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Chapter 371: Making a Move, Slain with One Sword!_1

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“Boom, boom, boom——”

Endless thunderous sounds bombarded the Great Formation of Red Leaf Valley Market, making the entire marketplace flicker between light and darkness, eerily uncertain.

And the original thin mist that enveloped the marketplace now rapidly thickened at this moment, as a powerful surge of spiritual power fluctuated throughout.

It turned the entire formation into the color of the sky-blue jade bowl with layers of water patterns flowing on it, enveloping the market.

Now that the Robber Cultivators were attacking the market, the four major families were unsure of the situation, whether there were more Robber Cultivators outside planning to attack the marketplace.

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Thus, faced with this situation, it was natural to fully activate the Great Formation and seal off the marketplace.

To prevent Robber Cultivators from killing their way into the marketplace, to prevent those within from escaping, and to restrain the Loose Cultivators from causing chaos while waiting for support from the four major families to arrive.

“Boom boom boom!”

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge quickly arrived at the Lu Family Spiritual Talisman Shop.

They immediately saw four cultivators unleashing techniques against the Lu Family Spiritual Talisman Shop, bombarding it furiously.

These groups of Robber Cultivators, raiding the marketplace, naturally picked the better shops to plunder first.

And the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop in the entire marketplace was also one of the better shops, which is why it was the first to be targetted by the Robber Cultivators.

"Fellow Daoist, if this is your family's shop, we will take our leave now."

"If it's not your family's shop, please do not meddle."

The four Robber Cultivators bombarding the shop's formation saw Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge rush over and immediately showed caution in their eyes.

From their clothing, demeanor, and temperament, they could tell that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge were no ordinary Robber Cultivators or Loose Cultivators.

Seeing the two people hurry to this place, they guessed that it was very likely that they were the shopowners.

Therefore, they were unwilling to engage in conflict.

After all, with the market in chaos, their goal was to profit as quickly as possible.

There was no need for pointless strife.

"Clang!"

Without a word, Lu Changsheng slapped his Storage Bag, and the Green-Face Sword was unsheathed.

He had mostly sold the unused Flying Swords and Magical Artifacts he had on him.

Only the Green-Face Sword the Fourth Elder had given him remained.

Now that Lu Miaoge was by his side, it was inconvenient to show off the Spiritual Artifact, so he used this Magical Sword instead.

However, to kill these Robber Cultivators, a Magical Sword was already enough.

“Swoosh——”

The Flying Sword unsheathed, its green-gold light circling, the blade unveiled striking brilliance, strands of Sword Qi spat out, like a divine rainbow directly lunging at the four people.

All four were attacking his shop; how could he waste time talking with them?

“Not good!”

“Watch out!”

Seeing the Flying Sword coming toward them, the four hastily stimulated their Protective Auras and wielded their Magic Artifacts.

But even the most advanced among them was only at the Eighth Level Energy Refinement Stage.

Faced with the extremely sharp Green-Face Sword, with explosive Sword Qi, slashing at them, they had no time to defend and couldn’t stop it.

“Thunk thunk thunk——”

The Protective Auras around the four were instantly pierced by the cold Sword Qi, followed by their heads being severed by the blade’s light.

With one move, one at the Energy Refinement Late Stage, three at the Middle Stage, all died.

“Changsheng.”

Seeing this scene, Lu Miaoge's eyes revealed shock and surprise.

She was surprised not only by Lu Changsheng's strength.

But also by his decisiveness and ruthlessness in killing.

After so many years of living together, in her eyes, Lu Changsheng had always been a gentle and refined man, handling matters as gently as a breeze or drizzling rain.

He never argued or fought with others, much less engage in combat or killing.

So at this moment, seeing Lu Changsheng decisively act against the four Robber Cultivators without mercy and instantly slaying them, she was utterly astonished.

It was as if she had seen another side of her husband.

"These people wanted to profit from the chaos, so they should be ready for this."

Lu Changsheng let out a light laugh, said casually, and sheathed the Green-Face Sword.

In this situation, he didn't bother to hide anything in front of Lu Miaoge.

Or rather, in terms of acting decisively, he had not really hidden it.

It's just that his disposition was inherently easygoing and gentle, and when dealing with family, he would not show any killer instinct.

"I know, it's just the first time I've seen you act so decisively, Changsheng, which is why I was surprised."

Lu Miaoge pursed her lips, her eyes full of softness, and spoke gently.

She did not mind Lu Changsheng killing people.

In her eyes, this was not something evil or bad.

In the ruthless Cultivation World, if you don't kill, others will kill you.

Whether it's an individual or a family, once you step on the path of cultivation, you cannot escape killing.

Just like the time when the Lu Family and the Chen Family battled, when the Lu Family and the Bai Family went to war with many of the Ping'an Family's children, it was a way to let their own children experience a baptism of blood to understand the cruelty of the Cultivation World.

"Mistress!"

At this time, from inside the Spiritual Talisman Shop, two young women hurried out, their souls still unsettled as they called out to Lu Miaoge, Lu Changsheng.

They were apprentices at the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

They lived there on regular days.

The recent events had scared them quite a bit.

"Xiao Yun, Xiao Shui, you've worked hard."

Lu Miaoge said with a gentle face, looking at the two.

"Sister Miaoge, you stay here, I'm going to check on the 'Peace Talisman Hall.'"

Lu Changsheng said to Lu Miaoge.

Given the Spiritual Talisman Shop was targeted, he estimated his Talisman Shop suffered the same fate.

Moreover, with Lu Miaoge by his side, he couldn't exhibit his full strength, and his actions were somewhat hindered.

"Okay, Changsheng, be careful."

Lu Miaoge nodded.

She didn't say she wanted to accompany Lu Changsheng any longer.

Her insistence on being with Lu Changsheng before was due to her lack of confidence in him.

Worried that, despite his cultivation level, he was not adept at combat.

But having now witnessed Lu Changsheng's strength and decisiveness, her worries dissipated.

Knowing that Lu Changsheng was even better than her in combat and killing.

"Sister Miaoge, rest assured, I have Talismans with me, nothing will happen."

"You also be careful, and send me a message immediately if anything happens."

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Lu Changsheng nodded his head.

Red Leaf Valley Market was not very big.

In case of any emergencies, he could rush over quickly.

Thus, he wasn't worried that Lu Miaoge would encounter any accidents.

Moreover, with Lu Miaoge's Ninth Level Energy Refinement cultivation level and talismans by her side, as long as she didn't run into any Foundation Establishment Cultivators, she would be fine.

"Okay,"

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Lu Miaoge nodded lightly.

Then, she led two apprentices into the Spiritual Talisman Shop, fully activating the shop's formations to prevent any robber cultivators from coming again.

Lu Changsheng, holding the Green-Face Sword, steered his flying artifact towards the 'Peace Talisman Hall.'

"Hahaha, rob everything now while you can!"

"Once the chaos is subdued, there will be no more chances!"

"Hahaha, exhilarating! With these elixir medicines, I can break through to the Energy Refinement Late Stage."

On the streets, several robber cultivators were attacking a shop.

After blasting open the shop's formation, they went in and plundered everything.

"Puff puff puff—"

Seeing this situation, Lu Changsheng stepped forward and struck without any mercy, slashing to kill the offenders.

Robber cultivators deserved death!

In face of such, he naturally would not show mercy.

“These ill-gotten gains will be considered robbing the wicked to aid the poor,”

After burning the bodies of the several people, Lu Changsheng picked up the storage bags, thinking to himself.

“Boom boom boom—”

Just then, a surge of mana power fluctuations swept across the area from ahead.

The nearby loft that was engulfed in flames could no longer bear the burden and collapsed with a crash into ruins.

Lu Changsheng looked up.

He saw the Patriarch of the Yu Family up in the sky, wielding a red-yellow disk and an Ice Blue Crescent Wheel, clashing with a robust man wearing a bamboo hat and holding a red long knife.

Each collision of their magic artifacts caused a fearsome might.

“This Patriarch of the Yu Family seems pretty weak,”

Lu Changsheng frowned slightly as he watched the robust man and the Patriarch of the Yu Family fight.

He noted that the Patriarch of the Yu Family’s strength seemed no different from that of the former Lu Family Ancestor and Ancestor Chen.

Compared to the red-robed youth and Meng Yibai, he was much weaker.

“Well, that’s to be expected. Qingzhu Mountain, Hundred Birds Lake, Wugong Ridge, and even Bi Lake Mountain – these families are all minor ones.”

“Not only is their foundation limited, their ancestors spend most of their time after the Foundation Establishment in the family, rarely venturing out for experience, so their strength is naturally ordinary.”

“It’s impossible for them to compare with robber cultivators that dare to plunder the marketplace, let alone the red-robed youth and Meng Yibai from before,”

Lu Changsheng thought internally.

This robust man who dared to rob the marketplace naturally had some strength and methods.

As for the red-robed youth and Meng Yibai,

he had reaped spoils of war valued at more than one hundred thousand spirit stones from the red-robed youth,

among which there was even a Peripheral Sect Level cultivation method.

From this, one could see that this person was not simple.

One should know that the four big families, with hundreds of years of inheritance, had at most High Grade Cultivation Techniques and Exquisite Level Cultivation Methods.

From this, one could see the disparity between them.

As for Meng Yibai, there was no need to say more.

Not only was he an elite disciple of Qingyun Sect, but he also had a False Core elder, so naturally, his strength was among the best.

“However, looking at this robber cultivator, he seems to still have some strength to spare,”

Lu Changsheng’s brows furrowed as he watched the grey-robed robber cultivator who kept clashing with the Patriarch of the Yu Family.

He felt that the other party was dealing with the Patriarch of the Yu Family’s attacks quite comfortably, as if he had plenty of room to maneuver.

“This robber cultivator is just trying to delay the Patriarch of the Yu Family,”

Lu Changsheng’s eyes narrowed slightly.

He glanced again at the marketplace’s ‘Green Water Cloud Formation’ that was flickering in the sky above.

At that moment, the formation was already fully operational.

But under the constant interference of endless lightning, it could only defend and seal off the marketplace, making it difficult to suppress the enemy.

“Indeed, these robber cultivators came prepared, and there are quite a few accomplices,”

“What he wants to do is to keep the Patriarch of the Yu Family occupied while his accomplices take the opportunity to plunder the marketplace,”

“So, he doesn’t want to push the Patriarch of the Yu Family into a corner,”

“After all, although the marketplace’s Green Water Cloud Formation is interfered with and affected, it’s not broken.”

“If the Patriarch of the Yu Family gets desperate and abandons the marketplace’s seal, letting the formation fully enhance his own body to attack and subdue the enemy, this person will also have a tough time handling it—he might not die but would surely be skinned,”

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin and roughly understood the situation.

The marketplace's 'Green Water Cloud Formation' was indeed being interfered with from multiple angles.

But it was not useless.

It's just that by using its full force to seal the marketplace, it was no longer available for subduing enemies.

If the Patriarch of the Yu Family abandoned the formation's sealing and was willing to pay some price, he could still control the formation to kill enemies.

But doing that would not only result in his own loss.

The marketplace would descend into complete chaos as well.

After all, no one was clear about the situation of the robber cultivators inside and outside the marketplace.

Currently, there were many loose cultivators who, seeing the marketplace sealed by the formation, did not dare to take the risk and become robber cultivators.

If there was no longer a formation seal, then all restraints would be lifted.

"However, continuing like this is not the solution,"

"This Patriarch of the Yu Family is too useless; he clearly cannot take down this robber cultivator, he can only delay and wait for reinforcements to arrive,"

"But it will take at least an hour for help from nearby Qingzhu Mountain to arrive,"

"In an hour, this marketplace will have been completely plundered, with not only heavy losses incurred but also the number of people coming here will surely plummet,"

Lu Changsheng watched as the marketplace gradually erupted into flames, with the sounds of spells exploding and clashing coming from afar, his brows slightly furrowed.

He knew that if this continued, not only would the marketplace be robbed, but many would die as well.

“Forget it, I might as well take action,”

“After all, it’s considered my marketplace, and I’ll need to stay here for a long time,”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself, ready to disguise himself and step in to end the chaos.

Just at that moment, the Sensing Talisman in his storage bag lit up.

It was Xiao Xiyue’s Sensing Talisman.

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He immediately channeled mana into the jade talisman.

Thus, the other party could sense his position.

“Changsheng!”

Before long, a woman veiled in light gauze, dressed in a blue dress, and maneuvering a flying artifact, came and transmitted her voice to him.

“Xi Yue.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the woman.

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He knew the person who came was Xiao Xiyue.

The other party did not wish to reveal their identity, which is why they had disguised themselves.

“Changsheng, what’s happening?”

Xiao Xiyue had been meditating in the cave dwelling area and was also awakened by the commotion of the marketplace’s great formation.

So she immediately came looking for Lu Changsheng to check the situation.

“It should be someone in the marketplace undergoing Foundation Establishment, causing the marketplace’s great formation to be affected during this time, unable to operate at full strength, and thus drawing the attention of robber cultivators,” Lu Changsheng relayed through divine sense.

“Do you need me to take action?”

Upon hearing this, Xiao Xiyue looked towards the sky, at the Patriarch of the Yu Family who was fighting with the brawny man.

She knew that Lu Changsheng did not wish to expose his identity or cultivation level and found it inconvenient to act.

“I’ll do it. You hold back and see how things unfold before you act,” Lu Changsheng said to Xiao Xiyue.

Now that he had the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp and the True Yang Five Elements Sword, he also wanted to see how his combat prowess was.

Moreover, judging from the battle scene, Xiao Xiyue taking action might not be enough to resolve the situation.

After all, according to his earlier speculation, those who dared to loot the marketplace like this must have something up their sleeve, including other Foundation Establishment Cultivators.

“Alright, then let Xi Yue witness Lu Lang’s heroic bearing.”

Xiao Xiyue responded with a slight smile upon hearing this.

She knew that Meng Yibai had died at the hands of Lu Changsheng.

Therefore, she was quite confident in Lu Changsheng’s abilities.

Moreover, she also wanted to witness Lu Changsheng’s strength.

“Alright, today you shall see,” Lu Changsheng replied, also with a light chuckle.

He then found a secluded spot where no one was around and put on the Hundred Illusions Mask.

Instantly, his handsome face changed into something rougher and more ferocious.

His long hair scattered, and he exchanged his green robe for a dark, wide robe.

“This should do it.”

After disguising himself, Lu Changsheng checked his appearance.

Unless the other party possessed some eye technique, they should not be able to see his true face.

The next moment, his figure shot out, changing his position; mana surged within his body, forming an escape light that shot into the sky.

“A Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!?”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family and the brawny man, engaged in combat, both looked towards Lu Changsheng in the escape light, taken aback.

They did not understand the situation and whether Lu Changsheng was friend or foe.

“Another Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!?”

“How has another Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator appeared!?”

“Could this person also be a robber cultivator?”

“If so, Ancestor Yu is in danger!”

Inside the marketplace, many people were focused on the combat in the sky.

Seeing an escape light shooting into the sky, they all showed shocked and anxious expressions.

They did not know if this Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator was good or bad.

If this Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator were also a robber cultivator, then the marketplace would be doomed, and they would be in danger too.

“What’s all this noise late at night? Not letting people rest, are you?”

Lu Changsheng stood with his hands behind him, a few yards away from the two men, with a look of displeasure.

Powered up by the Profound Origin Bead, he radiated a mana imposing enough not to be inferior to that of a mid-stage Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

“Fellow Daoist, I am in charge of this Red Leaf Valley Market.”

“This person is a troublesome robber cultivator. I beg you to lend a hand. Afterward, our Red Leaf Valley Market will surely offer you a generous reward!” the Patriarch of the Yu Family called out, a trace of panic in his heart.

He did not understand how a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator had been concealed within the marketplace.

Feeling that Lu Changsheng was not allied with the present robber cultivator, he promptly asked for help respectfully.

“I’m sorry for disturbing your rest, fellow Daoist.”

“These spirit stones are for compensating you. Please forgive us, and I shall leave after an incense stick’s burn time,” the brawny man said, taking out a storage bag and tossing it towards Lu Changsheng.

He also did not understand how a mid-stage Foundation Establishment Cultivator suddenly emerged in the marketplace.

But he did not want any trouble.

After all, if Lu Changsheng joined forces with Ancestor Yu, he would not be able to continue looting.

“Not bad, quite straightforward,” Lu Changsheng said as he fetched the storage bag.

Glancing casually inside, he saw over a thousand spirit stones.

He thought to himself that this robber cultivator was much more decisive than the Patriarch of the Yu Family.

“Fellow Daoist, this is just a deposit. As long as you are willing to help, my Yu Family will definitely reward you well!” The Patriarch of the Yu Family, seeing this act, hastened to say, gritting his teeth.

He too immediately took out a valuable treasure from his storage bag for Lu Changsheng.

“Good, I hope your Yu Family’s reward will not disappoint me,” Lu Changsheng said as he scanned the Patriarch of the Yu Family with a grave voice.

Without wasting any more time, his whole body's mana surged, his hair wildly waving in the air, as he lifted the True Yang Five Elements Sword.

“Do you truly intend to oppose me, fellow Daoist?”

The brawny man, seeing this gesture, scowled under his hat, looking rather displeased.

He was not someone with a kind temper.

It was just that he didn't want to be affected by Lu Changsheng and bring more trouble upon himself, which is why he voluntarily offered compensation.

But Lu Changsheng's actions made him feel snubbed.

“Daring to threaten me?”

Lu Changsheng looked towards the brawny man, and with a breath, he released something.

A starry ancient lamp flew out from within him,

It was the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp.

“Go!”

Lu Changsheng did not hide his strength, pouring a vast amount of mana into the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp.

The lamp's flames flickered, seven stars circled, shining brightly. Infinite Sword Qi spread from the lamp, exuding a sharp aura, slashing towards the brawny man.

“Hmph, do you really think I'm easy to bully?”

The brawny man, seeing this, squeezed his hands into a spell.

A giant black gourd hovered above his head from which rolling black flames spread out like a Black Fire Dragon, rushing towards the strands of Sword Qi.

The Patriarch of the Yu Family, witnessing this scene, immediately showed an expression of pleasant surprise.

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Lu Changsheng acted decisively to lend his assistance.

Immediately, he continued to drive the Red and Ice Blue Crescent Wheels towards the burly man.

However, he did not use his full strength, still wary of Lu Changsheng.

Worried that the other party was playing a double act, preparing to launch a sneak attack on him.

“Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh——”

Hundreds of fierce Seven Luminaries Sword Qi surged forth, annihilating the burly man’s Black Fire Dragon, reducing it to black smoke that scattered away.

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Then, they continued to surge towards the burly man.

“Not good!”

The burly man sensed trouble.

He saw that the other’s strength and tactics were clearly superior to his own.

Seeing Lu Changsheng casting sword techniques again, with the Flying Sword morphing into several blades, he dared not hold back either.

Mana surged around his body, and a Black Spiritual Armor emerged, wrapping around him tightly.

“Roar!”

At the same time, a terrifying roar from a fierce beast echoed.

A vicious and ferocious Green Giant Wolf could be seen rising to the skies, surrounded by Wind Blades sweeping across like thousands of blades, heading straight for Lu Changsheng.

This Green Wolf was unmistakably a Second Rank Demon Beast.

“A Second Rank Demon Beast!?”

“This man actually has a Second Rank Spiritual Pet.”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family, upon seeing the Green Wolf, had his pupils shrink.

Only then did he realize that the other party was not only not using his full strength against him but also had a Second Rank Demon Beast in reserve.

This sent a chill through his heart.

Xiao Xiyue, upon seeing this scene, had a crescent moon wheel appear in her hand.

Should Lu Changsheng be in danger, she was ready to take action immediately.

“Sword Shadow Dividing Light Technique, slash!”

However, Lu Changsheng watched the approaching Green Wolf with a calm expression.

He formed hand seals and pointed at the nine True Yang Five Elements Swords in front of him.

“Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh——”

The Flying Swords vibrated, their light flowing, unleashing astonishing power, accompanied by the sound of sword cries, they abruptly struck out like raging waves, blazing flames in the sky, shooting stars chasing the moon, and thunder and lightning.

“Thud, thud, thud——”

It was over in an instant.

The Green Wolf, which was rushing towards Lu Changsheng, suddenly stiffened, let out a mournful howl.

Immediately after.

Multiple wounds of varying severity appeared all over its body, dark blood spurted, splattering across the sky.

And then, with a ‘thump,’ it fell from the sky.

The Second Rank Demon Beast, dead!

“How is this possible!?”

The burly man’s face changed drastically, and his eyes nearly split open upon seeing this scene.

The Green Wolf was but a Second Rank early-stage Demon Beast.

But it was still a Second Rank Demon Beast.

An existence on the same level as a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator.

Moreover, compared to Foundation Establishment Cultivators, Demon Beasts were generally more resistant to damage and much harder to kill.

But now, it had been slain in one blow by someone.

Such power was truly hair-raising.

“This!!!”

It wasn’t just the burly man, the Patriarch of the Yu Family who saw this scene was also shocked, his eyes wide and heart pounding.

One strike to kill a Second Rank Demon Beast, such strength was simply astounding.

He felt that if he were to face such a strike, he himself might not last many exchanges.

“Changsheng.”

Not far away, Xiao Xiyue, who was ready to act at any moment, looked upon this scene, her cold beautiful eyes gleaming brightly.

She knew Lu Changsheng’s strength was not simple.

Otherwise, he wouldn’t have been able to slay Meng Yibai.

In her estimation, Lu Changsheng must have relied on a variety of methods and trump cards to kill Meng Yibai.

Otherwise, how could Lu Changsheng, who had just broken through to Foundation Establishment, possibly slay Meng Yibai, who was at the middle stage of Foundation Establishment?

But now, seeing a Second Rank Demon Beast effortlessly slain by Lu Changsheng’s sword, she felt her heart skip a beat in surprise.

Realizing that Lu Changsheng was several times more powerful than she had imagined, and even more monstrously talented.

“Sword Cultivators, how terrifying they are!”

“Hiss, to actually slay a Second Rank Demon Beast with a single sword strike.”

“Rumors have it that Sword Cultivators are unparalleled in offense, invincible amongst their peers, and today I have finally witnessed it.”

“Could this person be from the Heavenly Sword Sect!”

Many people in the distance, upon seeing this scene, gaped in astonishment and exclaimed with shock.

People like those from the Red Leaf Valley Market, who usually had little chance to see Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators fight, had never witnessed such an incredible technique.

They were so astonished they didn't know what to say, looking up at Lu Changsheng in the sky with eyes full of shock, respect, envy, and longing.

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“Boss!”

Just as the Green Wolf was slain by Lu Changsheng, a woman dressed in a grey robe, wearing a bamboo hat, burst into the sky and arrived beside the burly man.

She and her son had raided the Marketplace and interfered with the Formation, but she had also been keeping an eye on the situation here.

Seeing her Spiritual Pet cut down by a single sword strike filled her with alarm.

She dared not let her husband continue to face Lu Changsheng and the Patriarch of the Yu Family alone.

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“Indeed, another Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator was hidden!”

When the Patriarch of the Yu Family saw the woman, his heart skipped a beat, and his face showed solemn concern.

He had speculated that there was another Great Cultivator skilled in Formation based on the state of the Great Formation they had encountered earlier.

Thus, he had remained vigilant throughout, lest the opponent should suddenly launch a sneak attack, leaving him no time to invoke the Formation to quell the enemy.

“Another Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivator!”

“Hiss, with two Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators leading the charge, no wonder they dared to plunder the Marketplace!”

“If not for the intervention of this senior Sword Cultivator, tonight could have been dire.”

The crowd in the Marketplace, witnessing the scene, were all utterly astonished.

Xiao Xiyue calmly gripped her Moon Ring, watching the scene unfold, ready to intervene at any moment.

“Fellow Daoist, we admit defeat and are willing to leave as is!”

The burly man glanced at his wife, swallowed his anger, and with a hoarse voice, spoke to Lu Changsheng.

Even though his Spiritual Pet had been killed and his heart was full of rage,

the sword strike from Lu Changsheng just now made it clear that he was no match for Lu Changsheng.

If the fight continued, the only one to suffer would be himself.

He was currently wanted by the Heavenly Sword Sect and had planned to make a quick score and leave.

If he made too much noise or got injured, escaping Jiang Country would become troublesome.

“Phew!”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family let out a sigh of relief upon hearing the burly man’s words.

Though the Marketplace had suffered losses, if the situation could end like this, in his view, it was within an acceptable range.

“You disturb my rest, and you think to leave like this?”

“You may go if you wish, but leave your Storage Bag and sever an arm.”

Lu Changsheng’s expression was indifferent as he stood with his hands behind his back and declared.

His intervention had been to take on the role of an arrogant Sword Cultivator.

If he were to let them leave so easily, wouldn’t it look as if he had no face?

It would seem as though his intervention was solely to quell the disturbance in the Marketplace.

Upon these words, the face of the Patriarch of the Yu Family stiffened, and he looked at Lu Changsheng, astounded.

He had not expected that when the Robber Cultivators were willing to back down, Lu Changsheng would refuse.

But remembering the might of Lu Changsheng's sword that had killed a Second Rank Demon Beast, his lips twitched as he wanted to speak but then hesitated, not daring to dissuade him.

The burly man's face instantly darkened.

Looking at Lu Changsheng, he said coldly, "Fellow Daoist, do not take things too far. Do you really think you have us completely at your mercy?"

Although he admitted to himself that he was no match for Lu Changsheng, he was not afraid of him.

He simply did not wish to engage in a senseless struggle.

"Taking things too far?"

Lu Changsheng, hearing this remark, scoffed.

Then, with an indifferent expression and an air of arrogance, he said, "Since you do not know how to seize the opportunity when given, let's settle it under the sword then!"

As his words concluded, the firelight from the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp above his head flickered, and countless fierce Sword Qi burst forth, with dozens of strands.

Each strand of Sword Qi was comparable to a Foundation Establishment strike, incredibly astonishing.

"Shimmering Shadow Condensation Sword Technique!"

At the same time, Lu Changsheng formed hand seals, and Mana surged within him like mighty rivers, making the Profound Origin Bead in his Dantian churn with power.

Suddenly, the buzzing Nine Flying Swords trembled, bathed in all kinds of radiance, bursting with blinding brightness.

Thereupon, the nine swords merged into a gigantic sword, black, white, green, red, yellow, and blue—seven colors intermixed, spanning several zhang and radiating a terrifying presence.

The burly man and the grey-robed female cultivator both showed looks of horror upon seeing this.

Having struggled their way through the Cultivation World, their vision was extraordinary.

They recognized at a glance that Lu Changsheng's technique was powerful.

They couldn't comprehend how such a formidable Sword Cultivator could exist in the small Red Leaf Valley Market.

Even the Heavenly Sword Sect disciples who had pursued them before were not this fearsome.

Seeing the overwhelming Sword Qi already on them, the two had no time to think more and acted without hesitation.

The burly man took out a White Bone Crossbow Bolt, spat a mouthful of blood onto it, turning it blood-red and surging with a deadly aura, and shot it piercing through the air towards Lu Changsheng.

“Pfft, pfft, pfft—”

The blood-imbued White Bone Arrow was exceedingly sharp, blood runes swirling around it, tearing through the strands of Seven Luminaries Sword Qi.

The grey-robed female cultivator, facing the Seven-Colored Giant Sword above, brought out a gleaming Yellow Ancient Mirror.

The Ancient Mirror rose in the air, becoming a bright moon under the night sky, shining with dazzling brilliance.

Then it formed layer upon layer of golden light shields, akin to the Great Sun Golden Bell, enveloping and defending both of them.

“Slash!”

At that moment, Lu Changsheng completed his sword technique, pointing indifferently towards the Seven-Colored Giant Sword from above.

“Boom!”

The Giant Sword slashed down from the sky.

This one strike seemed as if it could cleave heaven and earth, blazing brightly in the night, causing everyone in the Marketplace to watch this earth-shattering swordplay.

“Clang—”

The Sword Qi tore through the air, like a fierce storm, and the blood-stained White Bone Arrow wailed, trembling continuously, as the blood runes on it dissipated at a visible rate, plummeting from the sky.

“Boom, boom, boom!”

Then the Giant Sword crashed onto the shield resembling the Great Sun Golden Bell, causing deafening noises to reverberate.

Under this one strike, the Golden Great Bell showed dense, web-like cracks, as the floating Yellow Ancient Mirror above shuddered continuously, its light dimming.

The Seven-Colored Giant Sword vibrated violently, its power spreading, continuing to slash down with Mana like raging waves, fierce and domineering, as if to split both shield and persons alike.

“Not good, this person is not only a Sword Cultivator but also a battle-hardened one among them, his combat strength as sharp as Foundation Establishment Late Stage!”

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With one stroke of the sword, the gray-robed female cultivator’s face turned pale, sensing that even her Golden Light Mirror might be shattered directly.

Her hands continually formed seals, a surge of mana pouring into the ‘Golden Light Mirror,’ forcibly sustaining it.

At the same time, she looked at Lu Changsheng, shouting loudly, “Fellow Daoist, please stop, we have offended you tonight, for which my husband and I are wrong. We are willing to offer an apology.”

“An apology? Do you think you can start and stop fighting whenever you wish?”

Lu Changsheng said coldly.

Clapping his hands together fiercely, the Seven-Colored Giant Sword emitted a thunderous rumbling, the force of its descent growing even more terrifying.

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“Rumble——”

A huge explosion sounded.

Although the Ancient Mirror emitted intense golden light, solidifying the Golden Bell, it let out a piteous cry under this fierce attack, not only did the Golden Bell explode with a bang, shattering into pieces, but the surface of the mirror also cracked.

“Whoosh whoosh whoosh——”

The dreadful mana aftershock swept through the surroundings, lifting layers of airwaves and causing nearby shops and houses to collapse, teetering on the brink of destruction.

“Such might from a single sword, it’s terrifying!”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family immediately churned his mana, his robe fluttering, forming a shield of air to nullify the shockwaves, his heart shocked by the immense power of this one strike.

“Pfft!”

The Ancient Mirror shattered, the Golden Bell broke, making the gray-robed female cultivator’s face turn ghastly pale, her figure unstable, as she fiercely spat out a mouthful of vital blood.

This vital blood flew straight toward the Ancient Mirror, making it instantly burst forth with light again, projecting a golden barrier to block the incoming giant sword.

“Damn, how could there be such an entity in a newly established marketplace!”

At this moment, the burly man also turned pale, looking extremely ugly.

He knew he had underestimated his opponent.

The Lu Changsheng before him was even more terrifying than they had imagined.

“Run!”

He took out a Second Rank Supreme Talisman—a Fire Dragon Talisman—from his Storage Bag, activated it against Lu Changsheng, and then, together with his wife, they transformed into an Escape Light and hurriedly fled for their lives.

“Slice!”

Lu Changsheng looked at the roaring Second Rank Fire Dragon Talisman, and coldly shouted.

“Plop——”

A crisp sound rang out.

The Seven-Colored Giant Sword directly shattered the assault from the Second Rank Talisman, which was on par with the pinnacle strike of a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

Unabated, its sword might continued charging towards the burly man.

Sensing the Sword Qi breaking through the air behind him, the burly man had no choice but to take out numerous Second Rank Supreme Defense Talismans, activating them for use.

The Talismans formed a thick light barrier, guarding the husband and wife.

“Hiss, so strong!”

“This is too powerful. Facing two Robber Cultivators alone and making them utterly unable to fight back!”

“If there was only one Robber Cultivator, I’m afraid they would be slain by a single sword just like the Second Rank Demon Beast earlier!”

“Is this what it means to be a Sword Cultivator?”

“Sword Cultivators, a single sword to break all spells, absolutely terrifying!”

The crowd watching the battle from the marketplace were all astonished.

All sorts of techniques and Divine Skills, all cleaved apart by one sword, simple and brutal.

The Patriarch of the Yu Family, seeing this scene, felt his throat dry and his Mental Spirit tremble.

As a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, he was more keenly aware of the terrifying nature of Lu Changsheng’s assault than the other people in the marketplace.

He felt that if it were him facing such an offense, he would likely be wiped out by a single sword strike.

Seeing the two Robber Cultivators trying to run away, he didn't stay to watch the spectacle any longer.

He immediately took action, sealing off their path ahead.

Now Lu Changsheng clearly wanted to kill the two of them, and if they were allowed to escape, and Lu Changsheng blamed him, that would be terrible.

Not far away, Xiao Xiyue watched this scene, looking at Lu Changsheng in the sky, her beautiful eyes conveying admiration.

She had been worried that Lu Changsheng might be in danger facing two alone.

But seeing the battle unfold, she knew her worries were completely unnecessary.

The combat strength displayed by Lu Changsheng now was comparable to that of a late-stage Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

Seeing the person she adored being so outstanding, she was overjoyed and excited, her eyes sparkling with delight.

"Damn it, are you truly intent on showing no mercy, not giving my husband and I a way to survive!?"

Faced with Lu Changsheng's assault, the burly man and gray-robed female cultivator already at a disadvantage and only able to flee, now had their escape route sealed by the Spiritual Artifact of the Patriarch of the Yu Family, suddenly spoke with grim faces.

Both of their hands produced several Talismans and one Heavenly Thunder Pearl.

As Robber Cultivators who had wandered far and caused trouble to be pursued by the Heavenly Sword Sect, naturally, they had various means at their disposal.

Now, trapped in a desperate situation, they no longer held back.

The Patriarch of the Yu Family, seeing the Talismans and Heavenly Thunder Pearl in their hands, showed a look of wariness in his eyes.

A Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator might not fear the Heavenly Thunder Pearl, able to dodge its explosive force.

But so many Talismans combined with the Heavenly Thunder Pearl could still pose a danger if he was not careful.

“To think you still dare threaten me at the brink of death?”

Lu Changsheng, garbed in his Mystic Robe, his hair dancing wildly, said with a sneer, exuding a disdainful and lofty air.

“Slice!”

His Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp above his head, his hands forming seals, he pointed towards the Seven-Colored Giant Sword, continuing his assault on the two of them.

“Boom boom boom!”

Ancient patterns swirled atop the Seven-Colored Giant Sword, with an awe-inspiring dominance.

In Lu Changsheng’s hands, the True Yang Five Elements Sword’s might seemed to explode to its utmost limit.

“Husband, there is a weak point in the Great Formation 90 degrees to the front, use the Heavenly Thunder Pearl to break through the formation and take Yu’er away from here!”

The gray-robed female cultivator, her face deathly pale, knew that if they didn't pay a price now, they might both die right here.

As she spoke, she forcibly stimulated the cracked Ancient Mirror to form a golden light screen.

At the same time, she slapped her Storage Bag and a blue pearl flew out, shining brilliantly, creating layers of water screens.

“Damn it!”

The burly man's expression was dark and grim, somewhat ferocious.

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I never expected that after all these years, having escaped the pursuit and killing of the Heavenly Sword Sect, I would actually stumble here.

But I also know that now there is only one choice.

As long as I break through the marketplace blockade, I have an escape secret technique, and there's hope for survival.

Otherwise, even if I fight desperately with Lu Changsheng, we're both headed down a path of certain death.

At once, the burly man activated several talismans.

Next, holding a red long knife, he broke through the offensive of the Patriarch of the Yu Family and hurled a Heavenly Thunder Pearl toward the weak point of the formation, aiming to blast a hole into it and seize the chance to escape.

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“Boom boom boom——”

The Heavenly Thunder Pearl landed at the weak point of the formation, causing deafening and continuous explosions.

“Boom boom boom——”

At the same time, Lu Changsheng’s Seven-Colored Giant Sword slashed down like a tsunami, breaking through layers of defenses cast by the grey-robed female cultivator.

Up against such an assault, the grey-robed female cultivator had long been unable to hold on, her face completely bloodless, her body swaying, clearly at her limit.

“Ha!”

The heartfelt bond between the husband and wife indeed made Lu Changsheng feel quite emotional.

But he showed no mercy.

With a low shout, the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp above his head burst forth with blindingly brilliant light. The central lamp flickered, as countless sword qi poised and ready to strike erupted violently at that moment.

“Whish whish whish——”

The sword qi was like the wind, and the murderous intent was like a tide. Each strand of sword qi contained a peerless killing intent, capable of taking lives.

At that moment, when hundreds of strands of sword qi were unleashed together, their power was incredibly formidable, so much so that even an average Foundation Establishment middle stage cultivator would struggle to defend.

“Thump, thump, thump——”

Under the onslaught of the Seven-Colored Giant Sword’s attack, the already faltering grey-robed female cultivator faced this tumultuous sword qi, and instantly all her defenses were shattered, her body pierced, and blood sprayed out.

The ‘Golden Light Mirror’ overhead, showing cracks, dimmed completely upon losing its master and fell from the sky.

The tide-like deadly sword qi continued to target the burly man.

“Fellow Daoist, spare my life, I’m willing to sever my arm and hand over the Storage Bag!”

Seeing his wife dead, the burly man in grey robes lost all his previous domineering demeanor, his expression filled with utmost panic.

His Black Spirit Armor pulsed, forming a black membrane barely resisting the sharp sword qi, as he cried out loudly.

Without waiting for Lu Changsheng’s response, he directly took up his magic artifact, and with a swift movement, severed his own arm.

“Chop!”

But Lu Changsheng was indifferent to this spectacle, as the Seven-Colored Giant Sword continued its relentless assault.

“Bang——”

The burly man’s severed arm suddenly exploded at that very moment, turning into a splatter of blood that enveloped his body and propelled him away at high speed.

He fled through the hole created by the large explosion at the weak point of the formation.

He wasn’t foolish; he knew that pleading to Lu Changsheng wouldn’t spare his life.

Therefore, through the pretense of pleading for mercy by severing an arm, he actually performed a blood escape secret technique.

“Where do you think you’re going!”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family, who had been watching the battle, immediately took action upon witnessing the scene.

The red-yellow disc and the Ice Blue Crescent Wheel flew out simultaneously, blocking the hole at the formation’s weak point.

He had been prepared to intervene throughout the ordeal, fearing that the burly man would escape.

Leaving aside whether Lu Changsheng would blame him, the current situation was such that if the burly man were to escape, he would surely come back to seek revenge on Red Leaf Valley Market, taking vengeance on their four great Families.

Being targeted by a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator looking for an opportunity for revenge would leave any Family restless!

Just as the Patriarch of the Yu Family’s Spiritual Artifacts obstructed the burly man, endless Seven Luminaries Sword Qi surged toward him, sealing him off from all directions.

“Pfft!”

Then, the Seven-Colored Giant Sword instantly chopped down, cleaving him in two as if sundering heaven and earth, with blood spattering everywhere.

“Dead!”

“Two Foundation Establishment Cultivators have fallen!”

“Sword Cultivators, they are simply too...”

“It’s finally over!”

Everyone watching this scene found themselves at a loss for words.

This battle was like a one-sided crush.

Lu Changsheng acted, and it was always with a single slash.

The two Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators faced that slash, yet could only continuously defend and parry, their every move shattered by that one slash.

The Robber Cultivators who had caused chaos before, the Loose Cultivators who had turned themselves into Robber Cultivators, went pale when they witnessed this scene.

Knowing that the turmoil was now suppressed, they would next face the reckoning of the Red Leaf Valley Market and the four great Families.

“Father, Mother!”

A young man in grey robes saw this and his eyes turned bloodshot, filled with immense grief.

He hadn’t expected that his parents would both fall here.

“Father, Mother, if you hadn’t been trying to gather Foundation Establishment Resources for your child, you wouldn’t have had to rob the marketplace and die here.”

“Rest assured, your child will definitely succeed in achieving Foundation Establishment and will seek revenge for you.”

The young man in grey robes took a deep look at Lu Changsheng and the Patriarch of the Yu Family in the distance, hatred filling his eyes.

He then quickly found an empty alley and changed his disguise.

Having spent so many years adventuring with his parents, committing numerous acts of murder and arson, he knew that now with the market’s unrest suppressed, the Law Enforcement Cultivators of the four great Families would begin to settle accounts with the Robber Cultivators, and he had to hide well to survive this purge.

“Hmph, to disturb my rest and dare to threaten me?”

Lu Changsheng sneered coldly, arrogant and domineering.

As he spoke, he reached out his large hand and collected the bodies of the burly man and grey-robed woman, their Storage Bags, and magic artifacts, pocketing them all.

Afterward, he turned to look at the Patriarch of the Yu Family nearby.

He considered whether to kill the Patriarch of the Yu Family.

After all, the relationship between the Yu Family and the Lu Family had never been good, and he also had an old grudge with the Yu Family.

If he were to eliminate the Patriarch of the Yu Family, it would also remove a major enemy of the Lu Family.

“Thank you for your help, senior.”

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The Elder of the Yu Family, seeing Lu Changsheng looking at him and sizing him up, immediately felt panic rise in his heart and spoke with horror and trepidation.

His form of address changed from the originally used “fellow Daoist” to “Senior.”

After all, in such circumstances, he truly dared not consider himself equal to Lu Changsheng.

“Didn’t you say that there would be a substantial gift for me afterwards if I took action?”

“Now that I have eliminated two Robber Cultivators for your market, the substantial gift should be presented, right?”

Lu Changsheng thought for a moment and dismissed the idea of slaying the Patriarch of the Yu Family.

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One reason was that killing him would lead to chaos in the market.

Moreover, the four major families, aside from the Yu Family that had two Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators able to station one at the Red Leaf Valley Market,

the other families didn't have any spare Foundation Establishment Cultivators.

If he were to kill the Yu Family Elder in front of him, the patriarchs of the four major families would probably have to rotate to oversee the market, which would also affect the Lu Family.

Furthermore, with his current strength, he did not fear whatever the Yu Family might do.

When the time came to settle scores, whether they had this Yu Family Elder or not wouldn't make much of a difference to him.

"Yes, yes, that's only natural,"

the Patriarch of the Yu Family said with a sigh of relief in his heart upon hearing Lu Changsheng talk this way, and hurriedly added.

Knowing that the other party wouldn't act against him.

But hearing Lu Changsheng mention the "substantial gift," he felt somewhat distressed and apprehensive.

He didn't know how much of a substantial gift would be sufficient to satisfy the menacing figure before him.

"Senior, please wait a moment. I will prepare your gift right away,"

the Yu Family Elder said through gritted teeth.

He knew that a heavy loss was inevitable.

If worse came to worst, he could have the four major families chip in for this expense later on.

“You have a quarter of an hour. I’ll give you fifteen minutes,”

“During this time, I’ll keep an eye on the Robber Cultivators in the market for you,” said Lu Changsheng indifferently.

“Yes, thank you, Senior, please wait a moment,”

Yu Yuanshan replied, not daring to delay.

He immediately transformed into a streak of Escape Light and departed to return to his cave dwelling and shop to prepare the substantial gift.

In the meantime, Lu Changsheng had also moved to another location where he took out his Spiritual Pet Bag and collected the carcass of the Green Wolf, a Second Rank Demon Beast he had just slain.

A Demon Beast’s body was a treasure trove.

It could be used not only in Talisman Making and Alchemy, and for forging Magic Artifacts, but also its tendons and bones could serve as the main body for constructing beast-shaped Puppets.

Such a Second Rank Demon Beast, even just selling its materials, could fetch several thousand Spirit Stones, and he naturally wouldn’t waste it.

“Xi Yue, you go back first,”

After finishing all this, Lu Changsheng transmitted his Divine Sense to Xiao Xiyue, telling her to return to the cave dwelling to rest in peace.

Immediately, he stood beneath the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp with his arms crossed and patrolled above the marketplace.

Whenever he detected the scent of blood or hidden Robber Cultivators, the Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp would shed strands of Sword Qi, bringing their lives to an end.

In a short while, Lu Changsheng had slain eight Robber Cultivators, gaining a modest harvest.

“Senior, this is the gift prepared by our marketplace for you, a modest token of our regard. Please accept it.”

By this time, the Yu Family Elder had returned, offering up three Storage Bags.

Lu Changsheng took the Storage Bags and glanced inside.

The first Storage Bag contained Spirit Stones, approximately ten thousand of them.

The second Storage Bag held various items such as Talismans, Elixir Medicines, and assorted Spiritual Materials.

In the third Storage Bag, there were several Glazed Porcelain Vases and embroidered boxes, which held relatively precious and rare Elixir Medicines and treasures.

Lu Changsheng estimated the total value to be about thirty thousand Spirit Stones.

The amount of Spirit Stones was not considered a lot.

But for the financial situation of the Yu Family, it was already a very sincere gesture.

“Alright, I accept your gesture. Farewell.”

Lu Changsheng nodded and, without saying much more, transformed into a streak of light, arriving at the place where the burly man had fallen.

He struck at the weakest point of the Formation with a sword, creating a crack, then left the market and disappeared into the night.

“Phew!”

Seeing Lu Changsheng depart, the Elder Yu released a deep breath of relief.

Although the presence of such a Great Cultivator made the market much safer,

Lu Changsheng’s recent demonstration made him appear as a harbinger of death in the Elder’s eyes, someone he truly didn’t dare get too close to.

Afterward, he commanded the Market Enforcement Team, “Now, everyone secure the market and start patrolling for Robber Cultivators and assessing the losses from just now!”

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Lu Changsheng left the Red Leaf Valley Market and upon seeing no one around, immediately disguised himself, concealing his magic aura entirely.

He then took out a second-rank Qi-Sealing Talisman and a Stealth Talisman from his storage bag and used them on himself.

Of course, he couldn’t actually leave.

Now that the disturbance in the marketplace had ended, Lu Miaoge, not having seen him, would surely be worried.

Moreover, the four great families would definitely be inspecting the marketplace next.

If he wasn’t around, unnecessary trouble might arise.

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“As expected, it hasn’t recovered so quickly.”

Lu Changsheng quickly returned to the Red Leaf Valley Market.

Seeing the huge crack he had previously cut at the weak point of the market’s great formation still there, he breathed a sigh of relief.

He had deliberately made that slash before as a makeshift exit for himself to use upon returning.

Within the crack, two Energy Refinement Late Stage cultivators could be seen standing guard.

But he, a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, had not only concealed his aura but also had a second-rank Qi-Sealing Talisman and a Stealth Talisman, so naturally, he wouldn’t be noticed.

Lu Changsheng silently slipped back into the marketplace.

Afterwards, he found a secluded alley, tied up his loosened hair, changed back into his blue magical robe, and restored his handsome and imposing true appearance.

“Hmm? Is this a failed Foundation Establishment attempt?”

Lu Changsheng walked out of the alley and headed towards the Lu Family’s Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Looking up at the sky, he saw the vortex of nature’s spiritual energy above the core cave dwelling area slowly dissipating.

This situation indicated a failed Foundation Establishment attempt.

“Indeed, with such a commotion just now at the marketplace and the great formation operating at full capacity, not only did it cause a disorder in nature’s spiritual energy, but it also greatly affected the mindset of those attempting Foundation Establishment.”

“The transformation of Spiritual Liquid into Mana, supporting the Dao Foundation, cannot tolerate distractions. A single mishap can lead to failure in Foundation Establishment.”

“With such a huge commotion in the marketplace just now, how could they not be affected.”

Lu Changsheng shook his head.

Knowing that the person had not taken a Foundation Establishment Elixir, now that Foundation Establishment had failed, if they didn’t die, they still would be abolished.

Even if they took a ‘Meridian Protecting Elixir’ to protect the meridians and Dantian, reducing the risk of death, they still had to face the situation of damaged meridians and Dantian, with cultivation levels rolling back.

If there was no great opportunity, it would be almost impossible for them to break through Foundation Establishment again in this lifetime.

“It’s said that this person has a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root and is only forty-nine years old; among loose cultivators, they were in the prime of life.”

“Now that Foundation Establishment has failed and all savings are spent, even if they don’t die, the rest of their life will be very difficult.”

Lu Changsheng slightly shook his head, feeling somewhat emotional inside.

Most loose cultivators trying to break through to Foundation Establishment were not only risking their lives.

They were also staking all their lifelong savings on it.

“Uncle Yuan Shan.”

At that moment, Lu Changsheng saw several Law Enforcement Cultivators coming towards him.

The man leading them was a one-armed, dignified man with a weathered face.

He was one of the core members of the Lu Family, Lu Yuanshan.

Although he had lost an arm, his Energy Refinement Ninth Level cultivation was still formidable.

He was positioned in the Red Leaf Valley Market by the Lu Family to serve as the Law Enforcement Leader.

“Changsheng, what are you doing here?”

Upon seeing Lu Changsheng, Lu Yuanshan gave him a few glances and then asked.

“Earlier, when the marketplace was in turmoil, after Miaoge and I checked our own talisman shop, I was about to go and see the situation at my own Spiritual Talisman Shop.”

“Just as I left, a fight broke out involving Foundation Establishment cultivators, so I had to hide on the side, and only now do I dare to come out,” Lu Changsheng spoke.

“How could Miaoge let you go check the situation by yourself?”

Upon hearing this, Lu Yuanshan frowned and said.

The recent situation was very dangerous in his view.

As the leading talisman path expert of the Lu Family with only Seventh Level Energy Refinement cultivation, how could Lu Miaoge let Lu Changsheng wander around under such circumstances.

Any mishap would be a tremendous loss for their Lu Family.

In his view, it was simply too reckless.

“It was an emergency at that time, and besides, I had talismans with me. As long as I didn’t encounter any Foundation Establishment cultivators, there basically wouldn’t be any problems,” Lu Changsheng said somewhat sheepishly.

The Lu Family might not reprimand him.

But chances are, they might still address the matter with Lu Miaoge afterwards.

“Although it’s safe now, there might still be robber cultivators hidden in the shadows.”

“Come with me, and I’ll escort you back first,” Lu Yuanshan continued.

He didn’t doubt or check on Lu Changsheng.

After all, they were family, and he knew him through and through.

Furthermore, with Lu Changsheng’s appearance and demeanor, he didn’t believe that he could be someone else in disguise.

“Thank you, Uncle Yuan Shan,” Lu Changsheng nodded.

Then, Lu Yuanshan, accompanied by a few Law Enforcement Cultivators, escorted Lu Changsheng back to the Lu Family’s Spiritual Talisman Shop.

“Changsheng, Uncle Yuan Shan,” Lu Miaoge was at the first floor of the talisman shop waiting.

Seeing them approaching, she immediately opened the formation.

“Miaoge, how could you let Changsheng check the situation by himself?”

“You saw the commotion in the marketplace just now; what if he had an accident with a robber cultivator...” Lu Yuanshan said with a stern voice upon seeing Lu Miaoge.

The tone in his voice carried a note of reprimand.

Though Lu Miaoge was an Energy Refinement Ninth Level cultivator and a Talisman Master herself,

she was nonetheless the junior he had watched grow up, so such a reprimand was within reason.

“Uncle Yuan Shan, it’s my fault, too,”

“Sister Miaoge told me not to go, but I thought with talismans at my side, there would be no issues,” Lu Changsheng, expecting Lu Yuanshan to admonish Lu Miaoge after the fact,

was surprised when Lu Yuanshan began to reproach her upon meeting.

Knowing Lu Yuanshan’s concerns were well-intended, he immediately spoke up to smooth things over, taking some of the blame.

“Alright, I won’t say more,”

“You two stay put in the shop tonight, and if there’s trouble, send me a message,” Lu Yuanshan’s expression remained austere as he spoke, gesturing with his hand,

and proceeded with his patrol.

“Yes, Uncle Yuan Shan,”

“Uncle Yuan Shan, please take care,”

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Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge nodded.

“Changsheng, are you alright?”

Lu Miaoge looked at Lu Changsheng, her beautiful eyes filled with concern.

She thought that Lu Yuanshan had brought Lu Changsheng back because he had encountered some danger.

“I’m fine, I just ran into Uncle Yuan Shan on the way. He saw I was alone and worried for my safety, so he offered to escort me back,”

Lu Changsheng gently shook his head, offering a wry smile.

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“Uncle Yuan Shan is always stern and rarely smiles, but he means well,”

Lu Miaoge spoke out.

She had a great deal of respect for Lu Yuanshan.

If it weren’t for Lu Yuanshan bringing back the main ingredient for the Foundation Establishment Elixir from the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, Lu Yuanzhong might not have succeeded in his Foundation Establishment.

One could say that Lu Yuanshan had indirectly saved Qingzhu Mountain.

“I know.”

Lu Changsheng nodded his head.

He had had several encounters with Lu Yuanshan and knew of the man’s character, which was actually quite decent.

“Changsheng, did you see the Foundation Establishment battle just now?”

After sitting down, Lu Miaoge and Lu Changsheng started to chat casually.

She had just seen the images of Lu Changsheng fighting the two Robber Cultivators at the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Though the view wasn't very clear, she was able to get a general idea.

"Of course, I saw it. I was actually quite close to the location at the time."

"I never imagined there would be such a formidable Sword Cultivator living right here in the marketplace,"

Lu Changsheng clicked his tongue in admiration.

"Indeed, two Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators and a Second Rank Demon Beast. If it weren't for that Sword Cultivator, the marketplace would have been in danger."

"I've heard that although Sword Cultivators are unmatched in combat, they are only invincible among their peers."

"This Sword Cultivator, slaying a Second Rank Demon Beast with a single stroke and cutting down two Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators by himself, must be no ordinary Sword Cultivator."

"I wonder if he could be from the Heavenly Sword Sect,"

Lu Miaoge said somewhat wistfully.

The Heavenly Sword Sect is the largest Immortal Sect in Jiang Country.

All the cultivators from this sect are Sword Cultivators.

So generally, when people mention powerful Sword Cultivators, most would think of the Heavenly Sword Sect.

“It’s possible, although the Heavenly Sword Sect is quite far from here. It could also be a Loose Cultivator wandering through the mortal world,”

“Don’t the stories often write about sword immortals who travel the world, slaying demons and exorcising evil?”

Lu Changsheng said with a laugh.

After chatting for a while, Lu Changsheng turned to Lu Miaoge and asked, “Sister Miaoge, do you want to become a Sword Cultivator?”

He knew that the Cultivation Technique Lu Miaoge was practicing was called “Profound Water Art,” which is a High Grade Cultivation Technique.

The Magic Barrier during the Foundation Establishment of a Cultivator is related to the cultivator’s technique.

The more formidable the Cultivation Technique, the more robust the mana, making this barrier easier to breach and the transformation of Spiritual Power into mana simpler.

While a High Grade Cultivation Technique won’t hold one back, it doesn’t provide much assistance either.

Now that he had successfully established his Foundation and possessed some strength, he didn’t mind passing on the “Saturn Solar Sword Technique” from the “Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture” to Lu Miaoge.

The Saturn Solar Sword Technique, though just an Exquisite Level Cultivation Method, being a lineage of the Orthodox Level “Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture,” is considered one of the top methods among the Exquisite Level.

It offers some help during the Magic Barrier of Foundation Establishment.

Moreover, as Lu Miaoge's Profound Water Art would need a follow-up technique after reaching the Foundation Establishment Stage, adopting the "Saturn Solar Sword Technique" now would mean she wouldn't have to worry about subsequent techniques.

"While Sword Cultivators are formidable, I am not fond of conflicts, so I haven't really considered becoming a Sword Cultivator,"

Lu Miaoge said gently, her demeanor as calm as water.

Although Sword Cultivators possess overwhelming combat strength and excel in offense, certain qualities and a specific style are required.

They demand a resolute and unwavering spirit.

If one's temperament is weak, even with the practice of sword techniques, their combat effectiveness will be mediocre at best.

"Sister Miaoge, you probably noticed that the Cultivation Technique I practice isn't 'Green Wood Art,'"

"Actually, I acquired a sword technique in a Fortuitous Secret Realm, and what I've been cultivating is that sword technique,"

Lu Changsheng continued to talk to Lu Miaoge.

The combat power he demonstrated previously, instantly subduing several Robber Cultivators, was clearly beyond what one would expect from practicing 'Green Wood Art.'

'Green Wood Art' is more geared towards health and vitality, with average combat capabilities.

"A sword technique?"

Lu Miaoge was a bit surprised but felt it made sense.

After all, the combat strength Lu Changsheng had exhibited was quite extraordinary, beyond that of ordinary people.

Her stunning face smiled warmly as she said, "I never imagined my husband would also be a Sword Cultivator."

"Changsheng, your decisive manner along the way showed hints of a sword immortal's grace. Maybe in the future, you could be like that Sword Cultivator just now."

Lu Miaoge's eyes were filled with love, admiration, and doting as she spoke, her gaze stirring the heart.

"This sword technique belongs to the Exquisite Level. If you need it, Sister Miaoge, I can pass it on to you. Cultivating this technique could help you when you attempt Foundation Establishment later on,"

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

While it's true that Sword Cultivators have specific temperamental styles, it's not to say one couldn't cultivate them if they don't fit perfectly; it's just a matter of how potent it will be.

Cultivating the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, even if not quite suited, would still be better than ordinary High Grade Cultivation Techniques.

"An Exquisite Level Cultivation Method."

Lu Miaoge gasped, visibly surprised.

She was well aware of the preciousness of an Exquisite Level Cultivation Method.

At Qingzhu Mountain, they only possessed a few High Grade Cultivation Techniques.

Even these few techniques had cost the Lu Family a great deal and much effort to obtain.

After all, in the Cultivation World, very few are willing to externalize and divulge their family's techniques.

Now that Lu Changsheng was casually offering to pass on an Exquisite Level Cultivation Method to her, she felt moved.

“Sadly, after looking through that technique just once, the inheriting Jade Slip self-destructed,”