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Chapter 2101: The Five Elements Tower Opens

"Are you two senior and junior apprentice siblings?"

Fang Bai looked at the chubby male Immortal and the green-robed female Immortal and asked.

Their cultivation levels were almost identical, and the aura they released was strikingly similar. It was clear that they practiced the same Immortal Technique Secrets, leading Fang Bai to speculate that they hailed from the same sect.

The green-robed female Immortal nodded with a smile and pointed to the chubby male Immortal, saying, "He is my senior brother Peng Wu, and I am his junior sister Ying Luo."

Fang Bai thought for a moment and suddenly used Thread Condensation Sound Transmission to ask Peng Wu and Ying Luo, "What is your relationship with Nvlang Venerable?"

Upon hearing this, Peng Wu and Ying Luo inhaled sharply, their pupils slightly contracting, their expressions filled with shock and vigilance.

Especially Peng Wu, whose eyes flashed with keen light, and a murderous intent surged within his chest.

Nvlang Venerable was indeed the patriarch of the two Immortals.

For nearly a thousand years, to avoid being hunted by strong enemies, their master had hidden his identity and lived in seclusion, rarely having other Immortals know of his whereabouts.

They had thought that over a millennium, the Immortal Realm had long forgotten their patriarch's name. Yet, unexpectedly, this young Immortal before them brought it up.

Peng Wu and Ying Luo knew that if the whereabouts of their patriarch Nvlang Venerable were exposed, it would spell doom for the entire Immortal Sect, including the patriarch himself. This was why murderous intent arose within them, intending to kill Fang Bai to silence him.

Fang Bai seemed to have anticipated their reaction, maintaining an unchanged expression, and continued with Sound Transmission, "Don't be tense. My ancestor has a deeper connection with your patriarch. After this Five Elements Tower trial, you can take me to meet your patriarch, and at that time, all doubts will be resolved."

Peng Wu and Ying Luo exchanged glances and then nodded slightly, secretly deciding to keep a close watch on Fang Bai until they met their patriarch.

In truth, because Fang Bai's aura was similar to theirs, they felt some degree of trust towards him, but for the safety of the entire Immortal Sect, they could not afford to be careless and make the slightest mistake.

Afterwards, Fang Bai asked the name of the black-robed male Immortal and learned that he was called Yu Feng, a disciple-grandchild of Flying Crane Venerable.

"One is the descendant of an old friend, and two are descendants of disciples of the Emperor's Palace, indeed there are connections,"

Fang Bai looked at Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, recalling the disciples of the Emperor's Palace and old friends in his previous life, filled with emotion.

After his physical body was destroyed in his previous life, the Emperor's Palace disciples and close friends would inevitably be hunted by the Eight Immortal Emperors and their affiliated forces.

But with the Emperor's Palace having a hundred thousand disciples and innumerable old friends, it was a substantial force. How could the Eight Immortal Emperors and their affiliated forces possibly kill them all?

Since arriving in the Immortal Realm, Fang Bai decided that regardless of whether he encountered descendants of the Emperor's Palace or old friends and their descendants, he would protect them as much as possible, preventing them from facing mortal peril.

Fang Bai now only hoped that more of the Emperor's Palace disciples and old friends who survived the disaster could be united together to lay a solid foundation for future revenge against the Eight Immortal Emperors.

The team Fang Bai was in had nearly a hundred Earth Immortal powerhouses, some of whom formed small groups with closer ties.

Because of their similar auras, Fang Bai, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng naturally formed a small group.

If they encountered minor dangers in the Five Elements Tower, they would fight as small groups.

If they faced significant dangers that small groups could not handle, they would then combine forces as a large team.

"The Five Elements Tower will open tomorrow. Let's sit cross-legged here and restore our energies."

Seeing other Immortals sitting cross-legged and entering a meditative state, Yu Feng also called Fang Bai, Peng Wu, and Ying Luo to sit down.

Fang Bai noticed that they positioned him in the center, realizing they still were not fully at ease with him. He didn't mind and, with a faint smile on his lips, entered into a cultivation state.

The night before the opening of the Five Elements Tower, tens of thousands of Immortals gathered around the tower, all restoring their energies, preparing to enter the tower in peak condition.

As the night passed, the first rays of the Golden Crow in the early morning pierced through the auspicious clouds and shone upon the Five Elements Tower.

The eastern, western, southern, and northern gates of the Five Elements Tower slowly opened with a rumbling sound.

Divine brilliance shot out from the opened gates, accompanied by a large amount of pure and rich Five Elements Immortal Qi, permeating and filling the surrounding space.

"The Five Elements Tower has opened!"

The hundred thousand Immortals who had been waiting around the Five Elements Tower stirred with excitement, rising to their feet and rushing into the tower through the four gates.

The Five Elements Tower, which has existed for millions of years, draws many Immortals to train here each time it opens. Since the strength of the Immortals varies, an unwritten rule has formed, which dictates that the most powerful Immortals enter first, while the weakest enter last.

Any Immortal daring to breach this rule would not garner sympathy or pity from others, even if they were killed.

Therefore, Fang Bai's team was among the last to enter the Five Elements Tower.

However, no Immortal was in a hurry. The inside of the Five Elements Tower resembled a boundless Minor World, filled with dangers and opportunities, not determined by who enters first or last.

Luckily, the Immortal's traveling speed is exceptionally fast. Within just one or two hours, the hundred thousand Immortals had passed through the four gates and entered one after another.

Fang Bai, sandwiched between Yu Feng, Peng Wu, and Ying Luo, finally entered the Five Elements Tower.

Upon entering the tower, darkness suddenly enveloped them, and after a few breaths, they found themselves in a vast, boundless world.

The first layer of the Five Elements Tower was a world filled with Golden Immortal Qi, where one could see various Golden System cultivation resources at a glance, and naturally, Immortals practicing Golden System Mysticism were undergoing training here.

At this moment, nearly twenty thousand Immortals were staying on this first level of the tower, searching for opportunities in teams.

"Let's keep going! To the third layer!"

Yu Feng said in a deep voice.

He, along with Peng Wu and Ying Luo, practiced Water System Immortal Techniques, and the third layer of the Five Elements Tower was a world saturated with Water Immortal Qi.

As for Fang Bai, since he had a similar aura to theirs, they assumed that he, like them, practiced Water System Immortal Techniques.

Little did they know, Fang Bai possessed the Chaos True Body, containing seven types of Immortal Qi—Five Elements and Wind Thunder—within his Qi Sea.

Thus, he could access every layer of the Five Elements Tower.

Fang Bai had prepared himself to train layer by layer within the Five Elements Tower, striving to obtain a substantial amount of cultivation resources, making this venture worthwhile.

Fang Bai, along with Yu Feng and the other two Immortals, bypassed the first layer, the Golden World, the second layer, the Wood World, and directly entered the Water World on the third layer.

Chapter 2102: Immortal Mountain and Immortal Elixir

Within each layer of the Five Elements Tower, there exist moving mountains, rivers, sun, and moon, as well as the presence of flora and fauna, presenting itself as a minor world complete with all five elements and the rules of heaven and earth.

Of course, within each spatial layer, there exists not only one type of immortal qi, but rather one particular type of immortal qi will dominate with absolute superiority, being more pure and dense relative to others.

For instance, in this third layer of the Water World space, there coexist immortal qi of metal, wood, water, fire, earth, and even wind and thunder; however, the Water Immortal Qi occupies about seventy to eighty percent, and it is purer and denser than that of other qi.

Fang Bai, along with Peng Wu, Ying Luo, Yu Feng, and over twenty thousand other immortals, entered the third layer of the Water Space World of the Five Elements Tower and were immediately enveloped by an overwhelmingly dense Water Immortal Qi.

Such dense Water Immortal Qi is nonexistent in the world outside, and all twenty thousand immortals bathing in it felt an unspeakable comfort throughout their bodies.

"Even if we gain no fortune in this Five Elements Tower, the chance to bathe in this layer of space and focus on cultivation for eighty-one days would be worth the journey!"

Peng Wu remarked with emotion, simultaneously circulating the Immortal Law, opening countless pores all over his body to absorb the surrounding Water Immortal Qi to the fullest.

Alongside Peng Wu, Ying Luo, Yu Feng, and nearly twenty thousand other immortals on the third layer of the Five Elements Tower's space were also absorbing the Water Immortal Qi.

So many immortals were circulating the Immortal Law, trying their utmost to absorb the Water Immortal Qi around them, as if lagging behind even a step would result in the qi thinning or vanishing entirely.

However, Fang Bai knew the marvels of the Five Elements Tower, similar to the World Tree within his Five Elements Immortal Ring, capable of endlessly releasing Five Elements Immortal Qi. Not to mention the twenty thousand immortals around absorbing the Water Immortal Qi simultaneously, even if it were ten or a hundred times more, the Water Immortal Qi would not show the slightest sign of thinning or depletion.

"Where should we head first?"

Ying Luo looked around the boundless space and asked in confusion.

Though these immortals were not entering the Five Elements Tower for the first time, each time it opened, the scene was vastly different from the last.

Hence, the world before them was entirely unfamiliar, and they had no idea where opportunities or dangers lay.

Peng Wu said, "Our strength is weak, so it's better to follow a strong immortal team and explore around."

Peng Wu's suggestion was met with agreement from most of the immortals in his team.

Before understanding this spatial world, the weak following behind the strong is the safest strategy. Though it might be difficult to encounter opportunities, at least when facing danger, the strong would take the lead, ensuring survival.

The strongest in Fang Bai's immortal team was a Grade Three Earth Immortal, and all others looked up to him. Therefore, after Peng Wu spoke, nearly a hundred immortals all looked toward him, waiting for his decision.

"Listen to Friend Peng! Let's go!"

The leading immortal also felt Peng Wu's words were reasonable, so he waved his hand and said.

Under his lead, Fang Bai and nearly a hundred immortals followed behind a team composed of Heavenly Immortal realm immortals, flying toward a distant Immortal Peak shrouded in ethereal mist.

That mountain range, towering over ten thousand feet, was a hundred miles wide and surrounded on three sides by a large lake.

Looking from afar, the mountain peak teemed with thousands of types of Water-System Immortal Herbs, guarded by many Immortal Birds and fierce beasts.

Many cultivation teams also noticed the Immortal Mountain abundant with immortal herbs and flew over in groups.

"Look, so many Water-System Immortal Herbs!"

"There's the most Tears of Crystal!"

"Most of the Water-System Immortal Herbs are around fifty thousand years old, belonging to high-grade immortal herbs!"

"I see a sixty-thousand-year-old Tears of Crystal, directly consuming it could help me break through the Heavenly Immortal Realm!"

"Get lost! With just the peak Earth Immortal realm cultivation, do you think you can obtain that Tears of Crystal? Do you have the capability?"

"If used to refine an Immortal Pill, consuming it might boost one's strength by a small realm!"

"All the immortal herbs on this Immortal Mountain are ownerless; whoever picks them gets them!"

"The older the immortal herb, the more powerful the Immortal Beasts guarding it! Everyone be careful!"

"Everyone rely on your skills and leave it to fate!"

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Thousands of immortals flew above the Immortal Mountain, their divine senses scanning the immortal herbs growing on the mountain, each with eyes bright and mouths watering.

"Let's not rush, let's watch from here..."

Peng Wu saw nearly a hundred immortals in his team ready to roll up their sleeves, preparing to descend to the mountain to pick immortal herbs, and couldn't help but smile bitterly.

"With our strength, it's best to fish in troubled waters for some benefits; otherwise, honestly staying here without moving might avoid becoming a feast for those Immortal Birds and fierce beasts guarding the herbs!"

Peng Wu said somewhat helplessly to Fang Bai, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng.

As for the other eager immortals in the team, Peng Wu felt powerless to stop them and was reluctant to do so.

As for Ying Luo and Yu Feng, one was his junior sister and the other his friend. Fearing they might rush with the other team immortals into the Immortal Mountain due to impulsive excitement, he timely voiced his reminder.

As for Fang Bai, due to his similar aura and some connections with Peng Wu's sect, he included him in the reminder.

Among the four immortals, Peng Wu considered himself the most experienced in entering the Five Elements Tower for cultivation, thus felt the responsibility to remind them, unwilling to see any immortal get into trouble.

Seeing Ying Luo and Yu Feng nodding, obviously convinced by Peng Wu, and knowing he had their best interests at heart, Fang Bai also nodded seriously.

However, in terms of familiarity with the Five Elements Tower, how could Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng compare to Fang Bai?

Among the hundred thousand immortals entering the Five Elements Tower, there were many Heavenly Immortal realm and even Immortal Venerable realm experts, including some subordinates of the eight Immortal Emperors who besieged Fang Bai in the past. Fang Bai didn't want to stand out too much to avoid attracting their attention.

"Charge!"

Suddenly a shout rang out from beside him, as dozens of immortals in Fang Bai's team couldn't resist the temptation of the rare immortal herbs on the Immortal Mountain below and burst forth along with many other immortals.

In the blink of an eye, only a dozen or so immortals were left, not daring to act recklessly, in the team of Fang Bai, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng.

"Do they think picking immortal herbs is that easy?"

Fang Bai looked at the many immortals rushing towards the Immortal Mountain below, his lips slightly curling.

"Boom!"

"Boom!"

"Boom!"

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Sure enough, a few tens of breaths later, those immortals who landed on the Immortal Mountain hadn't even gotten close to the immortal herbs when they were attacked by many Immortal Beasts and fierce beasts guarding the herbs, the sound of immortal power collisions unending, with shockwaves violently spreading all around.

If not for this Immortal Mountain having sufficiently robust Immortal Stones and the immortal herbs having a marvelous ability to withstand powerful shockwaves, the entire Immortal Mountain would have collapsed long ago, and all immortal herbs would have been destroyed.

Chapter 2103: Encountering Danger

On the Immortal Mountain, a fierce battle for the Immortal Elixirs and the guardians of the Immortal Elixirs unfolded.

The Immortal Birds and Beasts guarding the Immortal Elixirs mostly possessed Heavenly Immortal Realm power, with exceptionally strong attack capabilities. Each wave of their attacks could almost always take several Immortals' lives.

The fallen Immortals were mostly those Earth Immortal Realm experts whose blood was boiling but whose cultivation level was not high.

In such a large-scale chaotic battle, only Heavenly Immortal Realm experts had a chance to break through the defenses of the Immortal Birds and Beasts and pick some Immortal Elixirs.

Earth Immortal Realm experts were on the brink of danger under the attacks of the Immortal Birds and Beasts, and those who could escape with their lives were considered lucky.

Only a handful of Earth Immortal Realm experts got lucky, picking Immortal Elixirs in the chaos and successfully retreating, feeling overjoyed.

The Immortals from Fang Bai's team who rushed into the Immortal Mountain were mostly First Grade Earth Immortal Realm experts. Landing in the Immortal Mountain, they were like cannon fodder, easily swept away by the Immortal Birds and Beasts, falling at a speed visible to the naked eye, with few returning to the team.

"Only nineteen Immortals left..."

Peng Wu counted, finding that including himself, only nineteen out of nearly a hundred Immortals in the entire team remained, which made him take a sharp breath.

Ying Luo, Yu Feng, and the other survivors looked at each other, feeling a shared grief akin to the fox mourning the death of the hare.

“Pretty tragic! And this is just our first battle...”

Peng Wu said, shaking his head with a sigh.

However, as Immortals, life and death during trials were nothing new for Peng Wu and the others. After a brief moment of sorrow, they regained their spirits, gazing down at the Immortal Mountain, to see if there was an opportunity to take advantage of the chaos.

A hundred breaths later, a rumbling sound resonated, shaking the heavens and the earth continuously, as a strong Immortal Qi shockwave spread for dozens of miles. It turned out to be an Earth Immortal Realm peak expert, heavily wounded and in despair, who self-detonated, perishing together with a beast of the same realm guarding the Immortal Elixirs.

Some unlucky Immortals or Immortal Beasts around were affected by that Immortal’s self-detonation, resulting in deaths or injuries, depicting a tragic scene.

Because of this, a huge defensive gap appeared within the self-detonation area of that Immortal.

“A great opportunity!”

Seeing this, Peng Wu and the other Immortals were overjoyed and rushed toward the gap at high speed.

They hoped that their luck was good enough to seize this excellent opportunity to pick some Immortal Elixirs on the Immortal Mountain and then retreat in time.

Fang Bai wanted to warn Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, telling them there was still great danger lurking below. If they went down, there might be no return, but before he could remind them, he saw Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng charging down excitedly and frantically.

Helplessly, Fang Bai had no choice but to follow them, ready to rescue them at the critical moment of life and death, hoping no one would pay attention to him amidst the chaos.

Currently, Fang Bai's cultivation level was already Ninth Grade Human Immortal Realm, and with the aid of a Divine Artifact, he could battle a Second Grade Earth Immortal Realm expert.

With such cultivation and combat power, among the many Immortals present, he could only be considered a low-rank, but he had many hidden cards and methods that the vast majority of Immortals on the scene did not possess.

It is no exaggeration to say that if a life-and-death crisis occurred in the third layer of this Five Elements Tower space, Fang Bai would absolutely be among the Immortals who managed to escape.

"Chirp..."

A hawk's cry suddenly resounded.

This sound pierced the sky and clouds, penetrated the eardrums of all Immortals, and made them dizzy and fearful.

As Fang Bai expected, when Peng Wu and the others landed on the Immortal Mountain below and were about to pick the Immortal Elixir they had long set their sights on, a sudden gust of wind surged above them, and a massive "black cloud" quickly pressed down.

"It's a Silverwing Hawk!"

Feeling a strong sense of crisis, Peng Wu and the others looked up in horror to see a gigantic hawk ten zhang long with a pair of silver wings diving down from the sky, reaching above them in an instant.

As the huge hawk flew, its silver wings suddenly flapped, instantly sending a sky-covering wave towards Peng Wu and the others.

"Quick, escape!"

The massive wave was overwhelmingly powerful, capable of overturning mountains and seas, and even peak Earth Immortal Realm experts couldn't withstand it. Seeing this, Peng Wu and the others felt utter fear and scattered in a frenzy to escape.

"Boom!"

"Boom!"

"Boom!"

The sweeping wave covered a space of a thousand zhang in diameter, and the Immortals who couldn't escape in time were swept up into the sky, involuntarily crashing into the large lake below, causing huge water columns to rise.

Some Immortals, heavily injured after falling into the lake, tried to rise from the lake but saw the waters churning with giant waves. Where the golden light shone, one by one, Golden Scaled Giant Pythons surged out from the lake bottom, opening their huge mouths to suck in the Immortals, devouring them whole.

Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, too weak to escape the wave, were flung into the air, falling towards the lake.

"It's over!"

Seeing their landing spot, where a Golden Scaled Giant Python had opened its massive mouth, an immeasurable suction force emanated from the python's mouth, leaving them without even the power to resist. They couldn't help sighing in despair, closing their eyes to await death.

The python's cultivation level was comparable to a peak Earth Immortal Realm expert; even Fang Bai was powerless to escape when facing it.

With no choice, Fang Bai had to deploy the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron just before being sucked into the python's mouth, hiding himself inside and bringing Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng into it as well.

"Where... where is this?"

Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng opened their eyes after a brief moment, feeling nothing unusual, and seeing darkness all around, they seemed to be in a narrow space.

A few breaths later, their eyes adjusted to the darkness within this space, each reaching out to touch the cold walls around them, unable to discern what material it was made from.

"Now, the four of us are inside my Immortal Artifact, which is in the belly of a Golden Scaled Python."

Fang Bai looked at the bewildered and at a loss expressions on Peng Wu and the others' faces, and said with a wry smile.

"Huh?"

Peng Wu and the other two were dumbfounded.

Previously, they felt relaxed knowing they hadn't perished, but now, they couldn't help but feel a bit of despair again.

If it were an ordinary python, they might break out, but the Golden Scaled Python with peak Earth Immortal Realm power had a body so firm and robust that their current cultivation level could not damage it, making escape from the python's belly a big problem.

"We'll figure it out slowly! As long as we're alive, we're lucky!"

Peng Wu sat down heavily, comforting himself.

“Yes, there will be a way.”

Ying Luo encouraged herself too.

Yu Feng glanced at Fang Bai, noticing his extraordinary calmness, and couldn't help but ask, “Immortal Friend Fang, what kind of Immortal Artifact is this? It's impervious to the Golden Scaled Python's gastric juices!”

Chapter 2104: Formation Assembly

The stomach acid of the Golden Scaled Python is extremely corrosive. Any ordinary Immortal Artifact swallowed by it will soon become a pool of thick liquid under the corrosion of its stomach acid.

Yu Feng was amazed that although they, the four immortals, had been swallowed by the Golden Scaled Python for dozens of breaths, the Immortal Artifact in which they were hiding showed no signs of corrosion. It was clear that Fang Bai's Immortal Artifact was extraordinary.

Fang Bai laughed and said, “This Immortal Artifact of mine is merely a small cauldron! Hmm, this small cauldron doesn't have much use other than being sturdy enough. As long as we don't go out, nothing will happen.”

Ying Luo said with a worried face, “But we can't just hide here all the time, right? The Five Elements Tower will close in eighty-one days, and if we can't escape from the body of the Golden Scaled Python within this time, we'll have to wait another hundred years...”

As soon as she spoke, Yu Feng and Peng Wu both showed expressions of pessimism.

Although a hundred years is not long for them, what concerns them is that during those hundred years, the Golden Scaled Python's cultivation level will definitely improve, and the corrosiveness of its stomach acid will surely increase. Will the Immortal Artifact they're hiding in still be safe by then?

They aren't afraid of falling, but being trapped inside the belly of that Golden Scaled Python really makes them feel suffocated and frustrated.

Peng Wu patted his forehead and said, “Don’t panic... don’t panic... let’s think of a way together... there’s bound to be a solution...”

Yu Feng thought for a moment and said, “Generally, Immortal Artifacts can be magnified or reduced. Immortal Friend Fang, why don’t you try enlarging your cauldron to see if it can burst open the body of the Golden Scaled Python.”

“I think it’s difficult!”

Peng Wu shook his head and said, “This Golden Scaled Python’s cultivation level is already at the peak of the Earth Immortal Realm, its body is so sturdy that ordinary Immortal Artifacts can’t harm it at all.”

Ying Luo said, “How will we know if we don’t try? Fang Bai, just give it a try! Anyway, the outcome won’t be worse than it is now!”

Fang Bai said, “I understand my Immortal Artifact, breaking open the body of the Golden Scaled Python shouldn’t be a problem. But now the issue is, once we escape from this Golden Scaled Python, how do we deal with the crisis outside?”

Upon hearing this, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng all fell silent.

Within this great lake, there are many lurking Water System Immortal Beasts, and just the Golden Scaled Pythons alone are numerous. Once they burst out of this Golden Scaled Python, they will immediately face many powerful water beasts in the lake, and whether they can escape alive from the lake is an unknown.

In this light, it’s better to stay honestly within this Immortal Cauldron where they’re safe.

“Actually, there is a way...”

Just when Peng Wu found it impossible to devise any plan, Fang Bai said slowly, “My ancestor left behind a set of Immortal Array. If the four of us join forces to form that Immortal Array, we might have a chance to escape alive.”

“Really?”

Ying Luo’s eyes lit up, and she said excitedly, “Can your Immortal Array contend against Immortal Beasts at the peak of the Earth Immortal Realm?”

Peng Wu and Yu Feng also turned to Fang Bai with hopeful eyes, thinking that although Fang Bai’s cultivation level is not high, his ancestors were powerful, and perhaps the Immortal Array handed down to him can truly help the four immortals escape from danger.

Fang Bai said, “I’m not sure how powerful the Immortal Array is. How about we try forming the array first?”

Seeing that Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng didn’t oppose, Fang Bai invited them to sit cross-legged and began explaining the secrets of the Four Directions Infinite Array.

Although Peng Wu, Yu Feng, and Ying Luo were not from an Innate Spiritual Root background, their talents and qualities were quite good, and since Fang Bai’s explanation was clear and straightforward, they quickly grasped the principles of this Immortal Array.

“Although we haven’t formed the array yet, I feel this Immortal Array must be extremely powerful!”

Ying Luo said excitedly, with her eyes glowing.

Peng Wu and Yu Feng felt the same way.

Immortals of their realm are knowledgeable and discerning, and after listening to Fang Bai’s careful explanation, they knew this was a profound and mysterious Immortal Array.

“This Immortal Array is called the Four Directions Infinite Array! How about we practice it first, and then once we’re proficient, we can go out?”

Fang Bai said with a smile.

Thus, the four immortals began practicing the Four Directions Infinite Array within the small space of the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron.

Several hours later, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng felt they had mastered the array and were ready to form it for battle.

At the same time, through practice, they happily discovered that once the array was circulated, its power far exceeded their expectations, instilling even greater confidence in escaping a calamity.

“It’s time to begin!”

Fang Bai swept his gaze over Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, and said earnestly, “Once I enlarge the cauldron to burst open the Golden Scaled Python’s body, when we go out, if we can leave the lake it’s best, but if faced with other attacks, we’ll form the array immediately to respond!”

Even though they had great confidence in escaping alive, Peng Wu and the three immortals dared not be careless, nodding solemnly.

“Ready!”

Fang Bai called out lightly, then with a slight thought motion, the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron began to enlarge rapidly at a speed visible to the naked eye.

A few breaths later, with a loud “Bang”, the hundred-zhang long gigantic body of the Golden Scaled Python, which had swallowed the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, suddenly split into pieces. Incredibly, it was forcefully burst open by the cauldron.

After swallowing the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, the Golden Scaled Python had been lurking at the lake bottom, waiting for the Immortal Artifact to be corroded and melted by its stomach acid, never expecting the Immortal Artifact to be so powerful and from within its body deliver a fatal blow.

With the explosion and demise of the Golden Scaled Python, the lake water within a thousand-zhang radius around was suddenly stained red by the blood spilling from its body.

The surrounding Immortal Beasts, smelling the bloody scent, became even more frenzied in their attacks, intensifying their power. The immortals battling them felt immense pressure, yet seldom were there immortals willing to give up picking Immortal Elixirs from the Immortal Mountain.

Fang Bai and the four immortals escaped from the Golden Scaled Python's belly, immediately flying out of the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, accelerating to leave the lake, transforming into four streaks of light speeding towards a safe area a thousand-zhang away.

After the ordeal they had just experienced, they were no longer thinking of gathering Immortal Elixirs from the Immortal Mountain but sought other relatively safe places for training.

However, even though they were fast, the Water System Immortal Beasts were quicker in their reaction.

They had barely flown three hundred zhang when a sound of water breaking exploded below, followed by a flash of golden light. A Golden Scaled Python, with the same cultivation level as the one that had swallowed Fang Bai's Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, pounced towards them, arriving in their close vicinity in an instant.

"Form the array!"

Knowing it was difficult to escape, Fang Bai shouted loudly, joining Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng in floating in mid-air to form the Four Directions Infinite Array, then swiftly began circulating it.

"Buzz..."

A sharp and ear-piercing sound ensued. When the Golden Scaled Python was still several dozen zhang from Fang Bai and the immortals, it opened its mouth to spray a massive water column several zhang thick, aiming for them with great speed.

Chapter 2105: Yet Another Grand-Disciple

The enormous water pillar, like a small mountain, carried with it supreme immortal power, as if piercing the void, and appeared instantly before the Fourfold Infinite Array formed by Fang Bai and the other three immortals.

The power of the attack from the peak Earth Immortal Realm Immortal Beast was immensely strong, and almost all the immortals around the Immortal Mountain, upon witnessing it, believed that Fang Bai and the other three immortals stood no chance.

However, in the next moment, with a thunderous roar, those immortals who secretly delighted in their misfortune were left dumbfounded, with disbelief written all over their faces.

The gigantic water pillar, with the force of a small mountain, crashed into the Fourfold Infinite Array formed by Fang Bai and the three other immortals, accompanied by a resounding boom that stirred up a sky full of water mist. The intense Water Immortal Qi transformed into a wave-like shockwave that spread outwards.

Quite a few immortals couldn't evade in time and were affected by the shockwave, screaming as they fell into the lake, becoming food for the Water System Immortal Beasts within moments.

What shocked the other immortals was that, after the violent collision with the enormous water pillar, the formation constructed by Fang Bai and the other three immortals showed no signs of collapse, standing firm like a mountain.

To withstand a blow from a peak Earth Immortal Realm Immortal Beast without breaking, did this not imply that the formation, composed of four immortals whose average strength wasn't even at the first grade Earth Immortal Realm, possessed defensive capabilities comparable to that of a Heavenly Immortal Realm expert?

Not to mention the Earth Immortal Realm experts on site finding it unbelievable, even some Heavenly Immortal Realm experts couldn't help but exclaim in surprise, marveling at the strength of the formation composed by Fang Bai and the other three immortals.

"It's actually the Fourfold Infinite Array... My master mentioned that it was an immortal array created by the Palace Master in the past! How did these four young immortals learn it? Could it be..."

A Fifth Grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert watching from afar saw the Fourfold Infinite Immortal Array set up by Fang Bai and the other three immortals, was greatly shocked, with an excited expression on his face.

He was certain that Fang Bai and the other three immortals, who formed the Fourfold Infinite Array, were connected to the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace; otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to learn this supreme formation of the Emperor's Palace.

Seeing the four immortals, led by Fang Bai, withstand the Immortal Beast's attack with the formation and remain relatively safe for the moment, the Fifth Grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert did not hurry to assist, folding his arms in a safe spot and watching quietly.

"Return his own way upon him! Attack!"

With a loud shout from Fang Bai, the Fourfold Infinite Array that had endured several attacks from the Golden Scaled Python began to shift from defense to offense.

"Whiz!"

The colossal water pillar, comparable to a Heavenly Immortal Realm expert, shot out from the Fourfold Infinite Array, racing toward the Golden Scaled Python, with the air in its path producing deafening, booming sounds.

"Boom!"

The enormous water pillar fiercely struck the hundred-zhang-long body of the Golden Scaled Python, sending it flying, skimming over the water's surface for hundreds of zhang before landing.

The Golden Scaled Python, having suffered a great loss, felt fear and decisively dived into the depths of the lake, not appearing again.

"That's great!"

With a single strike driving away the Golden Scaled Python, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng couldn't help but cheer.

Even Fang Bai couldn't help but let a smile appear at the corner of his mouth.

Fang Bai knew that they had managed such a powerful strike mainly because they had practiced beforehand, achieving a high level of proficiency and seamless cooperation, maximally unleashing the power of the Fourfold Infinite Array. Otherwise, it wouldn't have been so easy to knock back a Golden Scaled Python.

"A ninth-grade Human Immortal Realm and three first-grade Earth Immortal Realm... To wield such power with their Fourfold Infinite Array is quite remarkable!"

The Fifth Grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert watching from afar nodded secretly at the array's power, with a look of happiness in his eyes.

"Immortal Friend Fang, this formation is amazing! How about we venture into the Immortal Mountain?"

"Yes, let's at least gather some Immortal Elixirs. Otherwise, it would be such a waste!"

"Just fleeing like this feels so unsatisfying!"

After driving back the Golden Scaled Python, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng were bursting with confidence and voiced their suggestions one after another.

Now, they subconsciously regarded Fang Bai as their leader, hence seeking his opinion.

Seeing their high spirits, Fang Bai knew that unless allowed to venture into the Immortal Mountain, they would remain restless. He had no choice but to agree, "Alright! But remember, once things get out of hand and the immortal beasts prove too strong, don't cling to the fight—retreat immediately!"

"Understood!"

With Fang Bai's approval, Peng Wu and the other two immortals were rejuvenated. They reformed the Fourfold Infinite Array and flew towards the Immortal Mountain like a streak of light.

Along the way, they encountered attacks from several Water System Immortal Birds and beasts, but luckily, the Fourfold Infinite Array was large enough that each attack was narrowly avoided with no danger.

"Hurry up!"

After breaking through layers of blocking, and landing on the Immortal Mountain, they dared not hesitate and immediately waved their hands, causing their Space Immortal Rings to radiate with light, collecting a large quantity of surrounding Water System Immortal Elixirs into the rings.

"Danger! Retreat quickly!"

Fang Bai, with his sharp senses, after gathering some Immortal Elixirs, spread his Divine Sense and detected a massive golden eagle with a body over ten zhang long, swooping down upon them with unstoppable might.

The golden eagle's body was covered in golden feathers, its eyes were sharp like blades, and it emanated a terrifying aura—a Heavenly Immortal Realm third-grade immortal bird.

The Fourfold Infinite Array formed by the four immortals could repel peak Earth Immortal Realm Immortal Beasts, but was no match for a third-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm bird. So Fang Bai immediately warned the other three immortals to retreat.

As the golden eagle flew, it brought with it a storm, sweeping with it a vast wave. Its flying speed surpassed Fang Bai's expectations, reaching above them in the blink of an eye and blocking their retreat.

Fang Bai couldn't help but feel secretly embittered, knowing that to escape would likely require a difficult battle.

What Fang Bai regretted was that, in the space within the Five Elements Tower, his Divine Sense attacks were ineffective on Immortal Beasts. Otherwise, he could have used the Beast Taming Scripture to control them, making the situation much easier.

The golden eagle spread its wings, overlooking Fang Bai and the three immortals with disdainful eyes, as if considering them to be fish on a chopping board, only waiting for itself to slaughter.

“Vile creature, meet your fate!”

At this moment, a booming voice rang out. Simultaneously, a giant sword over ten zhang long flew in, with its sword aura firmly locking onto the golden eagle, and then pierced through it.

“Hiss...”

Watching the golden eagle fall into the great lake, Peng Wu and the other two immortals couldn’t help but gasp, wondering which immortal had wielded such a powerful Immortal Sword.

As Fang Bai looked up into the sky, he saw a Ge Yi Immortal standing on auspicious clouds with eyes cast downward, gazing at them with expression of warmth and kindness.

“He carries the aura of my disciple, Bitao Immortal King. He should be one of Bitao Immortal King’s disciples. Hmm, this disciple’s cultivation level is Fifth Grade Heavenly Immortal Realm—not bad...”

Prior to this, outside the Five Elements Tower, Fang Bai, amidst ten thousand immortals, sensed some familiar auras, deducing their connection with the Emperor’s Palace, but didn’t greet them.

Fang Bai was exceedingly familiar with the aura of the Ge Yi Immortal, confirming that this immortal was a disciple of his former life’s disciple, Bitao Immortal King, which stirred excitement in his heart.

Chapter 2106: Powerful Immortal Roc

“If you want to harvest the Immortal Elixirs, make haste! I will protect you for now!”

The Ge Yi Immortal summoned the Immortal Sword, forcefully slaying the Golden Eagle before flying over to the skies above Fang Bai and the other three immortals, urging in a deep voice.

His voice wasn't loud, yet it exploded like thunder in their ears, startling Peng Wu and the other immortals back to their senses from their daze.

Thus, including Fang Bai, the four immortals couldn't spare a moment to express their gratitude to the Ge Yi Immortal; instead, they continuously waved the Space Immortal Rings on their fingers, quickly collecting the Immortal Elixirs on the Immortal Mountain.

During this time, whenever Immortal Beasts or fierce beasts attempted to attack Fang Bai and the others, they were either slain or driven away by the Ge Yi Immortal wielding the Immortal Sword.

The power of a Five-Pinnacle Heavenly Immortal Realm Expert was manifesting through the Ge Yi Immortal, leaving many immortals in awe as they watched him wield his Immortal Sword, slaying Immortal Birds and fierce beasts with ease, like slicing through plants, inspiring fear and secret astonishment.

Although there were many Immortal Elixirs on the Immortal Mountain, none seemed to interest the Ge Yi Immortal, so he merely protected Fang Bai and the others without personally picking any.

Suddenly, the sky over the Immortal Mountain area darkened, tumultuous waves arose, and the lake water boiled violently. Almost all the immortals felt an immense pressure of Immortal Might sweeping over them, leaving them breathless.

"It's the aura of a powerful Immortal Bird!"

An immortal raised his eyes, looking toward the massive shadow rapidly approaching in the distant sky, trembling instinctively.

It was a gigantic Immortal Roc, its wings spread over twenty zhang wide, its feathers black as ink. As it flew, it moved like a dark cloud.

Its eyes were lantern-sized, radiating a sharp light that seemed capable of piercing the human heart.

As its wings flapped, sand and stones flew within a circumference of a thousand zhang, casting a yellow haze, creating a terrifying scene. Below, the lake waves constantly surged.

The Immortal Roc perched atop the Immortal Mountain, its gaze seemingly overlooking all beings beneath, its eyes showing human-like disdain and ridicule.

The Ge Yi Immortal's expression turned serious at the sight of the massive Immortal Roc. He urgently shouted to Fang Bai and the others, "If you don't want to die, retreat immediately!"

Even someone as powerful as the Ge Yi Immortal remained uncertain of the Immortal Roc's cultivation level. However, judging from the grand momentum and the boundless Immortal Might it exhibited upon arrival, he concluded that its cultivation level must be above the Sixth Pinnacle Heavenly Immortal Realm.

The Ge Yi Immortal had trained in the Five Elements Tower many times, rarely encountering such a formidable Immortal Bird. Seeing the Immortal Roc poised at the top and Fang Bai and the others still on the Immortal Mountain, he urgently urged them to flee.

Simultaneously, he placed the Immortal Sword before his chest, preparing to assist, despite knowing he wasn't a match for the Wind Roc.

"Whoosh!"

"Whoosh!"

"Whoosh!"

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As the Ge Yi Immortal shouted, the Immortal Roc in the sky around the Immortal Mountain began to stir its vast wings gently, initiating an attack.

In an instant, masses of pure and dense Water Immortal Qi gathered beneath the Immortal Roc's wings, forming hundreds of zhang-long ice cones, which then fell with a howling boom towards the immortals harvesting the Immortal Elixirs on the Immortal Mountain.

At this moment, on the Immortal Mountain brimming with Immortal Elixirs, including Fang Bai and the three other immortals, there were at least a thousand immortals present. As Ge Yi Immortal urged Fang Bai and the others to flee, the other immortals also intended to escape.

But the next instant, they were horrified to find that the space around them was tightly locked by the Immortal Roc's released Immortal Might, making it unbearably difficult to move.

Fang Bai and the other three immortals experienced the same feeling. Despite their vigorous attempts to struggle, each movement seemed slow by ten times or even a hundred, making it impossible for them to reach a safe area before the avalanche of ice cones fell.

"What do we do?"

Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng exchanged glances, seeing despair in each other's eyes.

"Come into my Immortal Cauldron!"

Fang Bai's Sea of Consciousness flickered, and he summoned the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, saying somewhat helplessly.

If it weren't for the deep ties with Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, he really wouldn't want to call upon the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron to offer them shelter.

The Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, though unremarkable in appearance, would certainly intrigue an Upper Immortal of keen discernment, possibly stirring covetous intentions.

Currently, Fang Bai possessed only the battle strength of a Second Pinnacle Earth Immortal Realm, amidst hundreds of thousands of immortals within the Five Elements Tower, belonging to those that scarcely had self-preservation capabilities. If an immortal much stronger attempted to seize his Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, he could only flee in the face of such a threat.

Fang Bai's current greatest reliance was his Chaos True Body, allowing him to freely enter and exit each space within the Five Elements Tower, unlike other immortals.

For instance, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng practiced the Water System Immortal Technique Secrets, and if they reached the second layer space world, filled with pure and dense Fire Immortal Qi, they wouldn't survive there long.

But now the problem was, Fang Bai was also locked by the Immortal Might emanating from the giant Immortal Roc. Only by breaking free from the Immortal Might could he hope to escape.

Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng saw darkness before their eyes and quickly realized they were inside Fang Bai's Immortal Cauldron.

"Can this Immortal Cauldron withstand it? I mean... the Immortal Roc seems much stronger than the previous Golden Scaled Python. Can the Cauldron withstand the ice cone attacks?"

Ying Luo couldn't help but ask, her face full of worry.

Peng Wu and Yu Feng also wore worried expressions.

In their eyes, though the stomach acid of the Golden Scaled Python was highly corrosive, it was no match for the ice cone attacks of the Immortal Roc. Fang Bai's Immortal Cauldron, although sturdy, remained uncertain against the ice cone impacts.

If the Immortal Cauldron cracked, they would be doomed.

"I wonder if that Heavenly Immortal expert will come to our aid..."

Yu Feng suddenly thought of the Ge Yi Immortal, who previously assisted with the Immortal Sword, sparking a glimmer of hope in his heart.

Peng Wu added, “He probably isn’t a match for the Immortal Roc; otherwise, he would have acted already...”

Just then, the Immortal Cauldron trembled, and from its lid came the dull “thump thump” of ice cones striking, clearly having hit the Immortal Cauldron.

Ying Luo shrank her head, fearing that suddenly a huge hole might be punched through the lid, letting the ice cones crash down on them.

After ten or so breaths, the Immortal Cauldron stopped trembling, the dull thumping on the lid ceased, and the Immortal Cauldron remained unscathed.

“Ha, nothing happened?”

Peng Wu and the other two immortals looked up, their spirits lifted with excitement.

“Immortal Friend Fang, your Great Cauldron is extraordinary!”

“Its defensive capability is so robust; it must be a Supreme Immortal Artifact!”

“With this Immortal Cauldron for protection, we should gain a great deal in this Five Elements Tower!”

Peng Wu and the other two immortals touched the walls of the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, enthusiastically remarking.

Chapter 2107: Ge Yi Immortal Battles the Immortal Roc

Seeing Peng Wu and the other three Immortals so excited and elated, Fang Bai felt a bit bitter inside.

He knew that he had no choice but to summon the Immortal Cauldron. Although it withstood the ice cone attack from the sky, it surely attracted the attention of many Immortals. During the upcoming trials in the Five Elements Tower, some complications were unavoidable.

"Hopefully, nothing will happen..."

Fang Bai comforted himself silently.

His purpose in entering the Five Elements Tower was simply to acquire some cultivation resources and then cultivate for a while. Too much interference was not what he desired.

Fang Bai's prediction was accurate. When he summoned the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron to block the ice cone attack, it immediately drew the interest of many Upper Immortals, including the Ge Yi Immortal.

The attack from the Immortal Roc, possessing a sixth-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm cultivation and capable of fighting against a seventh-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert, was extremely powerful. Even the Ge Yi Immortal knew he couldn't withstand it, yet who would have thought that seemingly ordinary Immortal Cauldron not only resisted the Immortal Roc's attack but also remained unscathed.

Although the Immortal Sword in Ge Yi Immortal's hand was also a decent Immortal Artifact, he knew it would have broken if used to block the ice cone.

This showed that the Immortal Cauldron's defensive capabilities were extraordinarily impressive and must be a Supreme Immortal Artifact, something that even Heavenly Immortal Realm experts would covet.

"What a great Immortal Artifact! But having the Immortal Cauldron in that young one's hands might bring great trouble! Hmmm, this young one surely has connections with the Emperor's Palace and possesses an Innate Spiritual Root, with boundless potential on the Immortal Path. No matter what, I must ensure his safety!"

Ge Yi Immortal glanced at the Immortal Cauldron where Fang Bai was hiding, unsure if it could withstand multiple attacks from the Immortal Roc. With eyes shining brightly, he let out a long howl, integrating himself with his Immortal Sword, and launched a fierce strike towards the Immortal Roc.

He knew he wasn't a match for the Immortal Roc and didn't seek to harm it. The sword's sole purpose was to attract its attention and create an opportunity for Fang Bai and the other Immortals to escape.

A fifth-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert wielding an Immortal Artifact unleashed a full-force attack, a might not to be underestimated. Although the Immortal Roc felt a slight threat, it still flapped a single wing to counterattack, even with disdain.

Inside the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, Fang Bai's Divine Sense could spread in all directions, observing every movement.

"Go!"

Noticing Ge Yi Immortal making a move and the Immortal Roc counterattacking, Fang Bai realized this was their best chance to escape. He softly called out, withdrew the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, and, together with Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, transformed into four streams of light, swiftly fleeing the Immortal Mountain.

In just a few breaths, they had escaped a thousand feet away to a safe zone.

"Phew..."

After landing, they all sighed in relief and then turned back to look towards the Immortal Mountain.

"Boom!"

A massive collision sound erupted, powerful shockwaves spreading in all directions, causing the entire Immortal Mountain to tremble slightly.

The attack initiated by Ge Yi Immortal clashed with the surge of Immortal Qi from the flapping Immortal Roc, determining the outcome instantly.

The Immortal Sword in Ge Yi Immortal's hand broke, his body suffering a heavy blow, tumbling backward, with a mouthful of blood spraying into the air, forming a mist that filled the sky.

To secure an escape opportunity for Fang Bai and the others, Ge Yi Immortal's Immortal Artifact was destroyed and he suffered severe injuries. However, he used the momentum of his fall to land a thousand feet away on the ground.

Fortunately, the Immortal Roc only guarded the vicinity of the Immortal Mountain and did not pursue them further. Thus, a thousand feet away from the Immortal Mountain was considered a safe zone.

"Are you okay?"

Seeing Ge Yi Immortal staggering upon landing, Fang Bai flew over to him, concerned.

Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng realized it was Ge Yi Immortal who had created the escape opportunity for them, and, feeling grateful, followed Fang Bai over, expressing their concern.

"I'm fine... Let me meditate for a moment before speaking with you..."

Ge Yi Immortal saw them gathering around, a comforting smile appearing at his lips, then swallowed a few Immortal Pills, sat cross-legged, and closed his eyes to meditate.

The four of them, Fang Bai and the others, stood guarding around him, highly vigilant, protecting him.

From afar, some Immortals watched this direction keenly, wanting to approach but seemed a bit apprehensive.

Those Immortals, primarily Heavenly Immortal Realm experts, harbored envy towards the Immortal Cauldron Fang Bai previously summoned. Knowing that extraordinary Immortal Artifact, they wanted to seize it for their use.

Of course, if Ge Yi Immortal hadn't suffered severe injuries, most of these Immortals, despite their intentions, wouldn't dare to make a move.

Now, with Ge Yi Immortal gravely injured and his combat power greatly reduced, this presented an excellent opportunity for them to act.

Moments later, finally, a peak Earth Immortal Realm expert couldn't hold back any longer, stepping forward, pointing at Fang Bai, and said: "Young Immortal, where is your Immortal Cauldron from earlier? Quickly offer it to this Immortal, and you shall be spared from death!"

The Immortal, worried about Ge Yi Immortal's strength recovering, felt guilty but hoped to force Fang Bai to surrender the Immortal Cauldron before Ge Yi Immortal could retaliate, intending to escape the Five Elements Tower once attaining it.

Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng heard this, facing a formidable enemy, summoned their Immortal Artifacts, their fighting spirit soaring, glaring angrily at that Immortal.

Some other Immortals were also eager to try, but more chose to watch for the moment.

"If you have the skill, come and take it!"

Facing the peak Earth Immortal Realm expert's threat, Fang Bai responded with a mocking expression.

Honestly, after the previous battle with the Golden Scaled Python, Fang Bai truly didn't think much of the peak Earth Immortal Realm expert.

Teaming up with Peng Wu and the other three, the Four-Directions Infinite Array they formed had already reached a level of considerable adeptness. In an all-out effort, slaying a peak Earth Immortal Realm expert was not out of the question.

If they could slay that Earth Immortal Realm expert, it would serve as a deterrent to other Immortals with ulterior motives.

As Fang Bai spoke, he and Peng Wu formed the Four-Directions Infinite Array, guarding Ge Yi Immortal at its center, prepared to fight.

Once Ge Yi Immortal's injuries recovered, those Immortals eyeing his Immortal Cauldron would have to be more wary.

"Since you seek death, don't blame me for being ruthless!"

The peak Earth Immortal Realm expert, knowing there was no time to delay, grabbed a pair of Purple Gold Hammers, flew into the air, and smashed down.

The pair of Black Gold Hammers in his hands, each over ten thousand pounds, enveloped the space within a hundred feet with Immortal Might as they smashed down. The ground centered on Fang Bai and the four Immortals beneath it sank slightly.

"Attack!"

As the peak Earth Immortal Realm expert approached the Four-Directions Infinite Array formed by Fang Bai and the four Immortals, at Fang Bai's command, the four Immortals unleashed eight palms together.

The peak Earth Immortal Realm expert only felt immense Immortal Power surging towards him, his chest tightened, and he was sent flying dozens of feet away, barely able to hold onto the pair of Purple Gold Hammers.

"Four mere young Immortals can join forces to repel a peak Earth Immortal Realm expert! What kind of Immortal Array did they form, with such remarkable power?"

The stunning performance of Fang Bai and the four Immortals left many watching Immortals dumbfounded, with those coveting Fang Bai's Immortal Cauldron bearing a heavy and solemn expression.

Chapter 2108: Can't Hold On Anymore!

The Earth Immortal Realm expert who was sent flying by the combined efforts of Fang Bai and the other three immortals was not injured, but he was already feeling fear and didn't dare to initiate another attack for the moment.

Seeing this, other immortals with cultivation levels on par with that Earth Immortal Realm expert, who had been itching to act, temporarily dismissed their thoughts of seizing Fang Bai's immortal cauldron and adopted a wait-and-see approach.

"This formation is quite interesting, let me give it a try!"

A thin figure in a gray robe, a second-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert, flew out from the crowd, raised his hand, and aimed a palm strike at the Four Directions Infinite Formation.

The strength of the gray-robed immortal far exceeded that of the previous Earth Immortal Realm expert. As he struck with his palm, the immortal might surged, and the force was astonishing. The space under the palm power throbbed violently like water ripples.

Fang Bai and the other three immortals, who formed the Four Directions Infinite Formation, immediately felt immense pressure. With a mutual understanding, they pushed the formation to its utmost limits to counter the massive palm descending from above.

The gray-robed immortal wanted a quick victory, to win with one strike. Therefore, he put all his strength into this palm strike, attempting to crush the Four Directions Infinite Formation and capture Fang Bai, forcing him to hand over the immortal cauldron.

"Boom!"

The enormous palm descending from above struck the fast-moving Four Directions Infinite Formation like a small mountain, causing the entire space of this layer of the Five Elements Tower to tremble slightly.

The Four Directions Infinite Formation, undoubtedly a powerful immortal array created by Fang Bai in his past life, had extremely strong defensive capabilities. Though the gray-robed immortal's full-force strike rendered the array in a precarious state, it did not collapse and successfully withstood the attack.

However, Fang Bai and the other three immortals were still too weak in terms of cultivation. After enduring the gray-robed immortal's all-out strike with the formation, their blood boiled and surged, and their immortal qi was in disarray.

Fang Bai, having the Chaos True Body, possessed greater physical defense capability, and this attack by the gray-robed immortal did not affect him much. However, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng were trembling, their faces turning red, showing painful expressions, and appeared quite uncomfortable.

"I can't hold on anymore!"

Yu Feng said in a low voice, his voice slightly trembling.

"Even if we can't, we must!"

Peng Wu quickly glanced at the meditating Ge Yi Immortal, gritting his teeth and said, "The Upper Immortal is still recuperating. If we can't hold on, we will put him in danger!"

Peng Wu knew of Ge Yi Immortal's powerful cultivation level, thinking that as long as he could recover half of his strength, the current pressure would be easily resolved. And immortals coveting the immortal cauldron would likely retreat without a fight.

However, Ge Yi Immortal had been severely injured with his immortal artifact broken under the attack of the Immortal Roc. Even after consuming an immortal pill, it was impossible to recover quickly.

During his recovery, if attacked and there's no one to protect him, he'd have to forcibly engage in battle himself.

Such a result would mean that even if he defeated his opponent, he would suffer greater harm himself.

Ge Yi Immortal had saved Peng Wu and the other immortals, so naturally, Peng Wu and the others would not stand by and watch him get harmed again.

At this moment, both Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng were determined to fight to the death, prepared to give their all against the gray-robed immortal, hoping Ge Yi Immortal's injuries could recover quickly.

Fang Bai's lips moved slightly, using the Thread Condensation Sound Transmission Technique, said something quickly to Ge Yi Immortal, then suddenly acted, lightly patting him on the back.

"Fang Bai, you're mad!"

"Don't do anything foolish!"

"No, don't!"

Peng Wu and the other three immortals were shocked by Fang Bai's sudden move against Ge Yi Immortal, and each exclaimed in surprise and anger.

They were upright immortals who distinguished between gratitude and grievances. Considering Ge Yi Immortal had saved them, Fang Bai's act of paying kindness with aggression against him incited their anger.

However, they knew that with Ge Yi Immortal's strength, even during recuperation, it was almost impossible for Fang Bai to harm him and might even end up hurting himself from the rebound force.

Unexpectedly, Ge Yi Immortal did not resist at all and calmly accepted Fang Bai's palm strike.

“Don’t worry, I’m helping him!”

After feeling the anger and hostility of Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, Fang Bai immediately transmitted a message to them after the palm strike.

“Huh?”

Peng Wu and the other three immortals were stunned upon hearing this, bewildered, not understanding what Fang Bai meant, their faces filled with confusion.

However, seeing Ge Yi Immortal’s unchanged expression, seemingly unharmed by Fang Bai’s strike, they breathed a sigh of relief.

Fang Bai’s palm strike was genuinely not intended to harm Ge Yi Immortal, but to accelerate his healing process.

Within that palm strike was a wisp of Chaos Immortal Qi combined with the Five Elements and Wind Thunder, whose healing properties far exceeded the effects of the immortal pill Ge Yi Immortal had just consumed.

The Chaos Immortal Qi entered Ge Yi Immortal’s body and, without needing his mental guidance, naturally moved through him, repairing his internal injuries.

Previously, after consuming the immortal pill, Ge Yi Immortal only expected to recover half of his cultivation within a hundred breaths, but with the Chaos Immortal Qi entering his body, he was pleasantly surprised to find, within just a few breaths, that his internal injuries had healed seven to eight-tenths.

He was both surprised and delighted, thinking about what Fang Bai had just said to him, becoming increasingly curious about Fang Bai’s identity and background.

The gray-robed immortal was slightly surprised upon finding his attack ineffective, but he could see that the Four Directions Infinite Formation formed by Fang Bai and the others was already at its limit, barely able to withstand another attack from him.

He let out a cold laugh, stretched out his right hand, and a silver spear about ten feet long appeared in it.

“Break for me!”

The gray-robed immortal roared, hurling the silver spear in his hand, transforming it into a silver light that pierced through the void, reaching Fang Bai in an instant.

His keen eyes recognized Fang Bai as the most critical component of the formation. If Fang Bai were injured, the formation would collapse alongside him.

This time, deploying the immortal artifact for an attack was undoubtedly more powerful than his casual palm strike earlier. The space traversed by the spear bent and distorted under the pressure of supreme immortal power and high-speed impact.

Almost all the observing immortals believed Fang Bai couldn’t withstand the might of this powerful spear strike.

As a result, some immortals coveting Fang Bai’s immortal cauldron began secretly gathering strength, prepared to take action at the moment Fang Bai was injured and the formation collapsed, to compete with the gray-robed immortal for Fang Bai.

They believed, as the immortal cauldron was Fang Bai’s artifact, capturing Fang Bai would give them ways and means to coerce him into handing over the cauldron willingly.

“Boom!”

A thunderous crash, shockwaves spreading.

The gray-robed immortal's silver spear artifact, unstoppable, pierced into the Four Directions Infinite Formation, which evidently couldn't withstand such a powerful force, collapsing instantly.

"Watch out!"

As Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng cried out in alarm, the remaining force of the silver spear artifact continued toward Fang Bai's chest.

It seemed that in the next moment, it would pierce through Fang Bai.

Yet, at that moment, surprisingly, a smile appeared at the corner of Fang Bai's lips.

Chapter 2109: Choose Death or Life?

"Whoosh!"

A large Immortal Qi Palm suddenly stretched out from the side, tightly gripping the body of the silver spear just as it was about to pierce Fang Bai's chest.

Then, in front of Fang Bai, appeared a new figure.

It was none other than Ge Yi Immortal.

"He was severely injured, yet recovered so quickly?"

"Hmm, judging by the aura he's releasing, his wounds should have healed!"

"How could he recover so fast in such a short time? Could it be that the Immortal Pill he took has excellent healing effects?"

"I also have some of those Immortal Pills, but their healing effects are nowhere near that miraculous."

“This is puzzling...”

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The immortals watching the battle from afar saw Ge Yi Immortal detaching from his healing state, appearing at Fang Bai’s side with peak battle strength, and were amazed.

Especially a few immortals with cultivation levels equal to Ge Yi Immortal’s, who took great interest. They thought Ge Yi Immortal must possess some secret technique for rapid recovery, and if they could learn it, it would be like adding wings to a tiger.

Fang Bai’s act of striking Ge Yi Immortal with a palm happened before the collapse of the Four Directions Infinite Array, so the immortals outside the array did not see this scene. Otherwise, Fang Bai might once again become the focus of attention in the eyes of perceptive immortals.

“You’ve recovered faster than I anticipated.”

Fang Bai looked at Ge Yi Immortal’s back and said with a smile.

“No need for words of thanks for the great kindness! This act from Junior Immortal Friend, I, Xuan Ze, will remember and repay in the future!”

When Ge Yi Immortal said this, he didn’t turn his head, but Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng, the three immortals, knew that the “Junior Immortal Friend” he referred to was Fang Bai.

To have a favor owed by a fifth-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert is an opportunity many immortals dream of.

For a moment, the three immortals’ gaze toward Fang Bai was filled with envy.

At the same time, Fang Bai became even more mysterious and unfathomable in their eyes.

A light palm strike that allowed an injured fifth-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm expert to recover in an astonishingly short time, what kind of miraculous Immortal Technique Secrets is this?

This Fang Bai, what kind of formidable background does he possess?

After uttering a sentence to Fang Bai, Ge Yi Immortal, named Xuan Ze, locked his gaze on the gray-robed immortal ahead and said coldly, “Do you want to die, or do you want to live?”

If it weren’t for Fang Bai’s aid, Xuan Ze’s wounds would have been difficult to heal in a short period. Faced with the silver spear thrusting from the gray-robed immortal, he would have only been able to respond hastily.

In such a case, even if he could kill the gray-robed immortal, his injuries would worsen, and if further provoked by other immortals, he could face the risk of falling.

Therefore, Xuan Ze harbored a killing intent toward the gray-robed immortal but thought it too cheap to simply kill him, hence giving him two choices.

No matter which choice the gray-robed immortal made, the outcome would not be favorable.

If he chose death, Xuan Ze would decisively strike him down without hesitation.

If he chose life, Xuan Ze would cripple his Qi Sea and expel him from the Five Elements Tower, leaving him to fend for himself.

Having his Qi Sea crippled equates to losing combat power, making him inferior even to an ordinary immortal. For him, that would be a fate worse than death.

The gray-robed immortal, naturally understanding this, turned pale, despair evident in his eyes.

“All of my cultivated resources of a lifetime are in this Space Immortal Ring. Senior, I am willing to offer the ring in exchange for my life!”

The gray-robed immortal pleaded desperately, taking off the ring from his finger and offering it forward.

Xuan Ze glanced at Fang Bai, felt a stir in his heart, and reached out into the void to grab the Space Immortal Ring from the gray-robed immortal.

“There’s quite a bit of cultivation resources in here, it’s a gift for you.”

Xuan Ze’s Divine Sense scanned the inside of the Space Immortal Ring, a satisfied smile playing at his lips before he casually threw it toward Fang Bai.

Fang Bai, unbothered, extended his hand to catch the ring and similarly scanned it with his Divine Sense, remarking with a smile, “Then I shall gladly accept it.”

The lifetime’s accumulation of a Heavenly Immortal Realm immortal naturally wasn’t meager. With this ring, the cultivation resources inside would suffice for Fang Bai’s needs for a period of training.

Seeing this, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng became even more envious of Fang Bai, thinking that even if he only gained this one Space Immortal Ring from a Heavenly Immortal Realm expert during his journey to the Five Elements Tower, his harvest would already be extremely bountiful.

“Get lost!”

Xuan Ze appeased his killing intent by passing the gray-robed immortal’s gift to Fang Bai and motioned to the gray-robed immortal that he could leave.

“Only a mere second grade Heavenly Immortal Realm immortal, sparing his life isn’t an issue. He won’t be able to stir up much trouble!”

Xuan Ze thought as he watched the gray-robed immortal’s hurried departure.

Little did he know, as the gray-robed immortal rose on auspicious clouds, resentment flickered in his eyes as he vowed silently, “When I find my master, we’ll settle the score! You took my Immortal Ring, I’ll make you return it tenfold!”

With nothing more to see or gain from glimpsing at Fang Bai’s Immortal Cauldron, the surrounding immortals quickly dispersed to continue seeking their own opportunities.

“Junior Immortal Friend, could you elaborate on what you said earlier?”

Xuan Ze turned back, staring intently at Fang Bai with a stern expression as he asked.

Previously, while healing his severe injuries, Fang Bai telepathically communicated to him, saying, “I know Bitao Immortal King, and I can perform the Azure Sea Giant Wave Art. I will heal you now, do not resist,” in two sentences.

It was upon hearing the name of his master and the sect’s Azure Sea Giant Wave Art that Xuan Ze accepted Fang Bai’s palm, allowing his wounds to heal rapidly.

Knowing Bitao Immortal King and performing the Azure Sea Giant Wave Art, in Xuan Ze’s view, indicated that this Junior Immortal had deep ties with the Emperor’s Palace, sparking a strong interest in Fang Bai’s identity.

Fang Bai replied, “This is not a suitable place for discussion. Let’s talk in detail after we exit the Five Elements Tower?”

“Hmm, I didn’t think it through. Fine, let’s first continue training inside the tower, and once we’re out, we can have a chat.”

Xuan Ze, reminded by Fang Bai, immediately recalled the many immortals within the Five Elements Tower, realizing they couldn’t recklessly discuss anything.

Though the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace had been annihilated for over a thousand years, the eight Immortal Emperors who once collaborated to destroy the palace hadn't ceased hunting the "remnants" of the palace nor relaxed their surveillance over the Immortal Realm's Nine Great Heavenly Domains.

If Fang Bai was indeed connected to the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace, discussing it here and being overheard by the agents of the eight Immortal Emperors could spell disaster.

Although Xuan Ze had the fifth-grade Heavenly Immortal Realm cultivation, the forces under the eight Immortal Emperors held many with greater cultivation than his, and a casual Immortal Venerable could easily spell his doom.

With a mutual understanding to refrain from the topic, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, and Yu Feng stood to the side, agonizingly curious about what they intended to discuss.

"You shouldn't have let that gray-robed immortal go!"

Fang Bai suddenly said to Xuan Ze.

PS: Recommending a friend "Hai Xuanwo's" new book "The Strongest Young Master in the City". Interested readers can check it out.

Here's the summary:

Rich Second Generation: "This is the top-level diamond black card, limited to five hundred worldwide."

Li Daoxuan: "That's issued by my family's bank..."

Noble Young Master: "Do you know how powerful my dad is?"

Li Daoxuan: "I don't care to know, no matter how powerful, it's not as much as my mom's."

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"Hmm?"

Hearing Fang Bai mention the gray-clad immortal he had let go, Xuan Ze paused for a moment, then smiled and said, "Are you worried he'll seek revenge?"

"He will definitely seek revenge!"

Fang Bai nodded solemnly, completely confident in his judgment.

Xuan Ze dismissed the thought, saying, "A mere ant cannot stir up much trouble."

Fang Bai said, "What if behind the ant lies a giant?"

Xuan Ze laughed heartily and said boldly, "Whether it's an ant or a giant, if they dare to provoke again, I'll fight them head-on!"

Fang Bai chuckled, choosing not to argue further.

In his previous life, he had founded the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace, where each disciple had the courage to fight like this.

This fearlessness and bravery were commendable.

But after experiencing rebirth from possession in this life, Fang Bai valued life more.

What he hoped for in the Emperor's Palace disciples in this life was not only the courage to fight but also the strength to win, minimizing unnecessary sacrifices.

"Why don't you four follow me..."

Xuan Ze glanced around, then said to Fang Bai and the other four immortals, "Many immortals have set their sights on you now. With me, they'd be wary and less inclined to make a move. What do you think?"

Though he hadn't yet figured out the background of Fang Bai and the other four immortals, sensing a familiar aura from them, he guessed they had connections to the Emperor's Palace, hence he intended to protect them as much as he could.

Fang Bai and the other four immortals understood that with Xuan Ze's protection, they'd be much safer; otherwise, they might not even make it out of the Five Elements Tower.

"Thank you, Upper Immortal."

Thus, after exchanging looks and reaching an agreement, Fang Bai and the other four immortals nodded in unison, leaving their original team to join Xuan Ze.

Xuan Ze had ventured into the Five Elements Tower alone, without joining an immortal's team. Now, with Fang Bai and the other four immortals around, it somewhat became a small team.

However, if they did encounter a formidable enemy, only Xuan Ze could fight. As for Fang Bai and the other four immortals, it'd be good enough if they didn't become his burden.

"I also have a few friends who came with me, but they should be in other spaces within the Five Elements Tower training right now. When we leave the tower, I'll introduce them to you."

Xuan Ze said to Fang Bai and the other four immortals.

Peng Wu, Ying Luo, Yu Feng—the three immortals—nodded eagerly, excited beyond measure.

In their minds, becoming friends with a Heavenly Immortal Realm expert like Xuan Ze surely indicates great strength, and befriending more such experts through Xuan Ze would certainly benefit their future journey on the immortal path.

Fang Bai also smiled lightly.

He knew that descendants of the Emperor's Palace like Xuan Ze would be extremely cautious and prudent in making friends, so those he called "friends" were likely, like him, either Emperor's Palace descendants or individuals closely associated with the Emperor's Palace.

"In this area around the Immortal Mountain, besides immortal elixirs, there are only some immortal birds and beasts. How about we explore elsewhere and hopefully find greater rewards? Well, I've trained several times in the Five Elements Tower before, and remember there are some secret immortal realms for immortals to temper their mind and body..."

Xuan Ze spread his divine sense while seeking Fang Bai and the other four immortals' opinions.

His thoughts aligned with Fang Bai's, so Fang Bai nodded without hesitation.

Peng Wu and the other three immortals now followed Xuan Ze's lead, and would not oppose whatever he said.

Thus, the five immortals, led by Xuan Ze, left the Immortal Mountain lake ahead and flew towards another place.

During the flight, Xuan Ze used the Thread Condensation Sound Transmission Technique, subtly probing Fang Bai with some questions. Upon confirming that Fang Bai was indeed a descendant of the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace in the past, he smiled and looked at Fang Bai with increasingly amicable and close intentions.

Xuan Ze wasn't worried Fang Bai would deceive him because the questions he asked were all about Emperor's Palace's secrets that cannot be known unless one was a core or important disciple of the palace.

And the core or important disciples of the Emperor's Palace were already deeply imprinted with loyalty to Fang Bai and the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace, and would rather die than betray.

The Eight Immortal Emperors had vigorously pursued the Emperor's Palace disciples a thousand years ago upon destroying the palace, yet some important disciples had managed to escape, hiding across the Immortal Realm, lying low, cultivating arduously, waiting for the chance to avenge.

Even though the Eight Immortal Emperors were immensely powerful with many informants, the Immortal Realm was vast and hiding places were countless, and those palace disciples were adept at concealing their auras and changing appearances, making it challenging to annihilate them.

After verifying that Fang Bai was indeed a descendant of the Emperor's Palace, Xuan Ze felt at ease and didn't ask further questions.

Although Fang Bai was the weakest among the four immortals around Xuan Ze, he was most valued by Xuan Ze for possessing the Innate Spiritual Root, along with his extraordinary talent and mastery of the Azure Sea Giant Wave Art.

"Do you see that small lake below?"

After flying for a while, Xuan Ze suddenly pointed downward and said, "I remember this lake also existed during the training a century ago. It's called 'Dragon Blood Lake' by the immortals, said to be formed by the ancient Divine Dragon's blood. The lake contains immense Immortal Qi and formidable power, and some fearless immortals soak in it. Rumor has it the longer one can endure, the greater the benefits they receive."

Fang Bai, upon hearing this, couldn't help but feel stirred.

In his previous life, when he trained in this Five Elements Tower, the "Dragon Blood Lake" had appeared several times as well. Soaking and cultivating in the Dragon Blood Lake not only significantly enhanced an immortal's physical toughness but also could temper their will, strengthen divine sense, thereby achieving breakthroughs and advancing levels.

The Dragon Blood Lake wasn't large, spanning only about a hundred zhang, forming an oval shape, and could accommodate hundreds of immortals simultaneously soaking and cultivating within.

The blood of the Dragon Blood Lake was as black as ink, thick like magma, with boiling lake water constantly emitting mist from the surface.

At this very moment, there were already dozens of immortals soaking in the black water.

However, none of them could persist long in the lake; the longest only lasted about a hundred breaths.

Some immortals, upon entering the lake for a short time, couldn't bear the immense pain inflicted on their body by the lake's water and had to fly out, unable to dare enter again.

Xuan Ze, Fang Bai, Peng Wu, Ying Luo, Yu Feng—five immortals—landed on a small mountain not far from the Dragon Blood Lake, quietly observing.

"With our cultivation level at the Earth Immortal Realm, if we entered the Dragon Blood Lake, I'm afraid we'd barely last ten breaths!"

Seeing a strong Earth Immortal Realm rival, who couldn't even stay for ten breaths after entering the Dragon Blood Lake, screaming and flying out, with extensive skin and flesh wounds on his body, resembling a blood-stained figure, Ying Luo couldn't help but feel a chill down his spine and stuck out his tongue, saying.