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“Have you guys heard? Lu Miaoyang has been grounded.”

“What happened? Give us the details.”

“It’s about him and Lu Changsheng!”

“I heard that Lu Changsheng beat Lu Miaoyang up, and then Lu Miaoyang ran off to make a scene at the ancestral hall, eventually even the ancestors were provoked.”

“Shh, even the ancestors got involved!”

“Who would have thought that brother-in-law Changsheng, who usually seems so amiable, would actually beat up Miaoyang!”

“Yeah, I thought he would calm things down and let bygones be bygones.”

“Even a nice guy has his limits, after all, who could tolerate Lu Miaoyang’s character!”

“Exactly, I guess Lu Miaoyang must have pushed him too far.”

“Serves him right, it’s so satisfying!”

“Speaking of which, Lu Changsheng must have been punished by the family too, right? How was he dealt with?”

“I’m not too sure about that, but I heard he was fined quite a few Spirit Stones.”

“Tsk tsd tsd, he really got caught in the crossfire!”

The next day, the affair between Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoyang also became the talk of many Lu Family disciples within Qingzhu Mountain.

After all, the incident had caused quite a stir in the past few days, attracting a lot of attention.

Now that the family had made its judgment, the outcome naturally became a topic of gossip and intrigue for everyone to relish.

Meanwhile...

Qingzhu Valley.

Inside a manor.

"Family Head, please take care."

Lu Changsheng saw Lu Yuanding out the door and exhaled slightly.

Lu Yuanding's visit was primarily to comfort him,

worrying that he might feel wronged and hold a grudge over yesterday's judgment.

Although the Fourth Elder had paid all the Spirit Stone fines on behalf of Lu Changsheng, he was indeed fined.

Secondly, the visit was about discussing benefits and compensation.

Lu Yuanding was aware of his promotion to a high-grade Talisman Master through the Fourth Elder.

Since the Fourth Elder had mentioned it, there was no need for a confirmation assessment as before.

So Lu Yuanding came directly to discuss the new benefits with Lu Changsheng.

The original ten Spirit Stones per month had been increased to thirty Spirit Stones.

The twenty catties of Jade Bamboo Spirit Rice, increased to fifty catties.

Additionally, the monthly Talisman Making task escalated from being rewarded ten Spirit Stones to thirty.

Any excess completed Talismans would still be bought by the Lu Family at the original price.

However, for the excess Talismans, the Lu Family switched from rewarding Spirit Stones to granting Family Contribution Points.

Family Contribution Points could be exchanged for Spirit Stones.

They could also be used to claim Elixir Medicines and precious treasures from the Lu Family's Treasure Pavilion, Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

with the price being twenty to thirty percent cheaper than the market rate outside.

This too was considered a benefit for the family disciples.

As for the upgraded treatment, Lu Changsheng didn't feel much impact.

It was mainly because his mindset on consumption had shifted.

Previously, after killing a wave of Robber Cultivators, he acquired valuables worth tens of thousands of Spirit Stones,

and easily spent several thousand Spirit Stones.

Now, the idea of a few dozen Spirit Stones a month just didn't excite him much anymore.

"Sigh, when I first came to the Lu Family, I only had two Spirit Stones a month."

"Every month I had to carefully calculate my expenditures on Spirit Rice and vegetables; now, faced with dozens of Spirit Stones, I actually feel indifferent."

Lu Changsheng shook his head and sighed.

He remembered the days when he would have split a single Spirit Stone in two to make it last longer.

"Wealth earned by a stroke of luck is rare after all; a steady income is the true path to follow."

"After all, where would I get so much windfall from."

Lu Changsheng subtly adjusted his mentality, reminding himself.

After staying in Qingzhu Mountain for three days,

Lu Changsheng bid farewell to his wife and concubines, riding an Iron Feather Eagle back to Nine Dragons Marketplace.

In truth, he had wanted to stay in his home for a longer period.

But the Spiritual Talisman Shop needed his supervision,
and in a couple of days, there would be the periodic inspection of goods.

However, he had also mentioned to the Fourth Elder,
that he would like Lu Miaoge to take care of the shop temporarily, so he could take
some time off at home.

The reason was simple.

When he had initially gone to Nine Dragons Square, not only was it hard to refuse,
but he also thought of selling his talismans at the marketplace and purchasing materials
for cultivating the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, as well as taking in a 'Fairy'.

But now, he had nearly completed these tasks and could afford to take a break.

There was no need to stay in the marketplace all the time.

He planned to stay on Qingzhu Mountain for a while, to spend some quality time with
his wives and children.

Because next year, he was preparing to send Lu Ping'an and the other children into the
secular world.

For now, he considered it as taking a leave.

Upon hearing Lu Changsheng's words, the Fourth Elder readily agreed,
stating that in two months, he would send Lu Miaoge to take over for Lu Changsheng,
so he could spend more time at home with his wives and children.

Later, if he found the time, he could alternate with Lu Miaoge in managing the Spiritual
Talisman Shop,

making it much easier for both of them to handle.

Two days later.

An Iron Feather Eagle descended outside Nine Dragons Marketplace.

Lu Changsheng entered the marketplace and headed towards the Spiritual Talisman
Shop.

“Hm? It’s him!”

“What a coincidence, to run into him like this.”

Just then, on the bustling street, a delicate-looking girl in a purple dress caught sight of Lu Changsheng, paused for a moment, and then her lips curved up in a smile.

She pretended to stroll casually while following closely behind Lu Changsheng.

After trailing him for a while, the girl saw Lu Changsheng walk into a Spiritual Talisman Shop.

She looked up at the sign above the shop.

“Qingzhu Lu’s Spiritual Talisman Shop.”

Then, with a smile, she walked inside.

A moment later, the girl emerged from the shop, still smiling.

“Qingzhu Lu’s Spiritual Talisman Shop’s owner.”

“Is he a disciple of the Qingzhu Lu Family?”

“How could a mere disciple from a Foundation Establishment Family have so many talismans and even a Talisman Treasure on him?”

With a frown, the girl inwardly mused.

“This man must have a big secret, a great opportunity.”

“Otherwise, a disciple from a mere Foundation Establishment Family couldn’t possibly have a Talisman Treasure and so many talismans.”

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“No wonder he was unmoved when I invited him to explore the ancient cave,”

the girl murmured in her heart.

“As long as a little more time passes, the Lockheart Gu will recover some of its vitality and can be used on someone again.”

“This man has a Talisman Treasure by his side, so many talismans, and he even took two of my Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects. He has reaped the wealth of the Kou family’s five fiends and possesses secrets of fortune. He is indeed worthy of a spot for my Lockheart Gu.”

“Since that’s the case, I’ll stay in the marketplace for a while. Once the Lockheart Gu has recovered, I’ll make him my first target.”

“Once bitten by the Lockheart Gu, he will uncontrollably develop feelings of love for me.”

“By then, all these riches and secrets of fortune will be in my pocket!”

The girl thought to herself, a smile appearing on her face.

Her already delicate features became more enchanting and ethereal at that moment, emanating a mystifying and elusive aura.

At this time, Lu Changsheng was unaware that he had become the target of someone’s attention.

After returning to the Spiritual Talisman Shop and inquiring about the shop’s situation with the shopkeeper Zhang Shan in the past few days, he went to the third floor.

He checked the storage room and the talisman room.

To see if he had left any traces while making puppets and drawing Second Rank Talismans.

After all, he planned to go home to spend time with his wives and children in a short period.

And leave the shop to Lu Miaoge to manage.

Although he was usually careful, he still had to confirm everything to avoid any oversight.

After confirming that there were no problems, Lu Changsheng felt relieved.

He then took out his tools for talisman making and began drawing talismans.

One month later.

Inside the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Lu Changsheng was drawing talismans.

At that moment, a system notification sounded.

[Congratulations to the Host for reaching fifty offspring, you have been awarded one designated lottery draw]

The reward for fifty children arrived as expected.

Lu Changsheng wasn't surprised.

"Designated lottery draw?"

But the mention of a designated lottery draw made Lu Changsheng pause slightly, somewhat surprised.

The next moment, however, he understood what the designated lottery draw meant.

The lottery wheel had sections for cultivation techniques, skills, pet beasts, elixir medicines, magical treasures, treasures, and others, making up seven categories.

In previous draws, the rewards had been random from any of these categories.

But this designated lottery draw allowed one to select a specific category for the lottery.

"Designated lottery, a draw from a specific category?"

Lu Changsheng's eyebrows twitched.

He silently thought: "System, I want to draw!"

Immediately, the familiar lottery wheel appeared.

"Should I go for a cultivation technique or a magical treasure?"

Looking at the lottery wheel before him, Lu Changsheng pondered.

Having drawn so many times, he had gone through each of the seven categories.

He knew that even if he could target one category, it was still a big gamble.

If he had to choose, he was inclined towards cultivation techniques and magical treasures.

Cultivation techniques were what he currently lacked for his main practice.

After all, the Returning Origin Technique had disappointed him for several years.

He had always wanted a Qi Refinement Cultivation Method.

However, there's too much uncertainty in each lottery draw.

Even if he targeted cultivation techniques, the system might give him another auxiliary technique like the Immortal Beauty Technique.

Or another body refining technique like the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

Or some other cultivation technique.

If that happened, he would be at a great loss.

In comparison, drawing a magical treasure seemed much more reliable.

After all, there was a good chance he could use a magical treasure for practicing the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Technique.

"Magical treasures are reliable, but I already have the Black Dragon Magical Bead."

"Another magical treasure won't make much of a difference to me!"

"Besides, not every magical treasure can be fused into the body."

After pondering for a moment, Lu Changsheng decided to take a risk and draw for a cultivation technique.

He was fed up with the useless Returning Origin Technique.

Always just struggling through bitter practice with slow progress.

He hoped for a cultivation method like the Immortal Beauty Technique or the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art that could offer a shortcut.

"System, I designate a draw for a cultivation technique!"

Lu Changsheng immediately said.

In an instant,

the layout of the spinning lottery wheel changed.

No longer was it a golden light flashing rapidly across seven categories.

Instead, the cultivation technique section glowed intensely with golden light.

Patterns of various cultivation techniques and divine skills whizzed by quickly.

Lu Changsheng saw one technique after another.

“Heavenly Circulation Starry Technique”

“Brahman Demon True Saint Technique”

“Feathered Ascension Scripture”

“Great Nurturing Heaven Demon Scripture”

“Thirty-Six Styles Muddy Water Harvest Battling Elixir Method”...

“Goodness, there are all kinds of techniques,”

“What if I got a Demonic Cultivation Technique, should I practice it or not?”

Lu Changsheng closely watched the unpredictable patterns in front of him, thinking to himself.

Eventually, the lottery wheel stopped.

An image of a jade scroll with seven swords on it emerged before him, accompanied by a system notification sound.

[Ding! Congratulations to the Host for obtaining the “Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture”]

[The reward has been placed in the System Space, and the Host can check it at any time]

“Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture?”

“The System finally came through for once!”

Lu Changsheng, upon seeing the award pattern, immediately felt a surge of excitement.

With the words “Sword Scripture,” Lu Changsheng knew it was the type of Qi Refinement Cultivation Technique he wanted.

Because Qi Refinement Cultivation Techniques are a general term and come in many varieties.

There are foundational techniques like the Returning Origin Technique, which is neutral and mundane.

Techniques that specialize in vitality like those of the wood element.

Techniques focused on alchemy and artifact refining associated with the wood and fire elements.

And even poison or demonic techniques fall under the category of Qi Refinement Techniques.

But this technique had the words “Sword Scripture,” and Lu Changsheng knew it was a Sword Dao Cultivation Technique.

According to what Lu Changsheng knew, sword cultivation techniques typically emphasized on combat and aggression.

Lu Changsheng didn’t mind and immediately looked towards the System Space.

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Check the status of the cultivation technique I’ve just obtained.

[Cultivation Technique: Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture]

[Grade: Orthodox Level]

[Description: The town-founding ultimate skill of the Seven Luminaries Sword Sect, incorporating the Spiritual Energy of the Seven Luminaries Stars, condensing the Seven Luminaries Sword Qi, forging the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp, Seven Luminaries Sword Formation!]

“An Orthodox Level cultivation technique, nice, this is perfect!”

Lu Changsheng was suddenly overjoyed when he saw the information about the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

Although the explanation was quite brief and didn’t reveal much.

But an Orthodox Level cultivation technique was enough to satisfy Lu Changsheng.

After all, having mastered the Hundred Treasures Body Refinement Technique beforehand, Lu Changsheng already had a certain understanding of Orthodox Level cultivation techniques.

Profound Sects truly have an imposing and majestic presence.

It was a thousand times stronger than that garbage Returning Origin Technique he owned anyways.

Furthermore, he wouldn't have to worry about a continuation technique for the Foundation Establishment Stage.

Like his current Returning Origin Technique, which could only be cultivated to the peak of Energy Refinement Realm, and then no further.

"System, inheritance!"

Lu Changsheng didn't think twice; he activated the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture with a slight movement of his Mental Spirit.

Immediately.

Details about the cultivation of the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, including related content and all key points, poured into Lu Changsheng's mind like an enlightening elixir.

Lu Changsheng sat silently, immersing his Mental Spirit in the comprehension of this deeply profound Sword Scripture.

After a long while.

"Excellent, excellent, what a Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture!"

"Truly worthy of being an Orthodox Level cultivation technique!"

"Systems produce only the finest quality!"

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes, revealing a look of delight.

In that short time, through the system's inheritance, he had come to thoroughly understand the "Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture."

He knew the methods of cultivation, related content, and all key points inside out.

The “Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture” consisted of five levels.

Each corresponding with the Energy Refinement, Foundation Establishment, Core Formation, Nascent Soul, and Divinity Transformation realms, in total of five stages.

In other words, this technique alone was sufficient for his cultivation up to the Divinity Transformation Realm.

This technique was similar to the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

It had not only the methods of cultivation through absorption.

In each layer, there were also matching spells and features of the techniques.

For instance, the first level during Energy Refinement stage came with three matching spells: Seven Luminaries Sword Light, Seven Luminaries Sword Shield, and Seven Luminaries Sword Escape.

Attack, defense, pursuit, and escape were all covered.

Moreover, the Seven Luminaries Sword Qi cultivated through the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture also had the characteristic of eliminating Elixir Toxicity.

Most cultivators usually consume elixir medicines to assist in their cultivation.

But elixir medicines, more or less, always carry some Elixir Toxicity.

Not to mention being harmful to the body.

Take the Yellow Dragon Elixir, for example; consuming it excessively could cause the body to develop resistance to elixir medicines.

As a result, consuming elixir medicines would become ineffective or barely effective.

This was also the reason why, even though Lu Changsheng had Spirit Stones to purchase elixir medicines for cultivation support, he did not overuse them and knew the right limit.

It was because of the issue of Elixir Toxicity.

But now, with the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, he could use elixir medicines to increase his cultivation level without any reservations.

Completely fearless of Elixir Toxicity!

However, eliminating Elixir Toxicity wasn't so simple.

It would require time and strenuous effort to refine and expel the toxicity.

And when refining the toxicity, the body had to endure the torment of Sword Qi cutting deep.

“But this pain is nothing compared to the unfettered use of elixir medicines, free of side effects; it’s hardly worth mentioning!”

Lu Changsheng’s eyes sparkled.

If he could consume elixir medicines without inhibition, his cultivation speed would double.

Originally, he thought it would take six to seven years to break through to the Eighth Level Energy Refinement.

But now, able to use elixir medicines without inhibition, the time required for cultivation would be greatly reduced.

Moreover, each layer of this technique came with matching spells and features of the technique, such as the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp on the Second Level.

The Third Level’s Seven Luminaries Stars Sword, Seven Luminaries Sword Formation...

It can be described as extremely powerful!

What made Lu Changsheng even more excited and satisfied was that the “Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture” could also be split up into multiple techniques.

It could be divided into the “Sun Brilliance Sword Technique,” “Lunar Brilliance Sword Technique,” “Venus Brilliance Sword Technique,” “Jupiter Wood Brilliance Sword Technique,” “Mars Fire Brilliance Sword Technique,” “Saturn Earth Brilliance Sword Technique,” “Sun and Moon Yin-Yang Life and Death Sword Chapter,” and “Five Brilliances Stars Annihilation Sword Canon.”

The reason is simple: Orthodox Level techniques are incredibly difficult.

Not only are they hard to cultivate, but they are also challenging to comprehend.

Only those with exceptional talent can successfully cultivate the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

Therefore, to make it possible for most disciples to cultivate, the Seven Luminaries Sword Sect lowered the difficulty by dividing it into multiple techniques.

Allowing the disciples to choose according to their Spiritual Root attributes and the features of the techniques.

“Orthodox Level techniques are difficult to comprehend because it’s very hard to understand and cultivate them.”

“If it weren’t for the system’s direct inheritance, it would be nearly impossible for me to comprehend and master this technique on my own.”

“In the future, when my children start cultivating, even if I teach them this technique, they would find it very difficult to grasp and cultivate.”

“But the split techniques such as the ‘Sun Brilliance Sword Technique,’ ‘Lunar Brilliance Sword Technique,’ ‘Venus Brilliance Sword Technique,’...are of the Exquisite Level, and relatively speaking, are much easier to get started with.”

“If the children are exceptionally gifted, they can start cultivating with the ‘Sun and Moon Yin-Yang Life and Death Sword Chapter.’”

Lu Changsheng exhaled deeply.

This was one of the aspects that made him extremely excited and satisfied with the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

It not only resolved the issue of his cultivation techniques.

But it also addressed the future cultivation technique needs for his children.

Although it would be a while before his children started cultivating, at least now he didn’t have to worry about it.

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Inside the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Lu Changsheng sat cross-legged, with his five hearts pointing to the heavens and eyes closed, his expression solemn.

The spiritual lake within his Qi Ocean Core bubbled and churned, slowly flowing through his meridians and into his limbs and bones.

This caused the originally pure white Spiritual Energy in the lake to gradually take on several additional hues.

Moreover, there were vague silhouettes of seven tiny swords above the lake, flickering in and out of existence.

“Whew!”

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes and exhaled a breath of turbid air.

“Though the Returning Origin Technique is rubbish, it cannot be said to be entirely without merits,”

“Its Spiritual Power is neutral and balanced, without any properties, allowing for a smooth transition to other Cultivation Techniques.”

“If I were practicing a different Cultivation Technique, to transform all of my Spiritual Power into Seven Luminaries Sword Qi would be much more difficult and might even lead to a regression in Cultivation Level.”

Lu Changsheng introspectively observed the Spiritual Power in his Qi Ocean Core and silently thought.

Just now, he had attempted to switch to practicing the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

He wanted to transform the Spiritual Power of his entire body from the Returning Origin Technique into that of the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

He found the process to be very smooth.

Although there was a significant loss of Spiritual Power, the problem was not major.

“In around three to four months, all of my Spiritual Energy will be transformed into Seven Luminaries Spiritual Power,”

“This Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture truly deserves to be an Orthodox Level Cultivation Technique. The Spiritual Power cultivated from it is not only three to four times more profound than my original Spiritual Power but also significantly sharper and more domineering.”

“Once all my Spiritual Power is transformed into Seven Luminaries Spiritual Power, I fear I may be comparable to someone of the Eighth Level Energy Refinement, or even Ninth Level Cultivation Realm.”

“This must be what they call a robust foundation. When the time comes for me to break through to Foundation Establishment, I shall overcome the Magic Barrier with ease!”

Lu Changsheng looked at the Spiritual Energy in the lake and couldn't help but feel excited.

Originally, his reason for wanting a good Cultivation Technique was to lay a solid foundation for himself.

So that he could go further in the future.

Now, with this Orthodox Level Cultivation Technique, his foundation would be incredibly solid.

“Seventh Level Energy Refinement comparable to Ninth Level Energy Refinement, does that not mean I will be able to challenge those above my rank in the future?”

“No, that's not right. Whenever I've encountered enemies, their Cultivation Levels have been higher than mine, and when facing an enemy, doesn't everyone rely on tactics rather than just Cultivation Level?”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself and then shook his head.

He suddenly felt that his circumstances were not very suited to such a battle-focused Cultivation Technique.

On one hand, he had always been kind to others and disliked violence.

On the other hand, in a fight, he usually relied on external aids,

Rather than his own Cultivation Realm. .

In such cases, cultivating a technique adept in nurturing life or escaping danger would suit him better.

However, now that he had received the Cultivation Technique and started practicing it, Lu Changsheng wouldn't dwell on those distractions any longer.

Besides, Lu Changsheng felt that Cultivation Techniques for nurturing life or escaping weren't necessarily better or more suited to him.

As his Cultivation Level improved, conflicts and battles on the path of cultivation were inevitable.

In the Qi Refinement Realm, thanks to the system's lucky draws, he had no problem fighting against higher-ranked opponents using external items.

However, as his Cultivation Realm increased, talismans, puppets, treasures, and other external aids would become less and less helpful.

They would no longer enable one to fight against opponents of a higher rank as they do now.

By then, one's own Cultivation combat power would become particularly important.

Noticing that it had also grown dark outside,

Lu Changsheng stood up and left the Spiritual Talisman Shop to head home.

At this moment,

At a tavern diagonally opposite the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop,

A beautiful girl dressed in a purple gown sat by the window.

With her delicate arms supporting her cheeks, she looked out the window with idle boredom.

When the girl saw Lu Changsheng walking out of the Spiritual Talisman Shop, her eyes suddenly brightened.

"I've paid a significant price to allow the Lockheart Gu to recover its energy quickly; you better not disappoint me,"

The girl murmured to herself, gazing at Lu Changsheng's figure.

She then raised her palm.

And on it,

The flesh on the girl's delicate palm shifted and split open,

Revealing a blood-colored Gu insect, less than an inch long and lustrous, wriggling out.

"Little guy, it's all up to you now,"

Said the girl to the Lockheart Gu.

The insect seemed to understand her words, nodding its tiny antenna in response.

Seeing this, the girl also smiled, closed her fist gently, and stepped out of the inn.

After watching in secret for some time, she had learned Lu Changsheng's daily routine and movements.

He basically moved between the Spiritual Talisman Shop and his home.

She had also chosen her moment carefully,

Knowing that the alley Lu Changsheng took home was usually deserted.

It was the perfect spot and opportunity for her to take action.

Acting within the Marketplace, although risky,

Gave people a sense of lowered guard compared to outside, making it easier for her to succeed.

If she chose to act outside the Marketplace, then she recalled how Lu Changsheng would respond with an onslaught of Talisman Treasures and a barrage of talismans.

She couldn't help but remember the humiliating moment she had been bombarded with them by Lu Changsheng, beaten into an embarrassing retreat, and nearly losing her life at his hands.

But thinking of Lu Changsheng succumbing to the Lockheart Gu, falling helplessly in love with her, and being unable to extricate himself, the girl felt exultant.

"What better revenge is there than to make an old enemy fall in love with you, to the point of desperation?"

The girl in the purple gown looked at the back of Lu Changsheng, her beautiful face breaking into a smile.

Seeing Lu Changsheng enter the alley and confirming no one else was there, the girl immediately called out,

"Lu Daoist, please wait for a moment!"

"Hmm?"

Lu Changsheng heard someone calling him and paused,

Turning to look back.

He promptly saw a beautiful and spirited girl in a purple gown signaling to him, quickly approaching.

“Uh? Miss, are you calling me?”

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Lu Changsheng looked at the girl in the purple dress with some surprise.

“That’s right, I heard Lu Daoist is a Talisman Master, so there is a matter I wish to trouble Lu Daoist with,”

the girl in the purple dress said with a smile as she quickly walked toward Lu Changsheng.

“What matter?”

Lu Changsheng was a bit surprised when he heard this.

Though his identity as a Talisman Master was not a secret, he did not know this girl.

The sudden approach of a stranger asking for a favor left him somewhat baffled.

“It’s just...”

The girl in the purple dress had just begun to speak when her eyes suddenly shone with a bewitching purple light.

It was brilliant and soul-snatching, causing Lu Changsheng’s mental spirit to waver in an instant.

However, just as Lu Changsheng felt his heart flutter and his mind waver, a cleansing spiritual essence burst from the cold jade pendant on his chest.

It quickly brought him back from his dazed stupor.

“Not good!”

Lu Changsheng regained his senses, immediately realizing that something was amiss.

The girl in the purple dress in front of him was problematic!

She had just tried to employ some sort of technique on him.

He promptly sought to activate the body-protecting techniques of his magical robe and the cold jade pendant.

But at that instant,

a tingling pain spread like numbness from his neck.

It felt as though he had been bitten by something.

It made his mental spirit flutter faintly.

Yet, in the blink of an eye,

“Boom!”

Lu Changsheng felt the Peach Blossom Gu at his brow burst forth with a powerful will.

This breath of will was like an erupting volcano, a pouring river,

like an imperious beast that had been defied, unleashing its grandeur in the face of provocation!

It suppressed the trembling of his mental spirit.

The pink peach blossom mark, usually concealed on Lu Changsheng’s forehead, emerged involuntarily, radiating a rose glow.

“Hiss, hiss, hiss!”

Accompanied by the outburst of the Peach Blossom Gu’s breath of will, a slight hissing sound arose.

Lu Changsheng immediately heard a faint buzzing noise.

Behold, a tiny blood-red bug swiftly flew away from his neck.

Lu Changsheng, seeing this, enveloped his palm with spiritual power and swiftly grabbed.

Like a hawk seizing a rabbit, he tightly captured the tiny creature in his hand.

Then, producing a stack of Talismans, he looked toward the girl in the purple dress.

“Hiss!”

At this moment, the girl let out a muffled grunt.

Her face filled with disbelief as she looked at Lu Changsheng.

Not understanding what was happening.

What was wrong with the Lockheart Gu?

In that instant, she felt a powerful will emanating from the Lockheart Gu, causing her heart to pound violently.

As Lu Changsheng met her gaze, their eyes unintentionally locked.

In this encounter, the girl in the purple dress felt her heart stir.

She sensed a special kind of affection spreading and rising within her heart,

making her feel an uncontrollable urge to draw closer to Lu Changsheng, who looked unexpectedly pleasing to her eyes.

“What’s happening!?”

No sooner had this emotion begun to spread from her heart than the girl in the purple dress realized that something was off.

She had a very clear understanding of herself.

Although Lu Changsheng was handsome and had an extraordinary temperament, she was not the kind of person to judge by appearances.

How could she possibly develop a fondness and desire for closeness just because someone looked handsome?

Moreover, she had secretly observed Lu Changsheng for some time and had never felt this way.

“The Lockheart Gu has malfunctioned!”

“Could it be... backlash from the Gu creature?”

Seeing the radiant peach blossom mark on Lu Changsheng’s forehead, the girl in the purple dress faintly guessed what had happened.

Lu Changsheng possessed some sort of rare treasure,

or perhaps a Gu that was more powerful and more domineering than the Lockheart Gu, causing her attempt to charm him with the Lockheart Gu to fail, and leading to a backlash from the creature.

Resulting in the reversal of the Lockheart Gu's effects, impacting her, the host, instead.

"How can this be possible!"

"The Lockheart Gu is close to a Heavenly Spirit Gu in rank, and even though it is greatly weakened and not yet fully recovered, it should not be possible for it to backlash like this."

"How could he possibly possess such a treasure, or a nearly extinct creature like the Heavenly Spirit Gu!"

This speculation caused the girl in the purple dress to feel as if tumultuous waves were crashing within her, filled with disbelief.

But as she looked at Lu Changsheng in front of her, she could feel the affection welling up inside her.

This feeling of fondness made her panic more than ever before,

because as the host to the Lockheart Gu, she knew all too well the domineering nature of the Lockheart Gu.

Once someone was bitten by it, they would uncontrollably develop affectionate feelings toward her.

These feelings would intensify over time and contact, growing stronger,

eventually leading to an obsession that could push them to die for her!

Now with the Gu's effects reversed, impacting the host herself,

she would start developing uncontrollable affectionate feelings for Lu Changsheng, growing into an obsession that would make her willing to die for him.

"Huff, huff, huff!"

Without further thought, Lu Changsheng launched a spell with a stack of Talismans and directed his Green-Face Sword to strike at her.

Even though private duels were forbidden within the Marketplace, and one could not start a fight, how could Lu Changsheng not counterattack when the girl in the purple dress had made a move against him?

“No, I must get away, get far away!”

“Escape the influence of the Lockheart Gu!”

The girl, seeing the spells and Flying Sword coming at her, did not dare hesitate further.

She formed a protective aura around her body and took out several Talismans to activate them, directly withstanding Lu Changsheng’s onslaught.

Then, with a groan, she turned into a shadow and made a rapid retreat.

At that moment, she couldn’t afford to think too much,

nor did she care about the Lockheart Gu that she had obtained with great difficulty, now falling into the hands of Lu Changsheng.

All she could think about was taking advantage of the moment, before the Lockheart Gu’s effects completely overtook her mind and thoughts, to quickly leave this place.

To get far, far away from where Lu Changsheng was.

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Otherwise, as time went by, the closer I got to her, the faster those feelings of love would permeate my heart.

By then, even if Lu Changsheng wanted to kill her, she would gladly accept it.

Lu Changsheng saw the purple-dressed woman turn into a shadow and disappear. He wanted to chase after her but decided it was no use.

She was too fast, and without using a talisman, he couldn’t catch up with her at all.

But once out of the alley, there was the main street.

With people coming and going on the road, it wasn't appropriate for him to use a bunch of talismans.

"Who exactly is she and why did she suddenly attack me?"

Lu Changsheng looked in the direction where the purple-dressed girl had vanished, filled with immense confusion.

He didn't know when he had offended her, for her to lash out so abruptly.

"Could it be when I was dealing with stolen goods, someone took notice?"

Lu Changsheng guessed inwardly.

But he felt that was unlikely.

If someone had been watching him, they wouldn't have made a move like that in the marketplace.

Afterward.

He looked at the small creature he had captured in his palm.

It was a tiny bug, less than an inch long and entirely blood-red in color.

"What is this?"

"A bug, Gu?"

Lu Changsheng gazed at the blood-red Gu writhing and appearing somewhat wilted in his hand, his eyebrows slightly furrowed.

"Could it be that she was trying to infest me with Gu just now?"

He remembered the moment the blood-red Gu bit him and how his mental spirit shuddered.

Immediately afterward, the Peach Blossom Gu between his eyebrows burst forth with a powerful will, suppressing the shudder, and Lu Changsheng had a vague speculation in his mind.

Since obtaining the Peach Blossom Gu, Lu Changsheng had also perused plenty of information about Gu.

He knew that, similar to demon beasts, the Gu were extremely sensitive to the quality of bloodline suppression.

For instance, a Nine Netherhound with a Heavenly-Rank bloodline could suppress ordinary demon beasts just by its presence.

This meant that demon beasts of a common bloodline would inherently feel weakened by three parts in spirit and combat strength when facing a Nine Netherhound.

And it was the same with Gu.

Even more so.

With the Peach Blossom Gu, a Heaven-Spirit Gu by his side, he could be immune to the effects of many Gu.

If other Gu tried to infest him, it was like they were challenging and offending the Peach Blossom Gu, which would provoke its instinctual resistance.

The response from the Peach Blossom Gu earlier perfectly matched this situation he was aware of.

At that moment.

The Peach Blossom Gu between his eyebrows sent out a faint ripple.

It was indicating he had just gained a wave of romance fortune.

“Romance fortune?”

“Out of the blue, where did this romance fortune come from?”

Lu Changsheng’s brows furrowed.

He felt it was quite inexplicable.

He didn’t understand where this wave of romance fortune had arisen from.

“Wait, could this romance fortune be coming from that purple-dressed girl?”

Lu Changsheng thought of the purple-dressed girl who had just fled.

“But how could there be romance fortune between us when I was just minding my business?”

“The Peach Blossom Gu has already harvested the romance fortune, which means there’s something developed between her and me, a connection.”

“But I am clearly a stranger to her; we’ve only seen each other once, so how come something developed between us just like that?”

At this moment, Lu Changsheng was completely puzzled.

He couldn’t figure out the purple-dressed girl’s situation.

Nor could he understand what was going on with this wave of romance fortune.

“Wait, I’ve read about a type of Gu in books before, called the Love Charm Gu.”

“This love gu is a pair of mother and child gu; the person possessing the mother gu can plant the child gu into someone else’s body, causing the victim to fall in love with them, forever unable to leave their side.”

“Could it be... this gu insect is the very love gu I once read about in ancient texts?”

“This woman in the purple dress wanted to cast a gu on me to make me fall in love with her, but due to the effect of the Peach Blossom Gu, I didn’t fall for her, and instead, she fell for me?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the blood-colored gu in his hand, his eyes narrowed slightly, giving rise to a speculation.

Although this speculation was too far-fetched.

In Lu Changsheng’s mind, it was the only possibility.

A possibility that could barely be justified.

Otherwise, he really couldn’t understand.

“If that’s really the case, isn’t it too far-fetched?”

Lu Changsheng couldn’t help shaking his head.

He sighed inwardly, thinking that if it were true, the Peach Blossom Gu’s fortune in love was way too domineering.

Wasn’t this just a forced gift?

He had never even met the person before.

And yet, out of the blue, here came a wave of peach blossom luck.

“But the love gu shouldn’t work like this, should it?”

“The love gu is divided into mother and child gu, with the host’s body containing the mother gu, and requiring the child gu to be implanted into the target’s body.”

“Only then will the target fall in love with the host, thus being inseparable for life.”

“This gu bit me, and under the will and pressure of the Peach Blossom Gu, it immediately tried to escape, which clearly doesn’t align with the way the love gu is supposed to work.”

“Or could it be said that this is a gu similar to the love gu?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the blood-colored gu in his hand.

And felt it didn’t quite match the description of the love gu he had read about in his books.

“Forget it, too lazy to think about it.”

Lu Changsheng was too lazy to keep pondering over it.

He touched the wound on his neck.

It was just a small wound, already almost healed.

He thought this blood-colored gu was quite powerful.

One should know, he had cultivated the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, and his physical body was comparable to a magic artifact.

Yet this blood-colored gu managed to breach his defenses with just one bite.

“However, this Peach Blossom Gu is really something else, good as it is, but every time it’s a bit unfathomable.”

“Moreover, if not careful, it could easily turn into a disaster, becoming a peach blossom calamity.”

Lu Changsheng was somewhat weary of this inexplicable fortune in love.

Every time he encountered luck in love, it was accompanied by incidents.

Especially the first time, he was directly presented with a Golden Core Lady.

If there had been a slight mishap, it would have turned into a peach blossom calamity.

But to give up the Peach Blossom Gu? He was also reluctant to let go.

“At least the benefits of having the Peach Blossom Gu outweigh the disadvantages. Not only do I gain more luck in love, but I’m also immune to the effects of most gu insects.”

“Otherwise, like in this situation, I would have been in danger.”

“Falling head over heels in love with someone because of a love gu, wouldn’t that just ruin me?”

Lu Changsheng muttered to himself.

“Sigh, cultivators have a thousand and one tricks, truly leaving one unable to guard against them.”

“I need to be more careful in the future, stay vigilant. Although private fights are forbidden in the marketplace, that doesn’t mean there are no dangers.”

Lu Changsheng took a deep breath and exhaled slowly.

Reflecting on the recent events, he acknowledged that he had indeed been lacking caution, which resulted in a passive situation.

“But now, what should I do with this thing?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the blood-colored gu in his hand.

Suddenly pondering how to deal with the gu insect.

PS: Although I’m ashamed to ask for a monthly pass with this update.

But today I saw in the group chat that there is a raffle for a thousand monthly passes, and currently I have 911, so I humbly appeal—if you have a monthly pass, please cast one for this author. Tomorrow is the end of the month, and the pass will expire if not used.

Once I recover in the next few days, I’ll try to increase the update rate, thanks a lot!!!
Thanks!!!

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“Based on my guess, this should be a type of Lockheart Gu insect,”

“That purple-dressed woman just now was bitten back by this Gu, which caused her to develop feelings for me, bringing me a wave of romantic luck,”

“Generally speaking, if the Gu insect dies, its effects will disappear as well,”

“Therefore, this Gu cannot be killed, not only can it not be killed, but it must be well cared for, so that there is a chance for revenge in the future!”

Lu Changsheng looked at the listless blood-colored Gu in his hand and silently thought.

The purple-dressed woman attacked him out of the blue, laying the Gu on him in an attempt to harm him clandestinely.

If it hadn't been for the Peach Blossom Gu by his side, he might have fallen for it, becoming her devoted lackey.

Such a great vengeance could not easily be let go of!

It must be avenged fiercely!

If he were to kill the Gu right now, causing the effect on her to dissipate, that would be tantamount to letting her off the hook.

So, he decided to raise the Gu well.

As long as he had this Gu in hand, he would have an additional means of control when he encountered her in the future.

“Speaking of which, can I refine this Gu to serve me?”

Lu Changsheng's eyes narrowed slightly as he suddenly thought.

From the recent situation, he could clearly feel that this Gu was not ordinary.

It was not a regular Gu.

If he could refine it, he might be able to figure out its effects and use it for himself.

“Such matters cannot be tried lightly.”

“I will look into information on Gu insects later to see if I can find anything about this particular one.” S~earch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“After all, Gu insects are not something to be trifled with. They are ferocious and difficult to refine,”

“I was able to refine the Peach Blossom Gu only because I drew it from the system.”

“This Gu insect is not simple. Now, if I attempt to refine and tame it while it has a master, one misstep and there’s a good chance of trouble, or even backlash,”

Lu Changsheng immediately dismissed the idea of refining this Gu.

As of now, he did not even know what type of Gu this was or what the situation entailed.

If he were to rashly refine it, there could very well be unforeseen accidents.

After all, having refined the Peach Blossom Gu in the past let him know that refining a Gu insect was not easy.

If it hadn’t been for the fact that the Peach Blossom Gu was drawn from the system, offering no resistance and actively cooperating with him, he wouldn’t have been able to refine it at all.

This Gu insect, though not as remarkable as the Peach Blossom Gu, was clearly extraordinary.

Refinement would certainly not be simple.

Immediately,

Lu Changsheng took out a jade box from his storage bag.

He placed the listless blood-colored Gu inside.

And he took out a sealing talisman to stick on the top, to prevent the Gu from escaping.

Then he found a magic artifact shop.

He spent thirty spirit stones to buy a Gu container specially for holding Gu insects.

He also spent fifty spirit stones to purchase a Spiritual Pet Bag.

Storage bags could not contain living things.

Even with the Gu container, the blood-colored Gu could only be placed in the Spiritual Pet Bag, not in the storage bag.

And the only Spiritual Pet Bag he had was the one given by the Lu Family for the Iron Feather Eagle.

So he bought one for himself.

In the future, it would be useful for the Nine Netherhound as well.

Moreover, creatures like demon beasts and Gu insects should preferably not be kept together if they are of different species.

Otherwise, there might be an accident.

Lu Changsheng also did not trust having the blood-colored Gu together with the Iron Feather Eagle.

After completing all these tasks, Lu Changsheng headed back home.

Meanwhile,

A purple-dressed young woman left the Nine Dragons Market in a rush.

“What on earth is going on?”

“How could he possibly have such a treasure, a heavenly-grade Gu insect like the Lockheart Gu!”

At this moment, Meng Xiaochan still could not believe what had just transpired.

It felt almost like a dream.

If it weren't for the fact that the Lockheart Gu was not in her hand and the lingering affection in her heart, she would truly feel as if she were dreaming.

She couldn't believe that the Lockheart Gu, which she obtained after so much painstaking effort, was gone just like that.

Not only was the Lockheart Gu gone, but she also suffered a backlash from the Gu insect, putting herself in the pitfall and suffering losses.

“Damn it! I must kill him and take back the Lockheart Gu!”

“Otherwise, even if I flee far away and never see him again, the Lockheart Gu will continue to affect me!”

Meng Xiaochan clenched her teeth, a dark hatred flashing in her eyes.

However, as this thought emerged, her heart suddenly trembled with pain.

The handsome face of Lu Changsheng appeared in her mind, making her feel affectionate.

She wondered how she could have such thoughts, how she could harm him.

“Huu huu huu!”

“Such a terrifying Lockheart Gu, such a domineering Lockheart Gu!”

Meng Xiaochan covered her aching chest, breathing lightly.

After a moment, she formed a spiritual art with her hands, touched her forehead, and calmed her restless mental spirit, her eyes filled with determination.

“No, I can’t think of him anymore, otherwise the Lockheart Gu will keep influencing me subtly, and its effects will become stronger and stronger.”

“I must break through to Foundation Establishment as soon as possible; only then can I hope to break free from the Lockheart Gu’s influence and restrictions!”

“The Purple Shadow Secret Realm is about to open, and if I can make some gains within, get someone to refine a Foundation Establishment Elixir for me, then I have a seventy percent chance of achieving Foundation Establishment successfully!”

Meng Xiaochan dared not continue to dwell on it.

She took out a leaf-shaped flying magic artifact from her storage bag, turned into a ray of light, and quickly left.

Lu Changsheng returned home as usual.

He didn’t give much thought to the matter with the purple-dressed young woman.

Mainly because the whole affair was too bewildering for him.

He was completely clueless and could not make heads or tails of it.

After chatting with his wives and maids and finishing dinner,

he fell asleep slowly with the company of his three wives.

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The next day, Lu Changsheng arrived at the Ink Cloud Pavilion.

It was a shop where he often purchased books.

The shop mainly sold Cultivation Techniques and Spells.

As well as things related to the Cultivation World, such as records of marvels, local customs, and societal conditions.

Lu Changsheng asked the shopkeeper for a few tomes about Gu insects.

“Lu Dongjia, the price will be nine Spirit Stones,”

said the bookstore shopkeeper as he handed three tomes to Lu Changsheng.

Lu Changsheng didn’t bargain.

In the Cultivation World, there was a significant monopoly on knowledge, so the price of books had always been quite high.

And these were just ordinary books.

For Spells and Cultivation Techniques, prices started from several tens of Spirit Stones and could go up to several hundreds.

He had previously inquired about the value of a Second Transformation inheritance of the Hundred Arts of Cultivation.

The other party indicated that it depended on which art it was.

And a Second Transformation inheritance could vary in quality; it would be appraised based on the situation.

Through several casual conversations, Lu Changsheng had estimated the value of the Second Transformation Beast Taming inheritance he had initially obtained.

That inheritance could sell for at least a thousand Spirit Stones.

However, selling it would require signing a contract and swearing an oath to the Heart Demon, agreeing not to sell or leak any relevant information again.

So, as he was not particularly short on money at the moment, Lu Changsheng had not sold the Second Transformation Beast Taming inheritance.

After storing the three books, Lu Changsheng returned to the Spiritual Talisman Shop and began reading.

After spending a morning, Lu Changsheng finished reading the three books.

“It seems the bloody Gu insect is rarer and more unusual than I imagined,”

Lu Changsheng set down the book in his hands and exhaled lightly.

The three books introduced a lot of information and knowledge about Gu insects.

They also covered many common ones.

But he did not find any information related to that bloody Gu.

“This is also within my expectations; that bloody Gu is obviously not an ordinary one,”

“Most of the Gu insects introduced in these three books are either mortal or spiritual Gu.”

“The bloody Gu is most likely a Mysterious Spirit Gu, or even an Earth Spirit Gu,”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

As for a Heavenly Spirit Gu, he deemed it unlikely.

Because his own Peach Blossom Gu was a Heavenly Spirit Gu.

If that bloody Gu were a Heavenly Spirit Gu, there would not be incidents of the Gu insect rebelling against its master.

From browsing the books, he learned that Gu insects rebelling is a rare event.

It only occurs when there is a difference of a full rank between the Gu insects, and there is a certain disparity in strength.

Although his Peach Blossom Gu was a Heavenly Spirit Gu, its strength was not very impressive.

It was currently only at the peak of the First Transformation.

Only when its master, himself, broke through the Foundation Establishment stage could it break through to the Second Transformation.

So, Lu Changsheng guessed that the bloody Gu was at most an Earth Spirit Gu.

Thinking this, Lu Changsheng took the Gu jar out of the Spiritual Pet Bag.

He opened the jar lid to check on the bloody Gu insect.

It still looked listless.

“Will this thing starve to death if it’s kept like this?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the half-dead appearance of the bloody Gu insect and frowned slightly.

After all, Gu insects needed to eat.

The Peach Blossom Gu was quite special.

It lived on the fortunes of peach blossoms.

It didn’t need him to feed it normally.

But he did not know what the bloody Gu insect ate.

It would be rather embarrassing if it starved to death.

After some thought, Lu Changsheng tried the most straightforward method.

He took out a variety of Spirit Food and Spiritual Objects from the Storage Bag, putting them into the Gu jar to see if it would eat anything.

After several attempts, Lu Changsheng saw that a so-called ‘Blood Spirit Nectar’ caught the bloody Gu insect’s interest, and it began to lick it.

“Good,”

Seeing the bloody Gu insect eating, Lu Changsheng immediately felt relieved.

He let it eat a drop and then stored the Blood Spirit Nectar away.

He planned to drop one or two drops every few days.

Keeping it in this barely alive, listless state was enough.

If it got too healthy and escaped, what would he do then?

In the blink of an eye, over half a month passed.

One day, Lu Changsheng received a notification from White Jade Tower.

They reported that a batch of Maids for members had arrived and asked if Lu Changsheng was interested.

If he was, he could go and learn more about it.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng immediately went to White Jade Tower.

He wanted to see what these so-called member-exclusive Maids were like.

But after learning about them and seeing them, Lu Changsheng promptly bid farewell to Feng Jiuniang.

These Maids were indeed excellent.

Both in looks and figure, they were the best of the best.

Not only did they possess Spiritual Root aptitudes,

but they also cultivated some form of furnace Dual Cultivation Technique, beneficial for cultivation, and even for breaking through realms.

But the price was too expensive.

Even the cheapest one started at a thousand Spirit Stones.

Casually, it amounted to several thousand Spirit Stones.

Faced with such prices, Lu Changsheng naturally could only take his leave.

“Sigh, I really am too poor,”

“White Jade Tower is definitely not a place I can afford to patronize at my current stage,”

Lu Changsheng couldn't help but shake his head as he left White Jade Tower.

He could afford regular Maids at White Jade Tower,

but those with Spiritual Roots at a certain level were beyond his means without an unexpected windfall; his regular income couldn't support such an expenditure.

“However, I'm pretty much set for now with wives and Maids; there's no need to buy more at the moment,”

“I've already spent quite a sum on wives and Maids,”

“There are significant daily expenses there as well,”

“If I keep spending money there, it would even affect my own living,”

“Besides, I plan to return to Qingzhu Mountain soon, so there’s really no need to add more Maids,”

“The residences in Nine Dragons Market are already close to capacity,”

Lu Changsheng walked along the street, thinking to himself.

He had come here this time just to see for himself.

If there were suitable, affordable Maids, he might have considered adding one or two.

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If there’s none, there’s naturally no need for it.

After all, the income from the Lu Family and his own sales of talismans to Hong Yi and the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Altogether, it only comes to two or three hundred Spirit Stones a month.

Compared to before, it could naturally be considered a substantial amount.

But with so many wives and children, and their diet consisting of Spirit Rice, spiritual vegetables, Spiritual Tea, and demon beast meat, it’s also quite an expense.

Lu Changsheng had calculated that these expenses amounted to seventy or eighty Spirit Stones each month.

He would occasionally buy small gifts and trinkets for his wives and children, which also cost a pretty penny.

Add to that his own cultivation needs for purchasing Elixir Medicines, as well as routine purchases, and he spends a considerable amount of Spirit Stones.

So, he hadn’t saved many Spirit Stones.

Like the Second Rank Puppet he crafted, it still hadn’t been fitted with Middle Grade Spirit Stones.

It was because he couldn't save much money.

"However, now that I've revealed myself as a Superior Grade Talisman Master, once I can stably provide Superior Grade Talismans after some time, my income will increase significantly."

Lu Changsheng let out a sigh.

Although he is known to the outside world as a Superior Grade Talisman Master.

His success rate in Talisman Making will have to be steadily demonstrated, it can't happen overnight.

So, the talismans he usually crafts, as well as those for the Lu Family's missions, still tend to be of the Middle Grade.

Once he can stably reveal Superior Grade Talismans, his income within the Lu Family will increase significantly.

"Moreover, at this stage, what matters most to me is the improvement of my strength and cultivation level."

"With the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, once I've converted all my spiritual power into Seven Luminaries spiritual power, I will be able to consume Elixir Medicines without any inhibitions."

"And raise my cultivation level and strength at the fastest speed!"

"As long as my strength and cultivation level increase, not only will my income increase, but finding wives and maids will also become much easier."

Lu Changsheng pondered in his heart.

Planning to focus his energy mainly on cultivation for the upcoming period.

If his strength increased, what man would lack in wives and concubines!

After all, in this world, cultivation level and strength are paramount.

With strength, fairies, goddesses, witches, princesses, and empresses were not an issue.

Half a month later.

Inside the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Lu Changsheng was crafting talismans.

When he heard from Zhang Shan that Lu Miaoge had arrived.

He immediately went downstairs to greet her.

“Changsheng.”

When Lu Miaoge saw Lu Changsheng, she smiled and nodded.

She was still dressed in her snow-white garments, her face as clear and exquisite as the snow itself, her hair lightly tied and cascading down her back, exuding an ethereal and elegant charm.

“Sister Miaoge, you’re here.”

“I’m sorry to trouble you this time.”

Lu Changsheng said to Lu Miaoge in a familiar manner.

Afterwards, he went with Lu Miaoge to the third floor, picked up the Spiritual Tea from the table, and poured her a cup.

“It’s no trouble, I’m not busy usually.”

Lu Miaoge said softly, her voice clear and melodiously captivating.

“I’ve still inconvenienced you.”

“But if you have other matters and need to leave, just let me know, and I’ll come over.”

“I don’t have much to attend to on this trip back, so I can come over at any time.”

Lu Changsheng spoke up.

He intended to return mainly to focus on his cultivation and spend more time with his wives and children.

It wasn’t to say that he wouldn’t come back after returning.

Although he didn’t care much for the income of this Spiritual Talisman Shop.

It would still be somewhat inconvenient on Qingzhu Mountain.

In due time, he would also need to visit Nine Dragons Marketplace to buy some things or handle some matters.

“Okay, got it.”

Lu Miaoge nodded lightly.

She then smiled and said, “By the way, congratulations on becoming a Superior Grade Talisman Master.”

“It was just a stroke of luck, not comparable to you, Sister Miaoge. I also owe a lot to your guidance back then.”

At these words, Lu Changsheng smiled.

When both he and Lu Miaoge were at the Spiritual Talisman Shop, she would occasionally pay attention to his progress in Talisman Making and teach him the craft.

Though he didn’t need it, her guidance was a kind gesture.

Saying this now was to reinforce their relationship, as it had been quite a while since he’d seen Lu Miaoge.

“When do you plan to return to Qingzhu Mountain?”

Lu Miaoge asked with a light smile.

“The Second Elder is about ready to go back, so I plan to return with him.”

Lu Changsheng replied.

With the Second Elder present, he naturally prepared to hitch a ride on the tailwind.

At the same time, he would bring Lu Zi’er, Lu Qing’er, and Little Qing back with him.

The other maids, on the other hand, would stay in Nine Dragons Marketplace for the time being.

After all, the house was rented for five years; he would have to come back at that time.

Moreover, keeping the maids here would provide him with an extra reason to return to Nine Dragons Marketplace in the future.

“Good, then I will stay here for the time being.”

“When you want to return, just let me know in advance.”

Lu Miaoge nodded slightly.

Afterward, the two of them chatted for a while, talking about past events involving Lu Miaoyang and topics related to Talisman Making.

Seeing that their conversation was winding down, Lu Changsheng invited Lu Miaoge to have a meal at Jade Meal Pavilion.

Upon arriving at Jade Meal Pavilion and seeing Yu Maocheng, he too informed him of his plans.

He conveyed that he would be returning to Qingzhu Mountain and that any matters could be addressed to him there through the mail.

Although there probably wouldn't be any issues, and he wasn't leaving never to return, he still felt the need to notify this long-time acquaintance and friend.

Once home, he also informed Gao He of his plans.

As for Xia Long, he was not at home.

He remembered that the last time he saw him was three to four months ago.

He couldn't help but worry about his neighbor, fearing that something unexpected might have happened to him.

In the blink of an eye, another half month passed.

That day, the Second Elder sent someone to the Spiritual Talisman Shop to inform Lu Changsheng of his return to Qingzhu Mountain.

Lu Changsheng inquired about the number of spots available on the Second Elder's Flying Boat.

But he was told there were three spots.

"Only three spots?"

Lu Changsheng furrowed his brow upon hearing this.

He had planned to take Lu Zi'er, Lu Qing'er, and Little Qing back with him this time.

If there were only three spots, that meant only the three ladies could take the Flying Boat while he would have to ride the Iron Feather Eagle.

"Changsheng, if you are bringing a large entourage of wives, concubines, and maids, you can hire a Spirit Boat to take you back."

Seeing Lu Changsheng's expression, Lu Miaoge spoke up.

She knew that on this trip back, Lu Changsheng intended to spend some time with his wives and children, and to rest and relax.

Under such circumstances, he would naturally bring his wives and maids back with him.

“Oh, they have that service within the Marketplace?”

Lu Changsheng was somewhat surprised to hear this.

He had been in Nine Dragons Marketplace for quite a while and was unaware that one could hire a Spirit Boat to transport people.

If that was the case, he thought of taking Guan Xin, Yu Yao, Shao Yuyao, Xiao Yueru, Yun Qianqian, and the five children back to Qingzhu Mountain as well.

After all,

he planned to spend a long time on Qingzhu Mountain, focusing on his cultivation and spending time with his family.

It would be better to have all his consorts and children stay at Qingzhu Mountain.

Although the matter with the Lu Family Ancestor had made the situation for the Lu Family not very optimistic,

there was no need to be too concerned for at least the next few years.

“Within the Marketplace, the Spiritual Boat Pavilion handles the business of transporting cultivators; they usually travel between it and several other marketplaces.”

“You can charter a Spirit Boat directly to Qingzhu Mountain, but as for the price, I am not quite sure,” said Lu Miaoge, her face lovely and her voice soft and gentle.

“Alright, thank you, Sister Miaoge. I will go to the Spiritual Boat Pavilion and ask,” Lu Changsheng replied immediately upon hearing her words.

He was aware of the Spiritual Boat Pavilion.

They not only sold Flying Boats and Spirit Boats,

but also had seven or eight large Spirit Boats specifically for transporting cultivators and goods,

conducting trades with other marketplaces and powers.

However, he hadn't realized they also offered charters.

Without delay, Lu Changsheng left and headed to the Spiritual Boat Pavilion.

He inquired about the price to charter a Spirit Boat to Qingzhu Mountain.

After asking about the number of passengers, the person in charge at the Spiritual Boat Pavilion told Lu Changsheng that it would cost a total of one hundred sixty Spirit Stones.

On hearing the price, Lu Changsheng's first thought was that it was expensive.

He wanted to bargain,

but the other party immediately stated that they did not negotiate prices,

saying that this type of charter included personal escorts to ensure safety.

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded,

paid a deposit of fifty Spirit Stones, and reserved a Spirit Boat.

They were scheduled to depart three days later, heading straight for Qingzhu Mountain.

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Three days later.

Lu Changsheng said goodbye to Lu Miaoge, then took his wives and concubines on a spirit boat from the Spiritual Boat Pavilion back to Qingzhu Mountain.

This spirit boat was also a small flying boat.

But it could seat a total of fifteen people.

Apart from Lu Changsheng and his family, the Pavilion also arranged for a cultivator to control the spirit boat.

They also provided two cultivators at the Energy Refinement Late Stage as escorts,

to prevent any dangers or accidents along the way.

This made Lu Changsheng nod in approval, thinking to himself that although the one hundred and sixty spirit stones were expensive, they were worth the cost.

Moreover, with the reputation of the Spiritual Boat Pavilion, not many robber cultivators would dare to mess with its flying boats.

A day and a half later.

The spirit boat landed steadily on Qingzhu Mountain.

“Let’s go.”

Lu Changsheng, accompanied by the women, descended from the spirit boat and entered Qingzhu Mountain.

If it had been before, bringing so many wives and maids back to Qingzhu Mountain wouldn’t have been good.

But now, having become a high-ranking talisman master, his benefits, treatment, and status had all been elevated.

So bringing a few wives and maids home was no longer a problem.

However, it was still necessary to report and register upon arrival.

Afterward, Lu Changsheng led the women to Qingzhu Villa to report to Uncle Fu.

Uncle Fu looked at Lu Changsheng, accompanied by eight women, each of whom was holding a baby, and didn’t know what to say for a moment.

He vaguely remembered the scene several years ago when Lu Changsheng returned with Qu Zhenzhen and two foreign women.

But such matters were not for him to comment on.

After all, Lu Changsheng had never neglected his duties.

He had even recently been promoted to a high-ranking talisman master.

Now, his status in the Lu Family was even higher than that of a manager like himself.

So naturally, he couldn’t preach or give advice.

In the end, he simply congratulated him, noting that young people have vigor, but they should also take care of their health.

As the saying goes, youth is often spent without valuing health, leaving one in tears in old age.

Lu Changsheng understood that Uncle Fu meant well and nodded with a smile, assuring him that he was aware and had things under control.

He then took the women back to his residence in Qingzhu Valley.

When Lu Changsheng returned home with the women, Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

his arrival with eight young women and five children was witnessed by many of the Lu Family Disciples.

This quickly spread throughout the entire Lu Family, causing much gossip.

“Lu Changsheng used to come back carrying three children, and now suddenly it’s five!”

“Are these all kids from Changsheng’s concubines outside?”

“I heard rumors before that Lu Changsheng had dozens of concubines outside, now it seems it wasn’t just a rumor!”

“Brother-in-law Changsheng’s wives and maids, taken together, must add up to more than twenty by now, right?”

“Too few, you’re thinking too narrow. Just here in Qingzhu Mountain, we have twenty, how can you be sure Lu Changsheng doesn’t have concubines in the marketplace or in the secular world?”

“You can tell, Brother Changsheng really loves having children!”

“Speaking of which, why did Changsheng bring so many wives and concubines back this time? Wasn’t he managing shops in Nine Dragons Market?”

“I did hear about it. Brother Changsheng recently became a high-ranking talisman master, so he came back this time to focus quietly on the talisman path.”

“What, Lu Changsheng became a high-ranking talisman master already!”

“Hiss, a high-ranking talisman master, it hasn’t been that long, and Brother Changsheng has already been promoted to high-ranking talisman master!?”

“No way, with all this marrying and having kids, how does he have the energy to focus on the talisman path!”

“Last time, Cheng took me to Spring Abundance Building for three days of fun, and I was shaky all that time, my concentration suffered.”

“Maybe this is just extraordinary talent.”

The Lu Family Disciples were abuzz with discussion.

Many felt envious and even had their beliefs challenged upon learning of Lu Changsheng’s actions and his promotion to high-ranking talisman master.

After all, the Lu Family had always taught them that everything was inferior, only cultivation was supreme!

“Work hard in cultivation for the contribution to the family!”

“Only with undivided focus on the path of cultivation can one achieve success!”

Now, seeing Lu Changsheng’s completely different approach, yet excelling in the Talisman Path, caused them to doubt.

They began to question whether constantly striving in cultivation but still seeing Foundation Establishment as distant was meaningful or worthwhile.

The Immortal Seedlings that had come to the Lu Family with Lu Changsheng as his followers couldn’t help but sigh upon hearing this.

They felt a sense of unbelievable magic.

The next day, the Family Head, Lu Yuanding, came to talk to Lu Changsheng.

He expressed that there was naturally no problem with Lu Changsheng taking wives and concubines.

Bringing them back was also not an issue.

However, he hoped that in the future, Lu Changsheng would not bring so many maids and children back at once.

Or at least to keep a lower profile when coming back,

Otherwise, it would not leave a good impression.

Faced with such remarks, Lu Changsheng naturally nodded in agreement.

He said that he had brought more maids and children back this time because he wanted to spend time with his wives and to concentrate on talismans in the tranquility of Qingzhu Mountain;

he assured that it wouldn't happen again next time.

"Good, as long as you're aware that's fine,"

Seeing Lu Changsheng respond in this manner, Lu Yuanding did not pursue the matter further.

Such issues really weren't major concerns.

It was just that Lu Changsheng's behavior had somewhat affected the atmosphere of Qingzhu Mountain.

So he had come to give a gentle reminder.

Otherwise, with Lu Changsheng now a high-ranking talisman master, how could he possibly continue to find fault in matters of taking concubines and raising children?

Moreover, he himself had once said,

That the matters of taking wives and concubines were Lu Changsheng's own business, and the Lu Family would not interfere.

"Could it be that Lu Changsheng is really going to do as he once said, marry a hundred women and father hundreds of children?"

After leaving Lu Changsheng's residence, Lu Yuanding suddenly thought.

Initially, he had taken those words as an exaggeration.

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