

Sect Master 321

Chapter 321: Human Affairs Metabolism

Since Daoist Clear Spirit died during meditation, another Refining Qi Elder of Taiyi Sect, Tian Zhen, has also undergone a drastic change in temperament and become unusually silent. Originally, Tian Zhen was always full of energy and spirit in handling various mundane affairs in the sect. Just by looking at him, one could not tell that he was almost 60 years old. However, after attending Daoist Clear Spirit's funeral, he seemed to have suffered a heavy blow, and his vitality and spirit were greatly reduced, becoming listless.

Three months after Daoist Clear Spirit's funeral, Tian Zhen approached Meng Zhang and expressed his desire to resign as an Elder and leave Taiyi Sect to retire in his hometown, Sweetwater Oasis. Before Meng Zhang took over as Taiyi Sect Master, Tian Zhen, as his senior brother, had great confidence in him and believed that he was the best candidate to lead Taiyi Sect. Tian Zhen had always been a staunch supporter of Meng Zhang, even to the point of being his die-hard fan.

When Meng Zhang succeeded as Taiyi Sect Master, his eldest martial brother did not accept him, and the elders in the sect plotted against him. However, Tian Zhen always stood behind Meng Zhang and was his loyal supporter. With Tian Zhen's help in handling the sect's affairs, Meng Zhang was able to have sufficient time to focus on cultivation. Taiyi Sect began to thrive, and its internal affairs became increasingly complex and numerous. However, Tian Zhen, as the General Affairs Elder, was able to manage all the mundane affairs in the sect in an orderly manner, and everyone in the sect was pleased and willing to follow his lead.

The growth and development of Taiyi Sect could not have been achieved without the contribution of Tian Zhen, the great steward. In order to relieve Meng Zhang of the heavy burden of daily sect affairs, Tian Zhen made many sacrifices, even giving up his own path of cultivation. Although Tian Zhen was almost sixty years old, he was still some distance away from completing Refining Qi, and his current cultivation level was only at Foundation Building. He could already see the end of his cultivation path.

As for whether he regretted his choice, perhaps only he himself knew. After Daoist Clear Spirit died during meditation, his thoughts underwent a great change. He wanted to return to his hometown, Sweetwater Oasis, get married, have children, and live out his remaining years in peace. As a Cultivator, even if he was a little older, it was not a problem to have several mortal wives and concubines to bear offspring.

Meng Zhang had a long conversation with Tian Zhen and understood his intentions. Meng Zhang had always respected his senior brother and was deeply grateful to him. Tian Zhen had made up his mind, and Meng Zhang had no intention of changing his decision, so he did not try to persuade him to stay. Tian Zhen acted quickly and, after a long conversation with Meng Zhang, quickly resigned as an Elder and recommended a new General Affairs Hall Master to Meng Zhang. Meng Zhang respected Tian Zhen's opinion and appointed the new General Affairs Hall Master.

After completing the handover with the new General Affairs Hall Master, Tian Zhen left Taiyi Sect and returned to his hometown, Sweetwater Oasis, amidst everyone's farewell. The new General Affairs Hall Master of Taiyi Sect is named Meng Mingyuan, who happens to be Meng Zhang's relative. Several decades ago, during the sand monster rebellion, the small Meng family was destroyed, and the remaining few members of the family sought refuge in Taiyi Sect. Because of his

outstanding talent, Meng Zhang was taken in as a disciple by Taiyi Sect's former Sect Master, Daoist Profound Spirit, and the Meng family members continued to thrive in Sweetwater Oasis. In recent years, Taiyi Sect has gradually become stronger, and Meng Zhang's authority as Sect Master has grown. As the Meng family grew in number, some of them began to awaken their spiritual roots and join Taiyi Sect. Although Meng Zhang was generally fair in his dealings with people, as a Sect Master, his disciples would generally consider his face and background. The Meng family members who joined the sect would always receive some care, whether overt or covert.

Those Meng family members who performed well and had good abilities could get more opportunities. When the time came, they would naturally stand out. Meng Mingyuan was such a person. Although his talent was average and his spiritual root quality was low to medium, he excelled in diligent cultivation. Moreover, as Taiyi Sect's influence continued to expand, the disciples in the sect had access to more abundant cultivation resources. When he was in his twenties, Meng Mingyuan had already reached the mid-stage of Refining Qi and was noticed by Tian Zhen, who recommended him to be a part of the General Affairs Hall to help handle the sect's mundane affairs.

Although Meng Mingyuan's cultivation talent was average, he had remarkable talent in handling various mundane affairs. He was able to manage all kinds of complex affairs in an orderly manner, and everyone in the sect was pleased and willing to follow his lead. Through his work in the General Affairs Hall, he not only trained himself but also gained a lot of sect merit, which he could use to exchange for sufficient cultivation resources. His work in the General Affairs Hall did not affect his cultivation but instead provided him with assistance in his cultivation. Compared to his peers who had similar talents but entered the sect before him, he had entered the Refining Qi late stage earlier.

Meng Zhang did not favor Meng Mingyuan just because he was a relative. It was only because of Tian Zhen's recommendation that he was appointed as the General Affairs Hall Master. After taking office, Meng Mingyuan performed very well and gradually gained the trust of Meng Zhang and his peers, firmly establishing his position as the General Affairs Hall Master. Of course, if he wanted to advance further and become a General Affairs Elder, he would have to wait until after Foundation Building.

After Daoist Clear Spirit died during meditation, Taiyi Sect's elderly members gradually retired. Not long after, Wang Shitou, who had been responsible for the sect's spirit field affairs, also resigned as the Hall Master and returned home to retire. Wang Shitou, who had entered the sect as a loose cultivator, had an average cultivation base and was timid, but he had served Taiyi Sect diligently for many years, assisting Daoist Clear Spirit in managing the spirit fields and cultivating countless Spirit Plants. Meng Zhang also respected Wang Shitou's decision and did not try to persuade him to stay. Instead, he led the sect's disciples to bid him farewell and return home to retire.

After Wang Shitou left, his position as the Hall Master of the spirit field affairs was handed over to his son, Wang Shenjie. Wang Shenjie had learned Spirit Plant Technique from his father since he was young and was a qualified spirit farmer. After joining Taiyi Sect, he inherited the sect's Spirit Plant Technique and had deep attainments in it. Moreover, Wang Shenjie had been assisting his father in managing the affairs of the spirit fields for many years and was familiar with various situations, showing his abilities. His appointment as the Hall Master of the spirit field affairs was entirely the result of popular support.

Another elderly member leaving made Meng Zhang feel very sad. But there was nothing he could do; this was a normal phenomenon. Meng Zhang remembered a poem from his past life: "Human affairs metabolism, coming and going from ancient and modern times." These were just the normal personnel changes in Taiyi Sect, the old giving way to the new. As a Foundation Building cultivator, Meng Zhang had a long life span, and he would see more similar situations in the future. Even he would witness his elders, peers, and even juniors pass away one by one. As his cultivation base gradually broke through, Meng Zhang's lifespan would also increase. He would be able to experience ancient and modern times and witness history. Those who could not keep up with his footsteps in terms of cultivation base, no matter how close their relationship was, would only be passing guests in his life.

Chapter 322: The Great Enmity Must Be Reported

In the Firewell Market, a grand auction was recently held. Many Foundation Building stage cultivators were present, and numerous items useful to them were up for auction. Earthfire Sect even proactively offered several high-quality magic tools for this auction. Many spiritual treasures appeared on the auction floor, and foreign merchants brought pills that could help Foundation Building stage cultivators enhance their Cultivation Base.

Ever since the news spread that the demon beasts from Demon Wind Gobi would launch a massive invasion, the entire Endless Sea of Sand became fearful and uneasy. Earthfire Sect's Daoist Master Roaring Blaze has been trapped in Demon Wind Gobi, and there has been no news from him until now. Rumors began circulating, suggesting that Daoist Master Roaring Blaze perished in Demon Wind Gobi. With the loss of their Gold Core Daoist Master, Earthfire Sect might face suppression or even hostility from Flying Swan Sect.

As these rumors spread, they grew increasingly outrageous. The Shang Family, residing in Firewell Market, became anxious, fearing that Flying Swan Sect might truly target Earthfire Sect, resulting in a disaster for themselves. Consequently, the number of customers in Firewell Market decreased, greatly affecting their business.

As the manager of Firewell Market, Earthfire Sect couldn't ignore this situation. They had to find a way to boost the Shang Family's confidence and reassure all the merchants. Thus, Earthfire Sect put a lot of effort into organizing this grand auction to invigorate the market. Surprisingly, the auction had a significant impact.

Thanks to this auction, Firewell Market attracted visitors from all directions, including many Foundation Building stage cultivators. After the auction ended, some of the cultivators who had gained something discreetly concealed his identity and quietly left the market. Some wandered through the market's streets, disappearing from sight, while others left the market immediately, flying away into the distance.

Among them was a cultivator wearing a cloak, concealing their appearance. After leaving the auction venue in Firewell Market, they circled around the market a few times before departing entirely. Using Earth Escape Spell, they traveled a considerable distance away and then emerged from the ground at a distance, using the Divine Movement Art to speed towards a specific direction.

After running on the ground for a while, a small village appeared ahead. Situated on a tiny oasis, the village had only a few hundred residents. It belonged to Land Walk Sect's territory and was under

their jurisdiction. However, due to its small size and population, the village had not seen any awakened talents for many years. For Land Walk Sect, such a remote village held little value, and few of their cultivators would visit this place.

The cultivator carefully observed the surroundings of the small village, finding nothing unusual, and prepared to continue forward. Suddenly, a beautiful female cultivator descended from the sky. She was Taiyi Sect's Hall Master of the Talisman Hall, Yang Xueyi.

Yang Xueyi had been waiting there for three full days until today, when she finally spotted someone who seemed to be her target passing through the area. Without hesitation, Yang Xueyi immediately used her spells.

A soil dragon rose from the ground and lunged towards the unknown cultivator. Judging solely from the aura, this cultivator had, at most, a Refining Qi stage Cultivation Base. However, the soil dragon was a Foundation Building stage cultivator's powerful attack, making it impossible for the unknown cultivator to resist.

Letting out a sigh, the unknown cultivator casually slapped the soil dragon, shattering it and revealing their Foundation Building stage Cultivation Base.

"Azure Bamboo, it's really you," Yang Xueyi recognized the person.

Ever since the major battle in front of Forest Spring Watch's mountain gate, Azure Bamboo, the Sect Master of Green Bamboo Mountain, fled the scene and disappeared without a trace in the Endless Sea of Sand. After the fall of Forest Spring Watch, Taiyi Sect gained tremendously, and Yang Xueyi was too busy dealing with the spoils to act.

It was only half a year ago that Yang Xueyi finally found some free time. Being a vassal family of Green Bamboo Mountain in the past, Yang Family was annihilated by them due to their greed for one of Yang Family's treasures. Yang Xueyi, who survived the catastrophe, later joined Taiyi Sect. She never forgot the hatred of her family's annihilation.

Before, with Green Bamboo Mountain's close ties to Flying Swan Sect, Yang Xueyi didn't dare to seek revenge even after reaching the Foundation Building stage. However, when Azure Bamboo betrayed Flying Swan Sect and joined Forest Spring Watch, becoming a hunted dog after their downfall, Yang Xueyi saw her opportunity for revenge.

Once she had some free time, Yang Xueyi immediately began inquiring about Azure Bamboo's whereabouts with the help of Taiyi Sect's resources. Azure Bamboo disappeared completely after that escape, and even Flying Swan Sect's efforts to search for him in the Endless Sea of Sand yielded no results.

When Taiyi Sect's Sect Master Meng Zhang learned that Yang Xueyi was searching for Azure Bamboo, he somehow obtained new clues and personally guided Yang Xueyi to this location three days ago.

Out of trust in Meng Zhang, Yang Xueyi patiently waited here for three days until she finally found her target today.

Seeing his identity exposed, the unknown cultivator no longer concealed himself, taking off his cloak to reveal his true appearance.

"You wretch, Yang Xueyi, I should never have spared you back then," Azure Bamboo angrily scolded Yang Xueyi.

At the same time, he felt extremely surprised. He had concealed himself so well that even Flying Swan Sect's influence couldn't find him. How did this woman manage to locate him?

Azure Bamboo didn't fear Yang Xueyi, but he worried that his exposed identity might attract the pursuit of Flying Swan Sect.

"Azure Bamboo, today is the day you repay the blood debt of my entire Yang Family," Yang Xueyi spoke without any more nonsense and immediately launched her attack.

Though Yang Xueyi had not been in the Foundation Building stage for long and had a slight gap in Cultivation Base compared to Azure Bamboo, whose Foundation Building stage Cultivation Base had accumulated over the years, Yang Xueyi had exceptional talent in spells, particularly the Five Elements spells. She also carried a Five Elements Ring that amplified the power of her spells.

Moreover, she was a Second Rank Talisman Master, equipped with Second Rank talismans she personally refined. Her success rate in making talismans was high, and the talismans she created carried seven to eight-tenths of her spellcasting power.

After a fierce battle, Yang Xueyi depleted most of her talismans and even suffered serious injuries but managed to kill Azure Bamboo on the spot. The deep-seated hatred of her entire Yang Family had finally been avenged today.

Chapter 323: Rune Weapon

Yang Xueyi's victory this time was truly hard-won. Her success can largely be attributed to the numerous Second Rank talismans she possessed.

Second Rank talismans are not common items in the Endless Sea of Sand, especially those handcrafted by a Second Rank Talisman Master like Yang Xueyi. They are rare.

The Second Rank talismans occasionally sold in the market are usually crafted by ordinary Foundation Building cultivators. As they are not proficient Second Rank Talisman Masters, the talismans they create only possess around 10% to 20% of the power of a full-fledged Second Rank talisman.

Such Second Rank talismans are considered low-quality and are mostly used by Refining Qi stage cultivators for self-defense. They don't have much impact during conflicts among Foundation Building cultivators.

Only top-notch Second Rank talismans crafted by skilled Talisman Masters can possess the power equivalent to 50% to 80% of a Foundation Building cultivator's full strength.

Among the various cultivation forces in the Endless Sea of Sand, Second Rank Talisman Masters are considered a cherished profession.

Yang Xueyi's victory over Azure Bamboo also came at a great cost. While the labor cost of crafting the talismans herself was negligible, it required a considerable amount of time. However, the materials used for drawing Second Rank talismans, such as talisman paper and talisman ink, were quite valuable.

In places rich in demonic beast resources, one could use demonic beast fur to create talisman paper and demonic beast blood to make talisman ink. However, in the Endless Sea of Sand, it was challenging to find a large number of demonic beasts, especially Second Rank ones, as they rarely left the Demon Wind Gobi.

The talisman paper used by Yang Xueyi was all made from various spiritual plants, which consumed a significant amount of resources and involved a tedious process.

Fortunately, Yang Xueyi was known for her wealth within the Taiyi Sect and had spent a massive amount of spirit stones to make adequate preparations. This was the reason she emerged victorious and avenged herself.

While Azure Bamboo's corpse had been blasted to pieces by various spells, a storage bracelet hidden on his body remained intact. Yang Xueyi casually summoned this magic tool to her hand and began to inspect its contents.

Ignoring miscellaneous items like spirit stones, there were three ordinary Heaven and Earth Spiritual Objects inside, which could be used by Foundation Building cultivators to enhance their Cultivation Base or practice certain special techniques. Additionally, there were five bottles of pills used during Foundation Building cultivation.

These items were probably the gains Azure Bamboo obtained from an auction he attended in Firewell Market before arriving here.

However, Yang Xueyi's attention was not on these items; it was fixed on a seemingly ordinary bamboo slip that was, in fact, a rune weapon.

The talismans commonly used by cultivators were disposable items that would be consumed upon activation. Later, some senior experts who were proficient in the art of making talismans combined it with the art of forging, creating rune weapons.

A rune weapon was a reusable talisman that could also be regarded as a special type of magic tool.

The rune weapon in front of her, shaped like a bamboo slip, was passed down by a Gold Core Daoist Master of the Purple Gold Sect, the former ruler of the Endless Sea of Sand.

This rune weapon not only possessed tremendous power but also contained the legacy left behind by that Gold Core Daoist Master.

Many years ago, a predecessor of the Yang Family had fortuitously obtained this treasure during an adventure and kept it hidden within the family. However, the cultivation base of the Yang Family cultivators was insufficient to unleash the full power of the rune weapon. Nonetheless, they gained some insights from the legacy left by the Purple Gold Sect's Daoist Master, who was not only highly accomplished but also a rare Third Rank Talisman Master.

The Yang Family benefited greatly from this legacy, and even Yang Xueyi's exceptional talisman-making skills were mostly derived from this rune weapon.

Later, news of the Yang Family possessing this rune weapon leaked out, attracting the covetous eyes of the Green Bamboo Mountain.

Azure Bamboo, the Sect Master of Green Bamboo Mountain, who already held grievances against the Yang Family for various reasons, didn't demand the treasure from them. Instead, he directly

attacked the Yang Family, exterminating them under the pretext of collaborating with bandits, and seized the rune weapon.

Unfortunately, Azure Bamboo spent many years in possession of the rune weapon without being able to comprehend its mysteries. The former Yang Family cultivators were only able to gain some superficial insights through fortuitous encounters, and controlling the rune weapon was entirely beyond their capabilities.

Upon his defeat and death, the rune weapon returned to Yang Xueyi's hands, thus rightfully belonging to its original owner.

Looking at this deeply impressionable rune weapon, Yang Xueyi felt overwhelmed. With her understanding of the rune weapon and her exceptional insights, she knew she could gain even more from it.

She carefully put away the rune weapon and the storage magic tool taken from Azure Bamboo's body. Yang Xueyi left Azure Bamboo's body to rot in the wilderness.

Wondering why Azure Bamboo appeared in this place, Yang Xueyi glanced at a small village not far away, concealed her figure, and flew over secretly.

With the strength of a Foundation Building cultivator, the villagers in the small village could not detect her presence.

After a careful search, Yang Xueyi discovered a secret beneath the village. About two hundred zhang deep underground, there was a massive stone-made secret chamber.

Using the Earth Escape Spell, Yang Xueyi descended into the underground chamber.

Inside the chamber were numerous sealed spirit chests, common items used in the Cultivation World to store spiritual treasures and prevent spiritual energy leakage.

The sealed spirit chests contained a large number of spirit stones, refined spiritual medicines, and sealed spiritual treasures.

Around the chamber were rows of bookshelves filled with various scriptures and numerous jade slips.

This place was probably left behind by the ancestors of the Green Bamboo Mountain as a contingency plan for their descendants. After the decline of the sect, the disciples could rely on these things to make a comeback and revive the sect.

Such contingency plans were not uncommon among the families or sects in the Cultivation World that had been around for some time. So, it was not surprising that Green Bamboo Mountain had hidden such a place.

The various items in this secret chamber were too many for Azure Bamboo's storage magic tool to carry. Reluctant to abandon these items, he left them here for the time being. The place was well-hidden, and there was no fear of his tracks being discovered.

Moreover, there were plenty of spirit stones here, which allowed him to continue his daily cultivation even without a spirit vein nearby.

Not far from this place was Firewell Market, where Azure Bamboo could occasionally disguise himself and secretly buy some pills and spiritual items useful for his cultivation.

With Azure Bamboo now dead, the Green Bamboo Mountain's lineage had been severed. All the cultivation resources in this secret chamber became Yang Xueyi's spoils of war.

Chapter 324: Promotion

Meng Zhang looked at Li Xuan below with a speechless expression. Since he was given the task of developing and expanding Singing Sand City, Li Xuan, the Hall Master of the Foreign Affairs Hall, had indeed worked hard and never slacked off.

He tried every means to attract merchants from all walks of life and used all sorts of methods to attract customers. In addition to conventional means, he also used quite a few unorthodox methods.

Firewell Market was the closest market to Singing Sand City. In any aspect, Firewell Market was superior to Singing Sand City.

Since the development of Singing Sand City was not very smooth, Li Xuan started to have ideas about Firewell Market.

If something happened to Firewell Market and the Shang Family went bankrupt, the market would be in a slump. The original Shang Family and customers would most likely move to Singing Sand City.

Some time ago, Li Xuan sent people to spread rumors. They said that Roaring Blaze Daoist Master had fallen, Earthfire Sect had lost its backing, and was about to be suppressed by Flying Swan Sect.

It was no wonder that these rumors had actually had some effect, causing Earthfire Sect a lot of trouble and causing Firewell Market to suffer a lot of losses.

In order to make up for the losses, Earthfire Sect took the initiative to refute the rumors and restore the market's reputation. At the same time, they specially organized a grand auction to attract customers.

This time, Li Xuan was acting first and reporting later. He did all this before reporting to Meng Zhang.

After Earthfire Sect reacted, they took a series of measures that made Li Xuan's previous actions useless.

In Meng Zhang's opinion, Li Xuan's starting point was good, but his methods were very inappropriate.

It didn't matter if he offended Earthfire Sect, but the rumors involved Flying Swan Sect, which was not good.

Earthfire Sect and Taiyi Sect had a long history of trading relations. Even though their relationship had become less friendly and the scale of their transactions had become smaller, Earthfire Sect was still a major customer of Taiyi Sect.

When Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect were exterminating Forest Spring Watch, Earthfire Sect sent a team to support them. However, they arrived too late and missed the opportunity, so they could only return without success. Because of this, the two sides did not formally engage in battle, and they did not tear each other apart and completely break off relations.

Since then, the relationship between Taiyi Sect and Earthfire Sect has become more and more cold, and their mutual vigilance has deepened. Although the two sides were barely maintaining a superficial peace, no one would find it strange if they fought one day.

Li Xuan's secret spread of rumors against Earthfire Sect may not have been without this factor.

However, the rumors involved the whereabouts of Roaring Blaze Daoist Master and Flying Swan Sect's attack on Earthfire Sect. If Flying Swan Sect knew about this, who knows how they would react.

The relationship between Taiyi Sect and Flying Swan Sect was also very delicate.

As the overlord of the Endless Sea of Sand, all the cultivation forces in the Endless Sea of Sand, except for the Northern Desert Qi Family, should be the subjects of Flying Swan Sect.

However, Forest Spring Watch, because of Guang Zhi Daoist Master's core, gained a status equal to that of Flying Swan Sect.

Taiyi Sect was originally a vassal of Forest Spring Watch. According to Flying Swan Sect's plan to exterminate Forest Spring Watch, Taiyi Sect was only nominally respectful of Flying Swan Sect as the overlord of the Endless Sea of Sand, but in fact had no obligations to Flying Swan Sect.

Taiyi Sect did not pay tribute to Flying Swan Sect, nor did it have to obey Flying Swan Sect's conscription.

Taiyi Sect was able to have such a special status because of the price Fei Hongzi, the Sect Master of Flying Swan Sect, offered when he persuaded Meng Zhang to betray Forest Spring Watch.

Fei Hongzi swore an oath to ensure that he kept his word.

However, Taiyi Sect was only a Foundation Establishment Sect after all, and always felt inferior when facing Flying Swan Sect.

Fei Hongzi guaranteed Taiyi Sect's position, but never said that if Taiyi Sect took the initiative to provoke Flying Swan Sect, Flying Swan Sect would ignore it.

Now, Taiyi Sect needs to carefully deal with its relationship with Flying Swan Sect, and absolutely cannot offend Flying Swan Sect in the slightest, and cannot let Flying Swan Sect think that Taiyi Sect would be a threat.

Meng Zhang scolded Li Xuan a few times, and warned him that in the future, no matter what he did, he must not drag Flying Swan Sect into it.

After the conversation, Meng Zhang waved his hand and let Li Xuan, who was scared out of his wits, leave, and he was left alone.

It was almost three years since Forest Spring Watch was destroyed.

In these three years, Meng Zhang had to expel the pill toxin and treat his injuries, and his cultivation base had been delayed a little.

When he was unable to cultivate, Meng Zhang had more time to read all kinds of scriptures.

Meng Zhang was really a genius with extraordinary talent and amazing insight.

After years of continuous recitation and meditation, he seemed to have made some progress.

When he meditated in his daily life, his heart became more peaceful and pure. Some problems in cultivation, he can see more far-reaching.

Especially in the field of Tianji, he felt that his attainments had improved a lot.

Some time ago, Yang Xueyi mobilized Taiyi Sect's forces to inquire about Azure Bamboo's whereabouts, but there was no result.

After Meng Zhang heard about this, he decided to help Yang Xueyi, so that she could avenge her family's blood feud and get rid of the hatred of her family's annihilation that she had been thinking about for many years.

Nearly three years, Meng Zhang accumulated thousands of calculation tally.

Meng Zhang chose a good day to use Grand Evolving Fortune to calculate Azure Bamboo's whereabouts. If Azure Bamboo had already fled the Endless Sea of Sand, even if Meng Zhang had calculated his whereabouts, Yang Xueyi would find it difficult to leave everything in Taiyi Sect and go to kill him.

But if Azure Bamboo was still in the Endless Sea of Sand, no matter how well he hid, Meng Zhang was confident that he would be able to obtain clues about his whereabouts through Grand Evolving Fortune.

Azure Bamboo was also a Foundation Establishment period cultivator, and Meng Zhang had a hard time calculating his whereabouts.

Meng Zhang spent more than 800 calculation tally to get one piece of information.

Meng Zhang told Yang Xueyi the information, but did not explain how he got it.

Yang Xueyi had personally witnessed Meng Zhang's magic, and the last time she followed Meng Zhang, she had made a great harvest.

She did not ask any questions, and followed Meng Zhang's instructions, leaving Taiyi Sect and heading for her destination.

The facts proved that Meng Zhang's advice was really useful, and Yang Xueyi ran into Azure Bamboo and got her revenge.

Not long after, Yang Xueyi successfully returned.

After returning to Taiyi Sect, Yang Xueyi borrowed a lot of large-capacity storage magic tools from Meng Zhang.

After going out for a while, she brought back a lot of cultivation supplies.

Yang Xueyi was very honest and did not monopolize these supplies. She thought that she was able to find Azure Bamboo and obtain these supplies according to Meng Zhang's instructions.

The bulk of these supplies should belong to Meng Zhang.

Meng Zhang and her repeatedly pushed and shoved, and seeing her firm attitude, she did not continue to refuse.

Meng Zhang did not take all the cultivation supplies Yang Xueyi offered him for himself, but put them in the sect's treasury and exchanged them for his and Yang Xueyi's sect's merit.

In addition, Yang Xueyi also seized the spiritual pearl that was hundreds of years old from Bamboo Sword. She did not hide it either, and put it in the sect's treasury.

After all, it was Shocking Thunder Spirit General who paid the price of his own serious injuries to kill Bamboo Sword. Yang Xueyi was not the kind of person who would take credit for herself.

Chapter 325: Inquiry

While Meng Zhang was scolding Li Xuan for acting on his own, he didn't know that a related conversation was happening in the Earthfire Sect, two or three thousand miles away.

In the secret room of the Earthfire Sect, the Earthfire Sect Master Shangguan Longyan was meeting with a very important guest.

The guest's name was Hou Delu, and he was an envoy sent by the Fire Cloud Sect's upper echelons.

After the Fire Cloud Sect's Yun Yan Daoist Master died in meditation, the Fire Cloud Sect was no longer bound by any restrictions. The entire sect was itching to launch a large-scale invasion of the Endless Sea of Sand to avenge their defeat and erase their shame.

However, because of the several failures they had experienced in the past, the Fire Cloud Sect's upper echelons, who were usually very aggressive, had become much more cautious. If they didn't have the confidence to win, they wouldn't easily launch an attack.

Before they took action, they had to make sure they were fully prepared, and they couldn't afford to fail again.

The Fire Cloud Sect's upper echelons were working day and night to prepare for war.

The Jiuqu League was far more prosperous than the barren Endless Sea of Sand. There were abundant cultivation resources, a thriving cultivation hundred arts industry, and a developed trade industry.

The Fire Cloud Sect spent a large amount of spirit stones to purchase a large amount of war supplies from places like Great Wind City.

In addition, the Fire Cloud Sect sent an envoy to the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch to contact the upper echelons of the East River Branch and negotiate a joint invasion of the Endless Sea of Sand.

The Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch had also invaded the Endless Sea of Sand in the past, but was later defeated by the Flying Swan Sect and driven out of the Endless Sea of Sand.

After the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch's forces were driven out of the Endless Sea of Sand, they had been constantly confronting the Flying Swan Sect on the border, and had had many conflicts. The low-level disciples of the two sects had even fought each other on a regular basis.

However, apart from that, the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch didn't take any further action.

The Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch's Gold Core Daoist Masters had never set foot in the Endless Sea of Sand.

More than three hundred years ago, when the Fire Cloud Sect's home sect had a Gold Core battle, the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch had not participated, and had even displayed a complete lack of interest.

The Fire Cloud Sect had lost the Gold Core battle, and the sect's number one expert, Yun Yan Daoist Master, had been forced to make a death oath to bind all of the Fire Cloud Sect's Gold Core Daoist Masters to never set foot in the Endless Sea of Sand again.

The Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch had never paid any attention to this matter.

This time, the Fire Cloud Sect sent an envoy to contact the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch, but they were only trying their luck. If it worked, it would be great, but if it didn't, it wouldn't matter.

Sure enough, the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch was not very enthusiastic about the large-scale invasion of the Endless Sea of Sand.

The upper echelons of the East River Branch replied that if the Fire Cloud Sect launched a large-scale invasion, the East River Branch might send a group of Foundation Building stage cultivators to join the battle.

In fact, the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch's Foundation Building stage cultivators had been fighting the Flying Swan Sect's Foundation Building stage cultivators on the border for years. There had always been a number of Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch's Foundation Building stage cultivators who had secretly snuck into the Endless Sea of Sand to do some shady things. The Fire Cloud Sect was not very satisfied with the answer from the upper echelons of the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch.

If they didn't send any Gold Core Daoist Masters to join the battle, just a few Foundation Building stage cultivators, they would not be able to have much of an impact on the battle situation.

In the war between Gold Core sects, only Gold Core Daoist Masters could be the deciding factor.

The Fire Cloud Sect could not blame the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch for their attitude. Even without the reinforcements from the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch, the Fire Cloud Sect would act alone.

Yun Yan Daoist Master had personally presided over the plan to bury a dark hand in the Endless Sea of Sand before he died in meditation.

Over the years, the Fire Cloud Sect and the Earthfire Sect had been secretly colluding. In particular, the Earthfire Sect's Great Elder Lie Yan was able to successfully form the core with the help of Yun Yan Daoist Master.

Before forming the core, Lie Yan had made a death oath. Once he succeeded in forming the core, he would help the Fire Cloud Sect deal with the Flying Swan Sect.

The Fire Cloud Sect had invested a lot of money in Lie Yan and had high hopes for him.

Many key points of the Fire Cloud Sect's invasion plan required Daoist Master Roaring Blaze to take action.

But when it was almost time to launch the invasion, the Fire Cloud Sect suddenly lost contact with Daoist Master Roaring Blaze.

Daoist Master Roaring Blaze had no news at all, as if he had disappeared from the face of the earth. This time, the Fire Cloud Sect took the risk of sending an envoy to the Endless Sea of Sand to meet with Shangguan Longyan, the Sect Master of the Earthfire Sect, to see if he had any definite news about the whereabouts of Daoist Master Roaring Blaze.

Hou Delu had already talked to Shangguan Longyan once before, and Shangguan Longyan had insisted that he did not know where Daoist Master Roaring Blaze was now. The only thing he knew was the news from the Flying Swan Sect that Daoist Master Roaring Blaze, Guang Zhi Daoist Master, and Fei Tian Daoist Master were all trapped in the Demon Wind Gobi.

This time, Hou Delu had heard the rumors that were circulating in the Firewell Market and had once again gone to find Shangguan Longyan.

"Sect Master Shangguan, there are rumors everywhere that Daoist Master Roaring Blaze has already died in the Demon Wind Gobi. Do you think this is credible?"

After hearing Hou Delu's words, Shangguan Longyan's face showed a trace of annoyance.

"These are all rumors that were spread by the Taiyi Sect in secret." "They think that by ruining the Firewell Market, Singing Sand City will be able to profit from it. What a naive idea."

Li Xuan thought that his actions were secret, but they were not able to escape the eyes of the Earthfire Sect.

A sect like the Taiyi Sect, which had only recently risen to prominence, was nothing more than a nouveau riche in the eyes of the old and established Earthfire Sect.

The deeply rooted Earthfire Sect was far more powerful than the Taiyi Sect.

If it weren't for Shangguan Longyan's other considerations, he would have taken this opportunity to teach the Taiyi Sect a lesson.

"The Taiyi Sect is a bunch of traitors. They are despicable and disgusting. One day, I will teach them a good lesson."

After hearing Shangguan Longyan say that the rumors of Daoist Master Roaring Blaze's death were just rumors spread by the Taiyi Sect, Hou Delu immediately lost interest and became much more relaxed.

"Sect Master Shangguan, the matter of the Taiyi Sect is just a small matter. Your top priority is to find a way to contact Daoist Master Roaring Blaze."

"When our plan succeeds, you can deal with these clowns from the Taiyi Sect however you want. Now, don't waste your time on irrelevant matters."

Shangguan Longyan nodded his head repeatedly, indicating that he would comply. After that, the two of them chatted for a while longer before Hou Delu took his leave. Before he left, he repeatedly reminded Shangguan Longyan to get the accurate news about Daoist Master Roaring Blaze as soon as possible.

Shangguan Longyan agreed without hesitation and sent Hou Delu off with a smile on his face.

As soon as Hou Delu's figure disappeared, Shangguan Longyan's expression immediately turned gloomy.

Hou Delu was an outsider, so he was not familiar with the situation in the Endless Sea of Sand. That was why he had easily accepted Shangguan Longyan's words.

But in reality, the situation was very complicated.

As a native of the Endless Sea of Sand, Shangguan Longyan had been worried about the recent situation in the Endless Sea of Sand.

Chapter 326: White Dove

Guang ZhiDaoist Master and Daoist Master Roaring Blaze followed Fei TianDaoist Master into Demon Wind Gobi, and the always low-key Land Walk Sect quickly seized the opportunity of Daoist Master Roaring Blaze's absence to have a dispute with Earthfire Sect, and confronted Earthfire Sect.

Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect even rebelled against Forest Spring Watch, joined forces, and wiped out Forest Spring Watch.

In the middle, there was always a big hand manipulating everything in the dark.

Shangguan Longyan is not stupid, how could he not notice that something was wrong. Flying Swan Sect's secret actions are completely beyond his eyes.

Shangguan Longyan is a bit indecisive, but he is cautious and thoughtful, and often thinks a lot.

Why did Flying Swan Sect do this? Why did Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect dare to rebel against Forest Spring Watch? Is it just because of Flying Swan Sect's solicitation that they don't care about Guang ZhiDaoist Master?

Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect wiped out Forest Spring Watch, without caring about Guang ZhiDaoist Master, so did Guang ZhiDaoist Master have any problems?

If Guang ZhiDaoist Master is in trouble, and Daoist Master Roaring Blaze who is traveling with Guang ZhiDaoist Master, is probably not in a good situation either.

Thinking of these things, Shangguan Longyan was worried.

If Daoist Master Roaring Blaze really had something wrong, Earthfire Sect would be a lamb to be slaughtered in front of Flying Swan Sect.

To be honest, Shangguan Longyan has always been against the fact that the Great Elder Flame had joined Fire Cloud Sect.

The Great Elder Flame had secretly left Endless Sea of Sand many times to go to Fire Cloud Sect in order to form a Gold Core. What kind of agreement was reached between the two sides, and what plans were made, even Shangguan Longyan, the Sect Master, did not know much about it.

Although Shangguan Longyan, the Sect Master, was successfully promoted with the full support of the Great Elder Flame, he was very dissatisfied with the Great Elder Flame's behavior of putting the entire sect in danger for his own path.

Shangguan Longyan even felt that the Great Elder Flame's formation of a Gold Core was not a good thing for Earthfire Sect.

Unfortunately, the Great Elder Flame's authority in Earthfire Sect is too great, and even Shangguan Longyan, the Sect Master, can hardly interfere with his decision.

Most of the high-level officials in Earthfire Sect are a group of hot-tempered ruffians. Shangguan Longyan, the Sect Master, is a rare wise man.

After seeing off Hou Delu, Shangguan Longyan thought for a long time, and felt that he should do something as much as possible, and find out the recent situation as soon as possible.

Thinking of this, Shangguan Longyan left the Earthfire Sect gate alone and flew to the nearby Firewell Market.

Firewell Market is only three hundred or so miles away from the Earthfire Sect gate. Shangguan Longyan soon reached his destination. Before entering Firewell Market, Shangguan Longyan disguised himself so that people would not easily recognize his true identity.

After entering Firewell Market, he did not go to Earthfire Sect's base here, but wandered around the street alone, turned into a small alley, and then his figure completely disappeared.

Shangguan Longyan stepped into an underground passage, and after walking for a distance, two guards appeared in front of him.

Shangguan Longyan restored his original appearance and said in a dignified manner: "Inform your boss that I, Shangguan Longyan, have something to visit."

One guard continued to stay there, while the other guard hurried into the back to report the news.

After a while, the guard came back and led Shangguan Longyan around the passage for a while, and came to a hall.

In the center of the hall, there was a man with a white dove mask on his face, quietly waiting there.

After leading Shangguan Longyan to the hall, the guard did not enter the hall, but turned and left.

"I am White Dove, and I have seen Sect Master Shangguan. I wonder what Sect Master Shangguan has come here for?"

This place is the core area of the black market under Firewell Market. The man who calls himself White Dove is the boss of the black market.

The black market is the dark side of Firewell Market, and it has always been secretive. As the manager of Firewell Market, how could Earthfire Sect not know the existence of the black market?

Earthfire Sect not only condoned the existence of the black market, but also had a lot of cooperation with the black market.

The black market is huge, and the black market here in Firewell Market is just the tip of the iceberg. Even beyond Endless Sea of Sand, there is the power of the black market.

Earthfire Sect is very wary of the huge black market, while the black market has not taken advantage of its huge power to do whatever it wants. It has always been low-key and has given enough respect to its owner, Earthfire Sect.

"Your ghost place, how come the boss always changes. I remember the last time I came here, the boss here was still called a dog or a pig, how come it's turned into you so-called White Dove now."

White Dove did not respond, and ignored Shangguan Longyan's complaints.

Shangguan Longyan said such a thing, just to belittle the other party, to facilitate the following conversation.

Seeing that the other party did not react, Shangguan Longyan did not say anything more, and went straight to the point.

"This time I came here to ask you to do something." "As long as you complete my mission, the price can be discussed."

White Dove lowered his head slightly, making a serious listening look.

Earthfire Sect claims to be a righteous sect, but in private there are also many dirty tricks.

The black market has helped Earthfire Sect to sell stolen goods, spy on intelligence, and even do dirty work, not for the first time.

Earthfire Sect is generous, and the rewards they give are never overdue.

"What kind of mission, Shangguan Sect Master please say. As for the remuneration issue, we will talk about it later."

"About three years ago, Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect betrayed Forest Spring Watch and joined forces to exterminate Forest Spring Watch. You must be very clear about this."

White Dove nodded, the black market, which has always been well-informed, how could it not know this major event that affected the surrounding situation.

"I want to know all the action details before Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect took action. Why did they take action, and how did Flying Swan Sect persuade them to take action?"

"This little thing shouldn't be a problem for the black market with its vast Divine Ability."

Shangguan Longyan said lightly.

After listening to Shangguan Longyan's mission, White Dove fell silent.

After a long while, White Dove said coldly: "Shangguan Sect Master, you should know the code of conduct of our black market. As outsiders, we always respect the local owners and never secretly confront the owners."

"Flying Swan Sect is the overlord of Endless Sea of Sand, and we have always respected this master. We have never accepted any missions against Flying Swan Sect."

"Your gate is the owner of Firewell Market, and we have also given your gate enough respect."

"Shangguan Sect Master, your mission is too presumptuous, and it is too difficult for the black market. Please forgive me for not accepting it."

"Don't worry, I can treat the previous conversation as if it never happened, and I will not inform Flying Swan Sect."

Chapter 327: Jin Qiao'er Foundation Building

White Dove did not hesitate to reject Shangguan Longyan's request.

Of course, it is unknown whether he did so because of the reasons he said.

"I did not ask you to spy on the secrets of the Flying Swan Sect, nor did I ask you to target the Flying Swan Sect. All I want you to do is to investigate the Taiyi Sect and the Qiaoshou Sect."

Shangguan Longyan said with a gloomy face. Although he had expected White Dove's rejection, he was still a little embarrassed by White Dove's direct rejection.

White Dove shook his head, obviously not accepting Shangguan Longyan's statement.

Shangguan Longyan was silent for a moment, then said: "What conditions do you have? I remember that there is a saying in your black market, right? Everything has its price, as long as you can pay the price, everything can be bought."

"Earthfire Sect is not a small sect, and it has a bit of wealth. You can name your price and see if I can afford it."

Shangguan Longyan knew that saying this would mean giving the initiative to the other party, who would definitely ask for a high price.

"Shangguan Sect Master, you have misunderstood, I did not mean to raise the price." White Dove quickly explained.

"Alright, enough nonsense. As long as you can find out the information I want, you can name your price."

Before White Dove could finish, Shangguan Longyan interrupted him.

Shangguan Longyan did not believe White Dove's nonsense in his heart. What respect for the master, never targeting the master...

The people in the black market are all a bunch of greedy bastards. As long as the price is right, they can sell out their own father, let alone a small Flying Swan Sect that has nothing to do with them.

White Dove was silent for a long time, and before Shangguan Longyan became impatient, he finally spoke.

"The amount of red oil and earth fire crystal that Earthfire Sect publicly claims to produce each year is only a small part of the total output."

"These two things are very precious outside the Endless Sea of Sand."

White Dove slowly opened his mouth and pointed out several of Earthfire Sect's special resources.

Every time he mentioned the name of a special resource, Shangguan Longyan's face turned blacker.

Although Shangguan Longyan let White Dove name his price, he certainly could not let him name his price as he pleased. Even if Shangguan Longyan wanted to know the collusion between Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect with Flying Swan Sect, he had his own psychological bottom line, and the things he paid for were limited.

After White Dove named his price, Shangguan Longyan still bargained.

The two of them discussed for half a day before finally reaching a deal.

Shangguan Longyan paid a huge price to hire the black market to investigate the inside story and details of Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect's rebellion against Forest Spring Watch.

White Dove also repeatedly emphasized that this time, the black market would only investigate Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect, and would definitely not involve Flying Swan Sect.

Shangguan Longyan scoffed at White Dove's words. He had already placed the order and paid the deposit. The black market must hand over satisfactory intelligence before he would pay the promised reward.

After the discussion, Shangguan Longyan left here and returned to the ground.

Not long after Shangguan Longyan left, a man wearing a wolf mask walked out from behind the hall.

"White Dove, do you know that Taiyi Sect Sect Master Meng Zhang is a person that Luo Ye senior specially instructed us to pay attention to before he left. Are you not afraid that Luo Ye senior will be unhappy when you take on the task of targeting this person?"

"Lone Wolf, don't use Luo Ye to pressure me. Luo Ye has already left the Endless Sea of Sand. She has no control over what happens here. And even if she was still in the Endless Sea of Sand, she would not be able to interfere with my actions."

"Don't forget that I have been the head of the black market for the past twenty years. All the affairs of the black market are under my control, and no one else is allowed to interfere."

Lone Wolf listened to White Dove's words and stopped arguing.

Meng Zhang had once hired Lone Wolf, and they had a little bit of a relationship. And Meng Zhang himself was a regular customer of the black market.

However, as White Dove said, he was the head of the black market. Lone Wolf did not want to argue with White Dove for Meng Zhang, a stranger.

White Dove saw that Lone Wolf was silent, so he did not say anything more, but went to arrange for people to handle Shangguan Longyan's request.

I have to say, Shangguan Longyan chose a very good breakthrough point.

He was confused by the current situation, but he did not dare to spy on Flying Swan Sect. So he used the black market to investigate the relevant parties of Taiyi Sect and Qiaoshou Sect. Meng Zhang at this moment, did not know that there were people plotting against him thousands of miles away.

He just received the news that Jin Qiao'er of Qiaoshou Sect had successfully Foundation Building.

Jin Qiao'er was very low-key this time, she quietly broke through in seclusion, and even did not take the Foundation Building Pill to Foundation Building.

After Jin Qiao'er Foundation Building, Qiaoshou Sect did not make a big fuss about it. If Taiyi Sect was not Qiaoshou Sect's ally, they might not have known about this news.

Although Qiaoshou Sect and Taiyi Sect are allies, as Taiyi Sect's strength grows, the gap between the two sides is getting bigger and bigger.

Although Taiyi Sect has no intention of swallowing up Qiaoshou Sect, Qiaoshou Sect always feels a little unnatural when facing Taiyi Sect.

Now that Jin Qiao'er has Foundation Building, Qiaoshou Sect has narrowed the gap in strength with Taiyi Sect.

Of course, the Qiaoshou Sect side did not know that, shortly after Jin Qiao'er Foundation Building, Taiyi Sect War Hall Hall Master Zheng Chao, used his accumulated merits, exchanged the hundreds of years of fire heat spirit pearl from the sect's treasury. Then he began to seclude himself and break through to the Foundation Building period.

This spirit pearl produced by Forest Spring Watch, has a certain auxiliary effect on Qi Refining completion cultivator to break through to the Foundation Building period. However, its effect, not to mention compared to the Foundation Building Pill, is even worse than the Lesser Foundation Building Pill passed down by Twin Success Valley.

But there was no way, with Taiyi Sect's background, there was no other spirit object that could assist cultivator Foundation Building.

After the spirit vein at the main gate of Forest Spring Watch collapsed, the spirit spring on the mountain gradually dried up. The spirit pearls produced by the spirit pearls in the spirit spring began to die in large numbers.

The original spirit pearls produced by the spirit pearls had long been used up by Forest Spring Watch. And the large number of spirit pearls died, and no new spirit pearls were produced. The special spirit pearls living in the spirit spring of Forest Spring Watch have a great effect. Especially those spirit pearls produced by spirit pearls with hundreds of years of fire heat, have the magical effect of assisting cultivator Foundation Building.

Meng Zhang and the cultivator in the sect, flipped through the classics left by Forest Spring Watch, trying to find a way to successfully raise these spirit pearls.

The Beast Controlling Hall Hall Master Hu Jing, who is the most proficient in Beast Controlling in the sect, was also sent to the main gate of Forest Spring Watch, to try to keep this batch of spirit pearls.

Unfortunately, the most critical need for these spirit pearls to survive is the special spirit spring water at the main gate of Forest Spring Watch. Now that the spirit spring is starting to dry up, everyone is unable to reverse the result of the large number of spirit pearls dying.

Hu Jing tried her best to save a few spirit pearls.

And these spirit pearls were also dying, and it was unknown when they would die.

Chapter 328: Again toward Great Wind City

The spring at the mountain gate of Forest Spring Watch has dried up, and is unable to continue providing spring water.

Deep Earth Spirit General went to carefully investigate, and discussed with Hu Jing for a long time, before thinking of a solution.

Perhaps, they can use some special water-system spirit objects to replace spring water, and create an environment suitable for the spirit pearl to live in.

Water-system spirit objects are often found more frequently in large rivers and lakes. Of course, there are more water-system spirit objects in large rivers and even in the sea.

This place, Endless Sea of Sand, has no large rivers or lakes. There are only some small lakes in some oases. There are also some clear springs on some high mountains.

It is possible to find earth-system spirit objects, fire-system spirit objects, or even gold-system spirit objects here. It is really not easy to find special water-system spirit objects.

If you want to obtain special water-system spirit objects, you may have to try your luck in Jiuqu League.

More and more disciples in Taiyi Sect have reached the late stage of Qi Refining.

Outstanding disciples like Hall Master Tian Li of the Artifact Hall and Hall Master Hu Jing of the Beast Controlling Hall have long since reached the ninth stage of Qi Refining, and are not far from reaching the completion of Qi Refining and challenging the Foundation Building stage.

Their Foundation Building problem has become more urgent. It has taken about four years, and the cultivation and collection of Lesser Foundation Building Pill materials in Taiyi Sect has just begun to take shape.

According to Shi Changqing, who is in charge of this matter, it will take at least 10-20 years to collect the materials and start alchemy.

Meng Zhang also tentatively asked Flying Swan Sect if he could purchase Foundation Building Pill from them.

However, the answer from Flying Swan Sect was that the sect has not been able to collect enough materials, so they are unable to start alchemy.

Meng Zhang does not know whether to believe Flying Swan Sect's statement.

Even if Flying Swan Sect has refined Foundation Building Pill, if they do not give it to him, he has no choice.

Meng Zhang thought for a long time, and discussed with the elders in his sect, and finally decided to go to Great Wind City in Jiuqu League to try his luck.

It is said that there are Foundation Building Pills for sale in Great Wind City every once in a while.

Even if Meng Zhang cannot buy the finished Foundation Building Pill, he can try to collect the materials for refining Foundation Building Pill and bring them back to Shi Changqing for refining.

Although Shi Changqing's finished pills are too few, it is better than nothing.

Since he has decided to go shopping in Great Wind City, he must prepare enough spirit stones in advance. Meng Zhang made a simple inventory of his assets. Taiyi Sect now has five Second-Rank spirit veins.

Taiyi Sect's current mountain gate is located in Fuzhao Valley, the old mountain gate of Taiyi Sect, the mountain gate of Forest Mountain School, Singing Sand City and Date Spice Oasis.

Taiyi Sect's vassal Shi Family also has a Second-Rank spirit vein in the family's ancestral land, which is not included in Taiyi Sect's assets.

As for the number of First-Rank spirit veins owned by Taiyi Sect, it is more than twenty.

So many spirit veins have opened up a large number of spirit fields, which not only produce spirit rice in a steady stream, but also plant a large number of spirit plants, including precious spirit flowers and spirit grasses.

For example, after the mountain gate of Forest Mountain School was occupied by Taiyi Sect, it continued to produce various spirit wood.

After Date Spice Oasis fell into the hands of Taiyi Sect, Meng Zhang also made a deliberate effort to manage it.

Because it is suitable for the growth of date palm trees, Meng Zhang transplanted most of the date palm trees that were moved away back.

The red feather liquid produced in the spirit eye of Fuzhao Valley has helped Taiyi Sect to cultivate a lot of spirit birds.

On the vast territory of Taiyi Sect, there are also dozens of mines, producing various kinds of spirit minerals of different quality.

Such a large amount of spirit mineral resources, except for a small part sold to Firewell Market, most of them were sold to Flying Swan Sect.

In addition, there were also many merchant caravans from other places who purchased a large amount of spirit mineral resources from here.

In fact, one was that the manpower was not very sufficient, and the other was that Meng Zhang did not want to mine too quickly. So, these spirit mines have not been fully mined, and the output has not reached its peak.

Even so, Taiyi Sect can earn a lot of spirit stones from these spirit mines every year.

This time Meng Zhang went to Great Wind City, he had a big shopping mind. In addition to Foundation Building Pill, there are many other supplies on his shopping list.

Before setting off, Meng Zhang prepared for three months. In addition to the spirit stones needed to maintain Taiyi Sect's normal operation, he almost withdrew all the spirit stones inside the door.

On the day Meng Zhang set off, a Second-Rank flying boat had already docked in Fuzhao Valley.

Over the years, after continuous purchases, plus the spoils of war in the past, Taiyi Sect now has four Second-Rank flying boats, and more than twenty First-Rank flying boats.

Meng Zhang's taking away of a Second-Rank flying boat will not have any impact on the sect.

This Second-Rank flying boat is filled with a large number of storage bags, which are filled with various spirit mineral resources. Many spirit mineral resources that are of ordinary value in the Endless Sea of Sand can be sold at a good price in Jiuqu League.

Usually, this difference is earned by Flying Swan Sect and foreign merchants.

Since this time we are going to Great Wind City, Meng Zhang will naturally act as a merchant.

This time, I don't ask to earn much, at least I will earn back the cost of the trip. It takes a lot of spirit stones to run such a trip.

In addition, more than 100,000 low-grade spirit stones were loaded on the flying boat.

Of course, many truly precious spirit objects were placed in Meng Zhang's storage ring by Meng Zhang and carried with him.

This time, Meng Zhang, even though he is a Foundation Building mid-term cultivator, still needs a helper to be able to set off with peace of mind.

All the Foundation Building stage cultivators in Taiyi Sect have been promoted to elders by Meng Zhang.

Usually, these elders are distributed in various Second-Rank spirit veins. When something happens, Meng Zhang will summon them.

Shocking Thunder Spirit General, Deep Earth Spirit General and Wen Qiansun were left by Meng Zhang to look after the house. Meng Zhang took Yang Xueyi with him and set off with him.

After everything was ready, Meng Zhang and Yang Xueyi boarded the Second-Rank flying boat and left Fuzhao Valley.

There are more than ten Qi Refining stage disciples on this flying boat, responsible for taking turns to drive the flying boat and look after the goods.

Now that the demon beasts in the Demon Wind Gobi are restless, Meng Zhang certainly dare not continue through the Demon Wind Gobi to Great Wind City.

Because Taiyi Sect and Flying Swan Sect are no longer enemies, Taiyi Sect's flying boat can fly through the sky of Flying Swan Sect and go to Great Wind City through this safe route.

After the flying boat left Taiyi Sect, it flew quickly forward.

In fact, Meng Zhang's trip to Great Wind City this time is a bit risky.

Last time, because of Jin Qiao'er, several sects were remembered by the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch.

Later, Meng Zhang even helped Jin Qigu, who was trapped by the Yellow Lotus Sect cultivator, and killed the Yellow Lotus Sect cultivator on the spot.

This time, Meng Zhang decided to go and return quickly, and try to avoid the Yellow Lotus Sect cultivator.

No matter how arrogant the Yellow Lotus Sect cultivator is, they still have to be restrained in Great Wind City. At least, they dare not openly gather people in Great Wind City and start a life-and-death battle.

Chapter 329: Questioning

Since the relationship with the Yellow Lotus Sect turned sour, Meng Zhang also spent a lot of effort to investigate the Yellow Lotus Sect.

The Yellow Lotus Sect was powerful, but their internal relationship was not good.

In particular, the East River Branch not only never obeyed the orders of the Main Altar, but also had little contact with the other branches.

Of course, the East River Branch itself was powerful enough to surpass a Gold Core Sect like the Fire Cloud Sect.

The East River Branch was powerful, but they were not without enemies, and they could not act recklessly in Great Wind City.

Meng Zhang and the others, as merchants traveling to Great Wind City, were still safe. At least on the surface, the East River Branch of the Yellow Lotus Sect did not dare to intercept the merchants traveling to Great Wind City.

Great Wind City was a famous trading city, and intercepting merchants would shake the foundation of Great Wind City.

Once such a thing happened, Great Wind City would always investigate it thoroughly. No matter who the other party was, they would not let it go easily.

The flying boat took some time to cross the vast territory of the Taiyi Sect and enter the Green Bamboo Mountain territory.

After the Green Bamboo Mountain was destroyed by the Flying Swan Sect, their original territory was directly occupied by the Flying Swan Sect.

There were no problems along the way, and the flying boat sailed smoothly through here and entered the territory of the Flying Swan Sect's vassal families.

The vassal family territory, which had been in chaos due to the rampant bandits, had now begun to return to peace.

After the Flying Swan Sect put in a lot of effort to crack down on these bandits, these bandits all disappeared, and it was not known if they had fled far away.

The flying boat had encountered several Flying Swan Sect patrol disciples along the way.

These patrol disciples were either riding flying mounts such as cranes, or riding First Rank flying boats, and they occasionally flew through the sky.

The flying boat that Meng Zhang was riding had the Taiyi Sect emblem painted on it.

The Taiyi Sect was no longer a small sect that was unknown in the Endless Sea of Sand.

These disciples recognized the Taiyi Sect emblem and did not stop them, allowing them to pass.

In fact, in the past few years, the Taiyi Sect's Second Rank flying boats had often passed through here to go to Flying Swan City.

After the flying boat passed through the territory of these vassal families and entered the direct territory of the Flying Swan Sect, there were fewer patrol disciples. In the territory of the Flying Swan Sect, there were actually some markets. Especially Flying Swan City, which was a city with a developed economy.

The upper echelons of the sect did some work, and the Taiyi Sect opened a fixed route to Flying Swan City.

Every half a month, a Second Rank flying boat from the Taiyi Sect would take off from Singing Sand City and head to Flying Swan City.

In addition to transporting goods, the flying boat also had a passenger business. Transporting cultivators from all walks of life between Singing Sand City and Flying Swan City.

In order to ensure the safety of the flying boat, each time the flying boat departed, a Foundation Building stage cultivator from the Taiyi Sect would take turns to sit on it.

Now that Meng Zhang and Yang Xueyi were leaving the Endless Sea of Sand and heading to Great Wind City, the Taiyi Sect was short of Foundation Building stage cultivators, and had to temporarily borrow Foundation Building stage cultivators from the Qiaoshou Sect to ensure the smooth operation of this route.

With the current relationship between the Qiaoshou Sect and the Taiyi Sect, as long as they paid enough compensation, it was already a very common thing for them to borrow cultivators from each other.

Meng Zhang attached great importance to this route, because the flying boat would transport precious spirit materials back and forth, which were worth a lot of money.

These spirit materials could not be fully consumed by the Taiyi Sect and the nearby cultivation forces. Only by transporting them to Flying Swan City for sale could the profits be maximized.

Of course, Flying Swan City was the top business city in the Endless Sea of Sand, but it was still far from Great Wind City.

At least, in Flying Swan City, all the transactions related to Foundation Building Pill and Foundation Building Pill materials were completely controlled by the Flying Swan Sect. Without the permission of the Flying Swan Sect, not to mention the Foundation Building Pill, even the materials for the Foundation Building Pill, would not be able to be bought here.

The Shi Family had spent countless efforts to collect the materials for refining the Foundation Building Pill, and had exhausted the family's accumulation of hundreds of years.

The Shi Family had worked hard to collect the materials, and let Shi Changqing refine the pill, but only successfully refined three Foundation Building Pills.

Meng Zhang had a faint feeling that the Flying Swan Sect probably didn't want too many Foundation Building stage cultivators to appear in the Taiyi Sect.

Taiyi Sect now occupies more territory than Twin Success Valley did in the past. If Taiyi Sect continues to grow, it is very likely to become the next Twin Success Valley.

Flying Swan Sect cannot attack Taiyi Sect for no reason now, but it can still limit Taiyi Sect by taking some measures.

As long as Flying Swan Sect does not provide Foundation Building Pills to Taiyi Sect, it can control the number of Foundation Building stage cultivators in Taiyi Sect.

Therefore, after Meng Zhang realized this situation, he also completely cut off the idea of asking Flying Swan Sect for Foundation Building Pills.

Flying Swan Sect can only control the trading situation within the Endless Sea of Sand, and Meng Zhang can trade in the Jiuqu League area, which Flying Swan Sect cannot control.

The flying boat did not head for Flying Swan City, but took a detour, deliberately avoiding the direction of Flying Swan City, and flew towards the Jiuqu League area.

Along the way, the flying boat met quite a few Flying Swan Sect disciples, as well as flying boats from Flying Swan Sect's vassal families.

The flying boat did not fly over to greet them, but continued on its original route.

If the territory of the vassal families is also counted, Flying Swan Sect's territory covers an area of ten thousand miles.

Even with the speed of this Second Rank flying boat, it took three days and three nights to fly through Flying Swan Sect's territory.

Further ahead is the border area between Flying Swan Sect and Jiuqu League. Leaving this area will enter the territory of Jiuqu League. Flying Swan Sect's direction towards Jiuqu League is mostly adjacent to Fire Cloud Sect and Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch. Only a small narrow area is connected to the territory of Great Wind City.

In the border area with Jiuqu League, Flying Swan Sect naturally arranged a strong force for patrolling.

Of course, the main object of defense is still Fire Cloud Sect and Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch.

There has never been any enmity between Flying Swan Sect and Great Wind City. On the contrary, because Great Wind City is the main external trading channel for Flying Swan Sect, the two sides have frequent large-scale transactions and close contacts.

Recently, the cultivators of Fire Cloud Sect have been frequently mobilized, and there is a sense of restlessness. In order to prevent Fire Cloud Sect from destroying the shipping lanes and blocking the trade routes between Flying Swan Sect and Great Wind City, Flying Swan Sect has strengthened its patrols in the nearby areas.

When the Taiyi Sect flying boat was about to pass through the border of Flying Swan Sect, it was intercepted by a First Rank flying boat of Flying Swan Sect.

The cultivators on this First Rank flying boat were all guarding the border area with Jiuqu League all year round, and they did not know much about the situation inside the Endless Sea of Sand.

They did not recognize the mark on the Taiyi Sect flying boat, and after stopping the Taiyi Sect flying boat, Meng Zhang patiently reported his identity to them.

Fortunately, Taiyi Sect now has some fame, and they have all heard of Taiyi Sect's name.

A group of Qi Refining stage cultivators actually asked Meng Zhang, a Foundation Building stage cultivator, some questions.

They asked about the origin of Taiyi Sect's flying boat and the destination of this flight.

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Among the group of Flying Swan Sect Refining Qi disciples, the leader looked at Meng Zhang with a scrutinizing gaze, sized up the flying boat, and then asked bluntly, "Why didn't the Taiyi Sect's cargo ship go to Flying Swan City to trade? Why did you go all the way to Great Wind City?"

Not to mention that Meng Zhang was a Sect Master, even his Foundation Building stage cultivator status was not something that a mere Refining Qi stage cultivator could offend.

The Flying Swan Sect's junior cultivator was so rude that his face turned ugly. Meng Zhang, who was holding back his anger, did not respond.

Instead, a Refining Qi stage cultivator from the Taiyi Sect who was accompanying them saw that the atmosphere was about to be awkward, and hurriedly said, "This senior brother, we are going to Great Wind City to buy some water-system spirit objects. Endless Sea of Sand is a good place, but there are no large rivers or lakes, and it does not produce water-system spirit objects."

Although the Flying Swan Sect disciple was not afraid of Meng Zhang, he did not want to truly anger a Foundation Building stage cultivator. Seeing Meng Zhang's gloomy expression, he quickly took advantage of the other party's words to leave.

"Since the name is Endless Sea of Sand, it is naturally all desert. Where did the large rivers and lakes come from?"

"Well, we are just doing a routine patrol. Please be careful when you continue on your journey. The cultivators of the Fire Cloud Sect have been rather restless recently."

With that, the group of Flying Swan Sect disciples left.

When the other party left, Meng Zhang's expression improved slightly.

He looked at the cultivator who had just spoken, "Your name is Li Liqiang, right? You have quite a good eye."

Before the disciple could reply, he returned to the cabin.

Meng Zhang had brought a few specially selected cultivators with him this time, all of whom were eloquent and had good agility.

Meng Zhang was going to Great Wind City to do business, so of course he needed some such clever disciples.

Meng Zhang had just entered the cabin when a tall and burly young man with a shy expression came forward to greet him.

"Master, were you not happy with the cultivators from the Flying Swan Sect just now?"

"You're really the one to bring up that topic."

"Dawei, remember this. Even though you are my first disciple, you cannot take advantage of my identity, bully others, and behave arrogantly, both inside and outside the sect."

"Yes, Master. I will remember your teachings."

Meng Zhang nodded in satisfaction. His first disciple has always been honest, and he is not the kind of person who bullies others.

Just now, if Li Liqiang had not spoken up to help, he would have been in a difficult situation. With his identity, he would not have gone to argue with a group of Refining Qi juniors.

No matter who won, Meng Zhang would lose face.

This was not the first time that Meng Zhang had seen the Flying Swan Sect disciples' arrogance.

When he returns, he must teach his disciples a good lesson and not let them be like the Flying Swan Sect disciples, who have no cultivation base but rely on the power of their sect to act arrogantly.

While thinking about his worries, Meng Zhang sized up his eldest disciple.

Niu Dawei had a good nature and had been practicing diligently since he joined Meng Zhang's sect. With Meng Zhang as his master, he had ample resources to support his cultivation. Although he was young, he already had the cultivation base of a Refining Qi sixth stage cultivator. Niu Dawei had mostly been practicing in the sect, so Meng Zhang took him out this time to see the world.

The Taiyi Sect's younger generation of disciples had too little experience and training.

Meng Zhang thought about how to train these disciples and give them more practical experience.

After dealing with the Flying Swan Sect disciples' interrogation, the Taiyi Sect's flying boat continued on its journey. It soon left the Flying Swan Sect's territory and entered the Great Wind City's territory.

The narrow strip of land between Great Wind City and Flying Swan Sect was only 20-30 miles long, but it took thousands of miles to reach the core area of Great Wind City.

The Taiyi Sect's flying boat had not been in this area for long when it saw a group of Great Wind City disciples riding cranes appear in front of them.

These patrol teams, dressed in Great Wind City's standard robes, were mainly responsible for patrolling the surrounding area.

Recently, the relationship between the Fire Cloud Sect and the Flying Swan Sect has become increasingly tense, and the two sides' patrol cultivators have fought several times.

Great Wind City does not care if the Fire Cloud Sect and the Flying Swan Sect fight to the death, but if their actions affect Great Wind City's trade routes, Great Wind City will be furious.

The Endless Sea of Sand may seem barren, but it does produce a lot of spiritual materials. In particular, the special spiritual materials produced in many large deserts are very popular in the Jiuqu League. Through the channels of Jiuqu League merchants, they are sold far and wide, even to the Middle-Earth Continent.

As the communication channel between the Endless Sea of Sand and the outside world, the vast majority of the Endless Sea of Sand's external spiritual materials are sold to Great Wind City, then transferred through Great Wind City, and then sold to the four corners of the world.

Similarly, cultivation forces in the Endless Sea of Sand can only purchase supplies from the outside world through the channels of Great Wind City.

Great Wind City benefits greatly from this process. From a merchant's point of view, the conflict between the Fire Cloud Sect and the Flying Swan Sect is not good for Great Wind City.

Of course, even if Great Wind City's strength is far superior to that of the two sects, it will not rashly get involved in their dispute, let alone interfere.

Great Wind City's only action is to strengthen the patrolling of the border areas. To prevent the conflict between the two sides from blocking the trade route and affecting the merchants from all sides.

Especially at the border between Great Wind City and Flying Swan Sect, it is the focus of Great Wind City's patrol.

Great Wind City has deployed a number of patrol teams here to patrol the area to ensure safety.

Originally, Meng Zhang was worried about being intercepted by the Fire Cloud Sect or the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch when he came here. Seeing that Great Wind City was so concerned about this trade route, he was relieved.

To be honest, the spiritual stones and spiritual objects on this flying boat were the hard-earned accumulation of Taiyi Sect over the years. If anything went wrong, Taiyi Sect would be seriously injured.

The rest of the journey was smooth sailing, without any accidents or interceptions.

It was just when they were about to leave this narrow strip of land that they met a Great Wind City patrol boat.

The cultivator on the patrol boat briefly asked about Taiyi Sect's origins and destination in Great Wind City.

The Foundation Building stage cultivator on the flying boat had a good attitude and did not have any arrogant air.

He had a conversation with Meng Zhang, and in the conversation, he also gave Meng Zhang some pointers on which Shang Family in Great Wind City had more reputation and deserved to be fully trusted. He even helped some Shang Family to get business, and he didn't know if these Shang Family would give him a commission.

After entering the core area of Great Wind City, it was even more peaceful.

In this area, Great Wind City is a giant force. Sects like the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch and Fire Cloud Sect are not as powerful as Great Wind City.

Even the Yellow Lotus Sect disciples with a deep background would only harass cultivators from other forces, but they would not provoke Great Wind City disciples in Great Wind City.