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Chapter 301: The 369 Ranks of Foundation Establishment!_3

Under the washing of this cool spiritual power, the violent and scorching medicinal force within Lu Changsheng gradually smoothed out.

It also made the intense pain from his burning flesh and blood disappear by a large extent.

At this moment, Lu Changsheng wasn't distracted by the fairy's fragrant lips.

Instead, he began to perform the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

He swiftly refined the huge and pure medicinal strength of the Golden Crow Elixir.

He could see the scorching medicinal force of the Golden Crow Elixir, under the influence of Xiao Xiyue's cool spiritual energy, slowly transform into a firebird resembling a golden crow, leisurely wandering through his limbs and meridians.

During this process, Lu Changsheng not only felt his cultivation level crazily increase.

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His flesh and blood, meridians, and inner organs were also being washed and condensed.

If it hadn't been for his cultivation of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, with his flesh having withstood thousands of trials, the effect of this force on his physical body would've been even more remarkable.

Just like that, time ticked away bit by bit.

Half a month passed.

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes.

His eyes were bright and spirited, his body felt unprecedentedly comfortable.

He exhaled a breath of stale air.

Looking inward at his Qi Ocean Core.

The seven-colored Dan lake surged like an ocean, its aura robust.

At this moment, his cultivation had reached the pinnacle of Qi Refinement.

With just a few more months of polishing his spiritual power, ensuring it was well-rounded to his satisfaction, he could then prepare for the Foundation Establishment.

“Hiss, this speed!”

Lu Changsheng also found the speed of his increase in cultivation level to be shocking.

After all, according to his own forecast.

Even with the assistance of elixir medicines, reaching Qi Refinement Perfection would still take three to five years.

But now, after just a short while, his spiritual power had already achieved Qi Refinement Perfection.

This made him realize even more the extraordinariness of that Golden Crow Elixir.

Not just the Golden Crow Elixir, but also the spiritual energy that Xiao Xiyue had transferred into his body.

“Hmm? Why is this thing still here?”

Lu Changsheng noticed a small golden crow slowly moving within his seven-colored Dan lake.

It was the fiery bird that had roamed through his meridians during the refinement of the Golden Crow Elixir.

“Changsheng, you’re awake.”

Xiao Xiyue, looking at Lu Changsheng waking up, revealed a faint, gentle smile.

Perhaps due to transferring too much spiritual energy to Lu Changsheng, she looked slightly pale.

“Xi Yue, you’ve worked hard.”

Lu Changsheng, seeing Xiao Xiyue looking like this, knew it was due to helping him refine the elixir.

He held her hand, expressing his gratitude.

He then inquired, “Xi Yue, why is there a small golden crow roaming about in my Dan lake?”

“That is the most precious Great Sun Essence of the Golden Crow Elixir.”

“When you break through to Foundation Establishment, this strand of Great Sun Essence will solidify your base, ensuring you can gather an unblemished Dao Foundation, and you might even have the chance to coalesce a Great Sun Dao Foundation.”

“However, the foundation of your spiritual power is several times more robust than I expected. Even without this strand of Great Sun Essence, you’d be able to form a perfect Foundation Base on your own.”

Xiao Xiyue explained aloud.

“A perfect Foundation Base, a Great Sun Dao Foundation?”

“Xi Yue, does Foundation Establishment also have various levels?”

Lu Changsheng, upon hearing this, was somewhat surprised.

He knew that once one's spiritual power was well-rounded and satisfactory after achieving Qi Refinement Perfection, one could prepare for Foundation Establishment.

Break through the three barriers of Foundation Establishment, transform the Dan lake into a true sea, raise a Dao platform, shed the mortal body, and build a Dao Foundation, becoming a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!

He cultivated in the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, and after breaking through Foundation Establishment, a Dao platform constructed by the seven luminaries' spiritual power would be raised in the Dan lake.

This Dao platform was also known as the Seven Luminaries Dao Platform.

But now, from Xiao Xiyue's words, it seemed that there were indeed varying levels of Dao Foundations.

"You don't know, Changsheng?"

Xiao Xiyue, on hearing this, looked somewhat surprised.

But then she remembered the Lu Family Lu Changsheng belonged to was only a Foundation Establishment Family.

And since Lu Changsheng had always been humble about his cultivation level, it was normal for him to not have come across this information.

She proceeded to explain to Lu Changsheng, "Yes, when you strike for Foundation Establishment, after you break through the three barriers, a Dao platform rises from the Dan lake."

"The platform radiates bright light, circulates throughout the body, sheds the mortal form, this is Foundation Establishment."

“But depending on the different cultivation techniques, one’s own foundation, the resulting Dao platform also has levels of superiority and inferiority.”

“If one is old, with declining vitality and blood, a baseless foundation, or if the divine sense is weak, even if they pass the three Foundation Establishment barriers and succeed, the raised Dao platform will have flaws and cracks.”

“Such a Foundation Establishment is called a flawed Dao Foundation, or even a shattered Dao Foundation.”

“If the platform is riddled with too many flaws and cracks, it not only affects the speed and power of cultivation but also makes it much more difficult to break through bottlenecks and to form a Core later on.”

“A Dao platform that rises flawless and perfect is called an unblemished Dao Foundation, which offers a prospect of forming a Core in the future.”

“Above the unblemished Dao Foundation lies the Perfect Foundation Base.”

“It is formed on the basis of being flawless and perfect by cultivating a technique that is in harmony with oneself, or with the help of Foundation Establishment Spiritual Objects or treasures that match oneself, allowing the individual Dao platform to ascend to greater heights.”

“I am endowed with the Moonlight Spirit Body and cultivate the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique, so if I succeed in Foundation Establishment, I can forge a Perfect Yin Moon Dao Foundation.”

“And the Great Sun Dao Foundation also belongs to a perfect Foundation Establishment.”

Xiao Xiyue uttered these words.

“A flawed Dao Foundation, an unblemished Dao Foundation, a Perfect Foundation Base.”

Lu Changsheng nodded upon hearing this.

It was only now that he learned about the various levels of Foundation Establishment.

But he wasn't surprised by this.

After all, he hadn't heard the detailed classifications of Foundation Establishment, but he knew there were divisions such as True Core and False Core in forming a Core.

Under such circumstances, differing levels of the Dao platform during Foundation Establishment was quite normal.

"I cultivate the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, and when I raise the Dao platform from the Dan lake, it will be a Seven Luminaries Dao Platform."

"According to Xi Yue's description, it should be considered a perfect Foundation Base, right?"

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

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"Is my Dao Foundation a perfect Foundation Establishment?"

Lu Changsheng asked aloud.

He felt that his Seven Luminaries Dao Foundation was most likely a perfect Foundation.

But he still asked for confirmation.

After all, when it comes to Foundation Establishment, carelessness is not an option.

Moreover, Xiao Xiyue had told him all her personal secrets like the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique and the Moonlight Spirit Body.

Revealing a bit of his Cultivation Technique information was nothing in comparison.

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“Seven Luminaries Sword Scripture, Seven Luminaries Dao Foundation?”

Xiao Xiyue naturally had not heard of this Cultivation Technique.

But from the words “Seven Luminaries Dao Foundation,” she knew it was at least a top-notch Peripheral Sect Level Cultivation Technique.

Because only techniques of this level could condense a Dao Foundation that matched the technique itself.

After pondering for a moment, she said, “I’m not certain about this.”

“But before, I noticed that your foundation is robust, Changsheng. If you succeed in Foundation Establishment, your Dao Platform will undoubtedly be flawless.”

“If this technique is compatible with you and you have Cultivated it without issue, then it is very likely a perfect Dao Foundation.”

Xiao Xiyue said somewhat uncertainly.

After all, she was just an Energy Refining Cultivator.

She only knew so much about Foundation Establishment because Yun Wanshang was about to do it and had imparted much knowledge and experience to her.

She had also read through a lot of information on the topic and was more knowledgeable.

But she couldn’t draw many conclusions from Lu Changsheng’s brief description.

“If I was originally able to create a perfect Foundation Establishment, would this thread of Great Sun Essence have any impact?”

Lu Changsheng continued to ask.

So far, he had not felt any drawbacks from the thread of Great Sun Essence.

But he didn't know if it would have any impact.

"Changsheng, you can be at ease about this,"

"Great Sun Essence is a rare treasure of heaven and earth; it will only make your foundation more robust, and it's beneficial for your Foundation Establishment."

"It might even take your Seven Luminaries Dao Foundation to a higher level."

Xiao Xiyue declared at once.

She then explained to Lu Changsheng many details about Foundation Establishment, sharing with him knowledge and her experience.

For instance, what to pay attention to when striking at Foundation Establishment, passing through the three barriers.

How to maximize the success rate of Foundation Establishment.

During Foundation Establishment, how to choose Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects.

How to select the Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects most compatible with oneself.

In addition to the perfect Foundation under the compatibility of one's Cultivation Technique, there are also the Great Sun Dao Foundation, Taiyin Dao Foundation, Geng Metal Dao Foundation, Five Elements Dao Foundation, Three Flowers Gathered Atop Dao Foundation, Five Qi towards Yuan Dao Foundation...

Learning all this information about Foundation Establishment made Lu Changsheng widen his eyes.

He couldn't help feeling amazed that even something as simple as Foundation Establishment had so many intricacies involved.

No wonder countless Loose Cultivators would join a force in exchange for just a bit of insight into Foundation Establishment, essentially risking their lives for it.

Because this knowledge is indeed important.

It's greatly helpful for an ordinary Cultivator's Foundation Establishment.

And ordinary Loose Cultivators simply couldn't access this kind of information and had no choice but to commit themselves to a power.

"If I demonstrated the strength of a Cultivator at the peak of Qi Refinement, the Lu Family would also give me such insights into Foundation Establishment."

"But the understanding and insights of Foundation Establishment from the Lu Family are definitely not as profound as Xiao Xiyue's," Lu Changsheng reflected inwardly.

He realized once again at this moment the benefits of joining a major force.

But the fact that Xiao Xiyue knew so much was also because behind her stood Qingyun Sect, one of the Four Great Immortal Sects of Jiang Country, and she had a Nascent Soul mentor.

Otherwise, an ordinary disciple from an Immortal Sect wouldn't necessarily know so much.

"Xi Yue, these are the Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects I have prepared for myself. Which do you think are suitable for me?"

At this time, Lu Changsheng took out five Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects from his Storage Bag.

Since he was going to aim for perfect Foundation Establishment, he naturally wanted to lay the most solid groundwork possible.

Although Xiao Xiyue had told him a lot just now, he still wasn't clear on how to choose the right Spirit Objects for Foundation Establishment.

“This is Blood Yang Fruit, Blood Lingzhi, Profound Yin True Water, Heavenly Heart Lotus, Jade Soul Flower...”

Xiao Xiyue looked at the five Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects that Lu Changsheng had taken out all at once and felt somewhat stunned.

Although she was a disciple of a Nascent Soul Immortal, she was not oblivious to the harshness of Cultivation.

She knew the difficulties of Cultivation, and that Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects were very precious.

An ordinary Cultivator would be lucky to find a single one when establishing their Foundation.

But now, Lu Changsheng had actually produced five at once.

And she could tell that Lu Changsheng's physical body, blood essence, and Mana were incredibly robust.

He could completely do without the assistance of Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects.

At most, he would need one to assist with the Divine Sense during Foundation Establishment.

“Changsheng, with your robust body, vigorous blood essence, and powerful spiritual energy, you have no need for Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects to assist you.”

“Using Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects might actually affect your blood essence and the purity of your Magic Aura.”

“For the Divine Sense barrier, you could use the Heavenly Heart Lotus as an aid.”

“Moreover, I have a secret technique that can assist you during your Foundation Establishment, so you don’t need to rely on these Spirit Objects.”

“However, this Jade Soul Flower has a warming effect on the Mental Spirit, so you can use it now to nurture your Mental Spirit, which might enable you to directly produce Divine Sense.”

Xiao Xiyue spoke, saying this.

Although it’s said one’s Mental Spirit evolves and Divine Sense is born only upon Foundation Establishment, this doesn’t mean it’s impossible to develop Divine Sense during the Qi Refinement Realm.

“Hmm? Secret technique? What secret technique?”

Lu Changsheng’s eyebrows rose upon hearing this.

He hadn’t expected that, aside from the Golden Crow Elixir, Xiao Xiyue also had a secret technique to assist his Foundation Establishment.

This was akin to having his meal spoon-fed to him.

It was as if she was really worried that his Foundation Establishment would fail or be suboptimal.

But the more Xiao Xiyue did this, the more Lu Changsheng felt she did not want to be indebted to him.

She seemed intent on paying back her debt for the Cultivation assistance and life-saving grace through these means.

“You’ll know when the time comes,”

Xiao Xiyue pursed her lips and didn’t reveal the technique.

After all, she was aware that the method wasn’t really a secret technique.

Lu Changsheng, hearing this, did not fixate on the secret technique any further.

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He asked how to use the Jade Soul Flower.

“If the Jade Soul Flower is refined into a Spirit Nourishing Elixir, the effect would naturally be the best,”

“However, to refine the Spirit Nourishing Elixir, one also needs to seek other auxiliary materials and request an alchemist to make it. Changsheng, you can simply swallow it directly once it’s done.”

Xiao Xiyue opened her mouth and spoke.

After she finished speaking, she seemed to think of something and asked, “Changsheng, have you cultivated any spiritual training techniques?”

“No,”

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Lu Changsheng shook his head.

His source for cultivation techniques was all down to drawing lots.

But so far, he hadn’t drawn any techniques for cultivating mental strength.

However, within the Red Phoenix True Scripture, there was a secret technique for Divine Sense attack.

But he was incapable of cultivating it.

“I possess a Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique that can train the spirit and warm-nourish the Divine Sense, which would aid you in refining the Jade Soul Flower,”

Xiao Xiyue said aloud.

“Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique?”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng immediately asked, “Can this technique be taught to others?”

It was said that techniques should not be lightly transmitted.

Originally, when Lu Yuanzhong gave him the “Green Wood Art,” he made him promise not to transmit it to others.

Xiao Xiyue’s Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique was most likely also learned within Qingyun Sect.

Within Qingyun Sect, there surely would be strict rules against disciples transmitting techniques to outsiders.

“This technique was bestowed upon me by my master, so passing it on doesn’t count as violating the sect rules,”

Xiao Xiyue explained.

“If you teach me, your master won’t blame you, will he?”

Lu Changsheng continued to inquire.

Though he yearned for a technique to cultivate his spirit, he did not want to cause trouble for Xiao Xiyue because of a technique.

In the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, on the second level, after condensing the Seven Luminaries Star Lamp, there was an effect that helped practitioners to see their true nature, which could be considered as a half-mental cultivation method.

“My master did not say it couldn’t be transmitted; she won’t blame me,”

Xiao Xiyue spoke softly.

Logically, before transmitting a technique, one should inform their master.

But under the current circumstances, she obviously couldn’t go back just to report this.

She also believed that her master wouldn’t blame her.

“Thank you, Xi Yue,”

When Lu Changsheng heard this, he stopped refusing.

Shortly after, Xiao Xiyue began teaching him the chant of the Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique and passed on the method of cultivation to Lu Changsheng.

Under Xiao Xiyue’s guidance, it took Lu Changsheng three days to grasp the basics of the Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique.

The entire person sat in meditation, his mind as quiet and dark as space.

Transporting the blood and Spiritual Power throughout his body, it transformed into purple mist, pervading his body, lighting up the dark world.

Amidst the darkness, a purple palatial divine mansion gradually emerged.

“Huff!”

Watching Lu Changsheng begin to cultivate the Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique, Xiao Xiyue also breathed a sigh of relief.

She thought to herself that Lu Changsheng had finally mastered it.

Originally, under Yun Wanshang's teaching, she had grasped the Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique in a single day.

But seeing Lu Changsheng take three days to master it,

she couldn't help but doubt herself.

Was there some deficiency in her teaching?

Why did it take Lu Changsheng so long to understand and comprehend this technique?

She never doubted Lu Changsheng's aptitude.

After all, the techniques that Lu Changsheng was currently cultivating were at least top-tier at the Peripheral Sect Level.

Being able to master such techniques indicated that his comprehension and innate talent were definitely not poor, and could be considered extraordinary.

"It must be that I didn't explain the details clearly enough."

"Not like every word my master uttered was profound and enlightening."

Xiao Xiyue thought to herself.

Lu Changsheng, of course, did not know Xiao Xiyue's thoughts.

He was also unaware of his own innate comprehension and talent.

After all, aside from a copy of the Returning Origin Technique and some primary level spells, he hadn't spent much time or thought in this area.

Techniques like the Immortal Beauty Technique, the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, and the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture were fed to him by the system; he didn't have to spend any effort of his own.

As for his own aptitude, he had no concept of it.

Once Lu Changsheng's cultivation was almost complete, Xiao Xiyue softly woke him and told him that the process of the Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique was actually nourishing the spirit through the essence of Qi and blood, and that cultivation should not be overdone.

Once immersed in it, it might damage oneself.

"Huff."

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes, feeling full of spirit.

But his body's Qi and blood felt somewhat depleted.

He realized that training the spirit also consumed physical support.

"Changsheng, take some time to recover now, then swallow the Jade Soul Flower, and see if you can manifest Divine Sense by refining the Jade Soul Flower with the Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique,"

Xiao Xiyue said to Lu Changsheng.

In her opinion, with Lu Changsheng's extraordinary talent and being at the Ninth Level of Energy Refinement, there was hope he could manifest Divine Sense.

"Alright,"

Lu Changsheng nodded.

He took out an elixir from his Storage Bag and swallowed it to begin restoring himself and regulating his condition.

Once his condition was fully restored, Lu Changsheng confirmed with Xiao Xiyue that there were no issues and then swallowed the Jade Soul Flower—a Foundation Establishment Spirit Object that aided with impacting the barrier to Foundation Establishment—which could be extremely helpful.

One Foundation Establishment Spirit Object was worth at least two to three thousand Spirit Stones.

But now, Lu Changsheng had directly consumed it.

This Jade Soul Flower was cool to the touch, with a bitter taste that carried a hint of sweetness, not unpleasant to eat.

But as he swallowed it, Lu Changsheng immediately felt a light and agile energy coursing through his body.

It was like a breeze blowing across his flesh.

“Changsheng, Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique.”

Xiao Xiyue’s voice rose, reminding Lu Changsheng.

Lu Changsheng immediately began to circulate the Purple Mansion Nourishing Spirit Technique.

He warmed and nourished his spirit with the light and agile energy from the Jade Soul Flower, along with the essence of Qi and blood.

The air around him was filled with purple mist, with auspicious clouds steaming.

In the silent and dark world of his mind, an ancient and weighty purple palatial divine mansion appeared, starting to expel the darkness.

Time trickled by.

He was unaware of how long it had passed.

“Boom!”

Lu Changsheng saw the darkness in his mind nearly cleared by the Purple Mansion, his brain thundering.

It made his brow begin to swell.

It was as if an eye in his forehead was slowly opening.

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“Hmm?”

Lu Changsheng immediately discovered that the ‘eye’ on his forehead could see the surroundings.

Or rather, this vision was not seen through the eyes.

But perceived through the third eye on the forehead, and then transferred to the brain.

It was even clearer and more direct than what he saw with his own eyes.

And he could watch in all directions at the same time, a full 360 degrees without any dead angles.

At this moment, Lu Changsheng saw a figure sitting cross-legged, eyes slightly closed, face like jade, a handsome and spirited beautiful man.

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“Hiss, is there really such a transcendently handsome man in the world!”

Lu Changsheng exclaimed, “Oh, it turns out to be myself, then it’s fine.”

After glancing at his own handsome appearance twice, Lu Changsheng retracted his gaze and slowly opened his eyes.

He also realized that this ‘third eye’ must be what Cultivators call ‘Divine Sense’.

He hadn’t expected a single Jade Soul Flower to directly bring forth his Divine Sense.

Isn’t this a bit too simple?

“Could it be that because I have lived two lives, I am different from ordinary people in terms of spirit, so a Jade Soul Flower directly birthed my Divine Sense?”

Lu Changsheng speculated in his heart.

Without giving it much thought, he shared with Xiao Xiyue the phenomenon of his newly generated Divine Sense.

He asked if this was the birth of Divine Sense.

“I knew that you, Changsheng, could generate Divine Sense.”

Upon hearing this, Xiao Xiyue wasn’t too surprised.

In her eyes, Lu Changsheng was now a genius.

Even though his Spiritual Root was only Ninth Grade, he had other opportunities and might even possess some kind of Spiritual Body.

Now, at the Ninth Level Energy Refinement of Cultivation Level, taking the Jade Soul Flower and producing Divine Sense was also normal.

“Changsheng, how far can your Divine Sense reach?”

Xiao Xiyue inquired.

“Hmm, about ten feet or so.”

Lu Changsheng closed his eyes again to sense, and then spoke.

“Only ten feet, that’s already enough.”

“A newly Foundation Established Cultivator usually has Divine Sense coverage of about thirty feet.”

“Changsheng, you don’t need the aid of the Heavenly Heart Lotus anymore when you attempt Foundation Establishment.”

Xiao Xiyue said with a tender look in her eyes.

“This is all thanks to your guidance and help, Xi Yue.”

Lu Changsheng also showed a hint of delight.

He wasn’t concerned about his Divine Sense being only ten feet.

After all, he hadn’t truly reached Foundation Establishment.

Being able to generate Divine Sense without Foundation Establishment was already quite good.

“Xi Yue, how is your Cultivation going now?”

At this time, Lu Changsheng also showed concern for Xiao Xiyue's Cultivation.

Originally, he was supposed to help Xiao Xiyue with her Cultivation.

However, for so long, it had been Xiao Xiyue helping him with his Cultivation.

Lu Changsheng felt somewhat embarrassed.

"I need Lu Lang's help."

Upon hearing Lu Changsheng's concern, Xiao Xiyue's eyelashes trembled lightly.

Lu Changsheng immediately embraced the beauty and pressed his lips to hers.

Suddenly, their breaths flowed steadily like the tide, back and forth.

Lu Changsheng knew that merely doing this would not have any effect on Xiao Xiyue's Cultivation.

Later, to repay the Fairy for her help in cultivation, he humbled himself, willing to work hard for reciprocity.

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Time passed unknowingly, and after a while, Lu Changsheng and the Fairy ended their Cultivation, holding Xiao Xiyue's fairy-like body tightly.

The Fairy's ebony hair was slightly disheveled, with strands sticking to her beautiful and bright cheeks. Her cool and beautiful eyes twinkled, brimming with allure and charm as they opened and closed.

"Xi Yue, it seems your cultivation still has a long way to go,"

Lu Changsheng, like a dog devouring the moon, nibbled on her tender snow-white flesh, his words muffled and soft.

After tasting something salty, naturally, one craves a bit of sweetness to freshen the palate.

Xiao Xiyue frowned delicately, lightly wrapping her arms around Lu Changsheng's shoulders, not wanting to move even a finger.

The Supreme Forgetful Love Technique quickly circulated, calmly suppressing the surging desires.

Feeling the stir of Lu Changsheng's noble instrument, she pursed her lips and leaned in closer with her head.

Lu Changsheng was taken aback for a moment.

He wanted to say there was no need for such measures.

But the words reached his lips and were swallowed back down.

Lu Changsheng's brows furrowed and relaxed unknowingly.

He remembered how the fairy was once high above, like the Nine Heavens Bright Moon, unattainable, commanding reverence that forbade any irreverent thoughts.

Yet now, she had descended to the mortal world, exposed to the elements.

After a long while, Xiao Xiyue's fair face flushed red, her black hair cascading down around her temples, concealing her cold and stunning cheeks, her pretty brows slightly knitted.

"Xi Yue, you don't have to force yourself if this is too much for you,"

Lu Changsheng said, embracing the beauty in his arms.

“I’m just cultivating... it’s not a bother,”

Xiao Xiyue replied softly, her swan-like neck undulating, her voice trembling slightly.

Although she didn’t quite understand the matters between men and women,

she wasn’t entirely naive.

She knew that all this time, Lu Changsheng had been restraining himself.

Thus, she was also willing to take this step forward on her own.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng sighed softly in his heart.

He couldn’t help but think of the past with Lu Miaoge.

After he had spent his life force to save Lu Miaoge, their relationship had taken a step further.

Back then, Lu Miaoge was utterly obedient to him.

Yet, she was unwilling to marry him.

Now, Xiao Xiyue’s behavior gave him the same feeling.

It felt as if she was also considering ending their relationship after the cultivation was complete, severing their karmic ties.

Lu Changsheng didn’t ponder over it for too long.

He knew these things couldn’t be rushed.

After all, with the relationship having progressed this far, he was certainly going to marry her.

He continued to cultivate with Xiao Xiyue for several more days.

Lu Changsheng also remembered that since he and Xiao Xiyue had arrived at the cave dwelling, they had been cultivating the whole time.

It had been almost a month already.

All this time, he hadn't even spoken to Lu Miaoge.

And usually, his daughter Lu Qingzhu lived on Qingzhu Mountain,

Only when he came to Red Leaf Valley Market would he bring the child to keep Lu Miaoge company.

During this time, Lu Miaoge had to look after both the shop and the child, leaving her no time to cultivate.

Soon after, Lu Changsheng told Xiao Xiyue that he must return home and that he would come back later to accompany her in cultivation.

"Alright,"

Xiao Xiyue, having completed her cultivation and regained her composure, nodded gently.

Seeing her calm demeanor, it was only at times like these that Lu Changsheng felt he might be too affectionate.

"The favors of a beautiful woman are the hardest to repay,"

Lu Changsheng sighed softly as he left the cave dwelling and quickly headed back to the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop.

After Lu Changsheng left, Xiao Xiyue's countenance and expression turned cold and detached.

Her eyes, like the bright moon in the heavens, carried a faint celestial aura, indifferent and tranquil.

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“Sister Miaoge,”

Lu Changsheng arrived on the third floor of the Spiritual Talisman Shop and saw Lu Miaoge lulling her daughter to sleep.

A sense of guilt immediately surged in his heart.

“Changsheng, you’re back,”

Lu Miaoge looked at Lu Changsheng, her face revealing a tender and warm smile, her aura gentle as water.

Ever since becoming a mother, her once ethereal spirit had softened to a gentle and dignified grace.

“Sister Miaoge, I was delayed due to my cultivation...”

Lu Changsheng guessed that Lu Miaoge already knew about him and Xiao Xiyue renting the cave dwelling.

He did not conceal anything, explaining what he had been doing these days with Xiao Xiyue.

One reason was, he still had quite some time left to cultivate with Xiao Xiyue.

Additionally, Xiao Xiyue would also be considered the future mother of his child.

And Lu Miaoge was privy to many of his secrets.

Therefore, there was no need to completely hide such matters.

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“In this world, there actually exists such a cultivation technique, this way of cultivation...”

Upon hearing about Xiao Xiyue's affairs from Lu Changsheng, the cultivation of the fairy, Lu Miaoge was somewhat surprised and amazed.

She did not doubt Lu Changsheng's words.

After all, there was no need for Lu Changsheng to deceive her.

Moreover, in this vast world, nothing is too strange.

She had also seen in ancient texts that many profound cultivation techniques were very demanding and could even have side effects.

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It was just surprising to have a practitioner of such a technique appear right beside her.

“Yes, I was also very astonished when I first heard about it.”

“This technique was also mentioned in ancient texts.”

Lu Changsheng smiled and said.

He did not say too much about the cultivation technique.

After all, this matter could be considered Xiao Xiyue's privacy, her secret.

“It's also because you are charming, that Fairy Xiao would choose you as her cultivation partner,”

Lu Miaoge said gently, with a graceful look on her face.

Although she felt somewhat jealous about this matter, she did not mind too much.

After all, Lu Changsheng was known for being inconstant in love.

Having married the two sisters and having not taken any more wives or concubines in the past three years, focusing instead on serious cultivation, had already made her very content.

Besides, this matter was advantageous for Lu Changsheng and could be considered an opportunity.

“But Changsheng, after cultivating for so long, don’t you have any thoughts about Fairy Xiao?”

Lu Miaoge looked at her husband with a smile that was not quite a smile.

“Ahem, if I say I don’t have any thoughts at all, Sister Miaoge, you definitely won’t believe me.”

“But between her and me, it’s only about cultivation after all.”

“Moreover, our statuses are worlds apart; in the end, I’m afraid it’s a relationship with no fate, and it cannot be forced.”

Lu Changsheng coughed softly and then shook his head with a sigh.

Although in his heart, Xiao Xiyue was already the mother of his child.

But such things were not necessary to discuss at the moment, nor did it fit his persona.

“Storms begin with a small ripple, waves form from gentle disturbances.”

“In my heart, husband has great aspirations, and you will surely soar to great heights in the future, achieving success on the path of immortality. How can you belittle yourself?”

Lu Miaoge looked at Lu Changsheng, her voice was soft and sincere as she spoke.

Having spent so many years with Lu Changsheng as his wife,

she could naturally tell that her husband was not truly devoid of ambition, but rather held great aspirations in his heart.

She did not like to see Lu Changsheng looking down on himself, belittling himself.

“Sister Miaoge.”

Lu Changsheng was slightly startled.

He did not expect that just by putting on a sighing face, his wife would comfort him like this.

This warmed his heart and he felt very at ease.

He then stepped forward and gently embraced his wife, preparing to assist her with cultivation.

“Little Zhu just fell asleep.”

Lu Miaoge, knowing what Lu Changsheng was about to do, her cheeks tinged with red, whispered softly.

“It’s alright, with the Peaceful Spirit Talisman and the Silencing Talisman, she won’t wake up...”

Lu Changsheng said.

Then he gently picked up his daughter, Lu Qingzhu, and placed her in the bedroom.

He placed a Peaceful Spirit Talisman on her to calm her mental spirit and ensure deep sleep.

With a Silencing Talisman, he enveloped her in silence to block out any noise and prevent her from being disturbed.

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In the following time, Lu Changsheng spent most of his days in the Red Leaf Valley Market.

He went back to Qingzhu Mountain only once every month or two.

Half a year passed in the blink of an eye.

Because he spent most of this half-year in the Red Leaf Valley Market with the fairy, Xiao Xiyue, and dual cultivation with Lu Miaoge, his progress in having children was slightly delayed.

Only three more children were added.

However, his cultivation level had reached the perfection of Qi Refinement after half a year's cultivation and was polished to perfection.

He was ready to attempt Foundation Establishment.

"Changsheng, in the next period of time, accompany me to travel around, and let's observe this bustling world,"

Xiao Xiyue said to Lu Changsheng with a pulled in lip after knowing he had reached the perfection of Qi Refinement, his cultivation level smooth and perfect, and that he was ready for Foundation Establishment.

In this half a year, she barely stepped out of her cave dwelling.

When Lu Changsheng was there, she would cultivate with him.

If Lu Changsheng was not around, she would cultivate alone.

“Alright.”

Lu Changsheng looked at Xiao Xiyue, who showed a hopeful smile, and he realized something in his heart and nodded.

During this half-year, he and Xiao Xiyue had become incredibly close,

having cultivated together in every way possible except for the final step.

And in this process, Xiao Xiyue not only became increasingly proactive but her entire demeanor became lively and charming,

as if she had shed all pretense, washing away the natural coolness and pride of her being.

Returning to the Xiao Xiyue from over a decade ago in his memory.

Making Lu Changsheng puzzled about what was currently happening with Xiao Xiyue.

How her cultivation was going;

“Xi Yue, how’s your cultivation coming along?”

Lu Changsheng asked aloud.

He guessed that Xiao Xiyue’s cultivation must be nearly complete.

Otherwise, she would not suggest at this time that he accompany her out.

“It’s almost done.”

Xiao Xiyue pressed her lips together and did not hide anything.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng internally said it was as expected.

His feelings were somewhat complicated at the moment.

If Xiao Xiyue's cultivation was coming to an end, and she was ready to overcome her emotional tribulations, it meant that his current relationship with her was also nearing its end.

"Congratulations, Xi Yue."

"When do you plan to set out?"

Lu Changsheng let out a breath, not becoming overly sentimental. A warm smile appeared on his face.

In his view, this was not some sort of eternal separation.

Even if there was a parting, it was merely to make the eventual reunion all the more joyous.

"Whatever you arrange."

Xiao Xiyue saw the smile on Lu Changsheng's face and also revealed a radiant smile, very enchanting.

"In that case, let's set off directly."

Lu Changsheng immediately said.

He then walked out of the cave dwelling with Xiao Xiyue.

He told Lu Miaoge that he would be away for a while,

and handed her a stack of first-grade Supreme Talismans.

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His wife helped look after the ‘Peace Talisman Hall.’

Upon hearing this, Lu Miaoge didn’t ask any further questions.

She simply asked Lu Changsheng to be more careful and vigilant.

Afterward, Lu Changsheng and Xiao Xiyue disguised themselves, concealing their true appearance, and left Red Leaf Valley Market.

Upon leaving the Marketplace, the two roamed aimlessly.

They slept in the wilderness, stargazed, admired the moon, listened to the rain, tasted tea, and practiced cultivation.

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In this manner, roaming without purpose and taking in the sights, they arrived at a worldly city.

Disguised, the two, though still exuding an uncommon aura, did not shine too brightly or attract undue attention.

“Changsheng, I want to eat candied hawthorn on a stick!”

“Changsheng, I want to eat mung bean cake!”

“Changsheng, do you think those two sugar figurines look like us?”

Walking through the bustling city, Xiao Xiyue was like a lively and radiant young girl.

Gone was her previous aloof and serene fairy-like demeanor.

She held Lu Changsheng’s hand, moving through the streets with delight etched across her face.

Now looking here, now there.

Whenever she saw something tasty or fun, she would grab Lu Changsheng’s hand, a look of coquettish entreaty and hopeful expectancy on her face.

Just like an ordinary young girl from the secular world.

“This must be Xi Yue’s true nature,” Lu Changsheng thought to himself as he watched her.

He mused that cultivation, especially practicing the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique, really had a significant impact on a person.

“Alright, alright, we’ll buy, buy, buy,” Lu Changsheng amiably responded to Xiao Xiyue’s requests.

There was not a trace of impatience on his face.

He bought her anything she wanted.

If Xiao Xiyue couldn’t carry an item, he helped her carry it.

If she took a few bites and left the rest, he took it to try.

If it tasted good, he had some; if not, it was discarded.

The two of them, just like a loving couple from the secular world, enjoyed themselves in the city.

“Last time, I spoke of how I used my life as an invitation card to respectfully welcome the young master into the martial arts world...”

The two wandered leisurely to a footbridge.

Xiao Xiyue, upon seeing someone storytelling, immediately took an interest and pulled Lu Changsheng over to listen.

Under the bridge, an old man in a robe was speaking animatedly.

“This Prince of the Northern Territory, guarded by Sword Divine, stepped out of the Northern Territory and into the martial arts world, thinking that the sky was high and the birds could fly freely.”

“Yet, this world of martial arts was not as splendid and colorful as it seemed to this young prince but was fraught with dangers because the moment he entered the martial arts world...”

“Today, this old man will leave the story here. If you want to know what happens next, come again tomorrow,” said the robed old man before bowing out half an hour later.

A young girl around the age of twelve came forward, carrying a copper basin, clearly expecting money.

However, only a few well-dressed people scattered around tossed some copper coins into the basin, leaving the young girl looking disappointed.

Xiao Xiyue, seeing this, gently tugged at Lu Changsheng’s sleeve.

“Good performance deserves a reward!”

Lu Changsheng smiled, instantly turned a silver ingot into fragments.

He then dropped a few silver fragments into the copper basin.

The sound of the fragments hitting the basin drew attention from onlookers.

No one expected such generosity.

The little girl was stunned.

She and her grandfather had never received such a substantial reward while storytelling at the footbridge.

“Er Ya, have you not thanked your benefactor yet?”

The storytelling elder saw this and quickly stepped forward, pulling the little girl to bow deeply, saying, “Thank you, young master, thank you benefactor!”

“No need for that,” Lu Changsheng gently waved off and, taking Xiao Xiyue’s hand, turned to leave.

“Changsheng, what that old gentleman was saying was quite interesting. I wonder what will happen to that young master afterward,” Xiao Xiyue said with a giggle, excitedly discussing the story’s potential developments with Lu Changsheng.

As she spoke, she spotted a fortune telling stall nearby and, once again intrigued, pulled Lu Changsheng to have their fortunes told.

But such fortune-telling would naturally not reveal any hidden great master from the dust of the world.

Seeing Lu Changsheng and Xiao Xiyue as if they were a husband and wife, the fortune-teller offered a bunch of auspicious words.

Xiao Xiyue, listening to these words, was also quite happy.

So, the two of them spent more than half a month playing around the worldly city.

That night, accompanied by soft mournful sobs, Lu Changsheng and Xiao Xiyue completed their cultivation.

“Changsheng, I’m ready for Foundation Establishment,” Xiao Xiyue said, draped over Lu Changsheng’s body like mud, in a quiet voice.

Lu Changsheng was slightly taken aback.

He had long anticipated this day.

He asked, “When are you planning to undergo Foundation Establishment?”

He knew that when Xiao Xiyue spoke those words, it meant she had made up her mind and had overcome the tribulation of emotions.

“Three months later, on the night of the full moon,” she replied.

“Then we will undergo Foundation Establishment together.”

Xiao Xiyue lifted her head slightly, her beautiful eyes gazing at Lu Changsheng, her face suffused with a blush, and she was stunningly beautiful.

“Okay,” Lu Changsheng nodded and didn’t say anything more.

He knew too much talking was pointless.

He also didn’t want to say too much and affect Xiao Xiyue’s mood or her Foundation Establishment.

After all, in this world, cultivation is the paramount path.

Given the current situation of their identities, there was no way he could bring this beauty home to raise children.

So, once his own strength was about right, it would be all the same to bring her home as his bride.

As for the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique,

In Lu Changsheng's view, if he could melt her heart once, he could do it a second time.

"Don't you have anything you want to say to me?" asked Xiao Xiyue, regarding Lu Changsheng's prompt agreement, she pursed her lips.

"Overcoming the emotional tribulation is a good thing,"

"Moreover, I will respect your choice," Lu Changsheng said softly.

Man is not vegetation; who can be without passion?

Having spent a year with Xiao Xiyue, who was as cold as the moon yet lively and alluring, he was very fond of her.

In these circumstances, he certainly wouldn't let her go.

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Moreover, he was still owed a favor by the other party.

"Thank you, Changsheng,"

Xiao Xiyue pursed her lips as she spoke.

She too felt somewhat apprehensive in her heart.

Worrying that Lu Changsheng would ask her to stay.

Fearful that under Lu Changsheng's persuasion, she would find it hard to cut through her emotional ties, to ascending beyond all affections.

In this year of cultivation,

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she had realized that she had less of the stubborn obsession for breakthroughs.

She had begun to grow more sentimental, prone to daydreaming.

In Lu Changsheng's presence, she would feel joy, worry, sadness, grief, and affection.

This had helped her thoroughly comprehend her emotional tribulation, to understand the concept of transcending all emotions.

What she needed to do now was to unsheathe her sword and sever her ties, to seek the path to the ultimate truth beyond the seven emotions and six desires.

"Xi Yue, where do you plan to go for your Foundation Establishment?"

Lu Changsheng asked aloud.

Foundation Establishment couldn't be attempted just anywhere.

At the very least, one would need a Second Grade Spiritual Vein with an abundance of Spiritual Energy.

Since he had always concealed his true cultivation level and strength, it was inconvenient for him to undertake Foundation Establishment in the Red Leaf Valley Market.

Moreover, the cave dwellings in the Red Leaf Valley Market only held inferior Second Grade Spiritual Energy.

This Spiritual Energy was only sufficient for cultivation practice. To attempt a breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, it was significantly lacking.

Furthermore, the breakthrough to Foundation Establishment involved a large disturbance, which could affect the marketplace's natural spiritual energy.

Most marketplaces would not readily agree to host someone's attempt to break through to Foundation Establishment.

“Previously, my master gave me a token so that I can go to Qingyun Market and rent a Second-Order top-quality Cave Mansion.”

“A Second-Order top-quality Cave Mansion is more than enough for us to attempt Foundation Establishment,”

Xiao Xiyue told Lu Changsheng.

She had already considered this matter thoroughly beforehand.

For her own Foundation Establishment, she could return to Qingyun Sect, where there was a Third Grade Spiritual Vein.

But Lu Changsheng was not a disciple of the Qingyun Sect.

He couldn't go there for his Foundation Establishment.

For ordinary cultivators looking to rent a Second-Order top-quality Spiritual Vein dwelling, the only option would be to go to one of the Three Great Immortal Cities.

However, the Three Great Immortal Cities were far away and exceedingly troublesome to reach.

Thus, she considered the largest cultivation marketplace under the Qingyun Sect.

“Alright, then we shall head to the Qingyun Market,”

Lu Changsheng nodded as he heard this.

He too had heard of the Qingyun Market.

He knew it was the largest marketplace under the Qingyun Sect.

It was even larger than the Nine Dragons Market where he had been before.

Such marketplaces typically do not open their Second-Order dwellings to the public.

If it were not for Xiao Xiyue, he would indeed have no way to rent such a top-quality Second-Order Cave Mansion; he might have had to go to an Immortal City to undertake his Foundation Establishment.

Shortly after, the two of them left the secular world behind and set out towards the Qingyun Market.

Lu Changsheng glanced at the map; from their location to the Qingyun Market was a journey of over ten thousand miles.

However, neither he nor Xiao Xiyue were in a rush.

They continued on, enjoying their journey as if they were sightseeing or on a leisurely outing.

When nearing the Qingyun Market, the two of them, having disguised their appearance and concealed their cultivation aura, even ran into three Robber Cultivators.

But these were only three Energy Refinement Late Stage Robber Cultivators.

Facing these three Robber Cultivators, Lu Changsheng naturally showed no mercy, earning a little extra on the side.

Now at the peak of Qi Refinement, his strength was comparable to that of a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

Together with Xiao Xiyue, as long as they didn't encounter a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, they generally wouldn't run into any trouble.

Besides, as long as they didn't come across Foundation Establishment Cultivators like the red-robed youth they had encountered before, they could take down an average Foundation Establishment Cultivator with their full strength and techniques.

After a month's time, Lu Changsheng and Xiao Xiyue arrived at the Qingyun Market.

The entire marketplace was centered around a precipitous mountain, surrounded by mist, reaching high into the clouds.

The mountain was encircled by a basin-like area, bordered by several large mountains, making it inaccessible to ordinary people.

"Qingyun Market."

Xiao Xiyue and Lu Changsheng looked at the distant peak, steering their Flying Artifact towards the marketplace entrance.

The entrance was bustling with countless Cultivators, much like the Nine Dragons Market, with an endless stream of people queuing up.

Just then, a surge of Spiritual Power flowed into Lu Changsheng's body.

Accompanied by the sound of a system notification.

[Congratulations to the host, your first offspring has completed the beginning phases of cultivation, entering the path of immortality. Bloodline Effect: 5% increase in the likelihood of offspring having a Spiritual Root. Plus, one lucky draw chance!]

"Hmm? My first offspring has started his cultivation journey,"

Lu Changsheng was slightly startled upon hearing this sudden system notification before it dawned on him that his son, Lu Xianzhi, had completed the initial phase of cultivation.

The last time he returned to Qingzhu Mountain, his wife Lu Miaoyun had mentioned that Lu Xianzhi was ready to start cultivating.

At that time, Lu Changsheng didn't have the time, so he left Lu Miaoyun to handle it.

As for his son completing the initial phase of cultivation so quickly, Lu Changsheng wasn't surprised.

Over the years, he hadn't visited the White Jade Tower, and aside from his own cultivation expenses, his biggest expenditure was on his children.

For Lu Xianzhi, everything had been of the spiritual kind since childhood—eating Spirit Rice, taking Spirit Meals. At the age of six, he even began spending Spirit Stones to buy Elixir Medicines that consolidated and nourished the foundation.

His conditions were far more privileged than those of the Lu Family's ordinary descendants.

If his son had taken as long as he, the father, had—ten months—to complete the initial phase of cultivation, that indeed would have been strange.

"I didn't expect that the start of my child's cultivation journey would not only entitle me to a lucky draw but also increase the chances of my future offspring having a Spiritual Root,"

"Although only by five percent, which is a bit little,"

"But this probability can probably still be increased,"

Lu Changsheng mused as he looked at the system notification.

He wasn't overly excited about the lottery draw as he had done it many times before.

However, he did find the passive increase in his offspring's likelihood of having a Spiritual Root appealing.

After all, even with selective breeding, the chances of his children possessing a Spiritual Root were not especially high.

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“Changsheng, what’s wrong?”

Xiao Xiyue saw that Lu Changsheng had suddenly fallen into a daze and asked aloud.

“It’s my first time seeing such a huge marketplace; I’m a bit amazed.”

Lu Changsheng immediately came back to his senses and responded offhandedly.

He no longer looked at the system interface.

“I’ve only been to this Qingyun Market once myself.”

“I can’t even imagine how bustling the Three Great Immortal Cities must be.”

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Upon hearing this, Xiao Xiyue said the following.

Shortly thereafter, the two queued up to enter the marketplace.

After paying ten Spirit Stones and registering their information quickly, they received tokens and entered the market.

Xiao Xiyue then started to introduce the layout of Qingyun Market to Lu Changsheng.

The market is divided into the Outer City, Inner City, and Core Area.

The Outer City is a gathering place for poor and ordinary loose cultivators.

As for the Inner City, it depends on the area.

The marketplace's shops, inns, stations, residential areas, and so on, are all concentrated here.

As for the Core Area, it was the peak they had seen before that pierced the skies.

A portion at the foot of the Core Area's mountain has cave mansions open to the public.

The Second-Order top-quality cave mansion Xiao Xiyue spoke of was also on this mountain.

The two made their way into the Inner City.

Looking at the bustling shops on both sides made Lu Changsheng mentally prepare to deal with the young man in the red robe's illicit gains in the marketplace after his Foundation Establishment.

He hadn't been to Nine Dragons Market in a year.

So the red-robed youth's loot had always been on him, unprocessed.

Furthermore, after Foundation Establishment, the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture could break through to the second level, and he could condense the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp within his body.

This Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp could also be cast into a physical magic artifact, serving as a Life-bound Spiritual Artifact.

The materials needed to cast a Life-bound Spiritual Artifact might be directly available in this Qingyun Market.

After a brief stroll in the Inner City, they headed towards the central peak of the marketplace.

“Caiyun Peak, Xiao Xiyue, needs to rent a Second-Order top-quality cave mansion.”

Upon reaching the Core Area and finding the person responsible for renting cave mansions, Xiao Xiyue showed her true face, presented her token, and spoke.

“Sister Xiao is renting a cave mansion, may I ask for what purpose?”

“If you’re secluding yourself to impact your cultivation level, we currently have an upper-grade ‘A’ cave mansion available, but if you’re merely practising temporarily, a ‘B’ ranked cave mansion would be sufficient for Sister Xiao,” said the person, whose surname was Han, and appeared to be in his forties or fifties, a disciple of Qingyun Sect as well.

After checking the token, he immediately replied cordially.

“To impact my cultivation level, hence the need to rent a Second-Order top-quality ‘A’ cave mansion,” said Xiao Xiyue.

“Alright, Sister Xiao, a Second-Order top-quality ‘A’ cave mansion is five hundred Spirit Stones per year,” Han said.

Even for their own people, they still had to pay with Spirit Stones to rent, though the price was already considered cheap.

After all, the cave mansion Lu Changsheng rented in Red Leaf Valley Market could almost be rented for a hundred Spirit Stones.

“Thank you for your trouble, Brother Han.”

Xiao Xiyue took out the Spirit Stones.

The other party didn’t say much else, quickly helping them with the formalities and explaining some matters.

“I wonder if Sister Xiao is making this breakthrough to Foundation Establishment for herself, or is renting the cave mansion for a friend.”

“If people found out that Xi Yue Fairy of Caiyun Peak is actually spending time in the same room with a man... Tsk tsk tsk...”

After Xiao Xiyue and Lu Changsheng left, this Han sighed and shook his head.

Although he'd never met Xiao Xiyue, he had heard of her name and reputation.

After all, she was a disciple of a Nascent Soul Immortal.

Not only was she incredibly beautiful, but she was also exceptionally talented and had a modicum of fame in Qingyun Sect.

“However, since this person is a friend of Fairy Xi Yue, he must also be quite young.”

“To dare to go for Foundation Establishment at this age, he must be no ordinary person. I wonder if he'll succeed in Foundation Establishment.”

A trace of envy and a hint of melancholy appeared in Han's eyes.

He'd been appointed to handle renting in this marketplace. Although his status and treatment were good, without an opportunity, Foundation Establishment was nearly hopeless.

Therefore, seeing someone younger come to attempt Foundation Establishment, he felt quite sentimental.

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Xiao Xiyue and Lu Changsheng came to a misty part of the mountain waist.

Utilising the token for the restriction, they opened the gate of the cave mansion.

The cave mansion wasn't large, roughly a hundred square meters or so.

Inside, the Spiritual Energy was dense and miasmic, nearly forming a thin mist.

"Is this what a Second-Order top-quality cave mansion looks like?"

Lu Changsheng took in the dense Spiritual Energy, feeling as if he were floating on air, his whole body suffused with a smooth sensation.

It was his first time renting a Second-Order cave mansion.

Whether in Qingzhu Valley or Red Leaf Valley Market, he had only used lower-grade Spirit Veins of the second rank.

He could tell that this cave mansion was not merely Second-Order top-quality but also had formations that gathered spiritual energy to the extreme.

"This 'A' ranked cave mansion is specifically used for cultivation breakthroughs, so it concentrates a lot of Spiritual Energy."

"Once the breakthrough is completed, the Spiritual Energy will thin out and need to be condensed again," Xiao Xiyue explained.

Although she had never been to such a cave mansion,

She had access to Second-Order top-quality Spirit Veins at Caiyun Peak.

She knew what a Second-Order top-quality Spirit Vein was like.

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly and checked the interior of the cave mansion.

He designated a bedroom and a practice room, with a simple stone table and stone bed; it was very spartan.

But this was typical for a cave mansion. As long as it was livable, it was acceptable.

Since he had a little over a month until Foundation Establishment,

They didn't practice day and night as usual.

After a short time together, they both sat cross-legged and adjusted their Qi, spirit, and mentality.

Lu Changsheng wasn't in a rush to tune his state.

In his mind, he silently called out, "System, I want to draw a prize."

Immediately, the familiar system roulette wheel appeared.

"Start the draw."

Lu Changsheng's expression remained utterly calm, his Mental Spirit stirred slightly.

And soon, a flash of golden light appeared on the wheel and began to spin rapidly.

After a while, the golden light gradually settled on "Other."

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining the Dao Soldier 'Golden Armor Bean Mother'!]

[The reward has been dispatched to the System Space, the host can check it at any time]

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A golden bean the size of an egg emerged from the big wheel, accompanied by a system notification sound.

"Dao Soldier, Golden Armor Bean Mother?"

Lu Changsheng saw the reward from this lottery draw and his eyebrows raised slightly.

He had no idea what this Dao Soldier was.

He looked at the Golden Armor Bean Mother in the System Space.

[Dao Soldier: Golden Armor Bean Mother]

[Quality: Third Rank]

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[Description: A Spirit Plant class Dao Soldier cultivated by the Golden Armor Sect, refined through secret techniques. It can transform into a Second Rank Golden Armor Warrior, and through planting and cultivation, it can propagate spirit beans. The beans germinate in three years, grow leaves in another three, flower in the next, and bear beans in the last set of three years.]

“A Spirit Plant class Dao Soldier that can turn into a Second Rank Golden Armor Warrior?”

Lu Changsheng, looking at the description of the Golden Armor Bean Mother in the System Space, showed a hint of interest.

Based on this introduction, he roughly guessed what this Dao Soldier was.

It should be similar to a puppet or a demon beast.

This Golden Armor Bean Mother could transform into a Second Rank Golden Armor Warrior, which in Lu Changsheng’s view, should be equivalent to the strength of a puppet or demon beast at the Foundation Establishment Stage.

What interested Lu Changsheng the most was that this Golden Armor Bean Mother could propagate spirit beans through planting and cultivation.

Although he didn’t know what use these spirit beans had, he found it very interesting.

After all, if it were just the combat power of the Second Rank, in Lu Changsheng's view, it certainly didn't match the quality of the Third Rank.

But Xiao Xiyue was still there.

It wasn't convenient for him to extract the bean mother from the System Space out of thin air to check the detailed information now.

He planned to take a closer look at this Golden Armor Bean Mother when he had time.

Immediately after, Lu Changsheng gathered his mental spirit and sat down cross-legged with his eyes closed.

He operated the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture and began to adjust his condition.

At the same time, his thoughts in his mind started to flow.

Scenes from his youth before his memories awakened.

Scenes after awakening his memories at the Qingyun Sect's Heart Questioning Platform.

The disappointment in his heart when he failed to be chosen by the Immortal Sects.

The fear of death when he encountered the Chen Family's ambush on his way to Qingzhu Mountain.

The excitement and joy in his heart when he married Lu Lanshu, Lu Zi'er, Lu Qing'er, and when his first son, Lu Ping'an, was born.

With the system, obtaining Second Rank Talisman Making, maintaining caution, and displaying his skills...

These scenes, like fleeting glimpses, appeared in Lu Changsheng's mind, as vivid as if before his eyes.

After a long while, Lu Changsheng's thoughts gradually calmed down.

In his view, although the past decade had not been easy, it hadn't been particularly arduous either.

He had no regrets or obsessions in his heart.

He felt clear-minded, spiritually fulfilled, and full of hope for the future.

Although Xiao Xiyue's situation had some impact on him,

with the system by his side, he was full of confidence in his future.

He didn't consider it a troublesome matter, nor one that needed too much worry.

At worst, he would just wait until he achieved Core Formation.

As long as he reached Core Formation, he could legitimately visit the Qingyun Sect to ask for her hand in marriage.

Furthermore, he, Lu Changsheng, also had a debt of gratitude to a Nascent Soul Immortal.

So passed half a month.

Lu Changsheng awoke from meditation, opening his eyes.

He felt that his energy and spirit were at their peak, his condition perfect.

He was ready to attempt Foundation Establishment at any moment!

“Changsheng, there are only ten days left until the night of the full moon, which is when I plan to attempt Foundation Establishment,”

“If you need more time to prepare, we can wait until next month,” Xiao Xiyue also woke up, opened her beautiful eyes, and said to Lu Changsheng.

Attempting Foundation Establishment was a major event.

The condition was extremely important.

Some people, in order to be cautious, would even sit in meditation for years, waiting for a soul-inspiring opportunity.

She was waiting for the night of the full moon, the time when yin energy condensed.

But this timing wasn’t necessarily suitable for Lu Changsheng.

“I’m already prepared, ready at any time,” Lu Changsheng said with a light laugh.

His voice was laced with a confidence that suggested he held a winning hand.

In front of Xiao Xiyue, he didn’t conceal his confident and spirited demeanor too much.

“Good,” Xiao Xiyue responded with a faint smile, noticing Lu Changsheng’s confident appearance.

During this time, not only had Lu Changsheng gained a deeper understanding of her,

but she had also seen a different side of Lu Changsheng.

“Xi Yue, how are your preparations, do you feel confident?” Lu Changsheng asked Xiao Xiyue.

He was almost completely confident about his own Foundation Establishment, full of absolute conviction.

But he still didn't quite understand Xiao Xiyue's situation.

"Fifty percent," Xiao Xiyue replied.

Xiao Xiyue spoke softly.

"Only a fifty percent chance?"

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng's heart gave a slight jolt.

"Fifty percent is already enough."

Xiao Xiyue calmly stated, her entire being exuding an ethereal and transcendent charm.

"Since you say it's enough, Xi Yue, it must be sufficient."

Lu Changsheng did not probe further.

He had long noticed that Xiao Xiyue would from time to time reveal that noble and sacred, cold and detached demeanor, akin to the Nine Heavens Bright Moon.

He knew she was still influenced by her cultivation technique.

This fifty percent confidence probably wasn't a problem with the three challenges in the Foundation Establishment, in lifting the Dao platform.

It was likely about the emotional tribulation.

"Xi Yue, is your cultivation nearing perfection?"

Lu Changsheng immediately inquired.

“I’m one step away. When establishing my foundation, I hope Lu Lang can assist me.”

Xiao Xiyue let her ethereal demeanor fade, revealing a sweet smile as she softly spoke.

“Xi Yue, tell me the truth, does this step really exist?”

“If it doesn’t, I won’t mind.”

“Moreover, with my current situation, I don’t need any secret technique to successfully establish my foundation.”

Lu Changsheng said.

He naturally knew what his assistance entailed.

When they were intimate before, Xiao Xiyue had mentioned that when striking at Foundation Establishment, it would also be the final step in her cultivation.

At that time, she would also help him establish his foundation through a secret technique.

But deep down, Lu Changsheng vaguely felt that her cultivation was almost sufficient, and whether this step existed or not didn’t really matter.

“No.”

Xiao Xiyue’s lips revealed a pure and sweet smile, like that of an innocent young girl.

Lu Changsheng was taken aback.

He hadn’t expected Xiao Xiyue to be so forthright.

“Since Lu Lang is asking, Xi Yue naturally won’t deceive you.”

Xiao Xiyue happily smiled, letting her delicate body fall into Lu Changsheng's embrace, cuddling cozily into him.

Resting her cheek against his chest, she spoke softly, "But Xi Yue simply wishes to do so, to help Lu Lang."

"Because Xi Yue wants to tell Lu Lang that my love for you, although it started from cultivation, does not end with cultivation."

Xiao Xiyue lifted her head slightly, her clear beautiful eyes meeting Lu Changsheng's gaze.

"Then you should also know that the fate between you and me is now not something that can be severed just because you say so."

Lu Changsheng had restrained himself from speaking his mind before, worried that it would affect Xiao Xiyue's state of mind, not mentioning many things.

Now that she had so candidly revealed her intentions, Lu Changsheng felt less concern about these matters.

"Xi Yue is well aware."

Xiao Xiyue lifted her head, her face full of love as she kissed him and said, "With Lu Lang having so many beautiful wives and concubines, in time, you will naturally forget about Xi Yue."

"And if I can't forget?"

Lu Changsheng asked.

"Changsheng, I'm sorry."

Xiao Xiyue was taken aback, her voice trembling slightly as she spoke.

“There’s nothing to be sorry about, Xi Yue. As long as you can successfully establish your foundation, I’ll comply with whatever you wish.”

Lu Changsheng quickly reassured her, worried he might affect her mentality, impacting her foundation establishment.

After all, to him, these matters were not as important as cultivation at the moment.

With cultivation, there would be a future, but if cultivation failed, there would be even more trouble ahead.

“Thank you, Changsheng.”

Xiao Xiyue said softly.

“There’s no need for such words between us.”

Lu Changsheng held her delicate face, capturing her lips with his.

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At the core area of Qingyun Market.

“All ‘A’ grade cave dwellings are rented out?”

“I remember there was one left before, wasn’t there?”

A 24 or 25-year-old youth, handsome and majestic, with a spirited air about him, inquired of Steward Han in front of him.

“Young Master Meng, last month Fairy Xi Yue from Caiyun Peak came and rented that ‘A’ grade cave dwelling.”

Steward Han looked at the white-robed youth and respectfully replied.

“Xi Yue junior sister, I recall she went down the mountain for experience, didn’t she?”

“Besides, if she wanted to strike for a higher cultivation level, she could’ve just returned to our sect and make the attempt under the protection of the Sect Leader.”

Upon hearing this, the youth furrowed his brows slightly.

“Alright, since Xi Yue junior sister has rented it, let it be. Arrange a ‘B’ grade cave dwelling for me.”

The young man didn’t dwell on it and simply waved his hand, instructing directly.

“Yes, Young Master Meng, please wait a moment, I will arrange it for you now.”

Steward Han immediately responded.

Chapter 310: Foundation Establishment, Yin Yang Five Elements Dao Foundation!_1

May, also called the Gao Month.

On the fifteenth of May, this day is also known as the day of ‘Great Yin’s Coalescence’.

As night fell, a crescent moon was slowly rising.

In the Qingyun Marketplace, nestled on the mountainside of Core Peak, within a cave dwelling.

“Changsheng.”

Xiao Xiyue looked at the man before her, Lu Changsheng, and called out softly.

She was dressed in a moon-white garment.

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The curves of her lithe figure were tastefully concealed by the attire.

Yet her beauty was still obvious.

Underneath the skirt, the outlines of her long, straight, jade-like legs were faintly visible.

Her delicate feet adorned with white silk stockings and embroidered shoes appeared untouched by dust.

At this moment, Xiao Xiyue reverted to her formerly detached demeanor.

Her bearing was cold and saintly, like the mysterious moon in the nine heavens.

Her devastating beauty carried an aloof grace that seemed untouched by worldly taint.

She was like the everlasting ice and snow, inspiring reverence at a glance.

“Let’s begin.”

Lu Changsheng gazed at Xiao Xiyue’s bearing, nodded, and spoke no further.

Xiao Xiyue’s cool and luminous gaze met with Lu Changsheng’s eyes, which shone like stars, clear and devoid of worldly desires.

In the most secret depths of her heart, ripples of love began to stir.

Her breath grew slightly erratic, betraying the fairy’s inner turmoil.

They locked eyes for a moment, and her soft, boneless, white hands reached out to encircle his neck.

As stars shifted and oceans transformed, amidst the flowing water and falling flowers, a harmonious symphony of life began to play.

The two of them listened to this silent symphony.

Spirit and flesh started to merge into the rhythm of the symphony, making it increasingly hard to distinguish between each other.

Outside the cave dwelling, under the endless night sky, the bright moon hung high.

A fierce flood dragon soared from the abyss toward the bright moon, roaring as it went.

In the face of the vicious flood dragon, the cool and luminous bright moon burst forth with dazzling light.

However, under the flood dragon's assault, the cool and proud bright moon seemed to frown like a fairy, and with a soft chant, endless moonlight poured forth, merging into the flood dragon's body.

The flood dragon, having absorbed the essence of the bright moon, howled towards the sky, yearning to transform from a flood dragon into a true dragon!

"Changsheng!"

Inside the dwelling, although Xiao Xiyue maintained the dual cultivation stance, the passion that had adorned her beautiful face was now replaced by a noble and sacred radiance.

Lu Changsheng said nothing.

As the Great Yin moonlight from Xiao Xiyue surged into his body, his Dantian seemed to be set aflame with towering waves, roaring continuously.

This roaring was inaudible to others, but Lu Changsheng felt it clearly within himself, like thunder, rumbling mightily.

He hadn't yet begun to initiate the Foundation Establishment, yet his seven-colored Dantian was already roaring and churning.

It seemed as if a myriad of golden light wished to condense from within the Dantian.

“If I do not succeed, it would be a defiance of the natural order!”

Lu Changsheng felt this overwhelming and vast power, his eyes bright with a spirited gleam.

With a gesture, a porcelain bottle from his Storage Bag fell into his hand.

It was the Foundation Establishment Elixir.

His current condition for undertaking the Foundation Establishment, even without the elixir, held a seventy to eighty percent certainty of success.

But.

Even with the slightest risk, Lu Changsheng was unwilling to accept it.

The Foundation Establishment Elixir could not only harmonize the three barriers, enhancing the Spiritual Root's transformation and absorption of nature's spiritual energy,

But it could also ensure that one would not suffer backlash in the event of a failed Foundation Establishment.

If Foundation Establishment failed, at best one would be injured and their cultivation level would regress.

At worst, the meridians and Dantian could be damaged, leaving one crippled or even leading to the demise of one's cultivation path.

Therefore, even with a ninety-nine percent chance of success, Lu Changsheng would choose to consume the Foundation Establishment Elixir for his breakthrough!

“Boom!”

As the Foundation Establishment Elixir was ingested, Lu Changsheng’s ‘Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture’ began to circulate within him, as Spiritual Power, like a tidal wave, converged towards his Dantian, assaulting the barriers for Foundation Establishment.

The Spiritual Energy within the cave also surged towards him like a raging tempest at this moment, forming a vortex of Spiritual Energy.

“Rumble!”

Simultaneously, the qi and blood within Lu Changsheng’s body began to seethe tumultuously, rushing forth like mighty rivers and streams.

First barrier of Foundation Establishment—the Qi and Blood Barrier!

This barrier required the infusion of immense nature’s spiritual energy into one’s meridians and Dantian.

If the body cannot withstand this process, Foundation Establishment would fail.

This is why cultivators over the age of sixty, whose bodies gradually age and qi and blood weaken, or those with disabilities and hidden illnesses, have almost no hope of establishing their Foundation.

Because they simply cannot bear such an infusion of immense spiritual energy.

Lu Changsheng, having cultivated the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, possessed a fleshly body comparable to high-quality magic artifacts.

Facing the spiritual energy tempest that swept through like a storm, he was like an ancient divine mountain, unshaken by wind and rain, standing tall and immovable.

Second barrier of Foundation Establishment—the Mana Barrier!

During the Qi Refinement Realm, one transforms nature's spiritual energy into one's own Spiritual Power.

But when initiating Foundation Establishment, one must transform this Spiritual Power into Mana, converting from a gaseous to a liquid state.

The purer and denser the Spiritual Power, the easier it is to liquefy and transform into Mana.

If one consumed too many Elixir Medicines during the Qi Refinement Realm, or relied on Breakthrough Elixirs, tonic supplements, and other methods, it could lead to a base of Spiritual Power that's insubstantial and impure Mana, making it hard to condense the Dao Foundation.

Lu Changsheng cultivated the Orthodox Level Cultivation Technique 'Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture', thus his Spiritual Power was naturally extremely pure.

While he relied on a constant intake of elixirs and often engaged in dual cultivation with women,

Seven Luminaries Sword Qi was capable of refining away the Elixir Toxicity.

Additionally, his dual cultivation was practiced with moderation, merely as a marital pleasure, and was not used as a means to enhance his Cultivation Level.

Therefore, there wasn't a trace of insubstantiality in the foundation of his Spiritual Power; it was solid and unwavering.

Furthermore, under the influence of the Golden Crow Elixir's Great Sun Essence and Xiao Xiyue's Great Yin moonlight, he saw in his Dantian that the essence of the Great Sun and the Great Yin moonlight seemed to transform into a yin-yang fish, helping him swallow and refine nature's spiritual energy.

Within his qi ocean, the rich gaseous Spiritual Power from the Dantian was continuously being compressed into a liquid state, ready to transform his Dantian into a True Lake.

The third barrier—Divine Sense Barrier.

Previously, under Xiao Xiyue's guidance and with the aid of the Purple Mansion Nurturing Divine Technique and Jade Soul Flower, he had already given birth to Divine Sense.