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"Miss Shao, would you be willing to become this young master's maid?"

Lu Changsheng looked at Shao Yuyao before him and asked with a smile.

Although whether he asked didn't really make a difference, the woman before him had no right to refuse anyway.

But it could be hypocrisy, or perhaps a flexible moral bottom line, so he still posed the question.

After all, he, Lu, never coerced anyone against their will.

Shao Yuyao appeared slightly taken aback.

Then, looking at Lu Changsheng, she squeezed out a bit of a smile and said, "I am willing to serve as the young master's maid."

"Good, Manager Feng, I'm quite satisfied with her."

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng didn't say much more and nodded towards Feng Jiuniang.

In his view, with her figure and the presence of a Spiritual Root, a hundred and fifty Spirit Stones was not expensive at all, quite a bargain indeed.

Just bearing him a few children with Spiritual Roots would mean he had struck gold!

Immediately afterwards, Feng Jiuniang waved her hand, signalling the girl in the red dress to take Shao Yuyao out.

To complete the subsequent transaction with Lu Changsheng.

After Lu Changsheng had paid the remaining Spirit Stones, he was also given a Spiritual Contract.

It was Shao Yuyao's deed of servitude.

But this Spiritual Contract was much more authoritative, able to decide Shao Yuyao's life and death.

And for the next three years, should any issues arise with Shao Yuyao or she brought about any karmic troubles, Lu Changsheng could bring this Spiritual Contract to White Jade Tower and have them handle it.

"Young Master Han, please take care. If you need anything in the future, feel free to visit us often~"

Feng Jiuniang warmly saw Lu Changsheng and Shao Yuyao off the premises of White Jade Tower.

As a manager at the White Jade Tower, she could tell from Lu Changsheng's clothing, appearance, and demeanor that he was a highly potential major client.

Otherwise, for such a small transaction, she wouldn't have been so courteous.

"Okay."

So, Lu Changsheng, taking Shao Yuyao with him, first returned to the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

It was high noon, and Zhang Shan's wife, along with their child, came to the Spiritual Talisman Shop delivering food in a lunch box.

Seeing a beautiful woman with a meek appearance following behind Lu Changsheng, Zhang Shan couldn't help but show a hint of envy.

Upon reaching the third floor, Lu Miaoge saw Shao Yuyao and simply asked if this was the maid Lu Changsheng had purchased from White Jade Tower.

Lu Changsheng nodded and briefly explained Shao Yuyao's situation.

Lu Miaoge didn't say much upon hearing this.

She was even more aware than Lu Changsheng of the cruelty faced by the lower ranks within the Cultivation World.

Every day, countless tales unfolded of bones buried in the wilderness, families destroyed and scattered.

If one were to sympathize with every such case, it would be overwhelming.

In her eyes, it was fortunate for this woman to become Lu Changsheng's maid.

After all, in Qingzhu Mountain, although Lu Changsheng's reputation was not very good due to taking wives and concubines and having too many children,

he still had a very good reputation in dealing with his wives, concubines, and children.

Night fell.

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge got off work and headed back to the Lu Family's large courtyard in the Eastern District.

As for Shao Yuyao, the new maid, she followed half a step behind Lu Changsheng with her eyes demurely lowered.

Li Shi and Wang Wu exchanged glances upon witnessing this scene.

They could both see a touch of sorrow in each other's eyes.

Although they aspired to dedicate themselves to Lu Changsheng, they understood.

A man like Lu Changsheng was never short of women.

The few in the Lu Family's courtyard didn't make any remark about Lu Changsheng bringing home a woman.

After all, it was just the purchase of a maid.

Only the second daughter saw this and let out a louder snort than usual, her face showing even more disdain.

Lu Changsheng smiled wryly, returned to his small courtyard and directly instructed Shao Yuyao.

"Go and prepare a bath for me."

Since he had bought her to be a maid, naturally she was to be put to work.

Though he had a moral bottom line, he did not have an obsession with moral cleanliness.

He didn't go so far as to preach equality and treat a purchased servant with the same regard as anyone else.

A maid should naturally look and act as one.

As if realizing something, Shao Yuyao's eyes trembled, and she quietly acknowledged with a "Yes".

Then, carrying a bath bucket and bringing hot water, her cheeks flushed as she began to undress Lu Changsheng.

She also pursed her lips, undressing herself, and together with the "swooshing" sound of the water, entered the bath with Lu Changsheng, her delicate, soft hands washing over his body.

As a cultivator clad in a Magical Robe, Lu Changsheng's body never really accrued any dirt, making bathing somewhat unnecessary.

But taking a bath was a form of relaxation and indulgence.

With the means, one should enjoy such pleasures. Otherwise, wasn't life just a relentless pursuit of immortality?

After she had scrubbed Lu Changsheng's body thoroughly, the blush on Shao Yuyao's cheeks deepened, and with shy arms loosely embracing Lu Changsheng's neck, she spoke in a embarrassed tone, "Young master..."

Despite the stiffness in her movements and voice, it was clear that White Jade Tower had trained her well; she was very accommodating.

Right then, Lu Changsheng could no longer suppress himself.

After all, it had been nearly a month since he last indulged in the pleasures of the flesh.

Suddenly, inside the bathtub, the water surged tumultuously, splashing everywhere, with vigorous agitation.

The next day.

"Indeed, it's said that 'solitude yields no life, and singularity brings no growth'; the harmony of yin and yang is essential."

Lu Changsheng emerged from his room feeling refreshed and invigorated.

It's truly better to have someone by your pillow.

Without cuddling the tender warmth of a beauty, even sleep seemed to lack something.

He didn't take Shao Yuyao with him to the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

As he stepped out of the courtyard, he ran into Lu Miaocheng.

"Changsheng!"

Lu Miaocheng, seeing Lu Changsheng, hurriedly approached him.

His somewhat haggard face showed a hint of awkwardness as he smiled and said, "Changsheng, do you have any spare Spirit Stones on you, could you lend me twenty?"

"Uh…"

Lu Changsheng had thought that the other was looking for him to perhaps discuss books or tea again.

He hadn't expected a request for Spirit Stones.

And to start with asking for as many as twenty Spirit Stones.

Though he was often lavish with money, twenty Spirit Stones was not a small sum.

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After all, when it comes to lending money, one must be prepared for the possibility that the other party won't repay it.

Lu Miaocheng also managed a shop, but his monthly earnings were not much.

"Last time at Spring Abundance Building, there was a female cultivator I particularly liked, so I've spent all my spirit stones recently, which is why I've come to borrow some from you," he said.

"Changsheng, let me tell you, the women of Spring Abundance Building are not only stunning in appearance but also can offer you the ultimate pleasure, incomparable to ordinary maids and concubines..."

Lu Miaocheng continued, his handsome face breaking into a smile that seemed somewhat lecherous at that moment.

Lu Changsheng had also heard of this Spring Abundance Building.

He knew it was a brothel in the marketplace.

All the workers there were celestial maidens skilled in the art of love.

So the prices were also extremely high.

A single experience could cost several spirit stones, or even dozens.

Lu Miaocheng had probably been frequenting the place lately.

It was normal for him to have spent all his spirit stones.

After all, such places were truly gold sinks.

No matter how many spirit stones you had, they wouldn't last if you went there every day.

"Cousin, I've almost spent all my spirit stones these days, and I've just bought a maid, so I don't have many left," Lu Changsheng said with a look of difficulty, and then took out twenty spirit stones.

He was, after all, a member of a prominent family; there were frequent interactions where they would see each other.

These past days, he had received many greetings from him.

Although it was always invitations to read or appreciate tea, there was a certain camaraderie, so it was difficult to outright refuse.

If the other party really didn't repay, then he would consider the twenty spirit stones as lost to the water.

"Good brother, thank you!"

"I will repay you once I have spirit stones, and then I'll take you to experience Spring Abundance Building properly!"

Lu Miaocheng said, smiling as he took the spirit stones and then turned and left.

"Sigh,"

Watching Lu Miaocheng's departing figure, Lu Changsheng shook his head.

"This Cousin, despite being a Qi Refinement fifth layer cultivator, has come to borrow spirit stones from me because of his frequent visits to the brothel that have left him haggard."

"Places like that, better to avoid them if possible. With that money, wouldn't it be better to take a few concubines or buy some maids? Doesn't that sound nice?"

"No, that's not right, am I, Lu, someone who lusts for pleasure and brief romantic encounters? Even if I take wives and concubines, it's for the Great Dao, for long life and clear sight!"

Lu Changsheng mused to himself, his eyes bright with determination, and his posture a bit more erect.

Shortly afterward, he strode upright, accompanied by Lu Miaoge, to work.

Arriving at the Spiritual Talisman Shop, Lu Changsheng proceeded as usual to draft a few middle-grade talismans.

He had come to Nine Dragons Market to manage the shop, but the monthly tasks given by the Lu Family for drawing talismans were still ongoing and needed to be completed on time.

However, Lu Changsheng didn't want to give up on this task himself either.

After all, not only did he earn spirit stones from it, but he also got to keep all the extra materials for himself—a lucrative deal!

At noon, Lu Changsheng invited Lu Miaoge to eat at Jade Meal Hall.

Though slightly expensive, the food really was delicious.

Treating oneself to a meal there every so often was not bad.

Yet, during the several trips Lu Miaoge and Lu Changsheng had made to Jade Meal Hall, Lu Miaoge had not let Lu Changsheng pay, suggesting they take turns covering the bill.

Lu Changsheng didn't mind and certainly wasn't about to fight to pay.

Qing Zhu Lu's Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Inside the Talisman Room.

"Hmm, could there be defects even in premium talisman paper?"

After finishing a superior-grade talisman, the Dungeon Talisman, Lu Changsheng looked surprised.

He had almost failed in creating this talisman just now.

The reason was simple.

There was a tiny flaw on the talisman paper that almost caused his talisman-making to fail.

Subsequently, Lu Changsheng checked the remaining dozen or so sheets of paper, all of which were fine.

It was only the one he had just worked on that had a small defect.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng didn't pay it much mind or take it to heart.

After all, finding a minor defect in a stack of talismans could still be considered acceptable.

After a short rest, Lu Changsheng thought that it had been almost a month since he came to Nine Dragons Market.

In a few days, after inspecting the monthly inventory, he would be able to return home.

"I should buy some gifts to take back since I'm returning soon."

He then gave Lu Miaoge a heads up and went out to buy gifts for his wives and children.

That night,

Lu Changsheng's eyes were slightly narrowed as he lay back in the bath.

After a while, Shao Yuyao's head emerged from the water, covering her mouth, coughing softly.

Lu Changsheng gestured with his hand, using the Object Manipulating Technique to pour a cup of tea from the teapot on the side table, which landed in his hand.

He handed it to the maid in front of him, speaking softly, "There's really no need... to swallow it."

"It's fine, young master..."

Shao Yuyao took a sip of tea and spoke softly, her eyes downcast.

Her clear eyes no longer had the numbness they had before.

Through their interactions over these days, she had come to understand that her young master was a decent person.

Especially yesterday.

The woman who had always looked at her young master with disdain had given her a couple of pointers.

She said that apart from being desirous of women, her master was decent regarding females.

As long as she behaved well, apart from bearing children, she would not be mistreated.

Spiritual Talisman Shop.

"Boss, here is this month's stock."

"Including four hundred ninety-six basic talismans, eight hundred fifty-one lower-grade talismans, three hundred eighty-eight middle-grade talismans, ordinary talisman paper..."

Zhang Shan handed over a list and five storage bags to Lu Miaoge to inspect.

Lu Miaoge nodded and then went to the third floor, calling Lu Changsheng over to help check the inventory.

Of course, they couldn't possibly check all these goods.

Otherwise, they wouldn't know when they would finish.

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Moreover, the loose cultivators who collaborated with the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop were mostly fixed, so it was enough to inspect a portion of the goods each provided.

Lu Miaoge explained the inspection standards for the goods to Lu Changsheng.

For instance, with talisman inspections, first and foremost, the quality of the talisman paper couldn't be too poor.

Then, the sketched talisman lines should flow smoothly at first glance, without any bumps or scrapes, and finally, the spiritual power within should circulate unimpeded.

Talismans could be used as soon as they were made.

However, there would be a ten to twenty percent difference in effectiveness due to the quality of materials, the lines, and the spiritual power.

Previously, when Lu Changsheng brought his talismans to the Spiritual Talisman Shop to sell, it was because their quality was very good, which is why the sales went so smoothly.

As for the talisman paper and spiritual ink, there should not be a single flaw in quality.

Having heard this, Lu Changsheng finally understood the shop's standards for goods.

He couldn't help thinking about the talismans he had bought from the shop a few days earlier, only to find that one of them was flawed.

Was this just his bad luck, a coincidence, or was it a lapse in quality control?

Immediately, Lu Changsheng started inspecting more seriously.

After all, he was going to be responsible for managing the Spiritual Talisman Shop in a short while.

If there were quality issues with the goods under his watch, or if their reputation suffered, that would be problematic.

"Sister Miaoge, according to the standards, would you say the spiritual power inside this talisman is flowing smoothly?" search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Lu Changsheng, holding a middle-grade talisman in his hands, gently felt the spiritual power coursing within and voiced his inquiry.

"This one is just on the passing mark, any worse and we wouldn't accept it."

Lu Miaoge said aloud.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded and began to work.

The work took the two of them a full two days to complete.

"Changsheng, you've worked hard. If it weren't for your help, it would have taken me two or three more days to finish the spot checks."

Lu Miaoge said with a light smile on her face.

"It's what I should do."

Lu Changsheng smiled and then took out a list and said, "These people's goods have issues, so we'll return them. We won't cooperate with them in the future, right?"

During the two days of inspections, they indeed found some talismans, talisman papers, and spiritual inks that failed to meet quality standards.

"That's right, the main thing about running a shop in the marketplace is reputation."

"If there are too many issues with the goods, a bad reputation will essentially ruin the shop. That's why strict quality control in this area is a must."

Lu Miaoge nodded her head with a serious tone.

"Okay, I'll make sure to control this aspect well."

Lu Changsheng naturally understood this principle too.

They say that becoming an official or getting rich means making enemies in the same trade, and rivals within the same industry harbor nothing but naked hatred for each other.

With so many spiritual talisman shops in the Nine Dragons Market, competition is fierce.

The Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop had not reached its current state easily.

If any issues arose, other talisman shops would definitely pile on, and the business could plummet drastically.

"Uncle Zhang, I've finished inspecting the goods. These few suppliers have a low rate of quality goods, return all their items and cease future cooperation."

Lu Changsheng, holding a list, said to Zhang Shan.

"Yes, Second Master."

Shopkeeper Zhang Shan nodded and took the list to look. Upon seeing a name on it, he said, "Second Master, this loose cultivator named Jia Huairen has cooperated with our shop for several years, and there has never been an issue during that time."

"Could there be some problem this time? Shall I ask him about it when I have a chance?"

Zhang Shan suggested.

"Has he been cooperating for several years without ever having an issue?"

Lu Changsheng raised his eyebrows upon hearing this.

"Yes, ever since the First Master took over the shop, Jia Huairen has been working with us without any problems, and the quality has always been good."

Zhang Shan said evenly.

"In that case, send his goods back to him and have him check everything himself."

"I'll take another look later; if there's no problem, then let's overlook it this time."

Lu Changsheng eyed Zhang Shan, his gaze narrowing slightly as he spoke after a moment's thought.

"Alright, Second Master."

Zhang Shan immediately responded with a nod.

After that, Lu Changsheng also discussed the matter with Lu Miaoge.

Lu Miaoge felt the issue was not too serious and that giving them a chance was fine. It was up to Lu Changsheng to handle it.

She then mentioned that she would be returning to Qingzhu Mountain in two days.

After returning to the Lu Family's courtyard, Lu Changsheng also told Shao Yuyao he would have to go back in a few days.

Shao Yuyao was aware that this son of hers had a pile of wives, concubines, and children at the Lu Family and obediently responded.

Meanwhile.

In a small courtyard in the Western District.

"Brother Zhang, why were all the materials from this batch sent back for rework?"

A burly man asked Zhang Shan.

"Sent back for rework, and you're still asking me?"

"This month, the shop got a new owner, so for the next few months, the shop will be monitored much more closely. Keep an eye on the quality yourself, and don't give me any of those shoddy goods passed off as first-rate again."

"If I hadn't spoken up this time, they would have directly terminated the partnership."

Zhang Shan replied irritably.

"Terminate it then. When the time comes, we'll just change the name and continue the partnership as usual, won't we?"

The burly man said with an indifferent expression.

"Changing the name would only bring more trouble if the inspections find issues again."

"Moreover, I haven't quite figured out this new owner's temperament yet. Let Old Zhou and Old Yang keep an eye out as well."

Zhang Shan continued, his face stern and beyond questioning.

"Alright, Brother Zhang, I got it."

Seeing the situation, the burly man nodded earnestly.

Two days later, early in the morning, Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge rode the Iron Feather Eagle from Nine Dragons Market back to Qingzhu Mountain.

Similar to their journey there, it took two days for the pair to safely return to the Lu Family.

"Husband~"

"The husband has returned!"

"Daddy, Daddy!"

As soon as Lu Changsheng entered, several wives, concubines, and playing children caught sight of his return and ran over to him with boundless joy, surrounding him in hugs.

"This is what home feels like!"

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but smile, patting his wives and embracing his children.

Afterward, the other wives and concubines also came to meet Lu Changsheng.

In the process, Lu Changsheng noticed a woman he hadn't seen before.

This woman, appearing to be seventeen or eighteen years old, had a demeanor of refined grace and seemed somewhat shy.

Later on, through Lu Miaoyun's explanation, he learned that this woman was named Guan Xin.

She was sent over by Hong Yi not long ago when he came to Qingzhu Mountain to trade talismans and possessed an Eighth Grade Spiritual Root.

At this point, Lu Miaoyun pouted slightly and coquettishly said that Lu Changsheng having them was not enough, and insisted that he had others find women for him outside.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng immediately envisioned the scene.

Lu Miaoyun, pregnant, had gone to trade talismans on his behalf, and as a result, Hong Yi sent him a young girl.

Under such circumstances, it was normal for Lu Miaoyun, as his principal wife, to show a bit of temper.

He immediately soothed her, assuring her that he truly had no idea, and was unaware of this development.

After Jiu'er and Shui'er, he had told Hong Yi not to engage in such activities anymore.

He stated that if he had been there, he would have definitely declined.

He then showered her with sweet talk, praising Lu Miaoyun's conduct as a leading wife and declaring her to be an exemplary helpmate to him.

Of course, he said what he said, but in his heart, it was 'Hong Yi, what a good brother!'

In secular society, finding someone with a Spiritual Root was not easy.

Let alone a young woman in her prime years.

Now that Hong Yi had found one and sent her to him, he was truly like a brother, though not by blood.

Lu Changsheng also thought that he could now start selling some Middle Grade talismans to Hong Yi.

On the one hand, it would increase his income.

On the other hand, it was a way to give Hong Yi some benefits.

After all, Hong Yi had treated him so well, like a brother, so he could not fail to reciprocate.

Later, Lu Changsheng chatted with Guan Xin, inquiring about her family situation and whether she came of her own will, ensuring she hadn't been coerced in any way.

She conveyed that her family was an ordinary family of five and she had willingly sold herself to the Ruyi Marquis Mansion to serve the celestial master.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng was relieved.

A gentleman adores the fair sex but always acts in an upright manner!

His bottom line, Lu's own, was not to coerce anyone and to avoid any possible trouble.

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There's a saying that absence makes the heart grow fonder.

That night, after successive intense battles, there was much tossing and turning.

The passion of the process, sweet and lingering, was not for others to know.

Due to this trip home, I'd only be staying for three days.

So, during these three days, Lu Changsheng didn't do much cultivation or talisman making, instead spending all his time with his wives and children.

In the meantime, Lu Changsheng also mentioned to Lu Miaoyun that he'd bought a maid while at Nine Dragons Market.

There was nothing to hide about such matters; his wives would eventually find out once Shao Yuyao became pregnant.

Lu Miaoyun, knowing her husband's temperament all too well, didn't mind too much and didn't make much of it.

After all, when she agreed to marry Lu Changsheng, she was already mentally prepared for this aspect.

She simply showed concern, asking with full attention how Lu Changsheng's life had been at Nine Dragons Market, and whether he had been well.

Warmed by his little wife's concern, Lu Changsheng expressed that aside from missing his family, everything else was fine.

Latter, Lu Changsheng also went to visit the Fourth Elder and received guidance on talisman making.

During this, the Fourth Elder also showed concern and inquired about his adaptation to life in Nine Dragons Market.

Lu Changsheng naturally said there were no problems.

Then on the way back, he stopped by the Fifth Elder's place and bought a batch of Spiritual Wine.

Thus, the three days passed in the blink of an eye.

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge were ready to start their journey back to Nine Dragons Market.

His twenty-fifth child was about to be born in the coming days.

But Lu Changsheng didn't wait at home for the birth of the child before leaving.

This situation would arise again in the future, and he couldn't always be by their side.

Everything has its first time.

On the journey back to Nine Dragons Market, Lu Changsheng's Iron Feather Eagle was joined by a maid named Xiaoqing.

Taking Xiaoqing to Nine Dragons Market was partly because Lu Miaoyun had mentioned it earlier, asking him to bring Xiaoqing over.

Moreover, having babies couldn't be halted, and Shao Yuyao alone was not enough by his side.

If not for the inconvenience of the Iron Feather Eagle carrying too many people, Lu Changsheng would have also liked to bring Guan Xin to Nine Dragons Market.

However, he wasn't in a hurry, as it would be the same if he brought her over the next month.

Because he brought Xiaoqing, the journey took half a day longer than before.

Also, as Xiaoqing wasn't protected by a Magical Robe, she consumed three of Lu Changsheng's Wind-avoiding Talismans while traveling through the clouds on the Iron Feather Eagle.

If Lu Changsheng didn't have an abundance of talismans and didn't mind the cost, just those three talismans would've cost six Spirit Stones, which was a significant expense.

Upon entering the city, Lu Changsheng also got a long-term identity card for Xiaoqing.

He couldn't help thinking to himself that bringing people to live in the marketplace also entailed quite an expense.

When he brought Xiaoqing back to the Lu Family compound, Lu Changsheng encountered Lu Miaohuan.

The latter huffed with disdain and scorn written all over her face.

This made Lu Changsheng somewhat displeased.

Now and then your occasional snorts are fine.

But do you have to huff with disdain every time we meet?

Despite being the dream of untold numbers of fairies in the future, I'm still so unwelcome?

Moreover, at the initial arranged meeting, although I was at fault, it was your excessive demands of not allowing a husband to take other wives or concubines that led me to refuse.

If not for that, with your face, your figure, your legs, and your Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, if you were even half as good-natured as Lu Miaoyun, I feel I might have agreed.

"Second Miss, are you sure there's nothing wrong with your health? Every time I see you, you're frowning and huffing. If something really is wrong, you should get it checked out soon, or it might get worse."

Lu Changsheng glanced at the Second Miss and said with a touch of annoyance.

After speaking, he took Xiaoqing back to his own courtyard.

Lu Miaohuan didn't expect that after so long, not only did Lu Changsheng not apologize to her, but he also made sarcastic remarks, which left her feeling upset.

She said coldly, "I'm in perfectly good health. I just dislike you. Is that a problem?"

Her voice was still clear and beautiful.

Hearing the Second Miss speak so frankly and righteously, Lu Changsheng was momentarily at a loss for words.

Looking at Lu Miaohuan's icy, indignant, yet still exquisite face, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but respond, "Then don't look."

"I will look if I want to. Do you think you can stop me?"

Lu Miaohuan's face puffed up with anger, her delicate chin lifted, a picture of cold and noble beauty.

"I can't stop you. If you insist on making yourself miserable, then by all means, continue feeling upset."

Lu Changsheng said, shaking his head as he walked away.

"Lu Changsheng, you stop right there!"

Seeing Lu Changsheng's stance, the expression on Lu Miaohuan's delicate face inflated like a pufferfish.

"You're the one who has an issue with me; why are you telling me to stop? Do you want to make yourself suffer?"

Lu Changsheng paused mid-step and looked sideways.

"What kind of attitude is that!?"

Lu Miaohuan's face turned frosty as her chest heaved with indignation.

"Alright, alright, okay, I was wrong, I'm wrong, happy now?"

Lu Changsheng's face was full of insincerity, uttering words that could infuriate anyone.

"What do you mean by 'I was wrong, happy now'!? It was clearly your fault! Is this how you apologize!?"

Lu Miaohuan became increasingly agitated upon seeing Lu Changsheng's demeanor.

An inexplicable fury surged within her, making her feel extremely annoyed.

As Lu Changsheng observed her posture and temperament, he was reminded that the Second Miss was spoiled with a temperamental nature. Concepts such as interpersonal relations and social graces were non-existent in her.

Not wanting to argue or fight with her, he turned around, bowed slightly, and earnestly said, "Alright, it's my fault. I sincerely apologize to Second Miss. Please forgive me."

Seeing Lu Changsheng's earnest apology, Lu Miaohuan's puffed cheeks deflated, her lips pursed, and with a huff, she walked away with high heels clicking, the epitome of a cold and noble beauty.

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Lu Changsheng witnessed this scene and couldn't help being speechless.

How is the Second Miss behaving like a child?

The First Miss, although appearing otherworldly, actually has a high EQ and handles interpersonal relationships very well.

Lu Changsheng couldn't help shaking his head.

He also felt there was no need to take the Second Miss so seriously, and when it was time to apologize, he might as well just do it.

It would be like humoring a little girl, best to just humour her and be done with it.

"Son-in-law, it seems the Second Miss has taken a fancy to you,"

said the maid Xiaoqing giggling as she watched the two of them bicker.

"Nonsense,"

Lu Changsheng flicked Xiaoqing's pale forehead with his finger.

"It's true,"

the little maid said, pouting her lips while covering her forehead that had been flicked, knowing her master's temper.

Lu Changsheng chuckled, feeling that the Second Miss's behavior was indeed like that of a child trying to catch someone's attention in a certain way.

He didn't pay it much mind.

After all, if the Second Miss really took an interest in him, wanting to marry him, he would find it hard to accommodate, not having the energy to pamper her.

Having settled Xiaoqing in the courtyard, Lu Changsheng suddenly thought of a problem.

If the number of his wives, concubines, and maids increased, he might need to consider renting a house in the Marketplace.

After all, this small courtyard only had about a hundred square meters, which was indeed quite small.

And if there were many wives and maids, it would be inconvenient to live together in such a large courtyard.

But for now, with just three people, Lu Changsheng wasn't in a hurry.

He planned to rent a house in Nine Dragons Market once there were a few more people.

In the blink of an eye, half a month had passed.

Lu Changsheng spent his days cultivating, making talismans, and going to work.

Sometimes he'd go shopping with the little maid and maid, and would occasionally invite the First Miss to eat out—life was quite leisurely and comfortable.

One day, Lu Miaocheng came to find Lu Changsheng again.

Lu Changsheng thought he was coming to repay the money.

But unexpectedly, the man was here to ask for a loan again.

There's a saying, "Borrowing and returning makes for further borrowing not hard, but don't lend to the desperately poor."

For someone like Lu Miaocheng, who hadn't repaid the first loan and was likely borrowing money to indulge in pleasures again, Lu Changsheng naturally would not lend any more.

He stated straightforwardly that he had no money.

Not only did he claim to be out of money, but he also directly pleaded poverty, asking Lu Miaocheng when he would return the Spirit Stones.

Under Lu Changsheng's acting, Lu Miaocheng could only leave disappointed.

After all, to ordinary people, Lu Changsheng's income would indeed not amount to much if he had to support so many wives and children.

"He came to borrow money from you? Better to keep your distance from that sort of person. But you two do seem to have something in common, no wonder he came to you for a loan,"

Lu Miaohuan, just returning from work, passed by and saw Lu Miaocheng leaving. Guessing what had happened, she sneered.

"How are we of the same ilk?"

"I, at the very least, have five wives, six concubines, two favored consorts, and three maids. Do I need to go to such places?"

Lu Changsheng, seeing Lu Miaohuan's expression, snorted in disdain and walked away.

Lu Miaohuan, hearing Lu Changsheng's words and watching his retreating figure, didn't know why, but felt her anger rising incessantly, very annoyed.

That night,

After!

Shao Yuyao and Xiaoqing leaned languidly in Lu Changsheng's embrace.

"My lord, I think I might be pregnant,"

Shao Yuyao said in a soft voice.

"Pregnant?"

Lu Changsheng's spirits lifted upon hearing this.

There's a saying that a lone Yin does not produce life, nor does a lone Yang endure, and these days he had been harmonizing Yin and Yang with Shao Yuyao nightly.

Now after such a long time, her being pregnant was natural.

Instantly, he pressed his head to Shao Yuyao's belly. S~earch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

He could faintly feel a weak life force gestating.

"Good, good, good!"

Lu Changsheng repeatedly cheered, his face full of delight, and asked, "When did you realize it?"

Shao Yuyao was also a cultivator, with a Qi Refinement level of the Second Level, so it was natural for her to be aware of her own pregnancy.

"It was just a couple of days ago, but at that time I wasn't sure yet. I only confirmed it today,"

Shao Yuyao said gently.

She knew that her lord particularly adored children.

"Good, from now on take good care of yourself and pay attention to your health."

"If you need anything for eating or drinking, just let me know,"

Lu Changsheng said.

Now that she was carrying a child, becoming the mother of his child, her status in his heart would naturally rise.

Xiaoqing, seeing this, her watery eyes filled with coquettishness, looked at Lu Changsheng and said in a tender voice, "My lord, I want to bear your child too!"

"Good, good, good, bear one!"

Lu Changsheng drew Xiaoqing close and agreed.

In two months' time, Lu Miaoyun's child was due; for Xiaoqing to be pregnant now would be about the right time.

He then rolled over and set about striving for the Great Dao of Immortality!

The next day.

Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge went to work. Thinking of Shao Yuyao's pregnancy, he now only had Xiaoqing left by his side.

Previously, he had been concerned about Lu Miaoyun's pregnancy, which is why he hadn't allowed Xiaoqing to get pregnant.

Now, without such concerns, he reckoned that under daily Yin and Yang harmonization, it shouldn't take long for Xiaoqing to conceive as well.

"Should we, perhaps, buy some more maids from White Jade Tower?"

"Now that Yuyao is pregnant, she needs someone to take care of her. If Xiaoqing gets pregnant, she'll need someone too,"

Lu Changsheng mused inwardly.

He hadn't really thought that the maids he bought must possess a Spiritual Root.

Indeed, his intent was to practice eugenics, but it was also to do so as much as practicable under the circumstances.

Currently, he clearly did not have the conditions for that.

"However, the first order of business is to earn some Spirit Stones,"

Lu Changsheng shook his head slightly.

The Spirit Stones he had previously earned, spent on magic artifacts, talisman brushes, talisman paper, and spirit ink, together with the expenses incurred in recent times, had almost depleted his reserves.

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So, even if he were to buy ordinary maids without a Spiritual Root, the money he had would hardly suffice.

Because if one were to buy maids, naturally one could not just buy one or two; if buying, one should buy many at once.

And with the increase of maids, the matter of renting a house also had to be put on the agenda.

"Alas, wealth and companions are needed in the practice of the law, wealth and companions are needed in the practice of the law, indeed, no matter where you are, you need to have money."

"If it wasn't for my talisman-making skills, these years, having stored so many talismans on me, the very thought of cultivation would be extremely difficult."

Lu Changsheng shook his head and sighed, deeply sensing the difficulty of cultivation.

If it was already like this for himself, how much harder it must be for other ordinary cultivators, he thought.

After giving Lu Miaoge a quick heads-up, Lu Changsheng left the house and, after disguising himself, went around to several Spiritual Talisman Shops and sold almost two hundred talismans.

This time selling talismans, he was even more cautious and did not go to the shops where he had sold talismans before, to avoid being noticed by someone with ulterior motives. Sëarch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Sigh, this is ultimately not a long-term solution."

"A few more times, I would have visited every Spiritual Talisman Shop in the Nine Dragons Market, and I might end up drawing the attention of someone with ulterior motives."

In the inn, Lu Changsheng checked himself with a Purification Talisman, making sure he wasn't being watched, and let out a sigh of relief.

"The Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop purchases talismans outside every month; in a few more months, the young lady won't be at the Spiritual Talisman Shop every day, and by then, I will be fully in charge of the shop." "At that time, depending on the situation, I can sell the talismans I have through the channel of the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop, without having to run around like this, worried about being watched."

Lu Changsheng's eyes flickered.

He had thought before about whether he could sell his own Spirit Talismans through the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop.

And this month's observations made him feel it was increasingly feasible.

All he needed to do was to forge a supplier, as long as the goods provided were fine.

Once the shop was under his full responsibility, such a thing would be easier than ever.

That night.

Lu Changsheng also asked Xiaoqing to find out about the housing prices and rental situation in the Nine Dragons Market and planned to rent a four to five hundred square meter house.

For the location of the house, he told Xiaoqing to look in the Eastern and Northern Districts and not to go to the Western District.

The Western District was the gathering place for Loose Cultivators, not only was it far, but it was also a mixture of good and bad, and there might be unexpected dangers.

So it wouldn't matter even if it cost a bit more money.

Even though the Northern District was a commercial and entertainment district, belonging to the bustling city, there were still many houses for rent.

It's just that the cost-effectiveness wasn't very high.

Considering the Northern District was mainly to be as close as possible to the Spiritual Talisman Shop for convenience.

This would not only save him the daily commute time but also make explanations to the Lu Family simpler.

Two days later.

Xiaoqing showed Lu Changsheng several houses to pick from.

Looking at the conditions and prices of these houses, Lu Changsheng also gained an understanding of the housing prices in the Nine Dragons Market.

In the Eastern District, a house of four to five hundred square meters, depending on different lease terms, location, and environment, the price would be roughly between sixty and one hundred Spirit Stones.

The houses in the Northern District, however, were much cheaper – the rent for a year was around thirty to eighty Spirit Stones.

After looking at the houses Xiaoqing had picked out, Lu Changsheng immediately made a decision.

He chose a house in the Northern District, not far from the Spiritual Talisman Shop.

The walk was almost fifteen minutes.

The house was about four hundred square meters, and the minimum lease term was five years.

The annual rent was fifty Spirit Stones, which could be paid yearly, and one year's rent would be required as a deposit.

After deciding to rent the house, Lu Changsheng mentioned the matter to Lu Miaoge that same night and also informed the Second Elder.

After all, it wouldn't seem right to just rent a house and move out without saying a word when he was living comfortably in the area.

And he had a ready-made reason.

He was planning to have some of his wives and concubines come to stay in the Marketplace for a while, which would be somewhat cramped at his current place and not very convenient.

Moreover, he didn't want to walk back and forth every day, so he decided to rent a house near the Spiritual Talisman Shop, which would make things much more convenient on a daily basis.

When the Second Elder heard this, he initially suggested giving Lu Changsheng a larger courtyard.

But upon Lu Changsheng's insistence, he didn't say much else.

He only asked briefly whether Lu Changsheng had rented yet and if he had found a suitable house, offering to have someone help take a look.

Lu Changsheng stated that he hadn't rented yet but had seen some and had a few in mind, and he showed his choices to the Second Elder.

After looking them over, the latter saw no issues, but merely advised Lu Changsheng to come and visit more often.

The very next day, Lu Changsheng went to the housing store management center established by Qingyun Sect, paid a hundred Spirit Stones, and signed a rental Spiritual Contract.

During the lease period, he had the right to enter and reside in the Marketplace without the need to pay the city entrance fee or process an identity card.

Moreover, according to the size of the house, he also obtained three additional free residency spots.

Having such a large house but only three free residency spots made Lu Changsheng shake his head in disdain at their stinginess.

What he found even more ridiculous was that the long-term identity cards that he had processed for himself and Xiao Qing were non-refundable, and he couldn't get any Spirit Stones back.

After completing the house rental, Lu Changsheng once again visited the White Jade Tower to purchase maids.

What surprised him was that even the ordinary maids at White Jade Tower were so expensive.

Even those without a Spiritual Root cost several Spirit Stones each, and the more expensive ones could cost dozens or even hundreds.

With Feng Jiuniang's explanation, he understood why even ordinary maids were so costly.

One reason was the brand reputation of White Jade Tower.

It guaranteed absolute assurance in the maids' appearance, figure, and loyalty.

Additionally, these maids were trained and educated by White Jade Tower, not only proficient in music, chess, calligraphy, painting, and the pleasures of the boudoir.

They were also skilled in martial arts, and even the Cultivation Techniques they practiced could enhance and solidify one's foundation.

For maids without a Spiritual Root, there were more options available; essentially, as long as one had the money, White Jade Tower could provide whatever looks, figure, and personality one desired.

In the selection, Lu Changsheng also saw exotic female figures like Jiu'er and Shui'er, as well as maidens of the Demon Race.

However, most of these Demon Race women partially possessed demon bloodlines, which were activated by White Jade Tower through certain methods, giving rise to demonic features.

Such maids were only suitable as cherished concubines and generally lacked the ability to bear children, which Lu Changsheng found regrettable.

In the end, Lu Changsheng spent one hundred and sixteen Spirit Stones to purchase nine maids with unique features.

Two of them were already in the White Jade Tower, while the rest would be sent over later.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng settled the two maids in his newly rented house, and that very day he packed light, moving in with Shao Yuyao and Xiao Qing.

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After moving, Lu Changsheng cast a spell to do a simple sweep of the house and the yard.

"This house only has a basic soundproofing formation, it seems I'll need to buy a few small formations later,"

Lu Changsheng observed the situation in the yard and thought to himself.

Even though Nine Dragons Market had good public order, it still couldn't compare to living in Qingzhu Valley's Lu Family compound in the Eastern District.

He still needed to be cautious and have some security measures.

Otherwise, what would happen if he was not at home and his wives encountered danger while at home?

Moreover, these small formations could be taken along and reused after purchasing when moving houses in the future.

The next day, before going to work, Lu Changsheng gave Xiao Qing twenty Spirit Stones.

He asked her to buy some Spirit Rice, Spirit Vegetables, and Spiritual Materials to store at home.

Now that he had Xiao Qing, a Spirit Cooking chef, he could enjoy better quality food.

He also asked Xiao Qing to prepare lunch for two and deliver it to the Spiritual Talisman Shop around noon.

On his way to the Spiritual Talisman Shop, Lu Changsheng saw an array shop and went in to inquire about the prices of small formations, formation implements, and array plates.

"As for the formation implements, there are formation flags, array plates, and formation eyes as part of the set, and the specific cost depends on the area you want to cover..."

The shopkeeper of the formation shop began to introduce.

Subsequently, Lu Changsheng asked how much the formation implements would cost for a yard of around four or five hundred square meters.

"There are many types of formations. For this size, the most common First Grade lowerquality formation, the 'Minor Misleading Array' costs one hundred and eighty Spirit Stones... As for some stronger formations, it's not enough to just have the formation implements; you also need an Array Master to set it up and inscribe the array patterns..."

The shopkeeper, recognizing Lu Changsheng, spoke more, sharing knowledge about formations with him.

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng involuntarily clicked his tongue in wonder.

Just to cover four hundred square meters with a First Grade ordinary lower-quality formation implement would cost one hundred and eighty Spirit Stones.

The price for a complete set of First Grade middle-quality formation implements was around four or five hundred Spirit Stones.

As for a complete set of First Grade high-quality formation implements, the price was basically a thousand or more Spirit Stones.

And for complex formations, the cost was even higher because it included the fee for the Array Master's services.

"Truly, compared to Array Masters, Alchemists, and Artifact Refiners, Talisman Masters are still a bit lacking,"

"I also wonder if I will be able to draw formation skills in the future? If I could become an Array Master, then once I am settled down, I won't have to worry about someone breaking into my home."

After chatting with the shopkeeper for a while, Lu Changsheng shook his head and left.

He didn't have the money now, and even the First Grade lower-quality formation implements were beyond his reach.

Moreover, in his opinion, the First Grade lower-quality formation implements were actually somewhat mediocre in effect.

At noon, Xiao Qing came to deliver food, carrying a lunch box.

When Lu Miaoge found out there was also a portion for her, a smile appeared on her face.

Lu Changsheng had Xiao Qing prepare two portions, naturally including one for the young miss.

After spending some time together, Lu Changsheng knew that Miaoge also had a bit of a foodie trait and liked to eat often.

Unfortunately, he himself had no culinary skills.

He couldn't rely on cooking some dishes to conquer her stomach and then her heart with a roasted chicken.

Unless one day he won culinary skills in a draw.

After finishing the meal, Lu Miaoge also offered to give Spirit Stones to Lu Changsheng as food expenses.

Lu Changsheng naturally refused to accept this.

But unable to persuade Lu Miaoge otherwise, he eventually agreed to accept twelve Spirit Stones as a token per month.

Night fell.

When Lu Changsheng got off work and returned home that day, Xiao Qing told him that in the afternoon a neighboring household had come to visit.

They had also brought three talismans, saying that they were now neighbors and hoped to look out for each other more in the future.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng was a bit surprised.

He hadn't expected the neighbor to be so enthusiastic.

He took the talismans from Xiao Qing's hand to have a look, and all three were of lowergrade quality.

"The neighbor gave talismans as a gift, could it be that this neighbor is a Talisman Master?"

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

Thinking that close neighbors are better than distant relatives and that one relies on friends when away from home, he would also be living here for quite some time.

Since the neighbor took the initiative to visit, they seemed to be approachable, and it would be good to get acquainted.

Moreover, maintaining a good relationship with the surrounding neighbors wouldn't be a bad thing.

At the very least, he would know what kind of people his neighbors were.

Without further ado, Lu Changsheng also prepared a basket of fruit and took out two gift boxes containing several talismans to return the visit.

"Knock, knock, knock!"

Lu Changsheng went to knock on the door of the small courtyard to the right.

Soon, the door creaked open.

"Who are you looking for, uncle?"

The door was opened by a little girl around eleven or twelve years old with chubby cheeks, two buns tied with ribbons on her head, and wearing a pale blue ruqun.

The little girl was incredibly cute, with long eyelashes fluttering and her clear, distinct eyes looking up at Lu Changsheng as she asked in a crisp voice.

"I'm the neighbor who just moved in next door, I've come to visit. Is your family elder at home?"

Lu Changsheng asked with a smile tugging at the corner of his mouth.

"The neighbor from next door?"

Upon hearing this, the little girl tilted her head and then called into the house with a bright voice, "Dad, it's the uncle who moved in next door!"

Then, a man in his thirties with a friendly face and a somewhat plump figure walked out from inside.

"I've just moved in next door, and having heard that a friend came to visit earlier today, I too wanted to come over and get acquainted,"

Lu Changsheng said politely as he handed over the basket of fruit.

"Oh, it's you, Lu Daoist. I'm Gao He. Please, come in, come in,"

The middle-aged man said with a warm smile, gesturing invitingly in a way that exuded an aura of affability and prosperity.

This courtyard was subdivided, covering only about a hundred square meters and was not as large as Lu Changsheng's own yard.

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However, Lu Changsheng did glance over and saw that the household consisted only of Gao He and his daughter, as well as two servants, which seemed enough for such a large residence.

While chatting, Lu Changsheng learned that the other party was a Middle Grade Talisman Master who sat in residence at a Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Once Gao He learned that Lu Changsheng was the owner of the Qing Zhu Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop, he became noticeably more enthusiastic.

He expressed that they could have business dealings in the future.

Subsequently, the two also exchanged insights on the art of talisman making.

Through the conversation, Lu Changsheng roughly concluded that Gao He was at the intermediate level among Middle Grade Talisman Masters, still some distance away from becoming a superior one.

After leaving Gao He's home, Lu Changsheng also took the opportunity to visit the residence across the street.

The person who opened the door was an elderly man, a senior servant of the household.

Upon hearing Lu Changsheng's intention, he indicated that his master was not in and would only return after the hour of Xu each day.

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng apologized for the disturbance and said he would visit again another time.

Then, he knocked on the door on the left to pay a visit there.

"Who might you be?"

The door was opened by a softly featured lady in her thirties, plump yet graceful in figure.

Her skin was as white as snow, her eyebrows like emerald feathers, her nose like a distant mountain, and her lips were as rosy as blossoms, with her jet-black hair coiled up into a bun.

She was draped in a light blue dress, with a slim waist tightly cinched by a belt, revealing a proud and curvaceous body; a gentle smile graced her lips, emanating a mature charm unique to a beautiful matron.

"My name is Lu Changsheng, I've just moved in next door, so I've taken the liberty to come and introduce myself."

Lu Changsheng, with a genial face and a smile, bowed slightly with his hands clasped and presented a gift box containing talismans.

Inside were three Low-Grade Talismans and one Middle Grade Talisman.

After all, a small gift for a new acquaintance need not be too valuable.

"So, it's Daoist Lu. Please, come in."

Upon hearing this, the matron invited Lu Changsheng into the courtyard, served tea and water, and called out her husband to greet him.

Her husband was a man in his forties, tall and brawny.

This man was entirely different from the genial Gao He, being somewhat taciturn.

In his presence, Lu Changsheng even sensed a somewhat fierce aura, feeling that this person was not easy to approach.

After a brief conversation, Lu Changsheng took his leave, mentioning he would be available for future talisman purchases.

The man introduced himself as Zhao, who made his living by hunting demon beasts.

He told Lu Changsheng that if he ever wished to buy demon beast meat, he could come to him.

After paying his visits to the three neighboring families to the left and right, Lu Changsheng returned to his own residence.

After a bath, he called upon Xiao Qing and two maids, determined to strive for immortality!

The next day.

Just as Lu Changsheng was preparing to leave, he heard a knock at the door.

Upon opening, he saw a man with a tall stature and a refined appearance of middle age.

It was his neighbor from across the way, who, having heard of Lu Changsheng's visit yesterday and noticing some activity this morning, took the opportunity to return the visit while at home.

The neighbor knew him and was aware that he was the new owner of the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop.

Through his self-introduction, Lu Changsheng realized that this was the owner of the Jade Meal Hall, whom he had noted several times before.

Probably a born businessman, the owner of the Jade Meal Hall was also very amicable.

He suggested they should interact more in the future, offering discounts whenever Lu Changsheng dined at the Jade Meal Hall.

Lu Changsheng, too, was the type of person who responded amiably when others spoke kindly to him.

After exchanging pleasantries with the man, he finally set off.

He thought to himself that among the three neighboring families, aside from the somewhat fierce family on the left, the others seemed rather nice.

Time flew, and before he knew it, the end of the month was almost upon him.

Zhang Shan brought the inventory and list of goods purchased during the month for Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge to spot check.

It took two days for the two of them to finish inspecting the goods.

As before, they found some defective and flawed items, but not too many.

This prompted Lu Changsheng to inquire if Lu Miaoge's suppliers for the shop weren't long-term partners, why there were always some defective and flawed items in every shipment.

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Faced with this question, Lu Miaoge merely said that although they were long-term collaborators, only some were fixed and long-term.

There were sometimes changes, necessitating the search for new suppliers.

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded in understanding.

He recognized that the Lu Family's supply chain was not entirely stable.

Thus, quality issues like this were simply unavoidable.

Thinking ahead to two months from now, when Lu Miaoge would no longer be around to help, Lu Changsheng felt a headache coming on.

After all, inspecting goods was truly a tedious and grueling task.

Once they had completed their checks and handed the confirmed list to Zhang Shan, Lu Changsheng also agreed with Lu Miaoge to return to Qingzhu Mountain in two days' time.

Two days later, Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge rode the Iron Feather Eagle back to Qingzhu Mountain.

Xiao Qing naturally stayed in Nine Dragons Market, as she could not be expected to follow him around.

When he was to return to Nine Dragons Market, he would bring Guan Xin with him too, and with more people, it would be inconvenient.

The two had a smooth journey back to Qingzhu Mountain.

Upon returning home, Lu Changsheng learned that his twenty-fifth child had been born.

And on the third day after his return, his twenty-sixth child was also born.

No unexpected surprises occurred.

Both children were born without a Spiritual Root.

Lu Changsheng took this fact in stride.

There was still a month's time before Lu Miaoyun was due to give birth.

Lu Changsheng had some expectations and paid special attention to the child in Lu Miaoyun's womb.

He even thought to himself that perhaps he should stay in Qingzhu Mountain this month to wait for Lu Miaoyun to give birth and see the child before leaving.

However, considering that a month after Lu Miaoyun's delivery, it would be time for Qu Zhenzhen's child to be born.

He couldn't very well wait for one and not the other.

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This matter is not about scarcity, but about uneven distribution.

If everyone waits, I feel like there's no need for me to go out at all.

In the end, Lu Changsheng decided to spend the next few days in close companionship.

Then, estimating the time, he planned to come home early and stay a few extra days.

It could also be considered a special privilege for his wife.

During these three days at home, Lu Changsheng still spent time with his wives and daughters, hardly cultivating or making talismans.

This time, going to listen to the Fourth Elder's talisman instruction, the Fourth Elder also handed over the talismans for the monthly shop restocking directly to Lu Changsheng.

The number of talismans wasn't large, consisting of three Supreme Talismans, thirty Superior Grade Talismans, and thirty Middle Grade Talismans.

This made Lu Changsheng secretly wonder if the Fourth Elder drew only one Superior Grade and one Middle Grade Talisman each day?

However, he also remembered that the Lu Family had several shops in other marketplaces, and the Fourth Elder probably needed to supply a portion of the talismans there as well.

In the blink of an eye, three days passed, and Lu Changsheng took Lu Miaoge back to Nine Dragons Market.

Seeing Lu Changsheng return with Guan Xin, Lu Miaoge sighed softly.

After all, just last month, she had told Lu Changsheng that cultivation level and strength are fundamental.

Lu Changsheng at that time also firmly agreed.

But it hadn't been long since then, and not only did he buy a maid at Nine Dragons Market, but he also brought another maid from home.

Nevertheless, she wasn't one to talk too much.

Once she had said something, it was enough, and she wouldn't bring it up a second time.

After returning to Nine Dragons Market, Lu Changsheng used the housing deed to issue Guan Xin a free residency card and settled her in comfortably.

He instructed her to communicate with Xiao Qing about anything she needed.

Now in this place, Xiao Qing was mainly in charge.

In the time that followed, Lu Changsheng resumed his comfortable life of daily cultivation, talisman making, childbearing, and going to and from work.

During this period, Gao He came over to chat and exchange insights on the Talisman Path with Lu Changsheng.

For someone as amiable as Gao He, Lu Changsheng was naturally polite, chatting over tea for half an hour and enriching Gao He's understanding considerably.

Ten days later.

Lu Changsheng learned that Xiao Qing was pregnant.

He was extremely joyful at this news.

After all, Xiao Qing possessed a Ninth Grade Spiritual Root, which greatly increased the chances of having a child with a Spiritual Root.

But then, a faint worry emerged in his heart.

Whenever there was something to be done, he had always relied on Xiao Qing.

Now that Xiao Qing was pregnant, it wasn't good to have her bustling about anymore.

Thinking that anybody capable of working by his side would soon be pregnant and unable to work,

he realized that he would never have someone stable by his side to handle tasks.

"I need to find someone, specifically to do the work, to be the steward of this courtyard," Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

His mind suddenly turned to the beast-eared girls of White Jade Tower.

These beast-eared girls were cultivated by White Jade Tower through special methods and secret techniques, rendering them barren.

Purchasing one as a steward seemed like a good idea.

However, these beast-eared girls were quite expensive.

They typically cost several tens of Spirit Stones, easily exceeding a hundred Spirit Stones.

A suitable one for his liking would no doubt cost over a hundred Spirit Stones.

To spend over a hundred Spirit Stones on a beast-eared girl seemed too wasteful to Lu Changsheng.

Especially since he was in urgent need of Spirit Stones at the moment.

"No, that's not right; I'm not a stud horse, nor is it that women in my yard must become pregnant. If I arrange for two maids specifically to do the work and ensure they don't become pregnant, that should do," Lu Changsheng came back to his senses, somewhat speechless at his previous thoughts, feeling that he had fallen into a mental trap thinking about childbearing day after day.

As a cultivator, he might not be able to guarantee that a woman would become pregnant.

But ensuring that a woman doesn't become pregnant was still within his capabilities.

Remembering that he still had seven maids at White Jade Tower yet to be sent to him, he anticipated they would arrive soon.

Lu Changsheng decided to pick two of them to be in charge of household affairs when they arrived.

The next day.

Gao He came over again to chat and exchange insights on the Talisman Path with Lu Changsheng.

This made Lu Changsheng shake his head in amusement.

In his opinion, as neighbors, this sort of thing should just be an occasional conversation.

If they really wanted to talk, there wasn't much to talk about in this area.

Mainly because the two were not on the same level.

Discussing the Talisman Path with Gao He was like a professor discussing elementary school homework with a grade school student.

However, he also knew that it was his own insightful performances during their past conversations that had led to Gao He's improvements in the Talisman Path, which is why he kept coming back.

This time, Lu Changsheng was careful to appear comparatively more ordinary.

One reason was to discourage Gao He from constantly coming to him to talk about the Talisman Path, .

and another was that he couldn't show off too much since he was outwardly just a Middle Grade Talisman Master.

In the course of their chat, Lu Changsheng also inquired about the business model and daily operations of Gao He's Spiritual Talisman Shop,

to see if there was anything he could learn for himself.

Gao He didn't conceal anything and shared the truth.

The Spiritual Talisman Shop he presided over was quite similar in business model to the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop,

only lacking in supply, quality control, and variety of talismans compared to the Lu Family's shop.

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly, gaining a basic understanding.

In fact, whether it's a Spirit Talisman Shop, an Elixir Medicines Shop, a Magic Artifact Shop, or a Formation Shop, etc.,

as long as you have the strength, your business won't do poorly; it can certainly thrive!

For the Lu Family's Spiritual Talisman Shop, in addition to the renown of Qing Zhu and the Lu Family, the core competitive power lies in the Fourth Elder's three Supreme Talismans and thirty Superior Grade Talismans.

"As long as I keep up the prize draws, maybe I can become a full-time craftsman,"

"By then, I can train my children in this direction or cultivate more craftsmen, ensuring not only a stable income for the family but also sparing my children from having to fight to the death outside to earn resources."

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"After all, what I seek is stability, and having everything stable outweighs everything else."

Lu Changsheng thought again about his future path.

Three days later.

A servant from White Jade Tower came over, indicating that the maids Lu Changsheng had purchased had been delivered.

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng and the servant went to White Jade Tower.

He was greeted by the same charming and seductive Feng Jiuniang as always.

Every time he saw Feng Jiuniang, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but sigh in admiration, what a stunning beauty!

"Master Lu, are you satisfied?"

Feng Jiuniang led the seven maids over and asked Lu Changsheng.

Lu Changsheng didn't continue using the name Han Li; he revealed his real name.

After all, he just impulsively borrowed a false name at the time.

And he knew that the manager of White Jade Tower obviously knew his true identity; there was no point in hiding it anymore. Otherwise, it felt weird every time he was addressed as Master Han, and he would have to explain it to the maids he bought afterwards.

"No problem."

Lu Changsheng looked at the seven utterly charming and distinct maids before him and nodded.

These seven maids were not only beautiful and well-formed.

Some of them were skilled in martial arts and had practiced Charming Lady Elemental Cultivation.

Otherwise, for mere ordinary maids, he wouldn't have spent one hundred and sixteen Spirit Stones to buy nine maids.

At White Jade Tower, you truly get what you pay for!

After handing over the remaining Spirit Stones, Lu Changsheng took the Spiritual Contracts of the seven women, left White Jade Tower with them, and went back to his residence. Walking down the street with the seven enticing maids following him made Lu Changsheng turn many heads.

"Who is that young master? To be out and about with seven charming lasses."

"Don't know him; he must be a young master from some family."

"Seems to be the new boss of the Qing Zhu Lu Family Spirit Talisman Shop?"

"That's the life I dream of."

"Hmph, they're just ordinary mortal women. I could have as many of such women as I want!"

"Look at their appearance, figure, and demeanor; they're obviously not average worldly women."

"I just saw him come out of White Jade Tower; must have bought them there."

"To be rich, how nice!"

"Indulging in pleasure and women, how can one cultivate in such a state!"

"Exactly, this is nothing but decadent behavior."

Passersby looked at Lu Changsheng with envy and jealousy, disdain, or measured up Lu Changsheng with different expressions.

Many women also gave Lu Changsheng sidelong glances, and upon seeing his handsome face, tall and straight stature, and his composed and gentle demeanor, their eyes lit up with interest.

Some female cultivators even mustered the courage to approach Lu Changsheng and struck up a conversation.

Asking whether he was married or if he had any intentions of taking a wife.

Faced with such forward propositions, although Lu Changsheng was somewhat tempted, he declined them all.

He stated he was already married and had no intentions of taking another wife at this time, though he might consider concubines and maids.

His caution wasn't just personal prudence towards marriage.

He also had considerations towards the Lu Family.

In his view, taking a few concubines and buying some maids to serve him was one thing.

But constantly taking new wives would be disrespectful towards Lu Miaoyun and the Lu Family.

After all, it had been less than a year since he married Lu Miaoyun.

Shortly thereafter, Lu Changsheng quickly returned home with the seven women.

"Looks like in the future when buying maids from White Jade Tower, I'll either bring them back in batches or have White Jade Tower deliver them directly to my home."

"Otherwise, this kind of situation is a bit too conspicuous. Not only does it feel like being watched like a monkey, but it could even lead to being targeted as a fat sheep."

Back home, Lu Changsheng reflected inwardly.

Regarding the envious glances and propositions from the passersby on the road, he didn't feel any bit of swagger.

Instead, he felt uneasy, worried about becoming a target.

Little Qing, Shao Yuyao, and Guan Xin, seeing their young master bringing back seven delightful maids all at once, didn't know what to say for a moment.

But remembering Lu Changsheng's abundant energy at night, they soon came to terms with it.

Knowing that before long, all seven would likely be pregnant.

"From now on you'll be called Ye Lian, you'll be called Hong Mian, you'll be called Zi Mei, you'll be called Cang Lan..."

And at this moment, Lu Changsheng began naming his newly arrived seven maids.

The previous two maids he had named Haitang and Bai He, so he thought it would be good to unify the names. S~earch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Yes, Master!"

These maids were all very sensible.

That night.

Lu Changsheng also began to understand and experience the 'exceptional treasures' that Lu Miaocheng once mentioned.

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