

Sect Master 361

Chapter 361: Notification

A month ago, after receiving the summons from the Flying Swan Sect, the Earthfire Sect dispatched two Foundation Building stage elders and a team of Qi Refining stage disciples to respond to the summons from the Flying Swan Sect and head to the front line to fight.

The Earthfire Sect's attitude made the Flying Swan Sect very unhappy. The Earthfire Sect was so powerful, but they only sent such a small team. The Flying Swan Sect thought that the Earthfire Sect was trying to conserve their strength and avoid fighting.

So two days ago, the Flying Swan Sect sent a messenger to the Earthfire Sect to reprimand the Earthfire Sect Sect Master Liang Feng and order Liang Feng to send out the main force of the sect to the front line to fight.

On the surface, Liang Feng was humble and obedient, and agreed to the requirements of the Flying Swan Sect messenger. But as soon as the Flying Swan Sect messenger left, he started to mobilize the disciples of the sect to launch an attack on the Flying Swan Sect. Liang Feng claimed that the Earthfire Sect had the support of the Fire Cloud Sect, a large cultivation sect in the Jiuqu League.

The Flying Swan Sect's last sneak attack on the Fire Cloud Sect had completely enraged the Jiuqu League.

The powerful Jiuqu League had decided to take action against the Flying Swan Sect. The Fire Cloud Sect was the vanguard of the attack on the Flying Swan Sect. The Fire Cloud Sect army had already entered the Endless Sea of Sand.

The Earthfire Sect should take advantage of this opportunity to join the Fire Cloud Sect and attack the Flying Swan Sect. After the Flying Swan Sect was destroyed, they would be able to reap the greatest benefits.

The two elders in the Earthfire Sect who were clear-headed and rational and advocated for a respectful attitude towards the Flying Swan Sect had already been sent by Liang Feng to respond to the Flying Swan Sect's summons and head to the front line to fight.

The remaining elders in the Earthfire Sect were either supporters of Liang Feng or had long been dissatisfied with the Flying Swan Sect.

After being seduced by Liang Feng, these simple-minded and hot-tempered elders were quickly persuaded.

Liang Feng easily gained the support of all the elders in the sect, and then mobilized the entire sect and was about to launch an attack.

Shangguan Wen received this news and immediately became flustered.

As one of the few clear-headed and rational people in the Earthfire Sect, he did not believe Liang Feng's nonsense at all.

The strength of the Flying Swan Sect was well-known.

In Shangguan Wen's opinion, Liang Feng leading the Earthfire Sect to resist the Flying Swan Sect was simply courting death.

That damned Liang Feng could die, but the entire Earthfire Sect could not be buried with him.

Shangguan Wen had some feelings for the Earthfire Sect, and he could not just stand by and watch the Earthfire Sect be destroyed by Liang Feng.

In his opinion, as long as the Flying Swan Sect took action, took down Liang Feng, the Sect Master, and replaced him with a new Sect Master, the Earthfire Sect would accept some punishment and pay a sufficient price, and then this matter should be over.

After all, the Earthfire Sect was still very valuable to the Flying Swan Sect. And now that the war was in full swing, it was time to use people.

Most importantly, the Earthfire Sect's Great Elder, Flame, was still trapped in the Demon Wind Gobi with Fei Tian Dao Shi.

Originally, Shangguan Wen was going to urgently notify the Flying Swan Sect, so that they would be prepared and stop Liang Feng from taking a desperate gamble.

However, all of the Flying Swan Sect's outposts in the nearby area were already under the surveillance of the Earthfire Sect.

For example, the Flying Swan Building in the Firewell Market, the original Twin Success Valley mountain gate, and even the original Green Bamboo Mountain mountain gate, these closest Flying Swan Sect outposts, did not escape the Earthfire Sect's eyes.

As for those secret outposts of the Flying Swan Sect that were not known to the public, and the spies that were definitely present, Shangguan Wen knew nothing about them.

As for leaving this place and going to the Flying Swan Sect's direct territory to report the news, that was too much to ask of him.

Shangguan Wen was just a Qi Refining stage cultivator. When he was sent out, the flying mount and flying boat he had were taken back by the sect. With his walking speed, by the time he arrived at the Flying Swan Sect's direct territory, Liang Feng would have already committed a grave mistake. After thinking hard, Shangguan Wen thought of Meng Zhang.

He did not expect Meng Zhang to remember their previous friendship and help him. Instead, he thought that Taiyi Sect had been close to Flying Swan Sect for many years. Regardless of whether it was to please Flying Swan Sect or to cause trouble for Earthfire Sect, Meng Zhang should not sit idly by while Liang Feng launched an attack on Flying Swan Sect.

So Shangguan Wen secretly came to Taiyi Sect alone,

Ask to see Meng Zhang and tell him the whole story. After hearing Shangguan Wen's account, Meng Zhang's first reaction was that Heaven helps me.

He had long looked down upon Earthfire Sect, and now that Liang Feng had committed suicide and attacked Flying Swan Sect, it was time for Taiyi Sect to take advantage of the situation and attack Earthfire Sect.

But then he thought about it again, and he realized that the Earthfire Sect lunatics, although ill-tempered, were not fools. If they dared to attack Flying Swan Sect, they must have had enough confidence.

Shangguan Wen told Meng Zhang the whole story, then urged Meng Zhang to quickly contact the nearby sects loyal to Flying Swan Sect and go out together to stop Earthfire Sect from attacking Flying Swan Sect.

Meng Zhang did not respond to Shangguan Wen's words, but instead asked carefully about Earthfire Sect's current strength.

Although Shangguan Wen was far from the center of Earthfire Sect, he was well-informed. When he heard Meng Zhang's question, he did not think much about it and immediately told him about Earthfire Sect's current strength as if he were reciting from memory.

Earthfire Sect's Sect Master Liang Feng had a Foundation Building late stage cultivation base, and the two guest elders he had recruited, the Liu Family brothers, also had a Foundation Building late stage cultivation base.

Not counting the two elders who had been sent to the front lines to fight, there were four Foundation Building elders in Earthfire Sect, one in the middle stage of Foundation Building, and three in the early stage of Foundation Building.

In addition, Earthfire Sect had two cultivators who had just secretly succeeded in Foundation Building not long ago.

As for the Qi Refining stage disciples, there was no need to count them.

After hearing Shangguan Wen's words, Meng Zhang's hot heart immediately cooled down.

Now, Taiyi Sect, including himself as the Sect Master, only had three Foundation Building stage cultivators. On the Qiaoshou Sect side, only Aunt Jin and Jin Qiao'er were left behind.

Further away, the Land Walk Sect seemed to have sent all of their main cultivators to respond to Flying Swan Sect's call to go to the front lines to fight.

Now, the only person in charge of the Land Walk Sect's mountain gate was a Foundation Building stage cultivator who was on his last legs.

The other cultivation forces loyal to Flying Swan Sect were even further away, and it was impossible to gather them in time.

Even if they were gathered, it would probably be useless, because the main cultivators of these forces had already been summoned to the front lines by Flying Swan Sect.

As for Flying Swan Sect itself, it had a number of outposts in the surrounding area, but there were no strong cultivators to guard them.

Since the war with the beasts broke out, most of Flying Swan Sect's forces had been drawn to the front lines.

The enemy was too strong, and we were too weak. If we were to go to war, we would surely suffer heavy losses and be defeated.

However, from the sound of Shangguan Wen's words, it seemed that Earthfire Sect had chosen Flying Swan Sect as their target of attack, and did not intend to take advantage of the situation to attack other sects.

Thinking of this, Meng Zhang's heart stirred, and he asked: "Is Earthfire Sect going to attack Flying Swan Sect directly? Why didn't they attack the other sects around first?"

"I don't know what Liang Feng is thinking. He is obsessed with attacking Flying Swan Sect. He has no plans for the other sects, and he simply ignores them." Shangguan Wen was also confused.

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Chapter 362: Launch

Shangguan Wen answered Meng Zhang's question and became impatient.

Meng Zhang talked for a long time, and kept hesitating, and did not summon the cultivators in the sect, or notify other sects.

Time waits for no one. If Liang Feng really attacked the Flying Swan Sect, then it would be a big mistake.

If Meng Zhang was not the Sect Master of the Taiyi Sect and a powerful Foundation Building Stage cultivator, Shangguan Wen would have started to get angry.

After listening to Shangguan Wen's answer, Meng Zhang made a decision in his heart.

He asked the last question.

"No one else knows about your visit to the Taiyi Sect to report?"

"What do you mean?" Shangguan Wen seemed to have sensed Meng Zhang's ill intentions, and did not answer the question, but asked back warily.

Meng Zhang did not need Shangguan Wen to answer. He used his innate divine ability, Mind Reading, and got the answer he wanted from Shangguan Wen's heart.

Shangguan Wen had come to the Taiyi Sect in secret, and no one else knew about his whereabouts.

Meng Zhang did not speak, and with a wave of his hand, Shangguan Wen was subdued without any resistance.

Meng Zhang ignored Shangguan Wen's glare, and called for the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall, Fang Tong. He had him lead the sect's law enforcement disciples and temporarily control all the disciples who knew Shangguan Wen had visited. They were sent to the Law Enforcement Hall for custody.

This matter must be kept absolutely confidential, and no word of it can be leaked. Shangguan Wen's visit must be kept strictly under wraps.

Shangguan Wen, who was unable to move or speak, looked at Meng Zhang with confusion. He could not believe it. Meng Zhang was also with Liang Feng. When did he collude with Liang Feng, and why did he betray the Flying Swan Sect?

Shangguan Wen was a rational person in the Earthfire Sect, but he was not a wise man. The only reason he was able to stand out was because of Shangguan Longyan's support and his excellent ability to handle affairs. However, when it came to quick thinking, he was a little slow. For a moment, he could not see through Meng Zhang's intentions.

Meng Zhang had no obligation to explain himself to Shangguan Wen, and he secretly imprisoned him.

Shangguan Wen had once held power in the Earthfire Sect, and he was very familiar with the situation in the sect. His life still had value before all of his secrets were squeezed out.

Meng Zhang did not change his expression, as if he did not know that the Earthfire Sect was going to launch an attack on the Flying Swan Sect.

In private, he secretly summoned the Taiyi Sect's other two Foundation Building Stage cultivators, Deep Earth Spirit General and Hu Jing.

Deep Earth Spirit General was originally stationed in Date Spice Oasis, and Hu Jing was in Singing Sand City handling matters.

After the Flying Swan Sect and the monsters fought a full-scale war, the entire Endless Sea of Sand was greatly affected. The regular shipping route from Singing Sand City to Flying Swan City had to be temporarily suspended.

Hu Jing was in Singing Sand City to deal with the aftermath of the series of troublesome matters.

After receiving Meng Zhang's secret message, the two of them quickly put down their work and rushed back to the Taiyi Sect.

As soon as they returned to the Taiyi Sect, they were called into the secret room by Meng Zhang.

Meng Zhang told them about Shangguan Wen's visit and his plan of action. Since the Earthfire Sect's target is not Taiyi Sect, but the Flying Swan Sect. Then Taiyi Sect has no need to take the lead for Flying Swan Sect and face the Earthfire Sect's powerful army.

Anyway, this time the Earthfire Sect suddenly launched, Taiyi Sect was not aware of it in advance. In a short period of time, it is impossible to make any reaction.

Even if the Flying Swan Sect asks about it in the future, there is no reason to blame Taiyi Sect.

Meng Zhang secretly summoned Deep Earth Spirit General and Hu Jing, just in case.

If the Earthfire Sect suddenly attacks Taiyi Sect, with them three as the main force, plus the rest of the disciples in the sect, relying on the mountain gate's protective great formation to defend, should be able to hold out for a short time.

With this time, it should be enough for the Flying Swan Sect to react and send reinforcements to attack the Earthfire Sect.

Deep Earth Spirit General and Hu Jing had no other opinions about Meng Zhang's arrangements.

Meng Zhang made the worst possible plans, but did not reveal anything on the surface.

A day after Shangguan Wen secretly went to Taiyi Sect to report the news, the Earthfire Sect suddenly attacked the Flying Swan Sect.

The Flying Swan Building in the Firewell Market became the Earthfire Sect's first target.

This building in the Firewell Market, which is the tallest and most eye-catching, has suffered an unprecedented catastrophe today.

The cultivators of the Earthfire Sect rushed into the Flying Swan Building, killed all the people related to the Flying Swan Sect, and then looted and destroyed at will.

In the sky, Earthfire Sect Master Liang Feng stood on the bow of a flying boat, staring expressionlessly at the movements below.

At this time, his heart was not as calm as it seemed on the surface. He really didn't expect that the Fire Cloud Sect would be so insidious.

After receiving the news that the Flying Swan Sect had defeated the Fire Cloud Sect and the Fire Cloud Sect's Gold Core cultivators had suffered heavy losses, Liang Feng was a little shaken.

The Flying Swan Sect is so powerful, it really exceeded his expectations.

The Fire Cloud Sect looks like it is not a match for the Flying Swan Sect, so Liang Feng has to reconsider the cooperation with the Fire Cloud Sect.

This cannot be blamed on Liang Feng for wavering, but the Fire Cloud Sect was too incompetent. Liang Feng had not really decided to betray the Fire Cloud Sect, but the Fire Cloud Sect took action against him first.

When he was alone with the Liu Family brothers in a room, the Liu Family brothers suddenly attacked him.

Liang Feng last time took the Fire Cloud Sect's elixir, and was able to break through to the Foundation Building late stage. He absolutely did not expect that the Fire Cloud Sect would actually make a move on the elixir.

The Liu Family brothers made a move and launched a hidden hand, activating the remaining power of the elixir in Liang Feng's body, easily controlling him.

After controlling Liang Feng, the Liu Family brothers also tore off their faces and stopped being polite with him.

The Liu Family brothers first tortured Liang Feng severely, and then planted a vicious restriction on him, completely controlling his life and death.

In the face of the threat of death, Liang Feng finally surrendered.

All of his recent actions were not his own intentions, but he had to follow the Liu Family brothers' orders.

Liang Feng was also clear that his series of actions were taking the Earthfire Sect down a path of no return.

Once the Flying Swan Sect wins in the struggle with the Fire Cloud Sect, the Earthfire Sect will be doomed.

But between his own life and the fate of the sect, Liang Feng chose the latter.

At the same time, he was also comforting himself. The Earthfire Sect was the vanguard of the attack on the Flying Swan Sect, and if the Fire Cloud Sect eventually defeated the Flying Swan Sect, the Earthfire Sect would benefit greatly.

The Liu Family brothers beside Liang Feng were always watching his every move.

Although they have completely mastered Liang Feng's life and death through the restriction measures, they did not dare to relax in the slightest.

The Earthfire Sect's next actions are related to the Fire Cloud Sect Gold Core Daoist Master's great plan, and there must be no mistakes.

The Earthfire Sect cultivators attacked the Flying Swan Building, which means that the Earthfire Sect has embarked on the path of being enemies with the Flying Swan Sect, and there is no turning back.

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Chapter 363: Panic

Earthfire Sect, under the arrangement of the Liu Family brothers, embarked on the path of confronting Flying Swan Sect head-on.

As Earthfire Sect had launched a surprise attack, Flying Swan Sect was caught off guard and the nearby strongholds were not well-defended.

In addition to Sect Master Liang Feng and the Liu Family brothers personally taking charge of Firewell Market, the other Foundation Building stage cultivators of Earthfire Sect had each led their disciples to attack Flying Swan Sect's other strongholds in the vicinity.

According to the Liu Family brothers' plan, Earthfire Sect was going to make a full-scale attack to wipe out all of Flying Swan Sect's strongholds in the vicinity in one fell swoop.

Then, Earthfire Sect would concentrate all of the sect's forces and launch a full-scale attack to directly enter Flying Swan Sect's direct territory.

Earthfire Sect's sudden attack on Flying Swan Sect was unexpected by everyone in Firewell Market.

Almost all of the Shang Families shut their doors and refused to come out.

Earthfire Sect was the daily manager of Firewell Market, and Liang Feng had no intention of causing extensive damage here.

He sent out law enforcement disciples to stop those who were causing trouble.

In such a trivial matter, the Liu Family brothers gave him full respect.

Around the time that the Flying Swan Building in Firewell Market was taken over, Flying Swan Sect's strongholds in the vicinity were also one after another taken over by Earthfire Sect.

These strongholds were Flying Swan Sect's tentacles that extended deep into the Endless Sea of Sand to monitor the vassal sects. Today, these tentacles were cut off one by one by the audacious Earthfire Sect.

Twin Success Valley's original mountain gate had been managed by Flying Swan Sect after it fell into their hands.

Flying Swan Sect was the overlord of the Endless Sea of Sand, and no one dared to offend them easily. So the defenses here were not tight.

After most of the cultivators were drawn to the front lines to fight against the monsters, there were only a few Qi Refining stage disciples guarding the large mountain gate.

Even though Flying Swan Sect had set up a second-rank protective great formation here, in the absence of enough people to operate it, the power of the second-rank great formation could not be unleashed even at a tenth or a twentieth of its potential.

Earthfire Sect's cultivators easily took over the place without much effort.

Green Bamboo Mountain's original mountain gate was in a similar situation. It was taken over by Earthfire Sect without any strong resistance.

After taking over these Flying Swan Sect strongholds, the Earthfire Sect cultivators, under the instigation of some people, went on a killing spree. Not only did they kill all the few captured Flying Swan Sect cultivators, but they also massacred the nearby mortals and destroyed everything in their path.

The Earthfire Sect cultivators, who were already insane, became even more insane after killing.

After breaking through the Flying Swan Sect's strongholds in the vicinity and committing mass murder, Sect Master Liang Feng The Earthfire Sect cultivators, who were filled with killing intent and a high fighting spirit, quickly gathered together and formed an army, preparing to march towards the Flying Swan Sect's territory.

After the Earthfire Sect had flattened all of the Flying Swan Sect's outposts, Meng Zhang, on the Taiyi Sect's side, finally received the news.

Meng Zhang's reaction was very quick, and he did not make any mistakes.

He immediately began to gather the cultivators in his sect, preparing for war. At the same time, he also notified the Qiaoshou Sect.

Almost at the same time that the news of the Earthfire Sect's attack on the Flying Swan Sect's outposts reached the Taiyi Sect, the Qiaoshou Sect also received the same news.

Aunt Jin made the same decision as Meng Zhang, quickly gathering the disciples of her sect who were scattered in various places to prepare for war.

She left Jin Qiao'er to gather the troops in the mountain gate and flew to the Taiyi Sect's mountain gate to find Meng Zhang to discuss countermeasures.

When Aunt Jin arrived at the Taiyi Sect's mountain gate, the sect was in the midst of a flurry of activity, gathering disciples.

The Taiyi Sect's territory was vast, and its outposts, such as oases and mines, were scattered all over the place.

On a normal day, most of the sect's Qi Refining Stage disciples were scattered among these outposts, diligently managing them and obtaining all sorts of cultivation resources.

It would not be easy to gather all of these disciples in a short period of time.

Do not think that Qi Refining Stage disciples are useless. Many Qi Refining Stage disciples can pose a threat to Foundation Building Stage cultivators when they form a formation.

In a battle between Foundation Building Stage cultivators, excellent Qi Refining Stage disciples can cooperate with each other to play a good supporting role.

Moreover, sects like the Taiyi Sect and the Qiaoshou Sect only had a few Foundation Building Stage cultivators. Even if each of them had six arms, they would not be able to handle too many things.

Many things needed to be handled by Qi Refining Stage disciples. When Aunt Jin saw Meng Zhang, he was shocked and flustered.

Of course, Meng Zhang did not act too much in front of such an old fox as Aunt Jin, and only showed his emotions to a limited extent.

The two of them first expressed their shock, then unanimously denounced the Earthfire Sect.

In order to protect the fate of the Human Clan in the Endless Sea of Sand, the Flying Swan Sect was currently fighting a great battle against the invading army of demonic beasts. For the Earthfire Sect to attack the Flying Swan Sect at this time was simply insane, and they could be considered enemies of the Human Clan.

After a long time of talking, the two of them finally began to discuss countermeasures.

Firstly, the two sects would definitely have to gather their disciples and prepare for war.

Then, they would contact the nearby sects that were loyal to the Flying Swan Sect and discuss countermeasures with them to see how to deal with the actions of the Earthfire Sect.

The sharp-eyed Meng Zhang noticed that Aunt Jin did not seem to want to fight the Earthfire Sect head-on.

It seemed that the Earthfire Sect's powerful strength made her feel apprehensive.

Originally, the Earthfire Sect was currently attacking the Flying Swan Sect with all its might, and it was not attacking the Taiyi Sect or the Qiaoshou Sect, so there was no need for the two sects to take the bullet for the Flying Swan Sect.

The Flying Swan Sect was a large and powerful sect with many cultivators. Losing a few soldiers was not a big deal.

However, the Taiyi Sect and the Qiaoshou Sect were small and weak. If they lost even a few disciples, it would be a devastating blow, and it would take a long time to recover.

Of course, in order to make things easier for the Flying Swan Sect to explain later, the two sects had to put on a show.

In addition, the two sects had to be prepared for the Earthfire Sect to suddenly change their direction of attack and launch an attack on them.

This old fox, Aunt Jin, made the right choice at the first moment.

She and Meng Zhang were both very tactful in delaying time and not rushing to reinforce the Flying Swan Sect. personally gave the order.

Earthfire Sect launched a full-scale attack, directly attacking Flying Swan Sect's direct territory. Not only did they not care about the strongholds they had just captured, but they also did not care about their own mountain gate at this time.

Liang Feng's order, which was clearly not in line with common sense, did not cause any doubts within Earthfire Sect.

Apart from anything else, leaving no way out and launching a full-scale attack, isn't it worrying that the enemy sects, such as Taiyi Sect, will take advantage of the situation and attack Earthfire Sect's rear?

Earthfire Sect's mountain gate, which has been passed down for hundreds of years, is just abandoned like that?

At this time, the Earthfire Sect cultivators seemed to have forgotten about these hidden dangers and only knew to go on a rampage and launch an offensive.

Liang Feng's reckless and unyielding approach unexpectedly appealed to most of the Earthfire Sect cultivators.

Chapter 364: Dealing

Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect were secretly passive in their response, but they still managed to keep up appearances. At least, both sects were gathering their disciples and preparing for battle.

As for when they would attack Earthfire Sect, that was unclear.

After all, an attack against such a powerful enemy as Earthfire Sect would require thorough preparation. They couldn't afford to rush into things.

Land Walk Sect's performance was not so good. The old enemy Earthfire Sect had suddenly attacked, demonstrating their immense strength and greatly terrifying Land Walk Sect's entire clan.

Even though Land Walk Sect was now empty, they would not have been able to withstand Earthfire Sect's wrath at their peak.

The only Foundation Building Stage cultivator left in Land Walk Sect was already old and weak, and it was unclear how much fighting strength he still had from his prime. In any case, he was no match for Earthfire Sect.

Therefore, upon receiving the news of Earthfire Sect's attack, Land Walk Sect quickly retreated and abandoned all of their outlying bases.

All of Land Walk Sect's remaining disciples had retreated to the sect's gates.

The gates were closed, and the sect's great formation was activated, giving the impression that they were determined to defend their home at all costs.

Even Land Walk Sect was acting like this, so the small families and sects in the surrounding area were even less likely to put up a fight.

Facing the powerful Earthfire Sect, they were all terrified.

Fortunately, Earthfire Sect had never had its eyes on the surrounding area. From the very beginning, their target had been Flying Swan Sect. They did not even bother to deal with Land Walk Sect and the like.

Earthfire Sect controlled Firewell Market, which was a huge resource in and of itself.

Firewell Market had regular flights to Flying Swan City, and some of the big merchant families in the market also owned flying boats and flying mounts.

The Liu family brothers did not care about Earthfire Sect's future. They forced Liang Feng to order Earthfire Sect's disciples to ransack Firewell Market and requisition almost all of the flying boats and flying mounts.

In addition to taking out almost all of the sect's resources, Earthfire Sect also extorted a large amount of war supplies from the merchant families in Firewell Market.

Not only ordinary merchant families, but even powerful merchant families like Four Seas Building were not spared.

Good men do not take advantage of others. Merchants who were used to taking advantage of others were tactful. They would not confront Earthfire Sect at this time. However, they did remember this debt.

If Earthfire Sect was successful this time, and really took advantage of Fire Cloud Sect's momentum to rise to the top, then there would be nothing to say. But if Earthfire Sect failed, then these merchant families would not let them off easily.

Because they were eager to attack Flying Swan Sect, Earthfire Sect's army did not linger in the area for too long, and they did not search very thoroughly.

Not long after Earthfire Sect's army had assembled, a fleet of flying boats took off and formed a formation in the sky, flying towards Flying Swan Sect.

After Earthfire Sect's army set off on their journey, only a few mediocre Qi Refining Stage disciples were left behind.

The Liu family brothers looked down on this group of old and weak people, and so they did not bring them along.

Meng Zhang and Aunt Jin had been monitoring Earthfire Sect's movements through various means.

Meng Zhang left Deep Earth Spirit General and Hu Jing to gather disciples in the sect while he put aside his Sect Master's airs and secretly snuck into Earthfire Sect's territory, arriving near Firewell Market to gather information on Earthfire Sect.

After Earthfire Sect's army had left, Meng Zhang finally let out a sigh of relief.

Sure enough, things had developed exactly as Shangguan Wen had said. Earthfire Sect had completely ignored the other sects in the area and headed straight for Flying Swan Sect.

Of course, Meng Zhang did not let his guard down.

Although the possibility of Earthfire Sect cheating was almost non-existent, Meng Zhang still did not act rashly. Instead, he secretly monitored the situation and even secretly followed Earthfire Sect's army for a short distance.

In the sky, Earthfire Sect's flying boat team almost covered the sky, looking very imposing.

Earthfire Sect's upper and lower ranks were all in high spirits, eager to fight in the upcoming battle.

The flying boat in front of the flying boat team was Earthfire Sect's Sect Master Liang Feng's ride.

At this moment, he and the Liu Family brothers were sitting in the cabin together.

During this time, the Liu Family brothers had issued a series of orders in the name of Liang Feng, greatly damaging Earthfire Sect's interests.

With no one around, Liang Feng, whose face was ashen, no longer hid his anger and pointed at the Liu Family brothers and cursed: "You are simply disregarding Earthfire Sect's interests and using Earthfire Sect as cannon fodder. Your actions are too much."

The Liu Family brothers rolled their eyes and ignored Liang Feng.

You are afraid of death, and you dared not oppose it at the time. What's the use of regretting it now?

If you really have that much backbone, you can resist.

After all, you are just a soft bone.

Of course, in order to avoid stimulating Liang Feng, the two did not say these words.

Liang Feng's anger was not only directed at the Liu Family brothers, but also at his own weakness.

Even if Earthfire Sect were to rebel, it should first sweep the surroundings and destroy forces such as Land Walk Sect and Taiyi Sect, eliminate any worries, and consolidate the rear.

With a stable rear, Earthfire Sect will be able to advance and retreat.

Even if the attack on Flying Swan Sect was not favorable, it could retreat and defend its old home.

When Daoist Master Roaring Blaze is released, it might be another scene. The Liu Family brothers' actions did not leave Earthfire Sect any way out. Just go straight to Flying Swan Sect, it is basically a suicide attack.

"Aren't you afraid that our Daoist Master Roaring Blaze will come back and find you Sect Master to argue after you do this?" Liang Feng asked fiercely.

The Liu Family brothers looked at each other and saw the smiles in each other's eyes.

Still relying on Daoist Master Roaring Blaze. Perhaps Liang Feng did not know that Daoist Master Roaring Blaze's bones were probably already ashes.

Fire Cloud Sect was not stupid. Through a series of actions by Flying Swan Sect and their own ears, they had already determined that Daoist Master Roaring Blaze had probably met with an accident. The reason why Flying Swan Sect kept this secret was definitely to calculate Fire Cloud Sect.

Fire Cloud Sect was tacitly conspired against by Crane Song Sect and Flying Swan Sect once, and paid a not insignificant price. Finally, it learned to be smart for a while.

Since Fire Cloud Sect had already seen through Flying Swan Sect's plan, it naturally would not be stupid enough to fall for it.

The Liu Family brothers did not tell Earthfire Sect about this news because they were worried about affecting their morale.

It is also a good thing that Earthfire Sect is living in the expectation of Daoist Master Roaring Blaze.

In this way, the entire Earthfire Sect family did not know their fate and embarked on a path of no return.

On the other side of Flying Swan Sect, not long after Earthfire Sect launched, they received intelligence.

Flying Swan Sect has ruled the Endless Sea of Sand for many years, deeply rooted in this land, with a surprisingly strong potential.

Although Earthfire Sect suddenly attacked and cleared all of Flying Swan Sect's outposts in the surrounding area in a flash, the spies arranged by Flying Swan Sect in the dark still passed the news of Earthfire Sect's attack to Flying Swan Sect territory as quickly as possible.

Earthfire Sect's army had not yet set out, and the news had already leaked.

Chapter 365: Battle

The news of the Earthfire Sect's attack quickly spread through the Flying Swan Sect's mountain gate.

A long mountain range with many high peaks.

This place was originally the Purple Gold Sect's mountain gate, called Purple Gold Mountain.

After the Flying Swan Sect destroyed the Purple Gold Sect and occupied this place, the name Purple Gold Mountain could no longer be used.

The Flying Swan Sect's mountain gate was naturally called Flying Phoenix Mountain.

The Flying Swan Sect had been operating here for hundreds of years and had set up a Third Rank protective mountain great formation that was extremely rare in the Endless Sea of Sand.

Once the great formation was activated, it would cover an area of hundreds of miles within the great formation's power.

The great formation was extraordinary, with great power and unfathomable depth.

Relying on the power of the Third Rank great formation, even a Gold Core Daoist Master would be blocked outside the great formation.

When the news of the Earthfire Sect's attack reached Flying Phoenix Mountain, the Flying Swan Sect Master Fei Hongzi was not in the mountain gate.

After the Flying Swan Sect and the monster army went to war, War Hall Master Zhao Liefeng, who had always been in charge of foreign expeditions, took the lead and first went to the battlefield, active on the front lines against the monster army.

After a series of battles, Zhao Liefeng, who had killed countless monsters, was also injured many times, with scars all over his body.

In the last battle, Zhao Liefeng was injured by a Third Rank monster and almost lost his life.

Seeing that Zhao Liefeng's accumulated injuries were already very serious, Fei Yu Daoist Master forcibly replaced him, forcing him to return to the Flying Swan Sect to recover from his injuries. At the same time, he asked the Flying Swan Sect Master Fei Hongzi to replace him in the battle.

Zhao Liefeng did not dare to disobey the Gold Core Daoist Master's strict order, so he could only obediently return to Flying Phoenix Mountain.

After a period of recuperation, he felt that his injuries were almost healed.

He had always been a warmonger, but now that the war was at its peak on the front lines, he was hiding in the rear to recover from his injuries, which made him very uncomfortable. He had been idle for so long that his bones were already itching.

During Zhao Liefeng's recovery period, he was not idle either. Sect Master Fei Hongzi was not around, so he had to take over Fei Hongzi's duties in the sect.

The front lines were fighting a great battle with the monster army, and the various affairs in the rear were also complicated and numerous.

Supply transportation, troop deployment, the transfer of wounded soldiers... a series of troublesome matters made Zhao Liefeng very annoyed.

For him, he would rather fight a life-and-death battle on the battlefield than deal with these mundane affairs.

When he heard the news of the Earthfire Sect's uprising, he was first furious, then he felt a wave of joy.

Finally, there was a battle to fight, and he didn't have to stay in the mountain gate and get moldy.

The Earthfire Sect's bunch of clowns actually dared to start a rebellion at this time, really thinking that they could threaten the Flying Swan Sect by taking advantage of the situation.

Although the Flying Swan Sect's main forces were on the front lines, the mountain gate was after all the sect's fundamental stronghold, and the Flying Swan Sect could not just ignore it.

The Flying Swan Sect's forces that remained in the mountain gate were not weak.

In addition, there were many cultivators in the mountain gate who had returned from the front lines to recuperate, just like Zhao Liefeng.

If they really mobilized all their forces, they might not lose to the Earthfire Sect.

As a high-level figure in the Flying Swan Sect, Zhao Liefeng did not take the Earthfire Sect's group of people seriously.

In his opinion, as long as he led the cultivators who remained in the mountain to attack, he could easily defeat the Earthfire Sect.

Zhao Liefeng hurriedly mobilized the cultivators who remained in the sect. Some of the cultivators who were not seriously injured were temporarily mobilized by him.

The Flying Swan Sect had been ruling the Endless Sea of Sand for many years, and the cultivators in the sect naturally had a sense of arrogance.

The Earthfire Sect's actions were too arrogant, which completely enraged the entire Flying Swan Sect.

Many cultivators volunteered to go out to battle and joined the expeditionary force.

The Flying Swan Sect mobilized quickly, and within a short time, Zhao Liefeng had gathered a group of cultivators that were not weak.

After the group had assembled, they set off under Zhao Liefeng's leadership, boarding a flying boat and rushing in the direction of Earthfire Sect.

Shortly after the Flying Swan Sect's group had left the mountain gate, three cultivators flew down from the sky toward the Flying Swan Sect's mountain gate.

"Red Flame Senior Brother, you are being too cautious. These are just a bunch of insignificant cultivators, and you are taking the time to lure them away?"

"In my opinion, there is no need to be so troublesome. With our cultivation base, we can easily destroy them if we just charge in."

A tall, imposing cultivator said as he flew, complaining.

"Angry Flame Junior Brother, Red Flame Senior Brother has his reasons for doing this. We have already been caught off guard once. If we are not careful, we could easily make the same mistake again."

Another short, unremarkable old man advised.

The leader of the three, a red-faced old man with flaming red hair and beard, looked like he was made of fire. He listened to the other two talk without saying a word.

The three cultivators were the Fire Cloud Sect's Angry Flame Daoist Master, Dark Flame Daoist Master, and Scarlet Flame Daoist Master.

Of the three Gold Core Daoist Masters, Scarlet Flame Daoist Master was at the middle stage of Gold Core, while the other two were at the early stage of Gold Core.

The last time the Fire Cloud Sect had been tricked by Crane Song Sect and Flying Swan Sect, the three Gold Core Daoist Masters they sent had been killed or seriously injured.

The two seriously injured Gold Core Daoist Masters were still in seclusion, recovering from their injuries, and were unable to join the battle. They also had to leave enough men to guard the mountain gate.

Sending out three Gold Core Daoist Masters at once was the strongest force the Fire Cloud Sect could currently muster.

After the last time they were ambushed by the Flying Swan Sect, the Fire Cloud Sect's high-level officials had also held a self-examination.

After a heated debate, the Fire Cloud Sect's high-level officials reached a conclusion.

The Fire Cloud Sect's biggest mistake in their battle with the Flying Swan Sect was that they had been too cautious.

The Fire Cloud Sect was now far stronger than the Flying Swan Sect.

After Cloud Flame Daoist Master died, if the Fire Cloud Sect had not been so cautious and had not made so many useless calculations, they could have mobilized their main forces and launched a full-scale attack on Endless Sea of Sand. With the Flying Swan Sect's strength, they would have been unable to resist.

Unfortunately, because of the crushing defeat three hundred years ago, the Fire Cloud Sect was too cautious about the Flying Swan Sect, and the high-level officials in the sect almost had a psychological shadow.

They were worried about repeating their mistakes and losing again. As a result, the cultivators in the sect were hesitant and indecisive, and they missed a great opportunity.

As for the fact that they had spent so much effort to plant Earthfire Sect as a spy, it was actually not very effective.

Especially when Cloud Flame Daoist Master had paid a huge price to help Roaring Blaze Daoist Master form his core, that was a huge mistake. After Roaring Blaze Daoist Master formed his core, he had not been able to do much. Now, he was in a precarious position, and all of the Fire Cloud Sect's efforts had been wasted.

Of course, this was Cloud Flame Daoist Master's decision, and Cloud Flame Daoist Master was already dead. So the Fire Cloud Sect's high-level officials did not continue to dwell on this issue.

The Fire Cloud Sect's mistake could be summed up in one sentence.

They had clearly possessed a much stronger power, but they had chosen to use their weakness to attack their enemy's strength. They had played all sorts of tricks with their enemy, but they had not known how to use their own strengths.

The Fire Cloud Sect's high-level officials were aware of their mistake, and of course, they made timely adjustments.

Chapter 366: Surprise attack

The Fire Cloud Sect's top brass abandoned all their original plans and decided to take advantage of the Flying Swan Sect being engaged in a large-scale battle with the demonic beasts and wipe them out.

The Flying Swan Sect's mountain gate, Feihong Mountain, was weakly defended and became the Fire Cloud Sect's top target.

Therefore, the Fire Cloud Sect's three Gold Core Daoist Masters did not take any of their disciples with them. Instead, they set out alone and traveled a thousand miles to attack.

As for the plan to instigate the Earthfire Sect to attack the Flying Swan Sect, that was entirely Liu Family's brothers' own doing.

They had been operating in the Earthfire Sect for so long that they were unwilling to give up their efforts so easily.

The Liu Family brothers had a certain amount of status in the Fire Cloud Sect, so they directly contacted the Gold Core Daoist Masters in the sect to launch their plan.

Originally, the Fire Cloud Sect had intended to abandon the Earthfire Sect and no longer bother with these useless people.

However, Daoist Master Scarlet Flame has always been fond of the Liu Family brothers. After hearing their plan, he decided to give them a chance.

After all, it was just a waste of resources. There was no harm in using them.

If they succeeded, it would be a pleasant surprise. If they failed, it would not matter because the Fire Cloud Sect never expected the Earthfire Sect to play a significant role anyway.

Unexpectedly, the Liu Family brothers did give Daoist Master Scarlet Flame a big surprise.

The Earthfire Sect's all-out attack on the Flying Swan Sect actually attracted the Flying Swan Sect's attention and lured away most of the cultivators guarding the mountain gate.

With so many fewer cultivators guarding the mountain gate, even though Feihong Mountain had a third-rank mountain protection formation, it lacked enough cultivators to operate it and could not exert much power.

Even if Zhao Liefeng and the others had stayed on Feihong Mountain to operate the mountain protection formation, they might not have been able to withstand the surprise attack by the three Gold Core Daoist Masters. However, it would have been less trouble and they would have expended less energy.

After Zhao Liefeng and the others left Feihong Mountain, Daoist Master Scarlet Flame, Daoist Master Dark Flame, and Daoist Master Angry Flame, the three Gold Core Daoist Masters, descended from the sky and flew straight to Feihong Mountain.

The three Gold Core Daoist Masters flew at high speeds, and the air was filled with sharp whistling sounds.

They did not conceal their auras, and their powerful pressure spread out in all directions. The three Gold Core Daoist Masters arrived too quickly, and the Foundation Establishment cultivators operating the mountain protection formation did not have time to react before the enemies had already charged into the formation's range.

The third-rank mountain protection formation had a certain degree of intelligence, and even though the main cultivators did not react in time, the formation activated on its own to resist the external attack.

"Boom boom boom..." A series of loud noises rang out.

The three Gold Core Daoist Masters did not hold back at all and attacked the mountain protection formation with all their might.

The main cultivator, who had only just reacted, was operating the formation to fight the enemy while also sending out a high-level alarm signal.

From the sound of the approaching enemies, it was clear that they were Gold Core Daoist Masters. The main cultivator knew that things were bad and could only grit his teeth and fight on.

Right now, Feihong Mountain was at its weakest. Almost all of the sect's elite cultivators were away, and the remaining cultivators were too weak.

The three Foundation Establishment cultivators were the only ones operating the mountain protection formation.

Fortunately, they acted decisively and did not hesitate to send out a high-level alarm signal immediately. Flying Swan Sect has been in control of Feihong Mountain for several hundred years, and this is the first time that such a level of alarm has been issued.

Once this level of alert is issued, it means that Flying Swan Sect is in the most critical situation. Even Feihong Mountain may be breached.

At this point, Flying Swan Sect is facing a life-and-death crisis, and all of its forces must be mobilized to resist the enemy's attack.

All of the active disciples in the sect, including those who were seriously injured, and almost all of the Qi Refining disciples, rushed to the various corners of the mountain protection formation according to the drills they had experienced, and began to strengthen the formation's defense.

Fortunately, the Third Rank Mountain Protection Formation's self-defense gave the Flying Swan Sect's remaining cultivators a little time to react,

so that they could take their positions in time. In addition, Flying Swan Sect, like the former Green Bamboo Mountain, has many Foundation Establishment cultivators whose lifespans are coming to an end, and they have been in a hibernation state to prolong their lives.

In fact, Green Bamboo Mountain learned this trick from Flying Swan Sect.

After receiving the alarm signal, these sleeping cultivators were awakened and quickly joined the defense.

After all, Flying Swan Sect is a Gold Core Sect with a deep foundation, and there are many Foundation Establishment cultivators. There are also a large number of Foundation Establishment cultivators in hibernation, and nearly ten of them have awakened, including three Foundation Establishment late-stage cultivators.

Although these cultivators cannot last long, and even if the enemy does not kill them, their remaining lifespan will soon be exhausted.

However, their remaining lives still have value, and they can cause the enemy great trouble.

With the addition of so many cultivators, the mountain protection formation began to operate at high speed and gradually began to exert its power.

If there were enough cultivators to preside over the formation, allowing this Third Rank Mountain Protection Formation to exert its full power, even if three Gold Core stage Daoist Masters attacked together, it would be impossible to break through the formation in a short period of time.

In fact, if any of Flying Swan Sect's Gold Core Daoist Masters were to remain in the formation, they could rely on the power of the formation to fight on equal terms with the three Gold Core Daoist Masters.

Even though its power was far from its peak, this mountain protection formation was able to temporarily hold off the three Gold Core Daoist Masters.

Knowing that time was of the essence and that enemy reinforcements could arrive at any time, Daoist Master Scarlet Flame did not want to delay too long. He took out a Third Rank Formation Breaking Talisman that he had prepared beforehand.

Seeing Daoist Master Scarlet Flame's actions, Daoist Master Dark Flame also took out a Third Rank Formation Breaking Talisman.

In the barren Endless Sea of Sand, even a Second Rank Formation Breaking Talisman is very rare.

However, the Jiuqu League is much richer than the Endless Sea of Sand, and the Fire Cloud Sect is a much older and more powerful sect than the Flying Swan Sect.

After years of collection and accumulation, the Fire Cloud Sect was still able to produce two Third Rank Formation Breaking Talismans.

The two Third Rank Formation Breaking Talismans were almost simultaneously activated, and two powerful forces descended upon the mountain protection formation, causing it to stop operating and become momentarily stagnant.

Daoist Master Angry Flame roared in anger, and a column of scorching fire directly pierced through the protection of the mountain protection formation and fell into the formation.

The cultivators inside the formation fought desperately, using talismans and magic tools to meet the fire column, and even a few fake Third Rank talismans were used.

However, everything was reduced to ashes in front of the fire column, and all resistance was useless.

One after another, fire columns penetrated the mountain protection formation, burning countless Flying Swan Sect disciples to ashes.

The power of the Formation Breaking Talismans quickly disappeared, and the formation began to operate normally again.

However, the cultivators guarding the formation had already lost half of their numbers in such a short period of time.

Chapter 367: Breaking through

The cultivators within the mountain protection formation had suffered too many losses. Without enough cultivators to maintain the formation, even the Flying Swan Sects Third-Rank formation, which had been carefully cultivated for many years, could not exert its full power.

After three Gold Core Daoist Masters had wasted some effort and attacked fiercely, they finally broke through the Flying Swan Sects mountain protection formation.

With the formation broken, the remaining cultivators within were no match for the Gold Core Daoist Masters.

The Fire Cloud Sect and the Flying Swan Sect had been entangled in a feud for hundreds of years, and the Flying Swan Sect had recently ambushed them. The new and old grudges made the three Gold Core Daoist Masters hate the Flying Swan Sect from top to bottom.

They did not have the slightest bit of mercy, and they all put on a show of strength, bullying the weak and oppressing the small, nearly killing all the living people on Feihong Mountain.

They had rushed thousands of miles and expended their energy to break through the Flying Swan Sects mountain gate, but it was not just to vent their anger.

They directly rushed into the Flying Swan Sects treasury and searched for a goal that they had been pursuing for a long time.

Unfortunately, the thing they were looking for was not there.

They searched everywhere, destroying everything in their path, and searched all over Feihong Mountain, but they could not find what they were looking for.

The various treasures stored in the Flying Swan Sects treasury might have an irresistible temptation to Foundation Building stage cultivators, but they were completely ignored by the three Gold Core Daoist Masters.

In fact, there were basically no Third-Rank items in the Flying Swan Sects treasury. Most Third-Rank items were usually carried by Gold Core Daoist Masters.

After expending a great deal of effort to break through the Flying Swan Sects mountain gate, they could not find what they were looking for. The angry three Gold Core Daoist Masters wantonly destroyed the place, almost turning the entire Flying Swan Sects mountain gate into ruins.

Daoist Master Angry Flame, who was still in a rage, probably had not vented enough, and he glanced at the not-too-distant Flying Swan City, preparing to rush over and start a massacre.

Just at this moment, an angry shout came from the sky.

Fire Cloud Sects dog thief, I will never rest until you are dead!

Fei Shi Daoist Master descended from the sky and flew towards the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Fire Cloud Sect.

Old man, you are asking for death. Daoist Master Scarlet Flame said with disdain, and then took his two disciples to meet Fei Shi Daoist Master.

In this life-and-death battle, it was not the time to be concerned about face, and no one would be foolish enough to demand a fair fight.

With more people fighting fewer, three against one, the Fire Cloud Sect was filled with confidence in their victory.

In the sky, a short distance away from the Flying Swan Sects mountain gate, Qi Familys two Gold Core Daoist Masters, Qi Nangui and Qi Nanfei, had been waiting for a long time.

When the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Fire Cloud Sect broke through the Flying Swan Sects mountain protection formation, massacred, and wantonly destroyed the place, they watched silently from the sidelines, with no intention of taking action.

After Fei Shi Daoist Master arrived and fought with the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Fire Cloud Sect, the two of them glanced at each other and immediately flew towards the battlefield.

The number of Gold Core Daoist Masters in the nearby area was limited, and they all knew each other. Even if they had never met, they had heard of each other.

As soon as Qi Familys two Gold Core Daoist Masters appeared, they were recognized by the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Fire Cloud Sect.

Qi Familys two Gold Core Daoist Masters did not waste any time and directly joined the battle, helping Fei Shi Daoist Master to fight against the three Gold Core of the Fire Cloud Sect.

The Northern Desert Qi Family had also been enemies of the Flying Swan Sect for hundreds of years, and the two sides had a deep grudge.

Although the relationships between enemies and friends in the Cultivation World often changed, Qi Familys two Gold Core Daoist Masters actions were still beyond the expectations of the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Fire Cloud Sect.

The Fire Cloud Sect and the Northern Desert Qi Family had no grudges between them, and they should have been allies against the Flying Swan Sect. Now that Qi Family's two Daoist Masters were helping Fei Shi Daoist Master, no one knew what was going on.

The number of Gold Core Daoist Masters on both sides was the same, and their strength was about the same.

So the six Gold Core Daoist Masters fought in a group. From the sky to the ground, and from the ground to the sky.

After fighting for half a day, they did not decide the winner. The aftermath of the battle, however, caused great damage to the surroundings.

The nearest Flying Swan City was the first to be hit, and it was as if a hurricane had blown through, causing the Flying Swan City's protective formation to sway.

The battle between Gold Core Daoist Masters is definitely not a short-term battle to decide the winner. Especially in the situation where the two sides are evenly matched, it is common for both sides to be entangled for ten days, half a month, or even a year.

On the other side, Flying Swan Sect's War Hall Master Zhao Liefeng, led the Flying Swan Sect cultivators, and ran into the Earthfire Sect army that was invading the Flying Swan Sect's direct territory.

Since the Earthfire Sect army entered the Flying Swan Sect territory, neither the Flying Swan Sect's strongholds nor the Flying Swan Sect's vassal families could stop the Earthfire Sect army's footsteps, but were instead massacred by the Earthfire Sect army.

The Earthfire Sect army, which had been marching forward, only met its match after it ran into the team led by Zhao Liefeng, and had to stop to fight.

The two cultivator teams, neither of which would give way, fought fiercely here.

The Flying Swan Sect cultivators, who were always arrogant and looked down on the Earthfire Sect, would never have thought that the Earthfire Sect cultivators would be so powerful.

Soon after the two sides fought, they both suffered heavy casualties and fell into a bloody battle.

The battle here, too, was difficult to decide the winner in a short time.

Meng Zhang, on the other hand, had been secretly following the Earthfire Sect army's advance. When the Earthfire Sect army entered the Flying Swan Sect territory and began to sweep through the Flying Swan Sect's strongholds and Flying Swan Sect's vassal families, he was sure that the Earthfire Sect army's target was not the Taiyi Sect.

Meng Zhang flew faster, and returned to the Taiyi Sect mountain gate as fast as possible. Aunt Jin was waiting here, waiting for Meng Zhang's news.

After listening to Meng Zhang's report, the two of them discussed for a while and decided to attack the Earthfire Sect territory while the Earthfire Sect army was away, and attack the Earthfire Sect's rear.

They naturally did not want to confront the Earthfire Sect army head-on.

They attacked the Earthfire Sect territory, which could gain them a lot of benefits, and could also explain to the Flying Swan Sect in the future.

You see, we are working so hard to attack the Earthfire Sect, but we are really trying our best.

The two sides agreed on the details of the joint expedition, and then Aunt Jin began to return to the Qiaoshou Sect.

After this period of time of gathering, Deep Earth Spirit General and Hu Jing had already gathered most of the Taiyi Sect disciples.

Because it was a surprise attack, and Meng Zhang predicted that the intensity of this battle would not be great, he decided to have the Taiyi Sect go all out and try to seize the Earthfire Sect's territory.

Even many of the young cultivators in the sect, who were at the initial stage of Qi Condensation, were prepared to be brought along by Meng Zhang.

One is to let them see the world and experience the atmosphere of the Cultivation World war.

Secondly, although these cultivators are not very powerful, they can still be used to seize territory.

Meng Zhang, Deep Earth Spirit General and Hu Jing, took a large group of people and boarded the flying boat and set off first.

Meng Zhang left behind a few trusted disciples to continue to gather manpower and wait for the arrival of the other disciples.

Meng Zhang not only mobilized the Taiyi Sect's disciples, but also sent out conscription orders to the Singing Sand City and to several vassal families.

Chapter 368: Entering

Meng Zhang led the Taiyi Sect army to Singing Sand City first.

Singing Sand City had received Meng Zhang's message long ago and began to mobilize.

After the Flying Swan Sect and the Beast Army fought, they had mobilized the Flying Swan Sect disciples who were scattered throughout the Endless Sea of Sand.

Singing Sand City was not big, and there weren't many people in the Flying Swan Building.

After almost all the people were mobilized by the Flying Swan Sect, only an old shopkeeper was left to watch the store.

Earthfire Sect also knew about the situation here. They didn't want to waste time on an old man with average strength, and they didn't want to attack Singing Sand City at this time.

This old man who had narrowly escaped death saw the Taiyi Sect army appear in Singing Sand City and hurried to see Meng Zhang.

After seeing Meng Zhang, he begged Meng Zhang to send troops to attack Earthfire Sect immediately.

Even though he was an old man who was useless, he was still a Flying Swan Sect disciple. Meng Zhang didn't dare to be too neglectful.

He agreed to the old man's request and said that the Taiyi Sect army was mobilized to attack Earthfire Sect.

After getting rid of this old man, Meng Zhang continued to mobilize the forces of Singing Sand City. The Cooperative Society president Tian Kang'an, whom Meng Zhang appointed, was very good. He developed the organization that Meng Zhang established on a whim very well.

Not only did he recruit a large number of loose cultivators to join, but he also trained a number of forces that could be used by the Taiyi Sect.

The Cooperative Society provided a large number of cultivators to go on the expedition when they were mobilized by the Flying Swan Sect.

Meng Zhang used the same conditions this time, using becoming a formal disciple of the Taiyi Sect as bait, and recruited a large group of loose cultivators who had been pre-screened by the Cooperative Society.

Although Shi Changqing of the Shi Family was in closed-door cultivation to expel the pill toxin, most of the Shi Family cultivators were summoned to Meng Zhang's command.

The other small vassal families also did their best to send most of the cultivators in the family to respond to the Taiyi Sect's mobilization.

The old man who was sent away by Meng Zhang was not idle either. He mobilized a group of cultivators in the name of the Flying Swan Sect and prepared to go on the expedition with the Taiyi Sect.

However, Meng Zhang was not interested in this mob, and after a lot of persuasion, he persuaded the old man to give up the idea of going on the expedition.

As for the group of cultivators he mobilized on the spot, Meng Zhang dismissed them.

Meng Zhang did not wait long in Singing Sand City before waiting for the Qiaoshou Sect's team.

Because the Qiaoshou Sect had to defend the Demon Wind Desert, the number of disciples mobilized was not large. However, Aunt Jin and Jin Qiao'er both went out personally.

After merging with the Qiaoshou Sect, the two sects formed an alliance and marched into the Earthfire Sect's territory.

After the Earthfire Sect army left, the entire territory was basically defenseless.

The alliance of the two sects did not encounter any obstacles and marched forward, advancing deep into the Earthfire Sect territory.

The two sects sent a large number of Qi Refinement cultivators to seize the oases, mines, and other places in the Earthfire Sect territory.

When the alliance of the two sects entered the Firewell Market, they only encountered weak resistance and occupied this important large market.

The various Shang Families in the Firewell Market were very enthusiastic about the arrival of the two sects. They had a bit of the attitude of welcoming the king's army with food and drink.

Because of the Earthfire Sect's sudden rebellion, almost all the Shang Families suffered heavy losses.

Since they had occupied the Firewell Market, Meng Zhang did not intend to let it go. He would definitely manage this place well in the future and reap huge benefits.

Meng Zhang and Aunt Jin personally went to the market to appease the various Shang Families and assured them that the Earthfire Sect would not return.

The Taiyi Sect and the Qiaoshou Sect will join forces with the cultivators of the Flying Swan Sect to completely eradicate the Earthfire Sect, which is against the law and has caused chaos in the Endless Sea of Sand. It is likely that these Shang Families are trying to flatter the new owners of the Firewell Market. Not only did they say many good things, some of the Shang Families who wanted to place bets even took out some of their hidden cultivation resources and offered them to Meng Zhang and Aunt Jin.

Meng Zhang and Aunt Jin were very happy to accept this gift and gave their promise that they would fully guarantee the rights of these Shang Families in the future.

According to the agreement reached in advance between the Taiyi Sect and the Qiaoshou Sect, the two sects will share the market's interests and jointly manage the market's daily affairs after taking over the Firewell Market.

Not long after taking over the Firewell Market, the disciples from the two sects also cleared the Earthfire Sect's territory and almost occupied all the key points.

Now, only the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate, Earthfire Mountain, is still in the hands of the Earthfire Sect.

Although the main force of the Earthfire Sect has killed towards the Flying Swan Sect's territory, there are still some disciples guarding the Earthfire Mountain. In addition, the Earthfire Mountain is also guarded by a second-rank mountain protection great formation.

Deep Earth Spirit General, Hu Jing and Jin Qiao'er, three Foundation Building stage cultivators, led a team directly to the foot of Earthfire Mountain.

The cultivators inside the Earthfire Mountain opened the mountain protection great formation and kept watch without going out, not daring to leave the mountain gate for half a step.

According to Meng Zhang's instructions, everyone was not in a hurry, only temporarily surrounding the Earthfire Mountain and not in a hurry to attack.

After the Taiyi Sect and the Qiaoshou Sect completely swept through the Earthfire Sect's territory and divided the spoils of war, Meng Zhang also dealt with all the affairs of the Firewell Market before slowly arriving at the foot of the Earthfire Mountain.

Aunt Jin is a very sensible old fox, knowing that the Taiyi Sect's strength has already surpassed the Qiaoshou Sect in the Cultivation World. The strong are respected, the strong are supreme, and all relationships and friendships are nothing but clouds.

Therefore, when discussing the division of spoils in advance, she took the initiative to make a concession and let the Taiyi Sect take the largest share.

The Earthfire Mountain, which the Earthfire Sect has operated for hundreds of years, is a war trophy that belongs to the Taiyi Sect.

Of course, the Qiaoshou Sect is a good ally and still has great utility. Meng Zhang was also generous enough and did not take advantage of it too much.

The territory of the Earthfire Sect and the Firewell Market are both shared by the two.

The Earthfire Mountain is a rare second-rank spirit vein in the Endless Sea of Sand.

In the Endless Sea of Sand, only the Flying Swan Sect possesses a third-rank spirit vein. The second-rank spirit vein is the best spirit vein that other cultivation forces can possess.

The Taiyi Sect's current mountain gate, Fuzhao Valley, only has a second-rank low-grade spirit vein, which provides Meng Zhang, a Foundation Building late stage cultivator, with very unsatisfactory spiritual energy.

Fortunately, the Taiyi Sect has more than one second-rank spirit vein. Some Foundation Building stage cultivators are usually scattered to other spirit veins, which has not put too much pressure on the Fuzhao Valley spirit vein.

Meng Zhang's plan is to consider moving the Taiyi Sect's mountain gate here after taking over the Earthfire Mountain.

Only the second-rank top-grade spirit vein can meet the needs of the Taiyi Sect, which is growing stronger.

Since it has been decided to make this place the Taiyi Sect's future mountain gate, Meng Zhang must try his best to keep the Earthfire Mountain intact, and must not let the cultivators inside destroy the mountain gate in despair, or even damage the spirit vein.

Chapter 369: Protracted time

For Meng Zhang, it was not too difficult to occupy the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate.

Although the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate was guarded by a second rank guardian great formation, there was not a single Foundation Building cultivator inside the mountain gate, only a few Qi Refining cultivators guarding it. They were unable to unleash the power of the guardian great formation.

As long as the disciples of the two sects continued to attack in turns, they would eventually exhaust the defending disciples.

Even if a few Foundation Building cultivators were willing to pay the price, it would not be difficult to break through the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate's guardian great formation.

Meng Zhang was most worried that the Earthfire Sect disciples would be so desperate that they would destroy the spirit vein and die rather than let the enemy take advantage of them.

Given the Earthfire Sect disciples' usual madness, this was a very likely scenario.

Therefore, Meng Zhang did not rush to order a full-scale attack, but instead prepared to find another way to take down the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate without bloodshed.

In addition, if Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect were to take down the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate too quickly, they would have no excuse to continue delaying.

The Earthfire Sect army was now invading Flying Swan Sect on a large scale. If Flying Swan Sect called upon Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect to fight back, the two sects would be in trouble.

Flying Swan Sect's summons could not be disobeyed. However, Meng Zhang and Aunt Jin were even less willing to go to war with the powerful Earthfire Sect.

The joint forces of the two sects pretended to be entangled here, which became the best choice.

The joint forces of the two sects were outside the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate, making a show of attacking.

In fact, they were not putting in any effort at all. They were just pretending.

The Qi Refining disciples took turns to release their spells, as if they were conducting a real combat exercise. Meng Zhang did not even want them to use talismans.

These harmless attacks fell on the guardian great formation, not even causing a ripple.

The enemy's actions gave the defending disciples in the Earthfire Sect a false impression that the enemy's attacks were not that powerful.

The guardian great formation's power had only been activated to a small degree, and it had already rendered all of the enemy's attacks useless.

At this rate, even if the enemy continued to attack for a year or two, it might not be able to cause any damage to the guardian great formation.

It would take at least three to five years for the enemy to break through the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate.

By that time, the Earthfire Sect's expeditionary army would have defeated Flying Swan Sect and returned.

These two weak sects were no match for the Earthfire Sect army.

With such an optimistic mindset, the Earthfire Sect's remaining disciples encouraged each other and boosted their morale, guarding the mountain gate with all their might.

If it were not for the fact that they could not activate the guardian great formation's killing move, they would probably have used the guardian great formation to counterattack the attacking enemies.

The Earthfire Sect disciples' hope was exactly what Meng Zhang wanted to see.

The two sects were slowly wasting time outside the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate, quietly observing the development of the situation.

Far away in the Flying Swan Sect's territory, thousands of miles away, the battle was becoming more and more intense.

After the initial fierce battle, the six Gold Core Daoist Masters had a rough understanding of each other's strength and knew that it would take some time to defeat their opponents.

All six of them gave up on the idea of a quick victory and fell into a protracted battle.

The battlefield was not fixed, and the Gold Core Daoist Masters flew around, maneuvering within a radius of hundreds of miles, constantly changing the battlefield and looking for their opponents' weaknesses.

With the Gold Core Daoist Masters' patience, such a battle would last for a long time.

After Zhao Liefeng led the Flying Swan Sect disciples in several battles with the Earthfire Sect army, the news that the Flying Swan Sect's mountain gate had been destroyed finally reached his ears.

Hearing this news Zhao Liefeng felt extremely pained.

If he had not taken the initiative to meet the Earthfire Sect army, but stayed in the mountain gate, the mountain gate might not have been so easy to break. Thinking of this, Zhao Liefeng felt extremely regretful of his decision. He hated the enemy in front of him even more.

If Earthfire Sect had not taken advantage of the situation and caused trouble, the disciples guarding the Flying Swan Sect mountain gate would not have left the mountain gate, and the Flying Swan Sect mountain gate would not have been destroyed.

After the news of the destruction of the Flying Swan Sect mountain gate was heard, not only did it not cause the Flying Swan Sect disciples to lose their morale, but it also made them a group of mourners.

With the strength of these Flying Swan Sect disciples, they were unable to deal with the Fire Cloud Sect Gold Core Daoist Masters, nor could they participate in the battle between the Gold Core Daoist Masters.

Therefore, the Earthfire Sect enemies in front of them became their best target for venting their anger.

The Flying Swan Sect disciples rushed towards the enemy like madmen, launching crazy attacks.

The Earthfire Sect cultivators, who were known for their madness and fearlessness, had met their match this time.

A series of bloody and tragic battle scenes continued to unfold.

The casualties on both sides quickly increased.

On the battlefield where the Flying Swan Sect and the beast army were fighting, Fei Shi Daoist Master's departure left Fei Jiang Daoist Master and Fei Yu Daoist Master at a disadvantage.

Although the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Flying Swan Sect were all at the forefront of the battle against the beast army, news from the rear continued to reach them.

After receiving the news that the Earthfire Sect had launched an attack and had entered the Flying Swan Sect's territory in a grand manner, the three Gold Core Daoist Masters knew that the situation was not good.

They were not reckless people like Zhao Liefeng, but wise men who could see through all the mysteries. The Earthfire Sect dared to launch an attack at this time, and must have had the support of the Fire Cloud Sect.

The Earthfire Sect was not to be feared, but the real problem was the Fire Cloud Sect behind them.

With the Earthfire Sect's actions, the Fire Cloud Sect cultivators must be on their way.

Originally, I thought I could delay for a while, first solve the problem of the beast, and then continue to confront the Fire Cloud Sect. But it seems that the Fire Cloud Sect has adjusted its strategy and taken the initiative to act, not giving the Flying Swan Sect enough time.

The Flying Swan Sect, under attack from both sides, did not have no countermeasures.

The three Gold Core Daoist Masters had also prepared a backup plan, but it seemed that the backup plan had not been activated yet, and the enemy had already made their move.

If Zhao Liefeng had stayed in the mountain gate and defended with the protection great formation, the situation would have been better, and he might have been able to delay enough time for the Flying Swan Sect's backup plan to take effect.

But with Zhao Liefeng's warlike personality, he was not the kind of person who would be content to sit back and wait.

In the absence of knowledge that the Fire Cloud Sect had already mobilized, he would most likely choose to confront the Earthfire Sect head-on.

Fei Shi Daoist Master, who was worried about the mountain gate, could only temporarily leave Fei Jiang Daoist Master and Fei Yu Daoist Master at the front. He set off alone on the road to return to the mountain gate.

Fei Shi Daoist Master, who was rushing on his way, could only hope in his heart that the Flying Swan Sect mountain gate would not be in danger before he returned.

In fact, due to the indifference of the Qi Family's two Gold Core Daoist Masters, Fei Shi Daoist Master was slow by one step, and the Flying Swan Sect mountain gate was destroyed by the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Fire Cloud Sect.

Of course, the Qi Family's two Gold Core Daoist Masters did not just watch Fei Shi Daoist Master being surrounded by the enemy, but took the initiative to join the battle, helping Fei Shi Daoist Master to fight against the three Gold Core Daoist Masters of the Fire Cloud Sect.

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After Fei Shi's departure, Fei Jiang and Fei Yu were forced to temporarily change to defense. Even though the demon army was slow to react, they noticed something was wrong with the human army.

The demon army took advantage of the human army's weakened state to launch a fierce attack. The Flying Swan Sect cultivators were immediately in danger.

Fei Yu and Fei Jiang could not stop the four third-rank demons by themselves, especially since the Lion Demon General was a third-rank middle-grade demon.

Fortunately, reinforcements arrived in time. Crane Song Sects Xiang He and Yun He both arrived and helped the Flying Swan Sect stabilize the situation.

Crane Song Sects two Daoist Masters came to help Flying Swan Sect in the name of the Human Clan. They were there to help the Human Clan cultivators fight the demons, and had nothing to do with Fire Cloud Sect.

They did not directly engage in combat with the Fire Cloud Sect cultivators, so even the Fire Cloud Sect could not find any reason to blame them.

Although the enemy of the enemy is a friend, the two Daoist Masters' appearance fee was not cheap at all.

Flying Swan Sect paid a high price to get the two Daoist Masters to help them.

It was a good deal for the two Daoist Masters, as they could make money and cause trouble for Fire Cloud Sect.

With the addition of Crane Song Sects two Gold Core Daoist Masters, the Flying Swan Sect was able to stabilize its position and temporarily stop the demon army.

Crane Song Sects two Gold Core Daoist Masters were only helping out and did not want to fight with the third-rank demons. They did not use their full strength and could only barely hold their ground.

However, at least the two Gold Core Daoist Masters helped, and the Flying Swan Sect could hold out for a short time.

The Flying Swan Sect was fighting on two fronts, and most of its main forces were tied up by the demon army. Zhao Liefeng led a small group of cultivators to engage in a fierce battle with Earthfire Sect.

Fire Cloud Sect sent three Gold Core Daoist Masters to chase Fei Shi for thousands of miles. If the two Qi Family Gold Core Daoist Masters had not intervened, Fei Shi's fate would have been very bad.

Fire Cloud Sect did not only send three Gold Core Daoist Masters. Not long after the three Gold Core Daoist Masters left, a large group of cultivators broke through the border with Flying Swan Sect and invaded the Endless Sea of Sand.

The Flying Swan Sect cultivators patrolling the border were completely wiped out without any resistance.

A long line of flying boats, covering the sky and blocking the sun, charged towards the Flying Swan Sect's inner regions.

At this point, the Flying Swan Sect had no strength to resist this large army.

The Flying Swan Sect had already exhausted all its resources and could not mobilize any more forces.

As for the Northern Desert Qi Family, although the two Gold Core Daoist Masters helped Fei Shi resist the three Gold Core Daoist Masters from Fire Cloud Sect, the rest of the cultivators remained in the Qi Family territory and did not show any signs of mobilization.

It seemed that the Northern Desert Qi Family's aid to the Flying Swan Sect had reached its limit. The Qi Family would not send a cultivator team to stop the Fire Cloud Sect's army.

Now, only the Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect's remaining cultivators had not been involved in the war.

However, the two sects were currently busy attacking the Earthfire Sect's mountain gate and did not have time to split their forces. In addition, the Fire Cloud Sect's cultivator army was traveling by flying boat, so their marching speed was too fast. The Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect could not be mobilized in time to stop them.

Of course, if the two sects were mobilized, it would be a futile effort.

The Fire Cloud Sect's cultivator army marched forward and almost did not encounter any resistance. They were about to enter the Flying Swan Sect's inner regions when something unexpected happened. The Fire Cloud Sect cultivator army's advance route seemed normal, with the Endless Sea of Sand's usual sandstorms.

But the Fire Cloud Sect's flying boats disappeared one after another after entering the front.

The flying boats behind found that something was wrong, but before they could react, the sandstorm rolled in and all the flying boats were sucked in, disappearing.

A burly, fat middle-aged man appeared in the air. "Jin Li, you broke the agreement and attacked. I finally caught you. This time, I want to see what else you have to say."

The fat man's face was full of excitement, like he had found a treasure.

"Fatty, which eye of yours saw that this Daoist Master made a move? You're a Gold Core Daoist Master, can't you have some eyes?"

A beautiful young woman with fair skin slowly descended from the sky and landed in the air not far away, facing off against the fat man.

"This Daoist Master was bored today, so I practiced the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart that my master gave me. This group of people with no eyes dared to barge in here and disturb this Daoist Master's performance."

"Serves them right for being so unlucky. They actually rushed into the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart themselves. Being trapped in the map is their own doing, and has nothing to do with others."

After hearing the woman's words, the fat man pointed at her and said angrily, "Where did you get that idea? You clearly set up a trap for the Fire Cloud Sect's juniors by setting up the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart in advance."

"You're just making excuses."

The woman, Jin Li Daoist Master, rolled her eyes.

"Fatty, you may not be a good person, but you are still a Gold Core Daoist Master in the eyes of others. You don't even understand the most basic logic, do you?"

"The agreement at the beginning only restricted this Daoist Master from taking the initiative to attack the Fire Cloud Sect. They insisted on rushing into the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart, so is this Daoist Master supposed to pull them back?"

"In short, this Daoist Master did not violate the original agreement. Believe it or not."

The fat man pointed at Jin Li Daoist Master and was speechless.

He was not good at talking and could not beat the articulate Jin Li Daoist Master.

He seemed to want to attack, but there seemed to be some hesitation.

He opened his mouth and finally said a threat that was not threatening.

"Wait, this matter will not end here."

With that, he stopped talking and flew away.

"Fatty, don't worry about these juniors. The heavens have mercy on them. When this Daoist Master's mood is better, I will naturally release them."

Although the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart had the word "ten thousand li" in its name, the space inside was definitely not ten thousand li large. However, the space inside was still vast enough to easily trap the Fire Cloud Sect cultivator army.

After all, they were all cultivators with far superior survival abilities than mortals, and they had brought a lot of supplies with them. Even if they were trapped inside for a year or two, they would never starve to death.

Jin Li Daoist Master watched as the fat man's figure disappeared. Her originally playful and relaxed face slowly turned gloomy.

She wondered what was bothering her and sighed.