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Chapter 96: The Upgradable Divine Foundation Technique, Xi Xi Misses Master Niu Niu (3)

"Tang Family mechanisms are indeed formidable, but they are also complex. This booklet is just an incomplete copy, and the recorded mechanisms are mostly ambiguous. You actually managed to make one? Your craftsmanship is truly not bad..."

Li Qingshan looked at Li Che, smiled, and a hint of intrigue flashed in his eyes.

The way of mechanisms requires talent.

It's not something that can be dealt with merely a bit of skill.

Back then, the Tang Family of Great Vista was so glorious, but ever since the demise of the family's Divine Fetus who presided over the clan, rarely have any mechanism geniuses been born. Gradually, the Tang Family also fell into decline.

Because many of the Tang Family mechanisms, even if there are diagrams, can't be made without talent.

"However, your talent for the way of mechanisms should not be wasted. Once you join the Divine Sect, I will introduce you to someone. He should be able to teach you a lot about the way of mechanisms."

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Upon hearing this, Li Che did not refuse. He was indeed interested in the way of mechanisms, and if he could learn more about mechanisms, it would also be a great help in maturing towards the 'Immortal Artisan' Dao Fruit.

After chatting with Li Qingshan for a while, Li Che went to call Old Chen, intending to go to the Xu Family to resign from the wood carving shop's position as Wood Carver.

"Going to Xu's? I'm heading the same way, let's go together."

Li Qingshan languidly got up from his seat.

Li Che was startled. The same way? The same way to where?

However, he did not say much as Li Qingshan's public identity in Fei Lei City was basically allowed to do as he pleased, and even the Xu Family would treat him as a distinguished guest.

Soon, the three of them arrived at Xu's Wood Carving Shop in the Inner City, and Li Qingshan wandered off on his own.

Li Che then explained his intentions to Old Chen, and shortly after, Xu Heli, dressed in a suit of white, and Xu Beihu hurriedly arrived.

"Master Li, are you planning to resign from your position as Wood Carver at Xu's wood carving shop?"

"Is it because your daughter's status as a Spirit Child has been acknowledged by Elder Qingshan, and she will soon be heading to Mansion City?"

Xu Heli looked at Li Che with a smile. His expression was complex and he found it hard to imagine how a commoner could have risen so quickly in just three short years.

As for whether Li Che was the Bull Demon, Xu Heli could not confirm it.

Because at the time Cao Qingyuan and Zhang Xiangyang went to Li Che's courtyard, they were also watching from afar.

The Bull Demon had fought against the Yang Family's Divine Foundation while Li Che appeared in the courtyard.

Thus, they ruled out the speculation that Li Che was the Bull Demon.

Moreover, whether Li Che was the Bull Demon or not... no longer mattered.

With Divine Sect powerhouses backing Li Che and his daughter, no one in Fei Lei City would dare to touch the father and daughter.

Even if it were confirmed that Li Che was the Bull Demon, what then?

The incident of the Bull Demon killing the Yang Family's Divine Foundation had already shocked the entirety of Fei Lei City.

When Xu Heli heard the news, he was completely stunned. He never imagined that the Bull Demon could actually counter-kill after the Yang Family Divine Foundation took action.

Xu Heli immediately felt that there was no way the Bull Demon could be Li Che.

How could Li Che, who had only cultivated for three years, possibly reach the level of killing a Divine Foundation?

"Head Shopkeeper, as for the honorary position, let it be... It doesn't seem quite right that we aren't in Fei Lei City, yet we are taking the Xu Family's honorary wages."

Li Che shook his head, refusing Xu Heli.

Naturally, Chen Dabao also followed suit in the refusal.

Xu Heli wasn't surprised; he had evidently anticipated Li Che's attitude.

The Xu Family's attitude towards Li Che after he became a Woodcarving Master was not enthusiastic, and Li Che had only worked at Xu Ji for three years, of which one was as a laborer, so it was normal not to have much attachment.

After a symbolic attempt to retain him, Xu Heli agreed to Li Che and Chen Dabao's resignation.

"Head Shopkeeper, has the Third Shopkeeper not returned yet?"

Before leaving, Li Che turned to Xu Heli and asked,

Xu Heli narrowed his eyes, "Third Brother has gone to lead a team to exterminate evils outside the city. It's possible he went quite far, and a trip like that takes at least half a year, which is quite normal."

Hearing this, Li Che nodded, not saying anything else.

The two left the wood carving shop.

The winter rain pattered against the oil-paper umbrella.

Old Chen's entire body stretched out, feeling an unprecedented sense of refreshment. Being semi-retired, he had little attachment to Xu's Wood Carving Shop.

"A Che, let's go, I'll treat you to a drink."

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Xu's Courtyard.

Xu Heli informed the family head, Xu Nanming, about Li Che and Chen Dabao's resignation from their positions as wood carvers at Xu's Wood Carving Shop.

"It's normal. Li Che plans to accompany his spirit child daughter to Mansion City, and as for Chen Dabao... His heart hasn't been in wood carving for years, so it's fine that he resigned.

But his thoughts of following to Mansion City, assuming he can latch onto Li Nuanxi, this superior grade spirit child, and get into the Divine Sect once he's there, are somewhat presumptuous," Xu Nanming said while dealing with numerous documents in his hand—the Si Family, the Yang Family, and the An Family, some collapsed, some exterminated, some relocated...

The Xu Family suddenly became the largest of the noble families and clans in Fei Lei City.

So many businesses were taken over in one go, keeping Xu Nanming incredibly busy.

Having failed to break through the Divine Foundation, he had long since given up on attempting to advance, thus focusing all his efforts on expanding the family's enterprises.

Now, as things were going his way, Xu Nanming was in a great mood. After all, under his leadership, Xu Ji had grown to its largest in two hundred years—how could he not be pleased?

Even if it was a victory handed to him, it was still his, Xu Nanming's, achievement.

"And Xu You? Is he still hunting evils outside the city? Send a message for him to come back... The City Lord's Mansion sent word, as soon as the Guiding Envoy from Qian Yuan Divine Sect leaves, the Thousand Buddha Carving Banquet will be held immediately. So, call Xu You back..."

At these words, Xu Heli paused, taken aback.

"Why call the third one back?"

Xu Heli frowned.

With the Si, Yang, and An families gone, and he being the only one left of the Three Young Masters of Fei Lei, he would surely benefit the most from the Thousand Buddha Carving Banquet.

There was even a chance to strike at the Divine Foundation. At such a time, to call Xu You back to share the benefits, Xu Heli was understandably reluctant.

However, Xu Nanming simply looked at him quietly.

"Do you think your success rate in forging the Divine Foundation is high?"

"The Old Master has high hopes for you... If our Xu Family could produce another Divine Foundation, then after the Thousand Buddha Carving Banquet, even if we move to other cities, we could continue our two hundred years' legacy."

"Therefore, your attempt at the Divine Foundation must succeed, and not fail."

Xu Heli replied, "I understand, so I will strive..."

"Strive? Ridiculous... Your qi and blood cultivation has barely stepped into the realm of Qi Channels. Your failure rate in forging the Divine Foundation is extremely high..."

"Take advantage of the Thousand Buddha Carving Banquet, draw on the Temple God Divinity, and let Xu You and North Tiger become your support... Only then can you succeed, understand?"

"These are the Old Master's wishes."

Xu Heli was startled, suddenly feeling a chill run down his spine.

Xu Heli swallowed, feeling his mouth become dry.

"How... How can they provide support?"

Hearing this, Xu Nanming paused in his handling of the documents and lifted his head from the many files.

He revealed a chilling smile, full of white teeth.