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Chapter 101: Path to Immortality

At this moment, they finally realized that they also have the royal bloodline.

The ancestor was responsible for maintaining the family's prosperity, and they were the chosen ones. They kept these thoughts deep in their hearts, never revealing them.

When Zhou Yun and Zhou Hua learned that they were finally going to carry out the task entrusted by the ancestor, they couldn't be more excited. After waiting for eighty years and nearing the end of their lives, it was finally time for them to give their lives in service to the ancestor.

Afterwards, Zhou Yun and Zhou Hua deliberately avoided appearing in Zhou Village, waiting for the true task to come. On New Year's Eve, they were sent to Xigu Pass by Liang Sheng to await his final instructions.

On New Year's Day, Liang Sheng arrived at Mount Kunwu. He had practiced millions of times in his heart the sequence Ye Chen used to strike the Nine Ding, and followed this order to strike the Nine Ding using specific techniques.

After that, he rushed back to Xigu Pass, joined Zhou Yun and his brother, and confirmed that the two had memorized all his instructions before bringing them to the entrance of the cave that was once shrouded in dense fog.

A hundred years had passed, and it was finally time to reap the results. Liang Sheng then bid farewell to Zhou Yun and Zhou Hua: The future of our family depends on you!

Rest assured, ancestor, we will definitely complete the mission. If it comes to the worst, we will die directly and not bring disaster to the family.

Hmm, be careful in everything. If things go well, you must return within a year, so we can adjust our next plan.

Then Liang Sheng disappeared in front of Zhou Yun and Zhou Hua, who sat at the entrance of the cave, waiting with determined expressions.

As for Liang Sheng, he was actually hiding not far away, with his body functions almost stopped. With the Attribute Panel, as long as he didn't put himself in jeopardy, there would be no danger.

Three days later.

A young Qi Cultivation Third Level cultivator appeared before Zhou Yun and his brother, who bowed respectfully and immediately saluted.

Welcome, Immortal Master.

The young man glanced at Zhou Yun and Zhou Hua and found it strange that there were only two mortals in front of him, slightly different from what he had heard before, but soon did not pay attention to this any longer.

At the moment, he felt a little uncomfortable. The Mortal World was indeed dirty. If it weren't for the two Mid-Grade Spirit Stones, he wouldn't have come to such a place to suffer.

These are ten Barrier Breaking Pills. Over the past hundred years, the dynasty's luck supply has increased a lot compared to before. The sect is very happy, and you can have two quota spots for entering the market. Remember to send people over within three days.

Immortal Master, we would like to inform you that Under Heaven is no longer the domain of Ye Family, but that of my Zhou Family. We hope the Immortal Master can show compassion and not blame us.

The cultivator paused for a moment and then realized why the dynasty's fortune had been fluctuating previously and then the supply of fortune increased; it turned out that a change of dynasties had occurred in the Mortal World.

But this didn't matter at all to him. The sect only needed the dynasty's luck to refine pills and weapons. Besides, the Cultivation World had rules, and the sect never interfered in mortal affairs.

Just like the Grand Ancestor of Dayan in the past, he too was an extraordinary person who, through a combination of chance and coincidence, learned about the secrets of the Cultivation World. Only then did he have interaction with Hua Tian Sect, leading to the later events of overthrowing the Seven Great Sects and founding the nation.

If the Cultivation World sects could interfere in Mortal World affairs, Upper Green Sect would have already extinguished Dayan countless times, so why has Dayan been passed down for thousands of years?

After all, violating this rule is not worth it, as the gains don't make up for the losses. Upper Green Sect merely criticized Hua Tian Sect for being unworthy, and from then on, there were no more disputes.

The young cultivation disciple came to his senses and said, No matter who is the lord of the dynasty, as long as you continue to contribute luck to the sect, that's all that matters.

Upon hearing this, Zhou Yun felt relieved. Under their Seeking Fortune and Avoiding Evil ability, they sensed no danger, and they had already simulated the conversation countless times with their ancestor. The cultivators' response was the best possible outcome.

Zhou Yun calmed his mind and continued, Immortal Master, if my dynasty is willing to expand its territory, would it be possible, as the previous Immortal Master said, to exchange for other conditions?

Oh?

Zhou Yun's words genuinely surprised the young cultivator, What?

He quickly realized that the Refining Equipment Peak Elder was preparing to refine a Spirit Tool recently. If he brought this news back, he might make the old man very happy.

Thinking about this, he became excited and said urgently, If you are really prepared to expand your territory and contribute more fortune to the sect for your success, even if you want Immortal Cultivation Techniques, it's possible. Then, I don't know if we can exchange them for Qi Refining Pills or other items used for cultivation?

Zhou Yun became even more relaxed. At this moment, there was still a great fortune omen, so he didn't need to hide anything anymore. The young cultivators' reply also delighted him.

Of course!

The young cultivator agreed without hesitation. After all, such things had happened in the Cultivation World before. Mortal World dynasties were countless, and naturally, such incidents had occurred too.

Let's not talk about the distant past. Just take the example of Dayan's Grand Ancestor, who had become a cultivator in the Mortal World and entered the market. Although he didn't join the Hua Tian Sect due to the cultivation technique issue, wasn't the sect still sending him away with Qi Refining Pills?

At this time, the young cultivator thought about courting favor with the Refining Equipment Peak Elder, clenched his teeth, and took out a Jade Bottle.

There are three Qi Refining Pills inside. It seems that the cultivation technique of Dayan's Grand Ancestor was also obtained by you, so you also want to try cultivation.

Zhou Yun stared blankly for a moment before bursting with joy. However, he did not take the bottle of Qi Refining Pills. At this moment, the Zhou family's Seeking Fortune and Avoiding Evil bloodline was telling him that this great fortune could carry out the final stage of their plan with the ancestor..

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Immortal Master, I wish to follow you into the market, but my Zhou family originally had two places, and now only I am going, my brother needs to go back and urge the family to prepare for expanding territory.

I wonder if this Black Iron Command can be used to exchange for your Qi Refining Pills to bring back to my brother, so that they can understand the kindness and righteousness of the Immortal Master?bender

Zhou Hua was enormously excited nearby, and the young cultivator was extremely cheerful under his admiring gaze.

Of course you can, but are you sure that you wont substitute someone younger from your family to accompany me to the market?

Now, as long as Zhou Yun agrees to help the dynasty expand its territory, he naturally wouldnt mind giving out these Qi Refining Pills. However, Zhou Yun is at such an age, he might be nearing the end of his lifespan, it would be a waste of a spot to take him to the Cultivation World, right?

Still, Zhou Yun was adamant about going to the Cultivation World by himself, and the young cultivator no longer tried to convince him otherwise.

Later, Zhou Hua took the jade bottle containing the Qi Refining Pills, the young cultivator was already eager to tell his sect about this great news. No doubt the Refining Equipment Peak Elder would generously reward him.

I must truly possess deep blessings. I am here performing a task that nobody wanted to come to, and yet I have such good fortune. After all, in thousands of previous years, Ye Family did not budge no matter how the sect disciples tried to lure them. I must indeed be blessed with good fortune, my cultivation is promising!

Zhou Yun followed the cultivator into the cave holding the Black Iron Command, Zhou Hua knelt down and kowtowed at this time, and then without turning his head, he descended the mountain.

After a long time, the gentle breeze was blowing, and outside the Thick Fog Mountain Cave, Liang Sheng finally showed up, his mouth curling up into a smirk.

Choosing the Zhou Family as his chess piece was clearly the wisest decision. With their ability to seek fortune and avoid evil, the outcome far exceeded his expectations.

Moreover, he had also made the smallest arrangements. Zhou Yun and his brother didnt have a long lifespan, meaning they could not escape from the palm of his hand. Of course, for the two men who had

been completely brainwashed, Liang Sheng also had backup methods, so there should be no surprises occurring.

Liang Sheng was suppressing the excitement in his heart at this moment, descending the mountain as fast as he could, returning to the inn in the small town at the foot of Mount Kunwu. Half a day passed, then Zhou Hua came down from the mountain to meet him.

Ancestor, the deed is done.

Good, lets go back.

In the tenth year of Emperor Wu, after the Lantern Festival.

Emperor Wu suddenly issued a rebel-hunting order. The reason was that Western Spring Country had insulted Emperor Wu, and the nobles of Great Zhou, who had developed for a hundred years, their families had already begun to go downhill.

Now suddenly a war breaks out, which means military honors and chances for them to increase their status. The nobles and generals were very keen at that instant.

As for the literati, the saying goes, a kings insult leads to a ministers death. Great Zhou has already developed into a rich and strong country after three generations. Now the king is insulted, and they must punish the rebellious country with thunderous force.

Even the common people of Great Zhou were also extremely excited. The people of Great Zhou were surprisingly united in their resolution to maintain the dignity of the king. It was evident that their hearts could be influenced.

For a time, the entire Great Zhou was operating like a war machine, while Western Spring Country was dumbfounded, but regardless of the emissaries they sent out, Great Zhou wouldnt listen to any of their explanations, so they could only prepare for war and be on their guard.

On the outskirts of the capital, in Zhou Village.

Emperor Wus attack on Western Spring Country was naturally Liang Sheng's decision, but now he didn't have time to manage these matters. He had already taken the Qi Refining Pill, a single pill was equivalent to three months of his effort.

This was the correct cultivation mode.

Thinking of it, Liang Sheng was even happier. If Zhou Yun didn't encounter any accidents, he would return to the secular world a year later. At that time, he would know exactly what the situation in the market was, after all, the record of Grand Ancestor of Dayan was just a record.

Moreover, Zhou Yun was actually carrying a few Vajra Talismans that Liang Sheng had made. They were for protection, as well as an attempt to see if they could be exchanged for some items in the market.

With the bloodline ability of the Zhou family and the cautiousness embedded in the Zhou Family's bones, Zhou Yun should not make any mistakes.

So the next step was to wait for Zhou Yun to return. As for Great Zhou attacking Western Spring Country, Liang Sheng was not worried. If something came up that even Emperor Wu couldn't handle, he would just take care of it himself.

A hundred years of planning, finally looking forward to the path of cultivation!

Chapter 103: Qi Training Pill

In the tenth year of Emperor Wus reign, during summer,

Great General Zhou Bilian of the Great Zhou dynasty led an army of 500,000 to conquer the Western Spring Country. At the time of departure, Emperor Wu personally granted the Emperor's Sword to Zhou Bilian.

As expected, Zhou Bilian did not disappoint. In just three months, he captured ten border cities of the Western Spring Country. The Great Zhou, which had been dormant for a century under three emperors, finally showed its fangs.

The Western Spring Country was instantly caught off guard, and they never expected the Great Zhou's military force to be so powerful. In a desperate attempt, they urgently sought peace, but Zhou Bilian was now fully in line with Emperor Wu of Zhou's will, with only one goal in mind, to annihilate the Western Spring Country.

Emperor Wu's gift of the Emperor's Sword was to tell Zhou Bilian that his mission was not only for himself, but also to represent the authority of the Heavenly Son.

Before leaving, Emperor Wu did not set any deadlines. As long as the war continued, the supplies from Great Zhou would not stop.

And Emperor Wu's only request was to bring the ruler of the Western Spring Country to the Great Zhou Capital to apologize, and serve as slaves.

The Great Zhou's conquest of the Western Spring Country was still ongoing, but Liang Sheng temporarily did not focus his attention here. After all, the innate experts of the Zhou imperial family were nearly in double digits, and as long as there were no accidents, the annihilation of Western Spring Country would only be a matter of time.

Zhou Hua had completely disappeared from the sight of the Zhou family, living and cultivating together with Liang Sheng. However, Zhou Hua was even more amazed by Liang Sheng's various magical methods.

Lucky for the Zhou family to have such an ancestor like the Dust Immortal. However, it's a pity that he himself has such poor aptitude, failed in Martial Arts, and his lifespan is nearing its end.

He might not witness the day the ancestor ascends to the heavens, but he can imagine how prosperous the Zhou family would become in the near future.

Perhaps Zhou Hua couldnt imagine that the poor aptitude of the brothers was one of the reasons Liang Sheng chose them. This way, Liang Sheng's plan would be even safer.

Liang Sheng had no guilt in his heart; it was all just an equivalent exchange. He helps the Zhou family to prosper, and the Zhou family works for him. It can be said that everyone benefits.

In the following year, the Great Zhou continued their winning streak, and the entire nation celebrated. Just as the eleventh year of Emperor Wus reign approached, Liang Sheng finally took Zhou Hua to Xigu Pass.

At this moment, it was time for the New Years reunion, but Zhou Hua had no complaints. He sat alone outside the Thick Fog Mountain Cave, waiting for his brother Zhou Yun to arrive.

As for Liang Sheng, he remained hidden in the dark, feeling slightly excited. How well this exploration in the Cultivation World would go would be evident today.

For the previous two days, there was no movement inside the Thick Fog Mountain Cave, but Zhou Hua wasnt in a hurry. Its unknown if the Zhou family possessed a special gift, but their patience was truly precious.

Naturally, Liang Sheng, who was hidden, was even more patient. How could he have achieved what he did today, having crossed into this world for over two hundred years without some patience?

On the third day, Zhou Hua suddenly stood up, and at the same time, Liang Sheng, who was hidden, tightened his nerves.

Finally, there was movement.

Immediately afterward, a man holding a Black Iron Command crawled out from the cave, carrying a bag on his back. If it wasnt Zhou Yun, who else could it be?

At this moment, the two brothers were overjoyed to see each other, but they quickly suppressed their excitement, exchanged greetings, and hurried down the mountain.

An hour later, at the mountaintop road of Xigu Pass, the breeze was gentle. Only then did Liang Sheng let out a sigh of relief because there was no tail following Zhou Yun.

However, with the Zhou family's bloodline ability, if there was danger, Zhou Yun probably wouldn't have shown up at all. But Liang Sheng still chose to be cautious and waited a little longer.

Afterward, without any hesitation, Liang Sheng turned and headed down the mountain, wondering what surprises Zhou Yun had brought him this time.

Under Xigu Pass, at the small town inn.

At this moment, Liang Sheng was already inside the inn. With his cultivation level and the Light Body Talisman, even if he had departed an hour later, he would still have arrived at the inn before the Zhou brothers.

Then, he heard the sound of knocking. With a movement of Liang Sheng's mind, the door opened automatically. After the two brothers entered and Zhou Hua closed the door, Zhou Yun, the white-haired old man, knelt before Liang Sheng.

Ancestor, I'm honored to have fulfilled my mission. I'm back now.

It's good to be back. You've been through a lot this year.

Then, Liang Sheng invited Zhou Yun to sit down at the table. As the three of them chatted over tea, most of the conversation was spoken by Zhou Yun.

Though the records left by the Grand Ancestor of Dayan had described the situation in the Cultivation World market neighboring Dayan, it wasn't as clear as Zhou Yun's personal experiences.

The conversation lasted an entire day, and only afterward did Zhou Yun leave the room, supported by Zhou Hua, to rest in the next room. As for what the brothers had to say to one another, Liang Sheng didn't care.

At this moment, Liang Sheng didn't rush to open the package that Zhou Yun had brought. Instead, he went through every word Zhou Yun had spoken in his mind from start to finish.

Then Liang Sheng couldn't help but sigh lightly. The road to cultivation was, indeed, not easy!

After entering the market, Zhou Yun was directly sent to the station managed by the Hua Tian Sect under Chen Fengchen's guidance. Chen Fengchen was the young disciple of the Immortal Cultivation World that appeared in the mortal world this time.

Because Zhou Yun had the Black Iron Command, he was quickly accepted by the Hua Tian Sect and became a menial disciple at the station. He even received a Qi Cultivation Method.

After Zhou Yun settled down, Chen Fengchen immediately returned to the Hua Tian Sect to report the good news to the Refining Equipment Peak Elder.

As the Great Zhou began its conquest of the Western Spring Country, the fortune of the dynasty had indeed risen greatly. The Refining Equipment Peak Elder was overjoyed, and there was one more hope for refining the Spirit Tool.

When the news arrived from the sect, the manager of the Hua Tian Sect in the market became even more courteous to Zhou Yun. Although the Grand Elder might not have cared much about Zhou Yun, a small manager had to be careful in his dealings..

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What if the Grand Elder suddenly remembered such a small person and was in a good mood?

Zhou Yun had always been a cautious and prudent person, and he had become even more at home in the market, getting a good grasp of the situation within a year.

This market was actually one of the markets controlled by the Three Sects and Six Orders within the territory adjacent to the secular world. The Three Sects and Six Orders had managers stationed here to operate and exchange resources with the loose cultivators in the market.

They mostly sell finished products, while the loose cultivators trade with shops using spirit stones and materials. It can be simply described as a relationship between landlords and tenant farmers.

But don't think that the market is peaceful. Behind the scenes, untold numbers of battles take place. After all, cultivation depends on good fortune, which is fought for.

Loose cultivators are living every step of the way under pressure, practicing every moment, and constantly going in and out of the market to find cultivation resources in the forests.

From time to time, news comes of the deaths of loose cultivators, whether by accident, or by murder

But no one in the market cares, as cultivation is ultimately a fight for a chance at life. If they die, it means they lack the necessary fortune.

Zhou Yun did not attract much attention in the market, since his aptitude had been determined, his remaining lifespan was limited, and he had no hope of cultivating.

Chen Fengchen didn't understand why Zhou Yun entered at such an old age, but the manager of the Hua Tian Sect had a slightly better understanding.

They were not like Chen Fengchen, a disciple of the inner sect. They had risen from the dust with each successive battle, only to gain their current status.

Zhou Yun was obviously a spy from the secular world, coming to the realm of cultivation to set up a base and explore the situation in the market.

Moreover, due to the relationship with the Refining Device Peak Elder, the manager of the Hua Tian Sect did not make things difficult for Zhou Yun this year, and Zhou Yun even secretly used this relationship to sell Vajra Talismans, testing the market's trading rules.

The manager turned a blind eye to this, and even sighed that the other party indeed had good fortune. The Vajra Talisman was probably given to him by Chen Fengchen. It was a pity that Zhou Yun had little lifespan left and no hope for cultivation.

After another year had passed, by the time he had made the arrangement with Liang Sheng, Zhou Yun asked the manager for leave a month in advance, saying he wanted to return to the secular world for a while. The manager did not object.

None of the cultivators wanted to return to the secular world, which was dirty and unbearable. Moreover, loose cultivators did not have the ability to pass through the fog.

Additionally, he thought Zhou Yun had already familiarized himself with the market situation and was preparing to return to his family to report and send a younger person over.

With the Black Iron Command, Hua Tian Sect would not refuse them. But how could the manager of the Hua Tian Sect know that the previous two Black Iron Commands had already been exchanged for Qi Refining Pills?

No matter what, Zhou Yun was now in the secular world and was not being followed. Liang Sheng thought of this and finally opened his bag.

Inside were three vials of Qi Refining Pills, a jade slip, a pill formula, a small pill refining furnace, and some unknown herbs, sealed and stored.

It seemed that Zhou Yun had done even better than Liang Sheng had imagined. This jade slip was the Qi cultivation technique of Hua Tian Sect. Liang Sheng took the jade slip and placed it on his forehead, then opened his eyes.

This was just the simplest Qi cultivation technique, far inferior to the Upper Pure Immortal Scripture, and was extremely useless. Moreover, the techniques were incomplete.

However, the pill formula made Liang Sheng somewhat excited. He didn't expect Zhou Yun to actually get the pill formula for the Qi Refining Pill. Although the formula was common in the market, Zhou Yun had done his best.

It was just that the pill formula was easy to find, but pill-refining was not easy. As Liang Sheng finished reading the pill formula with a sigh of relief, pill-refining was much more complicated than he thought, but Liang Sheng's eyes were hot, looking at these Spiritual Grasses which were materials for the Qi Refining Pill.

Of course, according to the pill formula, with Liang Sheng's current cultivation level, even if he successfully refined the Qi Refining Pill, it would likely only be a low-grade Qi Refining Pill.

He simply lacked the proper cultivation level for it.

But Liang Sheng was already satisfied. Fortunately, Zhou Yun had the backing of Hua Tian Sect; otherwise, he would not be so lucky.

Ten days later, Zhou Yun said goodbye to Zhou Hua and Liang Sheng. He was going back to the market, with a ten-year agreement this time.

If he returned to the secular world early, it would mean that Zhou Yun might have limited time left. The Zhou brothers had tearful eyes, and perhaps this was their last meeting, as they didn't know how many years they had left to live.

However, for the sake of his family and ancestor, Zhou Yun had no choice but to turn back and enter the Cultivation Market again.

Although he was still alone this time, he was able to arrive at Hua Tian Sect's outpost with the help of the Black Iron Command. The manager was somewhat surprised but didn't ask any further questions.

This was Zhou Family's affair in the secular world. Perhaps the other party had their own considerations. Regardless, as long as they don't make mistakes, they should be fine. Although he was sent to the market, he still wanted to achieve success in his cultivation, so why bother with such trivial matters?

In the blink of an eye, it was the spring of Emperor Wus eleventh year.

After a year had passed, only fifteen cities remained in the Western Spring Countrys ninety cities, with the capitals territory. Perhaps in a short time, the Western Spring Country would be completely incorporated into the Great Zhou territory.

Great Zhous people were overjoyed, and Emperor Wus reputation reached its peak. If other emperors want to surpass him, they need to continue to expand their territories, otherwise, it is impossible.

That year, Great Zhou still experienced a bountiful harvest, and the people believed that the heavens mandate rested with Great Zhou. At this moment, everyone in Great Zhou from top to bottom was united as one.

Capital Suburb Zhou Village.

Now Liang Sheng, looking at a pile of herbs in front of him, weighed them from time to time and occasionally let a rabbit eat a bit of them.

Since Zhou Yun brought these spiritual grasses back and sealed them, it meant that they could also survive in the secular world; otherwise, why would he need to bring them back?

Liang Sheng had people draw patterns of the spiritual grasses and secretly search for them. After a year, he had found most of them.

Perhaps due to the scarce spiritual power in the secular world, the effectiveness of these spiritual grasses was barely 70% of what Zhou Yun had brought out.

Liang Sheng wasnt too anxious about this, as long as the secular world existed, he would be able to find them. While searching for the spiritual grasses, he had also been learning the hand seals and secret techniques for refining pills, and he could barely complete them now.

His cultivation level was ultimately a bit low, but Liang Sheng was not impatient. After all, time was still on his side, wasnt it?

In the summer of the eleventh year of Emperor Wu's reign, the

Western Spring Country was annihilated!

Zhou Biliang personally captured the ruler of Western Spring Country and escorted him to the capital. Emperor Wu, being benevolent, granted him the title of Marquis of the Marquisate of Execution and kept him in the capital.

Emperor Wu did not treat the people of Western Spring Country differently just because it was a defeated country. He still reduced their taxes and sent capable officials to govern Western Spring Country.

He even sent his younger brother, the King of Anyang, to Western Spring Country, with his intention to unify well known to everyone.

But there were still remnants of the old dynasty in Western Spring Country. After the King of Anyang stationed himself in his fief, some people attempted to assassinate him, but the result shocked the world.

The King of Anyang of Great Zhou was an Innate Nation Protector. For a short while, the remnants of the old Western Spring Country dynasty could only hibernate.

Under Emperor Wu's command, the officials from Great Zhou earnestly fulfilled their duties after arriving in Western Spring Country. The life in the region began to slowly recover, showing a thriving scene.

Conquering lands was not enough; one must also win over the hearts of the people. This was what Emperor Wu of Great Zhou always said, but in fact, it was Liang Sheng's suggestion.

He wanted the dynasty to prosper, and the more dynasty luck he could get from it, the more he would receive from Hua Tian Sect.

So during these ten years, Great Zhou had no intention of expanding rapidly. It was enough to first completely swallow Western Spring Country.

In the thirteenth year of Emperor Wu's reign,

Western Spring Country had completely eliminated the remnants of the old regime, and the people there began to gradually consider themselves as Zhou people. The strength of the Great Zhou Dynasty reached a new peak.

However, just as Emperor Wu was full of pride, Liang Sheng had a bitter look on his face because he had failed to refine pills again.

Two years ago, Liang Sheng had found all the spiritual grass required for Qi Refining Pills. But as the potency of these ingredients in the secular world was much lower than in the cultivation world, he was still unable to refine any pills successfully after two years, despite his cultivation level.

It seemed that his dream of self-sufficiency at this stage was still difficult to achieve. But Liang Sheng wasn't too anxious, as he knew that haste wouldn't help. After all, the current situation was much better than when he had no direction at all.

By now, the three bottles of Qi Refining Pills brought by Zhou Yun had long been consumed. Used to cultivating with the efficiency of pills, Liang Sheng was somewhat dissatisfied with his cultivation speed.

And now, Liang Sheng's attribute panel had changed again-

Name: Liang Sheng

Age: 224

Talent: Innocent Foolishness (Top grade)

Techniques: Upper Pure Immortal Scripture (Third Level), Twenty Health Maintenance Techniques (Sixteenth Level)

Realm: Qi Cultivation Third Level (9%)

Lifespan: 9228

This was due to the effect of the Qi Refining Pills. Without them, his progress in the past three years might have only been 6%, nearly making it impossible to quickly increase his cultivation level.

Sigh, he should continue refining pills. Perhaps he'll succeed next time?

Chapter 105: Grasping with Both Hands

In the sixteenth year of Emperor Wu's reign.

Emperor Wu, known for his bold strategies and wise appointment of officers, handled state affairs meticulously. As time passed, the Great Zhou Empire grew increasingly prosperous.

The monarch of the fallen Western Spring Country watched as the Great Zhou flourished, becoming increasingly disheartened. Eventually, he fell seriously ill, and despite the efforts of imperial doctors, his illness was beyond cure. He passed away.

However, the people of the Western Spring Country had long forgotten the grudges and hatred of the past, as they had been living peacefully and happily. Many even began to take pride in their identity as citizens of the Great Zhou Empire.

Emperor Wu of Zhou was talented and broad-minded, and the development of the Great Zhou was extremely smooth. Meanwhile, General Zhou Biliang, who had put down the Western Spring Country, had been idle in the Capital for four years.

Yet, Emperor Wu continued to bestow favor upon him, never caring about accusations of being overshadowed by his achievements. Emperor Wu even publicly declared, The territory of the Great Zhou is not limited to this. With my right-hand man here, what great matter cannot be accomplished?

Those with ulterior motives attacked Zhou Biliang with sarcasm, while Emperor Wu openly praised and teased Zhou Biliang in court.

You martial man, you stay in the capital, don't even think about concealing your clumsiness. I am no incompetent ruler. Remember to keep your sword polished. I am waiting for the time to draw it once again.

Upon hearing these words, the military noblemen were even more excited. It was clear that Emperor Wu was not satisfied with the current territory and his grand gesture was truly fitting of a wise ruler.

While the people of the Great Zhou Empire were united in their ambition and the country was thriving, Liang Sheng was still struggling to create Qi refining pills.

On the outskirts of the capital, twenty miles away from Zhou Village, in the heart of the forest.

At this moment, Liang Sheng carefully performed the last hand gesture, then closely watched the pill furnace in front of him, a hint of excitement in his heart.

The next moment, the furnace lid opened, and a fragrant aroma filled the air.

The Qi refining pills were finally ready!

After five years, Liang Sheng finally crafted the first batch of Qi refining pills in his life. Although the current success rate for crafting Qi refining pills was still less than one in ten, where one could only be successful once in every ten attempts, once there's a first, there would be a second. Would the next successful pill still be far off?

However, upon seeing the Qi refining pills that he had crafted, Liang Sheng didn't choose to take them directly. Instead, he stuck to his old habits and found a prisoner sentenced to death.

At this moment, Liang Sheng watched the prisoner closely. Previously, he had forced the prisoner to take a Qi refining pill. The next moment, the prisoners eyes bulged, and he began to circulate his energy.

The prisoners cultivation was only at the Postnatal Sixth Realm. However, this time, the energy within his body circulated faster and faster. The next moment, his energy surged!

The barrier that prevented one from advancing from the Sixth Realm to the High-level Martial Arts Realm was instantly broken under the impact of the power of the Qi refining pill. It was clear that the power of the Qi refining pill was on a different level.

The energy within the prisoners body wasnt exhausted yet. He continued to cultivate until his cultivation level stabilized at the Post-Natal Eighth Level.

By the time he opened his eyes, his gaze full of disbelief, he had already broken through to the Post-Natal Eighth Level, all thanks to a single pill.

If he knew Liang Shengs view, he would be even more shocked. In fact, only 40% of the power of the Qi refining pill had been absorbed by the prisoner, with the remaining wasted.

Nevertheless, the Qi refining pills that Liang Sheng crafted helped the prisoner break through from the Postnatal Sixth Realm to the Post-Natal Eighth Level. The prisoner, who had been excited, looked at Liang Sheng with increasing fear. What kind of person was this mysterious old man before him?

Three days later, as Liang Sheng saw the prisoner hopping around with no adverse reactions, he relaxed. Under the incredulous gaze of the prisoner, he sent him to beyond.

This time, without hesitating, Liang Sheng consumed the Qi refining pills that he had crafted in his quiet room. Half an hour later, he opened his eyes, his expression part joy and part helplessness.

He was happy because the Qi refining pills he crafted did have effects, but what made him helpless was that the power of these pills was less than 70% of the Qi refining pills brought by Zhou Yun in the past.

Whether this was due to the quality of the materials or a problem with his crafting technique was unknown, but it was good news nonetheless.

Following that, Liang Sheng's life became even more routine. He alternated between cultivation, talisman drawing, pill refining, training in curse imprinting techniques, and occasionally, when he felt restless, he would listen to music at brothels to cultivate his mind and spirit.

The seventeenth year of Emperor Wu's reign.

Zhou Hua passed away peacefully at home. Liang Sheng arranged a grand funeral for him, as he deserved such treatment.

After this, Liang Sheng gradually reduced his number of outings. The mansion of Zhou Villages Ancestor was still the most venerated place for the descendants of the Zhou Family. However, no one knew that due to Zhou Hua's death, Liang Sheng had personally stationed himself at Xigu Pass.

The power of the Great Zhou Empire continued to rise steadily, but Emperor Wu did not issue any orders to conquer other countries, as he had not yet received a signal from Liang Sheng.

Liang Sheng had visited the Imperial Palace a few times, but Emperor Wu hadn't made any rash moves, because he hadn't received clear instructions from Liang Sheng.

The stronger he grew, the more Emperor Wu realized how terrifying his family's ancestor was. He even vaguely felt that the ancestor could be a godlike entity, otherwise, why would his lifespan be so long?

The Great Zhou Imperial Family, unaware of the existence of the Hua Tian Sect, could only guess about the identity of their ancestor. When the Zhou family ascended the throne, Liang Sheng had separated the Zhou family into two factions, effectively separating the imperial power from the sect.

However, Liang Sheng had considered that once he was capable, he would compensate the Zhou family. Although the Zhou family had already reached the peak of the secular world, Liang Sheng had his own way of handling things, as long as it satisfied his conscience..

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At that time, Liang Sheng hadn't allowed Emperor Wu to conquer other countries because he was waiting for Zhou Yun's return. What Zhou Yun brought back this time would determine the measure of his plans in the future.

Originally, Liang Sheng was supposed to meet Zhou Yun on the agreed date in Emperor Wu's 20th year, but Zhou Yun appeared early. Liang Sheng discovered him right away at the Xigu Pass.

However, Liang Sheng didn't meet Zhou Yun immediately. He waited for a while, and after confirming that no one was following Zhou Yun, he finally appeared for their meeting.

By this time, Zhou Yun was nearing the end of his lifespan. Because of this, he appeared at the Xigu Pass earlier than planned. Zhou Yun was overjoyed to see Liang Sheng, as he brought back far more items than before.

For the past seven years, the amount of dynasty luck supplied by the Great Zhou had increased, and the Grand Elder of Refining Device Peak had refined a spirit tool. Chen Fengchen was appreciated by the Grand Elder and became a true disciple, which naturally raised Zhou Yun's status.

The manager of the Huatian Sect in the Immortal Cultivation Market was increasingly polite to him, since Zhou Yun's lifespan was nearing its end, they tried not to offend him.

However, Zhou Yun's failure to succeed in Qi Training caused doubt and pity, as his fortune seemed inadequate in the end.

After his return, Zhou Yun had accumulated many Qi Refining Pills due to the increasing luck of the Great Zhou Dynasty, which allowed him to gain more items.

He even obtained the Refining Art, which, although of an ordinary level in the Market, was far better than the poor level of the Grand Ancestor of Dayan.

Zhou Yun also sold all the talismans that Liang Sheng had made for him earlier, in exchange for refining materials. Pursuing materials with higher spirituality was indeed necessary for refining, since the spiritual power in mortal world was thinner and thus spiritual grass to refine Qi pills was more likely to appear.

Zhou Yun couldn't help but feel guilty about this, but Liang Sheng assured him that he had done well enough. Hearing this, Zhou Yun was slightly relieved.

However, upon learning that Zhou Hua had passed away, Zhou Yun couldn't help but feel sad, but he didn't say much, as birth, aging, sickness, and death were part of the human life cycle.

In the 18th year of Emperor Wu, Zhou Yun's life came to an end in Zhou Village. Liang Sheng arranged for him to be buried alongside Zhou Hua, thereby fulfilling the wish of the Zhou brothers.

Based on the information from Zhou Yun, Liang Sheng temporarily stopped further attempts to explore the Cultivation World, as he had enough items at his disposal. Therefore, sending more people to the Cultivation World would not bring much benefit.

From then on, Liang Sheng's daily life became more regular: cultivating, drawing talismans, refining pills, practicing curse imprinting techniques, as well as refining equipment using the techniques brought by Zhou Yun. As a result, he had much less leisure time.

No wonder the loose cultivators in the Immortal Cultivation World's Market were so busy; with their dedication to cultivation, they had no desire to be involved in the secular world. It could only be said that the path of cultivation was extremely difficult.

Liang Sheng originally thought he could live a precarious life for a while, at least until the hundred-year mark when he could contact the Cultivation World again, but accidents always happen.

He could not find any spiritual grass for refining pills anymore.

In Wu Emperor's twentieth year, all the spiritual grass that could be used to refine Qi Refining Pills in the Great Zhou Dynasty, including Western Spring Country, was depleted. No matter how hard Liang Sheng

tried to issue orders in the name of the Great Zhou to search for them, they were almost impossible to find.

Upon further thought, Liang Sheng felt relieved, as the spiritual energy in the secular world was already thinner than that in the Cultivation World. Hence, it was more difficult for these spiritual grasses to be born in the secular world compared to the Cultivation World.

Moreover, Liang Sheng had been honing his pill refining skills day and night for so many years. How could the spiritual grass in the secular world withstand such consumption?

At this point, Liang Sheng was already used to being aided by Qi Refining Pills in his cultivation. How could he go back to the bitter days of the past?

So, in the twentieth year of Emperor Wu, in the court of the capital, Emperor Wu suddenly ordered that Zhou Biliang be summoned. Soon after, a royal decree shocked the world.

The Great Zhou Dynasty would conquer the East Sun Country!

Upon hearing this news, everyone believed in Emperor Wu, and the entire machinery of the Great Zhou moved into action.

Zhou Biliang, once again carrying the Emperors Sword, personally led an army to invade the East Sun Country.

In the meantime, Liang Sheng reopened the passage to the Immortal Cultivation Market. He couldnt waste the time it took him to invade the East Sun country and decided to continue refining pills and weapons simultaneously, not wasting any opportunity.

He summoned two Zhou family elders, Zhou Nan and Zhou Chi, both of whom had slow cultivation progress but were fanatically devoted to Liang Sheng and the family since childhood.

After receiving Liang Shengs guidance, they immediately went to the Xigu Pass with a Black Iron Command Tablet.

Zhou Nan was born with one less meridian and had an extremely slow cultivation progress. Thus, he took over Zhou Yuns previous job.

Zhou Chi, on the other hand, lived in a small town beneath the Xigu Pass to support Zhou Nan. However, Liang Sheng didnt leave the matter to just them; he secretly observed them, but didnt think they would encounter any problems.

After all, the secular world had little importance to the Cultivation World besides the dynasty luck. Who would bother to glance at the mortal world while being busy with cultivation?

Three days after Zhou Nan entered the Cultivation Worlds Market, he reappeared in the secular world, as he had previously arranged with Zhou Chi.

Not far away, Liang Sheng saw him and breathed a sigh of relief. Zhou Chi had been waiting at the Xigu Pass these days, but he was ten miles away from the cave.

After Zhou Nan and Zhou Chi rendezvoused, Liang Sheng was still in the thick fog of the cave, making sure no one else was around before he completely relaxed.

It wasnt that Liang Sheng didnt trust Zhou Nan. After all, the mysterious Zhou family bloodline had an amazing ability to seek fortune and avoid evil, which even Liang Sheng didnt understand to this day..

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But this was ultimately a positive development. Zhou Nan and Zhou Chi had already passed the baton, but they still followed Liang Shengs earlier suggestion, staying for a full ninety minutes before Zhou Nan returned to the Cultivation World Market.bender

By the time Zhou Chi saw Liang Sheng, he relayed to him Zhou Nans situation, and Liang Sheng handed him a package, instructing him to continue guarding Xigu Pass.

As expected, the Hua Tian Sect did not change its attitude just because the Zhou Family had changed personnel. After all, the fortune provided by Great Zhou now was far greater than before.

Apart from successful spirit tool production by the elder of the Refining Equipment Peak, the Hua Tian Sect had a much higher success rate in producing magical weapons than before.

Even the market manager told Zhou Nan that the Zhou family could send more people over. It was evident how satisfied the Hua Tian Sect was with Great Zhou at present.

The manager subtly hinted that the Zhou family could send more young disciples over, that way their probability of successful cultivation might be higher. However, Zhou Nan dissipated all these hints.

Liang Sheng naturally had prepared for this situation. Zhou Nan argued that all the Zhou Family's outstanding disciples were fighting for their country, determined to provide more Fortune for their dynasty. Hence, they were not able to, nor willing to, enter the market.

They remained firm in their belief, that this was only temporary. Once they provided enough fortune, the Sect would undoubtedly reward them more generously in return.

At that time, the Zhou family would directly request a quota for Inner Sect disciples from the Sect, instead of shrinking in the market as they are now.

Hearing this, the manager held profound respect, for indeed, this is the best way about it. It turned out he was less insightful than ordinary people. It only befits that this family, who could battle in the secular world, had such foresight.

After listening to Zhou Nan's words, the manager's regard for Zhou Nan increased. Who knows, the Zhou family might indeed be able to secure a quota for Inner Sect disciples in the future?

Therefore, his actions now can be viewed as an investment. He also understood Zhou Yun and Zhou Nan, who were the individuals the Zhou family had dispatched to the marketplace.

Since the superior disciples of the Zhou family were all battling for the family, these useless persons could indeed play the most significant role in the market. And who would dare harbour ill intentions towards people from the Three Sects and Six Orders?

Zhou Nan then used the background of Hua Tian Sect, flourishing like a fish in the water within the market, with his bloodline ability of seeking fortune and avoiding evil, he developed a stable dark box trade, cancelling the deal if he had even the slightest feeling of inappropriateness.

In this way, he privately sold a large number of talismans, exchanging them for the spiritual grass of Qi refining pills, and some refining materials. No one in the market was aware that he was actually the largest supplier of talismans in recent times.

After all, who would pay attention to a person who couldn't cultivate but had backing?

Within the mortal world.

Only by relying on Zhou Nans activities in the Cultivation World Market could Liang Sheng barely continue his high-intensity experiments in refining pills and refining weapons. Yet, Great Zhou's conquest of the East Sun Country also went very smoothly.

Three years later, in the 23rd year of Emperor Wu, the East Sun Country was completely annexed to the territory of Great Zhou. Just like after the conquest of the Western Spring Country, Great Zhou once again recuperated.

The most terrifying thing was that the Prince Wei whom Emperor Wu of Zhou assigned to govern the East Sun Country this time was again an Innate Master, completely extinguishing the aspirations of the remaining nobility of East Sun Country.

Afterwards, the fortune of the Zhou Dynasty became increasingly terrifying, and the Hua Tian Sects' satisfaction with Great Zhou continued to grow. Naturally, the market manager treated Zhou Nan with more and more politeness.

After Prince Wei arrived in the East Sun Country, the first thing he did was search for specific herbs. The old vassals naturally rushed to find them.

In this manner, Liang Sheng's life became calm once again. By this time, his pill refining technique had improved even further, with a success rate of one in five, a significant progress. As for weapon refining, he had crafted half artifacts like the Grand Ancestor of Dayan.

In addition, Liang Sheng also began trying to grow spiritual grass, not caring how low the yield efficiency was, as long as there was some replenishment.

Such life passed quickly and soon it was the 30th year of Emperor Wu.

In that year, an unexpected incident occurred.

Chapter 108: Fellow Taoist, Please Stop!

Year 30 of Emperor Wu's reign

As Great Zhou completely assimilated Western Spring Country and Eastern Sun Country, the great nation's spirit became increasingly evident. The neighboring small countries around Great Zhou also began to join together consciously, after all, the current Great Zhou was too terrifying.

How could there be such a powerful country?

As they sent delegations to Great Zhou to find out the truth, they increasingly felt the prosperity of Great Zhou's national strength and the strength of its military.

For a short while, the surrounding small countries seemed more fearful. After all, Great Zhou had united two countries in twenty years. Compared to the current Great Zhou, they were small countries. They had no choice but to unite and form an offensive and defensive alliance.

However, under the alliance, they began to actively pay tribute to Great Zhou and bow their heads, calling themselves vassal states, and referring to Great Zhou as their sovereign state.

This year, the emissaries of these small countries gathered in the Great Zhou Capital, worshipping Emperor Wu of Zhou and confirming the covenant of the sovereign state.

For a short while, the nation's fortune of Great Zhou flourished, and it was very prosperous. With all the countries coming to pay tribute, the people of Great Zhou were overjoyed.

But at this moment, a shocking event happened in the original East Sun Country, which is now the territory of Prince Wei of Great Zhou.

Prince Wei was assassinated, and he was in critical condition!

The occurrence of this event immediately plunged the entire Emperor Wu of Zhou into a rage. At this moment, the Great Zhou Dynasty's prestige had reached its peak, with countries coming to pay tribute.

Yet the assassination of Prince Wei at this time was simply a provocation to Great Zhou. For a short while, the court and the village were all waiting for Emperor Wu's reaction.

The people in the capital, even the commoners, seemed somewhat murderous. Their mentality as people of the great nation had completely changed.

They felt that with Emperor Wu's temper, the territory of Prince Wei might be filled with rolling heads in the future. None of them thought that the culprit could escape punishment.

However, Prince Wei was already an Innate Master in terms of his cultivation level. The assassin who could kill him was probably not simple, but what would happen next would depend on how Emperor Wu chose.

On the third day after the news reached the Great Zhou Capital, the unconscious Prince Wei arrived at the capital. After Prince Wei was attacked and fell into a coma, the officials of the royal palace immediately sent Prince Wei back to the capital.

According to the ancestral teachings of the Great Zhou Dynasty, as long as they were of the Zhou bloodline, no matter where their territory was, they must return to their homeland after death, like leaves returning to their roots. This was not Liang Sheng's idea, but the rule established by the ancestors before the development of the Zhou family.

After the unconscious Prince Wei was brought to the capital, he was taken directly by Emperor Wu into the imperial palace. At this moment, in the Hall of Central Harmony, Emperor Wu's face was gloomy. Looking at the unconscious Prince Wei, who was still in pain, the anger in his heart seemed to burn up the lakes and seas.

Just as Emperor Wu was about to hold the officials of the royal palace accountable, his face suddenly changed, and he ordered everyone to leave, leaving only himself in the room.

Ancestor.

Emperor Wu was extremely respectful. Who else could it be in front of him, if not Liang Sheng in his white-haired and pale state?

Liang Sheng came to the capital because he felt strange after receiving the news. According to the report of Prince Wei's assassination, there was no movement or noise during the attack. It was only when the officials met Prince Wei the next day that they found him seriously injured and in a coma.

Given the bloodline talent of the Zhou family to seek fortune and avoid evil, and the fact that Prince Wei was an innate expert, how could they possibly be attacked silently by someone in the mortal world?

Except for someone like himself!

That's exactly why Liang Sheng changed his appearance and appeared in the imperial palace. He would not allow anything to happen beyond his control in the secular world. But when he saw the unconscious Prince Wei, his face sank.

The art of talisman curse.

Curse art also belongs to the art of talisman curse within the scope of cultivation techniques and spells. The Upper Pure Immortal Scripture also contains similar curse techniques, but without specific spell records. However, most cultivators are wary of it and, under special circumstances, will not practice it.

Liang Sheng suddenly had a bad feeling in his heart. Did a cultivator appear in the mortal world?

Or perhaps the destruction of the two countries by Great Zhou drew the attention of the cultivation forces behind them. However, such actions do not seem to like the means of the cultivation world. After all, why would a curse technique be needed to deal with ordinary people?

What on earth is going on?

However, since it was a curse technique, it was also reasonable for Prince Wei to not react when he was attacked. After all, even if he had a sense of danger, he could only end up like this when faced with an insurmountable force.

Seeing Liang Sheng's suddenly changing face, Emperor Wu couldn't help but become nervous, because he had never seen Liang Sheng with such an expression.

Could it be that Prince Wei really couldn't be saved?

Just then, he saw a talisman suddenly appear in the Ancestors' hand. If there were cultivators here, they would know that it was a Heart Clearing Talisman.

At this time, the cursed aura in Prince Wei was pitifully weak, which could be considered a blessing in misfortune. Otherwise, Liang Sheng might have no way to deal with it.

The next moment, the Heart Clearing Talisman turned into a stream of light and fell on Prince Wei's body. His entire body emitted strands of fluorescent light.

Then, a voice like a severe hangover came from Prince Wei's mouth. Seeing this, Emperor Wu couldn't help but be delighted, quickly stepping forward two steps, Brother Wei!

Prince Wei's eyes were lifeless, and it took him a while to focus his eyes, Imperial Brother, why are you here?

Immediately after, his face changed, Imperial Brother, run! There's danger here, someone wants to kill me, and we can't hold them off.

Prince Wei's face was full of fear, seemingly not fully awake yet, still thinking that he was before the attack, and not knowing that he had arrived at the Great Zhou Capital..

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Seeing this, Emperor Wu couldn't help but feel even angrier. Who dared to hurt the Great Zhou Royal Family?

At this moment, Liang Sheng suddenly spoke, Kun, you should leave first. Let me find out what's going on and then I'll explain it to you.

Emperor Wu nodded, but before leaving, he suggested, Ancestor, I am afraid something might happen to Brother Yang as well. Just in case, I'll have him come back too.

Liang Sheng naturally wouldn't object. He appreciated the Zhou family being cautious and prudent. Hearing Liang Sheng's agreement, Emperor Wu bowed and left.

Emperor Wu thought thoroughly. Prince Wei's reaction just now had already indicated that he had foreseen the danger but couldn't react in time.

If an Innate Master couldn't react in time, one could imagine how powerful the opponent was. And seeing the Ancestor's expression, he was afraid that the opponent was of the same kind as the Ancestor.

Because the Great Zhou Imperial Family didn't know the existence of the cultivation world under Liang Sheng's previous meticulous arrangement, Emperor Wu's speculation could only go so far.

Regardless of how Emperor Wu thought, at this moment in the great hall, Prince Wei had already told Liang Sheng the whole story from beginning to end.

After listening, Liang Sheng's face was still gloomy, but his heart was relieved. The enemy was not strong, and there was even a contradictory feeling. Even if Prince Wei was unconscious, he had been suffering unbearably.

Seeing this, Liang Sheng cast another Body Purification Talisman to heal the hidden injuries on Prince Wei's body. He looked at Liang Sheng with a fanatical expression.

As expected of the Ancestor.

However, at this moment, Liang Sheng was still deep in thought. He didn't know if there were others behind the opponent, so he was caught in a dilemma and hadn't thought of how to deal with the situation temporarily.

In the end, he was still too weak. Otherwise, why would it have come to this?

Name: Liang Sheng

Age: 241

Talent: Innocent Foolishness (Extreme)

Technique: Third Layer of Upper Pure Immortal Scripture, Sixteenth Layer of Twenty Life-Nurturing Techniques

Realm: Qi Cultivation Third Level (81%)

Lifespan: 9211

Although he could refine his own Qi Refining Pills, Liang Sheng couldnt possibly take them like candy every day. There were limited quantities of Elixir Refinement Spiritual Grass, and the success rate of refining pills wasnt high. Thus, Liang Sheng had not yet broken through to the Four Levels of Qi Cultivation. If there were no accidents, he would need at least four more years to break through.

However, compared to before, his cultivation speed was advancing rapidly. Without the Qi Refining Pills, Liang Sheng didnt know if he had broken through the Qi Cultivation Third Level by now.

Fortunately, according to Prince Weis account, even if the opponent was a cultivator, they might only be at the Qi Cultivation First Level, and their situation was even somewhat strange.

However, the problem was that the other party might still have people behind them, so the matter couldnt be easily concluded. But he had a way to verify it as well.

Wei, how do you feel if I accompany you back to your fiefdom?

Prince Wei was startled and then smiled widely.

Great luck!

What if you go back alone?

Great misfortune!

Liang Sheng nodded without saying anything else, letting Prince Wei rest first and not show his face temporarily to prevent the news of his awakening from getting out.

When Emperor Wu met with Liang Sheng alone, his expression was slightly more relaxed. Ancestor, I have already hurriedly informed Brother Yang to come back quietly within eight hundred miles. Nothing should happen.

Liang Sheng nodded and suddenly asked, Kun, how do you feel about leading an army to Prince Wei's fiefdom?

Upon hearing this, Emperor Wu was startled, and his face turned pale.

Not good.

What about staying in the capital?

All? Nothing happens!

Hearing Emperor Wu's words, Liang Sheng became more convinced of his guess. But he still had to wait until the King of Anyang returned.

Since that's the case

Liang Sheng made up his mind at this moment.

One month later, the King of Anyang secretly returned to the capital without anyone knowing. Countless people's eyes were on the capital, which might have been the first setback the Great Zhou had encountered since its founding.

At this moment, the envoys of various countries were also watching with cold eyes. But they didn't know why, and there was a faint sense of pleasure in their hearts.

Amidst this atmosphere, Liang Sheng called Emperor Wu, King of Anyang, and Prince Wei together and asked them the same questions again. Eventually, Liang Sheng reached a conclusion.

The other party would come to the capital and target Prince Wei!

And if they stayed in the Capital, the three of them all had the feeling of good fortune. However, if Prince Wei returned to his fief, Emperor Wu and King of Anyang would be unharmed, but Prince Wei would face a great disaster.

Given this information, Liang Sheng naturally chose to wait for the enemy, with Prince Wei staying in the capital. However, Liang Sheng would not directly show himself but would hide and observe from the shadows.

If the opponent really was defenseless, he could just deal with them cleanly and efficiently, removing the trouble. However, if things didn't feel secure, he would distance himself and regroup for further planning.

As for the possibility the enemy wouldn't come to the capital, it would mean that there were still flaws in the Zhou Family's bloodline ability, and he would need to reconsider his arrangements.

After making up his mind, Emperor Wu immediately began to act according to Liang Sheng's arrangements, and King of Anyang appeared in the court on the first day.

Observant people in the world sighed and believed that Great Zhou was cautious about Prince Wei's affairs, so King of Anyang was quietly brought back to the Capital.

But the next day, Prince Wei suddenly appeared at the court, shocking and then delighting the civil and military officials.

Emperor Wu directly stated that all the rumors about Prince Wei being gravely injured and returning to the capital after an attack were false. It was merely a routine visit, coinciding with the inspection of the new atmosphere of Great Zhou and other nations coming to pay respects.

The foreign envoys were even more amazed and puzzled. Hadn't the previous rumors said that Prince Wei was on the verge of death due to severe injuries? Who had spread the fake news!?

It deserved to be punished!

King of Anyangs quiet entry into the capital and Prince Weis rumored return had confused the world to prevent anyone from scheming. Emperor Wu of the Great Zhou's thoughts were as deep as the sea and unpredictable.

The story of the Great Zhou Capital continued, but all this had nothing to do with Liang Sheng. At this point, he was already hidden in the imperial palace, and even Emperor Wu didn't know his whereabouts.

He waited like this for a month.

That night, the moonlight was as usual, but Liang Sheng frowned and sensed a strange atmosphere.

The faint aura was somewhat similar to when Prince Wei was unconscious before. Liang Sheng did not become overly anxious but continued to lurk in the darkness.

The other party wasn't very careful. Although Emperor Wu and the others couldn't detect his presence, Liang Sheng could see everything clearly.

The opponent was indeed a Qi Cultivation First Level cultivator. No wonder Prince Wei was left severely injured and dying without any resistance.

However, if this was the case, why hadn't they killed Prince Wei directly? The arrival of this person further proved how strong the bloodline ability of the Zhou Family was.

Moreover, Liang Sheng finally understood why he had felt that the aura of the person behind the scenes was somewhat unusual before. It was because this person's lifespan seemed to be running out, perhaps less than ten years left.

A dying person is the most terrifying.

Liang Sheng followed the man while his target was clear, heading directly to the Imperial Library. It seemed that he had investigated the layout of the Imperial Palace long ago.

Imperial Library.

Emperor Wu Zhou Kun had just had a sudden inspiration. He didn't feel any sense of imminent disaster and couldn't help touching the talismans on his body.

With the Ancestor present, there was no need to worry.

The next moment, a faint breeze rose in the Imperial Library, and a sinister-looking man suddenly appeared in front of Emperor Wu.

Where is Prince Wei?

There was no movement from the guards outside the door. Emperor Wu Zhou Kun's expression remained calm, Is it you who almost caused the death of my brother Wei?

The other party didn't answer but directly made a move. Since the Emperor was uncooperative, there was no need to waste time.

At that instant, a wisp of black energy rushed towards Emperor Wu. He couldn't react in time, but in the next moment, the Vajra Talisman and the Heart Clearing Talisman on his body emitted a faint light.

Talismans!?

The intruder's expression changed instantly, looking bewildered and caught off guard by this unexpected development. The next moment, he turned and tried to flee.

Feeling that something was wrong tonight, he wanted to flee first and deal with the problem later. As someone from the Mortal World, he had never encountered methods from the Cultivation World, and his heart raced with a pounding sound.

Why did Great Zhou still have cultivation means?

At this moment, the intruder was panic-stricken. If he had known this beforehand, he wouldn't have tried to torture Prince Wei and would have killed him directly. Then there wouldn't have been any trouble today.

He wanted to escape, but in the next moment, more than ten gray-white flames appeared, suspended in the air, making people shudder involuntarily. Daoist friend, please stay!

Chapter 110: Nail-Head Seven Arrows Technique

The Great Zhou Capital.

The Imperial Palace, The Imperial Library.

Daoist Friend, hold on!

At this moment, the newcomer, seeing the fireball floating in midair, started to panic, his scalp tingling.

But as these words left his mouth, his tension eased, the hidden master seemed willing to speak with him, which offered some hope for his survival.

Who are you?

He was about to ask this question, but before he could speak, the next moment, a bursting Spirit Light abruptly appeared, carrying an overpowering force. He didn't even have time to react before his consciousness plunged into darkness.

Then, his head hit the ground, severed from his body. The blood only began to spray out in the next moment, and the fireball floating in the air instantly extinguished.

Even Emperor Wu of Zhou, a decisive person, couldn't help staring in disbelief. When the Ancestor spoke, he thought the Ancestor intended to delay time with a conversation.

But he never expected how the situation would change dramatically in the blink of an eye, the Ancestors move was swift, decisive, and left him in awe.

Such is our Ancestor of the Zhou family, shaping our Imperial Family, instilling in us a careful and conscientious demeanor.

If Liang Sheng were to know Zhou Kuns thoughts, he would probably think Zhou Kun was overthinking. Its indeed possible that the ancestors of Zhou family and him were of the same kind, but its a pity they never met.

Kun, go out.

Upon hearing this, Zhou Kun did not hesitate, immediately left The Imperial Library, and ordered the Imperial Army to secure the perimeter of twenty meters, forbidding anyone to enter. He personally stood guard outside the door of The Imperial Library.bender

Inside the room, it was only now that Liang Sheng heaved a sigh of relief, the Fireball Technique and his speech were just means to stabilize the situation, after all, what was there to discuss with him?

A good enemy is a dead enemy.

After all, who knew if this cultivator had any hidden tricks left. Base on his experiences from the countless dramatic situations in his past life, speaking too much now would merely serve as an insult to his past-life profession.

At this time, Liang Sheng calmed his feelings and began searching the cultivators body, without any care for the blood, soon discovering silver notes, a nail-head tiny arrow, a jade slip, and two books. There was nothing else to find.

After having confirmed his finding several times, Liang Sheng immediately executed a Fireball Technique, instantly evaporating the corpse, leaving no trace of its existence.

Outside, Emperor Wu, having already received Liang Sheng's message, entered the room to find no one.

Kun, be cautious these days. I will be in the palace, so don't worry.

This Qi Cultivation First Level cultivator was not a normal person.

After all, which normal person keeps a diary?

At this moment, Liang Sheng was flipping through the two books left behind by the deceased cultivator, initially thinking they would reveal a high-ranking background, yet one was the man's diary, and the other a fragmented Qi Training Method.

But this was an unexpected pleasant surprise. Liang Sheng had already given up hope of finding out the cultivator's origin, yet unexpectedly, the information fell into his hands so easily.

Understanding the cultivator's diary, Liang Sheng realized why Prince Wei almost lost his life, attributing it all to coincidence.

Liang Sheng sighed in relief. The worldly world remained as he knew it, cultivators seldom existed, only occasionally due to a fortunate coincidence.

The previous royal family of East Sun Country did have a brush with Immortal Destiny, yet the family that Zhou Dynasty had defeated and replaced was in fact the result of a local worldly force overthrowing the old dynasty and establishing a new one.

Meaning, the Royal Family of East Sun Country that the Great Zhou destroyed did not actually have a cultivation background. Unfortunately, it could be said that Prince Wei was unlucky to encounter such an anomaly.

During the overthrow of the previous dynasty in East Sun Country, a distinguished military official managed to secure the previous dynasty's method of cultivation and kept it for himself.

Alas, by the time East Sun Country fell, this noble military officials lineage had been passed down for more than a thousand years, yet nobody in the family had ever succeeded in cultivation.

The cultivator he had killed today, at the first level of cultivation, was a member of the noble military officials family, but had no hope in cultivation until he accidentally ate a spirit fruit on his eightieth birthday, unexpectedly opening the door to cultivation.

With the allure of cultivation at his door, he immediately entered closed-door cultivation and paid no attention to the worldly affairs. When he finally stabilized his Qi Cultivation First Stage, by the time he reappeared, East Sun Country had already been integrated into Prince Wei's territory.

This would not have been a problem, as dynasty changes were common. The trouble arose when his family accidentally violated the laws of Prince Wei's territory. Coupled with their status as honored warriors of the old dynasty, naturally, with no surprise, they were eradicated.

What transpired afterward was just a series of unfortunate events. One could only say Prince Wei was unlucky to encounter such a one in a thousand years scenario.

However, while relieved, Liang Sheng stared at the jade slip and the nail-head tiny arrow in astonishment. The jade slip recorded several curse techniques.

The minor curse technique that Prince Wei had previously been inflicted with nearly claimed his life if it weren't for Liang Sheng's intervention. Prince Wei would have agonizingly met his end.

But this was not the biggest surprise. Inside the record was a formidable forbidden curse technique, the Nail-Head Seven Arrows Technique, or perhaps more aptly termed sorcery!

A cultivator can use this technique in association with the nail-head tiny arrow, offering his lifespan to curse the opponent, thereby depleting the opponent's lifespan.

If both parties are of the same stage, like Qi Cultivation against Qi Cultivation, the sacrificial offering of lifespan for the curse would equally lessen the opponent's lifespan..