

## I. Family 991

Chapter 991: 70 Spiritual Root Offspring, The Idea of Relocation! Time flew by, and in the blink of an eye, three months had passed.

Lu Changsheng had started practicing the Yin Yang Creation Scripture, but because of the Yin Yang Energies, he didn't need to be in closed-door cultivation all the time; he even saved the daily sitting sessions.

So on regular days, he would be alchemizing, drawing talismans, crafting puppets, and spending time with his wives and children.

However, because the Alchemist of the family, Li Xingruo, was in closed-door cultivation preparing for Foundation Establishment, he spent most of his time on alchemy.

That day, Lu Changsheng was engaged in alchemy,

when suddenly a mysterious vibration accompanied by a system notification sounded.

[Ding, congratulations to the host for having seventy Spiritual Root descendants, you've gained one lottery chance!]

"Hm!?"

Lu Changsheng perked up upon hearing this notification.

Not just because the system had given him some Child Money,

but also because this child's Spiritual Root was quite extraordinary; it should be a Top-Grade Spiritual Root!

"System."

Lu Changsheng silently called out in his mind.

[Name: Unnamed]

[Life Span: 1/77]

[Talent: Third-Grade Spiritual Root]

[Cultivation Level: None]

[Talent: Dual Cultivation (40%)]

“Indeed, it’s a Third-Grade Spiritual Root!”

A smile spread across Lu Changsheng’s face.

As time went on, the speed at which he now had offspring gradually slowed,

but in terms of the quality of his children, it was getting higher and higher!

There were now two hundred sixteen children.

But among these two hundred sixteen children, there were seventy Spiritual Root descendants.

Such a ratio was astonishing!

And among these seventy children, there were two with First-Grade Spiritual Roots, one with a Second-Grade Spiritual Root, and two with Third-Grade Spiritual Roots!

Adding Lu Ping’an, Lu Quanzhen, and Lu Caizhen, who had their roots enhanced postnatally, there were a total of five with Fourth-Grade Spiritual Roots, seven with Fifth-Grade Spiritual Roots, and twelve with Sixth-Grade Spiritual Roots!

If you also counted Lu Qingshan's Gengjin Body Constitution, Lu Wangshu's Blood Talisman Spiritual Body, Nangong Yaoyao's Flawless Heavenly Fragrance Body, and Lu Lingxiao with Lu Linghe's Dragon Roar Physique,

then this quality of offspring was enough to look down upon all the surrounding family forces!

Even the False Core Family of Golden Dragon Ridge couldn't begin to compare with his Lu Family.

"Tsks, truly worthy of me."

Lu Changsheng couldn't help but feel a wave of pride when he thought of these accomplishments.

After all, these were the results of his hard work, bit by bit!

In just thirty-eight years, he not only completed the journey that took other families a hundred years but also far exceeded these family forces.

Like most family forces when they first rise, they need to consider the problem of lacking successors,

but the Lu Family had no such worries.

Not only were there endless geniuses in the family, but the children were also starting to achieve Foundation Establishment!

"If I remember correctly, the mother of this child comes from the Tie Mulim Mo Family, right?"

Lu Changsheng pondered while looking at the system interface.

He now had sixty-four concubines,

so he couldn't remember all the details and pregnancy timelines of his concubines as clearly as in the early years.

After finishing alchemy, Lu Changsheng went to the Lu Family Mansion.

When Lu Miaoyun saw Lu Changsheng, she informed him of the birth of the newborn.

A while ago, Lu Changsheng had told Lu Miaoyun to inform him whenever there was a new child born in the family.

If he was home, no matter what, he would make a visit.

Seeing that it was a son, Lu Changsheng nodded slightly.

It wasn't about favoring boys over girls,

but simply because this child was talented in Dual Cultivation.

If it were a daughter, it would indeed be somewhat wasteful of her talent.

After all, what father would want his daughter to follow the path of Dual Cultivation?

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“System, lottery!”

After visiting the child, Lu Changsheng silently called out in his heart and began the lottery.

A pale red roulette wheel appeared, emitting a golden light as it spun rapidly.

Moments later, the golden light slowed, stopping on ‘Pet Beast.’

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining a Spiritual Pet: Iron-Eating Beast!]

[The reward has been sent to the System Space, the host may check it at any time.]

A rounded and endearing little panda graphic, with distinct black and white fur, short arms and legs, emerged from the wheel, accompanied by a system notification sound.

“Iron-Eating Beast?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the young Pet Beast, slightly stunned.

Isn’t this a panda?

After acquiring so many formidable Pet Beasts, suddenly getting such an endearing pet, Lu Changsheng felt somewhat unaccustomed.

He sent a thought and looked at the specific details of the Iron-Eating Beast in the System Space.

[Spiritual Pet: Iron-Eating Beast]

[Grade: Heaven Grade Top Quality]

[Description: An Ancient Fierce Beast Variant, lazy and indolent by nature, it grows by consuming metal minerals, can reach its peak as a Fourth Rank Demon Beast after six hundred years.]

“Good grief, a variant fierce beast...”

Lu Changsheng looked at the description, not quite knowing what to say.

He turned his attention to the Iron-Eating Beast in the System Space, trying to see where this beast was so ferocious.

“Extract!”

Instantly, a baby-sized, chubby, black and white panda appeared before him.

The Iron-Eating Beast looked sleepy, utterly bemused and adorably awkward, showing no signs of ferocity.

Lu Changsheng picked up the Iron-Eating Beast, weighing it slightly and feeling its heft.

“Yi yi yi~”

The Iron-Eating Beast immediately made kitten-like chirping sounds, its little limbs curling up into itself like a black and white furball, irresistibly beckoning a cuddle.

Sure enough, as Lu Changsheng cradled it in his arms and gently rubbed it, the black and white panda immediately made a pleasant sound and lightly rolled.

“You’re telling me this is a variant fierce beast?”

Lu Changsheng laughed, looking at its cute appearance, feeling that it had no connection with fierce or demon beasts.

“Though the black and white do suggest a bit of a Yin Yang Tai Chi element...”

Lu Changsheng mused, looking at the Iron-Eating Beast and thinking of his own Yin Yang Creation Scripture.

But the idea of having such a Spiritual Pet seemed somewhat embarrassing to him.

“Never mind, I’ll give it to Xiaohe.”

Lu Changsheng thought for a moment and decided to give this Iron-Eating Beast to his daughter Lu Linghe as a Pet Beast.

Chapter 992: 70 Spiritual Root Offspring, The Idea of Relocation!\_2 But the next moment, he thought of his daughter and his son Lu Lingxiao, who were twins.

Giving a gift to his daughter but not his son would seem to show too much favoritism on the part of this old father.

“I might as well give it to Ping’an. If this Iron-Eating Beast grows up, it should be quite ferocious.”

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin.

Although he couldn’t see where the Iron-Eating Beast was fierce, he still believed in its bloodline grade.

However, Lu Ping’an had now gone to White Tiger Mountain to take charge and was not at home.

Moreover, he felt that the Iron-Eating Beast wouldn’t be of much use to Lu Ping’an.

After all, it would take decades for such a spiritual pet to grow and possess certain combat abilities.

“Forget it, I’ll give it to Xiaohe.”

Lu Changsheng took out a Feeding Spirit Pill to feed the Iron-Eating Beast, put it into the Spirit Beast Bag, and decided to give it to his daughter, Lu Linghe.

As for his son Lu Lingxiao, he would wait and see if he could get him a different type of Heavenly Spiritual Fire later.

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“Zi Xiao, what do you think about giving this to Xiaohe as a pet?”

Lu Changsheng found Ling Zixiao and took the round Iron-Eating Beast out of the Spiritual Pet Bag.

“What is this?”

Ling Zixiao, wearing an azure blue palace dress, dignified and elegant, looked over the black-and-white dumpling.

She cultivated the Twelve Capital Demon Divine Technique, and upon seeing this cute creature, she felt an inexplicable fierce aura emanating from it.

“This is a Demon Beast that hatched from an egg I obtained earlier, called the Iron-Eating Beast. I was thinking of giving it to Xiaohe as a companion.”

Lu Changsheng laughed as he spoke.

“Iron-Eating Beast?”

Ling Zixiao had never heard of this name.

But she knew her intuition was not wrong; this Iron-Eating Beast was very unusual.

“Lord, isn’t this too valuable?”

Although Ling Zixiao was happy, she still felt it was a bit extravagant and wasteful to give such a spiritual beast to her daughter as a pet.

“Haha, if it were any less remarkable, it wouldn’t be worthy of my daughter.”

“I was just thinking about giving it to Xiaohe and not to Lingxiao, which would make me seem biased as a father.”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

“Lingxiao would probably be more interested in puppets. We could give him a puppet.”

Ling Zixiao suggested, feeling that her daughter would surely like the round Iron-Eating Beast.



“As for Lingxiao, when he grows up and starts cultivating, I’ll have other gifts for him.”

Lu Changsheng said so.

He had news that his son Lu Yun was collecting Heavenly Spiritual Fires from outside.

Because relying solely on system draws for Heavenly Spiritual Fire was too random.

Not to mention whether one could draw it at all,

even if one did, the chances of being as lucky as before to find one compatible with Dragon Roar Physique were not guaranteed.

So, purchasing from outside, if lucky, he might get a decent Heavenly Spiritual Fire.

“Thank you, husband. I’m sure Xiaohe will love it.”

Ling Zixiao said cheerfully.

She knew that Lu Changsheng was very fond of Lu Wangshu, having given her a Mysterious Turtle as a pet.

Now that Lu Changsheng was giving this Iron-Eating Beast to their daughter Lu Linghe, it was another sign of his affection for her.

Soon, the two of them headed to the Lu Family Mansion to visit the children.

The two little ones had their own courtyards, but most of the time, they still spent time with Bai Ling or in Lu Wangshu’s yard.

“Call sister.”

At this time, inside the small courtyard, Lu Wangshu was holding the two little ones and said out loud.

“Sister.”

Lu Linghe called out loud and obediently, while Lu Lingxiao did so perfunctorily.

“Say sister, I love you.”

“Sister, I love you!”

“Sister, I love you...”

“Lu Lingxiao, your tone isn’t sincere enough, do it again, and give sister a smile.”

Just arriving outside the courtyard, Lu Changsheng heard this noise and was somewhat speechless.

Immediately, he said, “Haha, it seems Wangshu gets along very well with Lingxiao and Xiaohe.”

“Uh-huh.”

Ling Zixiao nodded and didn’t say anything else.

She didn’t feel that her child was being bullied.

She simply thought her daughter didn’t seem very bright.

If this continued, would she be easily deceived and bullied when she grew up?

“Dad, Auntie.”

Lu Wangshu saw Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao and immediately put down the two little ones she was holding, calling out with a face of well-behaved gentleness.

“Daddy, Mommy.”

The two little ones cried out.

“Hehe.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the scene and couldn’t help but laugh. He approached to chat with his children and enquire about their well-being.

Then, he took out a puppet and the Iron-Eating Beast to give to Lu Lingxiao and Lu Linghe, respectively.

“Eh, Daddy, what’s this?”

Lu Wangshu saw the Iron-Eating Beast and was immediately attracted by its docile appearance, her eyes glistening as she spoke.

“Goodness, I forgot this daughter likes everything.”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

Then he said with a smile, “This is called the Iron-Eating Beast. It’s a spiritual beast I obtained, and I found it quite cute, so I thought of giving it to Xiaohe as a pet.”

“Do you like it?”

“I’m so grown up already, how could I like this thing?”

Lu Wangshu said, lifting her delicate chin.

Although she liked it, with her Auntie nearby, she didn't have the heart to snatch her sister's pet.

Besides, she and Xiaohe were sisterly and shared everything; they naturally shared good things.

"Xiaohe, do you like this?"

Ling Zixiao turned to her daughter Lu Linghe.

Lu Linghe didn't speak but reached out her chubby little hand to poke the round ball that was the Iron-Eating Beast.

The black-and-white panda immediately curled up into a ball and rolled around on the ground.

Seeing this, Lu Linghe moved in to poke it again, and the Iron-Eating Beast rolled over once more.

"Yaya!"

Lu Linghe suddenly got interested and played gleefully with the black-and-white panda.

However, after rolling around for a while, the Iron-Eating Beast got tired, panting with an exhausted and lazy look, lying still and not rolling anymore.

"Daddy, Mommy, it stopped moving."

Lu Linghe said so, trying to pick up the Iron-Eating Beast.

But even though her strength was much greater than that of the average toddler, she couldn't lift the Iron-Eating Beast.

Chapter 993: 70 Spiritual Root Descendants, The Idea of Relocation!\_3 Lu Changsheng collapsed to the ground with a 'plop,' breathless and gasping.

The sight made Ling Zixiao hold his forehead and sigh deeply.

“Wangshu, take good care of this Iron-Eating Beast regularly,”

Lu Changsheng had realized that if his daughter, Lu Linghe, were to take care of it, she might likely neglect the Iron-Eating Beast to death.

“Dad, the name Iron-Eating Beast sounds so unpleasant. Is there another name?”

Lu Wangshu asked.

“No, you name it,” Lu Changsheng said offhandedly.

“Well, since it rolls around so much, let’s call it Roll Roll.”

Lu Wangshu pondered for a moment before looking at her younger sister, Xiaohe, with a crisp voice, “How about it, Xiaohe, do you think the name Sister picked sounds good?”

“It sounds great!”

Lu Linghe nodded repeatedly, echoing her sister’s enthusiasm.

After spending so much time with Lu Wangshu, she had already taken on the role of a little follower.

Although Ling Zixiao felt the name was not very fitting for such a Spiritual Beast,

since the children liked it, he said nothing and only instructed them to take good care of the Iron-Eating Beast.

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Three months later,

Lu Changsheng received a message from Li Xingruo that she was ready to attempt the Foundation Establishment.

Upon hearing this news, Lu Changsheng pondered briefly and decided to take Li Xingruo to Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven for her breakthrough.

On one hand, even with the Formation concealing it, undergoing a breakthrough at Bi Lake Mountain could still cause quite a disturbance.

On the other hand, having lived at Bi Lake Mountain for many years as a Second-Order Alchemist, with both parents deceased and only a younger sister remaining, Li Xingruo was trustworthy.

Moreover, as his concubine now officially recorded in the family registry, she also had a layer of protection.

“Hm?”

Lu Changsheng arrived at Li Xingruo’s courtyard and noticed light only in the bedroom.

“She’s resting so early.”

He chuckled lightly, guessing her thoughts.

A major event like the Foundation Establishment could inevitably cause some anxiety.

They could commence a dual cultivation to help her relax slightly.

He walked towards the bedroom and pushed the door open.

Inside, Li Xingruo lay on the bed, her black hair spread out, covered with a light blanket, her cheeks slightly flushed.

“Xingruo.”

Lu Changsheng started to untie his magical robe but immediately sensed something was off.

Using his Divine Sense, he saw that besides Li Xingruo, there was another body under the blanket, devoid of any clothing, skin as white as jade, slightly trembling.

“Husband.”

Li Xingruo called out to Lu Changsheng.

“Brother-in-law.”

At that moment, the blanket was lifted, and Li Xingyu, her face red as a beet, covered her face and shyly called out.

Her body wasn’t as tall and graceful as her sister Li Xingruo’s, but from top to bottom, it exuded a thick fragrance of youth.

“Sigh.”

Lu Changsheng sighed internally, clearly understanding the sisters’ intentions.

Looking at Li Xingyu, he softly said, “Xingyu, is this truly what you want?”

Lu Someone, although not a perfect virtuous gentleman,

would naturally not take advantage of two sisters so alone and helpless.

If they genuinely wished for it, he, Lu Someone, was naturally willing to offer these pitiful sisters a warm home.

“I... I am willing!”

Li Xingyu, covering her flushed cheeks, said in a trembling voice.

Then she added, "Please cherish me, brother-in-law..."

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng naturally could no longer play the virtuous gentleman.

After all, things had progressed this far, what more could he do?

"Brother-in-law..."

Not long after, the young girl lay there with her delicate neck arched back, her soft tongue slightly sticking out, breathing rapidly, her beautiful jade feet tightly clenched, toes curled up like pearls.

Her sister Li Xingruo was comforting her.

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Afterward! Afterward!

"Big sister, brother-in-law, can we always be together?"

Li Xingyu, drenched in sweet sweat, weakly nestled in Lu Changsheng's arms, whispered.

"Yes."

Lu Changsheng and Li Xingruo gently stroked the young girl, responding warmly.

As it was her first experience, it wasn't long before the young girl fell into a deep sleep.

"Xingruo, I'm sorry you had to go through this."

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng, holding Li Xingruo's hand, spoke softly.



“Xingyu has long admired her husband...”

Li Xingruo rested her forehead on Lu Changsheng’s shoulders and whispered.

Although it was she who had asked her sister about it, she did so knowing her sister’s feelings, thus revealing the matter.

Of course, she had her reasons for doing this.

Thinking about the possibility of failing her Foundation Establishment and facing accidents, she knew her sister would have someone to take care of her.

Moreover, her sister was unlikely to leave Bi Lake Mountain in the future. Being able to marry Lu Changsheng was already a great fortune—a good settlement, and possibly even an opportunity for Foundation Establishment in the future.

Lu Changsheng, with his arm around Li Xingruo’s fair shoulder, chatted with her about the sisters’ past and matters concerning Foundation Establishment.

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Because of Li Xingyu’s situation, Li Xingruo’s Foundation Establishment was delayed for half a month.

Half a month later, Lu Changsheng took Li Xingruo to Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven for her to peacefully proceed with her Foundation Establishment.

As he was worried about Li Xingruo’s Foundation Establishment, he stayed near the cave mansion to monitor the situation throughout.

Time passed bit by bit.

After ten days of preparation, Li Xingruo began her Foundation Establishment.

By now, Lu Changsheng was extremely familiar with Foundation Establishment.

By observing every move of Li Xingruo through his Divine Sense, he could tell her progress and situation during the Foundation Establishment.

“Xingruo is only in her forties, in her prime. Having taken the Three Suns Elixir and with no internal injuries...”

“Her foundation in the Magic Barrier is rather solid, she practices an Exquisite Level Cultivation Technique, and possesses a Fifth Grade Spiritual Root, so there shouldn’t be much issue.”

“As for the final Mental Spirit, although she lacks various hardships, she experienced the vicissitudes of ordinary life early on when both parents passed away. She has been taking care of her sister and living in the marketplace by herself, so her mental temperament is not bad...”

“And because she has been Alcheming for a long period and is a Second-Order Alchemist, her control over Mental Spirit and Spiritual Power exceeds most cultivators, thus overall, her chances of successful Foundation Establishment are quite high.”

Lu Changsheng quietly observed Li Xingruo in front of him, internally concluding.

Under Lu Changsheng’s watchful eye, Li Xingruo slowly passed the three trials of Foundation Establishment, began to gather mana, and lifted the Dao Platform.

Half a month later, Li Xingruo finally managed to break through the Foundation Establishment albeit with some difficulty.

“Xingruo, congratulations on your successful Foundation Establishment!”

Lu Changsheng stepped forward, touched Li Xingruo’s hair tenderly, and congratulated her with a smile.

“It’s all thanks to your Top-grade Foundation Establishment Elixir, otherwise...”

Li Xingruo, still immersed in her breakthrough process, responded with a slightly hoarse voice.

She was well aware that she had nearly failed just moments ago.

Had she taken an ordinary Foundation Establishment Elixir without such efficacy to coordinate the three trials and transform the Spiritual Energy, she feared she would have failed the Foundation Establishment.

This made her look at Lu Changsheng with eyes full of tender affection.

“Hehe, you just broke through, so stabilize your Cultivation Realm well.”

Lu Changsheng spoke softly, then walked out of the cave mansion.

He wasn’t just there to watch her breakthrough for gaining favor.

He was mainly concerned about the possibility of her failing the Foundation Establishment.

If there were any problems or accidents during the process, he could still lend a hand with secret techniques and Yin Yang Energies.

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“Now I can start moving some of the family industries to White Tiger Mountain.”

Lu Changsheng walked out of Changsheng Hall, looked at the Spiritual Medicines in the Medicine Garden, and murmured to himself.

Considering the increase in the number of family members who had achieved Foundation Establishment, he planned to move the family’s Puppet Workshop, Wine Brewing Workshop, and Talisman Workshop to White Tiger Mountain.

It would be sufficient to retain some core operations at Bi Lake Mountain.

Due to the large intake of apprentices and the recruitment of Guest Elders in earlier years, Bi Lake Mountain now found it hard to accommodate more people and establish new workshops.

However, although White Tiger Mountain had not been completely idle over the years, it was considered a waste of resources as it hadn't been fully utilized.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng left Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, found his son Lu Yun, and relayed the plans about moving to White Tiger Mountain for him to draft a plan.

“Moving the three workshops to White Tiger Mountain?”

Lu Yun, upon hearing this, wasn't surprised.

He had thought of this when White Tiger Mountain was first conquered.

One reason was that the family-owned Bi Lake Mountain was now somewhat overcrowded.

On the other hand, the mineral resources surrounding White Tiger Mountain were much richer than those near Bi Lake Mountain.

If the Puppet Workshop were to be built on White Tiger Mountain, it could also save a step in transportation costs.

The only issue was that moving the workshops there would require a Foundation Establishment Great Cultivator to supervise!

Over the years, no Foundation Cultivator had been stationing at White Tiger Mountain.

It had solely relied on the fame of Bi Lake Mountain, as well as the nearby Tie Wood Forest and Creek Mountain, to deter others.

If the workshops were moved there and faced danger, it would be a heavy blow to the Lu Family.

This was because, over the years, the Lu Family had invested a lot in nurturing these apprentices.

“Um, in a few years your elder brother will break through to Foundation Establishment, and with him supervising White Tiger Mountain, you don’t need to worry about safety. Discuss with Xianzhi and the others to finalize the details. Identify any issues that might arise during the move.”

Lu Changsheng spoke thus.

“My elder brother breaking through to Foundation Establishment!”

Lu Yun was aware that Lu Quanzhen had recently made a breakthrough to Foundation Establishment.

He hadn’t expected that his own elder brother Lu Ping’an would soon make a breakthrough as well.

Surprised and astonished, he felt a wave of excitement.

With this progress, which neighboring family forces could stop their rise!

“Yes, father.”

Lu Yun responded respectfully, then immediately went to confirm the relocation matters with the three workshop managers.

Chapter 994: Contract with Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, Lu Qingshan Breaks Through! Bi Lake Mountain.

The weather was clear and the day was beautiful.

Lu Changsheng was sunbathing with two babies, chatting with his concubines, when he suddenly heard the news that his son, Lu Quanzhen, had emerged from closed-door cultivation.

This son had been in secluded cultivation for almost a year.

Upon hearing this news, he immediately asked Lu Quanzhen to come and see him.

“Son pays respects to Father.”

Lu Quanzhen came forward and immediately bowed.

After nearly a year of secluded cultivation, he had undergone significant changes.

His mana was now contained within him, his features clear-cut, his demeanor refined, his black eyes long and narrow, deep and impenetrable like a secluded pool.

“It seems you have gained much during this time.”

Lu Changsheng eyed his son and spoke.

“Thanks to the Purple Mansion Elixir given by Father.”

Lu Quanzhen said so.

Because of the Purple Mansion Elixir, his divine sense had improved to one hundred and fifty zhang, comparable to a Foundation Establishment Late Stage.

And his physical body had also seen significant improvements!

This greatly aided him in understanding the follow-up cultivation techniques of the “Five Elements Kunpeng Technique.”

“Hehe, come with me.”

Lu Changsheng chuckled lightly and stood up to speak.

With the Purple Mansion Elixir enhancing his divine sense, he now had a better chance of taming the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

He found his wife, Lu Miaoyun, and took the Ancient Beast Taming Charm.

Then he called inside to Hong Lian: “Hong Lian.”

“Swish!”

The Ancient Beast Taming Charm emitted diffusing light, and a golden silkworm, about five inches long with a pair of thin wings, appeared.

This silkworm, as if disturbed from its sleep, was immediately exuding a fierce and murderous aura.

“What is this?”

Upon seeing the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, Lu Quanzhen’s pupils constricted, sensing a dangerous aura from it.

“This silkworm is called the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, an ancient rare insect species, extremely ferocious, not fearing any divine skills or techniques, and once it grows its six wings, it can even devour a Nascent Soul True Lord.”

“Of course, this Six-Winged Golden Silkworm is still in its larval stage, only at the Second Order Initial Stage, nowhere near that level yet.”

“But unexpectedly, it can still pose a threat to a Foundation Establishment Late Stage Cultivator.”

Holding the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm in his palm, Lu Changsheng slowly said.

“Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, not fearing any divine skills or techniques, and once it grows its six wings, it can devour a Nascent Soul True Lord!?”

Lu Quanzhen was aghast at the sight of the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

No wonder it gave him a sense of danger.

He estimated that if he fought with this Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, he wouldn't be its match.

“This Six-Winged Golden Silkworm is a gift I am giving you.”

“But this insect is ferocious and brutal, with low intelligence, and difficult to tame, you will need to subdue it yourself.”

Lu Changsheng told Lu Quanzhen.

Though he could assist, it was still necessary for Lu Quanzhen to earn the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm's recognition.

“Father, isn't this too precious?”

Although Lu Quanzhen was very tempted, he still politely spoke.

After all, he had just received a bottle of the incredibly precious Purple Mansion Elixir not long ago.

Now, having just emerged from seclusion, to be given such a rare spiritual insect, it truly overwhelmed him.

But he couldn't deny that his father indeed possessed many fine items.

“Hehe, when you are out and about, the more methods you have, the more at ease both I and your mother can be.”

Lu Changsheng spoke warmly.

“Thank you, Father!”

Lu Quanzhen was no longer polite, bowed, and asked how he should proceed, how to tame this Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.



“Take note of this secret technique.”

Lu Changsheng threw a technique jade slip to Lu Quanzhen.

It was a Beast Taming Method he had obtained from Hong Lian.

Lu Quanzhen looked at the jade slip, and a moment later, exclaimed in surprise: “The Blood Pact Method!?”

There are many contracting methods for taming beast.

Among them, the Blood Pact Method is the most domineering!

Not only is it difficult to undo, once the pact is formed, if the master dies, the spiritual beast also perishes.

However, the Blood Pact Method also has its advantages.

Like ordinary contracts, unless the spiritual beast is raised from birth, fostering affection, if both parties are of equivalent strength, there’s a high probability of failure.

Even if the contract succeeds, it’s not very stable.

It might even happen that the spiritual beast breaks through, and under immense demonic power, shatters the contract.

This is why most cultivators, when contracting spiritual beasts, either bond with younglings or beasts weaker than themselves.

Because for beasts of the same realm or those of higher lineage grade, trying to tame them through ordinary means is very challenging.

And the Blood Pact Method not only increases the probability of successful contract but also deepens the bond with the spiritual beast's demonic soul with each breakthrough, strengthening the bond between person and pet.

“Correct, the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm has low intelligence, and ordinary contracts would hardly resonate with you.”

“So, the Blood Pact Method is the best choice.”

Lu Changsheng explained.

With creatures like the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, if contracted ordinarily, not only are they difficult to tame, but even if bonded, they are also prone to backlash.

“Thank you, Father.”

Lu Quanzhen gratefully spoke, knowing that with such a contract, this Six-Winged Golden Silkworm was now completely tied to him.

Then, Lu Quanzhen followed the Blood Pact Method, forcefully sliced his finger, and smeared his essence blood on the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

“Buzz, buzz, buzz!”

Instantly, the ferocity of the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm was provoked, its thin wings like flying daggers, its eyes flashing a bloodthirsty crimson light.

Had it not been for Lu Changsheng suppressing it with his consciousness, the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm would have already attacked Lu Quanzhen.

“Hong Lian!”

Lu Changsheng spoke to Hong Lian.

The Ancient Beast Taming Charm then circulated shimmering light, and symbols and runes like birds and beasts appeared, buzzing and exuding a barbaric aura, then transforming into various birds and beasts flying toward the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm and Lu Quanzhen, vividly brought to life.

“Is this the Beastly Ancient Talisman?”

Chapter 995: Contract with Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, Lu Qingshan Breaks Through!\_2  
Although Lu Quanzhen did not recognize the meaning of the ancient talismanic script, he had heard of this kind of script.

Rumors had it that such scripts were a manifestation of the laws of Heaven and Earth.

Some also said it was the bone script of the Demon Race.

Because it is recorded in books that some powerful Demon Beasts, upon reaching a certain level of growth, would awaken their bone scripts and receive the inheritance of their bloodline memories.

Regardless, this sort of ancient talismanic script was something that only those at the Core Formation and Nascent Soul levels could possibly come into contact with.

Now his father was using such mysterious and unpredictable ancient script to help him contract a Spiritual Beast.

“Quanzhen!”

Lu Changsheng called out to his son, signaling him to carry out the Blood Covenant seriously.

Lu Quanzhen immediately held his breath and concentrated, tracing each mysterious rune onto the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm with his own essence blood.

“Hum!”

As the essence blood formed runes, it burst forth with a mysterious power and entered the body of the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

Then, Lu Quanzhen felt a ferocious and terrifying magic aura rush toward his Sea of Consciousness.

However, within his Sea of Consciousness, there immediately appeared a bird ready to spread its wings and fly, suppressing the impact of this consciousness.

It was none other than the Beastly Ancient Talisman formed by the Ancient Beast Taming Charm!

Lu Quanzhen knew that he needed to suppress the consciousness of the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm and make it submit!

His consciousness immediately transformed into a Peng Bird and struck at the consciousness of the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

At the same time, his fingers continued to trace the runes of the Blood Covenant, allowing his essence blood to continue entering the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

Lu Changsheng watched quietly, waiting for the outcome.

With the Ancient Beast Taming Charm's help to defend the Sea of Consciousness and suppress the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, if his son still couldn't contract this Spiritual Insect, then as a father, he would be helpless.

Time ticked by slowly.

“Boom!”

Suddenly, a terrifying aura of mana erupted from within Lu Quanzhen, causing his robes to flutter with a whistling sound.

Behind him, an endless ocean appeared, with a giant egg interwoven with black and gold colors bobbing up and down, accompanied by faint sightings of great fish and Divine Birds, roaring and howling, veiled and obscure, captivating and terrifying.

“Quanzhen’s Cultivation Technique is no simple matter...”

Lu Changsheng’s eyes narrowed slightly.

He knew that the technique his son practiced had been taught to him by his own uncle, whom he had never met, and was a Demonic Cultivation Technique.

However, he was not clear on the specifics of this technique and had never asked his son.

Seeing the aura released by Lu Quanzhen now, with Yin and Yang and the Five Elements rotating as if to refine all things, terrifying and domineering, he realized that this technique was far from simple.

“Screech!”

Behind Lu Quanzhen, the phantom giant egg seemed to transform into a Golden Peng Bird soaring into the sky, screeching sharply, its might fierce as it attacked the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm and then swallowed it.

“Roar roar roar!”

The Six-Winged Golden Silkworm roared and its body shone with golden light, exuding a ferocious and bloodthirsty aura, resisting Lu Quanzhen.

But under the suppression of Lu Changsheng and the Ancient Beast Taming Charm, and as the struggle continued, the aura of the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm gradually weakened.

“Hum!”

After an indeterminate amount of time, an invisible qi formed between Lu Quanzhen and the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, establishing some kind of connection.

At this moment, although the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm still exuded an aura of brutality and slaughter, it was no longer so unruly.

“Not bad.”

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly, knowing that his son had successfully completed the contract with the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

“Phew!”

Lu Quanzhen opened his eyes, exhaled a long breath, looking pale and tired, having expended a great deal.

Looking at the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm before him, he felt a subtle connection with it.

He extended his palm toward the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

Instantly, the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm came to rest on Lu Quanzhen’s palm, softly roaring, doing its utmost to suppress its bloodthirsty aura.

“Thank you, Father!”

Lu Quanzhen bowed deeply to Lu Changsheng.

Through the process of contracting, he became deeply aware of the terror of the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

If it weren’t for his father and the help of the ancient script, even if he could have suppressed the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, he would not have been able to make it submit.

Now with the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm as his Spiritual Beast, it would be a great aid on his future path of Cultivation!

“If you like this gift, that’s good.”

“By the way, this Six-Winged Golden Silkworm mainly feeds on blood...”

Lu Changsheng waved his hand and continued to inform Lu Quanzhen about some of the care the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm needed.

“I like it very much and will certainly not let down Father’s high hopes!”

Lu Quanzhen said, taking note of everything.

Then he indicated that he planned to venture out and travel after some time.

“You can make decisions about these things on your own. If there’s anything you need, just tell the family directly.”

Lu Changsheng spoke like this.

Lu Quanzhen’s intention to travel had already been mentioned to him.

Thus, after his son had been in closed-door cultivation for so long, he guessed that the other party was preparing to travel.

“I’m almost ready.”

Lu Quanzhen’s heart warmed, and a smile appeared on his face.

“Have you thought about where you want to travel to?”

Lu Changsheng asked casually.

“I plan to visit Azure Phoenix Immortal City first, and then I might go to Jin Kingdom for experience.”

Lu Quanzhen said this.

“Jin Kingdom…”

Lu Changsheng's eyebrows furrowed slightly upon hearing this word.

Jin Kingdom, although adjacent to Jiang Country, was under Demonic Sects.

And hearing Jin Kingdom, he could not help but think of his daughter, Nangong Yaoyao, who was far away in Jin Kingdom.

As well as his wife Nangong Mili, and his future wife Meng Xiaochan.

"Why do you want to visit Jin Kingdom?" Lu Changsheng inquired.

"I want to see what the Demonic Cultivation World is like, and since my Cultivation Technique is a Demonic Cultivation Technique, there might be suitable opportunities for me in Jin Kingdom."

Lu Quanzhen spoke plainly.

His intention to visit Jin Kingdom was influenced by his uncle Qu Changge.

He wanted to see the rumored state of Demonic Sects and whether they were as described in the books.

Chapter 996: Contracting the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, Lu Qingshan Breakthrough!\_3 Lu Changsheng was silent for a moment, then sighed, "If you are going to Jin Kingdom, you must be very careful."

He knew that persuasion was not very effective in such matters.

Moreover, since his son had already achieved Foundation Establishment, he, as a father, did not want to interfere too much and let them make their own choices.

"Father, rest assured, your child will be careful."

Lu Quanzhen said respectfully.



Lu Changsheng originally wanted to say that if he encountered any danger or trouble, he could seek help from the Five Poisons Cult.

But thinking that Nangong Mili, if she heard his name, Lu Quanzhen being his son, it might be like sending a sheep into a tiger's mouth.

Then he changed the subject and asked, "Is there any confusion in your cultivation?"

"Father, these days when I was comprehending the subsequent Cultivation Techniques..."

Lu Quanzhen immediately expressed some of his doubts about cultivation.

"Yin Yang Five Elements Kunpeng Technique?"

Lu Changsheng listened to his son's concern about the technique, his eyebrows slightly raised, then he explained and resolved his confusion.

Although he hadn't studied this particular technique.

But he, Lu Mountain Lord, possessed two True Immortal Level Techniques and several Orthodox Level Cultivation Techniques!

Even if he was dull, with so many techniques as a foundation, he could easily answer such minor questions from Lu Quanzhen.

Even because of the Yin Yang Creation Scripture, he could offer Lu Quanzhen some guidance and inspiration from a higher perspective on The Way of Yin and Yang.

Sure enough, after hearing his father's advice, Lu Quanzhen had many insights and even gained a deeper understanding of the Yin Yang Five Elements Kunpeng Technique on his own.

"Thank you, Father!"

Lu Quanzhen bowed to Lu Changsheng, thinking to himself that he truly was his father.

Without even knowing his own Cultivation Technique details, he could provide such profound insights.

Could his father actually be some reincarnated Nascent Soul True Lord or even a Divinity Transformation esteemed being? Was he a second-generation immortal?

Yet his treatment indeed seemed somewhat like that of a second-generation immortal.

“Hehe, if you have any confusion about cultivation in the future, just come and ask me.”

Lu Changsheng, unaware of his son’s thoughts, chuckled lightly.

This kind of mentoring made him, a father, feel quite accomplished.

After all, he could put so many techniques to use.

Perhaps relying on his own understanding of techniques, his son could carve out his own path from the original techniques.

“Your child understands.”

Lu Quanzhen replied respectfully.

“By the way, Father, previously in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm...”

At that moment, Lu Quanzhen thought of something, concerning his elder brother Lu Ping’an and Qin Yi.

He had then realized that his elder brother had some unspeakable difficulties and was not at ease meeting Qin Yi.

Now seeing the formidable foundation of his own family, and just the tip of the iceberg of his father's capabilities, he somewhat guessed it might be related to his elder brother's talents.

However, such matters not being discussed at home, he would not ask further, but thought it necessary to at least mention his brother's situation to his father.

After all, his elder brother's temperament would definitely not let him tell their father, preferring to keep it in his heart and forever regretting in the end.

"This young lady does have quite the character."

Lu Changsheng, hearing this, showed a slightly amused expression on his face.

However, hearing that the young lady took such an initiative and his son had no reaction made him shake his head involuntarily, somewhat vexed at his son's passivity.

If he had been proactive, perhaps they would already have children.

"Quanzhen, you are considerate. I will talk with Ping'an about this matter later."

Lu Changsheng said to his son, planning to have a chat with Lu Ping'an later.

However, he also felt that his son was weighed down with too much responsibility and might not be able to overcome this hurdle, probably not leading to much in their discussion.

"Perhaps, let Wangshu send a few letters to the Heavenly Sword Sect in Ping'an's name, that way Ping'an won't be able to back out later."

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin, thinking to himself.

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Time passed, and in the blink of an eye, more than three months had gone by.

As Li Xingruo broke through to Foundation Establishment and gained Divine Sense, her progress in alchemy was incredibly fast, and she was expected to soon advance to a Second-Rank Middle Grade Alchemist.

Faced with this situation, Lu Changsheng felt that the alchemy room at home was somewhat small.

He hired people to upgrade the alchemy room, preparing to install five Earth Fire furnaces inside.

This way, he could work on multiple Elixir Medicines simultaneously with Li Xingruo.

Since Li Xingruo had broken through to Foundation Establishment, Lu Changsheng had been taking special care of her during these days and nights.

However, since both were Foundation Establishment Cultivators, conceiving a child was relatively difficult, so they had not yet had a child.

It was just recently that Zhao Qingqing came to stay at Bi Lake Mountain, and today she sent a letter saying she was pregnant, which made Lu Changsheng quite happy.

Previously, when his son Lu Quanzhen broke through to Foundation Establishment, he acquired a Spiritual Body Inheritance Rate Bloodline Effect.

Since both he and Zhao Qingqing possessed a Spiritual Body, perhaps there was hope for a child with a Spiritual Body.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng planned to visit Zhao Qingqing at Qingyun Sect in a few days.

“Boom!”

Just then, Lu Changsheng suddenly felt a surge of dense mana enter his body, transforming into droplets of liquid mana in the Qi Ocean Core.

“Buzz, buzz, buzz!”

In an instant, as this liquid mana consolidated, Lu Changsheng felt his realm was on the verge of breaking through, advancing to the Eighth Level of Foundation Building.

“Is this Lu Qingshan breaking through to Foundation Building?”

Lu Changsheng immediately guessed that it was his son, Lu Qingshan, who had broken through, far away in Yue Country’s Jinyang Sect.

After all, calculating the time, two years had passed since the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, and with Lu Qingshan’s situation, he should have broken through to Foundation Building by now.

He guessed this breakthrough was likely due to travel delays or a consolidation of cultivation level.

[Name: Lu Qingshan]

[Life Span: 27/238]

[Talent: Sixth Grade Spiritual Root, Gengjin Body Constitution (Medium Grade Spirit Body)]

[Cultivation Level: Foundation Building First Layer]

[Talent: Sword Dao Compatibility (91%)]

“Tsk, tsk, tsk, worthy of being my son, Lu Changsheng.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the system panel before him, a smile appearing on his face.

Both his age and his talent in Sword Dao were incredibly impressive.

“Speaking of which, is Sword Dao Compatibility at 100% the maximum value?”

Lu Changsheng wondered silently.

He didn't look further, closed the attribute panel, and went to his Cave Mansion to prepare for his breakthrough.

Instantly, without his suppression, the liquid mana in the Qi Ocean Core explosively expanded, breaking through forcefully!

In that moment, without needing any external potent Spiritual Pressure, the liquid mana in the Qi Ocean Core reached its limit, directly resulting in a successful breakthrough for Lu Changsheng to the Eighth Layer of Foundation Building.

“Finally, the Eighth Layer of Foundation Building, just one more layer to the Ninth.”

Lu Changsheng quietly sensed the changes following his breakthrough.

Feeling the pace of his progress, he might reach the Ninth Layer of Foundation Building relying on his children, even before he completely mastered the Yin Yang Creation Scripture.

“However, Ping'an should be close to breaking through Foundation Building as well, right?”

Lu Changsheng thought to himself and then continued to meditate to stabilize the newly advanced mana.

After half a month of closed-door cultivation, Lu Changsheng exited the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, came to the Lu Family Mansion, and immediately heard some shocking news that shook the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.

The Core Formation Old Ancestor from the Beast Taming Xu Family, one of Jiang Country's three Great Clans, left seclusion and approached the 'Five Elements Royal Family,' smashing their clan gate with a single slap.

Chapter 997: Five Elements Royal Family, Third-Order Puppet! “The Core Formation Old Ancestor of the Xu Family has shattered the mountain gate of the Five Elements Royal Family?”

Lu Changsheng was shocked when he heard this news.

This was definitely a major event!

It must be understood that in the Cultivation World, every power valued face.

Just like him with Golden Dragon Ridge.

What seemed like a small matter, a conflict with the Great Elder of the Jin Family.

But in the eyes of the Jin Family and others, it was as if Golden Dragon Ridge's face had been slapped, and they must regain their standing!

The reason the Jin Family hadn't made a move against Bihu Lake Mountain was simply due to inadequate strength.

If the Jin Family produced another False Core Immortal and had enough strength, they would certainly attack Bihu Lake Mountain immediately!

And shattering someone else's mountain gate was even more severe.

It was outright face-slapping, trampling the opponent's family underfoot!

The Beast Taming Xu Family and the Five Elements Royal Family were both Nascent Soul-level powers, standing tall in Jiang Country for a thousand years, their might astonishing, considered behemoths, with few daring to provoke them.

Now that the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family had actually shattered the mountain gate of the Wang Family, it definitely qualified as a major event!

"Rumor has it that all disciples of the Beast Taming Xu Family died in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, and their False Core Patriarch was killed on the way back."

"This has enraged the Beast Taming Xu Family, and the Core Formation Old Ancestor has emerged from seclusion."

“After investigation, the Beast Taming Xu Family declared that the Five Elements Royal Family was behind this, so the Xu Family’s Patriarch personally went to demand an explanation.”

Lu Miaoyun poured tea for Lu Changsheng as she spoke.

“Because of the incident in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm?”

Lu Changsheng was momentarily stunned upon hearing this.

Others might not understand what was going on, but he was well aware.

In total, the Beast Taming Xu Family had ten disciples; besides one who met with an accident and died, the other nine were killed by his own two sons.

And the Xu Family’s False Core Patriarch was killed by him.

How could the Beast Taming Xu Family blame this on the Five Elements Royal Family?

“Well, there’s also a rumor that the Beast Taming Xu Family couldn’t determine who was responsible, so they used this to leverage authority over the Five Elements Royal Family.”

Lu Miaoyun continued.

“Using the Five Elements Royal Family to establish authority? The Beast Taming Xu Family seems a bit overbearing, don’t they?”

Lu Changsheng frowned slightly, feeling it unreasonable.

Even if the Five Elements Royal Family wasn’t as deeply-rooted as the Beast Taming Xu Family, they were still a Nascent Soul-level power with a Nascent Soul Immortal in charge.

Facing such huge disgrace as having their mountain gate destroyed, how could they swallow this insult!



If the Wang Family couldn't regain their standing, for the next decades or even a century, others would remember that the Wang Family had their mountain gate shattered by the Beast Taming Xu Family.

Hence, to establish authority, they wouldn't stop at nothing with the Wang Family, which seemed unreasonable to Lu Changsheng; there must be other reasons.

"Could it be possible that the Xu Family really believes the Wang Family killed their False Core Patriarch?"

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

"Husband, do you remember the Beast Tide from fifteen years ago?"

Lu Miaoyun spoke softly.

"Of course, I remember."

Lu Changsheng sipped his tea and nodded.

That year's Demon Beast Tide was a once-in-hundreds-of-years event.

Not only was the Spirit Taming Sect severely damaged, losing two Nascent Soul Immortals and a third-order Demon Beast, but the Azure Phoenix Immortal City was also nearly breached.

And the Xiahou Wuwo he had killed had also participated in that Demon Beast Tide, so he remembered it very clearly.

"There were rumors before that the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family was seriously injured during the Beast Tide, his condition unknown; there were also rumors that bad news concerning the Xu Family was circulating."

"This incident in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm was seen by the Xu Family as targeted and probing by other powers, hence the Xu Family had to respond strongly."

“However, opinions on this matter are divided, and there even were rumors pointing fingers at the Four Great Immortal Sects, but the Xu Family couldn’t possibly confront the Four Great Immortal Sects to lay accusations, so after choosing from equal-level powers, they targeted the weakest among them, the Wang Family.”

Lu Miaoyun came behind Lu Changsheng, massaging his shoulders as she spoke.

The matter between the Xu Family and the Wang Family had been causing quite a stir recently.

And she, knowing of her husband’s affair with Xu Ruyin, thus sought to learn more about this incident.

“Good heavens, this can also be seen as a serendipitous mistake...”

Lu Changsheng was somewhat speechless, not expecting his casually executed actions to make the Xu Family suspect the Four Great Immortal Sects.

But upon reflection, it made sense.

Aside from the Four Great Immortal Sects, what other force had the capability to target the Xu Family.

He continued to inquire, “Then what is the Wang Family’s attitude in this matter?”

“Rumor has it that when the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family went to the Five Elements Royal Family this time, not only did he bring his third-order Spirit Beast—the Earth Dragon Beast—but also a third-rank Xuan Turtle and eight hundred Fire Crow Dao Soldiers.”

“Ancestor Wang of the Wang Family can only counterbalance the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family by depending on the family’s Great Formation.”

“If Ancestor Wang were to leave the family Great Formation, he could possibly be suppressed by the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family, so the Wang Family can only swallow this silent loss, causing the reputation of the Beast Taming Xu Family to surge remarkably.”

On Lu Miaoyun's ethereal face, there was full of emotion.

Even though she knew her own family had already far surpassed many surrounding family forces.

But hearing of the formidable strength of the Beast Taming Xu Family still sent a shiver through her heart.

Two third-order Spirit Beasts, and Dao Soldiers only bred by top-tier powers!

Such a lineup could normally far surpass a Nascent Soul Immortal.

"Wow, this lineup really is luxurious; with this, it seems the Wang Family is completely blocked by the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family."

Hearing this, Lu Changsheng also couldn't help but be moved.

He thought to himself that the Beast Taming Xu Family really was strong and overbearing.

A Nascent Soul Immortal, equipped with two third-order Demon Beasts and eight hundred Dao Soldiers, was likely unmatched in the Core Formation realm!

And the fact that the Elder Ancestor of the Xu Family dared such an expedition probably meant there were unknown third-order Spirit Beasts guarding their home!

Otherwise, under normal circumstances, they wouldn't take such a risk.

"It seems the Five Elements Royal Family really is in decline."

"If they can't bring forth a leader to turn the tide, I'm afraid it will be difficult for the Five Elements Royal Family to maintain their reputation."

Chapter 998: Five Elements Royal Family, Third-Order Puppet!\_2 Lu Changsheng sipped his tea, reflecting aloud.

As far as he knew, the Five Elements Royal Family was a Nascent Soul force that had risen to power in the last thousand years.

Initially a small Energy Refining family, their ancestors' tomb miraculously emitted a golden light, and the family produced a peerless genius with the "Five Elements Physique."

It was this individual's meteoric rise that transformed the previously obscure Wang Family into a Nascent Soul Noble Family!

The words "Five Elements" in the Five Elements Royal Family were derived from the Taoist title of the family's patriarch.

But with the passing of this patriarch, the once-flourishing Five Elements Royal Family began to decline.

After all, not every family had the foundation of beasts like the Beast Taming Xu Family, with Third Rank Demon Beasts, Dao Soldiers, and so on.

The Five Elements Royal Family had risen too quickly!

It was all supported by a single patriarch.

And the patriarch's cultivation techniques, heritage magical treasures and so on, could only unleash their full potential in the hands of someone with the Five Elements Physique.

Considering how rare the Five Elements Physique was, it was highly unlikely that the Wang Family would be fortunate enough to produce another such talent.

Therefore, after the patriarch's passing, although the Wang Family still had Nascent Soul immortals in its ranks, there was no one who could hold the family together.

They could only rely on their ancestors' legacy and slowly deplete it, maintaining the status quo, which led the family down a path of continual decline.

Now, the dealings between the Beast Taming Xu Family and the Five Elements Royal Family made Lu Changsheng feel that the Wang Family was indeed no longer viable.

Otherwise, they would not have allowed the Elder Ancestor of the Xu family to block their door and shatter their sect's gates without any substantial family heritage or techniques at their disposal.

If the Five Elements Royal Family could not produce a figure who could restore its former glory within a hundred years, it was feared that it might fall from the ranks of the great clans after another hundred years.

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After hearing about the affairs between the Beast Taming Xu Family and the Five Elements Royal Family, Lu Changsheng asked Lu Miaoyun to pay more attention to news of this sort when she had free time.

If something happened to these top-tier families, it might affect his own family, so he wanted to be kept informed.

Lu Changsheng then went to check on his concubine, Xia Zhiyue, about her progress in Foundation Establishment and asked his son, Lu Yun, about the family business's relocation plans.

Lu Yun told Lu Changsheng that the family business had already planned the relocation and could move to White Tiger Mountain at any time.

After pondering for a moment, Lu Changsheng instructed Lu Xianzhi to establish a puppet subsidiary on White Tiger Mountain to conduct a pilot test.

If there were no issues, they would start the full relocation after Lu Ping'an had made his Foundation Establishment breakthrough.

"Yes, Father," Lu Yun nodded in response.

Lu Changsheng continued to inquire about the family, particularly about his children.

It was possible that due to situations like Li Feiyu's, many of his children were inclined to leave home and seek their fortunes through trials and tribulations.

For example, their daughter, Lu Ruyi, after the White Tiger Mountain events, had resigned from her position, fully devoted herself to cultivation, and after breaking through to the Seventh Level of Energy Refinement, she also applied to go out and seek her own path.

“Sigh!”

Hearing what Lu Yun had said, Lu Changsheng let out a sigh of relief and said, “Yun’er, as for the resources for the family’s cultivation, you may consider increasing them slightly according to the situation.”

“Also, you can let the family members know that the family currently has a way to obtain Foundation Establishment Elixirs, and as soon as they can refine their energy to the peak, they can apply for a Foundation Establishment Elixir.”

Lu Changsheng said so.

Previously, the family had always provided encouragement in terms of procreation.

As for cultivation, the family benefits were good, but the incentives were moderate.

Now that the family was not lacking Foundation Establishment Elixirs, Lu Changsheng felt that they could provide more incentive in this area.

As long as his children were ambitious enough, even with a Lower Grade Spiritual Root, he was willing to give them Foundation Establishment Elixirs to attempt Foundation Establishment!

“A channel for Foundation Establishment Elixirs...”

Lu Yun was shocked to hear this.

After Lu Changsheng had him deliver a Foundation Establishment Elixir to Qingzhu Mountain, he guessed that his father must still have more.

He never realized his father actually had a channel for Foundation Establishment Elixirs within the family!

“Father, I think such information should not be announced to the family. If word gets out, it might cause trouble.”

“If there are brothers or sisters who break through to the late stage of Energy Refinement, I will speak to them about this matter. What do you think?”

Lu Yun said so.

“That’s fine, you can arrange as you see fit,” Lu Changsheng nodded.

He seldom interfered in family affairs.

He only occasionally provided a direction on major matters, leaving the specifics to his children to handle.

After chatting with his son, Lu Yun, Lu Changsheng went to visit his other children. After inquiring about their well-being, Lu Changsheng let Lu Miaoge and Lu Miaoyun know, and then he went to Qingyun Sect to visit Zhao Qingqing.

Now upon arriving at Qingyun Sect, for some reason, Lu Changsheng felt somewhat apprehensive in his heart.

He was afraid of walking around Qingyun Sect with Zhao Qingqing and running into Xiao Xiyue’s master, Caiyun True Immortal.

After seeing Zhao Qingqing, Lu Changsheng could tell that she was indeed carrying the breath of life in her belly, and he was overjoyed.

He stayed at Qingyun Sect with Zhao Qingqing for half a month.

After leaving Qingyun Sect, Lu Changsheng thought he should visit Xiao Xiyue at the Luoyun Mountain Range.

“Sigh, these are just a few who are away, if I had wives and dao companions spread across the five lakes and four seas, I’m afraid I’d be too busy to manage.”

Lu Changsheng couldn’t help but lament.

He planned to go home and, at that time, bring his daughter Lu Wangshu with him.

Although this daughter was like a third wheel, affecting his own practice of the Sun Moon Samsara Technique with Xiao Xiyue,

the mother and daughter had always been apart more than together, and he still hoped that they could spend more time together.

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[Congratulations to the host for the birth of 300 descendants, you have earned one lottery draw]

When Lu Changsheng had just returned to Bihu Lake Mountain, a system prompt sounded in his mind.

“Three hundred already?”

A hint of emotion appeared in Lu Changsheng’s eyes.

Back when there were two hundred members in the younger generation, the number of his own children also happened to be two hundred.

But now his own children numbered only two hundred eighteen, while the grandchildren had reached three hundred.

As time went on, this number would become increasingly divergent.



After all, he had been most prolific in creating children during the first twenty years.

It was also these children who mostly consisted of mortals.

At that moment, Lu Changsheng suddenly remembered that he seemed to have not visited the Ruyi County Lu Family in quite some time.

“Sigh.”

Lu Changsheng sighed, and directly returned to Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

The environment within the cave heaven was incredibly beautiful at that time.

Due to the fact that Lu Changsheng and Lu Miaoge rarely cultivated, only Ling Zixiao and Bai Ling’s practice consumed spiritual energy, causing spiritual mist to linger around the Spirit Spring, like a fairyland on earth.

Beside the medicine garden were two log cabins, but Lu Ping’an spent most of his time stationed on White Tiger Mountain.

Lu Quanzhen had already gone out and left Bihu Lake Mountain some time ago.

“System, lottery draw.”

Lu Changsheng looked at the medicine garden, which showed no change in appearance, and silently thought.

Immediately, the lottery wheel appeared, and the golden light spun.

[Ding, congratulations to the host for obtaining a Third-Order Puppet!]

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

“Hmm, a Third-Order Puppet?”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng’s eyebrows raised.

He was naturally more than familiar with puppets.

Not only had he crafted many Second Rank Puppets himself, but the main profit of the family also came from puppets.

However, the highest-grade puppet he had been in contact with up to now was only a Second-order Superior.

Since high-tier puppet materials were scarce and hard to find, and the production was very troublesome and time-consuming,

he had so far crafted only one Second-order Superior Puppet.

With regard to Third-Order Puppets, even Lu Changsheng had only heard of them and had not come into contact with one.

Puppet Masters were not as popular as formations, pills, talismans, or artifacts; whether the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm even had a Third-order Puppet Master was another matter.

“It is said that some Third-Order Puppets can act like Dao Soldiers, executing certain orders without the need for full control by divine sense. I wonder if the system-made puppets are this kind of top-grade puppet.”

Full of anticipation, Lu Changsheng looked towards the System Space.

[Puppet: Thousand Faces Puppet Fox]

[Grade: Third-Order]

[Description: The heartwork of the Puppet Spirit Sect's Qianji True Immortal, a puppet designed after the Thousand Faces Demon Fox. Furthermore, the soul of his wife was infused into it, granting the puppet simple cognitive thinking and maximizing its effectiveness and abilities.]

“Ah???”

The introduction of the puppet in front of him startled Lu Changsheng.

Although he expected high-tier puppets would certainly be extraordinary,

and the products from the system were usually impressive,

this was truly...somewhat weird, wasn't it?

Creating a puppet modeled after the Thousand Faces Demon Fox was understandable to Lu Changsheng.

Most puppets do take the form of demon beasts.

For instance, using the complete skeleton of a demon beast to craft a puppet would generally attempt to replicate the original form of the demon beast, optimizing the puppet's combat capability and functional efficiency.

But what was this about infusing his wife's soul into it?

Was such a high price really necessary to give a puppet a certain level of simple consciousness and thought?

“Retrieve!”

Lu Changsheng was indeed curious to see what was so impressive about this Third-Order Puppet.

Chapter 999: Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, Challenging Azure Phoenix Immortal! In an instant, a beautiful woman with silver-white hair and fox-like charm, appearing to be in her mid-thirties, materialized before Lu Changsheng.

“Master.”

This beautiful woman, with a complexion like peach blossoms and cheeks flushed red, gave Lu Changsheng a graceful bow with her enchanting, misty eyes.

“Thousand Faces Puppet Fox...”

Lu Changsheng, looking at the beautiful woman before him, showed a hint of surprise in his eyes.

It was too realistic!

Had he not known that the beautiful woman was a puppet, he would have thought she was real.

Her seductively charming face was pale with a captivating blush, her alluring eyes were incredibly expressive.

Her silver-white hair cascaded down to her waist, and atop her head were a pair of sharp, snowy white fox ears, about six inches long.

Her figure was tall and exquisite, exuding a wild charm. She wore a blue dress and was draped in a luxurious, delicate snowy white fur cape.

Beneath the hem of her dress and cape, two long, straight legs were adorned with white and blue gradient lace stockings, and she stood in a pair of tall wooden clogs.

A snowy white fox tail twisted and coiled behind her, likely over two meters long.

The appearance, voice, essence, and even the skin of the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox before him nearly achieved a level of deception that blurred the lines between fake and real.

Lu Changsheng couldn't help but marvel; it was a creation by a Nascent Soul Immortal, who had even sacrificed his wife's soul into the puppet.

It was extraordinary!

After retrieving the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox from the System Space, Lu Changsheng gained a detailed understanding of this puppet.

Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, a Third Rank Middle Grade Puppet!

It excelled in illusion techniques, charm, and transformation.

As to why the Azure Phoenix Immortal would instill his wife's soul into this puppet, Lu Changsheng understood too.

The Puppet Spirit Sect possessed a secret puppet technique called Spirit Infusion Technique.

It involved refining the soul of a human or demon and infusing it into a puppet.

This grants the puppet a certain degree of sentience and consciousness for easier training, management, and control.

The higher the grade of the infused soul, the greater the puppet's consciousness, intelligence, learning capability, and combat strength among other aspects.

Thus, the Azure Phoenix Immortal, to perfect this puppet, had refined his beloved wife's soul and infused it into this Thousand Faces Puppet Fox.

"Tsk tsk tsk, is this what a true Puppet Master is like? It's rather... twisted."

Lu Changsheng found this behavior incomprehensible and was profoundly shocked.

However, considering rumors that some Artifact Refiners, in order to create their ultimate artifact, would sacrifice themselves, he guessed it was the same principle.

"But your wife benefits me now..."

Lu Changsheng mused internally.

He then asked the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox before him, “What is your name?”

According to the system, this puppet had a basic level of consciousness and cognitive ability, capable of undertaking many tasks.

Of course, if Lu Changsheng wished, he could also control this puppet directly using the Puppet Control Technique.

However, for puppets with infused spirits and consciousness like this one, direct control was likely less effective than letting the puppet’s consciousness take charge.

“Responding to the master, this servant’s name is Su Rongrong.”

The Thousand Faces Puppet Fox said softly with a seductive smile.

“Alright, henceforth I’ll call you Su Rongrong.”

Lu Changsheng replied casually, not particularly concerned with the name.

He then extended his hand and caressed the puppet’s plump, fair skin, squeezing it a couple of times.

The feel and temperature of her skin were similar to that of a human, almost identical.

Only when squeezed firmly could he feel a slight difference.

But to Lu Changsheng, this craftsmanship was already the pinnacle of perfection!

“Try using an illusion technique on me.”

Lu Changsheng said, curious to see this puppet’s capability in illusion combat.

“Yes, Master.”

The Thousand Faces Puppet Fox giggled behind her hand, her seductive eyes spinning webs of enchantment, making Lu Changsheng’s spirit waver as if he were surrounded by warm and soft jade.

Countless stunning beauties, dressed in sheer garments, slid off their robes to dance around him, performing dances that stirred the soul, emitting entrancing, intoxicating melodies.

Even though Lu Changsheng was prepared, aware of being subjected to an illusion,

the scene before his eyes, the heady sweet fragrance in his nose, and the smooth softness of enticing bodies still instinctively made him want to relax his mind and wholeheartedly savor the experience.

“Buzz!”

At that moment, the jade pendant at Lu Changsheng’s waist and the pendant around his neck vibrated with a humming sound, seemingly to remind him that this was an illusion, a Divine Consciousness Secret Technique.

However, these spiritual artifacts were limited in effect and stood little chance against such a powerful Nascent Soul Divine Consciousness Secret Technique.

“No good.”

Lu Changsheng realized the huge gap.

This level of illusion technique couldn’t be resisted merely with willpower.

It was absolutely a crushing blow from a higher realm of Divine Consciousness!

Although he was experienced and strong-willed in the matter of romance, and his divine consciousness far surpassed that of fellow cultivators at the same level, nearly equivalent to False Core,

yet facing the Nascent Soul Level Divine Consciousness Secret Technique of the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, he was still found wanting.

But just as he was about to stop the illusion, a burst of light from the 'Lu Family Genealogy' inside him cleared his mind.

"Hmm, does the genealogy also have such an effect?"

Lu Changsheng was taken aback, just then realizing this effect of his family genealogy.

Previously, the system had only introduced three functions of the genealogy and had not mentioned this effect.

"This is indeed a pleasant surprise."

Joy surged through Lu Changsheng's heart, and he told Su Rongrong to stop the illusion technique.

"Buzz!"

The scene before him instantly shattered.

"Given this illusion technique, probably even a typical Nascent Soul Immortal would be affected."

Lu Changsheng nodded silently, then continued to the Su Rongrong before him, "Change into another appearance for me to see, hmm... just transform into my likeness."

"Yes, Master."

Instantly, the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox's body shifted with a flow of mana, slowly transforming to look exactly like Lu Changsheng.

"Tsk tsk tsk, this transformation technique is really something special."



Chapter 1000: Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, Challenging the Azure Phoenix Immortal!\_2 Lu Changsheng examined the puppet version of himself and couldn't help but praise aloud.

He thought to himself, "Indeed, a product of the system must be top-grade!"

Unless the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox took action, it would be very hard to spot any flaws with just such an inspection.

But unless it was someone close, or if the two had fought before, even in a duel, it would be difficult to distinguish the true from the false for a while.

"This is the true path of puppetry."

Lu Changsheng looked at the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox before him and couldn't hold back his sigh.

When compared to this Third-Order Puppet, the Second Rank Puppets he had created before were nothing but crap.

With this Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, in future battles, as long as the fox puppet could charm the opponent through illusion and create a breach in their Mental Spirit, he would be able to punch them out with a single blow.

"However, I still need to be careful when facing enemies, because once this kind of puppet is damaged, there's no way to repair it..."

Lu Changsheng immediately realized a problem.

As powerful as these puppets were, they were still consumables that required maintenance.

Although the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox possessed some self-repair capabilities,

if it sustained significant damage, it naturally wouldn't be able to fix itself and would require a Puppet Master's intervention.

And even though he was a Second-tier Top-Level Puppet Master, he didn't have the ability to repair such a puppet.

"If I consider maintenance and repairs, it suddenly seems a bit less appealing."

Lu Changsheng looked at the puppet before him and sighed.

After pondering for a moment, he took a Jade Slip from his Storage Bag and imprinted part of its content with his Divine Sense.

Then he handed it to Su Rongrong and said, "Try to craft a puppet according to the blueprint and let me see."

Although the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox was a combat puppet, skilled in illusion, charm, and transformation techniques,

Su Rongrong had been a Puppet Master in her previous life and was quite capable of learning puppet-related skills.

So as long as Lu Changsheng trained her slowly, after some time, this Thousand Faces Puppet Fox should have no problem crafting Second Rank Puppets.

Moreover, although the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox needed to embed Spirit Stones to consume Mana, it had a core Puppet Crystal within!

This Puppet Crystal could absorb nature's spiritual energy on its own and store Mana.

So if this puppet was used for menial labor, the maintenance costs would be almost nil!

"Yes, Master."

Su Rongrong, though behaving like a real person, was ultimately a puppet.

Lacking genuine human emotion, she could only obey Lu Changsheng's commands without true feelings.

Of course, if Lu Changsheng continually trained and taught her, she might become somewhat more human-like.

After studying the puppet blueprints given by Lu Changsheng, Su Rongrong began to attempt forging a puppet with the materials provided.

"A puppet of this caliber could already be called a Dao Soldier."

Lu Changsheng watched Su Rongrong and mused to himself.

He couldn't help but look forward to the system drawing a puppet-related Legacy Technique.

The puppet skills provided by the system were comprehensive, but none were rare or profound.

Just like the many Talismans he used, they came from the "Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture" and not from a Talisman Path inheritance.

"Wait, isn't there already an extant Third-Order Puppet right before my eyes?"

"If I can understand its principles and skills, perhaps I could advance to be a Third-order Puppet Master."

Lu Changsheng looked at the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox before him and had a thought.

Such a puppet held great value for research to a Puppet Master.

"I, Lu Changsheng, have come this far thanks to my own hard work."

"Today, I shall use my exceptional wisdom, supreme comprehension, and relentless effort to advance to be a Third-order Puppet Master!"

Lu Changsheng, looking at the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, was emotionally stirred and spoke with inspiration.

He then began to train the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox, studying its underlying principles and craftsmanship,

hoping to gain some insights from it in order to advance to a Third-order Puppet Master.

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Half a month later.

“Damn it, system, show some spirit and let me see what you’re made of.”

Lu Changsheng cursed as he examined the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox.

Despite being a Second-tier Top-Level Puppet Master, after studying for so long, he still completely failed to understand the principles of this Third-Order Puppet.

Especially the Soul Injection aspect, which left him utterly baffled, without a single lead.

However, it was since he dared not dismantle the puppet for deeper research, merely skimming the surface.

But it must be said, the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox was truly lifelike!

Even if he wanted to dismantle it, Lu Changsheng felt rather at a loss on where to begin.

Immediately after, Lu Changsheng gave up on researching the humanoid figure and went out with his daughter Lu Wangshu to have fun, visiting Xiao Xiyue in the Luoyun Mountain Range.

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Golden Dragon Ridge, Jin Family.

“Lu Qingshan, disciple of Tianyuan True Immortal from Yu Country’s Jinyang Sect, Nascent Soul Seed of Jinyang Sect, son of Lu Changsheng from Bihu Lake Mountain, grandson of Lu Yuanding from Qingzhu Mountain!”

The Patriarch of Jin Family looked at the message in his hand, shocked to the core.

The Jin Family’s members had perished in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm years ago, so they had been monitoring this information closely.

They wanted to know if there had been any special circumstances in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm back then, to see if other forces were targeting their family.

Unexpectedly, they stumbled upon such news.

“Lu Changsheng of Bihu Lake Mountain...”

The Patriarch of Jin Family had a grave expression.

Although in recent years Bihu Lake Mountain had kept a low profile without much activity,

even the White Tiger Mountain that they took over was left semi-neglected, with only the mining operations being managed and nearly all other matters being nearly abandoned.

Nevertheless, they kept a close watch on the situation of the Lu Family at all times.

But they had never imagined that Lu Changsheng had hidden his depths so well.

That he had such an astonishingly gifted son in Yu Country’s Jinyang Sect!

If in a few decades or a century the son grew up, their family would be utterly insignificant in comparison.