

I Practice Farming While the Rest Cultivates

19 Chapter 18 Threat (Please follow and read)_1

“Brother Lu, what do you think of this Spirit Field?”

Lu Xuan walked slowly inside the spacious courtyard, observing his surroundings closely.

A young cultivator with a scar on his face, at the Qi Cultivation First Level, trailed after him, steps matching his pace.

The young man leaned his body slightly and squeezed out a very enthusiastic smile.

“The master of this courtyard was a Middle-Stage Qi Practitioner. After venturing out for a while and not returning, it was mortgaged by his offspring, and our Tooth Row took it to rent.”

“Now, this Spirit Field in front is almost an acre in size, rich with spiritual energy. The location is next to the Loose Cultivation Market, with market guards on patrol, greatly boosting safety.”

“Furthermore, there is a chicken coop in the front which has been marked with dust removal, stability, and soundproofing runes by the previous owner. It is suitable for rearing Spirit Beasts and Spirit Birds.”

“It indeed seems nice but I need some time to consider.”

Lu Xuan said indifferently.

Over these days, he had a few gaps in his schedule and had shown several Spirit Fields through Tooth Row.

The areas of these Spirit Fields were several times, or even tens of times larger than his current one. The spiritual energy was richer, and there were various conveniences.

In amongst them, there was one courtyard whose Spirit Field not only occupied more than an acre but also contained a Spiritual Spring!

This made Lu Xuan’s heart race. Yet, after asking about the rent, he was quickly brought back down to earth.

Among the Spirit Fields he viewed, even the cheapest required forty Spirit Stones per month in rent and the one with a Spiritual Spring required sixty Spirit Stones per month. Additionally, the rent was to be paid every six months at a time.

Nowadays, Lu Xuan, who had been poor for a long time, had nearly three hundred Spirit Stones. He was somewhat inflated inside.

Just now he realized that these Spirit Stones are completely insufficient when he truly needs them. He needs to save for a while longer.

Thinking of this, Lu Xuan turned to the scarred Tooth Row member.

"I'll go back and take it into consideration. If interested, I'll contact you again."

He turned around and left after saying that.

As Lu Xuan's figure disappeared into distance, the scarred Tooth Row member couldn't help but spit.

"What's this? A small Loose Repair at the Qi Cultivation Second Layer is dreaming of renting this kind of Spirit Field, the sheer audacity!"

"Wasting my time!"

Lu Xuan slightly frowned. He had broken through to the Third Layer of Qi Cultivation a while ago, and his senses had gotten much more acute compared to before. He faintly heard the words of the scarred young cultivator.

He then smiled, not caring about Tooth Row's attitude of respect at first and rudeness later. Just quietly adding him to the blacklist, vowing to never going to him to see Spirit Fields again.

"Ah, always feeling too poor before, I'd even begrudge feeding a Broken Spirit to the Grass Puppet."

"Now that I have close to three hundred Spirit Stones, I can feed a Broken Spirit, no... two Broken Spirits to the Grass Puppet."

"But why do I feel so poor?"

He had such a thought in his heart.

"I still need to work hard to earn Spirit Stones."

Zhang Hong went back to the Wilderness Mystery a few days later after resting, and Zhang Xiu Yuan had already started his job in these few days.

The two continued their partnership. When Zhang Xiu Yuan found a Loose Repair that met the requirements and was plagued by pests, Lu Xuan would help solve the problem.

With frequent usage, his understanding of the Golden Sword Technique naturally became much deeper. He combined that with a clean and affordable pest removal, gaining a certain level of fame among the cultivators in the North District.

At the beginning, Zhang Xiu Yuan had to actively find customers, but now they come to him. Sometimes there are even lines.

On this day, Lu Xuan accepted five Spirit Stones and came out of a dilapidated courtyard under the continuous gratitude of a Cultivator.

“Friend Lu, what a coincidence, I didn’t expect to meet you here.”

A mild voice rang in his ears.

Upon hearing this, Lu Xuan looked around, and saw a fat and white cultivator standing around the corner, smiling at both Lu Xuan and Zhang Xiu Yuan.

“A coincidence my ass, the North District is so big, there is no way I was going to encounter him by chance, he was clearly waiting for me!”

Lu Xuan cursed inside, smiled and replied.

“It turns out to be friend Qin. It’s been a long time. Brother Qin, your cultivation level is becoming more profound. Truly the role model for us Loose Cultivators.”

“I dare not accept the honor. On the contrary, it is friend Lu who has surprised me quite a bit. I didn’t expect that a Loose Repair at the Second Layer of Qi Cultivation who needed my help to deal with pests a few months ago, has now grown to the point where he can easily handle pests by himself.”

Qin Ming exclaimed. He genuinely didn’t expect that the little Loose Repair who didn’t catch his eye would one day use a superb sword technique to become his competitor.

“It’s only a fluke. I am still far behind compared to you, Brother Qin.”

A look of reminiscence flashed through Lu Xuan’s eyes.

“It all started from the time I encountered pests. After that incident, in order to avoid the Spirit Plants in my Spirit Field from being infested again, I made a painful decision to spend all my savings to purchase the Sword Technique.”

“After several months of intensive cultivation, combined with perhaps a hint of talent for the Sword Dao, today’s achievements were made.”

“However, due to my low cultivation level, I can only use the Sword Technique two or three times a day, which also leads to me earning such a trivial amount of Spirit Stones.”

Knowing that they have a conflict of interest, Lu Xuan had anticipated meeting other Cultivators who deal with pests, especially the Qi Cultivation Fourth Layer cultivator, Qin Ming, who is considered the busiest in the North District.

He recounted the pre-prepared answers, showing that his cultivation level was low and he was only earning a few spirit stones, which wouldn’t grab much business from Qin Ming.

“So that’s the case.”

Qin Ming slightly nodded.

“However, now that friend Lu is still young, you should prioritize your cultivation and stay away from the pest problems.”

With a friendly smile on his face, Qin Ming looked straight at Lu Xuan, his words half advice and half threat.

“Thank you for your reminder, friend Qin. I have a clear idea of what to do.”

Lu Xuan’s response was calm. He pulled Zhang Xiu Yuan and left.

Walking along the way, he constantly felt a gaze on his back.

“There are so many Loose Cultivator’s in the North District. I have already shown weakness and indicated that I am only earning a small amount of Spirit Stones. Why is he still threatening me?”

He thought angrily to himself. He had already demonstrated his weakness, but Qin Ming continued to pursue relentlessly, stoking his ire.

Suddenly, he paused his steps, an idea flickered in his mind.

The more he thought, the worse it became. Lu Xuan decided to stop and pulled Zhang Xiu Yuan over.

“Little Yuan, Uncle Lu has a favor to ask.”

“Go to the home of one of your good friends who also suffered from pests and ask if they invited a Middle-Stage Qi Practitioner who is proficient in Ice System techniques.”

“If that’s the case, ask in detail how he dealt with the Black Bud Worm Larva after solving the pest problem.”

“You’re young, people won’t guard against you, and they will tell you detailed information. I will guard outside, you don’t have to worry about safety.”

Zhang Xiu Yuan looked at Lu Xuan’s serious expression. The sensible youngster knew the severity of the situation, he pursed his lips and nodded firmly.

The two arrived at the house of the Loose Cultivator mentioned by Zhang Xiu Yuan. Zhang Xiu Yuan shouted outside the courtyard, and under the invitation of a boy of the same age, he entered the courtyard.

Lu Xuan held a few charms in his hand, waiting quietly for him to come out.

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“Little Uncle Lu, I have found out.”

“The parasite issue at his house was resolved by that fat white cultivator, the impressions of the cleaned up larval corpses were not very strong, seems like the cultivator took them away.”

It didn’t take long for Zhang Xiu Yuan to come running out, panting for breath. The words he uttered made Lu Xuan’s heart tighten.

“Investigate again!”

He exhaled a sigh, speaking with determination.

After asking two more loose cultivators, the answer was still the same.

After Qin Ming dealt with the parasite problem, he just took away the larval corpses.

In an instant, thoughts flooded Lu Xuan’s mind, forming a clearer picture.

“Why is it that, despite being a cultivator at Qi Cultivation Fourth Layer like Lingyun Fairy and sword cultivator Li Xu, Qin Ming still charges ten to twenty percent less?”

“Why did he take away the larval bodies after dealing with the Black Bud Worm Larvae?”

“Why do I, a Qi Cultivation Second Layer cultivator, not have the right to earn even a little bit of Spirit Stones?”

“Because those Black Bud Worm larvae were released by Qin Ming himself!”

“He released the adult Black Bud Worms into the Spirit Fields of the Loose Cultivators, quietly laid eggs, used the vitality of the spirit plants in the field to nurture and feed the Black Bud Worm Larvae. When the larvae grew, he, under the guise of fixing the parasite issue, re-collected the larvae.”

“This can also explain why, despite having the same cultivation level, the price to hire him, Qin Ming, is much lower than other cultivators at the Qi Cultivation Fourth Level.”

“He is most adept at the Ice System Technique, which can separate the Black Bud Worm Larvae without harming the Spirit Plant.”

“In the same way, he can freeze the larvae without killing them. After retrieving the larvae, he can defrost them.”

“Thus, he can earn Spirit Stones and effortlessly bring back the larvae that were parasitic on the Spirit Plants, killing two birds with one stone.”

Lu Xuan suddenly understood and realized why he had been so pushy.

Not only did Lu Xuan earn his Spirit Stones but he also killed the Black Bud Worm larvae he had planted.’

More importantly, he was just a little loose cultivator of the Qi Cultivation Second Level.

“So it seems, both the Black Bud Worm larvae I dealt with earlier and the adults I killed in the middle of the night, he put them secretly in the Spirit Field.”

Thinking of this, Lu Xuan couldn’t help but grit his teeth.

In other words, he not only used his spirit plants to help Qin Ming raise the larvae but also gave him Spirit Stones to take away the grown larvae...

If it weren’t for the appearance of the White Light Group, immediately buying the Protective Array, getting the Golden Sword Technique, his own spirit field would just keep suffering from parasite issues again and again, until it consumed him piece by piece.

“Indeed, the weak only prey on the weaker.”

However, if anyone thought he was just another helpless weakling ready to be played around with at will, they would be sorely mistaken.

A tiny grin stretched across his lips, his eyes bright.

When he returned home, the first thing Lu Xuan did was go around the walls of his courtyard, carefully examining every part of the Protective Array.

The Grass Puppet, sensing the presence of its master, extended a grey grass rope, trailing behind him like a small snake.

After confirming that there was nothing wrong with the array, Lu Xuan approached the Grass Puppet, took out a Broken Spirit and tucked it into the large tumor at the top of its head, formed out of grey grass.

“Given the huge gap in overt power and the significant conflict of interest, it seems that Qin Ming won’t let me off.”

“Fortunately, I don’t intend to let him off either.”

“However, even though I have made great strides in my cultivation, formula methods, elixir talismans, and so on recently, Qin Ming is, after all, at the Fourth Layer of Qi Cultivation. I don’t know if I can defeat him if we were to confront each other now.”

“The matter at hand is to strive to enhance my own power. Let’s put the matter of clearing the parasites aside for now to avoid revealing any flaws in front of him.”

Lu Xuan pondered and decided to stay home for now, enhancing his power while preparing for the possibility of Qin Ming breaking into his home.

In the following days, he peacefully stayed at home cultivating his spirit plants, and warned Zhang Xiu Yuan not to go out recklessly.

The fourteen remaining Moon Erosion Fruits had all ripened since the previous harvest, of which twelve were of good quality and two of superior quality.

Lu Xuan picked up the fourteen faintly shimmering White Light Clusters.

“Harvesting a Moon Erosion Fruit, acquired First Grade Artifact, Silver Rift Blade (Remnant)”*3

“Harvesting a Moon Erosion Fruit, acquired First Grade Talisman”*6

“Harvested one Moon Erosion Fruit, received one Yuan Cultivating Pill.” *3

The rewards from the twelve superior-quality Moon Erosion Fruits were just as Lu Xuan expected.

Three silvery Silver Edge fragments filled in the last gap of the sword blade.

A thin blade appeared before Lu Xuan's eyes. The blade was a pale silvery white and was extremely concealed, whether it was day or night.

He controlled the silvery blade to dance freely in the air with his spiritual power, the speed of the blade was extremely fast, and it was very sharp.

Lu Xuan pulled out a decayed spiritual wood to test, the sword blade parted it like tofu, severing the sturdy spiritual wood evenly at the root.

With a thought, the rapidly moving silver blade around his body suddenly split into dozens of differently shaped thin silver slices, like a swarm of silver butterflies, they flew swiftly around Lu Xuan.

Soon, the dozens of thin silver slices gathered together, perfectly seamless, forming a uniformly intact small sword.

"Finally, all the fragments of the Silver Edge were successfully collected."

Lu Xuan let out a sigh of relief. The complete Silver Edge was even sharper, and it can instantly split into dozens of fragments.

When it was incomplete, Lu Xuan could control all the fragments, but there were still some feelings of sluggishness.

Now, even though there are more fragments, they are controlled smoothly and naturally, extremely slick.

"The greatest value of the First Grade Magical Instrument, the Silver Rift Blade, lies in its ability to split into fragments."

"If it attacks in the form of a sword, then it's just a decent First Grade Magical Instrument. But if it suddenly fragments during combat and attacks opponents, its worth will instantly rise two levels."

Lu Xuan controlled the silvery blade, swirling around several sword flowers, holding it dearly in his hands.

For the current situation, this is his best method to deal with Qin Ming.

Six talismans were all First Grade Talismans, no new types emerged.

Lu Xuan carefully preserved them. First Grade Talismans already have the ability to injure middle-stage Qi cultivators, if the number is sufficient...

All fears come from a lack of power!

Lu Xuan looked at the many talismans he had collected during this time and felt slightly relieved.

In addition, there were three First Grade Qi Cultivation Pills.

Two superior Moon Erosion Fruits yielded two First Grade Qi Cultivation Pill recipe from the light clusters.

After Lu Xuan absorbed them, he felt that he had a vast amount of theory in cultivating the Yuan Cultivating Pill.

It's like even though he hasn't been in actual combat yet, he has read numerous papers and has a very solid theory.

In the next ten days, the situation was calm without any waves.

Qin Ming seemed to have put Lu Xuan behind him.

However, Lu Xuan did not dare to be careless and was very cautious every day.

Apart from taking care of the spirit plants in the courtyard every day, he stayed inside the house, keeping his doors closed.

The Spirit Firefly Grass in the spirit field has been planted for quite some time. Under his meticulous cultivation, several Spirit Firefly Grass reached maturity in the past ten days.

Lu Xuan harvested six stalks of Spirit Firefly Grass, four of them were of superior quality and two were of top quality.

From the moment the Spirit Firefly Grass was first planted, Lu Xuan provided it with the best growing conditions based on its current status, and the hard work paid off, greatly increasing the chances of obtaining top quality crops.

Among them, three of the six rewards from the light clusters were several months of cultivation.

"Harvest one stalk of Spirit Firefly Grass, receive six months of cultivation progress." *2

"Harvest one stalk of Spirit Firefly Grass, receive nine months of cultivation progress."

As the thought passed, Lu Xuan's internal spiritual power surged wildly, rampant in his meridians.

Just like breaking through a non-existent barrier, spiritual power gradually calmed down.

“Finally, I’ve broken into the Fourth Layer of Qi Cultivation.”

A relieved smile appeared on Lu Xuan’s face.

After breaking through to the Third Layer of Qi Cultivation, Lu Xuan has been working hard to cultivate. Together with the almost two years of cultivation from the three new light clusters, he successfully broke through and became a middle-stage Qi cultivator.