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Chapter 821: The Cheating Lu Quanzhen, Five Elements Fruit Tree!_3

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How come not long ago, my son Lu Quanzhen advanced from the Sixth Level Energy Refinement to the Eighth Level Energy Refinement?

And now there's a child who has broken through to the Ninth Level Energy Refinement!?

What's going on?

Are they not striving at home?

The moment I leave for a trip, they begin having miraculous encounters, right?

What's more, the Ninth Level Energy Refinement system even included a “Child Money”.

He had thought that in matters of his children's cultivation, at least until they reached Foundation Establishment, there would be no new achievement bonuses.

He didn't expect that reaching the Ninth Level Energy Refinement would suffice.

“Is it because the Ninth Level Energy Refinement is considered the highest level of Qi Refinement, that there's a treasure?” Lu Changsheng muttered to himself.

Then, with a slight stir in his Mental Spirit, he opened the system panel to view his son Lu Quanzhen's attribute panel.

[Name: Lu Quanzhen]

[Life Span: 28/121]

[Talent: Fourth Grade Spiritual Root]

[Cultivation Level: Ninth Level Energy Refinement]

[Talent: Management Competency (61%)]

“It really is Quanzhen...” Seeing his son Lu Quanzhen’s attribute panel, Lu Changsheng felt a slight pause in his heart, unsure of what his son had been through.

He didn’t scrutinize or ponder further but continued to be affectionate and intimate with his wife, Lu Miaoge, and Lu Miaohuan.

After all, during such loving moments, how could one be distracted and think of anything else?

After a long while,

“We will probably reach the Azure Phoenix Immortal City in a few days.” Lu Changsheng and his wife left their room to get some fresh air on the deck, gazing at the rolling sea of clouds outside as he spoke.

“We have been away from home for so long; I wonder how everything is back home.” Lu Miaoge, with her ethereal beauty and temperament like flowing water, said.

This trip had already lasted a year and a half. It was the first time she had ventured so far and for so long, naturally causing her some worry about the situation at home.

“Zi Xiao is keeping watch at home, and Qing Zhu Mountain has Uncle and Mu Ping there, so everything should be safe and sound; you need not worry.” Lu Changsheng held his wife’s hand gently and spoke softly.

He wasn’t worried about the situation at home.

After all, Mount Sumeru was there.

And Hong Lian could be considered as half a Nascent Soul Cultivator.

He was now just eager to know what was happening with his son Lu Quanzhen.

Not only did his Spiritual Root advance to the Fourth Grade, but he also surged from the Sixth Level Energy Refinement to the Ninth Level Energy Refinement in a short time—truly astonishing!

Even at his peak, he hadn't advanced so fiercely.

After much casual chatting and breathing fresh air, the three returned to their room.

Lu Changsheng then thought of the draw he had obtained, thinking inwardly, "System, draw!"

A golden light spun on the pale red roulette.

After five seconds, the roulette slowly came to a stop under Lu Changsheng's watchful eyes, and the golden light landed on 'treasure'.

[Ding, congratulations to the host for obtaining a Fourth-Order Spiritual Plant: Five Elements Spirit Fruit Tree!]

[The reward has been assigned to the System Space and can be checked by the host anytime.]

A tree glistening with a five-colored luster and laden with fruits appeared from the large roulette wheel, along with the system's voice.

"A Fourth-Order Spiritual Plant, Five Elements Spirit Fruit Tree!?" Upon hearing the system's alert, Lu Changsheng's heart skipped a beat.

Had it not been for Lu Miaoge and Lu Miaohuan still being present, he would have hardly been able to contain his excitement.

A Third-Order Spiritual Plant is referred to as a Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plant!

So a Fourth-Order Spiritual Plant could definitely be considered a Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Root!

He had heard of the great name of the ‘Five Elements Spirit Fruit Tree.’

The fruits borne by this tree, known as the Five Elements Spirit Fruit, are also called ‘Golden Core Fruit.’

These Five Elements Spirit Fruit not only raised the probability of Core Formation by thirty percent but also helped in the formation of a High-Quality Golden Core, making them extremely rare!

There were even rumors that consuming these fruits during Nascent Soul formation could be somewhat beneficial!

Lu Changsheng had never imagined that while he had always wished to draw a Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plant, he would directly receive a Fourth-Order Spiritual Fruit Tree this time!

And it was such a rare Spirit Fruit Tree!

With this Five Elements Spirit Fruit Tree, one could say his family could reliably produce Nascent Soul Cultivators generation after generation!

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[Spirit Plant: Five Elements Fruit Tree]

[Grade: Fourth Rank]

[Description: The Five Elements Spirit Fruit Tree bears fruit every three hundred years, ripe after five hundred years. Consuming its fruit can condense mana, solidify the foundation, and greatly improve the chances of Foundation Establishment and Core Formation. It also has effects on enhancing Core Formation Cultivation and Magical Power.]

“Five hundred years to maturity, isn’t that too slow...”

Lu Changsheng, looking at the introduction of the Five Elements Fruit Tree in the System Space, couldn’t help but shake his head.

Even though he knew that Third and Fourth Rank Spirit Fruit Trees took a long time to mature, often hundreds or thousands of years,

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he still couldn’t help but sigh when he actually saw that his own fruit tree would only bear once every five hundred years.

After all, it had been only thirty-two years since he had embarked on the Immortal Path.

He had yet to get used to the ageless nature of true cultivation.

“Five hundred years later, by that time I’ll probably have reached the Nascent Soul, won’t I?”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

He felt that by the time this fruit tree bore fruit, he would probably have advanced to the Nascent Soul stage, where the Five Elements Spirit Fruit would be of little use to him.

This Five Elements Spirit Fruit was destined not for him to consume, but for his wives and children to use in the future.

“Yun’er previously refined the ‘Luminous Treasure Tree’ into her ‘Life-bound Spiritual Root,’ which allows her to produce ‘Luminous Sweet Dew’ through her own mana.”

“Though the quantity is not much, it definitely allows for earlier fruiting.”

“So if I refine this ‘Five Elements Fruit Tree’ into a Life-bound Spiritual Root for my family, perhaps it could bear one or two fruits ahead of time.”

Lu Changsheng thought about some effects of his wife Lu Miaoyun's cultivation of the Heavenly Longevity Technique.

Although the Heavenly Longevity Technique has no combat capabilities,

besides longevity, it wasn't without its uses.

A cultivator can sacrifice the growth of a Spirit Plant and their own progress in cultivation to induce the fruiting of a Spirit Tree.

"However, it may not be easy to plant and nourish such a Fourth Rank Spirit Root."

"At the very least, it must be planted on a Third-Order Spirit Vein and be carefully tended..."

Lu Changsheng immediately realized that what he needed to consider was not the fruiting of the Five Elements Fruit Tree.

Rather, he had to consider whether his family can even keep it alive!

After all, theoretically, a Fourth-Order Spiritual Plant requires at least a Third-Order Spirit Vein to survive.

And a Third-Order Spirit Vein could just barely keep it alive; to nourish it well was another matter.

A lacking Spirit Vein not only affects growth but could also, through a single oversight, result in the death of the Spirit Tree.

"Bi Yun Peak currently has only a Second-Order top-grade Spirit Vein. To advance it to the Third Order might take forever."

Lu Changsheng let out a breath.

Upgrading a Spirit Vein was incredibly difficult.

To upgrade his own Spirit Vein from Second-Grade Medium Quality to High Quality, he had spent two Spiritual Origin Pearls.

And that was when his Spirit Vein was already at the upper limit of Second-Grade Medium Quality.

If he wanted to quickly upgrade the current Spirit Vein to Second-Order Top-grade, he would need seven or eight Spiritual Origin Pearls, let alone upgrading to the Third Order.

Even if he were wealthier, it wasn't something to undertake lightly.

Unless he was lucky and won some items from the Spiritual Eye Spring in the system lottery.

"However, it might be possible to keep it alive within the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven..."

Lu Changsheng pondered secretly.

Although there were no Spirit Veins in the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, Mount Sumeru could control the heavens and the earth on its own, distributing Spiritual Energy and forming regions similar to Spirit Veins within the Cave Heaven.

So planting it within the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven might just keep the Five Elements Fruit Tree alive.

"However, relying on Bi Yun Peak's Spirit Vein and Spiritual Eye Spring, it might also be very difficult to nourish this Five Elements Fruit Tree, with substantial consumption."

"Never mind, I'll find a way when the time comes."

"I also don't know how the Mount Sumeru is doing after absorbing the Emperor's Essence, whether the Coexisting Spiritual Plants have been nurtured or not."

Lu Changsheng exhaled lightly.

He planned to put the Five Elements Fruit Tree in the System Space temporarily and wait until conditions were right before planting and cultivating it.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Lu Family Mansion.

“Oh, Quanzhen, you’re back?”

Qu Zhenzhen was delighted to hear of her son Lu Quanzhen’s return.

“Mother.”

Lu Quanzhen, looking at his mother in front of him and thinking of the uncle who had just left, felt a slight heaviness in his heart.

He understood his uncle’s thoughts.

Whether or not he achieved success on the Immortal Path, he only wished for his mother to live a worry-free and happy life.

He sat down to chat with his mother, trying to relieve her fatigue and talking about amusing things.

Then he took out the Heaven-replenishing Elixir given by his uncle and said, “Mother, this is a gift I got for you. It has effects for beautifying the skin and increasing cultivation.”

“Hehe, Quanzhen, you’re so thoughtful.”

Qu Zhenzhen smiled happily when she heard her son’s words.

After all, her son not only took the time to visit his mother, but his siblings had gone out to play as well.

Now, he also knew to come back home to visit her, which comforted her.

However, looking at the dark jade porcelain bottle, she gently said, “Quanzhen, your mother doesn’t need any elixirs right now, you shouldn’t waste Spirit Stones.”

“If you really want to make your mother happy, you should marry soon. Don’t delay any longer. Let your mother hold your children at home. Your Brother Yun... got his seventh child on the way just last month...”

Qu Zhenzhen’s voice trailed off with a hint of grievance and envy.

She had a good relationship with Lu Miaoyun.

So seeing how obedient Lu Yun was, arranging one wife and four concubines, with six children, she felt very envious.

Lu Quanzhen: “...”

Hearing this, Lu Quanzhen immediately felt a headache coming on.

He usually avoided his mother exactly because she loved to bring this up every time they met.

And with Lu Yun as a comparison, he didn’t even know what to say in response.

“Mother, I understand. Please take this elixir. I have something else to attend to; we’ll talk more later.”

Lu Quanzhen set down the elixir and quickly found an excuse to leave.

“Quanzhen, Quanzhen.”

Qu Zhenzhen watched her son depart as if he were escaping and showed a touch of sadness on her face.

However, looking at the dark jade porcelain bottle on the table, her eyes still revealed a sense of relief.

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In years past, her son would also give her, his mother, little gifts, but seldom would he give her elixir medicines.

On one hand, the price of elixir medicines was somewhat expensive.

On the other hand, Bi Lake Mountain lacked nothing in the way of elixir medicines for her.

Each month, she even gave the elixirs allotted for her own cultivation to her son, Lu Quanzhen, and her daughter, Lu Caizhen.

With the cultivation speed that Lu Quanzhen possessed, it could be said that his mother's contributions played a part in it.

"How beautiful these elixir medicines are."

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Qu Zhenzhen opened the porcelain bottle and saw the Heaven-replenishing Elixirs inside, her gentle and amiable face showing a look of surprise.

She might not have been greatly interested in cultivation, but over the years, she had gained a substantial understanding of the cultivation world.

She knew that this kind of elixir medicine was no common product; it was extremely rare and precious.

"Quanzhen, Quanzhen!"

She hurriedly got up to stop her son, indicating that the elixir was too precious for her to use.

But her son, Lu Quanzhen, had long since disappeared without a trace.

“Mother, did you nag Brother about his marriage affairs again? I saw Brother escaping on his flying sword in the blink of an eye.”

At that moment, her daughter Lu Caizhen, dressed in a light goose-yellow dress and with a cute face, came over with a giggling smile.

“Hmph, your brother is already so old, can’t I, his mother, mention it? Look at your Brother Yun...”

Qu Zhenzhen said somewhat aggrieved.

“Alright, alright, Mother, don’t be angry. This is the spiritual honey produced by the jade bees I’ve recently started raising. It’s very sweet, and sister and brother both said it tastes good; you should try it.”

Lu Caizhen didn’t pick up on the topic but rather like offering a treasure, took out a bee box and changed the subject.

Originally, she had a bit of interest in beekeeping and Lu Changsheng naturally indulged her, getting her a few hives of flower bees.

Although many hives had died, thanks to their rich parents and their relentless spirit, she eventually became a formal beekeeper.

Usually, it allowed her to produce some honey for the family consumption.

“Mother, give it a try.”

Upon hearing this, Qu Zhenzhen’s face immediately broke into a smile, putting aside the matters concerning her son, Lu Quanzhen.

She had remained happy all these years, having come out from the shadows of her family's annihilation, in part due to the presence of her loved ones and also due to her own forgetful and optimistic nature.

"It really is delicious!"

Qu Zhenzhen drank a cup of honey water, her eyes curving like crescent moons in joy.

Then, looking at the ink jade porcelain bottle in her hand, she said, "Caizhen, this is the elixir medicine your brother gave you. It's said to have skin-beautifying and cultivation-boosting effects. Mother doesn't need it, so you take it and use it."

This elixir appeared precious, and she couldn't bear to use it herself.

She also knew that when her son and husband gave her gifts, they wouldn't take them back once given.

So, she decided to let her daughter use it.

After all, this daughter, like her, loved to play around and was not keen on cultivating, having only recently made a breakthrough to the Fourth Level Energy Refinement.

"Wow, what a beautiful elixir."

Lu Caizhen also expressed surprise upon seeing the Heaven-replenishing Elixir inside the porcelain bottle.

After all, not only was the elixir crystal-clear and radiant, but it also seemed to have a life of its own. Its luster pulsed faintly, as if breathing, and threads of light flowed through it naturally.

She voiced her refusal, "Mother, since Brother gave it to you, you should use it."

"It's okay, Mother doesn't need it, take it."

Qu Zhenzhen said affectionately.

“Thank you, Mother!”

Lu Caizhen didn’t refuse any further and affectionately gripped her mother’s wrist.

“By the way, Caizhen, how are things between you and Xuanji now?”

Qu Zhenzhen gently stroked her children’s hair and asked.

She knew that her daughter, Lu Caizhen, was on good terms with Hong Yi’s son, Hong Xuanji, and they were quite close.

“Mother~”

Lu Caizhen immediately behaved bashfully at that remark.

“Mother is just asking.”

Qu Zhenzhen clung to her daughter’s arm and spoke with a coquettish tone.

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Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

“Hu, we’ve finally arrived.”

Lu Changsheng, his wife Lu Miaoge, and Lu Miaohuan gazed at the city before them, disembarking from the ‘Ancient Moon Spirit Ship.’

It would be another two months before the Spiritual Vessel from Azure Phoenix Immortal City was due to return to Qingyun Market.

But Lu Changsheng still planned to take the Spiritual Vessel home rather than pilot the Spirit Boat himself.

After all, there was no rush over these few months, as traveling by Spiritual Vessel was much safer and more relaxing.

The three rented a courtyard in the Inner City and then leisurely picked out some gifts for their wives and children back home.

Lu Changsheng also planned to purchase a large amount of Demon Beast skeletons, Demon Beast blood, and Demon Beast Crystal Cores, among other materials.

Because of its proximity to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range and the large number of Loose Cultivators around, Demon Beast materials were generally 30-40% cheaper in Azure Phoenix Immortal City than in other places.

Whether for Talisman Making, crafting beast-shaped Puppets, or as Hong Lian suggested, for Medicinal Baths, the majority of the raw materials came from Demon Beasts.

Just then, a thick, mysterious vibration surged through Lu Changsheng's body.

“Hmm?”

Lu Changsheng paused slightly.

He knew this was the fluctuation of a Spiritual Root.

But he had no children being born, and for his grandchildren, unless it was a Top-Grade Spiritual Root, there wouldn't be such an effect of a Spiritual Root enhancement.

His Mental Spirit stirred slightly as he looked at the system. There was an increase in his grandchildren, but no Spiritual Root was listed.

“Could it be Quanzhen again?”

Lu Changsheng looked at his son, Lu Quanzhen.

There was no change in his attributes panel.

This left him somewhat surprised, and he began to review the attribute panels of his children.

After about a quarter of an hour, he finally found out which of his children had a boost in their Spiritual Root.

[Name: Lu Caizhen]

[Life Span: 25/93]

[Talent: fifth-grade Spiritual Root]

[Cultivation Level: Fourth Level Qi Refinement]

[Talent: Beekeeping Compatibility (38%)]

“Is it because of Quanzhen...”

Lu Changsheng looked at his daughter’s attribute panel with a slight frown, guessing it had something to do with his son, Lu Quanzhen.

After all, not long ago his son Lu Quanzhen’s Eighth Grade Spiritual Root upgraded to Fourth Grade, and now his daughter Lu Caizhen had gone from Ninth Grade to Fifth Grade.

“Since when did raising a Spiritual Root become so easy...”

Lu Changsheng took a deep breath, somewhat baffled by the situation.

Apart from the Hope Gu, he hadn't encountered any Heavenly and Earthly Treasures that could enhance a Spiritual Root.

It had taken him a full twelve years to advance his Spiritual Root from Ninth Grade to Fifth Grade, and seventeen years to progress to Fourth Grade!

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But their children had made rapid progress to the fifth-grade and fourth-grade levels in just a short time.

At this moment, Lu Changsheng's thoughts of returning home became even more urgent, wanting to understand what was going on with his children.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Inside a courtyard, in the practice room.

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“This, this, this!?”

Lu Caizhen opened her eyes, looking at her hands, feeling the speed of her recent cultivation, she was astonished.

After taking the elixir medicine her mother gave her, there was no noticeable increase in her cultivation level.

She only felt a mysterious sensation throughout her body, as if, in some inexplicable way, her Spiritual Root had been enhanced.

Then she attempted to meditate and cultivate.

To her discovery, her cultivation speed was several times faster than before, leaving her utterly amazed.

“What kind of elixir medicine is this! It can actually enhance the Spiritual Root!”

Lu Caizhen muttered to herself, realizing the pill was extraordinary, and hastily went to find her mother.

At the same time, Lu Quanzhen came to visit his own mother.

After all, the Heaven-replenishing Elixir was of great importance.

His mother would definitely realize something was amiss after taking it, and he needed to explain and instruct her.

“Quanzhen, do you have something to tell me?”

Qu Zhenzhen looked at her son coming to find her again and happily inquired.

Her son was avoiding her all day long, coming over yesterday, and again today, which made her somewhat surprised.

“Mother, the pill I gave you, haven’t you taken it yet?”

Lu Quanzhen looked at his mother and guessed that she hadn’t taken it yet.

“Quanzhen, where did you get that pill? It looks very precious, and I thought it wasn’t necessary, so I gave it to Caizhen.”

Qu Zhenzhen spoke thusly.

“Gave it to Caizhen?”

Lu Quanzhen’s heart skipped a beat upon hearing this.

Although his uncle had said that if his mother didn’t want it, he could give it to his sister or perhaps his father.

But there was only one Heaven-replenishing Elixir left, and if it really came down to making a decision, he would without question choose his mother, Qu Zhenzhen.

After all, it was his uncle’s intention.

It was for this reason that he worried his mother would refuse, so he made up a reason.

But unexpectedly, due to an unfortunate twist of fate, his mother had given the elixir to his sister.

“Quanzhen, what is it?”

Qu Zhenzhen looked at her son, sensing that something was not quite right.

“It’s nothing, I was just asking. Since it’s given to Caizhen, it’s given to Caizhen. I have something to discuss with her anyway.”

Lu Quanzhen kept his expression calm, and with a faint smile, he responded nonchalantly.

He knew that once his sister took the pill, she would realize the effects were not as expected, and he needed to explain and instruct her.

However, just as he got up and hadn’t even stepped out of the door, he saw his sister hurrying over frantically.

“Mother! Mother!”

“Eh, brother, you’re here too, what kind of pill did you give to mother? After I took it, I felt like my Spiritual Root...”

Lu Caizhen saw her brother and immediately spoke out.

“Ah...”

Lu Quanzhen looked at his impetuous sister, smacked his own forehead, and sighed.

Then, in front of his mother and sister’s attentive gaze, Lu Quanzhen explained without a change in expression.

He stated that the pill was something he had obtained from a fortunate encounter some time ago.

After taking it himself, his Spiritual Root was enhanced.

Thus, after much thought, he decided that his mother should take the remaining one.

This way, mother could cultivate properly, and perhaps in the future, she might even break through to the Foundation Establishment stage, providing more companionship for father and her children.

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But considering that his mother would definitely not want to use it herself, he made up a reason.

“The improvement of the Spiritual Root, Quanzhen, actually this Elixir Medicine could be given to your father.”

“Your father’s Spiritual Root is not good; if he could improve his Spiritual Root, future Cultivation would be much easier.”

Qu Zhenzhen’s face showed a hint of regret.

She wasn't pitying herself; she just felt the Elixir Medicine was more suitable for Lu Changsheng.

"Mother, brother."

Lu Caizhen's hair curled softly, her fingers fidgeting with the corner of her clothes, feeling guilty for having consumed such a precious pill.

"It's okay, what's done is done. Concentrate more on Cultivation in the future."

Lu Quanzhen said softly, without blaming his sister.

After all, this was his own oversight.

He looked at his sister with a serious expression, instructing, "Caizhen, the matter of the Spiritual Root is of great importance. You must never carelessly disclose it to anyone, understand?"

"Brother, I know."

Lu Caizhen nodded repeatedly.

She had been Cultivating for so long and had not heard of an Elixir Medicine or Heavenly and Earthly Treasures that could improve a Spiritual Root.

She knew that being privy to such information could easily cause trouble.

After Lu Quanzhen had reassured his sister, Qu Zhenzhen, anxious her son might be upset, whispered, "Quanzhen, your mother has something to tell you."

"Actually, your father had given your mother a Cultivation Method called 'Heavenly Longevity Technique'... Your Aunt Lu Miaoyun is Cultivating this Technique. Once your father finds a Spirit Plant, your mother will be able to Cultivate it too, so don't worry about her."

Qu Zhenzhen said softly, revealing the Heavenly Longevity Technique to her son.

“Heavenly Longevity Technique, by Refining Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plants, has no bottleneck and doubles one’s Life Span...”

Lu Quanzhen paused, somewhat surprised. He hadn’t expected his family to possess such a Cultivation Method.

But he was aware of how rare Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plants were.

It was already quite fortunate that his father found one for his Aunt Lu Miaoyun.

However, finding another for his own mother to Cultivate would likely not be easy.

“There are still four years left until the Purple Shadow Secret Realm opens.”

“Now that I am at the Ninth Level Energy Refinement, if I concentrate on refining my Technique during this period, perhaps I could find a Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plant when I venture into the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.”

Lu Quanzhen narrowed his eyes, murmuring to himself.

The Purple Shadow Secret Realm opened once every thirty years.

Upon learning of this Secret Realm, he had planned to break through to the Seventh Level Energy Refinement before its opening and take his chances exploring it.

Now, hearing his mother’s words and having reached the Ninth Level Cultivation Level, he also felt confident in visiting it.

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Two months later.

Lu Changsheng, accompanied by his wives and concubines, boarded the Spiritual Vessel and set off on the return journey to the Qingyun Region.

On this trip, he also planned to ask Li Feiyu whether he wanted to return with him.

But after learning that the latter had been out and not at home, he let out a slight sigh.

As he had guessed, Li Feiyu's mentality had been somewhat influenced by himself; he was preparing for one final effort in the next few years.

"With a Substitute Talisman, Feiyu should be able to escape if he encounters any danger."

Lu Changsheng stood on the deck, contemplating.

But as he gazed at the overlapping peaks and the endlessly extending Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, his heart lurched, realizing a problem.

A Substitute Talisman could form a Puppet substitute to take one's place in the face of life-threatening danger, then transport the user a thousand miles away.

However, this transportation was random and not under the user's control.

Li Feiyu, who had long honed his skills in the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, might be randomly transported even deeper into the wilderness if he used a 'Substitute Talisman.'

And deep within the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, not to mention Energy Refining Cultivators, even those at the Foundation Establishment and Nascent Soul Cultivation Levels faced great danger.

"It shouldn't be that bad..."

Lu Changsheng shook his head, believing that after so many years, Li Feiyu's luck couldn't possibly be so poor.

Chapter 825: Li Feiyu: What a coincidence!?

Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

Lush and leafy, the forest with its dense foliage covered the sky.

“Swish! Swish! Swish!”

A tall middle-aged man in black armor dashed through the woods like a hunting leopard, his physical body tearing through the air and creating a long wave, like river water churning, stirring up a noise that crackled and popped.

“Roar!”

Just then, a demon beast’s roar thundered out from up ahead, causing a fierce wind to blow through the forest and bringing with it a stench of blood.

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“Damn it!”

Li Feiyu, upon hearing this roar, paused his steps, and a cold expression crossed his face, now looking somewhat unsightly.

“Li Changjing, let’s see where you can run to now!”

Two streaks of escape light shot towards Li Feiyu at this moment.

One of them was a violet-faced, tall, fifty-something-year-old old man looking at Li Feiyu with murderous intent on his face.

“Elder Zhu, with a Second Order Monster Beast attacking now, if you insist on killing me, you could also be in danger if that beast gets entangled with you.”

Li Feiyu looked at the old man and said solemnly.

The two were both loose cultivators from Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

They had formed enmity during a beast tide.

Both at the Ninth Level of Energy Refinement, Li Feiyu was naturally not afraid of the other party and even thought of taking him down someday.

But who would have known that nearly sixty years old, the other party would make a last desperate attempt and actually succeed in achieving Foundation Establishment, and now they encountered each other in this mountain range.

Even though he practiced magical dual cultivation, he couldn't possibly be a match for the other party and could only rely on the terrain of the mountain range to flee.

He still had some hope of escaping, but who knew that his luck would be so terrible as to encounter a Second Order Monster Beast on the periphery of the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

"If you want me to withdraw, that can be arranged, as long as you hand over your storage bag, and we can cancel all our grievances,"

Zhu He said with narrowing eyes.

His attack on Li Feiyu was not only due to past vengeance but also because he knew that Li Feiyu was plotting for Foundation Establishment and had considerable savings.

To break through to Foundation Establishment, he had not only spent all his spirit stones but also incurred a huge debt.

Now without even one decent spiritual artifact, he naturally did not want to let Li Feiyu go.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

In the midst of their conversation, the ground trembled.

Out of nowhere, a huge black bear charged out from the forest.

The bear was sturdy, standing tall on its hind legs, several meters high, and emanated an overwhelming and foul stench.

“No good, this is a Mid-grade Earth Level Bear Demon, the Black Fiend Bear! How can an Earth Grade Bloodline Monster Beast appear on the outskirts of the mountain range!”

The three of them, upon seeing this black bear demon, all changed in color.

On the outskirts of the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, although Second Order Monster Beasts roamed, it was rare for Earth Grade Bloodline Monster Beasts to appear.

Even high-rank bloodline monster beasts were not common.

Such Earth Grade Bloodline Monster Beasts had combat abilities far surpassing ordinary Foundation Establishment and were tremendously difficult to deal with.

Moreover, once the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range made too much of a commotion, it might even attract other monster beasts, which was very dangerous.

“This Black Fiend Bear has an Earth Grade bloodline; inside it, there might be a special monster core. I’ll call for people now; we might even make a small fortune!”

Upon witnessing this scene, Zhu He made a quick decision, formed a gesture incantation with his hands, and his mana surged within him, creating wind barriers around him to envelope Li Feiyu and cut off his escape, hoping to draw the Black Fiend Bear’s attention.

He then transformed into a streak of escape light, taking his Dao Companion and turning to flee, ready to leave the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

“Dammit!”

Li Feiyu’s eyes turned fierce, his expression dark and ugly as he quickly invoked a protective aura and then slapped his storage bag, taking out a Golden Light Barrier Talisman to use, trying to make a break for it.

“Roar!”

The Black Fiend Bear let out a roaring howl, its massive body, like a small mountain, crashing down with a thick black aura.

Faced with this terrifying force, the golden light around Li Feiyu shattered instantly.

Just then, the ‘Substitute Talisman’ on his forehead burst into flames, unleashing a mystic force that enveloped his body.

“Whoosh!”

Soon after, the world spun around him, leaving behind a dazed ‘Li Feiyu.’

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Deep within the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

A valley amidst a range of perilous peaks.

This place was filled with several terrifying presences.

In the midst, there was a strikingly beautiful woman, with sharp and distinct features, emanating a sharp and domineering air, dressed in Qingjin armor, standing atop a cyan bird.

Her figure was tall and imposing, her eyes blazing like stars, her hands clasped behind her back as if she was a spear supporting the heavens and the earth, radiating a piercing and authoritarian presence.

This person was none other than Jiang Kingdom’s Number One Independent Cultivator, the City Lord of Azure Phoenix Immortal City, the Azure Phoenix Immortal!

At this moment, the Azure Phoenix Immortal was looking down at the valley in front of her, discussing something with a few cultivators beside her.

Around the valley, cultivators and array masters were controlling formation flags and working on something against a huge cliff face.

Just then.

“Hum—”

A ripple surged through the air, and a figure suddenly appeared, falling from the clouds.

“Eh? Not good!”

Li Feiyu felt the surrounding darkness disappear, but his body was falling fast, and he realized he was high up in the sky.

His spiritual power surged within him, and he slapped his storage bag, deploying his flying artifact.

However, just as he stabilized himself and took a good look around, he immediately sensed something amiss.

Not far from him stood several figures.

Even though these figures didn’t show much mana or spiritual pressure, just their gazes upon him made his body stiffen, his spiritual power sluggish, and his breath short.

Especially the person in the center, wearing the green armor and standing on a cyan bird, made his throat go dry and his heart start to ‘thump thump thump’ in panic.

He had never seen Azure Phoenix Immortal up close.

But seeing the Third Rank Qing Luan under her feet, he immediately knew her identity!

“What is this place, it seems to be inside the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.”

“Why is Azure Phoenix Immortal here, and from the looks of it, she seems to be setting up a formation...”

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Li Feiyu’s body stiffened, his heart heavy, and his mind whirled rapidly, considering what he should do in the current situation.

After all, he had appeared here out of nowhere, and if he couldn’t provide a reasonable explanation, he was afraid he wouldn’t be able to leave alive.

He saw Azure Phoenix Immortal’s cold and sharp eyes looking toward him, and his heart trembled. He immediately bowed and said, “This humble one, Li Feiyu, pays his respects to City Lord!”

Just that look from Azure Phoenix Immortal filled Li Feiyu with terror, feeling an intense suffocation.

It felt like a simple shift in her gaze could kill him.

“Hmm? You recognize me.”

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The Azure Phoenix Immortal stood with her hands behind her back, her tall figure imposing, and her voice calm and indifferent.

“This humble one had the fortune to see City Lord during the Beast Tide!”

Li Feiyu’s body remained rigid, as if there were thorns on his back, as he bowed respectfully.

“Why have you come here?”

The Azure Phoenix Immortal continued to speak.

As a Nascent Soul Grand Cultivator, she had sensed a surge of spatial mana fluctuation the instant Li Feiyu appeared.

The fluctuation was faint, but no matter what, it was not something a mere Ninth Level Qi Refinement cultivator like him could touch, so there definitely had to be a secret.

Especially considering he had appeared right here.

“This...”

At this moment, Li Feiyu had absolutely no idea how to explain.

He couldn't just say that a talisman given to him by a good brother randomly transferred him here, could he?

Even if he said it, the other party wouldn't believe it.

Just then, he noticed the surrounding scenery and the mountainside below him, and his heart skipped a beat, feeling inexplicably familiar.

“This is... the entrance to the Ancient Relic Site indicated by Changsheng's treasure map!”

“Azure Phoenix Immortal is leading people to break the formation, trying to breach this Ancient Relic Site!”

In this life-and-death situation, Li Feiyu's mind raced like lightning, remembering why the place was familiar to him, and realizing why Azure Phoenix Immortal was here.

At this moment, he simply didn't know what to say.

This was too much of a coincidence!

He had actually appeared at the location of the Ancient Relic Site due to the random transfer of the Life-Substitute Talisman.

The only problem was that Azure Phoenix Immortal was currently digging and exploring this relic site.

“Hmm?”

At that moment, a False Core Immortal by her side let out a light hum.

Instantly, the energy and blood in Li Feiyu’s body churned, and he found it hard to breathe, almost falling from the sky.

He bit his teeth and forced out, “To report back to City Lord, this humble one inadvertently obtained a treasure map from a cave mansion years ago, relating to an Ancient Relic Site.”

“This humble one is at the Ninth Level of Qi Refinement, but with only a Lower Grade Spiritual Root, Foundation Establishment is bleak, so I wanted to make one last effort through this relic site!”

“The reason I am here is because that cave mansion had a prohibited arrangement resembling an ancient teleportation array, and after countless trials, I finally triggered it, and then the world spun around, and I inexplicably appeared here.”

Li Feiyu, while speaking, felt the pressure around him dissipate significantly, knowing he must have guessed correctly.

He quickly said, “To be able to meet City Lord here is this humble one’s honor. I am willing to offer the treasure map and the information about the Ancient Relic Site to City Lord!”

In the current situation, he knew there was only one choice he could make.

That was to actively offer the information about the Ancient Relic Site.

The Azure Phoenix Immortal before him, as the Master of the Azure Phoenix Immortal City and Jiang Kingdom’s Number One Independent Cultivator, a highly respected figure, would have some regard for face.

As long as he voluntarily offered the relic site, and if the information provided was helpful, she might be willing to take him along and perhaps even provide some benefits.

“If your words are true, I won’t be stingy with your reward.”

The Azure Phoenix Immortal said so.

As a Nascent Soul Immortal, she could tell that Li Feiyu was lying and not telling the whole truth.

But, coming from the background of an independent cultivator, she understood his psychology very well.

As long as Li Feiyu was willing to offer the information about the relic site truthfully, she was also willing to give him a chance.

“Thank you, City Lord!”

Li Feiyu quickly expressed his gratitude, then narrated the information from the treasure map.

Fortunately, he was a cultivator, with an extraordinary memory.

After seeing the treasure map previously, he had remembered the details clearly.

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Outside Qingyun Market.

Lu Changsheng released the Spirit Boat, and with his wife Lu Miaoge and Lu Miaohuan, they maneuvered the Spirit Boat flying towards Bihu Lake Mountain.

After such a long journey, they were finally about to return home.

At this moment, not only him, but also Lu Miaoge and Lu Miaohuan, felt somewhat emotionally stirred.

“Hmm?”

Just then, Lu Changsheng felt a sudden premonition, an indescribable intuition emerging within him.

In that instant, he sensed that a ‘Substitute Talisman’ he had made had been used.

For ordinary talismans, this would be impossible.

But he had nurtured these ‘Life-Substitute Talismans’ using the ‘Talisman Nurturing Method’ for a long time.

They contained his mana, essence, qi, and spirit, creating a faint connection between them.

The talisman being consumed triggered a spur-of-the-moment premonition in him.

“Could it be Feiyu...”

Lu Changsheng murmured to himself.

His intuition told him that the talisman that had been used came from the direction of Azure Phoenix Immortal City, Myriad Beasts Mountain Range.

“If this talisman was used, it means Feiyu has encountered a life-threatening danger.”

“I hope he can be safe and overcome this trial...”

Lu Changsheng felt a heaviness in his heart.

As his only friend in this world, his one and only good brother.

Even though they rarely saw each other now, he still wished his friend would live well and get better and better.

“Changsheng, what’s wrong?”

Lu Miaoge noticed Lu Changsheng was a bit lost in thought, and looking at him, her voice was gentle.

Through the many years of living together, she had come to realize that her husband would occasionally become pensive, assuming he was burdened with worries.

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“There’s nothing much, just feeling a bit excited thinking about going home soon.”

Lu Changsheng spoke to his wife in a gentle voice.

This trip had lasted over two years, his longest journey yet, and he indeed was eager to return.

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Steering the Spirit Boat, the three of them returned to Bi Lake Mountain half a month later.

“Greetings to the Mountain Master, greetings to the Lady!”

“My lord!”

“Dad, Aunt, you’re back?”

The guards at the Lu Family mountain gate immediately greeted Lu Changsheng, Lu Miaoge, and Lu Miaohuan upon their arrival.

“Mhm.”

The three members of the Lu Family nodded.

They had kept their trip a secret, known only to Ling Zixiao and a few others.

However, over two years had passed, and by now, the children and wives at home must have been aware.

“Mm, what’s this about?”

Upon entering Bi Lake Mountain, Lu Changsheng immediately noticed some changes around his home.

A series of villas and houses had been built along the banks of Bi Shui Lake.

And around Lake Heart Island, water pavilions had risen.

As for Lake Heart Island itself, it was enshrouded in a Formation.

“It must be Sister Ling arranging the Formation, making some changes, right?”

Lu Miaoge observed the scene and suggested.

Although the Lu Family’s affairs were managed by the Family Head Lu Yun, such changes obviously weren’t his doing but could only be the work of Ling Zixiao.

“It should be so.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly and did not dwell on it.

He planned to inquire about it with Ling Zixiao later.

Soon after, the three made their way back to the Lu Family Mansion at Bi Yun Peak.

The return of Lu Changsheng and the others stirred up excitement at home.

Lu Miaoyun, Qu Zhenzhen, Ling Zixiao, and Lu Wangshu along with other wives and children, hurriedly came to greet them.

“My lord, my lord!”

“Dad, Mom!”

Qu Zhenzhen and Lu Wangshu immediately rushed forward excitedly to embrace Lu Changsheng and the others.

However, Lu Wangshu huffed at her father and embraced Lu Miaoge instead.

Having been cared for by Lu Miaoge since she was a child, she called her ‘Mom’ directly and was very close to her.

“Hehe.”

Lu Changsheng hugged his petite wife with a chuckle.

He then embraced his wife Lu Miaoyun, holding each of them in his arms one by one, speaking to them with care.

“Little Wangshu, what’s wrong? Aren’t you happy to see daddy?”

At that moment, Lu Changsheng turned to Lu Wangshu, who was displaying a ‘come and indulge me’ expression, and laughingly said.

Their daughter was growing up.

Now, after two years, she was almost fifteen and had blossomed into a graceful young lady, with traces of the young lady Xiao Xiyue in her features; her cultivation level also reached the fourth level of Energy Refinement.

“Hmph, you went out to have fun without me and didn’t even tell me.”

Lu Wangshu expressed her grievances with an aggrieved look.

“Daddy had business this trip, next time I’ll take you with me when we go for fun.”

Lu Changsheng gently rubbed his daughter’s head and tenderly said, “Come, daddy has prepared a gift for you.”

“You know how much I missed you.”

Lu Wangshu tilted her cute face upward, speaking in a pitiable tone.

“Hiss...”

Seeing his daughter looking like this, Lu Changsheng instantly felt a pang in his heart and was quite remorseful.

He repeatedly apologized, “Daddy is wrong, I’ll definitely tell you next time.”

“There’s going to be a next time?”

Lu Wangshu’s lips pursed slightly, pretending to be upset.

“No, no more.”

Lu Changsheng quickly said, turning to look at the smiling and laughing faces of his wives and children who seemed envious and swiftly changed the subject: “Come, come, I’ve prepared gifts for all of you on this trip.”

While speaking, he took out the gifts prepared for them from his Storage Bag.

After pacifying his wives and children with gifts, Lu Changsheng then took the time to chat with his wives and inquire about how they were doing, as well as the six babies before he had left.

He had long been aware of the situation of these six newborns, three of whom possessed a Spiritual Root.

Among them, one was fifth-grade, one sixth-grade, and one seventh-grade.

Later, during a casual chat with Lu Miaoyun, Lu Changsheng learned that the family had turned its losses into profits.

Although the profit wasn’t substantial, at least they were profitable.

Moreover, not long ago, the Golden Armor Bean Mother had produced beans again.

This time, it bore nine Golden Armor Spirit Beans.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng’s heart filled with joy.

Previously, he had given eight Golden Armor Spirit Beans to his son, Lu Xianzhi, three of which were used to assist in daily puppet crafting, leaving himself with only five.

On this trip to visit his children at Yu Country’s Jinyang Sect, he had given his son, Lu Qingshan, one, and his daughter, Lu Qingzhu, two, resulting in only two remaining in his hands.

Now that the Golden Armor Bean Mother had produced beans again, his resources were abundant once more.

Not only would his own puppet crafting be much easier, but Lu Xianzhi's puppet crafting would also benefit greatly.

After understanding the general situation at home, Lu Changsheng inquired about Ling Zixiao's condition.

He learned that her health issue had been resolved, and her cultivation technique had shifted to the Twelve Capital Demon Divine Technique.

As he had surmised, the Dragon Roar Physique began to show signs of recovery as she started her cultivation.

He estimated that in another three to five years, the Dragon Roar Physique would recover, impacting her condition.

"Zixiao, rest assured, I will find a way to completely solve it," Lu Changsheng solemnly said.

Later, he asked about the situation at Bi Shui Lake.

"Lord, the Spirit Vein below Bi Shui Lake has been promoted to Second Rank..."

Ling Zixiao, dressed in a deep blue palace gown with a beautiful and elegant countenance, softly told Lu Changsheng.

This was after she had completed the "Oceanic Formation", enhancing the Spirit Vein of Bi Shui Lake to Second Rank.

Lake Heart Island was now considered to be within the core area of the Spirit Vein.

Under such circumstances, giving Lake Heart Island to the family's visiting nobles, foreign apprentices, and servants for residence clearly didn't make sense.

Moreover, Lu Changsheng had intended to plant Spirit Plants for Lu Miaohuan and Qu Zhenzhen to cultivate the Heavenly Longevity Technique.

Therefore, she had vacated Lake Heart Island under the pretext of arranging formations.

Houses along the lake shore were for the family's foreign cultivators, apprentices, and servants.

Water pavilions around the island were for the visiting nobles to reside in.

As for the core Lake Heart Island, it could be used to plant Spirit Plants, with family members personally overseeing it.

"Zixiao, you've been thoughtful," Lu Changsheng said, nodding in acknowledgment.

He had planted the Abyssal Ghoull Blossom inside Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, as there was temporarily no suitable location in the family.

Now, with the Second Rank Spirit Vein of Bi Shui Lake, the Abyssal Ghoull Blossom could be moved from Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven to Lake Heart Island.

This would also facilitate Lu Miaohuan's cultivation of the Heavenly Longevity Technique.

"Zixiao, how has Xu Ruyin been performing these years?" Lu Changsheng continued to inquire.

This pearl of the Xu Family had been imprisoned in their household for seven years.

Upon going out, he intended to offer her a Pet Beast, and now that he had drawn the Heavenly Demon Phoenix as a Spiritual Pet, he also planned to fulfill the initial grand promise, allowing her to cultivate Beast Techniques with this Spiritual Pet.

"Xu Ruyin has been quite obedient these years," Ling Zixiao said with an elegant smile, discussing Xu Ruyin's years.

The first year, she basically spent nurturing her pregnancy at home.

After having the child, maybe she had resigned herself to fate, feeling a greater sense of belonging to the household.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded.

Having discussed most matters, he thought of his son Lu Quanzhen.

However, he learned that Lu Quanzhen was not at home and was at Red Leaf Valley Market.

Although his daughter Lu Caizhen was home, her lack of change in cultivation level meant she likely didn't know much.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng tried to subtly express his concern for his son Lu Quanzhen through Qu Zhenzhen.

Before long, Qu Zhenzhen voluntarily began to speak of their son's affairs.

She also revealed how their son had brought Elixir Medicines for her,

and expressed regret that she hadn't been able to offer them to Lu Changsheng.

"It's all right, it's good for Quanzhen to have such an opportunity, and handing them to Caizhen is just as well," Lu Changsheng said with a smile, cradling his beloved wife, planning to inquire further when his son returned.

If it was simply a stroke of luck, as a father, he wouldn't ask too many questions.

After all, everyone has their secrets, and his son was grown now.

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Blue Cloud Peak's Summit.

“Mount Sumeru, has it been successful?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the sapling beside the Mount Sumeru Tree, which was less than a meter tall.

Two and a half years ago, he had planted this branch.

Now, under Mount Sumeru’s nurturing, the branch had transformed into a sapling.

Its trunk shimmered with a weave of golden and jade mist, nurturing a rich vitality.

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Yet, beside the tall and majestic Mount Sumeru Tree King, it seemed quite unremarkable.

“Master...”

The voice of Mount Sumeru was ethereal and misty, like a gentle breeze or white clouds.

It signified that the sapling had been nurtured into a coexisting spiritual plant, reaching the level of a Third Rank Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plant.

But without further nurturing from itself, it would be impossible to advance.

“It’s fine, as long as it has reached the Third Rank, that’s enough.”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng’s face revealed a hint of a smile.

In his view, as long as it could be used for the cultivation of the Heavenly Longevity Technique, that was already sufficient.

As for further growth, he did not need to consider it for the moment.

“By the way, Mount Sumeru, have you had any enhancement yourself?”

Lu Changsheng continued to inquire of Mount Sumeru.

He had given almost all the Royal Jelly to it and wanted to know if, aside from the coexisting spiritual plant, it had gained any advancement.

“Whoosh!”

A burst of white brilliance flew out from the Mount Sumeru Tree and materialized into a dreamlike, faint figure beneath the tree.

Seeing this ephemeral figure, Lu Changsheng was startled.

He had asked if there had been any advancements, but what did turning into a sister mean!?

He was at a loss for words to describe the figure before him.

It was extremely beautiful, but different from most of the women he had seen.

Just like the voice of Mount Sumeru, it was tender and pure, elusive and dreamlike.

A pair of eyes like golden jade shone brilliantly, yet not at all glaring, emanating a compassion for all living beings... a Buddha Nature that made one's mental spirit calm and peaceful just by looking into them.

Her hair, as pale as gold and jade, hung heavily to her waist, emitting a soft luster, adorned only with two bright and flawless green leaves.

Her dress was very simple and elegant without any accessories, just a plain golden and jade luminous skirt.

The skirt was long, seeming very faint and ethereal at the hem, nearly invisible, floating in the air like a spirit, appearing sacred and dreamlike.

“Master...”

Mount Sumeru spoke, its voice as elusive as white clouds, very soft, now with a touch more tenderness than before.

“Hiss...”

Lu Changsheng couldn't help but shiver as Mount Sumeru called him in such a form.

Originally, he thought Mount Sumeru's voice was quite nice, with a compassionate, melancholic quality, like an elusive celestial breeze.

But now, as it had transformed into such a sacred and pure figure and called him master, he even felt as if his own heart and soul were somewhat sullied.

Subsequently, Mount Sumeru indicated that it had a certain advancement in cultivation level after consuming the Royal Jelly.

But, because it had been nurturing the coexisting spiritual plant, the improvement was not significant.

However, its spirituality had improved significantly, and its primordial spirit was able to manifest this spiritual body, also becoming much smarter than before.

“Smarter by quite a bit...”

Lu Changsheng heard this, his mouth twitching slightly, not feeling much of an increase in intelligence from it.

However, to give credit where credit was due, Mount Sumeru's aesthetic sense wasn't bad.

He even saw a hint of Lu Miaoge, Xiao Xiyue, Hong Lian, Xu Ruyin, and Ling Zixiao in its appearance and figure.

He wondered if the long-term presence of these ladies in the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven had influenced Mount Sumeru's transformation.

“Will you look like this once you transform in the future?”

Lu Changsheng inquired subconsciously.

Although Mount Sumeru, as a True Spirit Level demon plant, would find it exceptionally difficult to transform, he didn't know why he somehow felt a faint sense of anticipation inside.

“I can transform, Mount Sumeru will listen to the master.”

Mount Sumeru stated.

While there was now a tenderness in its words, its countenance remained unchanged, retaining its holy and pure demeanor.

A pair of ancient, undisturbed, compassionate golden eyes seemed to make sinners lay down their butchering knives and repent.

“Forget it, don't manifest your spiritual body usually.”

Lu Changsheng sighed.

Being stared at by Mount Sumeru brought with it a sense of sanctity, making him feel absurdly irreverent...

He felt his thoughts were too tainted—quite sinful, indeed.

“Yes, master.”

Hearing this, the figure of Mount Sumeru dissipated and returned to the Mount Sumeru Tree.

“Tsk, so much for being a lot smarter.”

Lu Changsheng shook his head, then entered the interior of the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

As soon as he entered the Cave Heaven, he saw Xu Ruyin with her fire-red hair done up, wearing a red dress, helping a toddler take wobbly steps.

Maybe it was because his heart had been cleansed by Mount Sumeru just now, but seeing this scene made Lu Changsheng feel a deep sense of guilt.

“Young master.”

Xu Ruyin immediately approached and bowed to Lu Changsheng on seeing him.

Although she had taken Preserving Youth Pills in her early years, they had only been First and Second Grade.

Having spent seven years in this Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven and now having borne a child, she looked much more matured.

The cold pride that used to be on her face had long since turned into a look of gentle obedience.

“Call me husband from now on.”

Lu Changsheng sighed softly, lifted her shoulders, and spoke gently.

“Yes, husband.”

Xu Ruyin’s delicate body trembled slightly, shyly uttering the words.

“Hmm, what’s his name?”

Lu Changsheng crouched down, looking at the toddler learning to walk in front of him.

The child did not have the red hair like Xu Ruyin; quite normal actually.

It seemed that being a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, his genes obviously dominated over the changes that came with Xu Ruyin's cultivation technique.

"I was waiting for you, husband, to name him."

Xu Ruyin said with lowered eyes and subdued voice.

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"Since that's the case, let's call him... Lu Chensha."

Lu Changsheng looked at his son, pondered for a moment, then said softly.

"Chensha..."

Xu Ruyin heard the name, thought of dust and gravel, and felt that the name was not auspicious, too humble.

But she naturally had no words to refute Lu Changsheng's choice, she could only nod and respond, "Thank you, husband."

"You've been delayed in your Qi Refinement for so long, it's time for a breakthrough to the Foundation Establishment."

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Lu Changsheng picked up the child and whispered.

Then, he looked towards the System Space, with a slight movement of his Mental Spirit, he extracted the 'Heavenly Demon Phoenix' from the system.

Suddenly, a large bird that appeared golden, as if adorned with flame-like patterns, emerged.

This Heavenly Demon Phoenix was still in its juvenile stage, approximately the size of an adult peacock, majestic with a touch of naivety.

“Husband...”

Xu Ruyin, having heard this, gazed upon the Heavenly Demon Phoenix before her, her body trembling abruptly, her hands covering her mouth, nearly bursting into tears.

Happiness had come too fast, too unexpectedly!

Years of effort, dreams, expectations, and perseverance came to simple fruition at this moment.

Over the years, though she submitted to Lu Changsheng, she often regretted her rash actions of the past and questioned if it was worth it.

But the words of her parents, her family, Ling Zixiao, and Senior Red Lotus kept her steadfastly persevering.

Now, she finally reached this day!

The day when Lu Changsheng recognized her!

At this moment, her heart was filled with endless gratitude towards Lu Changsheng.

Within this gratitude, however, were several complex emotions.

There was admiration and awe, submission and reverence, and the humiliation from her early years of serving Lu Changsheng.

“Thank you, husband.”

Xu Ruyin bowed in a salute.

Although Lu Changsheng now allowed her to address him as husband, she still clearly positioned herself.

Aware of the other's fearsomeness, she believed she could give herself, perhaps even take back.

"Indeed, these days you should cultivate well, and I will have someone take care of the child."

Lu Changsheng gently stroked Xu Ruyin's soft and shiny red hair and spoke.

"Yes, husband."

Xu Ruyin responded upon hearing this, looking at the Heavenly Demon Phoenix before her.

Through the Beast Technique, she could clearly sense that the bloodline grade of this Heavenly Demon Phoenix was not merely of Heaven Rank, even subtly surpassing the Cold Blue Dark Turtle she had before.

Furthermore, her two current Pet Beasts, the Fire Python Tiger and the Heavenly Fire Mink, were both of Fire Attribute.

If she continued to integrate with Fire Attribute Demon Beasts, it could significantly enhance the power of her Foundation Establishment's Life-bound Spiritual Fire, the 'Beast Spirit True Fire.'

Moreover, considering Pet Beast combinations, with two terrestrial beasts, she also needed a flying Spiritual Beast.

At this moment, the Heavenly Demon Phoenix given by Lu Changsheng, despite still being a juvenile, was practically a perfect fit for her current needs.

"How many Heaven Rank Demon Beasts does he possess..."

Xu Ruyin couldn't help but sneak a peek at Lu Changsheng.

She believed Lu Changsheng knew her needs, therefore he selected such a Demon Beast for her.

It wasn't just her.

The Hong Lian within the Ancient Beast Taming Charm in the Sea of Consciousness felt the Heavenly Demon Phoenix and woke up, astonished.

“This must be a Phoenix Bird with True Spirit Phoenix Bloodline!”

Hong Lian exclaimed.

Her affiliated power, Vermilion Bird Palace, had legends claiming its founder had connections with the True Spirit Vermilion Bird!

Thus, their lineage was quite knowledgeable about spiritual birds like Phoenix and Vermilion Bird.

“True Spirit Phoenix...”

Xu Ruyin was amazed upon hearing this.

She knew that any connection to True Spirits like the Phoenix or Vermilion Bird was extraordinary.

The future of the Demon Beast, once it activates the trace of Bloodline within, could soar to the heavens!

Immediately, she saw Lu Changsheng leaving with the child, so she took a deep breath, hugged the Heavenly Demon Phoenix before her, and entered the Changsheng Hall.

She began to bond with the ‘Beast Technique,’ intending to raise this Heavenly Demon Phoenix as her Life-bound Beast!

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It is said that a short parting is sweeter than a new marriage.

Having been away for over two years, Lu Changsheng naturally had to love his wives and concubines well.

Over the next few days, he engaged in nights of passionate battle, countless entanglements, experiences so passionate and entwined that they are better left untold to others.

If Lu Changsheng hadn't been robust, an ordinary person truly couldn't have endured.

One must admit, having a wife and concubines does require sufficient capability.

After loving his wives and concubines, Lu Changsheng also thought about getting down to business.

He gave the Abyssal Ghoulish Blossom and the Coexisting Spiritual Plants from Mount Sumeru to Lu Miaohuan and Qu Zhenzhen.

Casually, he checked on the condition and cultivation progress of his children.

"Father."

At this time, Lu Ping'an found Lu Changsheng.

He reported his breakthrough to the Second Level of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art and his mastery of the 'Baogu Method.'

"Sixth Level Energy Refinement, Second Level Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art."

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng knew his son wanted to go out for experiential training.

Through the system, he had long been aware of his son Lu Ping'an's breakthrough to the Sixth Level of Energy Refinement and the breakthrough of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

He was just waiting for his own return, waiting for his approval before setting out for training.

"Do you have any plans or ideas for your travels?"

Lu Changsheng asked his son.

"I'm not sure, I want to visit Qingyun Market, and if it's further, I might consider visiting Jiuxiao Immortal City."

Lu Ping'an scratched his head and grinned.

"Qingyun Market, Jiuxiao Immortal City..."

Lu Changsheng pondered a moment upon hearing this, then nodded agreement to his son's request for travel.

Children and grandchildren have their own fortunes.

The child was grown, and what they wished to do was up to them.

Keeping them at home like flowers was clearly not feasible.

He couldn't possibly cultivate all his children at home himself.

They needed to make a bit of effort themselves, and then he would give them a push.

Thinking that he had not visited Ruyi Prefecture for a long time, Lu Changsheng decided to make a trip there later to visit his wives and children.

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Lu Ping'an immediately spoke out, allowing Lu Ping'an to accompany him when the time came.

"Yes, Dad."

Lu Ping'an listened and nodded in agreement.

After Lu Changsheng had swiftly dealt with his children's situation at home, he called Lu Miaohuan and Qu Zhenzhen over.

"Husband, what's wrong?"

The two women asked Lu Changsheng.

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"You'll find out soon."

Lu Changsheng smiled and led the two women to the summit of Blue Cloud Peak.

"What a beautiful tree!"

Both women exclaimed in awe upon seeing the Mount Sumeru Tree.

Blue Cloud Peak's Summit was a forbidden area for the Lu Family, hidden by the Inverted Five Elements Formation, so they had never been here before and had never seen the Mount Sumeru Tree King.

"Hehe, this is our family's protective spirit tree."

Lu Changsheng smiled but didn't introduce too much about the Mount Sumeru Tree King to the two women.

After all, they would naturally come to know these soon.

He pointed to a solitary and inconspicuous golden sapling beside the Mount Sumeru Tree and said, “Huanhuan, Zhenzhen, this sapling is a Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plant.”

“Ah, this is a Third Rank Spirit Plant.”

Qu Zhenzhen slightly crouched down, looking at the coexisting Spiritual Plant in front of her with some suspicion.

Although she hadn’t seen many Third Rank Spirit Plants,

she knew that Third Rank Spirit Plants were known as Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plants and were extraordinary.

However, thinking about Lu Miaoyun’s Luminous Treasure Tree, she felt this little sapling seemed quite nice too.

After all, in her eyes, Lu Miaoyun’s Luminous Treasure Tree indeed looked a bit ugly; this sapling was quite attractive.

Lu Miaohuan also examined the small sapling in front of her, wondering about Lu Changsheng’s intention.

“Husband, what is this spirit tree called?”

Qu Zhenzhen carefully touched the sapling and asked.

“What is it called?”

Lu Changsheng was momentarily stumped.

After all, this sapling was a Coexisting Spiritual Plant with Mount Sumeru, and it didn’t have a name; should it also be called a Mount Sumeru Tree?

He laughed and said, "This tree doesn't have a name yet. Since Zhenzhen you asked, you should name it."

"I have prepared two Spiritual Plants this time, intending to give one to each of you and Huanhuan for cultivating the Heavenly Longevity Technique,"

"Of these two Spiritual Plants, I think this tree suits Zhenzhen better."

Lu Changsheng said so.

"Ah, husband already has two Spiritual Plants."

Qu Zhenzhen was pleasantly surprised upon hearing this, her eyes shimmering with admiration.

Initially, she hadn't felt much when she learned about the Heavenly Longevity Technique.

But seeing the changes in Lu Miaoyun, it was impossible to say she didn't feel envious.

After all, she herself knew that only if she succeeded in cultivation, she would be able to accompany her husband and children forever.

Lu Miaohuan, too, was stunned.

After all, she knew that Lu Changsheng hadn't gone anywhere when accompanying her and her sister outside.

How suddenly did he get two Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plants?

"That's right, the other one is inside," Lu Changsheng smiled.

"Inside?"

The two women exchanged puzzled looks and surveyed their surroundings.

The next moment, they saw a golden door appear in front of the Mount Sumeru Tree.

“Come on, let’s go in,” Lu Changsheng said softly.

The three of them entered the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

“Wow!”

“Husband, this is…”

Qu Zhenzhen and Lu Miaohuan were astonished as they looked at the scene before them.

“I wondered why I didn’t see the palace just now. Husband, where do you, Sister Miaoge, and Sister Ling live?”

“So there’s such a big space inside the tree.”

Qu Zhenzhen looked around Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven with amazement.

Lu Miaohuan was relatively calmer than Qu Zhenzhen, not making a fuss, but she also looked around with a surprised expression.

“This is the second Heaven-and-Earth Spiritual Plant.”

Lu Changsheng led the two women to the side of the Spiritual Spring and pointed to the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom.

On regular days, the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom was in a dormant state, dull in appearance, with only the flower on the ground.

Now, as Lu Changsheng approached, the flower gently swayed, blooming with a charming luster, extremely beautiful and enchanting.

“What a beautiful flower!”

Qu Zhenzhen and Lu Miaohuan were captivated by the beauty of the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom in front of them.

Indeed, the current state of the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom was very beautiful.

“This flower looks beautiful now but is actually quite terrifying,” Lu Changsheng said so.

“Terrifying?”

The two women did not understand the meaning of his words.

“Huanhuan, Zhenzhen.”

At that moment, Lu Miaoge heard the sounds and walked out of Changsheng Hall.

She was surprised to see Lu Changsheng had brought the two women to Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven,

since Lu Changsheng had said that it was better for as few people as possible to know about Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, so she hadn’t even told her sister.

“Sister Miaoge, sister,” the three called out to Lu Miaoge.

“Hehe, I plan to use this Abyssal Ghoul Blossom for Huanhuan to cultivate the Heavenly Longevity Technique.”

Lu Changsheng looked at his wife, Lu Miaoge, and spoke.

“Huanhuan using this to cultivate the Heavenly Longevity Technique!?”

Lu Miaoge was startled upon hearing this.

She had seen the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom in action, swallowing a False Core Immortal whole, a terrifying scene indeed.

She hadn't expected Lu Changsheng to actually plan on using such a terrifying demon plant for her sister to cultivate the Heavenly Longevity Technique.

"Huanhuan, you should take a look at the true appearance of this flower before deciding."

Lu Changsheng nodded, continuing to speak.

Then, he asked the three women to step back a little to reveal the true form of the Abyssal Ghoul Blossom.