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Chapter 2391: No Payment Required

"Do not be disappointed!"

Fang Bai patted Tiankui Immortal Emperor on the shoulder and said with a smile, "Although you have to start cultivation from the beginning after your rebirth, in another sense, this is a blessing in disguise."

Seeing the puzzled look on Tiankui Immortal Emperor's face, Fang Bai said, "The physical body I have possessed now is stronger than the one in my previous life, and my cultivation progress is faster. I am confident that within a hundred years, I can return to my peak cultivation level!"

Tiankui Immortal Emperor's eyes lit up once again.

Fang Bai's physique in his previous life was well known to him; it was a rare Desolate Ancient Divine Body with five Innate Spiritual Roots, which enabled him to reach the pinnacle of the Immortal Dao and become a supreme existence that swept through the ages and shook the Immortal Realm.

If what Fang Bai said was true, wouldn't his cultivation in this life quickly return to its peak and even surpass his previous life?

"A thousand years ago, I taught you what I could, and there's nothing new I can teach now. Take this Water of Life and keep it safe..."

As Fang Bai spoke, a fist-sized orb of Water of Life flowed out from the Five Elements Space Ring and appeared before Tiankui Immortal Emperor.

Tiankui Immortal Emperor sensed the vast and powerful life force emanating from the Water of Life, knowing it was a rare supreme treasure. He hurriedly took out a jade bottle and carefully stored the Water of Life.

"The power of the Water of Life is strong; be careful not to be greedy. In the future, when you feel you have reached the critical point for advancement, just take a drop, and leave the rest for the high-

potential disciples in the sect. I hope you will achieve a breakthrough soon, and the overall strength of the sect can reach a new level!"

Fang Bai continued.

"I will remember the Palace Master's words!"

Tiankui Immortal Emperor nodded vigorously.

Fang Bai and Tiankui Immortal Emperor spent an entire day in the Sect Master Hall. The tens of thousands of Heaven Fiend Sect disciples waiting outside did not dare to leave without the sect master's orders and sat cross-legged in the square, cultivating and nourishing themselves.

When Fang Bai and Tiankui Immortal Emperor walked out of the Sect Master Hall, all the Heaven Fiend Sect disciples who were cultivating stood up.

Some observant disciples noticed that although the sect master and Alchemist Fang walked out side by side, the sect master was surprisingly respectful, treating Alchemist Fang as if he were an Upper Immortal.

While they were puzzled, thinking the treatment given to Alchemist Fang exceeded his status, who would speak out?

"From today, Alchemist Fang is a tribute to our Heaven Fiend Sect! From now on, when you see him, it's as if you're seeing me!"

Tiankui Immortal Emperor stood on the steps at the front of the square, looked over the tens of thousands of disciples below, and said loudly.

The fact that Fang Bai became a tribute to the Heaven Fiend Sect was something the disciples had long anticipated, so they were not surprised and responded in unison, paying respects to Fang Bai.

Fang Bai had already informed Tiankui Immortal Emperor that in private they could address each other as mentor and disciple, but in public, Fang Bai was just the sect's tribute, and there was no need for excessive courtesy.

"You all know that I am both an Alchemist and an Artifact Refiner. Since I've become your tribute, I should do something for you... Alright, those of you who need help with alchemy or artifact refining can come to me."

Looking at the nearly ten thousand disciples of Heaven Fiend Sect on the square, Fang Bai thought that these were Tiankui Immortal Emperor's disciples and students, and thus his own disciples and grandchildren; they would surely become part of the Emperor's Palace in the future, so they needed proper training.

"Fang, since we are now like family, you won't need any compensation for helping us with alchemy and artifact refining, will you?"

A disciple from Heaven Fiend Sect asked.

Upon hearing this, tens of thousands of disciples focused their attention on Fang Bai, waiting to see how he would respond.

In the Immortal Realm, few could perform alchemy or artifact refining, and even fewer could create high-level Immortal Pills and Immortal Artifacts. An Alchemist and Artifact Refiner like Fang Bai, famous and respected for helping others, charged significant fees; saving these fees would be ideal.

However, in the Immortal Realm, alchemists and artifact refiners generally had an unspoken rule: unless it was close family or a dear friend, or the alchemist or artifact refiner waived the fee willingly, a fee had to be paid.

And the amount of this fee was not fixed; it was up to the alchemist or artifact refiner to decide.

Naturally, that disciple's suggestion of "no compensation" was a jest, as he also understood that even being a sect's tribute, after creating a fixed number of Immortal Pills or Immortal Artifacts, he could

charge afterward, though it might be less than other alchemists or artifact refiners in Canglan Immortal City.

The disciple who asked Fang Bai hoped not to have him do it for free but to charge less so it wouldn't burden them too much.

Tiankui Immortal Emperor glared at the disciple, annoyed at his excessive mouth, intending to scold him, but saw Fang Bai pointing at the disciple and saying with a smile, "You're right, we are family. How can I charge family for alchemy and artifact refining?"

Upon hearing this, tens of thousands of Heaven Fiend Sect disciples buzzed with excitement, their joy indescribable.

"Alchemist Fang, are you really offering to refine alchemy and artifacts for us at no cost?"

A Heaven Fiend Sect disciple asked excitedly.

Fang Bai said, "You heard correctly, it's free!"

"Great!"

"Thank you, Alchemist Fang!"

In front of the Sect Master Hall, the square was filled with cheers from tens of thousands of disciples, their voices echoing wave after wave.

For most Heaven Fiend Sect disciples, requesting other alchemists or artifact refiners in Canglan Immortal City to refine for them would cost a fortune in cultivation resources, and success was not guaranteed.

However, it was said that Alchemist Fang had a high success rate in refining. If he offered to help the disciples for free, it would be a major relief, allowing each disciple to save a significant amount of cultivation resources.

Seeing the joy on Fang Bai's face, Tiankui Immortal Emperor felt relieved and cautiously said, "Alchemist Fang, this... may not be suitable, right?"

He knew Fang Bai had many things to do, and if staying here to refine for the disciples interfered with other priorities, it could be problematic.

Fang Bai waved his hand and said, "No problem, I'll stay for a few days to refine some Immortal Pills and Immortal Artifacts for everyone, as a gift for meeting you all."

"On behalf of the tens of thousands of Heaven Fiend Sect disciples, thank you, Alchemist Fang."

Tiankui Immortal Emperor bowed deeply to Fang Bai with his fists clasped.

In the following days, Fang Bai refined some Immortal Pills and Immortal Artifacts for the Heaven Fiend Sect disciples and also took a large amount of cultivation resources from the Five Elements Space Ring to distribute among the disciples. This act of generosity greatly increased the disciples' favor toward him.

Chapter 2392: Only Revenge Can Dispel the Inner Demon

The day before leaving the Heaven Fiend Sect, Fang Bai once again had the Tiankui Immortal Emperor gather all the disciples to explain the Dao of Cultivation to them.

Tiankui Immortal Emperor was overjoyed upon hearing this, knowing how big of an opportunity the Palace Master's explanation was for his disciples. He specifically instructed them to listen carefully to Fang Bai's words, warning that missing even a single word could lead to lifelong regret.

Initially, some disciples of the Heaven Fiend Sect were indifferent, but after hearing Fang Bai's explanation, each was utterly captivated, realizing that every word contained a hint of Taoist Rhyme and profound truth. Only then did they realize the Sect Master's words were true.

Even after Fang Bai bid farewell to Tiankui Immortal Emperor the following day, the disciples of the Heaven Fiend Sect were still immersed in their cultivation state.

In the period that followed, many disciples of the Heaven Fiend Sect experienced ambrosia baptism-like epiphanies, attempting to break through to new realms, causing waves of immortal qi from the promotion to ripple throughout the sect's territory.

One could say that after Fang Bai's visit to the Heaven Fiend Sect, the entire sect was revitalized. Ten thousand disciples were filled with enthusiasm, leading to an unprecedented wave of cultivation.

Soon after this cultivation wave, Tiankui Immortal Emperor selected some disciples with relatively high aptitude from the sect and bestowed upon them the Water of Life gifted by Fang Bai, offering them another chance to advance.

Consequently, the overall strength of the Heaven Fiend Sect saw a significant enhancement, causing other opposing Immortal Sects and Immortal Gates to grow fearful. They either strictly restrained their disciples from clashing with the Heaven Fiend Sect disciples or brought lavish gifts to negotiate peace actively.

For a time, the Heaven Fiend Sect's fame spread far and wide, with its prestige dramatically increased.

After leaving the Heaven Fiend Sect, Fang Bai returned to Canglan Immortal City and reunited with Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, Fang Yun, Fang Gang, and Yang Mei.

"What? The Sect Master of the Heaven Fiend Sect is actually your disciple? And his true title is Tiankui Immortal Emperor?"

Upon hearing about Fang Bai's adventures in the Heaven Fiend Sect, Fang Yun, Fang Gang, and Yang Mei were all greatly astonished.

They had been living in Red Bead Town for many years and had heard of the Heaven Fiend Sect's reputation. They knew its Sect Master was a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert, but they never imagined that such a powerful immortal, whom they could only look up to, would have such deep connections with Fang Bai.

"If we had known earlier that Tiankui Immortal Emperor was your disciple, we would have approached him for some cultivation resources over the years, and we wouldn't have been in such dire straits."

Fang Yun said jokingly, then added, "Of course, we are strangers in the Immortal Realm and dare not casually reveal our relationship with you to other immortals. Otherwise, if the subordinates of the eight top Immortal Emperors found out, the consequences would be unimaginable."

Fang Gang nodded, saying, "The Immortal Realm is treacherous, and caution is always advisable. Although we have been lacking cultivation resources over these years and have lived somewhat miserably, at least we've been safe."

Yang Mei added, "Safety is a blessing! To me, no matter how strong one's cultivation is, it can't compare to the peace and safety of having the family together!"

In Yang Mei's view, the eight top Immortal Emperors of the Immortal Realm were too powerful, with disciples exceeding a million in number. They were an unshakable force. Fang Bai's goal of returning to the Immortal Realm to seek revenge on the eight top Immortal Emperors seemed like a distant dream, filled with countless dangers, where one wrong step could lead to total failure.

Yang Mei felt that instead of being obsessed with revenge, it would be better for Fang Bai to find a secluded place with his family, to live peacefully, leaving revenge to destiny.

Fang Gang, aware of Yang Mei's feelings due to their many years as husband and wife, said, "The Emperor's Palace was destroyed, and many disciples perished. This is Fang Bai's obsession, a heart demon. Only by avenging these losses and rebuilding the Emperor's Palace can this heart demon be completely eliminated, allowing him to make significant progress in his cultivation. Therefore, we must help Fang Bai."

Yang Mei sighed upon hearing this, looking at Fang Bai with uncertainty about what to say.

Fang Bai smiled at Yang Mei and said, "Once I've destroyed the eight Immortal Emperors and rebuilt the Emperor's Palace, I will peacefully accompany you both in the Carefree Immortal Realm."

"Do as you will! I can't control you now anyway..."

Yang Mei sighed again, her tone somewhat resigned. She gazed at Fang Bai, considering reaching out to touch his head but refrained, remembering Fang Bai's other identity. She said, "Be careful in everything from now on and protect yourself! If anything were to happen to you, no matter how long our lifespans, it would be meaningless to live."

"Yes, I understand."

From her words, Fang Bai felt deep affection and, moved, he nodded emphatically.

In the Immortal Residence in Canglan Immortal City, Fang Bai and the others stayed for several months.

During these months, they were hoping for news of friends and relatives ascending from the Mortal Realm to the Immortal Realm, but to no avail.

"It seems it's time for us to leave."

Fang Bai thought that it's been months since he sent out his bounty message in Canglan Immortal City, with countless immortals helping to search for news of friends and relatives. Since no useful information has been obtained, it indicates that at least within a million miles, there's no trace of those friends and relatives.

Thus, Fang Bai made a decisive decision to leave Canglan Immortal City and look elsewhere or perhaps visit the Transcending Heaven Domain, the fifth Heavenly Domain of the Immortal Realm.

Upon leaving Canglan Immortal City, Fang Bai used the Beast Taming Scripture to summon two Wind Rocs. He, along with Xia Chenyu and Qin Yaorao, shared one Wind Roc, while Fang Yun, Fang Gang, and Yang Mei took the other, flying southward.

Fang Bai remembered that heading south from here lies a vast sea called the Antarctica Sea. This sea is dotted with numerous Immortal Islands, where the scenery is beautiful and rich in Immortal Qi, home to many powerful immortals.

"Antarctica Immortal Emperor? Could he be your disciple as well?"

Upon hearing that Fang Bai intended to visit an immortal named Antarctica Immortal Emperor at the Antarctica Sea, Xia Chenyu casually asked.

Fang Bai replied, "He was an immortal friend I made during my previous life's training. At that time, my cultivation was only at the Immortal Emperor Realm, and together, we killed an evil Immortal Emperor Realm expert, who we later found out was under one of the eight top Immortal Emperors, the Red Lotus Immortal Emperor..."

Qin Yaorao exclaimed, "Oh dear, Red Lotus Immortal Emperor surely wouldn't let you off, would he?"

"Red Lotus Immortal Emperor was probably furious and sent many subordinates to hunt us down, but we managed to escape each time."

Fang Bai said with a proud smile, adding, "Eventually, we fled to the Antarctica Sea. Finding the scenery beautiful and secluded, Antarctica Immortal Emperor decided to settle there, while I continued my training. So, my relationship with Antarctica Immortal Emperor can be considered a life-and-death friendship. However, I'm unsure if he was implicated after the destruction of the Emperor's Palace. It's a good chance this time to visit him and see."

Chapter 2393: Antarctica Sea

Two Wind Rocs at the fifth grade of Immortal King Realm spread their wings, flying tens of thousands of miles a day, finally reaching a sea area after a month-long journey.

This is the Antarctic Sea, stretching as far as the eye can see, with waves surging on the sea surface, a mix of white and blue. In the sky, auspicious clouds formed by Water Immortal Qi float, and flocks of Immortal Birds pass through the clouds, heading towards some Nameless Immortal Islands in the distance.

"We've reached the Antarctic Sea; the Antarctic Immortal Island is not far now. In a few days, we'll be able to fly there."

Fang Bai pointed forward and said.

At this moment, a streak of white light flashed out from the sea below, shooting towards the Wind Roc Fang Bai was riding.

With that streak of white light approaching, a powerful aura also pressed forward.

The flying height of the two Wind Rocs was only about a hundred meters above the sea. In the blink of an eye, the white light reached below the Wind Roc Fang Bai was riding.

The fifth-grade Wind Roc sensed the intense threat. Although controlled by Fang Bai, its consciousness was hazy, yet it was startled, its massive body trembling involuntarily.

Fang Bai willed the Wind Roc to move several meters to the right, then stretched out his hand into the void. The Immortal Essence Big Palm formed from Immortal Qi had already tightly grasped the streak of white light, bringing it back in front.

"What is this thing?"

Fang Yun on the back of the nearby Wind Roc saw clearly what Fang Bai held, and couldn't help but exclaim.

Sitting behind Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu and Qin Yaorao focused their gaze and noticed that the streak of white light was a white serpent about one meter long. Although gripped by the Immortal Essence Big Palm Fang Bai summoned, it still wriggled and struggled vigorously, eyes fierce with a menacing light.

"Haha, it's a Snow Serpent. A fifth-grade Snow Serpent of Immortal King Realm, delivered right to us, what a culinary delight!"

Fang Bai chuckled lightly. Seeing the Snow Serpent coil its body as if attempting to entwine him, he reached out and flicked its vital spot lightly, causing the struggling serpent to go limp.

"You haven't seen a Snow Serpent since arriving in the Immortal Realm, have you? It seems they only exist in the Antarctic Sea. In the eyes of immortals, they are a top-tier delicacy among Sea Beasts! I'll prepare it for you to taste!"

As Fang Bai spoke, the Immortal Essence Big Palm shook a few times, and in the blink of an eye, the Snow Serpent was stripped of its skin.

"Fire!"

Fang Bai softly commanded, the Immortal Essence Big Palm blazed up with a roar, and the Immortal Fire enveloped the Snow Serpent.

Moments later, under the Immortal Fire's roasting, the skinned Snow Serpent sizzled, emitting waves of savory aroma that wafted into the noses of Xia Chenyu and the other immortals.

"Smells delicious!"

Xia Chenyu sniffed deeply, her eyes shining as she looked at the nearly cooked Snow Serpent in Fang Bai's Immortal Essence Big Palm, her fingers itching.

"Snow Serpent meat is delicious and beneficial to the cultivation of immortals. Come, have a taste!"

After several more breaths, Fang Bai withdrew the Immortal Fire, and using his palm as a knife, swiftly sliced the roasted Snow Serpent into thin slices, which flew over to Xia Chenyu, Qin Yaorao, Fang Yun, Fang Gang, and Yang Mei.

Xia Chenyu didn't stand on ceremony, opening her mouth as a slice of Snow Serpent meat flew in, chewing lightly, the aroma filled her mouth, tender beyond compare.

As the Snow Serpent meat entered her stomach, it transformed into a wisp of Immortal Qi that spread throughout her body, enveloping her in comfort.

"Delicious!"

Fang Yun had only eaten one slice but couldn't stop. In a few quick bites, she finished the Snow Serpent meat floating before her, then looked longingly at some remaining before Fang Bai, asking, "Brother, is there more?"

Fang Bai laughed heartily, raising his right hand and waving it casually, sending the remaining Snow Serpent meat flying over to Fang Yun's side.

"Fang Bai, catch more Snow Serpents! I want to eat more!"

Xia Chenyu, her appetite unappeased despite having eaten much, urged on.

Qin Yaorao said, "If you can catch more, I'd like to have some more too!"

Fang Bai replied, "Alright! This time, I'll let you have your fill!"

With a long whistle from Fang Bai, the two sea hawks came under his control and flew closer to the sea.

The two Wind Rocs, accompanied by two sea hawks, flew a certain distance when several more streaks of white light shot up from the sea, aiming at the two sea hawks.

This time, though the two Snow Serpents weren't as powerful as the previous one, they were also comparable to the Immortal King Realm. They shot into the air and coiled around the two sea hawks, preparing to haul their prey back to the sea to feast. But they were seized by the True Yuan Big Palms Fang Bai summoned and drawn back.

Fang Bai repeated the process, roasting the newly caught Snow Serpents, keeping a portion for himself, and sharing the rest with the five immortals, Xia Chenyu and the others.

After enjoying their meal, Fang Bai then controlled the Wind Roc to continue flying toward the depths of the Antarctic Sea.

"In the Antarctic Sea, there are not only delicious Snow Serpents, but once we reach the Antarctic Immortal Emperor's island, if you're lucky, you might even eat an Immortal Peach."

While flying, Fang Bai added.

Qin Yaorao asked, "Is the Immortal Peach from the Antarctic Immortal Emperor better than the ones grown on the Peach Tree in your Five Elements Space Ring?"

Fang Bai, who once obtained Peach seeds, planted them under the World Tree, alongside the Water of Life. Due to the nurturing of Immortal Qi released by the World Tree and the Water of Life, the Peach seeds have now grown into a Peach Tree, bearing dozens of Peaches, though still far from their maturity date.

Normally, Peaches take three thousand years to flower, three thousand years to fruit, and three thousand years to mature.

Meaning, from blooming to being edible, it takes about ten thousand years.

However, owing to the presence of the World Tree and Water of Life in the Five Elements Space Ring, though Fang Bai planted only a Peach seed within, from taking root to fruiting, it shortened the usual timeframe by almost a hundredfold, a veritable miracle.

Xia Chenyu and Qin Yaorao had previously entered Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring and saw the Peach Tree within, eagerly anticipating the peaches' maturity.

Fang Bai smiled and said, "Both are Immortal Peaches, each has its merits. It's hard to say which is better. I've been absent from the Immortal Realm for over a thousand years now; thinking carefully, the Immortal Peach on the Antarctic Island should be maturing soon."

Xia Chenyu licked her lips, tender as cherries, tugged at Fang Bai's sleeve, and pleaded, "If we reach the Antarctic Island and find the Immortal Peaches mature, how about you get us a few to try?"

Fang Bai replied, "That would be easy! If the Antarctic Immortal Emperor is stingy and unwilling to share more, I'll sneak some for you all!"

Amidst laughter and chatter, a black dot appeared on the Immortal Qi-dense sea in the distance, growing into a large island spanning hundreds of miles as they approached.

"That's the Antarctic Island... something's wrong!"

Fang Bai's face changed suddenly, his figure flickered, leaping off the Wind Roc and flying towards the Antarctic Island.

"There's a murderous aura and the scent of blood!"

Xia Chenyu and the other immortals exchanged glances, seeing some seriousness in each other's eyes as they too flew quickly towards the Antarctic Island from their Wind Roc.

Upon landing, they discovered the island was in ruins, walls crumbled, chaos everywhere, remnants of a fierce battle lingering in the air.

Fang Bai was crouched beside a barely breathing young girl, clenching his fists, his eyes fuming with rage.

Chapter 2394: Immortal Island Maiden

The girl appeared to be fourteen or fifteen years old, her eyes tightly shut, her face pale with weak vitality, and was in a comatose state.

Although her dress was tattered and bloodstained, one could still faintly see her extremely beautiful features.

Xia Chenyu and other immortals walked to Fang Bai's side, looking at the unconscious girl, and then at Fang Bai, whose body was filled with a violent aura. They were curious, wondering if Fang Bai knew the girl.

"Fang Bai, do you know this female immortal?"

Xia Chenyu crouched down, focused her gaze on the girl's face, and softly asked.

Fang Bai took a deep breath, shook his head, and said, "I don't know..."

"Then you..."

"She is most likely the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's daughter."

Fang Bai wiped the blood from the girl's face, studying her features, and said: "Although I've never seen her, her features faintly resemble the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's, and the aura she emits is similar to his as well. Obviously, the immortal techniques she practices are inherited from the Antarctica Immortal Emperor..."

Pausing, he continued: "I remember back then, the Antarctica Immortal Emperor told me he would always reside in seclusion on Antarctica Island, then find an immortal partner and have a beautiful and obedient daughter to raise..."

As he said this, he suddenly noticed the unconscious girl's body moved, her brows furrowing in pain, and she murmured: "Father..."

Fang Bai hastily helped her sit up, slowly channeling a strand of Chaos Immortal Qi into her body.

Fang Bai's Chaos Immortal Qi was more effective than any immortal pills in the Immortal Realm.

A moment later, the girl's flowery face regained some color, her breathing gradually stabilized, and her vitality was strengthening.

"You... you..."

The girl slowly opened her eyes, and upon seeing Fang Bai and the other immortals in front of her, she appeared like a frightened little rabbit, with a look of panic, pushing her feet back non-stop.

"What a beautiful girl!"

When the girl opened her eyes, it was as if a painting suddenly came to life, radiating dazzling brilliance. Even Xia Chenyu and Qin Yaorao, such stunning female immortals, felt a sense of amazement upon seeing her appearance.

The girl's eyes were very large, resembling those of an anime beauty in the mortal world, with pupils as blue as the ocean, deep and pure, without a trace of impurity. Once seen, they would not be forgotten.

Her frightened and retreating posture involuntarily evoked a sense of pity, making one want to embrace and protect her.

"Is your father the Antarctica Immortal Emperor?"

Fang Bai quickly restrained the violent aura on his body, his gaze softening, and asked gently.

The girl tightly closed her mouth, her eyes filled with fear and vigilance as she looked at Fang Bai and the other immortals.

"Little sister, don't be afraid, we are not bad people!"

Qin Yaorao stepped forward a few steps, crouched beside the girl, lightly stroking her chestnut hair with her palm, smiling softly.

She was of unrivaled beauty among female immortals, and her warm smile was easily endearing.

Indeed, after the girl glanced at Qin Yaorao, the fear and vigilance in her expression lessened considerably.

"He is a friend of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, who came specifically to visit this time... Little sister, if your father is the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, just nod your head. No matter what has happened here, he will stand up for you!"

Qin Yaorao pointed at Fang Bai.

Fang Bai nodded and said: "Yes! My name is Fang Bai, your father definitely is the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, right? He should have mentioned me in front of you, right?"

When the girl heard the name "Fang Bai," her body trembled, her eyes filled with infinite joy, replacing the previously present fear and vigilance. She gazed intently at Fang Bai, stammering: "You... you... are Uncle Fang Bai?"

When the girl uttered "Uncle Fang Bai," Fang Bai was convinced of her identity. With a joyful expression, he said: "Yes! I am! I am your Uncle Fang Bai!"

The girl wobbly stood up, disregarding her injuries, circulated the immortal techniques, and rapidly gathered Wood Immortal Qi around her. Then, within a hundred-foot radius centered on her body, flowers suddenly bloomed out of thin air.

The flowers bloomed luxuriantly, their fragrance permeating. Fang Bai and the other immortals felt as though they had suddenly been transported into a world of flowers.

"One Thought Bloom..."

Looking at the flowers blooming around, Fang Bai's lips displayed a hint of smile.

One Thought Bloom is a wood-secret technique, which Fang Bai once taught to the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, who must have taught it to the girl in front of him.

Fang Bai knows, based on the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's character, if this girl was not his flesh and blood, he would never have passed on the secret technique Fang Bai taught him to any other immortals.

The Wood Immortal Qi condensed flowers were vivid and realistic, seemingly beautiful but containing heavy killing intent. With a single thought from the girl, the flowers would explode, and countless petals would transform into a rain of flowers, launching a ferocious attack on the opponent.

"You... you know One Thought Bloom?"

The girl looked at Fang Bai, her eyes filled with even more delight.

Fang Bai smiled and said: "This One Thought Bloom was what I taught your father back then. Do you think I know it?"

As Fang Bai spoke, Wood Immortal Qi circulated around him as well, instantly condensing countless flowers.

His cultivation level was much stronger than the girl's, and the flowers he conjured were more colorful and stunning. The fragrance that filled the air intoxicated Xia Chenyu and the other immortals.

If Fang Bai were to attack at this moment, the intoxicated Xia Chenyu and the other immortals would be caught off guard, and none would escape unscathed.

"Uncle Fang Bai!"

Seeing Fang Bai wield the One Thought Bloom secret technique, the girl had no doubts about his identity. She joyfully cried out, her face covered with tears, and leapt into Fang Bai's arms like a swallow returning to the forest, hugging him tightly and weeping, as if she had endless grievances to pour out.

Ever since she was born, the girl heard her father frequently mention the name Fang Bai, describing how formidable this Uncle Fang Bai was. Thus, although she had never met him, she had already developed an extreme admiration for Uncle Fang Bai.

A short while ago, the immortal island where the girl lived encountered a calamity. In her despair, she hoped that Uncle Fang Bai would suddenly appear to save her, then she was grievously injured and fell unconscious.

Now, the Uncle Fang Bai whom she had admired since childhood actually appeared in front of her. How could she not be overwhelmed with excitement?

Upon seeing Fang Bai, it was as if she had found a close relative, causing her to lose all composure and burst into tears when thinking of the terrors she had previously undergone.

Fang Bai felt the girl's body trembling lightly, knowing she had been quite frightened before. His heart was full of both pity and heartache as he gently patted the girl's back, continuously comforting her with warm words.

"... Several immortals kidnapped my mother, then used her life to threaten my father... They wanted my father to cede Antarctica Immortal Island and take the Immortal Peach Tree on it, and they wanted me to become an immortal partner of one of them... My father refused and battled with them... Later, I was grievously injured by an immortal, lost consciousness, and knew nothing..."

After crying for a while, the girl finally extracted herself from Fang Bai's embrace. Her exquisitely small face was slightly blushing, and she took two steps back, speaking softly to Fang Bai.

Chapter 2395: The Three Immortals of Bamboo Island

On Antarctica Island grow Immortal Peach Trees, which bear Immortal Peaches. These peaches are highly beneficial to immortals' cultivation and easily coveted by others.

The girl in front of him had large eyes and snow-white skin, delicate and charming, and having inherited the Innate Wood Spirit Root from the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, she naturally attracted many male immortals who wished to marry her.

However, the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was powerful and lived in seclusion in the depths of the Antarctica Sea, rarely interacting with other immortals. So who could these immortals be that wished to forcibly take over his Immortal Island and marry his daughter?

"Do you know the titles or origins of those immortals?"

Fang Bai's eyes flashed with severity as he sternly asked.

Fang Bai understood that those immortals who feared not the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and sought to take his Immortal Island must have strength far beyond his own. Yet having encountered this issue, he couldn't just leave it alone.

"I don't know..."

The girl concentrated, shook her head, and then said, "Those three immortals couldn't match my father alone. Later, they formed a peculiar formation and gained the upper hand... Oh, their Immortal Artifacts were all made of bamboo..."

Fang Bai muttered, "Three immortals... bamboo... Could it be the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island? Do you remember their appearances and attire?"

Fang Bai had some recollection of the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island, knowing they lived on Bamboo Immortal Island, a hundred thousand miles away from Antarctica Island, and were three sworn brothers.

The Three Immortals of Bamboo Island from years ago had cultivation levels comparable to the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, but their battle prowess was slightly inferior. They always stayed out of each other's way, maintaining peace. Upon hearing the girl mention the use of bamboo as Immortal Artifacts, Fang Bai immediately thought of them.

As for the peculiar formation the girl mentioned, Fang Bai wasn't sure. He thought if the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island had indeed invaded Antarctica Island, they might have had some fate or opportunity, learning some Immortal Array.

The girl said, "All three wore green robes, had beards, were very thin, and looked sharp-faced and ugly..."

Fang Bai snorted coldly, exuding Killing Qi, "Indeed, it's the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island!"

The girl was obviously unaware of who the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island were, asking blankly, "We have no grudge with the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island, why would they do this?"

Qin Yaorao sighed, "Little sister, you already said they want to seize your Immortal Island, take your Immortal Peach Trees, and covet you... That's why they acted!"

The girl sniffed, tears flowing again, sobbing, "So it's my fault father and mother had trouble... No wonder mother used to say that my looks would be a disaster in the future..."

The girl was so beautiful that her looks were extremely rare, even in the Immortal Realm. Her mother had praised her beauty, calling her a "disaster," but the girl felt her looks were the reason for her parents' trouble.

"Let's go to Bamboo Island!"

Fang Bai decided promptly.

From the girl's words, he learned that the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, because his Immortal Partner was captured and his daughter was severely injured, desperately fought the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island. They moved mountains and seas, flying and escaping, and now it's unclear where the battle reached or the current situation.

Fang Bai decided to first go to Bamboo Island, hoping to find some traces there.

Antarctica Island was originally magnificent, filled with Immortal Qi, but after a great battle, everything was nearly flattened, with even the most precious Immortal Peach Tree uprooted and missing.

Without the Immortal Peach Tree, Antarctica Island seemed devoid of life, flowers wilted, grass withered, and the beautiful scenery gone, turning into a deserted island.

Even if Fang Bai rescued the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and his wife from Bamboo Island, they probably would no longer wish to live here.

The daughter of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was named Fan Hua, symbolizing her beauty as radiant as a bloom of flowers.

When the Antarctica Immortal Emperor named his daughter, he was inspired by Fang Bai's secret technique "One Thought Bloom."

When "One Thought Bloom" was cast, lush and beautiful flowers would bloom around the caster; seeing his daughter amidst blossoming flowers, the Antarctica Immortal Emperor named her Fan Hua.

Although Fang Bai infused a strand of Chaos Immortal Qi into Fan Hua, her injuries needed more time to fully heal. But Fang Bai was in a hurry to go to Bamboo Island to find traces of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, so he left Xia Chenyu and other immortals to accompany Fan Hua in the Five Elements Space Ring to recuperate, while he rode the Wind Roc, accelerating towards Bamboo Island, a hundred thousand miles away.

Bamboo Island was much larger than Antarctica Island; Antarctica Island only housed the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's family of three, whereas the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island had accepted hundreds of disciples, making them a formidable force in the Antarctica Sea.

Fang Bai came to rescue the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and his wife, but upon arriving at Bamboo Island, he was shocked to find it in ruins, even more wrecked than Antarctica Island.

The hundreds of disciples on Bamboo Island were all dead, bodies scattered everywhere, incomplete and lifeless.

The once stunning and majestic buildings were reduced to crumbling ruins.

The flowers, plants, Immortal Birds, and Immortal Beasts once ubiquitous on the island had vanished without a trace...

The air in this area was filled with brutal, violent, and bloody murderous aura, and Fang Bai sensed a trace of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's presence among the residual Immortal Qi left at the scene.

Fang Bai felt both worried and relieved.

Relieved that the presence of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's aura indicated he hadn't died on Bamboo Island.

Worried about where the Antarctica Immortal Emperor could be, and what his current state was. Alive or dead?

Fang Bai frowned deeply, circled Bamboo Island, and then landed, releasing Fan Hua and the other immortals from the Five Elements Space Ring.

After a period of recuperation in the Five Elements Space Ring, Fan Hua's injuries had fully healed, and her face, whiter than snow and fairer than frost, now had a rosy hue like peach blossoms, looking even more beautiful and lovely.

Her originally tattered dress was replaced with new clothes, still in shades of pink, with her waist cinched by a pale yellow silk ribbon, accentuating her elegant and graceful figure.

"This is Bamboo Island."

Seeing Xia Chenyu and other immortals looking around in confusion, Fang Bai sighed and said, "We thought the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island were fighting, and might have ended up here, but it's also been destroyed."

Fan Hua became immediately anxious, scanning nervously as she trembled, "Then my father..."

Fang Bai said, "The air here still has a trace of your father's presence, meaning he has been here and hasn't fallen. But where he is now is unknown. We should follow his presence to find him."

Chapter 2396: Fan Hua's Sorrow

The cultivation level of Fan Hua and other immortals is much weaker than that of Fang Bai, so while Fang Bai can sense a lingering wisp of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's aura, they cannot detect it.

"Uncle, let's quickly go find my father!"

Upon hearing that her father might still be alive, Fan Hua visibly breathed a sigh of relief and urged anxiously.

"Let's wait a moment."

Fang Bai spread his Divine Sense, searching over Bamboo Island, and soon discovered a small Concealment Formation in the center of the island.

The small Concealment Formation was arranged with great skill, evidently the work of a highly skilled Array Master.

Ordinary immortals would not be able to detect the existence of this small Concealment Formation, but Fang Bai, who had been adept in the Array Path a thousand years ago and was a unique Array Master in the Immortal Realm, considered the Concealment Formation on Bamboo Island like child's play.

Fang Bai led Xia Chenyu and other immortals to the small Concealment Formation, and easily broke it, revealing an entrance leading directly to the seabed, deep and bottomless, with Immortal Qi gushing out, clearly a treasury storing cultivation resources.

"Let's go in and have a look!"

Fang Bai said, jumping into the entrance first, followed closely by Xia Chenyu and others, and they flew down.

After descending several hundred feet, their feet touched the ground, revealing a vast space filled with countless cultivation resources, and the rich Immortal Qi permeated the entire space.

"These cultivation resources are probably accumulated over thousands of years by the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island..."

Compared to the incredibly excited Xia Chenyu and other immortals, Fang Bai remained quite calm. After all, the amount of cultivation resources he had seen in his two lifetimes was unmatched by any other immortal.

Fang Bai said, "The Three Immortals of Bamboo Island destroyed Antarctica Island, which is unforgivable! Since we have discovered these cultivation resources, we will not leave them a single bit! You take as much as you can first, and I will take the rest!"

Xia Chenyu and the others naturally did not stand on ceremony. Fan Hua loathed the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island to the core and wished to take everything from Bamboo Island to compensate for her own Immortal Island's loss. As soon as Fang Bai finished speaking, they began filling their Spatial Rings with as many cultivation resources as possible.

Once they had taken nearly everything, Fang Bai waved his large hand, collecting the remaining cultivation resources into his Five Elements Space Ring. The once fully stocked underground space now appeared empty.

"Let's go. To find the Antarctica Immortal Emperor!"

To speed up the search, Fang Bai once again let Fan Hua and the others enter his Five Elements Space Ring, then left the underground space, summoned the Wind Roc, and soared into the sky, tracing the aura left behind by the Antarctica Immortal Emperor at high speed.

During the flight, Fang Bai carefully reviewed and organized his thoughts, feeling that the course of events might have been something like this:

The Antarctica Immortal Emperor and the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island, in the midst of fierce fighting, arrived at Bamboo Island, where they were attacked by a third party of immortals. In the end, it is uncertain whether they were captured or for other reasons, but they left Bamboo Island. However, since they could sense their aura, it indicated they had not fallen.

Of course, Fang Bai was merely speculating, and what exactly happened would only become clear once the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was found.

Fang Bai was most worried that the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's aura would suddenly break off, leaving no trail, which would be truly despairing.

He silently allowed his Divine Sense to seep into the Five Elements Space Ring, taking a glance at Fan Hua, who was meditating under the World Tree. He wondered if this young Female Immortal could bear the blow of losing her parents.

Although Fang Bai and the Antarctica Immortal Emperor were not sworn brothers, they were closer than ordinary friends. If something truly happened to the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and his wife, Fang Bai would certainly take care of Fan Hua, not allowing her to be bullied.

Fang Bai urged the Wind Roc, flying ceaselessly over the Antarctica Sea. It is unknown how long it took, but they finally saw a black line appear between the sky and the sea.

However, it was at this time that Fang Bai's greatest fear came true.

The aura of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor grew faint and ambiguous, and by the time they flew over land, it had completely disappeared.

Although the disappearance of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor's aura did not necessarily mean he had fallen, it was not good news at all, leaving Fang Bai feeling immeasurably heavy-hearted.

With no aura to follow, Fang Bai did not know where to fly. Left with no choice, he released Fan Hua and the others from the Five Elements Space again.

"Uncle, is there any news of my father?"

After Fan Hua came out, she raised her flawless face and asked, hope gleaming in her eyes.

Fang Bai did not have the heart to tell her the truth as he looked into her big, ocean-blue eyes, but he knew that further concealment would be equally unhelpful. He let out a soft sigh and said, "Your father's aura... has disappeared..."

Fan Hua's face turned pale instantly, her body wobbling as Xia Chenyu and Qin Yaorao hurriedly supported her.

"Dad... has he fallen?"

Fan Hua seemed to be speaking to herself or asking Fang Bai, her eyes already brimming with tears, evoking compassion.

Fang Bai chuckled bitterly and said, "It's hard to say now. Usually, when an immortal's aura disappears, there are only two reasons: one is that the immortal knows the art of concealment and has concealed their aura; the other... is that they have fallen!"

Fan Hua's body trembled lightly, and tears finally flowed uncontrollably.

She knew her father, although knowing some concealment techniques, could not completely hide his aura. Moreover, given that he was fighting and flying with the Three Immortals of Bamboo Island, how could he deliberately use a concealment technique?

If Fang Bai's words were true, then her father, the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, likely had a high probability of having fallen.

Fan Hua's fragrant shoulders heaved as she closed her mouth tightly, trying not to cry out. But when Xia Chenyu gently embraced her, she completely broke down, wrapping her arms around Xia Chenyu and crying out loud.

Her father fallen, her mother nowhere to be found, and now she was a child without parents. Never having been apart from them, the thought deeply grieved and terrified Fan Hua, feeling as if her world was engulfed in darkness, and she cried even more miserably.

Fang Bai reached out and lightly tapped Fan Hua, causing her body to go limp and slowly fall into Xia Chenyu's arms, losing consciousness.

"It's harmful for her to continue grieving like this. Let her sleep a long sleep in the Five Elements Space Ring. Maybe she'll feel better when she wakes up."

Fang Bai sighed as he spoke.

Fang Gang and Yang Mei deeply sympathized with Fan Hua's plight. Once Fang Bai placed Fan Hua into the Five Elements Space Ring, they volunteered to enter the ring as well to accompany her, practicing under the World Tree in the meantime.

"Little brother, what do we do now?"

Fang Yun asked as she watched Fang Bai, who was frowning.

Fang Bai remained silent for a long while before finally exhaling and saying, "Although the aura of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor has disappeared, it doesn't necessarily mean he's fallen! Search... let's continue searching... For some reason, I always feel that the events surrounding Antarctica Island and Bamboo Island are not so simple."

Chapter 2397: Don't Scare Me!

This is the Southern Wilderness of Gengtian Domain, the fourth world of the Immortal Realm.

Fang Bai, along with three female immortals Fang Yun, Qin Yaorao, and Xia Chenyu, have been searching for the traces of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor in the Southern Wilderness for over a month but have found nothing.

Even the three immortals of Bamboo Island who disappeared alongside the Antarctica Immortal Emperor are nowhere to be found.

However, Fang Bai has not given up on searching for the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, as he holds a persistent belief in his heart, not convinced that the Immortal Emperor has perished.

Like other regions of the Immortal Realm, the Southern Wilderness is also vast and boundless. Fang Bai knows that searching like this would take who knows how many years to cover the entire Southern Wilderness, so he can only use his old method.

Fang Bai's old method is to enter Immortal Cities where various immortals reside, set up a stall, and refine pills and artifacts for the immortals from all sides, thus making a great name for himself. Then, he offers a large bounty to mobilize the immortals to help search for the traces of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor.

Fang Bai does not know if this will lead to finding the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, but in any case, he feels he has fulfilled a part of his responsibility.

For some unknown reason, since arriving in the Southern Wilderness, Fang Bai always feels that something is off about the atmosphere here. Many immortals look tense and vigilant, without smiles on their faces.

This atmosphere is especially intense in some Immortal Cities.

Even Fang Yun, Xia Chenyu, and Qin Yaorao sense this strange atmosphere, and they are affected by it as well, their expressions turning serious as they occasionally huddle together to whisper.

"What exactly has happened here?"

Fang Bai is extremely puzzled, thinking that something significant must be affecting the entire Southern Wilderness.

"Fellow Immortal, please wait..."

On this day, after entering the largest Immortal City, Savage Beast City, in the Southern Wilderness, Fang Bai stopped an immortal, asking if there had been any major events in the area.

The immortal, whose cultivation level was a Fifth-grade Immortal King Realm, higher than Fang Bai by a small realm, was initially reluctant to pay attention to Fang Bai. However, upon seeing the three stunning female immortals behind Fang Bai, he immediately changed his mind.

"Junior Immortal Friend is not an immortal of this Southern Wilderness?"

The immortal's gaze swept over Xia Chenyu and the other two female immortals, smiling as he asked.

Xia Chenyu and the other two female immortals, each with celestial beauty, dazzled wherever they went, attracting the utmost attention of immortals of all ages.

Especially among the male immortals, there were those who harassed, professed love, and obsessively followed them, much to the annoyance of the three women.

Fortunately, they had Fang Bai with them, who drove away those male immortals; otherwise, they wouldn't know how to deal with them.

So, facing the gaze of this immortal, neither Fang Bai nor Xia Chenyu and the other female immortals were surprised. As long as the person had no mischief in mind, they couldn't care less.

Seeing Fang Bai shake his head, the immortal lowered his voice, speaking mysteriously, "Recently, in the Southern Wilderness, many Immortal Emperor Realm experts have been disappearing, life and death unknown, causing panic. So much so that all immortals have become tense... Some immortals say that it might be a Demon Clan Emperor Realm expert who has infiltrated the Southern Wilderness, consuming the blood of Immortal Emperor Realm experts to cultivate."

When he spoke the last sentence, his tone was a bit sinister, causing Fang Yun, Xia Chenyu, and Qin Yaorao to feel a chill around them, as if a cold wind blew by, raising goosebumps all over their bodies.

"There are also immortals who say that the Demon Clan Emperor Realm expert, besides loving to consume the blood of Immortal Emperor Realm experts, also enjoys co-cultivating with female immortals with Innate Spiritual Roots to enhance their cultivation level..."

At this point, seeing the frightened expressions on Fang Yun and the other female immortals, the immortal chuckled and continued, "You three are peerless beauties and have Innate Spiritual Roots, fitting the type that the Demon Emperor likes. You must be extremely careful while traveling in this Southern Wilderness."

Fang Bai knew that the first few words of this immortal had some reference value, but the latter was pure nonsense, so he paid him no more mind, gave Fang Yun and the other two female immortals a look, and turned to leave.

"That guy is just trying to scare you, don't be afraid!"

Fang Bai said as they walked.

Xia Chenyu laughed, "Whether it's true or false, we are following you. If there's real danger, we'll hide in your Five Elements Space Ring."

Fang Bai said seriously, "What the immortal said about the Demon Emperor consuming the blood of Immortal Emperor Realm experts for cultivation might be true..."

Xia Chenyu shivered, "Fang Bai, I'm timid. Don't scare me!"

Fang Bai said, "However, it's unlikely for the Demon Emperor to enter the Immortal Realm; it's more likely for a Half-Step Demon Emperor!"

"Why?"

Qin Yaorao asked with blinking eyes.

Fang Bai explained, "Because a Half-Step Demon Emperor is just one step away from entering the Emperor Realm, and at this point, they need a large number of cultivation resources to aid in advancing. However, rather than cultivation resources, directly consuming the blood of powerful immortals would more effectively aid them. So, some Half-Step Demon Emperors take the risk to enter the Immortal Realm to consume immortal blood..."

Pausing, he continued, "For a Half-Step Demon Emperor, the more powerful the immortal's cultivation level, the more beneficial the blood. Therefore, Half-Step Demon Emperors prefer to consume the blood of Immortal Emperor Realm experts in the Immortal Realm..."

Fang Yun, Xia Chenyu, and Qin Yaorao listened with wide eyes as Fang Bai spoke eloquently, without any doubt.

After all, in his past life, Fang Bai stood at the peak of the Immortal Realm as an Immortal Emperor, and no other immortal knew more about the Demon Clan than he did.

Moreover, in his previous life, Fang Bai had indeed experienced similar events and even personally took action to kill several Half-Step Demon Emperors who infiltrated the Immortal Realm and harmed many immortals, thus eliminating several major threats to the Immortal Realm.

Fang Bai was somewhat worried. If the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was really captured by a Half-Step Demon Emperor, it would be foreboding indeed.

Even if they eventually found the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, it might just be a blood-drained carcass, devoid of life.

Fang Bai did not share his concerns with Fang Yun and the other immortals, not wanting them to worry as well.

Fang Bai had decided that regardless of the outcome of this trip, they must see the person if alive, or see the body if dead, to account for Fan Hua.

Since the one who captured the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was likely a Half-Step Demon Emperor, Fang Bai also had to change his plans.

Originally, Fang Bai planned to offer a considerable bounty of cultivation resources to mobilize immortals from various Immortal Cities in the Southern Wilderness to help find the Antarctica Immortal Emperor. But now, he has decided to offer several pints of Water of Life as a reward.

If a drop of Water of Life can help an Immortal King Realm expert advance a small realm, then a pint of Water of Life can help an Immortal Emperor Realm expert advance a small realm.

Fang Bai believes that several pints of Water of Life will drive many Immortal Emperor Realm experts wild.

Especially for Immortal Emperor Realm Peak experts hoping to advance to Half-Step Immortal Emperor, this is equivalent to stepping half a foot into the threshold of the Immortal Emperor Realm.

Therefore, Fang Bai believes that the precious Water of Life is most attractive to Immortal Emperor Realm Peak experts.

Although the strength of a Half-Step Demon Emperor is formidable, they can at most deal with two or three Immortal Emperor Realm Peak experts at the same time. However, the Water of Life bounty offered by Fang Bai is enough to mobilize four or five Immortal Emperor Realm Peak experts, and as long as they join forces, they have a chance to retrieve the Antarctica Immortal Emperor once they find a clue.

Chapter 2398: Using the Water of Life as Bait

Several days later, within the Savage Beast Immortal City in the Southern Desolate, Fang Bai's reputation spread quickly; almost all the immortals in the city knew that Alchemist Fang was both an alchemist and an artifact refiner, with an astonishing success rate.

In the Immortal Realm, both alchemists and artifact refiners are sparse, and those who hold dual professions are even rarer.

Immortals are always eager to befriend alchemists and artifact refiners, so after Fang Bai's fame spread, many Immortal Sects, Immortal Gates, and Loose Cultivators came to Fang Bai's stall, calling him brother and friend.

Very soon, Fang Bai accumulated extensive connections within the Savage Beast Immortal City.

Fang Bai felt the time was ripe and immediately began issuing a reward.

The reward content was essentially that Fang Bai's crucial friend, Antarctica Immortal Emperor, had been kidnapped to the Southern Desolate, and if any immortal could help find him, dead or alive, they would receive five goblets of Water of Life from Fang Bai.

The reward detailed Antarctica Immortal Emperor's attire and physical characteristics to aid in the search by the immortals.

Since immortals were unaware of what the Water of Life was, at the end of the reward, Fang Bai especially explained the miraculous use of Water of Life for immortals.

"A drop of Water of Life can allow an Immortal King Realm Expert to ascend one minor realm?"

"A goblet of Water of Life can allow an Immortal Emperor Realm Expert to ascend one minor realm?"

"Oh my, what kind of immortal water is so miraculous?"

"It's too unbelievable!"

"This is the ultimate treasure!"

"Is it real?"

"It should be real, right? Alchemist Fang wouldn't ruin his reputation!"

"Let's go ask Alchemist Fang Bai, and take a look at that Water of Life!"

...

Soon after Fang Bai issued the reward, tens of thousands of immortals flocked to his stall, to inquire and hope to catch a glimpse of the Water of Life.

In response, Fang Bai was well-prepared.

He temporarily concealed the Five Elements Space Ring and from a common Space Immortal Ring worn on his finger, summoned five egg-sized clumps of Water of Life.

The black Water of Life floated in front of Fang Bai, trembling and releasing a formidable life force, all immortals sensed its extraordinary nature, their eyes lighting up.

"If any of you doubt the miraculous use of this Water of Life, you can bring an Immortal King over to test if they can achieve ascension!"

Fang Bai smiled as he put away the other Water of Life, leaving only one drop outside, his gaze quickly swept over the tens of thousands of immortals before him.

Tens of thousands of immortals immediately grew restless, thinking the opportunity was rare, not knowing if it would come again, so most immortals scrambled to step forward and try.

A small number of immortals remained apprehensive, standing still.

Fang Bai continued, "However, let me say something upfront: the power of this Water of Life is too strong, and there will be certain risks upon consumption. If anything unexpected happens, I won't be responsible!"

Upon hearing Fang Bai's words, more than half of the immortals who were scrambling forward immediately backed off.

Although immortals sometimes have a determination and will to fight to the death for certain treasures in order to ascend, something as miraculous as Water of Life, which they have never heard of, poses uncertainty—if taking it leads to unexpected demise, it would be too unworthy.

Fang Bai saw the tens of thousands of people suddenly grow quiet, looking at each other, unsure of their decision. He did not rush; he simply smiled at them.

Fang Bai believed that rare treasures are irresistible, and sooner or later, some immortal would be willing to take the chance.

Sure enough, the scene remained silent for just ten breaths, before an immortal stepped forward and said to Fang Bai: "Since no immortals dare to try, then let me do it! Anyway, my lifespan is short, dying a few years earlier or later makes no difference!"

That immortal was white-haired and bearded, small in stature, frail and aged; Fang Bai noticed he had the cultivation of a fifth-tier Immortal King Realm and understood that his lifespan was indeed short. If he couldn't ascend, he likely had only a few decades left to live.

"An immortal willing to gamble on fortune," Fang Bai thought.

Fang Bai watched the skinny immortal stand before him, noticing the glow of hope in his eyes as he stared at the Water of Life, which made Fang Bai smile slightly.

For that skinny immortal, consuming the Water of Life, if ascension succeeds, could extend his lifespan by hundreds of years, giving him that time to diligently cultivate, and potentially ascend further, forming a virtuous cycle.

And if ascension fails, the price paid would only be dying a few decades earlier.

Just as Fang Bai envisioned, the skinny immortal stood there with a mindset ready to gamble.

"Don't worry too much," Fang Bai said with a grin to the skinny immortal. "There's certainly a chance of failure in consuming the Water of Life, but the chance of success is greater! So... good luck!"

To encourage immobilizing all parties to find Antarctica Immortal Emperor, Fang Bai naturally could not allow the skinny immortal's attempt at consuming the Water of Life to fail. Therefore, throughout the process, Fang Bai would stand guard. If at any moment things seemed to go awry, he would intervene, ensuring the skinny immortal ascends successfully no matter what.

The skinny immortal was willing to attempt with a mindset of facing death, yet still felt some anxiety. After hearing Fang Bai's words, he managed to pull a slight smile, saying: "Thanks to Alchemist Fang, I hope that I succeed! If I ascend, you will be my benefactor who gave me new life!"

"Consume this drop of Water of Life and await the miracle!"

Fang Bai nodded, and with a thought, the drop of Water of Life moved towards the skinny immortal's mouth.

After hesitating for a few breaths, the skinny immortal took a deep breath, glanced longingly at the surrounding scenery, then quickly opened his mouth and swallowed the drop of Water of Life.

"To the Alchemy Room! I will protect you!"

Under the watchful gaze of tens of thousands of immortals, Fang Bai and the skinny immortal entered the Alchemy Room behind the stall.

The stall was guarded by the three female immortals, Fang Yun, Qin Yaorao, and Xia Chenyu.

Fang Bai's prestige in the Savage Beast Immortal City was now exceedingly high, not even Immortal Emperor Realm Experts would easily provoke him, therefore, even though Fang Yun and the other two female immortals were charming and beautiful, no blind immortal dared to bother them.

During the time the skinny immortal was in seclusion cultivating, few immortals left; they all waited to see if the Water of Life was as miraculous as Alchemist Fang claimed.

If the skinny immortal indeed ascended, it would prove the miraculous use of the Water of Life, and they would surely frantically search for Antarctica Immortal Emperor in the Southern Desolate.

If one drop of Water of Life allowed an Immortal King to ascend, one goblet could let an Immortal Emperor ascend; the value and rarity of the few goblets Fang Bai had placed as rewards are self-evident.

Given the Isolation Formation surrounding the Alchemy Room, immortals outside had no way to detect any commotion inside or know what had transpired after the skinny Immortal King consumed the Water of Life.

However, according to Alchemist Fang, consuming the Water of Life might lead to ascension in no more than ten days, therefore the tens of thousands of immortals remained patient in their wait.

Naturally, the immortals hoped the skinny immortal would successfully ascend, proving the Water of Life's miraculous nature, and justifying their efforts to search for Antarctica Immortal Emperor.

Chapter 2399: Advancing Again, Fifth Rank Immortal King Realm!

Of course, to prevent other immortals from coveting the Water of Life and attempting to seize it, Fang Bai made thorough preparations.

He publicly declared to tens of thousands of immortals that the few drops of Water of Life were obtained by him through a rare opportunity and that there were only a few drops. If anyone dared to snatch them, he would destroy the Water of Life.

Once Fang Bai made this statement, some immortals who initially had designs on the Water of Life grew more apprehensive.

If Fang Bai were to destroy the Water of Life, they would gain nothing and might provoke countless immortals from Savage Beast Immortal City, which would not be worth the trouble.

Additionally, Fang Bai particularly invited two high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts from the City Lord Mansion of Savage Beast Immortal City, offering two drops of Water of Life as the condition for them to protect him.

The City Lord Mansion of Savage Beast Immortal City does not fall under the jurisdiction of the eight top Immortal Emperors, but is instead controlled by a Half-Step Immortal Emperor from the Southern Desolate.

The true form of that Half-Step Immortal Emperor is actually an immortal lion, known by the title "Fury Lion Immortal Emperor." His master was once an Immortal Emperor who later perished. Fury Lion Immortal Emperor used the cultivation resources and Immortal Technique Secrets left behind to cultivate up to the Half-Step Immortal Emperor Realm.

Hundreds of years ago, Fury Lion Immortal Emperor emerged victorious in a battle for the position of City Lord of Savage Beast Immortal City against other immortals, becoming the ruler of Savage Beast Immortal City.

Within Savage Beast Immortal City, Fury Lion Immortal Emperor holds absolute authority. All immortals bow before him, and with the control of nearly a thousand powerful immortals within the City Lord Mansion and thousands of immortal birds and beasts inside and outside the city, his combined might is such that even some Immortal Emperors would not easily provoke him.

When Fang Bai sought the Fury Lion Immortal Emperor and expressed his willingness to exchange two drops of Water of Life for the protection of two high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts from the City Lord Mansion, the Fury Lion Immortal Emperor discussed it with the high-level figures in the City Lord Mansion and agreed.

The Water of Life has no effect on a Half-Step Immortal Emperor like Fury Lion Immortal Emperor, but it is highly attractive to the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts of the City Lord Mansion.

If the Water of Life provided by Fang Bai could allow the two high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts of the City Lord Mansion to advance to the peak of the Immortal Emperor Realm, the overall strength of the City Lord Mansion would be significantly enhanced, and its status in the Southern Desolate would rise by a tier.

Moreover, the two high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts protecting Fang Bai posed no significant risk, because as long as Fang Bai stayed within Savage Beast Immortal City, he would be under the protection of the entire City Lord Mansion. Any immortal intending harm to Fang Bai would first have to consider whether they have the ability to start a war with the City Lord Mansion.

Thus, on that day, two high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts from the City Lord Mansion appeared around Fang Bai's stall to ensure his safety.

Ten days later, a Skinny Immortal King with limited longevity and not much time left advanced in the Alchemy Room, becoming a sixth-grade Immortal King Realm expert.

As that Skinny Immortal King walked out of the Alchemy Room, he looked up and shouted in excitement, dancing with joy, causing a sensation among the tens of thousands of immortals watching.

A single drop of Water of Life, in just ten days, allowed an Immortal King to advance. This explosive news quickly spread from the mouths of tens of thousands of immortals on the scene to all parts, causing excitement among the Immortal Kings and Immortal Emperors throughout Savage Beast Immortal City.

They confirmed the appearance characteristics of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and then set off en masse, searching all over the Southern Desolate in hopes of finding the Antarctica Immortal Emperor before anyone else in exchange for Fang Bai's Water of Life.

Fang Bai remained at ease in Savage Beast Immortal City, continuing to refine pills and artifacts for immortals, waiting for news about the Antarctica Immortal Emperor.

Fang Bai believed that with so many immortals searching, there was hope of finding the Antarctica Immortal Emperor as long as he remained in the Southern Desolate.

Fang Bai hoped for good news but was also prepared for the possibility of bad news.

During this time, Fan Hua awoke inside the Five Elements Space Ring. Seeing her still heartbroken, Fang Bai had Fang Yun, Xia Chenyu, and Qin Yaorao enter to comfort her.

In the blink of an eye, several months passed. Fang Bai's cultivation level steadily improved through daily pill refining and artifact crafting.

On this day, feeling something within, Fang Bai hung up a 'Closed for Business' sign and entered the Alchemy Room, sitting cross-legged.

He drank several mouthfuls of the Water of Life, consumed some petals of the Chaos Lotus, hurriedly swallowed several Immortal Pills, and absorbed Immortal Qi from millions of Immortal Stones, then entered a cultivation state.

Ordinary immortals cultivate by simultaneously accumulating Immortal Qi and cultivating their state of mind, with both complementing each other to continually break through to higher realms.

Fang Bai, however, possessed the state of mind of an Immortal Emperor cultivated over tens of thousands of years, so now he only needs to constantly accumulate Immortal Qi. When the Immortal Qi is accumulated to a sufficiently abundant level, he can attempt to break through to a higher realm.

However, Fang Bai cannot endlessly absorb Immortal Qi without limit, just as one cannot continuously eat without a digestion process.

The Immortal Qi Fang Bai absorbs into his body is eventually refined into strands of Chaos Immortal Qi, each entering the seven Primordial Spirit bodies within his Qi Sea.

Moreover, the treasures of the Immortal Realm within Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring, such as the Water of Life and Chaos Lotus, have significant effects when first consumed, but their effects diminish with subsequent use.

Therefore, even though Fang Bai possesses a vast amount of cultivation resources and many treasures of the Immortal Realm, his cultivation level must still be steadily accumulated and breakthroughs made gradually, not achieved overnight.

However, compared to other immortals, Fang Bai's accumulation and breakthroughs can already be considered rapid.

In this retreat, Fang Bai unknowingly spent another month in closed cultivation, and when he emerged, the two high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts secretly protecting him were surprised to find that he had unexpectedly broken through a minor realm to reach the fifth-grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm.

Moreover, with their extraordinary eyesight, they could see that Fang Bai's advancement was quite different from that of ordinary immortals. While ordinary immortals see their strength multiply several times with a breakthrough in a minor realm, Fang Bai's strength multiplies several times over the same base increase.

This means that Fang Bai, possessing a fifth-grade Immortal King Realm, could easily defeat a sixth-grade Immortal King Realm expert, and he stands a chance in a battle against a seventh-grade Immortal King Realm expert.

The two high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts, moved by a love of talent, tentatively expressed their desire to take Fang Bai as a disciple, only for Fang Bai to smile and politely decline.

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of miles away in a hidden part of the Southern Desolate, a Half-Step Demon Emperor from the Demon Clan was engaged in a fierce battle with a group of Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

While the Half-Step Demon Emperor was formidable, he was ultimately not a true Emperor Realm expert and could not tear through the void to escape. Trapped in formation by a group of Immortal Emperor Realm experts and facing their full-force attacks, he was momentarily unable to break free.

The Half-Step Demon Emperor, garbed in a black robe, his eyes blood-red, his face grim and terrifying, released intense Evil Qi, wielding a demonic blade that emitted awe-inspiring blade streaks, launching attacks at the surrounding Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

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The Half-Step Demon Emperor's cultivation, just a step away from an Emperor Realm Expert, swung a blade aura that was fierce and overwhelming. As the blade aura passed, the space tore open with terrifying, pitch-black fissures, from which spatial turbulence spilled out, but the fissures were swiftly mended by the laws of heaven and earth.

"Send a message, call for help!"

Seeing that the Half-Step Demon Emperor's attacks were getting increasingly frenzied and their own formation was becoming unstable, an Immortal Emperor Realm Expert shouted loudly.

Thus, several Immortal Emperor Realm Experts quickly crushed Immortal Talismans, summoning other immortals to join the battle.

The bounty for those few mouths of the Water of Life offered by Fang Bai was indeed too tempting; thousands of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts were mobilized, searching the Southern Desolate for traces of the Antarctica Immortal Emperor.

This group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts voluntarily formed a team, preparing to join forces to find the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and exchange him with Fang Bai for a few mouths of the Water of Life.

After spending several months and conducting multiple investigations, they finally discovered that the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was hidden by a Half-Step Demon Emperor in an Immortal Cave, who was preparing to consume his blood for cultivation.

Since Fang Bai had once declared that if any immortal found and brought back the Antarctica Immortal Emperor alive, he would, in addition to the bounty of a few mouths of Water of Life, give a few petals of the Chaos Lotus as a bonus, the group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts acted in time to stop the Half-Step Demon Emperor from sucking blood, leading to a fierce battle between the two sides.

The Half-Step Demon Emperor was obviously skilled at setting up formations. He had set up a defensive array outside the Immortal Cave where the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was hidden, leaving the group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts helpless, unable to enter in a short time. They decided to first join forces to drive away the Half-Step Demon Emperor and then figure out other ways to rescue the Antarctica Immortal Emperor.

The two sides, one intending to rescue the Antarctica Immortal Emperor and return to the Savage Beast Immortal City to exchange for benefits from Fang Bai, and the other unwilling to easily give up the "delicacy" within reach, fought with exceptional ferocity.

The Half-Step Demon Emperor was wounded, his demonic energy greatly depleted, while among the group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, two were severely injured and withdrew from the battlefield, and several others were also wounded.

Fortunately, more Immortal Emperor Realm Experts soon arrived to join the fray, enabling the group to gain the upper hand, suppressing the Half-Step Demon Emperor.

Seeing that his demonic energy was overconsumed and realizing that continued fighting might put him in danger, the Half-Step Demon Emperor let out a long howl towards the sky, launched a full-strength attack, creating a breach in the formation held by the joint force of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, and swiftly fled.

The group's goal was to drive away the Half-Step Demon Emperor, and seeing him flee, they naturally wouldn't pursue. Joyfully, they gathered outside the Immortal Cave to study how to unravel the formation.

Although a few among them had some understanding of formations, after some research, they found the formation to be extremely intricate and impossible to unravel.

Left with no choice, the group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts had to invite an Array Master from a nearby Immortal City to help, but to their disappointment, the Array Master was also powerless.

The group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts felt greatly dejected. After a brief discussion, they dispatched a companion to return to the Savage Beast Immortal City to seek Fang Bai's advice.

Fang Bai quickly received the news and was overjoyed, immediately informing Fan Hua in the Five Elements Space Ring.

Fan Hua, upon learning that her father was still alive, wept with joy, her mood finally lifting, longing to see her father, the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, immediately.

With two City Lord Mansion Immortal Emperor Realm Experts escorting them along the way, Fang Bai, along with Fan Hua and other immortals, followed the reporting Immortal Emperor Realm Expert, riding on two Immortal Rocs, and within a day, they flew to the front of the Immortal Cave where the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was trapped.

"Your father is in the cave. I can sense his aura; though weak, there shouldn't be any major issues."

Fang Bai pointed to the mountain cave and said to Fan Hua, while feeling a sense of relief, thinking that no matter how badly injured the Antarctica Immortal Emperor was, as long as there was a breath left in him, he would have a way to heal him.

Because of the obstructive formation, Fan Hua couldn't sense her father's aura inside the Immortal Cave. Anxious, she shouted loudly, "Father! Father!"

Fang Bai quickly formed Array Patterns with his hands, continuously casting them out, and to the astonishment of the group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, he soon broke the array outside the cave.

"Who would have thought that Alchemist Fang is also an Array Master! In the Immortal Realm, it's probably unprecedented to be an Alchemist, an Artifact Refiner, and also an Array Master, right?"

An Immortal Emperor Realm Expert expressed admiration, becoming even more respectful towards Fang Bai.

The other Immortal Emperor Realm Experts also looked at Fang Bai with unrestrained eagerness in their eyes.

Even though these Immortal Emperor Realm Experts had a higher cultivation level than Fang Bai, they all understood that Fang Bai's potential in the Immortal Dao far exceeded theirs and that he might become an Immortal Emperor in the future. If they didn't curry favor now, then when?

Fang Bai, seeing Fan Hua fly into the Immortal Cave, smiled and cupped his hands towards the group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, exchanging a few modest words, and then entered the Immortal Cave with Xia Chenyu and the others.

The group of Immortal Emperor Realm Experts awaited outside, unable to contain their excitement at the thought of the imminent reward of the Water of Life and Chaos Lotus petals.

Although the formation outside the Immortal Cave was unraveled by Alchemist Fang, without these Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, Alchemist Fang wouldn't have found the Antarctica Immortal Emperor, so the majority of the credit was still theirs. Given Alchemist Fang's status, he certainly wouldn't default on the reward, would he?

"Wow..."

Suddenly, a cry from Fan Hua emerged from the Immortal Cave, causing all the waiting Immortal Emperor Realm Experts to tense up, wondering if the Antarctica Immortal Emperor had perished?

As they extended their Divine Sense into the cave, they found the Antarctica Immortal Emperor lying flat on the ground, not knowing for what reason, his entire body was pitch black, surrounded by swirling Demonic Qi, appearing in a stuporous state. Although his aura was weak, the vitality in his body was incredibly robust.

"Could it be that the Half-Step Demon Emperor gave him Blood Demon Powder?"

A well-informed Immortal Emperor Realm Expert exclaimed, looking at the Antarctica Immortal Emperor with a sympathetic expression.

Other Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, upon hearing the words "Blood Demon Powder," couldn't help but gasp.

Blood Demon Powder is refined from a type of Demon Flower growing in the Demon Domain. When an immortal takes it, they lose self-awareness, but the vitality within their body is fully stimulated, and their blood flows at an accelerated rate.

In such a condition, if a Demon Clan expert were to consume the blood within an immortal's body, they would gain the optimal cultivation assistance effect.

Though Blood Demon Powder is of great benefit to Demon Clan experts, it is extremely harmful to immortals. Once someone takes Blood Demon Powder, although they might miraculously survive, they would become equivalent to a cripple, far worse than death.

Fang Bai knew what Blood Demon Powder was, as did the other Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, but Fan Hua and Xia Chenyu and the other immortals did not. However, from the reaction of those Immortal Emperor Realm Experts outside the Immortal Cave, they knew that Blood Demon Powder was extremely detrimental to the Antarctica Immortal Emperor.

"Uncle, save Father..."

Fan Hua, looking at the Antarctica Immortal Emperor lying on the ground, broke down in tears.