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Chapter 1091: Dragon Blood Tree, Monkey Mountain!_3 After all, handing over one's own Spirit Land so readily, one could hardly maintain a good countenance.

"Tao Laozu."

Lu Changsheng gave a slight nod, having seen the other party before at Golden Dragon Ridge.

However, only a few months had passed, and the other seemed to have aged considerably.

"I heard from my son that you wish to wait for the Spiritual Peach Trees to mature and then split the produce thirty to seventy?"

Lu Changsheng, in a Green Magical Robe, stood tall and straight.

"Indeed, according to the agreement made with Lu Ancestor and Jin Laozu that day, it was said not to destroy the fruit trees in the mountain, but it was not said that the fruits couldn't be taken."

"The common Spiritual Fruit Trees in the mountain, my Tao Family is willing to give all to Lu Ancestor."

"But these twelve Spiritual Peach Trees, my Tao Family has spent a lot of time and effort cultivating them, and it will only be half a year until maturity; we do not wish to pick them prematurely and waste them."

The Tao Family Patriarch said very politely.

After all, if Lu Changsheng were to be unreasonable, issuing a challenge by saying "try and pick them", they would indeed not dare to pick, and at most, they could go to the Jin Family to make a complaint.

But it's highly unlikely that the Jin Family would come to blows with Lu Changsheng over such a matter.

Even if they did intervene, they would want to take the majority of the Spiritual Peaches.

"A split of seventy to thirty is too much, but I have a few conditions. If Tao Laozu is willing, I may even give you all these Spiritual Peaches."

Lu Changsheng stated directly.

"What conditions?"

Asked the Tao Family Patriarch.

"I need your Tao Family to arrange some fruit farmers to take care of the trees in the mountain for one year."

"And about the cultivation methods of the fruit trees in the mountain, the planting techniques, and your Tao Family's wine-making heritage."

Lu Changsheng spoke.

At the time he gambled on Monkey Hill, he was not too clear about the specific circumstances and hadn't considered much.

Now he's realized that taking over Monkey Hill requires a transition.

Just as when he took over Bi Lake Mountain.

"Lu Ancestor's conditions, might they be a bit too harsh?"

The Tao Family Patriarch's face looked somewhat distressed.

Already extremely frustrated with having surrendered the Spirit Land so readily,

continuing to help with the care and also surrendering the cultivation methods for fruit trees and wine brewing techniques, researched generation after generation, was akin to throwing away the roots of the Tao Family.

"Rest assured, I, Lu Changsheng, am not such a domineering person. If you can provide these heritages, I can also offer you a corresponding Second-tier Wine Brewing heritage."

"Or another Second Rank Talisman Path heritage, Second-tier Pill Path heritage, Lu Someone has them all."

Lu Changsheng said with a calm expression.

Although he's a Second-tier Top-level Wine Master.

Having the Tao Family's existing wine brewing heritage would mean that he only needs to understand the general process, then he could analyze and optimize it, without the need to spend too much time in this area.

The cultivation methods for fruit trees were the same.

Although he could ask Zhao Qingqing to study these fruit trees, it would still take too much time and effort.

Rather, it's better to directly acquire the Tao Family's heritage in this area.

This way, his own family can then look to optimize and improve the situation, making it simpler and saving time.

"This matter is of great importance, I need to consider it..."

The Tao Family Patriarch's face changed from cloudy to sunny as he spoke.

Now that they no longer have Monkey Hill, the value of these fruit trees' cultivation methods and wine brewing techniques isn't as great.

It's just that these belong to the family's ancestral knowledge and efforts, and they are reluctant to give it up so easily.

But Lu Changsheng's words were tempting.

"Okay, Tao Laozu can take your time to consider it. If you decide, just inform me."

"And although I did not agree with Jin Zan about picking the fruits, since it was said not to damage the trees in the mountain, naturally picking the fruits also constitutes damage, so Tao Laozu should not deceive yourself."

Lu Changsheng gave the Tao Family Patriarch a deep look, with a calm and indifferent voice.

Under his gaze, the Tao Family Patriarch's heart gave a fierce thump.

Recalling the day at Golden Dragon Ridge, when Lu Changsheng deployed the Talisman Formation to suppress Jin Zan, the Tao Family Patriarch replied with a somewhat bitter voice: "Tao Someone understands."

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng did not go on speaking, took his two sons for a inspection around Monkey Hill, feeling that the Spirit Land here was not bad.

The only thing was the name Monkey Hill did not sound very good; he was considering whether to change the name when the time comes.

Chapter 1092: The Children Break Through to Foundation Establishment, Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth! Golden Dragon Ridge.

"Lu Changsheng has gone to Monkey Hill alone...."

Upon hearing the report from below, the Ancestor of Jin Family's eyes narrowed slightly, cold and profound.

Since the Core Formation ceremony, after witnessing Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge join forces to suppress Jin Zan, a killing intent had taken root in his heart, contemplating the elimination of the two in secret.

Otherwise, allowing the pair to continue growing was far too terrifying.

Now learning that Lu Changsheng had ventured out alone, without Lu Miaoge, a surge of murderous intent welled up in his heart.

"This lad has obtained the legacy of the Talisman Path. The Third Rank Talisman used by Ling Zixiao back then could very likely be related to him. If this lad still has Third Rank Talismans in his possession..."

The Ancestor of Jin Family's hands clenched into fists unconsciously, his mind wavering indecisively.

Given the relationship between their families, if Lu Changsheng were to die mysteriously near Monkey Hill, many would suspect the Jin Family.

If this led to a complete fallout with Bihu Mountain, it wouldn't bode well for the Jin Family either.

However, what worried him most was whether he could kill Lu Changsheng in one blow.

After all, the rapid rise of Lu Changsheng over the past decades and his myriad methods demanded utmost caution.

And the Ancestor had witnessed the power of Lu Changsheng's Talisman Formation himself.

He knew if he failed to kill Lu Changsheng immediately, it would become extremely difficult to do so afterward.

"This lad so brazenly heads to Monkey Hill; perhaps it's to signal to me that he's venturing out alone, awaiting my move..."

After much contemplation, the Ancestor of Jin Family's murderous gleam subsided, and he decided to hold back.

He would wait until he could procure something that could counter Talisman Formations or ensure a fatal blow, not allowing Lu Changsheng to escape, and then take action.

"Hmph, let this lad be arrogant for a few more days!"

The expression of the Ancestor of Jin Family was icy cold.

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At this moment, Lu Changsheng was unaware of the Ancestor of Jin Family's intent to harm him.

After patrolling Monkey Hill with Lu Xianzhi and returning to White Tiger Mountain, he disguised himself and, along with Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, lay in wait outside Golden Dragon Ridge.

Although Jin Zan had been severely injured by him previously, and it was unlikely the Jin Family would stir trouble soon,

based on his understanding of the Jin Family and Jin Zan, it was impossible for them to let the matter lie.

Thus, to play it safe, he decided to kill one of the two Jin Family members with a False Core.

However, after half a month of surveillance, Lu Changsheng gave up.

It was too exhausting!

Constantly on alert, any passerby would require confirmation through Divine Sense to ensure they were not the Ancestor of Jin Family or Jin Zan in disguise.

"Let's just wait for the Jin Family to make a move."

Lu Changsheng sighed.

As the Lu Ancestor, he had never done anything this taxing in his entire cultivation journey.

Moreover, with Jin Zan recently wounded by him, it was unlikely he would venture out any time soon.

He would probably recuperate at home, practice Divine Skills, and nourish his Magical Treasures.

And since the Ancestor of Jin Family seldom left home, Lu Changsheng had no clue when the Ancestor would be out and about, making it uncertain how long he would have to wait.

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Bihu Mountain.

"What, Azure Phoenix Immortal has gone missing?"

Upon returning to the Lu Family Mansion, Lu Changsheng received shocking news from his wife during their casual conversation.

"Yes, everyone suspected Azure Phoenix Immortal didn't appear because of serious injuries."

"But after more than a year, many powers have probed Azure Phoenix Immortal City, and White Peak Immortal who had previously challenged Azure Phoenix Immortal also made a public challenge, but Azure Phoenix Immortal never showed up."

"So now, rumors are spreading that Azure Phoenix Immortal has most likely left Jiang Country to seize an opportunity for a breakthrough to the Nascent Soul in a Fourth Rank Immortal City."

Lu Miaoyun spoke softly.

"Leaving Jiang Country to seek a breakthrough to Nascent Soul opportunity in a Fourth Rank Immortal City..."

Lu Changsheng felt that this was highly likely.

In earlier years, he had discussed with Li Feiyu and knew that Azure Phoenix Immortal was already several hundred years old.

If she did not attempt a Nascent Soul breakthrough, her condition might decline, affecting her chances of success.

Staying in Azure Phoenix Immortal City, Azure Phoenix Immortal would have no chance of breaking through to Nascent Soul.

Only by leaving Azure Phoenix Immortal City and heading to a Fourth Rank Immortal City to find the right opportunity, could she hope to break through to Nascent Soul.

"Azure Phoenix Immortal has built the Azure Phoenix Immortal City; over the hundreds of years, the accumulated wealth is vast."

"Moreover, with her strength, if she is willing to join a power, surely quite a few Nascent Soul Level Powers would extend an olive branch, offering her access to a Fourth-order Spirit Vein..."

Lu Changsheng stated.

The Heavenly Sword Sect was unwilling to see Azure Phoenix Immortal achieve a Nascent Soul breakthrough.

But other Nascent Soul Level Powers in various Cultivation Nations seemed willing to make such offers.

"What is the current situation of Azure Phoenix Immortal City?"

Lu Changsheng continued to inquire.

Without Azure Phoenix Immortal to anchor it, the Immortal City might very likely change hands.

He had previously sent a letter to Azure Phoenix Immortal City to inquire about the situation with Li Feiyu.

Li Feiyu just indicated that he would take extra care and told Lu Changsheng to rest easy, advising him to avoid Azure Phoenix Immortal City if possible in the meantime.

"Now, it's just that the rumors are escalating, causing panic in Azure Phoenix Immortal City. Many Loose Cultivators are leaving, and no power has made a move against Azure Phoenix Immortal City yet."

"But if things continue as they are, with Azure Phoenix Immortal remaining absent, it's estimated that in a few years at most, powers will act against Azure Phoenix Immortal City."

Lu Miaoyun said softly, her tone laced with melancholy.

Since her childhood, she had heard of the great name of Azure Phoenix Immortal City, a haven for Loose Cultivators.

She had even once dreamed of visiting this Immortal City.

But now, she was hearing that this Immortal City might soon decline and perish.

"Also, there are rumors that many Loose Cultivators have flowed into the Marketplace of Spirit Taming Sect due to the instability in Azure Phoenix Immortal City, but with too many newcomers and competition for resources, incidents of robbery have become frequent, affecting the order within the Region Boundary of Spirit Taming Sect..."

Lu Miaoyun continued.

Although the situation with Azure Phoenix Immortal City didn't affect the Qingyun Sect,

the neighboring Spirit Taming Sect had already been impacted.

"Sigh, there's never been true peace in the Cultivation World."

Chapter 1093: Children Break Through Foundation Establishment, Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth!_2 Lu Changsheng shook his head and sighed.

In the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, the Spirit Taming Sect, due to its proximity to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, has always had the worst public order and the most Robber Cultivators.

Now, under the influence of Azure Phoenix Immortal City, the public order has worsened, and it is expected that many Cultivators will again flee to Qingyun Sect, Luoxia Sect, and Heavenly Sword Sect.

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Time flies, and in the blink of an eye, half a year has passed.

During these days, Lu Changsheng has been cultivating the Yin Yang Primordial Elixir Method at home and has condensed six Elemental Elixirs.

For the matter of Flower Fruit Mountain, the Tao Family ultimately agreed to provide methods for nurturing and planting fruit trees, as well as the family's fruit wine brewing techniques.

However, they demanded one portion of the Second-Order Top Grade Talisman Path heritage and three Second-Order Top Grade Talismans.

Faced with this demand, Lu Changsheng naturally did not agree and only gave one Second-Order Top Grade Talisman.

They really think Second-Order Top Grade Talismans grow on trees!

He subsequently sent a message to Zhao Qingqing.

Asking her to help look after the spiritual fruit trees on Flower Fruit Mountain.

To see if there is any need for optimization or improvement in the planting and cultivation process.

Also, Lu Changsheng renamed Monkey Mountain to Flower Fruit Mountain.

Many family forces are reluctant to change names because it's very inconvenient having to mention the old name after the change, as no one would recognize the new one.

It might take years, even decades, for people to remember a new name.

But Lu Changsheng didn't care.

He didn't need people to remember the new name of Flower Fruit Mountain right now.

"Father..."

This day, Lu Qingxuan came to find Lu Changsheng.

He expressed that he was ready and could attempt Foundation Establishment at any time.

"Alright, since you're prepared, let's start now."

Lu Changsheng noticed his son's spiritual power was well-rounded and satisfactory, his mindset stable and calm, not arrogant or impulsive, and nodded.

He did not let his son break through to the Foundation Establishment in Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

It wasn't that he didn't want to tell him about the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

Simply because over the years, nobody in the Lu Family had achieved Foundation Establishment openly in public.

Since Lu Qingxuan, as a widely recognized talent with a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root and born of a concubine.

Thus, Lu Changsheng thought it might be good for him to breakthrough at Bi Yun Peak, creating some commotion to set an example for his family and inspire them.

As for attracting trouble by having one more Foundation Establishment Cultivator in the family, Lu Changsheng wasn't too worried.

After all, compared to defeating Jin Zan with Lu Miaoge, this matter was less conspicuous.

"Yes, father."

Lu Qingxuan, seeing how casual his father was about his Foundation Establishment, felt somewhat dejected.

But thinking about his father's accomplishments, such a trivial Foundation Establishment would naturally not be deemed important by him.

"Don't pressure yourself too much; Foundation Establishment is just the beginning of cultivation."

Lu Changsheng patted his son's shoulder and said softly.

"Yes, father!"

Lu Qingxuan, resolved, nodded in response.

Then, the two went to the back mountain, where Lu Qingxuan sat cross-legged and solemnly began operating the Thunder Fire Nine Arts cultivation technique, preparing to strike at Foundation Establishment.

Lu Changsheng acted as his protector nearby.

Being a father, he wasn't usually very attentive, so naturally, he stayed nearby to guard during such an occasion.

Moreover, foundation establishment was prone to errors despite prior instructions on important points.

Being beside him, he could intervene and provide guidance the moment something went awry to prevent accidents.

This was the benefit of having a master and elder to protect!

After a long while, Lu Qingxuan felt his Essence, Qi, and Spirit were filled to the brim, in peak condition, and without further hesitation, he ingested the Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir.

"Boom!"

His Qi Ocean Core roared and surged with spiritual power, spreading through his limbs and filling his entire body, creating a tidal wave of spiritual pressure that caused the nature's spiritual energy to violently rush towards him.

"It's starting..."

Lu Changsheng watched quietly as his son began his Foundation Establishment.

His son was only thirty-five years old, practicing an off-mainstream level cultivation technique "Thunder Fire Nine Arts," with a Foundation Establishment Elixir, so the three obstacles of foundation establishment shouldn't pose any problem.

Moreover, considering his son had undergone too little tempering and his mental fortitude might be lacking, Lu Changsheng also prepared a Divine Sense Foundation Establishment object for him to ensure a flawless attempt.

Just then, a system notification suddenly sounded in Lu Changsheng's mind, accompanied by a surge of rich and pure mana.

[Congratulations Host, five of your progeny have achieved the Foundation Establishment Stage, Bloodline Effect: Progeny's Spiritual Body Inheritance Rate increased by 1%, receive one advanced draw opportunity!]

"Huh?"

Lu Changsheng was startled and a bit puzzled.

What's going on?

Lu Qingxuan had just started, how did he already achieve the Foundation Establishment Stage?

But Lu Changsheng instantly realized—it must be his other children reaching Foundation Establishment.

"Who is it?"

At this moment, Lu Changsheng genuinely did not know which child had achieved Foundation Establishment.

After all, he has seven children at the Ninth Level of Energy Refinement, and four of them were outside.

After a while, Lu Changsheng knew which child had achieved it.

[Name: Lu Qingzhu]

[Life Span: 41/231]

[Talent: Seventh Grade Spiritual Root]

[Cultivation Level: First Layer Foundation Establishment]

[Talent: Talisman Making Compatibility (35%)]

"Little Zhu has achieved Foundation Establishment."

Seeing that it was his daughter Lu Qingzhu who had achieved Foundation Establishment, a gentle and relieved smile appeared in Lu Changsheng's eyes.

His daughter merely possessed a Seventh Grade Spiritual Root, making Foundation Establishment quite challenging.

Now seeing his daughter having succeeded, Lu Changsheng was very happy and wished to inform his wife, Lu Miaoge, immediately.

Only, such a matter couldn't really be explained to his wife.

"I wonder if Qingzhu and Little Zhu will come back later."

Lu Changsheng felt a bit longing.

He had always been very fond of these two children.

Yet, because they went to Jinyang Sect, they had only gathered twice in over thirty years.

Actually, regarding Lu Qingshan, Lu Changsheng felt okay.

He thought this son's personality made him suitable for striving on his own outside.

Chapter 1094: The Children's Breakthrough in Foundation Establishment, Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth!_3 He has always been deeply concerned about his daughter, Lu Qingzhu, worried that she might be bullied outside and hoped she could stay safely at home.

But with the siblings depending on each other in the outside world, it was impossible to let only Lu Qingshan stay out while bringing Lu Qingzhu back home.

"However, with Qingshan there, Little Zhu shouldn't be bullied."

Lu Changsheng muttered to himself with a soft sigh, not overly sentimental, and continued to focus on Lu Qingxuan before him.

Time passed by slowly.

Lu Qingxuan had completed the three stages of Foundation Establishment. In the Qi Ocean Core within his Dantian, the misty liquid mana spread out, beginning to condense into a Dao Foundation.

"The three stages of Foundation Establishment – apart from the Divine Sense stage which was somewhat lacking, the other two stages are quite perfect."

Lu Changsheng's expression was calm, knowing that his son should be able to condense a Flawless Foundation Base.

A Flawless Foundation Base was already quite impressive.

To achieve a Perfect Foundation Base, one would need not only to improve one's temperament further but also to use countless Heavenly and Earthly Treasures to refine the physical body, mana, and foundation before there was some hope.

Of course, if Lu Changsheng was willing, giving him the Five Elements Spirit Fruit to consume might result in a Perfect Foundation Base.

But the Five Elements Spirit Fruit Tree in the System Space wasn't planted yet, and Lu Changsheng was not yet indulgent to that extent.

"Hoo-hoo-hoo-"

As the third stage of Foundation Establishment broke, the nature's spiritual energy from the mountain behind suddenly sped up, beginning to surge wildly, forming a spiritual energy whirlpool several zhang in diameter in the sky.

"Hmm, what's happening?"

"This is a spiritual energy whirlpool, someone is undergoing Foundation Establishment!"

"Foundation Establishment, who within the family is attempting it!"

"Is it Qingxuan or Wangshu, or which Aunty?"

The anomaly of the nature's spiritual energy immediately drew the attention of many people around Bi Lake Mountain to the back of Bi Yun Peak, stirring up a flurry of envious, longing, and excited discussions.

After all, the family was welcoming another Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator – a great event.

Especially since not long ago, Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge won Monkey Mountain from the Jin Family, and the family needed a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator to preside over it.

"Xuan'er..."

On a pavilion, Shao Yuyao dressed in a goose-yellow palace dress, her black hair neatly combed into an elegant chignon, clutched a handkerchief tightly in her hands with a gentle and graceful face full of nervousness, looking towards the back mountain.

She knew that it was her son, Lu Qingxuan, who was attempting the Foundation Establishment.

Although there were many Foundation Establishment Cultivators at Bi Lake Mountain nowadays,

For Shao Yuyao, Foundation Establishment Cultivators were no longer so unattainable and mighty.

But for her own son's Foundation Establishment breakthrough, she was filled with anticipation and surprise.

"It looks like he should have achieved a Flawless Foundation Base."

In the Lu Family Mansion, Lu Miaoge murmured softly while looking at the spiritual energy swirl and then gently said to the beside her, "Wangshu, it's almost time for your breakthrough, isn't it?"

"Father said let me not rush to break through, wait until I'm more familiar with the Spiritual Patterns before I attempt Foundation Establishment."

Lu Wangshu, who was playing with Lu Qingxuan, said listlessly.

Over the years, seeing Lu Lingxiao's cultivation speed, she worried that she might be surpassed by him one day.

Thus, she thought of achieving Foundation Establishment earlier, to maintain her dignity as an elder sister, but her father disapproved.

"Your father is doing this for your good, the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture you practice belongs to the type that builds up a strong foundation before making a breakthrough..."

Lu Miaoge spoke soothingly.

Knowing that this daughter before her was a true genius.

Once she breaks through to Foundation Establishment, with the accumulated foundation, she'd probably be not much inferior to her son, Lu Qingshan.

Thus, under everyone's attention and discussion, half a month passed.

That day, a faint halo of colors rose from the spiritual energy swirl behind Bi Yun Peak and then slowly faded away.

"Spiritual aura manifesting as a halo, that means the breakthrough was successful!"

"Apart from Big Brother, our family now has another Foundation Establishment Cultivator!"

"Foundation Establishment, we still have Foundation Establishment Elixirs in the family, as long as I quickly reach the peak of Ninth Level Energy Refinement, I could also hope to break through!"

"I wonder if the family will still have any Foundation Establishment Elixirs left by the time I reach the Ninth Level of Energy Refinement..."

Many Lu Family Disciples paid close attention to the situation, feeling encouraged but also an added sense of urgency.

Although the family has Foundation Establishment Elixirs,

Everyone thought these were limited in number, and one might miss out by being too slow.

Therefore, even amongst siblings, something like Foundation Establishment was worth competing for!

Behind the cliff of Bi Yun Peak.

"Father!"

Lu Qingxuan, immediately after the successful breakthrough, opened his eyes, looking excited and joyously called out to Lu Changsheng.

Even though in previous years Lu Changsheng arranged for him to be tempered in the Marketplace, increasing his maturity,

At this moment, having succeeded in his Foundation Establishment breakthrough, there was still an uncontrollable joy in his heart.

"Qingxuan, congratulations on your Foundation Establishment."

Lu Changsheng's face showed a smile as he said to his son, "Now take your time to experience the transformation of the Foundation Establishment baptism, later your father has a gift for you."

"Yes, Father!"

Lu Qingxuan closed his eyes again, knowing that it was not the time for great joy or sorrow.

After Lu Qingxuan completed the Foundation Establishment baptism, his entire being – essence, qi, and spirit – visibly changed, his body emanating a faintly intense and powerful aura.

"Let's go, we'll see your mother."

Lu Changsheng spoke, going with his son to see the concubine, Shao Yuyao.

"Master, Qingxuan..."

In the courtyard, Shao Yuyao saw Lu Changsheng and his son Lu Qingxuan arriving through the air, her expression stunned, and her eyes somewhat teary.

In her life, she had experienced drastic ups and downs.

In her early years, her family was destroyed, and she was sold into the White Jade Tower.

She thought she had reached a dead end in life but then met Lu Changsheng.

Despite continually giving birth, the seventh child she bore not only possessed a Spiritual Root but a Fourth-Grade Spiritual Root at that!

And now, this son had even broken through to Foundation Establishment, becoming a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator that her entire former family would have had to look up to.

"Mother."

Lu Qingxuan came before his mother and bowed deeply.

Chapter 1095: Sons and Daughters Break Through the Foundation Establishment, Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth!_4 "Very good, very good…"

Shao Yuyao wept tears of joy; for a moment, she didn't know what to say.

"Yuyao, you've worked hard these years."

Lu Changsheng stepped forward, holding Shao Yuyao's hands, and said softly.

"This servant has not suffered; to have met my lord is the luckiest thing in this servant's life."

Shao Yuyao said with a choked voice.

After a brief catch-up, Lu Changsheng asked Lu Qingxuan to go back and solidify his cultivation level, and to come to find him once his realm was stable.

Then he told Lu Miaoyun to inform their son Lu Xingyang, and to arrange a simple Foundation Establishment ceremony at home to celebrate, inviting only a few familiar families.

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"System, draw the lottery!"

After delegating tasks, Lu Changsheng arrived at the summit of Blue Cloud Peak to start the advanced lottery he had obtained before.

"I wonder what I can draw this time; please, no more cultivation techniques..."

Lu Changsheng muttered to himself.

Although the two previous lottery draws had yielded grand prizes like the Yin Yang Creation Scripture,

he truly feared the system might offer him another cultivation technique.

Cultivation techniques of the Orthodox Level he could still teach at home.

But cultivation techniques obtained from the advanced lottery had too high a threshold; none could be taught currently, so they were left to gather dust.

Immediately, the advanced lottery wheel appeared, bathed in golden light, and eventually stopped at the 'Heavenly and Earthly Treasures' section.

[Ding, congratulations to the host for obtaining Peachwood Spirit Womb!]

[Reward has been issued to the System Space, the host may check at any time]

Instantly, an image of a blackened peach tree appeared, along with a system notification sound.

"Spiritual Embryo?"

Lu Changsheng saw the prize and his heart jolted; he immediately looked into the System Space.

[Spiritual Embryo: Peachwood Spirit Womb]

[Grade: Fourth Rank]

[Description: Born from the Spiritual Mechanism where the ten-thousand-year Peach God's wood meets Heaven and Earth. If it reaches Great Success, it can transform into a True Spirit.]

"It really is a Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth, but why is it only Fourth Rank..."

Lu Changsheng frowned slightly at the description of his prize.

He hadn't expected the advanced lottery to have a Fourth Rank prize.

But thinking about it, he realized it made sense.

A regular lottery would only produce a Fourth Rank prize with extreme luck,

And having Fourth and Fifth Rank prizes in the advanced lottery was also normal.

"I wonder if this Spiritual Embryo is the same as what I've read in ancient texts; if it is..."

Lu Changsheng's eyes narrowed as he murmured to himself.

He had come across the concept of Spiritual Embryos before in a handbook.

Born not of flesh and blood, they were nourished by Heaven and Earth!

Spiritual Embryos come in many kinds.

It could be a stone, a piece of jade, a piece of wood, or even an entire mountain, a river, or a flame, a blade of grass.

Different from demons, Spiritual Embryos are born from the moment of life and death as a product of the Yin and Yang of the world, gradually nurtured into existence.

In theory, such 'Spiritual Embryos' can grow continuously, eventually becoming a True Spirit, invincible in the world upon their emergence!

However, for a Spiritual Embryo to grow into a True Spirit is nearly impossible.

Their very formation is exceedingly harsh, a sort of miracle.

Every step of growth requires enduring long years and countless tribulations.

Thus, the notion of such Spiritual Embryos growing into True Spirits is mostly theoretical.

Nevertheless, these nurturing 'Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth' are supremely treasured and incredibly rare for cultivators!

Not only can they be used to refine great elixirs, increase cultivation level, nourish Divine Skills.

They can also be utilized to cultivate External Incarnations and refine Dao Soldiers!

In the handbook Lu Changsheng once read, there was a record of a top-tier sect that acquired a Nine Apertures Stone Womb, from which they refined the nurturing Spiritual Embryo into one of the Supreme Dao Weapons.

"Extract!"

Without hesitation, Lu Changsheng chose to extract the Spiritual Embryo.

To see if its effects were exactly as he knew.

Chapter 1096: 100-Year Nascent Soul, Divine Communion! "Hum!"

A huge half of a withered tree appeared in front of Lu Changsheng.

The trunk was charred all over, resembling a stump, without a crown or any branches.

However, on the trunk, there were nine dazzling and bright peaches, as if they were carved from jade, radiating with a vibrant life force.

"Peachwood Spirit Womb..."

Lu Changsheng looked at the Peachwood Spirit Womb in front of him.

Through the system, he knew that the Peachwood Spirit Womb before him was indeed the same as the Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth that he knew.

It was originally a ten-thousand-year-old Peach God Tree.

During the Transformation Tribulation, a spark of spiritual mechanism was born under the Heavenly Tribulation by chance, thus nurturing this spiritual embryo.

Currently, the spiritual embryo still had no consciousness, being in the midst of growth.

Only when it grew to Fifth Rank would it begin to slowly generate cognitive thoughts.

This Peachwood Spirit Womb could not only be used as a top-tier great medicine to enhance one's cultivation level and nourish divine skills,

but could also require vast efforts to cleanse the spirit womb, and with the soul dwelling within, refine it into an external incarnation or a Dao Soldier.

Such a spiritual embryo, if made to come into this world prematurely, would possess Third Rank cultivation directly, comparable to Core Formation!

With the continuous nourishing of heavenly and earthly treasures, it could rapidly grow, and at most within a hundred years, reach the Fourth Rank Nascent Soul level!

Unlike cultivators or demon beasts, this growth process has no bottlenecks and flows naturally like water finds its course!

"If I refine this spiritual embryo into an external incarnation, wouldn't I have a Nascent Soul doppelgänger? In less than a hundred years, could it grow into a Nascent Soul True Lord's doppelgänger?"

Lu Changsheng was somewhat astonished in his heart.

In the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, Nascent Soul Immortals already belonged to the first tier, esteemed and revered!

And this spiritual embryo was born with Third Rank cultivation!

With sufficient resources, it could grow without bottlenecks to Fourth Rank!

Keep in mind that in the entire Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, there was only Xuanjian True Monarch of the Heavenly Sword Sect, who was a Nascent Soul True Lord!

"Moreover, this spirit embryo, before it comes into the world, can be influenced through the soul's dwelling and heartfelt cleansing, so that it can grow in the appearance one desires."

"For example, if I want a sword cultivator doppelgänger, a sword cultivator Dao Soldier, it could be perfectly aligned with The Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture if I let the embryo cycle this Cultivation Technique in its embryonic state!"

At this moment, Lu Changsheng deeply understood why such Heaven and Earth Spirit Embryos were suitable for refining into external incarnations.

However, he did not have the intention of refining an external incarnation.

Firstly, he currently did not possess the Cultivation Technique for external incarnations.

Secondly, the cultivation of external incarnations was extremely demanding.

As far as Lu Changsheng knew, at least the Core Formation Stage was needed to practice external incarnations.

Moreover, such a method required one to sever half of their own soul.

For cultivators, the soul was of utmost importance. Not to mention severing half, even ordinary damage required considerable time to heal.

To sever half, one not only needed to spend countless heavenly and earthly treasures to nourish and repair but probably also needed decades of recuperation. Lu Changsheng could not afford to invest so much time and energy for a doppelgänger.

Moreover, he had read in ancient books that such external incarnations had several hidden risks.

For instance, if the doppelgänger left the main body for too long, it could potentially develop its own consciousness, or its cognitive thoughts might differ from those of the main body.

Even more, if the doppelgänger became stronger than the main body, it might even backfire.

Although the likelihood of this was very small.

But just this risk alone was enough for Lu Changsheng to disregard the method of external incarnation.

"However, this spirit embryo is quite suitable to be the body for Hong Lian..."

Lu Changsheng mused silently.

Although the spirit embryo could also be refined into a Dao Soldier,

Compared to refining a Dao Soldier, he was more inclined to use it to rebuild Hong Lian's physical body.

On one hand, he had made a promise to Hong Lian in his early years.

On the other hand, given Hong Lian's current soul state, finding a suitable body to merge and accommodate her soul was extremely difficult.

Initially, Hong Lian herself set three rough conditions.

A complete skeleton of a Nascent Soul True Lord.

Heaven and Earth Spirit Objects that could be used to refine external incarnations.

Certain physical bodies crafted from heavenly and earthly treasures.

Any of these conditions were very stringent.

Even if he made a breakthrough to Core Formation, he might not be able to obtain them.

Yet, the Peachwood Spirit Womb directly met the above three conditions.

Not only could it perfectly integrate and accommodate her soul, but it could also allow her to tailor-make her own body!

And it would enable her to quickly return to peak performance, recovering to the Nascent Soul True Lord cultivation level!

"Just that if I do this, there's one problem..."

Lu Changsheng's eyes slightly narrowed.

Although Hong Lian had been tirelessly performing duties for the Lu Family these past decades, refining pills, artifacts, formations, even teaching and advising the children, she was obedient to him, like a maid.

But deep down, Lu Changsheng still had not completely trusted Hong Lian.

After all, she was a Nascent Soul True Lord!

Understandably, she would be more courteous because she was relying on someone else.

But for a Nascent Soul True Lord to be so excessively amiable towards him felt exaggerated, didn't it?

With Hong Lian's insights and methods as a Nascent Soul True Lord, if she were to obtain the Peachwood Spirit Womb, escaping from his control would be incredibly easy!

Therefore, Lu Changsheng harbored some worries.

"I'll wait until I've achieved Core Formation, then explore her intentions later."

After pondering for a moment, Lu Changsheng entrusted the Peachwood Spirit Womb before him to the care of the Mount Sumeru Tree King.

Deciding to consider giving the spirit embryo to Hong Lian only after he had achieved Core Formation.

"By the way, if the spirit womb naturally nurtures life, what would be the nature of the child it bears? Human, or... a peach demon?"

Lu Changsheng thought suddenly, hitting upon a question.

With regards to Hong Lian, to say he had not the slightest interest would be impossible.

After all, to truly become one of his own people, isn't it all about going from being intimate to having her as the mother of the child.

Moreover, this process of coexistence is a perfect way to cultivate affection.

"Nevermind, let's not count our chickens before they hatch..."

Chapter 1097: 100-Year Nascent Soul, Divine Communion!_2 Lu Changsheng shook his head, not dwelling on it too much, and went to Changsheng Hall to use the Cultivation and Magical Power he had gained for Condensing the Elemental Elixir.

According to the theory he knew, it was extremely difficult for humans and the Demon Race to have offspring, let alone conceiving a Spiritual Embryo that counts as half a True Spirit.

However, if it really came to life, it couldn't be bad.

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Yue Country, Jinyang Sect.

"Return to Jiang Country..."

Upon hearing Lu Qingshan's words, Tianyuan True Immortal observed the siblings before him and pondered, saying, "Currently, Azure Phoenix Immortal City is unstable due to matters concerning the Azure Phoenix Immortal. If you go back now, you must be careful."

"If it's not urgent, you could wait a few years to return, or wait until I have time to take you back."

Tianyuan True Immortal said so.

Azure Phoenix Immortal City was located on the border between Jiang Country and Yue Country.

Now the affairs of the Azure Phoenix Immortal were causing a great stir, attracting attention not only from many forces in Jiang Country but also from numerous forces within Yue Country.

Once it is confirmed that the Azure Phoenix Immortal has left, several major forces will divide Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

"Azure Phoenix Immortal City."

Lu Qingshan, hearing this, became somewhat interested and asked, "Master, is it true as the rumors say that the Azure Phoenix Immortal left Azure Phoenix Immortal City to seek a Nascent Soul opportunity outside?"

"Most likely, the Azure Phoenix Immortal is almost four hundred years old. At this age, even with Heavenly and Earthly Treasures or secret techniques to maintain her state, delaying further will affect the probability of forming a Nascent Soul..."

Tianyuan True Immortal, dressed in a luxurious bright red robe, looked languid, sipped from a flask in her hand, and spoke.

These forces were almost certain that the Azure Phoenix Immortal had already left Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

They were now observing to confirm whether the Azure Phoenix Immortal genuinely departed or only pretended to leave, actually fishing.

After all, the rumors of the severe injury of the Azure Phoenix Immortal in her early years had trapped many people and forces.

"Four hundred years old?"

Lu Qingshan was somewhat surprised, not expecting the Azure Phoenix Immortal to be so aged.

However, recalling that the other was once known as Jiang Country's Number One Independent Cultivator and had been famous for several hundred years, it seemed reasonable.

He continued to inquire, "Master, what are the chances of success for the Azure Phoenix Immortal's breakthrough to the Nascent Soul?"

"Thirty percent."

Tianyuan True Immortal took another sip of her drink.

"Only a thirty percent chance for the Nascent Soul, for Jiang Country's Number One Independent Cultivator?"

Lu Qingshan was a bit surprised.

Although a thirty percent chance was already high for many Nascent Soul Immortals,

in his view, compared to the legendary life of the Azure Phoenix Immortal, this probability seemed somewhat low.

"Thirty percent is already very high. It's rumored that the Azure Phoenix Immortal's talent wasn't considered high initially, it was only because of fortuitous encounters and acquiring a kind of Acquired Spirit Body along with the Qingluan Dao Bing, that she gradually rose to such a level."

"These hundreds of years, although Azure Phoenix Immortal had ingested a massive amount of Spirit Stones and Heavenly and Earthly Treasures through the Azure Phoenix Immortal City, cultivating her Dao Soldier, the Spiritual Beast Azure Luan, wanting to obtain an Infant Transformation Elixir to help breakthrough to Nascent Soul was nearly impossible."

"Without the Infant Transformation Elixir, relying only on an Acquired Spirit Body or a few Nascent Soul Spiritual Objects, a thirty percent chance is already the highest."

"Furthermore, the Azure Phoenix Immortal is proud and unwilling to join other forces, making it a challenge to get a Fourth-order Spirit Vein for striking at the Nascent Soul, only able to head for a Fourth-order Immortal City."

Tianyuan True Immortal shook her head and said somewhat emotionally.

While speaking of the Azure Phoenix Immortal, she was also reflecting on the difficulty and uncertainty of her own breakthrough to the Nascent Soul.

"Infant Transformation Elixir...."

Lu Qingshan nodded, knowing that just like the Foundation Establishment Elixir during the Qi Refinement Realm and the Coagulation Crystal Elixir during the Foundation Establishment Stage, there was an Elixir Medicine called Infant Transformation Elixir during the Core Formation's breakthrough to Nascent Soul.

It could help Nascent Soul Cultivators more smoothly shatter the Core to transform to Infant.

But for Independent Cultivators, obtaining such an Elixir was practically impossible.

Still, Lu Qingshan guessed that perhaps even a sect like Jinyang didn't have the means to obtain the Infant Transformation Elixir.

"What do you plan to do?"

Tianyuan True Immortal looked at Lu Qingshan and inquired.

"Master, I still plan to return now. Little Zhu and I will take the Spiritual Vessel all the way, hence there shouldn't be any danger,"

Lu Qingshan looked at his sister beside him and said directly.

He knew that his sister had always been looking forward to returning home after her Foundation Establishment.

Now that she has achieved it, if they waited a few more years, she would say nothing, but would surely feel disheartened inside.

"Alright, since that's the case, you two will take the Sect's Spiritual Vessel, and once you reach Azure Phoenix Immortal City, continue using the Qingyun Sect's Spiritual Vessel."

Tianyuan True Immortal didn't try to persuade otherwise.

After all, with Lu Qingshan's strength, as long as he didn't encounter someone at the False Core Immortal level, there would generally be no danger.

"Thank you, Master!"

Lu Qingshan smiled and greeted with a bow.

"Thank you, Master."

Lu Qingzhu gently pursed her lips, her tranquil and elegant face also showing a joyful smile.

Bihu Mountain.

Changsheng Hall.

Lu Changsheng was cultivating the Sun Moon Samsara Technique with Lu Miaoge.

At this moment, the two entered a mysterious state, as if their souls were traversing the Great Void, their Divine Sense and souls beginning to touch and merge like water with milk.

Their souls, thoughts, and spirits seemed to merge into one, each able to feel the deep affection and thoughts in the other's heart.

After an unknown amount of time, in a trance, the two simultaneously opened their eyes, their eyes flowing with a spirit desire, making their gazes sticky and intense.

"Ah!"

At this moment, both uttered in surprise, as if seeing something astonishing.

"Is this, Sun Moon Samsara Technique at the stage of small achievement?"

Lu Changsheng looked at Lu Miaoge, whose forehead now bore a bright moon, and said with some delight.

The minor achievement of the Sun Moon Samsara Technique would form a sun and a moon on the foreheads of the man and woman respectively.

Afterwards, the two could meld their souls and refine their Divine Sense through these celestial bodies, purifying their souls!

"I didn't expect the Sun Moon Samsara Technique to reach small achievement so soon, it seems this technique was tailor-made for us."

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Lu Changsheng looked at his wife, whose face blushed like jade, breathing lightly, his hand wandering over her white jade-like, tender skin, his heart filled with tranquility.

Though they had been husband and wife for many years, Lu Miaoge always had a gentle sisterly demeanor that was very comforting.

"Mmm…"

Lu Miaoge's beautiful eyes were moist as she nestled against Lu Changsheng's bosom, softly responding.

Although aware that their fast progress in the Sun Moon Samsara Technique was related to the earlier Soul Path Dream.

Seeing herself and Lu Changsheng's high speed in cultivating the technique, Lu Miaoge still felt sweet joy in her heart.

After a while, the two continued with the 'Sun Moon Samsara Technique' for Dual Cultivation, melding their soul and physical body, stabilizing foundations, and enhancing their cultivation level.

Although Lu Changsheng's soul was comparable to that of a Nascent Soul Immortal, and his cultivation could not progress further, this process mainly benefited Lu Miaoge.

But due to their cultivation of the "Tai Yi Life Water Technique," Lu Changsheng felt his mana refining somewhat.

And his physical body, under this wonderful dual cultivation technique, gradually imbued with more of the essence of utmost kindness like water, infinite and nurturing, soothing his organs, meridians, and Dantian.

"Hum hum hum—"

Their mana flowed like a brilliant long river between them, endlessly cycling, making Lu Miaoge's exquisite jade body emanate mysterious Yin and Yang energies.

With the help of the Yin Yang Creation Scripture and Sun Moon Samsara Technique, their compatibility with the "Tai Yi Life Water Technique" now might even surpass that of the ancestors who created the technique.

This made Lu Miaoge's technique not only not inferior to the Profound Mystery Rank but also made her cultivation speed comparable to that of someone with a Top-Grade Spiritual Root.

Once Lu Changsheng breaks through Core Formation and his Taiyi Dao Seed advances further, she could reap many benefits, and her future Core Formation seemed promising!

After a long time, the two completed their Dual Cultivation, filled with a spirit desire in their hearts, feeling an inseparable connection.

Afterwards, Lu Changsheng clearly realized that this belonged to the side effects of the soul Dual Cultivation of the Sun Moon Samsara Technique.

The two would indulge in the spirit desire.

Or rather, it was as if experiencing this profound spiritual communion for the first time, they were somewhat enchanted.

This made Lu Changsheng realize the effects of this soul Dual Cultivation.

During this process, it was easy for the two to develop feelings and increase their fondness for one another.

And in the meeting of their minds, the two truly shared openly, understanding each other's thoughts and ideas.

"Can I use this profound communion to cultivate a relationship with Hong Lian, and understand her nature, thoughts, and ideas..."
Lu Changsheng pondered.

Now that the Sun Moon Samsara Technique had reached a minor achievement, he also gained a secret technique.

He could actively merge his soul with others, using his own soul to nurture and repair someone else's soul.

Although this process could cause a slight harm to himself, leading to spiritual listlessness,

it could enhance the relationship during the communion and provide insight into each other's thoughts and ideas.

"Hong Lian has worked hard all these years without much acknowledgment, and she's also the master of my son, as a father I should properly thank her."

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin, thinking that a little harm wasn't a big issue.

But this matter, too, had to wait until after Core Formation.

After all, his soul and Hong Lian's were too different at the moment.

If the convergence process proved ineffective, it would be embarrassing.

Chapter 1098: The Last Cultivation, Striking Down the Ancestor of Jin Family! In the cold and quiet underground cave.

A year later, Yun Wanshang sent a message again, asking Lu Changsheng to help with cultivation.

This was their last cultivation session together.

But the process was the same as before.

As soon as Lu Changsheng arrived, he entered a familiar state where he could not see or move.

Following that, a fragrant and sweet elixir medicine emitting a charming aroma was fed into his mouth.

Once his blood boiled, a soft and graceful jade body straddled him.

"Om!"

Lu Changsheng honestly operated the Sun Moon Samsara Technique.

However, as the cultivation technique operated, a bright sun emerged at his forehead during the intermingling process of Yin and Yang with Yun Wanshang, and the physical restraint began to gradually dissipate.

"Hmm?"

Lu Changsheng was slightly startled and somewhat surprised.

What's happening?

Why is the restraint on his body being released?

Could it be that this True Immortal is indicating that he should take the initiative?

But he immediately realized that this was the effect of the Sun Moon Samsara Technique.

Because his small achievement in the Sun Moon Samsara Technique made the dual cultivation effect more harmonious.

Thus, during this process, the opponent's Primordial Yin Mana merging with him helped to partially dissolve the restrictive force on his body.

"The Sun Moon Samsara Technique also has this effect."

Lu Changsheng was a bit surprised.

However, having been unable to move for so long, he felt somewhat uneasy now that he suddenly could, unsure of what to do.

After a moment, his mental spirit stirred tentatively and he reached out to embrace the stunningly beautiful jade body's waist.

Instantly, Lu Changsheng felt the body of Caiyun True Immortal tense up and stiffen for a moment.

However, she did not say anything and continued to ride, letting him take his actions...

Seeing that she seemed not to resist, Lu Changsheng gradually became bolder....

Several days later.

In another dark room in the cave.

A spiritual pool formed by the eyes of a spiritual spring, the spiritual energy and mist steaming and pervading, making the bleak and cold room seem touched by the aura of immortals.

Yun Wanshang, with her black hair cascading like a waterfall, unparalleled in beauty, her celestial-like jade body soaked in the spiritual spring, only exposing her snowy white shoulders above the water.

She quietly watched the golden core in her Qi Ocean Core, radiating a brilliant luster.

On the surface of the golden core, there were mysterious and extraordinary glazed golden cloud patterns.

A black and white Yin Yang fish slowly swam around the golden core, as if meticulously carving this core.

"After these days of dual cultivation are over, I can aim for the Immortal Golden Core after this closed-door cultivation..."

Yun Wanshang silently thought to herself.

A First Grade Golden Core, also called an Immortal Golden Core!

In any power, it is considered to be a Nascent Soul Seed!

It is rumored that even those with a Lower Grade Spiritual Root, as long as they obtain an Immortal Golden Core, have a fair chance of breaking through to the Nascent Soul Stage!

Because the Dao Foundation, Golden Core, and Nascent Soul are all symbols of a cultivator's potential and foundation!

Through a person's Dao Foundation, Golden Core, and Nascent Soul, one can know their strength, foundation, and future potential!

And an Immortal Golden Core is the highest achievement in the Core Formation Stage!

However, thinking about how Lu Changsheng's Sun Moon Samsara Technique has achieved a small accomplishment and he has become increasingly bold these days...

"Nevermind."

Yun Wanshang shook her head, not too concerned.

He has been under her restraint unable to move for so long, now finally, this last time, she can let him indulge a bit.

After all, no matter what he does, he cannot resist her.

"Lu Changsheng! Don't overstep your bounds!"

"Lu Changsheng! You're being too presumptuous!"

Since this was their last time, the two underwent dual cultivation for half a year.

During this process, Lu Changsheng continuously tested his master's limits.

Although he wasn't able to reverse their roles,

at least it wasn't as boring and passive as before; there was some slight interaction.

Through this thorough interaction, Lu Changsheng gained a deeper understanding of this Caiyun True Immortal.

Her image overlapped continuously with the image in the Soul Path Dreams.

"Will this continue, perhaps I'll even hear, 'Lu Changsheng! Aren't you quite proud?"

Lu Changsheng inwardly speculated.

But with the end of cultivation with this Caiyun True Immortal, he could now confidently pick the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus, solve his family's Spirit Vein, and prepare for Core Formation with peace of mind!

At that moment, Lu Changsheng saw the neatly dressed Caiyun True Immortal approaching.

She wore a colorful and luxurious palace dress, her hair neatly styled up, her beauty as if a celestial maiden had descended, her elegance and grace unparalleled.

However, at this moment, her noble and sacred, cool and celestial face, faintly displayed a touch of indescribable enchanting allure.

"Senior."

Lu Changsheng bowed with his hands clasped.

Although the two of them had already become very close,

he still maintained a certain distance and the respect that was due.

Primarily because Caiyun True Immortal's personality was quite serious, not one for jokes.

"In matters of cultivation, I owe you a favor; if you encounter any trouble, feel free to send me a message."

"If you need help with your Core Formation one day, you can also find me."

Yun Wanshang stated coldly and calmly.

Even though the Yin Yang Energies from Lu Changsheng originated from her own Spiritnurturing Energy, and the dual cultivation process was beneficial for both,

she did not take it for granted or feel she owed nothing.

"Thank you, Senior!"

Lu Changsheng bowed with his hands clasped.

Having been ridden by her for so long, the reason he didn't inherently despise or detest her was because her attitude was fairly decent.

Far from being haughty or overbearing.

"Hmm."

Yun Wanshang gave Lu Changsheng a deep glance, didn't say much, and left as a Divine Rainbow.

Through the long period of dual cultivation, she had already realized that Lu Changsheng was concealing his cultivation level through some means.

It couldn't just be Foundation Establishment Sixth Layer.

Most likely, he had already broken through to the Foundation Establishment Late Stage.

However, regarding this, she did not inquire further.

In the Culivation World, those who rise up, aside from the few top-tier geniuses, which one didn't have some fortunate secret?

Chapter 1099: The Final Cultivation, Smashing the Ancestor of Jin Family! _2 Like Lu Changsheng, a cultivator from a modest family, to reach such a realm within mere decades, his chances and secrets are anything but ordinary.

So, if he is in need, she wouldn't mind supporting his growth, offering a little help along his cultivation journey, and considering it as forming a good connection.

Moreover, should she one day face the challenge of reaching the Nascent Soul stage, she may need to rely on Lu Changsheng's cultivation...

When Lu Changsheng saw Yun Wanshang leave, he took a deep breath and slowly exhaled, turning himself into a beam of Escape Light as he headed back to Bi Lake Mountain.

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Caiyun True Immortal had just returned to Caiyun Peak when she saw her disciple, Xiao Xiyue, coming back.

Without needing to think, she knew Xiao Xiyue probably went to Bi Lake Mountain.

Thinking that for the past half-year Lu Changsheng had been with her, Yun Wanshang felt a hint of unwarranted guilt in her heart.

"Alas, fate plays with people..."

Yun Wanshang watched Xiao Xiyue, whose figure was as lonely as the Nine Heavens Bright Moon, and let out a small sigh.

There was a time when this disciple of hers was lively and radiant.

But for the sake of the Great Dao, she practiced the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique and became like this.

To transform for the sake of the Great Dao is one thing.

But to now also be trapped in the tribulation of love, with her Dao Heart compromised and the path ahead uncertain.

"Master."

Xiao Xiyue noticed her master standing at the peak, looking at her, and approached with a respectful bow.

The Master, of course, approved of her cultivation with Lu Changsheng.

But in her heart, Xiao Xiyue understood that her Master hoped that through the Sun Moon Samsara Technique, she could see through the Mortal World and comprehend her Dao Heart.

Moreover, the fact that she had gone to Bi Lake Mountain showed she hadn't moved on.

"Xi Yue, to attain the state of Supreme, one must perceive the heavenly heart without bias or attachment, beyond joy and anger. Your teacher still hopes you can find your way out," Yun Wanshang said gently, looking at her disciple.

Xiao Xiyue's resolve on seeking the Dao was very firm.

Otherwise, she would not have been accepted as a disciple in the first place.

"Master, I understand," Xiao Xiyue said, fully aware of the meaning behind her master's words.

She lightly pursed her lips, suddenly raising her head, her eyes as clear and bright as the moon above, speaking softly, "Master, the ways of heaven are unpredictable, callous yet emotional. Can both be possible paths for the Dao…"

Yun Wanshang paused at these words, looking at the disciple in front of her and sighed, "The ways of heaven are unpredictable, affectionate yet indifferent, who can truly know? The Supreme Forgetful Love Technique you cultivate is impartial as the ways of heaven, doomed not to follow this path.

"Reflect on what you need during your daily cultivations, and what is the Dao in your heart..." Yun Wanshang advised softly.

After speaking, she disappeared, returning to her own palace.

Regardless, she still hoped her disciple could break through her Dao Heart.

"Supreme Forgetfulness is not heartlessness but the impartiality of heavenly ways..."

"But if the heavenly ways are impartial, why do some people seem to be favored by heaven, with a smooth cultivation path laden with fortunate encounters, while others seem destined to die young or are forced to become outlaws, or even befallen by disasters from above..."

Xiao Xiyue murmured to herself in contemplation.

The discussion she once had with Lu Changsheng about the philosophy of yin and yang, emotions and indifference, had greatly influenced her.

She knew that overcoming the tribulation of emotions was almost impossible.

Thus, she wanted to follow Lu Changsheng's suggestion, to find her own path based on the foundation of the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Lu Family Mansion.

"Xiaohe, how many Spirit Stones have you saved up?"

Lu Wangshu saw her younger sister, Lu Linghe, seriously counting the Spirit Stones and asked.

"Ah, I forgot, I haven't finished counting yet."

Lu Linghe, in a red jacket with her hair tied into cute buns, looked up perplexed and said.

"Hmm…"

Lu Wangshu's eyes curved into a smile as she cheerfully took out ten Spirit Stones from her Storage Bag and handed them to Lu Linghe, saying, "Xiaohe, sister has a few more Spirit Stones here, I'll give them to you."

"Ah?"

Lu Linghe blinked in astonishment, her sister often tricked her for Spirit Stones, so why was she giving them to her today voluntarily?

She tilted her head, her voice crisp as she asked, "Sister, don't you need the Spirit Stones?"

"Isn't it only right for a sister to give her little sister some spending money?"

Lu Wangshu lovingly stroked her little sister's head with a look of affection.

"But if you give them to me, you won't have any left, sister."

Lu Linghe's innocent face revealed her simple-mindedness as she said so.

"Worried about your sister, huh? Alright then, let's keep the sister's Spirit Stones with you, and we'll spend the money together."

"In a few days, sister will take you to the Marketplace, do you want to go?"

Lu Wangshu beamed brightly, hugging her sister affectionately as she spoke.

"Thank you, sister."

Lu Linghe happily agreed, then put the ten Spirit Stones into her own sachet-style Storage Bag.

From a distance, Lu Lingxiao saw Lu Wangshu talking to their sister and immediately approached.

Seeing her sister fooled yet unaware, he said annoyed, "Lu Wangshu, you're tricking Xiaohe out of Spirit Stones again!"

"Lu Lingxiao, watch how you speak to your sister. I and Xiaohe have a close sisterly bond. You could learn a thing or two from her, show some respect to your sister."

Lu Wangshu folded her arms and scoffed at her brother.

"Sister, brother, don't fight."

Lu Linghe, seeing her brother and sister about to argue, hurriedly spoke up.

If they started quarreling, her brother would end up being beaten by her sister again.

"What's going on here?"

At that moment, Lu Changsheng had just returned home and, hearing the commotion, came to inquire.

"It's nothing. Lingxiao, Xiaohe, and I were just playing around," Lu Wangshu said, sounding somewhat sheepish.

"Hmph."

Lu Lingxiao gave Lu Wangshu a cold snort and said, "Dad, it's nothing."

He was often bullied by Lu Wangshu, but he never snitched.

He vowed to one day surpass Lu Wangshu with his own strength.

Chapter 1100: The Last Cultivation, Assaulting the Ancestor of Jin Family!_3 "Come, Xiaohe, tell Daddy what happened."

Lu Changsheng naturally knew that his daughter, Lu Wangshu, and Lu Lingxiao didn't see eye to eye.

Or rather, Lu Wangshu liked to tease her siblings on normal days.

Xiaohe relayed the situation, and after listening, Lu Changsheng was left somewhat speechless as he looked at his daughter.

He thought to himself that the other party was truly bored enough to find different ways to trick Xiaohe out of her pocket money every day.

However, despite Lu Wangshu's tactics, his daughter Lu Linghe never seemed to learn her lesson and continued to trust Lu Wangshu deeply, which baffled Lu Changsheng.

"Alright, alright, Wangshu, you're already such a grown-up, try to tease Xiaohe and Lingxiao less in your daily life."

Lu Changsheng said to his daughter Lu Wangshu.

As a Second Grade Talisman Master, this daughter of his wouldn't lack money on normal days, let alone needing the few Spirit Stones from Lu Linghe.

This was purely out of boredom, seeking amusement through her younger brother and sister.

However, at Bi Lake Mountain, Lu Wangshu often played and messed around with Lu Lingxiao and Lu Linghe.

Now, there were also Lu Qingqi and Lu Qingxuan.

"Got it."

Lu Wangshu pouted as she spoke.

Subsequently, Lu Changsheng inquired about the cultivation progress of the three children.

Lu Wangshu had long reached the Ninth Level Energy Refinement peak and was capable of breaking through to Foundation Establishment.

However, Lu Changsheng still advised her to continue accumulating.

Because with the "Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture" cultivation technique, when breaking through Foundation Establishment, one could condense the comprehended Spiritual Patterns and Runes into their Dao Foundation. Not only could this enhance the Dao Foundation's depth, but it could also condense a Life-bound Divine Talisman and perform techniques like Void Drawing of Talismans, whose power would far exceed that of an average person.

For instance, the same Talisman or Talisman Formation, in the hands of an ordinary person, would have normal power.

But in the hands of Lu Wangshu, the effect and power would be thirty to forty percent higher, or even doubled.

Such an increase was tremendously exaggerated!

By then, Lu Wangshu's Talisman Formation would be a real trump card.

Her son, Lu Lingxiao, had the cultivation of Sixth Level Energy Refinement, but could break through to Seventh Level Energy Refinement at any time.

According to Hong Lian, it wasn't necessary for Lu Lingxiao to advance his realm so quickly.

Gradual breakthroughs over time, slowly grinding, could provide more accumulations and be more solid.

Moreover, progressing too quickly in the early stages of cultivation without sufficient mental tempering could lead to mental imbalance when encountering any bottleneck in the later stages.

Many geniuses experienced smooth sailing in the early stages of their cultivation, as effortless as eating and drinking, which led to a complete downturn when they encountered a bottleneck later on.

As for his daughter Lu Linghe, she was much behind, only at Fourth Level Energy Refinement.

On one hand, Lu Linghe started her cultivation late.

Additionally, this daughter was somewhat playful and interested in everything, resulting in her learning slowly.

After attending to the matters of his children, Lu Changsheng asked his wife Lu Miaoyun whether there were any significant events in the past six months at home.

A moment later, he heard news that some time ago, the Ancestor of the Jin Family led people to Huji Ridge.

"Huji Ridge..."

Lu Changsheng was aware of this family force; it belonged to an old, prominent family.

Although they did not have a False Core Immortal presiding.

But overtly, the family had five Foundation Establishment Cultivators, with the elder ancestor being a Foundation Establishment Late Stage Great Cultivator.

Upon brief inquiry, Lu Changsheng learned that the Jin Family's visit wasn't to take down Huji Ridge.

It was due to conflicts between the two families, and they went to demand an explanation.

However, Lu Changsheng speculated that, aside from wanting to ask for an explanation, the Ancestor of the Jin Family's visit was likely also to establish dominance.

"Previously, Jin Zan clashed with me not just to probe, but also to use the opportunity to assert their power."

"The outcome wasn't only unsuccessful but also led to a significant loss in the family's face, so naturally, they would want to regain face by other means."

"This old and established Foundation Establishment Family, Huji Ridge, has always been at odds with the Jin Family, and not far apart, so it makes sense for the Jin Family to assert dominance over them now."

Lu Changsheng's eyes narrowed slightly as he pondered in his heart.

In the Cultivation World, family forces were very particular about their reputation.

Just like in the past, when the Second-generation elder of the Xu Family was killed and the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family could not find the murderer, he went directly to the Five Elements Royal Family to assert power and deter other forces.

Because when such incidents happened, if there was no response, the outside world would think your family power had declined, becoming weak and vulnerable.

Going forward, the family's businesses, marketplace transactions, vassal families, even Visiting Noble Servants, and others would all be impacted.

"This is an opportunity..."

Lu Changsheng's mind stirred.

He had always wanted to ambush the Ancestor of the Jin Family or Jin Zan,

to prevent the Jin Family from causing trouble during his breakthrough to Core Formation.

Now that the Ancestor of the Jin Family had left their clan and was at Huji Ridge, it was a good opportunity for him to take action!

As long as he killed the Ancestor of the Jin Family, Golden Dragon Ridge would return to the previous deadlock, allowing for stable development.

This was precisely the situation Lu Changsheng needed!

Moreover, once the matters regarding the Jin Family were settled, he could leave without worry to head to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range to sever the Spiritual Vein Origin, thus charging towards Core Formation!

Without delay, Lu Changsheng left Bi Lake Mountain for Huji Ridge in disguise.

Huji Ridge.

The original name of this mountain ridge was no longer known to people.

As the Hu Family took up residence, gradually, it became known as Huji Ridge.

At this moment.

"Boom boom boom!"

The Hu Family's Great Formation was in operation, and the entire Family Spirit Land was enveloped in a red glow, as if a giant red python was coiling around.

The Ancestor of the Jin Family along with two Foundation Establishment Cultivators and more than twenty Energy Refinement Late Stage Cultivators formed a formation and launched attacks on Huji Ridge.

Techniques bombarded the Great Formation protecting Huji Ridge, making a rumbling noise that threw the surrounding nature's spiritual energy into chaos.

Facing such an offensive, Huji Ridge was merely defending without anyone coming forward.

If anyone had cultivated the Pupil Skill and observed carefully, they could see through the obscure mist of Huji Ridge's Family Great Formation and notice atop a mountain peak, nature's spiritual energy was converging, forming a small-scale spiritual energy vortex.

Indicating that someone within Huji Ridge was at the final stage of breaking through to Foundation Establishment right then.