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“Changsheng, Miaoge, you’ve arrived, please, take a seat.”

Lu Yuanzhong rose to his feet, a broad smile on his face as he beckoned the two to sit down.

Although he was immensely shocked by Lu Changsheng’s and Lu Miaoge’s martial prowess, his heart was filled with even greater joy.

After all, Bi Lake Mountain and Qingzhu Mountain, despite being two separate families, were related in their own way.

“About last night’s incident with the robber cultivators, you all must be clear on it by now, right?”

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Once Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge were seated, they asked.

The events of the night before didn’t need to be further explained, as the offspring from the four houses in the marketplace, loose cultivators, and other forces would send word back to their families.

“We’ve heard bits and pieces.”

“I’ve heard that last night there were five Foundation Establishment robber cultivators causing trouble?”

“Mountain Lord Lu, are these the same robber cultivators who delivered us the bell previously?”

“Lu Daoist, the bell that the robber cultivators sent earlier contained the mana of the late Foundation Establishment stage, what was the power level of these robber cultivators?”

All four nodded and spoke up.

“Last night a total of six robber cultivators caused trouble – five Foundation Establishment cultivators and one at the peak of Qi Refinement, among them were two in the late Foundation Establishment stage!”

Lu Changsheng disclosed without holding back.

“Sssss....”

“What! A Great Cultivator at the late Foundation Establishment stage!?”

“There were actually two late Foundation Establishment stage robber cultivators last night, this this this....”

Hearing this, all four faces showed shock, their hearts stirring like tumultuous waves.

From the accounts of their descendants, and the incident with the bell delivery, they had vaguely guessed there might be a Great Cultivator among the robber cultivators active last night!

But they had never imagined there would be not just one, but two!

Keep in mind that among these people, the highest cultivation level belonged to Xu Renguang, who was only at the middle stage of Foundation Establishment.

A Great Cultivator at the late stage of Foundation Establishment didn’t need to mention their status in Red Leaf Valley.

Even looking across the entire Qingyun Region, they were considered to have profound cultivation levels.

That’s because aside from the Beast Taming Xu Family – a noble lineage – and a few families with False Core masters, late stage Foundation Establishment occupied the first rung on the ladder of power.

However, Lu Changsheng just announced that among the five troublemaking robber cultivators last night, two were in the late stage of Foundation Establishment!

Moreover, both late stage Foundation Establishment robber cultivators and the three Foundation Establishment cultivators, were all slain by him and Lu Miaoge!

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It was simply too astonishing.

All four looked at Lu Changsheng with shocked faces, hardly knowing what to say.

“You must be curious about how Miaoge and I subdued the robber cultivators, aren’t you?”

Seeing their expressions, Lu Changsheng smiled wryly.

For him, such martial feats were hardly worth mentioning.

But for Qingzhu Mountain, Hundred Birds Lake, and even Yu Shui Xu Family, it was indeed quite astonishing.

“Not to hide from Lu Daoist, Xu is indeed somewhat curious. However, if it involves any of Lu Daoist’s secrets, there’s no need to disclose them.”

“That’s right, that’s right.”

“Senior Xu is correct.”

The four now felt a subconscious reverence towards Lu Changsheng.

Putting aside whether there were actually two late stage Foundation Establishment robber cultivators among the five.

The mere fact that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge defeated five Foundation Establishment robber cultivators was enough to command their awe.

After all, in the cultivation world, the accomplished lead the way, and cultivation level speaks above all!

“It’s not such a big secret; plus, after last night’s incident, I’m afraid it wouldn’t stay hidden for long even if Lu wished to conceal it,” Lu Changsheng said with a wry smile. “I once obtained a Talisman Formation technique and also a Dual Cultivation Technique.”

“The technique my wife and I cultivate is precisely this Dual Cultivation Technique, not only making our cultivation more efficient by half, but when we are together, our combat strength is unmatched, capable of overcoming those at higher stages. Last night we relied on a secret technique from this cultivation manual to temporarily boost our power to the middle stage of Foundation Establishment. Then catching those five robber cultivators off guard due to their arrogance, we used a combined strike secret technique, surprising them and ultimately subdued them with the help of Talisman Formation and Talisman Treasures,” Lu Changsheng said while holding Lu Miaoge’s hand.

What happened last night was bound to spread far and wide.

Telling these four was akin to giving an advanced explanation to the outside world.

“Dual Cultivation Technique! Temporarily boosting to the middle stage of Foundation Establishment!?”

“So that’s how it was!”

“Those robber cultivators were so rampant; they deserved their fate!”

“We owe a great debt to Mountain Lord Lu and Lady Lu this time, the consequences could have been unimaginable otherwise.”

Upon hearing this, they all nodded in agreement.

Although the reasoning seemed slightly far-fetched.

Aside from that, they truly couldn't think of any other explanation.

Moreover, in the cultivation world, those capable of fighting beyond their own level, aside from the favored children of the heavens and true inheritors of the Immortal Sects, were indeed users of such Dual Cultivation Techniques.

Lu Changsheng had already demonstrated the power to defeat three great Foundation Establishment masters with his Talisman Formation prowess.

Now with this Dual Cultivation Technique, Talisman Treasures, and Talisman Formations, the explanation was barely plausible.

“I've heard that the two city rulers of the Great Dream Immortal City cultivate such Dual Cultivation Techniques.”

“To think that the two of you Daoists have also cultivated such a technique; it is indeed a profound bond of love, enviable to all,” Xu Renguang said somewhat emotionally.

Techniques as formidable as Dual Cultivation Techniques usually have very stringent cultivation requirements.

For instance, they may require an intuitive understanding between partners, a perfect matching of minds, or specific constitution types.

Yet Lu Changsheng, known for having numerous wives and children, managed to practice such a technique with his wife, causing Xu much reflection.

But learning that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge practiced such a technique, possessing the battle prowess of the late Foundation Establishment stage, starting today, not only for his Yu Shui Xu Family but even the Beast Taming Xu Family, they would have to reconsider their stance towards Bi Lake Mountain and Qingzhu Mountain.

For the couple had only broken through to the Foundation Establishment a few years back and already boasted such power.

What if the two both advanced to the middle or late stages of Foundation Establishment?

Their combat capability was unfathomable!

There could well be Foundation Establishment cultivators on par with False Core or even Core Formation!

“Hmm? The city rulers of the Great Dream Immortal City also practice Dual Cultivation Techniques?”

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Lu Changsheng’s eyebrows raised as he said,

He was naturally aware of Great Dream Immortal City, one of the three great immortal cities in Jiang Country.

However, compared to Jiuxiao Immortal City and Azure Phoenix Immortal City, Great Dream Immortal City was somewhat lacking and much more low-profile.

Located in the northern reaches of Jiang Country, set within Great Dream Marsh, it was not only remote but also had a much harsher environment.

It was nowhere near the sanctuary for loose cultivators that is Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

Moreover, the city lords of Great Dream Immortal City didn't have a reputation as resounding as that of Azure Phoenix Immortal, the number one loose cultivator in Jiang Country.

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"Indeed, I've heard about this from the elders as well,"

"The two city lords of Great Dream Immortal City are a dual cultivation couple, both in the Mid Nascent Soul Stage, but they cultivate a dual cultivation technique that makes them a match for many cultivators in the Core Formation Late Stage."

"It's precisely because of this that they could establish Great Dream Immortal City."

Xu Renguang remarked thus.

As he spoke, he complimented, "Perhaps in the future, Lu Mountain Lord and Lady Lu could break through Core Formation like the two city lords of Great Dream, becoming famous throughout Jiang Country!"

"Xu Daoist jests; the achievements I have today are already more than I could have hoped for, thanks to fortune and chance. I dare not entertain such lofty aspirations,"

Lu Changsheng said with a wry smile, shaking his head.

He didn't continue with the idle chat and instead said with a serious expression, "The reason I've summoned you all is to discuss a matter of importance."

"Although last night's incident with the robber cultivators was contained, it still had a significant impact on the marketplace and requires a plan of action."

"Moreover, I was thinking we could use this opportunity to hold an auction to slightly increase the fame and foot traffic of our Red Leaf Valley Market."

Lu Changsheng said aloud.

As a marketplace established upon a second-rank middle-grade spiritual land, Red Leaf Valley's annual income was noticeably low.

Thus, after discussing with Lu Miaoge last night, he thought they could use this chance to boost the reputation and foot traffic of Red Leaf Valley.

After all, Red Leaf Valley Marketplace was also a foundation of their family business, and he felt it was necessary to invest effort into it.

"You can decide on the measures and auction, Changsheng,"

Lu Yuanzhong promptly stated his stance.

Nowadays, he increasingly deferred to Lu Changsheng's opinions.

After all, Lu Miaoge's Foundation Establishment was facilitated by Lu Changsheng, and his injuries had been treated by both Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge.

Even the cultivation technique that now served as the foundation of his Qingzhu Mountain was provided by Lu Changsheng.

In such circumstances, he naturally knew what he should do.

Regardless of Lu Changsheng's actions, he would not mistreat Qingzhu Mountain.

"That's right, Lu Daoist, you can make the decisions on this matter,"

Bai Yunyang also promptly remarked from the side.

Seeing that both Qingzhu Mountain and Hundred Birds Lake were of the same opinion, Patriarch Zheng of the Zheng Family naturally couldn't object.

As for Xu Renguang, although he had come here and Wugong Ridge Zheng Family was a vassal to his Xu Family, in such circumstances, he couldn't say much either.

In the end, they all deferred to Lu Changsheng to make the decision.

“Hmm...”

Lu Changsheng paused.

As for these matters, he had only discussed a rough idea with Lu Miaoge yesterday and had not yet come up with a detailed plan.

He then voiced his preliminary thoughts.

Compensate for the damage to the commercial street, and implement certain beneficial policies for the entire marketplace—such as entry fees, house rentals, and taxation, among other things.

Then, by generating buzz, they would hold an auction in half a year, with the aim of hosting one annually thereafter, to maintain the marketplace’s foot traffic and popularity.

After hearing this, Lu Yuanzhong, Bai Yunyang, and Xu Renguang all made certain additions based on the foundation laid out.

Their experiences in managing and growing their families made them more seasoned in this regard.

Regarding the shops in the merchant street that were damaged, compensation would be split according to the four families’ ownership stakes in the marketplace.

However, considering the heavy toll it took on Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge to suppress the robber cultivators last night, the Bai Family and the Zheng Family would each take on an extra ten percent of the cost.

After finalizing the details of the plan and the auction, the matter was brought to a conclusion.

As for the specific arrangements and implementation in the marketplace, there was no need for Lu Changsheng to worry further.

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Several days later.

As the defensive formation of Red Leaf Valley Market opened, news about the five Core Formation robbers who made trouble in Red Leaf Valley Market and were suppressed by Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge quickly spread to the neighboring family forces and even throughout the entire Qingyun Region.

“Lu Changsheng of Blue Lake Mountain, who single-handedly suppressed three Core Formation members from the Yu Family and established the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family three years ago, has now, along with his wife, suppressed five Core Formation robbers. It’s terrifying!”

“Is it true? Could it just be Lu Changsheng raising his profile through such means?”

“Right, they are only at the early stage of Foundation Establishment, how could they possibly kill five Core Formation robbers!”

“Rumor has it that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge practice a dual cultivation technique and their combat power rivals that of Great Cultivators in the Core Formation Late Stage, and with their combined secret techniques, they can even kill cultivators in the Core Formation Late Stage!”

“This previously insignificant son-in-law has grown to such an extent!”

“Talisman Formation arts, dual cultivation techniques... apart from False Core Immortals, it seems that ordinary Great Cultivators in the Core Formation Late Stage would not be a match for this couple, right?”

“The Lu Family of Blue Lake Mountain, Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain...”

“I always felt that Lu Changsheng had uncommon fortune, already capable of suppressing three Core Formation members from the Yu Family using Talisman Formation arts just after establishing his Foundation. To think he possesses such a supreme legacy!”

“It seems the Lu Family of Blue Lake Mountain is on the rise!”

Many surrounding family forces and even loose cultivators were all abuzz with discussions about Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge.

This incident also reached Qingyun Sect.

“To have wiped out five Core Formation robber cultivators! And among them were even two in the Core Formation Late Stage...”

“It’s hard to believe that, in just a few years, Lu Daoist has grown to such a state.”

Zhao Qingqing and Han Lin had also received this news and were utterly astounded.

They are still in the Qi Refinement Realm, striving towards Foundation Establishment.

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Lu Changsheng, however, had already amassed a record of slaying eight Foundation Establishment Cultivators, causing his reputation to soar within the Qingyun Region!

Especially Zhao Qingqing, who thought back to the past few years, her visits to Bi Lake Mountain to provide guidance on Spirit Plants, and her several encounters with Lu Changsheng.

He was always so gentle and refined, with a peaceful and indifferent demeanor that was as refreshing as a spring breeze, engendering fondness.

He bore no resemblance to a mighty mountain master with the formidable power to slay eight Foundation Building Great Cultivators!

“My brother-in-law is really... extraordinary,” Zhao Qingqing mused.

Xia Zhaoyang, upon hearing news of Lu Changsheng, was also filled with emotion.

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Although he did not interact much with Lu Changsheng, because of his sister, he had paid a lot of attention and knew quite a lot about him.

He was unremarkable in his earlier years, but after his breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, his rise has been meteoric and astonishing.

“It’s been a while since I visited Xingyue and Yunlou. It would be a good opportunity to share this news with them,” Xia Zhaoyang thought, intending to check on how his niece and his niece by marriage were doing.

After all, as his brother-in-law had sent them to the Qingyun Sect, it was only natural for him to take extra care and pay attention to them.

Not to mention clinging to Lu Changsheng’s “coattails”; even without that, he felt it necessary to do so, because of the kindness Lu Changsheng had shown him and his sister.

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Qingyun Sect, Enforcement Hall.

“Lu Changsheng, Lu Miaoge, dual cultivation techniques, slain five Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators, including two at the Foundation Establishment Late Stage...”

Yun Wanshang looked at the message in the Jade Slip in her hand.

Within the Qingyun Sect’s jurisdiction, matters involving Robber Cultivators are handled by the Enforcement Hall.

When the incident involving the Robber Cultivators being sent to the bell by the four major families was reported to the Qingyun Sect, she was made aware of it.

However, as the Qingyun Sect was short-staffed and Xiao Xiyue was at Bi Lake Mountain, she only instructed her subordinates to perform a cursory investigation, not taking it too seriously.

She never expected the incident to escalate to such a degree.

Five Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators, and among them, two who were at the Foundation Establishment Late Stage!

Even though she, as a Nascent Soul Immortal, did not see Foundation Establishment as significant, such combat prowess was undeniable and not to be underestimated anywhere.

Yet, these Robber Cultivators were subdued and killed by Lu Changsheng and his wife.

“Dual cultivation techniques, dual cultivation techniques...”

Yun Wanshang gazed at the message in the Jade Slip, feeling an inexplicable irritability surge within her.

She had gradually let go of her thoughts about Lu Changsheng.

But his actions and deeds kept entering her sight, as if to say that she had misjudged him.

The once thought to be a futureless Qi Refinement youth was actually a shallow water Flood Dragon.

Now, all his actions were like that of a Flood Dragon entering the sea, a tiger returning to its mountain.

“If...”

Yun Wanshang couldn't help thinking, had she taken Lu Changsheng directly back to the Qingyun Sect at the beginning, whether he would still have achieved this much.

If he had achieved this much under her guidance, and they had become Dao companions with her Spirit-nurturing Energy, he might even have a chance for a Nascent Soul future.

But the more she thought about her Spirit-nurturing Energy, the more agitated Yun Wanshang became, feeling an intense sense of frustration.

With a ‘bang,’ her palm struck the jade table in front of her, shattering it into dust.

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Qingyun Sect, a golden and splendid grand hall.

“Lu Changsheng... cough cough cough...”

An old crone with white hair and a wrinkled face looked at the information in her hands, her dim and cloudy eyes showing hatred, her hands as gnarled as pine bark trembling slightly.

But the more she read about the martial achievements of Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge, the deeper the sense of powerlessness that gripped Lady Meng.

Because of the beast calamity in the Wan Shou Mountain Range, she had come out of Xuanyin Cave ahead of time to assist the Spirit Taming Sect in suppressing the beast tide.

Having been tasked with redeeming herself through her contributions, she had been leading the front lines, and as a result, she had been severely injured during the beast tide.

Already advanced in years with merely over thirty years of life remaining,

this serious injury had caused her condition to drastically deteriorate, cutting her lifespan by nearly half.

She blamed all of this on Lu Changsheng.

Yet now, seeing his and Lu Miaoge’s record of killing five Foundation Establishment Robber Cultivators, including two at the late stage, she felt powerless.

Because she realized that in her current state, she might not even be a match for Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge.

Even if she fought with all her might and could potentially kill the couple, she would suffer a heavy price, possibly even immolation.

“Alas!”

A long, forlorn, and powerless sigh echoed in the grand hall.

Lady Meng’s tightly clenched hands loosened, trembling slightly.

Even though she was still capable of fighting, she could not risk everything for revenge.

She had a family reliant on her,

especially after Meng Yibai’s death; to ensure the continuance of her family, she had increased her contributions to its cultivation, eventually producing a promising junior in the past few years.

Thus, she had to stay alive as long as possible to stabilize the family.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

Lu Changsheng was recounting the events of the Red Leaf Valley Market to Ling Zixiao and Xiao Xiyue. “I didn’t expect that the Qi Refiner Robbery Cultivator who fled all those years ago, not only made a breakthrough in Foundation Establishment but also brought along four Foundation Establishment Robbery Cultivators within ten years,” said Ling Zixiao, drinking the Spiritual Wine brewed by Lu Changsheng, somewhat emotional.

Five Foundation Establishment Robbery Cultivators, two of which were at the late stage of Foundation Establishment—this level of power, let alone in a small place like the Red Leaf Valley Market,... even in the Jiuxiao Immortal City, could not be underestimated.

In her opinion, this group of Robbery Cultivators was exceptionally unlucky to have run into Lu Changsheng.

Had it not been for Lu Changsheng, perhaps both the Red Leaf Valley Market and the four major families would have fallen into the hands of these Robbery Cultivators.

Compared to Ling Zixiao's calm and indifference, Xiao Xiyue was more surprised.

She knew that Lu Changsheng had many cards up his sleeve, but she had never imagined that Lu Changsheng's combat prowess could be so astonishing.

Yet when she thought about the Third Rank Talisman, her daughter's Pet Beast, the Mount Sumeru Tree King, the Spiritual Eye Spring, and so on, she felt somewhat relieved. "Indeed, this person must have had quite the fortuitous encounter." "In his hands, he not only obtained a Talisman Treasure but also acquired a Peripheral Sect Level Cultivation Method and an ancient treasure map from an Ancient Relic Site."

Lu Changsheng said with a laugh, not hiding anything from the two women. "A Peripheral Sect Level Cultivation Method, treasure map? An Ancient Relic Site?"

Ling Zixiao was somewhat surprised to hear this.

Both a Peripheral Sect Level Cultivation Method and chances related to such Ancient Relic Sites are exceedingly rare.

Having such items indicated that the man had definitely experienced extraordinary adventures and gained great opportunities. "Zixiao, if you're interested, have a look," said Lu Changsheng, taking out the "Pan Yuan Turning Technique" and the treasure map for the two women to examine.

The two women felt a warm current flow in their hearts as they saw Lu Changsheng sharing such rare treasures with them so openly.

After examining the Cultivation Method, Xiao Xiyue commented, “This Cultivation Method is suitable for Cultivators with Earth attribute Spiritual Roots; it integrates Body Refinement and is steady and solid, helping to overcome bottlenecks, ranking it as a top-tier method. The only issue is that the method is incomplete, allowing cultivation only up to the Core Formation Stage.” “Yes, it’s already considered a top-tier method. It would be excellent if someone within the family could comprehend and cultivate it,”

Lu Changsheng added.

He would place these newly acquired Cultivation Techniques in his family’s Sutra Pavilion, so his children could choose what to cultivate based on their comprehension and Spiritual Root attributes.

If any prodigies emerged, he, as their father, would personally teach them systematic Cultivation Methods. “Husband, this treasure map seems to indicate a relic located within the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range,” said Ling Zixiao, scrutinizing the treasure map. “The Myriad Beasts Mountain Range?”

Lu Changsheng’s eyebrows rose.

He had only glanced at the treasure map briefly upon obtaining it and hadn’t looked at it in detail. “I’m not particularly interested in this stuff. I’m planning to auction off this treasure map at the Market’s auction event; I’m sure it will fetch a good price,”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

He felt indifferent towards such treasure maps and Ancient Relic Sites, so he planned to sell them for money.

In the Cultivation World, many Cultivators are interested in these kinds of relic sites, and some Cultivators even specialize in buying information related to such relics and dungeons, exploring them one by one. “Husband, if you plan to auction it at the Red Leaf Valley Market, getting a good price might be a bit difficult,”

Ling Zixiao said with a light laugh.

She meant that most Cultivators in the area were at the early or middle stage of Foundation Establishment, with fewer Loose Cultivators.

In such a scenario, few people would be willing to spend a lot of money.

Additionally, items like treasure maps are typically sold once off; that is, after the auction, they are not easy to sell for a high price. “We’ll see about that when the time comes,”

Lu Changsheng said casually.

He was quite laid-back about the matter, feeling that as long as it could be sold for a good price, it was fine. “Mhm~”

Ling Zixiao didn’t say more and picked up the “Pan Yuan Turning Technique” to start reading.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng suddenly remembered that the Cultivation Technique Ling Zixiao was practicing was an Exquisite Level Technique.

Now that her meridians and Dantian were gradually healing, she could probably attempt to cultivate in another three to five years.

Although an Exquisite Level Technique was already decent, if his family could afford it, of course, he wanted to provide Ling Zixiao with a more advanced Technique.

Lu Changsheng considered his current Cultivation Methods but wasn’t sure which one might be suitable for her.

Methods like the Seven Luminaries and Hundred Refinements were okay, but not exactly fitting.

The Yin Yang Harmony Technique and Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture were clearly unsuitable.

The Black Dragon Codex was decent, but Lu Changsheng had his reservations.

As for the Taiyi Shengshui Jue, this Technique could only be cultivated one-on-one, and since he and Lu Miaoge were already practicing it, Ling Zixiao naturally couldn’t cultivate it. “Let’s wait and see, or maybe ask Zixiao herself later on,”

Lu Changsheng pondered internally, deciding to see if he could later acquire a Technique suitable for Ling Zixiao. “Husband, what’s on your mind?”

Ling Zixiao, noticing Lu Changsheng gazing at her while seemingly lost in thought, asked softly. “Nothing much. I also acquired a Second Rank Formation Path inheritance and insights from that Robbery Cultivator. Have a look and see if it’s useful,”

Lu Changsheng replied nonchalantly, producing the inheritance he had taken from the effeminate man.

Although Ling Zixiao was already a Second Rank Array Master, as both a Talisman Master, an Alchemist, a Puppet Master, a Wine Master, and a Spiritual Slaughterer, he clearly knew that each skill was incredibly complex.

Unless one had help like himself, it was impossible for inheritances or individuals to cover everything. “A Second Rank Formation Path inheritance, insights in Formation? ”

Ling Zixiao’s face showed a touch of delight as she received the two Jade Slips. “Xi Yue, come, take a look at these Spiritual Artifacts and see if there’s anything you like.”

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At this moment, Lu Changsheng took out several Spiritual Artifacts and said to Xiao Xiyue,

“When it comes to giving gifts, naturally one should not favor one over another.”

“I already have two Spiritual Artifacts; I won’t need these.”

Xiao Xiyue glanced over them and revealed a slight smile, whispering,

“Agreed.”

Lu Changsheng did not insist, knowing that Xiao Xiyue was not one to stand on ceremony.

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He continued, “Zi Xiao, Xi Yue, I plan to enter seclusion for a few days in the coming days.”

“Should there be any matters at home or in the Red Leaf Valley Market, I’ll trouble you to take care of them.”

Having said this, Lu Changsheng was ready to retreat and engage in alchemy.

“Alright, my lord, please rest assured.”

Ling Zixiao said with a faint smile.

“If there are any issues at the market, I will go over.”

Xiao Xiyue nodded gently.

“Good, I’ll leave it to you then.”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

After spending three days with his wives at home, Lu Changsheng went to the Alchemy Room and began his seclusion to practice alchemy.

Although he had mastered Level Two alchemy, he had yet to prepare Foundation Establishment Elixirs.

To be on the safe side and in case any issues arose during alchemy, Lu Changsheng also decided to refine a few batches of ‘Spirit Nurturing Elixirs’ and ‘Wisdom-Opening Elixirs’ to get a feel for it.

Moreover, after a while, Xu Renguang would be delivering ten Green Horned Fish and Ink Jade Serpents.

He had to refine these twenty demon beasts into Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapons, so he needed to prepare some nurturing Elixir Medicines in advance.

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A month later,

The unadorned and spacious Alchemy Room.

“Whoosh whoosh whoosh—”

Lu Changsheng was fully engrossed, looking at the purple cloud Pill Furnace in front of him, his hands constantly forming spells to control the Earth Fire with his fire-controlling technique.

After an unknown amount of time, seeing the Spiritual Mechanism enveloping the inside of the Pill Furnace and strands of medicinal fragrance spreading out, he immediately sent a series of spells into the Pill Furnace.

He then shouted deeply, performing the Opening Furnace spell: “Open!”

“Buzz!”

The lid of the furnace burst open, rolling steam ascended, and a brilliant glow filled the space.

“Retrieve!”

Lu Changsheng, seeing the billowing steam, drew the three Foundation Establishment Elixirs, radiating with Spiritual Light, into his palm.

The Spiritual Light on the Foundation Establishment Elixirs gradually faded, revealing three lustrous, plump, and warm elixirs with an overflowing medicinal scent.

“Three Elixirs formed, but only one is a Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir, the other two are merely Premium Foundation Establishment Elixirs.”

“Indeed, the first attempt at making Foundation Establishment Elixirs is still a few degrees short of perfect.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the patterns on the Elixir Medicines and exhaled deeply.

He knew that producing three Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixirs was not so easy.

Not only did it require exceptional Alchemy Skills, but the Pill Furnace and Earth Fire also had to meet high standards.

Nevertheless, three Elixir Medicines with one Supreme and two Premium—if word got out, it would astonish many, and countless people would come seeking his alchemy services.

“However, this is enough. The Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir can increase the probability of successful Foundation Establishment by more than thirty percent.”

“By giving this Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir to Qingzhu Mountain, failure should certainly be avoided, right?”

Lu Changsheng murmured to himself, looking at the Foundation Establishment Elixir in his hand.

A Premium Foundation Establishment Elixir could enhance the odds of a successful Foundation Establishment by more than twenty percent,

while the Supreme one exceeds thirty percent.

The gap may seem small,

but this slight difference in medicinal strength could cause the price of the Elixir to surge by several folds.

Given that Qingzhu Mountain could only afford success and not failure, Lu Changsheng planned to give the Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir to Qingzhu Mountain.

As for Bai Ling's talent, he felt the Foundation Establishment Elixir was just to ensure an extra measure of success.

After placing the three Foundation Establishment Elixirs into three porcelain bottles, Lu Changsheng walked out of the Alchemy Room and headed to the Lu Family Mansion.

"Husband, half a month ago, the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family came...."

Lu Miaoyun, seeing Lu Changsheng, immediately showed joy.

She informed him that the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family had brought twenty aquatic demon beasts.

Since Lu Changsheng was in seclusion, she did not disturb him, and directly agreed to the exchange, paying five thousand Spirit Stones.

Currently, these demon beasts were still in the Spiritual Pet Bag.

"Good, this was already agreed upon with Patriarch Xu, and the price is not an issue,"

Lu Changsheng said warmly.

According to the price mentioned by Xu Renguang before, this transaction even rounded up to a whole number, offering a considerable discount.

Afterward, Lu Miaoyun expressed that three days ago, she had finally made contact with the Luminous Treasure Tree, enabling this precious tree to become her Life-bound Spiritual Plant.

Next, she could start refining the Luminous Treasure Tree into her Life-bound Spiritual Root.

However, refining a Life-bound Spiritual Root meant once the process began, she could not leave the Spirit Plant for too long.

Therefore, she wanted to take advantage of this time to return to Qingzhu Mountain for a while, to spend some time with her grandmother.

“Yun’er, I’ll accompany you in a few days,”

Lu Changsheng said tenderly, taking his beloved wife’s gentle hand,

knowing that once she began practicing the Heavenly Longevity Technique, Lu Miaoyun would not be able to leave Bi Lake Mountain.

It just so happened that he also needed to visit Qingzhu Mountain, so he revealed the matter of the Foundation Establishment Elixir.

After accompanying his wives and children at home for several days, Lu Changsheng set out for Qingzhu Mountain with Lu Miaoyun and a few children.

Since his son Lu Yun had married and taken two concubines, who were now both with child, Lu Changsheng allowed him to stay home instead of accompanying them,

After all, the son was grown up; there was no need to attend to him as one would a child.

“Grandmother.”

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoyun arrived at the courtyard of the Fourth Elder.

At the time, the Fourth Elder was instructing a few Lu Family Disciples on introductory Talisman Making.

“Changsheng, Miaoyun, Little Rain, you are here,”

The Fourth Elder immediately greeted them with a smile,

Having taken the Lifespan Extension Pill that Lu Changsheng provided, her complexion had greatly improved.

“Greetings, Elder, Aunt, and Grand Auntie!”

The Lu Family Disciples, some calling Lu Miaoyun ‘Aunt’ and others, in their teens, calling her ‘Grand Auntie,’

looked at Lu Changsheng with eyes full of respect, admiration, and reverence.

These individuals, each with a semblance of talent for Talisman Making, could be said to have grown up listening to stories of Lu Changsheng.

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Knowing that Lu Changsheng rose step by step from a son-in-law of the Lu Family, starting with Talisman Making, and became the famous Foundation Establishment Ancestor known throughout the region!

“Haha, we’re all family here, no need for formalities.”

Lu Changsheng, not one for pomp, waved his hand dismissively.

He then had Lu Miaoyun accompany the Fourth Elder for a chat while he taught a class for these disciples of the Lu Family.

“Changsheng, I appreciate your hard work.”

The Fourth Elder’s face was full of smiles upon hearing that Lu Changsheng would teach.

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With his current status and identity, Lu Changsheng still showed such respect to his grandmother, which truly moved her beyond measure.

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“Father-in-law, I have something to discuss with you and Uncle.”

The next morning, Lu Changsheng sought out Lu Yuanding, then they went to meet Lu Yuanzhong, ready to reveal the matter of the Foundation Establishment Elixir.

Afterward, the two made their way to Lu Yuanzhong’s cave abode.

Hearing that Lu Changsheng had something important, Lu Yuanzhong treated the matter with utmost seriousness and asked what it was.

Under their gaze, Lu Changsheng produced a White Jade Porcelain Vase.

Upon opening the vase, a wave of medicinal fragrance filled the air, revealing an elixir with a crystal clear hue and faintly laced with three silver stripes.

“Is this...”

Both Lu Yuanzhong and Lu Yuanding, seeing the elixir in the porcelain vase, were visibly shaken, their eyes reflecting surprise, shock, and delight.

“Yes, this is a Foundation Establishment Elixir.”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile, seeing their reactions.

“Changsheng, where did you get this Foundation Establishment Elixir from?”

“With three elixir stripes, this... this is a Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir!”

Lu Yuanding and Lu Yuanzhong were immensely shocked; they never expected Lu Changsheng to actually possess a Foundation Establishment Elixir.

Although Lu Miaoge had briefly mentioned the Foundation Establishment of Lu Miaofeng and Lu Muping before.

They had indeed not considered the possibility of a Foundation Establishment Elixir.

“Obtained the materials from a Robber Cultivator and had it refined by someone.”

Lu Changsheng explained.

“Changsheng, you intend to use this Foundation Establishment Elixir for...”

Although they guessed what Lu Changsheng implied by showing them the elixir, they still found it somewhat unbelievable.

“Father-in-law, Uncle, as you know, Sister Miaoge and I practice a Dual Cultivation Technique; together our cultivation pace is much faster.”

“So I was thinking, if there is a new Foundation Establishment in the family, Sister Miaoge would be able to concentrate on her cultivation.”

Lu Changsheng spoke out.

“Changsheng, Foundation Establishment Elixirs are incredibly precious. I’m truly touched that you would offer it, but our family doesn’t feel we deserve such a gift. Just name a price, and we will gather the Spirit Stones as quickly as possible.”

Lu Yuanzhong took a deep breath and said.

He was keenly aware that the closer the two families were, the more important it was to be clear about interests, so as to prevent any rifts from forming.

Moreover, accepting someone’s generosity could put them under obligation; if they took too much advantage, it would not only lower their family’s status, but those married to Lu Changsheng, like Lu Miaoge, Lu Miaohuan, and Lu Miaoyun, would be affected as well.

“Well, in that case, twenty thousand Spirit Stones.”

Lu Changsheng also did not insist and mentioned a price.

The usual price for a genuine Foundation Establishment Elixir was twenty thousand Spirit Stones.

However, if there was competition at an auction, the price could go up by a bit.

And for a Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir, it could even reach thirty thousand Spirit Stones.

Lu Changsheng's original intention was to give the elixir away.

But after chatting with Lu Miaoge, and now that Lu Yuanzhong had brought it up, it turned into a half-gift, half-sale.

"How could that be fair? A standard Foundation Establishment Elixir is worth at least twenty thousand Spirit Stones, and yours is a Supreme Foundation Establishment Elixir, worth at least thirty thousand Spirit Stones!"

"Our family cannot let you suffer a loss!"

Lu Yuanzhong immediately shook his head.

"Uncle, I'm quite aware of the current situation in the family; besides, Sister Miaoge contributed greatly in our fight against the Robber Cultivator. Moreover, there's no rush for the Spirit Stones; you can owe them for now."

Lu Changsheng spoke with a light-hearted smile.

He knew Qingzhu Mountain's present circumstances; unless they sold off family assets, they couldn't possibly produce twenty to thirty thousand Spirit Stones.

"Changsheng..."

Lu Yuanding looked at his son-in-law, patting his shoulder firmly, his eyes reddening with profound gratitude.

Having once served as Patriarch of the Lu Family, his affection for the family ran deep, and his wish was to see Qingzhu Mountain thrive even more.

Now, with Lu Changsheng's aid, not only had his daughter, Lu Miaoge, achieved Foundation Establishment, but his older brother's injury was also healed.

Lu Changsheng even produced a supremely precious Foundation Establishment Elixir, willing to gift it or sell it to them for a low price, which left him at a loss for words.

He felt that the best thing he had ever done in his life was to bring Lu Changsheng into the Lu Family and to marry his daughter to him.

"Currently, our children are still young and don't need this Foundation Establishment Elixir. Father-in-law, please accept it.

Just be prepared for a bit of effort once someone in the family breaks through Foundation Establishment."

Lu Changsheng continued.

He had a bit of self-interest in offering the Foundation Establishment Elixir to Qingzhu Mountain, hoping Lu Miaoge would be at ease staying at Bi Lake Mountain.

"Changsheng, let's do this; we'll set the price at thirty thousand Spirit Stones, but owe the Spirit Stones for now."

"Because currently, our family only has one Foundation Establishment Spirit Object, and we still need to procure two more suitable ones."

Lu Yuanding took a deep breath and stated his decision.

With Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge already contributing to the steady rise of Qingzhu Mountain, if another member advanced to Foundation Establishment, the family's future for a hundred years would be worry-free and prospering, naturally leading to a significant increase in income.

So, paying back these Spirit Stones later would be much easier.

"Agreed."

Lu Changsheng, hearing this, did not persist.

If Qingzhu Mountain really couldn't make ends meet, he could let Lu Miaoge and Lu Miaohuan provide some guidance later on.

"Changsheng, currently only Miaofeng and Muping have the potential for Foundation Establishment in our family. Who do you think is suitable?"

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At this time, Lu Yuanzhong spoke up and asked.

Although he and Lu Changsheng were both at the Foundation Establishment level, he knew that Lu Changsheng was clearly at a higher level than himself.

"I'm not certain about this either, Uncle. You can start by purchasing suitable Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects, and then make a decision based on them,"

Lu Changsheng said, mulling over it slightly.

"Alright, once we've acquired the Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects and are ready to plan for the Foundation Establishment, we'll discuss it properly,"

Lu Yuanzhong nodded.

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After finishing, he continued, "Changsheng, you and Miaoge are currently in the limelight, and I feel that rushing the Foundation Establishment process would not be wise."

"If another member of our family breaks through to Foundation Establishment, it might negatively impact you and possibly bring about trouble. It may even cause the other families to hold us in awe,"

Lu Yuanzhong remarked.

"We will see about that when the time comes,"

Lu Changsheng felt that there was indeed some truth to that.

"Big brother, now that we have Changsheng and Miaoge holding down the fort, we can send Miaofeng or Mu Ping to Qingyun Market for Foundation Establishment when the time comes,"

"That way, our family's Foundation Establishment affairs will not be revealed outwardly for the time being. With him stationed at Qingzhu Mountain and with you overseeing the Red Leaf Valley Market, wouldn't that be adequate?"

Lu Yuanding, standing nearby, voiced his opinion.

Seeing the Foundation Establishment Elixir, he had already envisioned the day when Qingzhu Mountain would have three Foundation Establishment experts in residence.

"Indeed, this is a feasible plan,"

Lu Yuanzhong also smiled and nodded in agreement.

Watching the two of them discussing matters post-Foundation Establishment, while nothing was set in stone, Lu Changsheng did not know what to say.

In this way, the three of them settled the matter regarding the Foundation Establishment Elixir.

After staying at Qingzhu Mountain for nearly half a month, Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoyun returned to Bi Lake Mountain.

In the meantime, Lu Miaoge, having gone to Bi Lake Mountain to treat Ling Zixiao, also made a trip back to Qingzhu Mountain. After learning about the Foundation Establishment Elixir, she too was deeply moved.

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Yu Shui Xu Family.

“Going out to gain experience? No, absolutely not!”

Xu Renguang was beaming as he watched his precious granddaughter tame the Heavenly Fire Mink.

But when he heard Xu Ruyin wanted to venture out for training, his eyebrows instantly knitted together, and he decisively refused.

After all, how could he bear to let such a precious granddaughter go out for training? What if an accident occurred?

Xu Ruyin was at the Ninth Level of Qi Refinement, and the family had long-prepared the Foundation Establishment Elixir and Spirit Objects for her.

Once Xu Ruyin reached the pinnacle of Qi Refinement, she could attempt the Foundation Establishment!

“Grandfather, I was thinking that after gaining experience, I would come back to break through to Foundation Establishment,”

“Haven’t you always said that we cultivators should be brave and diligent, and only through sufficient trials can we achieve greatness in the future?”

Xu Ruyin, with long fiery-red hair and dressed in a luxurious golden-red outfit, said in a clear tone.

“No, no, you can go out for training, but only after breaking through to Foundation Establishment. Grandfather can let you go out then, but absolutely not now,”

Xu Renguang shook his head repeatedly, earnestly advising, “Ruyin, you should just cultivate well at home now, and after breaking through to Foundation Establishment, Grandfather will arrange for you to go to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range for training.”

“Our main house has a stronghold in the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, where our family’s youths can train. When that time comes, you can train however you want.”

When Xu Ruyin heard ‘main house’, an unfriendly chill suddenly appeared on her exquisitely beautiful face.

“Ruyin, be obedient,”

Xu Renguang sighed lightly at the sight of his granddaughter’s expression.

His son had been crippled by someone else, and as a father, he was naturally filled with rage.

But such matters were legitimate in the clan competition, leaving him without recourse.

“I understand, Grandfather,”

Xu Ruyin nodded and did not continue to argue.

Returning to her own room, Xu Ruyin clenched her fists tightly, muttering to herself, “Only by making a pact with a Heaven Rank Demon Beast can I form a ‘Beastly Dao Foundation’ and avenge my father... Now the Heaven Rank Demon Beast is right before me, my only opportunity in this lifetime. I must not give up...”

“Hong Lian elder!”

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Time flew, and in the blink of an eye, three months had passed.

Thanks to the battle at Red Leaf Valley Market, Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge had also made a name for themselves, gaining a bit of fame.

So, during this period, quite a few Loose Cultivators and smaller Families came to pledge their loyalty.

Regarding this, Lu Changsheng, Ling Zixiao, Lu Miaoge, and Xiao Xiyue had a brief discussion.

Loose Cultivators with a particular skill and a clean family background could be recruited as Guest Elders to the Family.

If they didn't have a particular skill, they could sign a servitude contract, a labor agreement.

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As for vassalage from smaller families, they weren't sought after at all.

After all, the current prestige of Blue Lake Mountain was supported entirely by Lu Changsheng, Lu Miaoge, and Ling Zixiao—there was no power to expand externally.

Such matters had to wait until the Family's younger generation reached the Energy Refinement Late Stage before they could be sent out to establish a foothold and expand.

Besides these two, there were also some female Loose Cultivators and daughters of small families who voluntarily came to Blue Lake Mountain to serve as slaves or maids, hoping to be noticed by Lu Changsheng and marry into the Lu Family.

After all, the Mountain Master of Blue Lake Mountain's actions of taking wives, concubines, and fathering children were also widely known.

If favored by the Lu Ancestor, for many Loose Cultivators and daughters of small families, it would be like transforming into a phoenix and soaring above the branches.

However, most Cultivators also had self-awareness and set their sights on the sons and young masters of the Lu Family.

Over the years, as Lu Family Disciples like Lu Xianzhi, Lu Xing, Lu Yun, Lu Feng took wives and concubines, some of the surrounding Families and Loose Cultivators also heard about it.

As long as they married into the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family, becoming a wife to a Lu Family son, they would enjoy the benefits and treatment due to Family Disciples!

Moreover, the Mountain Master of Blue Lake Mountain strongly encouraged childbirth!

As long as a child was born, there would be rewards!

If the child tested positive for a Spiritual Root, there would be additional rewards!

All these benefits and treatments were very tempting to many Loose Cultivators and smaller families.

After all, the current reputation and public opinion about Blue Lake Mountain was quite good.

Its ancestor, Lu Changsheng, was known for his loyalty and righteousness, in the prime of his life with astonishing combat power. As long as there were no accidents, the Family could be carefree for a hundred years.

Moreover, marrying into Blue Lake Mountain not only meant enjoying high rank welfare benefits and receiving cultivation but their family could also benefit from some unspoken advantages.

For example, the Xu Family, which had married off a daughter to Lu Xianzhi early on.

Now, some smaller families, out of regard for Blue Lake Mountain, tended to treat the Xu Family with a bit more politeness, and would think twice before taking action against them.

Furthermore, not long ago, the Xu Family obtained some business cooperation through this connection with Blue Lake Mountain.

Even though it was just a small business distributing puppets, it was enough to draw envious looks.

Alongside these female Loose Cultivators and marriages, there were also some male Loose Cultivators and scions of small families who aimed to marry a Lu Family daughter and join the Lu Family through marriage.

Regarding these, Lu Changsheng was well aware, knowing that most saw it as an opportunity for profit.

“Luring people with benefits, how can one expect true loyalty?”

“However, once they’ve joined my Lu Family... then they’ll have no say in the matter.”

Lu Changsheng chuckled lightly as he listened to Lu Miaoyun’s report.

When he first established the Family rules, he knew that Cultivators would come to his Family for the benefits—female cultivators marrying into his Family would enjoy the benefits of Lu Family Disciples; male cultivators marrying into the Lu Family would also receive Lu Family benefits.

As for this, Lu Changsheng’s attitude was simple.

As long as you are honest and contribute sufficiently, you won’t be shortchanged.

However, if you join his Family and harbor other intentions, thinking of taking advantage, he would certainly not be polite.

During this time, Lu Changsheng himself was not idle, managing to impregnate two concubines within the household.

Worth mentioning, in this period, two female cultivators volunteered themselves, hoping to become his concubines.

One was at the Ninth Level Energy Refinement with a Fifth Grade Spiritual Root, stating that as long as Lu Changsheng was willing to provide Foundation Establishment resources, she was willing to serve as his concubine for twenty years and bear three children.

To this, Lu Changsheng told her to get lost.

Though the woman had a Fifth Grade Spiritual Root,

the value of such a Spiritual Root and Cultivation Level at White Jade Tower, at most, was ten to twenty thousand. He truly didn't understand where she got the confidence to name such a price—did she believe she had some exquisite treasure to offer?

However, another woman called 'Luan Qing' was not bad.

Sixth Level Energy Refinement, Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, and also skilled in a craft called 'incense making.'

This woman's request was much simpler; she had wandered the Cultivation World for a long time, realizing her prospects were bleak and sought to settle down and live a peaceful life.

Having heard that the ancestor of Blue Lake Mountain was incomparably handsome and treated his wives and concubines extremely well, she came with admiration.

After a simple background check, Lu Changsheng took this woman as a secondary wife.

Furthermore, realizing this was a good way to take in concubines, he directly gifted her a High Rank Breakthrough Elixir so she could break through to the Energy Refinement Late Stage.

In the future, after she bore two children, he would also help her open a fragrance shop.

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That day, a system notification sound rang out.

[Congratulations, host, for the birth of 50 offspring from your descendants—awarding one lottery chance]

“Fifty, finally kind of a windfall, it made me wait quite a while!”

Lu Changsheng, upon hearing the system notification, showed a bit of joy on his face.

Ever since he saw that the system granted Child Money for the first and tenth grandchild, but then saw no further grants, he had felt somewhat disheartened.

Fortunately, the Child Money from the system finally came through.

Knowing that the achievements in this realm through his children’s offspring would be much higher than his own.

“But this pace is pretty fast. When I was diligent in fathering fifty children, it took me over seven years.”

“But now, the kids only took four years.”

Lu Changsheng remarked.

Moreover, the fact that it took only just over four years was with few age-appropriate children being married off early.

Now, as time passes and more of the children age, more and more are starting to marry, and this snowball will only gather momentum fast.

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Although there were many children, the aspect of Spiritual Roots was somewhat disappointing.

In the entire generation of grandchildren, so far only two children possessed Spiritual Roots.

One of them was recently born to a concubine of his son, Lu Yun.

Therefore, in this regard, Lu Changsheng knew that they could only rely on those children in the family who had Spiritual Roots.

But not many of these children with Spiritual Roots were currently married.

His sons Lu Ping'an, Lu Quanzhen, and his daughters Lu Ruyi, Lu Xiaoru, all had no plans of marrying yet.

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Although his elderly father was willing to urge them, the children would definitely agree, but he was not going to force his children to marry and have children just for the sake of sweepstakes.

“System, draw a lottery!”

Lu Changsheng went to the study and silently chanted in his mind.

Instantly, the system lottery wheel appeared.

A golden light began to spin along with it.

Before long, the golden light stopped on the ‘other’ category.

[Ding, congratulations to the host on obtaining a Seed of Law: Sword Charging Bull's Might!]

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

A pale golden halo of a sword pattern appeared along with the system's notification sound.

“Seed of Law, Sword Charging Bull's Might? What is this?”

Lu Changsheng raised his eyebrows upon seeing the reward he had drawn.

In his many years in the Cultivation World, he had never heard of something like a Seed of Law.

Immediately, with a slight movement of his Mental Spirit, he checked the Seed of Law in the system.

[Seed of Law: Sword Charging Bull's Might]

[Rank: Fourth Rank]

[Explanation: When the light of the sun and moon shines, the treasure sword charges at the Bull, the recipient's natural Sword Dao talent increases, Sword Qi is sharp and domineering, swallowing the stars, fearless and defiant, with a proud and unyielding spirit]

“Fourth Rank!? Enhances Sword Dao talent, sharp Sword Qi, swallowing stars? Can this Seed of Law enhance a person's talent?”

Lu Changsheng was surprised as he looked at the Seed of Law before him.

He knew that in the Cultivation World, anything that could improve or enhance someone else's talent was extremely rare.

This Seed of Law before him could enhance Sword Dao talent, and with a rank of Fourth Rank, it was clearly extraordinary.

Lu Changsheng's spirit stirred slightly as he extracted the Seed of Law from the System Space to examine its detailed effects.

Immediately, a pale golden light, the size of a thumb, appeared before him.

About the specific effects of this Seed of Law, Lu Changsheng became instantly aware.

This Seed of Law had the effects of elevating one's talent, enhancing perception, harmonizing one's nature, improving one's cultivation rank, and filling in any deficiencies.

After use, not only is the Sword Dao talent enhanced, but future cultivation and comprehension of Sword Dao techniques would yield twice the result with half the effort.

The whole person would also be subtly influenced by the Seed of Law, gradually becoming proud and unyielding in nature, fearless and courageous, striving with vigor.

If one's personality is naturally aligned with the Seed of Law, it could maximize its effects!

From then on, one could make rapid progress on the path of the Sword Dao, and the mana and Sword Qi cultivated would be several times more ferocious than that of ordinary people!

“How does this Seed of Law resemble the ‘Sword Bone’ among the Sword Cultivator’s constitutions?”

Lu Changsheng thought of the ‘Sword Bone’ among the Sword Cultivator’s constitutions as he looked at the effects of the Seed of Law.

In the books he had read, it was written that those born with Sword Bone would exhibit extraordinary Sword Dao talent from the moment they held a sword.

When cultivating Sword Dao techniques, not only would they progress swiftly, but their power would also surpass that of others.

As for temperament, having cultivated the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, Lu Changsheng could only say many a Sword Cultivator were so by nature.

Because only with such a temperament could one traverse the Sword Dao faster and farther.

“Who should I give this Seed of Law to...”

Lu Changsheng looked at the Seed of Law in his hand, stroking his chin.

Although he cultivated the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture, he didn’t have much interest in this kind of Seed of Law.

One reason was, he had the system’s enlightenment, which made any additional Sword Dao talent unnecessary for understanding the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

Another reason was that this Seed of Law would subtly influence someone else's nature.

He was very clear about his own temperament and had no desire to change it.

Therefore, in his view, the Seed of Law was definitely meant for his children.

After all, if the temperament matched, the effect of the Seed of Law would be quite remarkable, it was like a small Spiritual Body.

“Ping'an, Xianzhi, Ruyi, Quanzhen, Yun'er, Lu Xing....”

Lu Changsheng considered his current children and felt that none were quite suitable.

The next moment, he immediately thought of his son Lu Qingshan, who was far away in another country!

This son had a Gengjin Body Constitution, and Lu Changsheng had intended to teach him the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture.

However, due to an accident, he was taken in as a disciple by a Nascent Soul Immortal and brought to the Jinyang Sect in Yue Country.

Although this son was mischievous and undisciplined, Lu Changsheng knew that his son was proud and obstinate by nature, with an indomitable spirit in his bones.

Overall, he was well-suited for this Seed of Law.

“I wonder what techniques Qingshan is practicing in the Jinyang Sect...”

Lu Changsheng toyed with the Seed of Law, murmuring to himself.

Although his son's Spiritual Root was metal-leaning and he possessed a Gengjin Body Constitution, which was suitable for Sword techniques,

he did not know which Cultivation Technique his son's Nascent Soul master was teaching him in the Jinyang Sect.

He only knew that his son's Cultivation progress was indeed very rapid.

He had already broken through to the Fourth Level of Energy Refinement!

At this rate, before he turned thirty, Lu Qingshan would certainly be able to break through to Foundation Establishment!

“Once Zi Xiao has fully recovered from her injuries and has finished setting up the Divine Wood Great Formation, I will take a trip to the Jinyang Sect,”

Lu Changsheng took a deep breath and murmured to himself.

He had long promised Lu Miaohuan and Lu Miaoge that he would visit Yue Country's Jinyang Sect to see his children.

If his son Lu Qingshan was practicing Sword techniques and his temperament remained the same, then in his view, this Seed of Law could not be more suitable for Lu Qingshan.

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Jinyang Sect, Tian Yuan Peak.

“Qingshan, why did you get into a conflict with others?”

In the grand hall, a voluptuous woman in her thirties, wearing a long red dress, spoke lazily.

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“That bastard dared to bully little Zhu'er, I'm already being lenient by not killing him!”

Lu Qingshan, dressed in a golden and white magical robe, clenched his fist inside his sleeve as he spoke coldly.

“You’re only at the Fourth Level Energy Refinement, and the other party has reached the Sixth Level. How could you kill him?”

Tianyuan True Immortal, looking at her disciple with a wine gourd to her red lips, took a sip with apparent nonchalance and said.

“Because he doesn’t dare to kill me!”

Lu Qingshan, standing tall and straight before the Tianyuan True Immortal, spoke assuredly.

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“Oh, and you’re not afraid that killing him would bring trouble?”

“Among sects, it’s a grave sin to kill a fellow disciple.”

Yan Yuan rested an elbow on the armrest, her head propped in her hand, her hair cascading down, and her lush, bare legs crossed as she said with interest.

“Afraid, but if someone dares to bully my sister, as her brother, it’s my duty to seek revenge!”

Lu Qingshan’s clenched fist relaxed, and he then said with a smile, “Jinyun Peak and our Tian Yuan Peak have never gotten along. They are clearly provoking us on purpose. How can you, Master, simply stand by and watch?”

“Besides, if I at the Qi Refinement Fourth Level manage to slaughter someone at the Sixth Level, I’d be bringing honor to our Tian Yuan Peak and to you, Master. Would you still punish me for that?”

Lu Qingshan said so.

“Your temperament really is...”

Upon hearing this, Yan Yuan cracked a smile, waved her hand, and said, “Alright, I’ll take care of this matter.”

“There are plenty of wild beasts on Tian Yuan Peak. If you’re hungry, you can hunt on the mountain as practice.”

“If you’re really starving and can’t find any game, you can ask Xiao Bai for help.”

Yan Yuan said so.

“Yes, Master,”

Lu Qingshan bowed in response.

“Alright, off you go, or little Zhu’er will start worrying again, thinking that I’m blaming you.”

Yan Yuan shook her head gently and took another sip from her wine gourd.

Watching Lu Qingshan leave the hall, she revealed a hint of chill on her otherwise lazy and casually beautiful face, “I, Yan Yuan, am often away from the sect and don’t manage affairs, but they really think they can bully my Tian Yuan Peak so easily!”

“Brother!”

As soon as Lu Qingshan left the hall, Lu Qingzhu hurried over with concern.

“Little Zhu’er, Master was just asking what happened, there’s no need to worry,”

Lu Qingshan looked at his sister, immediately showing a carefree smile and ruffling her head as he said.

“Brother, don’t fight with others next time, does it hurt?”

Lu Qingzhu looked at Lu Qingshan’s somewhat swollen cheek, her eyes red with concern as she spoke softly.

“It doesn’t hurt at all. This time I was a bit off, I couldn’t slaughter him. Next time something like this happens, I’ll definitely take down that bastard!”

Lu Qingshan said with an easy grin.

“It’s my fault for being useless, I can’t help brother at all, and instead, I’m just a burden,”

Lu Qingzhu’s eyes teared up as she spoke.

“How could that be? It’s a brother’s duty to protect his sister. If something similar happens in the future, you must tell me sooner. Don’t keep it to yourself, understand?”

Lu Qingshan said with a gentle smile, lightly flicking Lu Qingzhu’s delicate little nose.

After spending some time with Lu Qingzhu, and telling the young girl to rest, Lu Qingshan ran to the back mountain and shouted towards the sky, “Fairy Crane, Fairy Crane!”

“What is it, boy?”

Soon after, a majestic and handsome crane, over ten feet tall with fiery red plumage swooped down from the sky.

“Look, I was beaten up in a fight today, it hurts like hell. Give me some of your divine saliva…”

Lu Qingshan pointed to the injuries on his cheek and arm, and spoke up.

“Go on, trying to trick this fairy into giving you divine saliva again? Nothing doing!”

Upon hearing this, the crane spread its wings and took off.

Yet, just as it took flight, seeing Lu Qingshan's appearance, it still threw down a small porcelain bottle saying, "Fine, fine, here's a bottle for you, boy."

"Hehe, thanks a lot!"

Lu Qingshan caught the small porcelain bottle and shouted his thanks to the white crane.

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Half a month later.

Bi Lake Mountain.

Inside the Lu Family Mansion, the hall of deliberation.

This day marked the Lu Family's annual family meeting.

Lu Changsheng sat in the main seat, listening to reports from his wife and children below.

This year, the overall situation for Bi Lake Mountain was still in deficit.

However, with the family disciples becoming proficient in their trades, and with an increase in the number of spirit farmers, spirit plant carers, fishermen, and beast tamers, the revenue from the spirit fields and fisheries showed steady improvement.

The puppet workshop and wine brewing shop had also started to turn a profit, so the overall deficit wasn't large, amounting to a total loss of six thousand eight hundred and ninety-two spirit stones.

The reason for a deficit of over six thousand spirit stones was entirely due to the large expenses and outlay for the Lu Family disciples.

One reason was that the benefits provided to the Lu Family disciples were relatively generous.

Additionally, the children in the family were gradually getting married.

Like my son Lu Yun, who had already married one and brought in three.

Other sons who wished to marry also could mostly take wives with Spiritual Roots.

In such circumstances, the family's expenses had significantly increased.

As for these expenses, Lu Changsheng had no objections.

After all, as long as his children were willing to marry and have children, he would be happy, even if it meant a little more expense.

After briefly summarizing the year, Lu Changsheng saw that the family was progressing steadily and felt that in another two years, he could choose a few of his children to appoint as the Family Head and Elders.

In that way, he would be completely free from worrying about these trivial matters.

After the family meeting concluded, it was time for Xiao Xiyue to return to Qingyun Sect to report back.

She had been assigned to situate at Bi Lake Mountain for three years, and now that the time was up, she must return to Qingyun Sect.

Seven days later, Xiao Xiyue said farewell to her daughter Lu Wangshu.

She expressed that she had to leave and would come to see her whenever she had time.

“Mother...”

Upon hearing that her mother was leaving, Lu Wangshu's eyes immediately reddened, and she cried out sobbingly.

Initially, she and Xiao Xiyue were not very close.

But over these three years, aside from her daily meditation times, Xiao Xiyue spent most of her time doting on her daughter, indulging her every whim.

So now, hearing that her mother was leaving, Lu Wangshu was extremely sad and reluctant to part.

"Little Wangshu, don't cry. Mother will come to visit you when I have time,"

Xiao Xiyue, seeing her daughter like this, instantly felt a bit flustered. Her beautiful face was filled with confusion as she comforted her.

"If little Wangshu misses mother, you can also come to see me anytime."

Lu Changsheng, watching this scene, crouched down and comforted his daughter in a gentle voice.

He had long realized why many cultivators were reluctant to start families and have children.

It was still manageable during the Qi Refinement Realm.

But when a cultivator reached the Foundation Establishment Stage, they may close off to meditate for several months, or even one or two years.

If they reached the Core Formation Stage, this period could extend to several years, or even decades.

This also meant there would be no time to accompany their children.

Possibly after one meditation session, the children would have grown up, leading to an indifferent relationship between them.

Or, due to the lack of guidance, they might develop a problematic character and bring disaster upon themselves.

In the case of Xiao Xiyue, spending so much time accompanying her daughter was indeed a hindrance to her cultivation.

As for himself, his cultivation was completely casual, wholly reliant on consuming pills and exploiting loopholes.

“Mother, I will miss you...”

Lu Wangshu, smart and sensible since childhood, wiped the corner of her eyes and spoke quietly.

“Mother will miss little Wangshu too.”

Xiao Xiyue pursed her lips and spoke, even harboring a thought to continue staying at Bi Lake Mountain to accompany her daughter.

“Sigh.”

Lu Changsheng watched this scene and was tempted to let Xiao Xiyue take Lu Wangshu to Qingyun Sect.

But knowing Xiao Xiyue’s personality, she would dote on the child every day if she took her with her, which might severely hinder her cultivation.

Moreover, once Xiao Xiyue returned to her sect, there would be other duties, and she wouldn’t have much time to care for the child.

Eventually, after a heartfelt farewell between mother and daughter, Xiao Xiyue departed.

“It’s okay, daddy is here. Come on, daddy will take you fishing.”

Lu Changsheng, looking at his daughter who still had somewhat red eyes, said soothingly.

Now that Xiao Xiyue had left, he, as the father, would naturally spend more time with his daughter, helping her move past her sadness as quickly as possible.

“Daddy, I want to hear a story.”

Lu Wangshu looked up with her little head and said.

“Alright.”

Lu Changsheng smiled and said, “Once upon a time, there was a mountain, on the mountain there was a temple, inside the temple there was a...”

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In a marketplace.

“Hong Lian senior, I have gathered all the materials required to use the secret Divine Technique. Can I now stealthily enter Bi Lake Mountain?”

Xu Ruyin spoke in her mind.

“Bi Lake Mountain is merely a Second Rank Great Formation. With my Seamless Celestial Clothes Divine Technique, sneaking in will not be difficult.”

“However, taking away a Heaven Rank Demon Beast still carries some risk. Are you sure you have thought this through?”

An ethereal and elegant voice, as gentle as the singing of heaven, echoed in Xu Ruyin’s mind.

“Hong Lian senior, I have thought it through. When I started practicing the Beast Technique, I was ready!”

Xu Ruyin, with her delicate and stunning beauty, expressed her determination.