

I. Family 411

Chapter 411: Blood Talisman Spiritual Body, Second Rank Alchemy!_1 “System.”

After accompanying Xiao Xiyue for a good while, and waiting until her face showed tranquility and her breathing evened out as she gradually fell asleep, Lu Changsheng silently invoked in his heart.

Instantly, the system panel surfaced before his eyes. [Name: Lu Changsheng] [Identity: Son-in-law of the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain] [Cultivation Level: Foundation Establishment Second Level]... [Lifespan: 36/269] [Talent: Fourth Grade Spiritual Root, Gengjin Body Constitution (Moderate Spiritual Body), Blood Talisman Spiritual Body (Upper Grade Spiritual Body)] [Cultivation Technique: Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, Yin Yang Harmony Technique, Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture, Immortal Beauty Technique] [Spell: Seven Luminaries Sword Glow, Seven Luminaries Sword Shield, Seven Luminaries Sword Escape...] [Items: Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi, Luminous Treasure Tree, Golden Armor Bean Mother, Black Dragon Magical Bead, Book of Malevolent Curses and Fates, Life-Substituting Talisman, Profound Origin Bead, Coagulation Crystal Elixir...] [Skills: Talisman Making (Second Rank), Puppet (Second Rank), Spirit Slaughterer (Second Rank)] [Spiritual Pets: Nine Netherhound, Peach Blossom Gu, Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, Hope Gu] [Offspring: 143/146] “Blood Talisman Spiritual Body? What kind of spiritual body is this?” “And this spiritual body, why haven’t I noticed any changes to my body?”

Lu Changsheng, seeing the new addition related to constitution on his attribute panel, felt astonished.

He immediately closed his eyes and explored his body with his divine sense.

He wanted to inspect the condition of this Blood Talisman Spiritual Body.

Although spiritual bodies require the children to grow up before fully taking shape, he should not be completely unaware of it.

After a long examination, Lu Changsheng’s divine sense finally made a discovery.

Within his own Dantian, he found strands of faint blood-colored light patterns.

These blood patterns, composed of wisps and strands, were ephemeral, forming a mysterious rhythm.

They seemed like a series of profound and unknown seal scripts. “This Blood Talisman Spiritual Body must be a recessive spiritual body that requires some kind of opportunity to awaken.” “These blood patterns are likely the spiritual patterns formed by the rules of heaven and earth of the Blood Talisman Spiritual Body.”

After checking his own condition, Lu Changsheng had some guesses about this Blood Talisman Spiritual Body.

In the Cultivation World, there are many types of spiritual bodies.

Regardless of the number, these spiritual bodies can be classified as either overt or recessive spiritual bodies.

Overt spiritual bodies are like Lu Qingshan’s Gengjin Body Constitution.

They can be directly detected.

As soon as one begins cultivation, they naturally exhibit their might.

Recessive spiritual bodies, however, remain hidden and are hard for people to discern.

One might need to reach a certain age or go through certain methods to awaken the spiritual body and exhibit its might.

Just like his friend, Zhao Qingqing.

She possessed a Vegbody Constitution.

But initially, her spiritual body hadn’t awakened, nor had it been detected.

It was later, while managing the herb garden, that an external elder from the Qingyun Sect noticed her situation and awakened her spiritual body. “No wonder I didn’t feel any change, I’ll need to look up information about this Blood Talisman Spiritual Body later.” “See what methods can be used to awaken the spiritual body.”

Lu Changsheng murmured to himself.

Planning to check the information about this spiritual body later. “This Blood Talisman Spiritual Body, being an upper grade spiritual body, is a level higher than Qingshan’s Gengjin Body Constitution, and is clearly not simple.” “And by the name, it should be related to the Talisman Path, some kind of Talisman Path spiritual body.” “A Talisman Path spiritual body, like a Sword Cultivator’s ‘Supreme Sword Bone’ or a Poison Cultivator’s ‘Calamitous Poison Body,’ is naturally suited for the talismanic Great Dao, with inherent extraordinary talent for talismans.” “If that’s the case, then the ‘Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture’ I obtained earlier might be greatly developed in the hands of this child.”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

Looking at the pink and tender, sweet and lovely infant in his arms, a surge of affection and joy involuntarily rose from the bottom of his heart. “Based on the recent pulse sensation of the spiritual root, this child should have a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root.”

Lu Changsheng then reflected on this child’s spiritual root.

With a slight stirring of his mental spirit, he brought up his daughter’s system panel. [Name: Lu Wangshu] [Lifespan: 1/82] [Talent: Fourth Grade Spiritual Root, Blood Talisman Spiritual Body (Upper Grade Spiritual Body)] [Cultivation Level: None] “There it is, a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root!” “A Fourth Grade Spiritual Root with an upper grade spiritual body, this child will become one of the pillars of the Lu Family.”

A smile emerged on Lu Changsheng’s face.

His heart was filled with anticipation for the child’s future. “Lu Qingshan with a Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, possessing the Gengjin Body Constitution.” “Lu Qingxuan with a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root.” “Lu Wangshu with a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root, and the Blood Talisman Spiritual Body.” “My Lu Family has indeed gained a few pillar seeds for the future.”

Lu Changsheng rejoiced inwardly.

He had a hundred forty-six children.

The first batch of these children were already stepping into adulthood one after another.

They were about to start their own families and businesses, providing fresh blood to stabilize the Lu Family.

Among the one hundred forty-six, thirty-six possessed spiritual roots.

These younger children were the foundation for establishing a future cultivation family.

And among these thirty-six, three were geniuses, destined to become the future pillars of the family. “The days ahead are becoming more and more promising.”

Lu Changsheng took a deep breath and exhaled gently.

His mind involuntarily started to plan for the future. “Now, the issues are the spiritual land, the family’s great formation, and the initial capital.”

Lu Changsheng had a clear vision for the future.

Establishing his own cultivation family, but currently there were three problems in establishing the family.

For the spiritual land, he planned to obtain it through the channel of Xiao Xiyue and Qingyun Sect, or through the Lu Family’s bid for Red Leaf Valley. “For the family’s great formation, I can only wait for the system to act.” “In the coming time, the surge of children should trigger many achievement rewards.” “If it really doesn’t work out, I can ask Xi Yue to invite a formation master from Qingyun Sect when the time comes.” “As for the family’s initial capital, I should be able to accumulate it through the Second Rank talismans.”

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“When these children are about big enough, these three aspects should also be about ready,”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

“System, draw a prize.”

Without further thought, Lu Changsheng silently invoked again in his mind.

He intended to use the lotteries he had just won.

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The prize wheel emerged, shining with golden light, spinning rapidly.

Under Lu Changsheng’s calm gaze, the golden light eventually stopped on ‘Skills’.

[Ding, congratulations to the host for obtaining Second Rank Alchemy Skills!]

[The reward has been issued to the System Space, and the host may check it at any time.]

A light orb in the shape of an elixir emerged from the prize wheel, accompanied by the system’s voice.

“Alchemy!”

“Second Rank Alchemy!”

Lu Changsheng saw the reward for his lottery draw and felt a surge of joy.

Among the hundred arts of cultivation, what he most wanted at the moment was Formation.

After that, it was Alchemy.

These two crafts are not only among the mainstream Four Arts in the Cultivation World and upper-class professions,

but also very useful to him at the moment.

As for Formation, there's no need to say more.

It concerns the Great Formation of his future family and the placement of the family's formations.

Otherwise, buying Array Plates and hiring other Array Masters to arrange Great Formations, he really couldn't be at ease.

From the previously seen 'Heaven and Qingyun Water Great Formation' in Red Leaf Valley Market, one could see that the level of such a Second Rank Great Formation was very ordinary.

Using such formation for his own family, Lu Changsheng really couldn't be at ease.

Besides, mastering formations and arranging Great Formations by himself, in times of danger, activating the Great Formation and presiding over it could maximize the power of the formation.

It's incomparable to presiding over a Great Formation arranged by others, through Array Plates, or Array Tools.

As for Alchemy,

after his breakthrough in Foundation Establishment, purchasing Second Rank Elixir Medicines became very difficult.

Normally, he could only take Energy Refining Elixirs to aid his cultivation.

Now that he had mastered Second Rank Alchemy Skills, he no longer had to worry about elixirs.

"With Second Rank Alchemy, not only can I solve my current need for elixirs."

"In the future, I might even be able to refine Foundation Building Elixirs,"

Lu Changsheng rejoiced in his heart.

Then he looked toward the light orb in the System Space.

[Second Rank Alchemy Skills: Upon use, one can directly comprehend Second Rank full-level Alchemy Skills and the corresponding complete compendium of elixir formulas.]

“Wait, are all the Skills Second Rank, are there no Third Ranks?”

Lu Changsheng pondered as he looked at the Alchemy Skills before him.

Including this Alchemy Skills, he had drawn four sets of Skills from the system.

All of these skills were Second Rank.

It made Lu Changsheng curious whether he could draw Third Rank skills.

Without much further thought, he used the Second Rank Alchemy Skills from the System Space.

Suddenly, a flood of knowledge and information poured into his mind from nowhere.

“Introduction to Alchemy”

“Basic Alchemy Compendium”

“First Rank Alchemy Compendium”

“Second Rank Alchemy Compendium”

“How Elixir Medicines Are Made”

“Ten Years of Qi Refinement, Hundred Years of Alchemy”

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After a while,

a deluge of knowledge about Alchemy flowed into Lu Changsheng’s mind.

It gave him an understanding of various elixirs, pharmacology, alchemy techniques, temperature control, and so on.

“Phew, Alchemy really is worthy of being one of the mainstream Four Arts of Cultivation.

“From distinguishing the pharmacology of various Spiritual Medicines, the kings and ministers in each elixir, flame control, different alchemy techniques, spells, amalgamating elixirs, and finalizing them....”

Lu Changsheng digested the knowledge about Alchemy Skills in his mind.

He felt that the skill was indeed extremely complicated.

“However, it seems that making high-level Second Rank elixirs isn’t as simple as I had imagined.”

After digesting the knowledge, Lu Changsheng furrowed his brows slightly.

Now that he had a detailed understanding of Alchemy, he knew that ordinary elixirs were very simple to make.

One pill furnace,

one fire-control formation, or alternatively natural Mana solidifying into flame would suffice.

But to make certain advanced elixirs, ordinary fire wouldn’t do.

You would need Innate True Fire, Heavenly Spiritual Fire, or Earth Core Fire.

“If I want to make advanced-level elixirs, I still need to cultivate a spell or Divine Skill for condensing Innate True Fire.”

Thinking of practicing spells gave Lu Changsheng a headache.

Because his initial practice of ‘Soul Dispersion Needle’ made him aware that his aptitude for techniques was very average.

Just like the Soul Dispersion Needle, this Divine Sense Attack secret technique, he pondered and attempted it whenever he was free.

In the end, it took him over a year to master it.

And only then was he able to condense three Soul Scattering Needles in his Divine Sense, capable of conducting three Divine Sense Attacks on others.

Now, the thought of having to practice spells made his head ache.

“Never mind, this is not urgent, the flame solidified by the Mana of a Foundation Establishment Cultivator is enough for me to refine most elixirs.”

“When I truly need Innate True Fire to refine advanced-level elixirs, maybe I’ll draw some kind of Heavenly Spiritual Fire, or have the conditions to build my own Alchemy Chamber.”

Lu Changsheng exhaled lightly and didn’t dwell too much on the Innate True Fire.

After a Cultivator breaks through to Foundation Establishment, the Spiritual Fire that condenses with one’s own Mana could satisfy most needs for Alchemy and Artifact Refining.

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After Lu Wangshu was born, Lu Changsheng had originally planned to rent a courtyard and hire a wet nurse to care for the child.

But Xiao Xiyue said she had been out for more than three years,

and planned to return to Qingyun Sect in another half a year.

So in this half year, she wanted to spend more time with the child and was against hiring a wet nurse.

Facing this situation, of course, Lu Changsheng had little to say, and he went along with her.

But he rented another courtyard anyway.

After all, a cave dwelling of about a hundred square feet was a bit too small and suffocating for an infant.

“Xi Yue, there’s something I need to deal with regarding the Lu Family…”

After spending most of a month with Xiao Xiyue, Lu Changsheng spoke up.

He discussed the matter of the Second Grade Talisman Master’s convention.

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He indicated that he would probably be busy for a while.

“No worries, Lu Lang, go ahead, important matters come first,”

Xiao Xiyue didn’t throw a fit.

She knew that, over the past few years, Lu Changsheng had already spent a lot of time on her.

The Second Grade Talisman Master ceremony was related to presenting Lu Changsheng's skills to the outside world, and that certainly counted as important business.

"Okay, I'll come back as soon as I'm done,"

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Lu Changsheng nodded.

Then he visited Lu Miaoge and his son Lu Xianzhi before returning to Qingzhu Mountain.

Back home, Lu Changsheng chatted briefly with his wives and children, had a meal, and then headed out to discuss the details of the ceremony with Lu Miaochang.

He also planned to ask for more materials for Second Rank talisman making, to be used in assembling a talisman formation.

"Dad, I have to tell you, I found a treasure."

At that moment, his son Lu Qingshan came trotting over to Lu Changsheng's side, speaking mysteriously.

"A treasure? What kind of treasure?"

Lu Changsheng, seeing how secretive his son was acting, arched an eyebrow and asked with a smile.

"Hehe, let me show you."

Lu Qingshan grinned, pulling out a golden bean the size of a chicken egg from inside his clothes.

This golden bean even had a tiny sprout growing from it.

The sprout was green and tender, with a few jade-like leaves on it.

“How did you dig up the golden bean from my yard!”

Lu Changsheng stared at the bean in his son’s hand, taken aback, and spoke out.

This golden bean was, in fact, the Golden Armor Bean Mother he had planted in his own yard.

“Dad, you planted this treasure?”

When Lu Qingshan heard this, he also froze, and with a guilty conscience, stammered out his response.

He had thought the golden bean was a chance treasure he had found.

He never expected it to be something his own father had planted.

“What else?”

“If you’re going to find treasures, you should go out and look for them, not dig up treasures from your own yard,”

Lu Changsheng said irritably, giving his son’s head a tap.

The Golden Armor Bean Mother was just fine growing in his yard, and here his son had dug it up thinking it was a treasure; it was both exasperating and amusing.

“How did you find this bean?”

Lu Changsheng asked.

Nobody other than Lu Miaoyun, Qu Zhenzhen, and a few others would go into the yard.

The kids usually didn’t play there either.

Plus, this Golden Armor Bean Mother was planted in a corner of the yard, concealed by Spiritual Earth.

“I asked Xiao Jin to find treasures, and then he found this golden bean.”

“When I saw this golden bean, I felt an inexplicable closeness to it; I thought it was the destined treasure you read about in books,”

Lu Qingshan held his head with both hands, looking somewhat aggrieved.

He was saddened that the opportunity he thought he had was now gone.

He had been so elated earlier today.

Now that elation was for nothing.

“Xiao Jin.”

Lu Changsheng naturally knew that Xiao Jin was the Earth Spirit Mouse he had given to Lu Qingzhu.

Lu Qingzhu, keeping this Earth Spirit Mouse, usually just played and cuddled with it.

And since Lu Qingshan heard that this creature could find treasures, he probably got it to search for treasures.

Resulting in a search that led to his own yard.

After figuring out what had happened, Lu Changsheng was somewhat speechless.

But hearing that Lu Qingshan felt close to the bean, he couldn't help but ask, “Qingshan, you said you felt close to this golden bean?”

“Yeah, so when I first saw this golden bean, I felt inexplicably drawn to it. I thought my lucky break had come,”

Lu Qingshan replied listlessly.

“Close to it?”

“Could it be because of the Gengjin Body Constitution?”

Lu Changsheng pondered upon hearing this.

The Golden Armor Bean Mother could transform into a Golden Armor Warrior.

This Golden Armor Warrior was of the metal element, so it made sense for it to attract someone with a Gengjin Body Constitution.

He held the Golden Armor Bean Mother in his hand, focusing on it intently.

Indeed, he could faintly sense a closeness.

But since he had won the Golden Armor Bean Mother from the system, it was already connected to him.

So he hadn't noticed the subtle attraction caused by the Gengjin Body Constitution.

“This golden bean was planted by dad in our yard,”

“After planting, it can blossom and bear Spiritual Beans,”

“Look, this is the bean's sprout, and these are the bean's leaves. In a few more years, the bean will flower and bear fruit,”

“After the beans bear fruit, dad will give you one,”

Lu Changsheng said aloud.

He didn’t blame his son.

“Dad, how many little beans can this golden bean produce at one time?”

Lu Qingshan immediately perked up upon hearing this and asked curiously.

“It can produce five to ten, but the actual number will depend on how it’s nurtured,”

“Like your habit of digging it up, that will affect the number of beans it can bear later on,”

Lu Changsheng threw a glance at his son and remarked.

Although it was nourished by the tricolored soil, looking at the bean right now, he estimated that it could probably yield only seven or eight beans.

Getting a full ten would be tough.

“Then, dad, give me two extra beans, right? I’ll give one to Sister Qingzhu when the time comes,”

Lu Qingshan immediately chimed in with a laugh.

“Willing to share the good stuff, huh? Alright, I’ll give you two extra, and I’ll give one to Qingsong too,”

Lu Changsheng replied with a chuckle.

Lu Qingsong was Lu Miaohuan’s second son, Lu Qingshan’s younger brother.

“Dad, when will this golden bean bear fruit?”

Lu Qingshan continued to inquire.

“By the time you’re nearly grown up, this golden bean should be able to bear fruit,”

Lu Changsheng answered.

“Dad, I’m seven years old; I’m an adult now!”

Lu Qingshan puffed out his chest proudly and exclaimed.

“By the time you’re fifteen, this bean should be able to bear fruit,”

Lu Changsheng looked at his son, who was only about one meter tall, and chuckled.

The Golden Armor Bean Mother takes three years to germinate, three years to grow leaves, three years to flower, and three years to produce fruit.

But with the nourishment of the tricolored soil, this growth rate was significantly accelerated.

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Now, after three and a half years, the leaves have already grown tender and dewy.

Therefore, Lu Changsheng estimated that in another six or seven years, the Golden Armor Bean Mother could possibly bear beans.

“That long, huh.”

Lu Qingshan’s spirits deflated immediately upon hearing this.

“Not long at all. You can water the beans every day. Maybe that will help them grow faster.”

Thinking of the affinity between the Gengjin Body Constitution and the beans, Lu Changsheng said so.

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As the Gengjin Body Constitution resonated somewhat with the Golden Armor Bean Mother, regular contact might aid in its growth.

Just like some Spiritual Plant Masters use certain techniques to improve the growth of Spirit Plants.

“Dad, no problem, but what’s the benefit for me?”

Lu Qingshan showed a pleasing look.

“Benefits?”

Lu Changsheng looked at his son’s youthful face and smiled, “This golden bean should yield about eight beans. When the time comes, I’ll give you three.”

“If you take good care of them and they yield more than eight beans, all the extra ones will be yours. How about that?”

“Deal!”

Lu Qingshan agreed immediately with a nod.

He even added, “Dad, you can’t go back on your word and cheat a kid later!”

“Aren’t you an adult now? How did you become a child again?”

Lu Changsheng chuckled.

“In front of you, Dad, I’ll always be a child.”

Lu Qingshan said with a giggle.

“Hehe, Dad always keeps his word, never deceiving anyone.”

“Come on, let’s replant this golden bean.”

Lu Changsheng brought his son back to their courtyard.

He shook his head at the exposed little pit and planted the Golden Armor Bean Mother into it.

“This soil even glows; how can you not realize it’s a treasure?”

Lu Changsheng, looking at the exposed three-color soil, asked his son.

“Eh, is this soil also a treasure?”

“At the time, Xiao Jin said there was a treasure here, and I thought the treasure was just this bean. I didn’t pay much attention to anything else.”

Lu Qingshan scratched his head as he reacted.

“Look at you, can’t even recognize all the treasures, and yet you’re out treasure hunting.”

“Study more diligently in the future, and recognize all the treasures. That way, you won’t miss any opportunities when you go out.”

Lu Changsheng advised his son.

The school at Qingzhu Mountain not only had great scholars teaching reading and writing.

There were also Cultivators teaching cultivation trials and knowledge of the Cultivation World.

After detecting a Spiritual Root, the age from six to twelve was all about learning.

That's why Family and Immortal Sect children often knew more and had broader knowledge than Loose Cultivators.

"You're right, Dad! I will definitely listen to you and study hard."

Lu Qingshan nodded earnestly, the picture of someone eagerly taking in lessons.

"Heh!"

Lu Changsheng chuckled softly as he watched his son.

He knew his son's character well.

This was just him going along with what he said.

Lu Changsheng didn't mind.

After all, he was currently only good at nurturing people; teaching them was another matter.

He couldn't guarantee that he could teach the child well.

So as long as the child didn't grow up twisted, he let other matters take their own course.

His philosophy was to let nature take its course, and to govern by doing nothing that goes against nature.

After replanting the Golden Armor Bean Mother, Lu Changsheng took Lu Qingshan to see Lu Miaoyun.

He asked her to take Lu Qingshan to water the beans with Spiritual Water and Spiritual Liquid regularly.

Lu Miaoyun learned that Lu Qingshan had dug up the beans to play with and couldn't help but laugh and cry.

Although she had been tasked with looking after the Golden Armor Bean Mother, she didn't water it with Spiritual Liquid every day.

She watered it only every few days.

So she didn't notice that Lu Qingshan had dug it up for play.

However, this incident made her more alert and she planned to watch over it every day, lest the child played with it again and lost it, which would be bad.

After dealing with this minor episode, Lu Changsheng went to the Qingzhu Hall to find the Family Head, Lu Miaochang.

He reported that he was ready in terms of Talisman Making and if the family wanted to hold a ceremony, he was available at any time.

Lu Miaochang, upon hearing this, said he would arrange it right away, and that it would likely take place in two months.

He also inquired about Lu Changsheng's proficiency with Second Rank Talismans.

When he heard that Lu Changsheng's proficiency with the Second Rank Thunder Fire Talismans was at sixty to seventy percent, and he had even made a start on several other Second Rank Spirit Talismans, he was both surprised and delighted.

Learning that Lu Changsheng needed Second Rank Talisman materials, Lu Miaochang immediately allocated nearly a hundred sets of Second Rank Talisman materials from the storeroom to Lu Changsheng.

He mentioned that if Lu Changsheng needed more in the future, the family would reserve more Second Rank Talisman materials for him.

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Lu Changsheng's promotion to a Second Grade Talisman Master and the upcoming ceremony celebrating this feat spread rapidly through the entirety of Qingzhu Mountain like a storm.

Previously, as Lu Changsheng had requested time to prepare, the news was only known to a select few senior members of the Lu Family and had not been widely disseminated.

Now, with the announcement within the Lu Family, it instantly caused a flurry of joy and excitement.

"A Second Grade Talisman Master, Elder Ninth has actually been promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master!"

"Although I've always heard about Uncle Changsheng's extraordinary talent in the Talisman Path, I didn't expect him to be promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master so soon!"

"Reaching the status of a Second Grade Talisman Master at such a young age, he truly has boundless prospects in the art of talismans."

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"Our young lady is also a top-level First Grade Talisman Master, perhaps she will also be promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master in the future!"

"Now our Lu Family has a Second Grade Talisman Master as its pillar."

"Alas, I used to think that with Lu Changsheng having a Ninth Grade Spiritual Root and his constant indulgence in pleasures of the flesh, even with his unusual talent for the Talisman Path, he wouldn't get very far, but now he's become a Second Grade Talisman Master."

“Ever since I broke through to the Energy Refinement Late Stage, I’ve somewhat neglected my cultivation, lost in drink and pleasure. Compared to Lu Changsheng, what right do I have to fall into depravity? From today onwards, I swear off alcohol and will enter seclusion!”

“A Second Grade Talisman Master, why didn’t I choose Lu Changsheng during the welcome feast back then...”

“Had I known this would happen, even if it meant becoming a concubine to Lu Changsheng, I would have been willing.”

Inside Qingzhu Mountain, people who learned of this news felt either joy or emotion.

Overall, there was an atmosphere of happiness.

After all, for the Lu Family, this was great news.

The overall situation of the Lu Family was flourishing.

They had not only annihilated their sworn enemy, the Chen Family of Red Leaf Valley, but also gained control of forty percent of the Red Leaf Valley Market.

With Lu Yuanzhong in the prime of his life at the helm, the family was worry-free for a century.

Now with Lu Changsheng as a Second Grade Talisman Master, it was natural for everyone to be overjoyed.

“Congratulations to my husband on being promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master!”

“Congratulations, Father, on being promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master!”

“Congratulations, Daddy, on being promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master!”

At Lu Changsheng’s home, all of his wives, concubines, maids, and children also came forward to offer their congratulations.

Since the news had not been revealed earlier, Lu Changsheng had asked Lu Miaoyun to not mention it at home for the time being.

Now that the news was announced, it naturally brought surprise and joy to his wives and children.

After all, they all knew that their living standards depended on Lu Changsheng.

The higher Lu Changsheng's standing and identity became, the more they could rise with the tide.

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Meanwhile, invitations were being sent out from Qingzhu Mountain to the Bai Family of Hundred Birds Lake, the Zheng Family of Wugong Ridge, and the Yu Family of Bi Lake Mountain.

As well as to Foundation Establishment families that had interactions with the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain, neighboring small Energy Refining families, and business associates.

Lu Changsheng also sent an invitation to his good friend Hong Yi.

It wasn't for the purpose of gifts.

Such a celebration wasn't about profiting.

It was mainly for the sake of reputation.

After all, the highest level of cultivators attending such a celebration would be at Foundation Establishment, with most being Energy Refining Cultivators, unable to present any precious gifts.

The entire celebration was likely to run at a loss.

Unless it was a Core Formation ceremony, then the major Foundation Establishment powers might be willing to present substantial gifts.

Thus, inviting Hong Yi was purely because of friendship.

It was an opportunity for Hong Yi to expand his network through this celebration.

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At the Yu Family of Bi Lake Mountain.

“A Second Grade Talisman Master celebration.”

“I didn’t expect this Lu Changsheng to have been promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master so soon.”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family looked at the invitation in his hand, his expression becoming pensive.

As one of the several large families neighboring Qingzhu Mountain, they were naturally well aware of the situations of the families around them.

Lu Changsheng had long been on the watchlist of these families.

Otherwise, the Yu Family wouldn’t have tried to recruit Lu Changsheng by sending Yu Ningyuan to dig at him and ordering an attack on him and Lu Miaoge.

But he never expected that Lu Changsheng would be promoted to a Second Grade Talisman Master so quickly.

After all, talent is just talent.

Who knows how many so-called geniuses were unable to take the next step after reaching the pinnacle of the First Rank.

“However, this Lu Changsheng only has a Ninth Grade Spiritual Root.”

“Even with his extraordinary talent in the Talisman Path and ascending to Second Grade, cultivation level is the foundation. Without the strength of cultivation level, he will find it difficult to make progress in the Talisman Path now.”

“What’s more intriguing is the mysterious Foundation Establishment female cultivator backing Lu Changsheng. She has never shown herself for many years now. I wonder if they are still in contact.”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family murmured to himself.

A Second Grade Talisman Master was certainly worthy of attention.

But a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator was even more fearsome.

The reason their Yu Family had not pressed aggressively against the Lu Family in the Red Leaf Valley Market over the years, instead opting for a soft approach, was also because of Meng Xiaochan’s influence.

Unsure about the status of this mysterious Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, he felt apprehensive.

“Huff!”

He exhaled lightly and put away the invitation, deciding to report this news to the family elder.

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At the Bai Family of Hundred Birds Lake.

“A Second Grade Talisman Master.”

“I remember this Lu Changsheng being quite infatuated with pleasures of the flesh and fathering children.”

“Currently, he has around twenty to thirty wives and concubines, with over a hundred offspring.”

The Bai Family Head thought of the information he knew about Lu Changsheng.

“If a daughter of my Bai Family were to marry Lu Changsheng and bear him children, perhaps we could form a connection with this Talisman Master.”

“But Lu Changsheng is a son-in-law of the Lu Family, so if we wish to offer a bride, it might be a bit tricky.”

He tapped his fingers lightly on the desk, his face showing contemplation.

“Status is but a cloud.”

“Lu Changsheng is a man who deeply values loyalty and cherishes his offspring, allocating most resources to nurture them.”

“As long as a daughter of my Bai Family can bear him several talented children, what worries would there be for my Bai Family’s future?”

The Bai Family Head pondered, thinking of his family elder’s current situation, and promptly made a decision.

He then ordered the butler waiting outside, “Ask Feifei to come see me.”

Similar thoughts were shared by the Zheng Family and several other small families or powers in the vicinity.

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After all, most cultivators do not spend too much time on starting families.

Even if they take concubines, it’s mostly for dual cultivation, enjoyment, or even for replenishment.

Few ever have offspring.

Without offspring, the effect of giving away daughters is naturally quite limited and not very significant.

Someone like Lu Changsheng, who marries and takes concubines, prolifically begets children, and values love and loyalty, naturally sparks thoughts in others who wish to forge connections through such means.

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During the days of the Lu Family's preparation for the celebration,

Lu Changsheng was at home with his wives, concubines, and children, serenely crafting talismans.

He was ready to turn all hundred sets of second-grade talisman-making materials obtained from the Lu Family into talismans.

"With the Profound Origin Bead and Divine Sense of Foundation Establishment Late Stage, I can even try drawing Third Rank Talismans,"

Lu Changsheng thought to himself after finishing a number of talismans in the talisman room.

Feeling that with his current mana and Divine Sense, he could attempt to draw Third Rank Talismans.

He had not considered drawing Third Rank Talismans before due to the lack of talisman materials as well as the absence of a Third Rank Talisman inheritance.

Now with the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture, there will never be a worry about inheritance.

The scripture contains 126,600 variations of talismans derived from eighty-one types of spiritual patterns, covering everything from basic talismans to Fifth Rank Talismans.

“However, to draw Third Rank Talismans, I will also need Third Rank Talisman-making materials and a Third Rank Talisman brush,”

“These can only be purchased in the Immortal City,” Lu Changsheng muttered, letting out a breath and storing away the talismans before leaving the study.

With his current mana and Divine Sense, he could continuously draw talismans for an entire day without feeling tired.

But while at home, he still took time out to accompany his wives, concubines, and children to foster their relationships.

“Husband, you have a letter,”

On seeing Lu Changsheng, Lu Miaoyun handed over a letter, speaking out.

“A letter for me?”

Lu Changsheng was somewhat surprised on hearing this.

He used to correspond with Hong Yi quite often.

But since he went to Ruyi Prefecture every few months, he didn’t exchange letters that much anymore.

“Hmm, a letter from Feiyu?”

Lu Changsheng was a bit surprised upon seeing the sender.

Li Feiyu, who had returned once three or four years ago and didn’t find him, then proceeded to Azure Phoenix Immortal City, had been out of touch ever since.

This was the first time he had written a letter to him.

Lu Changsheng broke the seal on the letter and checked the contents.

There wasn't much said in the letter.

It was just a simple greeting, with Li Feiyu sharing some observations and experiences from Azure Phoenix Immortal City, and then mentioning his breakthrough to Sixth Level Energy Refinement, now settled in Azure Phoenix Immortal City, asking Lu Changsheng not to worry.

He said that in case of any matters, letters could be sent to Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

Since the journey was long, he didn't expect to return anytime soon.

Therefore, he hoped Lu Changsheng, as his uncle, could help keep an eye on his children's well-being and arrange their marriages.

"It takes more than half a year to travel from Qingzhu Mountain to Azure Phoenix Immortal City,"

"Feiyu's settling down in Azure Phoenix Immortal City and writing back now, indeed it has been more than three years," Lu Changsheng thought after reading the letter and feeling relieved to know his friend was fine.

But he sighed at the thought of Li Feiyu's decision to settle in Azure Phoenix Immortal City for the long term.

Clearly, Li Feiyu intended to carve out an achievement in the Azure Phoenix Immortal City, perhaps even aiming for Foundation Establishment before returning.

Although Azure Phoenix Immortal City is known as a haven for Loose Cultivators, full of opportunities that have launched many into soaring success,

one could imagine that making a name and achieving something of significance is not so simple.

Li Feiyu is currently only at Sixth Level Energy Refinement.

Without a great opportunity, breaking through to Ninth Level Energy Refinement may take more than a decade,

And the chances of achieving Foundation Establishment are even slimmer.

“I can also visit Azure Phoenix Immortal City if there is a chance in the future,” Lu Changsheng said as he put away the letter.

Thinking that if he had time in the future, he could also take a trip to the Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

After all, Azure Phoenix Immortal City is different from the other two major Immortal Cities;

located at the border between Jiang Country and Yue Country, near the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, it is a sacred place for Loose Cultivators.

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Before one knew it, two months had passed.

Today, Qingzhu Mountain is festooned with lanterns and streamers, radiating festive cheer.

“The Patriarch of the Yu Family from Bi Lake Mountain has arrived!”

“The Bai Family Head from Hundred Birds Lake has arrived!”

“The Foundation Establishment Ancestor from Wugong Ridge Zheng Family has arrived!”

“The Family Head from Ning Family of Creek Mountain has arrived!”

The voices of the greeters were continuously raised,

announcing each honored guest and the gifts they brought.

Today is the celebration for Lu Changsheng, the Ninth Elder of the Lu Family, for being promoted to Second Grade Talisman Master.

Thus, surrounding cultivation families, power groups with business relationships with the Lu Family, and cultivators all have come to attend.

But if one observed closely, among the arriving guests, many were accompanied by a young and beautiful woman.

“Rui’er, this Talisman Master Lu is only in his thirties, at the prime of his life,”

“He may even have a chance to become a Foundation Establishment Ancestor in the future. You must perform well later, and if he takes notice of you and takes you as a concubine, our Luo Family will have made it,” a middle-aged man with a weathered face advised his treasured daughter.

Like him, there were quite a few cultivators instructing their daughters and juniors.

After all, those who came to attend the celebration had also inquired about this Talisman Master beforehand,

and knew that he was a rarity among cultivators.

Most cultivators, in their single-minded pursuit of cultivation, do not indulge themselves in worldly pleasures and the company of women.

And even if they did indulge, it’s usually just with female cultivators—the objective being to relax, to enjoy, for dual cultivation, or replenishment.

Someone like Lu Changsheng, who takes many wives and concubines and has fathered over a hundred children in just over ten years, is truly extraordinary.

Moreover,

rumor has it that this Talisman Master is quite generous to his wives, concubines, and children.

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He had spent all his cultivation resources on his wives, concubines, and children.

So, under the transmission of such news, many forces and small families began to harbor thoughts.

They contemplated marrying off their daughters to forge a connection with Talisman Master Lu.

After all, if their daughters or descendants could bear Talisman Master Lu several children of exceptional talent, it would be akin to making the acquaintance of a Second Grade Talisman Master.

At the moment, Lu Changsheng was sitting on the high platform of the great hall with the Lu Family Ancestor, Lu Yuanzhong, accepting congratulations from others.

Only when Foundation Establishment Ancestors came forward did he and Lu Yuanzhong go up to greet them, exchanging pleasantries.

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At other times, there was no need for the two of them to welcome the guests.

After all, the status of a Second Grade Talisman Master barely qualified him to mingle with Foundation Establishment Cultivators as equals.

Or, to put it another way, Foundation Establishment Cultivators were also willing to show a Second Grade Talisman Master some respect.

“That is Lu Changsheng, I heard he started as a son-in-law taken into the Lu Family.”

“Tsk tsk tsk, from a son-in-law to showing such astonishing talent in the Talisman Path, achieving such success.”

“The Lu Family really got lucky, picking up a son-in-law who turned out to have such a gift for the Talisman Path.”

“I heard the man has only a Lower Grade Spiritual Root; otherwise, with such a talent for the Talisman Path, breaking through to Foundation Establishment, I’m afraid his future would be boundless.”

Many looked up at Lu Changsheng on the high platform with eyes filled with envy and jealousy.

After all, for many small families or minor forces’ Cultivators, life was incredibly tough.

Seeing someone like Lu Changsheng, who came from a humble background but turned his fate around with talent, they felt admiration, and at the same time, envy and resentment.

“Is that Master Lu?”

“Such a handsome and unearthly man exists in this world!”

“With such peerless looks and being a Second Grade Talisman Master, he’s truly both talented and handsome!”

Some of the young ladies and women, having been briefed by their families, couldn’t help but be attracted from afar upon seeing Lu Changsheng.

Since today was the celebration for Lu Changsheng,

Lu Miaoyun and Lu Miaohuan also dressed up beautifully for him.

Their hair, neatly tied with a green jade crown, looked gentle and refined.

They donned wide-sleeved robes of green jade color, with a golden jade belt embroidered with golden silk at the waist.

On the left side of the jade belt hung an exquisitely patterned jade pendant, and they wore celestial blue boots with cloud patterns embroidered on them.

The overall look was opulent yet understated, and as they moved, the spiritual light embroidery flowed through their garments, making the already handsome Lu Changsheng even more dashing and otherworldly.

“If one could marry such Master Lu, it would be quite good.”

“My sister was unwilling to come before; if she saw Master Lu, she would surely regret it.”

“Master Lu is so handsome; he must be a very good person.”

Some young ladies initially resisted their families’ arrangements,

but upon seeing the handsome figure of Lu Changsheng, suddenly they were much less resistant.

They felt that even becoming a concubine of such a Master Lu would be quite nice.

“The Marquis of Ruyi Prefecture has arrived!”

Following the announcer’s call, a dignified man in his fifties and a middle-aged man in his thirties entered the Lu Family villa.

Upon seeing Lu Changsheng, they immediately offered congratulations: “Congratulations to Master Lu on his success in the Talisman Path!”

“Ancestor, this is Hong Yi, a secular friend of mine.”

Lu Changsheng introduced Hong Yi to Lu Yuanzhong with a nod toward the Marquis of Ruyi.

“Very good, since he is a friend of Changsheng, he shall henceforth be a friend of Qingzhu Mountain as well.”

Lu Yuanzhong smiled and nodded, showing great respect.

“Greetings to Lu Ancestor!”

Ruyi Prefecture’s lord and Hong Yi were both flattered and surprised.

After all, Foundation Establishment Ancestors were usually lofty figures whom they could hardly ever meet.

They hadn’t expected that Lu Changsheng, now a Second Grade Talisman Master, would still give them face and even introduce them to a Foundation Establishment Ancestor.

Their hearts throbbed with excitement and elation.

“Uncle Hong, Brother Hong, please take a seat,”

Lu Changsheng didn’t stand on ceremony and invited the two to sit.

Some guests, upon seeing Lu Changsheng personally receiving the lord of Ruyi Prefecture and Hong Yi, were both surprised and intrigued.

They couldn’t help but step forward to talk and get acquainted with the lord and Hong Yi.

As time passed, more and more guests arrived.

The Lu Family Estate was extraordinarily lively with over a hundred tables for the banquet.

Lu Changsheng passed the time drinking and chatting with guests, along with Lu Yuanzhong.

“Master Lu, this is my great-granddaughter, Zheng Yongwan. She has long admired Master Lu...,”

At this moment, the Zheng Family Ancestor introduced a seventeen or eighteen-year-old girl to Lu Changsheng.

The girl called Zheng Yongwan immediately blushed with bashfulness and shyly lowered her head.

She hadn't expected her own ancestor to bring up such a matter in front of such a large public gathering.

“Er....”

Lu Changsheng was somewhat flummoxed by the Zheng Family Ancestor's behavior.

He mused that he was just a Second Grade Talisman Master.

Was it really necessary for a Foundation Establishment Ancestor to personally offer him a young woman?

However, he also immediately realized that the Zheng Family Ancestor's life wasn't long for this world, and his family lacked a successor.

Although they were seeking support from the Yu Family, they knew the Yu's support was unreliable.

So, this Zheng Family Ancestor was also placing a bet on him, or rather, on the Lu Family.

He glanced at the girl named Zheng Yongwan.

At seventeen or eighteen, she possessed a cultivation of Qi Refinement Level Five.

For her age and cultivation, she likely had a decent Spiritual Root, perhaps a Middle Grade Spiritual Root.

But specifically, without direct contact and examination, Lu Changsheng couldn't just tell.

Regardless, he had no interest.

After all, if he were to choose a young woman, he'd prefer someone without much of a background or entanglements.

A girl like the one offered by the Zheng Family Ancestor not only came with family ties but could even affect the relationship between the Lu and Zheng families.

"Master Lu, this is my niece, Bai Feifei. I've heard that Master Lu lacks someone to attend to his daily needs; Feifei has fallen in love with Master Lu at first sight..."

Just then, the Bai Family Head, noting the Zheng Family Ancestor's move, immediately stepped forward with a gentle and beautiful young girl and said.

He had initially planned to wait until the celebration was almost over to find an opportunity to speak to Lu Changsheng about this.

But he had not anticipated the Zheng Family Ancestor, a Foundation Establishment Ancestor himself, to do such a thing.

Thus, he didn't want to wait any longer and promptly brought his niece forward.

"Master Lu, my daughter also fell in love with Master Lu at first sight and wishes to serve the Master."

"Master Lu, my niece is all alone in this world, and upon seeing Master Lu today, she has fallen in love and wishes to attend to you, pour your tea, warm your bed..."

Seeing this, a few others standing nearby stepped up with their accompanying young women, speaking out one after another.

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Lu Changsheng looked at the succession of men presenting their daughters with a speechless expression.

He thought to himself why a simple celebration had turned into a giveaway event for daughters.

Was it that all ceremonies were like this, or was it because of his own reputation that people were catering to his interests?

Yet, he had been so restrained over the years.

He glanced briefly at these young women.

All of them had faces like blooming flowers under the moonlight.

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And they possessed Spiritual Roots, with cultivation evident in them.

This made Lu Changsheng surmise inwardly that this was the power of status and identity.

Back then, he even had to worry about marrying a 'Fairy' with Spiritual Roots.

He could only save money to rescue misfortunate women from the White Jade Tower.

Now that he had just advanced to a Second Grade Talisman Master, family after family, power after power, was sending over their descendants with Spiritual Root talents to be his concubines.

"Changsheng, if you're interested, you can simply take them in without any hesitation,"

Lu Yuanzhong transmitted his voice to Lu Changsheng at that moment.

He of course knew about Lu Changsheng's character.

Knew that Lu Changsheng had no great ambition for cultivation.

Just wanted to have many children and a house full of descendants.

So, taking in concubines was not something he minded much.

Besides, people were sending daughters to Lu Changsheng as a way to establish good relationships, favor with him, and his Lu Family.

His Lu Family was also willing to engage with these people through this method to strengthen ties.

Hearing these words, Lu Changsheng had a moment of contemplation.

Feeling that since he need not worry about the relationships with the Lu Family and these families, then he could indeed take them in.

For one, he had already considered the idea of taking concubines.

He needed to increase revenue and cut expenses, to fill up his back courtyard.

Moreover, as his cultivation strength improved, he no longer had to be as cautious and worried as before when it came to marrying wives and taking in concubines.

Although these women had their own families,

To him, they were also known commodities, from clear and unsullied backgrounds, not likely to bring any trouble.

After all, he couldn't possibly find all his concubines from amongst orphans.

Nor were there that many orphaned female cultivators for him to encounter and bring home.

He could visit the White Jade Tower to buy maidservants,

But in the White Jade Tower, Lower Grade Spiritual Root maidservants cost a few hundred Spirit Stones, Middle Grade Spiritual Root maidservants started at a few thousand Spirit Stones.

Even with wealth, he couldn't sustain such expenditure.

Moreover, since he was preparing to establish a family, he also needed some allies, a network of relationships.

And marital alliances were the best method to establish such a network.

Even if he didn't take them now,

In the future, if he wanted his offspring to marry women with clear backgrounds and Spiritual Roots, the best method would also be to form marital alliances with other cultivation families.

"Ah, for the sake of the family, for the sake of the children, I as an old father can only humiliate myself,"

Lu Changsheng sighed inwardly.

Then, he cupped his hands together and said, "I'm flattered by the affections of all the young ladies, but there are already many wives and concubines in the Lu household...."

Although he intended to take in a few girls,

He couldn't just agree as soon as they asked, could he?

Wouldn't that make it seem like he was too lustful and degrade his status?

However, before Lu Changsheng could finish speaking, someone immediately said, "It is an honor for my daughter to serve Master Lu. To be a mere maidservant is enough, how can we ask for a status."

"Hiss, this Head of the Luo Family is ruthless, actually not even vying for the status of a concubine for his own daughter."

The others from smaller Energy Refining Families found the Luo Family Head's words quite extreme when he spoke.

They also harbored the thought of not competing for status,

But thought to at least request the position of a concubine.

They couldn't truly let their precious descendants serve others as maidservants.

After all, the descendants they chose to bring, although not the seeds of their families, were still some of the better sprouts of their households.

"Since the Luo Family Head is so generous, it would be rude to decline such earnest offer. I will humbly accept,"

Lu Changsheng, seeing the man so accommodating, also nodded his head.

After speaking, he added, "When there's time later, we can exchange more insights about the Talisman Path."

Since they were sending a daughter over to be a maidservant, he also had to show some proper attitude in return.

"Master Lu, my daughter feels the same,"

"Master Lu, my niece feels the same,"

The others also voiced out one after another.

This put Elder Zheng of the Zheng Family and the Bai Family Head in a slightly awkward position.

The others were just small Energy Refining Families, with lesser influence,

Willing to lower their status before Lu Changsheng, a Second Rank Talisman Master.

But their Zheng and Bai Families were, after all, well-known and reputable.

If an elder of the family or a family head were to humiliate themselves by offering their own direct daughters to Lu Changsheng as maidservants, it would be somewhat shameful.

“I’ve been smitten with Miss Yongwan and Miss Feifei at first sight and willing to take them as concubines. I wonder if the two ladies would be willing?”

Lu Changsheng, noticing Elder Zheng’s and the Bai Family Head’s embarrassment, volunteered.

Annexing Red Leaf Valley was still included in his contingency plans.

Therefore, he was also willing to foster a good relationship with the Zheng and Bai Families.

Moreover, judging by their appearances and cultivation levels, he believed that Zheng Yongwan and Bai Feifei were likely to have Middle Grade Spiritual Roots.

Thus, taking the two as secondary concubines would be quite suitable.

Upon hearing this, both women felt a slight relief in their hearts.

Both of them, after all, were direct descendants of Foundation Establishment Families.

Although willing to marry Lu Changsheng, to become maidservants like those from smaller families was still slightly bitter to them.

“I’ll abide by the elder’s decision,”

“I’ll abide by the head’s decision,”

The two women did not directly respond but spoke softly with their heads bowed.

“Hehe, good,”

“If that’s so, then this matter is settled,”

Elder Zheng and the Bai Family Head immediately showed smiles upon seeing this,

And indicated that, concubinage notwithstanding, they would still interact with Lu Changsheng as equals in the future.

The other families, seeing this scene, did not say much.

Knowing that the Zheng and Bai Families were Foundation Establishment Families, not something their own families could compare with.

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Although Master Lu took many wives and concubines, with his current status, he was not inclined to acknowledge all of them.

Nevertheless, they were content to become maidservants.

After all, they still had the opportunity to bear offspring in the future.

If they gave birth to excellent children, the mother might benefit from the child’s status.

Some of the other guests witnessing this scene couldn’t help but think of suitable relatives of marriageable age within their families.

They hoped to form connections with the Lu Family and Master Lu through such means.

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Thus, after a three-day and three-night celebration, Lu Changsheng hosted another feast to welcome concubines.

He took Zheng Yongwan and Bai Feifei as his new concubines.

No objections came from Lu Changsheng's wives and other concubines about the addition of the two women and five maidservants.

One reason was that they had grown accustomed to their husband's ways.

Moreover, the Lu Family Ancestor had given his blessing to this affair.

"It's been a long time since the Ninth Elder has taken concubines."

"I heard that these two are legitimate daughters of the Zheng and Bai Families, yet now they can only be concubines."

"Yes, I remember Bai Feifei never married out. I didn't expect that she would end up marrying Uncle Changsheng as a concubine now."

"Of course, Brother Changsheng is now a Second Grade Talisman Master. Being able to marry him is a stroke of luck!"

"Lu Changsheng now has thirty or forty wives, maidservants, and concubines, and now seven more have been added."

The Lu Family disciples discussed Lu Changsheng's wedding, voicing their astonishment.

That night.

Lu Changsheng entered the bridal chamber.

He skillfully lifted the red bridal veil, gazing upon the shy faces of the two young women before him.

That year, he was thirty-six, with seven wives, thirteen concubines, and twenty-nine maidservants.

And a fairy who had yet to be married and bear a child.

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For the following month.

Lu Changsheng remained at home, enjoying the bliss of a newlywed night after night.

Among the two new concubines and five maidservants, both Zheng Yongwan and Bai Feifei had Fifth Grade Spiritual Roots.

Among the five maidservants, except for a girl named Luo Rui with Sixth Grade Spiritual Roots, the rest all had Seventh Grade Spiritual Roots.

But for Lu Changsheng, this was acceptable.

After all, in such families, having a Middle Grade Spiritual Root was already considered quite talented.

That they were willing to become his concubines was already a considerable investment on their part.

As new people were added to his household, the already substantial estate began to feel a bit crowded.

Lu Yuanzhong was very generous and allocated a plot of land in Qingzhu Valley for Lu Changsheng so that another large estate could be built for him.

“She must be pregnant by now, right?”

After a month of effort, Lu Changsheng felt that Zheng Yongwan and Bai Feifei were likely with child.

He didn't linger any longer. After arranging household affairs, he set off for the Red Leaf Valley Market.

He had been home for quite a long time, after all.

In a few more months, Xiao Xiyue would be returning to Qingyun Sect, and he wanted to accompany her.

Upon arriving at the Red Leaf Valley Market riding an Iron Feather Eagle, Lu Changsheng first visited his Peace Talisman Hall.

He informed Gao He that his Spiritual Talisman Shop would now sell one Second Rank Talisman to the public every month.

The number of Supreme First Grade Talismans was raised to eight per month.

He also instructed Gao He to help him purchase Second Grade Talisman Making materials on a long-term basis.

Now that he had the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture and the method of Talisman Refinement Formation, his need for Second Grade Talismans had greatly increased.

He planned to carry several hundred Second Grade Talismans with him at all times.

This way, if he encountered a Nascent Soul Immortal, he could rely on the Talisman Formation to have some means of self-protection.

After discussing matters with Gao He, Lu Changsheng also inquired about his son, Lu Xianzhi's well-being.

He took his son to the third floor and taught him about the knowledge of puppets.

The craft of puppet making, although not highly profitable, just earned a modest income.

However, the cost of learning was also relatively low.

That's because, when crafting puppets, if a mistake is made in one of the steps and it fails, only some of the materials are lost, and most can still be reused.

Unlike Talisman Making and Alchemy.

Once those fail, all materials are basically wasted, burning through money rapidly.

"Xianzhi, don't just stay inside the shop every day, go out more when you have time,"

"If you see a girl you fancy, you can also talk to your father about it."

After teaching about puppets, Lu Changsheng said this to his son, Lu Xianzhi.

His son was also sixteen years old.

It was time to consider marriage.

Though many Cultivators didn't marry for a lifetime to focus on their Cultivation,

or they only settled down when they were in their forties or fifties,

for someone like Lu Xianzhi, Lu Changsheng still hoped his son would start a family early.

"Dad, I understand."

In his youth, Lu Xianzhi had been rather naughty,

but as he grew older and more sensible, his personality became more stable and restrained.

“As long as you understand, I’m not rushing you; I’m just hoping you’ll also think about this aspect,” Lu Changsheng said, nodding.

His child was only sixteen; he wasn’t truly in a rush yet.

“Dad, rest assured, I understand,” Lu Xianzhi said with a smile, nodding in agreement.

He knew his father’s wish was for a house full of descendants, so he could understand his father’s thoughts.

Being only a Ninth Grade Spiritual Root, his achievements in this life would be limited, so it would be better to start a family early.

After giving his son a few instructions, Lu Changsheng went to the Lu Family’s Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Lu Miaoge had also returned to Qingzhu Mountain for the celebration, so she knew about Lu Changsheng taking concubines.

To this, she just advised Lu Changsheng to take good care of his health,

Not to indulge too much in carnal desires, as such activities could harm his body and interfere with his Cultivation.

In response to such remarks, Lu Changsheng demonstrated through action that his body was in excellent condition.

Afterwards.

After the couple shared a tender moment,

“Sister Miaoge, this is the Talisman Path inheritance I received back then.”

“But since I hadn’t been able to advance to a Second Grade Talisman Master and fully understand its contents, I’ve been unable to sketch out the content inside.”

“These are the Spiritual Patterns I can now trace.”

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Lu Changsheng took out a jade scroll and handed it to Lu Miaoge.

Inside the jade scroll was a foundational spiritual pattern from the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture, one of eighty-one spiritual patterns.

But this one foundational spiritual pattern could give rise to over three hundred types of runes.

It contained the profundity of the Talisman Path that was difficult to comprehend.

If Lu Miaoge could comprehend it, she would benefit greatly and make significant progress in the Talisman Path.

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Moreover, he wanted to see how long it would take for Lu Miaoge to understand and comprehend this spiritual pattern.

If Lu Miaoge could fully grasp this spiritual pattern and successfully sketch it before her Foundation Establishment, Lu Changsheng felt that he could consider teaching her the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture.

Although Lu Miaoge had cultivated the Saturn Solar Sword Technique.

But compared to the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, this Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture was obviously more suitable for her.

“A Talisman Path inheritance?”

Lu Miaoge said, somewhat surprised and astonished.

She had not expected that Lu Changsheng had another Talisman Path inheritance.

But thinking of Lu Changsheng’s understanding of the Talisman Path, her heart eased slightly.

“That’s right, my rapid progress in the Talisman Path is also related to this inheritance.”

Lu Changsheng nodded and said warmly.

Lu Miaoge took the jade scroll and examined the spiritual pattern on it.

Looking at the spiritual pattern on the jade scroll, Lu Miaoge was stunned and immersed in it.

It took her a long time to come back to her senses and said, “Changsheng, this spiritual pattern is incredibly profound.”

“It appears simple, yet it’s extremely complex, containing countless variations, which are profound and difficult to understand.”

Lu Miaoge said aloud.

As a top-level Talisman Master, she indeed had a certain level of discernment and understanding of the Talisman Path.

She could clearly see that this spiritual pattern included many combinations and variations.

She wanted to discern these variations, but the more she looked, the more she realized how profound and mysterious the pattern was, and it eluded her.

In her heart, she marveled that Lu Changsheng was able to sketch such a complex and profound spiritual pattern.

“That’s right, this spiritual pattern has three hundred and sixty-five variations, evolving into three hundred and sixty-five types of runes...”

Lu Changsheng smiled and began to slowly explain the various changes and the mysteries within this spiritual pattern.

Listening to Lu Changsheng’s warm voice explaining the profound truths of the Talisman Path, Lu Miaoge became deeply engrossed.

After Lu Changsheng finished explaining, Lu Miaoge looked at his exceptionally handsome profile and became slightly entranced.

She recalled the moments from when she first met Lu Changsheng until now.

From the initial impression of not bad, to a person not bad.

To the exasperation of his indulgence in the company of women.

Then seeing his rapid progress on the Talisman Path, leading to an air of mystery.

Not only did he save her from a life-threatening situation, but he also provided the Three Suns Elixir, an Exquisite Level Cultivation Method, and a rare treasure such as the treasure-seeking mouse.

Now, he was imparting such a Talisman Path inheritance, teaching her the profound truths of the Talisman Path.

Being able to comprehend and understand this spiritual pattern so thoroughly made her feel that Lu Changsheng was definitely not as simple as just advancing to Second Grade Talisman Master.

“What’s wrong, suddenly looking at me like that?”

Lu Changsheng, seeing Lu Miaoge's beautiful eyes brimming with admiration, couldn't help but smile and ask.

"I just feel that you have become more and more impressive, Changsheng."

Lu Miaoge said with a lovely smile in a soft voice.

"Sister Miaoge, I have some secrets and fortunes."

"But don't worry, I will tell you all about these secrets and fortunes in the future."

Lu Changsheng knew that explaining the spiritual pattern had caused Lu Miaoge to be puzzled and skeptical.

Which was normal.

Even just a basic spiritual pattern from the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture was extremely profound.

Not something that someone who had just advanced to Second Grade Talisman Master could fully comprehend.

"I know."

"Changsheng, if there's something weighing on your heart, you can always talk to me about it."

Lu Miaoge's eyes were moist and her demeanor gentle as water, as she spoke softly.

Adding, "We are husband and wife."

"Sister Miaoge."

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng's heart warmed.

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The strength, treasures, and secrets brought by the system, which he had always kept hidden in his heart for fear that revealing them would cause trouble, were indeed tiring.

But fortunately, he had his wives to ensure he had no other worries in his daily life.

Looking at his wife in front of him, he embraced her graceful and delicate body and kissed her deeply on the lips.

“Mmm~ Changsheng...”

Lu Miaoge hadn't expected that after just having been intimate, Lu Changsheng would want her again.

“Combining the transmission of Dao and pleasure, it might actually help with understanding spiritual patterns,” he whispered into her ear, his breath hot.

“Mmm~”

Faced with Lu Changsheng's instruction, Lu Miaoge could only half-close her eyes languidly, gently biting her lip, and listen intently.

But because the teachings were so profound, she also felt the strain of learning, her body covered in fragrant sweat.

After a while, as the transmission of knowledge and essence concluded, she, too, reciprocated passionately, contemplating the principles within.

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The next day, Lu Changsheng visited the courtyard where Xiao Xiyue was staying.

Inside the courtyard, Xiao Xiyue, dressed in a moon-white gown, looked as graceful as ever, showing no signs of having just given birth.

She watched serenely over the cradle where Lu Wangshu was sleeping soundly.

“Changsheng, you’re finished with your tasks,” Xiao Xiyue said with a smile when she saw Lu Changsheng, speaking in a gentle voice.

“Xi Yue.”

Seeing this scene, Lu Changsheng felt somewhat ashamed of his recent conduct.

He felt that he truly hadn’t fulfilled his responsibilities.

Sitting down beside her, he watched the child and chatted with Xiao Xiyue.

“Xi Yue, do you know what a Blood Talisman Spiritual Body is?” he asked after a moment, thinking of his daughter’s spiritual body.

In this period, he had looked through several ancient books about spiritual bodies.

However, he hadn’t found any information about the Blood Talisman Spiritual Body.

He knew that this superior Spiritual Body was probably rare.

So he asked Xiao Xiyue.

After all, it concerned the awakening of his own spiritual body and his daughter’s future awakening.

“Blood Talisman Spiritual Body?”

Xiao Xiyue, on hearing this, shook her head slightly; she had never heard of this spiritual body either.

“I don’t know much about spiritual bodies either,” she said.

“If you need it, Changsheng, I will look for information about it when I return to Qingyun Sect,” she offered.

“I saw a brief description of this spiritual body in an ancient book and suspect that I might possess it,” Lu Changsheng explained. “So I would appreciate it, Xi Yue, if you could help me find more information about it.”

He didn’t say that he had noticed the child had a spiritual body.

After all, it would be somewhat exaggerated to determine that his newborn child possessed a certain spiritual body.

As for his daughter inheriting this spiritual body in the future, the explanation was simple.

His daughter inherited his excellent spiritual body, which was perfectly normal.

Although the chance of passing on a spiritual body is extremely slim.

But sometimes, things just happen to coincide.

“Blood Talisman Spiritual Body, alright,” agreed Xiao Xiyue. Learning that Lu Changsheng might possess this spiritual body, she immediately took the matter more seriously.

She planned to check the Sutra Pavilion upon her return to the Sect, and if there was no information there, she would ask her master.

She also told Lu Changsheng that she planned to return to Qingyun Sect after three more months, although she would come down the mountain whenever she had the time.

If Lu Changsheng had anything he needed, he could write to her.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng didn't try to persuade her otherwise.

After all, Xiao Xiyue had already mentioned that she would be leaving at this time.

As a disciple of the Immortal Sects, given tasks and a territory to defend, she couldn't possibly stay outside for long.