that were around were missing. The situation seemed to be getting even stranger.

Lin Mu became alert and moved inside. Soon his spirit sense reached the royal court, but it was blocked there.

"This is far more suspicious now. Did something happen to King Hong?" Lin Mu wondered.

His spirit sense checked the rest of the palace for people, but didn't find anyone. All the ministers, servants, maids, and workers were missing. Even Adverser Liu seemed to be missing right now.

"Be ready for anything. Things maybe wrong." Xukong warned.

"Yes senior." Lin Mu said as he withdrew six of his spirit weapons.

All of them hovered behind him, ready to attack, while Lin Mu's spirit sense split into multiple tendrils covering a spherical radius around him. Now there was no attack that could get into a radius of two hundred meters without Lin Mu detecting it.

~sniff~sniff~

"There's more than one person inside. But I can't tell who they are, the fire elemental spirit Qi in the air is burning away their scent." Little Shrubby spoke.

Lin Mu narrowed his eyes and thought of all the potential scenarios that could happen; from Gu Yao being here to some treasure being brought into the palace. He also thought if the others were being held hostage inside or something.

The likelihood of it happening was low since he had received no message on his jade slips, but he wanted to be ready just in case. His lips started to move as faint chants came out of his mouth.

Severing Heart Sutra!

[Chapter 799 - A Barbecue Party?](#)

Lin Mu prepared as much as he could and was ready to face whatever that was behind the two doors of the Royal court.

"Let's enter..." Lin Mu said as he placed his hand on the doors and pushed with full force.

~BANG~

The doors of the royal court opened with a bang and slammed on the sides of the walls before being pulled off their hinges due to the force applied. The place where Lin Mu had pushed was directly broken and splinters flew across from it.

Finally, the inside of the hall could be seen and Lin Mu's eyes darted around and so did his spirit sense, grasping everything all at once.

But the very next moment, he was stunned.

"Huh? What's happening here?" Lin Mu said in a strange tone.

The entire momentum that he had built until now had been doused in less than a second. This was because of what was happening in front of him.

"Lin Mu? Why did you break the doors?!" The voice of Jing Luo could be heard. "I just finished with the restrictive formations yesterday, now the spirit Qi will start leaking out again."

"Spirit Qi leaking? Restrictive formation?" Lin Mu repeated and did a double-take.

In front of him, several people seemed to be sitting around a long table that was 'U' shaped. In the center of it, a large and long grill seemed to have been set up and several pieces of meat were currently being cooked on it.

On both sides of the table, people familiar to Lin Mu were sitting. On the right sat King Hong's uncle adviser Liu and Jing Luo, along with the ministers of trade, commerce and labor. On the left sat the two disciples Hua San and Hua Wu, along with the minister of war and minister of agriculture.

Then at the very helm of the table, sat none other than King Hong. He himself seemed to be in a rather strange state, and it looked like he was covered in a fiery cloak from head to the toe.

The cloak was immaterial and seemed to be flickering. One of his hands was extended towards the grill and flames seemed to be coming out of them.

"T-they... they're having a barbecue party without us!" Little Shrubby said.

Of course, this was only heard by Lin Mu, while to the others it sounded like a low growl instead.

Lin Mu and Little Shrubby weren't the only ones shocked here either. Everyone else in the room was the same. Jing Luo who had shouted initially was also a bit taken aback at seeing Lin Mu and little Shrubby.

Lin Mu seemed to be battle ready and had a sharp gaze while the spirit weapons floated behind him, ready to attack. His aura was also turbulent and was exerting a silent pressure in the area.

But the thing that shocked him the most was the fact that he could not sense Lin Mu's cultivation base anymore. The spirit Qi fluctuations coming from his body were far too suppressed for him to feel anything accurately.

Though when he looked at Little Shrubby, he could tell that the beast had a breakthrough and was almost at the peak of the Adult Stage of the Nascent Soul realm!

The changes in Lin Mu and Little Shrubby were far too surprising for him, so it could be understood just how shocked the others were. Unlike Jing Luo, Adviser Liu and King Hong, the others in the room weren't all Nascent soul realm cultivators, thus the pressure exerting from Lin Mu was like a boulder kept on their heads.

They had to hold on to the large table and exert some power on their legs in order to keep on sitting. If they didn't do that, they feared that they may end up bashing their heads into the table or the ground itself.

"What exactly is going on here?" Lin Mu asked.

He was ready for a lot of things, but a party like this was completely out of his expectations. It also seemed to be a bit unusual since they were in a very sensitive time, with the supreme elder of the Noon Grass sect being close to death and the situation with Gu Yao.

~Sigh~

Jing Luo sighed to himself and knew that this was going to be a long explanation.

"Come sit, I'll tell you all that happened." Jing Luo said.

"Alright." Lin Mu replied and reeled in his aura along with the weapons, which were sent back into the ring with a wave.

Lin Mu took a seat at the table and Jing Luo started to explain all that had happened in the past three months.

After Lin Mu was gone, Jing Luo spent the time in setting up the detection formations around the kingdom. During this, he was also learning the new knowledge that Lin Mu had passed on to him.

It gave him a few epiphanies and he was able to increase his pace of work. The work that was going to take him nearly three months was finished in less than a month that way.

And just as he had finished his work, he was called by Adviser Liu urgently to the capital. It was due to none other than King Hong who seemed to be undergoing an uncontrollable process.

All the fire attribute spirit Qi in the area around the city seemed to be getting attracted towards him as if he was a magnet for it. This led to several scares in the city, with the commoners thinking some great power had attacked them.

It took several excuses to assuage their fears and assure them that everything was fine.

Jing Luo was called for this very thing. They needed to restrain the fire attribute spirit from causing the chaos. Jing Luo set all the new formations and formation array that Lin Mu saw on his way here up and they were all for safety.

"Now I understand..." Lin Mu said after having heard everything.

But then his brows furrowed, "but why are you having a barbecue here?"

[Chapter 800 - Changes In The Past Three Months](#)

"This... is done by King Hong." Jing Luo answered.

"Huh? Why?" Lin Mu asked looking towards the king who was awkwardly looking at him.

"I guess I should explain it then..."

Basically what happened is that a few days after you left and I stabilized my cultivation base and realized that my body was pulling in all the spirit Qi of the area towards me. It was mostly fire elemental spirit Qi and it ended up causing a little chaos.

Once the fire elemental spirit Qi reached a certain level, it started causing random fires around the city. It didn't take me long to figure out that the reason was none other than my physique.

Even if I had stabilized my cultivation base, I had yet to gain control over my physique. The Dauntless Ember Physique is just as its name, and will continue to pull fire elemental spirit Qi no matter what.

I hurriedly asked Uncle Liu to call senior Jing Luo to help out as I thought only someone more experienced could help me with this. While he came here I tried to suppress the fire elemental spirit Qi and gain better control over it.

When Jing Luo finally arrived, he set up the restrictive and isolating formations that prevented the spirit Qi from leaving the confines of the palace. It could enter, but now leave.

This led to another problem, and that was it became a little too concentrated around the place and made it uninhabitable for others that were below Nascent soul realm and the commoners.

I had to send away all the servants and workers so that no harm was brought to them. It was then that Jing Luo suggested me some controlling exercises and I've been doing them since then." King Hong explained.

"I see... but cooking as an exercise?" Lin Mu asked.

"Well the exercise I taught him was related to forging. We have to finely control the flames and the temperature during forging, and that is what helped him. But in his case, he could not just randomly forge anything.

We did try that and went through more things that would utilize fire before finally settling on this... cooking." Jing Luo replied.

Lin Mu nodded his head and could relate how the two things could work, though it was still a bit strange. He then looked at the immaterial cloak that was floating around King Hong and wondered what that was.

"And what's up with the cloak, King Hong?" Lin Wu questioned.

"Ah, this? This is one of the techniques I have managed to grasp on my own. I call it the Ember Cloak and it helps me in additionally controlling the fire elemental spirit Qi. This in combination with the cooking is what's keeping it in control right now." King Hong answered.

"I understand now." Lin Mu stated.

He observed King Hong a bit more deeply and discovered something surprising.

"Oh? You broke through already?" Lin Mu said in a surprised tone.

"I did indeed. With the large amount of spirit Qi approaching me, cultivating was easier and it seemed like my physique was pushing me as well. I broke through to the Child Soul Stage of the Nascent Soul realm last month." King Hong replied.

Lin Mu raised his brows in approval and found it good that the man was getting stronger quickly. The stronger his allies were, the better it would be when the battle against Gu Yao and the northern tribes finally breaks out.

Lin Mu even wondered if there was a way to boost this process and let King Hong progress even faster.

"You can probably do that now. You do have access to the Kong Plane now. With the Dauntless Ember Physique as long as it's in an area rich in fire attribute spirit Qi, cultivating will be a breeze.

At least at the current level." Xukong suddenly spoke.

Hearing this, Lin Mu's eyes lit up, and he knew what to do later. And while he was thinking this, Jing Luo was thinking something else too.

"Lin Mu, did you breakthrough as well? I can't sense your cultivation base." Jing Luo said.

"Senior Lin Mu broke though?" Hua Wu said in surprise.

Both of them knew that Lin Mu was at the Adolescent soul stage of the Nascent Soul realm before he left for the wandering sinkhole. Even if he broke through to the next stage, it was unlikely that they would be unable to sense it.

The only reason this would be possible if he broke through an entire realm.

'But that would mean... he's at the Dao Shell realm now... Heavens! A Dao Shell realm cultivator younger than five hundred years?' Hua San calculated in his mind.

Even a talented Dao Shell realm cultivator in this world took at least five years to break through to that realm. The ones that had accomplished were considered the cream of the crop and were all top disciples of the sects or were now elders.

Anyone that managed to do something like this was a great surprise. It wasn't the same as someone younger than a hundred years or fifty years reaching the Nascent Soul realm. There were still plenty of examples in the world about people who had done that before.

Reaching the Nascent soul realm was easier, as one only needed the spirit Qi for it and resources could help in this factor. It was surviving the heavenly tribulation that killed most of the cultivators.

But once one entered the Nascent soul realm, doing the same was very difficult. Only non stop use of resources could help someone doing that. But it was something even the top sects did not do.

For the disciples that were considered talented, if they rushed ahead, they were told to slow down instead, as it would lead to their foundation becoming unstable. Even Jing Luo was over eighty years old right now and was at the Adolescent soul stage of the nascent soul realm.

Hearing the inquiry of Jing Luo, Lin Mu nodded his head.