

## **Starting as a Son-in-law to Establish an immortal Family**

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Lu Changsheng nodded as he listened.

It was the first time he had heard Lu Miaoge talk so much.

However, he also knew that Lu Miaoge was just a person of few words by nature, usually quiet and seemingly aloof from worldly matters, but actually quite amiable.

It was for this reason that she had brought him to Nine Dragons Marketplace, knowing that he was a stranger to this place, and thus she provided such detailed introductions.

As they walked along the road, Lu Changsheng constantly looked towards the pavilions and lofty buildings on both sides of the street.

'Drunk Immortal Pavilion', 'Gathering of Immortals Pavilion', 'Myriad Treasures Pavilion', 'Elixir Cauldron Pavilion', 'Hundred Refinement Workshop', 'Jinxiu Workshop'...

Through the names on the signboards of these pavilions and halls, one could vaguely guess their purposes.

Seeing the Drunk Immortal Pavilion with red lanterns hung high and faint sounds of music drifting out, Lu Changsheng felt it didn't seem like a proper tavern.

"Changsheng, you're a married man now, better to avoid such places, not only do they waste money, but they can also affect your cultivation..."

Lu Miaoge said softly with a hint of shyness in her voice as she saw Lu Changsheng looking at the Drunk Immortal Pavilion.

Hearing this, the corner of Lu Changsheng's mouth twitched.

He instantly understood what kind of place the Drunk Immortal Pavilion was.

No wonder he vaguely heard sounds of giggling women, he hadn't misheard after all.

Indeed, fairies were not only in the mortal world but also in private rooms.

“Sister Miaoge, I was just wondering why that tavern looked odd, so I took a second glance. I never visit such places,” Lu Changsheng said, straightening up earnestly.

He genuinely had no interest in such places.

He was a man with five wives, six concubines, two favored courtesans, and a handmaid. Why would he need to frequent such spots?

Even though he constantly thought of taking concubines, specifically ‘fairies’ to have his children,

he would never go there to persuade a celestial maiden to lead an honest life. Wouldn’t that be insane?

But the young miss apparently knew about such places.

No surprise there, she might not seem of this world, but she is six years older than himself.

Having frequented the marketplace over the years and managed shops, she could hardly be a completely naive young girl.

“That’s good, then.”

Lu Miaoge slightly pursed her lips and responded indifferently, not elaborating on the subject.

Then she continued to introduce some information to Lu Changsheng.

Thus, as they talked and walked, almost a quarter of an hour passed, and Lu Miaoge stopped in front of a shop.

She said to Lu Changsheng, “This is our Lu Family’s Spiritual Talisman Shop.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the shop in front of him.

The shop was a three-story structure in line with the main street, about six Zhang high, with carved beams and painted rafters, resplendent yet not gaudy.

A signboard reading ‘Qing Zhu Lu’s Spiritual Talisman Shop’ hung above.

“Shopkeeper!”

At the entrance of the shop, a youthful girl around seventeen or eighteen, pretty and wearing a work outfit marked with 'Qing Zhu Lu's Spiritual Talisman Shop,' greeted Lu Miaoge with a grace.

Then her gaze involuntarily shifted to Lu Changsheng by her side,  
drawn by his handsome appearance and his gentle, jade-like demeanor.

"Hmm."

Lu Miaoge gave a nod of acknowledgment, cold but polite.

She explained to Lu Changsheng through a message that this was a receptionist and salesperson for the shop.

Currently, the Spiritual Talisman Shop had one shopkeeper, two apprentices, and two receptionist salespersons.

The shopkeeper, named Zhang Shan, was a Sixth Level Energy Refinement cultivator who had been working at Lu's Spiritual Talisman Shop for over ten years.

The two apprentices, named Li Shi and Wang Wu, had been at the shop for five or six years.

They were descendants of cultivators from Nine Dragons Marketplace with only Ninth Grade Spiritual Roots,

but had some talent in talisman making, which led their families to send them to the Spiritual Talisman Shop as apprentices.

Their daily work involved drawing talismans and making talisman paper and spiritual ink.

The Fourth Elder who mentioned guiding the apprentices was referring to these two.

Such apprentices were bound by a long-term contract, only requiring food and accommodation, and occasional guidance in talisman making sufficed, without even needing a monthly salary.

Learning skills was just like this.

Whether it was talisman making, alchemy, artifact refining, every high-threshold skill required perseverance.

Even if one didn't succeed in the end, no one could be blamed.

As for the two receptionist salespeople, they were mortals.

Although Nine Dragons Marketplace was a cultivators' marketplace, not everyone there was a cultivator, and many were mortals. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Some had come here following cultivators,

while others were descendants of cultivators, working and living here.

Living in the marketplace was not easy,

but as long as they could find a job, even mortals could survive.

They could even save up a Spirit Stone or two.

After all, if one made gold and silver in the common world, in Nine Dragons Marketplace, they earned Spirit Stones.

"He Liu, come inside for a moment."

"I have something to talk to you about."

Lu Miaoge glanced at the young woman,

then walked into the shop with Lu Changsheng in tow.

The shop was roughly two hundred square meters,

furnished very simply, with exquisite counters on both sides and in the center,

displaying various talismans, as well as talisman paper, spiritual ink, talisman brushes, and other talisman-related items.

"Shopkeeper!"

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In the hall, there was a middle-aged man in his forties or fifties, with a lean face, and a young girl in work attire,

Upon seeing Lu Miaoge and Lu Changsheng, they bowed and saluted.

"Uncle Zhang, call Li Shi and Wang Wu over, I have something to tell you all," Lu Miaoge directed at the lean-faced middle-aged man.

“Yes,” Zhang Shan responded and went to the inner chamber.

In a moment, he returned with two women around twenty, pretty, and dressed in ‘Qing Zhu Lu’s Spiritual Talisman Shop’ work outfits.

Though they were cultivators, their cultivation levels were not high, just at the Second or Third Level of Qi Refinement.

“This is Lu Changsheng, a Middle Grade Talisman Master of our Lu Family.”

“From now on, as I won’t have time to manage the shop, Changsheng will oversee it. He is now the Second Master of the shop.”

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“Uncle Zhang, from now on, for any matters concerning the store, you can report directly to Changsheng.”

“Li Shi, Wang Wu, if you have any issues, also report directly to the Second Master.”

Once everyone had arrived, Lu Miaoge addressed the group.

Her tone was cool and brisk, carrying a trace of decisiveness.

This let Lu Changsheng see another side of the young miss he didn’t often witness.

In usual interactions with Lu Miaoge, she always appeared detached and refined, with a temperament like water, never quite like this.

The five individuals, upon hearing this, were all somewhat surprised and looked at Lu Changsheng in astonishment.

They had not expected that this handsome and spirited young man would be a Middle Grade Talisman Master!

Their new boss in the future.

“Zhang Shan, has met the Second Master.”

“Li Shi, has met the Second Master.”

“Wang Wu, has met the Second Master.”

“He Liu, has met the Second Master.”

“Sun Qi, has met the Second Master.”

The five people didn't think much and immediately saluted with their hands.

Surprise and astonishment in their eyes were replaced by envy, admiration, respect, and yearning.

A Middle Grade Talisman Master, no matter where, could lead a comfortable life.

Especially after they heard the name Lu Changsheng and surname Lu.

They subconsciously thought he was a scion of the Qing Zhu Lu Family.

Coming to take over the shop was just for experience and to familiarize himself with life.

Handsome, talented, and from a good family, it was truly enviable.

Especially for Li Shi, Wang Wu, and the two sales attendants, the way they looked at Lu Changsheng had changed.

“I'll be troubling you all from now on.”

Lu Changsheng smiled at everyone and slightly bowed his hands.

Lu Miaoge had talked to him about the shop before coming.

The shop's day-to-day affairs were generally well-managed by Shopkeeper Zhang Shan, and he didn't need to worry too much.

Aside from guiding Li Shi and Wang Wu in Talisman Making, his main task was to watch over the inventory.

The Spiritual Talisman Shop needed to restock its inventory every month.

These goods, naturally, could not all rely on the Lu Family alone.

Superior Grade, and even Supreme Talismans, were mostly drawn by the Fourth Elder.

However, Basic Talismans and Lower to Middle Grade Talismans were mostly acquired from various Loose Cultivator Talisman Masters.

Although these Loose Cultivators had cooperated with the Lu Family for many years, in terms of quality, it still required the oversight of a Talisman Master like him.

To prevent the issue of inferior quality being passed off as good quality.

After all, the items sold in such shops generally cost more than those on Loose Cultivators' stalls.

This increase in price was a guarantee of quality.

Materials like talisman paper, spirit ink, and talisman brushes were no exception.

Furthermore, sometimes when the shop was out of a certain type of talisman and a customer urgently needed one, he, as a Talisman Master, would do his best to draw one if he could.

After introducing Lu Changsheng to the employees, Lu Miaoge didn't say much more and let everyone disperse.

She took out a stack of talismans from her Storage Bag and handed them to Zhang Shan.

All were First Grade Middle and Superior Talismans.

Every month when she returned, in addition to guidance from the Fourth Elder in Talisman Making, she would also bring back a batch of talismans from him.

Lu Miaoge told Lu Changsheng that in addition to some Middle and Superior Grade Talismans, the Fourth Elder would also draw three First Grade Supreme Talismans every month.

These were the treasures of the Spiritual Talisman Shop, the backbone of their establishment.

However, she would not give these three Supreme Talismans to Zhang Shan; instead, she kept them on her person.

If someone wanted them, she would conduct the transaction in person.

Afterward, she took Lu Changsheng on a tour of the shop and introduced him to its situation.

The shop had three floors.

The first floor housed the sales hall, a reception room, and a small courtyard in the back.

The second floor was where Li Shi and Wang Wu worked and rested.

The third floor was designated for the boss Lu Miaoge to rest and sleep, equipped with a living room, bedroom, lounge, Talisman Room, and storage room.

The third floor had restrictions set up, and one needed a token to enter.

Then, Lu Miaoge told Lu Changsheng that she rarely stayed there.

If Lu Changsheng found it inconvenient to stay at the Lu Family's Eastern District mansion, he could also stay here.

Lu Changsheng was indifferent.

He expressed his preference to first stay at the Lu Family mansion in the Eastern District.

Having come to Nine Dragons Market, he thought it appropriate to make a visit there.

Before coming, the Fourth Elder had told him that the Nine Dragons Market was not limited to just one Spiritual Talisman Shop, but also included other Lu Family businesses.

The Second Elder of the Lu Family was in charge of the Lu Family's Marketplace affairs, and he usually resided in the Nine Dragons Market.

He informed him that should he need anything, he could also directly seek out the Second Elder.

So naturally, having arrived, he should pay a visit.

This was the way of the Family, with many social obligations.

Otherwise, he would appear too aloof and asocial. Search the [website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Sister Miaoge, it's getting late, may I treat you to a meal?"

"You'll be burdened with helping me in the days to come, otherwise I'd feel guilty."

After taking a tour of the shop with Lu Miaoge and finishing the handover, Lu Changsheng spoke to her.



“Sure, let’s just have something nearby.”

Lu Miaoge didn’t refuse and gave a slight nod.

“I haven’t eaten anything good these two days, and I feel like there’s no taste in my mouth at all. I’ve been looking forward to a good meal today; how could I settle for something casual.”

“Sister Miaoge, what’s good to eat around here?”

Lu Changsheng spoke directly.

“Then let’s go to Jade Meal Pavilion next door, I’ve eaten there several times and the food is very good,”

Lu Miaoge said thoughtfully.

“Then let’s go,”

Lu Changsheng nodded.

Consequently, the two descended the stairs. At that moment, there were customers in the store examining talisman brushes, with an attendant providing detailed explanations.

Even though the attendant was a commoner, they were trained and knew these items inside out.

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge didn’t linger, gave a slight nod to Shopkeeper Zhang Shan to signal their departure, and left the shop.

They arrived at a place not too far away, the ‘Jade Meal Pavilion’ that Lu Miaoge had mentioned.

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The facade of Jade Meal Pavilion appeared quite ordinary, decorated with simple and modest elegance, not as impressive as the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop.

But the business inside was booming, not even mealtime yet, and it was already more than half full.

After finding a place to sit down, Lu Miaoge ordered two dishes and two servings of Spirit Rice from the server.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but smile, "Sister Miaoge, there's no need to be frugal on my account, I've managed to save some Spirit Stones over the years."

His living conditions had improved over the past six months.

As a result, he had saved quite a few Spirit Stones.

Before heading out, he counted them, a total of three hundred and six.

He left thirty Spirit Stones at home for family expenses, and brought the rest with him.

So treating Lu Miaoge to a meal didn't mean he had to pinch pennies.

"Two dishes are enough for us to eat, more would be a waste,"

Lu Miaoge said with a light smile.

Over the last six months, they had become quite familiar with each other while studying Talisman Making under the Fourth Elder.

That light smile of hers was no longer distant as it was initially, just a polite smile, appearing much more natural.

"Alright,"

Lu Changsheng replied, not saying much else.

It wasn't long before the server brought a basin-sized water lily to their table.

The water lily bud opened on its own, revealing two dishes and two bowls of crystal-clear Spirit Rice inside, steaming hot and emanating a fragrant aroma.

"This 'Carp Soup' is their signature dish, made with 'Red Blood Carp' from the 'Yu Family of Bi Lake Mountain'. I order it every time I come here, you should try it,"

Lu Miaoge pointed out, referring to a dish that was a feast for the senses.

“Red Blood Carp from the Yu Family of Bi Lake Mountain? Is this restaurant owned by the Yu Family of Bi Lake Mountain?”

Lu Changsheng asked in surprise upon hearing this.

The Yu Family of Bi Lake Mountain was also a major cultivation family under the jurisdiction of the Qingyun Sect.

With three Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators in their family, they were one level above the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain.

The Red Blood Carp was a specialty of Bi Lake Mountain.

It was somewhat similar to the Green Jade Bamboo Wine and Emerald Spirit Rice of Qingzhu Mountain.

“The owner of this restaurant married a woman from the Yu Family of Bi Lake Mountain, which is why they can consistently get a batch of Red Blood Carp from the Yu Family every month,”

Lu Miaoge explained softly.

“I see,”

Lu Changsheng nodded, not asking further, and sampled the Carp Soup.

Immediately, he felt a rich yet not greasy delicious taste spread from his mouth to his stomach, then to his abdomen, and finally to his brain, leaving a long-lasting aftertaste.

“Delicious!”

Lu Changsheng couldn’t help but exclaim in admiration.

He thought he had become accustomed to exotic delicacies at the Lu Family, but this Carp Soup was indeed exceptional.

“So the chef here is also a Spirit Cooking Master?”

Lu Changsheng inquired.

While the Red Blood Carp was a type of spirit fish, such flavor couldn’t be achieved without a Spirit Cooking Master.

“Correct, the chef here is the owner of the restaurant, and he is a Spirit Cooking Master.

“The prices here are more affordable compared to other places, so the business is always good,”

Lu Miaoge said in a soft voice.

She then pointed to the other dish, “This ‘Earth Mole Meat’ also tastes excellent and counts as one of their specialties.”

Lu Changsheng tried a piece of the meat, finding it crispy on the outside, tender on the inside, juicy, smooth, and invigorating, and he couldn’t help but reach for another piece.

Nodding in approval, he said, “Tasty.”

At that moment, he noticed Lu Miaoge wasn’t eating but was simply watching him enjoy his meal.

He promptly said, “Sister Miaoge, why aren’t you eating? Let’s eat together.”

“Okay,”

Lu Miaoge nodded gently, and only then did she pick up her chopsticks and begin to eat the Earth Mole Meat.

Her manner of eating was very elegant, yet she ate quite swiftly.

Lu Changsheng had only had a few bites when she had already eaten seven or eight.

By the time Lu Changsheng had eaten less than half of his bowl of rice, Lu Miaoge was finished.

“Uh...”

Lu Changsheng was somewhat astonished at this sight.

Hard to believe that Lu Miaoge, a woman as ethereal as a fairy, could eat at such a pace.

“I normally eat quite fast...”

Lu Miaoge, feeling somewhat impolite and embarrassed, blushed on her flawlessly exquisite face.

“It’s fine, it’s fine, it’s just that I’m a slow eater,”

Lu Changsheng chuckled, feeling that the young lady before him suddenly seemed even more charming and much more approachable.

Indeed, there are not so many pristinely untouchable fairy maidens in the world,

it's just that the great difference between two people makes one seem unattainable, creating such a perception, an illusion.

When the relationship becomes intimate and you spend time together, things turn out to be quite normal.

He immediately gestured for the server to add two more dishes and some more rice.

"No need, I'm full,"

Lu Miaoge said upon seeing this, taking out a handkerchief to gently wipe her mouth.

"Alright," Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Lu Changsheng replied, not insisting, and then finished the rest of the food and went to pay the bill.

Two dishes and two servings of Spirit Rice came to a total of four Spirit Stones.

No wonder Lu Miaoge only ordered two dishes, because indeed the price was somewhat expensive.

When he first joined the Lu Family, he earned only two Spirit Stones a month.

Now he'd spent four Spirit Stones on a single meal.

However, Lu Changsheng wasn't too heartbroken about it.

He felt the price was fairly reasonable.

The Carp Soup and Earth Mole Meat were both Spirit Food, and even the rice was Spirit Rice, which would be nourishing to the body after eating.

He could still feel the Spiritual Energy flowing slowly through his Dantian and meridians.

And besides, the process of savoring delicious food was deeply satisfying, very pleasant.

Just then, having seen how adorable Lu Miaoge ate, he thought that in the future, when there was no pressing matter, he might often invite Lu Miaoge out to eat, to build a closer relationship.

But now, thinking it over, he decided against it.

His current financial situation simply didn't allow for it.

Maybe after he had sold all his Talismans and turned them into Spirit Stones, it would have been more feasible.

"Sister Miaoge, is there a place in the Nine Dragons Market where Loose Cultivators set up stalls for trading?"

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Lu Changsheng inquired Lu Miaoge.

On this trip, he also thought of selling Talismans and buying the heavenly and earthly treasures for Cultivation of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

So he thought of first going to see the Loose Cultivators' stalls.

"At the junction of the Western District and the Southern District, there are several streets specifically set aside for people to set up stalls and trade freely,"

"Although the items there are cheaper than in the shops, there are many scams, and there's hardly any chance of getting a good deal by stumbling upon something undervalued,"

"If you're looking to buy something, it's still best to make purchases from legitimate shops,"

Upon hearing this, Lu Miaoge guessed Lu Changsheng's intent and voiced a reminder.

"I'm just curious about this kind of stall setup, want to take a look and gain some experience,"

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

He wasn't holding out hope for any treasures or particularly cheap bargains.

After all, these Loose Cultivators are all too shrewd, having struggled at the bottom, without certain means, how could one expect to find a bargain from their hands.

In the midst of talking, the two returned to the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

“Sister Lu!”

At that moment, a childish voice rang out.

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge heard the voice and looked over.

In front of them, a dignified-looking young matron with a graceful figure and full-bodied stature, holding a three- or four-year-old girl in her arms and carrying a lunch box, was walking in their direction.

It was the small girl in the young matron’s arms who was waving to Lu Miaoge and calling out.

“Master,”

This young matron wore a plain goose yellow dress, her black glossy hair arranged in a married woman’s bun, slanted with an ebony hairpin, giving her a demure and graceful appearance.

Upon seeing Lu Miaoge, she also quickened her pace, slightly bowed, and called out softly.

Her face might not be exceptionally beautiful, merely fair, with arched eyebrows, crimson lips and almond eyes, and a pert nose, exuding a mature charm.

But her skin was very white, whether it was the fair complexion of her cheeks or the skin exposed at the neck, all was snowy white and delicate, soft and pliant to the touch.

This creamy white skin, combined with her voluptuous and curvaceous figure, made the young matron look like a ripe peach, giving off a sense of fullness and juiciness.

“Aunt Bai, Nannan, came to deliver a meal to Uncle Zhang,”

Lu Miaoge obviously knew the two, and greeted them with a slight smile and a nod.

She conveyed to Lu Changsheng: “This is Zhang Shan’s wife and daughter; they come to deliver meals to him every day,”

Zhang Shan inside the Spiritual Talisman Shop also saw his wife and child arriving and immediately got up and hurried out.

First, he gave a slight bow to Lu Miaoge and Lu Changsheng nearby, then explained, "Second Master, this is my wife, coming to bring me a meal,"

"No worries,"

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

He knew the latter's explanation was out of concern that the new co-owner might have objections.

Such matters, of course, he didn't mind and would not say anything.

It just hadn't occurred to him that Zhang Shan seemed to be fifty years old,

Yet his wife was not only a Cultivator but also so young, and their child was only three or four years old.

But on second thought, this was quite normal.

Most Cultivators were older when they chose to start a family and have children.

Moreover, although the woman appeared mature and charming, seemingly in her late twenties, her actual age was not necessarily so.

After all, most female Cultivators would buy Youth-Preserving Pills, Beauty-Preserving Pills.

Like Lu Miaoge, she obviously had taken Beauty-Preserving Pills.

Compared to when Lu Changsheng first met her five years ago, she looked almost the same, still retaining the appearance of a twenty-year-old.

This made Lu Changsheng think about buying Beauty-Preserving Pills for his own wives as well.

He practiced the Immortal Beauty Technique, which not only enhanced his charm but also preserved his youthful appearance forever.

But his wives could not, and aside from Lu Miaoyun and Qu Zhenzhen who were able to practice Cultivation, all the others were mortals who would age.

However, thinking of the price of the Beauty-Preserving Pills and the need to give gifts, he would have to give more than ten gifts at once, Lu Changsheng could only temporarily dismiss the idea.



Lu Miaoge didn't chat much with Zhang Shan either, merely nodding slightly, her expression cool as she led Lu Changsheng to the third floor.

She usually stayed on the third floor, either cultivating and resting or drawing Talismans, rarely on the first floor.

Now, the third floor had an additional person, Lu Changsheng.

However, Lu Miaoge and Lu Changsheng were quite familiar with each other and didn't mind sharing a room alone.

At this time, Lu Miaoge also told Lu Changsheng that although Zhang Shan was an old employee of the shop, he couldn't appear too familiar with him.

If they were too close, it would make it difficult to manage later on.

Lu Changsheng naturally understood this principle and nodded in agreement. .

Afterward, Lu Miaoge shared with Lu Changsheng some shop matters and management experience.

These were all simple and easy-to-understand experiences, most of which Lu Changsheng already knew.

He had never eaten pork before, but he had seen pigs run.

In his past life under the baptism of big data, he knew quite a bit about the art of managing people.

Of course, knowing is one thing, doing is another matter altogether.

"Sister Miaoge, I used to think you were the kind indifferent to worldly affairs, but I didn't expect you to know so much. It's like getting to know you all over again,"

After listening to Lu Miaoge, Lu Changsheng joked with a laugh.

Today he surely saw another side of Lu Miaoge, so the conversation was much less restrained than before.

Hearing this, Lu Miaoge couldn't help but smile, her beauty blossoming like a celestial flower, captivating.

"I don't know whether to take your words as a compliment or an insult,"

"But I'll just assume it's a compliment,"

With painted brows and eyes, Lu Miaoge said with a soft smile, "Alright, I have to go make Talismans. You can go to the lounge to rest, or cultivate."

"Normally, there's not much to do at the shop, and Zhang Shan and the others will notify us if anything comes up,"

Having said so, Lu Miaoge stood up and went to the Talisman Room to focus on Talisman Making.

Lu Changsheng nodded and went to the lounge to rest.

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After all, they had been traveling for the past two days and hadn't really rested.

Although they couldn't be considered extremely tired, they still needed to recover their mental spirit through sleep.

After a short nap, Lu Changsheng saw that Lu Miaoge was still in the Talisman Room, feeling somewhat bored, so he found something to do and went upstairs.

He wanted to check on the talisman-making skills of Li Shi and Wang Wu and planned to give them some guidance on talisman crafting.

He possessed the Second Rank talisman-making skill given by the system, so his foundational knowledge in talismans was incredibly solid.

It was definitely not comparable to those who relied on their self-study and understanding.

Not to mention guiding two talisman apprentices,

even his own grandmother, the Fourth Elder of the Lu Family, a First Grade top-level talisman master, could receive a pointer or two from him.

"Second Master!"

“Second Master!”

In the upstairs workroom, Li Shi and Wang Wu, who were making talisman paper, immediately brightened up when they saw Lu Changsheng coming over, stopped their work and called out sweetly.

Their voices involuntarily softened a few degrees more than usual.

“I’ve come to see how you are progressing with your talisman-making, to give you some guidance.”

Lu Changsheng said aloud.

Both women were rather good-looking, not incredibly beautiful, but they could definitely be considered pretty.

After all, they were the descendants of cultivators, so the genetic aspect was generally not bad.

However, he didn’t have any particular thoughts about the two women in front of him.

Although he did want to find a woman with a Spiritual Root to have children,

it was not to the extent of asking any woman he met to bear his children.

Moreover, he had just arrived at the shop and hadn’t done much; it wouldn’t look good if he started making moves on an apprentice.

It would not only affect Lu Miaoge and the Fourth Elder’s impression of him,

but his reputation, which had just started to improve in the Lu Family, would be ruined again.

It was unnecessary and not worth it.

“Thank you, Second Master.”

“Second Master, please have a seat.”

The two women looked at Lu Changsheng, said in their sweet voices, and prepared the chair and brewed the tea.

“What talismans have you learned so far?”

Lu Changsheng waved his hand and asked.

Immediately, the two women started to list the talismans they knew.

They had been at the Spiritual Talisman Shop for five or six years and had mastered about a dozen to twenty basic talismans.

This was also because, as apprentices, they had to create profits for the shop, so they needed to learn a variety of different talismans.

Although basic talismans didn't make much money, as a Spiritual Talisman Shop, it was necessary to have a sufficient variety of talismans.

"Okay, show me the talismans you have been practicing lately by drawing them for me."

Lu Changsheng nodded and instructed.

Both women immediately took out their talisman brushes, talisman paper, and spirit ink to start the talisman-making process.

"Pfft!"

At this moment, Li Shi, while halfway through the drawing, failed, and the talisman paper emitted blue smoke.

She became somewhat flustered and stuttered to Lu Changsheng: "Second Master, I'm sorry, I—I got a bit nervous."

She was normally very cheerful, but in front of Lu Changsheng, she couldn't help but feel a touch of nervousness.

"What's there to be nervous about? I'm not some flood or beast, and I certainly don't eat people. If you fail, just continue, that's all."

Lu Changsheng couldn't help but smile and waved his hand.

Upon hearing Lu Changsheng's comforting words and seeing his smile, a blush spread across Li Shi's pretty face,

making it hard for her to breathe, and her heart raced.

There were many handsome men in the world,

but how many were handsome, came from a good family background, and were also a middle-grade talisman master?

At least Li Shi hardly ever came across such men in her daily life, so Lu Changsheng's smile made her heart flutter more than usual, and her nervousness intensified.

“Why is your face turning red like a teapot?”

Lu Changsheng saw that her face was red, with a lovestruck expression, and was momentarily at a loss for words.

“I haven’t even done anything, and you’re already like this?”

“Unknowingly, has my charm become so great?”

Lu Changsheng couldn’t help but sigh inwardly.

He also suddenly realized that he was no longer his former self.

Not only was he handsome, but he was also wealthy and accomplished at a young age.

Hmph, such a mundane woman!

Lu Changsheng restrained his smile, his expression indifferent, and he said evenly, “Continue.”

At that moment, he vaguely understood why Lu Miaoge didn’t like to smile and always had an aloof, otherworldly demeanor.

This was the trouble of being good-looking.

“Yes, Second Master.”

Li Shi, hearing these words, quickly nodded, immediately focused her mind, not daring to look too much at Lu Changsheng, and started to draw talismans again.

Lu Changsheng could tell that the two women had a solid foundation in basic talismans.

They were almost ready to try drawing lower-grade talismans.

However, he had no immediate plans to teach the two women how to do so.

Once they started learning to draw lower-grade talismans, most of their time and energy would be consumed in that endeavor.

This would undoubtedly interfere with their current work.

Better to have the two women continue to lay the foundation until they were completely solid, and then try lower-grade talismans.

Soon after, Lu Changsheng, with a detached manner, gave the two women pointers on talisman-making.

The two apprentices felt that this Second Master explained things more thoroughly and understandably than the senior master, proving extremely beneficial to them.

“That’s enough, practice more on your own during your free time.”

“Wait a while longer, and if you perform well, I’ll teach you lower-grade talismans.”

After drawing them a proverbial carrot, Lu Changsheng left the second floor.

He could clearly sense that, despite his indifferent demeanor, he couldn’t deter the two women’s enthusiasm at all.

He estimated that with just a wave of his hand, the two apprentices would take the initiative to come forward.

Yet, he still had no such intentions.

It was still the same reasoning as before, it wasn’t necessary and the cost wouldn’t be worth the benefit.

“Speaking of which, does this count as peach blossom luck?”

Lu Changsheng suddenly thought.

“Thank you, Second Master!”

“Thank you, Second Master!”

The two women, hearing his words, were overwhelmed with joy, and their eyes seemed to brim with tears as they looked at Lu Changsheng.

Handsome, from a good family, and a Middle-Grade Talisman Master, he was the man of their dreams.

“If only I could marry the Second Master,” Li Shi murmured after Lu Changsheng’s retreating figure had disappeared.

“You silly girl, smitten much? Is your heart flutter?” Wang Wu teased.

“With the Second Master being so handsome and speaking so kindly, and also as a Middle-Grade Talisman Master, don’t you like him?” Li Shi said defiantly in response to Wang Wu’s teasing.

“Of course I like him, but what good is liking him? We’re not worthy of the Second Master. I’d even be content to marry him as a concubine,” Wang Wu said with the same conviction.

Li Shi felt a bit disheartened upon hearing this.

In the Cultivation World where men outnumbered women, young female cultivators were highly prized.

People like them naturally had suitors, and many came knocking to propose.

But they both had some talent in talisman-making and a future as Elementary Talisman Masters loomed.

Once they became Talisman Masters, even if only Elementary, they could expect to marry into a respectable household.

But now, before Lu Changsheng, the thought of marriage made them feel inferior.

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## **Chapter 76 - 71: Meeting the Second Miss Again, Cheng Ge Takes You to Read Books and Taste Tea!\_1**

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After coming down from the second floor, Lu Changsheng arrived at the first floor to check the items for sale in the shop.

He looked to see if there was anything he wanted.

On this trip, he also wanted to buy a magic artifact drawing pen and some supreme talisman paper and supreme spirit ink.

While at the Third Level Energy Refinement stage, Lu Changsheng had attempted to draw Superior Grade Talismans.

But limited by his cultivation level and talisman making tools, his success rate was very low.

He only drew a dozen or so to carry with him for emergencies.

Not long ago, after breaking through to the Fourth Level Energy Refinement, he tried drawing Superior Grade Talismans again, which was still somewhat difficult.

He could only draw a few simpler Superior Grade Talismans.

And the success rate was only about forty to fifty percent.

For other Talisman Masters, this success rate was already quite remarkable.

But in Lu Changsheng's view, it was still lacking.

Therefore, he thought of buying a better magic artifact pen, and then some supreme quality talisman paper and spirit ink.

This way, not only could his success rate improve, but he would also be confident in drawing the more challenging Superior Grade Talismans.

Whether he'd sell the talismans was another matter.

At least having more Superior Grade Talismans on hand would give him an extra sense of security.

Otherwise, what would he do if he encountered unforeseen dangers while traveling between Nine Dragons Market and Qingzhu Mountain?

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Lu Changsheng began to check the items for sale in the shop.

Most of the talismans for sale were of the lower grade, primarily.

Then there were Basic Talismans and Middle Grade Talismans, as well as a few Superior Grade Talismans.

In addition to Spirit Talismans, the shop didn't only have drawing pens, talisman paper, and spirit ink, but also some related raw materials and books on talismans.

Then, he looked at the prices of the magic artifact pens, supreme talisman paper, and supreme spirit ink at the talisman making tool counter.

Lower Grade Magical Instrument pens, seventy Spirit Stones.

Middle Grade Magical Instrument pens, two hundred Spirit Stones.

Superior Grade Magical Instrument pens, six hundred Spirit Stones.

Supreme talisman paper comes in different qualities, divided into fine quality and good quality.



Fine quality, fifty Spirit Stones per stack, ten sheets.

Good quality, thirty Spirit Stones per stack, ten sheets.

Supreme spirit ink also comes in different qualities, divided into fine quality and good quality.

Fine quality, fifty Spirit Stones per box.

Good quality, thirty Spirit Stones per box.

“So expensive,” Lu Changsheng said, unable to help clicking his tongue as he looked at the prices.

He had felt quite wealthy before.

But looking at the prices, he suddenly realized he was quite poor, especially poor.

After buying a Middle Grade Magical Instrument pen, he wouldn’t have much left.

“For my current needs, a Middle Grade Magical Instrument pen is enough,” he said.

“Moreover, unlike ordinary pens, a magical instrument pen is very durable, can be used thousands of times, and I don’t need to worry too much about it being damaged,” he added.

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin, planning to purchase a Middle Grade Magical Instrument pen.

After all, such an item could be used for a long time once bought.

As for the price of talisman paper and spirit ink, he thought they were quite reasonable, not too expensive.

After all, a Superior Grade Talisman could sell for thirty to fifty Spirit Stones.

And a Supreme Talisman could sell for more than two hundred Spirit Stones!

However, being able to sell at such prices was also because of the barriers and difficulties involved.

Like Fourth Elder, being a First Grade Top-Level Talisman Master, he only sells three Supreme Talismans per month, also due to the high failure rate.

After deducting the time and material costs, the profit is limited.

Not everyone is like Lu Changsheng, who has a knack for talisman making, as easy as eating and drinking.

“I’m not in a hurry. Right now, I need the Spirit Stones to purchase the materials for the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art. I’ll go to Southwest Street tomorrow to see,” he said.

“I’ll see if there are any materials suitable for the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art and if I can sell some talismans to make some money,” Lu Changsheng mused to himself.

He then asked the shopkeeper, Zhang Shan, about the cost price for items like the magical instrument pens, supreme talisman paper, and spirit ink.

Zhang Shan didn’t hide the information and told the truth.

The cost price for a Lower Grade Magical Instrument pen is forty-three Spirit Stones.

The cost price for a Middle Grade Magical Instrument pen is one hundred and thirty-nine Spirit Stones, and for a Superior Grade Magical Instrument pen, it is five hundred Spirit Stones.

Because the Lu Family didn’t have an Artifact Refiner, these were purchased from other places to sell.

About the talisman paper and spirit ink, fine quality was made by the Lu Family themselves, good quality was both self-made and outsourced using provided materials, and Zhang Shan wasn’t clear about the cost.

After hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded, deciding to take a Middle Grade Magical Instrument pen from the shop at cost price when the time came.

Then, he inquired about the shop’s daily revenue, sales, which talismans sold well, and the prices and quantities of talismans bought from other places, among other things.

Lu Changsheng had an idea in mind.

If he were to be fully responsible for managing the shop in the future, could he possibly sell all the talismans he had through this shop?

For these queries, Zhang Shan responded truthfully, giving Lu Changsheng a good understanding of the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

He learned that the business of the Spiritual Talisman Shop was quite good in Nine Dragons Market, generating several thousand Spirit Stones in revenue each month.

"It seems that the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop does better business than I imagined," Lu Changsheng thought to himself after gathering the information.

After chatting with Zhang Shan for a while, Lu Changsheng didn't continue to ask more questions.

He returned to the third floor's rest room, found Lu Miaoge still in the Talisman Room, and began to meditate and cultivate.

As dusk approached, Lu Miaoge came out from the Talisman Room.

She told Lu Changsheng that this was the time when they could usually head home.

Although Nine Dragons Market didn't have a curfew, the place would be much quieter at night.

After all, cultivators still needed to cultivate and rest.

And with Li Shi and Wang Wu living in the shop, they could help keep an eye on things.

Afterward, Lu Miaoge took Lu Changsheng to the Lu Family mansion in the Eastern District.

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## **Chapter 77 - 71: Meeting the Second Miss Again, Cheng Ge Takes You to Read Books and Taste Tea!\_2**

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From here, it was quite a distance to the Lu Family's large compound in the Eastern District.

The two of them walked quite fast, and it took almost half an hour.

The Lu Family's compound covered nearly two thousand square meters.

Compared to the living quarters at Qingzhu Valley, it was naturally much smaller.

But in the Nine Dragons Market, where every inch of land was worth its weight in gold, this courtyard was already considered large.

Lu Changsheng curiously inquired about how many Spirit Stones such a large compound would cost from Lu Miaoge.

Lu Miaoge was not sure about the exact price.

She only said that such large compounds usually started with a lease term of three to five years.

As for the price, it varied from several dozen to a hundred Spirit Stones a year.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but click his tongue in wonder.

Just the annual rent would cost dozens to hundreds of Spirit Stones; for buying, wouldn't it require several thousand Spirit Stones?

Indeed, no matter where you were, buying a house was never easy.

Upon arriving at the compound, Lu Miaoge asked the house steward if the Second Elder was home.

Now that she brought Lu Changsheng over, it was natural to meet this Second Elder of the Lu Family.

The steward indicated that the Second Elder was resting in the back courtyard, and led the two to meet the Second Elder.

Shortly after, Lu Changsheng saw the Second Elder of the Lu Family.

He had white hair but his complexion was very rosy and lustrous, as if he was a baby.

A tall figure dressed in a green robe, he leaned on a jade bamboo cane, exuding an imposing aura without being angry.

This Second Elder was in charge of the Lu Family business, often abroad; this was the first time Lu Changsheng had met him.

"Second Elder!"

"Great-uncle!"

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge bowed to the Second Elder in unison.

The Second Elder nodded, stood up to look at Lu Changsheng, and with a slight smile said, "So you are Changsheng, at such a young age you have already become a Middle Grade Talisman Master, very good."

“From now on, in the Nine Dragons Market, if you need anything, you can come directly to me,” he said.

The Second Elder’s generous palm patted Lu Changsheng on the shoulder as he spoke.

“Yes, Second Elder,” replied Lu Changsheng, bowing respectfully.

Afterward, the Second Elder had the steward arrange a room for Lu Changsheng.

He also mentioned that there would be a banquet in the evening to welcome and cleanse him from his travels, to let him get acquainted with the other Lu Family Disciples and to encourage him to interact more in the future.

Lu Changsheng naturally responded respectfully to these words.

He knew that as he was now integrating into the Lu Family, such social interactions and affairs of human relationship were hard to avoid.

Soon after, the steward arranged a small courtyard for him.

The courtyard was not big, only a little over a hundred square meters, even smaller than the one he had at Qingzhu Villa.

It had simple Formation effects for sound insulation and gathering Spiritual Energy, the Spiritual Energy was not as good as in Qingzhu Valley, but it was much better than Qingzhu Mountain.

At night, a servant came to inform Lu Changsheng about the banquet.

Lu Changsheng nodded and proceeded to the hall.

“Hmm?”

As soon as Lu Changsheng arrived at the hall, he saw not only the Second Elder and Lu Miaoge, but also two managers of the Lu Family of the same generation as Lu Yuanding and five Lu Family Disciples.

However, his gaze immediately fell on an incredibly beautiful woman standing next to Lu Miaoge.

The woman wore a white crane-embroidered long dress that clung tightly, perfectly outlining her curvaceous silhouette through the fabric, leaving nothing of her graceful figure to the imagination.

But beneath the slits of the tailored hem, one could see her long, straight legs sheathed in thin, white silk stockings, which rendered her already fair and smooth legs with an added touch of a high-class, sanctified allure.

Her delicate feet wrapped in white silk stockings stepped into a pair of flowing-cloud-patterned silver high heels, accentuating her graceful and tall figure even more vividly.

This woman was none other than the second young miss Lu Miaohuan, who had been on a blind date with Lu Changsheng once before.

Lu Changsheng had not expected this second young miss to also be in the Nine Dragons Market.

And this second young miss had even switched from black to white stockings.

It had to be said, the second young miss had a really good figure.

Especially those legs, perfectly proportioned, a bit more would be too plump, a bit less would be too skinny, straight and rounded.

Whether in black or white stockings, they presented an astoundingly enticing appearance on her.

“Hmph!”

Lu Miaohuan too noticed Lu Changsheng, and seeing his gaze linger on her, promptly gave a cold snort, turning her head to look elsewhere.

Lu Changsheng just smiled and pretended not to notice.

He was aware that the second young miss still held a grudge.

That was normal.

It had only been half a year since their blind date, and he had rejected the second young miss, marrying Lu Miaoyun instead. With the proud temperament of the second young miss, how could she easily forget and not hold a grudge?

If it wasn't for the Second Elder hosting a welcoming banquet, the second young miss probably wouldn't even want to see him, much less show a pleasant expression.

However, seeing Lu Miaoge and Lu Miaohuan, the sisters similar in appearance and figure, standing side by side made Lu Changsheng's mind wander, thinking what the eldest miss might look like if she dressed alike.

Or perhaps, the two sisters, one in white, the other in black...

Lu Changsheng dared not entertain the thought any further, immediately suppressing the wild horse of his mind.

It was far too exciting, not to be pondered further.

If Family Head Lu Yuanding knew he was entertaining thoughts about his two daughters, he might just cleave him with a sword.

“Second Elder,” he greeted as he bowed to the Second Elder.

“Changsheng, let me introduce you to...”

The Second Elder naturally saw Lu Miaohuan’s small gesture but said nothing.

He was aware of the small history between Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaohuan.

It was precisely this incident that made Lu Yuanding see his daughter restless at home, hence he allowed her to come to Nine Dragons Market to find something to do, and also to take her mind off things.

Thereupon, under the introduction of the Second Elder, Lu Changsheng got acquainted with the two managers of the Lu Family, and also with the other four Lu Family Disciples.

These individuals, capable of handling affairs in the Nine Dragons Market, held not low positions within the Lu Family, belonging to the future upper echelon.

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## **Chapter 78 - 71: Meeting the Second Miss Again, Cheng Ge Takes You to Read Books and Taste Tea!\_3**

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Aside from Lu Miaohuan, who held a grudge and did not give Lu Changsheng a warm reception, the others were all quite enthusiastic.

After all, love and hatred never come without reason.

Lu Changsheng was easygoing, never offending anyone, and as a Middle Grade Talisman Master, naturally, they were willing to be on good terms with him.

Especially since these few were aware of Lu Changsheng's talent for Talisman Making, and the Lu Family had always been encouraging Lu Changsheng to fully integrate, they were naturally more inclined to foster good relations with Lu Changsheng and would not do anything to offend him.

Thus, Lu Changsheng became acquainted with them.

Well-fed and in high spirits, everyone left the event. A young man named Lu Miao Cheng slung his arm over Lu Changsheng's shoulder and said as if they were old friends, "Changsheng, since it's your first time out and about, as your host, Brother Cheng will take you to read books and taste tea tomorrow."

"Read books and taste tea?"

Lu Changsheng was stunned.

"That's right, this teahouse is very good, with many famous teas and all kinds of books. Just yesterday, a batch of new teas and books arrived. You won't be disappointed," Lu Miao Cheng said with a meaningful look.

"Brother Cheng, this 'reading books, tasting tea,' is it legitimate?" Lu Changsheng asked with a strange tone in his voice, sensing something off.

Lu Miao Cheng glanced around and lowered his voice, "Don't worry, would I take you to a reputable place? How about it, shall we broaden our horizons tomorrow?"

Lu Changsheng fell silent for a moment.

Indeed, he hadn't guessed wrong; this was not a proper 'read books, taste tea'

I'm your brother-in-law, for crying out loud!

What kind of brother-in-law would take their brother-in-law to 'broaden their horizons' in such a way!

Also, you bring this up as soon as I arrive at Nine Dragons Market and want to take me to such a place, isn't that a bit improper?

Or is that how you see me in your heart?

Lu Changsheng thought to himself, then said, "Brother Cheng, I'm not that kind of person, I don't go to those places."

"But if you don't see the world, how will you gain experience? This is also a form of cultivation," Lu Miao Cheng argued.



“There’s a saying, ‘Tea is like a beauty; it should be savored slowly, and a lady is like a book; she should be read carefully.’ This ‘reading books, tasting tea,’ is about observing all walks of life, experiencing the various flavors of life, and is the best way to gain life experience.”

“Don’t worry, I definitely won’t tell Sister Miaoyun about this,” Lu Miao Cheng assured.

Lu Changsheng:

Damn it, a visit to a brothel is being made to sound so classy and pure.

Lu Changsheng had not expected the Lu Family to have such a talented speaker.

However, he did feel that there was some truth to what was said; it was indeed a way to gain experience and see the world.

When someone travels alone, they should see more of the world, right?

“Maybe next time,” Lu Changsheng said after some contemplation.

While he wanted to gain experience, the idea of doing such things just upon arriving at Nine Dragons Market gave him a sense of guilt.

Moreover, he had more important things to do; he planned to stroll around the Loose Cultivator Marketplace tomorrow.

“Alright then, whenever you want to go, you can look for Brother Cheng. I know every corner of Nine Dragons Market,” Lu Miao Cheng said, patting Lu Changsheng’s shoulder, feeling a bit bored.

He had heard of Lu Changsheng’s reputation and thought he could find a kindred spirit, but to his surprise, Lu Changsheng actually refused.

“Alright, thanks Brother Cheng,” Lu Changsheng nodded, then returned to his room to meditate and cultivate for two hours before lying down to sleep.

But as he lay in bed, he found it difficult to fall asleep, feeling like something was missing.

“Sigh, suddenly being alone, I’m not used to it,” Lu Changsheng sighed softly.

Used to cuddling with his wife and concubine each night, the sudden solitude made him feel uneasy and not at peace.

He then got up, took out his Talisman Making tools from his Storage Bag, and began drawing talismans.

After creating three Middle Grade talismans, he felt a sense of mental fatigue and took a sip of White Jade Hundred Flowers Wine before lying back down and gradually falling asleep.

The next day, Lu Changsheng got up, had a simple breakfast, and went to find his sister-in-law, Lu Miaoge, to accompany him to the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

During the process, he saw Lu Miaohuan again.

But she showed no warmth toward him whatsoever.

Although she was chatting with her sister, Lu Miaoge, the moment she saw him come over, she immediately let out an icy snort, her face full of disdain. [search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

“Huanhuan just has that temperament, she doesn’t mean any harm, don’t take it to heart,” Lu Miaoge said, her face showing a hint of apology.

Last night, Lu Miaohuan had come to ask her why Lu Changsheng had come to Nine Dragons Market.

She hadn’t hidden anything and had told her sister about the Fourth Elder’s plans to hand over the shop for Lu Changsheng to manage.

After hearing about the matter, Lu Miaohuan, despite her cold and disdainful remarks about Lu Changsheng and his ability to manage the shop, was certain he would succeed.

But she who knew her younger sister’s personality very well understood.

The more she acted like this, the more it indicated her sister was actually concerned about Lu Changsheng.

If Lu Miaohuan wasn’t concerned about Lu Changsheng, she wouldn’t have acted this way at all.

Reflecting on this made her let out a small sigh.

If Lu Changsheng were just an ordinary cultivator, in time, her sister might gradually forget and not dwell on it.

But the problem was, Lu Changsheng was no ordinary cultivator.

Not only was he handsome, but he also had an exceptional talent in the Talisman Path, unparalleled and leading the rest by far.

With time, he would become a First Grade Middle Grade Talisman Master, a First Grade Top-Level Talisman Master, and even a Second Grade Talisman Master.

Now, Lu Changsheng had come to Nine Dragons Market and met with her sister.

Under these circumstances, her sister would constantly have this matter and Lu Changsheng on her mind, which would gradually foster a delicate and dangerous sentiment.

But when it came to this kind of issue, she didn't know how to advise her sister.

Because Lu Miaohuan didn't like being preached to and might even react defiantly.

"It's fine, the Second Miss is straightforward, why would I mind?"

"Besides, it was my fault to begin with."

Lu Changsheng said, shaking his head slightly.

He wasn't particularly concerned about Lu Miaohuan's attitude.

After all, during the matchmaking encounter, he really did regale her with a bunch of flattery and praise.

When she finally agreed, he turned her down, which would understandably vex anyone.

Especially given Lu Miaohuan's proud and haughty nature as a young lady.

Moreover, Lu Changsheng felt that he might have a bit of a bias for good looks.

He tended to be more forgiving towards attractive women.

As the two walked and chatted, they arrived at the Spiritual Talisman Shop. Lu Changsheng told Lu Miaoge that if there was nothing else happening today, he would like to go out and browse around.

Upon hearing this, Lu Miaoge fell silent for a moment, then said, "You usually spend little time with Miaocheng, don't follow him to unseemly places."

Lu Changsheng was initially startled upon hearing this, slightly confused, then he couldn't help but curse inwardly.

"Damn, how bad can Brother Cheng's reputation be!"

Lu Miaocheng had just slapped him on the shoulder yesterday and exchanged a few words with him.

And now, when he mentioned wanting to go out for a stroll, Lu Miaoge suspected that he was planning to go to the tea house with Lu Miao Cheng.

This left Lu Changsheng at a loss for words.

He even had the strange impression he might be caught by his wife while visiting a courtesan's quarters.

"Sister Miaoge, Brother Cheng invited me to read and taste tea yesterday, but I outright refused,"

"I just thought I'd wander around and take a look at the Loose Cultivator's Market on Southwest Street."

Lu Changsheng immediately spoke up, distancing himself from any association with Lu Miao Cheng.

He truly hadn't anticipated that the latter's reputation could be so tarnished.

"Okay, I'm here at the shop, you go ahead,"

"Why not let Li Shi or Wang Wu accompany you? They are very familiar with the Marketplace,"

Lu Miaoge advised without much ado, nodding slightly.

"No need, I'll just wander around by myself,"

Lu Changsheng waved his hand, indicating it wasn't necessary.

He still vividly remembered the way Li Shi and Wang Wu looked at him the day before.

So, he didn't want to interact too much and distract his employees from their work.

"Alright, just be sure to come back before dark. Do you have a Transmission Talisman with you? If you get lost, you can message me,"

"There are also many guides in the Marketplace who specialize in showing people around and directing them to shops. If you want to buy something, you could hire a guide,"

Lu Miaoge spoke in a soft voice, as if advising Lu Changsheng like an elder would.

Lu Changsheng suddenly felt as if Lu Miaoge was turning into the Fourth Elder before his eyes.

Treating him as if he were a child who hadn't experienced the world.

Keep in mind, he was the father of thirty children, after all.

However, he knew that Lu Miaoge was treating him like a brother or something similar.

"Alright, don't worry, Sister Miaoge,"

Lu Changsheng said with a smile, waving his hand.

He felt in his heart that if Lu Miaoge truly saw him as a brother, it would make it even more difficult for those feelings to change.

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## **Chapter 79 - 72: Catgirl? Fox Lady? Snake Princess?\_1**

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After parting with Lu Miaoge, Lu Changsheng wandered around the streets for a while before entering a deserted alley.

He took out the human skin mask from his storage bag, put it on, and donned a wide, grey-brown robe. He poured some pre-prepared liquid onto his palm and smeared it over his hands and neck, making his skin appear less fair.

In an instant, his handsome and dashing appearance changed into that of an ordinary-looking youth with dark skin.

Still, his stature remained tall and slender.

This was a basic disguise technique he had learned from Li Feiyu. It wasn't very sophisticated, but it was sufficient for his needs.

Then, Lu Changsheng took out a talisman from his storage bag and used it on himself, causing his spiritual power aura to retract.

A middle-grade Aura Concealment Talisman!

Its effects were the same as the Aura Concealment Technique.

But it was several times more effective than the Aura Concealment Technique that Lu Changsheng had just started to learn.

Unless it was an Energy Refinement Late Stage cultivator using the Spiritual Eye Technique, they wouldn't be able to perceive his cultivation level.

This was also why Lu Changsheng usually didn't spend too much time and energy on cultivating spells.

For one thing, it was too time-consuming and effort-intensive.

On the other hand, many times, talismans could be used as a substitute.

"Sigh, sometimes being handsome is also a kind of trouble," he sighed, stepping out of the alley.

Lu Changsheng's good looks and exceptional aura made him very memorable, which could be problematic.

If he were to sell talismans and later be recognized as the owner of the Lu Family Spiritual Talisman Shop, it would be awkward to explain.

So, it was better to change his appearance and conceal his aura, making him look more ordinary.

Although this disguise technique was very basic and even a bit rough, and some people might recognize the disguise,

as long as no one saw his true face or remembered him, it should suffice.

Having left the alley, Lu Changsheng made his way to the entrance of a street.

He saw several youngsters squatting there, looking around with signs that read 'Guide'.

Before he could approach, one of the youngsters came up to him enthusiastically, saying, "Senior, do you need a guide?"

"I grew up in Nine Dragons Market and am very familiar with every area. Whatever you want to know or purchase, I have all the details," the youngster spoke with enthusiasm.

Although Lu Changsheng had disguised himself and concealed his aura, making him look just like an ordinary person,

these youths, who made their living in Nine Dragons Market as guides, naturally had a certain insight.

They could tell at a glance that Lu Changsheng was interested in hiring a guide.

Even if he wasn't interested, at most, it would just be one wasted question, no loss at all.

"How much do you charge for your services?" Lu Changsheng nodded and asked. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Senior, I only charge one spirit stone for a day," the youth immediately replied.

A spirit stone weighs ten liang.

After the spiritual energy inside is consumed, the weight will become lighter.

During the mining of spirit stones, there will also be some broken fragments known as spirit stone shards.

These units of spirit stones are seldom used by cultivators.

They are relatively common only in marketplaces like this one.

"Okay, then take me around. You have change for spirit stones, right?" Lu Changsheng asked upon hearing this and took out a spirit stone he had previously used that weighed around four or five liang.

The youth showed a hint of regret in his eyes but immediately responded enthusiastically, "Yes, I do."

After taking and examining the spirit stone, weighing it briefly, he then took out two spirit stone shards and handed them to Lu Changsheng.

The youth then said, "Senior, may I know what you are looking to buy or learn about?"

"Take me to the stalls where they trade," Lu Changsheng said.

"The trading stalls are on Southwest Street. This way, please, Senior. It's about a half-hour's walk from here to Southwest Street. If you have anything specific you wish to purchase, you can also tell me. I know of quite a few shops where the quality of the items is guaranteed..."

The youngster continued.

As guides, the real money was in taking cultivators to spend in shops.

“Is there any shop in the marketplace that sells rare treasures and exotic goods?” inquired Lu Changsheng.

“If Senior wishes to purchase rare treasures and exotic goods, you can go to Qingyun Commerce Guild and Myriad Treasures Pavilion. Not only are their prices reasonable and their selection vast, but the quality is also guaranteed,”

“If Senior wants to spend a little less money, I also know quite a few shops selling rare treasures and exotic goods with guaranteed quality that I can take you to,” the youngster said immediately.

Even though he wanted to earn money by bringing customers to shops, he wouldn’t blindly lead others astray; he couldn’t afford to deceive people.

After all, he was just a mortal.

If he dared to deceive a cultivator and was found out, it would mean certain death.

“What if I want to sell some talismans, are there any shops that will buy them?” Lu Changsheng asked in an even tone.

Hearing that Lu Changsheng wanted to sell talismans, the youth immediately realized that Lu Changsheng might be a Talisman Master.

However, as a guide, he naturally wouldn’t inquire further; his job was to provide information.

He promptly said with respect, “Senior, most of the spiritual talisman shops in Nine Dragons Market will buy talismans.”

“Then, are there any well-reputed talisman shops in the marketplace?” continued Lu Changsheng.

“Actually, to be able to open a shop in the marketplace, they all have a good reputation, but if we are talking about the best reputation for talismans, naturally it’s the Tianfu Pavilion of the Shen Family. Their talismans not only guarantee quality, but they also often have special offers. However, they don’t usually buy talismans from outsiders,”

“Next would be the shops of Families like Bi Lake Mountain’s Yu Family, Qingzhu Mountain’s Lu Family, Red Leaf Valley’s Chen Family, and Wugong Ridge’s Zheng Family... Their quality and reputation are guaranteed,” the youngster said.

“If Senior is looking to buy talisman paper, I would recommend the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain and the Chen Family of Red Leaf Valley. Their talisman paper is made with their own materials, which makes it much better than average...”



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The youth spoke incessantly. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Upon hearing 'Qing Zhu Lu's Spiritual Talisman Shop', Lu Changsheng nodded slightly.

He knew that what the young man said was quite credible, and it was almost the same as what he had learned yesterday from Zhang Shan's account of the shop.

"Hmm, White Jade Tower?"

At that moment, Lu Changsheng saw a quaint and ancient-looking pagoda-like building not far away.

The sign on the building bore the three characters 'White Jade Tower,' reminding him that Hong Yi had mentioned spending a considerable price to buy his two favored maids, Jiu'er and Shui'er, from there.

Seeing Lu Changsheng's gaze toward the White Jade Tower, the youth immediately spoke, "Senior, 'White Jade Tower' specializes in matching matrimonial alliances, introducing wives and concubines, and selling maids."

"If Senior is thinking of taking a wife or concubines, or purchasing maids, you can visit White Jade Tower."

"White Jade Tower is also an established brand; I've heard that it's not just in Nine Dragons Market, but has branches in many marketplaces and even in Immortal City."

The youth spoke, saying this.

"Oh?"

Lu Changsheng's eyebrows raised on hearing this.

He couldn't help but wonder internally if the White Jade Tower—where Hong Yi had purchased Jiu'er and Shui'er—and this White Jade Tower were the same establishment.

Just different branches?

Then the business of this White Jade Tower was indeed quite extensive.

The next time he received a letter from Hong Yi, he could ask if it was the same White Jade Tower.

“Does White Jade Tower have any wives, concubines, or maids with a Spiritual Root?”

Lu Changsheng inquired.

He naturally wouldn't forget about searching for a 'fairy'.

After all, all matters are but passing clouds, and only taking wives, concubines, and bearing children is the true path.

He was quite satisfied with Jiu'er and Shui'er, whom Hong Yi had gifted him.

If he could use money to buy obedient and sensible maids with Spiritual Root, that would be the best outcome.

“Of course, there are some with Spiritual Roots available, but they are a minority; most are just exceptionally beautiful and have a gracious temperament, either descendants of cultivators or ordinary humans,” the youth replied.

“I've heard that inside White Jade Tower, there are not only women from the Human Race, but also those from other races and the Demon Race, although I am not too clear about the specifics and the prices. If Senior is interested, you could go in for more information.”

The youth spoke again.

Not only the Human Race, but also other races and the Demon Race.

Lu Changsheng knew that the two girls Jiu'er and Shui'er sent by Hong Yi were from other races.

Now hearing that there were also Demon Race girls, he instantly thought of creatures like cat girls, fox women, and snake maidens...

“Hmm.”

Lu Changsheng gave a nod, not asking further, and kept the 'White Jade Tower' in his mind.

He planned to come back later to take a look and get more information.

After all, the women in such a place would likely have hard lives,

If he had the ability to help them, he would, saving whoever he could.

It would be like saving a life—better than building a seven-tiered pagoda.

Thus, Lu Changsheng chatted casually with the youth as they walked, gathering various information about the marketplace.

The pair finally reached Southwest Street where the loose cultivators set up their stalls for trading.

"Senior, ahead is Southwest Street, where the loose cultivators freely trade."

"If you wish to set up a stall, you need to pay a Spirit Stone for the management fee at the fee collection booth up ahead," the youth told Lu Changsheng.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng nodded, thinking to himself that this Nine Dragons Market really did charge for everything.

Even setting up a stall required a payment of a Spirit Stone as a management fee.

He arrived at the entrance of Southwest Street,

And immediately saw a street lined with lanterns, with neatly organized stalls on both sides.

The throngs of people in the middle, bustling like a market in the secular world, with relentless hawking much livelier than the streets he had passed earlier.

"That will do, your task is completed. There's no need to follow me anymore; I'll wander around by myself," Lu Changsheng said, waving his hand dismissively at the youth.

"Yes, I take my leave, and I wish Senior great luck and success, that all your wishes come true, and that fortune descends upon you, bringing prosperous and flourishing cultivation..." the youth said, bowing and reciting a litany of well-wishes.

Lu Changsheng, unfazed by these blessings, showed no inclination of giving a tip and continued walking into the street.

Seeing this, the youth wasn't disappointed.

After all, wealthy patrons were few and far between,

And it was rare to encounter even a few in a year.

Lu Changsheng didn't rush to sell talismans; instead, he decided to take a look around first,

To see if there was anything he needed or found interesting,

And to understand the local prices.

"Second-hand vestment robes for sale, practically new and without patches!"

"Red-striped tiger meat, tender and fresh, just slaughtered last night!"

"Ten-year-old black truffles, three Spirit Stones per pound, a deal of ten Spirit Stones for three pounds!"

"Brother, need Elixir Medicines? Freshly concocted Ascension Elixirs here, pop one and all worldly troubles will melt away."

Each stall was actively advertising their wares.

Lu Changsheng followed the flow of people, examining each stall in turn.

The variety of items for sale was remarkably diverse.

It was a far cry from the standards of the market at Bullhead Mountain, vastly superior in the quality of goods on offer.

Most of the items were Spiritual Objects used by cultivators.

And thinking about it made sense—after all, if one had to pay a Spirit Stone just to secure a stall, then selling junk wouldn't earn back even the cost of the stall fee.

Lu Changsheng examined the goods in great detail,

Directly purchasing any materials suitable for cultivating the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Technique.

Because he was cultivating the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Technique, he could roughly sense the quality of the Spiritual Materials, so he wasn't likely to be swindled.

As for stumbling upon an incredible bargain, that was almost non-existent,

Not to mention the low odds, because to use the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Technique to sense the quality of Spiritual Materials, he needed to touch them.

Merely looking wouldn't reveal anything; he didn't have the eye for it.

He hadn't even finished browsing half the street when Lu Changsheng had already spent half of his Spirit Stones, all used for purchasing Spiritual Materials for cultivating the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Technique.

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