

## I. Family 551

Chapter 551: Second Rank Top Quality Talisman Master! Reunion!\_3

Lu Yuanzhong originally wanted to say that his body was already poisoned by corpse toxin, and medicine was of no avail.

But thinking of Lu Changsheng's situation, he decided to act otherwise and extended his wrist for examination.

Lu Changsheng reached out and grasped Lu Yuanzhong's wrist, beginning to check his condition.

He immediately saw that the other's organs were all corrupted by the corpse toxin.

"Corpse toxin has invaded the organs. Indeed, it's troublesome."

Lu Changsheng's brow furrowed slightly upon seeing this.

...

This corpse toxin was not as severe as the one from Chu Qingyi, but it was also extremely difficult to handle.

Especially now, as the corpse toxin had already rotted the organs.

Even though his Seven Luminaries Sword Qi was capable of expelling toxins, it couldn't remove the corpse toxin.

Because expelling the toxin would harm Lu Yuanzhong's organs.

"Ancestor, I have a bottle of Pure Heart Spirit Purifying Elixir here, which might help with your condition,"

"Once your condition improves a bit, I'll try to see if I can remove some of the corpse toxin from you."

After pondering for a moment, Lu Changsheng took out a bottle of elixir medicines from his storage bag and said to Lu Yuanzhong.

He couldn't completely rid the other of the toxin.

He could only extend the other's lifespan as much as possible.

"Pure Heart Spirit Purifying Elixir?"

Upon hearing the name of the elixir, Lu Yuanzhong knew it was a Second Rank elixir.

It had effects such as purifying the mind, nourishing the spirit, relaxing the muscles, unblocking meridians, treating organ toxins, and harmonizing blood and qi.

He didn't expect Lu Changsheng to be so generous right from the start.

A relieved smile appeared on his face as he said, "Alright, I will accept the elixir."

"Alright, I won't hold you up any longer, knowing that you're eager to return home for a reunion."

Lu Yuanzhong looked at Lu Changsheng, smiled, and spoke.

Knowing that he had been away for so long, Lu Yuanzhong understood Lu Changsheng's eagerness to reunite with his wives and children.

"Thank you, Ancestor."

Lu Changsheng smiled, stood up, and left.

"Wait, Changsheng, now that you've made your breakthrough in Foundation Establishment, I wonder when you plan to hold the Foundation Establishment ceremony so that I can make arrangements," said Lu Miaochang, looking at Lu Changsheng and speaking out.

Previously, Lu Miaochang had treated Lu Changsheng with politeness.

But now, with Lu Changsheng's breakthrough in Foundation Establishment, his words and expression inevitably carried a measure of respect and awe.

"The ceremony, let's just forget about it,"

"We can celebrate within the family quietly."

"Now with Xiahou Monie causing chaos everywhere, if we were to hold such a large ceremony, we might attract unwanted attention. And besides, it could allow intruders to infiltrate our family during that time."

Lu Changsheng said after some thought.

While holding the Foundation Establishment ceremony meant he could also take more wives and concubines,

He would be very busy in the upcoming time.

Having been away for so long, he needed to spend time with his wives and concubines and check on his children.

He had to bring Lu Miaoge home, work on "Taiyi Seed Way Art," help Lu Miaoge change to practice "Water of Virtue Technique," and deal with the breakthrough of Foundation Establishment.

Then there was the integration of the Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi, the creation of Third Rank Talisman, nurturing of Treasure Talisman, crafting of the Ninety-Nine Mysterious True Strategy, making of the Foundation Establishment Elixir, and inspection of the family spirit land.

Thinking of these matters already made his head spin.

He felt that without a year or two, he simply couldn't manage to finish up all this work.

Therefore, he had no immediate plans for a grand ceremony and chose not to focus on taking concubines for the time being.

He planned to continue this aspect after establishing his own family.

“Changsheng makes a good point. With Xiahou Monie wreaking havoc everywhere, it would be dangerous if he took the opportunity to infiltrate Qingzhu Mountain,” agreed Lu Yuanding.

“Since that’s the case, let’s just have a family celebration,” Lu Miaochoang said immediately upon hearing this.

As the Patriarch of the Lu Family, he also had these concerns and took them into account.

But the Foundation Establishment ceremony was a significant event!

Whether or not to hold it still depended on Lu Changsheng’s decision.

If Lu Changsheng didn’t agree, and he declared there would be no ceremony, celebrating quietly within the family would seem very disrespectful to Lu Changsheng, a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator.

“Alright.”

“However, Sister Miaoge is still outside. I plan to go to the Green River Marketplace in the next few days to bring Sister Miaoge home, and then we’ll celebrate.”

Lu Changsheng voiced his plans.

With Lu Miaoge still taking refuge with her children outside, he couldn’t well start celebrating at home.

Besides, how could they celebrate without Lu Miaoge present!

Throughout their journey, Lu Miaoge had encouraged and accompanied him, hoping that he would cultivate well and one day achieve Foundation Establishment!

Now that he had returned home after achieving Foundation Establishment, he naturally wanted to share this joy with her!

“Alright, we’ll do as you say, Changsheng.”

Upon hearing these words, Lu Yuanding’s face immediately showed a smile of relief.

He felt that his daughter had not married the wrong person!

Lu Yuanzhong and Lu Miaochang saw this and also nodded secretly, their faces showing smiles.

Their trust in Lu Changsheng had always been strong over the years, for he had always valued relationships and was a person of great sentiment!

Then, Lu Changsheng walked towards his own residence, with Ling Zixiao beside him.

...

At this very moment.

Lu Miaoyun, Lu Miaohuan, and Qu Zhenzhen had already heard the news of Lu Changsheng’s return and his breakthrough in Foundation Establishment.

When they heard the news, they thought they were hallucinating.

But they knew that it was impossible for someone to make such a joke.

Especially since Lu Zhiming had sworn to Lu Miaoyun and Lu Miaohuan multiple times.

Asserting that Uncle Changsheng had indeed returned and had broken through to Foundation Establishment.

He was currently discussing matters in the hall with the elders and the Family Head, and would probably be back later.

It was then that the women half-believed these words.

Mainly because the news was just too outrageous, too incredible.

This was a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator after all.

How could their own husband, after just one trip outside, break through to Foundation Establishment and become a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator?

However, after receiving the news, they immediately notified the other concubines, maids, and children in the backcourt to go out and welcome Lu Changsheng's return.

The concubines, maids, and children, upon hearing the news of Lu Changsheng's return, were all bewildered.

Some could hardly believe the message.

Immediately, the women waited anxiously and expectantly for Lu Changsheng to come back.

About a quarter of an hour later.

Lu Miaoyun, Lu Miaohuan, and Qu Zhenzhen, who were waiting at the entrance of the estate,

saw Lu Changsheng, dressed in a green robe, with handsome features and an otherworldly air, walking towards them with a woman dressed in a blue gown, her beautiful face framed with a high hair bun, and a dignified demeanor.

"Husband!"

“Husband!”

“Father, Father!”

Upon seeing this scene, Lu Miaoyun and Qu Zhenzhen,

immediately ran towards Lu Changsheng with excited faces and reddened eyes.

“Hmph!”

Seeing Lu Changsheng return with another woman, Lu Miaohuan immediately turned her pretty face away and snorted coldly.

To think she had been so worried about him, and here he was flirting with another woman.

“Yun’er, Zhenzhen.”

Lu Changsheng quickly stepped forward and embraced his two wives.

Seeing that their eyes were somewhat red, it was obvious they were very concerned about him.

He immediately felt even more guilty.

“It’s my fault. I was delayed so long on this trip outside and made you worry,” said Lu Changsheng, hugging his wives and gently patting their backs to comfort them.

“My husband has been busy with important matters outside,” Lu Miaoyun said softly, holding on to Lu Changsheng.

“Husband, I just heard that you’ve made a breakthrough in Foundation Establishment!” Qu Zhenzhen looked up at her husband, seeking confirmation of the news.

“That’s right. This time while I was out, I encountered some good fortune, which is why I managed to break through to Foundation Establishment,” Lu Changsheng said with a light laugh, tenderly stroking her hair.

“Congratulations on your breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, Husband!” Qu Zhenzhen’s eyes widened as she heard this, then her face filled with affection as she congratulated her husband.

Although she was not interested in cultivation,

after so many years on Qingzhu Mountain, she naturally knew what it meant to be a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator.

Upon hearing those words, Lu Miaoyun also showed a face full of surprise.

Even though Lu Changsheng had personally told her so,

she still felt as if it were a dream, so surreal.

But seeing the real Lu Changsheng in front of her, the real touch,

she immediately admired him, her eyes brimming with love as she said, “Congratulations on becoming a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, Husband!”

“Congratulations on becoming a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, Husband!”

“Congratulations, Father, on becoming a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!”

“Congratulations, Dad, on becoming a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!”

At this moment, the other concubines and children all stepped forward, bowed to Lu Changsheng, and offered their loud congratulations.

Chapter 552: One Person Completes a Journey of Several Hundred Years!\_1



Lu Changsheng looked at the wife, concubines, and children before him.

Memories of the past twenty years, the warm, joyful, and caring moments spent with his wives and children, surfaced in his mind.

He clearly remembered that whenever he made progress in his cultivation or Talisman Path, his wives and children would always congratulate him like this.

But now.

Initially, his wives and concubines like Lu Lanshu, Lu Zi'er, Lu Qing'er, and his children like Lu Ping'an, Lu Wuyu, and Lu Wuyou were not at Qingzhu Mountain but had gone to Ruyi Prefecture.

“Alas.”

...

Lu Changsheng sighed softly in his heart, feeling a bit sentimental for a moment.

However, looking at the scene before him, he put on a smile again and said, “Good, let’s go home!”

Having said that, he saw Lu Miaohuan, who was standing aside in a black dress, graceful and elegant, biting her lip.

Lu Changsheng stepped forward, took hold of her wrist, and said warmly, “Huanhuan, I’ve made you worry.”

This second young miss, although she had improved her temper a lot.

But in front of so many people, she was still too embarrassed to throw herself into his arms as Lu Miaoyun and Qu Zhenzhen would.

And Lu Changsheng could guess Lu Miaohuan’s thoughts.

His long trip outside had caused concern.

And to come back with another woman, naturally, she was a little upset.

But such a small tantrum, as a husband, he would naturally accommodate.

He pacified Lu Miaohuan and, with all his wives and children, entered the house, briefly introducing Ling Zixiao to the women.

Then, from the Storage Bag, he took out gift after gift.

Elixir Medicines, vestment robes, and accessories for his wives and concubines to preserve their beauty and youth.

And for his children, some vestment robes, small toys, and sweets.

Previously, on the one hand, his finances were limited.

On the other hand, it was to avoid displaying wealth ostentatiously.

So, the gifts he gave his family were generally within a certain range.

This trip to Jiuxiao Immortal City, he saw many nice trinkets.

And thinking of revealing his Foundation Establishment cultivation upon returning home, he decided to buy a bit more.

Ling Zixiao watched the joyful atmosphere of Lu Changsheng and his family and the image of a happy family.

Seeing Lu Changsheng's genuine smile, she understood that his previous mentions of missing his family were sincere.

“What a strange man.”

She sat quietly aside, maintaining her dignified composure, her face exhibiting an elegant smile.

But her entire being seemed somewhat out of place in this heartwarming scene.

Just then.

A maid came forward, indicating that the Fourth Elder had arrived.

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng promptly went out with Lu Miaoyun to welcome her.

“Grandmother.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the Fourth Elder, with white hair and a face full of wrinkles, leaning on a cane, and went forward to support her.

Cultivating individuals usually have the means to maintain their youth.

But this old person was over a hundred years old, with not much life left, so senility was increasingly evident.

“Changsheng, I’m interrupting your family reunion.”

“Grandmother couldn’t contain her excitement when she heard about your Foundation Establishment, so she wanted to come and see for herself.”

The Fourth Elder looked at Lu Changsheng in front of her, sizing him up, her face filled with a kind smile.

She had watched Lu Changsheng grow up step by step.

It was hard to believe that the boy who was only at the Third Level of Qi Refinement twenty years ago had become a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator and Second Rank Talisman Master.

“What are you saying, Grandmother?”

Lu Changsheng was still very respectful to the old woman and invited her into the main hall.

He then revealed his Foundation Establishment Cultivation and his Talisman Path level to her.

“Very good, very good, Grandmother said long ago that you, Changsheng, would achieve great things one day...”

Seeing Lu Changsheng not only break through to Foundation Establishment but also make such progress in the Talisman Path, the Fourth Elder could not hide her emotional excitement.

Shakingly holding Lu Changsheng’s hand, full of gratified happiness, she spoke out loud, reminiscing about the past.

The older one becomes, the closer to death, the more nostalgic and longing for the past they become.

She had spent most of her life cultivating in the family, making Talismans, contributing to the family.

Now looking back, she believed the best decision she ever made was marrying Lu Miaoyun to Lu Changsheng and educating this grandson-in-law.

After chatting with Lu Changsheng for a while, the Fourth Elder felt a bit tired and wanted to leave.

At her age, both great joy and sorrow were very draining on her Mental Spirit and energy.

“Grandmother, I’ve acquired a Second Rank Lifespan Extension Pill during my time outside, please accept it.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the old woman in front of him, took out a Second Rank Lifespan Extension Pill from his Storage Bag, and spoke.

It's said that cultivators in the Energy Refinement Late Stage can live up to two 'jiazi,' or one hundred and twenty years.

However, truly reaching that age is still rare.

The Fourth Elder had never suffered any serious injury.

But long-term dedication to the Talisman Path and making Supreme Talismans had greatly exhausted her Mental Spirit and energy.

Now, she had at most ten years to live.

This Lifespan Extension Pill could almost extend her life by another ten years.

“A Second Rank Lifespan Extension Pill?”

The Fourth Elder and everyone else present were extremely surprised.

Lifespan Extension Pills were very precious and seldom seen on the market.

A Second Rank Lifespan Extension Pill could sell for at least seven or eight thousand Spirit Stones.

Therefore, even though the Fourth Elder was a Top-Level Talisman Master, she had never consumed a Second Rank Lifespan Extension Pill.

“Changsheng, your Grandmother accepts your sentiment,”

“But you should keep this Lifespan Extension Pill for yourself; don't waste it.”

“You've just broken through to Foundation Establishment; there will be plenty of other expenses...”

The Fourth Elder cheerfully refused the Lifespan Extension Pill, speaking out loud.

She was very touched and gratified by Lu Changsheng's thoughtfulness.

But in her view, it was a complete waste for her to use such a pill.

Now, due to her old age, not only did she struggle to concentrate during Talisman Making, but she even experienced a trembling hand.

It was difficult for her to draw First Grade Supreme Talismans anymore.

Nowadays, she mainly gave guidance to the children and drew some simple, medium-quality Talismans.

"Grandmother, please accept it,"

Chapter 553: One person completes the journey of several hundred years!\_2

Lu Changsheng understood the mindset of such an elder.

They were old and didn't want to waste resources.

At the same time, cultivators from families like the Lu Family often harbored a concept of putting the family first.

No matter what Lu Changsheng said, the elder was unwilling to accept the Lifespan Extension Pill.

In Lu Changsheng's view, a Second Rank Lifespan Extension Pill was merely worth seven or eight thousand Spirit Stones.

He could earn that by making some Elixir Medicines or crafting some Talismans.

...

But to the elder, it was a huge sum of money,

and at their age, they felt it wasn't worth spending it on themselves!

“Yun'er, Yu'er, take your great-grandma back.”

Lu Changsheng sighed softly, not insisting, and let his children take the Fourth Elder back.

He planned to have his children deliver the Lifespan Extension Pill to the elder later.

He could say he had contributed a lot to the Lu Family.

But to the elder who had always looked after him, he hadn't given back much.

...

That night.

The bed gently swayed.

Lu Changsheng and his wives, Lu Miaoyun and Qu Zhenzhen, were entwined in intimacy.

Afterward!

“Yun'er, you have been working hard managing the household these days.”

“On this trip, I obtained several High Rank Breakthrough Elixirs.”

“In the time to come, you, Zhenzhen, and Huan'er should focus on your cultivation and strive to break through the Energy Refinement Late Stage.”

Lu Changsheng cradled his wife, his palm lightly caressing her snow-white skin, as he spoke with a gentle voice.

Today, after returning from his Foundation Establishment, Lu Changsheng noticed that Lu Miaoyun seemed to be weighed down by some worries.

As a husband for many years, he naturally understood that his wife was very sensitive and lacked confidence, prone to overthinking.

As he was constantly progressing, but she was not, it naturally resulted in pressure in her heart.

Now that he had broken through to Foundation Establishment, Lu Miaoyun was initially happy but surely couldn't help but overthink it afterward.

Lu Changsheng saw all this.

So, at this moment, he began to properly comfort his wife.

“Husband, there's no need to spend so extravagantly. You just broke through to Foundation Establishment and need a lot of resources. Plus, there are so many children at home...”

Lu Miaoyun nestled in Lu Changsheng's arms, her voice weak and delicate.

As Lu Changsheng continued to progress, the women by his side became more and more outstanding.

As the first official wife, she felt the pressure undeniable.

Therefore, she could only maintain her dignity as the leading wife and manage the household affairs for Lu Changsheng as best as she could.

“Yun'er, I have said before, we are husband and wife, and for the rest of our lives, we should advance hand in hand.”

“In this regard, you just listen to me. I will make arrangements for the children.”



Lu Changsheng embraced his wife, his gentle voice carrying a hint of firmness, leaving no room for doubt.

“I know, husband.”

Lu Miaoyun was slightly startled upon hearing this.

Then she pursed her moist and lustrous lips, nestling close, her face filled with tender affection.

“If there’s anything, just tell me directly, don’t keep it bottled up inside,” he said.

Lu Changsheng’s palm gently caressed her fair and rosy cheeks.

After speaking, he looked at Qu Zhenzhen and said, “Zhenzhen, the same goes for you.”

“Quanzhen and the others are grown up now; you don’t need to worry so much and can spend more time on your cultivation.”

“I hope that one day in the future, all of you will be able to break through to Foundation Establishment and stay by my side.”

Lu Changsheng spoke warmly.

Qu Zhenzhen was not as prone to overthinking as Lu Miaoyun,

but she truly wasn’t very interested in cultivation.

She felt that being by Lu Changsheng’s side, with their children, was enough to satisfy her.

That’s why she was still at the fifth level of Energy Refinement in terms of cultivation level.

Lu Changsheng felt that even with a High Grade Breakthrough Elixir, Qu Zhenzhen might not be able to break through the Energy Refinement Late Stage.

He would only be able to wait until he established his own family lineage before letting her practice the “Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique.”

“Mmm, I’ll listen to you, husband,” Qu Zhenzhen obediently nodded, her expression docile.

Even after so many years, she still had a somewhat naive personality, like a child that had never grown up.

But as she spoke, she began to worry about her children again,

especially her son, Lu Quanzhen.

To say he was sensible, he was very much so.

But in the eyes of his mother, engaging in dangerous activities,

and not knowing to come home more often to see her, he was not sensible at all.

Whenever she talked about this son, she looked utterly aggrieved.

“It’s good that Quanzhen has his own opinions, and besides, he has me as a father.”

Lu Changsheng immediately embraced his wife, his voice reassuring.

In his heart, he thought of his son.

Wondering how Lu Quanzhen was doing now, after two years.

As he and his wife continued their conversation, the topic gradually shifted to their children.

Those of his children without a Spiritual Root were sent to the secular world, and many had started their own families.

Lu Xianzhi, who had a Spiritual Root, was now nineteen years old.

Lu Miaoyun was preparing to arrange a marriage for him.

But because the Lu Family had been quite preoccupied recently, and with many matters to attend to, she had been waiting for Lu Changsheng to return before deciding, so nothing was settled yet.

Now that Lu Changsheng had returned, Lu Miaoyun brought up this matter, discussing these issues.

Thinking about his children growing up one by one, Lu Changsheng felt somewhat overwhelmed.

It was a pleasure to marry and have children at the time.

But to arrange everything properly for each of them now, wasn't a simple task.

The night grew deep.

Lu Miaoyun and Qu Zhenzhen fell asleep.

Lu Changsheng quietly left the room.

He went to Lu Miaohuan's room.

Having many wives and concubines was also a worry.

But, he didn't have to deal with all of them at once.

Still, the second mistress with a bit of a tsundere temperament certainly needed to be soothed properly.

“Huanhuan.”

As soon as he entered the room, Lu Changsheng could tell from her breathing that Lu Miaohuan was still awake, clearly waiting for him.

Lu Miaohuan didn't speak, turning away.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng gave a light chuckle.

Having been husband and wife for so many years, he knew well the character of Lu Miaohuan.

Chapter 554: One Person Completes the Journey of Several Hundred Years!\_3

This was just her way of showing dissatisfaction, a signal that she was upset and wanted to be coaxed.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng approached the bed and embraced his petite and curvaceous wife in his arms.

Then, he whispered endearing words of affection and longing into her ear.

In a short while, the second young lady was coaxed into happiness by Lu Changsheng. “Huanhuan, I've prepared a special gift for you this time,” said Lu Changsheng softly, holding Lu Miaohuan in his embrace....

From the storage bag, he took out exquisite and splendid clothes, elegant and noble dresses, and sexy shoes and stockings.

Lu Miaohuan had always liked fashionable and attractive clothing.

In Jiuxiao Immortal City, Lu Changsheng passed by a ‘Heavenly Garments Pavilion’.

He noticed that their vestment robes were designed not for practicality, but for beauty, elegance, and attractiveness.

Lu Changsheng knew that Lu Miaohuan would definitely like them.

Because of the expensive prices, he couldn't afford to buy a set for every wife and concubine, so he could only choose a few sets for some of his wives.

As expected, upon seeing these uniquely crafted dresses and shoes, Lu Miaohuan's eyes shone brightly with surprise and delight. "Huanhuan, if you like them, why not try them on now?"

Lu Changsheng's palm slowly caressed her body as he spoke in a warm tone. "Hmph~"

Upon hearing this, Lu Miaohuan gave Lu Changsheng a feigned look of annoyance mixed with pleasure with her beautiful eyes.

How could she not understand what Lu Changsheng meant?

Still, she was very happy inside.

Because such behavior from Lu Changsheng was a sign of his affection for her, just as always.

Then, the two began a playful game of dress-up in the room. "Mmm~"

Gradually, a sense of spring filled the room.

Accompanied by whimpers that sounded like complaints and longing, like weeping and entreaty. ...

The next day, news of Lu Changsheng's return after achieving Foundation Establishment spread throughout Qingzhu Mountain. "Hiss, Foundation Establishment, Uncle Changsheng has actually made a breakthrough to Foundation Establishment!" "What, the ninth elder has broken through to Foundation Establishment!" "Wasn't Lu Changsheng at the Seventh Level of Energy Refinement? How did he manage to break through to Foundation Establishment!?" "I heard that Brother Changsheng gained an opportunity during his trip, which is why he fortuitously broke through to Foundation Establishment!" "Such luck, I'm really envious!" "You say it's luck, and you actually believe it's just luck?" "A Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, also a Second Rank Talisman Master, this this this..." "Sigh, to think I also indulge in eating, drinking, and gambling every day,

yet I don't get such an opportunity!" "Brother Changsheng's talent in the Talisman Path, once affected by his cultivation level, now that he's broken through to Foundation Establishment, he can continue to make progress in the art of talismans!" "Foundation Establishment... I recall he's about forty years old, right?"

Inside Qingzhu Mountain, people were buzzing with discussions about the news.

Some were joyful, some were moved.

Some envied, some felt bitter and jealous.

Lu Changsheng's breakthrough to Second Grade Talisman Master had already made many green with envy.

Now, that he had suddenly reached Foundation Establishment naturally upset some people's sense of balance.

After all, in many people's eyes, Lu Changsheng didn't usually focus on cultivation, but obsessed over women.

Even with such circumstances, it was accepted he had talent in talismans, yet he also had such luck, such an opportunity.

However, many were also inspired by his achievement.

They felt that as long as they didn't give up and worked hard, they might one day obtain an opportunity to break through Foundation Establishment themselves.

In the Cultivation World, stories of underdogs rising up were certainly not scarce.

Now that Lu Changsheng had broken through to Foundation Establishment, to many in the Lu Family, he was a living example.

The Immortal Seedlings who had arrived at the Lu Family with Lu Changsheng, now more than twenty years had passed.

Aside from Li Feiyu, none had left.

All had become integrated into the Lu Family.

Hearing this news, some felt as if a lifetime had passed.

They remembered that sunset twenty years ago.

Some regretted not having fostered a good relationship with Lu Changsheng at the outset.

Of course, Lu Changsheng himself knew nothing of these discussions, nor did he care.

At this moment, he was taking his wives and concubines on a leisurely outing around Qingzhu Mountain. "It's been so long since I've been out, and today my husband actually has time to accompany us on this pastoral jaunt."

Qu Zhenzhen wore a light pink dress adorned with embroidery of butterflies poised for flight, and draped over it was a layer of white gauze.

Inhaling the fresh spring air of the mountain forest, her pretty face was lively and joyful. "It is I who have been too busy to take you out for relaxation and fun," he said. "From now on, I will certainly spend more time with my dear Zhenzhen," he promised.

Lu Changsheng smiled, speaking in a gentle voice.

Lu Miaoyun wore a jade-green dress, her beautiful hair pinned up with a matching green hairpin.

Gazing at the surrounding scenery, her elegant and gentle face showed a smile as she held onto Lu Changsheng's wrist, whispering, "Thank you, husband."

She knew that Lu Changsheng did it to help her relax and clear her mind, to keep stray thoughts at bay.

Cultivators paid great attention to their state of mind.

If it was too disturbed and filled with too many stray thoughts, at best it would affect their cultivation efficiency, and at worst, it could even give rise to a heart demon,

Especially when facing a bottleneck, a poor state of mind could lead to failure, even if all the necessary resources were available. “Hehe, we are husband and wife, what is there to thank?”

Lu Changsheng chuckled.

He felt that, if he had time, it would be good to take his wives and concubines out more often to relax, perhaps every few months. “Thank you, husband!” “You’ve worked hard, husband!”

The other ladies also took turns thanking Lu Changsheng.

They knew that this outing was just a simple break for them.

But for a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, a Second Grade Talisman Master, to willingly take them out for leisure, they already felt very satisfied and touched. “Alright, since we are here to enjoy ourselves, let’s relax and be at ease,”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile, dismissing the formalities with a wave of his hand.

During this time, he had not neglected any of his concubines or maids, inquiring about their well-being and the children’s matters.

These concubines and maids who remained on Qingzhu Mountain had borne him many children.

For instance, the first maid he bought from the White Jade Tower, Shao Yuyao, had given birth to seven children for him.

Among these seven children, three possessed Spiritual Roots.

The youngest son, Lu Qingxuan, even had a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root!



The maid Jiang Louyue had borne him six children.

One of these children had a Sixth Grade Spiritual Root!

Therefore, Lu Changsheng planned that once he established his own family, he would hold a grand wedding banquet to formally elevate all these maids to the status of concubines, giving them proper recognition.

Thinking about the establishment of his family, Lu Changsheng, after the outing, casually visited the Lu Family's spiritual fields, medicine gardens, and pastures.

The spiritual rice, spiritual medicine, and spiritual beasts that the Lu Family cultivated and raised were all of very low grade.

One reason was the absence of inherited knowledge in the cultivation of spiritual plants and the taming of spiritual beasts.

Another was the lack of adequate Spiritual Plant Masters and Beast Tamers.

This realization revealed to Lu Changsheng that this would be a problem when his family was established.

After all, he had only a limited understanding of the cultivation of spiritual plants, spiritual medicine, and the rearing of spiritual beasts.

Among his wives and concubines, not even Lu Miaoyun, Shao Yuyao, Xiao Yueru, Guan Xin, or Xiao Qing had more than a basic knowledge of spiritual food and plants, their skills limited to simple care of spiritual medicine and herbs and making spiritual meals. "Sigh,"

Lu Changsheng let out a small sigh in his heart.

The closer the time came to establish his family, the more he realized that there was more to do and prepare than he had anticipated.

He wanted to achieve in one step what other families took decades or even a century to accomplish and realized it would require several times the effort.

## Chapter 555: Test of Human Nature! Death Flag!\_1

Bi Lake Mountain, Yu Family.

“Lu Changsheng broke through to Foundation Establishment?”

The Patriarch of the Yu Family received a piece of news, his eyes revealing shock and disbelief.

“I remember this Lu Changsheng was at the Seventh Level Energy Refinement, wasn’t he? How did he suddenly break through to Foundation Establishment?”

He murmured to himself, his expression grave.

Half a year ago, their Yu Family had taken action, incessantly harassing Qingzhu Mountain, causing Lu Miao Feng to fail her Foundation Establishment.

...

Now, this Lu Changsheng had suddenly broken through to Foundation Establishment.

If he hadn’t known that such news couldn’t possibly be false, he wouldn’t believe it at all.

“If it’s true, it would disrupt my Yu Family’s plans,” the Yu Family Patriarch murmured.

He then put the letter away and went to report to the family’s elder.

“Hmm? Lu Changsheng? That Second Grade Talisman Master from the Lu Family has broken through to Foundation Establishment?”

Patriarch of the Yu Family, Yu Jinyang, frowned upon hearing this news.

He hadn't expected that at a time when the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain's fortune had seemingly run out, a Lu Changsheng would suddenly emerge.

They had naturally kept an eye on Lu Changsheng.

But they had never imagined that Lu Changsheng would break through to Foundation Establishment.

"Ning Yuan, don't worry about this matter,"

"Since Lu Changsheng has reached Foundation Establishment, prepare a generous gift and send it personally," Yu Ninghu said with a light laugh.

"Big brother, what do you mean by this?" asked the Patriarch of the Yu Family, puzzled.

The incident of interfering with Lu Miao Feng's Foundation Establishment, even though the Lu Family had no evidence, they had a high suspicion it was done by their own Family.

Under such circumstances, the relationship between the two families had already hit rock bottom.

It's just that the Lu Family didn't dare to openly break off relations.

"Hehe, if Lu Yuanzhong were in good health, he could live another hundred years, and Lu Changsheng's breakthrough to Foundation Establishment would be great news for the Lu Family indeed!"

"But now, with Lu Yuanzhong infected with corpse poison and not much life left, what do you think, will Lu Changsheng have other ideas once Lu Yuanzhong dies?"

"After all, this Lu Changsheng is not from the main branch of the Lu Family; he's an in-law!"

Yu Ninghu's face showed a smile as he spoke assuredly.

"Indeed," Yu Jinyang nodded approvingly after hearing his grandson's words.

Not only was this grandson talented, but his disposition and handling of affairs also greatly satisfied him.

If it weren't for the fear that too many affairs would affect Yu Ninghu's cultivation, he should have been the Patriarch of the Yu Family.

"Big Brother is wise!" the Patriarch of the Yu Family exclaimed, suddenly understanding the rationale.

Even though the Lu Family now had Lu Changsheng, a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, to stabilize the situation and boost morale,

Lu Yuanzhong's life was drawing to an end.

Once Lu Yuanzhong died, within the main branch of the Lu Family, there would no longer be a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

As an in-law who had achieved Foundation Establishment, facing the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain, would he harbor thoughts of taking over?

Or perhaps thoughts of establishing his own sect?

This would be a tremendous test of human nature!

Moreover, he had always paid attention to information regarding Lu Changsheng, the Second Rank Talisman Master.

He knew Lu Changsheng had a particular hobby.

Acquiring wives and concubines, fathering children!

With a multitude of wives and offspring numbering in the hundreds!

Such a flourishing lineage couldn't be underestimated within the Lu Family.

When the time comes, once Lu Yuanzhong dies, even if Lu Changsheng were mindful of his ties to the Lu Family, not wishing to usurp the leadership,

What about his wives and children?

With so many offspring, it's impossible for none to have their own ambitions!

Once these offspring come of age, they will certainly use their father's connections and authority to vie with the main branch's descendants for resources and power.

Over time, this will inevitably cause conflict and lead to a family split!

"But Big Brother, are we just going to let the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain fall into Lu Changsheng's hands?" The Patriarch of the Yu Family queried his own brother.

The Yu Family intended to seize the territory of Qingzhu Mountain for themselves,

But even if Qingzhu Mountain were to split, the Yu Family would find it difficult to profit from this.

"Hehe, the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain and the Bai Family at Hundred Birds Lake have been allied for generations; if the Lu Family splits and Lu Changsheng takes charge, the bond between the Bai and Lu families will also be severed,"

"Moreover, if we can foresee these relations, I imagine the people of the Lu Family can as well,"

"Perhaps we don't even have to wait for the day Lu Yuanzhong dies; an estrangement will already have formed between Lu Changsheng's lineage and the main branch of the Lu Family, and that will be our opportunity,"

"This Lu Changsheng is also a Second Grade Talisman Master, and I've reviewed his information; he indeed possesses exceptional talent in the Talisman Path!"

“Now that he has achieved Foundation Establishment, his future in the Talisman Path is bound to be limitless,”

“If he’s willing to relinquish some benefits, wouldn’t it be acceptable for our Yu Family to cooperate with him?”

“After all, once the Lu Family splits, Lu Changsheng will truly be incapable of controlling Qingzhu Mountain’s industries, veins, and resources; our family could offer assistance in managing these,” Yu Ninghu stated with a faint smile on his face.

“Ning Hu makes sense,”

“Ning Yuan, pass the word; our Yu Family members can try to build connections with Lu Changsheng’s offspring,”

“That way, once Lu Changsheng takes power, our family can also act through his offspring,” the Patriarch of the Yu Family said after listening.

“Yes, Elder!”

Yu Ningyuan, who was able to become the Patriarch of the Yu Family, was naturally no fool.

Hearing his brother and elder’s words, he had fully grasped the intricacies and knew how to proceed.

At present, the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain could be distinctly divided into two branches.

When dealing with people from these two branches, their Yu Family could suppress one and side with the other,

Not only escalating the tension but also preparing for the future,

“Elder, there’s a serious problem with this Lu Changsheng,”

After Yu Ningyuan had left, Yu Ninghu turned to his family elder and spoke,

“I’ve looked at his records before; his cultivation was supposed to be at the Seventh Level Energy Refinement,”

“Even with concealing his strength and a breakthrough, he should have been at the Eighth Level Energy Refinement at most. It’s absolutely impossible for him to break through directly to Foundation Establishment!”

“Besides, I remember this Lu Changsheng possesses a low-grade Spiritual Root, and only after being eliminated by the Qingyun Sect did he become a son-in-law to the Lu Family.”

Chapter 556: Test of Human Nature! Death Flag!\_2

“It’s only because he has an exceptional talent in the Talisman Path that he was favored by the Lu Family, slowly rising to become their son-in-law.”

“Despite being just an unwanted son-in-law with a Lower Grade Spiritual Root, even if his talent in the Talisman Path is extraordinary, his cultivation resources are limited. It’s impossible for him to reach the Ninth Level Energy Refinement in just twenty years.”

“So there must be a huge problem, he must have encountered some great fortune!”

Yu Ninghu’s expression was solemn as he spoke.

When Lu Changsheng became a Second Grade Talisman Master, he had been paying attention, and had investigated Lu Changsheng’s background.

He felt that this person was problematic.

...

Now seeing Lu Changsheng’s breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, he could almost confirm that there was a big issue with Lu Changsheng.

“Exactly!”

“Back then, the Lu Family joined forces with the Bai Family to attack the Chen Family of Red Leaf Valley.”

“The reason Red Leaf Valley fell so swiftly, annihilated, was precisely because a Guest Elder of the Chen Family betrayed them at that time.”

“And this Guest Elder has a significant relationship with Lu Changsheng, so this Lu Changsheng is definitely not simple.”

Yu Jinyang nodded in agreement and spoke out.

In his words, a trace of murderous intent flickered in his eyes.

He contemplated whether to find an opportunity to eliminate Lu Changsheng.

Otherwise, letting such a person continue to grow was indeed worrisome to him.

“Elder, we must not.”

“Lu Changsheng’s sudden breakthrough to Foundation Establishment must be due to some unknown secret, he has been hiding his clumsiness all this time.”

“No one knows how much he has hidden, this trip outside might have been precisely for a covert breakthrough to Foundation Establishment!”

“Moreover, this person is also a Second Grade Talisman Master, he must have many life-saving Talismans in hand.”

Yu Ninghu saw the murderous intent of their family elder and slightly shook his head.

To him, Lu Changsheng’s ability to breakthrough to Foundation Establishment must be due to a great opportunity.



It was even possible that he had obtained a rare legacy.

Under such circumstances, it was too risky for his family to rashly attack the other party.

If they failed to kill him, it would bring lots of trouble.

“Hmm, I naturally understand,” the elder said.

“But we still need to keep a close watch on this Lu Changsheng; this young man’s growth is indeed somewhat demonic.”

“A son-in-law with a Lower Grade Spiritual Root to breakthrough to Foundation Establishment in just over twenty years?” Yu Jinyang said in a deep voice.

...

Hundred Birds Lake, Bai Family.

“Lu Changsheng has broken through Foundation Establishment?”

The Bai Family Head squinted his eyes as he read the letter in his hand.

“However, this event is also a good thing for our Bai Family.”

“Feifei has already borne a child for Lu Changsheng.”

“If this child has a Spiritual Root, and the Spiritual Root Talent is not bad, our Bai Family’s relationship with Lu Changsheng can be further strengthened.”

The Bai Family Head muttered to himself as he looked at the letter in his hand.

He then proceeded to the lakeside courtyard.

“What is it?”

From inside the secret chamber of the courtyard, a deep and robust voice asked.

“Brother Yang, just now Feifei sent a letter, saying that Lu Changsheng of Qingzhu Mountain had returned from his outside breakthrough to Foundation Establishment!”

The Bai Family Head spoke out, addressing the family’s newly advanced elder.

“Lu Changsheng? That man has actually broken through Foundation Establishment?”

“I felt there was something unusual about that person, and now it seems he is truly extraordinary.”

A man in his thirties, tall and wearing a black robe embroidered with flying birds, stepped out of the small courtyard.

He was the Bai Family’s newly advanced elder, Bai Yunyang.

“Oh, Brother Yang, you’ve met this Lu Changsheng before?”

The Bai Family Head asked, somewhat surprised.

“Back when the family wanted me to marry Lu Miaoge, I met him several times in Nine Dragons Market and paid some attention to him,” Bai Yunyang replied.

At that time, knowing that the head of the Lu Family was nearing the end of his life and both families needed to maintain their relationship, the Bai Family hoped he would marry Lu Miaoge.

Lu Miaoge, not only had a Fifth Grade Spiritual Root, she was also an upper-class Talisman Master at a young age.

If he could marry her, it would not only be beneficial to the family, but also to him.

Unfortunately, Lu Miaoge had expressed that she was devoted to cultivation and had no such intentions, so he had to leave empty-handed.

Later, when he found out that Lu Miaoge married Lu Changsheng, he paid some attention to Lu Changsheng.

He believed that if Lu Miaoge was willing to marry Lu Changsheng, this man must be extraordinary.

“I see, I hadn’t expected that you and this Lu Changsheng were once love rivals, Brother Yang.”

The Bai Family Head and Bai Yunyang had grown up together.

So even with the latter becoming the family elder, they could still joke around.

“Ha, it’s hardly a matter of being love rivals.”

“After all, I never competed with him for anything,” Bai Yunyang said calmly.

Indeed, he had once been captivated by Lu Miaoge.

But he was not so infatuated with a woman that he would keep thinking about her incessantly.

“Since this Lu Changsheng has broken through Foundation Establishment, our Bai Family should still prepare a gift.”

“Moreover, now that Feifei has married Lu Changsheng as a concubine and has given birth to a child, when you go there, you can talk with Feifei, and see her opinion of Lu Changsheng.”

“After all, after the battle at Blackwater Pool, the Lu Family’s Patriarch Yuan Zhong suffered severe injuries and his current condition is not good; it’s uncertain how long he can live...” Bai Yunyang said softly.

“Yes!”

The Bai Family Head picked up on the hidden meaning in the elder's words.

...

Wugong Ridge, Zheng Family.

“Lu Changsheng has broken through to Foundation Establishment.”

“It seems it was not in vain that our family's elder humbled himself to give away Xiao Wan as a concubine to this Lu Changsheng,” the Zheng Family's elder mumbled to himself upon receiving the news.

“Now that Lu Changsheng has made a breakthrough, perhaps I can use this Lu Changsheng, and the Lu and Bai families to stir things up...”

He was aware that his family had long been infiltrated by the Yu Family.

But the most depressing thing for a family is to have no successor to carry on the legacy.

Like the Lu and Bai families, even if something happens to the elder, at least there are younger members who can try for Foundation Establishment!

But his Zheng Family, the old are too old, the young too young.

There's not a single promising seed in their midst capable of challenging Foundation Establishment.

What a sad state of affairs!

Moreover, the Zheng Family's elder even suspected that some of the family's former seeds might have fallen victim to the Yu Family's schemes.

Chapter 557: Test of Human Nature! Death Flag!\_3

But even with doubts and knowledge, it was useless.

He was old.

He didn't dare to fight anymore, he couldn't win.

Now, he could only live in miserable comfort under the protection of the Yu Family.

At least after his death, the Family Spirit Land could ostensibly be preserved.

If the younger generation proved capable and one of them achieved Foundation Establishment, perhaps they could wrest back control of Wugong Ridge from the Yu Family.

...

....

Not only the Yu Family, but the Bai Family and the Zheng Family as well.

Many of the smaller family powers in the vicinity received information about the Lu Family, about Lu Changsheng.

“What a pity that the Lu Family doesn't celebrate the Foundation Establishment ceremony, otherwise I would have offered my daughter as a concubine to Lu Changsheng.”

“Hmph, your daughter may possess a Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, but with such plain looks, would Lu the Master even spare her a glance?”

“Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, Second Grade Talisman Master...”

“I must find out which child of Lu the Master is favored, there might be a chance to foster good relations through that connection.”

Upon hearing about Lu Changsheng's breakthrough in Foundation Establishment, these people immediately thought of offering their daughters.

After all, those families who had previously given their daughters as concubines or maids to this Master Lu now all had offspring.

If the offspring possessed Spiritual Root Talent and the future looked promising, it wouldn't be necessary for them to do anything for their maternal home.

Just this connection alone would be enough to bring them many benefits.

Lu Changsheng was unaware of these external affairs.

In the last few days, he had been at home accompanying his wives and concubines, concerned about the well-being of his children.

Of course, he hadn't forgotten the little girl Bai Ling either.

About Bai Ling's situation, he had gathered some information in Jiuxiao Immortal City.

It was much as he had suspected.

There was a high probability that her ancestors carried the bloodline of the Demon Race.

Now, a reversion to ancestral traits was occurring.

But based on the state of Bai Ling's scales, Lu Changsheng was unable to determine exactly which Demon Race bloodline was reverting.

He could only guess that it was a snake demon bloodline.

“Brother~”

Bai Ling was still as affectionate and sweet-voiced when facing Lu Changsheng.

If Qu Zhenzhen's personality was like that of a child who never grew up,

Then Bai Ling was even more so, her nature incredibly simple and pure.

"Ling'er."

Lu Changsheng naturally pulled her into his embrace, kissed her porcelain forehead, and then gently ruffled her little head.

Over a year had passed, and though the little girl hadn't grown much taller, her figure had become increasingly exquisite and attractive.

With curves that were alluring,

Especially the slim waist of the young girl.

She perfectly embodied the concept of a Water Serpent Waist!

"Hmm, does Ling'er have something she wants to say?"

Lu Changsheng chatted casually with Bai Ling, caring about her situation.

Seeing Bai Ling hesitate to speak, her face blushing, he asked.

"Brother, Ling'er is eighteen years old now."

"Brother once said... when I turned eighteen, I could... marry Brother."

Bai Ling clasped her white dress, lifted her beautiful head slightly, lightly bit her moist cherry lips, and with a pair of watery eyes full of hope, she looked at Lu Changsheng with a timid expression.

From the moment Lu Changsheng took her home, she had been smitten with him.

But she was too young then to understand all of this.

When she reached fourteen or fifteen, she gradually came to understand.

She started to anticipate furthering her relationship with Lu Changsheng,

Hoping to bear Lu Changsheng children, just like the sisters in the house.

But Lu Changsheng had never broached the subject.

Finally, she mustered the courage to ask Brother if he liked her.

Lu Changsheng, seeing Bai Ling in such a state, knew she was experiencing the first stirrings of love,

So he said to wait until she was a little older, after she turned eighteen.

This promise had Bai Ling eagerly looking forward to the day, waiting for it.

A few days ago, when Lu Changsheng returned, she was filled with joy and anticipation, but Brother had not brought it up, had not initiated the conversation.

So, after much thinking and restless nights, she finally decided to take the initiative and gather her courage.

“Ah.”

When Lu Changsheng heard this, he too remembered that it had been seven years since he’d brought Bai Ling home.



Because she was so young at the time, and considering her physical condition, he'd always kept her at his side.

Which led him to feel almost as if he were raising a daughter.

“Hehe, it seems Ling'er can't wait any longer.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the shy, pitiable girl before him, who nearly cried out in her eagerness to speak, and laughed as he said,

He pinched her delicate and flawlessly smooth, beautiful face.

In the seven years that had passed, the little girl had become a woman who could cause the downfall of a state.

Even among his harem, there were few who could rival the beauty of Bai Ling, this little girl.

Her delicate and pure face was naturally gorgeous,

Conveying an ethereal, untainted innocence that seemed removed from the mortal world.

Her large, clear eyes were like peach blossoms, misted with dew, appearing enchanting and seductive, captivating the heart.

An innocent and enchanting face,

An exquisitely curvaceous figure,

A moving, endearing, coy demeanor.

All these qualities in one person made every move, every smile, deeply stirring.

Lu Changsheng felt that only a manlike himself could remain unmoved by Bai Ling's charm.

Looking at the girl's blushing face, with eyes like silk, and peach blossom-like, dew-wet eyes, Lu Changsheng chuckled and said, "Ling'er, wait for Brother to finish his current matters, then I'll marry you, alright?"

As soon as he spoke, he was slightly taken aback.

He felt as if his words were like establishing a flag for impending death.

"Mmhmm~"

Bai Ling, hearing this, immediately nodded vigorously, her face alight with happiness.

Chapter 558: Demon Race Cultivation Technique, Heading to Green River District

"Zi Xiao, can you check on Bai Ling's condition?"

After chatting with Bai Ling for a while, Lu Changsheng thought of her situation and called Ling Zixiao over.

Having spent so much time together, he knew that Ling Zixiao's knowledge was broader than his own.

She might be able to discern Bai Ling's condition and identify what Demon Race bloodline she had.

"Big brother."

Seeing that Ling Zixiao was about to check her, Bai Ling, with a timid and weak face, clung to Lu Changsheng's arm.

...

After so many years, she still didn't dare to let anyone other than Lu Changsheng see her scales.

It was only after getting close to people like Lu Miaoyun and Qu Zhenzhen that she felt a bit better.

But she was still very sensitive about this matter.

Now, seeing Lu Changsheng asking Ling Zixiao to check on her, she thought there was something wrong with her body that made Lu Changsheng unhappy.

“It’s okay, little Ling’er, Sister Zi Xiao isn’t a bad person, she’s just taking a look,” Lu Changsheng said gently, rubbing her head.

Then he lifted her wrist, covered in scales, to his lips and kissed it.

Her scales, perfectly fused with her fair and delicate skin, were crystal clear, cold to the touch, and not at all disgusting.

In Lu Changsheng’s eyes, it even had a kind of demonically charming beauty.

“Mm-hmm.”

Comforted by Lu Changsheng like this, Bai Ling’s pure and charming little face immediately showed happiness and shyness.

What she feared most was Lu Changsheng’s disgust or aversion to her.

“This man really is…”

Ling Zixiao sighed softly to herself, seeing Lu Changsheng’s actions and Bai Ling’s dependency on him.

She could only say that against a man like Lu Changsheng, innocent girls like Bai Ling had no resistance.

Even if Lu Changsheng sold her, she would probably help him count the money.

She then began to examine Bai Ling, using her mana and divine sense to check her physical condition.

A moment later,

Ling Zixiao furrowed her brow slightly and, after a moment of contemplation, said to Lu Changsheng,

“It should be that she has some Demon Race bloodline, leading to bloodline reversion.”

“But it’s also possible that when her bloodline awakened, there was a mutation.”

“As for what Demon Race bloodline it is, I’m not sure.”

“However, this bloodline is not simple,” Ling Zixiao said.

Although she couldn’t determine Bai Ling’s exact situation,

Based on Lu Changsheng’s description, she could sense that Bai Ling was extraordinary.

The bloodline in her body might be that of a rare Demon Race, or it might be a powerful mutated bloodline.

Otherwise, a human who had undergone bloodline reversion and awakened to a Demon Race bloodline couldn’t possibly make such rapid progress with an ordinary cultivation method.

She couldn’t help but admire Lu Changsheng’s good fortune and opportunities.

“Mm.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly upon hearing this.

“My lord, Bai Ling likely has some kind of serpent bloodline.”

“If she were given a serpent or demon cultivation method, her bloodline might be able to reveal some of its potential.”

“Even her cultivation speed might become faster,” Ling Zixiao continued.

Demon beasts cultivate instinctively through their bloodlines.

But when a demon beast reaches Second Rank, it gains a certain level of intelligence.

Some demon beasts, through bloodline inheritance, receive the fundamental methods of cultivation.

Such as refining flesh and blood, absorbing nature’s spiritual energy, and the essence of the sun and moon.

If a demon beast reaches Third Rank, it is essentially no different from a human cultivator, capable of practicing cultivation methods and innate divine abilities.

Therefore, the Demon Race also has its cultivation methods.

However, the cultivation methods of the Demon Race and the Human Race are not compatible, and they generally cannot cultivate each other’s techniques.

But for someone like Bai Ling, who has experienced bloodline reversion and awakened a Demon Race bloodline, she might be more compatible with some demon cultivation methods.

“A Demon Race cultivation method? Faster cultivation?”

Lu Changsheng’s eyebrows raised when he heard this.

In his view, Bai Ling’s current cultivation speed was already astonishing.

In six years, she had reached the Sixth Level of Energy Refinement!

He estimated that in another year, she would be able to break through to the Seventh Level of Energy Refinement!

And these years, he had only given her some Spirit Stones.

He hadn't given her any Elixir Medicines.

If cultivating a Demon Race method could make Bai Ling's progress even faster, that would be amazing!

However, he had only ever heard of Demon Race cultivation methods.

He had never seen any in the marketplace.

"Indeed, I once heard a rumor about a Nascent Soul Immortal with the Silver Moon Heavenly Wolf Bloodline," Ling Zixiao said, shaking her head. "At first, she cultivated with Human Race methods and made slow progress.

"But then she accidentally obtained a Demon Race heritage, which unlocked the potential of her Silver Moon Heavenly Wolf Bloodline, leading to rapid improvement in her cultivation level, achieving Core Formation, and possessing astonishing combat strength.

"However, I've only heard about this and don't know the details.

"As for Demon Race cultivation methods, indeed, they are rarely circulated outside, and this kind of method is generally only mastered by a Third Rank Demon King."

"Mm."

Lu Changsheng nodded thoughtfully.

He pondered whether his system lottery could draw a Demon Race cultivation method.

He vaguely remembered that when he had fifty offspring, he received a chance for a specific lottery draw.

Many names of cultivation methods appeared then.

It seemed there were names that looked like they were for Demon Race cultivation.

“Never mind, it’s not urgent,” he thought.

“Besides, even if there are Demon Race cultivation methods, they may not necessarily be suitable for Bai Ling.

“Moreover, given Bai Ling’s situation, even if she becomes powerful, it’s unlikely that she could fight against others.

Lu Changsheng gently shook his head.

He felt that with Bai Ling’s circumstances, she’d better live a carefree life at home, peacefully.

As for her cultivation, it was already pretty good now.

So, the Demon Race cultivation methods weren’t a priority.

While the three of them were talking,

a maid informed Lu Changsheng that Lu Yuanding and the Family Head Lu Miaochoang had arrived.

“Okay.”

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded and headed toward the main hall.

Chapter 559: Demon Race Cultivation Technique, Heading to Green River District

Knowing that these two generally sought him out for serious matters, Lu Changsheng was certain something important was at hand.

“Changsheng.”

Lu Yuanding and Lu Miaochang, who had been waiting in the hall, stood up and greeted him immediately upon seeing Lu Changsheng’s arrival.

Their manners were obviously much more courteous than usual.

“Father-in-law, Family Head, have you come because there is something you need?”

Lu Changsheng asked.

...

He had no idea what matter they would need to discuss with him today, having just spoken with them yesterday.

Right away, Lu Miaochang indicated that although the Foundation Establishment ceremony would not be held, they would still celebrate it within the family.

Additionally, several familiar families would send representatives to offer their congratulations.

Moreover, in the Cultivation World, the advanced are honored first!

Among the Immortal Sects, once someone makes a major breakthrough in their realm, their generational status is automatically elevated!

This was the same for the cultivating families of Qingzhu Mountain.

As long as one broke through to Foundation Establishment, they would be promoted to the status of Family Ancestor!

This was a matter of identity and status!



This way, no one in the family would disrespect a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator by pulling rank due to age.

Now that Lu Changsheng had broken through Foundation Establishment, he should be promoted to the status of Family Ancestor!

Therefore, during the family celebration, a ceremony would be held to formally announce Lu Changsheng as the Lu Family Ancestor.

“This, as for the matter of Foundation Establishment, isn’t it enough that everyone knows about it? There’s no need for the title of Ancestor.”

Lu Changsheng spoke with a slight frown upon hearing this.

He was not eager to carry the title of Lu Family Ancestor of Qingzhu Mountain.

Bearing this title, he felt it would be extremely awkward to face his wife, Lu Yuanding, the Fourth Elder, and others in the future.

Moreover, since he had already begun preparations to establish his own family, what need was there to take on the title of Lu Family Ancestor?

“Changsheng, this is the rule of our Qingzhu Mountain.”

“Now that you have ascended to Foundation Establishment, you should rightfully become the Family Ancestor.”

Lu Yuanding tried to persuade Lu Changsheng.

Now that Lu Changsheng had broken through to Foundation Establishment, they naturally had to give him the treatment he deserved.

“Father-in-law, the title of Ancestor really isn’t necessary.”

“To me, knowing about the Foundation Establishment is enough; there’s no need for any ceremony.”

“You know I’ve never liked trouble.”

Lu Changsheng spoke firmly.

“This...”

Upon hearing this, Lu Yuanding pondered for a moment before saying, “If that’s the case, how about you take on the position of the Great Elder of the family?”

The powers of the Great Elder of the Lu Family were immense.

Responsible for the family’s finances and assisting the Family Head in managing family affairs.

Seeing that Lu Changsheng was still going to refuse, Lu Yuanding immediately spoke solemnly, expressing that now Lu Changsheng had broken through Foundation Establishment to become a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, the family naturally had to give him the suitable recognition.

Otherwise, it would appear that their Lu Family could not accommodate talented individuals!

As for the duties of the Great Elder, if Lu Changsheng was unwilling to manage affairs, he could simply hold the title, as the current Ninth Elder did.

Since his father-in-law had spoken to this extent, Lu Changsheng could only agree.

He was well aware that the current state of the Lu Family meant they couldn’t provide much in terms of benefits and treatment.

Therefore, they had to give him enough respect in terms of titles.

Though Lu Changsheng didn't mind these things,

it was good that the Lu Family itself had this awareness and attitude.

“Alright, let's do as you say, father-in-law.”

“As for the duties, let's just keep things as they are. You know I usually don't like to manage affairs.”

Lu Changsheng spoke.

“Good.”

Lu Yuanding showed a slight smile and nodded upon hearing this.

He knew in his heart that even though he had offered Lu Changsheng the title of Great Elder, Lu Changsheng was definitely not keen on managing affairs or getting involved in family business.

Afterward, Lu Yuanding informed Lu Changsheng that a cave dwelling had been prepared for him in the family's core area.

If Lu Changsheng wanted to cultivate on a daily basis, he could use this place for his cultivation.

Moreover, considering Ling Zixiao's situation and out of respect for Lu Changsheng, the Lu Family had also prepared a dwelling for Ling Zixiao.

Such dwellings were located around the spiritual focal points of the spirit veins on Qingzhu Mountain, where the spiritual energy was incredibly dense.

Shortly after, Lu Yuanding took Lu Changsheng to see the cave dwelling.

Lu Changsheng briefly checked it out.

The spiritual energy was indeed very dense.

Even though it wasn't as good as the 'A' ranked cave dwelling he used in the Qingyun Market when he broke through to Foundation Establishment,

it was still much richer in spiritual energy than his current residence.

"Thank you, father-in-law."

Lu Changsheng expressed his gratitude aloud.

"This is what the family should do. Changsheng, right now the family's situation is such that we indeed cannot provide you with much in the way of resources..."

Upon hearing this, Lu Yuanding sighed slightly and said to Lu Changsheng.

"Father-in-law, I understand."

"Don't worry, things will get better slowly."

After so many years together, Lu Changsheng knew what kind of person his father-in-law, Lu Yuanding, was.

The man wasn't trying to play the victim in saying this; it was an expression of helplessness.

Over the past few days, Lu Changsheng had come to roughly understand the Lu Family's situation: the family savings had been nearly spent in the attempt to support Lu Miao Feng's breakthrough to Foundation Establishment.

Moreover, due to Lu Yuanzhong's health, the family had scaled back many of their businesses, leading to reduced family income.

The current situation was indeed not so great.

“I’m sorry for the hardship, Changsheng.”

Lu Yuanding sighed again deeply and patted Lu Changsheng on the shoulder as he spoke.

“No matter, the greater the ability, the greater the responsibility,”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

During their casual conversation, Lu Yuanding asked Lu Changsheng when he planned to head to Green River Marketplace.

“Father-in-law, I’m planning to go there tomorrow.”

Lu Changsheng said.

He had decided long ago to stay at home for three days before heading to Green River Marketplace to pick up Lu Miaoge and the children.

It was also a good opportunity to see Xiao Xiyue.

Having not seen each other for over a year, now that he was back, it was naturally time to meet.

He could also inquire about the value of the Qingyun Sect token he had obtained from Chiyun True Immortal.

“Good, be careful on the road when you go.”

Lu Yuanding nodded and responded after hearing the plan.

He also suggested that Lu Changsheng could conceal his identity when leaving.

Following the incident with Lu Miao Feng, Lu Yuanding was somewhat worried that other family forces might harm Lu Changsheng.

## Chapter 560: Demon Race Cultivation Technique, Heading to Green River District

“Father-in-law, rest assured.”

Lu Changsheng nodded upon hearing this.

Then he briefly practiced cultivation in his cave dwelling.

When he returned home, he learned that his son, Lu Xianzhi, and daughter, Lu Ruyi, had returned from the Red Leaf Valley Market.

The two children were no longer young.

Having broken through to the Fourth Level of Energy Refinement, he had arranged for them to manage a shop in the Red Leaf Valley Market.

...

Upon hearing of their return, he immediately had someone call his son and daughter over.

“Son pays respect to Father! Congratulations on achieving Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!”

“Daughter pays respect to Daddy! Congratulations on achieving Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!”

The siblings came to the hall, greeted Lu Changsheng respectfully, and bowed.

They were baffled when they received the news that their father had returned from his trip having achieved Foundation Establishment.

After organizing and handling their affairs, they rushed back home.

“Sit.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly as he looked at his children before him.

He inquired about how they had been living in the Red Leaf Valley Market over the past year.

“I am incompetent...”

Lu Xianzhi, feeling somewhat embarrassed, scratched his head and reported to Lu Changsheng.

He was only a low-grade Puppet Master, and the shop couldn’t make any money.

He could only sell some simple puppet toys or provide maintenance services for others.

The entire shop’s profit depended on the Spirit Talisman materials purchased from the Peace Talisman Hall and the Lu Family Spiritual Talisman Shop.

But in the aspect of Spirit Talismans, due to the lack of a well-known brand and popularity, business was quite average.

So, over the past year, the shop hadn’t made much profit in Spirit Stones.

If they included the cost of the storefront, the two had been operating at a loss for the year.

“Hehe.”

Lu Changsheng smiled and shook his head upon hearing this.

He could understand this situation.

In the Cultivation World, without a brand reputation or core competitiveness in the market, it would be impossible to make money.

When he originally took over the shop, he never expected Lu Xianzhi to make money from it.

After all, being a Puppet Master was all about earning meager profits.

And with Lu Xianzhi's entry-level Puppetry Skills, he couldn't really make much money.

"It's all right, I never expected you to make any money.

I only wanted you to gain more experiences, to toughen up."

"If you're willing, you can keep running the shop.

If you're unwilling to manage it, then stay home and practice cultivation, delve into Puppetry, Talismans, Spirit Plants, or Spiritual Medicine."

Lu Changsheng said aloud.

His thoughts on his children were straightforward.

If they had a talent for cultivation, focus on practicing.

If not, take the path of business management or craftsmanship.

If all else fails, simply live at home idly and continue the family lineage.

"Father, let sister Ruyi manage the shop; it can still make some money.

I will focus on studying Puppetry at home."

Lu Xianzhi spoke up.

He knew that with his Ninth Grade Spiritual Root, his practice progressed slowly.



Therefore, he had no expectations for remarkable achievements in cultivation and planned to focus more on Puppetry.

Although Lu Changsheng considered Puppetry to be a mere sweatshop, in Lu Xianzhi's eyes, it was still a decent craft.

"Ruyi, what do you think?"

Lu Changsheng nodded and looked towards his daughter, Lu Ruyi.

"Daughter will follow Daddy's arrangements."

Lu Ruyi said crisply.

"Alright, then that's settled. You will be in charge of managing the shop at Red Leaf Valley Market.

Xianzhi, if you have any problems with Puppetry, you can come directly to me."

Lu Changsheng nodded.

Then, he let his children go back to rest well.

...

After spending three days with his wives and children at home,

Lu Changsheng was ready to go to Green River Marketplace to bring Lu Miaoge back home.

"Zi Xiao, I am going out for a bit; these days, you can relax at home."

"This is the technique of Talisman Formation; you can take a look at it by yourself first. If there's anything you don't understand, I will teach you when I return."

“Keep these Talismans; they can be used for self-defense or for practicing Talisman Formation.”

Lu Changsheng arrived at Ling Zixiao’s courtyard, took out a Jade Slip and two stacks of Talismans, and said to her.

In the past few days, he had mostly been accompanying his wives and children.

Ling Zixiao didn’t enjoy the bustle much,

Most of the time, she would be in the yard reading or studying formations alone.

Thus, Lu Changsheng imprinted some techniques of Talisman Formation and Spiritual Patterns from the ‘Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture’ for her to while away the time.

“Thank you, my lord.”

“My lord, please be careful on your journey.”

Ling Zixiao received the Jade Slip and Talismans.

Her refined face showed a faint smile as she nodded gently.

“When Miaoge comes back, there is hope for resolving your Dragon Roar Physique.”

Lu Changsheng smiled at Ling Zixiao and said.

As long as Lu Miaoge successfully cultivates the “Water of Virtue Technique,” Ling Zixiao’s aftereffects of the Dragon Roar Physique might be addressed and recovered.

“Lu Miaoge?”

Ling Zixiao was slightly surprised upon hearing this.

She knew that Lu Miaoge was the legitimate daughter of the Lu Family and Lu Changsheng's wife.

But as far as she knew, Lu Miaoge was only a Ninth Level Energy Refinement Cultivator.

How could she possibly have a way to resolve her Dragon Roar Physique?

However, since Lu Changsheng said so, she still held a bit of trust in his words.

She became curious about this Lu Miaoge in her heart.

Because in the past few days, she had observed that,

Lu Changsheng's other wives were quite ordinary.

To put it bluntly, calling them vases wouldn't be an exaggeration.

Only Lu Miaoge, with her Ninth Level Cultivation and status as a Top-Level Talisman Master, was relatively outstanding.

Lu Changsheng also clearly cared more for this wife.

"Alright."

Ling Zixiao smiled gently, her face beautiful and demeanor dignified.

After briefly saying goodbye to Ling Zixiao, Lu Changsheng left Qingzhu Mountain, commandeered a purple flying shuttle, and headed for Green River Marketplace.

This purple flying shuttle was acquired from five Robber Cultivators he had encountered at Jiuxiao Immortal City.

For traveling purposes, its speed was about half faster than a Spirit Boat.

Normally, it would take almost half a month to go from Qingzhu Mountain to Green River Marketplace.

By riding this flying shuttle, he estimated it would take around ten days to arrive.