

## The Quest 881

### Chapter 881: Unsealing (2)

This fear was unmistakably clear.

Shangguan Yi once again thought of Elder Mei from Mystery Valley.

It was at his request that Elder Mei had dispelled the fog and seen some sort of karmic taboo, before losing his sanity and spouting nonsensical things like “having been bitten by a zombie,” “going to turn into a zombie,” such as Corpse Mountain and great terrors.

Shangguan Yi did not know whose fate Elder Mei had divined to fall into madness.

But such a person, with a fate so terrifying, must be well-versed in the Heavenly Secret Calculation, and might even be one of the behind-the-scenes masters pushing this matter.

And that child Mo Hua, it was likely that he had something to do with this person.

Even though Mo Hua himself might not even be aware...

After hesitating for a long time, Shangguan Yi still confided his worries to Wenren Wan.

Wenren Wan scoffed, “That’s because you, hooked on scheming and struggle, see causality in everyone and calculation in everything

“This child Mo Hua, I think he’s pretty good.”

“If you treat him with sincerity, he will naturally treat you with sincerity. If you feel that something’s off with him, it’s because there’s something off with you

Shangguan Yi offered a wry smile, then after a moment, his expression became serious as he sighed,

"Think about it. Yu Er was abducted, and so many people couldn't find her, yet why was Mo Hua able to find her

"Yu Er was troubled by nightmares, and the elders said it was an insoluble evil karmic fiend."

"But why, as soon as Mo Hua arrived, could Yu Er sleep peacefully

"There must be something strange about this

"I'm afraid

Shangguan Yi's worry was palpable, though he didn't articulate it.

Upon hearing his words, Wenren Wan's own expression grew solemn; she frowned and thought for a long time until she suddenly understood,

"That's because this child Mo Hua, he is Yu Er's 'blessing'!"

Shangguan Yi was stunned, at a loss for words.

But Wenren Wan's thoughts became clearer to her, and nodding her head, she said,

"This child Mo Hua must be blessed with deep fortune!"

"That's why when Yu Er was abducted, others couldn't find her, but Mo Hua could. Others couldn't save her, but Mo Hua could."

"Yu Er was troubled by nightmares, and Mo Hua was there that night. I saw with my own eyes Mo Hua collapse to the ground, his face pale and an evil fiend clinging to him. Clearly, he had taken on the 'disaster' for Yu Er, only to faint afterward."

"But I told you, this child Mo Hua is blessed with deep fortune, so these 'disasters' cannot affect him!"

"Mo Hua's fortune is also Yu Er's fortune."

"For Yu Er to grow up safely amidst struggles from a young age, she must stay by the side of a child so deeply blessed like Mo Hua!"

Wenren Wan spoke with certainty, her reasoning sound.

Shangguan Yi was almost persuaded by her words...

Fortunately, he had some knowledge of karma and evil fiends and knew that this so-called "fortune" was not as simple as it seemed.

Shangguan Yi still wanted to refuse, "Yu Er is still young and is only at the Qi Refinement stage, Taixu Gate won't accept her

"Not as an official disciple, just for pre-school boarding

"The Taixu Sect Leader will not agree to this

"How could he not agree with the legitimate lineage of the Shangguan and Wenren families and their good spiritual roots? He would accept her even if it meant making an exception

"This Shangguan Yi had a headache and continued, "I'm afraid It might hinder Mo Hua's cultivation

Wenren Wan was slightly stunned. That was a concern...

She had not thought of this.

Mo Hua was usually busy with his cultivation practice and definitely could not take care of Yu Er.

After some consideration, Wenren Wan had an idea:

"I'll assign a guard to take care of Yu Er, to supervise her cultivation. They won't bother Mo Hua on regular days. If Yu Er is troubled by nightmares and can't sleep, then they'll trouble Mo Hua to have a look

Shangguan Yi sighed, "There's no precedent for this in Taixu Gate

"There is now," Wenren Wan said.

"My father won't agree to it. And at Taixu Gate, there will probably be many obstacles, especially from some elders who strictly abide by sect rules; they won't agree

"How can you know if you don't try?"

"Wan'er

Wenren Wan declared with determination, "I have decided! Yu Er must be sent to Taixu Gate!"

Shangguan Yi replied, "Yu Er now... rarely has nightmares anymore, it's not necessary to go through such trouble

Wenren Wan's eyes darkened, "What about later?"

Shangguan Yi was taken aback.

Frowning deeply and with a grave emotion, Wenren Wan said in a cold voice, "How do you know she won't have even more terrifying nightmares in the future?"

"If Yu Er later Wenren Wan's voice trembled slightly, seemingly recalling the terrible future from her dreams, encounters stronger, more desperate nightmares

"What then, for our child

Wenren Wan clutched at Shangguan Yi's arm, her slender knuckles turning white with her grip.

Shangguan Yi was taken aback.

He looked deeply into his wife's eyes, seeing her profound affection and fear of some unknown threat, and felt a tremor in his heart.

Shangguan Yi nodded deeply and said softly,

"Alright, I'll find a way to get Yu Er into... Taixu Gate!"

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Mo Hua did not know about Yu Er's situation.

He didn't realize that soon, he would have a "little neighbor."

Upon returning to the Sect, Mo Hua still spent his days and nights studying the Primordial Magnet Formation, deducing the Secondary Thunder Patterns.

The Jade Slip of his Secondary Thunder Pattern recorded more and more patterns.

Although they were still complex, with many variations and details, these "patterns" were becoming clearer and more familiar in the eyes of Mo Hua.

They were like Taoist Friends he had never met before, who, after many encounters, had grown familiar.

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And this Taoist friend had a large family.

Although they looked different, they shared a common bloodline and traits, which one could recognize after seeing them over and over...

This was how Mo Hua acted, calm and collected, continuously summarizing and Calculating, at last he recorded about a hundred different types of Secondary Thunder Patterns in the jade slip.

With Mo Hua's calculations, maneuvering became somewhat easier.

The integration of Heavenly Secret Tricky Calculation and Calculation gradually became more proficient.

His understanding of the Secondary Thunder Pattern deepened a bit.

Mo Hua felt that he should find something to practice on...

The "Letter Token" was still too abstruse...

Through his days of research, consulting some seniors and juniors, and even interacting with fellow Sect members from noble clans specializing in Formation methods, Mo Hua gradually broadened his understanding of the Beacon Fire Yuan Magnet Formation or similar Primordial Magnet Formations...

Primordial Magnet Formation was the basis for cultivators to record, send, and transmit messages.

Besides using pen, ink, and paper for recording and sending messages, cultivators most commonly used jade slips.

All the jade slips in the Cultivation World were fundamentally built on Primordial Magnet Formation, used for displaying text, recording text, and transmitting documents.

Fixed Magnetic Patterns, Secondary Thunder Flow, Unfixed Magnetic Patterns, Magnetic Ink revealing characters...

This whole setup was not only for "communication" type spiritual artifacts, like the Letter Token, but it was also the foundational formation structure for all Tao Cultivation jade slips.

Jade slips that recorded heritage relied on the Primordial Magnet Formation.

Mo Hua remembered the two jade slips from Boss Jiang.

Those two jade slips probably contained the heritage of the Sever Gold Sect, the Gold-Slicing Imperial Sword Technique!

But the jade slips were sealed, making it impossible to peek inside.

Unsealing was simpler than restoring.

Mo Hua planned to use his understanding of the Primordial Magnet Formation gradually, starting by unsealing the Sever Gold Sect's Heritage Jade Slip, then step by step, researching to "restore" the Letter Token...

The Sever Gold Jade Slip, made of white jade, had golden patterns engraved on its edges.

Mo Hua took out the jade slip and spent a long time researching it secretly by himself in the night at the Disciple's Residence, but still could not figure it out in the end...

His predictions had all been correct.

The Sever Gold Jade Slip was based on Primordial Magnet Formation, comprising Fixed Magnetic Patterns, Unfixed Magnetic Patterns, with Secondary Thunder Pattern serving as the "bridge."

So-called "Sealing" was indeed tampering with the Primordial Magnet Formation on the jade slip, covering the original text inside the slip.

A "Secret Pattern" was needed to unseal the Heritage Jade Slip.

The essence of this "Secret Pattern" was actually "Secondary Thunder Pattern

But ideas were just ideas; when it actually came to unsealing, he found himself completely unable to start...

How exactly was the Sever Gold Jade Slip "sealed"? And how should it be unsealed? If the Secret Pattern is Secondary Thunder Pattern, which type exactly is it? Without the Secret Pattern, how can it be unsealed?

"Without heritage, fumbling on my own is indeed very difficult

Mo Hua sighed.

He thought about it and felt he still needed to ask someone.

Originally, Mo Hua meant to go to Elder Master Xun, but after pondering for a while, he shook his head.

Matters like unsealing and decoding shouldn't be consulted with Elder Master Xun.

As soon as he asked, Elder Master Xun would definitely guess that he was secretly scheming something...

In the Sect, unsealing is likely related to unsealing the "Seal" of Heritage Jade Slip.

This wasn't good as it might affect his image in Elder Master Xun's heart, the image of being "well-behaved."

Just by thinking, one would know that in Elder Master Xun's eyes, he must be viewed as "obedient," "proper," and "diligent" good disciple.

If Elder Master Xun misunderstood him, it wouldn't fare well.

He definitely wouldn't tell him the secrets of Taixu Sect anymore...

So he needed to ask someone else.

After much thought, Mo Hua finally found a suitable person:

Zheng Fang.

Zheng Fang was from the Zheng Family of Zhen State.



The Zheng Family, generationally cherished and secretly passed down heritage was the true Thunder Pattern Formation.

Secondary Thunder Pattern was a derivative of Thunder Pattern.

Although Zheng Fang didn't know Thunder Pattern, being born in the Zheng Family and immersed in it from a young age, he must be familiar with Secondary Thunder Pattern or related Primordial Magnet Formations.

Mo Hua went to find Zheng Fang.

Zheng Fang had a bit of a grudge against Mo Hua.

Because he lost to Mo Hua.

The Zheng Familyed Formation Method, which he proudly found difficult to learn, even if it was quite basic, was effortlessly learned by Mo Hua.

What was more outrageous was that Zheng Fang, who came from a Formation Method Aristocrat family, had to be taught Formation by Mo Hua, and even had to call Mo Hua "Junior Brother."

But he also knew that Mo Hua's Formation method was indeed far superior to his, so his feelings were quite bitter, and he didn't like talking to Mo Hua much, nor was their relationship very good.

Knowing that Zheng Fang was not bad at heart, but just a bit straightforward, Mo Hua "sweet-talked" and complimented him.

He said the Zheng Family was an illustrious and famous name, "Like Thunder Piercing the Ears."

Being able to face countless difficulties and pass down the stern and upright Thunder Pattern, the disciples of the Zheng Family must also have an open and upright nature!

Then he further complimented Zheng Fang, young with good talent, his future in Formation was boundless...

Amid Mo Hua's "sugar-coated bullets" of praise, Zheng Fang was defeated, his resentment instantly vanished, although he tried hard to maintain a stern face, he also couldn't hide the happy smile at the corner of his mouth.

Mo Hua then took the opportunity to ask about the Primordial Magnet Formation.

Zheng Fang's impression of Mo Hua improved a lot, and since Mo Hua had also taught him many aspects of Formation, and he was his "Junior Brother," he should "return the favor."

Zheng Fang then chatted with Mo Hua about Primordial Magnet Formation for a while.

Zheng Fang, having inherited the Zheng Family's legacy, had a broad perspective, while Mo Hua studied intensively through his exploration.

Both benefited greatly from their conversation.

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Zheng Fang increasingly felt that Mo Hua, this "Junior Brother," had an extraordinary talent for understanding Formations, and he came to acknowledge it quite a bit.

Taking the opportunity, Mo Hua asked,

"Then suppose I have a Jade Slip that I want to seal and keep others from seeing, how would I do that?"

"Sealing a Jade Slip?"

"Mhm." Mo Hua nodded.

Zheng Fang explained, "Actually, it's very simple. It's just about covering it with another layer of 'Formation Patterns,' concealing the content, and then leaving a 'Sealing Pattern' to act as the key

"Sealing Pattern?" Mo Hua blinked, "Is that a 'Secret Pattern'?"

Zheng Fang shook his head, "It's not the same. Cultivators who don't understand Formations, or Formation Masters who aren't proficient in Prime Magnetic Formation, often confuse them, referring to these types of Formation Patterns as 'Secret Patterns

"But in the orthodox lineages, these namings are very strict, and you can't get them wrong. 'Sealing Patterns' are used to undo 'sealing,' while 'Secret Patterns' are for decrypting 'encryption.'"

"When a Jade Slip is sealed, you can't see the text in the Jade Slip."

"When a Jade Slip is encrypted, you can see the text inside the slip, but the text you see is actually 'disguised

"Both methods are based on the same Formation principles, but their forms are quite different

With sudden understanding and admiration, Mo Hua exclaimed,

"You know so much!"

Zheng Fang's face flushed slightly, and feeling proud, he spilled everything he knew about "sealing" and "encryption" like pouring beans from a bamboo tube:

"As for sealing, it involves adding an 'Unfixed Magnetic Pattern' over a complete Primordial Magnet Formation, forming a dense and symmetrical 'Magnetic Ink Mist' to cover the real content inside the Jade Slip

"Encryption is different. It involves twisting the 'Magnetic Stream' between the Fixed Magnetic Pattern and the Unfixed Magnetic Pattern, that is the 'Secondary Thunder Flow,' causing the exhibited text by the Magnetic Ink to become distorted

"To unseal, one must decode the 'Sealing Pattern' and release the 'Unfixed Magnetic Pattern.'"

"To decrypt, one must decrypt the 'Secret Pattern' and correct the 'Secondary Thunder Pattern

...

Zheng Fang spoke fluently, finishing his explanation in one breath.

Although some of these things were memorized verbatim, which he himself didn't quite understand, he had indeed learned them extremely thoroughly.

Mo Hua looked at Zheng Fang with new respect.

Indeed, among any three people walking, I can find my teacher.

Being humble and eager to learn, looking more and asking questions, there are always gains.

Mo Hua returned loaded with knowledge, and began excitedly pondering over how to "unseal."

The Sever Gold Jade Slip from Sever Gold Sect was blank on the surface, covered with mist, but on closer inspection, there were fine specks of Magnetic Ink.

This was the "sealing."

Understanding the principle, finding the "Sealing Pattern" to unseal gave him a direction.

The method was also quite simple.

Both Jade Slips were old, and Boss Jiang definitely consulted them often.

During consultation, he would undoubtedly use the "Sealing Pattern" to unseal.

As long as it was unsealed, traces of the Magnetic Stream would inevitably be left.

Other Cultivators might not see these traces, but Mo Hua, with the algorithm fused with the Heavenly secret, could detect some clues.

To detect the trace of the Magnetic Stream is to detect the trace of the Secondary Thunder Flow.

Then, based on experience, simplify the Secondary Thunder Flow to the Secondary Thunder Pattern.

But this Secondary Thunder Pattern was a simplification of Mo Hua's own making, which might not be precise.

Mo Hua also needed to define some similar Secondary Thunder Patterns from his own "Secondary Thunder Pattern Library" and try them one by one...

Second Grade's Secondary Thunder Patterns all fell within the same category.

Among the hundreds of Secondary Thunder Patterns, there would always be one "Secondary Thunder Pattern" that was the "Sealing Pattern" to unseal the Sever Gold Jade Slip.

It didn't matter if it was not found; as long as the category was determined, he could grope for changes and try each one in turn.

And the Secondary Thunder Pattern, not entirely considered a Formation Pattern, had no standardization and was not entirely precise either.

As long as the general context was similar, it could roughly be used as a "Sealing Pattern."

It's like two keys, which, despite some differences, can still unlock locks.

The only problem was that this process of deduction could not be done on the Taoist Stele in the Sea of Consciousness.

It had to be attempted in reality, trying to merge Tricky Calculation with Calculation.

Hence, Mo Hua could only proceed with extreme caution, trying a little at a time, avoiding excessive strain on the Sea of Consciousness and the potential for Divine Sense fractures when Computations amplified Calculations...

Days later, Mo Hua, through the fusion of algorithms, sensed the trace of the Secondary Thunder Flow.

Mo Hua spent half a day simplifying these Secondary Thunder Flows into “Secondary Thunder Patterns.”

After that, Mo Hua took another two days to pick out several “thunder-like” Secondary Thunder Patterns from his own Secondary Thunder Pattern Jade Slip.

Mo Hua tried these “Secondary Thunder Patterns” one by one as “Sealing Patterns” in an attempt to unseal the Sever Gold Jade Slip.

The results were quite smooth.

After more than a dozen attempts, Mo Hua heard a faint “sizzle” as if a weak Thunder Flow surged and the Magnetic Stream induction circulated.

Simultaneously, the mist in the Sever Gold Jade Slip dissipated.

On the Jade Slip, the Unfixed Magnetic Patterns used for sealing transformed and faded away, revealing the five gilt characters at the top of the Jade Slip:

"Gold-Slicing Imperial Sword Technique!"

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In the Qian Xue State Boundary, one of the twelve streams of the Sect, the Sect’s Ultimate Skill of Sever Gold Sect:

The Sever Gold Sword Controlling Technique!

Mo Hua fondled the Jade Slip, feeling elated and immediately continued to scan it with his Divine Sense.

The text within the Jade Slip was detailed and the inheritance was complete; it was indeed the Sword Technique of the Sever Gold Sword Controlling Method, and it contained three major categories of Swordsmanship Cultivation content:

"The Method of Sword Qi Cultivation";

"The Method of Sword Weapon Forging";

"The Divine Sense Sword Controlling Method".

Mo Hua was somewhat surprised.

This was the genuine Sword Technique, a true transmission from within the Inner Gate of the Sever Gold Sect.

No wonder it was so powerful...

He had no idea how Boss Jiang managed to steal it...

Mo Hua muttered to himself, then after a quick glance, he put away the Jade Slip of the Sever Gold Sword Controlling Technique.

There was too much content inside; he would study it carefully when he had the time.

There was another Jade Slip that was sealed with Unfixed Magnetic Patterns, and he did not know what content it held.

Mo Hua initially thought that the two Sever Gold Jade Slips were divided into upper and lower parts, both recording the Sever Gold Sword Technique.

But now, something seemed amiss.

The unsealed Jade Slip already contained a very complete transmission of the Sword Technique; therefore, the other Jade Slip must contain other content.

"Could it be other inheritances from the Sever Gold Sect?"

Mo Hua murmured to himself, somewhat expectant, and began to concentrate on deducing and unsealing the other Jade Slip.

To his surprise, although these two Jade Slips looked the same in shape, the "Sealing Patterns" on them were vastly different.

One was a traditional, Sect-style "Sealing Pattern".

The other was obscure and from a lesser-known lineage, nearly a completely different style of Daoist Cultivation, with peculiar habits in the use of the Secondary Thunder Patterns.

This was much too different from the "Secondary Thunder Pattern Library" that Mo Hua had silently accumulated over time.

With no other choice, Mo Hua had to take out another Jade Slip and collect together these peculiar "Secondary Thunder Patterns" used by the Cultivators of the unconventional Dao Heritage.

Mo Hua had a feeling that although this was his first encounter with such Secondary Thunder Patterns, it would surely not be his last.

If that was the case, it was best to be prepared from an early stage.

He gathered their Secondary Thunder Patterns, stroke by stroke.

Never fight an unprepared battle.

But because he had to start from scratch with deducing, organizing, and decoding, the process took a bit longer.

After the annual break, Mo Hua spent another half a month before he managed to "coincidentally" deduce, through his own efforts and a bit of luck, the "Sealing Pattern" used to unseal the other Sever Gold Jade Slip.



Mo Hua breathed a sigh of relief and then looked forward to inspecting the Jade Slip with his Divine Sense.

With such a securely added technique and such a unique unsealing pattern,

Surely there must be an incredible inheritance within the Jade Slip, or a “secret”.

But upon inspection, Mo Hua was dumbfounded:

"March 7th

"Kidnapped a person, sold, for eight hundred thousand Spirit Stones.”

"Brothers are deeply connected, gave them one hundred thousand, kept seven hundred thousand for myself.”

"To prevent the brothers from harboring resentment, falsely claimed we only got a hundred and twenty thousand, my share was twenty thousand

"The brothers call me a good Brother.”

...

What is this...

Mo Hua frowned.

It resembled a diary-like memo.

What Serious Cultivator writes a diary?

Does Boss Jiang have an issue?

Even jotting down the details of splitting the loot...

Mo Hua thought it was some precious inheritance and had been looking forward to it.

Mo Hua was disappointed.

But having gone to such lengths to decode it, he couldn't just ignore it; Mo Hua read on with interest...

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"March 28th

"Lao Liu was not careful with his actions, the news leaked, and he was hunted by the Taoist Court Officials

"Because of one person, we can't implicate so many brothers

"Lao Liu is dead

"I killed him, and my heart aches."

"But I believe Lao Liu died without regrets

"He knows my good intentions, he won't blame me

...

"April 1st

"Shi'er suspects me

...

"April 10th

"Shi'er found out I embezzled Spirit Stones."

"He wanted to split them equally with me."

"We were brothers, but his greed disappointed me."

"Killed him with tears in my eyes

"But thinking of our past, I gave his mistress and illegitimate child some condolence Spirit Stones, other brothers were very grateful, praising me for being compassionate and righteous

"They understand me, and I am consoled

...

"May 4th

"Two brothers died, recruited three more

"These three seemed quite clever, not sure how long they can be brothers."

...

"July 12th

"Four died, heartbroken

...

"Sigh, it's difficult to build something in these times, can't keep brothers around

"Business setbacks, people's hearts scattered

"Brothers don't work hard, can't catch hostages, don't earn Spirit Stones, a Golden Core is far out of reach, my heart is anxious."

...

In some places later on, the writing was smeared, the text fragmented; Mo Hua could only skim through:

"Market isn't good

"Taoist Court Officials are too oppressive, a bunch of lapdogs!"

"That damn Gu Changhuai! Death to him!"

"If one day I attain a Golden Core, I'll sacrifice Gu Changhuai's blood to my Sever Gold Sword

...

"Today I killed another expert, how satisfying

"The Sever Gold Sword Controlling Technique is indeed the Sever Gold Sect's Ultimate Skill; so far, no one has survived under this sword

"No wonder back then, the Sever Gold Sect treated this Sword Technique as a treasure and refused to teach me

"Sever Gold Sword Qi never fails; Golden Sword Claiming Life

"Once this sword is drawn, a flood of Golden Light, I wonder who can survive under the sword

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"I really want to experience it

"Too bad Gu Changhuai is at the Golden Core stage, the cultivation gap is too big, otherwise I would make him taste the power of this sword technique

...

"Earned two hundred thousand Spirit Stones

"Lost two brothers

"Brothers are just not reliable

...

"September 3rd, there's a big deal

The traces of alteration were heavy, as if everything had been erased, Mo Hua continued to read:

"Mr. Tu said not to talk about it, I dare not record

"I only know that once it's completed, one could even transcend

The rest was erased too.

"Can't write it down... can only keep it in my heart, this makes me very uncomfortable

"Let it be

"September 10th, great luck and great profit."

"Things did not go well

"It's messed up

"September 12th

"It wasn't bad, things went smoothly, other groups of cultivators all died, our group, with the weakest cultivation and most inconspicuous, actually succeeded

"I, Jiang Jing, am blessed with the luck of heaven, with hopes for a Golden Core."

"Mr. Tu's final admonition was to

What was written here had been erased and replaced with the word "goods."

to deliver the 'goods' outside Qingzhou City, someone will coordinate, the men in black... will transfer it to the Divine Temple, then this matter can be considered complete, no need for unnecessary complications

"Outside Qingzhou City, coordinate, Divine Temple!"

"Must remember it well!"

...

"September 14th

"Passed by the Desolate Mountain Temple, picked up an 'extra fortune,' a little fool, not worth mentioning

...

"September 20th

"Today is the last day of the mission, and before setting off, I particularly checked the calendar

"Auspicious: setting off, seeing off, cremation, opening boxes, meeting friends, moving earth, entering a coffin

"Taboo: spoken disasters, lighting stoves, Sword Control

"Auspicious to set off, auspicious to see off, all things are auspicious

"It's a good day."

...

The diary ended on this "good day."

After that, Boss Jiang set off, and there was nothing further...

Mo Hua flipped through it again, hoping to find something related to the abduction of 'Yu Er,' but unfortunately, there was nothing, and what little related information there was, he already knew...

Moreover, there were no records about family properties, secret treasures, or inheritances.

Mo Hua sighed deeply, feeling very disappointed with Boss Jiang.

This diary was of no value at all.

Mo Hua could only put away this "diary" for now, and then took out "Golden Severance Sword Art" to look at...

Before learning the sword technique, he must consider one thing.

That is, he must not be troubled by the Sever Gold Sect.

Although the sword technique was excellent, it was, after all, an inheritance of the Sever Gold Sect.

If he secretly learned it and the Sever Gold Sect found out, they might hunt him down, which would be troublesome.

Even if the Sever Gold Sect did not hunt him, but they were petty and did not allow him to use it, then learning it would be useless...

Mo Hua couldn't help but flip further through the sword technique, looked over more sword cultivation methods, and then realized, he was overthinking it.

Even if they allowed him to study, he might not be able to master this sword technique...

Mo Hua had attended Tao Cultivation classes for sword cultivation, and he knew that there were several types of sword cultivations:

One was purely Sword Qi cultivation.

That is, condensing Spiritual Power into Sword Qi, releasing Sword Qi from afar to kill enemies, similar to Spiritual Cultivation sword cultivation.

Uncle Zhang Lan was this type, and he presumably cultivated Water-shaped Sword Qi.

One was holding a Sword Weapon, similar to Body Cultivation sword cultivators.

Infusing one's Spiritual Power into Strength, merging with the Sword Weapon, and using the power of the Sword Weapon for close combat.

Senior Brother Ouyang Feng probably cultivated this type of swordsmanship.

Another type was the integration of Sword Qi and Sword Weapon, storing up power to condense Sword Qi, letting Sword Qi enter the Sword Weapon, then using Divine Sense to control the Sword and kill enemies.



A Sword Control method that combines Sword Qi and Sword Weapon into one.

That is, the swordsmanship described in the “Golden Severance Sword Art.”

These three types of swordsmanship each have their advantages and disadvantages.

But in terms of power, it must be the “Golden Severance Sword Art”, which fully utilizes the power of Sword Qi and the benefits of the Sword Weapon, which has the strongest lethality.

The problem is, typical sword cultivators start from a young age, coming in contact with swordsmanship, learning to condense Sword Qi.

Mo Hua had never cultivated swordsmanship; his condensed Sword Qi was very dim and dissipated.

And his Spiritual Power was weak, naturally, his Sword Qi was also weak.

The GOLDEN SPIRITED Sword required for deploying the Golden Severance Sword Art needs to be specially forged, but Mo Hua couldn't afford such crafting.

Sword Qi cultivation, Sword Weapon forging, Sword Controlling Technique.

Of these three, the only thing Mo Hua might excel at was “Sword Controlling Technique,” given his strong Divine Sense.

But without fierce Sword Qi and a good Spirit Sword, just knowing Sword Control, he basically has no “sword” to control...

Mo Hua sighed again.

"Let's plan for the long term

Cultivate the Sword Qi slowly, gradually, seeing if there can be any progress.

Save up Spirit Stones or Merit Points to see if he could gather materials to have someone “cheaply” forge a Spirit Sword for him.

If one day, he truly mastered the Golden Severance Sword Art, only then consider how to deal with the Sever Gold Sect.

Otherwise, it’s like worrying about having too many Spirit Stones before even earning them, not knowing how to spend them, as foolish as that sounds.

"What a pity

"Majestic and shimmering with golden light, the great treasure sword... Can’t learn it for now

Mo Hua felt somewhat unhappy.

And concerning sword cultivation, it also served as a reminder to Mo Hua.

If he couldn’t learn the sword technique, that’s it, but his current spells are overall still too weak...

Especially the combat spells.

His Concealment Technique was still first-grade, deficient, only effective under the enhancement of a Concealment Formation.

The Water Prison Technique was okay, but the Fireball Technique...

At the Foundation Establishment Stage, especially in Qian State crowded with the proud heirs of heaven, the ubiquitous Fireball Technique, despite being fast and accurate, was already somewhat insufficient in power.

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It was only good for adding finishing moves.

In head-on battles, the power of the Fireball Technique had reached a bottleneck, with no significant threat any longer.

Especially since future opponents were not to be trifled with.

"I can't learn Swordsmanship yet, I need to figure out a way to learn some more powerful spells

Mo Hua thought to himself silently.

After a Daoist Skill class, Mo Hua went to earnestly seek advice from the Sect Elder who taught Daoist Skills.

The Elder of Daoist Law was middle-aged, slightly overweight, and had a deep impression of Mo Hua.

After all, disciples with Mid-Lower Grade Spiritual Roots were few and far between in Taixu Gate over the years.

Especially in the recent decades, there had hardly been any disciples with Mid-Grade Spiritual Roots.

Mo Hua was the only one.

Moreover, Elder Master Xun's partiality towards Mo Hua was evident to all the other Elders, so despite Mo Hua's inferior Spiritual Root, they dared not treat him with the slightest contempt.

"Elder, is there any powerful spell I can learn?" Mo Hua tentatively asked.

The Elder of Daoist Law looked at Mo Hua, pondering for a long time, unsure whether to speak or not.

With a resigned face, Mo Hua said,

"Elder, please speak your mind

The Elder of Daoist Law coughed and put it gently,

"You must be aware that the more powerful the spell, the more demanding the conditions

"Firstly, there's the Grade of the Spiritual Root

"Some powerful spells require a Top-Grade, or even top top-grade Spiritual Root to learn and utilize

"Without a Top-Grade Spiritual Root, not cultivating Top-Grade techniques, with a meager Qi Sea and feeble Spiritual Power, it's impossible to wield such high-powered spells."

The Elder of Daoist Law gave Mo Hua a look that said, you know what grade your Spiritual Root is and what techniques you can cultivate; there's no need for me to elaborate.

"Besides, there's the attribute of the Spiritual Root," the Elder of Daoist Law continued,

"Some spells require special attributes of the Spiritual Root like thunder, ice, wind, and others such as pure metal, yin wood, heavy water, to maximize their power."

"Yours... hmm

The Elder of Daoist Law paused, somewhat embarrassed, "Small Five Elements Spirit Root is a bit of everything, but not strong in anything

"So, the spells you can learn tend to be more 'Median

The Elder of Daoist Law's wording was tactful, saying "Median" instead of directly calling them "commonplace."

"Such spells are unlikely to be very powerful said the Elder of Daoist Law in a soft voice.

The implication was clear: it was hopeless.

Mo Hua's expression became a bit despondent.

The Elder of Daoist Law couldn't bear to see this and thought for a moment before saying,

"But, the approach you've taken with your spells thus far has been astute

"Not relying on power to prevail but on speed for victory, striking quickly and accurately can indeed lead to a surprise victory."

"Besides, your Fireball Technique is very refined, and its power is indeed not too shabby, but unfortunately, the Fireball Technique is still just that, and its limit is set

The Elder of Daoist Law felt a sense of regret.

Mo Hua was also aware.

His Fireball Technique was already strong, but when compared to the talents from Qian State, or those with Superior Techniques passed down through generations in clans, it was still lacking.

Even though he could strike first, there were situations that called for overwhelming power, and relying solely on the Fireball Technique was insufficient.

Formations were powerful, but they consumed Spirit Stones and Spiritual Ink and required a fair bit of thought and tactics, not as straightforward as spells.

Mo Hua then asked for advice:

"Elder, what do you think I should focus on learning for my future spells?"

The Elder of Daoist Law pondered for a moment before slowly replying,

"Actually, I shouldn't be telling you this, given that the Sect's examination rules are what they are

"It's not just Taixu Gate. Throughout the entire Qian Xue State Boundary, all sects value the Grade of spells, abiding by the principle 'Overpower with Single force', using the most solid spiritual power to unleash Superior Techniques, killing with one move, overpowering everything!"

"Daoist Skill examinations also follow this rule."

"But you are different

"Since your Spiritual Power is weak, you might as well learn more low-level techniques that consume less Spiritual Power, that are quick to cast, and have a strong utility, encompassing all Five Elements."

"Spiritual Power has its interactions, and so do spells."

"The more spells you master, the more moves you have. A quick hand can take the enemy by surprise."

"And some spells might seem low-level, but it's just their power that's considered low, not their usefulness."

"Some spells are subtle in their casting, some have a myriad of changes, and some are hard to guard against

"The Five Elements flow; Mastery of All Spells can be achieved."

"Even if you only know lower-tier spells, you can win with quantity, spell after spell, putting your opponent on the back foot."

"Of course, you must first break through your opponent's 'Golden Body Technique', and then it's better to use spells to suppress them

Mo Hua's eyes gradually brightened.

Spell Master!

Understanding the Five Elements, mastering a myriad of spells, a never-ending flow of Spiritual Power, and an infinite cycle of spells.

If he could also manifest the “Five Elements Source Formation” at his feet, reinforcing the Five Elements, amplifying his spells, then he would be a ‘Spell’ artillery!

With just low-level spells, he could “pile” his opponents to death.

"But Mo Hua asked again, “Do I have to learn all Five Elements Spells? Can I just focus on the Fireball Technique?”

Even if he learned spells, the Fireball Technique was likely to be the strongest.

The Elder of Daoist Law said, “It’s not just about power. Some spells, with their functionality, are irreplaceable.”

"Like if someone has boosted themselves with the Golden Body Technique, your Fireball Technique’s power will significantly diminish, but if you use the Golden Blade Technique, though not very powerful, it would reduce the duration of their Golden Body Technique

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"Your Fireball Technique may be fast, but there are spells faster than the Fireball Technique. At a critical juncture, you could interrupt someone else’s attack

"There are also some spells that can break ‘Water Armor,’ extinguish ‘Fire Shields,’ apply ‘Wood Poison,’ and damage the flesh

"All kinds of spells have their wonders

Mo Hua’s heart chilled as he recalled Old Kui’s teachings from long ago, and he suddenly understood, murmuring, “Taoist Skills are manifold, each with its own brilliance. The wonder of their use lies in the heart?”

The Elder of Daoist Law looked somewhat surprised but couldn’t help nodding and said, “That’s right

"You've just entered Foundation Establishment, and you don't have much experience in magical duels. As your cultivation grows and you encounter more cultivators, you'll realize that there is significant depth to this knowledge."

"Powerful spells are certainly good."

"But that doesn't mean that the myriad spells in the world are all useless."

"Within spells are also contained the principles of heaven and earth, the more spells you master, the deeper your understanding of the principles, and the stronger your spells will become."

"You've done well in your Array Formation studies, so you should understand this principle

Mo Hua nodded repeatedly.

Seeing that Mo Hua understood, the Elder of Daoist Law was very pleased, but he also reminded him, "This is just my advice. Naturally, if you can cultivate Superior Techniques, they are better for their great power and straightforwardness

"But I'm suggesting this because you can't learn them."

"Besides, if you master these lower-grade spells very well, the Sect assessment won't score you highly—you'll most likely receive a 'Grade C

"I must remind you of this again; don't blame me later

"Don't go complaining to Elder Master Xun, saying I've led astray the younger generation

Mo Hua smiled and said, "I understand, thank you, Elder Xie."

The Elder of Daoist Law confirmed this with Mo Hua again, getting his assurance before feeling relieved.

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After returning, Mo Hua began to ponder about becoming a “Spell Master” with a Mastery of All Spells...

The Sever Gold Sword Control Jue wouldn’t necessarily come into play for the time being.

But the cultivation of spells was an urgent matter.

Especially since he needed to accumulate Merit Points and mingle with Senior Sister Murong and others on many missions, each additional spell meant an extra measure of confidence.

Many skills don’t make a burden.

However, Taixu Gate’s spells also required Merit Points to acquire.

Mo Hua flipped through the Merit Scroll and found, indeed, it listed all kinds of Five Elements Spells—thousands of them in total.

But none of them were cheap.

The cheaper ones cost dozens of Merit Points, while the more expensive ones cost hundreds.

Some Superior Five Elements Spells even required thousands of Merit Points.

Mo Hua felt fortunate.

Luckily, he couldn’t learn them, sparing him the wasted “money

But dozens of points...

Compared to Array Formation, it naturally didn’t seem expensive.

But he wanted to learn so many, not to mention continue learning Array Formation; thus, his already modest stock of Merit Points dwindled even further...

What's more, you get what you pay for.

Though some spells in there were lower-grade and couldn't be too demanding, they seemed too plain after looking them over...

And if he was to become a "Spell Master," he would need to learn an immense number of spells.

It would be a big loss to exchange all of them for Merit Points...

"Is there a way to learn spells without spending Merit Points?"

Mo Hua frowned in thought, but after several days, he still had no clue.

Until one day, when he was tired after studying Array Formation and lay on his bed flipping through Boss Jiang's diary to alleviate his boredom.

As he flipped through it, Mo Hua's brows creased; something was off about this diary.

Amid the lines, he faintly sensed a weak Magnetic Stream...

Magnetic Stream...

Secondary Thunder Pattern?

"That's not right

The Secondary Thunder Pattern on the Jade Slip's Sealing Pattern was meant for unsealing.

The Secondary Thunder Pattern inside the Jade Slip was used to link Magnetic Patterns, revealing written words.

But where did these Secondary Thunder Patterns on the surface of the words, between the lines of the Jade Slip, come from?

Mo Hua started, then suddenly remembered what Zheng Fang had told him about Sealing Patterns and Secret Patterns, and he was taken aback.

Were these traces of the Secondary Thunder Pattern...

Secret Patterns?!

Boss Jiang, this disreputable character, has he encrypted his diary?

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An encrypted diary...

What could be inside?

Mo Hua's eyes lit up with curiosity.

Boss Jiang, this man, hid some unspeakable information within the verbose words of his letters...

And he first sealed it, then encrypted it, going to great lengths to keep it from being noticed—there must be something valuable hidden inside!

The corners of Mo Hua's mouth lifted in a smirk as he squinted in satisfaction.

He wanted to unlock it and take a look.

Zheng Fang had mentioned that encryption was different from sealing.

Sealing involved constructing an Unfixed Magnetic Pattern, creating a blank “fog-like Magnetic Ink” that concealed the text.

Encryption was about “disguising” text.

To be more accurate, it involved distorting the Secondary Thunder Pattern, altering the Magnetic Stream, and changing the “agreements” between Fixed and Unfixed Patterns, causing the presented text to change and form a “disguise”.

What you see is not the true content within the Jade Slip.

"If you want to decrypt it, you have to decrypt the ‘Secret Pattern’, correct the twisted ‘Secondary Thunder Pattern’, and restore the text within the Jade Slip

In other words, it’s about correcting the “agreement” between the Fixed Magnetic Pattern and the Unfixed Magnetic Pattern.

The key is still the Secondary Thunder Pattern...

Everything a Cultivator does leaves traces.

The encryption of Jade Slips is no exception.

As long as Boss Jiang used the “Secret Pattern” and saw the true content of the Jade Slip, this Secret Pattern would generate a Magnetic Stream, leaving a trace.

This trace might be invisible to other Cultivators, but Mo Hua, whose Divine Consciousness has undergone Transformation and has fused with Tricky Calculation and Calculation, could perceive it.

This principle was the same as when Mo Hua “unsealed” the Jade Slip.

By sensing the trace, deducing the Secondary Thunder Pattern, and then comparing and matching against known Secondary Thunder Patterns, the true Secret Pattern could be deciphered.

Decoding was more complex than unsealing.

When visualizing the Jade Slip and sensing the Magnetic Patterns, he couldn't perform his calculations on the Taoist Stele.

Therefore, he couldn't calculate for too long.

Otherwise, his Divine Consciousness would be torn apart by the burden of Tricky Calculation and Calculation, causing damage.

So it would also take more time.

Mo Hua patiently and methodically calculated each Magnetic Stream slowly.

Fortunately, the "Sealing Pattern" and the "Secret Pattern" for this "diary" Jade Slip belonged to the same category, so after half a month, Mo Hua deciphered the real "Secret Pattern".

Mo Hua let out a deep sigh of relief.

After successfully deciphering the "Sealing Pattern" for the first time, he had now successfully deciphered the "Secret Pattern" for the first time too!

His Secondary Thunder Pattern Library was also enriched.

His mastery in Thunder Magnetism Formation took a solid step forward.

Just what could he achieve if he kept learning this way, step by step, to the utmost limit?

Mo Hua furrowed his brows in thought.

If he could thoroughly grasp the Magnetic Stream and gain full command of Secondary Thunder Patterns, would he have countless keys?

Then, wouldn't all the Sealing and Secret Patterns of Heritage Jade Slips in the world be meaningless to him?

Wouldn't he be able to plunder the heritage of the entire world?

"Too terrifying

Mo Hua startled even himself with the thought.

Shaking his head, Mo Hua put away such "delusional" thoughts and continued to fiddle with Boss Jiang's "diary".

Zheng Fang had already bluntly shared with Mo Hua the specifics of decoding.

Mo Hua recalled the details, then let his Divine Consciousness sink into the Jade Slip, using scattered Magnetic Ink to condense a painstakingly deciphered Secondary Thunder Pattern.

Using this Secondary Thunder Pattern as a "Secret Pattern", he overlaid it on each piece of text marked by traces of a Magnetic Stream.

The Secondary Thunder Flow created by the Secret Pattern permeated through the superficial Magnetic Ink, into the Unfixed Magnetic Pattern, and down into the depths, adjusting the distorted Magnetic Stream caused by "disguise", "straightening what was bent", and thus constructing a true bridge.

Boss Jiang's diary text in the Jade Slip began to twist and contort, finally settling and revealing its true nature beneath the "disguise".

Mo Hua looked eagerly.

As he read, Mo Hua's expression became increasingly intriguing.

These texts...

Were they a "list"?

Listed in a row, all were pseudonyms known in the Cultivation World:

"Poison Raksha, Fireworker Chief, Gold Arhat, Flower Gentleman, Human Butcher, Blood Woodcutter, Yin Thunder Child, Madam Miao, Ghost Face Sha, Crossing River Dragon

Full of the Jianghu spirit and quite unserious.

The Cultivators corresponding to these names were likely, at the very least, Sin Cultivators, and many were probably Evil Cultivators, if not Demon Cultivators.

Mo Hua was greatly surprised, and mumbled to himself,

"People cannot be judged by their appearances after all. Does Boss Jiang really have such an extensive network?"

"But that's not right

These pseudonyms sounded ominous, and these Cultivators didn't seem to be easy to deal with, not matching someone plain-named like "Boss Jiang

"These people might not all be acquaintances of Boss Jiang

"So, did he come across this list by chance?"

"Or could it be... he had taken the Evil Path, committing murder, arson, deception, and other crimes, and heard it from others in the underworld?"

"Or maybe, they are from the same organization?"

"What organization would that be?"

...

Mo Hua couldn't figure it out.

There was also a most critical question.

What use was this “list” to him if he kept it?

"Hand it over to the Taoist Court for Merit Points?"

Without catching the criminals, it's not an actual achievement, and since no mission was issued, even if he handed it over, there might be no Merit Points awarded.

What if the Court Official asked him how he came across this “list”?

How would he answer?

Coincidentally abducted by traffickers, then killing the traffickers, slaying Boss Jiang, stripping his Storage Bag, taking his Sever Gold Jade Slip, being an expert in Primordial Magnet Formation, having unsealed the “Sealing Pattern”, cracked the “Secret Pattern”, and thus found this “list”?

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These string of events, it seems, shouldn't be reported to the Taoist Court.

If I were to lie, I would have to fabricate a tightly logical big lie; otherwise, I would definitely give myself away.

Even if I could argue self-defense and the Taoist Court let me off, they would surely label me a “dangerous person” and be more wary of me.

And that would make my future actions more difficult.

"But if I don't hand it over to the Taoist Court, what should I do with this list of names I've decoded with so much effort?"

Mo Hua lay on the bed, propping her head on her arms, staring at the ceiling, and blinking as she pondered.



Suddenly, she had a flash of inspiration, and her eyes lit up.

Names, nicknames...

As the saying goes, “A man’s name, a tree’s shadow.”

There’s no wrong nickname, only a wrong name.

Just like Bald Eagle.

I don’t know his real name, but since his nickname is “Bald Eagle,” he’s very likely to be bald, and also to have the Four Symbols Eagle Pattern on his head.

A “Bald” and an “Eagle.”

Not a word off, not a single lie.

Then this list, with so many nicknames, is probably also based on these cultivators’ physical features, cultivation techniques, or the Taoist skills they use, or the methods they are known for in the Cultivation World.

For example, “Poison Raksha” likely excels at using poison;

Fireworker Chief must practice Fire-series cultivation techniques and is skilled in Fire-series Taoist skills;

Gold Arhat, well, Arhat suggests a powerful physical body, and with the word “Gold,” it’s likely he practices Gold-series Taoist skills, quite possibly defensive spells like Golden Bell Shield.

Flower Gentleman must be a slick womanizer, practicing sinister cultivation techniques like replenishing from others...

...

In other words, these cultivators, each and every one of them, must be carriers of “inheritance”!

To be able to make a name for themselves near the Qianxue State boundary, an area crowded with geniuses and filled with powerful sects...

The “inheritances” they possess must also be extraordinary!

Boss Jiang’s list is not only a Sin Cultivator list but can also be considered a...

List of inheritances!

Mo Hua’s thought process suddenly cleared.

One’s vision in life must be broadened.

It’s not enough just to think about shearing wool from the sects.

The wool of Sin Cultivators and Evil Cultivators can also be sheared!

By capturing them and “convincing them with reason,” I can find out the whereabouts of the inheritances, and then I won’t have to spend Merit Points to buy any spells anymore.

Even capturing them can earn me Merit Points!

It’ll be a blood profit, no loss!

As for how to choose which inheritances...

Mo Hua had already figured it out.

Whatever kind of spell or inheritance I want to learn, I’ll just catch Sin Cultivators or Evil Cultivators with the same attributes.

For example, if I want to learn Fire Spells, I'll look within the list for Sin Cultivators with nicknames implicating "fire," "flame," or "blaze."

If I want to learn Gold-series Spells, I'll search for villains with "golden," "vajra," or "Jinluo" in their names.

If I want to learn Water System Spells, I'll seek out "water," "wave," "river," "fish," "jiao" types of scoundrels...

...

"Using the map to find the clues," will be sure to find the right one.

Whether or not I can find the appropriate spells, of course, there's an element of luck involved.

But even if there aren't suitable spells, I can still earn Merit Points.

Mo Hua's eyes shone brightly.

"Boss Jiang is a good person!"

This list is simply another 'Merit Roll'!

As for what spells to learn first, whose name to pinpoint from the list of Sin Cultivators, how to find him, how to take on the missions...

These details still need to be properly considered.

Once everything is in place, when everything is ready, I can start "calling the roll

Mo Hua held the Jade Slip, and couldn't help but reveal a smile on her face.

The late Boss Jiang would never have known that although he is dead, his diary has become a “Death Diary.”

...

Which spells should I learn first?

After contemplating for half a day, Mo Hua felt that she should first learn a more complete Concealment Technique.

It’s useful whether for attack or defense, especially when it comes to escaping.

Currently, my Concealment Technique is too inconvenient.

The Concealment Technique I’ve practiced was meant for those with a single series Water Spirit Root.

Since I possess the Small Five Elements Spiritual Root which includes the Water Spirit Root, mine was a little mixed, resulting in incomplete concealment, occasionally leaving a hand or head exposed.

Combining it with a Concealment Formation made it somewhat better.

But now that I’ve reached Foundation Establishment and become a disciple of one of the Eight Great Gates, Taixu Gate, and will face competition from peers and the troublesome Sin Cultivators and Evil Cultivators, I need to “upgrade” and improve my Concealment Technique.

Mo Hua began to go through the list.

Sin Cultivators skilled in Concealment Techniques are mostly thieves or burglars, and their names might include the character “hidden,” or perhaps words like “skillful hand” or “plucking stars.”

After searching for a while, Mo Hua finally marked her first target:

Hidden elder-second.

There was only a name, no introduction, but Mo Hua instinctively felt that this person must be a Concealment expert!

With the name settled, the next step was to find this Hidden elder-second...

But how to find him?

Mo Hua frowned slightly, start with the Taoist Court?

I'm just a minor disciple of the Taixu Gate; the Taoist Court officials certainly don't know who I am...

I have a Bronze waist badge from the Taoist Court in my possession.

But this badge is off-record, it's from a Taoist Court in Tongxian City of the remote Second Grade Li State, it might not be recognized here in Qian State.

Besides, even if I find Hidden elder-second, I will certainly need someone to help me capture him.

Otherwise, as a little cultivator in the initial stages of Foundation Establishment, I might not be able to manage Hidden elder-second, an old fox.

After much thought, Mo Hua decided there was only one way: take on a mission.

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He needed to try his luck to see if there was a task to capture Hidden elder-second announced in the Sect's Bounty Scroll.

The list from Boss Jiang contained only the Sin Cultivators around the Qianxue State boundary.

As long as Hidden elder-second committed crimes, he would definitely catch the attention of the Taoist Court.

Since the Taoist Court was short of hands, they would definitely issue a bounty to the Sects.

This way, he could “naturally” go and capture Hidden elder-second, fleece him, and obtain the inheritance of the Concealment Technique.

It all depended a bit on luck and “opportunity”.

Over the following days, whenever Mo Hua had spare time after meals, he would pull out the Taixu Token and stare at the “Bounty Scroll,” flipping through each task one by one.

Whenever he saw words like thief, invisible, or concealment, Mo Hua paid attention.

But such bounties were rare, and after eight or nine days, there was still no progress.

One afternoon, after having eaten and drunk his fill, Mo Hua sat down in the Disciple’s Residence with several fellow Sect Disciples to chat.

There was the burly Cheng Mo, the Sword Cultivator prodigy from Li State, Situ Jian, Zheng Fang from the Zheng Family in Zhen State, and a few other well-acquainted disciples.

Mo Hua was telling them stories.

He talked about how incredibly formidable the Monster Beasts in Big Black Mountain were.

How dangerous and thrilling it was for Monster Hunters to hunt monsters.

What zombies were like.

What Walking Corpses, Iron Corpses, and Copper Corpses were, and how one could become a Corpse King.

What the scene of a sweeping Corpse Tide over the mountains looked like.

And other tales of desolate ridges where Evil Cultivators abducted souls and Demon Cultivators consumed humans.

He had these pampered scions, bred within their family confines, utterly dumbfounded.

Cheng Mo's mouth hung open as he muttered,

"Mo Hua, you can't be lying to me

"If you don't believe, then forget it

Mo Hua, feeling thirsty from talking, picked up the teapot and loudly gulped down several mouthfuls.

Cheng Mo still somewhat disbelieved, "How old are you? With monster hunting, corpse tides, and heretical demons... There'd be no ghosts if there wasn't some exaggeration

"Believe it or not!" Mo Hua couldn't be bothered with him.

"I don't believe

"Then why were you listening so intently just now?"

Cheng Mo faltered; although he didn't believe, Mo Hua's vivid and engaging storytelling truly drew him in.

Situ Jian was also captivated, but then he remembered something else.

"Speaking of monster hunting said Situ Jian, "it seems we can also hunt monsters inside the Sect."

"Sect? Monster hunting?" Mo Hua was taken aback, "There's such a thing?"

Situ Jian looked puzzled, "You didn't know?"

Mo Hua nodded.

He was a Loose Cultivator, this was his first time in Qianxue State, his first time joining a Sect, and no one had mentioned this to him.

Wenren Wan had told him some things, but she couldn't explain everything in meticulous detail, some things were bound to be omitted.

Mo Hua asked, "Where can we hunt monsters?"

Situ Jian said, "In Qianxue State, there's a 'Refining Demon Mountain' with many Monster Beasts that powerful Cultivators deliberately left there, so Sect Disciples can hone their Taoist Skills and cooperate in slaying monsters

"However, that's a bit distant."

"New Disciples are prohibited from entering Refining Demon Mountain, you must reach at least the Middle Phase of Foundation Building to enter."

"In Refining Demon Mountain, there are many rare Monster Beasts whose materials are very valuable, specifically used for forging Spiritual Artifacts, especially Spirit Swords

"Sword forging?!"

Mo Hua's eyes lit up.

Situ Jian was also a bit expectant, "Indeed, it is said that some Spirit Swords must be forged from the bones of certain Monster Beasts from Refining Demon Mountain in Qianxue State

Mo Hua nodded slightly, and couldn't help but think about the inheritance of the Sever Gold Sword Control Jue in his possession, which included the "Method of Sword forging".

It discussed how the Sword Weapons required for Sword Control should be forged...



He wanted to ask for more details, but suddenly felt a pulse in his heart as if something he had been anticipating had already happened.

Concealment Technique!

Mo Hua immediately flipped open the Taixu Token and found that indeed a batch of new tasks had appeared.

Among them was one task that looked ordinary, but to Mo Hua, it notably stood out:

"The Taoist Court of Qianxue State boundary has issued a bounty

"A mysterious murder case