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Chapter 85 Setting Up the Pill Spirit Array, Alchemy

"With seven hundred Contribution Points at my disposal, I didn't expect them to still fall short. Had I known, I wouldn't have cared about saving face or fearing their gossip, and I would've pocketed those three hundred points as well."

After browsing through the Spiritual Treasure Pavilion, Lin Chen had actually spent six hundred of his seven hundred Contribution Points.

The materials required to craft a Second Grade Talisman were more than ten times the price of those needed for a First-grade Rune, because they involved not just ordinary talisman paper and spiritual brushes with spiritual ink, but also the fur, bone powder, and even fresh blood of magical beasts, among other things.

Only those special materials could bear the great power of a Second Grade Talisman's Spiritual Formation; otherwise, they would simply collapse under the force.

To put it plainly, talisman inscription was about setting up spiritual formations on special materials in a simplified form.

A Formation Master capable of drafting talismans naturally had the ability to set up arrays; however, an array could only be set up in a specific location and was immovable and time-consuming to create, which was why the concept of talisman inscription was developed.

Lin Chen spent six hundred Contribution Points to not only purchase materials for crafting talismans but also to select items for laying out formations and some herbal materials.

He had wanted to scour the Spiritual Treasure Pavilion for a few Martial Arts Skills as well, but his Contribution Points were insufficient.

Previously, Xu Lianyu had mentioned that Jade Bird Peak was vast, and he could reside anywhere he wished; hence, Lin Chen chose a hidden cave on the peak as his place of seclusion. After his

arrangements, it was no less comfortable than the other dwellings on the mountain, and although it lacked opulence, its simplicity suited Lin Chen's preferences.

Arriving at the cave dwelling, Lin Chen took out his materials one by one, carefully contemplating the gains from his trip down the mountain.

In the battle against the Fire Python Tiger Demon, he proved his strength was formidable within his realm, enabling him to fight across levels. Even against those at the Seventh Layer of the Spirit Gathering Realm, he could stand undefeated.

With the aid of the talisman, he could even contend with Eighth Level practitioners of the Spirit Gathering Realm.

Moreover, his Spiritual Power was four to five times stronger than martial artists of the same realm, which was key to his ability to consecutively unleash Martial Arts Skills without being defeated by the Fire Python Tiger.

However, Lin Chen's cultivation journey had a drawback, which was that in others' eyes, his progress seemed slow.

This was due to his Ancient Divine Body physique, which required him to absorb far more energy than an ordinary person to advance his cultivation level.

"Alas, I've already consumed all the elixirs Master gave me, and I have no idea when she will provide me with more."

"The elixirs distributed monthly by the sect are nowhere near enough to fill the gaps in my teeth."

"I'm afraid that my master is still not aware of the terrifying quantity of pills I can consume."

Lin Chen sighed helplessly, smiling bitterly. The elixirs given to him by Yang Yuemin had all been consumed, which was why he had gone to the sect's Task Hall to accept missions and earn Contribution Points.

Now that he had exchanged his Contribution Points for materials, Lin Chen intended to refine his own elixirs.

Within the Outer Sect, Lin Chen had already learned nearly all there was about literature and scholarly knowledge. He no longer attended the classes, except for those taught by Elders who could provide profound explanations.

The Way of Alchemy, much like the art of Formation, required the use of spiritual power.

Furthermore, Alchemy and Artifact Refining needed a flame. Alchemists often practiced a fire controlling technique that converted Spiritual Power into flame, commonly referred to as the source fire.

However, this method was highly consuming of Spiritual Power, and difficult for Lin Chen to grasp at his current level, so he chose another method for his Alchemy.

A method extremely rare in Mysterious Heaven Continent, that is using Spiritual Formations to refine elixirs.

Lin Chen had already experienced the profound mysteries of the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron; within it, there was a formation known as the Spiritual Pill Formation. This formation didn't require much of an alchemy foundation, one just needed to set up the formation according to the Pill Recipe, and it could refine elixirs on its own, immensely mysterious.

"Taking Yang as fire, heaven as Qian, earth as Kun..."

Following the description of the formation in the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron, Lin Chen began to set up the Pill Spirit Array in his own cave abode, piling up numerous jades, beast bones, and other materials around, then using cinnabar beast blood to inscribe spirit patterns.

Lin Chen had begun studying this formation back in Desolate Sky City, but at that time, with Mu Qingxue and Li Chu as adversaries, he was solely focused on increasing his Cultivation.

Now that Lin Chen was in the Jade Cauldron Sect and temporarily had no one posing a threat to him, he could concentrate on studying this Pill Spirit Array.

The Pill Spirit Array that Lin Chen set up wasn't of a high grade, only capable of refining First Grade and Second Grade elixirs, so setting it up wasn't too troublesome; it only took him three days to succeed, with just one failure in between.

Lin Chen could be said to be a prodigy in formation setup, which was even more difficult than writing Spirit Talismans. Ordinary Formation Masters might need several months to set up a low-level formation.

If one formation point posed a problem, it could cause a stumbling block for tens of days.

Hence, there was a phenomenon among Formation Masters: those with higher talent looked younger, while those with lesser talent were often white-haired...

All because setting up formations was so mentally exhausting!

After Lin Chen had finished setting up the formation, he integrated the Pill Furnace Array for refining Spirit Gathering Pills into the Pill Spirit Array, which took him another day.

"Finally, it's set up."

Lin Chen breathed a long sigh of relief. After four days, he finally got the formation for the Spirit Gathering Pill set up.

Lin Chen, full of expectations, threw the herbal materials for the Spirit Gathering Pill into the formation.

When the Pill Spirit Array wasn't activated, it showed no special features, and those jades seemed like mere ornaments.

The activation of the formation required Spirit Stones or Lin Chen's infusion of Spiritual Power, for once the formation was activated, it would actively absorb the Spiritual Energy from heaven and earth, so Lin Chen didn't need to input too much Spiritual Power, which was much easier compared to an Alchemist refining elixirs.

After activating the formation, a huge projection appeared inside the cave abode—a pill furnace shaped in aqua color with aqua flames burning within.

The materials Lin Chen input followed an orderly trajectory into the pill furnace, with the aqua flames beginning to refine those materials.

It looked as though a seasoned alchemist was controlling everything, yet it was actually the Pill Spirit Array operating on its own.

Nothing happened overnight, and another day passed.

"It's done, a full ninety Spirit Gathering Pills, and the quality and grade of these elixirs are even higher than those my master gave me, reaching High Quality, I'm going to make a fortune."

Lin Chen took out the ninety Spirit Gathering Pills condensed from the Pill Spirit Array, extraordinarily excited.

He had bought a hundred sets of herbal materials from the Spiritual Treasure Pavilion, and last night he put them all into the Pill Spirit Array. In one night, they were all refined, with only ten failures out of a hundred sets of materials, resulting in a ninety percent success rate for pill formation, an efficiency that's simply terrifying.