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If he could solve her body's problem, he might not only be able to ask her to set up a formation, but also possibly invite her to his home to preside as a Guest Elder. "I possess the Dragon Roar Physique; during my breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, excessive yang energy burst forth, leading to an imbalance between yin and yang in my body, withering meridians and Dantian, and my life is not long. I can only rely on yin-cold attribute spiritual medicines and heavenly materials to extend my life," the woman in the blue dress said calmly.

This situation of hers was no secret in Jiuxiao Immortal City, so she spoke about it openly. "Dragon Roar Physique!?"...

Lu Changsheng was surprised to hear this.

Due to previously researching Bai Ling's bodily condition, he had thoroughly supplemented his knowledge on spiritual bodies.

He happened to know about the Dragon Roar Physique.

It is a rare recessive constitution.

The spiritual body will awaken gradually with growth and cultivation.

During the awakening process, one will have robust yang energy and powerful blood, similar to a dragon, making rapid progress in cultivation. It is indeed a top-level spiritual body.

However, this spiritual body has a disadvantage.

It is only suitable for males!

If a female possesses this spiritual body, as she cultivates, the yang energy will become increasingly overwhelming, resulting in an imbalance of yin and yang, yang energy consuming the body, and the withering of meridians and Dantian.

Unexpectedly, the woman before him was a female with the Dragon Roar Physique.

This made Lu Changsheng feel regretful.

If a male had this spiritual body, he would probably soar to the heavens and have a limitless future. “That is to say, this Dragon Roar Physique is caused by an excess of yang energy, leading to an imbalance of yin and yang inside the body,” “If one uses the ‘Dragon Invocation Technique’ to harvest and plunder this yang energy, or even plunder the very origin of the Dragon Roar Physique’s spiritual body, would it not solve the condition of the Dragon Roar Physique?”

Lu Changsheng paused in thought.

He suddenly remembered the ‘Yin Yang Harmony Technique’ he once acquired, which contains a cultivation method called the ‘Dragon Invocation Technique’.

This technique is extremely domineering.

It can not only harvest the female cultivator’s vital essence and true yin, but if the female cultivator has a special spiritual body, it can also harvest the core of her spiritual body’s unique characteristics.

Now, hearing the words of the woman in the blue dress, he pondered whether he could use this method to solve her Dragon Roar Physique problem and extend her life. “If I were to extend her life, solving the Dragon Roar Physique issue, it wouldn’t be too much to ask her to become a Guest Elder for my child’s mother, right?”

Lu Changsheng reflected inwardly while strategizing.

Although the woman in front of him was just above average in appearance, not an absolute beauty, beautiful exteriors are a dime a dozen.

At his level, appearance had become a secondary consideration.

As long as she wasn’t ugly, just looking pleasant to the eye was enough.

Moreover, she had an exceptional temperament, and was not just a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, but also an Array Master.

These three qualities greatly surpassed countless stunning beauties.

If he could bring her home, it would be a significant boost.

He was planning to build a cultivation family; he needed help, it couldn't all depend on himself. "Does Fellow Daoist know how to resolve this constitution?"

The woman in the blue dress looked at Lu Changsheng lost in thought, ripples appearing in her calm, clear eyes like a tranquil lake.

She had started her cultivation journey at a young age under a unique individual.

In cultivation and the Formation Path, she had exceptional talent and had always had a smooth journey.

But, to her utmost surprise, when she was breaking through to Foundation Establishment, the long-hidden Dragon Roar Physique erupted, nearly costing her life.

To extend her life and resolve the issue of the Dragon Roar Physique, she traveled far and wide to Jiuxiao Immortal City.

She even spent countless Spirit Stones and heavenly materials to invite a Nascent Soul Immortal from the city to diagnose her condition.

But after examining, the Nascent Soul Immortal also expressed regret.

He said that at this point, it was beyond saving.

If she hadn't embarked on cultivation, she could have lived her life peacefully.

But she didn't just cultivate; she also made it to Foundation Establishment.

Despite this, she chose not to give up.

Depending on her mastery of formations, she earned Spirit Stones in the city, purchasing various spiritual medicines and heavenly materials to preserve her life.

So, as long as there was a chance, an opportunity to extend her life, she was unwilling to give up. “Ye has a secret technique that might solve Fellow Daoist’s problem.” “However, I haven’t brought the technique with me right now; may I contact you in a couple of days?”

Lu Changsheng looked into her shining eyes and said after a brief pause.

Although the ‘Dragon Invocation Technique,’ in theory, could solve her Dragon Roar Physique issue, he couldn’t guarantee it with absolute certainty.

After all, it involved the spiritual body, which isn’t that simple.

And this method of resolution was somewhat abrupt, making it hard to believe.

So, Lu Changsheng planned to bring out the Dragon Invocation Technique later on, pay her a visit, and let her review it before discussing the details of the transaction further. “My name is Ling Zixiao. Later, Fellow Daoist can find me at ‘Zi Xiao Array Formations Shop’ in the city,”

Ling Zixiao replied with an elegant smile. “Very well, in a few days, Ye shall visit Fellow Daoist Ling,”

Lu Changsheng made a gesture of respect.

He thought that since she didn’t conceal her identity, she must indeed be a resident of Jiuxiao Immortal City.

Later, he could also inquire through the Hundred Dawn Chamber about her general character.

Immediately afterward, the two left the private room and continued participating in the trading event.

During the process, Lu Changsheng announced the items he wanted to purchase, successfully acquiring the last material needed for the Ninety-Nine Profound Truth Strategy and several portions of Third Rank Spiritual Blood.

The only disappointment was that the Foundation Establishment Elixir's main auxiliary ingredient, Transforming Dragon Ginseng, had been traded away by someone else. ... "This trip to the Immortal City can be considered a complete success,"

After the trading event ended, Lu Changsheng walked out of the auction venue, breathed a sigh of relief.

During his more than a month in Jiuxiao Immortal City, he purchased all materials for Third Rank Talisman Making, the Ninety-Nine Profound Truth Strategy, and the gentle Spiritual Blood needed for his daughter Lu Wangshu to awaken her Blood Talisman Spiritual Body.

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He even inadvertently acquired a special Second Rank Monster Core.

The only thing to mention is that the materials for making Third Rank Talismans are a bit scarce.

"However, to draw a Third Rank Talisman, I still lack a Third-Rank Talisman brush."

"If I don't have one, I'll have to make do with a Second-tier Top Level Talisman brush."

Lu Changsheng pondered to himself.

The Talisman brush he currently uses is of Second Rank high-grade quality.

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It is naturally no problem to use it for making Second Rank Talismans.

But if I want to make Third Rank Talismans, I must upgrade the Talisman brush.

Yet, in Jiuxiao Immortal City, there are no Third-Rank Talisman brushes for sale.

So, he planned to collect the bounty from the Heavenly Sword Sect tomorrow to see if there might be a Third-Rank Talisman brush available.

Lu Changsheng went to the Hundred Dawn Chamber and spent eight hundred Spirit Stones to buy detailed information about Ling Zixiao from the 'Zi Xiao Formation Pavillion'.

Fifth Grade Spiritual Root, at the early stages of Foundation Establishment.

Three years ago, she came to Jiuxiao Immortal City alone.

Relying on her high-grade Second Rank Formation skills, she earned Spirit Stones by setting up formations for others.

But because of her Dragon Roar Physique, she has been constantly seeking various Yin-cold attribute Spiritual Medicines and treasures of heaven and earth.

The information also mentioned that it was estimated Ling Zixiao could only live for another half a year.

"In just three years, she has made a name for herself in Jiuxiao Immortal City through her knowledge of formations, which is indeed extraordinary."

"If it weren't for the setback of the Dragon Roar Physique, this woman would likely have the potential to reach Core Formation."

Lu Changsheng muttered to himself as he read through the information about Ling Zixiao.

He gained some understanding of this woman.

He knew that such a woman was not the naive and innocent type.

If he wanted her to be the mother of his child, it would not be easy.

He did not think too much about it and returned home to take out two Technique Jade Slips.

Through his Divine Sense, he imprinted the secret technique “Dragon Invocation Technique” into the two Technique Jade Slips.

After all, in a trade like this, you definitely couldn’t let someone see the entire secret technique at once.

So he split the technique into two parts and imprinted it onto two Jade Slips.

“This woman, under the backlash of Yang Qi due to the Dragon Roar Physique, can only rely on Yin-cold Spiritual Medicines to prolong her life. Now that her lifespan is less than a year, her physical condition is probably not very optimistic. Relying solely on the ‘Dragon Invocation Technique’ to plunder Yang Qi and the Origin Source of the Spiritual Body is likely not enough to solve the problem.”

“Moreover, the Dragon Invocation Technique is incredibly domineering and is an Energy Drain Technique, which inflicts considerable harm on the body of a female cultivator...”

Lu Changsheng thought of her situation, his eyes narrowing slightly.

He took out another Technique Jade Slip and imprinted several secret techniques into it.

If she was willing to become the mother of his child, Lu Changsheng was also willing to pay a certain price to help her as much as possible.

After all, she was indeed a rare talent worth paying a certain price for.

The next morning.

Lu Changsheng left Jiuxiao Immortal City.

He changed his identity and appearance, reissued an identity plaque, and went to the Enforcement Hall of Jiuxiao Mountain to collect the bounty.

Now that the auction had ended, and he had almost finished purchasing the items he needed.

There was no need to delay the bounty on these two Robber Cultivators any longer.

Upon arriving at the Enforcement Hall, Lu Changsheng declared he had slain the ‘Male and Female Demon Duo’ on the wanted list, and immediately a disciple of the Enforcement Hall led him to a side hall.

Lu Changsheng took out the coffins from his Storage Bag, opened the coffin lids, revealing the corpses of the two Robber Cultivators.

The disciple first took out a white pearl and placed it on the foreheads of the two, quietly sensing.

He then released a Demon Beast that sniffed at the two bodies.

After confirming their identities, he asked Lu Changsheng to wait and called an Executor from the Enforcement Hall.

“Indeed, these are the Male and Female Demon Duo, Fang Qianduan and Huang Qixia.”

“Fellow Daoist, by slaying these two the bounty totals forty-eight thousand, each point of bounty money can be exchanged for one Spirit Stone, or for equivalent value in Elixir Medicines, Magic Artifacts, secret techniques, or treasures of heaven and earth,” the Executor said to Lu Changsheng after inspecting the bodies.

“Forty-eight thousand in bounty money,” Lu Changsheng responded with a slight nod.

He acknowledged that the two were worth forty-eight thousand Spirit Stones.

It was not a very high amount.

But it was not small either.

Moreover, such bounty money could be exchanged for many scarce commodities not available on the market.

It was not something that could be measured with a one-to-one Spirit Stone conversion.

“Do you have a Third-Rank Talisman brush for exchange?” Lu Changsheng asked aloud.

“A Third-Rank Talisman brush?”

The shopkeeper hearing Lu Changsheng’s words, was somewhat surprised.

Because talisman pens, unlike other magic artifacts,

did not possess combat capabilities aside from talisman making.

They were needed only by talisman masters.

It was also rare for people to exchange for a third-rank talisman pen.

“Are you a third-rank talisman master?”

The shopkeeper asked, his tone now more polite.

Even within the Heavenly Sword Sect, they would treat a third-rank talisman master as an honored guest, offering them a guest elder’s stipend.

“Elder is joking, I am merely acquainted with a second-rank talisman master and wish to gift them a third-rank talisman pen,”

Lu Changsheng said indifferently.

“We have third-rank talisman pens.”

Upon hearing this, the shopkeeper asked no further questions.

He immediately took out an album, which displayed several third-rank talisman pens.

However, these talisman pens were all quite expensive.

The cheapest ones cost fifty thousand in bounties.

“Elder, is there any way to make up the remaining bounties besides completing more bounty tasks?”

Lu Changsheng inquired.

If that was the case, he found it rather troublesome.

“If you’re only short two thousand in bounties, you can pay four thousand spirit stones, and I’ll make up the difference for you,”

the shopkeeper stated.

“Two spirit stones for one bounty, that’s fucking extortion!”

Lu Changsheng cursed inwardly upon hearing this.

But the thought of undertaking tasks for a mere two thousand bounties did not appeal to him.

After all, finding criminals wasn’t so easy.

“Thank you for your trouble, Elder.”

Lu Changsheng took out four thousand spirit stones and exchanged them for the cheapest third-rank talisman pen.

For him, a third-rank low-quality talisman pen would suffice for a long period.

“I didn’t expect that someone would exchange for a talisman pen; it’s quite rare.”

After Lu Changsheng had left, the shopkeeper shook his head slightly.

Most bounty hunters would use their bounties to exchange for rare elixir medicines or some sort of exotic treasure.

Few people exchanged for magic artifacts.

Let alone talisman pens.

But he didn’t pay it much mind.

“Finally, everything is ready.”

“Later, I can try drawing a third-rank spirit talisman.”

“If I use the third-rank spirit talisman as the main and supplement it with second-rank spirit talismans, the power of the talisman formation could go up another level.”

Lu Changsheng was not too grieved about parting with his four thousand spirit stones.

After all, money is meant to be spent.

He left Jiuxiao Immortal City, changed his identity, and arrived at the ‘Zi Xiao Formation Shop’ in the Inner City District.

“May I ask what the customer would like to purchase?”

As soon as he entered, he was greeted.

“I have an appointment with Ling fellow daoist; please notify them,”

Lu Changsheng spoke.

He did not conceal his cultivation aura, so upon hearing his request, the shopkeeper was very cordial and invited him to sit and wait to the side, then went upstairs to inform.

Before long,

a woman dressed in a light blue skirt, her appearance elegant and calm, with a graceful figure, Ling Zixiao, descended from upstairs.

“Fellow Daoist Ling, we had an agreement at yesterday’s auction, hence my visit today,”

Lu Changsheng said, greeting Ling Zixiao with a clasped hand.

“Please, fellow Daoist.”

Ling Zixiao, recognizing Lu Changsheng’s identity upon hearing him, immediately invited him with a graceful, composed smile to the guest hall on the second floor.

Even though she was extremely eager to know about the secret technique Lu Changsheng had mentioned before that could solve her Dragon Roar Physique issue, she still maintained a calm composure like a chrysanthemum, pouring him some spiritual tea.

“Fellow Daoist Ling, you can take a look at this secret technique and see if it can solve the issue with your Dragon Roar Physique,”

Lu Changsheng, after taking a sip of the spiritual tea, took out a jade slip and said.

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Ling Zixiao took the Technique Jade Slip and checked its contents with her Divine Sense.

A moment later.

She retracted her Mental Spirit.

A faint blush emerged on the contours of her pretty face.

Unexpectedly, the Cultivation Technique Lu Changsheng spoke of turned out to be a secret replenishing technique.

“Fellow Daoist, this secret technique is indeed extraordinary, and it might just resolve my Dragon Roar Physique,”

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“However, my current condition, with Yang energy eroding my meridians and Dantian, has reached a critical stage; I fear that I can’t withstand such a secret technique for replenishment...”

Ling Zixiao spoke with a soft sigh.

She had spent three years in Jiuxiao Immortal City, seeking countless methods.

Among them, there were methods to suppress the Dragon Roar Physique.

But since her breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, the Dragon Roar Physique erupted completely, Yang energy ravaged her body, her meridians and Dantian withered away, making it impossible to recover.

“Ling Daoist, may I take a look at your condition?”

Lu Changsheng said upon hearing these words.

He had previously speculated that Ling Zixiao, with Yang energy scorching her body and withered meridians and Dantian, might not be able to withstand the replenishment from “Dragon Invocation Technique.”

Therefore, he had prepared other backups.

However, he still needed to see Ling Zixiao’s condition before making a judgment.

“Please do, Fellow Daoist.”

Ling Zixiao graciously rolled up her sleeves, revealing her slender wrist.

Below her clear, jade-like wrist, one could see the pale azure, transparent veins.

Lu Changsheng took hold of her wrist, and injected a thread of his Divine Sense and Mana to inspect her condition.

After a short while.

Lu Changsheng’s brows furrowed deeply.

He knew Ling Zixiao’s condition was bad.

But he hadn’t expected it to be this severe.

Within her blood and meridians flowed an extremely Yang Qi.

Constantly eroding her flesh, meridians, and viscera.

As a result, her meridians were nearly withered.

Her Foundation Establishment Mana, probably only one or two percent could be displayed.

If she were to exert herself fully, she would likely rupture her meridians and Dantian and perish like a broken jade.

Under such circumstances, trying to replenish through Dragon Invocation Technique posed a significant risk.

After all, Dragon Invocation Technique is a very domineering replenishing secret technique.

To replenish the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy and Spiritual Body Origin Source in her body was bound to damage her fundamental bodily functions.

And Ling Zixiao's current physique was akin to a porcelain filled with cracks.

It couldn't withstand the slightest disturbance; it would shatter upon touch.

"If 'Yin-Yang Nirvana Art' and 'Life Transference Technique' are used in conjunction with 'Dragon Invocation Technique,' could this condition be resolved?"

Lu Changsheng released her wrist and pondered to himself.

Although he wasn't a physician,

He understood the effects of Cultivation Techniques.

In his view, this method of resolving the complications brought by Dragon Invocation Technique should be feasible.

When Lu Miaoge was at death's door, hanging by a thread, he had revived her using these two secret techniques,

Proving that as long as there is a sliver of vitality, it should be possible.

"Fellow Daoist Ye, what do you think?"

Ling Zixiao looked towards the contemplative Lu Changsheng and spoke up.

To her, the risks of this secret technique were indeed too high.

If Lu Changsheng claimed to have a three or four out of ten chance, then for the sake of survival, she would be willing to try.

After all, her current state was solely maintained by spending money on life extension.

If she couldn't find a cure, even with heaven and earth treasures prolonging her life, she wouldn't live past a year.

"Ling Daoist, your condition is even worse than I imagined."

"If this secret technique were to be performed, to plunder Yang energy and Spiritual Body Origin Source would indeed be extremely dangerous,"

Lu Changsheng exhaled softly as he spoke.

"This humble one understands. You have taken great trouble, Fellow Daoist."

"If you have any Formation needs, feel free to select anything from the store."

Ling Zixiao sighed slightly upon hearing this.

She did not show too much disappointment.

Over the years, her various experiences had largely enabled her to maintain equanimity.

"However, Ye has not come without alternatives."

"Ling Daoist may want to consider these two secret techniques as well."

Lu Changsheng took out two Technique Jade Slips, prepared in advance, for “Yin-Yang Nirvana Art” and “Life Transference Technique.”

“Hmm?”

Upon hearing this, Ling Zixiao’s calm eyes lit up with surprise and joy.

She hadn’t expected that after Lu Changsheng examined her, there would be other options.

This sparked hope in her, and she took the two Jade Slips from Lu Changsheng’s hands to review them.

After a long while.

Ling Zixiao opened her eyes, in which a flicker of excitement and elation shimmered.

These two secret techniques were exactly complementary to the Dragon Invocation Technique,

Offering her a glimpse of hope for resolving her condition.

However, being a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, she knew matters were not so simple.

Firstly, one needed to be highly proficient with all three secret techniques,

Especially with “Dragon Invocation Technique” and “Yin-Yang Nirvana Art.”

Dragon Invocation Technique must be cultivated to an exceedingly high level to precisely replenish another’s Spiritual Body Origin Source during replenishment,

While Yin-Yang Nirvana Art must be cultivated to the highest realm to reverse Yin and Yang, transforming replenishment into restoration.

Furthermore, when her life was at stake, such a person would be willing to burn their Origin Essence with 'Life Transference Technique,' sacrificing their own lifespan to save hers.

For a Cultivator, lifespan is precious.

How many Cultivators are willing to spend their own life to heal another?

“Sigh!”

Ling Zixiao exhaled lightly.

She looked at Lu Changsheng with clear, lucid eyes and asked in a lilting voice, “Fellow Daoist, your preparations are so thorough, surely your intention isn’t simply to gain my Formation legacy or to have me set up formations, is it?”

Having spent many years in Jiuxiao Immortal City, she had experienced a lot. Through these three secret techniques, she surmised Lu Changsheng came well-prepared with more than simple goals.

“Since Ling Daoist asks so, Ye will no longer beat around the bush,”

Lu Changsheng said with a light chuckle.

As he spoke, his body was enveloped in light, unraveling the camouflage of the Misty Sky Bead.

Suddenly.

The once heroic face with a touch of roughness transformed into that of a striking and elegant youth with peerless beauty and an ethereal demeanor.

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The young man, clad in a green robe, stood tall and straight, embodying a fresh vigor that was calming to the heart, simply by sitting still.

“I’m planning to establish a family power and I need an Array Master to hold the fort.”

“Yesterday, I was smitten with Ling Zixiao at first sight, so I wish to form a Dao Companion bond with you, to support each other and cultivate the Great Dao together.”

“If Ling Daoist friend is willing, I will do everything in my power to help you resolve the issues with your Dragon Roar Physique.”

“Of course, if Ling Daoist friend is unwilling, I won’t force the issue. These three secret techniques can be exchanged for other goods.”

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Lu Changsheng reverted to his true appearance, his face handsome and otherworldly, and finished the tea in his cup in one gulp before speaking out.

After reading Ling Zixiao’s message yesterday, he had been considering making her the mother of his child.

Not only was Ling Zixiao an Array Master.

He was preparing to establish a family.

A family could not stand on one person alone; he couldn’t handle everything by himself.

Nowadays, cultivation, childbearing, talisman making, alchemy, and educating his children were already keeping him quite busy.

Even if he won a formation through the system lottery, it would still consume a great deal of his time and energy.

Moreover, once the family was established, there would be even more issues and troubles.

Relying on the children he currently had at home would be difficult to manage.

Therefore, many matters would eventually fall upon him as their father.

He needed someone to share the burdens with him.

Ling Zixiao was not just an Array Master.

She was also a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

If the family had another Foundation Establishment Cultivator, it would greatly ease his burdens.

Moreover, Ling Zixiao had an exceptional talent and potential for improvement both in her cultivation level and the Formation Path.

Such a talented and unattached female cultivator was a golden opportunity he intended to seize and make her the mother of his child.

After all, given his current status, having a mere concubine to bear children was hardly an issue.

What he needed now were wives like Xiao Xiyue and Lu Miaoge, who could not only bear children but also share worries and difficulties, build the family, and support each other on the cultivation journey — a wife, a Dao Companion.

He saw Ling Zixiao as just that kind.

She came to Jiuxiao Immortal City alone and made a name for herself through her mastery of formation paths.

This spoke not just of her talent and knowledge of formations but also her acumen and abilities.

However, this also meant she was not a naive and easily flustered girl.

Winning her over to become the mother of his child would not be easy.

Thus, after some thought, he decided to keep it simple and straightforward.

Using the issue of the Dragon Roar Physique as a starting point, he proposed for them to form a Dao Companion relationship, starting from there.

The bond between cultivators as Dao Companions is similar to that of husband and wife.

But it's more free-spirited.

If their Dao aligns, they support each other and advance together!

If not, they part ways without hard feelings!

Of course, if Ling Zixiao was unwilling.

Or if she preferred to take the techniques to find someone else to resolve her issue, he would not press the matter.

After all, a melon forcibly twisted off its vine is not sweet.

This kind of Dao Companion, this kind of wife—he would not force it if it were solely for the purpose of satisfying thirst or bearing children.

“Eh!?”

Ling Zixiao, upon seeing Lu Changsheng before her and hearing his words, was stunned.

On the one hand, she was shocked at how she had failed to detect any sign of Lu Changsheng's disguise and was astonished by his transformation.

On the other hand, Lu Changsheng's remarks caught her off-guard, leaving her astonished and unprepared.

Although she ventured alone to Jiuxiao Immortal City and faced many challenges,

she indeed lacked experience in matters of the heart.

She hadn't expected that Lu Changsheng's intention was to form a Dao Companion bond with her.

However, she was not the type to blush and be shy easily, quickly regaining her composure.

"You're quite direct, Daoist Ye."

Ling Zixiao chuckled lightly, her face reflecting a poised and elegant demeanor.

Assessing Lu Changsheng's handsome features, she spoke, "It seems that you are confident in resolving my Dragon Roar Physique issue."

"I just wonder, if Daoist Ye intervenes, what is your chance of success?"

Although Lu Changsheng's words were very direct,

with a clear purpose and utilitarian nature,

she felt more at ease because of that.

After all, why would someone go to such lengths, at such a great cost, to resolve the issue of her Dragon Roar Physique without any motive or goal?

Furthermore,

for some reason, she found Lu Changsheng's current appearance and sincere speech trustworthy, which made her inexplicably trust him.

This caused Ling Zixiao to speculate in her heart whether Lu Changsheng could be some Flower-Picking Heretic Cultivator, intending to harvest the Origin Source of her Dragon Roar Physique?

Otherwise, why would the methods to resolve her issue all be Dual Cultivation Techniques?

And now, with his changed appearance and a charm that seemed akin to a Bewitching Technique, it kindled a familiarity in her heart.

She also had to admit, albeit grudgingly, that Lu Changsheng's appearance was indeed that of a rare beauty.

The features by themselves might not be perfect,

but together, they presented an indescribable harmony, just right, making him appear handsomely dashing, without a single flaw to find.

What attracted her most was Lu Changsheng's demeanor, which was as refreshing as a spring breeze, and his celestial-like quality.

It was extremely comforting to behold, eliciting a favorable impression and a spontaneous desire to be in his company for a long time.

"Since Ling Daoist friend has seen these three secret techniques, you should know that theoretically, they can resolve your situation with the Dragon Roar Physique."

"As for these three secret techniques, I have already mastered them to the point of perfection. With the addition of several life-saving elixirs, I am ninety percent certain that you will be safe throughout the process."

"However, as to whether it can completely eradicate the Dragon Roar Physique, I cannot guarantee that, as it involves the Spiritual Body and mysteries I am not fully aware of."

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Lu Changsheng's eyes were profound, his expression calm as he spoke.

He observed Ling Zixiao's eyes and expression.

He knew his ploy of being a handsome man should have some effect.

After so many years of practicing the Immortal Beauty Technique, coupled with the effect of the Peach Blossom Gu.

His appearance and temperament, if not having reached the Immortal Beauty described in the technique, were at least half a step to Immortal Beauty....

Especially the effect of the Peach Blossom Gu, which gave him an inexplicable attraction to the opposite sex.

This kind of attractive affinity could sometimes have some nice effects. "What does it matter if a man is a bit scheming, especially when it relies on one's own charm?"

Lu Changsheng thought to himself. "Alright, I, Ling Zixiao, am willing to become Daoist companions with you."

Ling Zixiao looked at Lu Changsheng, pondered for a moment, and then said with a delightful smile, like a plum blossom blooming alone in the bitter cold, offering a stunning and beautiful sight. "Hmm, Daoist friend, don't you want to find out more about my situation?" "For instance, I am skilled in such techniques, aren't you afraid I might be a Heretic Cultivator?"

Lu Changsheng, seeing Ling Zixiao agree so straightforwardly, raised his eyebrows in surprise.

To have Ling Zixiao become the mother of his child, he had prepared some persuasions.

After all, the Dragon Invocation Technique and the Yin Yang Nirvana Technique were both regarded as parasitic cultivation techniques.

One look and you can tell they were not techniques cultivated by decent people.

Maybe they would cause others to hesitate.

Ling Zixiao's straightforward agreement instead caught him off guard. "Does it really matter whether or not I'm a Heretic Cultivator?"

Ling Zixiao looked at Lu Changsheng's handsome features, smiled gently, and said with graceful composure, "I am well aware of my own bodily condition." "Being able to live until now is already a stroke of immense luck; even relying on rare and precious treasures to sustain my life, it's difficult to survive for another year." "I have looked into these three secret techniques, and indeed, there is hope to resolve the issues with my body, and since you are so confident and sincere, I am naturally willing to try." "As for whether or not you are a Heretic Cultivator, to me, that's not important." "All I know is that you can save my life. You and I becoming Daoist companions will support each other and move forward together on the path of the Great Dao."

Ling Zixiao's eyes were crystal clear as a spring, her demeanor peaceful and refined.

Having spoken, a hint of playful smile appeared on her face as she said, "Moreover, I observe that you do not seem to be a Heretic Cultivator." "If you truly were a Heretic Cultivator, I would have no choice but to accept it, to follow my husband's lead..."

Her words and expression lacked some composure and grace but brought Lu Changsheng a feeling of closeness. "Good!"

Lu Changsheng responded with a smile upon hearing this.

He thought that her ability to make a name for herself in Jiuxiao Immortal City meant she was no ordinary woman.

She couldn't be measured by common standards.

And that saved him a lot of trouble. "Since Ling Daoist has agreed and is willing to become Daoist companions with me, I won't hide anything." "My name is Lu Changsheng, from Qingyun Region, and I already have several wives and concubines at home." "But rest assured, Ling Daoist, if you have any concerns in your heart, after serving my family for twenty years, you are also free to leave."

Lu Changsheng spoke openly and honestly.

Now that she had agreed to be his Daoist companion and return home with him, he needn't deceive her any longer.

After all, she would eventually find out these things.

As for the twenty years, if he couldn't make her fall for him completely by then, he would not say more. "As long as you can save my life, as long as you do not betray me, I will surely not betray you, and we will support each other, progressing together..."

Ling Zixiao's eyes were clear, her decision firm as she directly made an oath bound by her Heart Demon.

She was a smart person.

Once she had made up her mind, she wouldn't waver.

As for Lu Changsheng mentioning that he already had wives and concubines, she didn't seem to care much about that.

In the mortal world, the rich and powerful often have a full house of wives and concubines.

In the Cultivation World, such skewing of resources is even more pronounced.

The fact that he looked as he did, being a Foundation Establishment Cultivator and an alchemist with many wives and concubines, seemed perfectly normal to her.

Moreover, she was well aware that this so-called partnership was nothing more than a title.

Lu Changsheng offered this title as a way to show his sincerity.

How could she possibly expect a loving marital relationship? "Please rest assured, Ling Daoist, you can prepare a Spiritual Contract as a marital bond." "Lu can sign the partnership contract and swear an oath to the Heart Demon, promising to do everything within my power to address your situation," Lu Changsheng said upon hearing the other party swear an oath to the Heart Demon.

Though the two of them had formed a partnership, they both understood that it was nothing but a title, an exchange of interests.

Whether it was for his own peace of mind or to reassure the other party, a Spiritual Contract could provide an additional layer of security. “Very well, please give me a moment, Daoist Lu,” said Ling Zixiao with a smile upon hearing this.

Knowing that Lu Changsheng was asking her to prepare the Spiritual Contract was also a sign of sincerity, showing that he had no intention of deceiving her.

Immediately, she went out to purchase a Spiritual Contract. “Thank you for waiting, Daoist.”

An hour later, Ling Zixiao returned.

She brought out a Spiritual Contract.

It was a second-tier top-level Spiritual Contract.

Besides the mana imprint, there was the soul aura that all cultivators possessed.

Its binding power was almost equal to that of a Heart Demon Oath.

If violated, one would suffer backlash not only against their mana and soul, but also the effects of a Heart Demon.

Immediately, the two signed the partnership contract on the Spiritual Contract, along with their respective duties as partners.

Over the course of their partnership, Lu Changsheng pledged to do everything in his power to resolve Ling Zixiao’s Dragon Roar Physique issue, while Ling Zixiao would contribute to the construction of Lu Changsheng’s family by setting up Formations and the Great Formation for the family. “Now that we have become Daoist partners, I shall address you as Lu Lang, and you may call me Zi Xiao,” said Ling Zixiao, her voice tender and soft after signing the contract. “Alright, Zi Xiao.” “Regarding the matter of your Dragon Roar Physique, please wait a little longer; I shall

prepare for a few more days, craft some life-saving elixirs, and then begin addressing the issue,” Lu Changsheng spoke.

Although he had three secret techniques and believed the situation was almost under control, he still wanted to take every precaution now that the opportunity presented itself.

In this way, should any danger befall Ling Zixiao, he could save some of his Origin Source energy and lifespan. “Thank you for your efforts, Lu Lang,” said Ling Zixiao, dressed in blue, her figure graceful and her demeanor refined. She stepped forward and gently embraced Lu Changsheng, lifting her chin and lightly pressing her moist lips against his face, a gesture of affection.

Lu Changsheng, smelling the intoxicating fragrance like that of orchids, wrapped his arms around her exquisite figure.

He could distinctly feel that Ling Zixiao’s body, unlike her natural demeanor, was slightly stiff.

It seemed she was probably inexperienced in matters of men and women.

Faced with this situation, as someone more experienced, he naturally needed to take the initiative.

His gentle eyes rested on the beautiful woman, his gaze landing on her elegant and refined face. Holding her delicate shoulders, he leaned in gently and captured her crystal-clear, lush, soft lips.

Suddenly, he deftly drew out the sweetness... “Mmm~”

Ling Zixiao was taken aback as if struck by lightning. Her long eyelashes fluttered slightly under her half-closed eyes, a soft moan escaped through her nose, and her body trembled slightly, stiffening a bit.

As a Foundation Establishment Cultivator and an Array Master, she had never encountered such a situation and was momentarily at a loss.

However, moments later, she found her way without any guidance and wrapped her arms around the young man’s neck.

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After a long while, Ling Zixiao seemed to have caught her breath from suffocation.

Her delicate body was soft, her fair skin like snow, and her beautiful face flushed like the morning glow, alluring and enchanting. “Zi Xiao, if we are to heal through dual cultivation, this won’t do,”

Lu Changsheng, with his handsome face, gently smiled as he embraced the beauty’s fragrant shoulders and whispered into her ear....

The previously composed and serene lady was now in his arms, showing such an endearingly shy and charming color that it was overwhelmingly satisfying.

Ling Zixiao’s body was already limp, and a breath by her ear made her heart flutter uncontrollably.

Her eyebrows arched, and with a slight frown in her beautiful eyes, she said in a delicate voice, “I would ask for Lu Lang’s further guidance.” “As Dao companions, it is only natural,”

Lu Changsheng replied.

Having said that, he captured her bright, moist lips once again.

Since they had to use the Dragon Invocation Technique to heal Ling Zixiao’s condition, it was necessary for Ling Zixiao to get used to the intimate contact between man and woman in advance.

Otherwise, if they were to proceed without any cooperation, it might affect the healing.

As the oppressive and plundering sensation invaded again, Ling Zixiao’s body softened even more, and her heart skipped a beat.

But with her recent experience, she slowly closed her bright eyes, her long lashes casting a shadow of shyness, and her hands gently resting on Lu Changsheng’s shoulders, awkwardly reciprocating.

Their lips and teeth intertwined.

At times gently like a breeze and drizzling rain, at times suddenly like a gusty downpour, and at times fiercely like a raging tempest. “Tsk, tsk, tsk—”

As time passed, Ling Zixiao gradually mastered the technique.

Knowing how to respond properly, she was no longer as bashfully nervous and tense as before.

This inwardly impressed Lu Changsheng; truly worthy of being an Array Master.

Her comprehension and learning ability were indeed extraordinary.

Immediately after, he began a more advanced teaching. “Mm~”

Just as she had adjusted and mastered some skills, under this advanced action, Ling Zixiao suddenly trembled as if electrified, almost collapsing.

The rhythm between her lips was instantly disrupted, her breath becoming rapid and breathless.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng slowly released the sweet softness from his grasp.

His eyes were tender as he looked at the beautiful lady, as lovely as a plum blossom in the cold.

At this moment, her beautiful face was red as sunset clouds, burning hot.

Below her curved eyebrows, her eyes were as clear and sparkling as Qiushui, brimming with charm. “Lu Lang, I have some things to attend to later. I shall accompany you another day...”

Ling Zixiao’s cheeks were flushingly enticing, and her eyes roamed as she exhaled a breath as fragrant as orchids.

With that, her eyes slightly downcast, she hurriedly straightened her disheveled dress, her heart pounding.

Although she didn't reject becoming intimate with Lu Changsheng and had psychologically prepared herself, this pace was still a bit overwhelming for her. "Hehe, no worries, there is plenty of time ahead. Attend to your affairs first,"

Lu Changsheng watched the lovely figure before him, chuckled, and seemed unconcerned about the truth of her words.

Since the matter had been decided, he wasn't eager to immediately conquer Ling Zixiao.

It was only right to give her some time to prepare.

Besides, they were currently in her shop's guest lounge, which wasn't very convenient. "Zi Xiao, if you need anything, you can come find me at 'Treasure Elixir Pavilion'. I will mostly be there these days,"

Lu Changsheng announced.

He had previously promised the sisters of the Li Family to attend the Alchemist position.

Therefore, he would stay in the Immortal City for another month.

This month would be just enough time to concoct elixir medicines for Ling Zixiao and resolve the issue of her Dragon Roar Physique. "Treasure Elixir Pavilion?"

Upon hearing this name, Ling Zixiao was somewhat surprised.

Having lived in Jiuxiao Immortal City for many years, she certainly knew of Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

She had also heard that a new Alchemy Master had been invited to the pavilion not long ago.

But she hadn't paid much attention to the news.

Now, hearing Lu Changsheng's words, she immediately realized that this Alchemy Master at the Treasure Elixir Pavilion was none other than Lu Changsheng himself. "Alright, once I have attended to my affairs, I will seek out Lu Lang. If you need anything, you can also come find me at any time,"

Ling Zixiao said, her head slightly bowed and her face still flushed with an attractive rosy hue. "Mhm."

Lu Changsheng nodded, and with a slight shift of his mental spirit, his entire body glowed.

His handsome visage instantly transformed into that of a ruggedly attractive middle-aged man in his thirties.

His presence and demeanor also changed in an instant. "What an astonishing Illusion Disguise Technique."

Ling Zixiao, witnessing this transformation, couldn't help but marvel internally as there was no trace of Lu Changsheng's disguise to be detected. "Lu Lang, allow me to see you out,"

Ling Zixiao offered, intending to rise. "Given your current state, there's no need for you to see me off,"

Lu Changsheng said with a smile, noting the blush on Ling Zixiao's face.

Upon hearing this, she didn't insist any further. "Huh!"

After watching Lu Changsheng leave, Ling Zixiao sighed deeply, the shy color on her face dissipating.

She tidied her clothes and hair, and with a Cleansing Technique, she immediately restored her dignified and graceful appearance. "Lu Changsheng," she murmured the name to herself. "Since he was willing to swear an oath on his Heart Demon and sign a Spiritual Contract, his motives should be just as he says—aiming for my formation skills, or perhaps... the Origin Source of my Dragon Roar Physique," "So regardless, for now, he bears me no ill will,"

Ling Zixiao's face was calm as she pondered inwardly.

She decisively agreed to Lu Changsheng's request, not only for the hope of curing her Dragon Roar Physique and saving her life, but also because her years of experience allowed her to feel, through Lu Changsheng's actions and demeanor, that his words didn't seem false, and he wasn't some Heretic Cultivator or Demon Cultivator.

Of course, she couldn't deny that her decision was influenced by Lu Changsheng's appearance, his bearing, his affable charm, and the attraction he exuded. “`

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She had been cultivating since she was young, immersed in the Formation Path.

She had never considered emotional matters.

After her breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, especially because of her Dragon Roar Physique, she devoted all her energy to the Formation Path and life extension.

Having been so busy for many years, with less than one year of life remaining, she felt a hint of loneliness in her heart.

Lu Changsheng's marriage proposal, although full of utilitarianism and interest exchange, piqued her interest, and she entertained the idea of giving it a try.

After all, when one is about to die, naturally there are fewer concerns.

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Thus, she decided to accept decisively, to give it a shot and take a gamble.

At worst, it would just mean death.

However, the actions of Lu Changsheng, the oath against the Heart Demon, and the signing of the Spiritual Contract, reassured her quite a bit.

She knew that Lu Changsheng must have some confidence in saving her.

As for the future, they could only take it one step at a time.

“However, this person is probably not any ordinary cultivator,”

Ling Zixiao thought of Lu Changsheng’s adept actions just now that had left her feeling weak and breathless, and she scoffed lightly.

Then, she left the shop and went to the Heaven Knowledge Tower in the Immortal City.

This was the largest intelligence organization in Jiuxiao Immortal City.

Its background was very mysterious, not only spreading across the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm but also throughout the surrounding cultivation countries.

“I want to buy information. Do you have any about this person? In the Qingyun Region, his name is Lu Changsheng,”

Ling Zixiao arrived on the second floor of Heaven Knowledge Tower, inside a room, and lightly tapped, making a water mirror appear.

Shown in the water mirror was the image of Lu Changsheng.

However, this water mirror could only reveal Lu Changsheng’s facial features and couldn’t capture his immortal-like demeanor.

“Qingyun Region, Lu Changsheng?”

The attendant was a person dressed in black.

She glanced at the face in the water mirror, then took out a crystal and held it against her forehead with both hands.

After a while,

“The information on this person was last updated two years ago, the price is three hundred Spirit Stones,”

the person in black announced the price.

“Two years ago, three hundred Spirit Stones?”

Ling Zixiao was slightly surprised upon hearing the price.

“Okay,”

she nodded immediately and took out Spirit Stones from her Storage Bag.

“With this Jade Slip, when you purchase subsequent information about ‘this person’ in the future, you will only need to pay fifty percent of the Spirit Stones,”

the black-clothed person said after taking the Spirit Stones, handing her a white Jade Slip.

“Understood,”

Ling Zixiao nodded.

She had bought quite a bit of information from Heaven Knowledge Tower before and knew the rules here.

She pressed the Jade Slip against her forehead to check the information about Lu Changsheng inside.

“What!?”

Ling Zixiao, seeing the information about Lu Changsheng, showed a look of astonishment.

Having heard the price of three hundred Spirit Stones, she felt something was off.

Information about a Foundation Establishment Cultivator couldn't possibly be so cheap.

Yet, looking at the information about Lu Changsheng in the Jade Slip, she was taken aback.

Qingzhu Mountain, son-in-law of the Lu Family.

Relying on his talent in Talisman Making, he earned a significant position within the Lu Family.

Seventh Level Energy Refinement, Second Rank Talisman Master.

Has seven wives and thirteen concubines.

Over a hundred children.

If it were not for her trust in Heaven Knowledge Tower and the fact that his appearance matched, she would have thought this information was faulty.

Because it didn't match at all.

From her brief encounter before, she knew that Lu Changsheng was a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

And also an Alchemy Master.

“Do you have more detailed information about this person?”

Ling Zixiao looked at the black-clothed person and asked.

“Such information will not be too detailed in our Heaven Knowledge Tower records, but if the customer needs, we can dispatch someone to search for detailed information for an additional fee,”

the person in black replied.

Although their Heaven Knowledge Tower was an intelligence organization,

they couldn't possibly have detailed information on everything.

The fact that Lu Changsheng's information was recorded was because he had ascended to Second Rank Talisman Master.

"No need,"

Ling Zixiao shook her head after hearing this.

Having the Heaven Knowledge Tower investigate would take months or even years.

She simply didn't have the time to wait that long.

Moreover, if Lu Changsheng knew she was inquiring about his detailed information, it might lead to his displeasure.

"Lu Changsheng,"

Ling Zixiao looked at the information in the Jade Slip, thinking of the Lu Changsheng she had met before, her beautiful eyes slightly narrowed.

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"Senior Ye, you're back,"

Having left Zi Xiao's Formation Shop, Lu Changsheng went to the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

In the hall, Li Xingyu, dressed in a light yellow skirt and with a sweet expression, saw him and immediately showed delight.

“Xingyu,”

Lu Changsheng nodded with a slight smile.

After briefly chatting with the young girl, he learned that someone from the Li Family had come to visit him.

“Someone from the Li Family is here to see me?”

Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow upon hearing this.

He naturally knew of this Li Family; it was the clan of the Li sisters.

Having no prior acquaintance with the Li Family, he wondered why they would come to visit him.

However, he immediately guessed it must be related to the Li sisters.

Given the situation at ‘Treasure Elixir Pavilion’ before, it was evident that the Li Family was intent on forcing the sisters into a difficult position in Immortal City.

Now, with his presence revitalizing the business at Treasure Elixir Pavilion, it was sure to have irked the Li Family.

So, this visit was likely to bode ill.

“It’s fine, just inform me the next time he comes over,” he said casually to the young girl.

Over the past month, his impression of the Li sisters had been quite favorable.

He was also willing to lend them a hand.

“Thank you, Senior Ye!”

Li Xingyu’s cute face immediately lit up with joy upon hearing this.

The visit from the Li Family yesterday had caused her much worry.

She was afraid of causing trouble for Lu Changsheng.

And she was concerned that Lu Changsheng would hence leave Treasure Elixir Pavilion because of it.

“No worries, I’m here. I’m off to refine some elixirs, let me know if you need anything,” Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

He made his way to the alchemy chamber in the backyard.

At that moment, Li Xingruo was in the midst of alchemy.

Seeing Lu Changsheng’s arrival, she immediately showed a delighted expression.

It was clear she was also troubled by the Li Family’s visit.

“Senior Ye, if this matter is going to cause trouble for you, you can leave,” Li Xingruo said to Lu Changsheng, her voice low and lips slightly pursed.

She knew she couldn’t secure a resident alchemist because of her family.

But she never expected the Li Family to go so far as to send someone directly to her.

This made her both angry and annoyed.

“Since I’ve agreed to be your resident alchemist and accepted your spirit stones, how could I just leave like that?”

“Don’t worry, take it easy,” Lu Changsheng said with a light chuckle, patting Li Xingruo on the head.

He could understand the worries of the Li sisters,

But to him, this was hardly any trouble.

After all, the Li Family, plainly speaking, was just a Foundation Establishment Family.

If he were worried about trouble, he would not have accepted the position of resident alchemist in the first place.

Li Xingruo felt an unprecedented sense of security when she heard the calm and gentle words of Lu Changsheng and felt his generous hand on her head, reminiscent of times when her father was around, and she didn’t have to worry or think too much about anything.

“Thank you, Senior Ye,” Li Xingruo said softly, her lips pursed.

“Just be at ease; I’ve got everything under control,” Lu Changsheng said, waving his hand nonchalantly.

As he spoke, he took out a jade slip, made a list, and handed it to Li Xingruo, “Xingruo, when you have time, help me acquire these few types of spiritual medicines.”

Although he had purchased many alchemy spirit medicines,

They were all for refining Breakthrough Elixirs, Second Rank Breakthrough Elixirs, Three Suns Elixirs, Harmonizing Energy Elixirs, and True Essence Elixirs—elixirs that were useful to him.

It wasn’t possible to buy just any spiritual medicine.

This list contained some auxiliary materials for the Foundation Establishment Elixir, as well as ingredients needed to refine a life-saving elixir for Ling Zixiao.

“Certainly, Senior Ye,” Li Xingruo replied upon hearing his request, taking the jade slip and responding immediately.

“Your elixir is almost ready,” Lu Changsheng glanced at the nearby pill furnace and reminded her.

Li Xingruo promptly snapped back to attention, watching the pill furnace with a serious expression.

As soon as the spiritual mechanism of the furnace activated, she formed hand seals with both hands and called out, “Solidify!”

“Open!”

After the elixirs solidified, the lid of the furnace flew open, and the pills soared out.

“You didn’t grasp the timing for the elixir condensation just now, and the heat was a bit too strong earlier, causing some of the medicinal effects in the liquid to evaporate...” Lu Changsheng pointed out the issues immediately after seeing the elixirs, which resulted in nine successful pills, two waste pills, and three inferior pills.

“Thank you for the guidance, Senior Ye,” Li Xingruo said thoughtfully as she nodded her head.

She then tried another batch, looking to review and improve.

“Senior Ye,”

Just then, Li Xingyu’s voice came from outside.

“What’s the matter?” Lu Changsheng asked promptly.

“The member of the Li Family who came to visit you is here,” Li Xingyu said.

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I didn't expect the Li Family to come so soon.

It seems they must have someone keeping watch near the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

Otherwise, how could they have shown up just after I returned?

"Alright, I'll take a look,"

Lu Changsheng stepped out of the Alchemy Chamber and prepared to see what they wanted.

Li Xingruo also went out with him.

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The three of them arrived at the shop's main hall.

There stood a man in his thirties, dressed in an ink-colored Magical Robe, with a gaunt face.

Upon seeing Lu Changsheng and the two sisters approaching, he immediately greeted them respectfully, "Li Changhu of the Li Family, at your service, Master Ye."

"What can I do for you?"

There's an old saying that one shouldn't slap a smiling face.

Seeing how polite the other party was, Lu Changsheng didn't respond with cold words but spoke indifferently instead.

"I've heard of Master Ye's great reputation, and I've specially come to pay my respects,"

Li Changhu took out a beautifully crafted gift box from his Storage Bag and politely said.

“No need for gifts. If you have something to say, speak; if there’s nothing, I have Alchemy to do,”

Lu Changsheng looked at the behavior of the other party, his expression indifferent, without any sign of fluctuation, and said.

He wondered what the Li Family meant by this visit.

It didn’t seem like they were here to cause trouble.

Or perhaps it was a strategy to first offer gifts and then troopers?

To prevent him from interfering in the matter between the Li sisters and the Li Family?

“Hearing that Master Ye has recently arrived in Immortal City, our Li Family wishes to inquire whether Master Ye intends to settle down here.

Our Li Family’s base, Great Cliff Mountain, is not far from Immortal City. Our clan doesn’t only have four Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators but also inheritance from a Second Rank Alchemist. I have come to invite Master Ye to become a Guest Elder for our Li Family, as long as Master Ye is willing...”

Li Changhu said with a smile and in a polite tone, indicating the intention of his visit.

Upon hearing this, Li Xingruo and Li Xingyu, the two sisters, glared at Li Changhu in anger.

It was precisely because of the Li Family that their Treasure Elixir Pavilion had always failed to invite a presiding Alchemist.

Now that they finally had Lu Changsheng, the Li Family immediately sent someone over, causing them considerable irritation.

“I have already signed a contract with the Treasure Elixir Pavilion. I’m now the presiding Alchemist of the shop. So please, you should leave,”

Lu Changsheng said directly upon hearing this.

“Since that is the case, I have intruded. Still, please accept this token of goodwill,”

Li Changhu said upon hearing this, not insisting further.

His main purpose for coming was to test the relationship between Lu Changsheng and the Li sisters.

And now, judging by Lu Changsheng’s attitude, he mostly understood that Lu Changsheng did not hold the Li Family in high regard and was clearly on the sisters’ side.

“I don’t accept rewards without merit, no need for gifts,”

Lu Changsheng said, waving his hand.

“Master Ye, actually, I came here to apologize to my two nieces and to clarify the misunderstanding from the past,”

Li Changhu sighed and said out loud.

He implied there was a misunderstanding between Li Xingruo and her sister and the family from the beginning.

The family had no ill will towards the Li sisters originally.

It was merely because a Foundation Establishment Ancestor had some grievances with their parents, resulting in domineering actions.

But before the matter was settled and dealt with by the Family Elder, Li Xingruo abruptly abandoned the family’s assets, taking her sister and leaving the family, severing ties, rendering the situation distinctly stiff.

Otherwise, considering their parents' contributions and Li Xingruo's talent in Alchemy, how could the Li Family act in such a way?

Over these years, had the sisters admitted their mistake, the family wouldn't have held past issues against them and would have treated them well once more.

"There's no misunderstanding; we sisters no longer have ties with the Li Family and won't return,"

Li Xingruo said coldly, her face frosty.

She wasn't naive.

There might have been misunderstandings in the Li Family's past.

But this year's events had thoroughly chilled her heart.

How could she believe these words?

To lightly mention 'misunderstanding' and sweep all past affairs under the rug?

If it genuinely was a misunderstanding, why would the Li Family wait until now to send Li Changhu to apologize and clear things up?

In truth, it was all on account of face given to Lu Changsheng, the Alchemy Master, that the Li Family sent someone to speak of a misunderstanding.

Otherwise, they would have only continued to pressure the sisters into submission,

In the end, they would either have to sell the shop and leave Jiuxiao Immortal City or bow their heads and admit wrong to the family.

"Fine, I'll accept the gift, but whether it's a misunderstanding or not is none of my concern.

I am the Alchemist of the Treasure Elixir Pavilion now, and I don't want any more trouble from you at the 'Treasure Elixir Pavilion',"

Lu Changsheng spoke up.

After hearing all of this, he had a clear understanding of Li Changhu's purpose for coming.

It was to see what relationship he had with the Li sisters.

If there was none, perhaps a gift would have been offered in hopes he'd stay out of the family's business.

If there was a good relationship, it would be a gesture of goodwill and an attempt at reconciliation.

Now that he grasped the situation, Lu Changsheng wasn't going to press the issue aggressively to seek justice for the sisters.

After all, his relationship with the two wasn't so deep yet.

He didn't have the leisure, time, or the inclination to handle such matters.

As long as the Li Family stopped causing trouble for the Treasure Elixir Pavilion, that was enough.

By accepting the gift, he was indicating his stance that the matter should be put to rest.

"Yes, I have taxed Master Ye's patience, I take my leave,"

Seeing that Lu Changsheng was willing to accept the gift, Li Changhu also heaved a sigh of relief.

This indicated that Lu Changsheng wouldn't get involved with the Li Family on behalf of the sisters.

Although the Li Family didn't fear Lu Changsheng,

They had no desire to offend a second-rank high-class Alchemist over such a trivial matter.

“Farewell, I won’t see you out.”

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Lu Changsheng spoke indifferently.

“Senior Ye, thank you.”

After Li Changhu left, Li Xingruo’s eyes reddened, and she pursed her lips, sincerely thanking Lu Changsheng with a serious face.

Although Lu Changsheng did not mention getting justice for them,

the fact that he was willing to stand by their side made her very grateful.

“Senior Ye, thank you so much.”

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Li Xingyu, standing beside her, also expressed her thanks.

Despite her young age, she was not foolish.

She knew the Li Family had come to apologize and resolve the grudge because of Lu Changsheng’s influence.

Otherwise, why would they choose this particular time to come, if not earlier or later?

“Hehe, it’s nothing.”

“The Li Family probably won’t come to bother you anymore.”

“Xingruo, in the coming days, you could try inviting a Second Rank Alchemist to preside in the shop; that way, when I leave, there will still be an alchemist in charge here.”

Lu Changsheng patted the sisters’ heads with a chuckling smile, speaking warmly.

He knew in his heart that the feud between the sisters and the Li Family had come to a temporary close.

“Yes, Senior Ye.”

Upon hearing Lu Changsheng’s talk of leaving, the sisters suddenly felt a sense of loss.

The past month spent with Lu Changsheng had been the happiest and most carefree time of their year.

They had developed certain feelings for Lu Changsheng.

They very much wished that Lu Changsheng could stay forever.

But they clearly understood that in another month, after finishing his business, Lu Changsheng would leave.

“This is what status and power are all about.”

“Xingruo and her parents were originally Foundation Establishment cultivators of the Li Family; however, after both of them passed away, the family’s warmth faded, and they were treated this way by the family.”

“Now, just because I arrived at the Treasure Elixir Pavilion, an alchemist’s status made the Li Family willing to send someone to express goodwill, apologize, and resolve the grudge.”

Lu Changsheng returned to the Alchemy Chamber and gently shook his head, feeling quite reflective on the matter.

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In the following days, besides resting, Lu Changsheng spent most of his time refining elixir medicines and making talismans at the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

One day, Ling Zixiao visited the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

“Master Ling?”

Li Xingyu greeted Ling Zixiao respectfully upon seeing her in the shop.

Jiuxiao Immortal City was neither too big nor too small.

As an Array Master, Ling Zixiao had a certain reputation in the city.

So, Li Xingyu had seen her before.

“Um, is Alchemist Ye here?”

Ling Zixiao greeted Li Xingyu with a shallow smile and spoke with dignified elegance.

She had prepared herself over the past several days, arranging all her affairs in order to inquire about her treatment with Lu Changsheng.

After all, to her, curing the Dragon Roar Physique was the most important matter.

If it were to be delayed further, each day added more risk to her condition.

Moreover, after purchasing information about Lu Changsheng from the Heaven Knowledge Tower, she found herself a bit more curious about him.

She wanted to get to know the man through personal contact.

“You’re looking for Senior Ye?”

Li Xingyu found it somewhat surprising to hear this.

She had not expected that Senior Ye knew this Master Ling.

“Yes, I have an appointment with Alchemist Ye; if he’s here, please let him know.”

Ling Zixiao said with a smile.

As she spoke, her beautiful eyes appraised Li Xingyu, who seemed young and adorable.

She couldn’t help but think to herself, surely Lu Changsheng wasn’t settling in the Treasure Elixir Pavilion with an eye on this young girl?

She remembered that after the previous owners of the Treasure Elixir Pavilion had passed away, only their children were left to manage the shop.

“This man is really not any decent cultivator.”

Ling Zixiao spat inwardly.

She was even more certain that Lu Changsheng was not a decent cultivator.

Otherwise, there wouldn’t be such a coincidence; he just happened to settle in the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

Clearly, he had improper thoughts about the young girl.

Inside the Alchemy Chamber.

Lu Changsheng, who was engaged in alchemy, naturally had no idea of Ling Zixiao's thoughts.

"Senior Ye, Master Ling from Zi Xiao Array Store said she has an appointment with you and has come to find you."

Li Xingyu called out from outside the Alchemy Chamber.

"I am in the midst of refining elixirs, Xingyu, please ask her to come in."

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng immediately responded.

"Alright, Senior Ye."

Before long, Li Xingyu had invited Ling Zixiao in.

"Zi Xiao, you've come."

Inside the Alchemy Chamber, Lu Changsheng turned to look at Ling Zixiao, dressed in a lake-blue skirt and graceful in demeanor, and spoke warmly.

"Lu Lang, I have settled my affairs in the past few days, so I am available at any time now."

Ling Zixiao looked at Lu Changsheng, her face breaking into a shallow smile, her voice crisp and melodious, truly captivating.

"I am short one batch of elixir medicines."

"In three days, once I've completed them, I will begin treating your injuries, Zi Xiao."

Lu Changsheng spoke after a moment of contemplation.

"Alright, in that case, I won't disturb Lu Lang with his alchemy, I will go and make preparations."

Ling Zixiao nodded, agreeing.

“Since Zi Xiao is already here, why hurry away?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the beautiful woman before him, elegant and dignified, and chuckled softly.

He stepped forward and gently encircled the beautiful woman’s waist.

“Lu Lang, I am a little unaccustomed to this demeanor of yours...”

Ling Zixiao softly nestled in Lu Changsheng’s arms, her voice melodious and tender.

“Hehe.”

Lu Changsheng chuckled upon hearing this.

He thought that Ling Zixiao’s prompt agreement to his offer of partnership was likely influenced by his appearance.

This was normal.

Cultivators were still human.

They could not be completely detached from worldly matters.

Just like him, his preferences had not changed over the many years.

He still liked young and beautiful women.

If appearances did not matter in the cultivation world, elixir medicines like the Beautifying Elixir, Youth-Preserving Elixir, and others would have long lost their market.

The old man Tian Ku had not needed to put the effort into creating the ‘Immortal Beauty Technique.’

Lu Changsheng’s Mental Spirit stirred slightly and the disguise from the Misty Sky Bead in his Dantian momentarily dissolved, revealing his true appearance.

Then he lovingly gazed at Ling Zixiao with gentle eyes, reaching out to pinch the lovely chin of the beautiful lady.

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“Lu Lang.”

Ling Zixiao’s beautiful eyes shimmered with light.

She pursed her luminous, glistening red lips, stood on tiptoe of her own accord, wrapped her arms around Lu Changsheng’s neck, and offered her warm, soft lips.

Lu Changsheng felt a tender fragrance overwhelm his mouth.

“Ts-ts-ts—”

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Ling Zixiao was highly perceptive.

With the experience of the previous two times, she was now able to actively grasp the rhythm.

However, when her bosom was held, her delicate nose couldn’t help but whimper, and her breathing became a bit hurried, causing her full and shapely thighs beneath her skirt to weaken slightly.

But she tried to calm her emotions, gradually getting used to the sensation.

As time passed, however, Ling Zixiao still fell into defeat.

Her clothes were disheveled, her eyes brimmed with bashful allure, her delicate body like putty, nearly hanging on Lu Changsheng, her breaths deep with the scent of faint orchids.

“It seems it won’t be long before Zixiao can fully adapt,” Lu Changsheng said, cradling the beauty in his arms, feeling the creamy smoothness in his hands.

It had to be said, Ling Zixiao’s aptitude was indeed astounding.

If nurtured properly, she would certainly display incredible talent in this regard.

However, he felt that his actions had somewhat trapped him.

Ever since arriving at Jiuxiao Immortal City, he had been cultivating his moral character.

Now faced with Ling Zixiao’s Dragon Roar Physique, his body’s Yang Energy rose and spread, causing a slight heat in his lower abdomen.

“Hmph.”

Hearing this, Ling Zixiao glanced at Lu Changsheng with a roll of her lovely eyes, snorting lightly through her nose.

She had thought that after reading some books on dual cultivation and preparing herself mentally these past few days, she would surely not be as vulnerable as before.

Yet under Lu Changsheng’s skill, she still found herself weak and defeated.

She affirmed once more that Lu Changsheng was no ordinary cultivator.

After all, the dual cultivation technique talked about Yin and Yang working together, comprehending the Great Dao.

Where did all these tricks come from!

She, a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, felt just like an ordinary woman.

Lu Changsheng chuckled lightly, doting on Ling Zixiao, making conversation, getting to know each other.

Only when the Elixir Medicines in the Pill Furnace were nearly ready did he and Ling Zixiao separate.

Upon seeing this, Ling Zixiao tidied her disordered clothes and hair, then left the Alchemy Chamber.

When she arrived in the hall, she saw Li Xingruo chatting with Li Xingyu.

“Ling Master.”

Li Xingruo and Li Xingyu immediately looked towards Ling Zixiao and greeted her.

“Miss Li.”

Ling Zixiao returned the greeting with a faint smile, her demeanor composed and graceful.

She sized up Li Xingruo in front of her.

Skin white as jade, features clear and elegant, bright eyes and a high forehead, like the fresh luminescence of a new moon.

Between her brows, there was an air of pure, steely valor.

Such looks were of top-class beauty.

She had a charm that Li Xingyu, who was yet to mature, lacked.

Seeing Li Xingruo before her, Ling Zixiao once again firmed up her speculation.

Lu Changsheng had come to Treasure Elixir Pavilion with designs on the two sisters.

But she didn't say much.

After a brief chat with the two sisters, she took her leave.

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Ten days later.

The night was misty.

Within a cave dwelling on Jiuxiao Mountain, "Zixiao, I'm about to start," Lu Changsheng said, embracing the sweaty and plush Ling Zixiao, their eyes locked on each other.

Seven days ago, after refining the Elixir Medicines, he and Ling Zixiao had come to the cave dwelling area of Jiuxiao Mountain and rented a dwelling.

After all, healing required a quiet place, free from interruptions.

Moreover, the cave dwelling was not only quiet, but also rich in Spiritual Energy, which was helpful for the movement of Mana.

Now, after seven days of preparation, Lu Changsheng was about to deploy the Dragon Invocation Technique to address Ling Zixiao's Dragon Roar Physique.

"Lu Lang."

Ling Zixiao's face was flushed with apprehension.

Theoretically, the three Secret Techniques could solve her Dragon Roar Physique.

But it was only in theory.

If it turned out to be ineffective, all her days spent...

However, she didn't dwell too much on the what-ifs.

As the saying goes, the pathway to a woman's heart is...

Having fused spiritually and physically over the past few days, she found that besides not seeming like a serious cultivator, Lu Changsheng was comfortable and pleasant to be with.

"Dragon Invocation Technique!"

Lu Changsheng didn't say much more and activated the technique.

A fierce and domineering Flood Dragon roared out aggressively, entered Ling Zixiao's body, and began its plundering.

"Boom!"

The Dragon Roar of the Yang Energy in Ling Zixiao, feeling provoked at that moment, flared violently, erupting throughout her body, filling her limbs and bones, making her grimace in pain.

"Not good!"

Lu Changsheng instantly realized that by using the "Dragon Invocation Technique" to harvest the Dragon Roar's Yang Energy, he had disrupted the balance of Yin and Yang that Ling Zixiao had barely maintained with precious resources.

He immediately lifted his hand, causing the Second Rank Talismans and Elixir Medicines, which he had already prepared beside the bed, to fly into his palms.

He used the Elixir Medicines and activated the Talismans on her to suppress the Dragon Roar's Yang Energy.

“Seize!”

Lu Changsheng did not go straight for harvesting the Spiritual Body's Origin Source.

Having just started, he had to stabilize the balance of Yin and Yang in her body as much as possible before attempting to seize the Origin Source.

“Roar!”

The Flood Dragon roared and began to consume and plunder the Dragon Roar's Yang Energy.

“Ah—”

Confronted with the outburst and plunder of the Yang Energy within her, Ling Zixiao tightly closed her eyes and let out a high-pitched moan.

Her tensed body trembled uncontrollably, incapable of self-action, her consciousness barely clear.

She could only place all her hopes on Lu Changsheng.

“So this is the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy?”

Lu Changsheng, via the Dragon Invocation Technique, could feel threads of the Dragon Roar's Yang Energy entering his body.

The Yang Energy snatched away was very thin.

But Lu Changsheng could sense that this Yang Energy was beneficial to him.