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Chapter 641: The First Guest Elder Offering!_1

Lu Changsheng looked at the family records of the Lu family in his hands, his expression one of surprise and joy.

The three effects of this clan record are undeniably powerful.

The first effect allows one to check the life and death status of family members.

Most cultivation families prepare Soul Lamps or Life-bound Tokens for their members to indicate fortune and life or death.

But even the cheapest Life-bound Jade Token is worth thousands of Spirit Stones.

It's manageable to prepare just a few.

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But to prepare one for every member of the family would amount to a huge sum of money.

With the Lu family records, Lu Changsheng doesn't need any Soul Plates or Soul Lamps to know the fortune and life or death of family members.

The second effect is that the family records will respond if a family member commits an act of harm or betrayal against the family.

This effect can perfectly prevent the core of the family from having spies or traitors.

After all, it's impossible to prevent spies from infiltrating or traitors from emerging in a large family.

Especially now, as the family is just getting established and children are starting their own families, it's very easy for this to happen.

With the Lu family records, it's possible to avoid this situation from the outset, ensuring internal stability and forestalling problems.

As for the third effect, 'registered in the clan record, True Spirit Immortality', it is simply defying the heavens!

As long as Lu Changsheng does not die and the family records are not destroyed, even if family members encounter an irreversible calamity outside and their spirit and body are both destroyed, a bit of their True Spirit can still be retained through the family records.

Once Lu Changsheng achieves Immortal status, he can use the 'Sacrificial Ceremony' with heaven and earth's treasures to resurrect the deceased.

However, such a thing as resurrecting the dead, akin to changing heaven and earth, reversing the universe, has extremely stringent requirements, with achieving Immortality being only the first step.

So for now, this effect of resurrecting the dead doesn't need to be considered by Lu Changsheng.

But the existence of this effect has given Lu Changsheng some peace of mind.

Having cultivated for so many years, he was all too aware that even with the system by his side, he could not achieve perfection on the path to immortality.

His mortal wives and children at home, he simply couldn't take care of.

Even many of his wives and children with Spiritual Roots, he couldn't look after properly.

In the future, many of his wives and children will gradually leave him, leaving regrets on his path to immortality.

Now, with these Lu family records, at least he has some solace.

When he reaches a certain level of cultivation and achieves Immortality, he'd be able to remedy these regrets and resurrect those he can't bear to part with.

“This is also one of my motivations for cultivating,” he murmured.

Lu Changsheng looked at the clan record in his hands, let out a soft chuckle, and put away the Lu family records.

According to customary practice, records like the family records would be housed in the ancestral hall.

But considering he was the first entry in the family records, if these were enshrined in the ancestral hall, wouldn't that be oddly self-serving?

“Perhaps I should enshrine the Three Purities in the ancestral hall instead.”

“That might just attract some serendipitous fate from the unfathomable universe,” he thought.

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin.

After these thoughts, he broke into a grin, cast aside these matters, and walked out of the Talisman Room to the main hall to visit Lu Miaoge and Ling Zixiao.

Once Lu Miaoge had finished treating Ling Zixiao, Lu Changsheng chatted with the two women about family affairs and made some preliminary arrangements.

Nowadays, there were quite a few children in the family.

There were also many of age with Spiritual Roots.

With the recently acquired family features, he could see his children's abilities.

Thus, Lu Changsheng planned to get education started here in Bi Lake Mountain.

First setting up a school to teach knowledge of Formations, Alchemy, Talisman Making, Puppets, Wine Brewing, Farming, Medical Cuisine, Spirit Slaughterer, Business Management, and so on.

Later, based on the children's interests and talents, he would teach them according to their aptitude and make arrangements.

As for Artifact Refining, Beast Taming, Gu (poisonous insects), Spirit Detection, and others, Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao could also obtain some relevant inheritances.

If the children were interested, they could do some self-study.

If they could achieve something on their own, that would be best.

If not, they could just view it as a hobby.

Once their own capabilities were sufficient, they would eventually fill in all aspects of cultivation.

So that every child could combine their interests and talents, avoiding detours.

After discussing these broad ideas with the women, Lu Changsheng took Ling Zixiao, Lu Miaoge, and several children to Bi Shui Lake for a leisurely visit, to relax.

At that time, many fishermen were fishing in Bi Shui Lake.

Xiao Xi Yue, accompanied by her daughter Lu Wangshu, was fishing with a face full of joy.

Whenever Lu Wangshu caught a fish, Xiao Xi Yue would burst into encouragement and joy as if she were just a child.

"It seems that Fairy Xi Yue is Lu Wangshu's mother," Ling Zixiao mused to herself upon seeing this scene.

She had suspected as much from the first glance she took at Xiao Xi Yue, noticing a resemblance to Lu Wangshu, and now this scene almost certainly confirmed it.

Upon this realization, she just stole a glance at Lu Changsheng.

Curiosity filled her as she wondered how many women like Xiao Xi Yue Lu Changsheng had outside.

“Xi Yue...”

After spending half an hour playing around, Lu Changsheng secretly communicated with Xiao Xi Yue, mentioning the get-together with Hong Yi, Han Lin, Zhao Qingqing, and the others.

“Little Wangshu, Mommy has something to take care of, I’ll come to play with you later,” Xiao Xi Yue said to Lu Wangshu, somewhat reluctantly letting go.

“Mmm, Mommy don’t worry, I’ll be good,” Lu Wangshu, sitting cross-legged on the Cold Blue Dark Turtle, fishing rod in hand, as absorbed in fishing as ever, did not seem the least bit reluctant as she sweetly reassured Xiao Xi Yue and continued with her fishing.

Shortly after, Xiao Xi Yue and Lu Changsheng made their way to the main reception hall of Biyun Villa.

Before long, all six Immortal Seedlings that had originally come from Ruyi Prefecture, except for Li Feiyu, gathered once again.

Compared to the assemblage a decade ago at the Gathering of Immortals Tower in Ruyi Prefecture, the five of them had all changed significantly.

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Ten years ago, Xiao Xiyue was at the Ninth Level Energy Refinement stage; now, she has broken through to Foundation Establishment, becoming a core disciple of the Qingyun Sect.

Ten years ago, Lu Changsheng was merely a son-in-law to the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain; now, he has broken through to Foundation Establishment, becoming a Mountain Master himself!

In ten years' time, Hong Yi advanced from the heir to the Marquis of Ruyi to the Marquis himself, controlling Ruyi Prefecture.

Han Lin ascended from a lower-grade Artifact Refiner to an upper-grade one.

Because of her Vegbody, Zhao Qingqing transitioned from being a Pharmacist to a Spirit Plant Master; now, she has become a Second Rank Spiritual Plant Master.

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"My friends, if my memory serves me right, it has been exactly twenty-three years since we first met."

Lu Changsheng said, looking at the five people before him.

Among the five, he, Xiao Xiyue, and Zhao Qingqing all maintained their youthful appearance, with only changes in their demeanor.

But for Hong Yi and Han Lin, both their appearances and auras had gone through significant changes.

Especially Hong Yi, wearing a Purple Gold Crown and brocade robe, sporting a long beard, his features bearing a mature and dignified air.

"Indeed, exactly twenty-three years."

Hong Yi stroked his beard and nodded in agreement.

His voice was filled with sentiment.

Thinking back to their initial meeting, he was proud and conceited because of his noble birth, looking down on others.

But now, among the five of them, he was the least accomplished.

His position as the Marquis of Ruyi was maintained thanks to his relationship with Lu Changsheng.

Otherwise, it would have been extremely difficult for him to become the heir and succeed the Marquis of Ruyi's position back then.

"It's been twenty-three years before we knew it..."

"It's a pity that Li Daoist isn't here."

"Over these twenty years, the most splendid tales are still those of Lu Daoist and Hong Daoist..."

The five of them looked at each other and laughed, feeling nostalgic for the swift passage of time, engaging in idle chatter and reminiscing about old times.

"Brother Hong, I plan to let Quanzhen stay at home and study calmly for the next few years."

"If you're willing, you can let Xuanji stay at Bi Lake Mountain temporarily..."

Upon hearing Hong Yi mention his son, Hong Xuanji, Lu Changsheng spoke up.

Hong Xuanji was Hong Yi's most cherished son, upon whom he placed great hopes.

He prepared to send him to the Qingyun Sect in two years' time, when they would be recruiting disciples, to participate in the Immortal Sects' assessment.

Now that Hong Yi was discussing his son's arrangements, Lu Changsheng was also willing to help take care of him.

After all, Hong Yi had helped him a lot over the past twenty years, and it was only right for him to return the favor.

"In that case, I'll trouble you with Xuanji, Brother Lu."

Hong Yi, upon hearing this, immediately showed delight and thanked him with a bow.

If his son could cultivate at Bi Lake Mountain, it would surely be better than doing so in the Ruyi Prefecture or a small marketplace.

Furthermore, he knew that Lu Changsheng was recruiting spiritual farmers and fishermen with Spiritual Roots, teaching them the Skills of Spiritual Plant cultivation, Talisman Making, and Puppetry.

Thus, he was more than happy to let his son stay here and develop a good relationship with Lu Changsheng's children.

If his son did not pass the Qingyun Sect assessment in two years, he could still mingle with the Lu Family.

That way, this son's future achievements were likely to surpass his own.

"Ha ha, Brother Hong, you are too polite."

Lu Changsheng laughed and nodded.

"Daoist Lu, didn't you say you would show us your family's Spiritual Medicine garden? Since we have time now, why don't we take a look?"

"And it would be nice to stroll around Bi Lake Mountain while we're at it."

At that moment, Zhao Qingqing voiced her suggestion.

Previously, while chatting at the Qingyun Sect, Lu Changsheng had expressed hope for her to take a look at his family's Spiritual Medicine valley and provide some planting advice.

She brought over many Spirit Plant seeds as gifts to celebrate the occasion on this visit.

But specific recommendations and planting would require a look at the situation for a final verdict.

“In that case, Fairy Xi Yue, Brother Hong, Daoist Han, shall we all take a stroll together?”

Lu Changsheng suggested cheerily upon hearing her proposal.

“Ha ha, sure.”

“I’d like to admire the beauty of Bi Lake Mountain too.”

The group nodded in agreement.

Immediately thereafter, Lu Changsheng took them on a tour around Bi Lake Mountain, explaining the features, before arriving at Lingcui Cliff.

“Mountain Master!”

“Greetings to the Mountain Master!”

“Dad, Uncle Hong, Uncle Han, Aunt Xiao, Aunt Zhao.”

Lingcui Cliff was inhabited by some spiritual farmers from other families left by the Yu Family.

Lu Ping’an was also assigned by Lu Changsheng to guard the Spiritual Medicine garden at Lingcui Cliff.

“Hmm, we have come to take a look.”

Lu Changsheng nodded and spoke.

The Spiritual Medicine garden still looked the same as before.

It had only some common Spirit Plants and unripe Spiritual Medicines.

“Daoist Zhao, this is the Lingcui Cliff of my Bi Lake Mountain. This area is primarily used for Spirit Fields, and this part as the Medicine Garden...”

Lu Changsheng led the group through Lingcui Cliff, casually conversing and explaining.

“As a Second Rank Talisman Master, Daoist Lu, you will likely focus on developing in this area in the future.”

“Based on the Spirit Vein and soil conditions of Bi Lake Mountain, I suggest planting some ‘Water Cloud Bamboo’.”

“As for the second rank Medicine Fields, you could consider ‘Transforming Dragon Ginseng,’ ‘Pale Face Flower,’ ‘Stone Dragon Root’...”

“These Spiritual Medicines are quite suitable for cultivation and once they reach a certain age, they can be sold for a considerable value.”

Zhao Qingqing observed the Spirit Fields, soil, and Spiritual Energy conditions, speaking out loud.

In her words, she also moved aside, applying Techniques to test the soil composition and the concentration of Spiritual Energy in the fields.

Ordinary spiritual farmers only need to learn one of the Techniques such as ‘Minor Cloud Rain Technique,’ ‘Gengjin Technique,’ ‘Decomposition Technique,’ ‘Quickening Technique,’ ‘Spring Wind Turns to Rain Technique,’ and so on.

But to become a Spiritual Plant Master, one must be proficient in multiple Techniques.

And to advance from a Spiritual Plant Master to a Spiritual Plant Master, one not only needs to master a variety of Techniques but also understand and control the conditions of various Spirit Plants and Spiritual Medicines.

“Water Cloud Bamboo...”

Lu Changsheng noted, nodding.

He was aware that this was a type of Spiritual Bamboo, suitable for making talisman paper.

As for Transforming Dragon Ginseng, Pale Face Flower, and Stone Dragon Root, they were all materials for the Foundation Establishment Elixir and Youth Preserving Elixir, each very valuable.

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A few people were strolling around Lingcui Cliff, and Zhao Qingqing gave many suggestions.

She also told Lu Changsheng about the cultivation methods of several spirit plants and what to pay attention to.

“I didn’t expect the path of spirit plant cultivation to have so many intricacies; it is truly an eye-opener.”

Hong Yi, who was standing by, exclaimed with emotion.

In his Ruyi Marquis Mansion, there were also dozens of acres of spiritual fields.

But these were the most ordinary spiritual fields, only suitable for cultivating first-grade inferior products, not even the average spirit rice.

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Now that he heard about the intricate knowledge involved, he was filled with emotion.

“Indeed, each of the hundred arts of cultivation is broad and profound,”

Lu Changsheng nodded and said.

Through the system, he clearly understood the profoundness of each of the hundred arts of cultivation.

After they finished their stroll, Lu Changsheng turned to Zhao Qingqing and said, “Daoist Zhao, would you be interested in serving as a guest elder at my Bi Lake Mountain?”

“A guest elder?”

Zhao Qingqing paused upon hearing this, her face showing contemplation.

The Qingyun Sect did not forbid its disciples from earning extra money outside.

After all, money, companions, laws, and the earth itself, cultivation is all about burning money.

The Qingyun Sect could not support all the disciples.

Disciples like them had to find their own ways to earn resources for cultivation.

However, they could not casually agree to serve as guest priests without considering whether it will bring them trouble.

“Daoist Zhao, as you know, the establishment of my family was quite rushed,”

“and we are not particularly good at the art of spirit plant cultivation.”

“Therefore, if you are willing, you could come to Bi Lake Mountain to serve as a guest elder.”

“Whenever you have time, just come and check on the spirit plants, the condition of the spiritual medicine, or perhaps offer some guidance and teach some knowledge about spirit plant cultivation.”

Said Lu Changsheng in this manner.

Bi Lake Mountain currently had many spirit plant cultivators, but they were all first-grade.

If they could invite Zhao Qingqing, a second-rank Spiritual Plant Master, it would be of great help to the cultivation of spirit plants at Bi Lake Mountain.

Moreover, when he planted the Luminous Treasure Tree in the future, having Zhao Qingqing, a Spiritual Plant Master, would also be a great help.

“This is possible, but I don’t have much time; I can only serve as a guest priest and visit a few times a year,”

Zhao Qingqing said.

As a disciple of the Qingyun Sect’s medicinal garden, she also had many affairs of her own and could not often go out.

“That is already sufficient,”

Lu Changsheng nodded and said with a smile.

He then invited Zhao Qingqing to serve as an honorary guest elder at Bi Lake Mountain for a yearly salary of one thousand two hundred Spirit Stones.

She would need to visit four times a year to provide advice and solutions for Bi Lake Mountain’s spirit plants and spiritual medicine and to teach and guide the Lu Family disciples in the area of spirit plant cultivation.

Afterwards, Lu Changsheng turned to Han Lin, asking him if he was interested in serving as a guest elder at his Bi Lake Mountain.

Speaking of spirit plant cultivators, his family had some.

But they had no Artifact Refiners at all.

“Hehe, I’ll pass,”

“I’m already busy in the Qingyun Sect, and besides, artifact refining is very time-consuming, and teaching it is also quite time-consuming,”

Han Lin said shaking his head.

As an Artifact Refiner, unlike Zhao Qingqing, he couldn’t just come down the mountain for a few days.

Artifact refining requires on-the-spot teaching, which is very cumbersome and time-consuming.

Moreover, as an Artifact Refiner, his income from Qingyun Sect was quite good.

“Alright, if I have such problems in the future, or need magic artifacts, I might trouble Daoist Han even more,”

Lu Changsheng didn’t mind and said with a laugh.

“Of course, that’s no problem,”

Han Lin replied.

Later, Lu Changsheng invited them to stay a few more days at Bi Lake Mountain,

and when they left, he gave them small parting gifts.

Xiao Xiyue also returned to Qingyun Sect with Zhao Qingqing and Han Lin.

She was preparing to return and request her master, Yun Wanshang, to come and preside over Bi Lake Mountain.

At the same time, using the Qingyun Token, she would invite a Second Rank Array Master from Qingyun Sect for Lu Changsheng.

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“Husband, this is the current expenditure and rough income of the family, please take a look....”

That day, Lu Miaoyun came to Lu Changsheng with a ledger in hand for his review.

It recorded all the current expenses of Bi Lake Mountain and the rough estimate of its income.

“The difference between income and expenses is this much?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the ledger in surprise.

But after looking through it, he immediately understood why there was such a significant disparity.

Previously on Qing Zhu Mountain, the allowance for his wives and concubines was quite modest.

Only concubines with a Spiritual Root were given ten Spirit Stones.

As for maids, they were only given two Spirit Stones.

Now, not only had all the maids been elevated to the status of concubine, but their treatment had been uniformly improved as well.

Furthermore, as the number of children in the family increased and they began cultivation, each would receive ten Spirit Stones and a bottle of Yellow Dragon Elixir every month.

As cultivation levels improved, these benefits were also being enhanced.

There were also the expenses of providing Spirit Rice to his secular children, among others.

Each of these seemed minor by themselves, but when accumulated, they added up to no small sum.

And the entire family's income currently depended solely on the foundational earnings of Bi Lake Mountain.

Bi Lake Mountain originally had a considerable income; otherwise, the Yu Family wouldn't have been able to raise so many Foundation Establishment cultivators and clanspeople.

But currently, due to staffing issues, the external industries had halted operations.

During the establishment ceremony of the family, Lu Changsheng had also sold off many assets.

So now, the income of Bi Lake Mountain was limited to rent, and the industries of Spirit Rice and Spirit Fish.

"Yun'er, you don't have to worry about the finances for now; you continue to recruit spiritual farmers, fishermen, and apprentices,"

"Pay close attention to the spiritual fields, jade marrow rice, and azure water rice."

"The core cultivation methods for these were originally controlled by the Yu Family; now these spiritual farmers might be inexperienced and affect the harvest."

"The same goes for the breeding of spirit fish,"

Lu Changsheng voiced these instructions.

He presently had enough Spirit Stones to sustain the Lu Family's losses for several decades.

But running at a loss was not a sustainable strategy, relying solely on one's self to support the family.

After all, he also needed to spend money.

Thus, it was imperative for the family to operate efficiently, achieving a balance between income and expenses, and gradually move towards profitability.

In Lu Changsheng's view, the problem still lay with manpower.

As long as there was sufficient manpower, he could easily proceed with large-scale production of basic puppets and liquor factories.

Then, by finding partners for consignment sales and opening up channels, he could revitalize the shops and industries under Bi Lake Mountain.

"Alright, husband,"

Lu Miaoyun nodded in response to his words.

"By the way, Yun'er..."

Lu Changsheng continued, speaking about the instruction at the school.

He tasked her with organizing and arranging these matters.

He indicated that not only the children in the family but also the concubines with Spiritual Roots could come to learn about this aspect.

After arranging these matters, Lu Changsheng went to Changsheng Hall to quietly refine the 'Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi' within his chest bone.

His recent encounter with Caiyun True Immortal at Qingyun Sect had given him a wake-up call.

He felt that relying solely on the Jade Pendant given by the Core Formation junior was not necessarily enough to conceal others' prying eyes.

Therefore, he thought of quickly integrating this heaven-sent Spiritual Treasure into his Life-bound Treasured Bone.

As soon as the Life-bound Treasured Bone was formed and he acquired the Nine Great Divine Abilities, he would be able to use the Seventh Divine Ability, Sealing Divine Light, to seal his cultivation level and aura, rendering himself undetectable and obscuring his true capabilities from others.

Moreover, the Fifth Divine Ability of the Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi, the Healing Divine Light, would surely help with Ling Zixiao's injuries.

And regarding the matter of Xiahou Monie, he also needed to be prepared.

Once the Life-bound Treasured Bone was formed and the Nine Great Divine Abilities were his, his power would rise to an entirely new level!

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Qingyun Sect.

Caiyun Peak.

“Master.”

Xiao Xiyue came to the palace hall at the peak and bowed respectfully.

“Xi Yue, is there something that brings you back this time?”

The doors of the hall thunderously opened, and a clear yet gentle voice rang out.

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“Master, I've returned because I need to trouble you with a matter...”

Xiao Xiyue entered the hall and explained the situation at Bi Lake Mountain.

However, she didn't mention that it was entirely due to Lu Changsheng, and also indicated that this trip would be beneficial to her cultivation.

“Oversee Bi Lake Mountain?”

Yun Wanshang’s eyebrows furrowed slightly upon hearing this.

She had previously heard from Wei Sheng about this, guessing that Lu Changsheng wanted to invite Xiao Xiyue to oversee Bi Lake Mountain.

Her first thought was to refuse.

Her own disciple being a core member of Qingyun Sect and overseeing someone else’s family—what kind of precedence would that set?

Moreover, Xiao Xiyue’s practice of the Supreme Forgetful Love Technique ultimately required her to embark on a path of detachment.

If she remained entangled with Lu Changsheng, her future path would likely be difficult, and enlightenment hard to achieve.

But thinking of the relationship Xiao Xiyue and Lu Changsheng had, which had already advanced beyond a certain point, it wasn’t something that could be severed so easily.

Furthermore, the current second level of Xiao Xiyue’s Supreme Forgetful Love Technique, ‘Clouds Have Emotions, Moon Has Emotions,’ required the two to shine in response to each other for success.

“I can promise you this matter.”

“However, according to the sect rules, if you go to oversee Bi Lake Mountain, you can only stay for a maximum of three years.”

Yun Wanshang spoke, stating her conditions.

“Thank you, Master.”

Xiao Xiyue showed immediate joy in her eyes upon hearing these words, and bowed with her hands clasped together.

“Xi Yue, seeing you this happy just because I’ve agreed to this matter, how can I be at ease with you?”

Yun Wanshang spoke somewhat helplessly upon seeing the joy in Xiao Xiyue’s eyes.

Though the deeper Xiao Xiyue’s emotions became now, the better for her cultivation,

the deeper she fell, the harder it would become to break away and sever those emotional ties in the future.

“Master...”

Xiao Xiyue was taken aback by these words, and she bit her lower lip lightly.

She also realized that whenever it involved Lu Changsheng, her Supreme Forgetful Love Technique almost became ineffective.

Moreover, this trip to Bi Lake Mountain would not only allow her to be with Lu Changsheng, but also to accompany her daughter, stirring her emotions.

“Never mind, as long as you are aware of it yourself, it is not my place to say much.”

Yun Wanshang let out a sigh and said no more.

She knew this kind of matter had to be resolved by Xiao Xiyue herself.

Then she took out two Third Rank Talismans from her Storage Ring to give to Xiao Xiyue for protection.

After all, Patriarch Xiahou Wuwo of the Xiahou Family was still alive.

If this Xiahou patriarch targeted Bi Lake Mountain for revenge, there might be considerable danger.

Naturally, she wanted to give her disciple some life-saving treasures.

“Thank you, Master.”

Xiao Xiyue bowed with her hands clasped together.

“Your trip to Bi Lake Mountain is considered an outside mission, so don’t reveal your whereabouts to others.”

“Also, after the new Record Chief arrives at the Green River Marketplace, then proceed to Bi Lake Mountain.”

Yun Wanshang continued.

“Yes, Master!”

Xiao Xiyue nodded in agreement.

She then took out a token from her Storage Bag.

“Master, I have a good friend named ‘Han Li’ who helped me on the way to Jiuxiao Immortal City; True Immortal Chiyun granted him a Qingyun Token.”

“I would like to use this Qingyun Token to request a Second Rank Array Master from the sect to help set up a Great Formation at Bi Lake Mountain.”

Xiao Xiyue took out the Qingyun Token that was in Lu Changsheng’s possession and spoke up.

“This Loose Cultivator Han Li is Lu Changsheng, isn’t he?”

Yun Wanshang looked at the token and spoke directly.

She had previously guessed that the Loose Cultivator Han Li who saved her senior disciple was Lu Changsheng.

Now, seeing this Qingyun Token, she was almost certain.

“I knew I couldn’t hide it from Master.”

Xiao Xiyue’s face showed a somewhat mischievous smile.

She immediately realized that her master had seen through Lu Changsheng’s disguise and guessed many things correctly.

This made her hesitate, uncertain if her master was aware that she had given birth to Lu Wangshu.

“Still playing these little tricks in front of your master.”

Yun Wanshang’s face showed a faint smile.

Thinking of her senior disciple Chu Qingyi, she looked at Xiao Xiyue and continued, “Your senior sister is still recovering, conditioning herself to prepare for Core Formation.”

“Thus, don’t let Qing Yi know about this Loose Cultivator Han Li’s matter.”

Yun Wanshang said so.

“Don’t let my senior sister know?”

Xiao Xiyue was surprised, not understanding the meaning behind these words.

She couldn’t help but speculate if her senior sister had developed some connection with Lu Changsheng?

Although she did not have much interaction with her senior sister, she knew that she was dedicated to the sword, with a clarity in her Sword Heart.

Wait, the sword...

In that moment, Xiao Xiyue's heart vaguely realized something.

She bowed to Yun Wanshang and said, "Master, I understand."

"Take my token to Master Mo, and ask him to go to Bi Lake Mountain to set up the formation."

Yun Wanshang took out a token and spoke to Xiao Xiyue.

"Yes, Master!"

Xiao Xiyue nodded in response.

She knew Master Mo was a Second-tier Top Level Array Master.

His prowess in formations was exquisite, having set up Great Formations for many marketplaces of Qingyun Sect.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Inside the retreat of Changsheng Hall,

"Phew!"

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes and exhaled gently.

He placed his palm in front of his chest and closed his eyes to feel.

“To completely refine the Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi into my Life-bound Treasured Bone, I’d need at least another two to three years.”

Lu Changsheng pondered this progress, lightly sighing, knowing that such matters could not be rushed.

He didn’t seal himself completely in retreat but left the hall to check on the state of his worldly children.

All these children would stay on Bi Lake Mountain for a while.

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Lu Changsheng visited his children, and according to their talents, he offered them some simple guidance for the future.

Now, the Lu Family could also be completely divided into the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family and Ruyi Prefecture Lu Family.

Regarding the secular side, now that Lu Ping’an is at Bi Lake Mountain, Lu Wuyu is the eldest son in the secular world.

He directly appointed his son Lu Wuyu as the Family Head.

As for the management of Lu Wuyu’s household, having served as a county magistrate for many years, his handling of people and matters was quite good in every aspect.

If there really was something to say, it would be that his personality was somewhat indecisive and lacked boldness.

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But just being the Family Head of the secular Lu Family, he doesn't need to possess any great boldness.

“Wuyu, from now on, you will be in charge of the Ruyi Prefecture side,”

“If you have any matters, you can ask your Uncle Hong for advice, or you can write to Bi Lake Mountain,”

Lu Changsheng said to Lu Wuyu.

This son had a quiet personality when he was young; when others were playing and making noise, he preferred to read books alone.

Initially, Lu Changsheng wondered if this son would become a bookworm.

“Yes, Father.”

Lu Wuyu, hearing this, nodded with a somewhat solemn face.

He knew that after this separation, his father would probably seldom come to Ruyi Prefecture.

“This is your father's arrangement of some family rules and regulations, you can take a look at it,”

Lu Changsheng took out a Jade Scroll and continued to say.

This was the system of rewards and punishments for the Lu Family that he had previously discussed with Lu Miaoyun and Ling Zixiao.

“Alright, Father.”

Lu Wuyu received the Jade Scroll and respectfully responded.

“You agree without even looking, just yes, yes, yes; if you have any opinions after reading, come directly to your father,”

Lu Changsheng, seeing his son’s manner, smacked him on the head and spoke irritation.

He knew that given the limited time they spent together and his own status as a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, many of his children viewed him with great awe and revered him.

Therefore, whatever he said, his children would simply listen.

“I will look now, Father.”

Lu Wuyu scratched his head and smiled as he recalled the time he spent with his father in his youth, and then he began to read the contents of the Jade Scroll.

“Father, I believe that there will definitely be arrogant individuals among the Lu Family Disciples, and there are already some signs of this.”

“In my opinion, we must establish a Family Head to supervise and restrain the Lu Family Disciples.”

“Also regarding financial matters, I think we shouldn’t rely entirely on Blue Lake Mountain. Considering our family’s relationship with Uncle Hong and your reputation, Father, we can totally engage in commerce and be self-sufficient...”

After reading, Lu Wuyu expressed his opinions and suggestions.

During his years in the secular world, thanks to his relationship with Hong Yi, he had served as a county magistrate.

He knew that if things continued as they were, there would inevitably be many arrogant and wasteful youngsters.

Moreover, if the secular Lu Family relied too heavily on the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family, the situation would be even worse.

Additionally, with many younger brothers and sisters in the family now, it was certain that issues such as family partitioning and branching off would arise in the future.

“Since that is the case, the family can establish a Family Head to monitor the family etiquette, rules, and regulations, and the enforcement powers will be held in your hands as the Family Head,”

“You can also form an Enforcement Team to implement laws, impose punishments, and as for finances, commerce, fiscal matters, you take care of it. If there is a family partition, the Family Head will also have unified control,”

Lu Changsheng, after pondering for a moment, spoke out.

The situation of children partitioning the family was certainly inevitable.

Not to mention the Lu Residence in Ruyi Prefecture had already been expanded once.

As these children gradually start their own families, the Ruyi Prefecture Lu Residence simply would not have enough space, and family partitioning would inevitably occur.

Lu Changsheng had no intention of forcing all these children to live together; he was willing to let them form multiple branches.

“However, regarding Spirit Rice, you all still need to practice martial arts daily, and that is indispensable,”

“So as long as you can earn enough for daily expenses, things like Spirit Rice, martial arts training, and rewards for childbirth will all still be taken care of by Blue Lake Mountain...”

Lu Changsheng said aloud.

He would naturally not reduce the costs of his children’s martial arts training and childbirth expenses.

After all, with Spirit Rice and spiritual meals, his children could make rapid progress in the Martial Dao.

Moreover, eating more Spirit Rice—even if the parents were both ordinary people—would increase the likelihood of their offspring having a Spiritual Root compared to normal circumstances.

“Um...”

Lu Wuyu nodded and continued to add some points.

After the father and son finished discussing matters, Lu Changsheng looked at Lu Wuyu and the other children, and for a moment, he didn’t know what else to say.

Having many children and spending less time with them eventually led to a lack of common topics.

Moreover, as the children grew up, the relaxed atmosphere of their youth was missing.

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Half a month later.

In the Changsheng Hall, inside the Talisman Room.

Lu Changsheng was busy drawing talismans.

Just then, a system prompt sounded in Lu Changsheng’s mind.

[Congratulations to the Host for having twenty offspring break through to Martial Dao Innate, granting a Bloodline Effect: Probability of producing offspring increased by 5%, and a chance to draw a prize!]

“Hmm, there’s a reward for twenty as well,”

Lu Changsheng, who was making talismans, heard this system prompt and a joyful smile appeared on his face.

After the reward for the first ten children breaking through to Martial Dao Innate, he had been eagerly anticipating how many more of his children would achieve this.

After all, unlike Cultivation that requires initiating the flow of Qi, the Martial Dao does not have the restriction of needing a Spiritual Root.

As long as he kept spending money, all his children could potentially achieve Martial Dao Innate.’

He had presumed that it wouldn’t just be a reward for ten children with a single distribution of Child Money.

Now that he saw a reward for twenty children with a share, it was a pleasant surprise for him.

“System, time for the draw!”

Lu Changsheng did not hesitate and mentally commanded.

He was ready to see what he would get this time.

Suddenly, a light red roulette wheel with a golden glow emerged and began to spin for the draw.

[Ding! Congratulations to the Host for obtaining a Magical Treasure: Oceanic Bead!]

[The reward has been sent to the System Space, the Host can check it at any time]

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The golden light paused at the ‘Magical Treasures’ category.

Immediately, a string of azure treasure beads emerged from the big wheel, accompanied by a system notification sound.

“Magical treasure? Oceanic Bead?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the magical treasure before him, his brows slightly furrowed.

He still had one magical treasure lying unused in his System Space, and now he was getting another one for himself.

“Well, if it’s magical treasures, then that’s what they are; once Ping’an and the rest increase their cultivation level, and if they can master the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, these magical treasures can gradually come into play.”

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“Moreover, once my Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi fuses with my life-bound treasured bone, it will no longer be able to aid in cultivation.”

“Currently, the Black Dragon Magical Bead and the magical treasure embryo are likely to become obsolete after my Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art breaks through to the Sixth Level, so it’s fine to get a few magical treasures as backups now,”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

Then he looked towards the System Space to check out what kind of magical treasure this Oceanic Bead was.

[Magic Artifact: Oceanic Bead]

[Grade: Superior Magical Treasure]

[Description: Crafted from thirty-six legacy Oceanic Beads, there are thirty-six beads in total. Individually, they serve as standard magic artifacts, but when all thirty-six are gathered, they form a superior magical treasure, capable of evolving into the Oceanic Shockwave Formation.]

“Is it actually a combination artifact? A formation path artifact?”

Lu Changsheng’s eyes brightened with surprise and delight at the introduction of the Oceanic Bead.

In the cultivation world, there are magic artifacts known as combination artifacts, which can be split into multiple artifacts.

In such cases, even if one’s strength is not sufficient, one can divide the artifact to utilize a portion of its power.

And this ‘Oceanic Bead’ is not only a combination magical treasure but also a formation path artifact, capable of evolving into the Oceanic Shockwave Formation.

“Extract!”

Lu Changsheng was very interested in this magical treasure and did not leave it to gather dust in System Space; he directly extracted it for inspection.

Instantly, a string of thirty-six beads, each the size of a baby’s fist, crystal clear and flowing with deep blue luminescence, appeared.

“How heavy!”

Lu Changsheng held the string of Oceanic Beads, and his hands immediately felt the weight.

If it weren’t for his body refinement strength, he would have felt unable to lift them.

Through the system’s detailed introduction of the Oceanic Bead, delight immediately showed in Lu Changsheng’s eyes.

If used as a complete set, the Oceanic Bead would evolve into the ‘Oceanic Shockwave Formation.’

Used individually, the method was simple and crude—directly use them to hit people!

The Oceanic Bead contained the power of heavy water, not only incredibly heavy but also capable of discharging brilliance that could stun people's divine sense and senses.

Thus, ordinary cultivators facing an incoming Oceanic Bead, if careless, could perish both body and cultivation path.

But what truly delighted Lu Changsheng was not the power or effects of the magical treasure.

Through the system's introduction, he knew that the original materials for the Oceanic Bead came from the Jiaoren Race.

Such a treasure bead had the effect of nurturing water veins and was beneficial for aquatic beings.

"Hiss, even if the Oceanic Bead isn't used as a magical treasure, just its ability to nurture water veins and aquatic beings makes it a good treasure for me,"

Lu Changsheng's face was filled with delight.

The main income of Bi Lake Mountain at present came from aquaculture, the fish and shrimp in Bi Shui Lake.

And beneath Bi Shui Lake, there was a top-tier First Grade Spirit Vein.

This Oceanic Bead, able to nurture water veins and aquatic beings, suggested that it could nourish the Spirit Vein of Bi Shui Lake and the spirit fish and shrimp within the lake, such as the Red-blooded Carp and the Bi-blooded Carp.

Perhaps it could even promote this top-tier First Grade Spirit Vein to a Second Grade Spiritual Vein.

"Besides, once Zi Xiao has recovered, and in the future breaks through to Core Formation, this Oceanic Bead can also serve as her magical treasure."

"Eh, Sister Miaoge practices the Water of Virtue Technique, and this Oceanic Bead seems quite suitable for her, too."

“Forget it, let’s talk about the ownership of magical treasures later; for now, I’ll use the Oceanic Bead to nurture the water veins,”

Lu Changsheng murmured to himself, planning to discuss the ownership of the magical treasure later.

“However, if I want to nurture the water veins, I can’t just place it in Bi Shui Lake arbitrarily; if someone fishes it out, then I’ll be at a great loss.”

Lu Changsheng remembered the time when his son, Lu Qingshan, went to dig up his Golden Armor Bean Mother.

He thought it was better to wait for Ling Zixiao to recover a bit before using the Oceanic Bead to set up a formation in Bi Shui Lake to nurture the water veins.

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Jin Kingdom, Five Poisons Cult.

“Heaven Spider Emissary, regarding the situation in Jiang Country, I have been informed, it is indeed a fortunate thing that both you and your disciple have returned.”

“As for the Heart-Eating Gu, you may directly go to the Gu Shrine Cave to claim one.”

“As for the Phoenix Gu, I was severely injured by Li Duanxuan before, and used the only remaining Phoenix Gu. A new Phoenix Gu will take ten years to refine and complete.”

Inside the Five Saints Hall, a girl around seven or eight years old sits upright. She has a face like white jade, delicate and exquisite, wearing a silver crown on her head, dressed in a purple-red skirt, and her feet are bare. She speaks with a voice that carried an age and authority completely incongruent with her appearance.

This girl’s expression and words revealed a sense of vicissitude and majesty that did not match her looks.

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“Sect Hierarch, on this trip I was ambushed, only the Phoenix Gu can solve it!”

Nangong Milí, dressed in a purple chiffon skirt, has a graceful and enchanting figure, but there’s nothing seductive about her.

“Since that is the case, in ten years, after the Gu Shrine Cave’s Phoenix Gu is refined, you come and find me.”

The girl looked at Nangong Milí with piercing eyes and then spoke in a crisp voice mixed with dignity.

“Thank you for your help, Sect Hierarch!”

Upon hearing that, Nangong Milí immediately bowed in thanks and then excused herself to leave.

After leaving the Five Saints Hall, Nangong Milí transformed into a divine rainbow, arriving at the Gu Shrine Cave, declaring her intention to the presiding elder and applying for the Heart-Eating Gu.

“Xiaochan, this is the Heart-Eating Gu, keep it safe.”

“Next, as your master, I need to enter closed-door cultivation and will not meet anyone. All matters of Tianzhu Peak will be managed by you.”

After returning to Tianzhu Peak, Nangong Milí took out the Heart-Eating Gu and said to her disciple Meng Xiaochan.

“Closed-door cultivation?”

Meng Xiaochan was somewhat surprised upon hearing this.

Although her master’s injuries had not fully healed, there didn’t seem to be a need for such closed-door cultivation.

However, she didn't feel it was her place to ask too many questions about such matters.

Indeed, on the way back, she had sensed that there had been some considerable changes in her master's temperament.

As for the specifics, she couldn't quite tell.

But in terms of behavior, there was more caution and prudence than before.

Otherwise, given Nangong Milí's character, it would not be certain that they would choose to traverse the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range to return to the Jin Kingdom from the borders of Jiang Country.

But having chosen this more secure, laborious, and time-consuming method, her master seemed very anxious and restless on the way.

Now, having just returned and quickly arranged her affairs, she immediately went into closed-door cultivation, which was very strange.

"Yes, Master, you can cultivate in peace, I will handle the affairs of the peak properly," Meng Xiaochan replied deferentially, pursing her lips slightly.

"Mhm."

Nangong Milí nodded her head and then transformed into a divine rainbow, moving to her own cultivation chamber, where she gently brushed her lower abdomen with a complicated look in her eyes.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

"Talismans, are spells stored within spirit talismans using symbol patterns expressed through spiritual ink, carried by talisman paper..."

“If each talisman is treated as a whole, then each symbol, each stroke within it is...”

“For instance, this most basic Cleansing Talisman, this part of the symbol structure controls the direction of spiritual power, this part maintains the flow of spiritual power, this part is the spell’s structure...”

At Biyun Villa, in the Talisman Hall, Lu Changsheng is teaching his wives, concubines, and children about talismans.

Now that he can see the talents of his family, he naturally arranges training based on simple nurturing, interest, and individual aptitude.

As long as the first batch of skilled workers in the family are on the right track, he won’t have to worry about the family’s future.

“Hmm?”

Just then, Lu Changsheng’s mental spirit stirred, he took out a Yin Yang Sensing Talisman, and knew that Xiao Xiyue had arrived.

He immediately let his concubines and children study on their own, having Lu Miaoyun come to provide additional knowledge about spirit plants.

“Xi Yue Daoist.”

Lu Changsheng, arriving at the mountain gate, saw not only Xiao Xiyue, but also a robust-looking elder with sparkling eyes and two young men wearing Qingyun Sect disciples’ attire.

He immediately guessed that this elder and the two young men were array masters from the Qingyun Sect.

“Lu Daoist, this is Mo Shouren from our Qingyun Sect, Master Mo, a top-level array master.”

“These two are disciples of Master Mo, coming over to set up a Great Formation for Bi Lake Mountain...”

Upon seeing Lu Changsheng, Xiao Xiyue immediately informed him about the situation and identities of this Master Mo.

“Second-tier top-level array master.”

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng instantly understood that his status and identity were not simple.

He immediately unlocked the Mountain Gate Grand Formation and politely bowed, saying, “I have seen Master Mo and two Daoist friends, please come in.”

“Lu Daoist is too kind; my mission here is commanded to rearrange the Great Formation for your Bi Lake Mountain. I wonder what sort of requirements Lu Daoist has for the formation?”

Despite usually being an arrogant character, Master Mo appeared quite courteous.

After all, his visit was not only requested by Lu Changsheng utilizing a Qingyun command.

Xiao Xiyue, Yun Wanshang, and Lu Changsheng also evidently had a significant relationship.

“About the formation, I only have a rough idea and don’t understand much.”

“However, my wife is an array master, I will let her come and discuss the details with you.”

Lu Changsheng welcomed them to the villa’s main hall, served tea, and then spoke.

“Having heard of the renown of my wife, Master Mo, that’s indeed perfect,” Master Mo responded cheerily.

He had heard that Bi Lake Mountain had a top-level formation master.

Naturally, he was willing to exchange ideas with a professional.

Otherwise, discussing with someone who does not understand formations can be quite headache-inducing.

Especially when that person also has a complex relationship with the sect.

“Master Mo, please wait a moment,” Lu Changsheng said politely.

He then went to Changsheng Hall and told Ling Zixiao, who was studying talisman formations, “Zi Xiao, the array master from the Qingyun Sect has arrived.”

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“Uh? They’ve arrived so quickly; I’ll go take a look.”

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Ling Zixiao, upon hearing the words, put down the Jade Scroll in her hand and said with a smile.

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“Zi Xiao, in addition to setting up a Formation on the peak of Bi Yun Peak, I also plan to set up a Formation beneath Bi Shui Lake....”

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Lu Changsheng stated his needs in advance.

He also took out the Oceanic Bead, telling Ling Zixiao that this bead had the effect of nourishing water channels and aquatic creatures.

He planned to place this Oceanic Bead under the Spirit Vein of Bi Shui Lake.

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“The Oceanic Bead, thirty-six in total, each comparable to a near-Magical Treasure!?”

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Ling Zixiao looked at the Oceanic Bead before her with a hint of surprise in her beautiful eyes.

You must know that Magical Treasures are extremely precious, and few people can create them; many Nascent Soul Immortals don't even have multiple Magical Treasures.

Lu Changsheng casually took out a combination of extremely rare Magical Treasures to nourish the water channels.

She couldn't help feeling astounded by Lu Changsheng's mystery and suspected that he had inherited the full legacy of a Nascent Soul True Lord.

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“That's right, these Treasures were made from the Oceanic Pearls left by the Jiaoren of the sea, each comparable to a near-Magical Treasure with the effect of nourishing water channels.”

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“If it's continuously nourished, the First Grade top-notch Spirit Vein under Bi Shui Lake might even have the chance to upgrade to a Second Grade Spirit Vein.”

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Lu Changsheng chuckled lightly and spoke thus.

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“My dear, the Oceanic Bead is of significant importance. Although the Array Master from Qingyun Sect has been requested through the Qingyun order, he cannot be fully trusted.”

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“However, since there are thirty-six Oceanic Beads, one can be taken out to serve as the foundation of the Formation at Bi Shui Lake.”

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“In this way, I can later use this Formation base as the key node of Bi Shui Lake, overlaying Formations within Formations. If the Spirit Vein Formation of Bi Shui Lake upgrades to Second Rank, this will also enhance the overall Great Formation...”

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Ling Zixiao looked at the Oceanic Bead before her, thought for a moment, and then expressed her thoughts.

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“Good, Zi Xiao, hold onto these Oceanic Beads for now, and you can arrange as you see fit later on.”

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Lu Changsheng, upon hearing this, nodded and handed over the Oceanic Bead to Ling Zixiao.

Since the Oceanic Bead was somewhat heavy, he asked Ling Zixiao to be careful with it.

Ling Zixiao felt warmth in her heart seeing Lu Changsheng entrust her with such precious Magical Treasures so easily and with such concern that she should be careful, and she nodded with a smile in her eyes, replying, “Okay~”

The two walked out of Changsheng Hall and entered the main hall of Biyun Villa.

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“Zi Xiao, this is Mo Shouren from Qingyun Sect, Master Mo.”

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“Master Mo, this is my partner, Ling Zixiao.”

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Lu Changsheng brought Ling Zixiao to the hall and introduced them.

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“Master Mo, pleasure to meet you.”

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Ling Zixiao, dressed in a blue gown, with a pale and elegantly beautiful face, looked at Master Mo before her and said with a graceful smile.

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“Hehe, it’s a pleasure to meet you, Daoist Ling. I wonder what requirements and thoughts you have regarding the Family’s Great Formation.”

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Master Mo looked at Ling Zixiao and spoke with a chuckle.

He could tell from her complexion that Ling Zixiao was not in good health.

Knowing her condition, undertaking the enormous task of setting up a Family Great Formation was indeed too much.

Otherwise, there would be no need to expend a Qingyun order and call upon the goodwill of Qingyun Sect to get him to take action personally.

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“Regarding the Bi Lake Mountain Great Formation, there is no need to set it up from scratch; the workload would be just too great, requiring at least several years to complete.”

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“So, my thought is to build upon the existing ‘Blue Water Azure Sky Great Formation’...”

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Ling Zixiao said with a smile.

The Yu Family's Blue Water Azure Sky Great Formation, as a Second Rank high-grade Great Formation, was already considered quite good.

After all, it's not that the higher the rank of a family's Great Formation, the better.

One must also consider daily Spiritual Energy consumption, the consumption when the Formation is operating at full power, the coverage, and other factors.

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“If that is the case, it would be most ideal. Daoist Ling, after I examine the Spirit Vein and the status of the Great Formation on Bi Lake Mountain, we'll finalize a plan, how does that sound?”

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Master Mo's face lit up with a smile when he heard Ling Zixiao's words.

To set up a Family Great Formation from scratch would not only consume materials but also take a great deal of time.

If one could just adapt the existing setup, the workload would be greatly decreased, potentially to just ten or twenty percent of the original.

Naturally, he was not inclined to start afresh and spend a vast amount of time at Bi Lake Mountain.

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“That is only natural.”

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Ling Zixiao spoke with a dignified elegance.

Then, they proceeded to inspect the ley lines and the situation of the Great Formation on Bi Lake Mountain.

During the process, Ling Zixiao presented her thoughts on the setup and arrangements for the Great Formation and some minor adjustments to the layout of Bi Lake Mountain to Master Mo.

Typically, when Master Mo set up a Great Formation, it was his decision alone after examining the Spirit Vein layout.

This time, due to the relationship between Lu Changsheng and Qingyun Sect, he gave some consideration to their opinions.

Yet, deep down, he was still somewhat arrogant, believing they should heed his suggestions.

Now listening to Ling Zixiao's arrangements, understanding, and views on Bi Lake Mountain's Great Formation, he suddenly realized that Ling Zixiao was extraordinary in the Formation Path; he put away the disdain and arrogance in his heart and discussed the setup and arrangement of the Great Formation with her as an equal.

So it was that after inspecting the Great Formation at Bi Lake Mountain, Master Mo settled down temporarily at Biyun Villa with his two disciples, ready to finalize the plan and then start the refurbishment and setup of the Great Formation.

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“Changsheng, the matter of overseeing Bi Lake Mountain has been agreed upon by the Master.”

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After the Great Formation business was taken care of, Xiao Xiyue finally found time to speak to Lu Changsheng alone and informed him about overseeing Bi Lake Mountain.

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“That's wonderful.”

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Lu Changsheng was immediately overjoyed to hear that Xiao Xiyue could come to oversee things, thinking to himself that Caiyun True Immortal was quite a reasonable person after all.

He was previously worried whether Caiyun True Immortal would thwart their relationship.

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“But I still have to make a trip to Green River Marketplace...”

Xiao Xiyue continued.

She indicated that she might need one or two months to finish her business in Green River Marketplace before she could come over.

“Alright, Xi Yue, when do you plan to go to Green River Marketplace?”

Lu Changsheng inquired.

“I plan to head there today, to deal with the matters there early and then come over.”

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Xiao Xiyue said so.

Although she wished to accompany her daughter, the thought of meeting her and then parting again made her prefer to get the tasks out of the way sooner rather than later.

“Xi Yue, after you arrive at Green River Marketplace, help me see if there’s a Second Rank Pill Furnace available, and take a look at these Spiritual Materials as well...”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng took out a materials list and said to Xiao Xiyue.

Alchemy, wine brewing, puppet crafting—these three skills he planned to employ altogether, to craft several Second Rank Puppets for the home.

Thus, he had many materials to purchase.

Since Xiao Xiyue was available, he let her take the opportunity to make the purchases for him in Green River Marketplace.

“This many?”

Xiao Xiyue looked at the list, surprised by the variety of Spiritual Medicines and Spiritual Materials needed.

“You don’t need to spend time gathering them; if they’re available, buy them; if not, then let it be.”

Lu Changsheng smiled and said, taking out Spirit Stones from his Storage Bag to give to Xiao Xiyue.

He also took out a stack of Talismans for Xiao Xiyue, so if she ran out of Spirit Stones, she could sell the Talismans for more.

“Changsheng, do you still consider becoming a Guest Elder for the Qingyun Sect?”

“With your current skill in Talisman Making, you’re already qualified to be a Talisman Path Guest Elder for the Qingyun Sect.”

“Becoming a Guest Elder for the Qingyun Sect would bring many benefits and conveniences, both personally and for the family.”

Xiao Xiyue said these while looking at the Talismans in her hand.

“Guest Elder for the Qingyun Sect...”

Lu Changsheng paused lightly when he heard this, his face showing a moment of contemplation.

He didn't mind taking on the role of a Guest Elder for the Qingyun Sect.

After all, it's good to lean on a strong tree for support.

Having the title of Qingyun Sect Guest Elder indeed came with many advantages and conveniences.

"Let's talk about this in a few years. There's a lot to take care of at Bi Lake Mountain right now; once things settle down, I'll consider it."

Lu Changsheng said after a moment's deliberation.

Being a Guest Elder for the Qingyun Sect would unavoidably bring certain obligations.

But as the family's situation was not yet stable, he didn't want to trouble himself for some convenience.

"Sure."

Xiao Xiyue nodded with a smile.

She wasn't trying to get Lu Changsheng to join the Qingyun Sect or anything.

She simply thought that it would be beneficial for both him and the family if Lu Changsheng became a Guest Elder.

"Xi Yue, stay for a night before you go..."

Lu Changsheng looked at Xiao Xiyue in front of him, took her delicate hand gently, and holding her in his embrace, said warmly.

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In the blink of an eye, more than a month had passed.

Renovations and modifications of the Great Formation at Bi Lake Mountain had begun.

Apart from Mo Shouren and his two disciples, Lu Yuanding had also hired three more Array Masters to assist Lu Changsheng.

Lu Changsheng entrusted the Family Great Formation matters entirely to Ling Zixiao.

Apart from making Talismans, daily cultivation, and fusing his Life-bound Treasured Bone, he taught his children and concubines.

Or he would inspect the Spiritual Medicine valley, fish farms, and spiritual fields when he had nothing else to do.

That day, Lu Changsheng suddenly felt a surge of qi flow towards him.

He knew another one of his children had completed Qi Refinement initiation.

But after waiting for most of the day, he didn't receive the good news about which child it was.

"Could it be?"

Lu Changsheng felt a stir in his Mental Spirit, and a system window appeared before him.

[Name: Lu Qingshan]

[Lifespan: 11/99]

[Talent: Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, Gengjin Body Constitution (Middle Grade Spiritual Body)]

[Cultivation Level: Qi Refinement Level 1]

[Talent: Sword Dao Compatibility (49%)]

“Qingshan has completed Qi Refinement initiation?”

Lu Changsheng looked at his son Lu Qingshan’s panel, feeling both surprised and delighted.

Cultivators generally start their practice at the age of twelve.

However, due to different innate talents and foundations, there could be some fluctuations.

Lu Qingshan was not yet twelve years old when he completed Qi Refinement initiation, indicating his excellent talent and comprehension.

After all, a Nascent Soul Immortal would not accept him as a disciple if the cultivation techniques to be comprehended were simple.

“I wonder how Qingshan is doing in Jinyang Sect.”

“Now that he has completed Qi Refinement initiation, his master must be giving him considerable attention.”

Thinking about his mischievous son, Lu Changsheng felt a heaviness in his heart. He took a deep breath and let it out slowly.

He didn’t know when he would be able to visit his children at the Jinyang Sect.

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Yue Country, Jinyang Sect.

Tian Yuan Peak.

Lu Qingshan, in a luxurious robe interwoven with gold and white, walked out of the palace with joy on his face.

Seeing Lu Qingzhu inside the hall reading a book, he quickly stepped forward to lift his sister, saying happily, “Little Zhu’er, I’ve already completed Qi Refinement initiation!”

“Brother, you’re amazing!”

Lu Qingzhu immediately showed a smile upon hearing this.

“Of course,” Lu Qingshan said proudly, rubbing his sister’s little head, “Don’t worry, with my talent, just give me about ten years to break through to Foundation Establishment and become a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, and then we can go home to visit Mother!”

“Hehe, by then, Mother, Grandfather, and Father will be shocked when they find out I’ve become a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator!”

Lu Qingshan grinned, imagining the day when he would return home as a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator.

Previously, he thought that the Jinyang Sect would be similar to the Qingyun Sect.

If he missed home, he might still be able to visit.

However, after arriving at the Jinyang Sect, he learned that he and his sister had come to another country.

The journey from here back home was very far, and they had to wait until he became a Foundation Establishment Cultivator to make the trip.

This caused Lu Qingzhu to feel sad for a long time.

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And so, bringing his sister home became one of his motivations to diligently cultivate.

“Mm-hmm, brother, go for it!”

Lu Qingzhu clenched her little fists and nodded vigorously.

“Xiaozhu, what do you want to eat today? I’ll go get food from the dining hall.”

Lu Qingshan put down his sister and called out.

The entire Tianyuan Peak was very quiet, home to only the Tianyuan True Immortal.

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But the Tianyuan True Immortal was usually very erratic, either in closed-door cultivation or out on affairs, rarely showing himself.

Therefore, the siblings usually had to go to Jinyang Sect’s Inner Sect dining hall for meals.

“Um, brother, whatever you choose is fine.”

Lu Qingzhu said this with an obedient face.

“Alright, wait at home for me.”

Upon hearing this, Lu Qingshan nodded, then ran out of the great hall and yelled towards the distance, “Crane Fairy! Crane Fairy!”

Soon after, a majestic and handsome crane, standing a full ten feet tall with bright, fiery-red feathers, swooped down from the mountain behind, stirring up a strong gust of wind, and said to Lu Qingshan, “Boy, what do you need?”

“It’s time for a meal, take me to the dining hall.”

Lu Qingshan said to the crane in front of him with a playful smile.

“You’re such a bother, kid, needing to eat every day, making this fairy accompany you on a trip each time.”

The Crane Fairy complained but still slightly bent down to let Lu Qingshan climb onto its back.

“Can’t help it, I’m growing right now, but once I can fly with tools by myself, I won’t need to trouble you anymore.”

“But rest assured, you won’t miss out on your Eight Treasure Chicken, Roasted Goose, and Steamed Bear Paws...”

Lu Qingshan said as much.

“Enough, enough, stop talking, get on, this fairy is about to take flight!”

The Crane Fairy, hearing Lu Qingshan’s words, couldn’t help but drool, which dribbled down to the ground, exuding bursts of fragrance.

Lu Qingshan, well-prepared for this, immediately picked up a wooden bucket next to him to collect the crane’s drool.

“You brat, tricking me for my fairy drool again, are you going or not!”

The Crane Fairy, seeing Lu Qingshan’s actions, grumbled unhappily.

“Going, going, going, your crane drool is precious and shouldn’t be wasted, whether for watering spiritual medicines or for medicinal baths, it’s beneficial.”

“When I achieve a breakthrough soon and can fly with tools, you’ll be spared the trouble.”

Lu Qingshan chuckled, then climbed onto the crane's back, grasping its feathers tightly with both hands, looking around at the scenery as they flew towards the main peak of Jinyang Sect's Inner Sect.

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In the blink of an eye, more than half a month went by.

That day, a child was born to one of Lu Changsheng's concubines, Zheng Yongwan.

The child possessed a Spiritual Root, a Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, which put Lu Changsheng in a very good mood.

These days, with eugenics, the spiritual root talents of his children were gradually improving.

During this time, Zheng Yongwan brought up the matters of Wugong Ridge Zheng Family to Lu Changsheng.

She indicated that her family was currently in contact with the 'Beast Taming Xu Family', getting ready to become a subsidiary to the Xu Family.

"The Beast Taming Xu Family!?"

Lu Changsheng was somewhat surprised upon hearing this name.

The Beast Taming Xu Family was one of the three great cultivation families of Jiang Country.

A family with a Core Formation elder as its pillar!

It could be said to be the number one cultivation family in the Qingyun Region!

Having heard of the renown of the Beast Taming Xu Family in the Qingyun Market before, Lu Changsheng knew they fostered a unit of Water Serpent Dao Soldiers and Fire Raven Dao Soldiers, with a profound family heritage.

Now Zheng Yongwan was saying that the Zheng Family was preparing to become a subsidiary to the Xu Family.

It wasn't that he thought differently, but in Lu Changsheng's view, a family like the Zheng Family, even if offering to become a subsidiary, the Xu Family might not necessarily be interested.

"It's just one of the Xu Family's branches, the Yu Mountain Xu Family, with two Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators in their family," Zheng Yongwan stated.

"I see."

Lu Changsheng nodded upon hearing this, feeling that this made more sense.

However, in his view, the old patriarch of the Zheng Family was still making a hasty decision out of desperation.

He estimated that, just like his own family had done before, by choosing to become a subsidiary or marrying off a daughter, they were only seeking to preserve the family's ancestral business.

But if the Xu Family was willing to take you in as a subsidiary, they must have some motive, right?

It's not likely they would protect you for nothing, just for a small fraction of the profit.

"Sigh, the old patriarch of the Zheng Family is truly desperate. He even gave up one and a half percent of the Red Leaf Valley Market's benefits, divided it between our three families, leaving only half a percent for Wugong Ridge."

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"Our three families have already promised to take care of Wugong Ridge for him, but now they are reaching out to the Beast Taming Xu Family..."

Lu Changsheng sighed softly.

Initially, when the four families divided the Red Leaf Valley Market, Qingzhu Mountain took forty percent, Hundred Birds Lake and the Yu Family, and the Zheng Family each took twenty percent.

Latterly, because the Yu Yuanshan of the Red Leaf Valley Market had always presided over it, Qingzhu Mountain ceded ten percent to the Yu Family.

Previously, at the founding ceremony of the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family, the patriarch of the Zheng Family knew they couldn't hold on to this benefit, so they proactively offered up one point five percent to be divided between the three families.

It was in hopes that the three families would lend the Zheng Family a helping hand in the future.

Faced with this, the three families all nodded in agreement, indicating that they would help within their capabilities.

Now that the Zheng Family had become a vassal to the Beast Taming Xu Family, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but worry if the Yu Family would truly take the Zheng Family as a vassal, would it affect his own side.

"The patriarch of the Zheng Family knows that if a family power wants to annex the Zheng Family, the three of us really can't help much."

"So he's trying to find as many allies as possible, at the very least the Beast Taming Xu Family, who hail from the Beast Taming Xu Family, won't be too brutal and value saving face."

Lu Changsheng shook his head, not wanting to dwell on it, and decided to inform Ling Zixiao of this news, to see what she thought about it.

At the same time, he sent a message to Qingzhu Mountain, Hundred Birds Lake, to tell Lu Yuanzhong and Bai Yunyang about it.

After all, Zheng Yongwan was telling him this maybe as an advance warning, to spare him the shock when he eventually found out.

Ten days later, Xiao Xiyue arrived at Blue Lake Mountain.

She needed to keep her tracks and identity hidden on this trip.

So Lu Changsheng directly arranged for Xiao Xiyue to stay at Changsheng Hall.

Nowadays, Lu Miaoge was often in charge at Qingzhu Mountain, leaving Changsheng Hall very vacant, with only Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao remaining.

And often, Lu Changsheng didn't even spend the nights at Changsheng Hall.

Xiao Xiyue brought back a second-grade superior Alchemy Furnace for Lu Changsheng on this trip.

Once the fire veins in the Bi Yun Peak Alchemy Room were nurtured and they had the Earth Vein Fire, he could start alchemy.

As for the materials for wine brewing and puppetry, Xiao Xiyue also purchased quite a lot.

But in both of these aspects, Lu Changsheng was not in a hurry to use them.

For wine brewing, a regular first-grade wine could be produced with a brewing workshop and a cellar.

However, for second-grade Spiritual Wine, not only are the materials scarce, the process is also complex.

Different wines even require different cellars, which is quite troublesome, and cannot be built in a short period of time.

As for puppets, they take too much time to make.

The materials Xiao Xiyue has purchased so far are enough for him to make three second-grade puppets.

But given his current situation, who knows how long it will take to craft these three second-grade puppets.

The second-grade puppet he gave to Lu Miaohuan before was destroyed, and he hasn't even repaired it yet.

So he's planning to take it slow.

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In a branch of the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

In a basin valley, many dark coffins were buried, surrounded by the corpses of numerous demon beasts, with blood making the whole valley appear somewhat gloomy and terrifying.

"Hmm? Wuxu is dead, what happened?"

At that moment, within a deep bronze coffin in the valley, a man dressed in black brocade robes, with a slightly stiff visage, sat up, his voice indifferent and commanding.

"Ancestor, Wuxu met with calamity at the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family..."

In front of the coffin, a young man in his late twenties reported respectfully.

"I had previously warned them to be cautious, to focus on plundering, without being too conspicuous."

Xiahou Wuwo's face darkened with anger as he listened to these words.

He continued, "Now that Wuxu is dead, Qingyun Sect will surely be investigating our family. Pass down my order; no one is to leave the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range. Convey my commands for Wushang and the rest to be more cautious and careful in Yue Country."

"Yes, Ancestor."

The young man's expression showed traces of resentment upon hearing his ancestor's words.

Xiahou Wuxu was the only other Foundation Establishment Late Stage ancestor in their Xiahou Family aside from Xiahou Wuwo.

Now that they were wanted by Qingyun Sect and Jiang Country, like rats in the gutter, they could only hide in the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

Yet a mere Foundation Establishment Family like Blue Lake Mountain could kill their ancestor, and Xiahou Wuwo showed no response, which was extremely frustrating for him.

Xiahou Wuwo, of course, noticed the discontent in his kin's eyes.

But he knew that if he went to trouble Blue Lake Mountain now, it would be extremely dangerous.

Even if he destroyed Blue Lake Mountain to avenge his brother, it was highly likely that he would perish as well.

“Now that Wuxu is dead, the family's expenses can only rely on hunting demon beasts, but most of these beasts are used for corpse cultivation, part of the necromancy grounds. This is hardly a sustainable plan...”

“Ancestor! To avenge our family's grudge and with my life on the line, I feel no fear, but to manage the household in this manner is truly...”

After the young man left, Xiahou Wuwo clenched his fists, his face twisted ferociously, his eyes glinting blood-red as he murmured to himself.

It's unclear how much time had passed, but he held a Jade Slip in a daze, determination emerging in his blood-red eyes.