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Although the spiritual energy in spirit stones could be directly absorbed,

Charlie realized after coming here that directly absorbing the spiritual energy from spirit stones would be a huge waste.

Because spirit stones are more like high-density batteries in the world of cultivators—a universal energy source—directly using them to replenish one's spiritual energy is actually very inefficient.

They're like portable diesel generators that can work anywhere.

While the electricity produced by a diesel generator has a high unit cost, it can be life-saving in the wild or in situations without electricity.

However, using them to provide energy in one's own home is clearly not cost-effective.

The greatest use of spirit stones is specifically for powering various arrays with different functions,

Ensuring that the arrays can continue to operate even when no one is around.

Moreover, compared to batteries or generators, spirit stones have a significant advantage:

They don't deteriorate or decay. Unlike batteries that run out of power after a few years,

The spiritual energy they contain can be preserved indefinitely.

This is why such teleportation arrays can operate for thousands of years without stopping.

Charlie couldn't help but sigh.

It was a pity that he didn't know much about formations.

The Nine Profound Heaven Scripture, as an introductory cultivation method, didn't mention many formations.

And most of them were quite basic, such as the formations used in the Thunderclap Token and Soul Piercing Blade.

However, there was no record of formations like concealment formations, protection formations, or even teleportation formations.

But for Charlie, it didn't matter if he didn't master the mysteries of these formations for the time being.

With these spirit stones, he had a large amount of scarce cultivation resources.

If he kept these spirit stones well, they would naturally come in handy in the future.

As for daily cultivation and replenishing spiritual energy, he could come here to cultivate at any time through the teleportation array.

Not only was the spiritual energy inexhaustible, but his cultivation speed would also be greatly improved.

If he could go into seclusion here for a period of time, opening the Niwan Palace might not be a big problem.

If it weren't for the fact that the three ladies were still waiting for him at the research station, he would have really wanted to go into seclusion here for a month to experience it.

Thinking about this, Charlie began to ponder two things:

First, whether to let others know about the secret here.

Second, if the first conclusion was yes, whether he could bring others in.

Based on the first question, the only person he could think of whom he didn't need to worry about was Maria.

With such a shocking secret, the only person he could completely trust was her.

This trust wasn't just about whether she could keep the secret,

But also whether she could adapt to it.

For example, his wife, not to mention that she was currently missing, even if she hadn't left, and Charlie trusted her,

She would likely find it extremely difficult to adapt to such a momentous event.

As for Jeremiah and Ria, they were both cultivators, so adapting to the secret wouldn't be a problem.

But Charlie still couldn't fully trust them.

Therefore, he quickly concluded that this secret could only be shared with Maria for now,

And he would try to bring her in if the opportunity arose.

As for the others, they would remain secret for now,

And he would decide later based on the situation.

Charlie then wanted to explore the other levels of the Four Directions Pagoda,

But when he tried to exit through the windows around the pagoda,

He discovered that the windows also had invisible barriers that he couldn't pass through,

Thus preventing him from leaving the pagoda.

He didn't know which level he was on, only that there were no stairs or exits.

This puzzled him.

He had been teleported here by a teleportation array that suddenly appeared in the Sanqing Palace, but all nine teleportation arrays here corresponded to places outside Antarctica.

He could go to those nine places on different continents and in different countries,

But he couldn't go outside the Four Directions Pagoda.

Just as he was at a loss, a detailed map suddenly appeared in his mind.

This map depicted this underground city, and it marked eighteen teleportation arrays, each corresponding to a cultivation technique incantation.

Through this map, he discovered that the Four Directions Pagoda had nine levels,

Each had a teleportation array, and there was also a teleportation array below the plaza.

Besides the Sanqing Hall and other important public areas within the city, there were also teleportation arrays.

What surprised him even more was that there was another teleportation array on the ground, a thousand meters above the ground.

This meant that if he left the Four Directions Pagoda and wanted to leave, he wouldn't need to return the way he came.

This relieved Charlie, because the exit back was on a cliff several tens of meters high.

With Charlie's current cultivation level, without the help of a flying sword or other magical artifact, coming down wouldn't be difficult, but leaping up several tens of meters high would be extremely challenging.

It seemed that the cultivators who had lived here before must have had very high cultivation levels.

This height, while not exactly flat ground for them, should have been as easy as climbing stairs.

Moreover, the stone wall was cut very smoothly, with almost no footholds.

The possibility of climbing or jumping up little by little was practically zero.

Without a teleportation array to reach the ground directly,

He would probably have had to find a way to carve out some pits for climbing.

But now everything was much simpler.

Charlie silently recited the incantation, and the next moment, he found himself on the ice cap, surrounded by a golden light, as if he were inside a glass dome filled with golden light.

At this moment, another prompt appeared in Charlie's mind, instantly making him understand the purpose of the golden light.

It turned out that this teleportation array was different from the nine teleportation points corresponding to the Bagua diagram.

The teleportation arrays corresponding to those nine teleportation points were almost all hidden in caves deep in the mountains,

And the caves were also protected by array formations,

So they would not be seen by people who did not know the truth after being teleported.

However, the teleportation array on the Antarctic ice cap did not have such protection as caves.

Therefore, this golden light was actually a protective mechanism.

While inside this golden light, he could not be seen from the outside,

Nor could the golden light be seen from the outside.

It was like an isolation and protection.

After ensuring that there was no risk, he could walk out of this golden light and enter the outside environment.

Charlie looked around and found that this was the place where he had fought with Brovnen.

There was not a single person or even a penguin around,

So there was no risk of being exposed.

Therefore, he simply walked out of the golden light.

After emerging from the golden light, Charlie looked back.

Everything had completely vanished, but he knew the teleportation array was still there.

He only needed to stand in this spot and silently recite the incantation to reach any of the remaining 17 teleportation arrays in the underground city.

Overjoyed, Charlie memorized the location and began his journey back to the Nordic research station, retracing his steps.