

Immortality Cultivation: I Farm in the System Space

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Lin Jing furrowed his brows tightly and after some thought, he spoke:

“Given this pace, how long do you estimate it would take to reach the Golden Core Peak?”

Li Tangyu said:

“Before I received this news, I had already made a prediction. If nothing unforeseen occurs, I should be able to reach the Golden Core Peak within ten years.”

“Ten years...” Lin Jing furrowed his brows even tighter, repeated the period, and at the same time, he bowed his head, contemplating a strategy.

Meanwhile, Li Tangyu turned to look at Lin Jing and then said:

“Brother Lin...”

“If something really happens to me by then, Qingqing... please take care of her...”

“In fact, I can tell that Qingqing has some feelings for you. If possible, it would not be unacceptable for you and Qingqing to be together...”

Upon hearing Li Tangyu’s words, Lin Jing, still deep in thought, was startled, and then he looked up at Li Tangyu.

He discovered that Li Tangyu was looking at him earnestly.

Was Li Tangyu already planning for the future, wanting to entrust his sister to him?

As for Li Qingqing, of course, Lin Jing was also very fond of her.

However.

It was not the kind of fondness between a man and a woman but rather the affection of a brother for his sister, just like Li Tangyu’s.

Now was not the time for Lin Jing to consider this matter. What Lin Jing was considering now was how to help Li Tangyu through this difficulty.

Therefore, Lin Jing said to Li Tangyu:

“Brother Li...”

“Now is not the time to give up.”

“There is actually a way to deal with this situation...”

Li Tangyu then said:

“I mean, in case something really happens to me, I’ll leave my sister in your care.”

“Don’t you like Qingqing?”

Lin Jing said:

“I do, but...”

Lin Jing hadn’t finished speaking when Li Tangyu interrupted him:

“Isn’t it good that you like her? Why the hesitation?”

“That way, I can rest assured entrusting Qingqing to you.”

Lin Jing was suddenly speechless...

However.

Now was not the moment to get entangled with Li Tangyu over these matters.

The main issue now was to help Li Tangyu resolve the urgent situation at hand.

Then, Lin Jing directly changed the subject and said to Li Tangyu:

“Brother Li...”

“I remember you mentioned last time that the Cultivation Technique you are practicing was used by the Demon Lord for experimentation, and so far, you’re the only one who has managed to cultivate it successfully, right?”

Li Tangyu nodded and said:

“Yes...”

“Aside from myself, no one else can cultivate this practice successfully.”

Lin Jing continued:

“Then during cultivation, are there any problems that even the Demon Lord isn’t clear about?”

Li Tangyu nodded again and said:

“Of course...”

“That’s why the Demon Lord checks on my cultivation progress every so often and also inquires about some problems I encounter during my practice.”

Lin Jing nodded and said:

“If that’s the case,”

“Even if your cultivation speed suddenly slowed down or came to a halt, the Demon Lord wouldn’t be able to find the cause, right?”

Li Tangyu looked up and turned his attention back to Lin Jing before speaking:

“Indeed...”

“However, as long as I carry out the tasks set by the Demon Lord, I will definitely advance my cultivation, and I can’t avoid doing them.”

“If there were any abnormalities along the way, I fear he would intervene immediately.”

“Moreover, when I’m on a task, he also arranges for someone to supervise, and even if I wanted to play some tricks, I couldn’t.”

Lin Jing then said:

“I have two Cultivation Techniques...”

“One of them allows you to conceal your cultivation; after concealing it, as long as the other party doesn’t exceed you by two major realms, they wouldn’t be able to see your true hidden cultivation.”

“The other is a Body Refining Technique, which can consume your cultivation and slow down your rate of breakthrough.”

“Even if there were issues with the concealing technique, it would still allow you to delay reaching the Golden Core Peak.”

“With these two techniques, although they cannot solve the crisis immediately, they can buy you quite a lot of time to carry out your plans.”

After hearing this, Li Tangyu’s eyes lit up, and he said:

“The method Brother Lin mentioned might actually be worth a try.”

“What I lack the most right now is time.”

“If I could really delay for a while, I would be able to properly execute my plans.”

Lin Jing nodded and then said:

“In that case, once I get back, I will make a copy of these two techniques for you.”

“Then, Little Sparrow can take them directly to you, and you can start cultivating.”

Li Tangyu nodded and said:

“Good...”

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Lin Jing escorted Li Tangyu near Wan Mo Island, and after bidding farewell, Lin Jing returned to Li Yan Island.

When Lin Jing returned to Li Yan Island, he found that Li Qingqing was still waiting for him in his courtyard.

As soon as Lin Jing entered the courtyard, Li Qingqing stepped forward and said:

“Brother Lin Jing...”

“You and my brother, you two must be hiding something from me...”

“I’m not that young anymore, yet my brother always treats me like a child, shouldering everything alone.”

“I want to know, what is really going on with my brother?”

Seeing the resolute Li Qingqing before him, Lin Jing sighed helplessly and said:

“Qingqing...”

“Sometimes, when we don’t tell you things, it’s actually because we don’t want you to worry.”

“We are already figuring out a solution to your brother’s issue, so don’t stress over it. Just focus on your cultivation and strive to advance to the Golden Core Stage as soon as possible.”

After saying this, Lin Jing planned to leave.

But Li Qingqing was somewhat anxious, and immediately extended her arms, blocking Lin Jing’s way:

“Lin Jing, are you going to keep it from me too?”

“My brother is now in the Demon Cave, how can I not worry?”

“Lin Jing...”

“Even if I beg you, just tell me...”

“Also, how can I help my brother?”

Seeing Li Qingqing’s pitiful, pleading eyes, Lin Jing’s heart softened, and then he said:

“Qing Qing...”

“You actually don’t need to be like this; in fact, there are some issues with the cultivation technique your brother is practicing.”

“However...”

“We have already figured out a solution just now.”

“Your brother, for the time being, won’t be in any danger, so you can rest assured...”

“And...”

“If you want to help your brother, then work hard on your cultivation and strive to advance to the Golden Core Stage as soon as possible.”

“When you reach the Golden Core Stage and have a certain amount of strength, you should be able to help him.”

Li Qingqing lifted her head and looked into Lin Jing’s eyes, asking:

“Is that really so?”

Lin Jing looked straight into Li Qingqing's eyes and nodded:

“Yes...”

Only then did Li Qingqing feel relieved, and she said to Lin Jing:

“Alright, Lin Jing...”

“I will focus on my cultivation and strive to advance to the Golden Core Stage as soon as possible.”

After speaking, Li Qingqing left...

After Li Qingqing departed, Lin Jing also turned around and went back to his own room.

Then he took out a prescription from his Storage Bag and started to examine it.

This prescription was what the lady in white had given, the formula for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir.

This Cleansing Spirit Elixir was indeed a good thing; Lin Jing still needed to study it thoroughly...

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Time flies quickly, and before you know it, it has already passed...

Soon.

Ten years had already gone by.

During these ten years, Lin Jing seldom went out, spending most of his time cultivating on Li Yan Island, as well as practicing alchemy.

Meanwhile, Li Yan Island continued to develop steadily.

Now, Li Yan Island had gained some fame in the nearby waters.

Especially Li Yan Fang Market, where there was a large influx of cultivators from other islands coming to trade every day.

Even some island masters would occasionally come to Li Yan Fang Market, seeking the spirit plants or elixir medicines they needed.

Actually, this was all thanks to the cultivation of spirit plants on Li Yan Island and the elixir medicines that Lin Jing had refined...

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Since Lin Jing had spoken about that matter to Li Qingqing ten years ago, Li Qingqing started to cultivate wholeheartedly.

Finally, she successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation and advanced to the Golden Core Stage after one year.

Apart from Li Qingqing, several others on Flame Island also advanced to the Golden Core Stage with Lin Jing's assistance.

These individuals all made significant contributions to Flame Island and, after being tested, proved they would never betray Lin Jing.

As for the others, even if they had been at the Foundation Establishment peak for many years, Lin Jing wouldn't lend them a hand.

Even.

Lin Jue and Ye Yun also advanced to the Golden Core Stage two years ago, one after another.

And Lin Jue, just like Li Qingqing, is now a third-grade Pill Master.

Only, Li Qingqing is about to be promoted to a fourth-grade Pill Master.

As for Ye Yun, he is now a disciple of Lin Jing.

After Ye Yun had perfected the Seven Refinement Body Forging Technique and entered the Golden Core Stage, Lin Jing passed on the Overlord Divine Physique to him as well.

Upon receiving the inheritance of the Overlord Divine Physique, Ye Yun immediately knelt down and asked to take Lin Jing as his master.

And with Lin Jue's persuasion, Lin Jing also accepted Ye Yun.

After such a long time together, Lin Jing had long recognized that Ye Yun was loyal and utterly reliable.

There was also an interesting development; Lin Jue had revealed her true identity to both Ye Yun and Li Qingqing.

After learning of this, Li Qingqing was a little surprised but didn't have much of a reaction.

Ye Yun, on the other hand, was flustered and at a loss.

Due to Ye Yun's personality, he had never been good at interacting with girls since he was young.

Before, when Lin Jue pretended to be a boy, Ye Yun didn't think much of it, but now that his comrade of many years suddenly became a girl, he didn't know how to interact with her.

The two could never return to their previous way of interaction.

Especially Ye Yun, who now turns red-faced and makes excuses to get away after only speaking a few words to Lin Jue.

Which frustrated Lin Jue to no end.

And now, to avoid Lin Jue, Ye Yun spent most of his time at the Earthflame Spring, practicing cultivation.

Of course, besides cultivating and practicing alchemy, Lin Jing would at times go to Li Yan City to spend some time with Yue Qi's mother.

He let them slowly familiarize themselves with Li Yan City and Li Yan Fang Market because, after all, they were expected to help manage Flame Island in the future.

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Of course...

Apart from them, the one who made the most rapid progress in these ten years was unquestionably Lin Jing.

Whether it was his cultivation or his Alchemy Dao, Lin Jing had improved significantly...

Chapter 432: Chapter 132: Expansion of Liyan Fang Market

After ten years of ceaseless cultivation, Lin Jing's cultivation had risen from the third layer of the Golden Core Stage to the eighth layer of the Golden Core Stage.

He had advanced by a full five minor realms.

Moreover, Lin Jing had been in the eighth layer of the Golden Core Stage for quite some time now.

It was estimated that before long, Lin Jing would be able to break through once again and enter the ninth layer of the Golden Core Stage.

Apart from Zhang Jian, who possessed special fortuitous encounters, and Li Tan, who cultivated special Demonic Techniques, no one could compare to Lin Jing's speed of cultivation.

Of course...

A great deal of credit went to the System Space, which offered an acceleration of time flow.

Therefore, the actual amount of cultivation time Lin Jing had was much more than others.

In addition to that, Lin Jing frequently consumed Elixir Medicines, and all these conditions combined allowed his cultivation speed to surge forward rapidly.

Beyond cultivation, Lin Jing's alchemy skills also significantly improved.

In this period, Lin Jing, through relentless alchemy, had finally advanced to a Fifth-Rank Alchemist.

He could now concoct Fifth-Rank Elixir Medicines.

One must know that the Cleansing Spirit Elixir and Revival Elixir were both Fifth-Rank Elixir Medicines, and only by advancing to a Fifth-Rank Alchemist could he refine them.

However, although Lin Jing was now a Fifth-Rank Alchemist, he had still not been able to gather all the ingredients for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir and Revival Elixir.

Particularly the main ingredient for the Revival Elixir, the Jade Soul Algae, Lin Jing had put out a task in the Elixir Pavilion years ago to purchase it.

But until now, there had been no news...

Previously, Lin Jing had thought that having the Elixir Pavilion's task rewards would make it easier to collect the Spirit Plants he needed.

But now it seemed...

Lin Jing's initial thoughts were utterly wrong.

Because those truly scarce High-Grade Spiritual Plants were exceedingly rare, and even if they did appear, they were claimed by major powers.

There was no chance for them to flow into the market.

Even if Lin Jing wanted to purchase them, he could not find any; it was a case of having the money but no market.

And this was the situation Lin Jing encountered now.

While Lin Jing carried over ten million Spirit Stones on him, in the short term, he couldn't collect any Fifth-Rank or higher Spiritual Plants.

It was unthinkable how he would acquire Sixth-Rank, or even the Seventh, Eighth-Rank Spiritual Plants in the future...

Not to mention those legendary Ninth-Rank Spiritual Plants.

It was likely that even the top powers didn't have a single one...

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On this day, just after Lin Jing finished alchemy, he left his courtyard and headed to Li Yan Market.

The reason was that Yue Qi had informed Lin Jing that due to the increasing fame of Li Yan Market, the number of cultivators visiting daily had grown significantly.

This led to Fang Market frequently being overcrowded and extremely congested, causing many people to begin complaining.

Especially since the number of stalls in the market was insufficient, they were unable to meet the demands of these cultivators.

Those who wanted to set up stalls to sell various treasures often waited for several days without getting an empty stall.

And because Lin Jing had agreed with Yue Qi that they would not expand the market's scale too quickly...

Seeing this situation, Yue Qi couldn't make up her mind, so she asked Lin Jing whether Li Yan Market should be expanded now...

Lin Jing came to Li Yan Market this time to see the current state of the market.

Upon arriving at the entrance of the market, Lin Jing had not yet entered.

At the entrance of the market, a Golden Core Cultivator who was extremely excited quickly approached Lin Jing.

After the Golden Core Cultivator arrived in front of Lin Jing, he immediately gave a respectful bow and said:

“Island Master...”

Lin Jing nodded and asked,

“Linxian, how has the market been recently?”

This Golden Core Cultivator, named Huang Linxian, was also an indigenous cultivator from Li Yan Island who had been stuck at the peak of Foundation Establishment for decades, unable to break through.

It was only after Lin Jing took charge of the island that he, like Yue Qi, busied himself with the affairs of Li Yan Island day in and day out.

Recently, with Lin Jing’s help, he had managed to break through to the Golden Core Stage.

Therefore, Huang Linxian was very grateful to Lin Jing.

And immediately after advancing to the Golden Core Stage, he swore by his Soul Spirit to serve Lin Jing loyally until death.

Yue Qi had now assigned him to oversee Li Yan Market.

Moreover, the control over the market’s Formation was also shared with him.

Huang Linxian, now working for Lin Jing, not only earned Spirit Stones but would also receive Elixir Medicine rewards for his contributions.

He no longer had to risk his life for cultivation resources every day like before.

Today, Huang Linxian’s treatment made the other native cultivators of Li Yan Island extremely envious.

Huang Linxian respectfully answered,

“Replying to the Island Master...”

“The development of the market is getting better and better, with more and more people coming from several surrounding islands.”

“Apart from some dissatisfaction due to the market being too small recently, nothing else has occurred, and there have been very few disturbances here so far.”

Lin Jing nodded and said,

“Alright, I’m aware. I will take a look myself, you don’t need to accompany me.”

Huang Linxian again bowed to Lin Jing and said,

“Yes, Island Master...”

After speaking, he stepped aside.

Lin Jing then went straight into the market.

Upon entering the market, Lin Jing discovered just how boisterous it truly was.

People swarmed the streets constantly, and the stalls on both sides were crowded as well.

Some particularly popular stalls were surrounded three layers deep inside and out.

And the cultivators passing through the streets were jostling shoulder to shoulder.

Seeing this scene, Lin Jing frowned slightly.

Indeed, the market was quite crowded.

Originally, when Flame Island Fang Market was constructed, the central streets were not narrow, even more spacious than the previous black market streets at Nanshan Market.

But Lin Jing underestimated the number of cultivators on the islands in this nearby sea area...

At this moment, walking on the streets of the Fang Market.

There were constantly pedestrians passing by Lin Jing, some discussing the gains of the day, others talking about the events that had taken place recently.

Behind those stalls were the various shops that had been built earlier.

Traffic in and out of these shops was also non-stop.

At first, these shops had no takers for rent.

Because the rents were not cheap, and at that time, Flame Island Fang Market had not yet developed or gained any fame...

Later on, as Flame Island Fang Market kept developing,

Lin Jing, in order to attract cultivators from other islands, placed a batch of Pure Elixirs in the Li Yan Elixir Pavilion.

It was precisely these Pure Elixirs that made a name for Li Yan Elixir Pavilion among the nearby islands...

And Flame Island Fang Market thrived from there.

Once Flame Island Fang Market started to develop, those who had been watching and waiting earlier, including some small trade associations, could no longer sit still.

They came one after another, requesting to settle in Flame Island Fang Market.

To date, the Market could be said to have everything complete.

Alchemy pavilions, artifact refining shops, talisman stores, and even a pavilion for buying exotic beasts and pets...

Truly, all kinds of shops were available...

Flame Island Fang Market really only started developing over the past two years.

Once the fame of Flame Island Fang Market spread, even without any effort from Lin Jing, a large number of cultivators would come daily on the strength of its reputation.

This led to the bustling scene seen today.

Of course.

The most important factor was that in this sea area, there was not yet a mature market of any sort.

Whether out of fear or simply lacking any selling points for promotion, other islands also had similar marketplaces.

However, those markets were not very appealing and couldn't reach the scale of Fang Market.

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Wandering inside the Fang Market, Lin Jing walked and looked around...

Occasionally, he would stop to check out some of the items being sold at other people's stalls.

However, most of these stall owners were local cultivators from some nearby islands, so it was rare to find any notable items for sale.

Finding truly good items at these stalls was as difficult as panning for gold in the sand...

Lin Jing casually glanced at a few stalls and found that mostly, they sold low-grade elixir medicines and various treasures.

Not even a single Golden Core Stage magical treasure or material could be found.

Lin Jing lost interest.

He then continued to walk further inside.

In this way, Lin Jing made his way to the very back of the Market.

The furthest part of the Market, which should have been the quietest, was also filled with quite a few people.

After looking around, Lin Jing had a rough idea in his mind and then left the Market.

After leaving the Market, Lin Jing did not return to his small courtyard but went to Li Yan City instead.

Lin Jing came to the City Lord's Mansion of Li Yan City.

At that time, in the City Lord's Mansion,

Yue Qi was talking with another Golden Core Cultivator in yellow robes about some matters concerning Li Yan City.

This woman in yellow was named Yan Liyun and was the Deputy City Lord of Li Yan City.

When Yue Qi was busy and unavailable, it was she who managed the daily affairs of Li Yan City.

Yan Liyun was also among those who had advanced to the Golden Core Stage with the help of Lin Jing, alongside Huang Linxian.

Upon seeing Lin Jing's arrival, the two quickly approached Lin Jing and bowed, saying,

"Island Master..."

Lin Jing nodded and said to them,

“Dispense with the formalities...”

Then, Lin Jing turned to Yue Qi and said,

“I came here to discuss some matters with you.”

Upon hearing this, Yan Liyun immediately spoke to Lin Jing and Yue Qi,

“Island Master, City Lord Yue...”

“Then I’ll take my leave.”

Lin Jing nodded, while Yue Qi said to Yan Liyun,

“The matters we discussed earlier, I’ll have to trouble you to pay them extra attention.”

Yan Liyun nodded and said,

“Please rest assured, City Lord Yue, I will manage them carefully and ensure that no mistakes occur.”

After speaking, Yan Liyun bid farewell to Lin Jing and Yue Qi and left.

After Yan Liyun’s departure, Yue Qi spoke,

“Island Master, may I know the reason for your visit?”

Lin Jing said,

“Qi’er...”

“Didn’t you mention expanding the Market to me before?”

“I just took a walk through the Market, and it’s indeed as crowded as you described, so it’s time we expanded the Fang Market...”

“Going forward...”

“Please make the necessary arrangements to expand Flame Island Fang Market.”

Yue Qi responded,

“Understood, Island Master...”

Chapter 433: Chapter 133 The Trade Fair on Xian Yu Island

Lin Jing nodded, and then asked Yue Qi's mother again,

"By the way, Qi Mother..."

"How are the Spirit Fields on the island now?"

Yue Qi's mother said,

"Island Master, after your last instruction, our island's Spirit Fields have also expanded quite a bit."

"Now, practically all the places that could be cultivated into Spirit Fields have been done so. If we want to continue expanding the Spirit Fields, we can only consider taking over other islands."

Lin Jing spoke,

"Taking over other islands to expand, huh?"

Yue Qi's mother nodded and said,

"Yes..."

"And also, last time, with the help from Friend Zhang, we set up that Spirit Gathering Array, I think it also needs to be upgraded..."

"There are too many Spirit Plants in the Spirit Fields now, and the Spiritual Energy provided by that Spirit Gathering Array seems to be insufficient."

"Otherwise, we'll have to grow fewer Spirit Plants."

"A shortage of Spiritual Energy..." Lin Jing frowned, muttering to himself.

After finishing, Lin Jing nodded and said,

"Alright, I understand..."

"By the way..."

"How about the Spirit Fields on Zhang Jian's Yuxing Island?"

Lin Jing asked once more.

Yue Qi's mother replied,

“Friend Zhang’s occupied Yuxing Island has a bit more Spirit Fields than we do.”

“The High-Grade Spiritual Plants they have planted in those Spirit Fields are not yet mature, but they have already sold us some of the lower-grade ones.”

Initially, Lin Jing had said he would help Zhang Jian take over Yuxing Island, and not long after, they had taken it over.

It must be said that Zhang Jian gained quite a benefit from that woman in white.

If it weren’t for Zhang Jian’s cultivation advancing by leaps and bounds, breaking through to the mid-stage of Golden Core so quickly, it would have taken them several more years to occupy Yuxing Island.

Even though, in the process of this breakthrough, Zhang Jian was in pain yet delighted...

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Subsequently, Lin Jing said to Yue Qi’s mother,

“Qi Mother, let’s go take a look at the Spirit Fields...”

Yue Qi’s mother said,

“Sure, Island Master...”

However, just as the two were about to leave, Lin Jing suddenly spoke up,

“It seems, we don’t need to go to the Spirit Fields for the time being...”

Yue Qi’s mother looked at Lin Jing with confusion, not understanding why he would suddenly say that.

Lin Jing simply smiled and said,

“We have guests coming...”

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Having said that, Lin Jing looked up, gazing towards the distant horizon.

Yue Qi’s mother also followed the direction of Lin Jing’s gaze and looked up towards the distance.

Indeed...

It didn't take long for them to see a figure at the edge of the sky, flying towards them on a sword.

As it drew nearer, Yue Qi's mother could see clearly.

This person was none other than Zhang Jian.

Seeing Lin Jing and Yue Qi's mother there, Zhang Jian flew directly towards the City Lord's Mansion.

Afterward, he descended.

Having landed from the sky, Zhang Jian approached them and said,

"Brother Lin, Cultivator Yue..."

"Long time no see!"

Lin Jing replied with a smile,

"Brother Zhang..."

"What brings you here today?"

Having said that, he sized up Zhang Jian and said,

"Not bad, your cultivation has improved quickly, hasn't it? How long has it been? You've already advanced to the seventh layer of Golden Core."

"I must say, your luck is truly enviable..."

In contrast, upon hearing Lin Jing's words, Zhang Jian stunned for a moment, then his face turned to one of bitter misery.

Then he said, still with a pained expression,

"Brother Lin..."

"If you really can't speak properly, then say less, and I'll suffer less..."

"You know full well the pain I've been through."

"Thinking about that time now, I feel like slapping myself twice."

"Why did I have to be so mouthy and insist on pushing forward?"

Zhang Jian's suffering was something Lin Jing was all too aware of.

Once, during a breakthrough, Zhang Jian did it on Li Yan Island.

At that time, Zhang Jian's painful screams were so intense that Little Sparrow heard them, its feathers instantly puffing up, and it flew away in fright, not daring to come back.

It circled outside Li Yan Island for a whole night, only daring to return after Zhang Jian had completed his breakthrough.

Lin Jing then continued,

"Brother Zhang..."

"That Frostbone Erosion..."

Lin Jing had just begun speaking when he was immediately interrupted by Zhang Jian.

Zhang Jian shivered and said,

"Don't... don't..."

"Don't mention those words, I'm superstitious about them now..."

Lin Jing's face immediately was drawn tight...

However, seeing Zhang Jian hugging his arms and trembling lips, he came to understand.

Obviously, Zhang Jian was not lying.

He was indeed extremely sensitive to those words.

So Lin Jing changed his approach and asked again,

"Then, Brother Zhang..."

"How many antidotes does she have left for you?"

Hearing Lin Jing's question, Zhang Jian frowned deeply and said,

"Only the last one is left..."

"But I still have to endure three more agonies before advancing to the Golden Core Peak."

“Moreover, these three agonies are increasingly severe, and I don’t know how I’m going to survive them...”

“If I had known this would happen, I would have held back more before and wouldn’t have ended up in this situation.”

In the face of Zhang Jian’s predicament, Lin Jing was also at a loss.

After all, the antidote given by the woman in white was only three pills; once finished, there would be none left.

Moreover, they didn’t have the formula for the antidote in their hands, so even if they wanted to concoct it themselves, it was impossible.”

At this point, Zhang Jian sighed and said,

“Alas...”

“Forget it, when the time comes, we’ll see...”

Lin Jing looked at Zhang Jian and could only shake his head with a wry smile.

Then, Lin Jing spoke up again, asking Zhang Jian:

“Brother Zhang...”

“What brings you here this time?”

Upon hearing Lin Jing’s question, Zhang Jian then began to speak:

“Brother Lin, it’s like this.”

“A Daoist friend I met on Xian Yu Island told me that in a few days, there will be a trade meeting held on the island.”

“I want you to join me.”

Lin Jing was taken aback, then asked:

“What kind of trade meeting?”

Zhang Jian explained:

“It’s an internal trade meeting of the Thousand Islands Domain.”

“Reportedly, several cultivators have discovered a relic, and they acquired quite a few treasures while adventuring through it. Thus, they took the lead in organizing this trade meeting.”

“Brother Lin, didn’t you mention you were lacking high-grade Spirit Plants? It’s said that they have some in their possession.”

“Maybe you’ll find just what you need.”

After listening, Lin Jing furrowed his brows in thought for a moment, then said:

“Is this information reliable?”

Zhang Jian assured:

“Of course...”

“Now, many people are aware of this trade meeting, it’s just that you, Brother Lin, seldom socialize, which is why you haven’t heard about it.”

“Moreover, if you have anything you wish to sell, you can also exchange it for what you want at this trade meeting.”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing felt a sense of familiarity.

So, Lin Jing continued to inquire:

“Who is organizing this trade meeting, what’s his surname?”

Zhang Jian pondered for a moment, then replied:

“I think his surname is Bai...”

“It’s said that this Cultivator Bai, not long ago, along with a few friends, unintentionally discovered this relic while hunting Demonic Beasts at the bottom of the sea, when they were chasing a Deep Sea Fierce Dragon.”

“After discovering the relic, they entered and explored it, and each of them made quite a harvest.”

“However, a large part of the treasures they obtained are currently of no use to them, hence they organized this trade event.”

Hearing this, Lin Jing finally relaxed a little.

Perhaps he was overthinking it. Lin Jing had actually thought of Shopkeeper Shen...

“So, do you want to go have a look?” Zhang Jian asked at that time.

Lin Jing nodded, replying:

“Okay...”

“Let’s go have a look then. After all, there’s no harm in just looking...”

Zhang Jian then added:

“Brother Lin, don’t forget to bring plenty of Spirit Stones or rare Elixir Medicines with you before heading to the trade meeting.”

“You might encounter high-grade Spirit Plants, and you can secure them on the spot.”

Lin Jing nodded and said with a smile:

“Of course, if I really come across rare Spirit Plants, I definitely won’t let them slip away.”

After speaking, Lin Jing questioned Zhang Jian again:

“By the way...”

“When does that trade meeting you mentioned start?”

Zhang Jian replied:

“In half a month. When the time comes, I’ll come to find you, and we’ll go there together.”

Lin Jing nodded, saying:

“Alright...”

Zhang Jian also responded:

“Since we’ve settled this matter, I’ll head back now. When it’s about time, I’ll come to find you.”

However, Lin Jing called out to Zhang Jian, stopping him:

“Brother Zhang, don’t rush. I have another favor to ask of you...”

Zhang Jian turned his head and replied:

“What is it?”

But judging by Zhang Jian’s reaction, he seemed somewhat wary of Lin Jing.

Meanwhile, Lin Jing approached with a grin and clasped Zhang Jian’s shoulder, saying:

“Last time, didn’t you set up a large Spirit Gathering Array in the Spirit Field on the island for me?”

“Now, I feel that the Spirit Gathering Array isn’t powerful enough and I want to upgrade it...”

Hearing this, Zhang Jian leaped back like a startled rabbit, exclaiming:

“Brother Lin...”

“Are you joking...”

“Installing that large Spirit Gathering Array last time almost killed me, and it also cost quite a bit in materials.”

“You should know, that nearly amounted to half of my entire fortune.”

“And what about the compensation you mentioned? I haven’t seen even a bit of it...”

“If you ask for another one, I might end up putting myself into the deal.”

Lin Jing just chuckled and replied:

“Hehe...”

“I just forgot all about it, being so busy with alchemy.”

“Don’t you know me, am I the stingy type?”

“This time you don’t need to supply the materials, I’ve already had Yue Qi prepare them.”

“And you want compensation, right...”

“How about this, you also know, I’m gathering materials to concoct the Nirvana Elixir; if you help me collect two of them, I will give you one of the Nirvana Elixirs I produce, how’s that?”

Hearing Lin Jing’s proposal, Zhang Jian immediately perked up.

He came closer to Lin Jing once more and asked:

“Are you serious about that?”

Lin Jing affirmed:

“Certainly...”

“Besides, it’s not just you who needs the Nirvana Elixir, I also need it to advance to the Nascent Soul Stage.”

Zhang Jian, upon hearing this, nodded then said:

“True...”

“Then it’s settled, Brother Lin...”

“I’ll obtain one or two types of the required materials for you, and in return, you give me one Nirvana Elixir.”

Lin Jing nodded, then said:

“In that case...”

“What about the Spirit Gathering Array?”

Without waiting for Lin Jing to finish, Zhang Jian hastily added:

“Rest assured, Brother Lin...”

“It’s just a mere Spirit Gathering Array, leave it to me...”

Chapter 434: Chapter 134 Refining Detoxification Pills, System Space Upgrade

The Spirit Fields cultivated on Li Yan Island covered nearly one-tenth of the island’s land.

They were located near Li Yan City, not far from the city itself.

Because, apart from this area,

other places were not very suitable for developing into Spirit Fields.

When Lin Jing, accompanied by Zhang Jian and Yue Qi’s mother, arrived at the Spirit Fields...

a man in yellow clothes immediately came up to greet them, he was the person in charge of these Spirit Fields and was also at the Golden Core Stage of cultivation.

Upon arrival, the man in yellow clothes hurriedly greeted them:

“Island Master, Madam Yue...”

“Master Zhang...”

At this time, Madam Yue spoke,

“Master Zhang has come this time to help us upgrade the Spirit Gathering Array. Please lead the way...”

The man in yellow nodded and said,

“Yes...”

After speaking, he led the group further inside.

The scope of the Spirit Fields owned by Li Yan Island was not originally that large. However, as Lin Jing’s demand for Spirit Plants grew, he had some of the land near the Spirit Fields cultivated as well. The newly cultivated fields outside were actually not very good...

They could at best be used to grow some First and Second Rank Spirit Plants.

And the best part of the Spirit Fields lay at the original central region.

The Spirit Gathering Array that Lin Jing needed to upgrade was specifically meant to provide sufficient Spiritual Energy for high-grade Spiritual Plants to grow quickly, and naturally, it was situated in that central area.

Therefore, there was no need to use the Spirit Gathering Array for the peripheral, lower-grade Spirit Fields.

Employing a Spirit Gathering Array for Spirit Fields was something few cultivators would do, as it is too costly in terms of Spirit Stones, and most cultivators could not afford it.

Only those families specializing in cultivating Spirit Plants and large forces would do so.

Moreover,

even for them, they would not dare use a Spirit Gathering Array on a large scale.

They would only use it in a few critical plots of high-grade fields to ensure the growth of the high-grade Spiritual Plants.

The Spirit Gathering Array in the Spirit Fields of Li Yan Island was naturally the same.

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The group walked along and soon arrived at the area of the high-grade Spirit Fields.

At this time, in the central high-grade fields, a few people were busy working.

These people had been taught the Shenglin Revival Wood Technique and were responsible for the care of the high-grade Spiritual Plants inside.

In the central region of the high-grade fields, an area was enveloped by a Formation, which was the Spirit Gathering Array that Lin Jing had mentioned earlier.

The group passed through the Spirit Gathering Array and entered the central Spirit Field.

They saw various rare Third and Fourth Rank Spirit Plants such as the Thousand Spirit God Leaves, Moon Mulberry Spirit Fruits, and Yellow Dragon Spirit Grass growing there.

Even,

a Blood Red Vermilion Fruit tree, which was the main ingredient for making Cultivation True Elixir, was present.

Although in the System Space Lin Jing had already planted all these Spirit Plants,

he couldn't let others know about the System Space. Hence, on Li Yan Island, he also found ways to plant some in the Earth Spirit Fields as a disguise.

Of course, when these Spirit Plants matured, they could also be used for Alchemy, though it might take a bit longer...

Seeing the Spirit Plants here, Zhang Jian couldn't help but sigh and said:

"Brother Lin..."

"Your Li Yan Island is definitely better off."

"Although my Yuxing Island's Spirit Fields cover a larger area than yours, the Spiritual Energy is not as abundant. Most of what I grow are low-grade Spiritual Plants."

Lin Jing then said,

“Actually, Brother Zhang, you could also set up a Spirit Gathering Array. Wouldn’t that solve the problem?”

Zhang Jian’s mouth twitched as he said,

“Forget it...”

“Setting up a Spirit Gathering Array consumes quite a lot of Spirit Stones, and I can’t afford it.”

“Let’s not talk about this.”

“Brother Lin, you tell me how you want to upgrade this Spirit Gathering Array.”

Lin Jing pointed to Yue Qi and said, “This matter has always been managed by Qi’er. Let her explain...”

Afterward, Yue Qi stepped forward and said to Zhang Jian:

“Daoist Zhang, this Spirit Gathering Array...”

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Yue Qi and Zhang Jian then began to discuss...

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By the time Zhang Jian had finished upgrading the Spirit Gathering Array, it was already noon the next day.

After some rest, Zhang Jian bid farewell to Lin Jing and left Li Yan Island, returning to his own Yuxing Island.

After Zhang Jian left, Lin Jing talked with Yue Qi for a while, then left Li Yan City and returned to his own small courtyard at the mountaintop in the northern part of Li Yan Island.

It wasn’t long after Lin Jing’s return that another person arrived.

This person was none other than Li Tangyu.

Previously, for convenience, Lin Jing gave Li Tangyu a Token which allowed him to pass through the Formation and enter the forbidden area of the northern part of Li Yan Island, which was covered by a Formation.

With this Token, there was no worry of being blocked by the Formation and thus disturbing Lin Jing.

Seeing Li Tangyu arrive, Lin Jing quickly greeted him:

“Brother Li...”

“What brings you here today?”

Li Tangyu said:

“Yin Ye is now fiercely competing with the other Demon Lord disciples and doesn’t have much time to spare on me. I’ve just completed a mission and took the opportunity to visit you.”

Ten years ago, after discussing with Lin Jing, Lin Jing soon provided Li Tangyu with the Changyun Hidden Technique and the Overlord Divine Physique.

Li Tangyu also began to secretly cultivate these two techniques.

Because of the characteristics of the Overlord Divine Physique, Lin Tangyu’s advancement in cultivation wasn’t much in these ten years. Most of his cultivation was used to enhance the Overlord Divine Physique.

He was currently at the same cultivation level as Lin Jing, at the Golden Core eighth layer, which alleviated some of Li Tangyu’s crisis.

Chapter 435: Chapter 134 Refining Detoxification Pill, System Space Upgrade_2

In these ten years, Li Tangyu’s cultivation progress was slow, and the Demon Lord had his doubts, but, the tasks he assigned to Li Tangyu, had no slips in the middle.

During that period, he personally investigated and found no issues, and afterward, the Demon Lord gave up on probing further.

Because he was not very familiar with the cultivation technique either.

Actually, under Li Tangyu’s deliberate control, although his cultivation was a bit slow, it was only slightly slower.

Compared to others, it was still quite fast.

It was also for this reason that the Demon Lord dismissed his doubts.

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Lin Jing nodded, then said,

“Brother Li...”

“How are the gu poison and prohibitions on you now?”

“And last time, you said that the materials for concocting the antidote for that poison were almost gathered, right?”

“How about now, have you gathered them?”

Li Tangyu said,

“There is some progress with the prohibitions...”

“And, I have now secretly contacted the seventh disciple of the Demon Lord, providing her with information on the Demon Lord, and joining forces with her against the Demon Lord...”

“Regarding the gu poison, I have now obtained the formula for the detoxification pill, as well as the materials for concocting that Detoxification Pill...”

Having said that, Li Tangyu took out a pill formula and a package of concocting materials from the Storage Bag and handed them to Lin Jing.

Then he said,

“Brother Lin...”

“These are the materials for the antidote for the gu poison on me, could you please help me concoct the Detoxification Pill?”

Lin Jing nodded and said,

“No problem...”

After taking the pill formula and the materials for concocting the Detoxification Pill from Li Tangyu, Lin Jing immediately picked up the formula and began to examine it...

After looking it over, Lin Jing spoke again,

“This Detoxification Pill is not very difficult to concoct, I estimate it can be concocted within a day.”

“Do you plan to wait here, or would you prefer Little Sparrow to deliver it to you after I have concocted it?”

Li Tangyu said,

“Although I can come out, I can’t stay outside for too long, I won’t wait for you.”

“In a while, I plan to go see Qing Qing, after seeing Qing Qing, I will leave directly.”

“Have Little Sparrow deliver the finished Elixir Medicine to me when the time comes.”

“Alright...” Lin Jing nodded.

Afterward, Li Tangyu talked with Lin Jing for a while and then went to see Li Qingqing.

After Li Tangyu left, Lin Jing went to the Alchemy Room next to the small courtyard.

Upon entering the Alchemy Room, Lin Jing activated the Formation of the room and then entered the System Space from within the Alchemy Room.

Concocting Elixir Medicine was definitely more suitable to be done in the Alchemy Room within the System Space.

As soon as Lin Jing was transported into the System Space, the moment he opened his eyes, he saw a vast expanse of Spirit Field before him.

Because Lin Jing had cultivated a Spirit Field on Flame Island in the outside world and planted many Spirit Plants,

He had opted to plant all of the Spirit Plants in the System Space with Third Rank or even higher, Fourth Rank High-Grade Spiritual Plants.

To cultivate these Spirit Plants, he had to continuously apply Spiritual Plant Acceleration for them to mature quickly.

Therefore,

In these ten years, although Lin Jing had been constantly concocting elixirs, recycling Elixir Medicine, and accumulating many Harvest Points,

Most of these Harvest Points had been used for accelerating the growth of the Spiritual Plants.

Thus, the System Space was still at the fifth level, with no further upgrades.

In this way, although initially, it required spending a considerable number of Harvest Points, planting these high-grade Spiritual Plants as soon as possible was beneficial,

With the temporal acceleration of the System Space, the earliest-planted high-grade Spiritual Plants had already matured two or three times.

These mature plants had earned back a significant number of Harvest Points, reimbursing what had been spent on their accelerated growth.

Of course, those rare and special Spirit Plants were still not viable,

For instance, the maturity time for the Nirvana Flower is one thousand years, and accelerating its growth to maturity would cost ten thousand Harvest Points.

And upgrading the system only required fifty thousand Harvest Points.

Therefore, Lin Jing used the growth acceleration only once on the Nirvana Flower and dared not use it again.

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Lin Jing did not stay in the Spirit Field but instead went directly to the Alchemy Room to start concocting the Detoxification Pill.

After arriving at the Alchemy Room, he didn't start the Alchemy process right away, but took out the pill formula to study it in detail.

The ingredients for this Detoxification Pill were hard to come by, and there was only one batch; to prevent any slips, Lin Jing needed to study the formula carefully.

Only after he had thoroughly understood the formula would he start the Alchemy process.

Not understanding it thoroughly would only harm Li Tangyu.

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This time,

It took him another hour to thoroughly understand the pill formula.

Then,

Lin Jing sat in the Alchemy Room, recovering his energy through meditation.

Once he had almost fully recovered, Lin Jing stood up, ready to begin the alchemy process...

The refining of Detoxification Pills was similar to that of other Elixir Medicines.

However, due to their special nature, Detoxification Pills differed from other elixirs; only a single pill could be produced at a time.

Therefore, Lin Jing had to be especially meticulous when refining the Detoxification Pills.

Next, Lin Jing took out the ingredients and began to prepare for the refining process...

The materials required for refining Detoxification Pills, however, were quite different from those of other Elixir Medicines.

They included Spirit Plants, special spiritual fluids, and Demonic Beast Inner Cores, as well as some venom extracted from Demonic Beasts or poisonous Spirit Plants...

All these had to be processed separately before they could be combined and refined.

Following the guidelines in the alchemy recipe, Lin Jing first processed the Spirit Plants to purify them of extraneous impurities.

After that, he dealt with the Demonic Beast Inner Core...

This particular Demonic Beast Inner Core contained a special type of Spiritual Power that was essential for harmonizing the Spirit Plants with the venoms.

Otherwise, the incompatible materials would inevitably result in a failed refinement process.

After completing the preparations, Lin Jing opened the Pill Furnace and then placed the Spirit Plants inside it.

Then he activated the Divine Fire Triple Realm, and in an instant, a ball of purple flame appeared in Lin Jing's hand.

Lin Jing then controlled the purple flame, directing it beneath the Pill Furnace, and began the refinement...

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This alchemy session took a full four hours to complete.

After completion, Lin Jing opened the Pill Furnace and extracted a dark red Elixir Medicine.

Seeing the dark red Elixir, Lin Jing relaxed.

Next, Lin Jing simply needed to hand over this pill to Little Sparrow, who would deliver it to Li Tangyu.

However, before that...

Lin Jing had another matter to attend to.

That was the System Space upgrade.

He had nearly accumulated enough Harvest Points, and all the High-Grade Spiritual Plants had been planted in the System Space.

Now it was time to upgrade the System Space once again.

Lin Jing put away the Elixir, then summoned the system interface and said,

“Open the system panel.”

As Lin Jing’s voice fell, the system panel appeared before him.

System Space (Level 5)

Remaining Time: 412 hours (Accumulatable: 500 hours)

Host: Lin Jing

Spirit Field Range: 50 acres

Spiritual Energy Density: 5

Time Flow Speed: 5

Daily Entry Time: 10 hours

Upgrade Requirement: (49985/50000 Harvest Points)

Special Features: Alert, Observe, Time Accumulation, Seasonal Changes, Environmental Landscape, Plant Repair, Bonuses, Accelerated Growth of Spiritual Plants, Elixir Plant Recycling.

Just fifteen Harvest Points short, and the System could be upgraded again.

However, this was no issue at all.

Hence, Lin Jing directly took out some Elixir Medicines from his Space Ring.

He then used the Elixir Plant Recycling function to recycle these pills

“Ding!”

“System Notification: Congratulations to the host for successfully recycling five pieces of First Rank Supreme Elixir Medicine, awarded: 2 Harvest Points.”

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“Ding!”

“System Notification: Congratulations to the host for successfully recycling five pieces of Second Rank Advanced Elixir Medicine, awarded: 5 Harvest Points.”

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“Ding!”

“System Notification: Congratulations to the host for successfully recycling four pieces of Second Rank Supreme Elixir Medicine, awarded: 8 Harvest Points.”

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Now that the required Harvest Points were collected, Lin Jing did not hesitate and chose to upgrade.

Right after Lin Jing selected the upgrade, the system notification came through again:

“Ding...”

“System Notification: System Space is about to start upgrading. During the upgrade, all functions of the system will be unavailable. Please temporarily exit the Space.”

“The upgrade duration will be: 144 hours.”

144 hours, which was six days, wasn't too long.

Afterward, Lin Jing packed up the Cloud Pattern Purple Gold Furnace and left the System Space.

Chapter 436: Chapter 135: Alchemy Competition

After leaving the System Space, Lin Jing directly appeared inside the alchemy room.

Then, Lin Jing closed the formation and stepped out of the alchemy room...

After leaving the alchemy room, Lin Jing immediately released his Divine Sense, surveying the area, but failed to find any trace of Little Sparrow.

It seemed that Little Sparrow must have flown out to hunt on its own.

Under normal circumstances, Little Sparrow would only move around in this northern area, and sometimes, when it had been around for a while, it would fly out to hunt Demonic Beasts in the sea.

However, it usually wouldn't be gone for long, even when hunting, and remained within the nearby sea area.

Moreover, Little Sparrow was now more formidable than before.

If measured by a Cultivator's level of Cultivation, Little Sparrow would currently be at the mid-Golden Core stage.

Although it was only at the mid-Golden Core stage, Little Sparrow was very fast, and not even a Cultivator at the peak of the Golden Core could easily catch it.

Therefore,

Lin Jing did not pay much attention to it, allowing it to hunt on its own.

With Little Sparrow absent, Lin Jing noticed using his Divine Sense that Li Qingqing, Lin Jue, and Ye Yun were not around either.

Aside from cultivating in the northern part of Li Yan Island, the three of them would sometimes go to Li Yan City or Fang Market to help...

A portion of the Elixir Medicines in Fang Market's Elixir Pavilion was refined by Li Qingqing and Lin Jue.

Of course, Lin Jing would occasionally contribute some as well.

Lin Jing estimated that they must be in Fang Market right now.

Afterward,

Lin Jing left the courtyard and flew towards Fang Market.

Upon reaching the entrance to Fang Market, Huang Linxian did not come out to greet him, likely because some issue had arisen inside and he was handling it.

Conflicts were common within Fang Market.

But with the Guard Team around, these conflicts typically did not escalate too severely.

Still, some Golden Core Cultivators from other islands would make trouble here, usually dealt with by Huang Linxian.

In this regard, Huang Linxian did a good job; as long as it wasn't someone intentionally causing trouble, he could solve the issue flawlessly.

If they encountered someone deliberately looking for quarrels, they would notify Yue Qi's mother, and if Yue Qi's mother couldn't handle it, only then would they notify Lin Jing.

Since the development of Li Yan Fang Market, there would naturally be some who were jealous and wanted to profit from it.

Over the years, deliberate provocations had occasionally occurred, and the majority were resolved by Huang Linxian.

Only a minimal part required Lin Jing's intervention.

However...

Ever since three years ago, when a Golden Core Late Stage Cultivator, relying on his high Cultivation, arbitrarily broke Fang Market's rules and killed a Cultivator from Li Yan Island, he was forcefully killed by Lin Jing in public view.

No one dared to cause trouble in Li Yan Fang Market anymore.

Therefore, Lin Jing was not particularly concerned about Huang Linxian's absence, as now, anyone thinking of causing trouble would have to consider their own strength.

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After entering Fang Market, Lin Jing headed straight for Li Yan Elixir Pavilion.

The market was still exceedingly crowded at the time.

However, the expansion of Fang Market had already begun planning.

Moreover, the land for the market's expansion had already been allocated, and it was expected that it would not be long before the extension was completed.

Walking along the streets of Fang Market, Lin Jing heard people shouting before he even reached Li Yan Elixir Pavilion:

"There's an alchemy contest happening at Li Yan Elixir Pavilion, hurry and see..."

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"An alchemy contest, we have to take a good look..."

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"Let's go, let's go see as well..."

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"An alchemy contest..." Lin Jing slightly furrowed his brows, then immediately extended his Divine Sense.

Indeed, in an open space in front of Li Yan Elixir Pavilion, two Alchemists were standing on either side, refining pills.

One of the Alchemists was Lin Jue.

Li Qingqing and Ye Yun were also there.

Besides them, Huang Linxian, along with several members of the Guard Team, was maintaining order at the scene.

Lin Jing then proceeded directly to Li Yan Elixir Pavilion.

Upon nearing Li Yan Elixir Pavilion, Lin Jing discovered that its entrance was already packed and impenetrable.

Even Li Yan Elixir Pavilion itself was inaccessible.

However, with everyone watching the alchemy contest, it was unlikely that many would be purchasing Elixir Medicines at this time.

Shortly after Lin Jing arrived, Huang Linxian was the first to notice him.

Huang Linxian immediately walked towards Lin Jing.

“Island Master...” Huang Linxian came in front of Lin Jing and bowed his hands in greeting.

Lin Jing spoke up, asking Huang Linxian:

“What’s going on?”

“Why is Lin Jue here competing in an alchemy contest with someone?”

“Someone deliberately caused trouble in the Elixir Pavilion and publicly maligned our pavilion in front of everyone. Young Master Lin couldn’t stand it and started the alchemy contest with this person.”

Only in front of Lin Jing and the others did Lin Jue reveal her true appearance; whenever she was in public, she maintained the guise of a man.

Therefore, even Huang Linxian was unaware of Lin Jue’s female identity, and hence addressed her as ‘young master.’

Besides Lin Jing, Li Qingqing, and Ye Yun, only Yue Qi’s mother on this island knew the true identity of Lin Jue.

Just then, Li Qingqing and Ye Yun saw Lin Jing and quickly ran over.

“Brother Lin Jing...”

“Master...”

Lin Jing nodded at the two of them.

At this moment, Ye Yun also spoke up to explain,

“Master, those two spouted nonsense, saying that all of our elixir medicines are trash. They even brought an alchemy master specially to challenge the alchemists of our Li Yan Elixir Pavilion.”

“They also said that if we lost, we would have to take down the signboard of our Li Yan Elixir Pavilion and let our reputation be dragged through the mud.”

At this time, Li Qingqing also began to explain,

“Those two men are likely from the nearby Shallow Rock Island, where they have also set up a market. However, not many people visit it, so they deliberately came to trouble us, all to increase the popularity of their island’s market.”

After hearing this, Lin Jing nodded and said,

“Right...”

“Let’s go and take a look...”

Ever since the success of Li Yan Fang Market, some other island masters also got the idea and wanted to set up their own markets.

However, setting up a market is not so easy.

It also depends on whether the conditions of their own islands are suitable.

Some island masters gave up at the very beginning.

Some managed to start one, but could not attract people, and over time, they stopped caring.

This situation with Shallow Rock Island, wanting to step on the Li Yan Elixir Pavilion to increase their reputation, was a first.

But Lin Jing didn’t take them seriously.

Lin Jue was practicing the Ancient Alchemy Arts handed down in the Lin Family for generations. How could they compare?

Even if the opponent had invited an alchemy master, as long as the elixir manufactured did not exceed Lin Jue’s alchemy cultivation, Lin Jing was not worried that Lin Jue would lose.

Afterward, Lin Jing and his party passed through the crowded crowd and arrived at the innermost area.

Huang Linxian’s earlier actions had been seen by many people.

They recognized that this man was none other than the Island Master of Li Yan Island.

So, as the group walked in, the crowd automatically parted, clearing a path for Lin Jing and his companions.

After all, the main characters had arrived, and it was going to be even more exciting now.

Some people who had witnessed Lin Jing’s actions that day were even more astounded by the Island Master of Li Yan Island.

After they entered, Lin Jing did not stop them; he just quietly watched the two competing.

At this moment, both alchemists had reached the critical final stages of their pill concoction.

Lin Jue and the opposing white-robed elder were staring intently at their pill furnaces, carefully controlling the flames at the bottom of the furnace, performing the final coalescence.

At this time, even the spectators surrounding them held their breath, silent, watching the two perform their alchemy.

This was the moment when both alchemists least needed disturbance.

After a while, the two reached the final moment of pill formation, and the rich aroma of the elixirs began to waft out from inside the pill furnaces...

As the scent of the elixirs grew stronger, some restlessness arose among the surrounding spectators.

At that moment, both alchemists ceased their fires simultaneously, and after a brief pause, both pill furnaces were opened at the same time.

The rich aroma of the elixirs, with the opening of the pill furnaces, instantly dispersed, and the surrounding onlookers immediately took a deep breath.

It was then that someone in the crowd exclaimed,

“Holy shit...”

“Pure Elixir, this aroma, it’s definitely a Pure Elixir...”

Following this person’s exclamation, more and more people came to their senses and began to look towards the center.

They wanted to see which one of them had managed to produce a Pure Elixir.

With the production of the elixir medicine completed, they proceeded to collect the pills.

Under their control, the elixirs in each furnace rose into the air, hovering in midair.

Only then did the spectators clearly see.

The one who had concocted the Pure Elixir was none other than Lin Jue; besides this Pure Elixir, he had also produced an additional Supreme Elixir.

The rest were Superior and Medium Grade, as for the Low Grade, not a single one appeared.

But the old man was not simple either; he too had produced two Supreme Elixirs...

Although there were two Supreme Elixirs, they were incomparably inferior to Lin Jue's Pure Elixir.

Afterward, Lin Jue directly took out a Pure Jade Box and placed the Pure Elixir into it.

Seeing this scene, the onlookers were exceedingly excited,

"Damn..."

"A Pure Elixir, this is the first time I've seen a Pure Elixir being produced with my own eyes..."

"Isn't that so?" another person said.

"Too bad this Pure Gathering Yuan Pill is too precious; otherwise, I'd want to buy it straight away."

Hearing this, another person snickered and said,

"If it were really like you said, do you think it would be your turn?"

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After collecting all the elixir medicines, Lin Jue then said to the white-robed old man facing him,

"How about it? Do we need to compete further?"

The white-robed old man then gave Lin Jue a fist salute and conceded generously,

"Indeed, a hero emerges from youth, this alchemy contest, this old man has lost..."

There was no need to elaborate on the Supreme Elixir versus the Pure Elixir, the Pure Elixir clearly triumphed.

After the white-robed old man finished speaking, he turned to the two island masters behind him and said,

"Gentlemen, the favor I owed you has now been repaid, farewell..."

With that, the white-robed old man was about to turn away and leave.

However, at this moment, Lin Jue spoke up and stopped him.

“Elder, if you don’t mind, you are welcome to come to our Li Yan Elixir Pavilion. We will certainly treat you as an honored guest at our Li Yan Elixir Pavilion.”

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Seeing that the white-robed elder indeed possessed exceptional alchemy skills, Lin Jue directly approached him for recruitment.

After speaking, Lin Jue pointed to Lin Jing and said:

“This is our master of Li Yan Pavilion, and the true owner of Li Yan Elixir Pavilion.”

At this time, Lin Jing also spoke up, asking:

“I wonder, elder, if you would be willing to stay at our Li Yan Elixir Pavilion?”

The white-robed elder, however, shook his head and said:

“Thank you both for your kind intentions, but I’m used to my freedom and prefer not to join any power.”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing did not press the matter further.

Afterwards, the elder bid farewell to Lin Jing and left directly.

At this point, only the two island masters from Qianyan Island remained, standing amidst the crowd with ashen faces.

Looking at Lin Jing, they said:

“Fellow Daoist, with such actions and plans to expand the Fang Market, do you really intend to dominate all the business in the surrounding seas?”

“Aren’t you afraid that Yelin Island will cause you trouble?”

Yelin Island is the only medium-sized island in the nearby waters, and its Island Master, True Lord Yelin, is a Nascent Soul Stage expert.

Before Lin Jing’s Fang Market came into prominence, Yelin Island also had a market.

However, Yelin Island’s market was different from Lin Jing’s Li Yan Fang Market.

This was because the market on Yelin Island didn’t welcome low-level cultivators.

Those who entered the market were mainly Golden Core Cultivators and the local Foundation Establishment Cultivators. Even local cultivators with insufficient cultivation were not allowed to enter.

It is said that True Lord Yelin did not like low-level cultivators entering his island.

Therefore, Yelin Island's market was not large and mostly catered to the business of Golden Core Cultivators.

It is precisely for this reason that despite being open for many years, Yelin Island's market never really took off.

Nevertheless, in the eyes of the Golden Core Cultivators, Yelin Island's market was not bad.

Lin Jing was not worried about Yelin Island.

Because Li Yan Fang Market mostly did business with the low-level cultivators from other islands, it did not conflict with Yelin Island.

Lin Jing looked at the two men and said:

"There's no need for concern on your part."

Upon hearing this, the two men huffed coldly and were about to leave directly.

However, at this moment, Lin Jue called out to them.

Lin Jue said:

"Have you two forgotten about the wager we made earlier?"

The two of them were immediately stunned upon hearing this.

They glanced at Lin Jing and, seeing him looking at them, their faces turned extremely unsightly.

Then, one of them took out a wooden box from their Storage Bag and threw it to Lin Jue before they both left...

After the two had departed, the crowd of onlookers gradually dispersed as well.

When Lin Jue opened the wooden box, he immediately burst into joy, then bouncing over to Lin Jing's side, he said:

"Brother..."

“I was impressive, wasn’t I.”

Lin Jing nodded, then said:

“Hmm...”

“But in the future, try to keep a low profile, don’t casually compete with others in alchemy, be careful not to expose yourself.”

Lin Jue replied:

“Don’t worry, brother...”

“If those two hadn’t been too overbearing today, I wouldn’t have agreed to their request for an alchemy competition.”

“Moreover, the wager they offered was enticing.”

With that, Lin Jue presented the wooden box to Lin Jing as if offering a treasure, and then said with a smile:

“Brother, open it and see...”

Lin Jing picked up the wooden box, opened it directly, and saw that it contained the last Spirit Plant—Moonflow Pure Heart Fruit—that he needed for concocting the Nirvana Elixir.

And it was a Moonflow Pure Heart Fruit with its root intact,

which could be planted in the System Space.

No wonder Lin Jue had agreed to their challenge; it was for this Spirit Plant.

Lin Jing then looked at Lin Jue and asked:

“Was it because of this that you decided to compete with them?”

Lin Jue replied:

“Of course, didn’t you say before, brother, that with this last Spirit Plant, you could concoct the Nirvana Elixir? Now that they’ve delivered it to our doorstep, there’s no reason not to take it.”

Lin Jing looked at Lin Jue and said:

“You did well this time...”

“But next time you encounter such a situation, still be careful and not so reckless.”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jue pouted, showing her dissatisfaction:

“Brother...”

“I won the Spirit Plant for you, and all you do is criticize me, not even mentioning any reward...”

Lin Jing then smiled slightly and said:

“You have done all this, there definitely will be a reward. Since I’m not too busy these days, I will take you all for a trip to Bihai City.”

“We’ll also buy a few Magical Treasures and Cultivation Techniques for you, as both your Magical Treasures and Cultivation Techniques really do need an upgrade...”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jue was immediately overjoyed and said:

“Thank you, brother...”

...

After that, the group followed Lin Jing back to the forbidden area in the northern part of Li Yan Island.

Having just passed through the Formation and speaking to Ye Yun, Lin Jue couldn’t wait to switch back to her original identity.

While they were having a good conversation, as soon as Lin Jue switched back to her original female identity, Ye Yun immediately stopped the words he was about to say.

Ye Yun’s face flushed beet-red at once.

Seeing this, Lin Jue immediately stomped her feet in annoyance.

“Ye Blockhead, how come after all this time, you still haven’t gotten used to my real identity?”

With a reddened face, Ye Yun stammered:

“It’s a bit... a bit, hard to adjust to...”

Lin Jue then walked right up to Ye Yun, looked him in the eye, and asked:

“Back in Bihai City when we used to cultivate together, and even shared a room during rest, how come you were used to it then?”

Faced with Lin Jue’s relentless questioning, Ye Yun blushed even more, his face turning red all the way to the roots of his ears:

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“That... that time, I... I... I didn’t know...”

“If I had known, I... I would have... kept my distance from you no matter what...”

“Do you really dislike me that much?” Lin Jue asked Ye Yun.

Ye Yun quickly waved his hands, explaining:

“No... no... it’s not that, it’s just that men and women should not touch each other...”

As he said this, Ye Yun buried his head deeper, even more afraid to look at Lin Jue in front of him.

Meanwhile, Lin Jue was incredibly frustrated and exclaimed:

“Ah...”

“It’s infuriating!”

“You really are a blockhead...”

Ye Yun nodded and said softly:

“Mmm...”

Watching this scene unfold, Lin Jing and Li Qingqing both wore smiles:

“The two of them, really make people envious...” Li Qingqing said with emotion.

Lin Jing also nodded and added:

“Yes...”

After finishing that sentence, Li Qingqing turned her head, looked at Lin Jing, and asked:

“Lin Jing, do you have someone you like?”

Upon hearing Li Qingqing's question, Lin Jing suddenly stopped in his tracks, lifted his head, and looked towards the distant horizon.

Just as Li Qingqing was patiently waiting for Lin Jing's answer...

Lin Jing suddenly spoke up, blurting out:

"Hmm..."

"Little Sparrow has returned..."

Li Qingqing's face immediately filled with black lines upon hearing this.

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After Little Sparrow returned, Lin Jing handed the Detoxification Elixir to it and had Little Sparrow deliver it to Li Tangyu.

Once Little Sparrow returned from Wan Mo Island, Lin Jing took several people and went to Bihai City.

Lin Jing now had quite a few Spirit Stones on hand, so it was a good time to acquire a few more Magical Treasures for everyone.

He also planned to find a few better Cultivation Techniques for them.

This trip to Bihai City cost Lin Jing over six million Spirit Stones, but the expenditure was well worth the value.

Not only did each person acquire an exceptional Magical Treasure, but they also each obtained a Cultivation Technique.

In addition, both Lin Jue and Li Qingqing's Pill Furnaces were upgraded to better ones.

Even for Little Sparrow, Lin Jing managed to procure several Fifth-Rank Demonic Beast Inner Cores for it to consume, helping it break through to the Golden Core Late Stage.

After returning from Bihai City, Lin Jing gave some guidance to Li Qingqing and Lin Jue on Alchemy Techniques, and then he explained the Overlord Divine Physique to Ye Yun.

With Lin Jing's help, each person had a Harvest, and they all chose to enter into closed-door cultivation.

With everything settled, it was almost time for the System Space to upgrade.

On the sixth day, while Lin Jing was meditating and cultivating, the system's notification sound rang out again:

“Ding!”

“System upgrade complete, new functions unlocked, please check as soon as possible...”

Lin Jing then opened his eyes, and in his mind, he chanted:

“Enter the System Space!”

As the words fell from Lin Jing's mouth, his vision blurred, and he was immediately transported into the System Space.

Upon entering the space, Lin Jing instantly said:

“Open the system panel!”

As his voice fell, an image of the system panel appeared in front of Lin Jing.

Lin Jing then looked towards the system panel.

System Space (Level 6)

Remaining Time: 402 hours (Accumulable: 600 hours)

Host: Lin Jing

Spirit Field Range: 60 mu

Spiritual Energy Density: 6

Time Flow Speed: 6

Daily Entry Time: 12 hours (Full)

Upgrade Required: (0/200000 Harvest Points)

Special Functions: Alert, Observation, Time Accumulation, Seasonal Cycles, Environment Landform, Spirit Plant Repair, Enhancement Engraftment, Spiritual Plant Acceleration Growth, Elixir Medicine and Spirit Plant Recovery.

New System Functions:

First, the alert and observation mode range are increased to match the extent of the host's Divine Sense Realm.

Second, Fixed Point Teleportation function, usable in the outside world.

Moreover, when using the Fixed Point Teleportation feature, the entry point into the System Space will move accordingly, and upon leaving the System Space, there is no need to return to the previous real-world point of entry.

At the same time, the range of Fixed Point Teleportation will be upgraded to correspond with the scope of the host's Divine Sense.

Third, the upgrade to Spiritual Plant Acceleration Growth. It allows for an upgrade to the Spiritual Plant Instant Growth function. Once used, it can instantly mature Spirit Plants, significantly reducing the required Harvest Points for maturation.

Among these three new features, choose one as the reward for the new feature of this system upgrade.

Lin Jing gazed at the introduction of the new System Space features on the panel, lost in thought.

The first new feature was easy to understand.

It was about expanding the range of Observation Mode and Fixed Point Teleportation with one's realm.

As Lin Jing's cultivation grew higher and higher, his Divine Sense also became stronger.

The realm of Lin Jing's Divine Sense was now roughly equivalent to that of a Nascent Soul Early Stage cultivator, and its scope was quite expansive, enough to envelop the entire Li Yan Island.

It was much larger than the Spirit Field inside the System Space by an unknown multiple.

If he chose to enhance this, Lin Jing would find that he would encounter much less trouble when using Observation Mode for spying in the future.

After looking at the second function for a while, Lin Jing also understood its significance.

This second function was an enhancement related to Fixed Point Teleportation, making it usable in the outside world, effectively acting as an instant teleportation that one could use at any time.

Furthermore, this instant teleportation should be immune to the restrictions of formations and prohibitions.

However, since it was a new feature, the specifics were unclear to Lin Jing. He would only know after actually using it.

The middle part of the introduction was explaining.

This Fixed Point Teleportation appeared to be capable of teleporting along with the System Space, meaning whatever location one teleported to, when coming out of the System Space, one would be in that same location.

No longer would he need to be as cautious as before, nor would there be a recurrence of being blocked from the spring water like in the past.

And like the first new feature, there was also an increase in range.

The third new feature was self-explanatory and easy to understand.

It was the upgrade of the Spiritual Plant Acceleration Growth, eliminating the need to wait for maturation, allowing for immediate ripening, and what's more, reducing the Harvest Points needed for accelerated growth.

After understanding the three new features of the system, Lin Jing pondered for a moment...

The first new feature was acceptable, the second one was also good, the third new feature...

Did he even need to think about it?

Lin Jing directly chose the third new feature.

It wasn't for anything else, but because the feature that significantly reduced the Harvest Points needed for maturing Spirit Plants was just too attractive.

In this period, Lin Jing had spent at least tens of thousands of Harvest Points on maturing Spirit Plants.

If it weren't for the maturation of Spirit Plants, the System Space would have already been upgraded.

Subsequently, Lin Jing clicked on the system panel and immediately selected the third new feature—Spiritual Plant Instant Growth.

After the selection, the other two features disappeared, and the system's prompt voice sounded again:

"Ding!"

"System prompt: Congratulations to the host for selecting the new feature, Spiritual Plant Acceleration Growth Upgrade to Spiritual Plant Instant Growth."

With a new feature available, Lin Jing definitely wanted to try it out.

Afterward, Lin Jing went over to the Spirit Field.

He found a Nirvana Flower that he had previously planted and began preparing for the experiment.

Lin Jing had previously matured a Nirvana Flower that cost him nearly five thousand Harvest Points, almost four thousand.

Keep in mind, Lin Jing had used the Shenglin Revival Wood Technique to restore the Nirvana Flower to perfect condition, requiring only five hundred years to mature.

Moreover, it had already grown for some time in the System Space, leaving only about four hundred years.

That is to say, maturing a Nirvana Flower used up 10 Harvest Points per year.

Now that the function for accelerating growth of Spirit Plants had upgraded, it was time to see how many Harvest Points it would take to mature the plant.

Approaching that Nirvana Flower, Lin Jing immediately summoned the system to check the status of the flower.

Fourth-Rank Spirit Plant: Nirvana Flower (Perfect)

Current environment: Demon Race Secret Realm.

Environment Match: Perfect state, extremely rapid growth, time until maturity remaining: 490 years.

If taking 490 years to mature using the previous Spiritual Plant Acceleration Growth function, it would have required 4900 Harvest Points.

Lin Jing then spoke up:

"System, use the Spiritual Plant Instant Growth function."

As Lin Jing's voice fell, however, the system panel did not appear.

Instead, a system prompt was heard.

"System prompt: System Space lacks one Harvest Point, unable to use this function."

Lin Jing was momentarily at a loss for words...

Even without Harvest Points, the newly upgraded space was unable to use the system function.

So, Lin Jing called out the system again, this time opening the Elixir Medicine and Spirit Plant recycling function.

After Lin Jing's operation, he finally obtained ten Harvest Points.

Straight away, Lin Jing again used the Spiritual Plant Instant Growth function.

This time, that familiar panel appeared above the Nirvana Flower.

Fourth-Rank Spirit Plant: Nirvana Flower (Perfect)

Time remaining until maturity: 490 years.

Harvest Points needed to use Spiritual Plant Instant Growth for maturation: 1960.

Maturing the Nirvana Flower only needed 1960 Harvest Points, which worked out to being only four points per year.

That was much more economical than the previous ten points.

This new feature was indeed powerful...

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After testing the new feature, Lin Jing was thoroughly satisfied.

Then, he planted the Moonflow Pure Heart Fruit which he had won through alchemy competition with Lin Jue.

After planting the Moonflow Pure Heart Fruit, Lin Jing had one more thing to do.

He was already on the verge of a breakthrough before.

That day, when Li Qingqing asked Lin Jing, he suddenly had a realization.

It was during that realization that Lin Jing knew he could continue to break through to the ninth level of the Golden Core Stage.

The best place to attempt a breakthrough in cultivation was inside the Alchemy Room.

Because inside the Alchemy Room, one would receive a Divine Sense strength bonus, making the breakthrough easier.

Lin Jing went to the Alchemy Room, sat down cross-legged, then took out a Pure Elixir from his Space Ring and consumed it.

After taking the Elixir Medicine and feeling the surging Spiritual Power inside his body, he immediately began to condense the Spiritual Power...

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It took twelve hours before Lin Jing had completely refined the Spiritual Power contained in the Pure Elixir.

At this point, Lin Jing's state had already reached the limit of the eighth layer of the Golden Core Stage, and it was time to start the assault on the ninth layer.

After that, Lin Jing circulated the Immortal Five Elements Technique, gathered the Spiritual Power within his body, and began the assault on the ninth layer of the Golden Core...

The first assault on the bottleneck of the ninth Golden Core layer had no effect whatsoever.

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After the first assault, Lin Jing rested for a moment before gathering Spiritual Power once again for a second attempt...

The second assault provoked a slight reaction from the bottleneck of the ninth Golden Core layer.

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Seeing the second assault achieve some effect, Lin Jing didn't wait too long and directly launched the third assault.

Under the continuous assaults by Lin Jing, the bottleneck of the ninth Golden Core layer finally began to loosen.

Following that, Lin Jing mustered his energy and carried out the fourth and fifth assaults...

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Eventually, after the fifth assault, the bottleneck obstructing Lin Jing's breakthrough to the ninth Golden Core layer could no longer resist and was breached by him.

And so, Lin Jing entered the ninth level of the Golden Core Stage.

Upon reaching the ninth tier of the Golden Core Stage, just one more step forward would take him across the chasm that separated the Golden Core Realm from the Nascent Soul Realm.

The breakthrough this time was quite smooth, and it didn't take much effort.

After the breakthrough, Lin Jing meditated for a few more hours to stabilize his Cultivation.

Next.

Lin Jing continued his grand pursuit of Alchemy...

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In the following few days, Lin Jing spent nearly all his time within the System Space.

During this period of Alchemy, Lin Jing gained some more Harvest Points.

Afterward...

He used these Harvest Points to accelerate the ripening of the Moonflow Pure Heart Fruit, then planted one of them in the high-grade Spirit Field of Li Yan Island.

By doing so.

Apart from the Nirvana Flower, all the important Spirit Plants needed to concoct the Nirvana Elixir were planted by Lin Jing in the Spirit Fields of Flame Island.

In Lin Jing's System Space, including the Nirvana Flower, all the other necessary Spirit Plants were now available.

He could concoct the Nirvana Elixir at any time.

As for the important Fourth Rank Spirit Plants in the Spirit Fields of Flame Island, they were always protected by Formations.

Apart from Lin Jing and a few others...

Only Yue Qi and the Golden Core Cultivator managing the Spirit Fields were aware of this.

As for everyone else, they had no idea whatsoever.

After all, these Fourth Rank Spirit Plants were exceedingly precious, so naturally, the fewer people who knew about them, the better.

And so it was, not until Zhang Jian's arrival did Lin Jing come out from the System Space again.

Eager for the trading fair, Zhang Jian was visibly excited and couldn't wait to speak to Lin Jing:

"Brother Lin..."

"Let's go now."

Lin Jing nodded and replied:

"Yes, let's go..."

Having said that, Lin Jing set off for Xian Yu Island with Zhang Jian.

On the way, Lin Jing asked Zhang Jian:

"Today, you seem especially excited. Why is that?"

Zhang Jian responded:

"Of course..."

"After I went back, I inquired a bit more, and there are quite a few people attending this trading fair. Maybe I can trade for one or two of the Spirit Plants needed for the Nirvana Elixir."

"We had agreed that once you gather all the Spirit Plants, I get one of the Nirvana Elixirs you concoct."

Lin Jing was at a loss for words, thinking it was something important, only to realize it was about this...

With a slight twist of his mouth, Lin Jing said:

“Don’t worry, you’ll have your share of the Nirvana Elixir...”

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As the two neared Xian Yu Island, they encountered many other Cultivators with the same goal.

These Cultivators, either flying with swords or steering Flying Boats, were heading toward Xian Yu Island, and they were all at the Golden Core Stage.

Just as Zhang Jian had said, there indeed were quite a few people participating in this trading fair.

Subsequently, the two joined the others and set foot on Xian Yu Island together.

Once on Xian Yu Island, Lin Jing turned to ask Zhang Jian:

“Where is the trading fair being held?”

Zhang Jian turned back and informed Lin Jing:

“With so many Cultivators participating in the trading fair this time, the fair will be held at a mountaintop in the western part of Xian Yu Island.”

Lin Jing nodded, then told Zhang Jian:

“Now that we’re here on Xian Yu Island, you lead the way...”

Zhang Jian laughed and replied:

“No problem...”

“After all, I’m somewhat of a host here.”

Having said that, Zhang Jian took the lead and guided Lin Jing towards the western part of Flame Island.

As expected, it didn’t take long.

The two arrived at the mountaintop mentioned by Zhang Jian.

The mountaintop was as if cut horizontally by a sword, completely leveled, and a huge plaza had even been constructed upon it.

And that's not all, at the edges of the mountain top, there were traces of Formations that had been laid out.

It seemed that the mountain summit was protected by some formations.

After Lin Jing and Zhang Jian arrived at the summit, they went straight to a corner behind the plaza.

Looking down, Lin Jing noticed that the ground of the plaza was clean and tidy, and there were no signs of being exposed to wind or rain, not even the traces of the nearby formation seemed very old.

Lin Jing, observing the seemingly brand new plaza, asked Zhang Jian:

"Brother Zhang..."

"Is this plaza and the formation newly constructed or refurbished for the event?"

Zhang Jian answered:

"This mountain top was flattened long ago by the sword of a Nascent Soul True Monarch..."

"The plaza and the formation were supposedly built specifically for this trading event, so they are not very old."

After hearing this, Lin Jing thoughtfully nodded.

Then, lifting his head, he looked out toward the plaza, which was already populated by dozens of cultivators.

Furthermore, there were other cultivators flying toward them from the distance.

At this moment, Zhang Jian exclaimed with some emotion:

"Such a gathering of Golden Core Cultivators in the Thousand Islands Domain is probably a first..."

Lin Jing looked ahead at the crowd and nodded:

"Whether it's the first time or not, I'm not sure, but there are indeed quite a few people..."

Afterwards, the two of them waited there, anticipating the beginning of the trading event.

Aside from Lin Jing and his company, other people did the same, some standing alone, others in groups of three or five.

They all waited together for the event to start.

Right now, at the very front of the plaza, there were a few cultivators at the Golden Core Peak, who were also chatting idly.

Cultivators occasionally approached to say hello.

Each of them smiled and responded in kind, appearing quite popular.

Seeing Lin Jing look toward those cultivators, Zhang Jian started explaining:

“Those are some of the individuals who ventured into that relic and obtained treasures. They’re the ones who initiated this trading event.”

Once Lin Jing heard the explanation, he understood immediately.

It’s no wonder that everyone was greeting them.

Lin Jing was out of the loop concerning the event due to his lack of interest previously, hence he knew none of this about the trading event.

So much so that he didn’t even recognize the initiators of the event.

However, with Zhang Jian at his side,

There was indeed no need for Lin Jing to know too much, as Zhang Jian had been paying quite a bit of attention to this trading event, and it sufficed for Lin Jing to simply follow him.

As time slowly passed, more and more cultivators arrived at the mountain top.

The summit now had gathered over a hundred people.

It was indeed a rare spectacle.

By now, the trading event was about to begin.

Just then, a blue-robed cultivator who had just arrived approached Lin Jing and Zhang Jian.

Upon seeing Zhang Jian, the cultivator hurriedly greeted him:

“Brother Zhang...”

“I knew you would come, and sure enough, I guessed right.”

Zhang Jian, seeing the man, smiled and replied:

“Brother Li...”

“Your home is right on Xian Yu Island, why have you come so late?”

The blue-robed cultivator said:

“It’s all because of you, Brother Zhang...”

Zhang Jian immediately looked puzzled and responded:

“Now, Brother Li, don’t joke with me, how could it be because of me?”

The blue-robed cultivator said:

“Brother Zhang...”

“Didn’t you mention last time that you obtained a partial Formation treatise and have been searching for the latter half? Today, I saw it.”

After hearing this, Zhang Jian was momentarily stunned, then he became extremely excited and said:

“Are you talking about the lower half of that Formation treatise?”

“Where is it?”

“Quick, tell me...”

It seemed that this Formation treatise was quite valuable to Zhang Jian.

The blue-robed cultivator said:

“It’s with Old Man Liu...”

“However, he’s asking for a million Midium Grade Spirit Stones. I didn’t have that much money, so I hurried over to tell you.”

Upon hearing this, Zhang Jian immediately broke into a wide smile:

“A million Midium Grade Spirit Stones...”

“Not expensive!”

“It’s a fair price...”

“With that Formation treatise, I could have hope of breaking through to a Fifth-Rank Array Master.”

As he spoke, Zhang Jian quickly checked his Storage Bag.

After going through it, his brow furrowed and he said:

“Still short of two-hundred thousand...”

At that moment, he looked up at Lin Jing, his furrowed brow instantly relaxing, and then directly said to Lin Jing:

“Brother Lin...”

“Lend me two-hundred thousand Spirit Stones for urgent use...”

“I’ll pay you back when we return.”

Lin Jing didn’t waste words and simply took out two-hundred thousand Medium Grade Spirit Stones from his Space Ring and handed them to Zhang Jian.

He then said with a smile:

“You don’t need to pay me back. Once you advance to a Fifth-Rank Array Master, just set up a few formations for me.”

Zhang Jian, taking the Spirit Stones handed over by Lin Jing, hadn’t even had a chance to feel happy when he heard Lin Jing’s follow-up.

Zhang Jian was left speechless...

He had yet to become a Fifth-Rank Array Master, and already work had been assigned to him.

Looking at the mischievous smile on Lin Jing’s face, Zhang Jian shook his head and let out a sigh and said:

“Sigh...”

“I treat you as a brother, Lin, and yet you treat me like hired labor...”

“Brother Lin...”

“I really misjudged you...”

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Lin Jing remained calm and collected, directly throwing out a statement:

“Then do you still want the Nirvana Elixir or not?”

This line was a massive strike, making Zhang Jian immediately cease his aggressive posturing. He hastily followed up with an ingratiating smile:

“Heh heh...”

“I was just kidding just now. Don’t worry, once I advance to a Fifth-Rank Alchemist, I will definitely set up a few Formations for Brother Lin first.”

After hearing this, Lin Jing then nodded his head in satisfaction.

Zhang Jian then spoke up, once again addressing Lin Jing:

“Brother Lin...”

“You stay here at this trade conference, and I’ll go get that Formation manual. I’ll be right back.”

“It won’t take long, just wait for me...”

Lin Jing nodded and said:

“Alright, go ahead...”

Then, Zhang Jian directly pulled along the Blue-Robed Cultivator and said:

“Let’s go...”

“Together.”

The Blue-Robed Cultivator asked in surprise:

“Ah...”

“I’m going too?”

“Don’t you know where Old Man Liu is?”

Zhang Jian replied:

“Of course I have to bring you with me...”

“You know better than anyone how much Old Man Liu loves to trick people. I’m afraid he might raise the price at the last minute, and by bringing you along, you can help witness it.”

Upon hearing this, the Blue-Robed Cultivator slightly nodded:

“Old Man Liu, that guy, truly is somewhat underhanded, loves to rip off those he’s familiar with...”

“Alright then...”

“I’ll accompany you on this trip.”

Zhang Jian said with a smile:

“That’s more like it...”

“Having you as a witness, if he dares to call out absurd prices to me, I’ll turn his little stand upside down...”

After finishing.

Zhang Jian said goodbye to Lin Jing, then left the place together with the Blue-Robed Cultivator.

After Zhang Jian had departed, Lin Jing was left there by himself.

However, the mountaintop was still bustling with activity.

Quite over a hundred Golden Core Cultivators were present, most of them from the Thousand Islands Domain, and others came from different places, hearing the news of the Golden Core.

They had come early to this place to participate in the trade conference.

Some time later, as the time for the start of the trade conference was almost upon them, the Cultivators who came for the trade conference had mostly all arrived.

Seeing that it was about time, the group of Cultivators at the very front of the square began to move.

Among them, a man dressed in white spoke up:

“Everyone...”

“Please quiet down for a moment and listen to me carefully.”

This voice, carrying the overwhelming force of a Golden Core Peak cultivation, quickly spread throughout the venue.

The numerous Golden Core Cultivators at the site had also quieted down at this time, paying attention to the man in white.

Seeing that everyone had quieted down, the man in white continued:

“This trade conference has been jointly initiated by a few of us brothers, with the purpose of making it more convenient for everyone to exchange for the cultivation resources they need.”

“Therefore...”

“To prevent anyone from causing trouble during the trade conference, we need to activate the Defensive Array on this mountaintop before the conference starts.”

“Does anyone have any objections?”

Upon hearing what the man in white had said, someone immediately responded:

“It’s naturally necessary. Otherwise, what do we do if someone steals a treasure and runs away?”

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“Indeed...”

“Making a trade in this place without any cover, setting up a Formation is the best option...”

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“I agree...”

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“We agree as well...”

In an instant, everyone expressed their agreement.

But just then, suddenly, a different voice rang out.

Someone asked at this moment:

“Fellow Taoist Bai, a friend of mine hasn’t arrived yet; if we activate this Formation, how will he be able to get in?”

The man in white, with a warm smile on his face, replied to the inquirer:

“Rest assured, fellow Taoist, if your friend hasn’t arrived yet, it’s not a problem. We have deliberately left a gateway in the Formation, allowing those who come later to enter...”

Hearing what the white-robed Cultivator said, the inquirer nodded and said to the man in white:

“Thanks for the clarification, fellow Taoist. I also agree with activating the Formation...”

Afterward, no one else made a sound...

Obviously, everyone agreed to the request to activate the Formation.

Lin Jing stood in the corner at the back without speaking,

Setting up a Formation was indeed necessary.

If some particularly precious treasures were to appear, it was indeed possible that someone would snatch the treasure and immediately use a Teleportation Talisman to flee.

If that kind of situation did arise, no one would be able to stop it...

After all, those who attended this trade conference were not prohibited from hiding their identities; it’s possible some people were in disguise.

Thinking of this, Lin Jing suddenly felt regret.

If only he had disguised himself before coming here.

It was Zhang Jian’s fault for being too anxious,

which made him forget about this detail.

However, it’s also fortunate that Zhang Jian did not disguise himself.

Otherwise, it was very possible that he would’ve missed the Blue-Robed Cultivator, thus missing out on a great opportunity.

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After obtaining the agreement of everyone at the scene, the white-robed Cultivator and those with him started moving about every corner of the plaza, beginning to take action...

It didn't take long for the Formation atop the mountain to be activated, instantly enveloping everyone in a transparent light shield.

After activating the Formation, the man in white and the others returned to the front again.

At this point, someone from the front said:

"Fellow Taoist Bai..."

"Now that the Defensive Array has also been activated, can we start now?"

The man in white replied with a smile:

"Of course..."

"Ladies and gentlemen, this grand event will now begin."

As he spoke, the man in white took out a Token from his Storage Bag and held it up, then said to everyone:

"Everyone, do you see this Token?"

Everyone immediately looked up, and on this Token was carved an image of a fierce ghost, looking somewhat evil and bizarre.