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Although they couldn't perceive the invisible clash of spiritual consciousness,

it was clear that Jin Zan had just been at a disadvantage.

"Elder Jin, if that's all the strength you have, there's still time to retreat," Lu Changsheng said calmly, clad in a green robe, looking ethereal and handsome.

"Hmph, it seems I've underestimated Lu Mountain Lord. It's to be expected; after all, Lu Changsheng is renowned for his Talisman Formation Art and naturally has extraordinary divine sense," Jin Zan said, his expression dark and unpleasant, realizing he had underestimated his opponent and had hoped to catch him off guard with his divine sense.

Seeing this, the Zhao Family Patriarch didn't hesitate and immediately charged out of the Great Formation to join Jin Zan.

At this point, with both sides confronting each other, he naturally couldn't just watch Jin Zan face three Foundation Establishment Cultivators alone.

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"Roar!"

At the same time, a tiger's roar echoed from the depths of White Tiger Mountain.

A white-browed tiger, nearly ten feet tall, appeared, walking on clouds and enveloped in rolling demon qi.

Upon closer inspection, one could see that the tiger's fur was sparse and gray-white, its body slightly emaciated, showing signs of old age.

This was none other than the Clan Guardian Spirit Beast of White Tiger Mountain, the High-Rank Howling Cloud Tiger!

Originally, Lu Changsheng's side had three Foundation Building Great Cultivators!

But now, the Zhao Family also had two Foundation Building Great Cultivators and a Second Order Spiritual Beast!

Moreover, this place was the spirit land of the Zhao Family, protected by the Fierce Tiger Encircling Mountain Great Formation.

This formation was a second-order top-quality array, which even an Energy Refining Cultivator could control to threaten Foundation Establishment Cultivators!

Lu Yun saw that the situation was not good, his expression a bit panicked, and he quickly opened his Spiritual Pet Bag.

“Aowoo!”

The Nine Netherhound appeared instantly, with its blood-red intimidating eyes sweeping over everyone. It let out a low growl, its head looking fierce and terrifying, exuding an aura of savage evil.

“Uh!? A Second Order Spiritual Beast!?”

Jin Zan and the Zhao Family Patriarch were taken aback upon seeing the Nine Netherhound.

They hadn't expected that the small Bi Lake Mountain would have a Second Order Spiritual Beast!

And this beast's appearance and aura seemed far superior to the Zhao Family's Howling Cloud Tiger!

“Is this Xiao Hei?”

Li Feiyu was surprised to see the Nine Netherhound.

He not only recognized the Nine Netherhound but also knew that this spiritual pet was picked up by Lu Changsheng three years ago during their arrangement.

But now, in such a short time, this spiritual pet had actually advanced to the second rank!?

It should be noted that normal demon beasts would need at least fifty to sixty years, or even a century, to have a chance at advancing to the second rank.

And after hunting demon beasts for many years, he could tell at a glance that the Nine Netherhound was not simple; it was at least of Earth Grade bloodline, or even some kind of mutated bloodline!

“Changsheng’s good fortune...”

Li Feiyu was at a loss for what to say internally, feeling a surge of envy.

“Hmph, just a Second-Rank Early Stage Demon Beast,” Jin Zan said coldly and dismissively.

However, the Zhao Family Patriarch and several Zhao Family Cultivators noticed their Clan Guardian Spirit Beast, the Howling Cloud Tiger, revealing a hint of fear in its somewhat cloudy tiger eyes when facing the Nine Netherhound.

“Gold Dragon Hand!”

Jin Zan snorted coldly, slapping his Storage Bag from which a golden claw, shining like a golden dragon claw, flew out.

This claw burst forth with a force capable of piercing gold and stone, tearing through the air and lancing toward Lu Changsheng.

“Taichi Talisman!”

Lu Changsheng held Lu Miaoge’s fair and delicate hand, their fingers interlocked, and he whispered to her.

He had previously made it known that the two practiced Dual Cultivation Technique, so now was the time for the couple to join forces and validate that claim.

This was also why he came with Lu Miaoge rather than Ling Zixiao.

“Vvvv—”

In an instant, both of their mana flowed together, merging their energies.

The Taichi Talisman in Lu Miaoge’s hand flew out, hovering in the air, emitting radiant seven-colored halos before transforming into a small sword swirling with colors.

The Water of Virtue Technique included two life-bound spiritual artifacts, one for attack and the other for defense!

The attacking spiritual artifact, the Taichi Talisman, could transform into myriad types of artifacts for fending off enemies!

Lu Changsheng had planted the Taiyi Dao Seed in Lu Miaoge, giving them a shared source of mana, allowing them to command the artifact.

“Clang!”

The Taichi Talisman Sword collided with the golden claw, causing a sound of clashing metal and sparks to fly as the two forces of mana rubbed and collided.

“What a couple from Bi Lake Mountain’s Lu Clan, they really have some skills,” said Jin Zan, his face changing slightly, before a cold smile appeared and he continued, “But if you think you can match a Foundation Establishment Peak with just this, you’re sorely mistaken!”

“Gold Dragon Square Halberd!”

He gestured an incantation with both hands and slapped his Dantian, as if a dragon’s roar emanated from within him.

A halberd-like spiritual artifact burst forth from his body, enveloped in layers of golden light, like a roaring Flood Dragon, radiating strong waves of mana.

“Roar!”

Above the Gold Dragon Square Halberd, ancient patterns flowed, and a shadowy Flood Dragon emerged, its claws and teeth ready to strike.

Faced with this attack, Lu Miaoge immediately brandished her ‘Water Jue’, placing it above her head to create a series of azure water screens.

“Wind-Fire Formation!”

Lu Changsheng chuckled lightly, making a Gesture Incantation with one hand and flicking his sleeve.

The talisman that hovered behind him shot out along with the nine-nine Mystic True Signs, forming a Talisman Formation that trapped the Gold Dragon Square Halberd.

“Taichi Sword, kill!”

Lu Changsheng, feigning control over the Taichi Talisman, shouted out commandingly.

Although the Taichi Talisman was only a low-quality spiritual artifact, at that moment, it was ferocious, exuding an overbearing and astounding magic aura, repelling the Gold Dragon Hand and slashing straight at Jin Zan.

“This isn’t good!”

Upon seeing this, Jin Zan’s expression dramatically changed, and he hurriedly maneuvered his Gold Dragon Hand to intercept the seven-colored sword.

“Clang!”

The Gold Dragon Hand, confronting the Taichi Talisman, began to falter, its golden luster dimming and the spiritual artifact seeming to cry out in distress.

Watching this scene, everyone present was shocked and stunned.

Nobody had expected that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge, joining forces, would be so formidable.

In just a few exchanges, they had put Elder Jin from the Jin Family at a disadvantage.

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“No wonder Changsheng is so confident. It turns out that when he and Miss Lu combine their strength, their combat power is like that of someone at the peak of Foundation Establishment!”

Li Feiyu muttered to himself, astonished by his good brother’s strength.

He had thought that after his breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, he could barely catch up with Lu Changsheng, but now he realized the gap between their powers was so large.

“This, this, this...”

“Yes, the fact that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge joined forces to kill the Robber Cultivator happened ten years ago. Now that ten years have passed, Lu Changsheng’s cultivation level has broken through to the middle stage of Foundation Establishment, and Lu Miaoge has also increased her strength. Together, they are far beyond ordinary Foundation Establishment Cultivators. I’m afraid only the False Core Patriarch could suppress them...”

At this moment, the Zhao Family Ancestor felt as if he had fallen into an ice cellar, sweating profusely, terrified and regretful.

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He knew that now was not the time for regret, the only thing to do was to rely on Jin Zan still being there, to make a quick decision.

“Lu Changsheng must be distracted at this moment. If I take the chance to kill him, there is still a chance!”

The Zhao Family Ancestor’s expression turned fierce, and he shouted loudly to his family, “Operate the Great Formation at full strength and kill Lu Changsheng!”

During his words, he immediately brought out a resplendent purple-gold armor and, holding a long sword, charged towards Lu Changsheng.

“Your opponent is me!”

Li Feiyu looked at the Zhao Family Ancestor, his expression cold and uncompromising as he stepped up to meet him.

Even if his opponent’s cultivation level was higher than his, he, Li Feiyu, had come through many battles and had never encountered a scene he had not seen, having even killed someone at the late stage of Energy Refinement when he was at the middle stage!

“All remain calm; offer the Talismans to resist the Great Formation!”

Lu Quanzhen looked at the situation unfolding before him, his expression serious, as he immediately released the aura of the Ninth Level of Energy Refinement.

In the midst of speaking, he slapped his Storage Bag and brought out the Second Rank Puppet that Lu Changsheng had given him, calling out to his fellow brothers and sisters.

These Lu Family Disciples had never experienced such a battlefield, and for a moment, some were panicked.

But upon hearing Lu Quanzhen’s words, they quickly calmed down and one after another took out Talismans from their Storage Bags.

“Xiao Hei, that guy is up to you!”

Lu Quanzhen looked at the Nine Netherhound and immediately pointed at the Howling Cloud Tiger that was roaring out, saying quickly.

“Roar!”

The Nine Netherhound roared at the Howling Cloud Tiger, causing a look of fear to flicker in the tiger’s turbid eyes.

This Howling Cloud Tiger was a demon beast at the middle stage of the second rank.

However, the suppression of bloodlines among demon beasts was very serious.

Not to mention that it was getting old and was not at its peak strength.

Even if it were at its peak, facing the Nine Netherhound, it would be suppressed by bloodline alone, weakening its momentum by a third and unable to exert its full strength.

“Not bad.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly, looking at the performance of his children.

Although their display was not particularly good, it was not utterly unsightly either.

Especially his son, Lu Quanzhen, whom he had always been very satisfied with.

“Kill!”

He looked towards Jin Zan and coldly shouted a command.

The wobbling Golden Dragon Hand, under the pressure of the Taichi Talisman, finally let out a burdened wail and began to crack.

“How is this possible!?”

Jin Zan watched Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge, who looked like a couple of gods, his face extremely ugly.

For the first time, he felt the enemy was so troublesome!

He wanted to retract his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact to go on the offensive for defense.

But at this moment, the Golden Dragon Halberd was trapped by Lu Changsheng's Talisman Formation, constantly bombarded, draining his mana.

“Pff!”

The Taichi Talisman Sword burst forth with a dazzling array of seven colors, extremely brilliant, and continued to slash towards Jin Zan.

“Damn it, how can there be such a Dual Cultivation Technique that allows a middle-stage Foundation Establishment and an early-stage Foundation Establishment to have such strength!”

Jin Zan hurriedly brought out a white light pearl, forming a thick protective barrier around himself.

Then with both hands forming a Gesture Incantation, he fully activated his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact, the Golden Dragon Halberd, trying to go on the offensive for defense to break the Talisman Formation and strike at Lu Changsheng.

However, in just a moment, he was filled with dread.

“Boom boom boom—”

Under the assault of the Taichi Talisman Sword, his protective barrier cracked in a short while and began to widen at a visible rate.

He quickly tried to stabilize the protective Spirit Pearl in front of him.

“Hmph!”

Lu Changsheng, seeing this, let out a cold snort.

“Boom boom boom—”

In an instant, the Talisman Formation trapping the Golden Dragon Halberd exploded on his command.

He hadn’t used many Talismans this time; most of them were First Grade Talismans, with only a small portion being Second Grade Talismans.

Yet the fusion and explosion of so many Talismans were still extremely powerful, causing everyone present to tremble with fear.

Jin Zan’s Life-bound Spiritual Artifact cried out in the explosion of the Talisman Formation, a crack appearing on its surface.

“Pff!”

Jin Zan, who had been managing to hold on, suddenly turned pale the moment his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact was damaged, spitting out a mouthful of Essence Blood, and seemed to age considerably.

“Stop, Lu... Lu Mountain Lord, I... I, the elder, admit defeat...”

Jin Zan’s voice trembled with fear as he spoke.

He dared not continue fighting.

Knowing that if he did, he would likely end his life there.

Lu Changsheng looked at Jin Zan before him and after a moment, coldly spat out a single word, “Scram!”

Jin Zan was the Great Elder of the Jinlong Ridge Jin Family.

He wasn't ready to completely fall out with the Jin Family just yet.

Jin Zan's face was ashen, wanting to say something but not daring to speak.

Finally, glancing at his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact, he gritted his teeth, turned into a streak of light, and fled in disarray.

“What!?”

The Zhao Family Ancestor and the people of the Zhao Family saw this scene, all shocked and appalled, despair evident in their eyes.

They had never imagined that the Jinlong Ridge Jin Family's Great Elder would be defeated so quickly by Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge, forced to escape in such a sorry state.

It was too unexpected, utterly inconceivable!

“Lu Mountain Lord...”

The Zhao Family Ancestor was fighting Li Feiyu, currently gaining the upper hand, driving Li Feiyu to retreat.

But at this moment, he instantly lost his will to fight, wanting to surrender and apologize.

However, before he could finish speaking, Lu Changsheng had already sent the Taichi Talisman Sword slashing towards him.

“Pff!”

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The seven-colored glow burst forth, instantly shattering the Zhao Family Ancestor's battle armor's defense, decapitating his head, which was filled with terror.

“Ancestor!”

Inside White Tiger Mountain, members of the Zhao Family, who were managing the formation, witnessed this scene and all screamed in shock and fear.

At that moment, some cried out loud, some screamed in terror, some showed faces of regret, and some even knelt down pleading for mercy.

They all knew that their family was finished, White Tiger Mountain was finished!

“Roar!”

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Beside them, Lu Quanzhen commanded a Second Rank Puppet and the Nine Netherhound battling the Howling Cloud Tiger, causing the tiger to scream in anguish.

“Pfft!”

Lu Changsheng, seeing this, showed no mercy and used the Taichi Talisman to slay the aged Howling Cloud Tiger with a sword stroke.

He looked toward White Tiger Mountain and said indifferently, “Are you not going to open the formation quickly?”

“Boom!”

Moments later, the power of the Fierce Tiger Encircling Mountain Great Formation slowly dissipated, and the mountain gate opened.

Lu Changsheng retrieved Jin Zan's life-bound spiritual artifact.

Holding Lu Miaoge's hand, they descended from the air like a celestial couple, arriving at the gate.

At this time, all cultivators of the Zhao Family had knelt down.

Yet, a few still refused to submit, severing their heart veins and killing themselves.

The leading Zhao Family Patriarch looked at the celestial couple before him, fear evident in his eyes, and said, "Zhao Family Patriarch Zhao Mingwei greets Lu Mountain Lord, Lu Ancestor."

"Please spare our Zhao Family, Lu Mountain Lord, Lu Ancestor. I am willing to dissolve the Zhao Family and give White Tiger Mountain and all our properties to Blue Lake Mountain as compensation."

"Our Zhao descendants are adept in vein exploration, purification, and artifact forging. If Lu Mountain Lord requires, we are at your disposal, without any second thoughts..." The Zhao Family Patriarch and several family elders immediately said with sobbing faces.

Faced with this situation, even though they felt immense anger, they could not muster any will to resist.

They could only plead for mercy, begging Lu Changsheng to spare their lives and preserve their family lineage.

"Ha, did you really think I came here to forcibly take over your Zhao Family's spirit land and properties?"

"You Zhao Family plotted against my daughter, coveted the mines of my Blue Lake Mountain, and even called on Golden Dragon Ridge, seeking to use power to overwhelm and frame us. It is due to these actions that I intervened," Lu Changsheng snorted.

While he did have his eyes on White Tiger Mountain, the pretext was still avenging his daughter.

"Absolutely, absolutely, I spoke out of turn." The Zhao Family Patriarch quickly nodded in agreement, slapping himself, utterly servile.

“Since you truly and sincerely seek to offer reparations and apologize, I naturally won’t slaughter all of you.” Lu Changsheng’s expression softened slightly.

“Thank you, Lu Mountain Lord, thank you!”

Hearing this, the Zhao members showed mixed expressions of grief and joy, promptly voicing their thanks.

However, there were still many Zhao descendants who kept their heads down, clenching their fists, daring to be angry but not speaking out.

After all, such an act was utterly disgraceful!

“Which Zhao Family elders and descendants plotted against my daughter Ruyi?”

Lu Changsheng surveyed the Zhao members and spoke.

After a short while, three bodies were dragged over.

These three knew that others might live, but they had no chance of survival.

Better to end their lives by suicide than to later beg for life without being able to die.

Lu Ruyi stepped forward, glanced at them to confirm they were the ones who had captured her, nodded in acknowledgment, her heart filled with myriad emotions.

“Since the primary culprits are eliminated, and the grudges resolved, let us put this matter to rest for now,” Lu Changsheng, seeing this, spoke in a calm and mild tone: “Now that your Zhao Family no longer has Foundation Establishment Cultivators to guard, it’s hard to defend White Tiger Mountain. Does the Zhao Patriarch have any plans?”

The Zhao Family Patriarch, hearing this, appeared stunned.

Then, with a face full of sorrow and tears, he displayed a respectful and flattering demeanour: “The Zhao Family is willing to be a vassal to Blue Lake Mountain, completely at the disposal of the ancestor!”

“Hm.”

Lu Changsheng nodded.

He indeed didn’t have the intention to annihilate them completely.

On one hand, ending this small matter with full slaughter wouldn’t look good on the surface, and rumors would sound unpleasant, deterring and displeasing surrounding families.

On the other hand, his family currently couldn’t spare manpower to oversee White Tiger Mountain.

The Zhao Family lacked Foundation Establishment Cultivators now, but they could still serve as guards.

Besides, with so many Spiritual Root cultivators in the Zhao Family, it would be a pity and a waste to just kill them all.

They would indeed be useful, whether sent to mine, refine artifacts, or other tasks.

“Father.”

At this moment, Lu Quanzhen transmitted a message to Lu Changsheng.

“Hm? What is it?”

Lu Changsheng looked at his son.

“The child has some thoughts...” Lu Quanzhen immediately aired some of his ideas and suggestions for the Zhao Family arrangements.

“Okay.” Lu Changsheng briefly pondered, replying with one word.

Others at the scene saw Lu Changsheng not speaking, unknowing of what he was considering, but no one dared to inquire further.

“Zhao Patriarch, since your Zhao Family is willing to become vassals to my family, we are all one family now.”

“This significant matter still requires Uncle to notify any Zhao cultivators outside to come back, so we can all get acquainted.”

“By the way, from now on, the matters of White Tiger Mountain will be under my management. My name is Lu Quanzhen, and Uncle Zhao can just call me Quanzhen,” Lu Quanzhen stepped forward, his clean-cut cheeks showing a smile, his eyes narrow, and he bowed.

“To ensure better future relations between our families without conflicts, if there are people in your family who do not wish to stay on White Tiger Mountain and want to leave, my Lu Family will not insist nor proceed with total annihilation.”

“Just swear an oath of the Dao Heart that you will not use the Zhao name of White Tiger Mountain to harbor ill intentions against my Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family in the future, and I will let you leave now. Whether you become Loose Cultivators or rebuild a family, my Lu Family will not interfere.”

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Lu Quanzhen looked at the Zhao Family members and spoke in a gentle voice.

“Uh!?”

Upon hearing his words, the cultivators from the Zhao Family were all stunned, their expressions filled with disbelief.

But they all lowered their heads, not daring to make a sound or move.

After a moment, only one Zhao Family disciple strode forward, his face filled with anger as he approached Lu Quanzhen.

“Only one person?”

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Lu Quanzhen’s expression was unchanged, a faint smile on his face.

“Since it’s only one person, Fellow Daoist Brother, please.”

Lu Quanzhen made a welcoming gesture and walked out of the gates of White Tiger Mountain with this person.

Seeing this scene, several Zhao Family disciples, and even a Zhao Family elder stepped forward, indicating their desire to leave.

“Of course, you may.”

Upon seeing this, Lu Quanzhen’s face maintained its smile, his tone calm.

However, a few Lu Family disciples looked somewhat puzzled, unable to understand why Lu Quanzhen was doing something as risky as releasing the tiger back to the mountain.

Although these Zhao Family disciples could hardly be considered tigers.

But if they were left to wander outside, it would pose an added danger to Bi Lake Mountain.

“Yun’er, you and the Zhao Family Patriarch should tally up the current situation of White Tiger Mountain.”

Lu Changsheng called out to his son, Lu Yun.

“Yes, Father.”

Lu Yun immediately nodded and stepped forward to confirm the number of family members, property, and resources with the Zhao Family Patriarch.

“Changsheng, although you let Jin Zan go this time, the conflict has been established and Golden Dragon Ridge is unlikely to let it go.”

At this moment, Li Feiyu looked at Lu Changsheng and spoke in a low voice.

“Hehe, don’t worry, unless the False Core Patriarch of Golden Dragon Ridge personally takes action, the Jin Family can’t do anything to me.”

“And besides, this time I merely took over White Tiger Mountain and did not have direct conflict with their Golden Dragon Ridge, so that Ancestor from Jin probably won’t start a war over this trivial matter and trouble me.”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

Even if that Ancestor of Jin Family were to actually come looking for trouble, he was not the least bit afraid.

However, these words, he naturally would not say to Li Feiyu.

He continued, “Moreover, the enemy of my enemy is my friend; there are quite a few families in this area who are eyeing the Jin Family, these Family Forces may not want to see my Bi Lake Mountain rise, but they would like even less to see Golden Dragon Ridge rise.”

“I reckon it won’t be long before many families come to Bi Lake Mountain to discuss forming an alliance, hoping we confront Golden Dragon Ridge directly.”

Lu Changsheng said in an unhurried voice.

But having been a Mountain Master for over a decade, he understood these principles well.

Golden Dragon Ridge's domineering behavior and their family currently being on the rise means that the surrounding families probably both fear and dread the Jin Family, not wanting them to continue to develop.

Like the earlier Jin Zan, although his combat power is average, far inferior to that Robber Cultivator from the Red Leaf Valley Market.

But with Ninth Layer Foundation Establishment and not being particularly old, not to mention condensing a True Elixir which is a remote possibility.

But if he had sufficient resources, there was still hope to condense a False Core.

Once a False Core is formed, it's something nobody wants to see.

However, he had just been seriously injured by Lu Changsheng, damaging his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact, injuring his Origin Source; it would probably take several years, even over a decade, to recover.

"Okay, as long as you're aware."

Li Feiyu heard this and nodded, knowing these things were more clear to Lu Changsheng than himself.

"Feiyu, this man's armor and Spiritual Artifacts are quite good, they should suit you well."

Lu Changsheng pointed to the Zhao Family Ancestor's Spiritual Artifact and spoke.

This Zhao Family, deserving of their nearly thousand-year heritage, indeed had quite a foundation.

Like these two Spiritual Artifacts, they were obviously not ordinary assembly line products, belonging to the top-grade among Spiritual Artifacts.

Just right, as Li Feiyu had previously mentioned wanting to forge an armor Spiritual Artifact, and here it was served up to him.

“Don’t refuse, I’ve gained so much from White Tiger Mountain, it’s only right for you to take these, and later on, see if there’s anything else useful.”

Lu Changsheng straightforwardly said, raising his hand.

He was always generous towards people close to him; Li Feiyu sincerely treated him well, so he would help as much as he could.

“Alright, since that’s the case, then I won’t be polite.”

Hearing this, Li Feiyu didn’t refuse anymore and laughed heartily.

“Changsheng, what was Quanzhen doing just now?”

At this moment, Lu Miaoge asked softly, unaware of Lu Quanzhen’s earlier intentions.

She wasn’t particularly surprised or shocked by Lu Changsheng’s display of cultivation and magical power.

After all, having been together for so many years, she knew many things.

Now, unless Lu Changsheng directly achieved Core Formation or Nascent Soul, these situations were no longer able to move her.

“Hehe, didn’t you notice? Jiuyou is not here.”

Lu Changsheng looked up at the sky and spoke softly.

He naturally would not agree to his son doing something like sending the tiger back to the mountain.

“Huh?”

Only then did Lu Miaoge notice that the Nine Netherhound had disappeared at some unknown time, and she understood Lu Quanzhen's purpose.

It was to first deal with the Zhao Family members who harbored deep hatred against their own family.

Then slowly deal with these Zhao Family members now.

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Tens of miles away from White Tiger Mountain.

"Lu Quanzhen, you clearly said you would let us go!"

A Zhao Family disciple was frantically escaping through the forest, maneuvering a Spiritual Artifact and using the Wind-Commanding Technique, his face showing horror.

Lu Quanzhen sat on the back of the Nine Netherhound, his expression cold and silent.

"Roar!"

In a short while, the Nine Netherhound swooped beside this Zhao Family disciple, biting his body in half, blood and flesh a blur.

Lu Quanzhen used a Flame Bullet Technique to burn him to ashes, then applied the Cleansing Technique to clean the bloodstains from the soil.

"Thank you for your hard work."

Lu Quanzhen said to the Nine Netherhound.

If it weren't for the Nine Netherhound being able to remember these people's scents and thus track them, with these people escaping separately, he really would have had trouble resolving them all.

“All settled, next up is handling the aftermath for the Zhao Family.”

Lu Quanzhen squinted his slightly narrow eyes, stored the Nine Netherhound into the Spiritual Pet Bag, tidied his robe slightly, and with his face regaining its clear and elegant appearance, he maneuvered his Spiritual Artifact to return to White Tiger Mountain.

Chapter 885: Brothers Conversation, Stirring from All Directions!

White Tiger Mountain.

Inside a great hall.

Disciples of the Lu Family gathered together, discussing the battle that took place today.

Although they hadn't done much themselves, the events of the day still brought them a great shock and made them realize the cruelty of the Cultivation World.

“Brother, when did you break through to the Energy Refinement Late Stage!”

At this moment, Lu Caizhen saw her brother Lu Quanzhen return and immediately went up to him, quietly asking with excitement.

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She knew that her brother worked very hard on his cultivation every day.

But she hadn't expected her brother to be so formidable.

“Quanzhen, you've broken through to the Energy Refinement Late Stage!”

“Brother Quanzhen, you must have reached the Eighth Level Energy Refinement now, right?”

“Brother Quanzhen, you just let the Zhao Family go; what if they renege later and harbor thoughts of revenge?”

Other disciples of the Lu Family also spoke up when they saw Lu Quanzhen.

The highest cultivation among these people was Sixth Level Energy Refinement.

Advancing from the Sixth to the Seventh Level was a significant barrier!

With their Spiritual Root Talent, breaking through this barrier would take a lot of time and possibly even require Elixir Medicines.

However, the strength Lu Quanzhen demonstrated today was clearly not just breaking through to the Energy Refinement Late Stage.

Especially in the previous battle, Lu Quanzhen not only displayed a strength far above their own but also faced danger without fear, commanding a Second Rank Puppet to fight together with a Nine Netherhound against a Second Order Monster Beast. His image grew immensely formidable in their minds.

“Hehe, I had some opportunities when I was out, so I luckily made a breakthrough.”

“As for the Zhao Family matter, don’t worry.”

Lu Quanzhen smiled at his younger brothers and sisters, not saying much more.

After all, his actions were not exactly righteous.

But some thought of how long Lu Quanzhen had been away before returning and began to speculate, looking at him with increased admiration.

“Brother Quanzhen, you’re back; I’ve already roughly gathered the current information about the Zhao Family situation.”

At this time, Lu Yun, along with Lu Ruyi, Lu Xiaoru, and a few others returned and immediately spoke upon seeing Lu Quanzhen.

Although he was the Patriarch of the Lu Family, they were all brothers and sisters, so there was no undue authority.

Moreover, Lu Changsheng had said, the matter of White Tiger Mountain was under the full responsibility of Lu Quanzhen, so even though he was the Family Head, he wouldn't interfere too much.

"Thanks for the hard work, Brother Yun."

Lu Quanzhen showed a slight smile.

Because Qu Zhenzhen and Lu Miaoyun were very close, he and his siblings were quite close with Lu Yun and his siblings on a normal day.

The two went to a side hall.

Lu Quanzhen took the scroll and flipped through it, casually asking, "Brother Yun, do you have any suggestions for how we should handle the Zhao Family?"

"Brother Quanzhen, you've always been better than me in these matters, you can make the decisions yourself."

Lu Yun spoke directly.

He knew Lu Quanzhen was better than him at handling affairs.

His own election as family head was entirely due to his father considering his mother Lu Miaoyun and Qingzhu Mountain.

"We're just brothers talking, and besides, you'll have to take over the affairs of White Tiger Mountain sooner or later."

Lu Quanzhen said softly with a smile.

He had long been disinterested in family affairs, only wanting to focus on his cultivation and break through to the Foundation Establishment.

But after meeting his uncle Qu Changge, he saw a much broader world!

He knew the Cultivation Realm of Jiang Country was too small.

He had to set his sights higher, looking at the entire Southern Wilderness Cultivation Realm!

Only by doing so could he fulfill the agreement with his uncle, to form a High-Quality Golden Core within a hundred years!

“Now that the Zhao Family has submitted to our family, the next step naturally is to stabilize the situation with the Zhao Family, ensure their loyalty...”

“In this period, we also need to draw in some people from the Zhao Family. I saw that apart from the main lineage, they have two other lineages...”

Lu Yun’s face showed some hesitation as he spoke.

“Exactly, it’s about elevating the collateral branches over the direct lineage, the side branches over the main lineage. For a family like the Zhao Family, where the side and collateral branches are usually overlooked and lack a sense of belonging, as long as we give them some incentives, they’ll be willing to be our dogs.”

Lu Quanzhen said with a smile, “But Brother Yun, strategies for power ultimately aren’t honorable; in this world, only true power is the supreme rule.”

“Just like the Zhao Family’s vassal submission to our family, they fear father, Aunt, Uncle Li, and Jiuyou.”

“So, we need not spend too much effort on the Zhao Family, to stabilize their situation, make them loyal.”

“As long as father is here, all our aunts are here, the Zhao Family wouldn’t dare harbor any crooked thoughts, they can only obediently be our dogs.”

“If you’re in a good mood, then you reward them with a few bones; if they dare to disobey, or do things sloppily, just kill them outright; after all, there are plenty of Zhao Family members willing to be dogs.”

“Remember, petty people only fear might, not kindness; the more polite and accommodating you are, the more they’ll test your limits and take advantage.”

Lu Quanzhen looked at the information on the Jade Scroll, speaking nonchalantly.

“Fear of might without respect for virtue...”

Lu Yun was stunned, then his face showed realization, and he followed with a bit of embarrassment, “Brother Quanzhen, I understand what you mean, but if this spreads and other families hear about it, won’t it affect our family’s reputation.”

“Brother Yun, it’s the same old saying, true power is the supreme rule.”

Lu Quanzhen looked up and smiled, “With father, all our aunts here, what can other families dare gossip about? Even when it comes to reputation, was our family’s reputation great when we seized Bihu Mountain from the Yu Family, or now as we take down White Tiger Mountain? How could such a thing matter compared to others?”

“These kinds of things others won’t even dare to gossip about; how could they care about such insignificant matters? As long as our family is powerful, no matter what we do, there will always be people who praise us.”

Lu Quanzhen said this and patted his younger brother’s shoulder.

He knew that Aunt Lu Miaoyun had been the main mother in the family earlier, managing all the large and small affairs in the back court and had not disciplined Lu Yun enough.

Chapter 886: Brothers Talk, Movements from All Directions!_2

But in order to set an example for the family, Lu Miaoyun imposed very strict requirements on the behavior and character of Lu Yun and his siblings.

During his early years under the doting care of Qingzhu Mountain's Fourth Elder, Lu Yun had been somewhat arrogant.

However, under Lu Miaoyun's strict guidance, his personality gradually became subservient, always listening to his mother Lu Miaoyun's arrangements, lacking in decisiveness and self-confidence.

In his usual conduct, he always tried to follow in his father Lu Changsheng's footsteps, yet he only managed to mimic the surface, resulting in indecisiveness and being overly righteous.

This was not only Lu Yun's problem; many of the Lu family's sons shared this issue.

"I understand,"

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Lu Yun nodded, then said with a bitter smile, "Brother Quanzhen, I've always thought that you would be better suited for the position of Family Head than me."

"In two more years, when the family's leadership term is up for renewal, if you are willing, I believe father will certainly agree."

Lu Yun had always been aware of his own indecisiveness and lack of ruthlessness.

"Hehe, Brother Yun, do not underestimate yourself. With you as Family Head, at least the family is harmonious, and all your younger brothers and sisters acknowledge you,"

Lu Quanzhen said with a smile.

Although Lu Yun did lack ruthlessness and decisiveness,

he had always been diligent and fair in his role as Family Head, unprejudiced and uncorrupted by power, thus he was well-recognized by his siblings.

After the two brothers chatted casually for a while and settled on their plans, they began assigning tasks, mobilizing all the Lu family disciples.

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“Tsk, tsk, tsk, the Zhao family, with nearly a thousand years of heritage, truly has quite a foundation,”

said Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge as they arrived at the cave mansion where the Zhao Family Ancestor had been in closed-door cultivation.

This place was at the Spiritual Spring of the White Tiger Mountain Spirit Vein, where the spiritual energy was very dense, having reached the level of second-order superior grade.

It’s not to say that the White Tiger Mountain Spirit Vein was second-order superior grade.

Rather, with only one Foundation Establishment Cultivator—the Zhao Family Ancestor—and a second-order Demon Beast on White Tiger Mountain, there was an abundance of spiritual energy.

Thus, through a Spirit Gathering Array, the concentration of spiritual energy in the cave mansion easily reached that of second-order superior grade.

Through the Origin Spirit Pupillary Art, Lu Changsheng could see that this Spirit Vein of White Tiger Mountain already showed signs of progressing towards a second-order superior grade Spirit Vein.

It would immediately be promoted to a second-order superior grade Spirit Vein with just one Spiritual Origin Pearl infused into it.

“However, this Spirit Vein is destined not to advance to a second-order superior grade,”

Lu Changsheng exhaled lightly,

preparing to extract part of the vein’s origin source to nourish his own family’s Spirit Vein.

However, to extract from the Spirit Vein, he still had to make some preparations.

Although he had acquired the skills of a Dragon Seeker, due to time constraints, he had not yet prepared the basic artifacts necessary for a Dragon Seeker.

Thus, Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge stationed themselves at White Tiger Mountain,

ordering Li Feiyu to take Lu Xianzhi, Lu Xiaoru, and the other children back to Bi Lake Mountain.

After all, these children had their own responsibilities within the family, and being away for too long would have an impact.

They only left Lu Quanzhen, Lu Yun, and Lu Ruyi behind to handle affairs here.

At this time, after reviewing the assets and expenditures of the Zhao family over the years, Lu Changsheng also came to understand why the Zhao Family Ancestor had coveted his family's Spirit Stone mine.

Too poor!

The Zhao family's conditions were decent and they once had their peak, but after the battle at Blackwater Pool, the family suffered heavy losses, leading to them scraping by just barely.

Therefore, the Zhao Family Ancestor increased the cultivation of the family members, which resulted in White Tiger Mountain running at a loss year after year.

It's important to know that not every family is like Bi Lake Mountain, with a patriarch like Lu Changsheng,

who not only doesn't rely on family profit for income but continuously digs into his own pockets to subsidize the family.

The White Tiger Mountain's expenses were greater than its income, but the ancestral cultivation expenses couldn't be skimmed on, leading to the selling of many family possessions and a growing deficit.

Eight years ago, the Foundation Establishment hopeful cultivated by White Tiger Mountain failed their breakthrough, plunging White Tiger Mountain into even more dire straits, and making the past years extremely difficult.

"Alas, although the Zhao family has a special skill in Artifact Refining, the majority of the family's income comes from mineral veins,"

"Now that the mining has become severe, yet they haven't developed new sources of profit, even if this incident hadn't occurred, they would face a family crisis in a few decades,"

Lu Changsheng said, shaking his head.

Due to environmental conditions, White Tiger Mountain wasn't suitable for the large-scale cultivation of Spiritual Medicine or Spirit Fields, so it was difficult for the Zhao family to find new sources of profit.

"The situation at White Tiger Mountain could be used to set up factories or open marketplaces,"

Lu Changsheng mused to himself.

However, he definitely wouldn't use White Tiger Mountain to establish a marketplace.

He planned to establish a branch family here and build several factories after his children's Foundation Establishment breakthroughs.

"However, to establish factories, we still need to deal with the Jin Family first, because if the two families are neighbors and White Tiger Mountain comes under attack, wouldn't my losses be severe?"

Lu Changsheng shook his head and did not dwell on this idea, deciding that White Tiger Mountain would continue as usual for now and would be considered later.

Although White Tiger Mountain was poor, as a family with nearly a thousand years of heritage, it still had some foundation.

For example, in the areas of Magic Artifacts and Spiritual Artifacts.

The Zhao family didn't have many ordinary Magic Artifacts and Spiritual Artifacts left, having sold most of them.

But the treasury still held several top-grade Artifacts and Spiritual Artifacts that had been passed down.

These were top-grade Artifacts and Spiritual Artifacts forged by previous generations of patriarchs for the family.

If sold, they could easily fetch tens of thousands of Spirit Stones.

Nonetheless, Lu Changsheng naturally wouldn't sell these Artifacts but chose to keep them for his own family's use.

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The next day,

the news about Bi Lake Mountain and White Tiger Mountain immediately spread, like a boulder thrown into a pond, creating huge ripples in the surrounding area,

and the news also quickly spread throughout the entire Qingyun Region!

Because it was truly astounding!

It wasn't that Bi Lake Mountain had taken over White Tiger Mountain!

It was that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge, together, had defeated Jin Zan, the Great Elder of Jinlong Ridge Jin Family!

And during the battle, they had called upon a Foundation Establishment friend for help, and also revealed a second-order Demon Beast!

Chapter 887: Brotherly Conversation, Stirrings from All Sides! _3

You should know that the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family originally had three Foundation Establishment Cultivators: Lu Changsheng, Lu Miaoge, and Ling Zixiao!

Lu Changsheng, in the Qingyun Sect, also had a Foundation Establishment Dao Companion!

Now, two more Foundation Establishment warriors have been added, making a total of six Foundation Establishment warriors!

Such a force, when you look across the entire Qingyun Region, aside from the Beast Taming Xu Family and the six False Core Families, could be considered the first tier!

Especially the astonishing fighting power of both Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge!

During the earlier battle at the Red Leaf Valley Market, rumors were that the Lu couple cultivated a Dual Cultivation Technique, their fighting power comparable to those at the Foundation Establishment Peak, slaying five Foundation Building Great Cultivators. Although everyone was surprised and considered it exaggerated and boastful, most believed it was inflated.

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However, at this time, Jin Zan of the Jinlong Ridge Great Elder, a renowned Foundation Establishment Cultivator with a hopeful future of reaching False Core, and even Core Formation, was defeated by the couple, which was wholly unexpected and remarkably astonishing!

“The Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family has only been established for over a decade— I didn’t expect it to grow to such an extent!”

“I’ve heard that the Lu couple has just broken through to the Foundation Establishment Middle Stage, and when they join forces, they are able to defeat the Great Elder of the Jin Family. If they

both advance to the Foundation Establishment Late Stage, couldn't they then defeat a False Core and contend with a Nascent Soul Immortal!"

"Could it be that the Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family will become the seventh False Core Level Family Force!"

"Hmph, breaking through to the late stage of Foundation Establishment is not so easy. I heard that Lu Changsheng's Spiritual Root Talent is mediocre; his quick breakthrough to the mid-stage of Foundation Establishment must have involved a great opportunity!"

"White Tiger Mountain and Jinlong Ridge are adjacent. Now that Blue Lake Mountain has taken White Tiger Mountain, for Jinlong Ridge, it must be like a thorn in the eye—they are bound to confront Blue Lake Mountain!"

"Tsk tsk, if that False Core Patriarch from the Jin Family were to strike at Blue Lake Mountain and perish along with the Lu couple, that would be quite interesting!"

"I heard that the Master of Bihu Mountain is fond of beauties and children and treats his wives and children very well. If we could marry several daughters of our house to this Lu Ancestor, it seems that the two families could have long-term friendly relations."

"Ling'er, Meng'er, follow me to meet this Lu Ancestor!"

"The Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family, even if it is bound to rise in the future, Jinlong Ridge is currently the great enemy. Do we have any eligible daughters in our Family now?"

As the news spread, countless people exclaimed and discussed, and many family forces, upon hearing the news, immediately came to meet Lu Changsheng or prepared to discuss forming alliances and cooperation.

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Qingzhu Mountain.

"Changsheng and Miaoge actually defeated the Great Elder of the Jin Family!?"

Lu Yuanding and the Fourth Elder, among others, were so shocked upon hearing the news that they were at a loss for words.

Originally, they took Lu Changsheng's claims in the Red Leaf Valley battle as mere bluster.

They purposefully put out such rumors to hype up the Marketplace.

To think now, their battling power is truly astonishing; they joined forces to defeat the Great Elder of the Jinlong Ridge Jin Family!

You must know, both Jinlong Ridge Jin Family and this Great Elder belong to an existence they could only look up to in Qingzhu Mountain, ones they found difficult to even meet.

And now, they were defeated by Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge.

“Will my aunt and uncle Changsheng bring trouble by offending Jinlong Ridge?”

Lu Muping, the newly appointed Lu Family Ancestor, was somewhat worried.

He had been sitting in Qingzhu Mountain for years and had not yet revealed his Foundation Establishment Cultivation Level.

But as time passed, news had been subtly leaked out within the Lu Family.

“Changsheng and Miaoge dare to do this, they surely have their confidence.”

Lu Yuanding said decisively, his face worried, but his eyes filled with pride.

After all, these two were his daughter and son-in-law!

How could he not be proud of hearing such news!?

A potential Core Formation Great Cultivator was defeated by his daughter and son-in-law!

Doesn't this mean that his daughter and son-in-law have the potential to reach False Core, or even Core Formation in the future!

"Hahaha, I never thought I'd live to see such a day as Lu Yuanding. Even if I died now, it'd be worth it!"

Thinking like this, Lu Yuanding suddenly laughed happily.

"That's something for me to say, your old wife; but it's all thanks to you, Yuanding, for bringing Changsheng back into our family all those years ago."

The Fourth Elder's face was aged, but due to taking a Second Rank Lifespan Extension Pill, his complexion was good, he said with a smile fondly.

"Grandpa Ba, Great Grandma, please don't talk like that. You don't need to worry about these things now; just focus on keeping yourselves healthy. Perhaps you'll be able to see the day my aunt and uncle Changsheng form their Core."

Lu Muping respectfully said to Lu Yuanding.

Although he was the Lu Family Ancestor, he was very respectful towards both Lu Yuanding and the Fourth Elder.

Not only because the two were his elders but also because they were Lu Changsheng's elders.

"Core Formation..."

Lu Yuanding said nothing.

But at that moment, both he and the Fourth Elder revealed a look of longing in their eyes, wondering if they would truly see such a day.

After all, this was about Nascent Soul Immortals!

Before this, let alone Core Formation, even reaching False Core was an existence they could only dream of!

“If there truly comes such a day, even if I can’t see it, I would die without regrets...”

Lu Yuanding and the Fourth Elder both thought to themselves.

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Golden Dragon Ridge.

Monks of the Jin Family, upon hearing rumors from the outside world, were shocked and could not believe the news.

After all, Jin Zan was their Great Elder of the Jin Family, the leading figure just below their ancestor!

Yet now, there were rumors that their own Great Elder had been defeated by the couple from Bihu Lake Mountain, Lu Changsheng.

“How can this be possible!”

“The Great Elder’s cultivation level is profound, how could he lose to the Bihu Lake Mountain Lu couple!?”

“The rumors say that the Bihu Lake Mountain Lu couple practice a Dual Cultivation Technique, with combat power comparable to the Peak of Foundation Establishment. Could it be true!”

“No wonder the Great Elder returned yesterday with a gloomy face, without uttering a single word.”

The monks of the Jin Family discussed fervently.

Jin Zan, having been defeated in a miserable state, could not afford to lose face.

After returning to Golden Dragon Ridge, he went straight back to his Cave Mansion.

This prevented the Jin Family from learning about the news immediately.

Faced with this situation, the Patriarch of the Jin Family and several elders went to Jin Zan's Cave Mansion at once to inquire about the situation at White Tiger Mountain.

After all, external rumors are just that, rumors.

They still needed to understand from Jin Zan, the person involved.

If it was just a rumor, the Jin Family would naturally come forward to clarify!

If it was true, the Jin Family would need to salvage their face and dignity!

"Indeed, I was indeed defeated by the Lu couple."

Jin Zan's face was pale, his breath weak, and his tone unfriendly.

"Sss!"

"Sss!"

"Sss!"

Though the Jin Family members anticipated the truth of the message, they couldn't help but gasp upon hearing it.

"I recall that Bihu Lake Mountain was established just over a decade ago. The Lu Changsheng couple must be quite young, right?"

One Jin Family elder frowned tightly and spoke.

“Yes, both Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge are under sixty.”

The Patriarch of the Jin Family said gravely.

“Sss!”

People gasped in surprise upon hearing this.

For a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, being in their fifties or sixties is considered very young.

Like their Great Elder Jin Zan, who had just celebrated his one-hundred-and-twentieth birthday a few years ago!

And even then, he was praised as being talented enough for Core Formation!

“This... under sixty and already at the Mid-Stage of Foundation Establishment, if they are allowed to grow, the likelihood is they could break through to the Late Stage of Foundation Establishment and even Peak.”

A Jin Family elder muttered under his breath, his eyes filled with a wary look.

The Lu couple is now at the Mid-Stage of Foundation Establishment and could defeat Jin Zan.

If both were to break through to the Late Stage, their combat power would be unimaginable.

Perhaps even a False Core Immortal wouldn't necessarily be their match.

Still somewhat in disbelief, he turned his gaze to Jin Zan and asked quietly, “Great Elder, is the Lu couple's combat power really so fearsome?”

“The Lu couple’s Cultivation Method is extremely powerful, and together, their combat power is indeed no less than the Peak of Foundation Establishment.”

Even though his heart was filled with reluctance, Jin Zan admitted it.

However, he snorted coldly and continued, “But if it were only this, I would not have been defeated by them.”

“Hmm?”

The Jin Family Patriarch and the others looked at Jin Zan, wanting to know more specifics.

“Talisman Formation!” Jin Zan cast a stern look, his eyes sharp, and he spat out two words.

“What really put me at a disadvantage was Lu Changsheng’s Talisman Formation!”

“This man must have encountered a great opportunity. His Divine Sense is not weaker than mine, and he has understood the art of Talisman Formations to a very profound extent. With just a thought, he can refine Talisman into Formation.”

“As long as he possesses enough Talismans, this Lu Changsheng can wield combat power not weaker than the Peak of Foundation Establishment!”

“That’s the most fearsome aspect of this couple. Together, they are comparable to the Peak of Foundation Establishment. All this time, while Lu Changsheng multitasked, focusing on controlling the Talisman Formation, only our ancestor could have the power to suppress him!”

Jin Zan recalled the battle from yesterday, his heart filled with frustration.

If it hadn’t been for his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact being trapped by the Talisman Formation, preventing him from exerting his full strength, he was confident he wouldn’t have lost to them.

Even if he couldn’t defeat the Lu couple, they shouldn’t have been able to defeat him either!

Thinking of his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact, Jin Zan's face grew dark and gloomy, his palms clenched.

He was at the Ninth Layer of Foundation Establishment and was expected within the next ten years to reach the Peak of Foundation Establishment and prepare for Core Formation!

But this battle resulted in damage to his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact, causing harm to his Origin Source and requiring several years of recuperation.

Even relying on Heavenly and Earthly Treasures and Spirit Pills for recovery, but with his Life-bound Spiritual Artifact taken, the future impact on his breakthroughs to Core Formation and False Core is significant.

“Talisman Formation Techniques...”

“Both of the Lu couple are Second Rank Talisman Masters, especially Lu Changsheng who ranks as a Second-tier Top-level Talisman Master. Who knows how many Talismans he possesses.”

“Yes, although Talisman Formations are very expensive, often requiring hundreds of Talismans, few dare to bet on how many he keeps in his possession.”

“It seems if we want to kill him, we must surprise him, swiftly and decisively eliminating him!”

“This young man is so terrifying, he must not be allowed to remain!”

The Jin Family members, upon hearing this, all wore solemn expressions, finding the situation with Lu Changsheng problematic.

In earlier years, although they had heard of Lu Changsheng, they did not have a clear understanding.

Now, through Jin Zan's recounting, they fully understood how formidable the Lu couple was.

Together, the couple was comparable to two Peak Foundation Establishment masters!

In this case, only their Jin Family ancestor or the entire family taking action could suppress them.

But their Jin Family could not possibly do so.

First, the cost was too great.

If their Jin Family did so and were careless, it would hurt their vitality.

And if the surrounding families saw their weakness, they would come to take a bite.

Second, the Jin Family had no reason to attack Bihu Lake Mountain without cause!

In the past, Qingyun Sect laid down rules.

The subordinate family forces must not unreasonably seize or dominate others' Spirit Land.

This is also why all families, when taking action, must have justified reasons and preserve a spirit of uprightness!

Besides caring about their reputation, the main reason is still the rules of Qingyun Sect!

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“Great Elder, we must report this matter to the Ancestor immediately!”

The Patriarch of Jin Family looked towards the Great Elder, asking out loud.

Now that such an incident had occurred, their Jin Family must respond accordingly.

“The Ancestor is in closed-door cultivation, so we may notify him normally, but there's no need for an emergency notice.”

Jin Zan thought for a moment before speaking out.

The Ancestor of Jin Family, being a False Core Immortal, naturally no longer concerned himself with family affairs.

He spent most of his time in closed-door cultivation, immersing himself in the study of techniques and magical powers, practicing the Hundred Arts of Cultivation.

He had committed such a disgraceful act; how could he have the face to ask the Ancestor to come out of seclusion?

“However, since the Lu couple dare to do this, clearly they’ve concluded that our Jin Family wouldn’t lay a finger on them.”

Jin Zan’s eyes flashed with a cold light as he said, “Since that’s the case, let’s give Lu Changsheng a big promotion!”

“Great Elder, what do you mean?”

The Patriarch of Jin Family narrowed his eyes, understanding the implication behind Jin Zan’s words.

But the latter has always been proud and aloof.

Even if he held the position of Patriarch, he would not dare to do such a thing unless the other party initiated it.

“Lu Changsheng dares to be so arrogant, not just because of his strength, but also because he knows that many family forces are afraid of our Jin Family, eying us with covetous eyes, and won’t openly clash with him on Blue Lake Mountain.”

“He even intends to use the fame and power to seize the opportunity to align with other families, thereby rapidly developing his own family’s influence.”

Jin Zan said coldly, “Since that’s the case, let’s oblige him!”

“Release a message to the outside world, claiming that Lu Changsheng and his wife, Lu Miaoge, together possess combat strength comparable to that of a False Core Patriarch! And that Lu Changsheng’s talisman formation is so powerful that even a False Core Patriarch would be no match for him!”

“If it were not for my life-saving means, I would have almost died at their hands!”

“Hmph, these families fear our Jin Family; do they not fear Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family rising in power!?”

Jin Zan said with a dark face and fierce eyes.

Having suffered such a blow, he had lost face!

And this loss of face was not something he could reclaim in the short term.

So, he decided to elevate Lu Changsheng, which in turn wouldn’t make himself look too pathetic.

Should anyone or any family force learn of this and act against Blue Lake Mountain, it would serve his purposes.

“Yes, Great Elder.”

The Patriarch of Jin Family nodded hastily.

“Also, use connections to spread this news as far as possible to the ears of several Ancestors of the Beast Taming Xu Family.”

Jin Zan continued.

Within the Qingyun Region, although their Golden Dragon Ridge was the first-tier power.

They couldn’t hold a candle to the dominating Beast Taming Xu Family!

After all, the Xu Family didn't rise to power just because of a generation of Core Formation Old Ancestors.

They had a true heritage spanning thousands of years!

Under the leadership of successive Core Formation Old Ancestors, they not only possessed the Water Serpent and Fire Raven Dao Soldiers, but rumors also said that the family maintained an uninterrupted line of heritage with a Third-tier Clan Guardian Spirit Beast!

The surrounding small families might prefer Blue Lake Mountain's rise over seeing Golden Dragon Ridge thrive!

But it was different for the Beast Taming Xu Family!

As one of the three great clans of Jiang Country and the only great clan in the Qingyun Region, they absolutely didn't want too many families to rise in this region.

The more potential a clan had, the more they wanted to nip it in the bud!

After all, it's easier to suppress others than to exert oneself!

"Rest assured, Great Elder."

The Patriarch of Jin Family understood what Jin Zan meant and nodded his head.

At this moment, his face was also full of solemnity.

Because the more Jin Zan acted this way, it showed how much he dreaded and feared Lu Changsheng.

Therefore, he too began to hold Lu Changsheng and Blue Lake Mountain in dread.

After all, Lu Changsheng's rise had indeed been full of legendary stories, making him a person endowed with extraordinary talent and great fortune worthy of forming a core – someone not to be measured by common standards. The Jin Family definitely could not afford to take him lightly!

Immediately, the Patriarch of Jin Family convened a meeting and began a series of operations.

They not only spread news about Blue Lake Mountain to both praise and kill, but also targeted Blue Lake Mountain and White Tiger Mountain in various ways.

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At this moment, within the hall of White Tiger Mountain.

“Ning Daoist, Mo Daoist, rest assured, Lu Someone's actions towards White Tiger Mountain were solely because the Zhao Family went too far.”

“Although White Tiger Mountain now belongs to Blue Lake Mountain, our cooperation with your two families remains unchanged, and we can deepen our cooperation and business dealings in the future,” Lu Changsheng said to the Ancestors of Ning Family and Mo Family with a smile.

Tie Mulim Mo Family and Ning Family both had good relations with White Tiger Mountain.

However, in the wake of the White Tiger Mountain incident, both families rushed to White Tiger Mountain to meet and discuss cooperation with Lu Changsheng.

Facing this situation, Lu Changsheng naturally employed a conciliatory policy.

He not only continued all previous cooperation but also conceded some benefits to both families.

Seeing this, both families brought their direct daughters, hoping to deepen their relationship with Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family.

Most of the intermarriages between families were somewhat useful, but not significantly so.

But it was different for Blue Lake Mountain Lu Family!

Lu Changsheng, the Lu Family Ancestor, not only personally took concubines but also was willing to allow the concubines to bear many children!

For Cultivation families that placed great emphasis on bloodline, this was a gesture filled with sincerity!

After all, the future children would carry half of their family's bloodline.

Provided their families offered ample support during the child's growth, wouldn't the child favor their family once grown?

If a child with extraordinary talent emerged from among Lu Changsheng's children and stood out, it would be a great boon for their family!

Therefore, sending a daughter with great talent from their own family to marry into another family felt worthless, painful, and hard to part with.

But sending to Ancestor Lu was worth it!

After a long conversation, the two Family Patriarchs left contentedly.

A satisfied look also appeared on Ancestor Lu's face.

The direct daughter brought by the Mo Family Patriarch was a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root, which was indeed quite sincere!

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The daughter sent by the Ancestor of the Ning Family only had a Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, but she was one half of a pair of twins with exceptional beauty.

For such a case, it was actually quite good.

After all, to become a concubine of Lu Ancestor, one not only needed decent Spiritual Root Talent.

They also had to be beautiful, obedient, sensible, and adept at winning people's favor.

This made the options truly quite limited.

Moreover, a Middle Grade Spiritual Root, to most Foundation Establishment Families, was already considered to be a rare talent.

If the real ancestors blessed them with a Top-Grade Spiritual Root, how could they possibly send her to be someone else's concubine?

Either send her off to a Sect or cultivate her well in one's own home!

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Bihu Lake Mountain.

These days, Bihu Lake Mountain was bustling with activity, with people coming and going.

Many Family Forces friendly with and married into Bihu Lake Mountain, upon hearing the news, came to pay their respects and offer their congratulations.

After all, such a remarkable feat by Bihu Lake Mountain, it was only proper that these families offer their congratulations.

Of course, in addition to congratulating, they also had their own motives.

With Bihu Lake Mountain taking over White Tiger Mountain, naturally, many new deals and affairs would arise.

They came to offer congratulations, show their face, and also sought to see if they could obtain some business cooperation, thereby getting a taste of the benefits.

Since the establishment of Bihu Lake Mountain, families like the Xu Family of Xiao Han Pool and the Ji Family of Xiaojing Mountain, among the first batch to seek refuge and intermarry with the Lu Family, had gained quite a bounty, strengthening their families.

Nowadays, seeing an opportunity, they naturally flocked over.

Apart from the smaller family forces, many Loose Cultivators also came to Bihu Lake Mountain, hoping to join.

At this moment, a Foundation Establishment Cultivator walked out from Bihu Lake Mountain, his expression somewhat bewildered.

“Where did Lu Mountain Lord find his Dao Companion? Knowing our objectives are for matrimonial alliances, offering our granddaughters to Lu Ancestor as concubines, she actually agreed delightedly, immediately accepting.”

“And the look on her face, it didn’t seem fake at all.”

This Foundation Establishment Ancestor looked bewildered, feeling as if the world was a bit surreal.

After learning about the affair of Bihu Lake Mountain and White Tiger Mountain and knowing Lu Mountain Lord fancied beauties and valued offspring,

he planned to offer his own granddaughter as a concubine to Lu Ancestor, hoping for more interaction between the two families.

However, upon arriving at Bihu Lake Mountain, he learned that Lu Changsheng was still on White Tiger Mountain and had not returned.

He thought his journey would be in vain.

Unexpectedly, Lu Ancestor’s Dao Companion, Ling Zixiao, upon hearing the intention, directly accepted on behalf of her own Dao Companion, leaving him utterly confused.

After all, Foundation Female Cultivators were already fewer than male cultivators.

Female Cultivators looking for a Dao Companion could easily find a male Cultivator relatively superior to themselves.

And this Lady of the Lu Family, Ling Zixiao, he had heard of her.

Not only was she a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator, but she was also an Array Master!

Truth be told, on any ordinary day upon seeing such a Cultivator, he would have to behave with utmost courtesy.

If one could marry such a Female Cultivator as a Dao Companion, it would be as if their ancestors were blessed, living in fear of displeasing the other on any normal day.

Yet, this Lu Mountain Lord not only continued to have numerous wives and concubines, but his Dao Companion showed no jealousy in this matter, even helping her Dao Companion take concubines.

It was simply... incomprehensible!

“Could it be, just because this Lu Ancestor is so incredibly handsome?”

This Foundation Establishment Ancestor recalled seeing Lu Changsheng at an auction in Red Leaf Valley early in his years.

He had to admit, Lu Ancestor's otherworldly handsome looks, with a stature and temperament like lofty pines and elegant orchids, truly seemed like a Banished Immortal.

Otherwise, his own granddaughter would not have blushed and timidly let her grandfather decide everything about becoming a concubine.

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White Tiger Mountain.

As Lu Changsheng brought some of his own people from Bihu Lake Mountain, under the arrangements of Lu Quanzhen and Lu Yun, the power of the Zhao Family Patriarch was gradually stripped, leaving only a nominal position.

And all Cultivators of the Zhao Family had taken a Heart Demon oath and signed a Spiritual Contract, completely submitting to the Lu Family.

It's just that many Cultivators of the Zhao Family, upon hearing about the family affairs and receiving the summons, chose not to obey the order to return to the family and instead vanished without a trace.

After all, with such a major incident occurring on White Tiger Mountain, some of them were worried that the Lu Family would turn treacherous and execute mass slaughter.

So they chose to give up their Zhao Family identity, live incognito, and become Loose Cultivators.

Facing such situations, even Lu Changsheng was powerless.

For most Family Forces, this issue was considered insolvable.

To completely control and wipe out every single one was too difficult.

There would always be some fish that slipped through the net.

But such fish that slip through the net were considered harmless.

To be able to, as recorded in historical tales, have one's family and clan destroyed, to find a stroke of luck while outside, and then become a great Cultivator for revenge, was exceedingly rare.

Or put another way, once entering the Cultivation World and embarking on the path of Cultivation, whether it is a Loose Cultivator walking the Great Dao alone or a Cultivator establishing Family Forces, one must be prepared for such outcomes!

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Artifact Refining Pool.

Lu Changsheng was having several Zhao Family Cultivators forge a Magic Artifact for him to Sever Spiritual Veins.

Although the Zhao Family no longer had any Second Rank Artifact Refiners, forging a few simple Magic Artifact components was still within their capabilities.

Just then, abruptly, a system notification rang in Lu Changsheng's mind.

[Congratulations to the host for reaching a progeny count of two hundred, you have been rewarded with one Advanced Level lottery draw]

“Just as I thought!”

Upon hearing this system notification, Lu Changsheng's heart skipped a beat, and a hint of joy flashed in his eyes.

He had previously guessed that reaching two hundred offspring might grant him an Advanced Level lottery draw!

Now it seemed his guess was correct, and the “Child Money” had arrived as expected.

“I wonder what I will draw this time!”

Muttered Lu Changsheng to himself, full of anticipation.

On his first Advanced Level draw, he obtained the Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi!

On the second Advanced Level draw, he gained the Mount Sumeru Tree King!

Now with the third draw, he thought it wouldn't let him down either.