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Chapter 2421: Now We Can Rest Assured

Hailan Fairy never imagined that the Wushuang Immortal King would turn out to be the celestial partner that Linghu Qianjiao had always spoken of.

Her expression showed a hint of surprise, while a sudden understanding dawned in her heart: No wonder the Wushuang Immortal King ignored the tender glances she cast at him; his heart was only filled with his celestial partner, Linghu Qianjiao!

Past the vast sea, other waters are hard to compare; apart from the Witch Mountain, other clouds are not the same.

Having such a stunning fairy like Linghu Qianjiao, in the eyes of the Wushuang Immortal King, a female immortal like herself is probably just ordinary, and he wouldn't even glance at her, would he?

Hailan Fairy gave a self-deprecating smile, took a deep breath, and wielded the sharp sword of her heart to cut off the lingering threads of affection she had for the Wushuang Immortal King.

At this moment, she unexpectedly felt a sense of relief.

"Since you're Junior Sister Linghu's celestial partner, could you let us see your true face, Wushuang Immortal King?"

A female disciple asked expectantly.

"Yes, I'd also like to see what kind of male immortal has captivated our Junior Sister Linghu so much that she thinks of him day and night, seizing her heart and soul!"

Another female disciple chimed in.

Although the other female disciples didn't speak up, their eyes lit up, eager to see what kind of male immortal Junior Sister Linghu's celestial partner was.

Linghu Qianjiao glanced at Fang Bai, and Fang Bai smiled, stood a little straighter, and quickly changed his appearance a few times before revealing a new face in front of the female immortals.

"Wow! Even more handsome than before! No wonder he could enchant Junior Sister Linghu so completely!"

Seeing Fang Bai's true face, Crane Feather Fairy's eyes widened once again.

The other female immortals felt the same.

In fact, upon closer inspection, there wasn't much difference in Fang Bai's appearance compared to before; the greater change was in his demeanor.

With a slight straightening of his posture, in the eyes of Crane Feather Fairy and the other female immortals, Fang Bai exuded an aura of imperial dominance, unmatched by anyone.

His gaze swept around, as if looking down upon everything with a sharp and domineering air, making the female immortals feel immense pressure, as if they were facing their master.

However, in the next moment, Fang Bai retracted his aura, and his gaze turned gentle, appearing once again as a gentle and harmless young male immortal.

The female immortals were intimidated by the powerful aura and sharp gaze Fang Bai released briefly, and only when he retracted it did they breathe a sigh of relief, their eyes showing a strange sparkle as they looked at him again.

Calm and gentle like water, fierce and domineering like a mountain when erupts, such a male immortal naturally exudes a charm that captivates female immortals.

"Wushuang Immortal King, please enter the hall for a conversation... Qianjiao, you should come in too!"

Inside the Sect Master Hall, the voice of Moon Sea Fairy suddenly sounded.

Fang Bai and Linghu Qianjiao exchanged a glance and entered the Sect Master Hall hand in hand.

Inside the hall, Moon Sea Fairy and the senior members all stood up from their seats, which was a form of respect for Fang Bai.

Although Fang Bai's actions and words outside had been observed by Moon Sea Fairy and the senior members of the Moon Sea Sect, when he entered the hall hand in hand with Linghu Qianjiao in front of them, their expressions still showed a slight peculiarity.

Appearing hand in hand under everyone's watchful eyes indicated that the Wushuang Immortal King and Linghu Qianjiao were truly a pair of deeply affectionate celestial partners.

With Fang Bai previously appearing in disguise, even those at a cultivation level close to or reaching the Immortal Emperor Realm weren't able to see any flaws, demonstrating how high his skill in transformation was.

Once everyone was seated, Moon Sea Fairy looked at Fang Bai several times, finding him even more unfathomable, and sighed, "Wushuang Immortal King, there's one thing I don't understand: During the martial contest for marriage, why didn't you directly acknowledge Qianjiao? Wouldn't that have saved a lot of trouble?"

Fang Bai smiled and said, "Acknowledging her might have saved me a lot of trouble, but it would have caused a big problem for the Moon Sea Sect! Just think, if the tens of thousands of Immortal Kings knew that Qianjiao already had a celestial partner, yet the Moon Sea Sect still held a martial contest, what would their reaction be? They might turn the Moon Sea Sect upside down! So, I cooperated well and helped you perfect this act."

Moon Sea Fairy teased, "What if you had lost to other immortals and didn't become the final winner? What would you have done then?"

Fang Bai laughed confidently, "There's no 'what if'! Since I appeared, I was absolutely confident that I would have the last laugh!"

His tone was full of confidence, and even Moon Sea Fairy was influenced by it, believing his words without a doubt.

"Since the Wushuang Immortal King and Qianjiao are indeed celestial partners, we can rest assured."

A high-ranking member of the Moon Sea Sect laughed heartily.

Her words carried a double meaning. On one hand, knowing that Linghu Qianjiao has a celestial partner means the Golden Wing Immortal King probably won't bother her anymore; on the other hand, with Linghu Qianjiao as an attachment, the Wushuang Immortal King should be willing to stay in the Moon Sea Sect as a Tribute Elder.

For the senior members of the Moon Sea Sect, this was a win-win situation, resolving their two main concerns at once.

Other senior members of the Moon Sea Sect also beamed with joy, nodding in agreement.

For a moment, the atmosphere in the Sect Master Hall became much more relaxed and enthusiastic.

Including Moon Sea Fairy, the senior members of the Moon Sea Sect never expected that the Wushuang Immortal King would be the celestial partner Linghu Qianjiao had long awaited. His appearance was like a blessing star descending at a crucial moment, resolving their difficulties at once.

"Since you have long been celestial partners, Qianjiao should move into the Wushuang Hall from now on!"

Moon Sea Fairy looked at the perfectly matched pair with satisfaction in her eyes, feeling secretly grateful that there hadn't been any further development between Hailan Fairy and the Wushuang Immortal King, otherwise it would have turned into a clumsy maneuver.

Being a female immortal, when Moon Sea Fairy accepted Linghu Qianjiao as a disciple, she had already seen that Linghu Qianjiao was not of the Primordial Yin Physique, so when Linghu Qianjiao said she already had a celestial partner, Moon Sea Fairy did not doubt her.

Now reunited as celestial partners, seeing their intimate appearance, it seemed inappropriate not to let them live together.

Moon Sea Fairy said with a smile, "Wushuang Immortal King, now that you've met with Qianjiao, and are also a senior member of the Moon Sea Sect, you should show your true face to others from now on!"

Fang Bai shook his head and said, "No way!"

Moon Sea Fairy was stunned, only to hear Fang Bai continue, "If I show my true face, it might bring great trouble to the Moon Sea Sect!"

Being a worldly wise female immortal, Moon Sea Fairy quickly pondered, frowning, "Are you being hunted by a strong enemy?"

Fang Bai nodded, "And not just one strong enemy."

Moon Sea Fairy asked, "The strong enemies you speak of, could they be Immortal Emperor Realm experts or sects with an Immortal Emperor seated?"

Chapter 2422: What Should We Do?

In Moon Sea Fairy's mind, with Wushuang Immortal King's cultivation level, encountering a Seventh Grade Immortal King Realm expert could be defeated in battle, even against Eighth or Ninth Grade Immortal King Realm experts, it shouldn't force him to change his appearance to walk in the Immortal Realm. This indicated that the powerful enemy he mentioned must be a truly formidable existence.

Fang Bai smiled and said, "It's not as bad if I provoked an Immortal Emperor... I killed the disciples under several Immortal Emperors of the current era!"

"What?"

Upon hearing this, both Moon Sea Fairy and the high-ranking members of Moon Sea Sect inhaled sharply and saw the look of shock in each other's eyes.

Even an Emperor Realm expert, without relying on a sect and just a loose cultivator, would not be someone the Moon Sea Sect could provoke, as it would bring catastrophe in an instant. No wonder Wushuang Immortal King had to disguise and transform to travel the Immortal Realm.

"Why... why did you kill the disciples of the Immortal Emperors?"

The voice of Moon Sea Fairy trembled slightly.

An enraged Emperor Realm expert is capable of wiping out a sect, even more so if Wushuang Immortal King might bear the wrath of several Immortal Emperors?

As Moon Sea Fairy looked at Fang Bai in front of her, she suddenly felt immense pressure.

The ease and joy on the faces of the high-ranking members of Moon Sea Sect had disappeared, replaced by seriousness and solemnity.

Fang Bai chuckled indifferently and said, "If people do not offend me, I will not offend them. I killed the disciples of the Immortal Emperors because they infringed on my interests."

Moon Sea Fairy chuckled bitterly, "After all, you are young, driven by hot blood, it's easy to do things without considering the consequences... Wushuang Immortal King, have you never thought that after killing the disciples of the Immortal Emperors, how would their masters let you off easily?"

Fang Bai said, "Killed, then killed. Can't just let others bully me, right? But I estimate that now, those forces under the Immortal Emperors are scouring the Immortal Realm to hunt me down!"

"This... sigh..."

Moon Sea Fairy sighed heavily, and a shadow cast over her heart.

Although Fang Bai was in disguise, if the news of him residing at Moon Sea Sect leaked out, it would not only be inevitable for him but also potentially bring disaster to Moon Sea Sect.

What to do?

Immediately sever ties with Wushuang Immortal King, then expel him from the sect?

This ruthless and unjust act, Moon Sea Fairy confessed she couldn't do it.

At that moment, a Mountain Guarding Disciple hurriedly came to report, "Sect Master, Golden Wing Immortal King... Golden Wing Immortal King is here..."

Moon Sea Fairy was shocked, suddenly stood up, and said, "Why has he come?"

Originally, after the news that Linghu Qianjiao had a fairy spouse spread, it was thought that Golden Wing Immortal King would give up, but unexpectedly he appeared again, truly unyielding.

Moon Sea Fairy knew that the reason Golden Wing Immortal King was always coveting Linghu Qianjiao was not only because of her beautiful appearance and graceful posture but also her dual attribute innate spiritual root. Moreover, because she had no fairy spouse, it was speculated that she should still have a primordial yin physique.

In Golden Wing Immortal King's perspective, such a Heavenly Daughter, if united as a fairy spouse, would definitely benefit his own cultivation profoundly, so he repeatedly visited Moon Sea Sect, using both soft and hard approaches to express his intention of becoming fairy spouses with Linghu Qianjiao.

Moon Sea Fairy knew that what Golden Wing Immortal King valued most was Linghu Qianjiao's probable primordial yin physique, because co-cultivating with a Heavenly Daughter of primordial yin physique would benefit him enormously.

Thus, after discussing with Linghu Qianjiao, it led to the subsequent offer of marriage from Moon Sea Sect.

Linghu Qianjiao having a fairy spouse would naturally co-cultivate with the fairy spouse, thus losing the primordial yin physique.

Without the primordial yin physique, Linghu Qianjiao would become far less appealing to Golden Wing Immortal King, perhaps even losing interest altogether.

This was also Moon Sea Sect's reason for inviting various Immortal Kings to compete for Linghu Qianjiao's hand in marriage.

Of course, the offer of marriage was merely a facade to perform for Chaos Heaven Sect's Golden Wing Immortal King.

Moon Sea Sect isn't worried that during the marriage process, Chaos Heaven Sect's experts would come to disrupt.

After all, at the marriage scene, there would be tens of thousands of Immortal Kings present, no matter how powerful Chaos Heaven Sect might be, it would not dare to offend tens of thousands of Immortal Kings.

And when the offer of marriage was completed and Linghu Qianjiao had a true fairy spouse, Chaos Heaven Sect might reconsider tearing its face completely against Moon Sea Sect, which was not weak overall, for a Female Immortal who already had a spouse and whose value significantly dropped.

But now, why has Golden Wing Immortal King suddenly sought out Moon Sea Sect again?

The disciple who came to report seemed to have heard frightening news, sweat beaded on his forehead as he swallowed with difficulty, saying, "Golden Wing Immortal King said... said..."

"What did he say?"

Seeing the disciple stammering, Moon Sea Fairy sternly asked.

The disciple shivered in fear, tremblingly said, "He said, a disciple from our sect leaked the news to him, saying our offer of marriage is fake. He demands we hand over Junior Sister Linghu, or Chaos Heaven Sect and Moon Sea Sect will not have peace..."

"..."

Moon Sea Fairy's eyes suddenly widened, and she exchanged a glance with the high-ranking members in the hall, seeing the furious anger in each other's eyes.

"Our Moon Sea Sect... has been invaded by a traitor!"

One of the high-ranking members of Moon Sea Sect said, face full of grief.

In the Immortal Realm, some sects on opposing sides would send disciples to infiltrate the other party to gain some secret information, but Moon Sea Fairy and the high-ranking members of the sect have always been strict in recruiting disciples, unexpectedly still unable to prevent the infiltration by Chaos Heaven Sect's spy, making them immensely angry.

"Investigate!"

Moon Sea Fairy's face was dark as water, gritting her teeth, "Find out who the traitor is, and crush him to dust!"

Moon Sea Sect has established a Penal Law Hall, which is headed by an Elder with Half-Step Immortal Emperor Realm Cultivation.

Once Moon Sea Fairy finished speaking, the Elder of the Penal Law Hall stood up filled with killing qi and walked away.

"Things have gotten complicated..."

Moon Sea Fairy was just feeling troubled by Fang Bai being hunted by the forces of several Immortal Emperors, unexpectedly now came another unexpected visitor, the two issues combined made the usually calm and composed her somewhat lose her clarity.

Golden Wing Immortal King was here to exact justice, and thus he certainly would not come alone, sure to have Immortal Emperor Realm experts accompanying him, once a commotion starts, the situation would be hard to manage.

"Let's go out and take a look! Wushuang Immortal King and Qian Jiao... stay inside the hall for now."

After all, as a sect master, Moon Sea Fairy quickly decided, leading the high-ranking members of the sect out of the hall, flying towards the mountain gate.

"Let's go take a look as well! That Golden Wing Immortal King is coming directly for you, seeing as you are not there, he probably won't let it go!"

Fang Bai held Linghu Qianjiao's hand and followed behind the high-ranking members of Moon Sea Sect, flying towards the mountain gate.

Just as Moon Sea Fairy and others landed at the mountain gate, Fang Bai and Linghu Qianjiao arrived shortly after.

"You two... sigh... whatever, since you're here now! Stand behind me!"

Seeing Fang Bai and Linghu Qianjiao follow along, Moon Sea Fairy initially showed a look of reproach, but then she thought letting Golden Wing Immortal King see Wushuang Immortal King might be good, maybe after witnessing the gap between himself and Wushuang Immortal King, he would feel ashamed, and even if he intended to cause trouble, he wouldn't have much confidence.

Chapter 2423: Are You Stupid?

In front of the Moon Sea Sect's mountain gate, nearly a hundred disciples of the Moon Sea Sect were on high alert, facing a confrontation with three Chaos Heaven Sect experts a hundred feet apart.

On the Chaos Heaven Sect side, including the Golden Wing Immortal King, there were only three immortals, but the powerful aura they exuded put immense pressure on the opposite group of Moon Sea Sect disciples.

These three immortals from the Chaos Heaven Sect had been here more than once, so many of the Moon Sea Sect disciples recognized them.

The one standing in the center among the three immortals was the Golden Wing Immortal King.

The Golden Wing Immortal King was a young and handsome immortal, possessing a fifth-grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm, dressed in a bright yellow robe and wearing a Purple Gold Crown, standing there like a worldly emperor with his hands behind his back, gazing at the sky, his expression full of pride.

On either side of the Golden Wing Immortal King stood a strong expert at the initial level of the Immortal Emperor Realm. These were the two stewards of the Chaos Heaven Sect, sent by the sect master Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor to protect his son.

"Ha, Linghu Fairy, you finally showed yourself..."

Upon noticing the Moon Sea Fairy and other immortals of the Moon Sea Sect arriving one after another, the Golden Wing Immortal King immediately spotted the graceful Linghu Qianjiao standing among them, and his eyes suddenly lit up.

But then, his expression quickly darkened.

Because he saw Linghu Qianjiao's soft and delicate body snuggled next to a white-robed male immortal, and the two were holding hands, appearing so intimate.

"Who are you?"

The Golden Wing Immortal King raised a hand to point at Fang Bai and questioned harshly.

Previously, the marriage arrangement matter of the Moon Sea Sect was quite a commotion, and the Golden Wing Immortal King intended to disrupt it but was ordered by his father not to go out causing trouble and had to stay in the sect obediently.

Later, after the marriage arrangement ended, a traitor delivered news saying that the marriage arrangement was a sham, aimed at severing the Golden Wing Immortal King's thoughts of Linghu Qianjiao.

Both the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor and Golden Wing Immortal King felt fooled by the Moon Sea Sect upon receiving this news and were extremely angry.

This time, the Golden Wing Immortal King brought two sect stewards here, firstly to determine if this news was true. If it was, then he would threaten the Moon Sea Sect to hand over Linghu Qianjiao.

Otherwise, next time visiting the Moon Sea Sect wouldn't just be the Golden Wing Immortal King; the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor would come personally to demand her.

If the Moon Sea Sect continued to be stubborn and refused to hand over, a war between the two sects was destined to break out, and the outcome was self-evident.

The Chaos Heaven Sect disciples disregarded the Moon Sea Sect, believing annihilating the Moon Sea Sect was as easy as pie.

The Golden Wing Immortal King even thought that relying on the three immortals present, and launching a surprise attack, he could snatch Linghu Fairy from the Moon Sea Sect's experts today.

He came fiercely this time, for Linghu Qianjiao, and naturally got angry seeing Linghu Qianjiao intimately holding hands with an unfamiliar male immortal.

"Who am I?"

Seeing the Golden Wing Immortal King point at him from afar to question, Fang Bai snorted with laughter, saying, "Are you foolish? Being so intimate with her, of course I'm her celestial companion!"

"Bah! False! What nonsense marriage arrangement, what celestial companion, all fake! You can't fool this Immortal King!"

The Golden Wing Immortal King glared angrily at Fang Bai, gritting his teeth and warning, "You better stay away from her, or... you're dead!"

Had it not been for Fang Bai and Linghu Qianjiao being shielded behind the Moon Sea Fairy, the Golden Wing Immortal King might have already attacked Fang Bai.

He noticed Fang Bai's cultivation was similar to his, both being fifth-grade Immortal King Realm, but arrogantly thought of himself as a gifted child with Innate Spiritual Root and possessing an Immortal Emperor Level artifact from his father, which could boost combat power, making killing Fang Bai effortless.

Fang Bai naturally didn't care about the Golden Wing Immortal King's warning; instead of distancing from Linghu Qianjiao, he placed a hand on Linghu Qianjiao's shoulder, gently embracing her, and provocatively gazed at the Golden Wing Immortal King.

Though he said nothing, his intention was clear: I won't listen to you. What can you do to me?

The Golden Wing Immortal King grew furious, shifting his gaze from Fang Bai to the Moon Sea Fairy, with a face full of evil intent, saying, "Now, I give your Moon Sea Sect two choices: First, hand over Linghu Qianjiao and that loathsome guy to me; Second, wait for an all-out war between Chaos Heaven Sect and Moon Sea Sect!"

His remark made almost all the Moon Sea Sect disciples' faces show anger.

The Golden Wing Immortal King's words were sheer public threats; if the Moon Sea Sect were to submit, it would be disgraceful.

However, some Moon Sea Sect disciples felt it was unwise to completely fall out with Chaos Heaven Sect over Linghu Qianjiao and the Wushuang Immortal King, posing a risk of sect annihilation. Agreeing to the

Golden Wing Immortal King's first condition could avert the crisis of the two sects clashing and establish a marital alliance with such a strong sect as Chaos Heaven Sect, wouldn't that be perfect?

Of course, what they thought was irrelevant; the key was how Sect Master Moon Sea Fairy would decide.

Fang Bai also watched the Moon Sea Fairy, waiting for her response.

If the Moon Sea Fairy wouldn't yield to Chaos Heaven Sect's pressure and decided to protect him and Linghu Qianjiao, then he would spare no effort to help Moon Sea Sect dispel this crisis.

Conversely, if the Moon Sea Fairy prioritized sect interests and handed them to Chaos Heaven Sect, Fang Bai would unhesitatingly leave with Linghu Qianjiao, ignoring Moon Sea Sect's survival.

The Moon Sea Fairy stood with a sword, glanced at the arrogant and unbridled expression of the Golden Wing Fairy, and then at the carefree expression of Linghu Qianjiao and the Wushuang Immortal King holding hands, swiftly making a decision.

"My Moon Sea Sect, is not one to be easily bullied!"

Moon Sea Fairy's face showed resolve and said loudly.

Immortal Qi swirled around her, battle intent surged, and the aura of an Immortal Emperor Realm expert was unleashed without reservation, ready for battle.

Seeing their sect master like this, the Moon Sea Sect disciples on site also began to draw their immortal artifacts, ready to fight.

The Golden Wing Immortal King was stunned, then said to the two Chaos Heaven Sect stewards standing on his left and right, "Does she mean... they're ready to fight Chaos Heaven Sect?"

"Exactly! They're refusing a toast to accepting punishment! Young sect master, stop wasting words with them, let's just grab her!"

The Chaos Heaven Sect steward on Golden Wing Immortal King's right side rubbed his hands, eager to move.

"No! Being outnumbered, starting a battle doesn't benefit us. Let's talk about it when we return to Chaos Heaven Sect!"

The steward on the left was much calmer, worried that once a fight starts, it couldn't be wrapped up easily, immediately transmitted his voice.

He knew that given the current situation, once a fight began, they might be surrounded by thousands of Moon Sea Sect disciples. At that time, he and the other steward could protect themselves and escape, but the young sect master might not.

If the young sect master were harmed, the wrath descending from the sect master would be hard to withstand.

Chapter 2424: How to Respond

Although the confrontation between the two sides was intense, the battle ultimately did not occur.

Under the persuasion of a steward, the Golden Wing Immortal King uttered a few harsh words and then flew away from the Moon Sea Sect with two stewards.

When the three figures disappeared into the horizon, nearly ten thousand disciples of the Moon Sea Sect breathed a sigh of relief, from top to bottom.

"Within one month, deliver Linghu Qianjiao to the Chaos Heaven Sect, or we will flatten the Moon Sea Sect..."

The Moon Sea Fairy murmured, repeating the harsh words left by the Golden Wing Immortal King upon departure, her brow tightly furrowed, unable to suppress a long sigh.

She knew that this time, the Golden Wing Immortal King was not merely speaking empty words.

The Chaos Heaven Sect and Moon Sea Sect were established almost simultaneously and have stood side by side for ten thousand years.

Between the two sects lies only a vast mountain range spanning tens of thousands of miles.

Over the years, their disciples often developed animosity while competing for cultivation resources during training in the mountains.

Originally, the overall strength of the two sects was almost identical. However, the Chaos Heaven Sect's Sect Master encountered a great opportunity, acquiring extremely high-level Immortal Technique Secrets, which led to the Chaos Heaven Sect's rise.

As of now, the Chaos Heaven Sect's Sect Master's cultivation level has reached the high rank of the Immortal Emperor Realm, while the sect's four elders and eight stewards have each advanced to the mid-rank and early rank of the Immortal Emperor Realm respectively.

In contrast, in the Moon Sea Sect, only the Sect Master, Moon Sea Fairy, has reached the early rank of the Immortal Emperor Realm, while other high-ranking officials remain at the Half-Step Immortal Emperor realm or Ninth Grade Immortal King Realm.

Comparing the two sects, it's like a small witch confronting a great witch.

Relying on their powerful strength, the Chaos Heaven Sect has taken considerable advantage, with eighty percent of the mountain range already claimed within their influence.

Yet, the high ranks of the Chaos Heaven Sect are not satisfied; they aspire to completely drive the Moon Sea Sect out of the mountains to exclusively enjoy the cultivation resources there.

The Moon Sea Sect, though considerably weaker than the Chaos Heaven Sect, still boasts nearly ten thousand disciples with ample heritage. Moreover, a great opportunity once allowed the Moon Sea Fairy to acquire an incredible Immortal Array from an Array Master's legacy.

This Immortal Array is composed of over a dozen high-ranking members of the Moon Sea Sect. Once trapped within this array, even a powerhouse like the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor would find it troublesome.

It is precisely because of the deterrence of this Immortal Array that the Chaos Heaven Sect has not pushed the Moon Sea Sect too far; otherwise, the final piece of territory held by the Moon Sea Sect would have been devoured long ago.

Later, the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor heard that the Moon Sea Fairy accepted a female disciple with a Dual Attribute Innate Spiritual Root, which aroused his vigilance, fearing that the female disciple might become a formidable adversary to their sect in the future, leading to the desire of the Golden Wing Immortal King to forge an alliance with the Moon Sea Sect through marriage.

In the view of the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor, if his beloved son, the Golden Wing Immortal King, were to become a celestial couple with Linghu Qianjiao, it would not only greatly benefit his son's cultivation but also eradicate a future menace; it would be a win-win, ideal solution.

Initially, both father and son believed the weaker Moon Sea Sect would be exceedingly eager for the marriage alliance and would obediently send Linghu Qianhu. Yet, unexpectedly, the Moon Sea Fairy staged a fake marriage arrangement in an attempt to deceive them, a move that greatly angered the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor and his son.

As a result, the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor ordered his son, the Golden Wing Immortal King, to bring along two stewards and fly to the Moon Sea Sect to deliver the final ultimatum to the Moon Sea Fairy.

Once the month is up, if the Moon Sea Sect refuses to comply, the Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor will lead his elite disciples to descend upon the Moon Sea Sect to seek justice.

The Chaos Heaven Immortal Emperor believes if the news of the Moon Sea Sect's fake marriage arrangement spreads, it will surely ignite the anger of many Immortal Kings who participated in the initial arrangement, and even if the Chaos Heaven Sect obliterates the Moon Sea Sect, there would be little opposition.

"Master, since this matter arose because of me, perhaps you should expel me from the sect, so the Moon Sea Sect won't be involved."

Seeing the worried faces throughout the Moon Sea Sect, Linghu Qianjiao spoke voluntarily.

She thought that if the Moon Sea Sect expelled her, she would leave this place with Fang Bai, which would not implicate the Moon Sea Sect and would align with her wishes.

The Moon Sea Fairy smiled bitterly and said, "It's useless. If you leave, when the Chaos Heaven Sect demands your whereabouts from the Moon Sea Sect, not being able to provide you would still bring us great trouble! Besides, would a master discard a disciple so easily?"

Linghu Qianjiao thought again and gloomily said, "Master, it's my fault for implicating the sect..."

The Moon Sea Fairy waved her hand and said, "It's not your fault. The Chaos Heaven Sect has wanted to deal with our Moon Sea Palace for quite some time; even without this matter, they might have taken action due to some other reason!"

Her gaze swept over the disciples, her expression serious, solemnly stating, "In this one-month period, all disciples must rest and recuperate. I will confer further with the high ranks to prepare for the Chaos Heaven Sect's invasion!"

"Defend the sect to the death!"

In the midst of silence, one passionate Moon Sea Sect disciple suddenly raised his arm and shouted.

"Defend the sect to the death!"

"Live and die with the sect!"

"Fight for the honor of the Moon Sea Sect!"

"If Chaos Heaven Sect disciples dare invade, let them never return!"

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The passionate shout from the Moon Sea Sect disciple immediately resonated with all the disciples present. In an instant, fervent cries rose, swelling with enthusiasm, combat spirit soaring skywards, scattering the group of Immortal Birds flying overhead.

"Disciples united, holding strong together! Chaos Heaven Sect won't swallow us easily!"

A high-ranking Moon Sea Sect member spoke with teary eyes, emotionally.

The Moon Sea Fairy nodded, motioning with her hand, "Disciples, disperse for now."

After the disciples dispersed, the Moon Sea Fairy and other immortals returned to the Sect Master Hall.

"Everyone understands in their hearts that our overall strength is far less than the Chaos Heaven Sect's; mere fighting spirit and resolve cannot bridge the gap. If the Chaos Heaven Sect comes in full force, we lack the means to resist. The sect is on the brink of life or death, it's time to think of ways to overcome this crisis!"

The Moon Sea Fairy sat in the sect master's chair, her gaze sweeping over the faces of the sect's high ranks, filled with hope.

For a while, none of the high ranks could think of a good strategy; they looked at each other in silence.

"Our Moon Sea Sect does have some sects with good relations; maybe... we should try seeking their help?"

One high rank spoke softly, evidently lacking confidence in this approach.

The Moon Sea Fairy sighed, "Those sects aren't much stronger than us; they can hardly contribute much. Furthermore, their support is probably only lip service, and they're likely unwilling to involve their disciples in this conflict to avoid forming a lasting enmity with the Chaos Heaven Sect!"

In the Immortal Realm, when two sects clash, other sects may gloat, watch coldly, or even exploit the situation; unless there are extremely close allies, who would provide strong support?

Without external aid, relying solely on the Moon Sea Sect's strength, resisting the Chaos Heaven Sect's incursion is nearly impossible.

But without external aid, what can be relied upon to counter the Chaos Heaven Sect?

Within the Sect Master Hall, the high ranks of the Moon Sea Sect felt a chill in their hearts.

Chapter 2425: The Formation Has a Flaw

"Cough..."

Just as the high-ups of the Moon Sea Sect felt helpless, a soft cough was heard.

Immediately, under the gazes of the high-ups of the Moon Sea Sect, Fang Bai stepped confidently to the center of the hall.

"I have some ways, maybe I can deal with the Chaos Heaven Sect..."

Fang Bai pondered for a moment before slowly speaking.

"Wushuang Immortal King, let's hear what you have to say."

The originally dull eyes of Moon Sea Fairy slightly brightened, thinking that this young Elder of Tribute was indeed an exceptional talent rarely seen in the Immortal Realm, perhaps he could really come up with some plan.

Moon Sea Fairy even considered whether Wushuang Immortal King had made acquaintances with strong immortal friends when refining pills for immortals in other Immortal Cities, and now he wanted to gather those friends to assist Moon Sea Sect in resisting Chaos Heaven Sect.

But distant water cannot quench nearby thirst; a month would pass in the blink of an eye. If his immortal friends were too far away and couldn't make it in time, or if too few immortals arrived, it wouldn't change the tide of battle.

Thinking of this, Moon Sea Fairy heard Fang Bai indeed say: "I have some immortal friends in the Immortal Realm, I can invite them to assist..."

Moon Sea Fairy regained her spirit, urgently asking: "How many immortal friends can you summon? What are their cultivation levels? Can they arrive within a month?"

The other high-ups of the Moon Sea Sect also listened intently; after all, this concerned whether they could survive this sect calamity.

"How many can be summoned... it's hard to say right now. As for cultivation levels... they are all Immortal Emperor Realm experts... Well, as for whether they can reach Moon Sea Sect within a month... I will go to gather them in a few days and strive to return within a month!"

Upon hearing his immortal friends are all Immortal Emperor Realm experts, Moon Sea Fairy was greatly invigorated, urging: "Why wait a few more days? Wouldn't it be better to go find them earlier?"

Fang Bai shook his head, saying: "These days, I'll stay in the sect to rearrange some Immortal Arrays. If I return late, you can rely on the arrays to hold off Chaos Heaven Sect for a while."

"You... rearrange Immortal Arrays?"

Moon Sea Fairy was stupefied.

"Master, Fang... Wushuang Immortal King is also a very skilled Array Master!"

Linghu Qianjiao whispered softly from the side.

At the start of this sect crisis, it seemed like a disaster to her, but upon seeing Fang Bai's calm demeanor, she also relaxed, knowing Fang Bai would have a way to handle it.

"Didn't expect you to be adept at the Array Path..."

Moon Sea Fairy looked at Fang Bai in surprise, thinking that if Linghu Qianjiao said he is a "very skilled Array Master", his proficiency in the Array Path should not be low.

However, Fang Bai's Alchemy Technique was exceptionally brilliant, which had already been proven, so Moon Sea Fairy thought that most of his time must be focused on alchemy, and he wouldn't delve deeply into array setup.

So, no matter how skilled he is, how much better can he be?

Moon Sea Fairy herself happened to be an Array Master, having been immersed in the Array Path for years. Speaking of the Moon Sea Sect now, excluding the micro arrays around each Immortal Residence, even the few significant Mountain Protection Arrays were arranged by her inviting several Array Masters and setting them up together.

In Linghu Qianjiao's eyes, her immortal partner Wushuang Immortal King might be very skilled in setting up arrays, but Moon Sea Fairy felt it was yet to be proven.

"I had some opportunities before, thus I understand a thing or two."

Fang Bai smiled modestly, speaking.

"Wushuang Immortal King said those arrays need to be rearranged, could it be he saw flaws in them?"

Moon Sea Fairy asked with interest.

Those arrays were set up with tremendous effort by several Array Masters years ago, including contributions from Moon Sea Fairy herself. Now Fang Bai wanted to rearrange them, clearly showing disdain, which somewhat irked her.

The few main Immortal Arrays she took part in setting up could withstand days of half-step Immortal Emperor's continuous attacks without collapsing, which already proved the arrays' power. How much stronger could they be if Wushuang Immortal King rearranged them?

"Hmm, indeed there are some flaws."

Fang Bai could see from Moon Sea Fairy's expression that she wasn't convinced, but facts speak louder than words. When they reach those arrays, Fang Bai believed that as long as Moon Sea Fairy understood arrays, his subtle pointers would make her concede willingly.

"Could his expertise in the Array Path truly be so profound?"

Upon hearing Fang Bai's confident words, Moon Sea Fairy began to have doubts.

Previously, Moon Sea Fairy had also doubted Fang Bai's Alchemy Technique, but the result was that Fang Bai refined a hundred Immortal Pills overnight, astonishing her.

Now Fang Bai pointed out flaws in Moon Sea Sect's protective arrays. Though unconvinced, Moon Sea Fairy pondered, what if he was right?

The battle against Chaos Heaven Sect concerns Moon Sea Sect's survival. Moon Sea Fairy wouldn't gamble with the lives of thousands of disciples.

If Chaos Heaven Sect truly invades, the relatively weaker Moon Sea Sect would definitely focus on defense. Therefore, the integrity of the Defensive Arrays becomes crucial; even minor flaws must be addressed promptly.

Thinking this, Moon Sea Fairy stood up, addressing the high-ups on both sides: "Let's go. Accompany Wushuang Immortal King to take a look."

At this moment, the immortals of the Moon Sea Sect accompanied Fang Bai outside the Sect Master Hall.

"The defensive array protecting Qiyun Peak, where the Sect Master Hall is located, is the most solid Immortal Array among Moon Sea Sect's arrays. Wushuang Immortal King, can you find any issues?"

When the immortals stepped onto the Auspicious Clouds and flew in the air, Moon Sea Fairy turned back and pointed at Qiyun Peak where the Sect Master Hall was.

Qiyun Peak stands several thousand feet tall, lush and verdant, covered with various immortal plants. Ordinary immortals couldn't discern the Immortal Array on this peak; only Array Masters skilled in the path could see it clearly.

Fang Bai had already observed Qiyun Peak, confident in his assessment.

Upon hearing Moon Sea Fairy's query, Fang Bai smiled slightly, his palms flipping rapidly to form several array seals, which he sent towards Qiyun Peak consecutively.

When those array seals touched the mountain body of Qiyun Peak, all that was heard was a "buzz," as myriad beams of light soared into the sky surrounding Qiyun Peak, transforming into a massive light shield that enveloped the entire peak.

"This... this..."

Moon Sea Fairy never expected that the Mountain Protection Array she and several Array Masters painstakingly set up over several years would be activated instantly by Fang Bai, leaving her dumbfounded.

Under normal circumstances, only the Array Masters who personally set up the array or immortals who mastered the array's techniques could activate it; otherwise, an exceptionally high proficiency in arrays was necessary.

Since this Wushuang Immortal King neither participated in the array setup nor possibly mastered the array techniques, it could only be the third point.

"Wushuang Immortal King, please give it your utmost attention."

Moon Sea Fairy stabilized her mind, realizing she still underestimated the Wushuang Immortal King; just seeing the level at which Wushuang Immortal King formed those array seals, she knew her own Array Art was far inferior to his.

Chapter 2426: Hundred Flowers Mountain

After Fang Bai activated the Immortal Array of Qiyun Peak, he then easily broke it, and casually pointed out several weak spots.

This Immortal Array had once been the pride of the Moon Sea Fairy, who believed it to be flawless and impregnable, able to withstand the attacks of a Half-Step Immortal Emperor, more than enough to guarantee the safety of the Sect's Disciples when faced with a powerful enemy like the Chaos Heaven Sect.

What the Moon Sea Fairy had not expected was that the Wushuang Immortal King not only easily broke this Immortal Array, but with just a few pointers from him, she herself indeed saw many flaws.

The Moon Sea Fairy knew that there were Array Masters within the Chaos Heaven Sect as well; if they were to launch a full-scale assault, once they discovered any one of these flaws, and joined forces to strike hard, the Immortal Array would quickly collapse.

By then, what kind of situation the Disciples of the Moon Sea Sect would face, just thinking about it made the Moon Sea Fairy's back turn cold.

At this moment, the last trace of unwillingness in the Moon Sea Fairy's heart had long dissipated; she secretly rejoiced that, fortunately, the Wushuang Immortal King had timely pointed out the flaws, otherwise by the time the Chaos Heaven Sect attacked, it would have been too late for everything.

"Wushuang Immortal King, you said you want to reset the Formation—will a few days be enough?"

The Moon Sea Fairy wiped the cold sweat from her forehead as she asked.

Fang Bai had said that he would leave the Moon Sea Sect in a few days to seek aid, but the Moon Sea Fairy knew that even setting up a large Formation was absolutely impossible to complete within several days, so she worried that Fang Bai might just be going through the motions.

Fang Bai smiled and said, "When I say reset, I don't mean tearing down the original grand array and rebuilding it from scratch, but rather patching it on its current foundation, plugging those weak points and flaws, and then making some minor adjustments."

"In that case, I'll ask the Wushuang Immortal King to begin. Whatever you need, just speak freely."

As this concerned the Sect's very life and death, the Moon Sea Fairy would never be stingy.

Fang Bai thought for a moment, then said, "About a million Immortal Stones should be enough. Of course, if we can add some powerful defensive Immortal Artifacts into the Formation, the defensive effect will be even better."

When arranging a Formation, aside from the Array Runes, the most basic material was Immortal Stones; embedding defensive Immortal Artifacts into the array could greatly enhance its defensive power.

Hearing this, the Moon Sea Fairy immediately ordered an Elder and two Stewards to personally handle the matter.

For the next several days, Fang Bai became busy, shuttling back and forth between several Formations, and the over one million Immortal Stones delivered by an Elder of the Moon Sea Sect were scattered by him like flowing water.

While "repairing" the Formations, Fang Bai would from time to time explain some aspects of the Array Path, allowing Linghu Qianjiao and the Moon Sea Fairy, who were assisting at the side, to benefit greatly.

After listening to Fang Bai's explanations of the Array Path, the Moon Sea Fairy was deeply inspired, feeling that the Wushuang Immortal King's understanding of the Array Path was truly unfathomable; even the top Array Masters in the Immortal Realm were nothing more than this.

"He possesses superb Alchemy Technique, and is proficient in the Array Path—just how many unknown secrets are hidden on this Wushuang Immortal King? Where did he learn all of his skills? If it's all due to fortuitous encounters, then his luck is simply too heaven-defying, isn't it?"

The Moon Sea Fairy thought to herself.

However, as this involved privacy, she naturally would not go digging and interrogate Fang Bai to the bottom of it.

Several days later, the "repairs" on several major Defense Arrays were completed.

Fang Bai activated the Formations, and when the defensive barrier was generated, the Moon Sea Fairy and the high-level members of the Sect jointly attacked to test the Formation's defensive capability.

The combined strike of the many Immortals was extraordinarily powerful; if the previous Immortal Array had taken this blow, it would have trembled slightly, whereas this time, the barrier did not show the slightest ripple, clearly indicating that its defensive power had increased significantly.

The Moon Sea Fairy and the high-level members of the Moon Sea Sect were overjoyed, and their confidence in overcoming this Sect tribulation increased by several degrees.

Originally Fang Bai had wanted to bring Linghu Qianjiao along, but Linghu Qianjiao volunteered to stay in the Moon Sea Sect.

In Linghu Qianjiao's words, if she stayed, she could calm the hearts of the Immortals of the Moon Sea Sect; otherwise, if both she and Fang Bai left, some Immortals of the Moon Sea Sect might worry that they would never return and were abandoning the Moon Sea Sect.

Toward the Moon Sea Sect, Linghu Qianjiao harbored a heart of gratitude, and besides, the Moon Sea Sect's fall into its current plight was more or less related to Linghu Qianjiao as well.

Therefore, no matter what, Linghu Qianjiao could not bear to abandon the Moon Sea Sect and truly flee together with Fang Bai.

Fang Bai was helpless, and thinking that he should be able to make it back within a month, he left several Messaging Jade Pendants imbued with killing intent for Linghu Qianjiao, carefully instructed her a few times, then flew into the clouds, leaving reluctantly.

"There must be quite a few spies from the Chaos Heaven Sect around the Moon Sea Sect. Wushuang Immortal King, you must be careful!"

Before Fang Bai left, the Moon Sea Fairy reminded him.

If the Chaos Heaven Sect wanted to annihilate the Moon Sea Sect, they would definitely dispatch many experts of their Sect to guard the surroundings of the Moon Sea Sect, to prevent Disciples of the Moon Sea Sect from escaping with large amounts of Cultivation Resources.

For many years, the Chaos Heaven Sect had wanted to wipe out the Moon Sea Sect for two reasons: first, to eliminate this competitor and monopolize the Cultivation Resources of the tens of thousands of miles of mountain ranges; second, because the Moon Sea Sect had a foundation of ten thousand years and stored an ocean of Cultivation Resources.

Therefore, ever since the Chaos Heaven Sect prepared to make a move against the Moon Sea Sect, they had no intention of allowing a single Disciple of the Moon Sea Sect to escape.

Fang Bai flew up into the sky, then in the nearby mountains summoned a Wind Roc, mounted its back, then concealed his aura; his figure shifted, and in an instant his entire person fused with the color of its feathers.

In this way, so long as he did not encounter an Immortal of the Immortal Emperor level with terrifyingly keen senses, there was simply no way to discover that Fang Bai was sitting on the back of the Wind Roc.

Under Fang Bai's control, the Wind Roc flew at high speed above the sea of clouds, and along the way discovered many Chaos Heaven Sect spies hidden in the dark.

The Wind Roc Fang Bai rode was merely a flying beast that had just entered the Immortal King Realm, and thus did not attract the attention of those Disciples of the Chaos Heaven Sect, allowing it to easily fly past right under their eyelids.

Following the address in his memory, Fang Bai flew nearly a hundred thousand miles, and when he looked down, he saw that among the endless lofty mountain ranges, there was a vast region of a thousand miles in radius that was a sea of flowers.

Fang Bai still remembered that in his previous life, the Hundred Flowers Empress loved all kinds of flowers and plants the most; she had traveled across the Immortal, Demon, and Devil three great realms, and any flowers and plants she encountered she would transplant to her Immortal Residence here.

Thus the Immortal Residence where the Hundred Flowers Empress lived was also called "Hundred Flowers Mountain."

Though it was called "Baihua," the types of flowers and plants here had long surpassed a thousand or ten thousand.

A breeze blew past, sending waves of floral fragrance in all directions; standing high in the sky, Fang Bai took a deep breath and felt his spirit greatly refreshed.

In the midst of that sea of flowers stood a beautiful and exquisite palace; the colors of the palace blended ingeniously with the surrounding blossoms, not abrupt in the slightest.

"Could it be that the Hundred Flowers Empress is not here? Otherwise, she should have sensed my aura long ago!"

After Fang Bai flew within ten thousand miles of Hundred Flowers Mountain, he released his aura, yet even when he flew to the sky above, he still did not see the Hundred Flowers Empress come out to welcome him, and his heart could not help tightening.

Chapter 2427: The Lotus Immortal of Hundred Flowers Mountain

The relationship between Fang Bai and the Hundred Flowers Empress could be described in mundane terms as "more than friends, not yet lovers."

They had known each other for many years, held deep affections, ambiguous and undefined, but due to various reasons, even until Fang Bai was "fallen" after being besieged by the eight top Immortal Emperors, they were unable to unite as official immortal partners.

On the surface, the Hundred Flowers Empress appeared frail, like a delicate flower vulnerable to the slightest breeze.

But only Fang Bai understood the strength of character hidden beneath her fragile exterior.

Though she was not Fang Bai's immortal partner, her affection for him was no less than any immortal partner's.

Fang Bai knew that upon hearing the news of his "fall," the Hundred Flowers Empress would not react as intensely as other disciples and close friends from the Emperor's Palace, but would instead bury the hatred deep within, silently enduring.

Only when one day she felt her power surpassed the eight top Immortal Emperors would she resolutely step forward to avenge Fang Bai.

If her lifespan approached its end with no hope for vengeance, she would end her life in the most frenzied manner, dealing a heavy blow to the eight top Immortal Emperors.

Fang Bai remembered how the Hundred Flowers Empress had agreed to become immortal partners with him once he reached the Emperor Realm Peak and attained the legendary Great Emperor Realm of the Immortal Realm.

This agreement once fueled Fang Bai's tireless cultivation, even leading him to believe he could reach the Great Emperor Realm within a century.

Unfortunately, the Emperor's Palace's fall thwarted Fang Bai's ambition, "ending in lamentation."

After seizing another's body and being reborn, every time Fang Bai thought of it, he felt sentimental. Upon returning to the Immortal Realm, he vowed to ask the Hundred Flowers Empress if the millennia-old promise still held.

At this moment, Fang Bai flew over Hundred Flowers Mountain, scanning with Divine Sense the Immortal Hall where the Hundred Flowers Empress resided, but discovered it was empty, devoid of immortals.

"It shouldn't be like this!"

Fang Bai remembered the Hundred Flowers Empress had once taken in a few outstanding female disciples; even if she went on a journey, there should be disciples guarding Hundred Flowers Mountain. Why was it deserted now?

"Could it be that after my mishap millennia ago, the Hundred Flowers Empress also met with misfortune?"

An ominous premonition settled in Fang Bai's heart.

Given the Hundred Flowers Empress's cultivation level, she was unmatched in the Immortal Realm, and it would take only the eight top Immortal Emperors to threaten her life.

"Besides the eight Immortal Emperors, no other immortals could have done it! This is yet another blood debt!"

Fang Bai descended to the Immortal Hall where the Hundred Flowers Empress once lived, fists clenched, eyes bloodshot, a violent aura spreading, his chest filled with overwhelming hatred.

"Who are you, immortal, and why do you trespass on Hundred Flowers Mountain?"

Just then, a crisp, melodic voice rang out, and with a flash of red, a young female immortal appeared before Fang Bai.

The red-dressed female immortal had picturesque eyebrows and a graceful figure, extremely beautiful. Holding a long sword with a green hilt and light red blade, she pointed the sword tip at Fang Bai with a stern, yet charming expression, wary eyes fixed on him.

Externally, the red-dressed female immortal seemed around Fang Bai's age, and her cultivation level was surprisingly comparable to Fang Bai's.

Fang Bai's physique was extraordinarily rare, with rapid cultivation progress, while the red-dressed female immortal was only an Innate Wood Spirit Root; for her to reach Fang Bai's cultivation level was remarkably rare.

"Lotus Sword... Are you a disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress?"

Seeing the immortal sword in the red-dressed female immortal's hand, Fang Bai's eyes brightened.

The Lotus Sword was the Hundred Flowers Empress's personal immortal artifact, crafted by Fang Bai himself in the past, extremely powerful. This red-dressed female immortal must be her disciple to possess this sword.

"How do you know?"

The red-dressed female immortal was surprised Fang Bai recognized the sword, then sternly demanded, "Answer me: who are you, immortal? Why do you trespass on Hundred Flowers Mountain?"

Her retort implicitly confirmed her status as the Hundred Flowers Empress's disciple.

Seeing the red-dressed immortal's hostility and readiness for action, Fang Bai hurriedly stated, "I'm your master's friend, from the Emperor's Palace."

"You're an Emperor's Palace disciple?"

The red-dressed female immortal exclaimed, seeming quite agitated, but quickly regained composure, eyeing Fang Bai with skepticism, "How can you prove you're an Emperor's Palace disciple?"

She had always stayed by the Hundred Flowers Empress's side, well-informed, knowing that despite the fall of the Emperor's Palace, many disciples had escaped and hid throughout the Immortal Realm.

She clearly knew her master's connection to the Emperor's Palace, hence revealing excitement upon hearing "Emperor's Palace disciple."

Fang Bai replied, "Your master's wrists each bear a Lotus Mark, and your Lotus Sword was crafted by the Emperor's Palace Master for your master..."

Fang Bai rapidly detailed several facts about the Hundred Flowers Empress, secrets known only to the closest disciples, proving his close relationship with her.

The red-dressed female immortal didn't expect Fang Bai to know these secrets. Though unsure of Fang Bai's identity, she believed he was a close friend of her master, her demeanor softened, and the Lotus Sword pointed at Fang Bai lowered.

"I recall, a thousand years ago, the Hundred Flowers Empress hadn't taken you as a disciple yet!"

Fang Bai remarked to the red-dressed female immortal.

The immortal's attire was not purely red but a lotus-like pale red, adding a few seductive charms against her snowy complexion.

Though knowing the white-robed male immortal before her was her master's friend, and his cultivation level matched hers, the red-dressed female immortal dared not belittle him, respectfully replying, "I was the last disciple my master took, ranked last among ten disciples."

Fang Bai asked, "What is your title?"

The red-dressed female immortal replied, "My master named me 'Lotus Fairy.'

"Lotus Fairy..."

Fang Bai murmured, his eyes taking on a peculiar light as he looked at Lotus Fairy.

The Hundred Flowers Empress adored lotuses, giving this disciple the title "Lotus Fairy," signaling she was her favorite.

"By the way, where are your master and other sisters?"

Fang Bai inquired, hoping not to hear bad news from Lotus Fairy.

"My master and sisters... they..."

Upon hearing the inquiry, Lotus Fairy's expression darkened, her eyes reddening.

Seeing her sad expression, Fang Bai's heart rose, breathing quickened, fists clenching tightly.

Chapter 2428: Will You Take Me With You?

"...Not long after the destruction of the Emperor's Palace, nine of my senior sisters went out for training, and were ultimately attacked by unknown immortals. All of them perished... I stayed by Master's side, and that's how I remained unharmed. Upon receiving the news, Master was overwhelmed with grief and instructed me to remain at Baihua Mountain while she went to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea for training..."

Lotus Fairy choked and intermittently recounted the incidents that had occurred at Baihua Mountain over the years, eventually bursting into tears uncontrollably.

She was as close as sisters with the nine senior sisters, and when she learned about their deaths, she was devastated.

Even now, although those events happened many years ago, she still hasn't come out of the shadows, unable to find tranquility even in cultivation.

"To train at the Nine Nether Thunder Sea... How many years has she been gone?"

Fang Bai asked anxiously.

"It's been a hundred years,"

Lotus Fairy replied.

"A hundred years without returning... Something must have happened..."

Fang Bai murmured, a sense of despair enveloping his heart.

The Nine Nether Thunder Sea, extending over a million miles, is an area where thunder rumbles all day long, and lightning snakes fall like rain, resembling doomsday. It is one of the most perilous forbidden grounds in the Immortal Realm.

Even ordinary Immortal Emperor Realm experts, if they venture into the outskirts of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea without powerful immortal artifacts or exceptional physical strength, would be obliterated in an instant, leaving no trace behind.

As for the most central region of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, the might of heaven and earth is even more terrifying, and even Immortal Emperors dare not easily set foot there or face a nine-out-of-ten death probability.

In his past years, Fang Bai had relied on his extraordinary power and exceptionally strong physique to train for several days in the core area of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea. After his advancement, he quickly left, not daring to stay too long.

Nevertheless, in the Immortal Realm, there has never been a lack of fervent immortals willing to risk everything.

Precisely because of the peril of the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, some who are half-step Immortal Emperors on the verge of advancing to the Immortal Emperor realm—or are already experts at the Immortal Emperor realm—go there to train.

Over the years, while some half-step Immortal Emperors or Immortal Emperors have benefited from it, there have also been many who have perished there.

"Your master must have been heartbroken over the disciples' deaths and wanted to enhance her cultivation level through life-or-death trials to avenge them! She was too eager... too eager..."

Fang Bai sighed, reflecting on how the Hundred Flowers Empress had not returned for over a hundred years, and likely perished, a pang of sourness welled up in him, his heart wrenched.

Lotus Fairy, with tears glistening in her eyes, sobbed, "Master said that if she does not return for a long time, then it means she has fallen in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, and I shouldn't go looking for her... Before she left, Master imparted all her life's knowledge to me and entrusted the Lotus Sword to my hands..."

"Master hoped that I could become an empress in the future and continue her glory. If my strength surpasses the top eight Immortal Emperors, I should avenge the Emperor's Palace... Otherwise, I should always guard Baihua Mountain and not think about revenge..."

Fang Bai quietly listened to her finish, took a deep breath, and said in a deep voice, "I will make a trip to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to find out your master's fate. Alive or dead, I must meet her."

The body of an Immortal Emperor is incredibly strong; even if they perish in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, they wouldn't disintegrate like other immortals. At the very least, their bones would remain.

The Hundred Flowers Empress went to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea to enhance her cultivation level, for the sake of the Emperor's Palace and to avenge Fang Bai. How could Fang Bai be unaware?

Therefore, if the Hundred Flowers Empress is indeed deceased, Fang Bai, no matter what, must find her remains and give her a proper burial.

Moreover, Fang Bai harbored a glimmer of hope in his heart: although the Hundred Flowers Empress's journey to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea was fraught with danger, what if she hadn't perished but encountered other unforeseeable events, preventing her return for a hundred years?

Upon hearing that Fang Bai intended to go to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, Lotus Fairy hurriedly said, "If you go to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, could you take me with you?"

Fang Bai shook his head and said, "Do you understand that your master didn't want you to go, fearing that something might happen to you and her legacy would be lost? So... please guard Baihua Mountain for her!"

Lotus Fairy said, "But... I truly miss Master! I beg you! Please take me with you!"

Saying this, she bent her knees and knelt before Fang Bai.

She had followed the Hundred Flowers Empress from a young age, their relationship akin to mother and daughter. Now that the Hundred Flowers Empress had been gone from Baihua Mountain for a hundred years, with her fate unknown, if not for diligently adhering to her master's command and protecting Baihua Mountain, she would have left long ago.

Now, upon hearing Fang Bai's intention to go to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, how could she bear it any longer?

"Stand up!"

Fang Bai pondered for a moment and finally nodded.

This Lotus Fairy is now the last disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress. Although she is exceptionally talented and has inherited the empress's teachings, reaching the Immortal Emperor realm, as expected by the empress, would likely take a long time with her strength alone.

As a disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress, Fang Bai naturally wouldn't treat her lightly. If she follows him, he can guide her at all times, helping her to attain the Immortal Emperor realm sooner, fulfilling the empress's wish.

Seeing Fang Bai nod, Lotus Fairy was overwhelmed with joy and tears.

"May I look inside the Immortal Hall?"

Fang Bai gestured toward the Immortal Hall where the Hundred Flowers Empress resided.

A thousand years ago, Fang Bai spent some time in the Immortal Hall of the Hundred Flowers Empress, exchanging insights on cultivation. Many of his self-created Immortal Technique Secrets were developed here.

He had deep feelings for this Immortal Hall.

"Alright..."

Lotus Fairy hesitated for a moment but eventually agreed.

The white-robed immortal before her, as he was a dear friend of her master, there seemed to be no harm in letting him take a look.

Accompanied by Lotus Fairy, Fang Bai walked slowly into the Immortal Hall, his gaze shifting around, discovering that all the scenery within was identical to what it had been a thousand years ago.

Seeing Fang Bai touching the objects in the Immortal Hall and even able to recount their origins, it was evident that his relationship with her master surpassed a typical dear friend. Lotus Fairy couldn't help but ask, "I... I...want to know, which immortal of the Emperor's Palace are you?"

She had heard her master talk about many things regarding the Emperor's Palace. If this white-robed immortal was a well-known figure of the Palace, she would have known.

"I, well..."

Fang Bai smiled slightly and said softly, "The Lotus Immortal Sword that your master passed down to you, I crafted it with my own hands for your master..."

Lotus Fairy made a small gasp, staring blankly at Fang Bai.

Her master had told her that the Lotus Immortal Sword was a Supreme Emperor Artifact painstakingly forged by the Emperor's Palace Master over eighty-one days. How was this related to the white-robed immortal?

Then, she thought of many doubts: her master went to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea a hundred years ago and never returned, whereas this white-robed immortal didn't even appear to be a hundred years old. How could he possibly know her master? Thus, the claim of being a dear friend to her master seemed entirely unbelievable!

But if he wasn't a dear friend to her master, how did he know so many secret things about her?

Was he really a disciple of the Emperor's Palace?

For a moment, Lotus Fairy's mind was in turmoil.

Chapter 2429: Isn't It Surprising?

"This Lotus Immortal Sword was forged by the Emperor's Palace Master for my master a thousand years ago. You weren't even born then, how could you possibly recognize my master? And how could you be close friends with my master? Your cultivation level is merely at a fifth-grade Immortal King Realm, yet you dare to impersonate the Emperor's Palace Master? That's too unbelievable!"

The Lotus Fairy suddenly became even more suspicious of Fang Bai's identity. She immediately retreated several dozen feet, and once again brandished the Lotus Immortal Sword, locking her aura onto Fang Bai. Pointing at him, she coldly asked, "Who exactly are you?"

Fang Bai hadn't expected the Lotus Fairy to think of so many things all of a sudden. He shook his head with a smile and said, "Well... that's a long story..."

The Lotus Fairy said, "Then take your time to explain! If you don't give me a suitable explanation, don't blame me for being rude!"

Though her cultivation was on par with Fang Bai's, she considered herself to be a disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress, with knowledge that far surpassed Fang Bai's. With the Emperor's Instrument, the Lotus Immortal Sword, in hand, if she discovered any misconduct from Fang Bai, she was confident she could kill him with her sword.

Fang Bai had an interest in testing the Lotus Fairy's strength and beckoned her, saying, "Come, come! Let's have a fight first! Then I'll explain everything to you clearly, and you won't be suspicious anymore."

"Fine! Let's fight! Once I've defeated you, let's see what else you have to say!"

The Lotus Fairy shouted delicately, and the Wood Immortal Qi surged around her. The Lotus Immortal Sword slashed out.

It seemed like she only made one slash, yet that single slash contained infinite Sword Intent, instantly making thousands of green sword rays appear between heaven and earth.

Those thousands of green sword rays interwove and formed a massive green net that covered the sky and wrapped toward Fang Bai.

"Heaven's Net?"

Fang Bai couldn't help but laugh silently when he saw the green sword rays weaved into a massive net.

This Heaven's Net is a Wood System secret technique created by Fang Bai. Later, during a discussion with the Hundred Flowers Empress on the Dao of cultivation, Fang Bai imparted this technique to her. Unexpectedly, she passed it on to the Lotus Fairy.

It seems this Lotus Fairy is truly favored by the Hundred Flowers Empress.

Fang Bai clenched his right palm tightly and waved it toward the void. Instantly, thousands of green rays emerged from his palm and also formed a huge green net.

The two green nets clashed in the air, producing a dense series of crashing sounds, wave-like shockwaves spreading through the void, rippling out in all directions.

The vast space between Fang Bai and the Lotus Fairy shuddered under the impact of the shockwaves, as if it could collapse at any moment.

Although Fang Bai's cultivation was comparable to that of the Lotus Fairy, his combat power was far superior. The green net he formed quickly engulfed the one the Lotus Fairy formed.

"How can this be?"

The Lotus Fairy was utterly shocked, staring at Fang Bai incredulously.

Fang Bai smiled and said, "How is it? Surprised?"

The Lotus Fairy said, "You... how do you know the Heaven's Net?"

Fang Bai replied, "I not only know Heaven's Net but also Withered Wood Spring Spell, Lotus Step by Step..."

He listed a whole bunch of names of Wood System Immortal Secret Techniques, leaving the Lotus Fairy astounded.

Many of the Wood System Immortal Secrets Fang Bai mentioned, the Lotus Fairy had heard of from her master, the Hundred Flowers Empress, knowing they were all created by the Emperor's Palace Master a thousand years ago. But now, this white-clad immortal in front of her could not only name them all but also executed the Heaven's Net technique more proficiently than she could. Could he really be the Emperor's Palace Master?

However, the Emperor's Palace Master was a contemporaneous Emperor Realm expert with her master, the Hundred Flowers Empress, who had lived for tens of thousands of years. Yet, this white-clad immortal in front of her appeared so young, how could he be the Emperor's Palace Master?

If he wasn't the Emperor's Palace Master, how could he know so many things only the Emperor's Palace Master would know?

The Lotus Fairy's mind became chaotic once again.

"Still don't believe it?"

Fang Bai looked at the bewildered Lotus Fairy and asked with a smile.

The Lotus Fairy murmured, "But... but... the difference in immortal age between you and the Emperor's Palace Master is too vast..."

Fang Bai said, "That's because I changed bodies..."

He briefly recounted how he had been besieged by eight top-tier Immortal Emperors in his previous life, fallen, and was reborn by taking over a body in the mortal world. The Lotus Fairy was amazed as she listened but finally believed that he really was the Emperor's Palace Master.

The Emperor's Palace Master was the immortal whom the Lotus Fairy admired most after her master. She was born after the fall of the Emperor's Palace and had always regretted not being able to meet the Emperor's Palace Master.

Upon knowing that this white-clad immortal in front of her was the reincarnated Emperor's Palace Master, the Lotus Fairy was overjoyed and immediately offered her grand respects, her attitude becoming more reverent, like facing her own master.

Fang Bai initially intended to seek out the Hundred Flowers Empress to resolve the crisis at the Moon Sea Sect but was disappointed to learn that the Hundred Flowers Empress had gone to the Nine Nether Thunder Sea, with her life unknown.

Realizing that the Moon Sea Sect was still waiting for him to find allies for support, Fang Bai did not linger much on Hundred Flowers Mountain. After spending a short while in the Hundred Flowers Empress's Immortal Hall, he left with the Lotus Fairy to seek help elsewhere.

"From now on, don't call me Palace Master, nor Upper Immortal... Well, just call me Wushuang Immortal King!"

While flying, Fang Bai said to the Lotus Fairy.

Calling him Palace Master could easily arouse suspicion among other immortals.

Calling him Upper Immortal could also cause other immortals to overthink, especially since both Fang Bai and the Lotus Fairy's cultivation levels were at the fifth-grade Immortal King Realm.

The Lotus Fairy nodded, showing that she understood.

Though the news of her master's possible demise in the Nine Nether Thunder Sea cast a shadow over her mood, that event had happened many years ago, and now meeting the close friend of her master, the Emperor's Palace Master, lifted her spirits.

"Wushuang Immortal King, who are we going to find?"

The Lotus Fairy knew Fang Bai was seeking out friends in the Immortal world and thought, considering he is the dignified Emperor's Palace Master, his friends must not be weak. Might he be looking for another Immortal Emperor?

Fang Bai said, "Did your master ever mention the Great Luo Immortal Emperor to you?"

The Lotus Fairy thought for a while, then realized, "Yes! Yes! You mean the Buddha from Tianyin Temple, right?"

The Great Luo Immortal Emperor was one of the few Buddhist Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm, with formidable strength on par with the Hundred Flowers Empress.

However, the Great Luo Immortal Emperor was naturally compassionate, devoted to studying the way of the Buddha, and never interfered in the affairs of the Immortal Realm. Could Fang Bai persuade him to help?

"Years ago, Tianyin Temple was attacked by two Immortal Emperors of the Demon Clan, and I helped them survive the ordeal. Therefore, the Great Luo Immortal Emperor owes me a debt of gratitude, so I think he'll help."

Fang Bai, seemingly aware of what the Lotus Fairy was pondering, said with a smile.

The Lotus Fairy's spirits lifted greatly, thinking of the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, who was as renowned as her master, an Immortal Emperor whom the immortals of the realm found it extremely difficult to meet. For her to follow Fang Bai and possibly glimpse the famous figure was an immense honor.

Chapter 2430: Tianyin Temple

The Tianyin Mountain Range is located at the extreme west of the Transcending Heaven Domain, the fifth Heavenly Domain of the Immortal Realm. It stretches across millions of li from north to south, with towering and majestic mountains.

The cultivation resources within the Tianyin Mountain Range are extremely abundant, yet they also harbor endless dangers. Whether immortal, demon clan, or devil clan, none dare to easily venture within.

And Tianyin Temple is situated on the highest peak of the Tianyin Mountain Range, Lotus Platform Peak.

Standing atop Lotus Platform Peak, ten thousand peaks from all four directions come into view.

Legend has it that Tianyin Temple was built by a Buddha Emperor millions of years ago. Later, that Buddha Emperor disappeared, and the Buddhas in the temple have guarded Tianyin Temple from generation to generation.

Although possessing the secret techniques of the Buddha Emperor's immortal technique, the Buddhas at Tianyin Temple have struggled without exceptionally talented successors, leading to the gradual decline of the once-renowned Tianyin Temple in the Immortal Realm.

Until tens of thousands of years ago, the Great Luo Immortal Emperor emerged magnificently, and his strong suppression of all immortals in the world allowed Tianyin Temple to rise again, standing proudly once more in the Immortal Realm.

To the east of the Tianyin Mountain Range is the Immortal Realm, while the west lies the Demon Domain and Monster Domain.

Due to the presence of the Buddhas in Tianyin Temple, neither the demon clan nor the monster clan dared to invade the Immortal Realm from the Tianyin Mountain Range.

Therefore, the Buddhas of Tianyin Temple are also regarded as the guardians of this part of the Immortal Realm.

However, during the period of Tianyin Temple's decline, the demon clan and monster clan, sensing the opportunity, frequently came to harass, attempting to destroy Tianyin Temple to facilitate future invasions of the Immortal Realm.

The Buddhas of Tianyin Temple frequently engaged in fierce battles with the strongmen of the demon clan or monster clan to protect the temple, with many falling, making their situation increasingly difficult.

This situation improved only after the emergence of the exceptionally talented Great Luo Immortal Emperor.

Under the protection of the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, Tianyin Temple displayed a peaceful and serene scene, with neither the monster clan nor the demon clan daring to come.

Fang Bai calculated with his fingers, realizing that in both his past and present lives, at least three thousand years had passed since he last saw the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, and he wondered about his circumstances.

To save time, Fang Bai and the Lotus Fairy consumed a great deal of cultivation resources to reach the Tianyin Mountain Range through a large teleportation array in an Immortal City.

Upon entering the ten-thousand-li range of Tianyin Temple, Fang Bai released his own aura, hoping to be sensed by the Great Luo Immortal Emperor and be invited to greet him.

However, when Fang Bai maneuvered an immortal bird to fly within a thousand li of Tianyin Temple, there was no response from the temple.

"What's going on?"

Suspicious, Fang Bai immediately released his divine sense to investigate.

With his current cultivation level in the fifth-grade Immortal King Realm, his divine sense could easily probe within a thousand li, and in just a few breaths, it reached the Lotus Platform Peak where Tianyin Temple was located.

On Lotus Platform Peak, a majestic and grand temple stood magnificently, radiating golden brilliance, surrounded by auspicious clouds in five colors.

On the temple's gatehead were carved the three characters "Tianyin Temple," each stroke containing the supreme Taoist rhyme.

This is the main temple of Tianyin Temple, usually where the Great Luo Immortal Emperor resides and cultivates.

And around Lotus Platform Peak, ten other peaks were built with ten temples, where other Buddhas resided.

Tianyin Temple has been built for millions of years, and at its peak, there were a hundred thousand Buddhas practicing. Even now, there are tens of thousands of Buddhas cultivating there.

These tens of thousands of Buddhas regard the Great Luo Immortal Emperor as their highest, followed by five hundred minor and major Arhats, all of whom are experts in the Immortal Emperor Realm, and below them are the many Buddhas, with the weakest having cultivation in the Immortal King Realm.

This kind of power, within the Immortal Realm, is on par with the eight top Immortal Emperors.

When Fang Bai covered Tianyin Temple with his divine sense, he discovered that among the tens of thousands of Buddhas in the temple, only those with Immortal King realm cultivation remained, and the Great Luo Immortal Emperor and his five hundred minor and major Arhats were absent.

Fang Bai knew that unless something major happened, the Great Luo Immortal Emperor would surely guard Tianyin Temple and never leave, let alone abandon the temple's safety and take away the five hundred minor and major Arhats.

When Fang Bai entered within a thousand li of Tianyin Temple, finally some Buddhas sensed his aura, and several Buddhas flew up to meet Fang Bai, wielding Zen Staffs to block his path.

"Which immortal are you? Please state your title!"

A Buddha at the Half-Step Immortal Emperor Realm sized up Fang Bai and the Lotus Fairy, noticing their extraordinary aura, clearly more than what meets the eye, and asked in a deep voice with a surprised expression.

Fang Bai's identity was not easy to explain quickly, and even if he did, those Buddhas might not believe him, so he gave a signal to the Lotus Fairy.

The Lotus Fairy understood his intention and thus said crisply, "A disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress, Lotus Fairy!"

The Buddha evidently had heard of the Hundred Flowers Empress, raising his long eyebrows and appearing respectful, saying, "So it's a disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress, my apologies! May I ask the purpose of your visit, Fairy?"

Fang Bai immediately sent a voice transmission to the Lotus Fairy, and the Lotus Fairy said, "I have business to meet the Great Luo Immortal Emperor. Could you please introduce me?"

The Buddha said, "Fairy, your timing is unfortunate, for the master is currently not in the temple."

Fang Bai spoke, "To my knowledge, the Great Luo Immortal Emperor rarely leaves the temple. Where could he have gone?"

The Buddha, considering this immortal, since traveling with the Lotus Fairy, was likely also a disciple of the Hundred Flowers Empress, dared not slight him, and solemnly said, "Recently, the demon and monster clans have jointly launched an attack, and the master has led the five hundred minor and major Arhats to confront them!"

Fang Bai's greatest concern was that something had happened to the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, similar to the Hundred Flowers Empress. Hearing this, he sighed in relief and asked, "Where are they confronting them?"

The Buddha pointed west and said, "Five thousand li ahead, Black Wind Gorge."

Black Wind Gorge, where constant black winds howled year-round, harboring great toxicity, made it difficult for immortals below the Immortal Emperor Realm to cross, serving as a natural barrier to block assaults from the demon or monster clans against Tianyin Temple.

Whenever the demon or monster clans attempted to invade Tianyin Temple, to prevent the temple from being damaged, the Buddhas of Tianyin Temple would rush to Black Wind Gorge to fight upon hearing the news.

Eager to meet the Great Luo Immortal Emperor, Fang Bai thanked the Buddha and drove the immortal bird beneath him, heading towards Black Wind Gorge with the Lotus Fairy.

"Only Immortal Emperors can approach Black Wind Gorge, you two must not risk it!"

The Buddha shouted to dissuade them, but Fang Bai turned a deaf ear, and the immortal bird beneath flew even faster.

The Buddha shook his head, reluctant to continue persuading, and returned to Tianyin Temple with several fellow temple Buddhas.

The immortal bird flew at full speed for four thousand li, and when still a thousand li from Black Wind Gorge, they could feel intense pressure and strong aura emanating, causing the immortal bird to feel a sense of dread, unwilling to press forward.

"Are we near Black Wind Gorge?"

Seeing the immortal bird halt, the Lotus Fairy casually asked.

Before Fang Bai could reply, she released her divine sense to detect the situation ahead. However, when her divine sense reached five hundred li ahead, she encountered waves of destructive shockwaves, scrambling her sense completely, leaving her with a dizzy spell.

She dared not probe further, hurriedly withdrawing her divine sense, and looked at Fang Bai with lingering fear.