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### Chapter 751: The Auction Begins, Heavenly Longevity Technique Mastered!\_3

With the auction fully concluded, Lu Changsheng also prepared to return to Bi Lake Mountain with his wife and children.

“Father...”

At this time, Lu Quanzhen expressed to Lu Changsheng that he wished to leave home to gain experience and venture out into the world.

“To go out and gain experience?”

Lu Changsheng frowned slightly upon hearing this.

He had long known that this son of his harbored a desire to travel and adventure.

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If it weren't for the establishment of Bi Lake Mountain and being called back home by himself, he probably would have gone out long ago.

“Wait until you break through to the Sixth Level Energy Refinement.”

Lu Changsheng looked at his son in front of him, speaking after a slight pause.

He could understand his children wanting to leave home for experience, not willing to settle within the family.

After all, most members of big families were clear about one thing—if they settled within the family, without venturing out for experience, it was highly unlikely to achieve Foundation Establishment in their lifetimes unless they had exceptional talent.

Even though the conditions at Bi Lake Mountain were far superior to those of Qingzhu Mountain, Hundred Birds Lake, Wugong Ridge, and even the Yu Shui Xu Family and other family powers, they still couldn't train many of their children to achieve Foundation Establishment.

At most, they could train them up to the Energy Refinement Late Stage; to establish a foundation would still be up to them.

And Lu Quanzhen obviously saw this point.

He knew his own Spiritual Root was not good, just an Eighth Grade Spiritual Root, so he had planned his life's path early on.

However, in Lu Changsheng's view, a Cultivation Level at the Fifth Level Energy Refinement was still a bit too low.

When he reached the Sixth Level, if his son still wanted to go out, he would give him a Life-saving Spirit Talisman.

"Many thanks, Father!"

Upon hearing this, Lu Quanzhen immediately responded with respect.

He knew that if his father agreed to it, then the matter was settled.

"Use this time to prepare your mother mentally, don't just run off without saying a word."

Lu Changsheng said as he patted his son's shoulder.

The fledgling eagle must spread its wings; if this son did not have his own opinions and the desire to venture out, in his heart, he would have actually been inclined to hand over the position of Family Head to him.

Given the personalities of Lu Ping'an, Lu Xianzhi, and Lu Yun, they did not quite suit the role of Bi Lake Mountain Family Head.

“Father, you know that if I tell Mother, she definitely won’t agree, so I can only trouble you with this.”

Lu Quanzhen, with a handsome face, showed a helpless and bitter smile.

“Sigh, just be a bit more accommodating to your mother, that’s all, don’t constantly avoid her. The more you avoid her, the more she’ll worry. If it really comes to it, just tell her that on this trip to gain experience, you’ll also keep an eye out for a woman you love.”

Lu Changsheng shook his head as he spoke.

He too had often been troubled by Qu Zhenzhen urging Lu Quanzhen to get married.

“Yes, I understand, Father.”

Lu Quanzhen smiled, making the corners of his eyes seem more elongated.

His facial features were similar to Lu Changsheng’s by seventy percent, but his eyebrows and eyes were inherited from his mother, especially when he smiled.

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After returning to Bi Lake Mountain with his wives and children, Lu Changsheng briefly dealt with some family affairs and his children’s situations before returning to Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

“My lord.”

Xu Ruyin, in a flaring red dress with a fine and stunning face, immediately greeted Lu Changsheng with great respect upon seeing him.

“Mhm, I encountered your grandfather at the auction; he’s very worried about your situation.”

Lu Changsheng said with a light smile.

“Grandfather...”

Xu Ruyin’s delicate body trembled violently when she heard this.

Having been in Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven for so long, what concerned her the most was the situation back home.

She said with downcast eyes, “Thank you, my lord, for informing me.”

“When you left home, did you say anything about when you would return?”

Lu Changsheng’s voice was gentle as he wrapped his arms around her slender, snake-like waist and drew her into his embrace, asking softly.

The action and his concerned tone made Xu Ruyin’s heart tremble.

If it wasn’t for knowing another side of Lu Changsheng, she would have found herself unable to resist falling for him in such close quarters.

Sometimes, she even wondered if the outcome would be different if she hadn’t resorted to stealing and instead had chosen to marry Lu Changsheng proactively.

“Nothing...”

Xu Ruyin tensed slightly, her delicate body leaning obediently against Lu Changsheng’s chest, letting his strong arms enfold her.

She knew that to win Lu Changsheng’s favor, she had to appear docile and obedient in front of him.

“You have a life token, a soul lamp, and such items at home, don’t you?”

Lu Changsheng sat down on a bamboo chair nearby, embracing her graceful figure and twirling a strand of her fiery red, crystal-clear hair between two fingers.

The silky-smooth texture of Xu Ruyin's hair was very comforting to touch, something he often played with.

Moreover, over the course of more than a month under his tutelage, she had gradually begun to nuzzle his palm on her own initiative, like a docile kitten, giving him an intense sense of achievement.

It could only be said that bullying women was also in a man's nature.

"Yes..."

Xu Ruyin murmured softly.

Despite the humiliation and the control over her movements now, she sadly found herself gradually becoming accustomed to it.

"Since you have a life token and a soul lamp, your family won't worry."

Lu Changsheng chuckled lightly.

After teasing Xu Ruyin for a while, he entered the Changsheng Hall's cave dwelling and began to craft a Spiritual Artifact embryo for Lu Miaoge.

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Time flew, and in the blink of an eye, half a year had passed.

On this day, as usual, Lu Miaoyun came to the back mountain of the Lingxiu Cliff.

She took out the Formation Command given to her by Ling Zixiao, stepped into the formation, and looked at the Luminous Treasure Tree before her.

"Heavenly Longevity Technique, refine!"

Lu Miaoyun sat cross-legged in front of the Luminous Treasure Tree, her hands forming seals, using her internal Spiritual Power to refine the Luminous Treasure Tree in front of her.

To say it was refining was actually more akin to merging.

Because after more than a year of refinement, she had already established a connection with the Luminous Treasure Tree, the two almost becoming one.

She could even vaguely sense the emotions of the Luminous Treasure Tree.

Now the task was to completely refine the Luminous Treasure Tree, making it her Life-bound Spiritual Root, merging completely with her.

As she refined the Luminous Treasure Tree, a surge of Qi from the tree rushed into Lu Miaoyun's body.

“Hmm, what's this?”

Lu Miaoyun suddenly felt her Spiritual Power uncontrollably pouring out of her, being devoured by the Luminous Treasure Tree.

In the past, it was always her nourishing the Luminous Treasure Tree with her Spiritual Power.

But this time, the Luminous Treasure Tree actively devoured her Spiritual Power, causing her complexion to turn pale.

Lu Miaoyun, realizing something, immediately took out several Spirit Stones from her Storage Bag to recover her Spiritual Power.

At the same time, she poured out a bottle of Spiritual Liquid for the Luminous Treasure Tree.

“Buzz—”

Just as Lu Miaoyun's Spiritual Power was nearly drained by the Luminous Treasure Tree, a mysterious and subtle vibration surged into her heart, making her whole person feel light and clear.

“Whoo, whoo, whoo!”

A torrent of Spiritual Mechanism emerged from the Luminous Treasure Tree, enveloping Lu Miaoyun completely, beckoning countless nature's spiritual energies to roll towards her and enter her body.

“Boom!”

In an instant, Lu Miaoyun's body shook violently, and a breeze swept around her.

The bottleneck she had faced for years, from the Sixth Level Energy Refinement to the Seventh Level Energy Refinement, was broken in that moment.

But it didn't stop there; a rich essence of plants and trees, the Origin Source from the Luminous Treasure Tree, continued to pour into her body.

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Atop Bi Yun Peak.

Ling Zixiao was with Xu Ruyin, arranging the “Divine Wood Great Formation.”

Sensing the spiritual energy of Lingcui Cliff and the operation of the formation, her expression became slightly focused.

She immediately stopped setting up the formation and flew towards Lingcui Cliff to check the situation.

“Is this, the Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique, successful?”

After Ling Zixiao arrived at the back mountain of Lingcui Cliff, she saw Lu Miaoyun and the Luminous Treasure Tree enveloped in a mist of spiritual mechanisms, seemingly as one entity.

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Although she had seen the Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique before, she did not know the specific effects of its refinement.

Moreover, since this cultivation technique involved refining different “nature’s spirit plants” into one’s Life-bound Spiritual Root, results could vary significantly.

She immediately took out a Yin-Yang Sensing Talisman to have Lu Changsheng come over and take a look.

Changsheng Hall, in the retreat cave dwelling.

“The Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique has succeeded?”

Lu Changsheng was in the process of refining a Spiritual Artifact embryo when he received Ling Zixiao’s message. He immediately got up, left Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, and came to Lingcui Cliff.

There he saw Lu Miaoyun sitting cross-legged, inhaling and exhaling the surrounding spiritual energy of nature.

At this moment, she and the Luminous Treasure Tree’s mechanisms were merged, indistinguishable from each other.

“Zi Xiao, gather spiritual energy,” Lu Changsheng said directly to Ling Zixiao, instructing her to converge the surrounding spiritual energy towards Lingcui Cliff.

He also took out several Middle Grade Spirit Stones from his Storage Bag, crushing them to release the rich spiritual energy within.

He could tell that Lu Miaoyun was likely in the process of refining the Luminous Treasure Tree into her Life-bound Spiritual Root.



However, because the growth grade of the Spirit Plant was quite high and Lu Miaoyun's cultivation level was too low, she received nourishment from the spirit tree, causing a breakthrough in her cultivation level.

“Good.”

Ling Zixiao nodded, took out an Array Plate, pinched a spell, and drew the spiritual energy from all around Lingcui Cliff towards them.

“Hoo hoo hoo—”

As the spiritual energy of nature entered her body, Lu Miaoyun's cultivation level, after breaking through the Seventh Level Energy Refinement, climbed step by step.

After about half a day, her cultivation level broke through from the Seventh Level Energy Refinement to the Eighth Level Energy Refinement.

“Could Miaoyun possibly be going for a direct breakthrough to Foundation Establishment?”

Ling Zixiao looked at the situation unfolding before her and said with a light smile.

“Likely not, judging from this turbulence, it's not enough for a breakthrough to Foundation Establishment,” Lu Changsheng shook his head and said.

The current activity, although not minor, was still far from the level required for a Foundation Establishment breakthrough. It was simply not comparable.

Another day passed, and Lu Miaoyun's cultivation level broke through from the Eighth Level Energy Refinement to the Ninth Level Energy Refinement.

After breaking through to the Ninth Level Energy Refinement, the spiritual mechanisms emanating from the Luminous Treasure Tree and the spiritual energy of nature continued, but the movements gradually diminished.

“Husband, Sister Zi Xiao,”

A day later, Lu Miaoyun opened her eyes and, filled with joy, looked at Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao before her.

Her face appeared much younger at this moment, and she exuded vitality from head to toe, giving a sense of vibrancy.

“Congratulations to my Miaoyun on mastering the ‘Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique,’ a promising future on the path of immortality.”

A smile spread across Lu Changsheng’s face as he congratulated his wife.

Usually, Lu Miaoyun and others would be the ones offering congratulations to her; it was rare for her to congratulate her wife.

“Congratulations, Miaoyun!”

Ling Zixiao also said with a beaming smile while taking a closer look at Lu Miaoyun’s condition.

When Lu Miaoge had her Foundation Establishment breakthrough, both her appearance and temperament underwent a dramatic change, as if she was reborn.

Lu Miaoyun was no exception at this moment.

Not only did she look much younger, but she also seemed like a precious tree of verdant greenery, making the air around her feel all the fresher.

“Thank you, husband, and thank you, Sister Zi Xiao. If it weren’t for my husband and Sister Zi Xiao, how could I have perfected this technique.”

Lu Miaoyun said this while looking at Lu Changsheng, her eyes filled with tenderness and affection.

Without Lu Changsheng, she would have found it difficult to cultivate to the Ninth Level Energy Refinement in her lifetime.

But now, under Lu Changsheng's arrangement, she cultivated the Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique, refining the Luminous Treasure Tree into her Life-bound Spiritual Root, and directly breaking through to the Ninth Level Energy Refinement.

Moreover, she could clearly sense that she and the Luminous Treasure Tree were perfectly integrated.

With the passage of time and the changing of seasons, as the Luminous Treasure Tree grew, the origin of plants and trees would continuously enter her body, as if she herself were cultivating.

Now, Foundation Establishment was only a matter of time for her!

"Yun'er, after you practiced this technique, do you feel any changes?" Lu Changsheng asked Lu Miaoyun.

The Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique was the only top-tier technique in the family that was learned from outside, so his understanding of it was limited.

"I feel like I've formed a profound connection with the Luminous Treasure Tree, merging into one entity, and able to slightly control the tree," she replied.

"However, once I move away from the tree, the connection between us gradually weakens, and eventually breaks, resulting in the failure of the technique," she continued.

"Moreover, the spiritual power inside me has transformed from the original Green Wood Art, now completely into the botanical force of the 'Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique'..."

Lu Miaoyun began to describe her current state, indicating that after perfecting the Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique, her lifespan had noticeably increased.

However, due to the conversion of her spiritual power into the botanical force of the Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique, her spiritual strength had weakened considerably, primarily geared towards nurturing.

It was difficult to increase her Cultivation Realm through Elixir Medicines; it could only be gradually raised through the growth of the Luminous Treasure Tree.

The advantage of this spiritual power was its ability to preserve her looks, beautify, and nourish both her physical body and soul.

Even as she aged, her body would remain vigorous and her condition would not significantly decline.

Additionally, she gained insight into how to cultivate the Luminous Treasure Tree so that it would grow as quickly as possible.

And she could spend her Origin Source to make the Luminous Treasure Tree quickly condense the ‘Luminous Sweet Dew,’ without having to wait for the thirty-year growth cycle.

“It’s good that there are no side effects,” Lu Changsheng remarked.

“As for the ‘Luminous Sweet Dew,’ if you have time, Yun’er, you could try to accelerate its formation and see how effective it is.

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Lu Changsheng smiled as he spoke.

The only thing he was worried about was the Heavenly Longevity Technique—besides the few issues mentioned above, there might be other side effects.

“Okay~”

Lu Miaoyun nodded gently in agreement.

“Let’s go, to celebrate Yun’er’s successful cultivation of the Heavenly Longevity Technique, we should celebrate properly!”

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Lu Changsheng stepped forward, took his wife’s hand, and laughed.

Then he returned to Bi Yun Peak and instructed a family banquet to be held in celebration of Lu Miaoyun.

Although the wives and children at home didn’t know what was happening, many sensed the earlier situation at Lingcui Cliff.

Seeing the changes in Lu Miaoyun’s appearance and temperament, everyone guessed and congratulated her aloud.

Lu Miaohuan and Qu Zhenzhen were aware of the situation concerning the Heavenly Longevity Technique.

Seeing the changes in Lu Miaoyun’s appearance and temperament, a touch of envy inevitably showed deep in their eyes.

Although they didn’t have much desire to pursue Foundation Establishment, as women, they all had a love for beauty.

Moreover, the effects described by the Heavenly Longevity Technique were tantalizing—the notion of automatic cultivation was undoubtedly tempting.

Lu Changsheng keenly sensed this, sighing slightly in his heart.

Now, if anyone in the family wanted to continue practicing the Heavenly Longevity Technique, new Spirit Plants were needed from heaven and earth, and the Spirit Vein under Bi Shui Lake had to advance to Second Rank; otherwise, it would be difficult to afford the consumption.

“The parasitic Spirit Plants nurtured by Mount Sumeru should be able to grow directly from Mount Sumeru, right?”

Lu Changsheng pondered.

However, nurturing a parasitic Spirit Plant would consume a large amount of Mount Sumeru’s vitality, something he was reluctant to do for the time being.

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Late at night.

Afterwards!

“This...”

Lu Changsheng hugged the plump and fair-skinned Lu Miaoyun, covered in glistening sweat, a hint of astonishment in his eyes.

He found that after dual cultivating with Lu Miaoyun, his clarity of mind and vision slightly improved.

Although the sensation was weak and hard to detect, this wasn’t their first time dual cultivating, so he was particularly sensitive to it.

It made him think of the effects of the Luminous Sweet Dew condensed by the Luminous Treasure Tree.

Applying the Luminous Sweet Dew on the eyes could sharpen one’s vision, enhancing spiritual eye-related Techniques and Divine Skills.

“Husband, what’s wrong?”

Lu Miaoyun lazily lay in Lu Changsheng's arms, her bewitching eyes soft, her cheeks flushed, and she asked in a gentle voice.

"Just now, I felt as if I experienced a slight improvement in mental clarity and vision..."

Lu Changsheng said softly.

Then he pinned his wife beneath him again, ready to repeat the process several times, to determine if it was an illusion.

"Mm~"

Accompanied by soft moans, after several rounds of exertion, Lu Changsheng was sure it was not an illusion.

Indeed, after dual cultivating with Lu Miaoyun, there was a slight effect on mental clarity and vision.

However, this boost was almost negligible for him, and it would probably take many years to see a noticeable effect.

Lu Changsheng didn't mind this and treated it as a little extra spice to their intimate moments.

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Half a month later.

"Sister Miaoge, this is your Taiyi True Water bottle. From now on, you can temper it with your own mana and sculpt it," Lu Changsheng said.

That day, Lu Miaoge came back and used Taiyi True Water to nourish Ling Zixiao's meridians and Dantian.

Lu Changsheng took out a bottle that appeared to be carved from mutton-fat jade.

It was the prototype of the Taiyi True Water bottle.

“Thank you, husband~”

Seeing this, Lu Miaoge took the Taiyi True Water bottle, her beautiful eyes shining with joy.

Though the bottle had no offensive capabilities, it was effective for defense, breaking spells, protection, and storing Taiyi True Water.

Ordinary vessels couldn’t store the Taiyi True Water she condensed.

But with the Taiyi True Water bottle, she could store and even refine it.

This was also the reason she chose to first refine the Taiyi True Water bottle, rather than a Taichi Talisman.

“Hm?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the elegant and extraordinarily beautiful Lu Miaoge in front of him, dressed in a white gown purer than snow, her demeanor otherworldly, with a transcendent aura, and he stroked his chin.

“Changsheng, what is it?”

Lu Miaoge, seeing Lu Changsheng suddenly scrutinize her like that, was somewhat puzzled.

“Sister Miaoge, stay here and don’t move; wait for me,” Lu Changsheng said, before stepping out of the Mount Sumeru space, leaving the perplexed Lu Miaoge and Ling Zixiao behind.

Shortly after, Lu Changsheng returned to Changsheng Hall, holding a branch shining like gold and jade.

The branch was decorated with vibrant, emerald green leaves, full of life.



Under the astonished gaze of both women, Lu Changsheng placed the branch he had picked from the Mount Sumeru Tree King into Lu Miaoge's Taiyi True Water bottle and then nodded in satisfaction.

"Changsheng, what are you doing?"

Lu Miaoge was clueless why Lu Changsheng put a branch into her Taiyi True Water bottle.

"Sister Miaoge, this is a branch from Mount Sumeru. It has calming and spirit-cleansing effects, which will be beneficial for you to keep close for a long time," Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

"Moreover, by storing Taiyi True Water in the bottle, you can also nourish this branch, which will be helpful for you."

He had suddenly decided to give Lu Miaoge a branch to add to her jade bottle simply because he saw his wife in a pure white robe, her aura sacred, carrying a clear jade bottle, which reminded him of a character from his previous life.

He thought it would be nicer to add something to the bottle.

As it turned out, the addition of the branch did indeed lend a divine touch to the jade bottle in Lu Miaoge's hand.

If there was anything missing, it was indeed a cinnabar mole.

If a cinnabar mole was added to Lu Miaoge's brow, combined with her holy disposition that seemed to embrace all things, it would be even more provocative...

"Okay~"

Lu Miaoge didn't overthink it, assuming it was a thoughtful gesture from Lu Changsheng, and happily agreed with a tone of indulgence.

However, Ling Zixiao detected a bit of oddity, though she didn't express it.

After all, with the addition of the branch to the bottle, it indeed looked far more colorful and attractive.

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Before long, another month had passed.

During this month, Lu Changsheng's concubine became pregnant, bringing the total number of his children to one hundred and seventy.

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Reflecting on his efficiency in childbearing over the past few years, Lu Changsheng exhaled and prepared to visit the White Jade Tower.

In the early years when his family was just established and Ling Zixiao was grievously injured, with Xiao Xiyue holding the fort at home, he really couldn't bring himself to visit the White Jade Tower.

Moreover, the ordinary maids sold by the White Jade Tower all had Lower Grade Spiritual Roots, which he no longer found impressive.

To acquire maids with Middle Grade or Superior Grade Spiritual Roots, one had to either be a member or attend an auction.

And now, it just so happened to be the day of the White Jade Tower's triennial auction.

So, Lu Changsheng was preparing to broaden his horizons.

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He wanted to see what the auction at the White Jade Tower was like and whether it could meet his needs.

Three days later, after informing Ling Zixiao, Lu Changsheng secretly left Bi Lake Mountain and headed to the Nine Dragons Market.

Considering his status as an elder of his family, Lu Changsheng slightly disguised his facial features and identity.

After arriving at the White Jade Tower, he learned that the auction list wouldn't arrive for another half a month.

And the auction was not an open one but a secret bid.

Because the reach of the White Jade Tower was too broad.

This auction was not just in the Nine Dragons Square, but throughout the entire Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.

Therefore, the White Jade Tower couldn't host such a large auction and had to proceed through a secret bidding process.

Moreover, most cultivators didn't wish to show their faces at such auctions.

Lu Changsheng didn't mind this and decided to stroll around the Nine Dragons Market.

Bi Lake Mountain had several businesses in the Nine Dragons Market, but the business here could only be considered average; it hadn't picked up.

In the process, Lu Changsheng saw the 'Jade Meal Pavilion,' once belonging to his old friend Yu Maocheng.

But because of his issues with the Yu Family, the Jade Meal Pavilion had changed hands, and Yu Maocheng and his wife Yu Ningrong had left.

“Sigh,” Lu Changsheng let out a sigh.

The couple had worked hard in the Nine Dragons Market for many years, and their life was initially stable and good.

But because of his incident with the Yu Family, which led to their downfall, they chose to transfer the shop and leave the Nine Dragons Market, living in anonymity.

Yun Qianqian and Yu Ningrong used to correspond through letters, but after the incident with the Yu Family colluding with the Demon Path, their relationship broke off, leaving no more letters exchanged.

Half a month later.

Lu Changsheng arrived at the White Jade Tower and looked at the auction list before him.

There were a total of one hundred and eight maids for auction, each with their appearance, situation information, and starting bid price.

“Number one, 27 years old, Eighth Level Energy Refinement, Third Grade Spiritual Root... starting bid, ten Superior Grade Spirit Stones.”

“Number two, 32 years old, Ninth Level Energy Refinement, Third Grade Spiritual Root... starting bid, ten Superior Grade Spirit Stones.”

“Number three, 41 years old, Ninth Level Energy Refinement, Third Grade Spiritual Root... starting bid, ten Superior Grade Spirit Stones.”

“Indeed worthy of the White Jade Tower—such moves to actually have three with Superior Grade Spiritual Roots,” Lu Changsheng commented as he roughly looked over the information on the auction list.

Through their names, one could quickly check their appearance.

He took a brief look at these three individuals; not to say they were national beauties, but they were certainly of high caliber.

After all, most wouldn't be too ugly after entering cultivation.

Furthermore, all were trained by the White Jade Tower.

Even if originally of average looks, they would be taught beautifying and rejuvenating cultivation techniques.

Although he was quite tempted by such prospects, he didn't really have the intention to bid.

Too expensive!

The starting bid alone was ten Superior Grade Spirit Stones, which is to say 100,000 Lower Grade Spirit Stones!

This price had already far exceeded his current spending capacity!

Even though his business of selling symbols and refining elixirs was highly profitable, he still had limited financial resources when facing this kind of expenditure.

And this was just the starting price.

Compared to Superior Grade Spiritual Roots, the price of Fourth Grade Spiritual Roots dropped to a much more affordable level.

The cheapest starting bid was only 30,000 Spirit Stones!

The highest starting bid was just 50,000 Spirit Stones, which was half the price of Third Grade Spiritual Roots!

Then, for Fifth Grade Spiritual Roots, the price was halved again, with a starting bid between 10,000 and 20,000.

The starting bids for Sixth Grade Spiritual Roots ranged from 5,000 to 10,000.

Inside, there were many more maids with Lower Grade Spiritual Roots.

Those who could enter the auction with Lower Grade Spiritual Roots were either top choices in looks and figure or had exceptional talents in some areas.

Therefore, even the cheapest with Ninth Grade Spiritual Roots had a starting price of 1,000 Spirit Stones.

After roughly reviewing, Lu Changsheng inquired about the usual closing prices for these auctions in previous years.

The administrator told him that for Lower Grade Spiritual Roots, the competition wasn't too fierce.

Bids generally went 20% higher than the base price, and one was likely to win the bid.

Competition for a few with Superior Grade Spiritual Roots was much fiercer.

Because these served as the highlight of the White Jade Tower's auctions, many people competed for them.

As to why the competition was so fierce, the administrator named Xia didn't delve into details.

But Lu Changsheng had a rough idea.

Geniuses with Superior Grade Spiritual Roots were very useful.

Besides the most common uses as furnaces or breeding, there were more brutal methods.

Such as cultivating corpses, or after raising them, using some Demon Path methods to seize their Spiritual Roots, or even waiting until they established a foundation to snatch their Dao Foundation.

After all, with Superior Grade Spiritual Roots, as long as one is willing to invest time, with a bit of cultivation, establishing a foundation is highly likely!

“Sigh, save whoever I can,” Lu Changsheng sighed.

Looking into the eyes of these women, which shone with no glimmer of hope, he knew what they had endured; most of them were ill-fated.

Even after so many years in the cultivation world, he still hadn’t changed his soft-hearted nature.

Calculating the Spirit Stones he had available for discretionary spending, Lu Changsheng finally set a budget of 50,000 Spirit Stones for himself.

Because any more than that, and he would have to sell too many Spirit Stones and elixirs.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng placed bids on three Fifth Grade Spiritual Roots and one Sixth Grade Spiritual Root.

All were relatively low-priced, but he marked them up by about 40%.

To ensure a significant chance of acquiring them, he just managed to spend the 50,000 Spirit Stones.

For the current auction, deposits had to be paid upfront, and it would be a month before the secret bidding came to an end and notifications would be sent out.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng didn’t wait in the Nine Dragons Market; after paying the deposits, he returned to Bi Lake Mountain.

Because this year marked the Lu Family’s annual grand assembly.

And this year, he planned to finalize the position of the Family Head at the grand assembly and start sending some of his children to manage the businesses outside the family.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Lu Family Mansion, Council Hall.

“At present, the family has 316 members, three Foundation Establishment Cultivators, four at the Energy Refinement Late Stage, thirty-four at the Energy Refinement Middle Stage, sixteen at the Energy Refinement Initial Stage...”

Lu Changsheng sat in the main seat, listening calmly to his wife Lu Miaoyun’s summary.

Unconsciously, the number of members in his Lu Family had already surpassed three hundred.

Moreover, out of the 316 family members, there were fifty-seven cultivators!

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This ratio was truly astonishing!

The reason there were so many cultivators, particularly in the Qi Refinement Middle Stage, was entirely because his twenty-one wives and concubines were all at this cultivation level.

As for the children, thirteen had currently broken through to the Qi Refinement Middle Stage, and sixteen were at the Qi Refinement Initial Stage.

“This year’s income totaled thirty-one thousand one hundred and forty-three, expenditures totaled thirty-five thousand six hundred and sixty-five, with family stipends accounting for seventy percent of the expenses...”

Lu Miaoyun continued to report.

Inside the hall, everyone felt somewhat heavy-hearted upon hearing that there was a deficit once again, without a profit.



After all, for more than four years, Bi Lake Mountain had remained in a state of loss without reversing the situation to a profit.

The main reason for the losses, the major expenses, was something all those present were well aware of.

Lu Changsheng himself felt rather unconcerned by this, thinking that to have such a result over four years wasn't too bad...

After all, in his view, expenditures on starting a family and having children were essential, and in the long run, they were definitely profitable.

However, these family expenses did not take into account the costs of the "Divine Wood Great Formation," the "Oceanic Formation," training Dao Soldiers, and so on.

Otherwise, the expenses would be even more exaggerated.

"There has been improvement in the income compared to last year, aiming to break even next year."

Lu Changsheng chuckled, tapped the table, and said, "Next, I have two matters to discuss."

"For the past few years, our family has been in a semi-secluded state which made many businesses inconvenient to manage."

"Therefore, starting from this year, Lu Family disciples who reach the age of eighteen and break through to the Fourth Level Energy Refinement can apply to go out and manage business ventures."

Lu Changsheng looked toward his wives and children and said aloud.

"Apply to go out and manage business ventures?"

Some of the Lu Family disciples exchanged glances, their eyes shining with joy.

Although no one complained during the four years of seclusion, some Lu Family disciples still had some discontent in their hearts.

After all, at their age, they were in the prime of their life, full of yearning for the outside world and naturally wanted to explore more.

Not to mention traveling and gaining experience, growing up in Qingzhu Mountain and Bi Lake Mountain with many rules and constraints at home, they would feel bored and long for the outside world.

Moreover, many wives and children realized that this was another opportunity to perform well after hearing these words.

“As for going out for practice, one must reach the Sixth Level Energy Refinement to apply.”

Lu Changsheng continued.

Lu Quanzhen had previously expressed the desire to venture out for practice, and certainly, he wasn't the only one with such thoughts.

Therefore, he also directly set the rule, fixing the cultivation level at the Sixth Level Energy Refinement.

For the children in the family at present, this level was neither high nor low, generally around twenty-five years old, and they also had a certain level of experience.

“Finally, it is about the matter of the Family Head.”

Lu Changsheng looked down at his children and said aloud.

Currently, the family affairs were divided finely, with everyone having specific duties, and Lu Miaoyun generally coordinated the handling of trivial matters.

Some major decisions, on the other hand, were made by him and Ling Zixiao.

But now that the family had decided to open the mountain gate, whether it was dealing with family trifles or business, or interacting with other families, there needed to be one person, that is, the Patriarch of the Lu Family.

“The Family Head!?”

Upon hearing these words, many concubines and children looked surprised and exchanged glances, turning their eyes to Lu Ping’an, Lu Quanzhen, and Lu Yun.

Although the Lu Family did not emphasize too much the difference between legitimate and illegitimate children.

Still, in the eyes of many concubines and children, there was a distinction.

After all, although Lu Changsheng treated all his children equally in terms of welfare and treatment, in everyday life, he still had obvious favorites.

Lu Ping’an, Lu Quanzhen, and Lu Yun were born to his first wife, and being relatively older, they were favored by Lu Changsheng, so most people guessed that the choice of Family Head would be from among them.

“Now, our Lu Family’s first Family Head will be Lu Yun.”

Lu Changsheng did not hold a vote but directly looked at his son Lu Yun and spoke.

The choice of Lu Yun was partly because his sons Lu Ping’an and Lu Quanzhen had no intention of taking on the role of Family Head.

Another reason was capability.

Lu Yun, despite lacking decisiveness and boldness, performed well under the guidance of Lu Miaoyun.

As Family Head, with the help of his mother Lu Miaoyun in the early stages, he would at least not create any problems.

Besides, this son did have his strong points.

At least diligent and obedient, he was a role model in terms of marrying and having children.

He already had a wife, three concubines, and three children to his name.

Although he could not compare with his own father.

But amongst his children with Spiritual Roots, he was doing quite well.

“Thank you, Father. Your son will definitely not fail your expectations, nor those of everyone!”

Upon hearing this, Lu Yun took a deep breath and got up, bowing with excitement and nervousness.

Although the role of Family Head in a cultivation family differed from that in the secular world.

Becoming Family Head was equivalent to almost giving up on the path to immortality, as much time had to be spent on daily trivial matters, with little hope of reaching Foundation Establishment.

However, the status and power of the Family Head were undeniable.

“Congratulations, Brother Yun!”

“Congratulations, Yun-ge!”

“Greetings to the Family Head!”

Some immediately congratulated Lu Yun.

“Hmm, perform well.”

“The position of the Family Head is a five-year term, serving a maximum of four terms.”

“I will judge based on the performance of each term, rewarding good service abundantly and allowing continuation in the position; if not done well, then the person will be replaced. Understand?”

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Lu Changsheng spoke out.

He chose Lu Yun to be the Family Head not only because of Lu Miaoyun’s role but also due to the limited selection of sons and daughters currently available in the family.

If Lu Yun truly lacked the capacity and was unsuitable, he would replace him all the same, picking someone else from among the children.

After all, in his eyes, there really was no significant distinction between legitimacy and illegitimacy when it came to the position of Family Head; capability was the main criterion.

“Yes, Father!”

Lu Yun took a deep breath and nodded in agreement.

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He had long been aware of these matters, having been forewarned by his mother, Lu Miaoyun, and was mentally prepared.

“This family clan meeting is now concluded. If you have any other matters, you can come directly to me,” Lu Changsheng announced, looking at his wives and children.

“Yes, Husband, Father!”

Everyone in the hall stood up and respectfully replied.

Immediately after, Lu Changsheng left the hall with a few of his wives.

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With the family clan meeting over, Bi Lake Mountain was bustling with activity.

During this time, Lu Changsheng also spent time with his wives and children, discussing arrangements for sending out the family youths.

After all, when sending out the children, priority was given to picking marketplaces like Red Leaf Valley Market and Nine Dragons Market, which were close to Bi Lake Mountain.

Besides that, he had Hong Lian craft Identity Tokens for the family.

This allowed all Lu Family Disciples to sense each other's presence through the Jade Tokens, communicate, call for help, verify identities, and so on when they were outside.

Moreover, during this period, he spent even more time nurturing the Third Rank Treasure Talismans prepared for his children.

"Young Master, how do you like this design?"

That day, 'Xu Ruyin' handed Lu Changsheng the crafted Identity Token.

The token was roughly the width of three fingers, made like gleaming gold and jade, with hints of emerald green at the edges.

One side bore a depiction of mountain and sea scenery, while on the other side, there was a 'Lu' character, extravagant yet with a touch of simplicity.

This token could sense the presence of others within a hundred miles and enable simple communication over a thousand miles.

If Lu Changsheng wished, he could use the Infinite Pursuit Technique learned from Hong Lian to locate the position of the tokens.

“Not bad. Just make a distinguishing mark on each token for simple identification,” Lu Changsheng said after examining it for a moment, instructing Hong Lian to make a simple mark on the side with the ‘Lu’ character and deciding thus.

Thirteen youths of the family met the qualifications to venture out, but currently, only six had applied to do so, so he wasn’t in a hurry about crafting the tokens.

Given Hong Lian’s pace of crafting one every three to five days, that was more than enough.

Once he had roughly arranged and dealt with family matters, Lu Changsheng remembered that the auction at White Jade Tower was nearly concluded.

He then took a trip outside, heading for the White Jade Tower in Nine Dragons Market.

“Young Master Ye, please come inside.”

“The four maids you put up for auction at our White Jade Tower — except for number sixty-six which failed to sell, numbers sixty-nine, seventy-seven, and ninety-eight were all successfully auctioned. Do you confirm this, Young Master Ye?” the manager of White Jade Tower eagerly said upon seeing Lu Changsheng.

In Nine Dragons Market, anyone who could spend nearly fifty thousand Spirit Stones on maids was undoubtedly a major client, so he was treated with great enthusiasm.

“Number sixty-six failed, hm?”

At this, Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow but didn’t seem overly concerned.

He promptly paid the balance for the remaining three maids.

Since the three maids were to be transported from other locations by White Jade Tower, that would require more than a month. Lu Changsheng made the necessary arrangements and left, indicating

that he would come to pick them up when the time came and there was no need for them to be delivered to his home.

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In the blink of an eye, over a month passed.

“These are the Life-saving Talismans I’ve crafted for you. Dab a drop of blood from your forehead and essence blood on it.”

“If you encounter a life-threatening crisis, you can activate the talisman to escape,” Lu Changsheng said with a stern expression, looking at his children arrayed before him.

“Remember, the matter of this talisman must not be disclosed to anyone else, understand!”

The talisman he referred to was known as a ‘Substitute Talisman,’ ranked as a lower Third Rank item.

Its effect was somewhat similar to his Life-Substituting Talisman. It was connected to one’s essence blood and soul, forming a substitute puppet to take one’s place in danger, and then transporting the user a thousand miles away. However, its effectiveness was far inferior to the Life-Substituting Talisman, withstanding only one blow from Core Formation at most.

And unlike the Life-Substituting Talisman, it could not guard against certain inescapable and deadly tactics.

Nevertheless, it was more than enough for these children who were going to the marketplaces to handle business. Unless they ran into some formidable Robber Cultivators, it was unlikely they would need to use these talismans.

“Yes, Father!”

They were seeing their father’s stern demeanor for the first time.



Realizing the gravity of the situation, they didn't dare to take it lightly and swore oaths of the Heart Demon.

Later, holding the talismans traced with mysterious toad-script that resembled purple dragon scales in their hands, they each looked overjoyed.

After all, they all knew that their father was a Top-Level Talisman Master with a renowned reputation; such life-saving talismans were certainly extraordinary.

Having seen his children use the 'Substitute Talismans,' Lu Changsheng left them after giving a few instructions.

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The east broke with dawn, and the morning light was faint.

At the top of Bi Yun Peak, the tallest point of Bi Lake Mountain, stood an ancient tree tens of feet high, made entirely of gold and jade, its brilliant luminance flowing.

This was a forbidden area of Bi Lake Mountain, where the Ancestral Lady cultivated, offering an easy view of the entire landscape of Bi Lake Mountain.

At this moment, atop the ancient tree, a man and a woman were engaged in pleasurable yet shameful acts.

Lu Changsheng had Xu Ruyin brace herself against a branch, while he supported her from behind with his strong and supple reach.

"Mm~"

Xu Ruyin, in a red gauzy robe, had her even and beautiful legs raised like jade columns. Forced on her tiptoes, her heels lifted intermittently, turning her tender white jade toes faintly pink.

"Miss Xu, do you like it this way?" Lu Changsheng asked teasingly.

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After spending so much time together, he naturally couldn't resist and plucked Xu Ruyin, this fruit.

Perhaps it was his daily training, or the brainwashing by Ling Zixiao, that Xu Ruyin gradually resigned herself to her fate and offered herself willingly during one of their tender moments after a night of drinking with Ling Zixiao.

Faced with such a situation, Lu Changsheng certainly didn't pretend to be an upright gentleman.

In the days that followed, Xu Ruyin essentially became like a chambermaid for Ling Zixiao, helping out and making Lu Changsheng comfortable and carefree.

And during ordinary days, some of the pastimes that Lu Changsheng couldn't enjoy with his wife, he could now have Xu Ruyin comply with.

“Wuu wuu wuu... like... like...”

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Xu Ruyin, forced to grasp the branches of Mount Sumeru, kept her beautiful eyes tightly shut, her fiery red hair dancing wildly, uttering stuttering sounds from her mouth.

From this height, they could still see the fishermen on Bi Shui Lake and some Loose Cultivator apprentices practicing on Lake Heart Island.

“Do you think they can see us? Or are they wondering what we're doing here?”

Lu Changsheng, looking out over the vast expanse of Bi Shui Lake, his hand roaming on smooth skin, spoke softly.

Although Xu Ruyin knew that with the “Inverted Five Elements Formation” in place, no one could see them, her starry eyes fluttering open and closed, looking down at the scene below, she still felt her whole body tense up, a thrilling sensation rising from deep within her.

Eventually, under a crisp sound, Xu Ruyin whimpered, moans bursting forth, her body going limp with a cry, hands hanging powerlessly.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng thought that although Xu Ruyin had reached the Ninth Level of Energy Refinement, her body was still somewhat frail.

After slapping her jade buttocks, he embraced her delicate body and switched positions to continue.

Just then, a system notification sound echoed.

[Congratulations to the host, thirty offspring have completed the process of drawing Qi into their bodies and stepping onto the path of immortality, receiving the Bloodline Effect: a 5% increase in the likelihood of offspring having a Spiritual Root and a chance for a lucky draw!]

“Hm? Thirty already...”

When Lu Changsheng heard the system notification, he paused for a moment.

He had suspected as much when there was no notification at twenty-five.

Pleased with the system granting Child Money, Lu Changsheng's mood elevated, he firmly grasped Xu Ruyin's graceful waist, driving deep with fervor, venting his pleasure.

The beautiful woman shivered, trembling, her defenses scattered in disarray, a gushing spring of surrender.

It wasn't until the sun was high in the sky that Lu Changsheng let Xu Ruyin go to rest, and he himself went to the Talisman Room to start the lucky draw.

‘System, lucky draw!’

Lu Changsheng mentally called out.

Instantly, a pale-red prize wheel emerged bathed in golden light, beginning to spin for the draw, eventually coming to a stop on the ‘Pet’ section.

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining a Spiritual Pet: Abyssal Ghoul Blossom!]

[Reward has been delivered to the System Space, host can check at any time]

An image of a sinister, black flower with a blood-red aura emerged from the prize wheel, accompanied by a system notification sound.

“Abyssal Ghoul Blossom, a demonic plant?”

Lu Changsheng’s eyes lit up upon seeing this reward.

Although he wasn’t much interested in pets, the exception was definitely plant-based Spiritual Pets.

Indeed, through the Mount Sumeru Tree King, he knew that this kind of demonic plant could also be used to cultivate the ‘Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique.’

Right away, Lu Changsheng looked into the System Space.

[Demon Beast: Abyssal Ghoul Blossom]

[Rank: Heaven Rank Upper Grade]

[Description: Evolved from the soul of a Fifth Rank Great Demon from the Netherworlds, born from the nourishment of countless beings’ fresh blood, feeds on flesh, souls, and possesses a prison within its belly, capable of imprisoning beings, currently has the strength of Second Rank]

“Hiss, Heaven Rank Upper Grade!? And it has Second Rank strength!?”

Seeing the Rank and description of the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom before him, Lu Changsheng couldn’t hide his elation.

Both the Rank and the strength made him feel that the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom was quite a catch.

If there were any problem, it would be that it looked somewhat sinister.

“Birthed by the nourishment of living blood, it feeds on flesh and souls.”

“Doesn’t this mean that this demonic flower doesn’t require a Spirit Vein’s Spiritual Energy and would do just fine with enough flesh and blood?”

“If that’s the case, planting this Abyssal Ghoul Blossom wouldn’t add too much pressure to the current situation of Bi Lake Mountain.”

“I just don’t know if this demonic flower can be used to cultivate the ‘Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique’.”

Lu Changsheng saw the demonic plant in the System Space and murmured to himself.

He planned to give this demonic plant to Lu Miaohuan or Qu Zhenzhen to cultivate the Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique.

Through Lu Miaoyun’s cultivation of the Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique, he knew that after refining a ‘Heavenly Spirit Plant’ into one’s Life-bound Spiritual Root, other than a certain degree of influence on the plant’s growth, there would not be any other significant problems.

And as a demonic plant with a Heavenly Grade bloodline, the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom would certainly meet the requirements for cultivating the ‘Heaven and Earth Longevity Technique’.”

If used for cultivation, the effects might be even better than the Luminous Treasure Tree.

“However, this Abyssal Ghoul Blossom might be more suitable for Huanhuan?”

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin.

Both the appearance and the description of this Abyssal Ghoul Blossom resembled a demon.

Given Qu Zhenzhen's disposition, she would probably be frightened just by looking at it, let alone dare to feed it with flesh and blood.

Although Lu Miaohuan might not necessarily like it either, it would clearly be much better compared to Qu Zhenzhen, and she probably wouldn't mind that aspect too much.

"If I could let Mount Sumeru induce the birth of a companion Spirit Plant, then both Huanhuan and Zhenzhen's plants would be taken care of."

Lu Changsheng let out a long sigh.

He planned to pick a time to plant this Abyssal Ghoulish Blossom, and let Lu Miaohuan and Qu Zhenzhen have a look.

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Half a month later, Lu Changsheng arrived at the Nine Dragons Marketplace.

About three months had passed, and his three maids had already been delivered.

Lu Changsheng looked at the three maids in front of him.

Similar to the original Shao Yuyao and Xiao Yueru, the three of them had fine appearances and figures, but their eyes were dull, filled with numbness.

The only difference was that among these three, two of the women had Fifth Grade Spiritual Roots, and one had a Sixth Grade Spiritual Root.

"Fifth Grade Spiritual Root..."

Lu Changsheng felt quite emotional in his heart.

He still remembered his first visit to White Jade Tower, where he could only afford a maid with a Ninth Grade Spiritual Root.

At that time, Middle Grade Spiritual Roots seemed unattainably high for him.

But after years of hard work and struggle, women with Middle Grade Spiritual Roots became just a substantial expenditure for him.

There were even female cultivators with Middle Grade Spiritual Roots who took the initiative to come to his door and offer themselves.

“Wealth, companions, law, and land; no wonder wealth comes first. Tsk tsk tsk, money really can make a ghost push a millstone.”

After a slight moment of emotion, Lu Changsheng expressed no issues and took the three back to Bi Lake Mountain.

During this time, the steward Xia also upgraded his membership for Lu Changsheng.

He indicated that with a higher membership level, the future auction would grant access to maids in greater quantities and of better quality.

This surprised Lu Changsheng, as he hadn’t expected the auctions to have different levels.

He then asked steward Xia about the prices fetched by the recent top-grade Spiritual Roots.

The other party didn’t hide anything, indicating that number one fetched a price of one hundred and fifty thousand, while number two fetched one hundred and sixty thousand Spirit Stones, astonishing Lu Changsheng.

It seemed there were more wealthy people than he imagined, but with such financial power, they were definitely not mere Foundation Establishment Cultivators, but surely Nascent Soul Immortals!

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Time flew by, and three months had passed.

In these three months, Lu Changsheng did take care of the three new maids he had bought, but only one of them became pregnant.

It wasn't that there was a problem, but rather that he had been busy.

Moreover, with so many concubines already at home, Lu Changsheng was not in a rush for them to conceive immediately.

One day, Lu Changsheng felt a surge of mana abruptly enter his body.

He knew that one of his children had advanced in their cultivation realm.

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Nowadays, as his children gradually began their cultivation, almost every few months or half a year, he could sense this enhancement.

But whether it was the Qi Refinement cultivation level or the martial realm, in terms of adding to his current strength, it was far too insignificant.

Unless it was a quantitative change, otherwise, only when his children broke through Foundation Establishment would he experience a significant improvement, enabling him to directly break through his own realm!

"Father..."

Three days later, his son Lu Quanzhen saw Lu Changsheng and immediately reported that he had broken through to the Sixth Level of Qi Refinement.

"Qi Refinement Sixth Level."

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng knew that Lu Quanzhen was hinting at wanting to go out for an experience.



Although for such matters, one could directly report to Lu Yun, and Lu Miaoyun.

But it was clear he couldn't get past his mother Qu Zhenzhen, thus he came to have his father speak on his behalf.

“Sigh, go ahead then.”

Lu Changsheng also felt somewhat troubled.

Once he agreed to his son's request, he naturally would not go back on his word.

Moreover, in his heart, he too wished for his children to travel more.

In the cultivation world, except for those with exceptional talents, without experiencing storms, even with a Foundation Establishment Elixir, Foundation Establishment would not be easy to achieve.

The two of them went to Qu Zhenzhen's courtyard.

“Adventuring, how dangerous it is outside!”

Qu Zhenzhen's smile turned into concern upon hearing the reason for their visit.

She looked at Lu Quanzhen and fretted, “Quanzhen, if you want to go out, you could go to Red Leaf Valley Market, your mother isn't stopping you, but the outside world is so chaotic, so dangerous...”

“Husband...”

Qu Zhenzhen then looked at Lu Changsheng, knowing he must have come to advocate on their son's behalf.

After all, she had approached Lu Changsheng several times about Lu Quanzhen's situation, but it was clear that as a father, he was partial to his son.

"Zhenzhen, I understand what you're thinking, you want Quanzhen to be safe and sound,"

Lu Changsheng took his wife's wrist and sat down beside her, saying, "I also wish for them all to be safe, but Quanzhen is no longer young; he has his own convictions and will be unhappy staying at home all the time."

"Besides, an eaglet must fly on its own eventually. It can only grow after experiencing storms and waves."

"Although with me as a father, Quanzhen wouldn't need to go through these things, it's a good thing that he wants to venture out..."

Lu Changsheng slowly explained to his wife.

Qu Zhenzhen never made unreasonable fusses about such matters, but would just show a wronged expression and feel sad alone.

And he, who always found it hard to resist her soft approach, feared his wife's aggrieved appearance.

Lu Quanzhen was much the same; he might revere his father,

but he respected his mother and feared her sadness, her aggrieved look upon him.

"Moreover, if Quanzhen goes out, I, as a father, am prepared."

"This talisman, named 'Substitute Talisman,' can save one's life from Nascent Soul Immortals and those below them using a talisman."

"There's also this puppet. You've seen it before; it's a Second Rank puppet that can hold up against a Foundation Establishment Cultivator for several exchanges."

“With these, there won’t be much danger for Quanzhen while traveling.”

As Lu Changsheng spoke, he produced a talisman that resembled a purple dragon scale and a beast-shaped puppet that was dark gold in color, emitting a cold gleam.

Originally, he hadn’t planned on giving him a Second Rank puppet.

But seeing Qu Zhenzhen like this, he decided to offer more.

“A Second Rank puppet!?”

Lu Quanzhen, who had been bowing his head, was taken aback upon hearing his father’s words and seeing the Second Rank puppet before him.

A Substitute Talisman that could save one’s life from Nascent Soul Immortals and those below.

That, he could barely comprehend.

After all, his father was a top-level talisman master.

But to also give him a Second Rank puppet!?

Was his father really that generous and wealthy!?

He knew that his father was doing this for his mother’s sake, to allay her worries, and he felt a surge of emotion.

He thought about just going through the motions and returning the puppet to his father later.

After all, such a puppet was worth about ten or twenty thousand spirit stones.

Even for his father, that was probably not a small amount.

“Sigh...”

Qu Zhenzhen pursed her lips and let out a deep sigh.

She knew that since Lu Changsheng had said so much, he was basically agreeing to let Lu Quanzhen go out.

Under such circumstances, it would not be appropriate for her to say more.

And she had never been one to contradict Lu Changsheng’s words.

“Quanzhen, be careful out there on your own. Don’t go off for years; remember to come back every year...”

“And make sure to keep the talisman and puppet your father gave you safe, don’t go seeking danger just because you have them...”

Qu Zhenzhen, saddened and reluctant, pulled her son aside, softly speaking with teary eyes.

A mother’s worry spans a thousand li when her child travels afar.

Especially in the cultivation world, which had always seemed chaotic and dangerous to Qu Zhenzhen, she was very concerned about her son going out alone.

“Mother, rest assured, your child understands!”

Lu Quanzhen, with a handsome and earnest face, affirmed.

He then smeared his brow’s blood and vital blood on the ‘Substitute Talisman.’

The talisman transformed into a beam of spiritual light, entering the center of his forehead.

Qu Zhenzhen also felt somewhat relieved at this sight.

She might not know much, but she was aware that her husband was very capable and would not shortchange their child.

After letting Lu Quanzhen accept the Second Rank puppet, Lu Changsheng chatted with his wife and son for a while and then departed.

However, as he left the courtyard, Lu Quanzhen sent a message saying he did not need the Second Rank puppet and there was no need for such an expense on his father's part.

“Keep it, it's embedded with ten middle-grade spirit stones. It can last up against an early Foundation Establishment for nearly ten exchanges, so when you encounter one, do not clash head-on.”

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Lu Changsheng waved his hand and said to his son, not paying much attention to the puppet.

He had previously created three Second Rank Puppets.

One for Ling Zixiao, one for Lu Miaoyun, and one for Lu Miaoge.

A long time ago, he also gave one to Lu Miaohuan.

But because of Qu Zhenzhen's personality, who usually disliked going out and was not good at fighting, he hadn't given one to her.

Now this puppet could be considered Qu Zhenzhen's share.

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“My child thanks you, Father!”

Lu Quanzhen took a deep breath and bowed his thanks.

He felt that the riches of his family's father might surpass what he and his siblings could imagine.

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Two months later.

Inside the Changsheng Hall.

Lu Changsheng was in the middle of refining a Taichi Talisman.

Suddenly, a mysterious fluctuation came through.

Lu Changsheng was naturally familiar with this fluctuation.

With his Spiritual Root promoted to Second Grade, the improvement of his wives' Spiritual Roots quality, favorable breeding, as well as the system's bloodline enhancement,

his previous six children, four of whom had Spiritual Roots, and two had Fifth Grade Spiritual Roots, and two had Sixth Grade Spiritual Roots.

However, this child's Spiritual Root fluctuation was much stronger than that of the other four children.

"This is a superior Spiritual Root! A Third Grade Spiritual Root!"

Lu Changsheng's eyes revealed a look of joy.

Except for his daughter Nangong Yaoyao, who he had not yet met, there wasn't a superior Spiritual Root in his family.

In the Cultivation World, a superior Spiritual Root could increase the successful breakthrough rate of Foundation Establishment by thirty to fifty percent.

If there was a Foundation Establishment Elixir or Foundation Establishment Spirit Object, one would surely be able to break through Foundation Establishment, with hopes for Core Formation in the future.

“System!”

Lu Changsheng mentally called, opening his system panel.

[Name: Lu Changsheng]

[Status: Master of Bi Lake Mountain]

[Cultivation Level: Fifth Level of Foundation Establishment]

[Lifespan: 45/286]

[Talents: Second Grade Spiritual Root, Medium Level Gengjin Body Constitution (Spiritual Body), High Level Blood Talisman Spiritual Body (Spiritual Body), Top Level Flawless Heavenly Fragrance Body (Spiritual Body)]

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

[Spells: Sword Shadow Dividing Light Technique, Seven Luminaries Sword Qi, Soul Scattering Needle...]

[Items: Seed of Law, Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir, Endless Guileful Head, Lu Family Genealogy, Spirit Pill, Spiritual Eye Spring, Profound Origin Bead, Book of Malevolent Curses and Fates, Luminous Treasure Tree, Golden Armor Bean Mother, Life-Substituting Talisman, Coagulation Crystal Elixir...]

[Magical Treasures: Seven Luminaries Heart Lamp, Hundred Steeds Towering Pagoda Lock]

[Skills: Alchemy (Second Rank), Talisman Making (Third Rank), Puppet (Second Rank), Spirit Slaughterer (Second Rank), Wine Brewing (Second Rank)]

[Spiritual Pets: Abyssal Ghoul Blossom, Mount Sumeru Tree King, Nine Netherhound, Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, Cold Blue Dark Turtle, Peach Blossom Gu]

[Bloodline Effect: Offspring's Spiritual Root Probability +30%, Breeding Offspring +20%]

[Family: 321]

Lu Changsheng looked at the family section and found the child that had just been born.

Immediately, an information panel appeared.

[Name: Unnamed]

[Lifespan: 1/80]

[Talents: Third Grade Spiritual Root]

[Cultivation Level: None]

[Ability: Alchemy (39%)]

“Indeed a Third Grade Spiritual Root, and already having a 39% talent in alchemy just after birth, with proper nurturing, becoming a Second Rank Alchemist should not be a problem!”

Lu Changsheng looked at the panel, his eyes full of joy.

Immediately, he set aside the half-finished ‘Taichi Talisman’ in his hands and went to the Lu Family Mansion.

He promptly learned that Xia Zhizue had given birth to their child.



“No wonder, I didn’t expect it to be a Third Grade Spiritual Root.”

Lu Changsheng muttered to himself.

Xia Zhizue had given birth to three children for him.

The previous two children, his daughter Lu Xingyue, had a Sixth Grade Spiritual Root; and his son Lu Xingyang, a Fifth Grade Spiritual Root.

Now the third child had a direct Third Grade Spiritual Root.

“Greetings, Master!”

Upon arriving at Xia Zhizue’s courtyard, the servants immediately greeted him respectfully.

“Mhm, I heard Zhizue has given birth?”

Lu Changsheng nodded and went straight to the back yard’s annex, where he saw Xia Zhizue holding the baby.

“Husband...”

Xia Zhizue showed a look of joy on her pale face upon seeing Lu Changsheng.

Nowadays, Lu Changsheng mostly spent his time cultivating in Changsheng Hall.

So, the birth of a child in the family usually depended on whether he remembered it or not.

Although it was the same whether Lu Changsheng attended or not,

they all still hoped that Lu Changsheng would come and see them.

“Zhizue, you’ve worked hard.”

Lu Changsheng, feeling somewhat embarrassed, sat beside the bed and spoke softly.

With more and more children, and tasks that could easily take at least ten days to half a month, his attention to the birth of his children had gradually decreased.

“Husband, it was not hard at all.”

Xia Zhizue spoke softly, showing her newborn baby to Lu Changsheng.

“Hehe, this child, let’s name him Xingchen.”

Lu Changsheng took the child, looked at his clear, distinctly black and white eyes, and said with a chuckle.

Third Grade Spiritual Root, this son will also be one of the pillars of the Lu Family!

“Xingchen, Lu Xingchen.”

Xia Zhizue, hearing this, showed a gentle smile and called out to the baby.

“Zhizue, you rest well.”

After chatting with Xia Zhizue for a while, Lu Changsheng spoke warmly.

Even though she had the Seventh Level Energy Refinement cultivation,

because of her ‘Spirit Nurturing Physique,’ giving birth always depleted her vital energy.

She needed to rest much longer than the average Cultivator.

After reassuring Xia Zhizue, Lu Changsheng joined his wives and concubines in the mansion for a casual chat, asking about the family's wellbeing.

"Daddy, Daddy, are you busy?"

Just then, his daughter Lu Wangshu ran over, calling out to Lu Changsheng with a cheerful face.

"What's the matter?"

Lu Changsheng tousled his daughter's hair bun and asked with a smile.

His daughter, Lu Wangshu, was now nine years old, and he planned to awaken her Blood Talisman Spiritual Body within the next year.

"Daddy, can you make me some candy beans to eat~"

Lu Wangshu pulled out an empty little bottle, tipped it over on the ground a couple of times, and spoke in a soft, adorable voice.

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"Don't we have candy beans at home?"

Lu Changsheng said with a warm smile.

To lay a foundation for the child, the family always had a stock of elixir medicines for strengthening the body and nourishing the origin.

In these days, Hong Lian also often used Xu Ruyin to make elixir medicines for the family, so Lu Changsheng seldom made these ordinary elixirs himself.

“But the candy beans you make are sweeter~”

Lu Wangshu said cutely, holding her cheeks in her hands.

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“What, did I put too much salt in the sugar pills?”

Lu Changsheng pretended not to hear clearly.

“Daddy~”

Lu Wangshu clung to Lu Changsheng’s wrist and coaxed, “If you don’t make me sugar pills, then you have to go fishing with me.”

“Alright, alright, I’ll go with you in a bit.”

Lu Changsheng doted on her and rubbed his daughter’s head, knowing she just wanted him to spend time with her.

The wives and concubines standing nearby looked at this scene with envy in their eyes when they saw Lu Wangshu.

Now, if one were to say who was the most beloved by Lu Changsheng in the family, it would be Lu Wangshu.

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Half a year later.

Red Leaf Valley Market.

“Fellow Ji, this is the spirit talisman you wanted, take a look.”

Lu Changsheng, looking at the heroic middle-aged man before him, took out ten supreme second-tier spirit talismans and spoke.

“Second-tier supreme teleportation talisman, second-tier supreme prohibition-breaking talisman...”

The heroic man examined the talismans, his face immediately revealing joy.

He then cupped his fist and said, “I have long heard of Master Lu’s great renown, and seeing you today, you truly live up to your reputation!”

“This is the Spiritual Origin Pearl, Master Lu, you only need to give me ten thousand spirit stones, and this Spiritual Origin Pearl is yours.”

He took out a fist-sized spirit pearl that radiated five colors of light from his storage bag.

As the spirit pearl appeared, the density of the surrounding nature’s spiritual energy started to slowly increase.

“Good, here are ten thousand spirit stones, Fellow Ji can take a look!”

Lu Changsheng said joyfully, taking out a prepared storage bag.

“Good, the transaction is complete, thank you, Master Lu!”

The heroic man took the storage bag, swept it with his divine sense, handed the Spiritual Origin Pearl to Lu Changsheng, and then cupped his fist before departing.

“Take care.”

Lu Changsheng saw the man out, exhaled lightly, and looked at the Spiritual Origin Pearl in his hand with delight, “With this Spiritual Origin Pearl, our family’s spirit vein should be able to be greatly enhanced.”

Since establishing Bi Lake Mountain, he had Lu Miaoyun continuously seek out Spiritual Origin Pearls from the outside.

But Spiritual Origin Pearls were rare, and there had been no activity for many years.

Three months ago, the Ji-surnamed man had approached the Lu Family, saying he had a Spiritual Origin Pearl.

But he was unwilling to trade with spirit stones and wanted Lu Changsheng to draw ten second-tier supreme talismans, plus ten thousand spirit stones.

Facing such a request, Lu Changsheng naturally agreed, and thus the transaction had occurred.

“However, this Fellow Ji, doesn’t seem like a very good person, I’m afraid.”

Lu Changsheng thought about the effects of these talismans and inwardly speculated.

The ten talismans were suitable for exploring cave dwellings and secret realms, but equally, they were also suitable for murder and plunder.

But he did not pay it any mind, and after checking that there were no issues with the Spiritual Origin Pearl, he placed it into his storage bag.

“Changsheng, the family is arranging for Muping to undergo Foundation Establishment.”

“But both Qingzhu Mountain and Red Leaf Valley Market would draw too much attention and be noticed, so I’m planning to send Muping to either the Qingyun Market or the Immortal City to establish her foundation.”

That day, Lu Yuanzhong came to Red Leaf Valley Market and spoke to Lu Changsheng.

“Let’s go with the Qingyun Market. I know the Fairy Xi Yue from the Qingyun Sect; I can rent a decent cave dwelling for her through her in Qingyun Market.”

“And this time, I’ll take Mu Ping over myself; it’s better for Uncle to hold the fort at home.”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng pondered for a moment before speaking.

There’s a saying, if you’re going to do a good deed, do it well; if you’re going to send Buddha, send him all the way to the west.

Letting Lu Yuanzhong take Lu Muping out for Foundation Establishment may expose them to danger along the way.

After all, Lu Muping’s Foundation Establishment concerns not just Qingzhu Mountain but also Lu Miaoge.

He didn’t want any accidents to happen at this stage.

Now that Bi Lake Mountain has Ling Zixiao and Mount Sumeru as guardians, he felt free to go out himself.

So, he thought, why not make the trip himself? That way there shouldn’t be any problems.

“Since that’s the case, Changsheng, I’ll have to trouble you with this matter!”

When Lu Yuanzhong heard this, joy immediately spread across his face.

Having a superb cave dwelling can indeed help with breaking through to Foundation Establishment.

And with Lu Changsheng personally accompanying him, there was no fear of any mishaps on the road.

“Uncle, you’re being too polite. Have Mu Ping come to Bi Lake Mountain to find me in a month,”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

Afterward, he informed Lu Miaoge about it and then returned to Bi Lake Mountain to give the Spiritual Origin Pearl to Ling Zixiao.

He asked her to use the pearl to set up an array to upgrade the Spirit Vein on Bi Yun Peak.

The Spirit Vein of Bi Yun Peak was a Middle Grade of the Second Rank, and it was just one step away from advancing to the Upper Grade of the Second Rank.

With just two or three Spiritual Origin Pearls, the Spirit Vein could be promoted.

Once he finished his tasks, he also wrote to Xiao Xiyue, telling her about the Foundation Establishment in Qingyun Market.

Half a month later.

“Brother~”

A girl with delicate and pure features, a graceful and captivating figure, clad in a white dress and of peerless elegance, called out to Lu Changsheng upon seeing him.

Her voice was sweet and sticky, like the sound of heaven, and her beautiful eyes brimmed with deep joy and affection.

“Little Ling’er.”

Seeing the joyous girl, Lu Changsheng naturally held her in his embrace.

He twirled her around like comforting a child and kissed her pure radiant forehead.

“Eh, has my little Ling’er broken through to the Ninth Level of Qi Refinement!?”

The next moment, Lu Changsheng sensed the change in Bai Ling’s cultivation level.



He saw that her cultivation realm had advanced from the Eighth Level to the Ninth Level of Qi Refinement.

Although the ‘Black Dragon Codex’ hadn’t caused the kind of scenario Ling Zixiao mentioned, allowing her bloodline to exhibit any significant manifestation,

the cultivation technique still suited her very well, and her speed of cultivation had increased.

It took only three years to go from the Eighth Level to the Ninth Level of Qi Refinement. He estimated that in another two to three years, she would be ready to attempt Foundation Establishment!

“Mm-hmm...”

Bai Ling nestled against Lu Changsheng’s strong chest, lifting her charming forehead lightly,

Her peach-blossom-like beautiful dreamy eyes were moist and shiny, seductive and bewitching, her face expectant, waiting for Lu Changsheng to praise her.

“Little Ling’er is really amazing!”

Lu Changsheng naturally knew what the girl was thinking.

He cupped her exquisite cheek, drew his face close, and captured her cool, soft lips, a cold and snowy fragrance overflowing between his teeth, sweet and soft.

After a moment, Bai Ling’s cheeks flushed with a radiant red, her eyes flirty as silk, as if ready to drip water, her breath disheveled, and her body a bundle of softness.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng chuckled and carried the delicate body of the little girl back to the room.

Although Bai Ling’s bloodline made it extremely difficult for her to conceive, and now she was also cultivating the Black Dragon Codex,

Lu Changsheng was confident in himself, believing that he bore great fertility.

He simply needed to put in more effort, and success was certain!

Moreover, among his many wives and concubines, Bai Ling really was a rarity, one he greatly cherished.