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"Humph, mom and I have been waiting for him for so long, and he didn't even show up."

Upon hearing this, Lu Wangshu immediately pouted with a coquettish hum.

This time she had invited her mother Xiao Xiyue over, hoping for a family reunion, but her own father ended up not coming.

"It's alright, Wangshu."

Just then, Xiao Xiyue emerged from the courtyard, dressed in a moon-white dress, with a cool and beautiful face and graceful curves, resembling a Moon Palace Fairy.

"Miaoge."

Xiao Xiyue looked towards Lu Miaoge and nodded slightly.

Because of Lu Changsheng and her daughter, she had a pretty good relationship with Lu Miaoge.

"Xiyue, Changsheng truly has some matters to attend to and can't get away at the moment."

Lu Miaoge explained on behalf of her husband as she looked at the fairy-like figure before her.

"It's fine."

Xiao Xiyue's expression remained cool and sanctified as she gently shook her head.

She knew that Lu Changsheng, who was breaking through to Core Formation, whether in practicing cultivation methods and abilities or in refining Magical Treasures, was veiy time-consuming and could no longer afford the leisureliness of earlier years.

The group entered the courtyard to chat.

Li Xingruo was not familiar with Xiao Xiyue and didn't try to forcefully join the conversation; instead, she went to find her sister Li Xingyu and her daughter Lu Qingli.

"Let's go, Qing Xuan, Qi'er, sister will take you to look around."

Feeling somewhat bored, Lu Wangshu turned to her younger siblings and spoke.

"Hee hee, thank you, sister."

Upon hearing this, Lu Qingqi immediately responded with joy, happily clutching Lu Wangshu's arm.

She was very fond of this sister.

After all, this sister was very generous and open-handed; as long as she behaved obediently and showed her cuteness a bit, she often bought her nice things to eat and play with.

Lu Qing Xuan followed, quiet and serene, staying by the side of her two sisters.

Only occasionally did she ask Lu Wangshu some questions about the marketplace and the situation there.

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At the same time, many powers that were keeping an eye on Blue Lake Mountain's situation were secretly scheming and discussing fervently.

"Lu Changsheng actually hasn't shown up, only sending Lu Miaoge alone?"

"The two of them practicing Dual Cultivation Techniques, their combat power would significantly decrease if they were separated. Lu Changsheng definitely wouldn't do something so foolish. Could this be a deliberate ploy to provoke an attack?" "Should we seize this opportunity to deal with Lu Miaoge!"

"Whoever wins the Foundation Establishment Elixir, the moment they leave the marketplace, we strike!"

"If they dare to attempt Foundation Establishment in the Red Leaf Valley Market, we'll directly dismantle their market's Great Formation!"

"White Tiger Mountain's guardian Spiritual Beast is currently stationed in Red Leaf Valley Market. With no Foundation Establishment cultivator available to protect White Tiger Mountain, we could take this opportunity to wreak havoc."

"Blue Lake Mountain placed its main Puppet industry on White Tiger Mountain, they definitely have some defenses set up. Perhaps Lu Changsheng is lurking on White Tiger Mountain, so it's safer to target Monkey Hill instead."

"Though Monkey Hill doesn't have any publicly known Foundation Establishment Cultivator sitting in, I suspect, just like the early years of White Tiger Mountain, they have hidden Foundation Establishment Cultivators."

"Humph, I don't believe that Monkey Hill also has a Lu Ping'an!"

These forces were secretly conspiring to strike at Blue Lake Mountain during this opportunity.

After all, the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family's rise to power had been very prominent recently.

With both establishing a chamber of commerce and hosting such a large auction event.

If the auction was to be successfully held, Blue Lake Mountain's reputation was sure to advance further.

By then, when their fame spread throughout the Qingyun Region, and even throughout the entire Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, countless Loose Cultivators and small Family Forces would

deliver Foundation Establishment Pill materials they collected with great difficulty to Blue Lake Mountain for Foundation Establishment Elixirs.

Under such circumstances, who could stop the rise of Blue Lake Mountain!

So now, while there was still a chance, they naturally wanted to press down on the power of Blue Lake Mountain and prevent its smooth rise.

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The next day, the auction officially began.

On the streets, countless Cultivators headed towards the auction venue.

"Good heavens, so many Foundation Establishment Ancestors."

"Sss, isn't this the famous Qi Refinement perfection master among Loose Cultivators, the Thousand-Extinction Hermit?"

"Aren't these people from Jinlong Ridge Jin Family? They've actually come to attend the auction?"

"…"

The crowd was abuzz with talk as Hong Yi, dressed in a purple garment, his face now lined with wrinkles, arrived at the auction venue with his son Hong Xuanji.

"Time flies, indeed."

Hong Yi looked at the bustling venue before him, his expression laden with emotion.

As he grew older, he seldom left Ruyi Prefecture and had not been to Red Leaf Valley Market for almost ten years.

He came this time upon hearing about the Foundation Establishment Elixir, wanting to join in the excitement and also to meet Lu Changsheng.

Looking at the now completely transformed and bustling Red Leaf Valley Market, he felt a mix of familiarity and strangeness.

He clearly remembered that when Red Leaf Valley Market was still in preparation, he had purchased a shop here for one thousand eight hundred Spirit Stones through his connection with Lu Changsheng.

However, with the prosperity of Red Leaf Valley Market, the price of this shop has also increased several times over.

With the speed at which his Ruyi Marquis Mansion earned money, it would take decades to accumulate enough Spirit Stones to buy a shop like this.

At the entrance of the auction venue, a Lu Family disciple who was maintaining order saw Hong Yi and Hong Xuanji and immediately approached them politely: "I've seen uncle Hong, and I've seen brother-in-law."

"Yun Fei."

Hong Xuanji recognized this Lu family's son and exchanged a few simple pleasantries.

After that, the two were led to the VIP seats.

Normally, based on their status, it would be difficult for them to sit in the VIP area.

But Hong Yi was after all an old friend of Lu Changsheng, so Lu Xingyang had reserved some seats early on.

"Xuanji, why hasn't Caizhen come?"

After sitting down, Hong Yi glanced around at the other seats. He saw many Lu family's sons but did not see Lu Caizhen, expressing his surprise.

He had previously thought his daughter-in-law would be together with other Lu Family Disciples or be arranged to deal with some affairs.

"Father-in-law, Caizhen has other arrangements from the family, so she has been quite busy these days."

Hong Xuanji paused for a moment and whispered in reply.

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Although Lu Caizhen's Foundation Establishment was not publicized,

his wife, lacking scheming, often spoke to him about various matters, so he faintly speculated about it but never dared to confirm.

"Mm, you and your spouse should get along well on normal days."

Upon hearing this, Hong Yi slightly nodded and then inquired about the situation of the Lu Family.

After hearing that there had been no news about Lu Quanzhen, Hong Yi sighed.

He had high hopes for Lu Quanzhen in his earlier years.

He believed that even with a Lower Grade Spiritual Root, Lu Quanzhen could achieve no small success.

Later, upon hearing that Lu Quanzhen exhibited the strength of the Energy Refinement Late Stage during the assault on White Tiger Mountain, he even believed that the other party could breakthrough to Foundation Establishment!

Unfortunately, Lu Quanzhen had been out for so many years without any news.

Otherwise, if Lu Quanzhen had broken through to Foundation Establishment, he might have been able to support his own son.

"Alas."

Hong Xuanji also sighed slightly when talking about Lu Quanzhen, not knowing where his elder brother-in-law had gone.

The other party had bid him and Lu Caizhen farewell when he set out years ago, leaving behind some parting words.

But unexpectedly, after so many years, there was not a trace of news.

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Time passed by little by little.

After the venue became crowded, a man and a woman came onto the auction stage.

"Welcome all seniors and Daoist friends to grace Red Leaf Valley Market with your presence."

"I am Lu Qingze from Blue Lake Mountain, fortunate to preside over this auction... I hope everyone can purchase items to your liking..."

"During the auction process, it is forbidden to threaten or maliciously inflate prices, and such disruptive behaviors will result in the forfeiture of cultivation level and expulsion from the market..."

After a few opening remarks and introducing the auction rules, the man went straight to the point and began to introduce the auction items.

"The first item of this auction is the 'Breakthrough Elixir'..."

In addition to the finale Foundation Establishment Elixir, Lu Changsheng also had his family prepare some fine elixir medicines, talismans, and heavenly and earthly treasures for this auction.

The many treasures he had acquired from White Peak Immortal could slowly be processed through such auctions.

However, it was difficult to liquidate advanced-level heavenly and earthly treasures at the modest Red Leaf Valley Market.

"One hundred Spirit Stones!"

"One hundred fifty Spirit Stones!"

"Two hundred Spirit Stones!"

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With each item presented, the auction proceeded vigorously.

Even though many came for the Foundation Establishment Elixir at the end, they also gained considerable rewards from this auction.

The auction was grand, lasting three days.

There was also an intermission midway each day.

On the third day, the auction entered its final phase.

The quality of items today was increasingly high, with casual bidding amounts reaching hundreds, thousands, and even nearly ten thousand.

"Ladies and gentlemen, next up is the last item of our Red Leaf Valley Market auction— the Foundation Establishment Elixir!"

Lu Qingze spoke with a somewhat excited voice on the stage.

As soon as these words were uttered, the atmosphere in the entire venue seemed to solidify.

Countless people held their breath, staring intently at the auction stage.

Suddenly, a stunning woman in a pink and white dress, with a beautiful, radiant, and pristine appearance, exuding a peaceful and elegant charm, stepped onto the stage and handed out a porcelain vial.

"Who is this woman? She's so beautiful!"

"Lu Wangshu, the Lu Family Ancestor Lu Changsheng's much beloved daughter, a Second Grade Talisman Master."

"A Second Grade Talisman Master? Lu Changsheng, truly starting from the Talisman Path, now has a Second Rank Talisman Master in his children."

"Hiss, if I could marry this woman, wouldn't Foundation Establishment be hopeful?"

"The descendants of the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family seem to have quite a few good-looking ones."

"You can always trust the taste of the Lu Ancestor."

"Hm? What magic artifact did this woman use to conceal her cultivation level, is she not an Energy Refining Cultivator but a Foundation Establishment Cultivator?"

As Lu Wangshu stepped onto the stage, many people immediately started discussing, with looks of admiration and astonishment.

Some Foundation Establishment Ancestors seeing Lu Wangshu suspected that she might be a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

After all, a precious elixir like the Foundation Establishment Elixir, in order to avoid risks, would not generally be placed in the hands of Energy Refining Cultivators.

"Sister Wangshu has worked hard."

Lu Qingze received the Foundation Establishment Elixir, then opened it and announced: "The function of the Foundation Establishment Elixir, I believe, needs no further explanation."

"It can harmonize the three barriers of Foundation Establishment, protect and strengthen the meridians and Dantian of the breakthrough practitioner, significantly improving the chances and safety of Foundation Establishment."

"However, this particular Foundation Establishment Elixir has a flaw, it is but an inferior Foundation Establishment Elixir, and can only increase the likelihood of Foundation Establishment by ten percent."

Lu Qingze spoke with a clear voice, introducing the item.

"An inferior Foundation Establishment Elixir, increasing the chances by ten percent?"

Upon hearing this, various forces in the venue reacted with both surprise and disappointment.

After all, many had come in hopes of a genuine Foundation Establishment Elixir.

Meanwhile, some of the Loose Cultivators and small family forces realized the competition for the inferior Foundation Establishment Elixir would be much less, giving them a chance.

"This Foundation Establishment Elixir will have a starting bid of five thousand Spirit Stones, and each increment must not be less than two hundred."

Lu Qingze announced loudly, unperturbed by the commotion below.

Lu Wangshu remained gracefully upright on the stage, observing the surroundings to prevent disturbances.

"Six thousand Spirit Stones!"

"Seven thousand Spirit Stones!"

"Seven thousand five hundred Spirit Stones!"

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Despite being an inferior Foundation Establishment Elixir, the competition was fierce.

The price soon soared to eight thousand Spirit Stones.

Many Loose Cultivators sighed at the sight; they had hoped for a slight chance with the inferior Foundation Establishment Elixir.

Yet, the competition remained intense.

Many factions, after hesitating for a moment, also chose to give up.

After all, besides being flawed, the Elixir carried risks on the journey back.

"Ten thousand and two hundred Spirit Stones!"

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In the end, the price of the inferior Foundation Establishment Elixir broke through ten thousand Spirit Stones.

Faced with this price, other forces ceased to continue bidding.

If it were a genuine Foundation Establishment Elixir, they would be willing to pay even a few thousand more.

But for an inferior Foundation Establishment Elixir, after all, the effect is limited; it's very likely to be wasted.

"Huang Family from Huangyang Ridge? It's actually them."

"It's said that the Huang Family Patriarch is gravely injured, with not much Life Span left; no wonder they are willing to bid this price."

"The Huang Family didn't send any Foundation Establishment Cultivators, only two Energy Refining Cultivators; getting the Foundation Establishment Elixir, they may face the risk of being robbed."

Many Cultivators looked towards the bidder, whispering among themselves.

Before long, a middle-aged man dressed in a yellow cotton robe arrived at the auction, paid the Spirit Stones, and received the Foundation Establishment Elixir.

"Lu Daoist, may I ask if I could borrow a dwelling in Red Leaf Valley Market to attempt Foundation Establishment breakthrough."

"Regardless of success or failure, we of Huangyang Ridge will owe Lu Family a favor, and are willing to offer additional Spirit Stones."

The middle-aged man said with a cupped fist salute.

He himself understood that carrying the Foundation Establishment Elixir back to attempt the breakthrough could be very dangerous; hence he wanted to attempt it directly in Red Leaf Valley Market.

"Huang Daoist, a large amount of nature's spiritual energy is needed when breaking through to Foundation Establishment. The current situation in our Red Leaf Valley Market is just enough to maintain the operation of the Great Formation. If someone attempts Foundation Establishment, it will surely affect the Market's Great Formation."

"Moreover, it is a special period right now, and quite honestly inconvenient."

On hearing this, Lu Qingze immediately spoke out to tactfully refuse.

About this matter, the family had already given instructions beforehand, saying that they shouldn't allow anyone to attempt Foundation Establishment in the Marketplace.

Because apart from Robber Cultivators and Heretic Cultivators, many forces are now eyeing Bi Lake Mountain and Red Leaf Valley Market.

Once such a situation arises, it's possible that some forces could disguise as Robber Cultivators and seize the opportunity to cause chaos in the Market, brewing a disaster.

"Sigh."

Upon hearing this, the middle-aged man sighed, somewhat disappointed.

But he had anticipated this.

The Spirit Vein of Red Leaf Valley Market was not impressive.

To support the Market's Great Formation at full operation was already pushing it.

How could they provide a dwelling for someone to attempt Foundation Establishment?

If the attempt caused problems to the Great Formation and led to a disaster, even Bi Lake Mountain might not be able to suppress it.

"Huang Daoist, you can stay in the Market for the time being and inform your family elders, or you could ask Tianwei Escort Bureau's Escort Guards to escort you back."

At this moment, Lu Qingze spoke to the middle-aged man.

As the auction's hosts, they naturally do not wish for buyers to encounter any mishaps just after leaving Red Leaf Valley Market or on their way back.

That would adversely affect their own reputation.

"Alright."

The middle-aged man nodded, knowing this was the only way, and prepared to inform his family elders and contact the Escort Guards.

However, as he looked at the bustling venue, he still couldn't help but ask with some hope: "Huang is going to return to Huangyang Ridge, is there any senior willing to escort me? Huangyang Ridge is not only willing to pay Spirit Stones but also owes the senior a favor."

Yet, there was no response.

Many Foundation Establishment forces here knew that Bi Lake Mountain was being watched by various powers.

Even False Core Level forces were eyeing this auction to spoil it.

Who knows if there were Foundation Establishment Cultivators lying in ambush not too far outside.

So, to earn a bit of Spirit Stones, it definitely wasn't worth the risk.

Seeing no one responded, the middle-aged man could only give up, requesting someone to send a message to his family and arrange for someone to pick him up.

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As the auction came to an end, the Cultivators in the venue quickly departed.

Some Cultivators who had participated in the bidding and spent money immediately took this time to disguise and camouflage themselves, leaving Red Leaf Valley Market.

"Wangshu, Qingze, Qingli, you've all worked hard."

At this time, Lu Miaoge and Li Xingruo came backstage, looking at Lu Wangshu and the others, and spoke.

"It's alright, these days mainly Qingze and cousin Mu Ping have been busy."

Lu Wangshu usually had a scholarly and gentle demeanor, serene and refined.

"Aunty, it's my responsibility."

"It's also my first time hosting such an auction, I was still a bit nervous."

Lu Qingze and Lu Qingli said with a smile.

After speaking for a while, Lu Miaoge went to visit her father Lu Yuanding.

This auction took too long, and currently, Lu Yuanding's energy simply couldn't last through it; he took a rest partway through.

At this moment.

At the entrance to Red Leaf Valley Market.

One after another, Cultivators were seen leaving the Market, flying on Spirit Boats, Flying Swords, and Magic Artifacts.

Shortly after, suddenly, powerful Foundation Establishment Spiritual Pressures pervaded the air.

One saw several figures wearing hats and black robes, covering their faces, appearing. They coldly told the Cultivators coming out of the Market, "Leave behind your valuables, and your lives shall be spared!"

"Spare my life, please!"

"A Foundation Establishment Cultivator, it's all over!"

"Spare me, senior, I'm willing to give up my Storage Bag!"

The Cultivators who had just left the door immediately changed their expressions, overwhelmed by the Spiritual Pressure.

None of them expected that there would be Foundation Establishment Cultivators laying in wait outside the Market, and it seemed that there were five of them.

"This is a deliberate attempt by a force targeting Red Leaf Valley Market!"

Someone immediately realized that the situation was not right.

After all, what Robber Cultivator would dare to rob openly right outside a Market? They would typically be tens of miles away.

"Roar!!!"

The Nine Netherhound stationed in the Market looked towards the situation here and suddenly roared, its voice reverberating powerfully enough to shake one's heart.

"This is Bihu Lake Mountain's guardian Spiritual Beast, how terrifying!"

"What kind of Spiritual Beast is that, it looks so ferocious."

Many Energy Refining Cultivators seeing the Nine Netherhound couldn't help but shudder.

Some who had just released their Spiritual Bird mounts found them cowering and trembling under the aura of the Nine Netherhound, shaking uncontrollably.

However, the distant five masked Robber Cultivators seeing this scene just sneered and began attacking the surrounding Qi Refining Loose Cultivators.

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"How dare these robber cultivators cause trouble at our Red Leaf Valley Market!"

At the marketplace entrance, Lu Qingyan and her patrol heard the commotion, her pretty face darkened, and she shouted loudly.

She immediately activated the marketplace's great formation, preventing others from going out and triggering the yin-yang sensing talisman.

However, upon witnessing this scene, the five masked robber cultivators sneered viciously and started attacking the qi refining loose cultivators around them.

"Pfft, pfft, pfft—"

In an instant, several energy refining cultivators fell, bleeding to their death.

In the face of foundation establishment cultivators, unless energy refining cultivators have powerful treasures, they stand no chance at all.

"Damn it!"

Seeing this unfold, Lu Qingyan clenched her silver teeth and fists tightly, her face looking extremely ugly, knowing that the enemy was showing off their power to deliberately provoke them.

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Inside the marketplace, Lu Wangshu was talking with her mother, Xiao Xiyue.

Suddenly, they heard the roar of a Nine Netherhound, and she gently raised her slender hand, looking at the sensing talisman flashing red in her palm.

"Is there a foundation establishment cultivator making a move outside?"

Seeing this, Xiao Xiyue closed her eyes to sense and immediately detected the disturbance outside the marketplace, the spiritual pressure of foundation establishment.

"As Xingyang said, someone did come to stir up trouble!"

On hearing this, Lu Wangshu's beautiful face suddenly showed a hint of coldness.

They had already anticipated that other forces might cause trouble at this auction.

They just weren't sure when these hidden forces would choose to act.

"Mother, I'll go take a look."

Lu Wangshu immediately said.

These people making their move so close to the marketplace had an obvious purpose.

It was to damage the reputation of the Red Leaf Valley Market by proxy, and indirectly suppress the Blue Lake Mountain.

"Mother will go with you."

Xiao Xiyue said softly.

Although aware that her daughter's combat capability is extraordinary.

If she were to throw all the talismans given by Lu Changsheng, even she, the mother, might not be a match and would be thrown into disarray.

But in this situation, she still was not at ease letting Lu Wangshu go alone.

"Alright, later on, please help me with the plundering formation, mother."

Lu Wangshu pursed her lips and smiled, also looking forward to showing off her skills.

Immediately, the two walked out of the courtyard, flying toward the entrance of the marketplace.

Flight is prohibited within the marketplace, but foundation establishment cultivators are not affected.

"Wangshu."

At this moment, Lu Muping and Lu Yuanzhong saw Lu Wangshu and Xiao Xiyue and immediately called out to them.

"Cousin Muping."

Lu Wangshu often visited the Red Leaf Valley Market, so she was also familiar with Lu Muping.

"Wangshu's appearance, why does it somewhat resemble Fairy Xi Yue..."

At this time, Lu Muping glanced at Lu Wangshu and Xiao Xiyue and suddenly paused, noticing the similarity between their eyes and facial contours.

Could it be...

He abruptly did not dare to continue his thoughts.

He found it too astonishing!

Lu Yuanzhong acted as if he hadn't noticed anything.

He had once seen Fairy Xi Yue at Blue Lake Mountain in his early years and had conjectured after seeing the grown-up Lu Wangshu.

But such matters were too shocking, and he never mentioned it to avoid bringing trouble to Lu Changsheng.

Xiao Xiyue noticed Lu Muping's gaze and instantly, her cool and holy visage was covered by a layer of moonlight, making it difficult for anyone to discern her features for a moment.

A short while later, the four arrived at the entrance of the Red Leaf Valley Market.

They immediately saw that five foundation establishment cultivators were blocking the outside, attacking the departing loose cultivators.

"Sister Wangshu, Cousin Muping."

Lu Qingyan and the others saw Lu Wangshu rushing over and immediately cried out.

Being blocked at the door, merely watching, was truly stifling.

If this incident were to spread, it could seriously damage both their family name and the marketplace's reputation.

"Damn it!"

Seeing this scene, Lu Wangshu's pretty face turned icy, and she transformed into an escape light, charging out.

"Wangshu!"

"Sister Wangshu!"

Upon seeing this, Lu Muping and others immediately changed color and exclaimed in shock.

One must realize that these were five Foundation Establishment Cultivators.

Moreover, the mana spiritual pressure of two among the five was extremely powerful, most likely at the Foundation Establishment Mid-Stage.

With such strength, wasn't Lu Wangshu heading to her doom?

"You all manage the marketplace formation."

Xiao Xiyue's voice was clear, cold, and detached as she spoke to Lu Muping and Lu Yuanzhong, then she immediately followed after.

"So, Lu Wangshu is indeed a Foundation Establishment Cultivator!"

"Another Foundation Establishment Cultivator, the Lu Family of Blue Lake Mountain has hidden their strength quite deeply!"

"But the little girl seems inexperienced in the world, acting so impulsively."

"Hmm, who is this lady in white?"

At the entrance of the marketplace, some cultivators who knew of Lu Wangshu narrowed their eyes upon witnessing the scene, and their wariness of Blue Lake Mountain increased a bit.

After all, a Foundation Establishment Cultivator emerging every now and then was truly alarming.

"Hahaha, where did this little girl come from, she's courting death!"

The five Foundation Establishment Cultivators who were undertaking the plundering laughed out loud upon seeing Lu Wangshu.

One of them immediately sacrificed a small golden knife spiritual artifact and launched an attack at Lu Wangshu.

"Whizz whizz whizz—"

Lu Wangshu's lovely face showed indifference as talismans streamed out from her pink-white sleeves, swirling around her, integrating their energies, like an armor made of talismans emanating a mysterious aura.

Furthermore, talismans flew in all directions, arranging themselves in the sky dome as if to form some sort of formation.

"Clang!"

The golden knife spiritual artifact came within a zhang of Lu Wangshu and was immediately stopped by an invisible barrier, emitting a clang.

"Such a method... a Talisman Cultivator!"

"Hmm? Is this not the Lu Family Ancestor Lu Changsheng's signature technique—Talisman Formation!?"

"I didn't expect this girl to have inherited Lu Changsheng's Talisman Path legacy!"

"Back when Lu Changsheng had just broken through to Foundation Establishment, he depended on the Talisman Formation technique to suppress three Foundation Establishment members of the Yu Family. No wonder the girl is so confident, daring to face five Foundation Establishment Cultivators alone."

"Even though the Talisman Formation is formidable, as long as there are enough talismans, one could overcome opponents of a higher level. However, facing five Foundation Establishment Cultivators alone is too arrogant!"

"No, the lady in white behind her is not simple. Who is this woman? The Lady of the Lu Family, Lu Miaoge?"

At the entrance of the market, everyone who witnessed the scene was filled with doubt and astonishment.

Lu Yuanzhong saw this scene, and his expression became slightly dazed.

He recalled the scene from forty years ago when Lu Miaoge was assaulting her Foundation Establishment, the three Foundation Establishment members of the Yu Family attacked, and Lu Changsheng emerged from the formation, summoning a Talisman Formation, suppressing the three Foundation Establishment Cultivators!

"Is this... a Talisman Formation?"

"We absolutely cannot let her deploy the Talisman Formation!"

"Spread out and take action!"

The five Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators came prepared, having done their homework, and knew they must not be trapped by the Talisman Formation.

They immediately scattered, summoning magic artifacts, casting techniques at Lu Wangshu and Xiao Xiyue.

Xiao Xiyue looked at the five approaching people, her body enveloped in a pale lunar glow. She remained still.

She knew that her daughter's cultivation up to now had never been revealed to the outside world.

She anticipated a day when her daughter could make a name for herself in the Cultivation World.

And today, this was her daughter's stage to shine.

Still, she remained vigilant, ready to take action in an instant if her daughter encountered any danger.

Chapter 1215: Lu Wangshu's First Battle

"Shoo, shoo, shoo——"

Lu Wangshu faced the five attackers, lightly pursed her pink lips, her pretty face serious, with talismanic light winding around her, suddenly shooting out, taking on the offensive of five by herself.

At the same time, a dark Luo Umbrella appeared above Lu Wangshu's head, spinning wildly, transforming into numerous Xuanzhen Talismans, and arrayed around her.

"Boom, boom, boom——"

The collision of spells caused a series of explosive sounds, resulting in a terrifying wave of mana aftermath.

"Hiss, this woman is facing five Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators and is not at a disadvantage at all."

"You call this not at a disadvantage? Consuming so many Talismans at the first encounter is simply extravagantly wasteful; is this a battle or a splurge of money!"

"I've always heard that Talisman Cultivators are spendthrifts, today I've really seen it."

"Damn it, the amount spent in this single encounter exceeds the Spirit Stones I could earn in ten years!"

"If she keeps relying on Talismans like this, she can probably only hold out for a bit, it might be difficult for her to repel five people."

"Right, if she can't trap these five in a Talisman Formation, once she runs out of Talismans, she's more likely to face misfortune than luck."

"Who is this lady in white? Why isn't she taking action?"

At the Marketplace entrance, many Cultivators were discussing animatedly as they watched the conflict in the sky before them.

By this time, Lu Miaoge, Li Xingruo, and Li Xingyu had also arrived.

However, seeing the battle outside, they did not take action immediately.

"One! Nine! Seal! Suppress! Intercept! Annihilate!"

Lu Wangshu's body illuminated, as if she was wearing a Nine-colored Talisman Robe, her curves enchanting, her black hair flowing, her eyes sharp and piercing.

Instantly, dozens of Talismans charged towards the five, sealing, suppressing, intercepting, annihilating, from all directions, leaving no gaps.

"Hmph, little girl, I want to see just how many Talismans you have!"

"Such a method, truly astonishing."

"So this is a Talisman Cultivator? If this young girl can wield so many Talismans, how many can Lu Changsheng wield?"

"This girl must be eliminated, otherwise once she grows up, she will be another Lu Changsheng!"

The five Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators, seeing Lu Wangshu taking the initiative and looking imposing, all had a hint of wariness in their eyes.

If it wasn't for the fact that there were five of them, they would not dare to take on Lu Wangshu.

After all, if it were one on one, they feared that in a few exchanges, they would be bombarded into dust by these Talismans.

This also instilled in them an even stronger killing intent towards Lu Wangshu, wishing to nip this talent in the bud.

"Boom, boom, boom——"

The two sides continued to clash, Lu Wangshu's Talismans bombarding furiously, preventing the five from getting close.

Facing this situation, the five also gave up attacking and shifted to defense as their primary tactic, they separated and took their positions, using Spiritual Artifacts, waiting for an opportunity.

"Hmph!"

Lu Wangshu let out a light snort, seeing that the five did not dare confront her head-on, wishing to drag out the fight, to exhaust her.

Suddenly, she performed a series of rapid Gesture Incantations, and her slender, fair finger traced in the void like a swimming dragon.

In an instant, a golden Talisman formed.

From this Talisman, one produced two, two produced four, four produced eight...

In the blink of an eye, ninety-nine Talismans appeared, forming a Talisman Formation around her, supporting her figure which looked extraordinarily beautiful.

"What technique is this, an Illusion Technique?"

"No, these are all Talismans, Drawing Talisman in the Void, could this be the legendary Drawing Talisman in the Void!"

"Hiss, Lu Changsheng has hidden his hand well, all these years, never have I seen him display such a method, he truly concealed his skill!"

"If it weren't for his daughter, we really wouldn't know that his Talisman Path inheritance was so amazing!"

Everyone was shocked by Lu Wangshu's methods.

Jiang Country was not known for a renowned Talisman Cultivator heritage.

Occasionally, a few Talisman Cultivators would appear with some related records.

Therefore, techniques like Drawing Talisman in the Void were unheard of, unseen by many present.

Seeing Lu Wangshu's methods left them astounded.

Realizing that the Talisman Path inheritance of the Lu Family was extraordinary!

Xiao Xiyue, watching her daughter's techniques, had a touch of gentle pride in her eyes.

Unwittingly, the infant once in her swaddling clothes had grown to such an extent.

She still remembered giving birth to Lu Wangshu at the Red Leaf Valley Market with Lu Changsheng.

"She is only at the Initial Stage of Foundation Establishment, she won't last long!"

"Right, this woman is not adept in combat, such blind bombarding, before long she will deplete her Talismans and mana!"

"Be careful, do not take her lightly!"

The five had serious expressions as they looked at Lu Wangshu and Xiao Xiyue, communicating with Divine Sense.

However, thinking that they, five people, were being made to struggle by such a junior at Foundation Establishment, they were extremely frustrated.

"Now is the moment!"

After a moment of stalemate with the five, Lu Wangshu, observing the arranged Talismans above, suddenly had a stern look, her fingertips danced.

A Nine-Colored Talismanic Script slowly traced across her smooth white forehead, seemingly sketching out an ancient rune.

"Hum!"

The rune transformed into a mysterious and profound Nine-Colored Divine Talisman.

As the Talisman emerged, all the Talismans around Lu Wangshu burst with Spiritual Light, converging and interweaving, forming a giant Talisman several zhang in size.

At the same time, in the heavens and earth, in all directions, ripples appeared in the void, forming numerous Talismans, spinning wildly.

"Nine-nine, Xuan Talisman Array Formation! Golden Light Ultimate Heaven and Earth!"

Lu Wangshu incanted with a clear voice as she formed Gesture Incantations.

Suddenly, the Talismans spinning in all directions converged, their qi fusing together, forming an extremely strong golden barrier that trapped the five Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators.

"Uh oh, this isn't good!"

"A trivial Initial Stage of Foundation Establishment, trying to trap us five, overestimating herself!"

"This wench is using such techniques, she's too busy to be distracted, kill her!"

The five, seeing the situation, observed the golden light shining from all sides, the shrinking barrier, and immediately charged towards Lu Wangshu.

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However.

"Dong dong dong——"

Golden barriers appeared one after another, isolating them individually and sealing them within.

"Kill!!!"

The eyes of the five were fierce, mana surged as they bombarded the golden barriers, not believing that Lu Wangshu, a mere early-stage Foundation Establishment Cultivator, could trap all five of them.

"Boom boom boom----"

These golden barriers seemed endless, no sooner had they been cracked and fissures appeared than another was instantly formed.

"Heavy Water Three Thousand Marshes surge mightily!"

Lu Wangshu formed hand seals with a clear shout, infinite talismans proliferated, forming a talisman formation.

With the two merging talisman formations, raging torrents struck toward the five within the golden barriers, overwhelming and seemingly eroding the cultivators' physical bodies and mana.

"Infinite raging fire burns fiercely!"

"Within the realm of water and fire, a golden lotus is planted!"

Nine-colored talismanic script glittered between Lu Wangshu's brows, her hands continuously forming seals, and inside her Qi Ocean Core, the Profound Origin Bead spun wildly, pouring out stored mana.

For someone like Lu Wangshu to act in this way, the mana of ordinary Foundation Establishment Cultivators couldn't keep up.

Yet, even with the Profound Origin Bead, Lu Wangshu's charming and beautiful face still paled slightly.

For a moment.

Shocking waves, turbulent waves!

Blazing fires, spreading wildly and lighting the sky!

Behind Lu Wangshu, all talismans converged, spiritual light surged, and golden lights exploded, forming sharp golden lotuses, striking down the five.

"Pu pu pu——"

In an instant, three robber cultivators at the early stage of Foundation Establishment were severely injured under the onslaught of water, fire, and golden lotuses, blood spewing, their vitality waning.

"This this this... to contend against five alone and still hold upper hand!"

"Talisman Cultivator, such a terrifying Talisman Cultivator!"

"Once the Talisman Formation is formed, there's no match within the same level!"

"If encountering a Talisman Cultivator, one must finish the battle quickly; if her talisman formation is refined, it will be troublesome."

"Is this girl just beginning Foundation Establishment? How is her mana so vigorous and vast!"

"Blue Lake Mountain Lu Wangshu... Didn't expect that after Lu Ping'an, Blue Lake Mountain's Lu Family has another Lu Wangshu, such fortune in Blue Lake Mountain's Lu Family!"

The spectating cultivators were profoundly shocked, their expressions grave.

"Sister Wangshu is so formidable!"

"So Sister Wangshu is this powerful."

"Wow, go Sister Wangshu!"

Lu Qingyan, Lu Qingze, Lu Qingqi, and other members of the Lu family were all surprised to see this.

They never expected their usually somewhat idiosyncratic sister to be so fierce, instantly exhilarated.

In the crowd, a few people looked up at Lu Wangshu and Xiao Xiyue in the sky, their expressions shifting.

"Daoist, please stop, we admit defeat and are willing to leave!"

At this moment, a robber Foundation Establishment Cultivator, realizing the battle could lead to their demise, shouted loudly towards Lu Wangshu.

"Indeed, young friend, we are willing to offer compensation!"

Seeing this, another robber cultivator called out.

They came here just to cause trouble, to strike at the Red Leaf Valley Market, and had no intention of losing their lives over it.

The other three remained silent but were also considering retreating.

Knowing that continuing the battle would mean waiting for Lu Changsheng or a cultivator from Qingyun Sect to arrive, which would be very troublesome.

"Hmph, you come to my family's market to cause trouble, and think you can just stop whenever you want? It's not that simple! Do you really think Blue Lake Mountain is so easy to bully!"

Lu Wangshu's hair flew about, her face crystal clear and stunningly beautiful, and she spoke with a cold voice.

As she spoke, her hands continued to form gesture incantations, endlessly deriving talismans around her, forming golden lotuses that continuously attacked the five people.

The ninety-nine Xuanzhen Talismans arranged around her body also merged into the golden lotuses at this moment, bursting forth with endless sharp auras.

"Рири рири—"

Suddenly, a Foundation Establishment Cultivator under the attack of the talisman formation was pierced through the body, vomiting blood, and was left gasping for air, barely alive.

"Young one, do you really want to fight to the death!"

A Robber Cultivator at the mid-stage of Foundation Establishment shouted aloud upon seeing this.

Knowing that if they do not fight with all their might, they are likely to perish here today.

"Fight to the death? Just try!"

Lu Wangshu formed a seal with one hand and continually sketched talismans in the void with the other, forming strands of spirit talismans.

"Such arrogance from a junior, let's fight her to the death!"

This mid-stage Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivator let out a long howl to the sky, displayed a secret technique, and his aura climbed dramatically, beginning to fight desperately.

However, among the other four, two had already perished, covered in blood.

"Boom boom boom—"

The remaining three fought desperately, furiously striking at the talisman formation, trying to break through and kill Lu Wangshu.

But by then the talisman formation was already complete, and even though the three wanted to fight desperately, they couldn't break through at all, feeling a surge of despair.

"Swoosh—"

However, just at that moment, suddenly, a masked Foundation Establishment Cultivator burst forth, rushing towards Lu Wangshu with murderous intent.

"Seeking death!"

Next to her, Xiao Xi Yue's eyes gleamed with a crystal cold light like the Nine Heavens Bright Moon, suddenly raising her hand to slap forward.

"Buzz—"

An invisible ripple spread out, causing the body of the rushing Foundation Establishment Cultivator to stiffen suddenly.

"Bang bang bang—"

Sounds of dull explosions immediately resounded within the body of the Foundation Establishment Cultivator, whose body trembled uncontrollably as he vomited blood.

Following that, his mind swayed, he died a spiritual death, his aura extinguished, and his face full of unwillingness as he fell from mid-air.

"This this this..."

"Who is this woman!"

"She... she killed a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator with a single strike!"

"No wonder Lu Changsheng entrusted the Red Leaf Valley Market to his daughter Lu Wangshu, it turns out there is such a powerful cultivator stationed here!"

Everyone who saw this scene was stunned.

No one expected that the white-robed woman accompanying Lu Wangshu would be so fierce.

To think she killed a Foundation Establishment Cultivator with a single palm strike!

"Is this the power of a True Inheritance from the Immortal Sects..."

Lu Yuanzhong, Lu Muping upon recognizing Xiao Xi Yue's identity and seeing her in mid-air, were shocked.

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Lu Qingze, Lu Qingyan, and others looked at Xiao Xiyue, unable to suppress their curiosity about the relationship between this person and their father.

In charge of the Marketplace affairs all this time, they were completely unaware of such a powerful individual in the Marketplace.

"Hmph!"

Upon witnessing this scene, Lu Wangshu's lips pursed lightly...

She then continuously formed Gesture Incantations with both hands, and as she gently parted her red lips, she uttered, "Nine-Nine Mystical Talismans—Divine Phoenix!"

"Screech!"

A piercing screech resounded between heaven and earth.

All the Talismans around Lu Wangshu fused into one, transforming into a golden phoenix bathed in crimson dawn light.

This phoenix was an impressive ten feet tall, its golden light flowing and burning fiercely with flames, making Lu Wangshu's glowing and elegantly curved body look sacred, noble, and indescribably beautiful.

"Die!"

Lu Wangshu's fingers came together as she pointed them towards the remaining three people, her eyes cold and hard.

Suddenly, the Divine Phoenix let out a screech, igniting the world in fire. A swath of flames engulfed the three people who were already suppressed by the golden barrier.

"Ahh—"

"I refuse to accept this!"

Upon seeing Xiao Xiyue take action, the three were already in despair, realizing that there was no escaping death today.

Now, faced with the Divine Phoenix, they cried out in sorrow, filled with endless regret.

Had they chosen to flee immediately, they could have escaped unharmed.

Even in the midst of battle, there was still a chance to run away.

But they never imagined that Lu Wangshu, a mere Initial Stage Foundation Establishment Cultivator, would display such astonishing tactics, leading them to a hopeless end.

A moment later.

The Divine Phoenix and the firelight vanished between heaven and earth.

The corpses of the five Robber Cultivators fell from the sky.

The bodies of three among them were charred black; once touched by the breeze during their descent, nothing was left but their Magical Robes, Magic Artifacts, and remains.

"Such methods, they're simply too..."

"Blue Lake Mountain Lu Wangshu, this woman's combat power, I'm afraid it's not weaker than that of a Foundation Establishment Peak Cultivator, right?"

"It still depends on the situation. If it's a surprise attack, or if she's attacked before her Talisman Formation is set, she's just an ordinary Foundation Establishment Cultivator!"

"First there was Lu Ping'an, now there's another Lu Wangshu."

"No, initially Lu Ping'an only managed to repel a Foundation Establishment Mid-Stage elder from the Tao Family, but this Lu Wangshu faced one against five, killing five Foundation Establishment Cultivators."

"Back when Lu Changsheng had just broken through Foundation Establishment, he used Talisman Formation to defeat three members of the Yu Family and established the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family, but now his daughter has alone killed five Foundation Establishment Cultivators!"

"With such children, who can halt the rise of Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family!"

All those who saw Lu Wangshu in the sky were in a trance, unsure of what to say.

Expressions of shock, surprise, envy, and jealousy emerged on their faces.

They were astounded and envious that Lu Changsheng had two such extraordinarily talented children, Lu Ping'an and Lu Wangshu.

Either of these two could lead a Family to prosperity for a hundred years, advancing the family another step forward.

And now, the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family had both of them at the same time.

However, people like Lu Yuanzhong and Lu Muping, who knew Lu Qingshan, were even more astonished and envious.

"I'm afraid even Qingshan wouldn't be a match for this woman if they fought?"

Lu Yuanzhong murmured to himself, filled with incredulity.

He never thought that besides Lu Qingshan, Lu Changsheng had another such brilliantly talented daughter.

And moreover, she was cultivated by himself and not sent to the Immortal Sects.

But seeing Xiao Xiyue beside Lu Wangshu, enveloped in a layer of hazy lunar glow, his mind became at ease.

After all, Lu Wangshu not only had Lu Changsheng as a father but also had Xiao Xiyue as a mother.

"Huff!"

Lu Wangshu let out a long breath, her face slightly pale.

This battle was her first true fight.

As a result, she used too much force, which led to significant energy consumption.

However, seeing the outcome of the battle, a slight smile appeared on Lu Wangshu's delicate face.

"Wangshu, I'll take these corpses back with me, and then have the Enforcement Hall investigate later," said Xiao Xiyue to Lu Wangshu through a message.

The sudden appearance of these six Foundation Establishment Cultivators was clearly a targeted act by other forces.

Regardless of which force was responsible, since they dared to disguise as Robber Cultivators and perform such acts in public, Qingyun Sect had the right to investigate.

However, under normal circumstances, if the matter wasn't too serious, Qingyun Sect wouldn't spend time and effort on it.

But since she was a True Disciple and the direct heir of the Enforcement Hall Master, if she wanted to investigate the matter, the Enforcement Hall would naturally give face.

"Ah, I burnt the corpses to a crisp, that won't be a problem, will it?"

Lu Wangshu was momentarily stunned upon hearing this.

She had been somewhat nervous during the fight.

Therefore, she didn't hold back, and the last three were almost reduced to ashes.

"It's okay, these three are enough," Xiao Xiyue replied softly.

She hadn't reminded her daughter earlier because she didn't want to impact her performance, which might have led her to be shackled.

Immediately after, the two of them cleaned up the battlefield and returned to the entrance of the Marketplace.

The cultivators at the scene looked at the two of them with respect and awe, unconsciously clearing a path for them.

"Qingze, Qingyan, Cousin Muping, I'll leave the clean-up here to you," said Lu Wangshu with a smile.

After such an event in the Marketplace, it was definitely necessary to manage the aftermath and reassure the public.

But like her father, Lu Changsheng, she didn't particularly like dealing with daily trivialities.

"Mm, okay," replied Lu Qingze and Lu Qingyan, still immersed in the aftermath of the battle, somewhat dazed as they nodded.

"Wangshu, you have worked hard, we'll take it from here," said Lu Muping, taking a deep breath and nodding.

He then rose into the air and addressing the crowd, he said, "Fellow Daoists, I apologize for today's incident at the Marketplace. We have wasted your time..."

At that moment, after exchanging a few words with Lu Miaoge,

Lu Miaoge also stepped forward, using a voice amplification Technique and said, "As compensation, next year our Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family will offer a genuine Foundation Establishment Elixir for auction again in the Red Leaf Valley Market."

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"If any Daoist friends possess the materials for Foundation Establishment Elixirs, our Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family also welcomes you to come and refine Foundation Establishment Elixirs."

"Our Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family has always adhered to a policy of cooperation and shared prosperity. Our family's commercial association is in the preliminary stages of formation. If any Daoist friends have ideas, you are welcome to come to Red Leaf Valley Market or Blue Lake Mountain to discuss potential collaborations."

"As a collaborator, should our Blue Lake Mountain have Foundation Establishment Elixirs in the future, we will prioritize supplying them to our internal partners..."

Lu Miaoge spoke out loud.

In her speech, she continued to express her family's stance, unwilling to make enemies with other family forces.

She hoped to cooperate with all forces in harmony and prosperity, to work together and shoulder to shoulder in cultivating a magnificent future.

The recent ambush by Robber Cultivators had made Lu Miaoge and Li Xingruo realize that the forces targeting them were not simple.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for there to be six Foundation Establishment Cultivators!

Faced with this situation, their Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family naturally could not rely solely on strength to subdue everyone.

They still needed to attract more cooperative partners.

It's not about making these forces pledge allegiance to Blue Lake Mountain.

But the attitude was clear: as long as one is willing to form a good relationship, benefits would follow.

If one were to act against us in the shadows, our Blue Lake Mountain is not to be trifled with either.

"What, a genuine Foundation Establishment Elixir!"

"Hiss, Blue Lake Mountain just auctioned a subpar Foundation Establishment Elixir, and now they're releasing another one next year!"

"Prioritizing internal partners for supply..."

"The Lu Ancestor is generous! Blue Lake Mountain is magnanimous!"

Many Cultivators, upon hearing this, were immediately excited and spoke out loud.

And some Loose Cultivators, deep in thought, pondered whether if they were to join Blue Lake Mountain, there might be a chance to obtain a Foundation Establishment Elixir.

"Foundation Establishment Elixir..."

All parties, upon hearing this, not only felt tempted but also discerned additional implications in the words spoken.

It might be that Blue Lake Mountain is not currently in dire need of Foundation Establishment Elixirs.

Lu Miaoge was representing Blue Lake Mountain, actively extending goodwill to the outside world.

"Hmm?"

Just at this moment, Lu Miaoge felt a premonition, and a Yin-Yang Sensing Talisman appeared in her hand.

"This is, Flower Fruit Mountain has been attacked?"

Lu Miaoge, seeing the signal from Flower Fruit Mountain, slightly furrowed her brows.

She immediately realized that some forces were taking advantage of the current situation to make a move against Flower Fruit Mountain.

"Lady Lu..."

At this time, several Foundation Establishment Ancestors stepped forward, wanting to inquire with Lu Miaoge about cooperation with the commercial association.

"I have some matters to attend to. In a few days, my Blue Lake Mountain will hold a Foundation Establishment ceremony for my daughter Wangshu."

"If Daoist friends wish to discuss cooperation with the commercial association, you may come to Blue Lake Mountain at that time for a detailed conversation."

Lu Miaoge spoke apologetically.

She was not very clear about the details of commercial association cooperation and needed Lu Xingyang and others to determine the specifics.

Moreover, seeing the distress call from Flower Fruit Mountain, she had to rush over to see the situation.

"Very well, I will surely attend at that time," said an eager elder.

"Lady Lu is blessed with a daughter like Wangshu, truly a matter for celebration!"

"With Miss Wangshu's stunning talent, her future is boundless, and a Golden Core is to be expected."

The Foundation Establishment Ancestors present, regardless of their private thoughts, all stepped forward to offer congratulations and spoke kind words.

As for the recent Robber Cultivator incident, it also gradually faded from focus with the news announced by Lu Miaoge.

"Miaoge, if you were to go alone, there could be danger on the way. I will accompany you."

Lu Yuanzhong, hearing that Lu Miaoge was heading to Flower Fruit Mountain, immediately spoke up.

"Danger..."

Lu Miaoge, upon hearing his words, paused for a moment in her heart.

She had Third Rank Talismans and Second Rank Puppets in her possession, along with the Golden Armor Bean Mother, fearing no common Foundation Establishment adversaries.

But Lu Yuanzhong's words still made her more cautious.

"Uncle, please watch over father here. I will go ask Xi Yue to come with me."

After some thought, Lu Miaoge spoke out.

She then found Xiao Xiyue and explained her intentions.

"Alright."

Xiao Xiyue, hearing this, glanced at her daughter and nodded slightly.

Soon after, the two women disguised themselves and quietly left the Red Leaf Valley Market, heading toward Flower Fruit Mountain.