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Afterward,

Lin Jing spoke to Yue Qi, saying,

“Qi... Prepare yourselves. We’re going to reopen Fang Market.”

Upon hearing this, Yue Qi couldn’t help but feel puzzled. Logically, with the crisis not yet resolved, the last thing one should do was to reopen the market. So she asked,

“Island Master, this...”

“What if those Jin brothers come again? How should we deal with them?”

“And there’s also True Monarch Ye Lin. Right now, we still don’t know whether he intends to take over Li Yan Island. If True Monarch Ye Lin truly harbors the idea to take over our Li Yan Island, even activating the Formation would be useless.”

“The Fifth-Rank Formation might be powerful, but True Monarch Ye Lin would certainly be able to find someone to break it.”

Lin Jing nodded and said,

“I’m well aware of that!”

“However, this time with me here, no one will dare to cause trouble on our turf.”

Having said that, Lin Jing directly unleashed his cultivation, letting the aura of a Nascent Soul Cultivator burst forth from his body in an instant.

As a Nascent Soul Cultivator, he might not be the strongest in the Thousand Islands Domain, but he still belonged to the top tier of powerhouses.

With Lin Jing’s cultivation, protecting a small Fang Market like Li Yan was no problem at all.

After all, it was not as if he was competing with other Nascent Soul Cultivators on those medium-sized or large islands.

Lin Jing only wished to protect his own patch of land on Li Yan Island.

When the people around felt the violent surge of cultivation emanating from Lin Jing...

They were first startled and then their pupils dilated with disbelief as they looked towards Lin Jing.

“Island... Island Master...”

“You... you’ve advanced to the Nascent Soul Stage...?”

Yue Qi was utterly shocked and quickly asked.

But her tone still carried some disbelief.

After all, that was a Nascent Soul True Monarch...

A Nascent Soul True Monarch could even become the master of a medium-sized island in the Thousand Islands Domain.

Furthermore, a Nascent Soul Cultivator, if desiring to join a force, would already be a main combatant in any given force.

At the very least, they could become an Offering Priest or an Elder, with the treatment they received naturally extraordinary.

Lin Jing nodded and said,

“Yes...”

“Although I’ve experienced some events, I’ve managed to gain something from them and luckily achieved a breakthrough to the Nascent Soul Stage.”

The cultivation Lin Jing displayed this time was not the actual third level of Nascent Soul but the first level.

After all, less than ten years had passed since he last left.

In such a short time, advancing to the Nascent Soul Stage would be plausible to explain, but showing a third-level Nascent Soul cultivation would have been truly inexplicable.

Another concern was that Lin Jing's tribulation in the Devouring Spirit Blood Realm had been too extravagant, and it was certain to pique someone's interest.

Those who were with him in the Devouring Spirit Blood Realm had also emerged.

The issue of that tribulation could potentially become exposed.

If he suddenly appeared with a third-level Nascent Soul cultivation, it would likely be associated with him by others, and if that caught the attention of those Divinity Transformation Stage old monsters, it would be problematic.

Right now, a first-level Nascent Soul cultivation was just right.

At this moment, not only Yue Qi,

But also Li Qingqing, Lin Jue, and the other three Golden Core Cultivators were equally shocked as they looked towards Lin Jing.

A moment later,

Lin Jing retracted his aura and hid it again, and only then did the others come to their senses.

Li Qingqing was relatively calm, looking at Lin Jing with a smile.

Whereas Lin Jue's eyes sparkled with an unusual light, suppressing her excitement.

Lin Jing was certain that if it weren't for the need to conceal his identity, she would likely pounce on him the next moment.

After all, Lin Jue's appearance was still that of a handsome young man.

The other three, however, were extremely excited, their eyes filled with admiration as they looked at Lin Jing.

Lin Jing then addressed everyone, saying,

"Everyone..."

"Regarding my whereabouts during this time, I hope that you all will keep it a secret."

"If anyone inquires, just continue to say, as before, that I've been in closed-door cultivation, and only a few days ago, I had the good fortune of breaking through to the Nascent Soul Stage."

"Understood..." Several people hurried to open their mouths and said.

“Island Master, rest assured, we will definitely keep this matter a secret.”

At this moment, Li Qingqing looked towards Lin Jing with some concern and said:

“Brother Lin Jing...”

“Did you encounter any difficulties outside?”

Lin Jing then smiled and said:

“Not at all...”

“It’s just that if it gets exposed, there might be some unnecessary trouble. Qing Qing, you don’t need to overthink it.”

“Alright, Brother Lin Jing...” Li Qingqing nodded and said.

After that.

Lin Jing reassured everyone for a while.

Then, he had the other three leave.

Not long after the three of them left, Lin Jing suddenly sensed that someone was racing towards Li Yan Island.

Therefore, he directly stimulated his Divine Sense to probe outward.

When Lin Jing’s Divine Sense detected the approaching person, a smile immediately appeared on his lips.

He then spoke to Yue Qi:

“Qi Mother, we have a visitor; please go welcome them.”

Seeing the smile on Lin Jing’s lips, Yue Qi understood that the guest was not an unfriendly one, which was why Lin Jing was acting like this...

So, Yue Qi asked:

“Zhang Jian, Zhang Dao-friend?”

Lin Jing smiled and nodded:

“Go welcome him first, and see what he’s here for this time. I’ll go out later and give him a surprise...”

Yue Qi nodded, saying:

“Alright, Island Master...”

Having said that, Yue Qi walked out.

And Lin Jue, also interested, hurriedly spoke:

“I’ll go too...”

With that, she quickened her pace, catching up to Yue Qi, and walked out with her.

As for Lin Jing, after Yue Qi and Lin Jue had gone out, he used his Spiritual Power to shield the entire room.

Shielding the room was to hide from Zhang Jian’s Divine Sense, while Lin Jing’s Divine Sense could probe without any hindrance.

After the room was shielded, only Lin Jing and Li Qingqing were left inside.

At this time, Li Qingqing came to Lin Jing’s side, looked at him, and asked:

“Brother Lin Jing...”

“Where have you been during this time?”

Lin Jing looked at Li Qingqing, seeing the full concern in her eyes.

Lin Jing couldn’t help but feel a warmth in his heart.

“I assume you already know about my participation in the trade fair previously...”

Li Qingqing nodded and said:

“That’s right...”

“Not even half a day after you left, Zhang Jian came back...”

“He said you went missing, along with everyone who attended the trade fair.”

As she spoke, Li Qingqing pursed her lips and then continued:

“At first...”

“I didn’t believe it.”

“Brother Lin Jing, you survived from the Demon Race Secret Realm.”

“How could you possibly just disappear all of a sudden?”

“Not long after that...”

“News came again, everyone was tricked, and over a hundred cultivators went missing from the trade fair.”

Li Qingqing looked at Lin Jing, her eyes slightly red and the concern in them even more clearly visible:

“I thought that...”

“I might never see you again.”

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Lin Jing then took two steps forward, gently stroked Li Qingqing’s head, like a big brother, and revealed a warm smile. He said to Li Qingqing,

“Qingqing, there’s no need to worry...”

“There are not many places I could be trapped. Look, I’m fine and have already come back...”

However...

Faced with Lin Jing’s gesture, Li Qingqing inexplicably froze and then quickly lowered her head, her ears turning red with a “whoosh”...

Then, she softly uttered a “hmm”...

After this, Lin Jing did not respond for a long time.

Li Qingqing immediately became puzzled, quickly raised her head, and looked at Lin Jing.

She saw Lin Jing looking up into the distance, his brow slightly furrowed.

Li Qingqing couldn’t help asking with confusion,

“Brother Lin Jing, what has happened?”

Lin Jing nodded, saying,

“Someone else is coming...”

“If I’m not mistaken, this time, it should be ‘unwelcome guests’...”

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Yue Qi’s mother and Lin Jue had just come out when they saw Zhang Jian, who had just arrived above Li Yan Island.

Upon seeing Yue Qi’s mother, Zhang Jian frowned and asked,

“Fellow Yue, why have you opened the defensive array?”

“You must know that the Jin brothers might come at any time. If the array isn’t there to protect us, they’ll charge directly into the city, and by then, no one will be able to stop them.”

Yue Qi’s mother replied,

“I’ll close the array in a moment...”

“Oh, by the way...”

“Fellow Zhang, you came rushing over. Is there something wrong?”

Zhang Jian no longer mentioned the defensive array, instead, he excitedly blurted out,

“They’ve come out, they have all come out...”

Zhang Jian’s sudden statement confused Yue Qi’s mother.

“What has come out? Exactly who has come out?”

“Be clear...” Yue Qi’s mother said.

Zhang Jian hurriedly explained,

“Those who attended the trade fair, they have come out...”

“Lin, Brother Lin, he might have come out with them.”

Yue Qi’s mother continued to press,

“Are you certain, has the Island Master come out?”

Zhang Jian was startled for a moment, then somewhat sheepishly said,

“I think so...”

“After receiving this news, I thought to immediately inform you all. I forgot to ask anything else and just came straight here...”

Yue Qi’s mother was speechless...

However.

She could understand.

Initially, Lin Jing had gone to the trade fair with Zhang Jian.

Furthermore, it was Zhang Jian who had insisted on Lin Jing accompanying him.

But with that one trip, Lin Jing had been dragged into a conspiracy, while Zhang Jian, by some stroke of luck, had managed to escape.

Therefore.

Over these years, Zhang Jian had constantly been racked with guilt.

During these years, Zhang Jian had been always seeking news about Lin Jing. Any slight clue led her to go check it out personally.

In this time, she had fostered countless hopes, only to be met with disappointment time and again.

It was precisely because of his guilt towards Lin Jing.

That Zhang Jian was particularly concerned about Flame Island’s affairs.

Even going to the extent of helping Flame Island repel those who harbored ill-intentions towards Fang Market multiple times.

Even when facing the Jin brothers, Zhang Jian, knowing he was no match, did not shrink back, and if it weren’t for Li Tangyu, Zhang Jian would have probably suffered more than just injuries.

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Yue Qi’s mother thought of Zhang Jian’s past actions and felt a tinge of compassion. She was just about to reveal the news about Lin Jing.

But just at that moment...

From afar, a deep and rough voice came...

“How is it?”

“Does the cowardly Island Master of Li Yan Island finally dare to come out?”

“This time, he has even opened the defensive array.”

“Hahaha...”

“Now, the whole Li Yan Island is ours...”

As this voice sounded, two figures appeared on the distant horizon.

Riding their flying swords at high speed, flying towards here.

Zhang Jian’s face changed drastically when he saw the two figures.

“Quick, activate the defensive array...” Zhang Jian urged urgently.

However, Yue Qi’s mother made no movement.

Zhang Jian, however, hadn’t noticed Yue Qi’s wife’s actions; he was intently watching the two figures that were rapidly approaching from ahead...

Upon seeing the two people swiftly nearing Li Yan Island, Zhang Jian’s face instantly darkened:

“Forget it, no need...”

Because by that time, those two had already crossed the perimeter of the defensive array and entered Li Yan Island.

Very soon.

The two of them arrived in front of Zhang Jian and Yue Qi’s wife amongst others.

“Zhang Jian...”

“What, do you still intend to be the hero today?”

Zhang Jian frowned deeply, facing the two immensely arrogant figures before him.

These two men had similar features—thick eyebrows, large eyes, and beards—along with equally stern gazes.

At the moment, their stern looks also carried arrogance, and with a disdainful glance at Zhang Jian, they spoke:

“Your wounds from last time haven’t healed yet, but you still want to play the hero. It seems you don’t take us brothers seriously.”

Facing the two brothers’ aggressive stance, Zhang Jian’s expression grew solemn as he said:

“Jin Jue, your arrogance knows no bounds. Don’t tell me you really believe that no one can handle the two of you?”

“Hahaha…” Jin Jue and Jin’Ao burst into wild laughter.

“Just the few of you?”

“Besides those Nascent Soul True Monarchs in the Thousand Islands Domain, we brothers have yet to meet our match.”

“And let me tell you, when we brothers join forces, even a Nascent Soul Cultivator can fight toe to toe with us.”

Actually, they weren’t wrong in their claim.

Both of them were at the Golden Core Peak in cultivation, and they had also cultivated a joint offensive technique.

When deployed together, their cultivation levels would stack, effectively rivaling that of the Nascent Soul Stage.

It was because of their unique joint cultivation technique that they dared to speak so boldly.

Last time, they could fend off the two because of Li Tangyu’s unpredictable demonic techniques, with Zhang Jian lending a hand on the side and other Golden Core Cultivators from Li Yan Island forming an array in support.

That’s how they managed to drive the two away.

Now, with Li Tangyu absent, it was clear that on Li Yan Island, there was nobody they feared.

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Facing the aggressive Jin brothers, Zhang Jian’s frown deepened.

Yet, he never took a step back.

Seeing this, Jin Jue snorted coldly and said:

“Hmph!”

“Since that’s the case, there’s nothing more to say...”

Having said that, Jin Jue, along with Jin’Ao, simultaneously brought out their magical treasures.

Although Zhang Jian was still injured, he had no intention of retreating and also summoned his flying sword, standing off against the two brothers.

At this tense moment.

Suddenly, a figure appeared beside Zhang Jian, a hand landing on his shoulder all at once.

At the same time, a voice reached Zhang Jian’s ears:

“Brother Zhang...”

“You take a rest first; leave these two to me.”

Caught up in the standoff with the Jin brothers, Zhang Jian was startled by the sudden appearance of the figure.

Instinctively, he wanted to command his flying sword to attack.

But then, the familiar voice resounded, and Zhang Jian was instantly filled with excitement.

He quickly turned, looking incredulously at the suddenly appearing Lin Jing, exclaiming with surprise:

“Brother Lin, you...”

“You’re still alive...”

Zhang Jian, who would usually remain silent, was now making a shockingly bold statement.

Any touch of emotion Lin Jing might have felt instantly vanished within that utterance.

With a full head of black lines, Lin Jing then said:

“Yes...”

“I’m still alive. You’re not fully recovered; rest up for now, and let me handle these two.”

After speaking, Lin Jing turned his head to look at the opposing Jin Jue and Jin’Ao brothers.

Zhang Jian, his attention thoroughly absorbed by the Jin brothers, was unclear about Lin Jing’s arrival.

But the Jin brothers saw everything clearly.

They watched as Lin Jing suddenly appeared beside Zhang Jian.

Yes, just appeared out of nowhere.

And Lin Jing, without commanding any magical treasure, managed to stand in mid-air.

That instantly put the brothers on alert.

Furthermore, they couldn’t detect any trace of cultivation from Lin Jing.

There were only two possibilities for such a situation.

One, the other party practiced a cultivation technique that could hide their cultivation level.

The second, the other party’s cultivation was far higher than theirs, and if they didn’t want to be seen, naturally, they would remain unseen.

However, judging by Lin Jing’s demeanor since his appearance,

it was quite clear that the second possibility was the likely one.

Jin Jue and Jin’Ao, no longer sporting their previous arrogance, became cautious...

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Lin Jing emerged and after assessing the Jin brothers, he said:

“Is it you two who desire to forcefully take over my Li Yan Island?”

At this moment, both of them were extremely cautious, guarding carefully while using their Divine Sense to stealthily probe towards Lin Jing.

However, before their Divine Sense could even reach Lin Jing, it mysteriously vanished.

Their faces changed drastically on the spot.

Initially, as soon as Lin Jing appeared, they sensed that his cultivation was extraordinary, at least that of the Nascent Soul Stage.

But now, their Divine Sense could not detect any information about their opponent.

This could only mean that the opponent's Divine Sense was likely far stronger than theirs...

Since the opponent's Divine Sense was so formidable, it was very likely that he was not just in the early stages of the Nascent Soul.

At the very least... he was in the late Nascent Soul Stage...

The two had originally thought that if the Nascent Soul Cultivator before them was just in the early Nascent Soul Stage, they could use their Combination Technique to fight with him for a while.

But this person in front of them had an abnormally strong Divine Sense, very likely a late Nascent Soul Stage Cultivator.

Under no circumstances could the two of them be a match for him.

Therefore,

Jin Jue hurriedly spoke with a forced smile:

“Senior, I believe this is a misunderstanding...”

“We did not know that this island belonged to you, we will leave immediately...”

However,

Lin Jing had no intention of letting them go.

Lin Jing snorted coldly and said:

“Hmph!”

“You desire to seize my Li Yan Island by force and even injured my friend, do you think you can just get away with it?”

Cold sweat immediately started to pour down their bodies, and they said:

“Senior...”

“This is all a misunderstanding, we will compensate, whatever senior wants, we will give it to you.”

At this time, Yue Qi spoke up to Lin Jing:

“Island Master...”

“You must not let them off, their notoriety is known to all in the nearby seas, and they are also exceedingly treacherous. If you let them go now, it will bring endless troubles.”

Zhang Jian also voiced his agreement:

“Brother Lin...”

“You cannot let them go, doing so will lead to endless troubles, and these two have been coveting Brother Lin’s partner, eyeing her with ill-intent.”

“They even declared they wanted to take her away to be their dual cultivation furnace.”

Upon hearing this, the two brothers’ faces changed dramatically.

If all the prior misunderstandings could still be explained, then the matter of snatching someone’s partner was something they could never clear up.

Lin Jing had no intention of letting the two go, but Zhang Jian’s direct mention of his ‘partner’ left Lin Jing somewhat puzzled, as he wondered when he had acquired a ‘partner’.

Lin Jing, looking puzzled, turned his head to Zhang Jian...

But the Jin brothers took this opportunity to directly maneuver their Magical Treasures in an attack against Lin Jing.

Although Lin Jing was looking at Zhang Jian, his Divine Sense was always monitoring the Jin brothers.

Seeing the two maneuvering their Magical Treasures for an attack, Lin Jing didn’t delay and instantly activated the Five Elements Divine Art. Then, streams of Wǔ Cǎi light converged, ready to strike at the Jin brothers.

Witnessing Lin Jing’s conjuring of the spell, the brothers acted decisively...

And just as those two Ring Treasures had not yet reached Lin Jing, the two brothers shouted in unison:

“Explode!”

The two Ring Treasures immediately blew up in mid-air.

“Boom!”

“Boom!”

Suddenly, two huge explosions erupted.

The explosion, mixed with the furious spiritual power, instantly created a massive shockwave that surged towards Lin Jing, Zhang Jian, Yue Qi's mother, and Lin Jue.

Moreover, the location of the Magical Treasure's explosion was not far from the skies above Li Yan City; the violent spiritual power attacked not only Lin Jing and the others.

It also swept through half of Li Yan City; if the explosion were ignored, the lower half of Li Yan City would surely suffer greatly.

When the two shouted “Explode,” Lin Jing immediately sensed trouble.

He then quickly gathered spiritual power to form an incredibly thick, slightly curved, vast Spiritual Shield in front of them.

Following that.

“Boom... Boom...”

Two loud explosions—the rampant spiritual power was on its way.

However...

Although the self-detonation of the Jin Clan brothers' Magical Treasure was not a small feat, it still couldn't mask Lin Jing's defense.

Under the effect of the Spiritual Shield, the entire direction of the explosion was altered, avoiding Lin Jing and the others, as well as the lower part of Li Yan City.

If Lin Jing hadn't reacted so quickly this time...

The explosion would likely have severely injured the three of them and even demolished much of Li Yan City below.

After the light from the explosion had dispersed, the figures of the two were no longer visible; they had taken advantage of the explosion to quickly leave the area.

Seeing the resolute action taken by the Jin Clan brothers, a cold light flickered in Lin Jing's eyes.

These two, they mustn't be left alive.

For they are like venomous snakes.

Capable of biding their time and striking at critical moments; keeping them would pose a tremendous threat to Li Yan Island.

With this in mind, Lin Jing immediately extended his Divine Sense outward.

Indeed.

On the sea surface a hundred miles away, Lin Jing found the two desperately fleeing.

Without hesitating, Lin Jing took a step and chased after them.

The two had a swift escape, but compared to Lin Jing, it wasn't enough.

In just a dozen or so breaths, Lin Jing had already appeared in front of the two, blocking their path.

The two were startled upon seeing Lin Jing catch up so quickly.

Therefore, they hastily pleaded:

“Senior...”

“It's all a misunderstanding; we didn't know that Li Qingqing was your beloved. We will never dare to have such improper thoughts again.”

“We only ask that you spare us, senior; we are willing to offer all our treasures, even if we have to serve you as if we were oxen or horses.”

However, in the face of their pleas,

Lin Jing did not pay them any heed.

Instead, he immediately took action, instantly conjuring countless streaks of Wǔ Cǎi radiance and shooting towards the two.

Seeing Lin Jing make a move, the two knew that anything they said now would be meaningless.

Thus,

They hardened their gaze and struck back, bringing forth two Magical Treasures and attacking Lin Jing.

At this moment, the two operated an unknown Cultivation Technique, and a green light immediately glowed upon their bodies.

Furthermore, between the two, several strands of spiritual power condensed into green threads, connecting them.

Even the Magical Treasures they now summoned were different from before.

This time, the two Magical Treasures they brought forth were both semi-circular, one large and one small.

And those two treasures could be combined.

Now, after the two treasures danced in the air for a moment, they directly merged into one another, forming a ring-shaped Treasure and attacking Lin Jing.

Before the Ring Treasure could reach him, Lin Jing's Wǔ Cǎi radiance was already nearing the two.

It aimed directly for the green light, seeking to pierce through and enter the bodies of the two.

The two caught a glimpse of the thin, silk-like Wǔ Cǎi radiance; noticing that its emitted aura was not very strong, they then circulated their Cultivation Technique to intensify the green glow around them.

After doing all of this, the two no longer paid attention to the streaks of Wǔ Cǎi radiance, instead focusing all their effort on controlling the Magical Treasures to attack Lin Jing.

It seemed that the two had great confidence in the green light around them, believing that the green glow could withstand the Wǔ Cǎi radiance.

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However...

What they hadn't expected was that the Wǔ Cǎi flow of light, upon entering the cyan glow, did not dissipate directly.

Instead, it became even more active, attempting to burrow into the bodies of the two men.

The Jin brothers sensed the seemingly inconspicuous Wǔ Cǎi flow of light and their expressions changed drastically. They couldn't help but exclaim:

"Our Protective Divine Light can ward off any spell in the world."

“There is only one kind of spell that can infiltrate before the cyan light breaks, and that is the Five Elements Divine Art...”

“The Five Elements Divine Art has been lost for many years; why does it appear in your hands to be executed?”

Facing their questions, Lin Jing coldly replied:

“That is none of your concern.”

Having said that, Lin Jing directly manipulated the Wǔ Cǎi flow of light within the cyan light to drill toward the two men’s bodies.

Although the two brothers were running their Cultivation Technique with all their might, making the cyan light around their bodies more brilliant, they could only slow down the Wǔ Cǎi flow of light and were utterly unable to eliminate those strands of Wǔ Cǎi flow.

Seeing this, the Jin brothers exchanged a look and then directly maneuvered their Ring Treasure to come in front of Lin Jing.

Thereafter, another loud shout came:

“Explode!”

The Ring Treasure exploded once again.

However, this time Lin Jing was well prepared.

Before the Ring Treasure could explode, Lin Jing had already stepped out and instantly appeared in front of the two brothers.

Next, Lin Jing threw a punch directly, landing it on Jin Jue’s body.

The power of Lin Jing’s punch was not to be underestimated.

It struck squarely on the cyan light outside Jin Jue’s body, yet despite the punch, Lin Jing’s fist did not penetrate the cyan light.

Lin Jing discovered that at the moment his fist made contact, the filament connecting Jin Jue and Jin’Ao suddenly lit up brightly, and Jin Jue’s entire aura suddenly intensified.

As for Jin’Ao, the aura around his body weakened.

And also...

Even the cyan light on his body had greatly diminished.

In this exchange of increasing and decreasing strength, Jin Jue managed to withstand Lin Jing's punch.

Even the cyan light outside Jin Jue's body showed no sign of dissipating.

Only now, both Jin Jue and Jin'Ao were sent flying far away by Lin Jing's punch.

Although they were protected by the cyan light, they were still seriously injured by Lin Jing's punch and couldn't help but spit out a large mouthful of blood.

However, that was enough.

Just now, in order to defend against Lin Jing, Jin'Ao's cyan light had weakened, allowing the Wǔ Cǎi flow of light to take advantage of the vulnerability and penetrate into Jin'Ao's body.

Lin Jing then directly operated the Five Elements Divine Art, taking control of the Wǔ Cǎi flow in Jin'Ao's body and igniting it.

In an instant, the Wǔ Cǎi light burst forth from within Jin'Ao's body, causing Jin Jue to cry out in horror:

"Brother..."

However, by then the Wǔ Cǎi flow of light had already erupted within Jin'Ao's body.

There was nothing Jin Jue could do but watch helplessly.

At that moment, Jin'Ao's face was twisted in agony as he struggled to speak:

"Brother, run..."

No sooner had the words left his lips than Jin'Ao was engulfed by the Wǔ Cǎi light, and in moments, he disappeared without a trace...

Upon Jin'Ao's death, the cyan light on Jin Jue's body dissipated at once.

However, as Lin Jing had already set off the Wǔ Cǎi flow of light within Jin'Ao's body, the remaining Wǔ Cǎi flow that had not yet penetrated Jin Jue's body also dissipated.

Now, with Jin'Ao dead and Jin Jue looking as grey as death, there was no intention to resist.

Because he knew that on his own, it would be very difficult to escape Lin Jing's pursuit.

Of course, Lin Jing could not possibly spare this troublemaker and was about to lower his hand to strike...

But just as Lin Jing was ready to strike, a voice came from afar:

“Fellow Daoist, please hold on for a moment...”

Afterward, they saw two figures, one fat and one thin, rapidly flying toward them from afar.

Upon hearing this voice, Jin Jue, whose face had been grey as death, suddenly saw a glimmer of hope.

“It’s Lord Yelin...”

Just as Jin Jue’s voice fell, two cultivators, one fat and one thin, arrived together at the scene.

Moreover, both of these individuals had mid-stage Nascent Soul cultivation.

Upon seeing the newcomers, Jin Jue hastily addressed the one with handsome features and a lean figure:

“Master Yelin, save me...”

It turned out, this person was Master Yelin.

However, it was unknown why Master Yelin was entangled with the Jin brothers.

After his arrival, Master Yelin stepped forward, shielding Jin Jue behind him, and then he eyed Lin Jing, saying:

“This fellow cultivator, I am Master Yelin of Yelin Island.”

“I am not sure how the Jin brothers have offended you, that you would seek to utterly annihilate them.”

Facing Master Yelin, Lin Jing showed no fear and looked directly at him, saying:

“These Jin brothers intend to forcefully occupy my Li Yan Island and have also injured my friend.”

“Master Yelin...”

“Tell me, should I let them go?”

Previously, Yue Qi had mentioned that Master Yelin might have designs on Li Yan Island.

Nonetheless, Master Yelin ultimately did not take any action.

That intention was merely a speculation by Yue Qi and her group; Lin Jing could not rashly make an enemy of him.

Hence, he spoke as he did.

His goal was also to probe the truth of the matter.

In fact,

There was another point: Master Yelin's appearance was too coincidental.

Lin Jing suspected that Master Yelin might have a connection with the two Jin brothers.

He said so to gauge Master Yelin's reaction.

No sooner had Lin Jing finished speaking than the other fat cultivator by Master Yelin's side said:

"The recent affairs of the Li Yan Fang Market have been the talk of the town; I have heard a bit about it."

"So it turns out you're the Island Master of Li Yan Island..."

"I am Xue Yilin of Yue Tian Island, may I inquire as to your honorable name?"

Lin Jing looked toward Xue Yilin, noting his corpulent figure, with a head even larger than that of an average person, and eyes that became mere slits when he smiled.

At this moment, he was smiling faintly, looking at Lin Jing, waiting for his response.

Facing Xue Yilin, Lin Jing was unsure of his intentions, but seeing him like this, it seemed that he harbored no hostility toward Lin Jing.

Thus, Lin Jing said:

"Lin Jing..."

Xue Yilin nodded, saluted Lin Jing with a fist, and said:

"So you are Fellow Lin..."

After speaking, Xue Yilin directly addressed Master Yelin:

“Master Yelin...”

“Actually, this matter is quite clear. The Li Yan Island incident has been widely known, and these Jin brothers were among those who caused the most commotion.”

“Fellow Lin was in secluded cultivation and unaware, allowing these Jin brothers to create such chaos...”

“Now that Fellow Lin has left seclusion, naturally, he will not let them off. This is only human nature...”

“If you ask me, it is better to hand Jin Jue over to Fellow Lin...”

Lin Jing was somewhat surprised by Xue Yilin’s words.

What Lin Jing did not expect was that Xue Yilin would actually speak on his behalf.

Given Master Yelin’s actions earlier, it was clear that Master Yelin had indeed considered protecting Jin Jue.

However, right after Xue Yilin finished speaking,

Jin Jue spoke up again, saying:

“Elder Xue...”

“Aren’t you looking for someone who practices the Five Elements Cultivation Technique?”

“This Lin Jing, he practices the long-lost Five Elements Divine Art...”

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Xue Yilin heard the words, and a chill suddenly burst forth from his smiling eyes.

Then, with a wave of his sleeve, he shot three black streaks directly from his cuff.

These black streaks did not head for Lin Jing, but aimed straight at Jin Jue.

Jin Jue, for his part, would never have imagined that Xue Yilin would kill him at this moment. He didn’t have time to react before the three black streaks pierced through his body.

He looked at Xue Yilin with eyes full of disbelief.

Afterward, Jin Jue lost his breath and plummeted directly into the sea below.

However, that was not all.

The three black streaks seemed to carry a potent poison, as Jin Jue's body began to decay while he fell.

First the skin, then the flesh, and finally the internal organs—all corroded completely...

By the time Jin Jue hit the sea, he was nothing but a blackened skeleton.

It was truly horrifying.

After killing Jin Jue, Xue Yilin once again reverted to his smiley demeanor.

He then turned his head and said to True Lord Ye Lin:

“True Lord Ye Lin...”

“This guy was very dishonest.”

“Yet a mere Golden Core Stage cultivator fancied to drive a wedge between our relationship.”

“I decided to take action and solve the problem myself. I hope that doesn't upset you, True Lord Ye Lin.”

True Lord Ye Lin looked down at the sea below, his expression revealing none of his emotions.

And then he spoke:

“Indeed, that man deserved to die; you have spared me the trouble, Brother Xue.”

The actions of the two left Lin Jing somewhat confused.

Originally, Lin Jing thought that the two had come to assist Jin Jue.

But unexpectedly, Xue Yilin took action and killed Jin Jue outright.

Even Lin Jing had not reacted in time.

Following that, True Lord Ye Lin looked at Lin Jing opposite him and asked:

“Brother Lin...”

“There have been rumors saying that you’ve secluded yourself. Could it be, Brother Lin, that you have actually been preparing to advance to the Nascent Soul Stage?”

Lin Jing nodded:

“I had some insights before, so I went into seclusion, hoping to break through to the Nascent Soul Realm.”

“Fortunately, luck was on my side...”

True Lord Ye Lin nodded and said:

“Brother Lin’s luck indeed seems fortuitous.”

“Now that Brother Lin has become a Nascent Soul Cultivator, there is no need to keep certain matters from you any longer.”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing became puzzled.

“What matters?”

True Lord Ye Lin continued:

“It is about the territorial redivision of the Thousand Islands Domain.”

“The Thousand Islands Domain has many islands, but the forces within it are extremely fragmented.”

“Therefore, the three major islands intend to consolidate the domain’s strength and redivide the regional powers.”

“Especially for us Nascent Soul Cultivators, after the redivision, it is estimated that each one of us will be able to manage a not insignificant region.”

“And Brother Xue has come this time to convey this message.”

Xue Yilin then also spoke:

“Brother Lin...”

“This territorial redivision is extremely beneficial to us Nascent Soul Cultivators. After the redivision, each of us will oversee several, or perhaps dozens of islands.”

“And those other island masters will be under your jurisdiction. At that time, you will be the ruler of this maritime domain.”

After hearing this, Lin Jing pondered for a moment before asking:

“What about us? Will we have to obey the three major islands?”

Xue Yilin nodded and said:

“Yes...”

Lin Jing frowned at once...

To obey the three major islands was to lose freedom and be subjugated to others for their benefit.

Seeing Lin Jing’s hesitation, Xue Yilin said:

“Brother Lin, please be assured.”

“Though it is to obey the three major islands, the islands beneath them will not be required to offer anything up.”

“Moreover, this is a defensive alliance agreement.”

“Its purpose is also to collectively defend against external enemies when they arise, without causing any harm to the islands themselves.”

“On the contrary, if outsiders seek to forcibly take over the islands, the three major islands will provide protection.”

Having heard this, Lin Jing finally understood.

The territorial division was actually a strategy to strengthen the management of the Thousand Islands Domain by the three major islands.

Xue Yilin continued to speak:

“Lin Daoyou...”

“Now that you have reached the Nascent Soul Stage, you count as having stepped into the upper echelons within the Thousand Islands Domain.”

“In two months, come to Yue Tian Island to attend the territorial division conference. At that time, all Nascent Soul Cultivators from our Thousand Islands Domain will be present.”

“Moreover, the Island Masters of the three great islands will be there in person to carry out the division.”

After pondering for a moment, Lin Jing nodded and said:

“Alright...”

“Since that is the case, I will definitely head over in two months.”

At this, Xue Yilin returned to his usual smiling demeanor, cupped his fists towards Lin Jing, and said:

“Then at that time, I will await Lin Daoyou on Yue Tian Island.”

Lin Jing also cupped his fists in response to Xue Yilin:

“Rest assured, Xue Daoyou, I will certainly go.”

Xue Yilin said with a smile, “That’s very good...”

At that moment, Lin Jing, puzzled, asked Xue Yilin:

“Xue Daoyou, if someone disagrees with this territorial division, what will happen?”

Xue Yilin’s eyes, though squinted, flashed coldly as he replied directly:

“This time, the division of power is personally ordered and overseen by the Island Masters of the three great islands.”

“If someone truly disagrees, they must either leave the Thousand Islands Domain or... never be able to leave again.”

“I think nobody would seek discomfort for themselves by opposing the Island Masters at the Divinity Transformation Stage.”

“Lin Daoyou, you agree, don’t you...”

Lin Jing nodded:

“Indeed...”

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Xue Yilin said to Lin Jing:

“Alright...”

“Lin Daoyou, Night Lin and I were merely passing through this place, but we have other matters to attend to now, so we shall take our leave.”

“Lin Daoyou, farewell!”

At this moment, Night Lin, who had remained silent up until now, also clasped his hands and said to Lin Jing:

“Lin Daoyou, farewell!”

Lin Jing, in turn, clasped his hands and said to the two:

“Since you both have matters to attend to, I won’t keep you any longer.”

“Xue Daoyou, Night Lin...”

“Farewell!”

Just as they were about to leave, Xue Yilin suddenly turned his head and asked Lin Jing:

“Lin Daoyou, Jin Jue just mentioned that you practice the long-lost Five Elements Divine Art, is that correct?”

Lin Jing had fought Jin’Ao earlier, and since they were not far from each other, they might have seen him use the Five Elements Divine Art.

Therefore, Lin Jing did not have much to hide.

Lin Jing looked at the still-smiling Xue Yilin and nodded:

“Yes, I indeed practice the Five Elements Divine Art.”

“Previously, I acquired this spell by chance from an enemy...”

“May I know what advice Xue Daoyou has to offer?”

Xue Yilin waved his hands repeatedly, his face still smiling as he said:

“Lin Daoyou, you give me too much credit; I dare not presume to teach...”

“It’s just that I may need to ask for a small favor from you in the future.”

“Of course, for requesting your help, I will surely offer a reward that will satisfy you.”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing asked casually:

“Xue Daoyou, may I know what kind of help you need?”

Xue Yilin said:

“It’s not yet certain at this moment. I will tell you once it’s confirmed.”

“Of course, it will entirely depend on whether Lin Daoyou is willing. Even if you decide not to help, I won’t bear any grudge.”

“Well, with that said...”

“Lin Daoyou, we shall meet again.”

Without waiting for Lin Jing to answer, Xue Yilin and Night Lin left the place together.

And once again, Lin Jing was left alone in this place...

Chapter 486: Chapter 183: Reunion

This time.

Lin Jing saw the Lord of Nightfall and that Xue Yilin.

Lin Jing observed the Lord of Nightfall very clearly, previously, he indeed had the intention to save Jin Jue.

However, Xue Yilin didn’t seem to get along well with the Lord of Nightfall.

He didn’t give the Lord of Nightfall any face at all.

And it seemed that the Lord of Nightfall also had some reservations about Xue Yilin.

Even when Xue Yilin killed Jin Jue right in front of him, the Lord of Nightfall still didn’t take any other action.

And then there was Xue Yilin.

Even though he looked all smiles, appearing amiable and very easy to talk to.

In reality, he was also an extremely dangerous individual.

This could be seen from his sudden, unexpected strike to kill Jin Jue.

Nevertheless, Lin Jing found his sudden action quite baffling and always felt the reason for his strike was far-fetched.

Of course, it could also be because of the Five Elements Divine Art.

This Xue Yilin, it seems that next time they meet, he would have to be more cautious.

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After the Lord of Nightfall and Xue Yilin left, Lin Jing also returned to Li Yan Island.

After returning, he saw the questioning looks of everyone and nodded.

Everyone sighed in relief.

At that moment, Zhang Jian hurried to Lin Jing's side and carefully examined him:

"Brother Lin..."

"You've actually entered the Nascent Soul Stage so quickly."

Lin Jing then said with a smile:

"Let's go..."

"First, let's go back to my small courtyard, we'll talk more once we're back."

"Alright..." Zhang Jian quickly agreed.

Subsequently.

Lin Jing led Zhang Jian and several others back to his own residence in the northern part of Li Yan Island.

As soon as they arrived in the courtyard, Zhang Jian began to inquire:

"Where exactly did those who attended the trade meeting that time go?"

"You don't know, after you disappeared, many people have been looking for you."

"And after your disappearance, some others also went missing one after another, but in the end, nothing was found."

Lin Jing then spoke up, explaining the ins and outs of the matter to everyone.

Upon hearing what Lin Jing said, everyone was immensely shocked.

They had not expected that someone could use the sacrifice of Golden Core Cultivators to help themselves break through their realm.

Such an inhumane act was also a violation of heavenly principles, and yet there were people who dared do it.

And Zhang Jian felt even more remorse, saying:

“If it weren’t for me, Brother Lin, you wouldn’t have fallen into such misfortune.”

This event had no warning beforehand.

Moreover, even without Zhang Jian, Lin Jing might have also decided to check out the trade meeting on his own.

After all, at that time, Lin Jing was still in need of High-Grade Spiritual Plants and wanted to collect them.

Encountering such a situation was completely unexpected, and Zhang Jian couldn’t be blamed.

Therefore.

Lin Jing spoke to comfort him:

“Brother Zhang...”

“You can’t blame yourself for this, there’s no need for self-reproach.”

After saying this, Lin Jing continued:

“During this time, I have also been greatly indebted to Brother Zhang; otherwise, my Li Yan Island would have fallen into the hands of others long ago.”

Zhang Jian replied:

“There’s nothing worth mentioning about what I did; you were trapped because of me, Brother Lin, what I’ve done was merely my duty.”

Lin Jing shook his head and then took out several top-grade life-reviving pills from his Space Ring and handed them to Zhang Jian.

Seeing the life-reviving pills Lin Jing took out for recovering from injuries, Zhang Jian didn’t stand on ceremony and directly accepted them.

As he took the life-reviving pills, Zhang Jian also pulled out a small, trade-use Storage Bag from his own and handed it over to Lin Jing.

“Brother Lin...”

“The two hundred thousand Spirit Stones I borrowed from you before, I’d like to take this opportunity to return them.”

“You mustn’t refuse, after all, although we share a good relationship, since I borrowed it, I must return it.”

“As for the rest, let’s discuss them separately,”

Lin Jing nodded, then said:

“Okay...”

Having finished speaking, Lin Jing asked Zhang Jian:

“Brother Zhang...”

“You are now at the pinnacle of Golden Core cultivation, I estimate you must be facing Tribulation soon and advancing to the Nascent Soul Stage, right?”

After hearing this, Zhang Jian shook his head and with a bitter smile replied:

“No...”

“The cultivation technique I’ve practiced on my own is indeed not reliable.”

“Although I’m at the peak of Golden Core cultivation, my Golden Core Peak is extremely unstable, and my combat power has suffered greatly.”

“Otherwise, I wouldn’t have been injured so severely by those two brothers from the Jin Clan.”

At this point, Zhang Jian pondered for a while and then continued:

“I estimate...”

“It will take me at least decades or a hundred years to stay at this Golden Core Peak before I can start advancing to Nascent Soul.”

“Otherwise, if the foundation is not solid, undergoing Tribulation would be seeking death.”

After hearing this, Lin Jing immediately remembered Zhang Jian’s previous ordeal and then spoke:

“Then, the Frostbone Erosion you experienced before...”

Lin Jing had barely started speaking when Zhang Jian interrupted him.

Zhang Jian trembled all over, hurriedly reached out to cover Lin Jing's mouth, and stuttered from deep inside:

"Don't..."

"Don't mention it..."

"Brother Lin, please spare me."

It was then that Lin Jing remembered that Zhang Jian indeed had told him about this matter.

He was tormented by Frostbone Erosion, suffering from psychological trauma, and couldn't stand hearing those words.

He would tremble at the mere mention.

Lin Jing had remembered this before.

But after the journey into the Devouring Spirit Blood Realm,

Lin Jing had completely forgotten about this matter.

This time, it was Zhang Jian's reminder that jogged Lin Jing's memory.

So he hurriedly stopped speaking and couldn't help but sheepishly grin:

"Heh heh..."

"Sorry Brother Zhang, it slipped my mind..."

But Zhang Jian stopped Lin Jing from continuing and opened his mouth to say:

"As long as you don't mention that matter, we're still good friends..."

Lin Jing was speechless, never expecting that offending that woman in white back then would leave Zhang Jian still not recovered to this day.

It also served as a warning to Lin Jing that in the future, no matter what, unless absolutely necessary, he must not offend those female cultivators who appeared cold and aloof and possessed formidable strength.

Afterward.

The group went inside a room, where Lin Jing listened to them recount some of the experiences they had over the years.

In the middle of their talk, Ye Yun suddenly appeared.

Upon seeing Lin Jing, Ye Yun was immediately overjoyed, with his eyes even turning slightly red.

It turned out that Ye Yun had been cultivating at the Land of Earthly Flame's spring.

Therefore, he hadn't been there before.

Because of Lin Jing's disappearance, Ye Yun's cultivation had become even more zealous, and now his level had surpassed that of Yue Qi and Li Qingqing.

He was the only one among the few Golden Core Cultivators on Li Yan Island who had broken through to the mid-stage of Golden Core.

Even Li Qingqing, although she had started a few years earlier than Ye Yun,

was now only at the third layer of Golden Core cultivation.

Whereas Yue Qi, due to the nature of her Spiritual Root, had only managed one breakthrough over this long period.

She was currently at the second layer of Golden Core cultivation.

But now that Lin Jing had returned,

everything became easier.

With Lin Jing present, he could craft Gathering Yuan Pills to help them break through swiftly.

Of course, to achieve a breakthrough, the quality of one's Spiritual Root is the most important factor.

Besides crafting Gathering Yuan Pills,

Lin Jing also needed to start collecting materials for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir.

Chapter 487: Chapter 184 Li Tangyu's Choice

And so it continued, until darkness fell.

Only then did the people conclude their conversation.

Afterward.

They each returned to their own affairs, and Zhang Jian also returned to Yuxing Island to heal his injuries.

Before the others left, Lin Jing issued some instructions to Zhang Jian and Ye Yun regarding his own previous experiences.

Because of the existence of that mysterious Divine Transformation Cultivator.

Lin Jing did not want others to know that he had entered the Devouring Spirit Blood Realm, nor that he had advanced to the Nascent Soul Stage within it.

Due to his Tribulation, that Divine Transformation Cultivator had failed to advance, so it was possible that this person was secretly investigating, looking for him.

However.

Fortunately, Lin Jing had disguised himself before, and as long as he did not expose himself voluntarily, that Divine Transformation Cultivator should not be able to find him.

Moreover, Yue Qi and the others, in order to avoid trouble, had deliberately concealed Lin Jing's whereabouts.

Thus.

Everyone thought that he, the Island Master of Li Yan Island, had quietly gone into secluded cultivation and suddenly broke through to the Nascent Soul Stage.

This was a fortuitous act; it saved him the trouble of explaining further.

As long as Zhang Jian was careful not to let anything slip, everything would be fine.

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A few days later, Li Tangyu received the news and hurried over.

Lin Jing held a conversation with Li Tangyu too.

Before leaving, Lin Jing had made a Detoxification Pill for Li Tangyu, which Little Sparrow delivered to him, and upon receiving it, Li Tangyu took it immediately.

The Gu toxin in his body had long been cured.

And.

Li Tangyu, with the help of the seventh disciple of the Demon Lord, had broken free from the restrictions of the Cultivation Technique imposed by the Shadow Demon Lord.

One could say that he had regained his freedom.

Still, Li Tangyu continued to disguise himself, engaging in a power struggle with the Shadow Demon Lord.

This was also one of the conditions for Li Tangyu's cooperation with the seventh disciple of the Demon Lord.

The seventh disciple of the Demon Lord would help Li Tangyu out of his predicament, while Li Tangyu would assist the latter in dealing with the Shadow Demon Lord.

The two of them were almost ready now, and it was estimated that they would soon take action against the Shadow Demon Lord.

What they were doing was not necessarily to kill the Shadow Demon Lord; even just defeating him and imprisoning him would suffice.

Because the Great Demon Lord had always encouraged competition among his disciples.

If one were to emerge victorious, not only would they gain the favor of the Great Demon Lord, but they could even receive rewards.

Of course.

If they failed, even if they did not die, the outcome would not be pleasant.

The ranks of the Great Demon Lord's disciples were always limited to seven, and these seven positions were secured through mutual strife.

For Li Tangyu to break free from the control of the Shadow Demon Lord, he first had to get rid of the Gu toxin, and then solve the hidden dangers within that Cultivation Technique.

The last step was to defeat the Shadow Demon Lord, thus earning rightful recognition and entering into the view of the Great Demon Lord.

Now, the Detoxification Pill refined by Lin Jing had cured the Gu toxin.

The hidden dangers within that Cultivation Technique were also resolved with the help of the seventh disciple of the Great Demon Lord.

Now, all that remained was to defeat the Shadow Demon Lord.

This path was by no means easy.

But it was one Li Tangyu had to take.

Otherwise, his death was certain.

After hearing this, Lin Jing asked if Li Tangyu needed help, but he shook his head and refused Lin Jing's offer.

Because it concerned the Demon Lord, if it was internal competition among them, it would be one thing, but if Lin Jing got involved, the nature of the matter would change.

If Lin Jing rashly joined, the Great Demon Lord might very likely send someone to act and directly eliminate Lin Jing.

In fact, that was also the reason why Li Tangyu had initially colluded with the seventh disciple of the Demon Lord.

In doing so, whatever Li Tangyu did would be justified and without issue.

However.

Lin Jing was quite curious about whether the seventh disciple of the Demon Lord could be trusted.

Yet, Li Tangyu expressed with certainty that there was no problem with this person, and upon receiving Li Tangyu's affirmation, Lin Jing no longer pressed the matter.

Li Tangyu was unlike Li Qingqing; his experiences had made him extremely cautious.

Since he was so confident, then he must have had full assurance.

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Li Tangyu's visit this time, apart from catching up with Lin Jing,

was also to ask a favor of him.

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That was his upcoming tribulation.

Li Tangyu wanted Lin Jing's help to refine the elixir medicine required for the tribulation.

For Lin Jing, refining this tribulation elixir medicine wasn't a big deal.

As Lin Jing had some leftover top-quality Nirvana Elixir from his previous tribulation.

There were also other elixirs, such as supreme or flawless Yellow Dragon Elixirs and Huan Life Elixirs.

Lin Jing had them all on hand.

Lin Jing didn't waste words and directly handed all these elixir medicines over to Li Tangyu.

True, Lin Jing had agreed to prepare a Nirvana Elixir for Zhang Jian.

But since Zhang Jian was still far from facing his tribulation, it made more sense to give the Nirvana Elixir to Li Tangyu first.

As for Zhang Jian, he could simply refine another one for him when the time came.

After all, the spirit plants needed to refine the Nirvana Elixir were all available in the System Space, and he could quickly mature them for refinement, which wasn't troublesome.

Li Tangyu didn't stand on ceremony and took the Nirvana Elixir before choosing a few from the other Yellow Dragon Elixirs and Huan Life Elixirs.

He indicated that these would be sufficient.

Lin Jing nodded and then collected the remaining elixir medicines.

Afterwards.

Li Tangyu fell silent for a moment and then solemnly told Lin Jing.

After this, his path of cultivation would drastically change, and he might very well embark on the true path of a demon cultivator.

Moreover.

Li Tangyu entrusted Li Qingqing to Lin Jing's care earnestly.

Lin Jing felt a great deal of sympathy for Li Tangyu's plight.

Initially a refined and genteel scion of a noble family, he unexpectedly found himself forced onto a demonic path.

Seeing Li Tangyu's current state, it seemed that he had resolved to stride further and further down the demonic path...

Before leaving, Li Tangyu earnestly said to Lin Jing:

“Lin brother...”

“No matter what I become in the future, you will always be my brother, Li Tangyu, and I will always trust you.”

Lin Jing smiled and responded:

“So will I...”

After this, Li Tangyu left.

Lin Jing knew.

Upon Li Tangyu’s departure, upon his return, he would very likely have become a true demon cultivator.

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After Li Tangyu left, Lin Jing returned to his usual, tranquil life.

Zhang Jian, after healing from his injuries, visited twice.

That was until half a month later, someone else sought out Lin Jing once more.

This time, the visitors were...

Yan Ming and the Qi Yan True Lord.

Of course, they brought along the sisters Yan Xing and Yan Yue.

Moreover.

At the time of their arrival, Zhang Jian also happened to be there.

Zhang Jian’s presence here, of course, was because Lin Jing had pulled him in to help with the construction of a formation.

Back at the trade conference, Zhang Jian had evaded the conspiracy by virtue of his understanding of formations.

And now, thanks to his insights into formations, he was directly promoted to a Fifth-Rank Array Master.

In the spirit field of Li Yan Island, there was still one Nirvana Flower missing.

Now, with the Nirvana Flower planted by Lin Jing, naturally, a matching formation was required.

Zhang Jian's injuries had healed, so naturally, Lin Jing pulled him in as labore.

Of course, Lin Jing provided the materials for constructing the formation himself.

Seeing the Nirvana Flower, Zhang Jian was extremely excited, even willing to toil gladly as a laborer.

When the two came, the formation was at a critical point in its layout, and Zhang Jian couldn't leave his post.

Therefore, Lin Jing just mentioned to Zhang Jian that he would go out to welcome the visitors.

When Lin Jing arrived at Li Yan City,

he saw Yan Ming and the Qi Yan True Lord.

And Mother Yue Qi.

At that moment, Mother Yue Qi, meeting again with Yan Xing and Yan Yue, the three were happily chatting about family matters.

Yan Ming and the Qi Yan True Lord, however, were watching the scene quietly with smiles on their faces.

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Chapter 488: Chapter 185 Qi Yan Zhenjun's Request

Speaking of which, during the half-year on Li Yan Island, Mother Yue Qi certainly spared no effort in taking care of the sisters Yan Xing and Yan Yue.

When they saw Mother Yue Qi again, they were naturally overjoyed.

Moreover, they had grown up and become much more lively, no longer as shy as they were when little.

The three of them chatted and laughed together, looking very harmonious.

Lin Jing arrived at Li Yan City and went straight to the group.

Then, Lin Jing clasped his fists and said to the two:

“Yan Daoyou...”

“Qi Yan Daoyou...”

Both of them also clasped their fists in return, saying:

“Lin Daoyou...”

“Lin Daoyou...”

After the greetings, Qi Yan Zhenjun directly addressed Lin Jing:

“Lin Daoyou, I have prepared everything and can help you craft your Flying Sword at any time.”

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing was immediately pleased:

“In that case, I must thank Qi Yan Daoyou.”

Qi Yan Zhenjun waved his hand and replied:

“Lin Daoyou, you’re too courteous.”

Afterward, Qi Yan Zhenjun seriously said:

“Lin Daoyou...”

“Your Flying Sword, combined with those two materials, if crafted by me, should be between a Mid-grade and Superior Dao Artifact.”

“Any higher would probably be impossible. I need to make this clear to you in advance.”

The gap between Magical Treasures and Dao Artifacts is akin to a Cultivator’s Nascent Soul ascending to Divinity Transformation; it’s an immense chasm.

If those two materials could integrate into the Ling Yin Flawless Sword and raise it to the quality of a Dao Artifact, Lin Jing would be satisfied.

If it really were as Qi Yan Zhenjun said, elevating it to the quality of a Mid-grade Dao Artifact, that would be an unexpected pleasure.

Lin Jing certainly had no issues with that.

Therefore, Lin Jing said to Qi Yan Zhenjun:

“Qi Yan Daoyou, then I’ll trouble you with this task.”

Qi Yan Zhenjun nodded in assurance, indicating no problem.

Just at this moment.

Yan Ming suddenly asked Lin Jing:

“Lin Daoyou, I heard from my daughters that you are also an Alchemist?”

Lin Jing nodded and confirmed:

“That’s correct...”

“I indeed am an Alchemist.”

Qi Yan Zhenjun then inquired:

“May I ask how adept you are in Alchemy, Lin Daoyou, and up to what rank can you refine Elixir Medicine?”

Lin Jing pondered for a moment, then replied:

“Currently, I suppose I have exceeded Fourth Grade, but I have never had the chance to collect High-Grade Spiritual Plants and thus have never refined Fifth-Rank Elixir Medicine.”

“Fifth-Rank Pill Master...”

When they heard Lin Jing claim to be a Fifth-Rank Pill Master, both took in a sharp breath.

Lin Jing nodded and continued:

“Yes...”

Qi Yan Zhenjun first turned to glance at Yan Ming, then hesitated for a moment.

After a short while, Qi Yan Zhenjun spoke with a hint of difficulty:

“Lin Daoyou, I have an impudent request...”

Seeing Qi Yan Zhenjun’s troubled expression, Lin Jing directly asked:

“Qi Yan Daoyou, go ahead; is it regarding Alchemy?”

Qi Yan Zhenjun nodded and said:

“I want to refine a batch of Elixir Medicine, but I’ve never found a suitable Alchemist. I don’t know if Lin Daoyou could lend a hand.”

Lin Jing, wearing a smile, responded without hesitation:

“There’s naturally no problem in refining Elixir Medicine.”

“But may I know what Elixir are you looking to refine, Master Qi Yan?”

Qi Yan Zhenjun seemed very troubled; he hesitated for a moment and then looked at Lin Jing before saying:

“Fifth-Rank Elixir Medicine, the Revival Elixir.”

“Of course...”

“I know the preparation of fifth-rank Elixir Medicine is quite difficult, but if I seek help from other Alchemists outside, I can’t feel completely at ease, which is why I wanted to try and see if Lin Daoyou would give it a try.”

“If Lin Daoyou finds it difficult, then forget I mentioned it...”

“Revival Elixir...” Lin Jing showed a contemplative expression, seeming a bit hesitant:

After a moment, Lin Jing spoke directly:

“Qi Yan Daoyou, to tell you the truth...”

“Although I am a fourth-grade Alchemist, I haven’t been at this level for very long.”

“I have never personally prepared Revival Elixir, and I don’t even have the recipe for it...”

“As for the preparation of the Revival Elixir, I can only say I’m somewhat confident, but this confidence is not that great.”

“If Qi Yan Daoyou trusts me, I am willing to give it a try...”

Actually, with the system’s blessing, Lin Jing’s chances of successfully making a fifth-rank Elixir Medicine are not very low.

But Lin Jing had indeed never encountered fifth-rank Elixir Medicine, so he did not boast or exaggerate.

If Qi Yan truly needed the Revival Elixir urgently, then Lin Jing could ‘accidentally’ produce a batch when it came time.

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Qi Yan hesitated for a moment, then spoke directly:

“The recipe for the Revival Elixir is easy to obtain; I can get that for you. And besides the recipe for the Revival Elixir, I can help you obtain any other recipes you might need.”

“I just don’t know which recipes Lin Daoyou is missing?”

Lin Jing was slightly embarrassed and said awkwardly:

“To not conceal from Qi Yan Daoyou...”

“Currently, I only have one fifth-rank recipe, which is for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir. Unfortunately, I lack the corresponding Spiritual Plants and have never prepared it.”

Upon hearing that Lin Jing had the recipe for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir, Qi Yan and Yan Ming were immediately shocked.

Especially Yan Ming, who was visibly excited:

“Lin Daoyou...”

“You actually have the recipe for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir?”

“I had heard before that among the major powers of the Inner Sea, there was a circulated Elixir Medicine that could alter the quality of one’s Spiritual Root, the Cleansing Spirit Elixir.”

“But that recipe is hard to find, and I had only seen a damaged recipe once through a friend.”

“I wonder if you could let me have a look at your recipe for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir...”

Lin Jing nodded, then took out the recipe for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir from his Space Ring and handed it to Yan Ming.

Yan Ming took the recipe for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir and unfurled it immediately. Qi Yan also approached to take a look at this time.

The two of them carefully reviewed the recipe for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir.

The more they looked, the more excited they became.

While reading, they even discussed the contents of the recipe.

It wasn't until a good while later that the two of them finished looking through the recipe.

Then Yan Ming handed the recipe back to Lin Jing.

"This is indeed the recipe for the Cleansing Spirit Elixir, and it's complete too."

"I wonder how Lin Daoyou came into possession of this recipe?"

Lin Jing then said:

"Obtaining this recipe was a bit of serendipity..."

"There are some complications involved, so I'd rather not speak about them in detail. I hope you two Daoyou can understand."

The two nodded and did not press the matter further.

Then, Qi Yan smiled and said to Lin Jing:

"Lin Daoyou..."

"Since it's like this, I will go collect the Spiritual Plants and recipe. As for the Alchemy, I will leave it in your capable hands, Lin Daoyou."

Lin Jing looked at Qi Yan and asked:

"Qi Yan Daoyou has really decided to let me prepare the Revival Elixir?"

Qi Yan nodded:

"Fifth-rank Elixir Medicine are rare due to the difficulty in finding the materials, and they don't appear often in the southern outer sea."

"Moreover, those who have personally prepared fifth-rank Elixir Medicine are not many."

"Instead of finding someone else to perform Alchemy, I'd prefer to let you, Lin Daoyou, give it a try..."

Upon hearing this, Lin Jing responded with a cupped fist salute:

"Since Qi Yan Daoyou places such trust in me, I will certainly give it my all."

Hearing that, Qi Yan, too, offered a salute with his fist and said to Lin Jing:

"In that case, I must entrust this task to you, Lin Daoyou."

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Afterward, Qi Yan True Master turned his head and said to Yan Ming:

“Old Yan, I remember you have a Revival Vine on your Spirit Rock Island, don't you? I'll be borrowing it for now, I will return it to you later.”

Having said that, Qi Yan True Master turned to look at Yan Xing and Yan Yue, who were with Yue Qi Mother, and said:

“I'll let these two nieces of mine stay here for now; they seem quite happy. We'll make a trip back to Spirit Rock Island and retrieve the Revival Vine.”

Upon hearing this, Yan Ming exchanged glances with Qi Yan True Master, then nodded, and said to Lin Jing:

“Lin Daoyou...”

“We're entrusting the young girl to your care for now; we'll be back shortly.”

Lin Jing nodded and said:

“Rest assured, fellow Daoists.”

Thereafter, Yan Ming instructed Yan Xing and Yan Yue:

“Xing'er, Yue'er, you two stay and play here with Uncle Lin, your Seventh Qi Yan grandfather and I have some matters to handle and will be back very soon.”

The two girls had just happily chatted with Yue Qi Mother and were naturally very willing to stay.

Thus,

after taking their leave from Lin Jing, Yan Ming and Qi Yan True Master boarded a flying boat and departed from Li Yan Island.

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After leaving Li Yan Island,

inside the flying boat, while True Master Qi Yan was swiftly maneuvering it over the sea, he asked Yan Ming:

“Old Yan, do you think this Lin Jing is reliable?”

“Could he truly be a fifth-grade Alchemy Grandmaster?”

“He doesn’t seem like it...”

Yan Ming frowned, pondering for a moment before speaking:

“Indeed, it doesn’t quite seem like it...”

“Before this, when Yan Xing and Yan Yue had just been brought back by Brother Lu and others, they mentioned that there was an Uncle Lin who is an Alchemist.”

“However, at the time, since all of them possessed only Golden Core Stage cultivation, I didn’t pay much attention to it and quickly put it out of my mind.”

“Even the grade of the alchemist wasn’t something I inquired about.”

“If only I had asked in passing at that time.”

At this point, Yan Ming also sighed:

“Alas...”

True Master Qi Yan then said:

“This Lin Jing...”

“He must have advanced to the Nascent Soul Stage only recently.”

“Although not numerous, there are indeed some who attain the status of a fifth-grade Alchemy Master while being at the Golden Core Stage. Since he claims to be a fifth-grade Alchemy Master, it probably isn’t false.”

“Then how about we first test him with the Revival Elixir?”

“If he can truly concoct the Revival Elixir, we can then ask for his help in concocting the Cleansing Spirit Elixirs needed for our two nieces.”

After listening, Yan Ming nodded and said:

“It seems we have no other choice...”

“But the concoction of the Cleansing Spirit Elixir isn’t easy, involving others is somewhat too risky, and there seems to be some trouble at Changyun Elixir Pavilion. Our acquaintance, Pill Master Li, has returned to the Inner Sea...”

“After much thought, it seems we only have Lin Jing to consider now...”

True Master Qi Yan nodded and said:

“That’s the only option we have!”

“However...”

“It’s quite unexpected that he could possess the Cleansing Spirit Elixir formula; having the formula means he should be more familiar with it than others, which should also increase the success rate of concoction compared to others.”

Yan Ming nodded and said:

“Indeed...”

“To think of the effort we put in to obtain that incomplete Cleansing Spirit Elixir formula.”

Master Qi Yan sighed helplessly and said:

“All of this is for the sake of those two nieces.”

“If we don’t improve their aptitude, reaching the Golden Core Stage might be the end of the road for them.”

Yan Ming also sighed and nodded:

“Indeed...”

“I just hope this Lin Jing can give us a pleasant surprise.”

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When Master Qi Yan and Yan Ming returned, it was already five days later.

Aside from going back to Spirit Rock Island, they also made a trip to Bihai City, purportedly to collect some of the other Spiritual Plants needed for concocting the Revival Elixir.

Not until five days later did they return to Li Yan Island.

Upon their return, Lin Jing immediately invited them to come to his small courtyard in the northern part of Li Yan Island.

Since Li Yan City was now a bit crowded, it was better to be in the restricted area in the northern part of the island.

Due to the news of Lin Jing's advancement to the Nascent Soul Stage being spread, Li Yan Island's fame had grown even greater, attracting many visitors.

Now, the Li Yan Fang Market was slowly recovering, with many people returning to continue trade.

However,

most people weren't aware of Lin Jing's identity; they only knew that the Island Master of Li Yan Island was now a Nascent Soul Cultivator.

And he had assertively killed the Jin brothers, who had intended to forcefully occupy the island.

You must understand,

the Jin brothers were quite famous in this region due to their extraordinary cultivation.

With Lin Jing's action of directly killing them, naturally, he deterred many petty criminals.

Those who had previously attempted to conquer Li Yan Island and were driven off by Zhang Jian, upon hearing this news,

were so terrified that they were beside themselves with fear.

Soon enough, there were those who couldn't bear it and sought Lin Jing's forgiveness by any means necessary.

However, Lin Jing didn't pay much attention to these people and left everything to Yue Qi Mother to handle.

Although Lin Jing had no intention of taking action against them, he still issued an order to Yue Qi Mother.

That was to make them bleed significantly and suffer once before they could learn their lesson.

With Lin Jing's command, Yue Qi Mother acted without any reservations.

Making those people pay a hefty price.

Despite the price, these individuals indeed did so willingly.

Subsequently,

after these people had paid a significant price, Lin Jing let Yue Qi Mother warn them and then put the incident behind them, allowing them to leave.

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Upon learning that the matter was resolved, those people all breathed a sigh of relief and departed with gratitude.

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After True Master Qi Yan and Yan Ming returned, True Master Qi Yan handed over the Revival Elixir recipe and materials to Lin Jing.

Upon receiving the recipe and Spirit Plants, Lin Jing first browsed through the recipe, then examined the Spirit Plants.

After the examination, Lin Jing found that some of the Spirit Plants were freshly picked.

There was also an extra piece of the Revival Vine.

Originally, to forge the Revival Elixir, only two to three inches of the vine were required, but the piece of Revival Vine given to Lin Jing by True Master Qi Yan measured a full five inches.

This development pleasantly surprised Lin Jing.

He could plant the extra Spirit Plants in the Spirit Field of the System Space.

After handing over the Revival Elixir recipe and materials to Lin Jing, True Master Qi Yan took Lin Jing's Ling Yin Flawless Sword and two other ingredients with him.

He said he would take this time to help forge the Ling Yin Flawless Sword.

Moreover, True Master Qi Yan had even procured a special material from Bihai City, intending to incorporate it into Lin Jing's Flying Sword.

He said he wanted to give Lin Jing a surprise.

Naturally, Lin Jing waited with great anticipation.

Subsequently, the two left Lin Jing's place.

True Master Qi Yan went to forge the Ling Yin Flawless Sword for Lin Jing, while Yan Ming returned to Li Yan City, to be with Yan Xing and Yan Yue.

As for Lin Jing himself, he entered the System Space to begin Alchemy...

After entering the System Space, he did not rush to the Alchemy Room.

Instead, he took out a segment of the Revival Vine and snipped off a small piece.

Next.

Lin Jing took that small segment of the Revival Vine and began to plant it in the Spirit Field.

Of course, before planting, Lin Jing did not forget to adjust the environment to suit the growth of the Revival Vine.

After Lin Jing planted the Revival Vine, a system prompt immediately sounded:

“Ding!”

“System prompt: Congratulations to the host for planting a high-grade Spirit Plant, which is in a damaged state and currently unable to grow.”

“The Spirit Plant can be repaired; repair will cost: 1000 Harvest Points.”

One thousand Harvest Points was manageable.

Lin Jing could afford it.

Therefore, without hesitation, Lin Jing used the Harvest Points to repair it.

After the repair, Lin Jing checked it again.

Fifth-Rank Spirit Plant: Revival Vine

Current Environment: Uninhabited Mountains.

Environment suitable, normal status, growing rapidly, time to maturity: 1000 years.

Seeing that the Revival Vine was growing normally, Lin Jing then set his mind at ease.

Afterward.

Lin Jing left the Spirit Field and entered the Alchemy Room to start preparing for the Revival Elixir’s forging process.

Before forging the Revival Elixir, Lin Jing would certainly study the recipe in detail; the method for forging the Revival Elixir and the key points to pay attention to were all documented in the recipe.

If anything were amiss or incorrect, it was very likely that this batch of Elixir Medicine would fail.

If that were to happen, it would be quite inexcusable.

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Lin Jing studied the recipe while simultaneously forging some other Elixir Medicines.

He did this to maintain his condition.

Thus, three days passed before Lin Jing finally finished preparing and decided to start forging the Revival Elixir.

The first step in forging the Revival Elixir, just like with other Elixir Medicines, was to process the already prepared Alchemy Ingredients and then set them aside.

After processing the ingredients, Lin Jing quickly began to operate the Divine Fire Triple Realm, starting to condense the flames.

Since advancing to the Nascent Soul Stage, Lin Jing's flames had grown more formidable, and with the empowerment of the Divine Fire Triple Realm, Lin Jing could even condense flames for use against enemies.

After condensing the flames, Lin Jing controlled them, focusing the blaze at the bottom of the Pill Furnace.

Then, Lin Jing began adding the ingredients.

Adding the ingredients occurred in stages, perfectly following the directions in the recipe to the letter.

As such, the temperature in the Pill Furnace climbed higher and all the ingredients were added throughout this process.

Once all the ingredients were in and the timing seemed right, Lin Jing immediately closed the furnace lid and sealed it, commencing the true Alchemy process.

The forging of the Revival Elixir was not very difficult.

It was somewhat easier compared to the Fourth-Rank Nirvana Elixir.

Additionally, since Lin Jing had studied the recipe carefully before, he made no mistakes during the process.

Thus, the forging went rather smoothly.

As time slowly passed.

It wasn't until ten hours had passed.

A rich fragrance wafted from the Pill Furnace, and the refining of the Revival Elixir had started to take shape at this time.

At this moment, Lin Jing increased his Spiritual Power output, fueling the flames at the bottom of the furnace more intensely.

The temperature inside the Pill Furnace also grew higher and higher.

After a little while, the System's notification sound rang out:

“Ding.”

“System notification: Congratulations to the host for successfully refining a Fifth-Rank Elixir for the first time, reward: 50 Harvest Points.”

“Elixir refining successful, alchemy proficiency +65.”

With the successful refining of the Revival Elixir, Lin Jing heaved a sigh of relief.

Afterward, Lin Jing opened the Pill Furnace.

He took out the elixirs from inside the furnace.

This batch of Revival Elixir had yielded one Supreme Elixir, one Superior, as well as two Medium Grade and one Low Grade Elixir.

Though these did not compare to the other Elixirs he had refined before,

the fact that he was able to produce a Supreme Elixir on his first attempt at refining a Fifth-Rank Elixir left Lin Jing very satisfied.

Even before starting alchemy, Qi Yan the True Monarch had specifically stated that he did not have high expectations for this refining session.

As long as there was a Medium Grade Elixir, he would be content.

Now, with the appearance of a Supreme Elixir, Lin Jing had far exceeded Qi Yan the True Monarch's expectations.

After the Elixirs were completely refined, Lin Jing then packed up the Cloud Pattern Purple Gold Furnace and exited the System Space.

To avoid trouble, Lin Jing, except when performing alchemy, kept the alchemy furnace stored in his Space Ring that he carried with him at all times.

This allowed him to avoid certain situations and be ready to take out the alchemy furnace and start refining immediately should the need arise.

Otherwise, if the alchemy furnace remained in the System Space, there could be times when sudden situations might arise, leaving him with no chance to enter the System Space and retrieve the alchemy furnace.

Lin Jing kept the alchemy furnace on his person to prevent such scenarios.

After leaving the System Space, Lin Jing went straight to Li Yan City.

At this time, the two of them were still there.

Seeing Lin Jing's arrival,

Qi Yan the True Monarch and Yan Ming quickly greeted him.

Especially Qi Yan the True Monarch, who came forward and eagerly asked,

"Lin Daoyou..."

"How did the refining of the Revival Elixir go?"

Lin Jing smiled and nodded,

"Fortunately, I did not fail..."

Next, Lin Jing took out the already refined elixirs from the Space Ring and handed them to Qi Yan the True Monarch.

Qi Yan the True Monarch opened the jade bottle containing the elixirs, and then slowly uncorked it.

The moment it was opened, the rich fragrance of the elixirs instantly filled the air.

The fragrance was so intense that upon smelling it, Qi Yan the True Monarch felt joy in his heart.

He then looked directly inside.

"Inside here..."

Qi Yan the True Monarch was first surprised, then he poured out the elixirs from the jade bottle to see them, and upon seeing the elixirs, Qi Yan the True Monarch became even more excited.

“There is actually one Supreme Elixir and one Superior! ”

“I had thought that if you, Lin Daoyou, could refine a Medium Grade Elixir, it would have been impressive enough, but you’ve given me such a big surprise.”

“Could it be that Lin Daoyou, you were being modest earlier, and this isn’t your first time refining Revival Elixir?”

Upon hearing what Qi Yan the True Monarch said, Yan Ming also quickly came up to take a look.

Seeing that it was indeed as Qi Yan the True Monarch had said, Yan Ming was equally delighted.

The higher Lin Jing’s alchemy skills, the greater the chance of refining Cleansing Spirit Elixir.

Lin Jing then simply smiled and said,

“Indeed, this is my first time refining the Revival Elixir; I was just lucky this time.”

Qi Yan the True Monarch waved his hand and said,

“Lin Daoyou, you are far too modest.”

After finishing, Qi Yan the True Monarch smiled and said,

“However, since you gave me a surprise, naturally I must also return the favor with a surprise for you...”

With that, Qi Yan the True Monarch immediately took out an almost transparent Flying Sword from his Space Ring and handed it to Lin Jing.

This sword was the Ling Yin Flawless Sword that had been given to Qi Yan the True Monarch for refinement.

It was now completed.

Lin Jing accepted the Ling Yin Flawless Sword for a closer look, and then exclaimed:

“This is...”

“A Superior Dao Artifact!!!”