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Chapter 1131: Yin Yang Great Path Golden Core, Life-bound Magic Treasure!_3

Moreover, the rare materials required for forging Magical Treasures often cannot be purchased with money alone; they must be acquired through bartering and continuous searching.

“Now that I have broken through to Core Formation, I can go to Immortal City to put some Magical Treasures and rare materials out there, exchange them through bartering for the Heavenly and Earthly Treasures I need for crafting my Life-bound Magic Treasure.”

Lu Changsheng’s eyes slightly narrowed.

He still had some advanced-level stock in hand.

In the past, he didn’t dare to deal with stolen goods openly, but now, he felt more secure about it.

“Moreover, in my case, there’s no need to craft too many Magical Treasures, one or two would be sufficient.”

Lu Changsheng took a deep breath and gently exhaled.

He usually did not spend time on nourishing magical treasures and seldom went out.

In such cases, crafting too many Magical Treasures, aside from the time and effort, they might become obsolete before even being used.

“If I were to craft, then crafting the Yin Yang Taoist Chart and the Yin Yang Creation Gourd would be sufficient.”

Lu Changsheng had long had ideas about his Life-bound Magic Treasure, so he was not conflicted.

The Yin Yang Taoist Chart is a multi-functional magical treasure.

It can evolve Yin and Yang, invulnerable to all methods, can also suppress the void, lock heaven and earth to prevent others from escaping, and can even evolve a golden bridge to traverse the void.

With Lu Changsheng possessing Third-Order Body Refining, Thunder Gang Dragon Flame, Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone, and Talisman Formation, he was not lacking in attacking methods.

The effect of this Yin Yang Taoist Chart could perfectly make up for his shortcomings.

As for the Yin Yang Creation Gourd, it serves as a treasure for nurturing Dao Soldiers.

Cultivating Dao Soldiers with this treasure is much simpler than the ‘Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapon’ from the ‘Black Dragon Codex’.

For Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapon, not only selecting aquatic demon beasts with dragon blood is necessary, but continuous refining with the Blackwater Dragon Spell and input of Elixir Medicines to strengthen their physique and nurture their spirit are required to gradually train a unit of Dao Soldiers.

The Yin Yang Creation Gourd, however, can automatically absorb the aura of heaven and earth, ingesting any Heavenly and Earthly Treasures to refine them into Yin-Yang Source.

Once enough Yin-Yang Source is accumulated, it can craft Yin Yang Daoist Soldiers!

“However, to forge the Yin Yang Creation Gourd, at least a gourd of Spirit Root quality is required for the process, not sure if the system can be more helpful.”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

The Yin Yang Taoist Chart can still have rare materials added later, continuously upgraded and recast.

But that’s not the case for the Yin Yang Creation Gourd.

The gourd for forging the Magical Treasure is very important.

If it's just a normal Third-Order gourd, even if this treasure is crafted, its power and effectiveness are limited, too low of a ceiling.

Thus, to Lu Changsheng, it would be best if the system provided a Fourth-Order, or even a Fifth-Order top-tier gourd.

Such a Yin Yang Creation Gourd, not only would its effects be great, but it will also be meaningful to cultivate Dao Soldiers continuously using it!

“It's feasible to head to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range to collect some materials and forge a few handy Magical Treasures...”

Lu Changsheng pondered in his mind.

Life-bound Magic Treasures are quite troublesome.

But as a Third-Order Artifact Refiner, he could absolutely go to Myriad Beasts Mountain Range and kill a few Demon Kings for artifact crafting.

After all, the materials from a Demon King's body are very suitable for forging Magical Treasures.

For example, the previously encountered Wind Thunder Houn!

And not just for Magical Treasures, Lu Changsheng also planned to make a trip to Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

One reason is for his and his son's Taiyi Soul Body.

Another reason is for the Spirit Vein.

With his breakthrough into Core Formation, the Spirit Vein of Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven was quite strained.

If he cultivated, people at Bihu Mountain wouldn't need to cultivate.

Under this circumstance, naturally, he planned to upgrade the Spirit Vein at home.

To Lu Changsheng, the simplest method to enhance the Spirit Vein was to head to Myriad Beasts Mountain Range to seize the Spiritual Vein Origin.

"I still don't know how powerful I am now."

At this moment, Lu Changsheng thought of an issue.

Since he was going to Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, he naturally needed to understand his own combat strength clearly.

After all, hunting Demon Kings in Myriad Beasts Mountain Range must be swift!

If it drags on, it might attract other Demon Kings.

Although he had seen other Nascent Soul Immortals, Third Rank Demon Kings, he had never fully engaged in a fight with them, hence he did not know the strength of a typical Nascent Soul Immortal or Demon King.

"Hong Lian, how does my mana compare to other Nascent Soul Immortals?"

Lu Changsheng immediately looked towards the Ancient Beast Taming Charm, beckoned with his hand, and asked Hong Lian.

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The Ancient Beast Taming Charm blossomed with rosy glimmers, as countless tiny crimson specks meandered across Lu Changsheng's body.

“The young master has just broken through to the Core Formation stage, yet his mana is as vast as the sea, vigorous and astonishing, sufficient to match many cultivators in the middle stage of True Elixir.”

Moments later, Hong Lian spoke, somewhat surprised by the foundation of Lu Changsheng’s mana.

One must know, from the early to the middle stage of Core Formation, the quality and quantity of mana are multiplied by several times.

Lu Changsheng has just reached the first layer of Core Formation, yet his mana is so robustly exaggerated.

This made her realize that Lu Changsheng’s Immortal Golden Core had been refined to the utmost limit, far surpassing the typical superior Gold Core, and it might even be the legendary Great Dao Golden Core.

Otherwise, the gap between a superior Gold Core and True Elixir wouldn’t be this vast!

“Mid Nascent Soul Stage, huh.”

Lu Changsheng heard this, nodded slightly, and continued to ask, “Then what do you think of my current combat power? Can I kill a cultivator at the middle stage of Nascent Soul?”

After pondering for a moment, Hong Lian said, “The young master’s specific combat power, Hong Lian is not clear.”

“At the Core Formation level, combat mainly involves Magical Treasures, Divine Skills, and external forces.”

“Just relying on mana, if you want to kill someone, it is only possible if the realms are vastly different, such as a late-stage Core Formation cultivator against one at the initial stage, or an Immortal Golden Core against a low-grade Flawed Core.”

“The young master has just broken through the Core Formation stage, and has yet to cultivate Divine Skills and nurture a Life-bound Magic Treasure. It would be difficult to rely solely on mana to kill a mid Nascent Soul Stage cultivator.”

Hong Lian’s voice was soft and pleasant, presenting the matter rather tactfully.

The greatest advantage of the Golden Core is its potential and foundation, making breakthroughs and realm advancements easier.

In terms of combat, it’s just the advantage brought by the foundational mana.

Unless the Cultivation Technique practiced is geared towards Sword Cultivators or War Cultivators, which specialize in offense and battle, the combat power might be somewhat higher.

While Lu Changsheng’s mana is vigorous and mysterious, it’s not as sharp and overpowering as the Cultivation Techniques of Sword Cultivators or War Cultivators.

“Magical Treasures, Divine Skills, external forces.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly.

He indeed considered Magical Treasures as his current weak point.

Although he possesses the Starlight Plate, Cave Mystique Treasure Mirror, and the Fate-Defying Robe, none of these Magical Treasures are specialized in offense.

However, when it comes to Divine Skills, Lu Changsheng is quite confident.

With the inheritance of the System, he doesn’t need to spend time on Techniques and Abilities.

Whether it is the Yin Yang Creation Scripture, the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture, or other Techniques and Abilities, he can execute them all.

At most, it would take some time to become familiar and master them.

And the Yin Yang Creation Scripture, as a True Immortal Level Technique, naturally contains various Divine Skills!

Currently, he can use three Divine Skills.

Yin Yang Qi Grasp!

This Divine Skill boasts the power to overturn rivers and seas, lift mountains and seize peaks. In combat, it condenses the Origin Qi of the Golden Core into a hand seal with capturing, suppressing, and imprisoning effects!

Yin Yang Mysterious Divine Light!

This Divine Skill can transform into countless variations: divine soldiers, Magic Artifacts, the Five Elements, storms and thunder, even rain and sweet dew. It can also become protective Xuan Guang or be used for soaring through the light and fleeing.

Reversal Yin-Yang Liuli Wall!

When this Divine Skill is activated, it can reverse Yin and Yang, conceal one's form and aura, and cause confusion in the Heavenly Secrets!

In addition to these three major Divine Skills, Lu Changsheng also possesses another great Divine Skill—Yin Yang Great Mingling Millstone!

However, having just broken through to the Core Formation stage, he is not yet able to use this great Divine Skill at will, as it would require a significant sacrifice.

So in terms of Divine Skills, he already has an advantage!

As for external forces, they are Lu Changsheng's greatest confidence at present!

The Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone, possessing nine top-grade Divine Skills, is sufficient to enhance his strength in all aspects and allow him to overcome enemies of higher realms!

Thunder Gang Dragon Flame enhances his third-order Body Refinement and increases his prowess in close combat.

Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, Endless Guileful Head, and the Dark Demon Corpse – three Nascent Soul combat powers.

The Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, proficient in Illusion Techniques and charm, can bewitch and disturb the Mental Spirits of others, attacking their Divine Sense and sinking them into illusion realms!

The Endless Guileful Head can disturb one's spirit, create a Ghost Domain, and erode another's mana!

The Dark Demon Corpse, a Third Rank Demon King Corpse Refinement, might have the weakest combat power, but it can also serve as a meat shield, tangling with Nascent Soul Cultivators for several rounds!

In addition, he also has the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus as his Second Dantian and thousands of Talismans as a trump card in his Talisman Sea Tactics!

As for the core Exotic Treasure from before—Profound Origin Bead, it's been phased out.

After breaking through to Core Formation, this Exotic Treasure could no longer give him a boost in Cultivation Level; it could only be used as the most ordinary Second Dantian to store mana.

The effect is far inferior to that of his current Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus.

"I see the young master has third-order Body Refinement, and your Divine Sense is certainly much higher than fellow cultivators of the same realm, coupled with external forces such as Heavenly Spiritual Fire, your combat power naturally far exceeds those of the same realm, but the combat power of Nascent Soul Cultivators cannot be generalized."

“Some Nascent Soul Cultivators might only have a low-grade Flawed Core, but they are fortunate enough to have superior quality Magical Treasures and astonishing comprehension, mastering multiple Divine Skills. Their combat power might even be stronger than some newly advanced Golden Core Cultivators...”

The Ancient Beast Taming Charm radiated a diffuse rosy light as Hong Lian continued to speak.

The Nascent Soul Stage is unlike Qi Refinement and Foundation Establishment.

Even if you’ve just broken through to the Core Formation stage, you can use superior quality Treasures, or even forcibly spur top-grade Treasures.

Thus, Magical Treasures significantly influence combat power during the Nascent Soul Stage.

A lot of Nascent Soul Cultivators who may have bleak prospects for further breakthroughs spend most of their time and effort on their Life-bound Magic Treasures and Technique and Magical Powers.

This makes their Life-bound Magic Treasures and Divine Skills far superior to the average person.

“As for Late Stage Foundation Establishment Cultivators, the young master should still be careful.”

“Low-grade Flawed Core Cultivators without great opportunities are basically hopeless in advancing to the late Core Formation stage!”

“Therefore, those who can break through to the late Core Formation stage are basically cultivators with Middle-grade True Pills; their foundations, potentials, and opportunities are all exceptional.”

“As for Third Rank Demon Kings, since demon beasts naturally have robust physical bodies, it is equivalent to Magical Dual Cultivation, and they are far superior to cultivators of the same realm.”

“If they are top-tier Earth Rank or Heavenly Grade Bloodline Demon Kings, they are equivalent to cultivators with Superior Gold Cores, and most likely possess Innate Divine Abilities, making their combat power far surpass those of the same realm.”

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Hong Lian slowly elaborated on combat prowess during Core Formation.

“I understand.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly.

Combat prowess is something that can only be realized through actual fighting.

Without a fight, unless the difference in realm is too great, showing an overwhelming advantage, it's uncertain.

After all, every cultivator who has cultivated to this realm has some trump cards.

However, Lu Changsheng, based on his own mana and divine skills, believed that defeating a cultivator in the Mid Core Formation Stage should pose no problem.

As for those in the Late Core Formation Stage, Lu Changsheng felt there was no need to concern himself.

“Young Master, what grade of Golden Core did you condense?”

At this time, Hong Lian couldn't help but ask, her curiosity piqued.

She wanted to know if Lu Changsheng had condensed the legendary Great Dao Golden Core.

“An Immortal Golden Core, it's just that my Golden Core has evolved and ascended upon the foundation of an Immortal Golden Core.”

Lu Changsheng stated directly.

Although it is very presumptuous to inquire about someone's Dao Foundation or the grade of their Golden Core among cultivators,

Hong Lian was considered an insider, so Lu Changsheng didn't mind.

Moreover, after the business was over, Lu Changsheng planned to have a soul fusion with Hong Lian for a deeper understanding of her,

and once he confirmed that she had no other intentions, he would give her the Peachwood Spirit Womb.

This way, aside from himself, there would be another Nascent Soul Immortal in the family, giving him peace of mind to go out.

"To evolve upon the foundation of the Immortal Golden Core, does the Great Dao Golden Core really exist!"

Hong Lian couldn't help exclaiming in surprise.

"Great Dao Golden Core? There is something beyond the Immortal Golden Core?"

Lu Changsheng was quite astonished.

He had never heard of a Great Dao Golden Core.

Even though his own Golden Core was named the Yin Yang Great Path Golden Core, he simply thought it was because he had cultivated the Yin Yang Great Path, hence condensing such a Golden Core.

"Yes, regarding the Great Dao Golden Core, I've only ever heard of it, never seen it, nor can confirm its existence."

Hong Lian spoke softly.

“Oh?”

Lu Changsheng raised his eyebrows, gesturing for Hong Lian to elaborate on this Great Dao Golden Core.

“I once read in a handbook that beyond the Immortal Golden Core, there is a kind of Golden Core called the Great Dao Golden Core.”

“Those who condense the Great Dao Golden Core are favored by the Great Dao in the unknown, cared for by heaven and earth; their cultivation path will be much smoother in the future, and they possess the potential for Divinity Transformation!”

Hong Lian voiced out, guessing that Lu Changsheng most likely possessed the Great Dao Golden Core.

After all, the Immortal Golden Core is already imperishable and without flaw, so how could there still be a possibility for transformation!

“Favored by the Great Dao in the unknown, enhancing one’s destiny?”

Lu Changsheng was astounded.

He hadn’t expected that condensing a Core could also enhance one’s destiny.

However, he had heard of similar sayings.

As a cultivator’s realm breaks through, their fate invisibly improves a bit.

“Yes, the saying about destiny is elusive but indeed exists.”

“For example, breaking through from Core Formation to Nascent Soul not only requires the right timing, location, and people, but also relates to destiny. Those who manage to break through to Nascent Soul are all blessed with great destiny.”

Hong Lian said, “However, the truth of this saying is hard to verify.”

“Furthermore, those who can condense the Great Dao Golden Core are children of destiny.”

“Their cultivation path is smooth, as powerful as a bamboo, and even when faced with danger, they often turn calamities into blessings.”

“Therefore, whether the Great Dao Golden Core has the effect of invisibly enhancing one’s destiny, is also indiscernible.”

Although Hong Lian, as a Nascent Soul True Monarch, has broad knowledge,

such things as the Taoist Body and Great Dao Golden Core are beyond her understanding, and much of which she knows only superficially.

“I see.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly but didn’t take it too seriously.

He pursued perfection in his foundation, solely believing that he had the potential to become immortal.

In this case, he naturally couldn’t let the pursuit of realm hinder his foundation, causing him to spend a lot of time and effort later to make up for it.

As for the effects of the Great Dao Golden Core, he thought it best if it existed, but was indifferent otherwise.

“Hong Lian, you have worked hard. Rest well, and in a few days, I will use a secret technique to nourish your soul.”

Lu Changsheng spoke to Hong Lian.

He then stored away the Ancient Beast Taming Charm and the remaining four Core Formation Spiritual Objects.

Planning to leave these four Spiritual Objects for Lu Miaoge or Xiao Xiyue to use during their Core Formation.

“As long as the Cave Heaven Spirit Vein advances to Third Rank, the Five Elements Fruit Tree can be planted.”

“Then, whether in Foundation Establishment or Core Formation at home, everyone will be able to advance a whole level!”

Lu Changsheng pondered internally.

Inside his System Space, he still possessed a Five Elements Fruit Tree.

The Five Elements Spirit Fruits produced by this tree not only enhanced the probability of Core Formation,

but also greatly benefitted breakthrough to Foundation Establishment and the condensation of foundational mana.

If Lu Ruyi had had a Five Elements Spirit Fruit when breaking through to Foundation Establishment, it would not only have greatly increased the success rate but even possibly achieved a flawless Dao Foundation!

“Third-Order Spirit Vein.”

Lu Changsheng took a deep breath and exhaled before stepping out of the Cave Mansion.

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Outside Changsheng Hall, Ling Zixiao elegantly sat dressed in a blue palace dress, holding an ancient scroll.

Upon seeing Lu Changsheng, her genteel and lovely cheeks immediately lit up as she joyfully exclaimed, “My Lord!”

“Zi Xiao.”

Lu Changsheng approached with a smile, naturally embracing her voluptuous figure, and said, “Zi Xiao, now that I’ve broken through to Core Formation, I am confident that I can resolve the matter of your Dragon Roar Physique.”

Of course, he would not forget about Ling Zixiao’s Dragon Roar Physique, nor that of his daughter, Lu Linghe.

Now that he had broken through to Core Formation, with his mana and Yin-Yang Source fully enhanced, he was confident he could balance Ling Zixiao’s Dragon Roar Origin.

“Thank you, my Lord.”

Ling Zixiao, seeing that Lu Changsheng’s first concern was her own issue, smiled tenderly.

Lu Changsheng grasped Ling Zixiao’s white wrist and activated the Yin Yang Creation Scripture.

“Buzz!”

Back when his Foundation Establishment Power could only temporarily suppress and balance the Dragon Roar Physique,

but now with the vast and mighty Golden Core True Essence flowing into Ling Zixiao’s body, it immediately overwhelmed the Dragon Roar Qi.

Under the command of the Yin Yang Great Path Golden Core, which governs all laws, the Dragon Roar Qi gradually transformed into a stream of Yin Yang Qi.

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“This...”

Ling Zixiao felt the changes within her body, surprised at heart.

She had once journeyed to the Jiuxiao Immortal City, spending all her Spirit Stones and Heavenly and Earthly Treasures, to seek a diagnosis from a Nascent Soul Immortal.

But the other party indicated that her condition was beyond reversal.

Yet Lu Changsheng, having just broken through to Core Formation, was able to use his mana to reverse Yin and Yang, resolving her Dragon Roar Physique situation, which was astonishing!

“Buzz buzz buzz—”

As Lu Changsheng’s Yin Yang Magic Power baptized Ling Zixiao’s meridians and Dantian, the Dragon Roar Physique was stimulated, beginning to tremble and bellow.

“Boom!”

In Lu Changsheng’s Qi Ocean Core, the Golden Core burst forth with splendid radiant light.

A black and a white Yin Yang Fish suddenly surged out, entering Ling Zixiao’s body through his palm, suppressing her Dragon Roar Origin.

“Woo!”

The Dragon Roar Origin whined weakly, but was still very tenacious, forming a balance with this Yin Yang Source.

“Zi Xiao, we’ll continue later.”

Lu Changsheng spoke out.

He had just made a simple attempt.

If they were to truly start reversing Yin and Yang, it would be more secure to assist with the Dual Cultivation Secret Method, with Lu Miaoge watching by his side.

“Thank you for your hard work, my Lord.”

Ling Zixiao felt much more comfortable and relaxed at this moment, smiling lightly as she spoke.

The two left the Changsheng Hall and headed towards the Lu Family Mansion.

“Changsheng, husband...”

“Daddy, da...”

Lu Miaoge and Lu Miaoyun were joyfully surprised upon seeing Lu Changsheng.

Currently in the Lu Family, only Lu Miaoge, Xiao Xiyue, Ling Zixiao, Lu Miaoyun, and Lu Miaohuan knew of Lu Changsheng’s Core Formation.

The other wives and children all thought that Lu Changsheng had been in closed-door cultivation or had gone out recently.

“Husband, did you really form your core?”

Moments later, latching onto Lu Changsheng’s wrist, Lu Miaoyun asked in a soft voice, her fresh and serene face beaming with joy, like a young girl.

“Hehe, you have Divine Sense, just take a look and you’ll know.”

Lu Changsheng looked at his wife, who resembled a little girl, gently pinched her little nose, and said with a smile.

Though broadcasting the matter of core formation wasn't appropriate,

it was fine to let his beloved wife have a look.

Upon hearing this, Lu Miaoyun's Divine Sense entered Lu Changsheng's body unobstructed.

She immediately saw within the Qi Ocean Core, at the center of the five-colored jade disk, a black and white, purple-golden gleaming Golden Core.

"This is the Golden Core?"

Lu Miaoyun observed the Golden Core.

After a moment, she withdrew her Divine Sense, raised her beautiful head slightly, and with eyes full of admiration and adoration, looked at Lu Changsheng and said, "I heard Sister Miaoge say that the husband has formed a first-grade Golden Core, is this it?"

"That's right."

Lu Changsheng didn't speak of the Great Dao Golden Core.

After all, Hong Lian had mentioned that the idea of a Great Dao Golden Core was just a concept, and its actual existence was uncertain.

"As expected of my husband, not only becoming a True Pill Master but also forming a first-grade Golden Core."

Lu Miaoyun said joyfully like a little girl who had tasted honey, "I've heard that there aren't many in the entire Jiang Country Cultivation Realm who have formed such Golden Cores."

When she first married Lu Changsheng, he was just a little cultivator at the Third Level Energy Refinement.

She had never imagined that one day her own husband would become an elusive Nascent Soul Immortal!

However, having witnessed Lu Changsheng grow step by step over the years, and now practicing the Heavenly Longevity Technique herself, she has put aside her early sensitivity, insecurities, and overthinking, taking joy and pride in her husband's achievements.

“Hehe, there might not be many in the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, but there are quite a few in the Southern Wilderness Cultivation Realm.”

“And husband is just one step ahead; in the future, my Miaoyun will also become a Nascent Soul Immortal.”

Lu Changsheng said with a light laugh.

Normally, practicing the Heavenly Longevity Technique to achieve core formation would take at least a hundred years or two.

But with the Myriad Spirits Bottle, this time would be significantly reduced.

“Hehe.”

Lu Miaoyun looked forward to such a day upon hearing this.

Then she continued with a joyful smile, “Husband, I heard that True Pill Masters often choose a Dao title. What do you plan to pick?”

“I haven't thought about it yet, I plan to consider it later.”

Lu Changsheng said warmly.

Upon achieving core formation, most cultivators would choose a Dao title.

They are chosen based on cultivation techniques, names, aspirations, preferences, characteristics, etc., with no strict rules.

However, there is a saying in the Cultivation World.

Your Dao title can influence your destiny!

It can subtly guide a person's fortune, changing fate and fortune.

Although such a concept is very vague,

Those who cultivate to the Core Formation Stage all regard destiny and fortune with an attitude of 'better to believe it and be wrong than to disbelieve and be right.'

Lu Changsheng also chose to believe rather than disbelieve and planned to think about it when the time comes.

"Mm-hmm."

Lu Miaoyun said with a smile, then told Lu Changsheng about some of the things that happened during his half-year of closed-door breakthrough.

News came from the Azure Phoenix Immortal City that finally, a force was making a move against the city.

With Azure Phoenix Immortal no longer presiding, the Azure Phoenix Immortal City was completely disorganized.

Moreover, some high-level members of the Azure Phoenix Immortal City surely anticipated the situation and prepared in advance.

However, driven by greed, many cultivators still perished in the turmoil.

Rumors now suggest that the Azure Phoenix Immortal City's hierarchy has been replaced by a new group, with backing from the shadow of Jiang Country and Yue Country Immortal Sects.

As for how things actually stand, that information was beyond the reach of Bihu Lake Mountain.

“A major cleansing in the Azure Phoenix Immortal City...”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng's first thought was of Li Feiyu.

The latter had written to him before, advising against going to the Azure Phoenix Immortal City, probably sensing the approach of this tumultuous day.

He wondered how Li Feiyu fared amidst this upheaval.

“With such a drastic overhaul, it's said that most who died were False Core Immortals or Foundation Establishment Peak Cultivators... Li Feiyu should be fine.”

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Lu Miaoyun guessed that her husband was worried and spoke up to comfort him.

“En.”

Lu Changsheng nodded, without saying much.

“Husband, Xingyue and Yunlou had returned home a while ago...”

Lu Miaoyun continued, changing the subject.

That year, Lu Changsheng sent a group of his children to the Qingyun Sect for assessment; the pair of children entered the Sect and now both are at the peak of Qi Refinement.

“Have them take on some Sect tasks and go to the Marketplace to hone themselves for a while. They should earn some Spirit Stones on their own; our Family will provide support when the time comes.”

Lu Changsheng pondered for a moment before speaking.

Both children, although at the peak of Qi Refinement, had only mediocre talent and comprehension.

Without fortuitous opportunities, it would be very difficult for them to attempt Foundation Establishment in this lifetime.

As their father, although he would provide opportunities, he also wanted them to put in some effort.

It isn't possible to have the Foundation Establishment Elixir and resources all prepared as soon as they reach the required Realm.

Not only would this easily lead to failure and breed spoilt prodigies, but whether they succeed or fail in Foundation Establishment, it would inevitably impact Bi Lake Mountain to some extent.

Especially since the two have long been in the Qingyun Sect.

Lu Xingyue was better off, with the care of Xia Zhaoyang and Zhao Qingqing, and was close to his own family.

Lu Yunlou, on the other hand, had a somewhat reclusive temperament, feeling less attached to the Family.

This was why many Cultivation families rarely send their exceptionally talented offspring to Immortal Sects.

“En.”

Lu Miaoyun obediently responded.

At this moment, Lu Changsheng saw Lu Miaoge standing beside him in a white dress, her eyebrows and eyes smiling, brimming with maternal charm, and gently looking at him. Smiling, he said, “Sister Miaoge, would you like to see the Golden Core?”

“Sure~”

Lu Miaoge stepped forward tenderly and, through her Divine Sense, looked at Lu Changsheng’s Yin Yang Great Path Golden Core, expressing surprise and astonishment, “Is this the Immortal Golden Core?”

Golden Cores are not identical.

They vary according to each individual’s Cultivation Technique, the patterns on the pill, and the color.

But Lu Changsheng’s Golden Core could be identified as extraordinary at first glance.

After Lu Miaoge finished observing the Golden Core and they shared a tender moment, Lu Changsheng went to find Xiao Xiyue.

Due to matters related to Core Formation, Xiao Xiyue had been staying at Bi Lake Mountain and had not returned to the Qingyun Sect.

“Xi Yue, would you like to see the Golden Core?”

Lu Changsheng spoke to the cold and holy Fairy, sharing the fruits of his joy with her.

“Immortal Golden Core...”

Xiao Xiyue stared at the Golden Core, her clear and moonlike beautiful eyes fixed.

Even as the True Inheritor of the Immortal Sects, a disciple of a Nascent Soul Immortal, her ultimate goal had been to condense a High Quality Golden Core.

Yet now, Lu Changsheng had easily surpassed that goal.

“Speaking of which, Xi Yue, do you remember the problem with the Cultivation Technique I mentioned to you before?”

At that moment, Lu Changsheng asked Xiao Xiyue.

The condensation of the Yin Yang Great Path Golden Core gave him additional thoughts about Xiao Xiyue’s Supreme Forgetful Love Technique.

He planned to influence Xiao Xiyue through Soul Fusion to see if he could solve the issues with her Supreme Forgetful Love Technique.

“Yes, I have been contemplating this for years and have also sought advice from my master, but to no avail...”

Xiao Xiyue spoke softly.

Even with her superior talent and comprehension, she couldn’t forge her own path based on the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique.

“No worries, I have a solution.”

Lu Changsheng spoke confidently, sharing his thoughts with her.

Moments later, the two arrived at Changsheng Hall.

Accompanied by the sound of rustling, the two began to engage in Yin Yang Soul Fusion, entwining with each other.

“Xi Yue, the Sun Moon Samsara Technique!”

Lu Changsheng immediately said.

The two were already extremely proficient with this Cultivation Technique; although they had not reached Small Achievement, they were just one step away.

“Hum!”

As the technique circulated, they both gradually entered a state of desire without affection.

A sacred radiance emerged from Lu Changsheng’s forehead, illuminating Xiao Xiyue.

Feeling it, Xiao Xiyue let go of her Mental Spirit, allowing the radiant glow of the sun to bathe her.

However, when Lu Changsheng’s Divine Sense and Soul attempted to achieve Soul Fusion with Xiao Xiyue, he sensed an inaccessible coldness from within.

This coldness did not come from Xiao Xiyue.

It came from her Supreme Forgetful Love Technique!

“Just as I suspected.”

Lu Changsheng had already anticipated that the coldness within Xiao Xiyue was due to the influence of the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique on her spirit and soul.

Fortunately, the Yin Yang Creation Scripture governed all laws, was compatible with everything, and inherently had a certain affinity, gradually encompassing Xiao Xiyue’s cold soul and slowly merging it together.

“Ying~”

The moment their souls merged, Xiao Xiyue let out a soft moan.

This was her first experience with a spiritual connection, feeling very mystical.

Just like the first time Lu Changsheng embraced her, her heart fluttered and trembled, and the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique involuntarily began to circulate.

“Yin and Yang resonate, with a common foundation; the way of creation, creating something from nothing...”

Endless information flowed into her consciousness, as if accommodating her Supreme Forgetful Love Technique.

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Changsheng Hall, on the bed.

Lu Changsheng and Xiao Xiyue merged bodies and souls.

At this moment, their spirits opened up to each other, engaging in the most pure and primal exchange of life.

During this process, Lu Changsheng vividly experienced the tangled emotions Xiao Xiyue felt between her love for him and her pursuit of the Dao.

As the Yin Yang Creation Scripture circulated continuously, their souls fused more deeply. In the deep recesses of Xiao Xiyue's Divine Soul Sea, Lu Changsheng seemed to see a woman.

This woman was vague, appearing like a high and unattainable female immortal, exuding an aura of the merciless Great Dao and the impartiality of heaven, making her unapproachable.

Lu Changsheng could clearly sense that the indifferent nature of Xiao Xiyue's soul originated from this.

“What's going on?”

“Could practicing the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique gradually give rise to a second personality?”

Lu Changsheng faintly made out that this vague woman was Xiao Xiyue.

Or rather, this was the usually cold, noble, and pure Xiao Xiyue.

He circulated the Yin Yang Creation Scripture, deepened their soul fusion, and attempted to contact this female immortal.

However, the hazy glow around this woman formed an invisible barrier, constantly resisting and repelling Lu Changsheng, which made it hard for him to advance.

Faced with this situation, Lu Changsheng did not dare to force it.

The soul is of great importance to a cultivator.

A slight mishap could lead to some terrible event or consequence.

After a while, Lu Changsheng and Xiao Xiyue exited the state of soul fusion.

Both felt an overwhelming spiritual desire and an inexplicable reluctance to part.

“Xi Yue, I just saw a woman in the depths of your soul...”

Lu Changsheng held Xiao Xiyue’s delicate and smooth body, the plump and slick body filling his palms, as he spoke of what just transpired.

“A woman?”

Xiao Xiyue’s face blushed, full of sprightly spring charm and incomparable beauty, unaware of the situation.

She only knew that when the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique operated, she would indeed enter a state devoid of desire and emotion.

Or rather, except when with Lu Changsheng, she spent most of her time in that state.

However, she realized that just now her Supreme Forgetful Love Technique had spun out of control uncontrollably, exhibiting the same thrill as when she first cultivated with Lu Changsheng.

“I suspect this is the main reason why practicing the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique affects one’s disposition.”

“However, the soul is of great importance, I dare not probe it rashly; it requires your active cooperation, Xi Yue.”

“If we could closely contact this soul state, I believe it potentially resolves the issues of Supreme Forgetfulness,” said Lu Changsheng.

The Sun Moon Samsara Technique needs a small achievement before spiritual intercourse can occur.

Currently, Xiao Xiyue’s Sun Moon Samsara Technique has not reached the level of small achievement, so she can only passively participate in the soul fusion, unable to respond actively.

Therefore, Lu Changsheng plans to wait until each other’s techniques achieve small success, and together, they would circulate the techniques to break the soul barrier.

“Alright~”

Xiao Xiyue, with a cool yet charming glance and softly enticing voice, responded.

“In that case, let’s make use of this time to cultivate the Sun Moon Samsara Technique more...”

Lu Changsheng looked at the enticing and beautiful Xiao Xiyue before him and immediately suggested.

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The cultivation of a Technique such as the Sun Moon Samsara Technique cannot be achieved overnight.

One can only advance through continuous daily cultivation until it naturally comes to fruition.

Thus, Lu Changsheng did not indulge in distractions, planning to primarily focus on condensing the Taiyi Dao Seed in the coming time.

Lu Miaoge had passed the Taiyi Dao Seed to him, not only causing him to be in a weakened state; he also couldn't cultivate during this period.

Moreover, he needed to solve the issue of Ling Zixiao's Dragon Roar Physique, and required Lu Miaoge to act as the protector by his side.

Besides, Lu Changsheng did not forget about his daughter, Lu Wangshu, encouraging her to adjust her state and prepare for the Foundation Establishment.

"Dad, it's just establishing the foundation, I've long been ready; there's no need to spend more time preparing."

Lu Wangshu blinked her eyes, her smile bright and flawless, confidently speaking.

In her early years, she was somewhat eager and nervous about the foundation establishment.

But as time passed, she gradually came to view it with equanimity.

Moreover, being constantly praised by Lu Changsheng, saying things like "my daughter Wangshu has the qualifications of a True Immortal, a perfect foundation base, the Golden Core is foreseeable, the best Talisman Cultivator in Jiang Country," made her somewhat believe in herself, thinking that such a minor foundation establishment could be done in the blink of an eye.

"Wangshu, foundation establishment is very important..."

Xiao Xiyue voiced her concern from the side.

These days she had been staying at Bihu Lake Mountain, wanting to wait until her daughter had established her foundation before returning.

“Mom, rest assured.”

Lu Wangshu looped her arm around her mother’s wrist, playfully speaking.

Seeing this, Xiao Xiyue did not say much more, only giving a few pointers about the foundation establishment.

Then the three of them headed to Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

Lu Wangshu sat cross-legged under her parents’ watchful eyes, closed her eyes, focused her mind, and began to prepare for foundation establishment.

“Xi Yue.”

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng took out a jade flute, ready to perform a duet with Xiao Xiyue.

An act to nurture their emotions, a joy for husband and wife.

Also, it was through the mastery of music that they cleansed their daughter’s soul.

Soon, one held the flute to the lips, the other’s delicate hands played the strings.

The sound of the zither arose, gentle and profound like a babbling stream, while the flute’s melody was like a valley breeze, ethereal and deep.

When the sound of the zither and the flute intertwined, it seemed like mountain streams meeting, immersing the soul as if one was in a world full of bird songs and floral scents, utterly poetic and picturesque.

Lu Wangshu felt her mental spirit calm and content under such music.

Her spiritual power flowed more smoothly and naturally, and she even felt on the verge of breaking through on her own.

She opened her eyes, ready to start her breakthrough.

But seeing her parents performing together, gazing at each other with affectionate eyes, she couldn't help but feel annoyed.

Aren't my parents supposed to be protectors helping me establish the foundation?

How come they look so amorously devoted to each other, making me feel like an outsider, totally out of place?

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"What's the matter, Wangshu?"

After a moment, Xiao Xiyue noticed her daughter pouting while looking at herself and Lu Changsheng, and gently asked.

"Mom, I'm ready. I'm beginning my breakthrough!"

Lu Wangshu knew that her parents rarely had time together and didn't behave oddly.

"Break through peacefully; the gift for your foundation establishment from Dad is already prepared."

Lu Changsheng knew his daughter was sensitive to elegance, chuckled softly, patted her little head, and spoke warmly.

"Thank you, Daddy!"

Lu Wangshu immediately smiled radiantly, then took the foundation establishment elixir, and started her foundation establishment breakthrough.

The three challenges of foundation establishment were a breeze for Lu Wangshu.

She had her physical body baptized in medicinal baths since her childhood and was now at the fifth layer of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

Thus, although she seemed like a delicate girl, a single punch from her was enough to terrify countless people.

In terms of mana, she cultivated the “Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture,” which perfectly matched her blood talisman spiritual body.

Moreover, she was fed heavenly and earthly treasures by Lu Changsheng over the years, using the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp to condense her foundation, making it incredibly robust.

As for her divine sense, it was also successfully cultivated through heavenly and earthly treasures with the “Purple Mansion Nurturing Spirit Technique” five years ago.

So, these three foundation challenges posed absolutely no difficulty to Lu Wangshu.

Not long after, she perfectly transcended the three challenges and began to condense her Dao foundation.

“Huuu huuu huuu—”

Nature’s spiritual energy surged torrentially towards Lu Wangshu, forming a spiritual energy vortex several tens of meters across.

Facing this situation, inside Lu Wangshu, it was as if there were a tsunami roaring continuously.

Seeing this scene, both Lu Changsheng and Xiao Xiyue revealed smiles of relief in their eyes.

Qi refinement to foundation establishment can be generally judged by spiritual pressure and the spiritual energy vortex.

In the case of their daughter, one might say, unless something unexpected happens, she's likely to form a perfect foundation base!

“Mount Sumeru!”

Lu Changsheng called out, asking Mount Sumeru to increase the spiritual pressure for his daughter.

With the Yin Yang Creation Scripture operating, within the Qi Ocean Core, the Dao Gold core burst forth with ten thousand zhang of divine light, brilliant and dazzling, with the Yin Yang fish from the Yin Yang Great Path Golden Core circling around.

“Wangshu, don't get distracted!”

Lu Changsheng spoke, transmitting this Yin-Yang Source into his daughter's body.

“Boom!”

As Lu Changsheng condensed the golden core, the effectiveness of this Yin Yang Qi increased tenfold or more.

After entering Lu Wangshu's Elixir Lake, it caused her spiritual power to boil and roar.

If it weren't for Lu Wangshu's Second Order body refining, it might have been hard to withstand such spiritual energy flooding her body.

Despite this, Lu Wangshu's delicate and flawless face showed a trace of pain, causing Xiao Xiyue nearby much distress.

Lu Changsheng kept his divine sense focused on his daughter the whole time.

The Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture is different from most cultivation techniques.

During breakthrough to foundation establishment, it allows the condensing of comprehended spiritual patterns on the Dao platform, enhancing the foundation.

Thus, he closely monitored his daughter throughout to avoid any accidents or mistakes.

And time slowly passed this way.

A month later, Lu Wangshu successfully achieved a breakthrough in foundation establishment.

The process went very smoothly without any mishaps.

“Dad, Mom!”

Lu Wangshu opened her eyes; her radiant cheeks now had a touch more tranquility, elegance, and literate charm.

“Hehe, congratulations to my daughter, Fairy Wangshu, for breaking through foundation establishment and condensing the perfect Dao foundation. Golden core is now within reach.”

Lu Changsheng heartily congratulated.

“Wangshu, congratulations on your breakthrough in foundation establishment.”

Xiao Xiyue stepped forward to gently stroke her daughter’s hair, speaking tenderly.

“Hehe, it’s just a small foundation establishment.”

Lu Wangshu’s delicate chin lifted slightly as she playfully said.

She planned to beat up Lu Lingxiao later.

This younger brother had actually challenged her when he broke through to the ninth level of energy refinement.

Luckily, she had a talisman by her side, easily suppressing him.

Otherwise, where would her dignity as an older sister stand?

Now that she had broken through to foundation establishment, as a good sister, she naturally needed to concern herself with her brother, to let him know what a perfect Dao foundation is, the gap between Qi refinement and foundation establishment, and thereby motivate him to cultivate diligently.

Otherwise, by the time Lu Lingxiao reached foundation establishment, she wouldn't have the chance anymore.

“Wangshu, this is the gift your mother prepared for you.”

Xiao Xiyue took out a delicately beautiful brocade box from her storage bag.

She had prepared the gifts for her daughter long ago.

“Thank you, Mom!”

Lu Wangshu was delighted, hugged her mother, kissed her on the cheek, then looked at Lu Changsheng, adorably calling out, “Daddy.”

She knew well that compared to her mom, her old dad's treasures were endless, like cracking open lucky eggs.

“Consolidate your cultivation well, I'll give you more later.”

Lu Changsheng flicked her forehead lightly, to avoid her getting distracted by other things after receiving the gifts.

“Dad, I told you not to knock on my head!”

Lu Wangshu wrinkled her little nose and complained sweetly.

“Alright, alright.”

Lu Changsheng then pinched her delicate cheeks.

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Watching her daughter break through foundation establishment and begin to consolidate her realm, Xiao Xiyue left Bi Lake Mountain the next day, returning to Qingyun Sect.

Lu Changsheng also started his closed-door cultivation to condense the ‘Taiyi Dao Seed’.

But before starting to condense the Taiyi Dao Seed, he casually erased the imprint from the Profound Origin Bead.

He initially thought of using this bead as a family heirloom.

Now he plans to give it to his daughter, Lu Wangshu.

One reason is that this object doesn’t merit being a family heirloom.

Another is Lu Wangshu cultivates the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture; indeed, this exotic treasure suits her well and could elevate her combat capability significantly.

“Wangshu’s situation really does somewhat resemble mine in my younger days.”

At that moment, Lu Changsheng stroked his chin, suddenly realizing his daughter Lu Wangshu’s combat abilities and means were somewhat like a weaker version of himself.

Second Rank Talisman Master!

Second Order Body Refining!

Perfect Foundation Base!

Main combat capability comes from Talisman Sea Tactics!

And she has several puppets by her side.

“I’m renowned for my Talisman Path; the family indeed should have a talismanic genius, otherwise, it would seem as though we lack successors.”

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Lu Changsheng let out a light chuckle, closing his eyes to fully concentrate on condensing the Taiyi Dao Seed.

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Three months later.

In the cave mansion, Lu Changsheng sat cross-legged, circulating the Taiyi Seed Way Art, his hands continuously forming gesture incantations.

“Boom, boom, boom!”

His body surged with blood and Qi, Mana flowing throughout, the Yin Yang Five Elements Foundation Base, and Yin Yang Great Path Golden Core vibrating constantly.

“Humming—”

Within the Qi Ocean Core, the Yin Yang Fish continued to draw from Lu Changsheng’s Dao Foundation and Golden Core Origin Source. Under the nourishing flood of the world’s spiritual

energy, a seed about the size of a thumb, half liquid and half solid, with black and white Qi flowing throughout its golden form, gradually took shape.

“This Second Grade Spiritual Vein is really tough to endure.”

“Ordinary early-stage Core Formation Cultivators at least train in Third Rank Lower Grade Spirit Veins.”

“With a Golden Core like mine, so many people in the family, the best would be Third Grade Medium Quality, High Quality, to top-tier Spirit Veins.”

Lu Changsheng exhaled deeply, shaking his head wearily.

Now, condensing the Taiyi Dao Seed was not as difficult as the first time.

But the family’s Spirit Vein was seriously affecting his progress.

The process also required restoration of Mana through Spirit Stones, which was truly stifling.

This intensified Lu Changsheng’s already urgent desire to excavate Spirit Veins in the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

However, in Lu Changsheng’s view, to nurture the Spirit Vein to Third-Order Superior, top-tier, would rely on whether the system would be strong enough or not.

Simply by intercepting the Spiritual Vein Origin, nurturing the Spirit Vein was too hard.

After taking a long while to regulate his breathing, Lu Changsheng sought out Lu Miaoge, indicating that his Dao Seed had already condensed.

“Changsheng, you’ve worked hard.”

Lu Miaoge’s tone was tender as water.

Passing the Taiyi Dao Seed to Lu Changsheng would leave her weakened for a long time.

Likewise, Lu Changsheng planting the Dao Seed for her would deplete his Origin Source, necessitating rest.

“Sister Miaoge is speaking as if we are strangers.”

Lu Changsheng smiled, gazing at her serene and snowy countenance in front of him, he reached out to embrace Lu Miaoge’s fragrant shoulders and captured her rosy lips.

A warm, slippery, and sweet fragrance spilled between their lips and teeth.

Afterward, Lu Changsheng operated the Taiyi Seed Way Art, slowly transferring the ‘Taiyi Dao Seed’ from his Qi Ocean Core into Lu Miaoge’s mouth.

“Hum!”

As soon as the Taiyi Dao Seed entered Lu Miaoge’s mouth, it instantly spread currents of warmth, traversing her meridians, warming her muscles, meridians, and Dantian.

At the same time, Lu Miaoge’s “Water of Virtue Technique” began to operate on its own, generating an invisible Spiritual Pressure that swept and converged the spiritual energy of heaven and earth.

“Hmm?”

Lu Changsheng immediately realized that Lu Miaoge was about to breakthrough.

But this was perfectly normal.

Lu Miaoge had broken through to the Fifth Layer of Foundation Establishment years ago.

It was just that she had been distracted by her son, Lu Qingxuan, and neglected her cultivation in recent years.

“Boom!”

The moment the Taiyi Dao Seed entered Lu Miaoge’s Qi Ocean Core, her Elixir Lake seemed to fill up, boiling and surging.

Her Foundation Establishment Fifth Layer Cultivation Level instantly broke through to the Foundation Establishment Sixth Layer!

“Sister Miaoge.”

Lu Changsheng didn’t linger over the sweetness in his mouth and reminded Lu Miaoge to quickly integrate the Dao Seed.

“Hmm.”

Lu Miaoge’s skin glowed, not daring to delay, she fully operated the “Water of Virtue Technique.”

Lu Changsheng also circulated the “Taiyi Seed Way Art” to assist her in integrating the Dao Seed.

Having previously transmitted the Taiyi Dao Seed to Lu Changsheng for breakthrough, integrating this Dao Seed now harmonized even better for Lu Miaoge.

During the integration process, she could clearly feel a majestic and vast Qi surging through her limbs, seemingly consolidating her Dao Foundation a bit more.

“Is this the Dao Seed of an Immortal Golden Core...”

A mix of astonishment and wonder filled Lu Miaoge’s heart, as she keenly felt the difference between this Golden Core Dao Seed and the previous Foundation Establishment Dao Seed.

With this Golden Core Dao Seed, not only were her foundation and cultivation talent further enhanced.

It would also greatly help her future venture into Core Formation, increasing her chances by several fold!

After a long time, Lu Miaoge merged the Taiyi Dao Seed with her Dao Foundation, completely elevating her Essence, Qi, and Spirit.

Even her freshly broken through Foundation Establishment Sixth Layer Cultivation Level made significant progress.

“Sister Miaoge.”

Lu Changsheng looked at his wife, beautiful as an icy snow lotus, and called out in a low voice.

Speaking, he leaned in with a warm breath, capturing her reddened, moist lips, a light fragrance as sweet as lotus blossoms wafting through the air.

“Mmm~”

Lu Miaoge’s lips were soft as she hummed contently, closed her eyes, and wrapped her arms around Lu Changsheng, gently responding to him.

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Bi Yun Peak.

Lu Changsheng stood with his daughter, Lu Wangshu, at the peak, gazing out at the vast and mist-enshrouded Bi Shui Lake.

“Your father once established Bi Lake Mountain by using the Talisman Path to vanquish three Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators from the Yu Family.”

“Although Bi Lake Mountain is still a corner of Jiang Country, the heart is as vast as the world it holds. Therefore, your father believes that one day, our Lu Family will stand at the pinnacle of the Cultivation World.”

Lu Changsheng, dressed in a green robe, stood tall and graceful, like a plant in full bloom, speaking in a warm voice.

“Mm-hmm, I also believe there will come such a day.”

Lu Wangshu didn't quite grasp what her father meant but obediently agreed with a naive face.

“So, this is the gift from your father to you.”

Lu Changsheng gestured towards the front as he spoke out.

“Ah?”

Lu Wangshu blinked, puzzled by what her father meant.

She then wrinkled her nose and tentatively asked, “Dad, are you saying that you want me to inherit Bi Lake Mountain?”

Lu Changsheng: “?”

“Your father is telling you that the heart is as vast as the world, so the gift I am giving you is this world, this piece of heaven and earth!”

“You can soar freely in this world, with no restrictions!”

Lu Changsheng patted his daughter's head, saying earnestly.

“...”

After a long silence, Lu Wangshu looked up at her father and said, “Dad, you've changed. You've become stingy and shameless.”

“Your gift is gone.”

Lu Changsheng flicked his daughter's smooth forehead.

"Ah, no, Daddy, I know you are the best, I really like this gift."

Lu Wangshu, of course, knew her father was joking.

Snuggling affectionately on her father's arm, she cooed, "But this world is so dangerous, what if your precious daughter encounters danger, then you'll never see me again."

"Lu Wangshu, you really are shameless."

Lu Changsheng shook his head and laughed. With a slight lift of his hand, a treasure bead the size of an egg, shining with deep blue luster, appeared in his palm.

"This treasure is called the 'Profound Origin Bead', able to autonomously absorb the nature's spiritual energy, store it, and after refinement, it's like a cultivator's Second Dantian, and it can also increase one's small realm!"

Lu Changsheng announced.

"A Second Dantian, increasing a small realm!"

Lu Wangshu looked at the Profound Origin Bead, her clear and bright eyes shining with sparkling light.

Although she hadn't ventured out much, her knowledge was not lacking.

She understood what this simple description entailed.

"Yes, as for the effects, you'll know after you refine it."

Lu Changsheng smiled.

“Wuwuwu, I knew Daddy, you are the best, the most affectionate towards me.”

Lu Wangshu instantly put on a facial expression that was both close to the heart and obedient, her voice dripping with sweetness.

“There is also this talismanic weapon, the ‘Ninety-Nine Mysterious True Strategy’, which is comprised of ten thousand and eighty Xuanzhen Talismans.”

“It’s also your father’s renowned treasure, and now I am passing it on to you, hoping you will not let down the reputation of our Bi Lake Mountain.”

Lu Changsheng handed over the early-crafted Ninety-Nine Mysterious True Strategy to his daughter.

“Dad, if you give it to me, what will you do?”

Lu Wangshu’s long, dense eyelashes fluttered like small fans that could touch one’s heart.

“It’s okay, the future belongs to your generation, and it doesn’t matter to your father.”

Lu Changsheng stroked his daughter’s head, his expression one of tender fatherly love.

“Dad, rest assured, I will definitely not tarnish your reputation.”

Lu Wangshu nodded firmly in response and quickly stowed the Ninety-Nine Mysterious True Strategy.

Afterward, Lu Changsheng and Lu Wangshu headed to the Lu Family Mansion, asking Lu Xinyang to send a message to Lu Ruyi and Lu Qingsong to meet them at Bi Lake Mountain.

He planned to inquire about their ideas concerning the trade association and to start making progress in that area.

Chapter 1139: Hong Lian's Shock, Fusion of the Spiritual Embryo!

Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, Changsheng Hall.

Lu Changsheng, holding the Ancient Beast Taming Charm, sat cross-legged, preparing to use the Sun Moon Samsara Technique to nourish Hong Lian's soul.

“Om!”

The Ancient Beast Taming Charm emitted flowing luminescence, countless tiny crimson specks surged forth, eventually forming a figure—a woman wearing a magnificent pearl crown and a red palace dress with a long robe.

Her form and features were faint and hazy, making it hard to discern her appearance.

But this vague haze in no way concealed her peerless grace.

She possessed a divine, majestic aura befitting someone of high station, the dignified elegance of a mature woman, and an ethereal, lofty detachment that seemed within sight yet beyond reach.

Even after so many years, seeing Hong Lian still caused Lu Changsheng to feel a slight thrill.

“Thank you for your trouble, young master.”

Hong Lian was well aware that given Lu Changsheng's current state of soul, it would be difficult for him to be of much assistance to her.

However, this was the first time Lu Changsheng had made such a request, and she had her suspicions, so she was quite at ease.

“There's no need for such politeness. Over the years, you have worked hard for my sake, and I have yet to do anything for you.”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile, activating the Sun Moon Samsara Technique.

“Om!”

A sun wheel appeared between his eyebrows, casting a divine golden radiance that illuminated the faint form of Hong Lian.

Faced with this effulgence, flames of a fiery red color flowed on Hong Lian’s skin. She resembled a resplendent phoenix, not quite a phoenix, a Vermilion Bird Divine Bird, which willingly bathed in the glow of the sun.

“Squawk!”

The Vermilion Bird sang long and mournfully, enwrapped in flames, bathing in the sun’s light, where the fiery-gold flames and the golden sun mingled willingly.

In an instant, a peculiar sensation arose in Lu Changsheng’s heart.

It felt as if he were embracing Hong Lian, their skin touching, blending harmoniously, warm and comfortable as if floating into an ethereal realm, absolutely enchanting.

“Is this a Nascent Soul True Lord? Even a mere remnant soul is so astonishing!?”

Lu Changsheng thought with surprise.

He realized that even in her weakened and depleted condition, Hong Lian’s soul was beyond comparison to an ordinary Nascent Soul Immortal.

If Hong Lian were willing to risk soul dispersal, she arguably could possess the power to suppress a Core Formation.

Currently engaging in Soul Fusion with her, even with the protection of Mount Sumeru, was akin to standing under a precarious wall.

Yet having the Life-Substituting Talisman, Lu Changsheng was fearless, dedicating his whole heart to Dual Cultivation with Hong Lian, and using his Mana Origin to nourish her soul.

“Ommm—”

Their souls collided and melded seamlessly.

Around the Vermilion Bird bountiful fiery-red Dao Patterns flowed, transforming into profound and arcane truths.

This was Hong Lian transmitting her understanding of the Great Dao to Lu Changsheng through a soulful communion.

As long as Lu Changsheng earnestly apprehended these insights, he could learn from them, saving much wandering on his future path of cultivation.

During this process, Hong Lian also opened up the spiritual consciousness contained within her soul to Lu Changsheng, enabling him to clearly sense every subtle thought in her heart.

“Hong Lian...”

With his eyes closed, Lu Changsheng captured many of Hong Lian’s thoughts and feelings, including those threads and wisps of heartfelt submission.

In this silent communion, a charming, delicate, and subtle invisible thread of emotion gently entwined around Lu Changsheng, softening his heart.

Men are often easily moved, easily touched.

Especially with a woman like Hong Lian—exceedingly beautiful, of noble status, and extraordinarily talented—offering herself so openly, revealing her emotions, how could he not be moved?

Throughout this process, Lu Changsheng also caught many of Hong Lian’s thoughts and speculations about him.

The Dragon Emperor Body, Central State Holy King, reincarnated True Immortal...

This really confused Lu Changsheng.

He never expected Hong Lian to have indulged in such wild fantasies.

One could only say, the more one knows, the more complicated one's thoughts become.

Seeing Hong Lian express her feelings so candidly, Lu Changsheng also realized that she had guessed his intentions, so she cooperated willingly, showing her feelings, her sincerity.

“It's so comfortable to deal with a clever person.”

Lu Changsheng sighed inwardly.

Although he had a bit of male chauvinism, he didn't mind at all if the wives and concubines in his home were smart and capable.

A simple and sweet girl might evoke a sense of protection and cherish.

Yet, a woman like Hong Lian ignited his desire to conquer!

Time passed by slowly.

Although Lu Changsheng's soul nourishing could not greatly aid Hong Lian,

the dual soul cultivation caused by her initiative led to a delightful heartfelt thrill, surpassing even corporeal desires.

Thus, both of their souls continued to merge, sticking closely to each other, reluctant to part.

It was unclear how much time had passed before Lu Changsheng slowly awoke from the union of souls with a feeling of reluctant parting.

He silently sighed; indeed, it held true that if you feel very comfortable with someone, it indicates they are on a higher level than you.

“Hong Lian, you have worked hard.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the faint form of Hong Lian and spoke.

Originally, he planned to use the soul fusion to nourish Hong Lian’s soul.

Yet it turned into a session of dual soul cultivation, from which he gained some benefits.

However, after this communion, Lu Changsheng felt closer to, and more accepting of, Hong Lian.

He knew that while she had her purposes, she was genuinely heartfelt and sincere.

“Young master, you are too polite.”

Such a communion could fill both parties with a spirit of desire, promoting fondness,

but being a Nascent Soul True Lord, the impact on Hong Lian was not significant.

The previous communion of souls was not a mere act; it was truly sincere and heartfelt.

“Hong Lian, I once promised you that I would reshape a body for you.”

“At present, I do have something that could be used as a physical body; you can see if it’s suitable.”

Lu Changsheng did not beat around the bush and spoke directly.

There’s a saying, ‘If she’s inexperienced in the ways of the world, show her its myriad splendors. If her heart has been weathered by experience, take her to ride the merry-go-round.’

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Women like Hong Lian, who have been through much, know many things by heart and see them very clearly.

It is nearly impossible to win her over with romance and conventional tactics.

Hence, it's better to be straightforward.

Simply follow the train of thought she imagines, let her be puzzled, and she will unravel it on her own.

Moreover, deep down, a great cultivator like Hong Lian actually harbors a bit of admiration for the strong.

Once I grow strong enough, she will naturally admire and submit to me wholeheartedly.

“Hmm?”

Hong Lian blinked in surprise, not expecting Lu Changsheng to possess a Spirit Object capable of reconstructing physical bodies.

Although she believed Lu Changsheng would recreate a body for her, she assumed that it would take centuries.

She immediately realized that Lu Changsheng must have possessed such a Heaven and Earth Spirit Object for a while.

But earlier, due to a lack of trust in her, he did not present it directly.

The recent Soul Fusion was also a test and a probe of her.

“Thank you, young master.”

Hong Lian said softly, knowing that she had passed Lu Changsheng's test.

"Let's go, I'll take you to see."

Holding the Ancient Beast Taming Charm, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian walked out of the Changsheng Hall; then he called out, "Mount Sumeru."

As his voice fell, a gigantic withered log appeared in the Cave Heaven.

The log was charred throughout, clearly a stump without a crown or branches.

On the trunk, there were nine crystal clear, brilliantly charming peach blossoms, as if carved from jade, emitting a strong, heartening fragrance.

"This is..."

Hong Lian had barely laid eyes on the Peachwood Spirit Womb in front of her, her soul trembling slightly, her beautiful eyes showing surprise, amazement, and doubt as she studied the Spirit Womb.

Moments later, she looked at Lu Changsheng with disbelief and asked, "Young master, is this... a Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth?"

She had only heard of the Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth, never having seen it before.

Thus, seeing the Peachwood Spirit Womb in front of her, she was extremely astonished, even somewhat hesitant to believe it.

"That's right, this tree was originally a ten-thousand-year Peach God tree that fell during its Transformation Tribulation; however, by a twist of fate, it spawned a smidgen of Spiritual Mechanism under the Heavenly Tribulation and conceived a Spiritual Embryo."

"Now, after tens of thousands of years of growth, the Spiritual Embryo has reached the Fourth Rank, transformed into an External Incarnation and Dao Soldier, possessing directly a Third Rank Cultivation Level."

“With sufficient cultivation of Heavenly and Earthly Treasures, it can grow to a Fourth Rank Cultivation Level in about a century.”

“What do you think of this Spiritual Embryo as your body?”

Lu Changsheng said with a light smile, his expression serene.

“Ten-thousand-year Peach God wood, Heaven and Earth Spiritual Embryo, Fourth Rank in a century!”

Hong Lian, hearing such words, was shaken to the core, her expression somewhat bewildered.

She hadn’t expected that the log before her was truly a Heaven and Earth Spiritual Embryo!

And a Fourth Rank one at that!

One must know, Spiritual Embryos are extremely rare, belonging to the top-tier Spiritual Objects used in creating External Incarnations!

The value of a Fourth Rank Spiritual Embryo is immeasurable.

And now, Lu Changsheng was offering such an exceptionally rare Heaven and Earth Spiritual Embryo to her as a body.

At this moment, Hong Lian didn’t know what to say.

She was both shocked by Lu Changsheng’s generous move and deeply touched, fortunate.

Fortunate that Xu Ruyin encountered Lu Changsheng.

Fortunate for her own decision to follow Lu Changsheng.

Otherwise, even with Xu Ruyin's exceptional talents and the Ancient Beast Taming Charm, the reconstruction of her own body would be no easy task, requiring centuries of waiting.

Even after reconstructing a body, having a body sculpted from a Fourth Rank Spiritual Embryo would be unheard of!

With this Spiritual Embryo as a body, not only could she return to her peak in the shortest time possible.

But she could also have the chance to further advance on the Great Dao, eyeing the Realm that seems just a step away, yet as vast as a chasm!

“Hong Lian thanks the young master!”

Hong Lian, shining bright as a gem, looked at Lu Changsheng with her flawless eyes and gave a deep bow.

Although she had lowered her posture before Lu Changsheng for decades, she had never bowed with such reverence.

In this moment, she truly recognized Lu Changsheng!

The True Spirit Tree King, the Dragon Emperor Body, the twin top-level Spiritual Bodies, the Great Dao Golden Core, the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Embryo, all these made her believe that Lu Changsheng was a reincarnation of a True Immortal!

Such a being, willing to treat her sincerely – what does it matter if she is but a maidservant?

Moreover, it is only because Lu Changsheng has not yet grown up that I have this opportunity.

Once he grows up, such an opportunity would certainly not be my turn.

“It seems you are quite pleased with this body.”

Lu Changsheng spoke with a laugh, very satisfied with Hong Lian's current attitude.

Knowing that he had provided the Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth to the other party as a body, he guessed that she was probably mentally filling in the blanks.

"Sir has granted such a Heavenly and Earthly Spiritual Embryo to Hong Lian for body sculpting, for which I cannot repay. In the future, I will follow the sir's orders..."

Hong Lian directly established a Great Dao oath.

She knew that Lu Changsheng had given her such a benefit for a reason.

This intention, she also had a rough idea.

But asking her to pledge her body in return, to be a slave or maid, still felt a bit strange.

What if Lu Changsheng didn't have this idea?

What if he simply needed her to hold down the fort for the family, or to hire a mentor for his children?

"Heh heh, Hong Lian, you are taking your words too seriously. Since you have chosen to follow me, naturally, I will not treat you unfairly."

"In the future, just treat Bi Lake Mountain as your own home. When you return to your peak, if you wish to investigate the matters of the past in Northern Desolate Cultivation Realm, I can also help you."

Lu Changsheng, in his green robe, his face handsome, spoke with a smile.

Hong Lian had confided to him about her fall.

So he didn't mind offering her another promise.

“Thank you, sir.”

Hong Lian, with her incomparably beautiful appearance and noble temperament, inspired a sense of self-deprecation and daring not to defile.

But at this moment, she was bowing like a maid, performing a graceful courtesy.

“This Spiritual Embryo has not yet conceived a conscious soul; you can reside in it with your soul, allowing the Spiritual Embryo to grow according to your wishes.”

“Once the Spiritual Embryo has grown and is fixed in form, you can take the Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir and fuse soul with life!”

Lu Changsheng handed over the Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir from his Storage Ring to Hong Lian.

At the moment, Hong Lian’s condition was very poor, merely a remnant soul, unable to refine the Spiritual Embryo.

This Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir could help her soul perfectly combine with the Spiritual Embryo, unifying spirit and flesh, and also nurture her soul.

“Many thanks, sir.”

Hong Lian received the Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir, looking at the Peachwood Spirit Womb in front of her with a somewhat dreamy and bewildered expression.

Feeling that all of this came too simply, too unrealistically.

She bowed toward Lu Changsheng again, her soul slowly winding around the Peachwood Spirit Womb.

Through the nine blossoming peach flowers, her soul gradually seeped in, making contact with the embryo inside.

“Buzz——”

As Hong Lian’s soul entered the Spiritual Embryo, she immediately felt a placenta with an exceedingly pure consciousness inside.

As Lu Changsheng had said, this baby within the placenta had yet no consciousness or soul.

Only pure flesh and blood, a heart ‘thump thump thump’ beating, surging with an astonishingly powerful qi.

Without hesitation, Hong Lian’s soul resided in the placenta.

“Boom!”

In an instant, a pure, rich, vast and boundless life force engulfed her soul.

Her whole being was like an infant in a womb, bathed in warmth and nourishment, immensely comfortable.

Having been a remnant soul all these years, Hong Lian had always relied on the Ancient Beast Taming Charm to maintain her state and stabilize her form.

But now, this Spiritual Embryo not only had the effect of stabilizing her form but also nurtured her soul.

Hong Lian felt that if she were to reside in the Spiritual Embryo for hundreds or thousands of years, it might be possible for her soul to recover.

“Sir, I need some time to let the Spiritual Embryo take shape.”

Hong Lian, exhilarated, transmitted her thoughts to Lu Changsheng.

“Mhm, no rush, you slowly fuse. When the Spiritual Embryo is formed, let Mount Sumeru notify me.”

Lu Changsheng knew that this process of formation would take years, and so he was not in a hurry.

Once the Spiritual Embryo was resided in by Hong Lian, the withered tree with nine translucent, jade-like peach flowers diffused a rich fragrance, akin to a Heavenly Spirit Medicine.

Once a Heavenly and Earthly Spirit Object is resided by a soul and tainted by other auras, it cannot continue to grow, and a Spiritual Mechanism would emerge.

These Spiritual Mechanisms were very pure and dense, providing significant help to the growth of Spiritual Medicine.

Lu Changsheng immediately moved the Peachwood Spirit Womb next to the Medicine Garden, looking forward to the day when Hong Lian would emerge.