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Chapter 491: Yin Yang Energies Enhancement, Prelude to War!\_2

This is indeed quite astonishing.

“Is this a feature of the Dragon Roar Physique? Or did I absorb too little of the Dragon Roar Origin Source?”

Lu Changsheng was puzzled in his heart.

He did not dwell on it and continued to ask, “Zi Xiao, how long will it take for your Dragon Roar Physique to recover on its own?”

If the Dragon Roar Physique could constantly recover, and quickly at that, it would be troublesome.

Because this absorption had made Ling Zixiao’s body extremely weak.

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Even with the Nirvana Art and the Life Transference Technique, these two secret techniques, she would not be able to withstand another absorption by the ‘Dragon Invocation Technique’ in a short period of time.

She must recuperate well, wait for her vital energy to recover, before she could undergo a second absorption.

“I’m not too clear on this either, maybe a year, possibly half a year.”

Ling Zixiao lightly shook her head and spoke softly.

“Half a year, a year.”

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng’s brows furrowed slightly.

Based on his estimation, for Ling Zixiao to recuperate her body, it would take at least three to four months, or even half a year.

By that progress, Ling Zixiao's Dragon Roar Physique would also have more or less recovered.

Under such circumstances, it would be very difficult for him to completely absorb and plunder the Origin Source of the Dragon Roar Physique.

It's uncertain how many times he would need to absorb to completely plunder the Dragon Roar Origin Source.

True, each strand of Dragon Roar Origin Source was beneficial to him.

But the issue was that each absorption of the Dragon Roar Origin Source, the eruption of the Dragon Roar Physique, would bring a life-threatening danger to Ling Zixiao.

To stabilize Ling Zixiao's vitality, he needed to pay a huge price and consume lifespan.

So, he could not keep solving Ling Zixiao's problem in this manner.

After all, he was just a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

With only over two hundred years of lifespan.

If too much of his lifespan was lost, it would affect other aspects of his life as well.

"Now that I've broken through the fifth layer of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, as long as I refine the 'Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi' into my Life-bound Treasured Bone and obtain the Nine Great Divine Abilities, perhaps I can treat Zi Xiao's condition with the Healing Divine Light," Lu Changsheng pondered.

The biggest problem with Ling Zixiao under the backlash of the Dragon Roar Physique was the withering and fragility of her meridians and Dantian.

If he could nourish and restore Ling Zixiao's body, meridians, and Dantian...

Then, by using the 'Dragon Invocation Technique' to absorb the Dragon Roar Origin Source, she would not face a life or death situation from the backlash.

Thus, he wouldn't need to pay such a high price to extend Ling Zixiao's life.

He could use heavenly and earthly treasures in other ways to let Ling Zixiao gradually recover.

"Don't worry. In the time to come, you take good care of yourself, recover well."

"Whatever Elixir Medicines you need, I will concoct them for you directly."

Lu Changsheng said, as he embraced Ling Zixiao in his arms.

"Lu Lang, if I consume too many Spiritual Medicines and heavenly and earthly treasures to nourish my body and meridians during this period, I'm afraid it will hasten the recovery of the Dragon Roar Physique..."

Ling Zixiao pursed her lips and confided to Lu Changsheng about the characteristics of the Dragon Roar Physique.

She had broken through to Foundation Establishment many years ago.

But her cultivation level had not advanced one bit.

She was still at the first level of Foundation Establishment.

On one hand, the backlash from the Dragon Roar Physique when breaking through to Foundation Establishment caused her meridians and Dantian to wither, making it difficult to cultivate.

On the other hand, she dared not cultivate.

If she cultivated, or even consumed Elixir Medicines and Spiritual Medicines, it would cause the Dragon Roar Physique to absorb these energies, converting them into the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy.

The more Dragon Roar of Yang Energy in her body, the more vigorous it became, making the withering of her meridians and lifespan faster.

This is also why she only purchased cold and Yin Spiritual Medicines and heavenly and earthly treasures from others.

Because only cold and Yin Spiritual Medicines and treasures would not be absorbed by the Dragon Roar Physique.

They could suppress the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy.

“Hiss.”

Lu Changsheng took in a deep breath, feeling that the Dragon Roar Physique was really troublesome.

In that case, a great number of Spirit Pills and Spiritual Medicines could not be used on Ling Zixiao.

He could only try to find more cold and Yin attribute Elixir Medicines and Spiritual Medicines.

He exhaled gently and comforted her in a soft voice, “Don’t worry, with me here, I’ll find a way.”

“Mhm~”

Upon hearing these words, an unprecedentedly sweet sense of security surged in Ling Zixiao’s heart.

On her journey, she had experienced many things.

But she had never been tenderly cared for like a woman before.

Now, she finally experienced this feeling.

And it made her feel very nice.

Because of mental exhaustion, Ling Zixiao nestled into Lu Changsheng's arms, her eyelashes gradually drooping, her pale complexion revealing a tranquil smile as she slowly drifted to sleep.

Hearing the even and rhythmic breathing of the beauty, Lu Changsheng gently held the fragrant and soft beauty, his palm softly caressing her smooth and delicate skin.

In his heart, he silently invoked, "System."

Suddenly, the system interface appeared before his eyes.

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[Identity: Son-in-law of the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain]

[Cultivation Level: Foundation Establishment Second Level]

[Lifespan: 38/263]

[Talents: Fourth Grade Spiritual Root, Gengjin Body Constitution (Intermediate Spiritual Body), Blood Talisman Spiritual Body (Superior Spiritual Body)]

[Cultivation Techniques: Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, Yin Yang Harmony Technique, Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture, Immortal Beauty Technique]

[Spells: Seven Luminaries Sword Radiance, Seven Luminaries Sword Shield, Seven Luminaries Sword Escape...]

[Items: Misty Sky Bead, Profound Origin Bead, Book of Malevolent Curses and Fates, Luminous Treasure Tree, Golden Armor Bean Mother Scripture, Life-Substituting Talisman, Coagulation Crystal Elixir...]

[Magical Treasures: Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi, Black Dragon Magical Bead, Hundred Steeds Towering Pagoda Lock]

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[Offspring: 153/153]

“Lost six years of lifespan, huh...”

Lu Changsheng looked at the lifespan section on the system panel.

He felt that he must think of other methods to resolve Ling Zixiao’s issues.

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Alone with the “Dragon Invocation Technique,” the “Nirvana Art,” and the “Life Transference Technique,” trying to solve the “Dragon Roar Physique” was basically impossible.

Unless he had infinite lifespan.

Otherwise, with his lifespan of just over two hundred years of Foundation Establishment, he simply couldn’t withstand it.

“The main problem,” he mused, “is still the backlash from the Dragon Roar Physique erupting.”

“If during the process of collecting Life Essence, a certain kind of Yin Cold power is used to suppress this Dragon Roar Primordial Force, it would be much simpler for me to collect Life Essence.”

Lu Changsheng reflected on the previous experience of collecting Life Essence from the Dragon Roar Physique using the Dragon Invocation Technique.

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He felt that as long as he had certain treasures or powers to suppress the backlash of the Dragon Roar Origin Source while he was collecting Life Essence,

he could then proceed with the collection of Life Essence from the Dragon Roar Physique with peace of mind.

There would be no need to immediately use a secret technique to stabilize Ling Zixiao’s condition right after collecting a thread of Origin Source.

“However, to suppress the backlash of the Dragon Roar Physique, you would need at least Third Rank Spiritual Medicine, treasures, or ask a Nascent Soul Immortal who cultivates Yin Chill Attribute Technique to make a move.”

Lu Changsheng knew that ordinary elixir medicines and treasures simply couldn’t contain the backlash of the Dragon Roar Physique.

At least a Third Rank treasure would be necessary.

While it was true that all the items he obtained from the system lottery were of the Third Rank,

the chance of drawing just the right Spiritual Medicine or treasure that could help Ling Zixiao was extremely slim.

As for a Nascent Soul Immortal who practiced Yin Chill Attribute Technique, Lu Changsheng couldn’t even imagine it was possible.

Even if he could afford to pay a great price to request the help of a Nascent Soul Immortal,

he wouldn't have the face to ask someone to suppress the backlash with Yin Chill mana while he was collecting Life Essence.

“Forget it, I can only take it slow, now that the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy is receding, and the Yin-Yang balance is temporarily stable, there's no need to worry about lifespan for the time being,”

Lu Changsheng reassured himself.

Given Ling Zixiao's original condition where her meridians and Dantian were continually withering, she would have been lucky to live another year.

Now that most of the Dragon Roar Yang Energy within her body had been collected, there was no need to worry about life-threatening danger for a year or two.

Therefore, he still had plenty of time to resolve Ling Zixiao's issues.

At that moment, Lu Changsheng thought of the time when he had collected the Dragon Roar Origin Source, only to have it devoured and refined by the Yin Yang Energies.

He looked towards the Yin Yang Energies swirling around his Yin Yang Five Elements Foundation Base in his Qi Ocean Core.

The Yin Yang Energies, after devouring and refining the Dragon Roar Origin Source, seemed to have grown slightly stronger.

He had a vague feeling that his foundation, his Dao Foundation, might also have improved a bit.

However, this improvement was so subtle and small that it wasn't immediately noticeable.

“Could my Dao Foundation still improve?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the circulating Yin Yang Energies and thought to himself.



He looked forward to continuing the collection of Dragon Roar Origin Source, now with a bit more anticipation.

He was curious to see if, after the Yin Yang Energies had devoured enough Dragon Roar Origin Source, his Dao Foundation might experience a significant improvement, and perhaps even... transform.

If it were to transform, that would be quite extraordinary.

“Phew!”

Feeling the fatigue in his body and mind, Lu Changsheng decided not to ponder further.

Embracing the warm and tender figure in his arms, he closed his eyes and slowly drifted off to sleep.

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Three days later.

Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao walked out of their cave dwelling.

At this moment, the two of them seemed closer and more natural together, like a well-matched couple.

Walking in the Immortal City, Lu Changsheng could see that there was a marked increase in patrolling law-enforcement cultivators.

“I wonder what happened in the city in the past few days.”

Lu Changsheng thought back to a few days ago when he was treating Ling Zixiao, meanwhile the Celestial City was suppressing demon cultivators.

Ling Zixiao was also curious.

Although her mind had been hazy at the time,

she vaguely sensed that there had been considerable commotion within the city.

Soon, the two of them inquired about the past few days' happenings.

They learned that a few days ago, several Nascent Soul demon cultivators were lurking in the Celestial City.

Therefore, the Heavenly Sword Sect activated The Celestial City Formation to suppress and kill these demon cultivators.

In the battle, one Nascent Soul Immortal was captured and suppressed, two Nascent Soul Immortals perished.

Had it not been for one Nascent Soul Immortal self-destructing, the remaining Demonic Path Cultivators would've nearly all been suppressed and captured.

"Six Nascent Soul Immortals, and several False Core Immortals..."

Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao were surprised when they heard the news.

They hadn't expected the situation to be so severe on that day.

It was known that in the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, a family force led by a Nascent Soul Immortal was considered a famous and top powerhouse.

Yet now, so many Demonic Path Nascent Soul and False Core cultivators had been hiding in Jiuxiao Immortal City, obviously with no small schemes.

At the same time, the two were astonished at the Heavenly Sword Sect's actions.

They managed to suppress three Nascent Soul Immortals in such a short time – no wonder the commotion was so big at the time.

“Alas, the world of cultivation is becoming more chaotic; I’ve heard that both the Qingyun Sect’s domain and the Imperial Spirit Sect’s Domain have seen the appearance of demon cultivators and Demonic Sects.”

“Yes, wasn’t it said that the Heavenly Corpse Sect and the Five Poisons Cult from Jin Kingdom challenged the Xuanjian True Monarch from the Heavenly Sword Sect? It is still unknown who won or lost in that battle.”

“If the Xuanjian True Monarch is defeated, then our Jiang Country Cultivation Realm will be in danger.”

Someone nearby said with a sigh.

Lu Changsheng heard these words and thought of his journey to Jiuxiao Immortal City, where Xiahou Family from the dark waters pursued Chu Qingyi.

Through these events, he realized that something significant was about to happen in the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.

His heart sank, and he couldn’t help but worry, “Could a war be about to break out in Jiang Country’s Cultivation Realm?”

He had read many books in his days.

He knew the history of cultivation realms.

According to the records of the history of the Southern Wilderness, there was no shortage of battles between nations.

After all, the resources of a country are finite.

If progress is stagnant, the easiest solution is naturally conquest.

He was able to lead a relatively safe life these past twenty years, thanks also to the relatively stable environment of the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.

Now, with several demon cultivator incidents, coupled with two Nascent Soul True Lords from Jin Kingdom challenging the Xuanjian True Monarch, it seems there are several indications of the prelude to a Cultivation Realm war.

Once war breaks out, the stability will be shattered, and as a member of Jiang Country, he would inevitably be affected.

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“Is Lu Lang concerned about the current situation in the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm?”

“Heaven Knowledge Tower should have intelligence on this matter, Lu Lang can take a look, so you can have a general understanding of the situation.”

Ling Zixiao saw a hint of gravity on Lu Changsheng's face and spoke in her melodious and clear voice.

She knew Lu Changsheng was preparing to establish his family's power.

If war between the two countries were to break out, such family powers would be easily drawn into it, struggling to maintain neutrality.

“Good.”

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Lu Changsheng nodded.

For such matters, instead of making wild guesses himself, it was better to go to the intelligence organization to purchase relevant information.

With the relevant information, he could better judge the current situation.

Moreover, if war were to break out between the two Cultivation Realms, it wouldn't happen overnight; it would take a process.

Soon after, the two arrived on the second floor of Heaven Knowledge Tower.

Ling Zixiao was familiar with this place and had a membership token, which saved them from many protocols.

"I want to purchase information about the Cultivation Realms of Jiang Country and Jin Kingdom."

"Preferably details on the Demonic Path incident in Jiuxiao Immortal City and the Demonic Path incident in the Qingyun Region."

Lu Changsheng got straight to the point.

From his recent understanding, he knew the Demon Cultivators who caused trouble in Jiuxiao Immortal City most likely came from the neighboring Cultivation Realm of Jin Kingdom.

"Information between the Cultivation Realms of Jiang Country and Jin Kingdom is quite extensive. You must be interested in the affairs related to the war between the two countries, right?"

"As for the Jiuxiao Immortal City incident, our establishment has just collected related information these past few days, available in four levels: grade A, B, C, and D, priced at three thousand, one thousand eight hundred, one thousand, and six hundred Spirit Stones respectively."

"Regarding the Demonic Path incident in the Qingyun Region, we have three levels: grade A, B, and C, priced at one thousand two hundred, seven hundred, and three hundred Spirit Stones respectively."

"Which level of intelligence does Your Excellency require?"

The black-clothed person from Heaven Knowledge Tower spoke calmly.

"That expensive?"

Lu Changsheng frowned slightly upon hearing this.

He said, “Yes, I need information about the Cultivation Realms of Jiang Country and Jin Kingdom, such as the Sect Master of Heavenly Corpse Sect, the Five Poisons Cult Leader, and the challenge to Xuanjian True Monarch Li Duanxuan.”

“For the incidents in Jiuxiao Immortal City and the Qingyun Region Demonic Path, I’ll take the grade A intelligence.”

Lu Changsheng stated this.

The price was exorbitant.

But as someone at the bottom of the Cultivation World, his channels for obtaining intelligence were limited.

He had no choice but to spend Spirit Stones to acquire relevant information.

“As for the Sect Master of Heavenly Corpse Sect, the Five Poisons Cult Leader, and the challenge to Xuanjian True Monarch Li Duanxuan, currently there’s not much in-depth intelligence available.”

“Since the decisive battle is imminent, in roughly ten days, we will have related intelligence information, and at that time, you can come to our Heaven Knowledge Tower.”

“As for the Jiuxiao Immortal City incident and the Qingyun Region Demonic Path incident, that would be a total of four thousand two hundred Spirit Stones.”

The black-clothed person spoke, stating it outright.

“A decisive battle is imminent?”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly, knowing the challenge must be in the next few days and that it would take several days before the outcome was known.

He took out four thousand two hundred Spirit Stones from his Storage Bag.

“In the future, when purchasing further related information on this subject, with this Jade Slip, Your Excellency will only need to pay fifty percent of the Spirit Stones.”

The black-clothed person took out two purple Jade Slips, handed them to Lu Changsheng, and spoke.

“Good, thank you.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly, received the Jade Slips, and scanned their content with his Divine Sense.

Indeed, the intelligence was worthy of grade A.

Their contents were indeed very detailed.

The Jiuxiao Immortal City Demonic Path incident, origins and related information of these Demonic Path Cultivators were explained.

Additionally, what they had been up to around Jiuxiao Immortal City lately was broadly described.

“It seems like the incident in Jiuxiao Immortal City was indeed Jin Kingdom Cultivation Realm’s preparation for invading Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.”

After reviewing the incident in Jiuxiao Immortal City, Lu Changsheng immediately understood.

Because these Cultivators were primarily from the three great Demon Sects of Jin Kingdom: Heavenly Corpse Sect, Five Poisons Cult, and Yiming Ghost Sect.

The remaining Loose Cultivators also had intricate relations with these three great Demon Sects.

“Hmm, Meng Xiaochan, she is actually a disciple of the Jin Kingdom’s Five Poisons Cult?”

Lu Changsheng, recognizing two familiar faces from the information in the Jade Slip, had previously met a woman in a black dress and a girl in a white dress in Jiuxiao Immortal City.

Based on the indications from the Peach Blossom Gu, he knew the girl in the white dress was Meng Xiaochan.

He had not expected Meng Xiaochan to be a person from the Demonic Path of Jin Kingdom.

The Jade Slip did not contain detailed information about Meng Xiaochan.

It only introduced her general origin.

She came from the Five Poisons Cult.

As for the woman in black, who was with her, the intelligence indicated that she was most likely Nangong Mili, the Heaven Spider Emissary of Jin Kingdom's Five Poisons Cult.

Currently, the two were being hunted and wanted by the Heavenly Sword Sect.

After briefly reviewing this information, Lu Changsheng looked at another Jade Slip, which contained intelligence on the Demonic Path happenings in the Qingyun Region.

“The Xiahou Family of Blackwater Pool served as hidden agents for the Heavenly Corpse Sect of Jin Kingdom, with their Patriarch Xiahou Jie once being a disciple of Heavenly Corpse Sect...”

“Qingyun Sect summoned all subordinated forces to expel the Xiahou Clan of Blackwater Pool... Xiahou Family set up the Third Rank clan-defending Great Formation ‘Myriad Corpses Dark Eternity Formation’, and Qingyun Sect broke it with the ‘Earthshaking Formation’...”

“Patriarch Xiahou, Xiahou Jie, using the earth vein energy of Blackwater Pool, turned himself into ‘The Dark Demon Corpse’ combined with Dao Soldier Corpse, fighting power comparable to Mid Nascent Soul Stage...”



“In this battle, Qingyun Sect’s Caiyun True Immortal suffered severe injuries before slaying Xiahou Jie, leading to numerous familia casualties in the Qingyun Region...”

“Among them, Bai Family Ancestor of White Bird Lake perished, Zhao Family Ancestor of White Tiger Mountain perished, Huang Family Ancestor of Yellow Cloud Mountain perished....”

Lu Changsheng, reading through the casualty information, immediately paused.

He looked carefully, and not seeing news of the Lu Family Ancestor of Qingzhu Mountain’s death, he breathed a sigh of relief.

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If Lu Yuanzhong were to fall in this battle, Qingzhu Mountain would be in danger.

His wives, concubines, and children are currently all still on Qingzhu Mountain. “Ancestor Xiahou, Xiahou Wuwo, a False Core Immortal who practices the ‘Heavenly Yin Mysterious Sha Technique,’ has secretly fled during this major battle and is currently still hiding within the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm...” “The Luo Family of Zijin Valley, investigated by the Qingyun Sect as a covert agent of the Demon Path, has been completely eradicated... The loose cultivator Liang Tian is a Demonic Path Cultivator....”

Lu Changsheng roughly finished reading the information related to the Demon Path incidents in the Qingyun Region.

The main issue was the commotion caused by the Xiahou Family of the Black Water; it was quite significant....

Not only did it cause heavy losses to many families and forces in the Qingyun Region, but it also injured the Nascent Soul Immortals of the Qingyun Sect. “So many covert agents and powers of the Demon Path?” “It seems that the war between the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm and the Jin Kingdom Cultivation Realm has been brewing for a while, and it’s just that I am at too low of a stage to come into contact with such information, which is why I have been unaware until now.” “However, the real determinant of the war between nations will still be on Xuanjian True Monarch Li Duanxuan.” “If this Xuanjian True Monarch can repel the two Nascent Soul True Lords of Jin Kingdom, this crisis will naturally be resolved.” “If this Xuanjian True Monarch were to be defeated, it’s expected that the three great Demonic Sects of Jin Kingdom would then initiate war...”

After finishing this information, Lu Changsheng came to a rough conclusion in his heart.

This conclusion made his heart slightly heavy.

After all, it was a two against one situation.

Moreover, according to the information, the duel is initiated by the two great Nascent Soul True Lords of Jin Kingdom challenging Li Duanxuan.

This indicates that the situation in Jiang Country is very unfavorable.

He exhaled lightly, not thinking too much, and walked out of Heaven Knowledge Tower with Ling Zixiao.

He handed the information jade slip in his hand to Ling Zixiao.

He said aloud, "Zixiao, in about half a month, I'll return to the Qingyun Region."

The current state of affairs in the Cultivation World is unstable.

He planned to head back to Qingzhu Mountain as soon as news about the decisive battle between Li Duanxuan and the Nascent Souls of Jin Kingdom came out.

As for Ling Zixiao.

If under normal circumstances, since he had not yet established his own family, he wouldn't mind Ling Zixiao continuing to stay in Jiuxiao Immortal City.

He would have her come over once he finalized his spiritual land.

But the problem was that Ling Zixiao's current condition didn't allow her to be separated from him.

Even though her Dragon Roar Physique was suppressed, she still accumulates the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy every day.

He needs to regularly organize and resolve it using the 'Dragon Invocation Technique.' "Alright, during this half month, I will handle all affairs and then return with you, Lord Lu," Ling Zixiao replied, and from her somewhat pale and frail face emerged an elegant and gentle smile.

She settled in Jiuxiao Immortal City for the sake of extending her life, seeking a solution to her Dragon Roar Physique.

Now that she found a path to resolving her Dragon Roar Physique, naturally, there was no need to continue staying in Jiuxiao Immortal City.

Moreover, according to the Spiritual Contract and vows they made initially, Lu Changsheng is fully committed to resolving her Dragon Roar Physique, and she in turn must help Lu Changsheng build up his family. "Zixiao, do you have any trustworthy people, channels of relations?" "In the future, I will likely need to use this channel of relations to purchase or acquire certain materials in Jiuxiao Immortal City."

Lu Changsheng mused quietly.

After this trip back to Qingzhu Mountain, unless there are exceptionally important matters, he definitely wouldn't come to Jiuxiao Immortal City again.

The travel time was just too long.

But he has a great demand for rare Spiritual Medicine and materials for Third Rank Talisman Making.

These treasures, he could only purchase or procure in an Immortal City.

Previously, he thought of using the Li sisters, Li Xingruo and Li Xingyu, as an avenue.

Having Li Xingruo purchase certain Spiritual Medicines and materials in the Immortal City for him, and then asking Xiao Xiyue to bring them over to him via the Qingyun Sect individuals.

Now that he has the relationship with Ling Zixiao, he thought about expanding his network of relations through her. “Lord Lu, rest assured, I have several good friends in the Immortal City. If my lord has any needs, just inform me,” Ling Zixiao said with a dignified and graceful manner.

Although she now had sincere feelings for Lu Changsheng, she was clear in her mind that she and Lu Changsheng were still at a stage of exchanging benefits.

Now that Lu Changsheng is doing everything he can to resolve her Dragon Roar Physique, naturally, she would help him as much as possible.

Moreover, Lu Changsheng seeking her help was also a form of trust in her. “Good,” Lu Changsheng nodded his head.

Then he parted ways with Ling Zixiao and returned to the Treasure Elixir Pavilion, preparing to continue concocting Elixir Medicines for Ling Zixiao.

If it wasn’t for the several furnaces of Life-saving Elixirs he had concocted before to supplement the Dragon Roar Physique, it was feared that it would cost much more to stabilize Ling Zixiao’s condition.

Thus, he prepared to concoct some Elixir Medicines during these days to regulate Ling Zixiao’s body.

Otherwise, considering Ling Zixiao’s current state, her strength might not even match a late-stage Energy Refinement Cultivator.

It would be very troublesome if they encountered danger on their way back. “Elder Ye,” Li Xingyu called out.

Upon seeing Lu Changsheng, the adorable face of the Treasure Elixir Pavilion’s Li Xingyu immediately showed a delighted expression, excitedly shouting.

Previously, Lu Changsheng had mentioned he would be busy with some matters and couldn’t come over.

But after not seeing him for over half a month, many people had come to inquire about purchasing Elixir Medicines, and in just eight more days, it would be the day of the Immortal City shop assessment, which made her a bit worried. “Hehe, little Yu,” Lu Changsheng looked at the young girl, a faint smile appearing on his face.

He found the girl’s personality quite endearing.

Having interacted with her for a while, he also regarded her as a younger generation.

After chatting with Li Xingyu for a while, he learned that Li Xingruo had recently been busy contacting Second Rank Alchemists, hoping to invite an Alchemist to preside over the shop. “Alright, I am off to concoct Elixirs,” Lu Changsheng simply chatted for a while before heading to the Alchemy Chamber to start alchemy and talisman making. “Why does Elder Ye have the scent of a woman on him?”

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After Lu Changsheng left, Li Xingyu sniffed hard, faintly detecting a delicate fragrance typically associated with a woman.

Previously, she had never smelled this scent on Lu Changsheng.

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In the blink of an eye, five days had passed.

Inside the alchemy chamber of the Treasure Elixir Pavilion,

“Huff, huff, huff —”

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Eight miniature dragon heads were exhaling purple flames, causing the fiery red pill furnace to churn with spiritual mechanism, wafting out a faint scent of medicine.

“Open!”

At that moment, Lu Changsheng looked at the pill furnace where the spiritual mechanism surged, forming hand seals as he executed the spell to open the furnace.

“Hum —”

The lid of the furnace flew up, with steam and glowing mist filling the entire room.

“Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh —”

Among the waves of heat, nine elixir pills fell into Lu Changsheng’s hands.

“These nine Frost Elixirs should be somewhat effective for Zi Xiao’s current condition,”

Lu Changsheng said, holding the pills and exhaling softly.

Like the commonly seen Yin-cold attribute pills, Ling Zixiao had taken too many of them to the point they were ineffective.

After inquiring about Ling Zixiao’s condition and what pills she had taken, he chose to refine these Frost Elixirs.

The main effect of these Frost Elixirs was to dispel fire toxins.

But they also had healing and marrow-cleansing effects.

Using such pills for Ling Zixiao was a considerable waste.

But there was no other way.

Given Ling Zixiao’s current condition, ordinary spirit pills were completely ineffective; she could only rely on such elixirs to stabilize her condition and nurture her health.

After finishing the elixir production, Lu Changsheng walked out of the alchemy chamber.

He prepared to visit the formation shop of Zi Xiao to clear out the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy within Ling Zixiao.

“Senior Ye.”

In the store’s main hall, Li Xingruo had returned.

Seeing Lu Changsheng, she immediately raised her voice and called out.

“Xingruo, how is it going, have you managed to invite a Second Rank alchemist?”

Lu Changsheng asked with a smile upon seeing Li Xingruo.

“Not yet.”

Li Xingruo pursed her lips slightly upon hearing this, a trace of dejection appearing on her face.

Although the Li Family would no longer target their Treasure Elixir Pavilion,

Second Rank alchemists were extremely rare.

Finding a Second Rank alchemist to take up residence on short notice wasn’t easy.

“It’s okay, there’s no need to rush. By the way, there are only a few days left for the Immortal City shop assessment registration, isn’t it?”

Lu Changsheng spoke in a gentle voice.

He was well aware that inviting a Second Rank alchemist to stay would take time.

“Yes, the registration day for the assessment is in three days.”

Li Xingruo nodded lightly in confirmation.

“All right, I have something to attend to and will step out for a while. I will make sure to come back on time,”

Lu Changsheng nodded and said aloud.

“Thank you, Senior Ye.”

Li Xingruo immediately expressed her gratitude, her face brimming with appreciation.

“Haha, there’s no need for thanks.”

Lu Changsheng chuckled, waved his hand, and walked out of the Treasure Elixir Pavilion toward the Zi Xiao formation shop.

“Senior, please wait a moment.”

Upon hearing Lu Changsheng’s intention, the shopkeeper immediately went to inform Ling Zixiao.

It wasn’t long before,

with her hair lightly coiffed, her face gracefully beautiful, dressed in a lake blue skirt, and carrying herself in a voluptuous and graceful manner, Ling Zixiao descended from the upstairs.

She knew Lu Changsheng preferred not to reveal his identity in front of too many people.

As usual, her voice was soft and composed as she elegantly said, “Daoist Ye, follow me.”

Immediately, she took Lu Changsheng up to the third floor of the shop.

The third floor was her usual living and resting area, where outsiders were not allowed to come.



Knowing that Ling Zixiao was somewhat of a beauty enthusiast, Lu Changsheng then removed the disguise of the Misty Sky Bead.

“Lu Lang, I am currently selling this shop. As for business and affairs, I have already turned them all down,”

“Regarding the procurement and acquisition of materials you mentioned, I have contacted a few friends.”

“In the future, if Lu Lang needs such services, I could ask them to undertake the procurement and acquisition on your behalf, then entrust it to either the Nine Heavens Commerce Guild or the Qingyun Commerce Guild to deliver to the Qingyun Region.”

“I have already looked into it, the Nine Heavens Commerce Guild of the Heavenly Sword Sect and the Qingyun Commerce Guild of the Qingyun Sect often interact and have such business services,”

Ling Zixiao said, speaking thus.

“Oh, so the guild can deliver directly to the Qingyun Region?”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow.

He had previously thought about having the people from the Qingyun Sect collect the materials through Xiao Xiyue.

It seemed now that it would be sufficient to have them directly delivered by the commerce guild.

“Yes, the guilds typically provide this kind of service...”

Ling Zixiao nodded with a slight smile, indicating that the major commerce guilds did indeed conduct such business and had such services.

However, the price was quite high, and they charged based on a percentage of the total value of the goods.

But the upside was that they guaranteed safety and credibility.

“Good, Zi Xiao, later I will give you a list. You can have them purchase externally separately, and once a certain quantity is reached, entrust the guild to send it over,”

Lu Changsheng promptly said.

With this channel in place, he could slowly gather many of the materials and spiritual medicines he needed in Immortal City.

Procuring them externally himself could also greatly reduce the cost.

This was unlike before when he had to buy at high prices from large commerce guilds and shops.

After he finished speaking, he took out a Frost Elixir and said, “Zi Xiao, this is the elixir I have crafted for you. See how it works?”

“Thank you, Lu Lang.”

Ling Zixiao responded with a tender smile, receiving the porcelain bottle.

She poured out a blue, crystal-clear elixir.

“Is this a Frost Elixir?”

She immediately recognized the elixir.

“Yes, it is indeed a Frost Elixir.”

“Given your current condition, most elixirs are ineffective, but since you haven’t taken a Frost Elixir before, it will help you regulate your body somewhat,”

Lu Changsheng nodded as he said this.

“You’ve gone to great lengths, Lu Lang.”

A hint of emotion surfaced on Ling Zixiao’s face.

She had learned about the various cooling and healing elixirs in her initial attempt to treat her injuries.

The reason she hadn’t taken many Frost Elixirs was partly due to their high cost, and also because their cost-effectiveness was too low.

The main effect of the Frost Elixir was to remove fire poison, with secondary effects of marrow cleansing and healing.

To take the Frost Elixir for its minor healing efficacy was a severe waste.

“Heh, it’s no trouble. As long as I can help you get your body in order, it’s all worth it,”

Lu Changsheng waved his hand and said in a warm tone.

He could rely on his own Second Rank alchemy skills.

And that he could craft the elixirs himself.

Otherwise, given Ling Zixiao’s current condition, she was utterly a gold-consuming giant.

Even an abundance of Spirit Stones would not withstand such expenditure.

However, seeing the expression in Ling Zixiao’s eyes made him feel that it was all worth it.

After all, he was not unaware that initially, Ling Zixiao’s interactions with him were all an act.

But after spending some time together, her affection for him had clearly grown.

As long as he kept it up and continued to build rapport, the chances were good that she would wholeheartedly become the mother of his child in the future.

“Hmm.”

Ling Zixiao smiled, nodding her head gently.

She came to the bedside, removed her lake-blue, exquisitely embroidered shoes,

revealing her slender and delicate ankles beneath her dress, and her jade feet wrapped in snow-white silk stockings.

Then, she sat down cross-legged, took the Frost Elixir, and began to assimilate it.

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Ling Zixiao sat cross-legged on the bed.

After taking the Frost Elixir, strands of cold air emanated and flowed around her body.

Lu Changsheng quietly observed the effects of the Frost Elixir on Ling Zixiao.

After a long time, he came to a conclusion.

There were effects, but indeed, they were quite average.

Compared to the time and cost spent, it was truly disappointing.... “Unless there is a Third Rank elixir, or some rare yin cold attribute elixir medicines.” “Otherwise, wanting to regulate and nourish the body and heal the withered meridians and dantian is too difficult.”

Lu Changsheng sighed softly in his heart.

However, he had not given up.

Once Ling Zixiao finished assimilating the elixir, he passed on the “Tender Embrace Technique,” a Dual Cultivation Technique, to her.

This technique belonged to the higher tier of Dual Cultivation Techniques.

Both the male and female participants would benefit.

It would definitely help in Ling Zixiao’s recovery.

Ling Zixiao saw that Lu Changsheng had taken out another secret Dual Cultivation Technique and didn’t quite know what to say.

She wondered if Lu Changsheng had obtained some kind of romantic inheritance.

Why were all his techniques related to Dual Cultivation?

However, she did not ask much more.

Under Lu Changsheng’s guidance, she quickly understood the technique.

Straightaway, the two began their cultivation.

Afterward! “Lu Lang, I can’t do this anymore...”

Just once, and Ling Zixiao’s face turned crimson, like a puddle of mud, nestling in Lu Changsheng’s embrace.

On the one hand, the effect of the Tender Embrace Technique was rather intense.

On the other hand, her current physical condition was truly very bad.

After her Dragon Roar Origin Source was depleted and she suffered from the backlash of the Dragon Roar Physique, her body was extremely weak.

If said that before, she still counted as a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, and could exert a tenth or twentieth of her mana.

Then now, her strength wasn't even comparable to some Energy Refinement Late Stage cultivators. "It's alright, take it slow."

Lu Changsheng's palms were gentle and soft, his soothing voice comforting the beauty.

He knew that healing was not something to be rushed. "Lu Lang, in a few more days, you will be going back. How do you plan to arrange for the sisters at Treasure Elixir Pavilion?"

Ling Zixiao snuggled in Lu Changsheng's arms, whispering. "My encounters with them were fleeting, what plans could I possibly have?"

Lu Changsheng felt puzzled upon hearing this. "Huh? My lord, didn't you go to the Treasure Elixir Pavilion with the intention of taking the Li sisters under your wing?" "I see that both sisters are quite pretty, especially the elder sister, who's not only extremely beautiful but also a high-quality alchemist." "With your tutelage and guidance, Lu Lang, I reckon it won't be an issue for her to become a Second Rank alchemist in the future."

Ling Zixiao drew circles on Lu Changsheng's chest with her slender jade fingers, smiling as she spoke.

Although through the days they spent together, her perception of Lu Changsheng had changed, she still believed that Lu Changsheng's choice to settle in the Treasure Elixir Pavilion was because he fancied the Li sisters. "What nonsense are you speaking? Am I the kind of man to take in every woman I see?" "I just saw that the two girls had it hard, and as it happened, I lent them a hand."

Lu Changsheng was somewhat speechless.

He had a good impression of the two sisters, but he only regarded them as juniors.

Besides, who would consider taking home anyone they meet to have children?

Although he had thought about it when he first saw Li Xingruo, it was just a fleeting thought. “Yes, indeed, I also find the sisters pitiable, orphaned and with no one to rely on.” “If they could be taken in by you, Lu Lang, they would then have someone to rely on.”

Ling Zixiao’s skin was rosy and delicate, and she said with a half-smile. “It seems you’re getting spirited again!”

When he heard this, Lu Changsheng immediately pressed her beneath him. “No, my lord, have mercy...”

Ling Zixiao’s call turned into a startled cry, her luscious voice beginning to falter, soon becoming intermittent and indistinct. ...

Three days later. “Master Ye, you’ve been a great help.”

That day, Lu Changsheng and Li Xingruo came to the ‘Hundred Arts Hall’ in Immortal City for their assessment registration.

There weren’t many people.

After all, the number of Second Rank artisans in the entire Immortal City was limited.

Furthermore, not every Second Rank artisan would become the featured attraction of a particular shop and come to participate in the assessment registration. “Is this Master Ye Fan?”

As soon as Lu Changsheng and Li Xingruo entered the Alchemy Hall, someone recognized him and greeted him politely. “This is the owner of Little Dan Tower, a Second Rank lower-tier alchemist.”

Li Xingruo introduced the man to Lu Changsheng via telepathic message. “Indeed, it’s Ye. A pleasure to meet you.”

Lu Changsheng did not know the person, but you don’t slap a smiling face.

Seeing that the other party was so polite, he naturally returned the greeting with courtesy.

During the process, several more alchemists and elixir shop owners came to chat and greet Lu Changsheng, expressing interest in having tea together and sharing their understanding of alchemy.

After all, in the span of three months, Lu Changsheng had earned a modest reputation in Immortal City.

Not only could he refine Second Rank superior elixir medicines, but most of the elixirs he refined were of fine and supreme quality.

This was quite astonishing.

Lu Changsheng responded courteously to all of them, and afterward, he indicated that he would go into seclusion for cultivation after some time.

If they knew any Second Rank alchemists, they could introduce him or her to come to Treasure Elixir Pavilion to become a featured alchemist.

Upon hearing this, several alchemists mentioned that they had friends who might inquire on behalf of Lu Changsheng. “Indeed, this is the benefit of having a skill; you won’t starve anywhere.” “If the skill is notable and reaches Second Rank, you can make a living anywhere.”

After chatting with these people for a while, Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

Between the previous visits from the Li Family, and the current enthusiastic networking, he deeply realized the benefits that come with having a perfected skill. “Master Ye, thank you very much.”

Li Xingruo, who was beside him, was moved by the scene and thanked Lu Changsheng.

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She knew that Lu Changsheng was about to leave and was recruiting an alchemist to preside over his store.



Since her parents passed away, no one had ever been so kind to her.

It made her feel intensely grateful and moved.

“Hehe, it’s a trifle.”

Lu Changsheng chuckled, waving his hand dismissively.

At that moment, the alchemy assessment began.

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The assessment was straightforward.

It involved concocting a furnace of second-rank elixir medicines.

Lu Changsheng concocted a furnace of middle-grade True Essence Elixirs and easily passed the assessment.

Afterward, he registered his identity information with Treasure Elixir Pavilion, completing the process.

When verifying his identity information, his disguise provided by the Misty Sky Bead went undetected.

This made Lu Changsheng silently note that with the Misty Sky Bead, he could not continue conducting assessments on behalf of others.

“Xingruo, I will be leaving Jiuxiao Immortal City in a couple of days.”

“So I won’t be going back to Treasure Elixir Pavilion now, please convey my farewell to Xingyu later.”

After leaving Hundred Arts Hall, Lu Changsheng directly said this to Li Xingruo.

Parting was the most poignant.

Lu Changsheng was already not a person given to melancholy feelings.

But it was obvious that both Li Xingruo and Li Xingyu were.

Since the matter with Treasure Elixir Pavilion was resolved, he planned to leave it at that and not go back.

“Senior Ye.”

Hearing this, Li Xingruo’s heart instantly filled with discomfort.

During the months they had spent together, she had felt a sense of long-lost paternal love and care from Lu Changsheng.

Now, hearing about Lu Changsheng’s impending departure, she felt extremely reluctant to part.

However, Lu Changsheng had mentioned long ago that he would leave Jiuxiao Immortal City.

Had it not been for the matters concerning her family’s Treasure Elixir Pavilion, he might have left earlier.

She pursed her lips lightly and raised her head to look at Lu Changsheng, forcing a cheerful smile as she said, “Xingruo wishes Senior Ye a smooth journey and may all be well with you.”

“Mm, we’ll meet again someday.”

Lu Changsheng looked at her eyes which were slightly reddened and sighed softly.

Knowing that it was unlikely they would meet again.

He thought for a moment and then said, “In the future, we can correspond through letters.”

“I’ve heard that the major commercial guilds can relay things to each other.”

“If I need to purchase certain items in the future, I might trouble you, Xingruo.”

“And if you have any doubts about alchemy, you can also write to me. Although it might take a long time for letters to arrive, perhaps by the time I reply, you will have already resolved your doubts.”

Lu Changsheng spoke in a gentle manner.

He gave Li Xingruo an address from Red Leaf Valley Market, a shop that sells peace charms.

“Mm, mm.”

“Senior Ye, if you have any needs, feel free to send me a letter anytime.”

Li Xingruo nodded upon hearing this.

The steadfast clarity in her eyes was obscured by the sentimentalism of the moment.

“Alright.”

Lu Changsheng gave a light smile and then strode away.

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Two days later.

“Is there any information on the decisive battle between Xuanjian True Monarch, Heavenly Corpse Sect Master, and Five Poisons Cult Leader?”

Lu Changsheng arrived at Heaven Knowledge Tower and asked aloud.

“There is. The intelligence report is divided into two grades, Grade A and Grade B, priced at three thousand and one thousand Spirit Stones respectively.”

The person in black replied.

“Grade A.”

Lu Changsheng stated directly.

He took out three thousand Spirit Stones.

“With this Jade Slip, you only need to pay fifty percent of the Spirit Stones for subsequent related updates.”

The person in black accepted the Spirit Stones and handed over a purple Jade Slip to Lu Changsheng.

“Understood.”

Lu Changsheng took the Jade Slip and nodded.

Immediately, he delved into the Jade Slip with his Divine Sense to read the contents.

“Xuanjian True Monarch fought against two alone, repelling both the Five Poisons Cult Leader and the Heavenly Corpse Sect Master.”

When Lu Changsheng saw the message, his spirit was lifted, and a great weight fell from his heart.

He knew that the battle had likely averted a war between Jiang Country and Jin Kingdom.

“Xuanjian True Monarch Li Duanxuan, a Middle Stage Nascent Soul cultivator, practices the Heavenly Sword Sect’s sect-defining Cultivation Method, the Heavenly Sword True Scripture...”

“In a two-against-one situation, not only did he repel the Heavenly Corpse Sect Master and the Five Poisons Cult Leader, but he also nearly slew the Five Poisons Cult Leader.”

“Had it not been for the Five Poisons Cult Leader conceding defeat and the Supreme Elder of the Yiming Ghost Sect intervening with the sect’s treasures, the Myriad Ghosts Blood Pool, and Myriad Ghosts Dao Soldier, Li Duanxuan had the chance to slay a Nascent Soul True Monarch!”

Lu Changsheng was looking at the intelligence report within the Jade Slip.

He felt some admiration for this sole Nascent Soul True Monarch of Jiang Country.

No wonder Yun Jianfeng, a Golden Core True Person from the Heavenly Sword Sect, had arrived in Jiuxiao Immortal City to exterminate demon cultivators at such a time.

It was because Li Duanxuan was confident of victory in this battle.

No need for too many to stand by his side.

“This battle may have prevented a war between Jiang Country and Jin Kingdom from breaking out, but I suspect there will still be undercurrents, and it won’t be peaceful.”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

He felt that things couldn’t possibly end so easily.

“After I return this time, I must accelerate my progress and enhance my strength.”

“Whether it’s childbirth or the children’s growth, I need to pay close attention to both aspects.”

“Otherwise, if a war between countries erupts and my strength isn’t sufficient, I won’t be able to protect my wives and children.”

This turn of events instilled an involuntary sense of urgency in Lu Changsheng.

Back in the Qi Refinement Realm, he had a sense of urgency too.

He was eager to reach Foundation Establishment so that he could have the power to protect himself and settle in the Cultivation World.

That's why he had been recklessly having children, hoping to improve his strength through his children and the system lottery.

But after establishing his foundation, he had unavoidably relaxed quite a bit.

Having the power to protect himself, he felt that there was no rush in everything.

After all, he had enough lifespan, not lacking time, aiming for success in the long run.

But this demon path event served as a wake-up call for him.

Besides considering his immediate surroundings, he needed to take the bigger picture into account.

If the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm remained stable, his current strength would be sufficient in the Qingyun Region, as long as he didn't act recklessly, he would generally be safe.

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But when a stable environment is disrupted, and matters escalate to a confrontation between nations, mere Foundation Establishment is insignificant.

Even without escalating to war between nations.

Just the Qingyun Sect's call to arms for the major families to campaign against the Xiahou Clan.

In the process, many Foundation Establishment Ancestors fell.

If it were a war between nations, one can only imagine.

Take, for instance, the Demon Path incident at the Jiuxiao Immortal City. Before the war even began, three Nascent Soul Immortals had perished.

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“The path of cultivation is long and arduous.”

Lu Changsheng stepped out of Heaven Knowledge Tower, exhaling deeply.

He felt that if the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm were to fall into chaos, he would inevitably be swept up in the overwhelming current of fate.

“This time, Qingyun Sect’s mobilization of the major families to campaign against the Xiahou Family results in numerous deaths among Foundation Establishment Ancestors.”

“Upon my return, revealing my Foundation Establishment Cultivation could present an opportunity to acquire a Spiritual Land.”

Lu Changsheng paused, a sudden thought occurring to him.

Previously, his plan involved using Xiao Xiyue’s connections to participate in the Hundred Arts Conference and enter Qingyun Sect, thus securing a Spiritual Vein Blessed Land.

But now, in the war where Qingyun Sect campaigned against the Xiahou Clan, many Foundation Establishment Ancestors from various families perished.

If some of these families were like Qingzhu Mountain with only one Foundation Establishment Ancestor holding the fort, they might be facing a familial crisis.

They had no choice but to perform a desperate act, like cutting off an arm to save the body, by giving up their Spiritual Land.

Otherwise, they would only attract disaster unnecessarily.

And he could take advantage of this situation to choose a suitable Spirit Vein for himself.

After all, with Ling Zixiao, the Array Master, at his side, the only thing his family lacked now was a Spiritual Land.

If he continued to rely on the approach through Xiao Xiyue, it would probably take several more years.

“It’s time to return.”

Lu Changsheng let out a sigh and put away the intelligence Jade Slip.

He was ready to call on Ling Zixiao and depart straight for Qingzhu Mountain.

He arrived at the rented courtyard.

“Hm? Where is she?”

Lu Changsheng, finding Ling Zixiao was not in the courtyard, was somewhat surprised.

Two days ago, Ling Zixiao’s formation shop had been sold.

In a place like Jiuxiao Immortal City, saying that a shop was hard to come by was no exaggeration.

Therefore, the transfer and sale of the shop attracted countless families and powers vying to buy it.

And Ling Zixiao’s rationale for selling the shop was straightforward.

She didn’t have much time left and was no longer struggling against it.



Planning to use her remaining time to travel and see if she could find an opportunity.

Not many would doubt such a story.

Because for these three years, due to being an Array Master with the Dragon Roar Physique, Ling Zixiao held no small fame in Jiuxiao Immortal City.

Many knew that this Array Master's life was nearing its end.

He took out a Sensing Talisman to check Ling Zixiao's whereabouts.

"Treasure Elixir Pavilion?"

Lu Changsheng, through the Yin Yang Sensing Talisman, sensed Ling Zixiao was in the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

This left him somewhat astonished. Why would Ling Zixiao be in the Treasure Elixir Pavilion?

He thought for a moment and headed towards the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

However, before he could get there, Ling Zixiao, dressed in a blue gown with a graceful demeanor and elegant temperament, had already come over.

He sensed Ling Zixiao's situation through the Yin Yang Sensing Talisman.

Similarly, Ling Zixiao's Yin Yang Sensing Talisman could sense his location.

"Lu Lang, do you intend to leave now?"

Ling Zixiao looked towards Lu Changsheng and asked.

Previously, Lu Changsheng had told her that as soon as the information about Li Duanxuan's decisive battle was out from Heaven Knowledge Tower, he was ready to leave Jiuxiao Immortal City.

“Yes, do you need to prepare anything else?”

Lu Changsheng nodded.

“This servant is already prepared and can leave at any time.”

Ling Zixiao said with a slight smile.

“Alright, then let's set off.”

Lu Changsheng nodded.

Immediately after, the two of them left Jiuxiao Immortal City, commanding the Spirit Boat as they flew towards Qingzhu Mountain.

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“Zi Xiao, did you have any business at the Treasure Elixir Pavilion earlier?”

Aboard the Spirit Boat, Lu Changsheng asked Ling Zixiao.

“I saw that lord husband had quite a fateful encounter with the two young ladies.”

“Considering that we are now departing, and the sisters will be left alone and helpless in Immortal City, it's quite pitiable, so I introduced them to a few good friends to get acquainted.”

“That way, they can seek help if anything arises in the future.”

Ling Zixiao spoke with an elegant demeanor, her voice gentle and warm.

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With a light smile and a trace of teasing, she said, "I noticed that the two young ladies seemed quite reluctant to part with Lu Lang, probably harboring quite a bit of affection."

"If Lu Lang is willing, a simple invitation may be all it takes for them to wish to depart with you."

Ling Zixiao's lips curled with a hint of teasing.

"It was but a passing acquaintance, and their attachment to the Treasure Elixir Pavilion is quite evident."

"So why make them leave Jiuxiao Immortal City and accompany me to such an insignificant place?"

Lu Changsheng shook his head and said softly.

Just as Ling Zixiao had said, if he were to invite Li Xingruo and her sister to come with him, they would certainly give it serious thought.

But after considering, he chose not to do so.

For one thing, extending an invitation didn't necessarily guarantee acceptance.

After all, his relationship with the sisters hadn't reached such a deep level yet.

And the sisters obviously had deep feelings for the Treasure Elixir Pavilion, which wouldn't be easy to cut off.

Otherwise, they could have simply sold or transferred the shop during their difficult times and chosen to leave.

With Li Xingruo's talent in alchemy, relying on the wealth left by her parents, she would obviously fare better without sticking to the Treasure Elixir Pavilion.

On the other hand, he also had to consider on what grounds he would invite them back with him.

If the two agreed, how would he settle them?

As concubines?

As alchemy service workers?

As guest elders?

Thus, Lu Changsheng thought it over and decided against it.

After all, his fundamental principle was that if he brought someone home with him, he should fulfill a certain duty and responsibility.

He currently had a lot to attend to.

For the time being, he didn't want to allocate too much of his time and energy to this matter.

Upon hearing this, Ling Zixiao merely smiled faintly and said no more.

She looked at the surrounding scenery nonchalantly and asked, "Where in Qingyun Region does Lu Lang reside?"

"Qingzhu Mountain."

"According to the distance of our journey, it will probably take four or five months to arrive."

Lu Changsheng said aloud.

On his way back, he certainly couldn't rush the entire journey.

He would need to stop and rest along the way and alleviate the Dragon Roar of Yang Energy from Ling Zixiao.

“Qingzhu Mountain,” Ling Zixiao repeated, nodding thoughtfully as she heard this.

She had previously purchased information about Lu Changsheng from Heaven Knowledge Tower.

She knew that Lu Changsheng came from the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain.

However, the situation she had come to understand through interacting with Lu Changsheng did not match what Heaven Knowledge Tower had on record about him.

“I’ve had some fortunate encounters, so I tend to hide my abilities in Qingzhu Mountain.”

“On this trip back, I will need you, Zi Xiao, to keep some of my affairs a secret....”

Lu Changsheng spoke, not hiding any information and sharing some details about himself.

In front of Ling Zixiao, he had revealed his second-tier top-level alchemy skills.

Although he was prepared to show his alchemy skills upon returning to Qingzhu Mountain, he couldn’t possibly reveal everything at once.

It required a systematic and gradual process.

“Please rest assured, lord husband,” Ling Zixiao responded after hearing this, her face showcasing an elegant, gentle smile.

She knew the information from Heaven Knowledge Tower was not incorrect.

It was just that Lu Changsheng had been concealing his skills deeply.

This made her inwardly marvel at the extent of his concealment.

According to the information from Heaven Knowledge Tower, Lu Changsheng was not yet forty.

At that age, not only had he broken through to Foundation Establishment, he had also elevated both alchemy and talisman making to the second rank.

This was astonishing.

She, with her innate talent for the Formation Path and under the tutelage of a master, was able to reach her current level.

Yet, according to the information from Heaven Knowledge Tower, Lu Changsheng had been rejected during an Immortal Sects assessment at Qingyun Sect and had become a son-in-law taken into the Lu Family.

This indicated that Lu Changsheng's Spiritual Root Talent must be rather ordinary.

And as a son-in-law taken into the Lu Family, even if he was exceptionally talented in the Talisman Path and Alchemy, without a prominent teacher's guidance, it would be very difficult to achieve such accomplishments.

Besides, managing to succeed in talisman crafting, alchemy, and cultivation simultaneously was extraordinary.

Without contemplating too deeply on this matter, she continued to chat leisurely with Lu Changsheng.

Talking about her own experiences and past helped foster an emotional bond between them.

“Hm!?”

After they had been casually talking for a long time, Lu Changsheng's brows suddenly furrowed.

“Lu Lang, what’s wrong?” Ling Zixiao asked, noticing the change in his expression.

“It seems that we have been targeted since leaving Immortal City,” said Lu Changsheng, his brows relaxing into a wry smile.

Thanks to the Purple Mansion Elixir, his Divine Sense had already progressed to the late Foundation Establishment stage.

Just now, he had sensed a breath of aura moving swiftly in their direction, yet maintaining a certain distance from his Spirit Boat.

Having experienced several robber cultivator incidents in the past, Lu Changsheng immediately surmised that the person was probably targeting him and Ling Zixiao.

Thinking of attacking once they were a certain distance away from Immortal City.

“Targeted?” Ling Zixiao briefly paused, surprised at his remark.

Although her physical condition was extremely weak due to the Dragon Roar Physique, and she had only one-tenth of her mana, her Divine Sense was unimpaired.

Moreover, having cultivated a Divine Consciousness Technique and taken special elixirs for this aspect, her Divine Sense was much stronger than her peers, comparable to that of someone at the Middle Stage of Foundation Establishment.

Yet she hadn’t noticed any pursuit.

However, since Lu Changsheng had mentioned it, she naturally didn’t doubt him.

After all, having sold her shop and leaving Jiuxiao Immortal City, it made sense if someone was covertly watching her, perhaps intending to kill for loot.

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Right away, Ling Zixiao pulled out a set of formation tools from her storage bag and said, “Lu Lang, this ‘The Celestial Canopy Formation’ can conceal one’s shape and isolate the breath, so that even a Foundation Establishment Cultivator would find it difficult to detect.” “You should increase the distance now, find a place to land, and we can use formations to hide.”

Ling Zixiao quickly instructed.

As an Array Master, she naturally had her means.

She had prepared several sets of formation tools for self-defense. “Alright.”...

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded.

He controlled the nucleus of the Spirit Boat, increasing its speed to the fastest, leaving a trail of light across the sky.

With more than three hundred Second Rank Spirit Talismans, he had no fear of this kind of ambush.

But he was currently accompanied by Ling Zixiao.

Although Ling Zixiao was a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, due to her physical weakness, she was even less capable than an average Qi Refinement peak cultivator.

So, his plan was to let Ling Zixiao use formations to hide and protect herself.

As for himself, since these people dared to pursue them, he naturally wouldn’t be polite.

This trip to Jiuxiao Immortal City had cost him quite a lot of Spirit Stones.

After returning to Qingzhu Mountain, purchasing spirit land would be no small expenditure either.

Now that people were offering their wealth on a silver platter, he naturally would not hold back.



It wasn't long before, the Spirit Boat landed on a mountain peak. "Zi Xiao, after you set up the formation, set up a defensive array for yourself as well," said Lu Changsheng as he put away the Spirit Boat. "Lu Lang, are you planning to..."

Hearing such words and seeing the calm and indifferent expression on Lu Changsheng's face, Ling Zixiao immediately sensed his intention and asked. "Yes, since they want to play the role of Robber Cultivators, they must be prepared to pay the price," replied Lu Changsheng with a light laugh and an indifferent expression.

Ling Zixiao confirmed it, feeling surprised in her heart.

She had been in Jiuxiao Immortal City for so long and experienced many things.

She knew very well that those who dared to act as Robber Cultivators were often not simple in strength, especially those who lurked in the shadows and continuously pursued their quarry, they generally had great confidence.

After all, Robber Cultivators sought wealth through their actions, and if they weren't certain, they wouldn't take the risk.

But the fact that Lu Changsheng dared to confront them head-on upon realizing that Robber Cultivators were tracking them in secret, intending to eliminate them, was simply astonishing.

Although she didn't know the specifics of Lu Changsheng's strength, she assumed he was at most in the Middle Stage of Foundation Establishment.

One reason was his age, and the other was that Lu Changsheng had revealed the cultivation level of the Foundation Establishment Middle Stage in front of her.

But considering that Lu Changsheng was aware of being tracked and dared to act this way, Ling Zixiao did not try to dissuade him further.

She nodded and said, "Since you are confident, Lu Lang, I will first set up a 'small Inverted Five Elements Formation' to ensure my safety." "Later, I will also deploy a 'small Asura Killing Formation'; you can lead them into the array when the time comes," Ling Zixiao added quickly.

In the meantime, a set of formation tools appeared.

She moved her hands in a magical gesture, raising a number of array flags into the air and letting them fly out.

Then she took out several Spirit Stones and activated the Array Plate, setting up the formation not too far away. “Zi Xiao, be careful not to hurt yourself. I’m confident and don’t need to do this,” Lu Changsheng said.

He could see that Ling Zixiao wanted to contribute, to prevent him from losing, but in his opinion, unless the Robber Cultivators pursuing them were Nascent Soul Immortals, he was almost certain of victory without the need for formations.

However, if they were Nascent Soul Immortals, they wouldn’t be detected by him at all.

Therefore, these Robber Cultivators were at most at the Foundation Establishment level. “My lord, I understand,” replied Ling Zixiao with a faint smile on her somewhat pale face upon hearing Lu Changsheng’s words.

Her hands continued to move in the magical gesture, quickly setting up a simplified version of the ‘Inverted Five Elements Formation.’

The layout of a formation can be simplified based on the number of flagpoles, reducing the area it covers.

With limited time, Ling Zixiao simply used the formation to protect herself, so it was rather basic, covering only a nine-yard radius.

After setting up the ‘Inverted Five Elements Formation’, Ling Zixiao entered the area of the formation.

She manipulated the Array Plate, causing herself and the formation to disappear from Lu Changsheng’s sight. “So this is the simplified ‘Inverted Five Elements Formation’? It is indeed extraordinary,” Lu Changsheng murmured as he watched Ling Zixiao vanish.

Had he not watched Ling Zixiao disappear in front of him, and his Divine Sense been as sharp as that of a late-stage Foundation Establishment cultivator, he might have struggled to detect Ling Zixiao's presence.

Moreover, the 'Inverted Five Elements Formation' also had a confusing effect.

Even if he detected Ling Zixiao's breath, it might not necessarily indicate her actual position. "When I establish my family, I will use a complete version of the 'Inverted Five Elements Formation' for the interior and a different set of formations for the exterior," Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

Shortly after, he saw movement within the formation.

A number of small flags flew out, landing at some distance away.

He knew Ling Zixiao was setting up another killing array. "Zi Xiao, they are about to arrive," Lu Changsheng said as he sensed the presence of someone approaching from afar. "That's just perfect," Ling Zixiao replied immediately through sound transmission.

She moved the Array Plate to solidify the 'small Asura Killing Formation' in the distance.

Due to the limited time, this 'small Asura Killing Formation' only covered a nine-yard radius, effectively serving as a small-scale trap. "Lu Lang, be careful. If you can't overcome them, draw the enemy into the killing array," "My 'Inverted Five Elements Formation' can also share some of the pressure," Ling Zixiao communicated through sound transmission. "Don't worry," Lu Changsheng assured, looking up slightly at the distant sky.

Before long, a small Flying Boat appeared from afar. "Five?" Lu Changsheng raised his eyebrows when he saw five figures standing on the Flying Boat, he had previously sensed only four presences and thought there were only four people.

Seeing the number of people on the Flying Boat, he realized one had concealed their presence, eluding his detection.