

My Master 1981

Chapter 1981:

After losing to Ling Xi in six formations, the members of the Extreme Formation Sect anticipated that it would be difficult for others to defeat Ling Xi since the six formations were already the strongest existence among their disciples in this region.

But they still believed that as the battle progressed, they might have a chance to defeat Ling Xi.

After all, Ling Xi was just one person, and it was agreed beforehand that there would be no time for rest—Ling Xi was to fight them continuously.

In such a battle, Ling Xi was bound to experience some wear and tear; she couldn't maintain her peak state forever.

Furthermore, when they fought, they should be able to injure Ling Xi somehow, even if they couldn't severely wound her; just injuring her would suffice.

However, after successive battles, Ling Xi remained unscathed.

Compared to her attacks, Ling Xi's defensive capabilities seemed even stronger, especially as within her formation map, she seemed invincible, as if she were the master of the world.

To defeat Ling Xi, they must first break Ling Xi's formation map.

But being cultivators on the path of formations themselves, they understood formations too well. Ling Xi's formation map was integrated with her treasures and domain, resonating with heaven and earth. In such a scenario, unless a master from the Immortality Regainment Realm appeared, even if one's Immortal Mountain were taller and immortal power stronger than Ling Xi's, it would likely be impossible to break Ling Xi's formation map. Moreover, Ling Xi's Immortal Mountain had already reached a height of 485 zhang.

In the Earth Immortal Realm, there weren't many whose Immortal Mountain was taller and whose immortal power was stronger than Ling Xi's.

They even felt that Ling Xi might be considered invincible in the Earth Immortal Realm here, and even the previous Xiang Ziyu seemed far less terrifying than Ling Xi.

"We can't go on like this; we have to fight even more desperately next time."

"Yes, under normal circumstances, we're not her match. I think after the next fight, we shouldn't aim for victory anymore. We should change our goal to injure her.

Even if we lose, even if we're critically wounded, we must injure her. Only then will her state decline, and those who follow will have a chance to win."

"Although it's a bit shameless, this is the only way now!"

Soon, the later participants from the Extreme Formation Sect fought even more frantically, each willing to lose to Ling Xi just to hit Ling Xi, just to injure her.

However, even though they had started to go all out, they still couldn't break through Ling Xi's defenses, nor could they bypass the talismans.

The seventh, the eighth, the ninth...

In a short time, all nine experts from this generation of the Extreme Formation Sect had failed.

Inside the Extreme Formation Sect, everyone's expressions grew exceedingly grim. Some were tense because their Great Teaching had been suppressed—they would be utterly humiliated if their Great Teaching lost. Others were tense because they had gambled too much.

Their gazes involuntarily fell upon the Chess Formation.

Under the scrutiny of everyone, Chess Formation slowly flew out and landed opposite Ling Xi.

Before the battle, even though he had set up a formation, he truly didn't believe that he needed to engage personally.

After all, they were ten people, and the other nine had all set up a great formation. Even if it meant wearing Ling Xi down bit by bit, they should be able to win. But who would have thought that Ling Xi would bring out such a formation map that restrained everyone?

All nine had not only failed but hadn't even managed to cause Ling Xi any damage. He felt that Ling Xi's immortal energy hadn't been significantly depleted either.

Of course, this was partly due to Ling Xi's immense strength, but it was also because their people were too weak.

Although his combat experience wasn't extensive, he could see that the people of the Extreme Formation Sect often couldn't unleash their full strength when facing Ling Xi. They were constrained and made many wrong choices during the fight.

He looked at the woman across from him, bathed in radiant light like an immortal descending to the mortal world, and couldn't help but recall what Zong Zhen had said.

Indeed, Senior Brother Zong Zhen was right. The disciples of the Extreme Formation Sect were like flowers and weeds in a formation garden; they hadn't endured the normal trials of wind and rain or the training of life and death. So when facing opponents of the same cultivation realm, they often met with failure.

If this continued, the Extreme Formation Sect would only become more and more declining.

Now, they were even being suppressed by the Hundred Peaks Sect, which transformed from a sect into a great teaching.

As Chess Formation lamented in his heart, he felt waves of constraining power surrounding him, pressing down on him as though invisible hands were holding him, penetrating his body, and inhibiting the flow of immortal energy within him.

It was Ling Xi's formation map.

Chess Formation quickly regained his focus, and at the same time, his Immortal Mountain manifested.

His Immortal Mountain was lower than those of the Six Formations and even the previous Earth Immortal Realm participants; his Immortal Mountain had only reached a height of 410 zhang. The other Extreme Formation Sect disciples who acted before him had Immortal Mountains no shorter than 430 zhang.

After all, the ten selected from this Earth Immortal Realm as the strongest couldn't have low and humble Immortal Mountains.

The height of Chess Formation's Immortal Mountain wasn't impressive, yet, in the next moment, rays of light shone from the ground below, waves of immortal energy converged into a pillar of light, rising straight up and shining onto Chess Formation's body.

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Suddenly, the entire aura of the Chess Formation began to rise rapidly.

"This is... a Great Formation that increases one's own immortal energy!"

"That Formation Map of Ling Xi is meant to weaken the opponent, while the Master's Great Formation is meant to strengthen himself, perfectly counteracting it!"

"I wonder if the Master's Great Formation increases more power, or that Spiritual Rhinoceros's Great Formation weakens more power!"

"It must be the Master's Great Formation that increases more power. The Master's Great Formation uses Heaven and Earth as its vessel; how could a Formation Map compare?"

“Exactly, and although the Master is only in the Earth Immortal Realm, his research on Formations surpasses that of many in the Immortality Regainment Realm.”

“However, this Formation of the Master’s is somewhat strange. I’ve never seen such a Formation before?”

“Indeed, I’ve never seen it either! Jiannai, my fellow disciple, you’re familiar with the Master. Do you know what Formation this is?”

“I don’t know. I’ve never seen the Master use this kind of Formation either.”

In the Void, at the forefront of the Extreme Formation Sect, the Supreme Elder and a few others, including the Sect Hierarchy, looked down at the Great Formation set up by the Chess Formation, each with a strange expression as they looked towards Immortal Lord Jue Zhen.

“Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array? Jue Zhen, did you teach the Chess Formation your Formation?” The Sect Hierarchy looked at Immortal Lord Jue Zhen with some surprise, as Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array was a Formation researched by Jue Zhen himself.

The Formations researched by Jue Zhen can naturally be executed through a Formation Map.

No one expected that Jue Zhen had actually imparted it to the Chess Formation, and the Chess Formation had even transformed it into a traditional Great Formation.

Faced with everyone’s gaze, Jue Zhen shook his head slightly and smiled: “This is not the Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array. His Formation is not that simple; it’s his own Formation.”

She indeed imparted the Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array to the Chess Formation, but the true strength of this Formation is not merely about increasing the user’s power.

Furthermore, her assistance in this Great Formation to the Chess Formation is crucial not because of the Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array, but in how to arrange the Formation faster, and how to stabilize the Formation in a smaller space.

Of course, the Formation set up by the Chess Formation purely increases its own power and is far from comparable to her Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array.

As Jue Zhen's words fell, on the ground below the void where Ling Xi and the Chess Formation were fighting, beams of black and white light suddenly shot out.

These beams condensed in the void into black and white chess pieces, while in the void, horizontal and vertical lines appeared, turning this part of the void into a giant chessboard.

Jue Zhen looked at the chessboard in the void with a hint of admiration on his face and said, "Chess Formation, Chess Formation, if there are no chess pieces, how can it be called a Chess Formation?"

"He merely integrated my Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array into his Great Formation."

Around, the disciples of the Extreme Formation Sect, whose faces were heavy due to the repeated failures of their fellow sect members, finally eased as they looked at the chessboard and chess pieces that appeared.

"Is this... two completely different Formations merged into one Great Formation?"

"True to his name, Master Chess Formation. This Great Formation is truly exquisite, set up in just three days!"

"Although Brother Six Arrays set up six Great Formations, the power of those six cannot compare to the Master's Great Formation."

At the moment the expectation emerged, Ling Xi suddenly felt her Supreme Unparalleled Formation Diagram fluctuate intensely, followed by streams of strange power from all around, including a black and a white aura, entering her body.

“Yin Yang Qi?”

A hint of surprise flashed in Ling Xi's eyes; her opponent was actually cultivating Yin Yang Qi, just like Xiang Ziyu.

Though there aren't many people in the world cultivating Yin Yang Qi, it isn't so rare as to barely be seen.

What truly surprised and discomfited her was that as these two Qi flows entered her body, she felt as if she was becoming a chess piece, while the opponent was the chessboard. Although this feeling wasn't strong, she still felt like she was under the opponent's control.

Her comprehension of the Supreme Unparalleled Formation Diagram was still too shallow. If her comprehension was deeper and her integration with the Diagram more thorough, the opponent might not be able to vaguely control her as they did.

The earlier fluctuation of the Supreme Unparalleled Formation Diagram happened because she was almost completely integrated with the Diagram. So effectively, the opponent trying to control her was like trying to control the Formation Diagram and the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talisman.

It's just a pity that though it appears to others that she is perfectly integrated with the Diagram and Talisman, in reality, the integration isn't perfect; she's missing the final step. This last step enables the opponent to vaguely control her.

Opposite Ling Xi, the Chess Formation felt the two auras entering Ling Xi's body, and his brows tightened.

The reason he sought out Jue Zhen to learn the Heaven-stealing Land-robbing Array and increase his own strength was to make his power strong enough so that he, as the chessboard, could be stable.

But even so, the moment his chessboard unfolded, and in the moment he treated Ling Xi as a chess piece, his Array Plate nearly collapsed!

The opponent's integration with the Formation Diagram was too perfect. He merely wanted to control the opponent, but in that instant, he felt like he was trying to control the opponent's Formation Diagram and Talisman.

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Thus, the power being controlled was too strong, nearly shattering the chessboard.

Fortunately, the opponent's integration with the Formation Map seemed to be lacking, which allowed oneself to endure, successfully turning the opponent into a chess piece, yet the opponent's Formation Map still exerted influence, and one's control over Ling Xi was not strong.

Indeed, the opponent's Formation Map continued to affect oneself.

No wonder the previous six formations were defeated so quickly; the truly terrifying aspect of this Formation Map is not just its ability to weaken the opponent's power but its restraint.

One could also feel, similar to what the six formations mentioned, that there seemed to be an invisible barrier between oneself and the Formation, making the connection less close.

No...

Suddenly, Chess Formation's face showed a shocked expression; not only the Formation, but the Yin Yang Qi released through the Formation was also restrained.

One could cultivate the Yin Yang Qi and even perfectly separate it through the Formation, where the black chess pieces are pure Yin Breath, while the white chess pieces are pure Yang Qi.

However, now one could sense that surrounding the black chess piece was Yang Qi, while the white chess piece was surrounded by Yin Qi; these energies seemed ready to flood into the chess pieces at any moment, making the power within them impure.

Wasn't it said that the opponent's Formation Map was merely meant to restrain the Formation?

How can even the Yin Yang Qi be restrained?

Could it be...

Chess Formation suddenly conceived an astounding idea that the opponent's Formation Map was not specifically meant to restrain the Formation but would restrain everyone entering within.

Only this could explain why even one's Yin Yang Qi was restrained.

Yet worldly energies, and the myriad paths of cultivation, are so numerous; how could one Formation Map possibly restrain everyone entering it?

He couldn't understand and knew this was not the time for deep thought. He cast aside distractions, focused on the woman opposite, aligning the index and middle fingers on both hands, gathering the other three fingers, as if commanding an army, pointing forward.

Originally, under the Formation Enhancement, his power could greatly increase, but due to the opponent's Formation Map, not only did his power not increase, it even decreased; for a moment, the immortal power shooting from his fingers was weaker than without the Formation Enhancement.

In the void, two streams of immortal energy landed on a black and a white chess piece, and the two pieces suddenly shot out, heading toward Ling Xi.

Ling Xi's brow furrowed abruptly; two talismans flew from her hand, transforming into flames rushing towards the flying chess pieces, seemingly intending to burn them to ashes.

But at the next moment, the intersecting long lines on the chessboard suddenly emitted beams of black and white light, akin to Yin Yang swords, instantly turning time into sharp swords, piercing through the air, aiming at the two talismans.

In the blink of an eye, the two talismans were pierced.

Yet the black and white chess pieces continued flying forward.

Ling Xi seemed surprised that the chessboard could also attack; looking at the shattered talismans, thirty-two talismans emerged around her, instantly forming a huge mountain, enveloping her entirely.

Chess Formation looked at the swiftly gathering mountain, a disappointed expression appearing on his face; Ling Xi reacted extremely quickly, giving him no chance.

Seeing his black and white chess pieces about to collide with the mountain, his fingers pointed into the void, suddenly halting the pieces under his control.

Then, he swung his hands again, controlling two other black and white chess pieces to fly towards Ling Xi.

Ling Xi glanced at the black and white pieces, uncertain of their specific attack, but unwilling to let them gather around her. Having already gathered thirty-two talismans into the mountain, she continued to manipulate the remaining thirty-two talismans with immortal energy, attacking the chess pieces in the void.

She possessed the Ancient Talisman Immortal Body; with her current cultivation base, simultaneously controlling thirty-two talismans together for release was not her limit.

Even separately controlling two sets of thirty-two talismans was not her limit.

In the next moment, the crisscrossed lines on the chessboard once again fired, attacking the talismans. This time, her gathered immortal energy was more abundant.

Thirty-two talismans spontaneously exploded, transforming into countless golden rays, filling the entire sky. Though the chessboard's lines were many, they couldn't block all the golden rays; the rays, like arrows from strings or golden thunderbolts from the heavens, with unparalleled might, hurtled toward the chess pieces.

Chess Formation, greatly shocked, quickly ceased controlling the two moving chess pieces, instead guiding the two stationary pieces to swiftly converge.

Before the golden rays fell, these two pieces collided.

Instantly, a booming sound like mountains shattering erupted, causing the sky to frantically shake.

At the collision's center, an incredibly terrifying force exploded, rippling outward, creating airwaves visible to the naked eye. Where the airwaves passed, Ling Xi's golden rays were completely annihilated, and the horrifying force slammed into the mountain Ling Xi had condensed, instantly shattering a peak of the mountain.

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In the distance, on the side of the Hundred Peaks Sect, at the foremost position, Xiang Ziyu watched with interest the power generated by the explosion of the black and white chess pieces, deep in thought.

The Chess Formation player gazed at his own chess pieces, with a frown, as the power generated by their explosion was far too weak compared to normal circumstances.

Besides his power being suppressed unexpectedly, it was also because his black and white chess pieces had just been mixed with Yin Yang Qi upon explosion.

Originally, his chess pieces were purely Yin or purely Yang, thus enabling them to explode, but once the Yin Qi mixed with the Yang Qi, and vice versa, the aura was no longer pure, and naturally, the power greatly diminished.

This meant that the mixed Yin Yang Qi was thin; if the Qi were any thicker, he even doubted whether his Yin Yang chess pieces could explode at all.

Formation Map!

It was still due to the other party's Formation Map suppression.

How could there be such a terrifying Formation Map in the world!

After the two chess pieces exploded, he quickly waved his hands, condensing two more chess pieces to bombard Ling Xi.

He kept attacking, trying to break through Ling Xi's defense, wanting to maneuver more chess pieces around Ling Xi, as the power from just two exploded pieces was too little. If more pieces moved to Ling Xi's side and exploded together, the terrifying power would be unbearable for even the strongest of talismans.

But Ling Xi's talisman always targeted his chess pieces, never giving them a chance to converge.

At the same time, Ling Xi had no chance to attack the Chess Formation, as she had to also pass through the formation to attack.

For a moment, the two in the void were at a temporary standoff.

The people of the Hundred Peaks Sect remained relaxed; before the battle, they were already confident of victory. While the Extreme Formation Sect was unaware, they knew that Ling Xi's performance, enhanced by the Formation Map, was not necessarily weaker than Xiang Ziyu, perhaps even stronger.

Of course, who between the two was stronger remained unknown, as they were sister and brother disciples, and would not engage in a life-and-death fight.

In sparring, neither would use lethal moves, so the results of sparring couldn't be used as a reference.

No matter how it was seen, Ling Xi's strength was undoubtedly impressive.

If they did not have confidence in Ling Xi, many would not have risked their entire fortunes.

As the battle began, it went as they anticipated, with Ling Xi maintaining an advantage, effortlessly winning the first nine battles.

Yet, in this final battle, the unexpected occurred, with Ling Xi not holding any obvious advantage.

On the other side, the people of the Extreme Formation Sect had equally severe expressions, albeit of a different kind, with looks of anticipation in their eyes.

Previously, they had constantly faced defeat, being crushed no matter who they sent out, leading them to despair.

Now, with the Chess Formation stepping in, the situation had finally been reversed.

“We still have to rely on Senior Chess Formation!”

“Fortunately, we asked Senior Chess Formation to deal with this!”

“The two seem evenly matched, though our senior seems to have the upper hand!”

“Indeed, Senior Chess Formation has been attacking continuously, forcing Ling Xi into a passive defense, seemingly unable to threaten our senior at all.”

“Ling Xi has battled nine matches before, though uninjured, I can’t believe there’s no cost. Even holding this current standstill, continuing to wear down will certainly lead to our senior winning.”

“However, even if Ling Xi loses eventually, it’s astonishing. Despite our formations, she fought nine of our experts in a row, and clashed with Senior Chess Formation this fiercely.”

“Yes, she’s truly strong; I feel she’s stronger than Xiang Ziyu!”

On the side of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Xiang Ziyu appeared far more relaxed than the other disciples of the sect. While it seemed that Senior was just evenly matched with the Chess Formation, constantly on the defensive, he knew she hadn't used her full strength.

The disciples of Four Treasures Peak often sparred, and those he sparred with the most were Ruo Yun and Ling Xi.

Compared to the other disciples of Four Treasures Peak, these three always stood out with a slight edge.

He had sparred with Senior so many times and was crystal clear about her methods, knowing she was merely probing the other party's formation; once Senior truly attacked, the Chess Formation's board would not withstand.

He even stopped watching Ling Xi, putting all attention on the black and white chess pieces.

Suddenly, he praised loudly, "Interesting, these black and white chess pieces are actually condensed from Yin Yang Qi. Although this guy's Yin Yang Qi is mediocre, as is his cultivation base, his method is pretty good, using the power of formations to separate the Yin Yang Qi, allowing them to collide and explode. This method resembles my spell."

"Yes, it's quite similar." Beside him, Bei Yan nodded slightly, but then turned the conversation, "However, his spell uses the chess pieces, which explode after flying to the distance, posing no threat to himself.

Your attack, on the other hand, hurts you almost as much as the enemy. If it weren't for your strong body, I'd even wonder if your spell was necessary at all.

I'm curious, why can't you learn from others, releasing your Yin Yang Qi outside? He makes black and white chess pieces; you could make black and white skulls or fruits."

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"What do you understand? By doing this, he's safe. However, the power produced by the explosion of Yin Yang Qi is also weakened. Forget it, talking to you is pointless as you won't understand."

As Xiang Ziyu spoke, within the void, the brow of the Chess Formation furrowed tightly. Though the two appeared equally matched, he knew the one truly at a disadvantage was him.

After all, his cultivation base was weaker, and his Immortal Mountain was lower. He relied on the power of formations to contend with Ling Xi. He was acutely aware of how quickly his Chess Formation consumed immortal energy. If he continued, the one to deplete energy first would certainly be him, not Ling Xi, who possessed more Immortal Mountains.

If this continued, the one who would ultimately lose would be him!

He had to make some changes.

However, he had exhausted all his methods.

He did possess formation maps, but given the opponent's impeccable defense, even releasing more formation maps might be futile. Besides, deploying more would scatter his focus and weaken his control over the chessboard.

In that case, the opponent might even break through the control of the chessboard.

Unable to apply the formation maps, then there was only one option left.

He still had formations on him. Zong Zhen had left behind various Human Arrays on his body. If he activated them, resonating with the Great Formation below, and used himself as the formation eye, his power would surely rise again.

Before, with the Supreme Elder and Sect Hierarch present, he wouldn't dare use the Human Array. After all, once activated, his secret would be exposed to them.

But now, he had already shared the secret with Absolute-Formation, intending for the Absolute-Formation to inform the Supreme Elder, allowing the Great Teaching to prepare in advance.

By now, the Supreme Elder and Sect Hierarchy likely knew everything. Since that's the case, why not use the Human Array once?

After all, this battle was about the dignity of the Extreme Formation Sect.

Within the Chess Formation, streams of immortal energy surged not outward but to some point within. As a result, hidden under his clothes, radiant formation runes began to shine brightly on his body.

His body bore many formations, one of which could merge with the Great Formation below. Zong Zhen's talent truly was terrifying.

Rather than say he devised the formation himself, it's more accurate to say Zong Zhen provided a general concept, then left Human Arrays on him. Based on Zong Zhen's ideas and one particular Human Array, he researched and developed such formations.

Thus, the Human Array on him could resonate with the formation, unleashing even more potent power.

Currently, being only at the Earth Immortal Realm, Zong Zhen's Human Array was still immature, so the Human Array required supplementing from traditional Great Formation power.

Of course, this was only his situation. Whether Zong Zhen needed traditional Great Formation power, he didn't know.

As his Human Array's power released, the immortal energy emanating from him grew increasingly formidable. Suddenly, under this terrifying power convergence, his clothes abruptly tore apart.

Then, beams of light rose from the Great Formation below, enveloping him. From a distance, he appeared akin to an ancient deity, with his internal energy skyrocketing.

This side of the world quivered madly, beams shooting at him, so intense they obscured his appearance.

This sudden change drew all eyes upon him.

“This aura...”

“Uncle-Master, how did Uncle-Master become so powerful all of a sudden!”

“Uncle-Master just used his trump card!”

“It’s a formation; Uncle-Master’s formation suddenly strengthened!”

“Such power, in the Earth Immortal Realm, it’s simply invincible! How can she resist?”

“Uncle-Master is going to win!”

“I can’t; my eyes can’t look at Uncle-Master. The light from Uncle-Master is too intense; it hurts my eyes.”

Not only were these Earth Immortal and Golden Core Stage disciples affected, but even the Gao Husou of the Immortality Regainment Realm couldn’t clearly see the Chess Formation’s appearance, their vision dazed by the brilliance.

The Supreme Elder, who had kept her eyes half-closed, suddenly opened them wide, focusing intently on the Chess Formation’s direction. Others might not see clearly, but she could. The Chess Formation clearly showed layer upon layer of formation runes.

The Chess Formation, he used the Human Array on him; it was the Human Array left by Zong Zhen!

He actually used the Human Array power, utilizing Zong Zhen, the power left by that sect defector!

Within the Supreme Elder, an immense fury surged, causing her body to tremble slightly with agitation.

Immortal Lord Cuo Zhen, seeing the formation runes appearing on the Chess Formation, instantly comprehended that someone besides himself had performed experiments on the Chess Formation.

That being the case, the one who informed Absolute-Formation of everything was indeed the Chess Formation Junior Brother.

Beside them, Immortal Lord Xuan Zhen and Immortal Lord Wu Zhen widened their eyes abruptly and exclaimed, "What is that? Why are formations appearing on the Chess Formation's body..."

Before they could finish, Immortal Lord Jue Zhen's urgent voice suddenly interjected, "Two Junior Brothers, refrain from saying more. After their duel, the Supreme Elder, Sect Hierarch, and I will inform you of everything."

Chapter 1986: Human Formation

As for the experimentation of the Zong Zhen on Mistaken-Formation and Chess Formation, turning the two into a Human Array, she only disclosed it to the Supreme Elder and the Sect Hierarch.

After all, he promised Mistaken-Formation that he wouldn't fully reveal this to everyone, and the Sect Hierarch and the Supreme Elder both knew the reason for Zong Zhen's defection was because of the Human Array issue.

However, the two of them did not know that Zong Zhen had also turned Mistaken-Formation and Chess Formation into a Human Array.

As for Wu Zhen and Xuan Zhen, they knew nothing at all.

It seems that the Supreme Elder and the Sect Hierarch, for the sake of the Great Teaching, did not disclose this matter.

And both Wu Zhen and Xuan Zhen, being in the True Immortal Realm, could naturally see the changes in Chess Formation. If they were to speak about it, then everyone would know that Chess Formation had

formation lines on him. Who knows, someone might associate it with the Human Array, might think about Zong Zhen's defection, which is why she hurriedly silenced the two.

After speaking, she turned back to look at the extremely angry Supreme Elder because Chess Formation used the Human Array and sighed inwardly, conveying, "Elder, actually, Junior Brother Chess Formation didn't want to use the Human Array either. He's doing it now only for the face of our Extreme Formation Sect, to defeat the Hundred Peaks Sect so that our sect does not lose face."

"I would rather he lose!"

The Supreme Elder said, closing his eyes, a flash of pain across his face, do they have to use the power of the Human Array to win?

What does this count as!

If Zong Zhen knew what happened, what would he say? Would he say that researching the Human Array was right, and that the Extreme Formation Sect still needs to rely on the Human Array!

Chess Formation's aura suddenly surged, and Ling Xi immediately felt increased pressure; she could even clearly feel the change in how the Unparalleled Formation Diagram restrained the opponent.

Previously, Chess Formation seemed to be part of the chessboard, but Chess Formation and the great formation below were still separate. But now, she felt that Chess Formation was part of that great formation below!

Did he make himself part of the formation?

Is that why?

Then, if she could make herself part of the formation, would her connection with the Unparalleled Formation Plate become even closer?

Facing the suddenly surging aura of Chess Formation, Ling Xi found herself momentarily distracted, suddenly, in the void, pieces of black and white chess pieces flew upwards.

Chess Formation was originally only controlling two pieces of black and white chess pieces, but now he was controlling ten pieces at once, and these ten pieces flew abruptly towards the front of the Immortal Mountain that Ling Xi had condensed, and then the ten pieces exploded simultaneously!

In an instant, a deafening, earth-shattering roar resounded, so loud that even distant Golden Core Stage disciples were left dizzy and dazed.

This thunderous sound even formed a visible airwave, like ripples in water, rushing skyward, scattering the clouds above.

The entire Unparalleled Formation Diagram trembled wildly, the terrifying force of the explosion surged outward, seemingly about to shatter the formation diagram.

Faint cracks even appeared on the formation diagram.

The sky of the void where the two were located trembled frantically, at this moment, the blazing sun above lost its brilliance.

The massive mountain conjured by the thirty-six talismans in front of Ling Xi collapsed at this moment.

A terrifying force rushed straight towards her, yet she stood still in the void without any action, allowing the airwave to strike at her.

In just the blink of an eye, this force reached her, her body protection spell flickered madly, cracks appearing on the light, and as the protection shattered, the diminished force hit her body fiercely, instantly sending her flying, the forceful impact making her blood and qi surge wildly inside, even a crimson streak of blood appeared at the corner of her mouth.

“She’s injured!”

“Ling Xi is injured!”

On the Extreme Formation Sect’s side, the disciples were overjoyed seeing Ling Xi being flung away; this was her first injury after ten battles today.

“I knew it, Uncle Chess Formation is sure to win!”

“This time, we are bound to win!”

“Uncle Chess Formation’s outburst was too terrifying, she really couldn’t hold on!”

“Finally won!”

Disciples of the Extreme Formation Sect shouted loudly, venting their suppressed emotions.

On the Hundred Peaks Sect side, people’s faces changed dramatically.

“Sister Ling Xi is injured!”

“How could it be!”

“No, Sister Ling Xi could obviously block that incoming force just now, why didn’t she act? That’s not like Sister Ling Xi at all!”

“Look, Sister Ling Xi is still smiling!”

While being sent flying, Ling Xi’s lips curled slightly, she smiled, just now, when the mountain she gathered with talismans shattered, the Unparalleled Formation Plate shaken intensely, even cracks appeared, then as her aura surged out, mending the formation plate, she suddenly understood!

Initially, she resonated with the formation plate through the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talisman because she possessed the Ancient Talisman Immortal Body, harmonizing with the talisman, and because the talisman was aligned with the Bagua's path and matched with the formation plate, she was able to resonate with the formation through it.

All along, she had resonated with the formation plate via the talisman.

But today, seeing Chess Formation turning himself into a part of the great formation, as the formation plate absorbed her power after being damaged, she suddenly realized she'd been wrong.

Indeed, she could resonate with the formation plate through the talisman, and later, her talisman was modified by her master, and the formation plate crafted by her master too, making them more compatible.

But no matter how compatible, one was a formation plate and the other a talisman, they were different after all, and resonating with the formation plate through the talisman was always a layer apart.

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In that brief moment, countless images flashed through Ling Xi's mind. The first time she obtained the Supreme Unparalleled Formation Plate, to the time she gathered the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talismans, the first time she used the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talismans to activate the plate, her repeated battles using the Unparalleled Formation Diagram, her myriad nights spent comprehending the formation diagram, and even her breakthrough into the Immortal Path Domain were all about understanding the formation diagram, not just the talismans.

Many people believed she was strong because her master had crafted the Unparalleled Formation Diagram for her, that it matched her extraordinarily well.

But if she hadn't sought to understand the formation diagram, how could she possibly fully unleash its power?

After all these years, her understanding of the Supreme Unparalleled Formation Plate was no less than her understanding of the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talismans.

Given this, why did she always need to connect the Supreme Unparalleled Formation Diagram through the Heaven and Earth Array Plate?

After all, the Unparalleled Formation Diagram and the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talismans were merely compatible, not identical, and mere compatibility couldn't unleash such powerful energy.

More importantly, it was the Unparalleled Formation Diagram's approval of her!

At this moment, she realized many things. Suddenly, numerous talismans flew out from around her, and she attempted to become a part of the formation diagram herself.

Streams of light surged from within her, falling around the formation diagram.

Instantly, the entire formation diagram began to tremble madly. Radiant beams burst from every corner of the diagram, falling upon her.

In that instant, Ling Xi even developed an illusion that her formation diagram was alive and had completely accepted her!

Even her Immortal Mountain rapidly soared, instantly rising five more zhang, reaching a height of four hundred and ninety zhang.

In that brief moment, she achieved profound clarity on many things.

In the Earth Immortal Realm, reaching her height, elevating the Immortal Mountain by even a single zhang was as difficult as ascending to heaven, let alone a five-zhang increase at once.

Within the formation diagram, Chess Formation couldn't understand; although the formation diagram before him seemed unchanged, it felt as if it had been sublimated.

Not good!

He suddenly widened his eyes—in that moment, the formation diagram and Ling Xi had melded into one. His formation was no longer targeting just Ling Xi but both the formation diagram and Ling Xi.

The targeted power increased abruptly, causing the great formation he set up below to tremble wildly, and even the surrounding ground shook violently.

Suddenly, the next moment, the entire great formation exploded violently, and the stones and Immortal Crystals set in the formation shot outwards under the impact of the horrifying force. Below, the earth ruptured as endless dust soared into the sky from the explosion's impact.

In that instant, Chess Formation felt the energy within him churning violently. The Human Array left by Zong Zhen on his body exploded simultaneously with the great formation below.

As part of the great formation, when it exploded, so did he. His flesh burst outward in all directions, and in an instant, he was left at death's door.

“Not good!”

Immortal Lord Wu Zhen saw Chess Formation suddenly severely injured, his face changed drastically, and with a flash, he had already flown down, catching Chess Formation, with boundless yet incomparably gentle immortal qi flowing from her into him, calming the backlash force of the explosive formation and rapidly mending Chess Formation's damaged body.

Meanwhile, the disciples of the Extreme Formation Sect just stared blankly ahead, as if a spell had been cast to freeze them.

Just now, Chess Formation had the upper hand, so how could his formation explode in just a moment?

Could there have been a problem with Chess Formation's formation?

But Chess Formation's expertise in formation within the Extreme Formation Sect could easily rank in the top ten. How could there be an issue with the formation he set up?

Even if there was a problem, it would result in the grand formation exploding, but how could Chess Formation suffer such severe backlash?

Everyone was utterly bewildered.

In the void, many showed faces of despair, some even closing their eyes in pain and nearly toppling from the void.

Chess Formation lost, and he was the last person from their Extreme Formation Sect. This meant they lost.

Before, they had bet on their sect winning, many betting quite a lot, some even staking everything they had, and now, it was all gone. Without these resources, how would they cultivate in the future?

Among the crowd, there were even two from the Immortality Regainment Realm, feeling their blood rushing to their brains. Those were people who lost bets, but the two of them were different—they had opened gambling houses where those from the Hundred Peaks Sect placed their bets. Now that the other side won, they would have to pay.

If everything had been Spirit Stones and Immortal Stones, it would have been manageable, but many bet resources like Immortal Herbs and Immortal Mines, and others demanded equal-value resources. Where would they find so many resources for compensation?

How did Chess Formation lose?

Chess Formation clearly had the upper hand just now.

But no matter what, Chess Formation lost. They would have to compensate; not compensating would lead the high-ups from the Hundred Peaks Sect directly to their Sect Hierarchy, bringing unimaginable shame.

Chapter 1988:

Although the Chess Formation caused severe injuries, Immortal Lord Wu Zhen, being a presence in the True Immortal Realm, managed to stabilize his injuries instantly.

Wu Zhen's figure flashed again and appeared before the Supreme Elder and the Sect Hierarchy of the Extreme Formation Sect, speaking in a low voice: "The recoil from the Chess Formation's counterforce was too strong. Although I have temporarily stabilized his injuries, he still needs more time. I'll give him another treatment to ensure no hidden injuries remain.

Master Uncle, Sect Hierarchy, I'll take him to heal now."

After Wu Zhen finished speaking, his figure had already disappeared. The injuries from the Chess Formation were indeed severe. If someone at the Immortality Regainment Realm were to treat him, it couldn't be guaranteed that there would be no hidden injuries left, so it had to be him, at the True Immortal Realm, and he was the most skilled in treating injuries within the Extreme Formation Sect at this level.

Upon hearing Wu Zhen say that there would be no hidden injuries left for the Chess Formation, they all felt relieved.

The Supreme Elder watched the figures of the two departing and suddenly murmured: "A deviation is always a deviation. Had he used the Human Array, it wouldn't have ended up like this. A proper Great Formation, even when forced, wouldn't leave the one controlling it this injured."

Although she didn't use a Sound Isolation Spell, her voice only reached Immortal Lord Jue Zhen and the others.

After speaking, her figure flickered, directly leaving the place.

Immortal Lord Jue Zhen watched his Master Uncle's departing back but showed little agreement. If the Chess Formation hadn't used the Human Array, it would have already been defeated. Defeat in a duel is no different from death!

Moreover, the Chess Formation's array was set up in only three days. What if they were given more time?

Furthermore, Zong Zhen's philosophy was that traditional Great Formations required time to set up, which is why he researched the Human Array. However, the Chess Formation combined the Human Array with traditional Great Formations, which wasn't Zong Zhen's philosophy, leading to its heavy damage.

What if the Chess Formation had only used the Human Array?

The Sect Hierarchy of the Extreme Formation Sect looked at the crowd with a solemn expression. He knew from the beginning that their people from the Great Teaching had exchanges with the Hundred Peaks Sect, and also knew that their people had been losing. He thought losing was beneficial as a wake-up call for everyone.

To prevent them from considering themselves superior just because they came from the Central Continent to the Eastern Province, thinking they were stronger than the cultivators from the central axis!

However, at present, their losses were quite overwhelming.

Even after setting up the array three days in advance, they lost to others.

Originally, he intended to reflect after today's victory by reminding everyone they could only win because they had an array, an advantage to reflect on their combat issues like lack of experience.

Yet today, they lost again.

Look at the disciples of the Extreme Formation Sect, each with vacant eyes, questioning their very existence, and to reprimand them now might truly shatter their confidence.

Sigh, it would be better to return and find the higher-ups in the sect, letting them gradually comfort the disciples while subtly admonishing them.

"Everyone, return."

The Sect Hierarchy of the Extreme Formation Sect waved his hand, turning and flying towards the distance.

Meanwhile, on the side of the Hundred Peaks Sect, cheers erupted, interspersed with disappointed sighs.

“We won! I knew Senior Sister Ling Xi would win. Why did I only bet so little? Since they accepted all kinds of material bets, I should have bet more!”

“Haha, I bet my entire fortune, and this time I’ve struck it rich!”

“Me too. Although I was sure Senior Sister would triumph, I still didn’t feel secure and only bet half my fortune!”

“Well, winning is good already. I didn’t bet a single penny!”

“Not betting was smart. Truthfully, Senior Sister Ling Xi’s victory was a close call. Didn’t you see? Before securing victory, Ling Xi was at a definite disadvantage and even injured.

If Senior Sister hadn’t suddenly realized something and broken through in the midst of battle, she might not have won!”

“Yes, it felt risky to me too, and Ling Xi’s victory seemed more due to her opponent’s mistake. Otherwise, even with her breakthrough, winning wasn’t guaranteed!”

“These bets are dangerous; we should bet less in the future.”

“Anyway, we profited this time. Let’s go collect our winnings from the Extreme Formation Sect!”

The disciples of the Extreme Formation Sect were utterly frustrated. Losing to the Hundred Peaks Sect was embarrassing enough, but now they had to pay all their money too.

Without money and resources, their future cultivation would be in jeopardy.

The Sect Hierarchy of the Extreme Formation Sect knew that their disciples had placed bets, and many bet heavily, even wagering their entire fortunes.

Those who dared to wager their entire fortunes included some who bet items they didn't use, while others genuinely bet everything, even their personal treasures.

If they chose to bet, they should prepare for the consequences of losing.

If only a few disciples lost bets, he wouldn't intervene, letting them learn a lesson would be beneficial.

However, too many disciples placed losing bets, and without resources, many won't be able to cultivate further.

Impacting cultivation is the last thing he wants, but he can't directly compensate the disciples with cultivation resources.

Chapter 1989:

The disciples lost quite a bit, but their Extreme Formation Sect is a great teaching that has been passed down for nearly two million years, with untold resources accumulated, and there's no problem in supplying these resources to the disciples by opening the treasury.

However, the problem is that supplying resources to everyone essentially tells these disciples that they can afford to lose, as the great teaching will back them up.

In the future, the ethos of their Extreme Formation Sect would deteriorate, so he had to come up with a compromise: resources can be lent to disciples, but these resources must be returned, with interest.

This, however, makes the great teaching seem somewhat unkind, as the disciples who lost have to borrow resources with interest?

Therefore, he added a clause that the interest could be offset if they engage in sparring with someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect of the same cultivation realm.

If they win, they could even directly offset a portion of the resources.

In this battle, he also realized the gap between their Extreme Formation Sect disciples and those of other normal sects or great teachings, so he encouraged their disciples to spar with those from the Hundred Peaks Sect.

With the instructions issued by the Sect Hierarchy, Extreme Formation Sect disciples started seeking out members of the Hundred Peaks Sect for sparring, and there was even a queue for this sparring.

There's no help for it, as the number of people in the Hundred Peaks Sect is not as large as those in their Extreme Formation Sect, and not everyone in the Hundred Peaks Sect is interested in sparring. Many of them just won a large amount, obtained so many resources, and are focused on cultivation; they don't have time to spar.

Additionally, a minority of them, though available, had no takers for a spar, such as Xiang Ziyu, Ling Xi, and Yan Yourong.

These five people had all broken through the Earth Immortal Realm of the Extreme Formation Sect; sparring with them would be asking for trouble!

If they win a spar, there's a reward that can offset some borrowed resources, so they naturally want to win.

There's no chance of winning against these five, so who would want to challenge them?

But they never expected that the Hundred Peaks Sect had so many extraordinary talents. Although they avoided the five from Four Treasures Peak, they quickly found out that the terrors within Four Treasures Peak did not stop there.

Others like Liao Youdi, Liè Yàn, and Shen Lid were incredibly strong, each possessing the power to break through their Earth Immortal Realm.

After one day, they even began to doubt their own abilities.

Are they really that weak?

The Extreme Formation Sect Hierarch was helpless. What is going on with this Hundred Peaks Sect having so many geniuses?

If this continues, the confidence of their disciples in the Extreme Formation Sect would be truly crushed; he now urgently needs to restore some confidence to the disciples. With no choice, he had to let some disciples at the Immortality Regainment Realm challenge them.

Originally, he didn't intend for those at the Immortality Regainment Realm to spar, as the existence of this realm involves significant commotion in battles, and any injuries incurred cannot be quickly healed, not to mention the potential attack from the six great alien races.

Besides, there are not many disciples at the Immortality Regainment Realm in the Hundred Peaks Sect.

But to win and restore the confidence of their disciples, he could only send those at the Immortality Regainment Realm to challenge them.

However, the next day, more bad news came; their Hundred Peaks Sect people began losing again.

Those at the Immortality Regainment Realm in the Hundred Peaks Sect were terrifyingly strong, even among the same realm.

The Immortality Regainment Realm is divided into the Early, Mid, Late, and Peak periods.

Almost all of those in the Immortality Regainment Realm from the Hundred Peaks Sect were of the early period, so they sent disciples from the early period to spar.

Yet again, these disciples began to fail.

Then, there was a female cultivator named Ruo Yun who was terrifyingly strong; she was at the mid Immortality Regainment Realm, and their mid-realm disciples in the Extreme Formation Sect were completely overwhelmed by her alone!

Ruo Yun was the first in the Hundred Peaks Sect to break through into the Immortality Regainment Realm. She was a reincarnated great ability; although the path she took differed from her previous life, there were similarities, and her cultivation speed was notably faster than others.

Especially since she had entered and departed from the world of Canghai Sangtian, she broke through into the mid Immortality Regainment Realm after leaving.

Fortunately, later the disciples at the late Immortality Regainment Realm from the Extreme Formation Sect finally managed to regain some face and won a victory against the Hundred Peaks Sect.

There was only one female disciple at the late Immortality Regainment Realm on the opposing side.

Afterward, Extreme Formation Sect Hierarch learned that this late Immortality Regainment Realm female disciple was not even strictly a Hundred Peaks Sect disciple.

The Hundred Peaks Sect had merged with a major sect called the Ten Thousand Immortals Sect to become a great teaching, and that late Immortality Regainment Realm female cultivator belonged to the Ten Thousand Immortals Sect.

This meant they still lost when facing the Hundred Peaks Sect.

However, gradually, as he learned more about the Hundred Peaks Sect, he began to understand.

It turns out the Hundred Peaks Sect was so strong because those who defeated them were at the Golden Core Stage limit or almost at that limit, making them the most exceptional in various periods of the Earth Immortal Realm.

Chapter 1990:

Upon learning how the Hundred Peaks Sect managed to fend off various hostile sects, he could hardly believe it and found it incomprehensible.

How could the Hundred Peaks Sect produce so many geniuses?

Was it truly because the sect had not seen the appearance of the Hundred Peaks Sect Leader recently?

He now also knew that the reason Cao Zhen became the leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect was due to his past deeds, and it was also known that in his previous life, Cao Zhen was a reborn great ability. Many even suspected that Cao Zhen had achieved the realm of a Golden Immortal!

Of course, aside from these peerless talents, the Hundred Peaks Sect also possessed numerous geniuses—far more than typical major sects. However, these geniuses were genuine, ordinary talents without displaying such terrifying combat capabilities.

Although the Hundred Peaks Sect had been sparring with the Extreme Formation Sect, even resulting in the Extreme Formation Sect losing quite a few resources to them in the past,

the upper echelons of both sects were able to maintain order. They even continuously monitored the sparring among the disciples, preventing any deterioration in relationships between the two sects. Some disciples even became friends, appreciating each other through the sparring.

In the blink of an eye, a month had passed, and the injuries of the Chess Formation were almost healed.

Although he couldn't return to his peak state, normal cultivation and life were no longer affected. He returned to his cave mansion.

However, shortly after he returned to his cave mansion, Immortal Lord Absolute-Formation came to find him.

“Senior Sister.” Upon seeing Immortal Lord Absolute-Formation approaching, Chess Formation immediately lowered his head, feeling guilty despite having apologized numerous times, he said, “It’s because of my incompetence that I brought shame to our Extreme Formation Sect.”

“Let’s not dwell on the past. A loss is a loss. Just focus on your cultivation and win back what you lost.

Today, I came to ask you another question regarding that day when Ling Xi fought against you and the opponent’s formation map.

The whole city witnessed your battle that day, and I always felt that Ling Xi’s formation map wasn’t just about restraining formations. I know your formation, and even a formation crafted in three days shouldn’t have been so weak.”

Immortal Lord Absolute-Formation wanted to ask this question the day the battle ended, but she couldn’t ask since her junior brother was heavily injured.

Later, she heard some rumors about the formation map used by Ling Xi but found them hard to believe. So, when her junior brother mostly recovered and returned to the cave mansion today, she came straight away to inquire.

“Senior Sister, you noticed it as well.” Chess Formation recalled the battle and expressed amazement, saying, “I felt that Ling Xi’s formation map not only restrained my formation but also my Yin Yang Qi. It seemed like everything within the formation map would be restrained.”

“Everything within the formation map being restrained, it indeed seems so. The rumors were true.” Immortal Lord Absolute-Formation showed a look of amazement.

Curious, Chess Formation asked, “Senior Sister, what do you mean by your words? What other rumors?”

“Actually, it’s not much of a secret; you just didn’t know because you were recovering.”

Immortal Lord Absolute-Formation sighed, “After your defeat, our disciples have continued sparring with those from the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Some disciples, perhaps due to losing too much in wagers, were still unconvinced during the sparring, claiming the Hundred Peaks Sect set them up, specifically using a formation map that restrained our Extreme Formation Sect's abilities.

In response, the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect argued that the formation map restrained anyone who entered, not just those from our sect.

Previously, Ling Xi had already used that formation map against many from the Eastern Province, and everyone who entered it was restrained.

The Hundred Peaks Sect focused on cultivating formations, but only a few pursued it. The rest didn't know much, but as fellow cultivators of formations, you and I understand how immensely challenging it is to create a formation map that restrains everything within it.

In fact, within our Extreme Formation Sect, no one can craft such a formation map. Even the remarkable Immortal Lord of Picturesque Formations couldn't achieve it in the past.

I saw one of his journals where he mentioned creating a formation map capable of restraining most powers in the world, but there was one power it couldn't restrain. If he had found a way to restrain that power, he might have achieved the final step.

However, he never disclosed what that irresistible power was and didn't leave the formation map behind, believing it to be imperfect. Later, he realized he couldn't find a way to restrain that power.

So, he abandoned his research on that formation map and turned to study other formation crafting methods.

And in our Extreme Formation Sect, we also have great formations that can restrain anyone who enters them.

But it requires harnessing the power of heaven and earth, a true great formation of legitimacy.

Yet now, the people of the Hundred Peaks Sect managed to craft a formation map capable of restraining all who enter, which is terrifying!

That's why I came to confirm it with you."

Chess Formation noticed what his senior sister said later, with a look of surprise, he exclaimed, "Senior Sister, you said the formation map crafted by someone in the Hundred Peaks Sect, could it be that the formation map Ling Xi used was... crafted by someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect? Who crafted it?"