

Immortality Cultivation: I Farm in the System Space

Chapter 221: 216: These Harvest Points, They're Just Too Few



Lin Jing paused for a moment after listening...

Then, he seriously sized up Huang Qingling.

At this time...

On her delicate and pretty face, she wore an expression of seriousness.

After thinking for a short while, Lin Jing suddenly spoke:

“Odd changes, even remains...?”

“What...?”

Hearing this, Huang Qingling turned her head to look at Lin Jing, her eyes filled with confusion.

It seemed she didn't understand what Lin Jing meant at all.

“Oh, never mind, the moon is quite full...”

Lin Jing said this without a change in expression.

As his words ended.

Huang Qingling glanced at Lin Jing as if looking at a fool.

“You've ruined the good atmosphere...”

After saying this, Huang Qingling strode forward and left.

Two days passed by swiftly.

This day...

Was also the day Lin Jing had agreed to meet with the elder of the Ning Family.

He waited until it was dark...

When it was almost Zi Time, Lin Jing changed his appearance and assumed a disguise before leaving the house.

Familiar with the route, he made his way to the black market.

Lin Jing went straight to the designated meeting place.

Even before reaching the Secret Trade Room, from a distance, Lin Jing already saw the Ning Family elder waiting at the entrance of the Secret Trade Room.

This time, he was alone.

Even Ning Yue wasn't with him.

Today, Lin Jing had arrived relatively early.

Unexpectedly, the Ning Family elder had arrived even earlier than he had.

Possibly, he was quite anxious, which is why he had come so early.

Lin Jing then walked toward the Ning Family elder.

Before Lin Jing could reach him, the Ning Family elder already noticed him.

Seeing Lin Jing approach, the Ning Family elder's face broke into a smile and he said:

“Young friend, you’ve finally arrived...”

Lin Jing noticed that upon seeing him, the elder appeared much more relaxed than before.

“I wonder how it turned out...”

The Ning Family elder asked eagerly and cautiously, fearful of receiving any bad news.

“Elder, let’s step inside and talk...”

Lin Jing gestured towards the Secret Trade Room and said to the Ning Family elder.

Upon hearing this, the elder's eyes lit up.

If they were going to the Secret Trade Room, there must be good news.

Immediately, the Ning Family elder grinned and said:

“Young friend, please, this way...”

At this moment, he no longer cared about the dignity of an elder and simply gestured for Lin Jing to head towards the Secret Trade Room.

“Elder first, please...”

Lin Jing certainly didn’t dare to presume, after all, no matter what, he was a Golden Core Cultivator, and Lin Jing still had to give him that respect.

The Ning Family elder soon reacted.

He repeated earnestly:

“Good... good...”

Then, he stepped towards the Secret Trade Room.

And Lin Jing followed closely behind the Ning Family elder.

Upon reaching the counter, the Ning Family elder took out a Medium Grade Spirit Stone and tossed it to the black-robed elder manning the counter.

Afterwards...

He took the Token that the black-robed elder threw back.

By this time, Lin Jing had also come over.

The Ning Family elder glanced at the room number on the token, then he and Lin Jing headed together towards the room inside.

Once inside the room...

As soon as the door closed, the Ning Family elder couldn't wait to ask:

“Young friend...”

“About that seed...”

The Ning Family elder rubbed his hands, looking at Lin Jing with eyes full of anticipation.

Seeing this, Lin Jing saw no need to keep him in suspense.

Instead, he said directly:

“I have not let the elder down...”

“The issue with that seed has been resolved by a senior of our Elixir Valley...”

As he spoke...

Lin Jing took out the exquisite wooden box from his Storage Bag.

He then opened it and presented it to the Ning Family elder.

The moment the lid of the box was opened, the Ning Family elder could feel the abundant Spiritual Power within the seed.

When the box was opened, he craned his neck to look inside.

He saw the seed lying there, quietly.

And he also noticed...

The seed was quite different from before, its outer shell had cracked open, revealing a hint of green inside.

After inspecting the seed, the Ning Family elder looked up at Lin Jing with a puzzled expression, as if he wanted to ask something...

But before the Ning Family elder could say anything, Lin Jing pre-emptively explained:

“This seed, after I brought it back, was planted in the Spirit Field by that senior of our Elixir Valley.”

“After he took the seed, he planted it in the Spirit Field.”

“However, he always prefers not to be disturbed.”

“As such, I’m not aware of how he treated the seed.”

“In the end, when I received the seed after the treatment, it was already like this, somewhat different from before.”

“It seems as if it is about to sprout.”

After listening to Lin Jing’s explanation, the Ning Family elder immediately understood and happily said:

“Good, as long as it has been healed...”

After speaking, he picked up the wooden box and examined it closely.

Indeed.

As Lin Jing said, the seed did indeed show signs of wanting to sprout.

This was a good thing; how could he not be pleased?

He did not doubt it in the slightest.

The Ning Family elder, sensing the abundant Spiritual Power within the seed, was absolutely certain the seed had been healed.

Subsequently, the Ning Family elder closed the box.

Then, raising his head, he asked Lin Jing:

“Young friend, did that senior from your Elixir Valley mention why the seed had become like this?”

Lin Jing nodded and said:

“When I went to retrieve the seed, the senior of our Elixir Valley mentioned that this seed had changed because there was something inside it.”

“Something?”

“What thing?”

The Ning Family elder looked at Lin Jing, his curiosity piqued.

Lin Jing then said: “Fallen Spirit Qi...”

“Fallen Spirit Qi?”

The Ning Family elder lowered his head, pondering...

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This name was somewhat familiar to him, yet he couldn't remember where he had seen it before...

Not until a moment later did the Ning Family's elder suddenly slap the table.

“Fallen Spirit Qi!”

“I remember now...”

“No wonder, no one has been able to detect it.”

“It seems you, senior, have some understanding of this Fallen Spirit Qi,” said Lin Jing.

The Ning Family’s elder spoke directly:

“I have only encountered it in the family annals, but it’s been so long, I didn’t recall at first...”

“According to the family records, Fallen Spirit Qi exists only in the Demonic Monster Sea, not anywhere in the entire Nan-Zhou Underworld Domain, which is why it never crossed my mind.”

“I have no idea where the Yun Family got a hold of it...”

“When it comes down to it, we must thank your Elixir Valley. Had it not been for that senior from your valley, our Ning Family might have been completely ruined this time.”

At this point, the Ning Family's elder seemed to remember something, and then questioned Lin Jing:

"I recall from the family records, that whether it contaminates spiritual objects or cultivators, Fallen Spirit Qi is extremely difficult to expel..."

"At the very least, a Divinity Transformation Stage cultivation is needed to forcibly purge it..."

"Could it be that the senior from your Elixir Valley..."

Having said this, the Ning Family's elder could hardly hide the excitement in his heart, looking at Lin Jing.

A Divine Transformation Cultivator was indeed extraordinary...

The leaders of the great Sects were all at the Nascent Soul Stage.

However...

It was rumored that within each of the great Sects, there was a Supreme Elder in residence, said to be Divine Transformation Cultivators...

But no one had ever seen them.

Thus, whether the rumors were true or false, there was no way to know.

Nascent Soul Stage cultivation was considered the pinnacle of existence in this Nan-Zhou Underworld Domain.

And now, a mysterious Elixir Valley, harboring a Divine Transformation Stage cultivator within it, how could it not stir speculation?

Lin Jing, too, was aware of what the Ning Family's elder was thinking.

So he hurriedly explained:

“You have misunderstood, senior. The senior from our Elixir Valley is not a Divine Transformation Cultivator and cannot forcibly purge the Fallen Spirit Qi.”

“He just has a special method.”

Although Elixir Valley was a fiction of Lin Jing’s creation, not truly existing,

Lin Jing didn’t want to be too conspicuous.

If the news that there was a Divine Transformation Stage cultivator in Elixir Valley were to spread,

Then not only others,

but even the great Sects would likely be alerted.

After all...

An emergence of such a powerful force in the Nan-Zhou Underworld Domain suddenly, could even participate in the division of interests.

That would be intolerable...

No one could rest easy with such a colossal entity beside them.

At that time,

the great Sects would definitely take action to investigate.

Once the great Sects intervened, there would be no escape for Lin Jing.

Therefore,

this matter had to be explained clearly from the very start, to avoid any misunderstanding.

Following this,

Lin Jing saluted with cupped hands towards the Ning Family's elder:

“Senior...”

“The method used by that senior from our Elixir Valley belongs exclusively to him, and even our Valley Master does not inquire about it.”

“I hope you can keep this confidential at this time.”

After hearing this, the Ning Family's elder nodded:

“Rest assured, I understand.”

“I will not leak this matter.”

Having finished speaking...

The Ning Family's elder then asked Lin Jing again:

"May I know what reward does that senior from your Elixir Valley desire?"

"I have prepared some things in advance, just not sure if he would be satisfied."

"If he is not pleased, please have that senior speak, and I'll make further preparations."

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing opened his mouth and replied:

"That senior from our Elixir Valley said he was quite interested, so he casually treated it..."

"Regarding the reward, just give whatever you see fit."

"He doesn't care much about these things..."

After Lin Jing finished speaking, the Ning Family's elder replied directly:

"Since that's the case, then I'll decide on my own."

"Rest assured, the reward I've prepared this time will certainly satisfy that senior."

With those words...

The Ning Family's elder took a Spirit-Quelling Box out of his Storage Bag, along with a small trade-specific Storage Bag, and placed it on the table in front of Lin Jing.

"This is a third-tier Spirit Plant, the seed of the Ling Jiao Vine, also a treasure of our Ning Family."

"However, since we already have one being cultivated, this seed has just been sitting unused."

“Knowing that senior likes Spirit Plants, I specifically brought it as a reward for him.”

Ling Jiao Vine.

An auxiliary herb for making third-tier Elixir Medicines, Zeng Yuan Elixir; surprisingly, the Ning Family’s elder presented it as the reward.

Although it was just a seed, it was still extremely precious.

Lin Jing now had a Biling Flower in the Spirit Field of his System Space, and if he added this Spirit Jiao Vine, he would have two Spirit Plants necessary for concocting the Cultivation True Elixir.

If his luck continued to be this good, wouldn’t he be able to gather all the required Spirit Plants for the Cultivation True Elixir before long?

The mere thought of it was exhilarating.

Following this...

The Ning Family's ancestor continued to say:

"In addition, I'll include an extra twenty thousand Midium Grade Spirit Stones for that senior."

"This small gift is a humble token of respect."

Twenty thousand Midium Grade Spirit Stones was no small sum.

It was almost equivalent to the entire wealth of a small family.

However...

Lin Jing did not plan to accept these Spirit Stones.

The reason for this was that...

At their first meeting...

The Ning Family's ancestor had already spent five thousand Midium Grade Spirit Stones to purchase that Foundation Building Elixir.

Though it was a trade, the price he paid was far above the item's actual worth.

In addition...

In this trade, Lin Jing had already obtained too much from the Ning Family's ancestor.

First, it was the Moon Mulberry Spirit Fruit...

Then, it was this Spirit Jiao Vine...

Effectively...

For curing just one seed, Lin Jing had received seeds for two third-grade Spirit Plants from the Ning Family's ancestor.

Moreover...

These two third-grade Spirit Plant seeds were exactly what Lin Jing urgently needed.

All Lin Jing had given up were some Harvest Points.

This trade...

One could say Lin Jing had made a fortune from it.

What's more...

This was Ning Yue's family clan.

If it were any other family, it might not matter.

But Ning Yue had provided significant help to him in the past, and Lin Jing naturally felt uneasy about accepting the Spirit Stones.

Next...

Lin Jing then pushed the small Storage Bag, which was used for the trade, back towards the Ning Family's ancestor.

"I will accept this seed on behalf of that senior..."

"As for the Spirit Stones, please take them back, Elder Ning."

"The senior from our Elixir Valley has always been only interested in various Spirit Plants."

"He pays no mind to anything else."

"This..." The Ning Family's ancestor hesitated.

For the Ning Family, this could be said to have saved the entire clan.

Yet that senior from the Elixir Valley was only taking one seed.

Even so, he still felt that what he offered was too little.

Seeing this, Lin Jing quickly reassured him.

After...

After Lin Jing's reassurances, the Ning Family's ancestor reluctantly put away the Spirit Stones.

After that, everything was settled.

Lin Jing and the Ning Family's ancestor spoke for a while longer before leaving the Secret Trade Room.

As the Ning Family's ancestor was eager to plant the seed right away, he bid farewell to Lin Jing just outside the Secret Trade Room and left the place.

After the Ning Family's ancestor left, Lin Jing strolled around the dark market a bit more, and upon not finding anything else he needed, he also left the black market.

Having returned to his small courtyard, Lin Jing directly entered the System Space.

The newly obtained Spirit Jiao Vine needed to be planted.

Once inside the System Space, Lin Jing went to the Spirit Field.

Looking at these growing Spirit Plants in the Spirit Field, Lin Jing couldn't help but smile.

He had gathered all the Spirit Plants needed to concoct the Cultivation True Elixir.

And for concocting the Cultivation True Elixir, he had already acquired two kinds of third-grade Spirit Plants...

In fact, he could now use the Spiritual Plant Acceleration feature to ripen all these plants and start concocting the Cultivation True Elixir.

But...

To ripen all these Spirit Plants at once would require too many Harvest Points, and Lin Jing was reluctant to spend them.

He still had 1835 Harvest Points, just 165 points shy of being able to upgrade the Alchemy Room again.

Lin Jing decided to upgrade the Alchemy Room first.

After the Alchemy Room was upgraded, he planned to accumulate some more Harvest Points, speed up the growth of the Blood Red Vermilion Fruit, and ripen it ahead of time.

After all...

The Blood Red Vermilion Fruit needed a hundred years to mature, and even with the time acceleration in the System Space, it would still take 25 years...

Twenty-five years to mature just once.

That was simply too long, and Lin Jing couldn't wait.

As for the other Spirit Plants...

If needed, he wouldn't mind accelerating their growth.

Of course, that was on the condition that he had enough Harvest Points.

Only after he acquired this new feature of Spiritual Plant Acceleration growth did Lin Jing really feel...

These Harvest Points were truly too few.

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Just as before...

After digging a hole in the Spirit Field, Lin Jing sowed the seeds of the Spirit Jiao Vine directly into the ground.

Once planted, Lin Jing summoned the System and proceeded to check on it.

He discovered that, like the other Third Rank Spirit Plants, the Spirit Jiao Vine also required ten years to mature.

Regarding this...

Lin Jing had anticipated as much.

After planting the Spirit Plant, Lin Jing didn't linger for long.

Soon after.

He left the System Space.

In the following period, Lin Jing continued his daily routine of alchemy and cultivation, just as usual...

And so, several days passed in this manner.

It wasn't until several days later, having just completed refining a batch of Elixir Medicine in the System Space,

that he walked out of the Alchemy Room and arrived in front of the Spirit Field.

Gazing upon the thriving Spirit Plants in the field, a slight smile emerged on Lin Jing's face.

Especially in the back portion of this Spirit Field, those ten mu of Spirit Plants stood out.

These ten mu of Spirit Plants differed from the others, with some leaves turning yellow, others more lush, and even various colored fruits hanging from the branches...

Clearly...

These Spirit Plants had matured.

Next.

Lin Jing entered the Spirit Field and walked toward the back.

He stopped only when he reached the mature Spirit Field at the very back.

After stopping, Lin Jing spoke up, summoning the System.

“System, harvest the mature Spirit Plants.”

As Lin Jing’s voice fell, the Spirit Plants began to rise into the air as if they were being pulled up, and then, they aggregated together.

Lin Jing only needed to wave his hand to collect them all into the Storage Bag.

That was when the System’s notification sound rang:

“Spirit Plant harvest successful, one Harvest Point deducted, remaining Harvest Points: 1989.”

“Ding.”

“System notification: Congratulations Host on harvesting ten mu of Spirit Plants, reward obtained: 60 Harvest Points.”

After the harvest, Lin Jing's Harvest Points finally surpassed 2000, allowing him to start upgrading the Alchemy Room.

Subsequently...

Lin Jing looked towards the pile of neatly stacked Spirit Plants.

The System-harvested Spirit Plants were much better than those harvested by Lin Jing himself.

Because they were harvested using the System, there was not a single bit of damage to these Spirit Plants, and even their finest roots were left intact.

Besides, none of the Spirit Plants had any dirt on them, eliminating the need for cleaning.

Afterward.

Lin Jing collected these Spirit Plants.

Once collected, Lin Jing took out the already prepared seeds and began planting them.

Now, time in the System Space moved quickly; if he didn't plant promptly, the Spirit Field would remain idle, which would be quite a waste.

So...

No sooner had Lin Jing harvested a crop than he began planting the next.

Only in this way could he continuously acquire Spirit Plants for refining Second Rank Elixir Medicine.

Lin Jing had been refining Pure Elixir Medicine several times daily, and over such a long period of alchemy...

Apart from what he got from Yuebaolou, he seldom purchased Alchemy Ingredients.

This was because all the materials he used were grown by himself.

For Lin Jing, with his current level of cultivation, managing ten mu of Spirit Field was a trivial task.

The newly harvested Spirit Plants each left a hole in the Spirit Field, so Lin Jing didn't even need to dig new ones. He used his Spiritual Power to control the seeds, bury them in the holes, and then cover them up, and that was that.

In no time at all, Lin Jing had planted all the new Spirit Plants.

Then, he went back to the Alchemy Room.

Because next...

He needed to start upgrading the Alchemy Room.

Entering the Alchemy Room, Lin Jing first performed a hand seal to shrink the Fire Meteor Four-Pattern Furnace in the center and then stored it into his Storage Bag.

The Alchemy Room needed to be emptied of all items for the upgrade, so naturally, the Fire Meteor Four-Pattern Furnace no longer had a place there.

After removing the Fire Meteor Four-Pattern Furnace, Lin Jing summoned the System again.

“System, open the Alchemy Room panel.”

As Lin Jing spoke, the System panel appeared before him.

Alchemy Room: Level 3 (upgradable)

Divine Sense strength increase: 30%

Alchemy success rate increase: (Grade 1: 30%), (Grade 2: 20%), (Grade 3: 10%)

Elixir Medicine quality enhancement: (Grade 1: 30%), (Grade 2: 20%), (Grade 3: 10%)

Pure Elixir Medicine occurrence rate: (Grade 1: 30%), (Grade 2: 20%), (Grade 3: 10%)

Upgrade requirement: (2049/2000 Harvest Points)

Lin Jing looked up at the panel...

Above the Alchemy Room level on the panel, the words 'upgradable' appeared.

Then, Lin Jing spoke again:

"System, upgrade the Alchemy Room..."

As Lin Jing's voice fell, the System's voice was heard in his ears.

“The Alchemy Room will now begin upgrading. Please leave the Alchemy Room immediately...”

Subsequently, Lin Jing even felt an inexplicable force pushing him outwards.

Lin Jing knew that it was time to leave the Alchemy Room.

He then turned around and left the Alchemy Room.

After Lin Jing left, the door of the Alchemy Room closed automatically.

Now that the Alchemy Room had begun its upgrade, there was no further business for Lin Jing in the System Space. Shortly after, he left the System Space.

As the scene before his eyes shifted, Lin Jing found himself back in his own room.

Next, Lin Jing stretched his limbs a little and headed outside.

As soon as he opened the door.

A ray of early morning sunlight fell on Lin Jing's body.

It made him feel exceptionally comfortable.

Stepping out of the house and into the courtyard, Lin Jing took a deep breath.

Then he slowly exhaled...

Perhaps it was his good mood, but even the air he breathed seemed somewhat sweet to Lin Jing.

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Just then...

“Knock knock knock”

There was a knock at the door.

Lin Jing was startled for a moment. Listening to the sound of the knocking, it didn't seem like Huang Qingling.

Because when Huang Qingling knocked on the door, it was usually more urgent.

But this knocking sound was more even-tempered.

It was rather like Ning Yue's knocking when she was in Fang Market previously.

“Could it be Ning Daoyou?”

“But what would she be doing here early in the morning?”

“Moreover...”

“She is staying with the Li Family, which is not a short distance from here.”

Lin Jing muttered to himself a few times before heading towards the entrance of the courtyard.

Reaching the courtyard’s entrance, Lin Jing reached out to open the gate.

He saw Ning Yue, dressed in white, standing at the door.

At this moment, Ning Yue didn’t have any disguise like the previous time she was at Fang Market.

Her delicate face was stunning every time you looked at it.

“Lin Daoyou, I’m leaving...”

As soon as Ning Yue saw Lin Jing, she started speaking.

“Has the problem with that seed been completely resolved?”

Lin Jing asked Ning Yue.

He actually knew that the seed, after being repaired by the System’s repair function, must be alright.

But still, he had to ask.

Ning Yue nodded and said,

“Yes...”

“After observing for a few days, that seed has no problems now.”

“That’s good...” Lin Jing said with a smile.

“After leaving this time, I will have to practice with the elder for a while to prepare to take over the position of clan leader.”

“Next time, I don’t know when I’ll be able to come here again,” she said, pursing her lips.

“Ning Daoyou, you’re going to be the Ning Family head?”

Lin Jing exclaimed in surprise.

He then gave Ning Yue a once over. Now, Ning Yue looked extremely delicate.

Just by looking at her...

You’d want to hold her in your arms and shower her with affection.

It was hard to believe that the Ning Family would really let a woman be their clan leader.

After all...

Being the clan leader wasn't simple; interacting with other families every day required extreme caution, or else you could be devoured down to the bones.

Could Ning Yue really manage to be the clan leader?

"The Ning Family is an Alchemy Dao family, which respects Alchemy cultivation above all and doesn't mind these matters..."

"Moreover..."

"With the elder there, the Ning Family won't have any trouble."

"I see..."

“Then, I’ll take this opportunity to congratulate Ning Daoyou in advance...”

Lin Jing clasped his fists and said to Ning Yue with a smile.

However, Ning Yue did not smile but looked straight at Lin Jing, her expression serious.

“Lin Daoyou, if one day...”

“You don’t want to stay in Nanshan Immortal City, and you want to change places...”

“You can come to Linxian City...”

Lin Jing looked at Ning Yue and then nodded:

“I will consider it...”

Around noon...

Ning Yue left, together with the Ning Family elder.

Before leaving, Lin Jing still went to see her off.

After all...

The two had known each other for quite some time.

Also present to send her off were the siblings Li Tangyu.

After seeing off Ning Yue, Lin Jing said goodbye to Li Tangyu and the siblings, then continued back to his own small courtyard.

Just as he returned to the small courtyard, and before Lin Jing had a moment to rest, there was another knock at the door.

This time the knocking was much more urgent.

Lin Jing shook his head helplessly and then headed towards the door.

When he got to the courtyard gate, Lin Jing stretched out his hand and opened the gate.

He was immediately greeted by the sight of Huang Qingling and the Little Sparrow on her shoulder.

Huang Qingling was very close, and Lin Jing could even smell the faint fragrance emanating from her...

As soon as Huang Qingling saw Lin Jing, she spoke directly:

"I heard, Ning Yue has left..."

"Did you go to send her off?"

Huang Qingling stood at the doorway, her gaze wandering as she carelessly looked into Lin Jing's courtyard and spoke.

“Qing Ling Daoyou, please come in...”

Lin Jing said, inviting Huang Qingling into the courtyard.

Huang Qingling did not decline, and as if returning to her own home, she directly passed by Lin Jing and entered.

Lin Jing then closed the gate behind her.

Following behind Huang Qingling, he too walked in.

“Yes, she has left...”

Lin Jing quickened his pace to walk alongside Huang Qingling and then continued speaking.

“Mm...”

Huang Qingling nodded.

Then she spoke again:

“Actually, this morning, I saw...”

Huang Qingling stretched out her hand, teasing Little Sparrow as if she didn't care much about it.

“Uh...”

“Why didn't you come over...?”

Lin Jing was taken aback for a moment, and then he asked, puzzled.

“I didn't want to intrude on your farewell, so I didn't come over...”

Huang Qingling said, pursing her lips.

Lin Jing then scratched his head and said with a smile:

“Actually, it wouldn’t have mattered.”

“After all, we are all friends...”

“Of course I know...”

Having finished speaking, Huang Qingling turned to look at Lin Jing, and her hand stopped teasing Little Sparrow.

“Lin Jing...”

“Do you really plan to go to Linxian City?”

Huang Qingling asked, looking at Lin Jing.

Lin Jing turned his head to look at Huang Qingling.

Clearly, the conversation he had with Ning Yue earlier had been overheard by Huang Qingling.

“Maybe...”

Lin Jing looked up at the vast expanse of blue sky.

Then, looking back down at Huang Qingling, he said seriously:

“However...”

“Even if I were to go, it wouldn’t be right now.”

“There’s just too much here that I can’t bear to part with, and if I really had to leave this place, I would actually find it hard to let go.”

Upon hearing this, Huang Qingling seemed to let go of something...

Her eyes curved into crescents as she smiled and said:

“Actually...”

“If one day you are truly out of options, you can also seek out Ning Yue. After all, she’s about to become the head of a family. As her friend, she definitely won’t mistreat you.”

Hearing this, Lin Jing turned his head and stared straight at Huang Qingling, making her feel a bit uneasy.

“Did you listen in on the entire conversation from start to finish...?”

Huang Qingling was clearly a bit sheepish and quickly objected:

“What... no way...”

“I just accidentally overheard a tiny bit...”

After finishing her sentence, her earlobes turned visibly red at a discernible pace.

“That’s quite the ‘tiny bit’ indeed...”

Lin Jing couldn’t help but complain inwardly.

He felt rather helpless about it and just let it be.

After this little episode...

Huang Qingling reverted back to her usual playful self.

Following that...

She talked with Lin Jing for a bit more.

Then, she said she wanted Lin Jing to accompany her to Yuebaolou.

Lin Jing was about to agree when suddenly a system notification rang out in his mind.

“System notification: Alchemy Room upgrade successful. Host can check at any time...”

This system notification made Lin Jing pause.

Then, using Alchemy as an excuse, he refused Huang Qingling’s request.

Although Huang Qingling seemed a bit disappointed, she left on her own.

However, just before she left for good, Huang Qingling suddenly looked seriously at Lin Jing and said:

“Lin Jing...”

“If you really decide to leave, please tell me...”

“I don’t have many friends, and you’re one of them...”

After that...

Huang Qingling left without looking back.

Lin Jing stood at the doorway, deep in thought for a long time.

He had known Huang Qingling for quite a while now, and indeed, as she said, aside from the few of them, Huang Qingling seemed not to have many friends.

Lin Jing wasn’t even clear about Huang Qingling’s family matters; he had never heard her mention them.

Perhaps she had some sad past she didn’t want to speak of.

And they had never broached the subject.

This had become a kind of tacit understanding between them.

“Maybe one day, she will bring it up on her own.”

With this thought...

Lin Jing sighed, closed the courtyard gate, and went back inside the house.

Back inside, Lin Jing took a deep breath, shook his head, put aside the matter with Huang Qingling,

and then called out directly for the system.

“Enter System Space!”

This time, the scene before Lin Jing blurred and then changed.

Afterward, he found himself inside the System Space.

Upon arriving at the System Space...

Lin Jing, unable to wait, headed straight for the Alchemy Room.

He wanted to see what the Alchemy Room had become now.

Soon...

Lin Jing arrived at the Alchemy Room, looked around, and felt that the Alchemy Room hadn't changed much.

However, his Divine Sense had clearly become much more robust, which was obviously the wondrous benefit of the Alchemy Room's upgrade.

Then...

Lin Jing said:

“System, open the Alchemy Room panel.”

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Following Lin Jing's words, the Alchemy Room panel appeared before him.

Alchemy Room: Level 4

Divine Sense Intensity Increase: 40%

Alchemy Success Rate Increase: (First Grade 40%), (Second Grade 30%),
(Third Grade 20%), (Fourth Grade 10%)

Quality of Elixir Medicine Increase: (First Grade 40%), (Second Grade 30%), (Third Grade 20%), (Fourth Grade 10%)

Probability of Producing Pure Elixir: (First Grade 40%), (Second Grade 30%), (Third Grade 20%), (Fourth Grade 10%)

Upgrade Requirements: (49/10000 Harvest Points)

This time the upgrade of the Alchemy Room didn't introduce new features.

The rest remained the same as before.

The chance of alchemy had also increased by another 10%.

Since the Alchemy Room had been upgraded again, and there was nothing urgent to do, perhaps it was a good idea to try alchemizing another elixir...

With this thought, Lin Jing immediately sprang into action.

He first took out the Fire Meteor Four-Pattern Furnace from his Storage Bag, and then placed it in the center of the Alchemy Room.

Following that...

Lin Jing cast a spell to enlarge the Fire Meteor Four-Pattern Furnace.

After that, he took out the materials from the Storage Bag...

Then he concentrated the flames...

Time flew by quickly...

In the blink of an eye, half a year had passed since Ning Yue left.

And Lin Jing's life had returned to its usual state.

The days continued in this uneventful way.

Lin Jing also enjoyed this kind of life.

During this half-year...

The matters involving the Ning Family and the Yun Family had finally come to a resolution.

After the elder of the Ning Family took the seed back, he cared for it night and day without rest.

At last, two months ago, that seed fully sprouted.

Moreover, the elder of the Ning Family had asked someone from the Nanming Immortal Sect to bear witness.

This way...

Even if the Yun Family wanted to quibble, it was already too late.

And the Ning Family won the bet.

Initially...

After the Ning Family won the bet, the Yun Family should have given them two hundred thousand Midium Grade Spirit Stones, as per the agreement.

However, at this point, the Yun Family could not produce that many Spirit Stones.

Consequently...

The elder of the Yun Family used his personal connections to invite a high-status Nascent Soul Elder from the Nanming Immortal Sect to mediate.

In the end.

After the mediation by that Nascent Soul Elder, both sides reached a settlement.

Following the mediation, the Ning Family received some of the Yun Family's properties in Linxian City as compensation.

But these properties combined were far from being worth two hundred thousand Medium Grade Spirit Stones; they weren't even worth one hundred thousand.

Yet...

The Nascent Soul Elder spoke up.

In this matter...

The Ning Family conceded a point.

He would compensate the Ning Family from other sources, ensuring that they would not be at a loss.

As a family under the jurisdiction of the Nanming Immortal Sect with a focus on the Alchemy Dao, and with good relations with the sect on normal days, the Ning Family naturally had to give face to this elder.

Moreover...

Since the Nascent Soul Elder made such a statement, in the end, the Ning Family wouldn't really be at a loss.

On the contrary, it was the Yun Family that suffered a great loss in this affair.

They owed a favor to the Nascent Soul Elder for nothing.

In fact...

The Yun Family was quite wealthy.

If it had been some time in the past, they would certainly have paid the Spirit Stones directly.

Rather than using this kind of method to seek a settlement.

In doing so, they not only tarnished their reputation but also owed a favor to that Nascent Soul Elder.

But there was no helping it.

Because...

The Yun Family had spent their Spirit Stones elsewhere.

Ever since the Li Family's downfall, the Li Family's position in Nanshan Immortal City could not be maintained.

The Yun Family took this opportunity to occupy the Li Family's estate and some of their properties when the Li Family withdrew.

The price they paid was merely to ensure temporary safety for the remaining members of the Li Family.

The Yun Family had set their sights on the rise of Nanshan Immortal City.

Hence, they intended to move their entire family to Nanshan Immortal City.

For this purpose...

The Yun Family made a lot of preparations, and the Spirit Stones spent were numerous.

It was also because the Yun Family invested a large amount of Spirit Stones in this endeavor that they couldn't afford to pay the two hundred thousand Midium Grade Spirit Stone bet.

With this...

The dispute between the two families was resolved.

Besides the Yun Family and Ning Family affairs...

After half a year of fermenting.

The matter of the Cleansing Spirit Pool had become known to more and more people.

Of course...

Those who became aware of it were limited to the cultivation families.

As for the Loose Cultivators...

They only knew that new Demon Cultivators had appeared within the Demon Race Secret Realm, and the three major Sects had resealed the Secret Realm for safety.

Beyond that, they were unaware of anything else.

It was like this that the entire Demon Race Secret Realm had been sealed by the people of the three major Sects until now.

But...

The major families within Nanshan Immortal City knew very well that the people from the three major Sects had long given up on searching for that Demon Cultivator.

The reason they acted this way...

Was actually to occupy the Cleansing Spirit Pool and cultivate their Sect's Disciples.

Although these families knew of this, they harbored grievances in their hearts but dared not express them.

With such a rare Spiritual Spring, who wouldn't want to claim it as their own?

If it weren't for the fact that the Cleansing Spirit Pool couldn't be moved, the people from the three major Sects would have probably divided it among themselves long ago.

However...

According to what Lin Jing knew...

After half a year, the Disciples from the three major Sects had mostly been nurtured once through.

Thus, in these past few days...

The three major Sects had decided to reopen the Demon Race Secret Realm.

They also planned to open up the Cleansing Spirit Pool, allowing members of these families from Nanshan Immortal City to enter.

Upon hearing this news, members of various families.

Also began making preparations, planning to send the most talented Disciples from their families in for cultivation.

Lin Jing too was somewhat looking forward to this Cleansing Spirit Pool, for his Spiritual Root aptitude was far too poor. If he could improve it somewhat through the Cleansing Spirit Pool, nothing could be better.

Only, the method of enhancing Spiritual Root aptitude through ingesting Cleansing Spirit Liquid was incredibly slow in efficiency.

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So...

Lin Jing actually didn't hold too much hope.

However, although the hope was not great, it was better than having no hope at all.

Yesterday, when Lin Jing went to Yuebaolou, he even ran into Elder Yu.

Elder Yu said to let Lin Jing and Huang Qingling come together to Yuebaolou to find him today.

Lin Jing guessed...

It must be about the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

But at that time, Elder Yu was in a hurry, said just this one line, and then left.

Lin Jing also didn't have the opportunity to ask more.

After returning from Yuebaolou yesterday, Lin Jing entered the System Space and began his alchemy cultivation.

Until just now...

Lin Jing, who was meditating, suddenly opened his eyes, calculated the time, and it was indeed about time.

So Lin Jing stood up.

He then called out the system and left the System Space.

After coming out, Lin Jing walked out of the house and stretched.

A long period of cultivation, sometimes a little stretch was quite comfortable.

Next...

Lin Jing also straightened out his somewhat wrinkled clothes.

After straightening up, Lin Jing left the house, heading towards Huang Qingling's courtyard.

He was ready to call her and the two of them would go to Yuebaolou together.

Arriving in front of Huang Qingling's courtyard.

“Dong dong dong”

Lin Jing stepped forward and knocked on the door.

Very soon, a dark shadow flew over, flapping its wings.

This shadow was Little Sparrow.

“Wait a minute, changing clothes...”

Little Sparrow spoke, its voice crystal clear, and its two small eyes stared straight at Lin Jing's Storage Bag, like a thief eyeing a chicken.

Lin Jing knew what Little Sparrow wanted, then he reached into the Storage Bag and tossed a medium-grade Gathering Yuan Pill to Little Sparrow.

“This is for you...”

Lin Jing said directly.

Little Sparrow’s eyes lit up, it dashed forward, picked up the medium-grade Gathering Yuan Pill, and then swallowed it in one gulp.

Then, it said to Lin Jing:

“Good person, good person...”

“This Little Sparrow...”

Lin Jing smiled wryly.

Now these Gathering Yuan Pills, he produced quite a few every day.

They might be very precious to others.

But for Lin Jing,, they really didn't amount to much.

It wasn't long before Huang Qingling came out.

At this moment.

She had already changed into a radiant red brocade dress and walked towards Lin Jing with a smile.

“Let's go...”

Huang Qingling said with a smile.

“Alright...”

Lin Jing responded.

Then, the two of them headed for Yuebaolou.

When they arrived at Yuebaolou, they directly found Elder Yu.

“Elder Yu...”

Lin Jing gave a respectful bow and greeted Elder Yu.

Upon seeing the two of them, Elder Yu smiled and nodded, then spoke:

“You’ve come...”

At this time, Huang Qingling also asked:

“Elder Yu, what did you want to see us for?”

Elder Yu spoke to Huang Qingling:

“Follow me...”

“We’ll first go meet Elder Bai and let him explain it to you.”

After saying that, Elder Yu turned around and headed upstairs.

Lin Jing and Huang Qingling followed behind Elder Yu, also heading to the upper floor.

Soon, they reached the top floor of Yuebaolou and met Elder Bai.

As soon as they met, Elder Bai directly started:

“The Demon Race Secret Realm has opened once again, and the Cleansing Spirit Pool inside is also open to families outside of the three major Sects...”

“Yesterday I went to the archives, and I managed to secure two spots for you two to enter the Cleansing Spirit Pool.”

“The Cleansing Spirit Pool is open...”

Huang Qingling exclaimed in surprise.

Elder Bai nodded.

As soon as he heard about the opening of the Demon Race Secret Realm a few days ago, Elder Bai secured two spots for them to enter the Cleansing Spirit Pool.

The speed was indeed fast...

Then...

Lin Jing looked at Elder Yu, who was grinning by his side.

Lin Jing knew...

His spot must be related to Elder Yu.

Continuing, Elder Bai said:

“In a while, I’ll take you to the Li Family.”

“This time...”

“Neither Elder Yu nor I have the time, so I’ll speak to Old Li and let you follow the Li Family in.”

Even though the Demon Race Secret Realm had been open for a while, it was still not entirely safe inside.

Therefore...

Each entry had to be led by a Golden Core Immortal to ensure safety.

What Elder Bai meant was, for Lin Jing and Huang Qingling to follow the Li Family guided by the Li Family patriarch, together into the realm.

“Alright...”

Lin Jing and Huang Qingling replied in unison.

Afterward...

The group all headed towards the Li Family together.

Upon arriving at the Li Family, Elder Bai and Elder Yu were brought by the Li Family’s steward to find the Li Family patriarch.

While Lin Jing and Huang Qingling were led by someone else to the courtyard where Li Tangyu was located.

Just as the two of them reached the entrance of the courtyard without yet entering, they heard people talking inside.

One of them was actually Zhang Yuan.

Then, the two of them entered the courtyard.

Indeed...

Inside the pavilion of the courtyard, three people were drinking tea and chatting.

It was Li Tangyu, his sister, and Zhang Yuan.

“We heard your three voices before we even entered...”

“The three of you, gathering together without calling us, it’s simply too unsporting...”

Upon seeing them, Huang Qingling was the first to speak.

“Qing Qing, Lin Jing bro...”

“You’ve come too...”

Li Qingqing greeted them as soon as she saw them.

At this time...

Li Tangyu and Zhang Yuan both stood up and walked towards them.

“Brother Li...”

“Brother Zhang...”

Lin Jing cupped his hands and greeted the two men.

“Brother Lin...”

Both of them returned the gesture with a respectful bow.

“Please...”

Then, Li Tangyu gestured for them to join with an outstretched hand.

Ling Jing and the others seated themselves in the pavilion.

Li Tangyu poured them both a cup of tea.

“Brother Lin, what brings the two of you here so suddenly?”

“The two of us came with Elder Bai and Elder Yu...”

Lin Jing then explained the matter of Elder Bai looking for them.

When Lin Jing finished speaking, the three were also visibly surprised.

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At this time, Li Tangyu spoke up:

“Brother Zhang also came here for this reason...”

“Brother Zhang’s family elder should be discussing this matter with my grandfather right now.”

“So...”

“Doesn’t that mean we can enter the Cleansing Spirit Pool together when the time comes?”

Li Qingqing’s eyes gleamed as she said.

“Mmm...”

Li Tangyu nodded.

Huang Qingling also spoke up at this time:

“That’s great, it’s better when there are more people…”

“I’ve always been by myself before, and it’s not interesting at all.”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing couldn’t help but feel a mix of amusement and resignation.

Entering the Secret Realm seemed like just a fun outing for Huang Qingling.

Continuing…

Huang Qingling continued:

“Do you guys know what it’s like inside the Cleansing Spirit Pool this time?”

“My brother knows about this; we were just discussing it when you two arrived…” Li Qingqing hurriedly said.

At this time, Li Tangyu also spoke:

“Let me tell you about it…”

“I used to know a friend in Qingyuan Sword Sect, and I got some news from him…”

“The Cleansing Spirit Pool has been divided into three areas this time, from the inside to the outside, they are Core Area, Inner Area, and Peripheral Area.”

Li Tangyu’s words left Lin Jing rather confused.

It was puzzling.

He didn’t understand how a Cleansing Spirit Pool could be divided into three distinct areas.

“Brother Li, please elaborate...”

Lin Jing directly said.

Li Tangyu nodded and then continued:

“Basically, because the Cleansing Spirit Liquid inside the pool is so scarce, it cannot be distributed to everyone.”

“And we, naturally, cannot get even a single complete drop of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.”

“Around the Cleansing Spirit Pool, the Spiritual Energy there also carries some of the effects of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid...”

“So...”

“The people from the three major sects have divided the area surrounding the Cleansing Spirit Pool into three areas for us to enter and cultivate.”

“The closer to the center, the stronger the effect...”

“Until the outermost area, where the effect is negligible.”

Huang Qingling puckered her lips and said:

“So that’s how it is...”

“And here I thought each of us would get a few drops of Cleansing Spirit Liquid.”

After hearing this, Li Tangyu explained with a wry smile:

“There’s no helping it...”

“The Cleansing Spirit Liquid is just too scarce; even the people from the three major sects didn’t get much of it.”

“Aside from the top echelon of the three major sects, no one else, not even the disciples of the major sects, have the eligibility to obtain the Cleansing Spirit Liquid by themselves.”

“Of course, Core Disciples are an exception.”

After Li Tangyu finished explaining, Lin Jing nodded.

“The Cleansing Spirit Liquid is so rare that only Core Disciples and above in the three major sects can obtain it.”

“Thinking about it this way, it’s normal for these people not to get a share of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid.”

Thinking this, Lin Jing asked:

“So which area will we be assigned to if we go in?”

“The Inner Area or the Peripheral Area?”

“I guess it definitely won’t be the Core Area.”

After hearing this, Li Tangyu nodded and said:

“We should be assigned to the Inner Area.”

“The Core Area would probably be for the Inner Sect Disciples of those three major sects.”

Huang Qingling followed with a complaint:

“Then in that case...”

“Without even a drop of the Cleansing Spirit Liquid, wouldn’t it be even more impossible to enhance our aptitude with the Spiritual Energy that carries its effects?”

Li Tangyu spread his hands helplessly:

“There’s nothing that can be done about it...”

“But even this Cleansing Spirit Pool hasn’t appeared in our Nanming Domain for many years...”

As he spoke...

Li Tangyu looked up at the distant sky, lost in thought.

A moment later, he spoke softly:

“Our Nanming Domain is really too small...”

There seemed to be a hint of regret in his tone.

Meanwhile, Li Qingqing, who was beside him, looked at Li Tangyu with furrowed brows, her beautiful eyes revealing a complex emotion.

“Brother...”

Li Qingqing called out softly.

Li Tangyu then came back to his senses, giving Li Qingqing a gentle smile.

“I’m fine...”

However...

Seeing that smile, Li Qingqing’s brows furrowed even more.

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Li Qingqing originally wanted to say something more, but Li Tangyu deflected the topic.

“Brother Lin...”

“You haven’t been to the Demon Race Secret Realm, so let me first tell you about the situation inside...”

Lin Jing was taken aback and then said:

“Okay...”

It seemed that Li Tangyu had something on his mind, but he didn't want to share it.

Seeing this, the others didn't feel it was appropriate to ask further.

"Inside the Demon Race Secret Realm..."

Following that, Li Tangyu began to explain to Lin Jing.

Lin Jing and the others stayed at the Li Family residence until it was night.

Elder Bai, Elder Yu, the Zhang Family Patriarch, and the Li Family elders talked about who knows what until very late, before they finished their conversation.

Then...

They were warmly treated by the Li Family once more.

And they agreed...

Three days later, Lin Jing and the other two would come to the Li Family.

They would be led by the Li Family elder to the Demon Race Secret Realm.

It wasn't until deep into the night, after the banquet had ended, that they left.

After returning to his own courtyard, Lin Jing directly entered the System Space.

Inside the System Space, the Spirit Plants growing in the Spirit Field were lush and thriving.

The Eternal Youth Fruit tree that Lin Jing had planted first was now over a dozen zhang tall.

Within its canopy, several Eternal Youth Fruits were growing.

As the breeze blew, the leaves swayed back and forth, with fruits occasionally peeking from behind them.

However, these fruits were still green and not yet ripe.

The Eternal Youth Fruit tree had been planted by Lin Jing for more than two years now, and with the accelerated time flow in the System Space, almost eight years had passed.

It was still over two years until the fruits would ripen.

Taking into account the fourfold acceleration of time within the System Space, it would only be half a year.

Just half a year...

And the Eternal Youth Fruit tree would be mature.

At that time,

He could begin to concoct the Eternal Youth Elixir.

The Eternal Youth Elixir was different from other Third Rank Elixir Medicines; for concocting it, only the Eternal Youth Fruit tree, a Third Rank Spirit Plant, was needed.

All the others required some rare Second Rank Spirit Plants.

For Lin Jing, obtaining these Spirit Plants wasn't really difficult.

Therefore...

Lin Jing just needed to wait for the Eternal Youth Fruit tree to mature, and then he could start concocting the Eternal Youth Elixir.

Afterward,

Lin Jing shifted his gaze away from the Eternal Youth Fruit tree and looked at the other Spirit Plants.

All of them were growing robustly.

Having checked on the Spirit Plants, Lin Jing nodded in satisfaction.

Then he headed towards the Alchemy Room.

Tonight...

He planned to begin his breakthrough to the fifth level of the Foundation Establishment Stage.

Since entering the Foundation Establishment Stage, Lin Jing found that the improvement of his cultivation was becoming increasingly slow.

It had taken him half a year to accumulate enough Spiritual Power to advance to the fifth level of Foundation Establishment.

If someone else could advance a level in half a year, they would probably wake up from their dreams laughing.

But Lin Jing was different.

He had the benefit of the System Space, where one day was equivalent to two days for others.

Moreover...

The concentration of Spiritual Energy inside the System Space was unmatched by others.

The level four space now had a Spiritual Energy concentration much more dense than that of a Golden Core Cultivator's dwelling.

Lin Jing was so sure about this because...

He had visited the residences of Elder Bai and Elder Yu.

The concentration of Spiritual Energy in their dwellings was already inferior compared to the System Space.

For this, Lin Jing had even subtly inquired with Elder Yu.

He learned that the Spirit Gathering Array they had set up was no worse than those of other Golden Core Cultivators.

So, by that measure,

The dwellings of Golden Core Cultivators couldn't match the concentration of Spiritual Energy in the System Space.

Besides the rich Spiritual Energy...

Lin Jing also occasionally took the Gathering Yuan Pills, which were free of impurities, to enhance his cultivation.

All these factors combined, it had taken him just half a year to barely reach the brink of a breakthrough.

It's clear how difficult it was for him to make this breakthrough.

Then, Lin Jing collected his thoughts.

He went to the Alchemy Room and sat down cross-legged inside.

In the Alchemy Room, there was a 40% Divine Sense strength bonus, which was not only good for alchemy, but also very beneficial for breaking through.

After he sat down, Lin Jing stretched out his hand and took out two Pure Jade Boxes from his Storage Bag.

These contained the immaculate Gathering Yuan Pills.

In the past, one Gathering Yuan Pill had never been enough for Lin Jing's breakthroughs.

Therefore, this time he took out two.

He planned to use these two immaculate Gathering Yuan Pills to assist in his direct breakthrough to the fifth level of the Foundation Establishment Stage.

After taking out the Gathering Yuan Pills, Lin Jing did not consume them immediately.

Instead, he closed his eyes and began to meditate.

Because he needed to first return his condition to its peak before he could carry out the breakthrough.

In the blink of an eye, four hours went by...

Lin Jing, who was meditating with his eyes closed, suddenly opened them.

After that, he picked up the Pure Jade Box beside him and opened it.

Without a word, he put the immaculate Gathering Yuan Pill into his mouth.

However...

One pill was not enough.

Lin Jing then, in the same manner, opened the second Pure Jade Box and put the immaculate Gathering Yuan Pill into his mouth as well.

After swallowing two immaculate Gathering Yuan Pills in succession, Lin Jing once again closed his eyes and began to circulate his cultivation technique, transforming the overwhelming medicinal power within his body.

The amount of Spiritual Power contained in these two Gathering Yuan Pills was indeed substantial.

After swallowing the two pills, Lin Jing felt his entire body brimming with Spiritual Power.

Lin Jing ceaselessly circulated the Immortal Five Elements Technique, transforming the Spiritual Power within his body, compressing it into his meridians, and continuously infusing it into his Dantian.

Just like that...

Another half an hour or so passed.

Finally, Lin Jing had transformed all the Spiritual Power contained in the two pills.

By now, Lin Jing's meridians were filled to the brim with Spiritual Power.

He was ready to assault the bottleneck of the fifth level of Foundation Establishment.

Then, Lin Jing circulated his cultivation technique and charged towards the bottleneck.

This time, the Spiritual Power within Lin Jing was surging, and the momentum was strong.

With a "boom," there was a sign that the bottleneck had loosened.

Immediately after, Lin Jing did not hesitate and launched another assault.

This second assault was stronger than the first.

Lin Jing turned his Divine Sense inward and felt his own body.

At this moment, he could clearly sense.

The bottleneck had now developed some cracks.

Over and over again...

This third time, Lin Jing gathered all his strength and charged at the bottleneck.

Shortly after...

There was a "crack crack" sound.

The bottleneck could not withstand the assault,

And it shattered loudly.

And Lin Jing...

Had finally reached the fifth level of Foundation Establishment.

Upon breaking through to the fifth level of Foundation Establishment, Lin Jing felt his meridians widen substantially.

And the Spiritual Power in his Dantian, which had been overflowing just moments before, was now reduced to a small fraction of what it was.

The capacity of his Dantian had also increased substantially from the fourth level of Foundation Establishment.

Besides that,

Even Lin Jing's Divine Sense had grown significantly stronger.

Lin Jing then opened his eyes and called out to the system.

"System, open the host panel."

As Lin Jing's words fell, a System Space panel appeared in front of him.

Lin Jing (27/300)

Spiritual Root: Five Elements Mixed Spirit Root (Low Grade)

Cultivation: Foundation Establishment Stage Level 5 (0%)

Cultivation Techniques: Immortal Five Elements Technique, Ling Yin Imperial Sword Technique (Fourth Layer), Controlling Fire Technique (Perfected), Divine Fire Triple Realm (First Realm), Ning's Alchemy Method.

Secondary Profession: Third-Rank Alchemist (22835/30000)

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Foundation Establishment Fifth Level...

Lin Jing, feeling his current level of cultivation, couldn't help but remember the time when he first crossed over.

Back then, he was only at the first level of Qi Refinement.

Moreover, he was cornered by Manager Li and Yuan Bo, in a very dangerous situation, and it was only then that he made a breakthrough to the second level of Qi Refinement on the spot.

Four years had passed since that incident.

In just four years, he had gone from the first level of Qi Refinement straight to the fifth level of Foundation Establishment.

Such a pace could certainly not be considered slow.

As for Manager Li from that time, Lin Jing didn't know what had become of him.

If only...

he could see Lin Jing now, what would his reaction be?

Lin Jing believed that no matter how much Manager Li cultivated, he should not have surpassed the Foundation Establishment stage by now.

Because Foundation Building Elixirs were not so easily obtained.

Although...

he was a manager at the Qingyuan Sword Sect's Qingtian Peak, his aptitude wasn't great, and without any special contributions, it was difficult to receive the sect's bestowed Foundation Building Elixirs.

The path to the Foundation Establishment was fraught with obstacles.

As for Yuan Bo, there was even less to say.

With Lin Jing's current cultivation, he had probably left Yuan Bo far behind.

Besides those two, Lin Jing also thought of Senior Han.

He wondered how he was doing now.

Being an Inner Sect Disciple of the Qingyuan Sword Sect, he must be doing quite well.

Afterwards...

Lin Jing set aside his thoughts and continued to look at the panel.

After such a long time of continuous alchemy, Lin Jing's alchemy proficiency had also reached over twenty thousand.

He estimated that in a few more months, he should reach the rank of Fourth Grade Alchemist.

Although...

he was about to be promoted to a Fourth Grade Pill Master.

He had not yet refined a single batch of Third Rank Elixir Medicine.

A Third Grade Alchemist who had never refined Third Rank Elixir Medicines was probably only Lin Jing himself.

Moreover, Lin Jing only needed to refine Second Rank Elixir Medicines to increase the proficiency of a Third Grade Pill Master.

About this...

Lin Jing was puzzled, but he couldn't get an answer from the System.

He could only assume...

it was a BUG in the System.

After checking this information, Lin Jing then closed the system panel and left the System Space.

In the following two days...

Lin Jing entered the System Space a few more times, cultivated for two days, and stabilized his new realm.

Not until the third day did Lin Jing come out from the System Space.

Today...

was the day that they had all agreed to head for the Demon Race Secret Realm.

Early in the morning...

Lin Jing had already prepared everything.

Then he went out, called for Huang Qingling, and with Little Sparrow, the two of them plus the eagle headed towards the Li Family.

For this trip to the Demon Race Secret Realm, Huang Qingling planned to take Little Sparrow inside. Little Sparrow was just a beast pet and did not count towards the quota; it would be fine as long as it stayed with Huang Qingling.

Since the two lived in the outer city, they were quite a distance from the Li Family residence. By the time they arrived, Zhang Yuan had already reached the Li household ahead of them.

Once the two caught up...

everyone was ready.

Now they were just waiting for Elder Master Li, who was still with other members of the Li Family, apparently instructing them about something, and had not yet come over.

So...

they chatted and waited together.

Li Qingqing and Huang Qingling were having a great time playing with Little Sparrow.

It wasn't long before...

Elder Master Li also appeared.

Once Elder Master Li arrived, the group set off and walked towards the outskirts of the city.

After leaving the city, they flew on their swords, speeding towards the Demon Race Secret Realm.

This flight, the distance was indeed not short.

Only after six hours did Elder Master Li, who was leading the way, begin to speak up again:

"Alright..."

"We are almost there, let's land here; we'll walk the remaining way."

"Okay..."

Then everyone responded in unison.

Throughout the journey, Elder Master Li had constantly emanated his cultivation aura, and no Demonic Beasts dared to attack them.

Thus...

their journey was extremely smooth.

And up ahead...

was the entrance to the Demon Race Secret Realm.

Members from the three major sects were guarding there.

Continuing to fly openly would be somewhat inappropriate.

It was precisely because of this reason.

Elder Master Li then spoke up, asking them to walk over together.

A few people descended from the sky and followed Elder Master Li towards the entrance of the Demon Race Secret Realm.

About half an hour later, they arrived at the entrance of the Demon Race Secret Realm.

This place was a valley.

Inside the valley, trees were lush, and strange rocks stood tall. At the far end of the valley, there was a smooth stone wall.

It was on this stone wall that a light screen was emitting bursts of light.

Around the light screen, a Defensive Array had already isolated it.

Moreover, at the entrance of the array, personnel from the three major sects were standing guard.

And not far from the entrance,

The people from the three major sects had also built a complex of buildings.

Presumably, this would be where those guarding the entrance stayed.

Today, it was not just them who had come to this place but also some other individuals.

They were all queuing in front of the entrance of the formation, walking into the light screen one by one.

Lin Jing even saw Liu Yiyuan and Yun Long at the very front of the queue.

Unexpectedly, both of them had come as well.

Leading the two of them was a Golden Core Cultivator Lin Jing had never seen before,

At the moment, this Golden Core Cultivator was standing close to Yun Long, evidently conversing about something. It seemed that the Golden Core Cultivator was likely a member of the Yun Family.

Now that the Li Family had fallen, the Liu Clan had become involved with the Yun Family.

A few of them arrived, and they were also noticed by Liu Yiyuan and the others.

However, given the current situation, Liu Yiyuan just glanced over here and then turned his head away, no longer paying attention.

“You all wait here...”

Upon reaching the entrance, Elder Master Li said this to them

After that,

He walked towards an elder of the Qingyuan Sword Sect who was standing by the entrance.

After a brief conversation,

It wasn't long before Elder Master Li returned.

“Let's go...”

“That entrance to the secret realm is a Teleportation Array; when we enter, it will separate us.”

“Don't worry, the distance we'll be separated by won't be too far.”

“Once inside, do not run around; I will find you very quickly. Once we've all regrouped, I will then take you to the Cleansing Spirit Pool.”

“And also...”

“Right after entering, remember to be very cautious; under no circumstances should you let your guard down, lest you be ambushed by the Demonic Beasts inside.”

After Elder Master Li finished speaking, everyone quickly nodded in response.

“Understood...”

Subsequently,

Elder Master Li then led them towards the entrance of the Secret Realm.

At this moment,

Those who had been ahead in line had already gone inside.

The group passed through the formation and approached the entrance to the Secret Realm.

First was Elder Master Li, who stepped forward and entered the light screen, vanishing within.

Immediately afterward,

Li Tan also followed closely behind, stepping into the light screen as well.

Subsequently,

One after the other, they all went in.

Lin Jing was the second to last to enter.

This was because Huang Qingling, seeing that Lin Jing had never been to the Secret Realm before, insisted on covering his rear.

Even though Lin Jing had said there was no need, Huang Qingling still insisted.

This left Lin Jing somewhat amused and exasperated.

Before long,

It was Lin Jing's turn.

Lin Jing also took a step forward and then disappeared into the light screen.

Passing through the light screen, the intense brightness forced Lin Jing to squint, barely able to keep his eyes open.

Reluctantly...

Lin Jing had no choice but to close his eyes.

A few moments later, Jing clearly felt the change in the Spiritual Energy around him, markedly different from the outside world.

It was as if he was in another world entirely.

It was only then

That Lin Jing opened his eyes, finally seeing his surroundings clearly.

The place where Lin Jing found himself was lush with trees, which almost obscured the sky above.

Just as Lin Jing was about to turn and look behind him,

Suddenly,

A chilling coldness struck...

At the same time,

The system warning sounded at that moment.

“Warning!”

“Within the alert range, a living creature has launched a stealth attack on the host. Please respond in time.”

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It was at this moment that Lin Jing caught sight of a red shadow lunging towards him from the corner of his eye.

And this red shadow was incredibly fast.

In the blink of an eye, it had already reached Lin Jing.

However...

Lin Jing's reaction was not slow either. The instant the red shadow attacked, his Divine Sense had already probed out.

It wasn't until then that Lin Jing realized...

The one ambushing him turned out to be a snake-like Demonic Beast, except that the beast's body was blood-red, and on its head, there was a lump of flesh...

Coupled with its gaping maw, it looked extremely terrifying.

With its gaping maw wide open, revealing sharp fangs, the Demonic Beast pounced towards Lin Jing.

At this moment...

Lin Jing had already commanded the Flawless Sword, positioning it in front of himself.

The Flawless Sword was transparent, and it seemed the vision of the beast wasn't very good, as it collided directly with the Flawless Sword.

Its attack, however, was precisely blocked by Lin Jing's Flying Sword.

After colliding with the Flawless Sword, the beast let out a series of "hiss" noises...

Then it was sent flying backward.

Lin Jing, too, was knocked back several steps by the impact of the Demonic Beast, nearly falling to the ground.

Lin Jing quickly steadied himself and looked towards the Demonic Beast.

The snake-like Demonic Beast was fast, and its strength was not weak either.

Moreover.

Judging by the aura it was emitting...

The strength of this Demonic Beast should not be much different from Lin Jing's own; to take it down, he estimated he would need to put in quite an effort.

Lin Jing kept a close watch on the beast while calculating in his mind how to defeat it.

Just as Lin Jing was deep in thought...

Suddenly...

The Demonic Beast shuddered violently, as if it had encountered its natural predator, first retracting, then turning around and fleeing as if flying.

Even faster than when it had attacked Lin Jing.

This action left Lin Jing dumbfounded.

Just as Lin Jing was confused and still dumbstruck...

A black shadow swooshed by, passing next to Lin Jing at a speed much faster than that of the snake-like Demonic Beast.

In an instant, the black shadow had caught up with the snake-like Demonic Beast.

"Screech..."

With a piercing shriek, the black shadow directly pounced on the snake-like Demonic Beast.

Upon hearing this cry, Lin Jing realized.

It turned out that this black shadow was none other than Little Sparrow.

However...

The snake-like Demonic Beast was so focused on fleeing that it didn't even have time to look back before Little Sparrow struck it dead.

Lin Jing didn't even see clearly how the snake-like Demonic Beast died.

He only saw Little Sparrow swooping down, skimming over the head of the snake-like beast like a dragonfly touching water...

Afterward...

The serpent-shaped Demonic Beast collapsed to the ground, its lump of flesh on its head split open, leaving a large hole from which blood was gushing out.

Under Little Sparrow's claw, the snake-like Demonic Beast couldn't last a single round and was instantly killed by Little Sparrow.

When it comes to Little Sparrow, although it may seem like a small glutton and even a bit silly at times,

It had in fact always been very powerful.

Speaking of which...

It had already reached the peak of the Foundation Establishment Stage, just one step away from the Golden Core.

It had always been stuck, never able to make the breakthrough.

Next...

Little Sparrow, with a Demonic Beast Inner Core in its mouth, flew towards Lin Jing.

This speed was as if it was just taking a leisurely stroll.

Compared to the speed when it had killed the serpent-shaped beast, it was a world apart.

Little Sparrow landed directly on Lin Jing's shoulder.

After that...

Little Sparrow, with the Demonic Beast Inner Core still in its mouth, "gulp," swallowed it down into its stomach.

Then it cocked its head, looking at Lin Jing.

Lin Jing, looking at Little Sparrow, asked:

"Little Sparrow..."

"How did you come to be here?"

"Where is Qing Ling?"

Hearing Lin Jing's question, Little Sparrow tilted its head thoughtfully and then replied:

"Looking for you..."

Lin Jing immediately understood what Little Sparrow meant.

It must be that after Huang Qingling entered, she didn't encounter any of them.

Then...

she sent out Little Sparrow to look for them.

Little Sparrow could fly very quickly and was quite familiar with the jungle.

Having it search for people couldn't be more appropriate.

"Little Sparrow, could you please take me to find Fellow Daoist Qing Ling?"

Lin Jing spoke, addressing Little Sparrow.

"Understood..."

Little Sparrow nodded, agreeing with a sentence.

Afterward.

It flew up from Lin Jing's shoulder and headed into the jungle behind them.

And Lin Jing, hastily followed behind Little Sparrow.

Here...

only the snake-shaped Demonic Beast's corpse, without its Demonic Beast Inner Core, was left behind.

However, in just a short while, a swarm of insects and ants had surrounded the corpse of the snake-shaped demonic beast.

These insects and ants were incredibly fierce...

In just a moment, the corpse of the snake-shaped demonic beast was nibbled clean, without even leaving a trace of bone behind.

At this time...

in this dense jungle.

Lin Jing followed Little Sparrow, weaving through the dense forest.

Just like that...

roughly a quarter of an hour later, Lin Jing once again saw Huang Qingling.

The distance between the two was not very far.

However, navigating through the dense jungle was quite troublesome and took some time.

It was also fortunate that the distance between them was not great...

Otherwise.

Little Sparrow wouldn't have been able to find Lin Jing so quickly.

"Fellow Daoist Qing Ling..."

The moment he saw Huang Qingling, Lin Jing greeted her first.

Huang Qingling also turned to greet him only after seeing Little Sparrow, and then saw Lin Jing following behind Little Sparrow.

"Lin Jing..."

Upon seeing Lin Jing, Huang Qingling quickly greeted him in return.

Seeing Lin Jing, Huang Qingling was visibly very happy.

“I didn’t expect Little Sparrow to find you so quickly...”

Lin Jing nodded and then said,

“I just encountered a Demonic Beast, but fortunately, Little Sparrow appeared and saved my life.”

Hearing Lin Jing’s words, Little Sparrow proudly raised its head, looking at Huang Qingling.

It seemed to be waiting for Huang Qingling’s praise.

Even though Lin Jing could deal with the demonic beast on his own, it would require him to exert his true strength.

It wasn’t as effortless as it was for Little Sparrow.

And now, Little Sparrow was quite clever, almost able to communicate normally with people.

So...

In front of Little Sparrow, Lin Jing had no choice but to hide his strength.

“How are you, are you hurt?”

Upon hearing Lin Jing’s story, Huang Qingling’s voice rose anxiously as she quickly looked him over.

“Little Sparrow arrived in time, so luckily, I was unharmed.”

Lin Jing said.

After hearing what Lin Jing said and seeing that there were no wounds on him, Huang Qingling finally let out a sigh of relief.

Subsequently.

Huang Qingling gently rubbed Little Sparrow and said to it,

“Little Sparrow, you did a great job...”

Receiving such treatment from Huang Qingling, Little Sparrow seemed to enjoy it immensely.

A moment later...

Huang Qingling looked up at Lin Jing and said,

“The Demonic Beasts here are mostly at the Foundation Establishment Stage, and it’s rare for them to attack people; they probably attacked you because they saw your cultivation was low.”

“Previously…”

“Everyone who came in here had at least the cultivation of the Foundation Establishment Stage.”

“I’m afraid you were the only one at the Qi Refinement Realm.”

Having said this, Huang Qingling then expressed self-reproach,

“We came in a hurry before and I neglected this matter; had I known, I would have prepared some talismans for you before entering.”