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Chapter 171: Continuous Breakthrough

On a remote deserted island, in the depths of the huge oval pit. The array that emitted an ancient and vast aura was slowly operating. There were dried bloodstains between the patterns carved with complicated and profound arrays.

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At this moment, two figures in black robes sat cross-legged at the center of the array formation.

One of them was Bai Yu Xiu.

He suddenly opened his eyes. There was a faint roar of a huge beast in his body. The skin under the black robe was already covered in terrifying blood-colored patterns. These patterns were like living creatures that kept squirming. Every time they squirmed around his body, his aura would quickly rise.

“Calm your mind. Don’t have any distracting thoughts.” The Nascent Soul elder of the Spring Garden’s Blood Silk Guards beside the ancient array said indifferently, “In a few years, your body will be able to withstand the energy of the array formation and activate the existence in the dark.” There was a hint of envy in his voice. “Tsk ts, at that time, you will undergo an earth-shattering transformation!”

Bai Yu Xiu’s eyes flickered with anticipation for the future, and he quickly closed his eyes again.

Zhongsheng Continent.

Spring Garden headquarters.

In a remote dark red mountain range, a large number of blood cocoons covered the ground. In the largest hall floating above the blood cocoon, there were 18 towering thrones. Usually, there was no one on the thrones. But now, there was a phantom on each of the 18 thrones. Every phantom emitted an aura that distorted space.

“The Five Continents and Four Seas Ancient Array has been activated. As long as all the guides of the Blood Silk Guards can withstand the energy, we can complete the ancient Blood Attraction Array!” The ninth Blood Lord’s voice echoed in the hall.

The other phantoms all looked at the throne in the center that was carved with the pattern of the sea of blood. Sitting there was the head of Spring Garden. His phantom was almost condensed, but they could not see his outline clearly.

“How much longer?” The chief’s voice was calm.

The ninth Blood Lord said respectfully, “Chief, thirty years will do.”

“Thirty years... in the blink of an eye. You should make some preparations.”

“Yes, Chief.” The Ninth Blood Lord continued, “The Heavenly Inspection Platform might sense that all the ancient arrays have been activated. If they discover this, they will probably remind the Tai Yan Sect, the Moon Lotus Holy Sect, and the True Treasure Pavilion.”

The Chief said indifferently, “It’s fine. It’s only 30 years. With me around, even if they sense it, it’s difficult to find the location of the ancient array. The five continents and four seas have been peaceful for too long. It’s so long that they have forgotten their past fear, let alone remember these ancient arrays.”

Linhai Immortal City.

At the edge of the Yulin Mountain Range, by the Emerald Moon Lake, the clear water and the sky were the same color.

Accompanied by a series of delicate shouts, a vortex suddenly surged out of the lake, and two silver-blue pythons suddenly jumped out. Immediately, the waves exploded.

Someone stepped on the Dharma artifact.

Bai Yuying’s face was tense as she floated in the air. She glanced at the anaconda. The wrist in her purple-red long sleeve suddenly flickered with fluorescent light. Then, green vines quickly extended and wrapped around one of the silver-blue anacondas.

On the other side, Mu Jin quickly formed hand seals, and a string of purple lightning beads shone in front of her.

Swish, swish, swish.

The purple lightning pearls instantly struck the silver-blue python’s demon body. The demon beast wrapped in the vine was immediately charred and smoking. The scales on the surface were covered in wounds and blood seeped out.

The other python took advantage of the two of them controlling the Dharma artifacts to attack in a roundabout manner. However, before it could reach Bai Yuying, it was blocked by a layer of spiritual light. No matter how crazily it attacked, it could only create layers of ripples on the surface of the spiritual light.

Psst.

Soon, lightning exploded again. The anaconda smashed into the lake with a bang, causing waves to surge. Not far away, Yu Yan, Wang Yun, Luo Qing, and the others could not help but smile when they saw this scene.

“Sister Ying’er is getting better and better. She easily killed two Rank One demon pythons.”

“No, it’s all Sister Mu Jin’s fault. I’m just helping from the side.” Hearing the praise, Bai Yuying hurriedly shook her head.

Mu Jin smiled sweetly. “Ying’er, you don’t have to be humble. You’re more and more comfortable with controlling Dharma artifacts. You’re making rapid progress compared to before.”

Yu Yan flew to the two women's side on her silver boots and said with a smile, "Alright, don't be modest here. Although the materials on the two Silver Blue Anacondas are not worth much, we can't waste them."

Bai Yuying chuckled. "Alright, I'll deal with the materials now."

A moment later, the wife and concubines left Emerald Moon Lake and stopped at a nearby mountain ridge.

"Senior Pei." When they saw the Golden Core figure covered in light armor, they bowed respectfully.

In the past few days, when Shen Ping went out of the city to cultivate and master the last six special spirit runes, he would occasionally bring his wife and concubines out to let them relax and increase their battle experience. After all, with a Golden Core expert like Perfected Pei watching, it was still very safe to just stay at the edge.

Moreover, there was Yin Honglian, who was at the mid-stage of the Foundation Establishment realm.

Coupled with the high-grade Level Two Armor Spirit Talismans, Lightning Talismans, and Level Two puppets that Shen Ping had given them, they could resist even if they encountered a powerful Level Two demon beast. As for robbery cultivators, if they dared to attack, they would not be able to return.

Pei Huoyu nodded gently.

After a while, Shen Ping ended his cultivation trip and walked to his wife and concubines.

"Husband, this is the demon beast we hunted today." Bai Yuying waved her hand, and demon beast materials floated out. Although they were only at the first level, there were a lot of them. If they sold them in the city, they could earn some spirit stones.

Shen Ping smiled and hugged Bai Yuying's waist. He kissed the corner of her lips and praised, "Not bad. I'll bring you guys to Virtue Tower for a good meal tonight!"

Virtue Tower also had a shop in Linhai Immortal City. Moreover, it was much larger than Qingyang City, but its headquarters was not here.

"I want to eat Fire Braised Chicken!" Bai Yuying shouted coyly.

Yu Yan crossed her arms and said with a faint smile, "Ying'er, you haven't eaten enough beast meat chicken?"

"That's the signature dish of Virtue Tower. I'm not tired of eating it every day." Bai Yuying blushed and her eyes landed on Yu Yan. She pretended to be aggrieved and said, "Sister Yu Yan ate a lot a while ago, causing us to have an empty stomach."

Shen Ping was speechless. He realized that ever since he fought with Yu Yan for a few days, his wife and concubines seemed to be secretly competing with each other. He could not help but

examine himself. He felt that perhaps it was because he had increased his cultivation time recently and did not have more energy to have sex.

However, there was no choice. Yu Yan, who had transformed into a pink frame, had gained too much from every dual cultivation.

In just dozens of days, his puppet level had broken through to the low-grade Level Three. Moreover, in just half a month, he had accumulated hundreds of thousands more. According to this speed of gaining experience, he would probably be able to break through again in a few days.

Faced with such a surge, Shen Ping was both happy and worried. This was because other than the level of the puppet, his divine sense was also constantly increasing.

However, he was only at the third level of Foundation Establishment. There was a limit to the amount and strength of divine sense that the Niwan Palace could accommodate. Once it exceeded the entire limit, his body would not be able to withstand it.

Fortunately, as his physique increased, This limit was also constantly increasing.

The benefits of a soaring divine sense were huge. The most obvious thing was that it was easier to sense and find the balance point of the hidden runes. Although he had yet to find it, he already had a vague direction. If his divine sense increased again, this sense would be even clearer.

When Perfected Yun Ya was giving him pointers, he had once said that it was very difficult for Foundation Establishment cultivators to comprehend special spirit runes. However, it was relatively easy for Golden Core cultivators. The difference was mainly reflected in the strength of their divine sense.

However, it was very rare for a Foundation Establishment cultivator to have a Core Formation divine sense. He suppressed his emotions. Shen Ping pinched Bai Yuying's face. "It seems like Ying'er hasn't eaten her fill recently. In that case, one Fire Braised Chicken might not be enough tonight. You need two."

Yu Yan immediately teased, "I think two is not enough. You need three."

Bai Yuying buried her head in Shen Ping's arms in embarrassment and said weakly, "I really can't eat three!"

His wife and concubines covered their mouths and laughed.

"Fire Braised Chicken is too greasy. There's another signature dish in Virtue Tower, White Phoenix Clear Egg. Although it's a little expensive, it's really good to eat. Moreover, it's beneficial to Qi Refinement and Foundation Establishment cultivators." Pei Huoyu, who was standing at the side, suddenly said.

Shen Ping could not help but turn to the side with a puzzled expression. "White Phoenix Clear Egg, why haven't I heard of this dish?"

Pei Huoyu said indifferently, "This dish is only for Golden Core Daoists."

Shen Ping was enlightened. Then, he became curious. "The dish that only Golden Core seniors can eat. I'm afraid the way they eat them will be different."

“It’s indeed different. The material is from the White Phoenix. After making it, there will be layers of wrinkles on the surface of the egg. You have to use the tip of your tongue...” Pei Huoyu said seriously.

Shen Ping cupped his hands. “I didn’t expect Senior Pei to have research in tasting delicacies. Tonight, I’ll treat Senior Pei to this signature dish of Virtue Tower.”

A smile appeared on Pei Huoyu’s valiant face. “Looks like we’re in for a treat tonight.”

His wife and concubines were speechless.

Half a month later, in the main quiet room. Waves of powerful divine sense fluctuations shook. It lasted for half a day. When his mind was stable and restrained, Shen Ping, who was sitting cross-legged, suddenly opened his eyes. He glanced at the virtual interface.

[Puppet Master: Mid-Grade Level 3 (330,000/2,400,000)]

[Divine sense: Mid-stage Golden Core Realm (10,000/1,000,000)]

Although it was only a breakthrough of a small realm, his entire temperament was even more profound. If he did not deliberately restrain himself, even ordinary gazes could give people a huge sense of oppression.

Moreover, it would be easier to make and control puppets with his mid-stage Golden Core divine sense.

“Pink frame.” Shen Ping stood up and paced around the quiet room. When the virtual frame had just transformed, the Puppet Master level was only mid-grade Level Two. However, in just a month, it had already advanced to mid-grade Level Three.

Such an increase was unimaginable in the past.

In fact, he already understood in his heart that being in love was the true effect of the virtual interface.

Thinking of this, Shen Ping stopped in his tracks and looked outside the quiet room. Wang Yun, Bai Yuying, Luo Qing, and the others seemed to appear in front of him. He couldn’t help but ask himself.

Could he do what he did to Yu Yan to them?

A long time passed. There was only a faint sigh left in the quiet room..

Chapter 172: Discussion of the True Treasure Pavilion

June had just passed.

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The Linhai Immortal City became hot. Although cultivators were not afraid of the cold and scorching sun, most cultivators would go to the Li River in the east to enjoy the scenery after being in seclusion for a long time or when they were free.

At this moment, in a flying ship on the river, a lively banquet was being held. The Golden Core, Foundation Establishment, and other guest elders who were participating, as well as the elders, deacons, shopkeepers, and other members, raised their cups and drank heartily. After the initial unaccustomedness, they had gradually adapted to life in the Linhai Immortal City.

From the beginning of the banquet, there had been many cultivators who came to toast Shen Ping. After all, it was rare for a core member of the headquarters like him to participate in a banquet. The other guest elders naturally had to take this opportunity to appear and befriend him.

Finally, he found an excuse to walk to the deck to get some air. In the end, Elder Peng and Deacon Xia followed him.

“Guest Elder Shen, we have already reported the situation of the twelve countries to the Cave Division. A few days ago, they just replied that they wanted us to stay in the Linhai Immortal City for the time being. If the situation in the Wei Kingdom hasn’t stabilized in three years, the headquarters will send an envoy to interfere.”

Hearing Elder Peng’s words, Shen Ping could not help but look surprised. The True Treasure Pavilion spanned across five continents and four seas. Its power foundation far exceeded that of the twelve countries. If they really wanted to interfere, they only needed to send two Divine Transformation experts to descend. However, the goal of the True Treasure Pavilion had always been neutral. It would not participate or interfere with the local situation in any station area.

Why were they interfering this time?

Deacon Xia explained, “According to the information we gathered, the main reason for the turmoil in the Wei Kingdom this time is because the Golden Sun Sect’s Supreme Elder broke through to the Divine Transformation Realm. His strength has already surpassed the sects and factions of the twelve countries. Therefore, if Ancestor Jinyang doesn’t take the initiative to go to the Zhongsheng Continent in a few years, not only will our True Treasure Pavilion’s headquarters send people over, even the other top sects in the Zhongsheng Continent will send experts.”

Shen Ping said in surprise, “In that case, all Divine Transformation cultivators outside the Zhongsheng Continent can’t stay long?”

“Yes. This is the rule set by the top sects and factions of the Zhongsheng Continent. In the past, Old Ancestor Blood Crocodile was dissatisfied and died.

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“Previously, Ancestor Jinyang did not appear and attack. It was not easy for us to judge. It was only after a Nascent Soul cultivator invited by the Danxia Sect was ambushed and severely injured that we deduced this. Before we left, we also obtained some confirmation.”

Elder Peng and Deacon Xia smiled and nodded.

Shen Ping came to a realization. No wonder Perfected Pei said that as long as he was not in the Zhongsheng Continent, she had the ability to protect him. So that was the reason. However, he still

felt puzzled because Matchmaker Ceng of Spring Garden had long told him that Ancestor Jinyang had broken through to the Divine Transformation Realm.

In that case, why didn't Spring Garden send anyone to inform Ancestor Jinyang about the things he had to abide by when he was at the Divine Transformation Realm?

After some thought, he asked this question.

Elder Peng pondered and said, "Spring Garden has always been unconventional. Moreover, the rules that Divine Transformation cultivators can't stay outside the Zhongsheng Continent for long have been passed down until now. Very few cultivators know about it. Only when they break through to the Divine Transformation Realm and reveal or affect it will the Zhongsheng Continent send experts to descend. Fellow Daoist Xia and I only learned this news when we applied for the headquarters' assistance."

Shen Ping finally understood. To put it bluntly, the rules set by the top factions of the Zhongsheng Continent were almost useless now. It was fine as long as a Nascent Soul cultivator broke through to the Divine Transformation Realm. However, if they interfered, the factions of the Zhongsheng Continent would interfere.

Even more so, if the Zhongsheng Continent did not know that there were Divine Transformation cultivators in the five continents and four seas, this Divine Transformation cultivator could continue to stay for a long time.

Rules may initially be strictly enforced, but over time they become more and more lax.

"In that case, no matter what the situation in the Wei Kingdom is in three years, it will stabilize."

"That's right. With the interference of our True Treasure Pavilion and the top factions of the Zhongsheng Continent, no matter how ambitious Ancestor Jinyang is, he has to lower his head. Once Ancestor Jinyang leaves, the situation in the Wei Kingdom will quickly stabilize. At that time, the main garrison of the Wei Kingdom and the other countries will recover."

As Elder Peng spoke, he looked at Shen Ping and said, "Guest Elder Shen, although the Linhai Immortal City is safe and stable, the Wei Kingdom is still your homeland. If you miss it, Guest Elder Shen can return and stay for a while."

Shen Ping cupped his hands and smiled. "Definitely."

They chatted for a while more. The two of them left and returned to the building to continue tasting wine. Soon, Chong Ji walked out and handed Shen Ping a cup of spirit wine. He raised his head and drank it in one gulp. "In two days, I plan to bring my disciple to the depths of the Yulin Mountain Range to sharpen myself. As a battle cultivator, I can't always live in this comfortable city."

Shen Ping took a sip of wine and took out two Level Three Shield Spirit Talismans from his storage bag. He smiled and said, "Senior Chong, I'm still waiting to attend your Core Formation banquet. When the time comes, take out all the good wine. Don't be stingy."

Level Three talismans were expensive. Especially the Shield Spirit Talisman with powerful defense, its value was no less than a magic treasure. Even if a mid-stage Golden Core cultivator attacked with all his might, he could hold on for a long time.

Chong Ji was a second-grade guest elder at the late-stage Foundation Establishment realm. He earned a lot of spirit stones every year, but he also spent a lot. This time, he had only prepared a Shield Spirit Talisman for his trip to the Yulin Mountain Range.

But now, he looked at the two Shield Spirit Talismans that were handed over. Chong Ji smiled and shook his head. "Talisman Master Shen is indeed a core member, but this talisman..."

He was only halfway through his tactful rejection when Shen Ping interrupted him. He changed his address and said seriously, "Fellow Daoist Chong, we've been friends for many years. Take these Shield Spirit Talismans as a gift for your Core Formation in advance. What do you think?"

Chong Ji was moved. He was a straightforward person to begin with. Seeing that Shen Ping had already said so much, it would be pretentious to reject him again. After all, the Shield Spirit Talisman was a life-saving item. He was in urgent need of this talisman if he wanted to go to the Yulin Mountain Range.

"Fellow Daoist Shen, I'm not good with words. I won't say any pleasantries. If you need anything in the future, feel free to tell me."

Zhongsheng Continent.

True Treasure Pavilion's headquarters

Dong!

A melodious and dull bell sounded. Waves of special voices instantly spread to every majestic palace. Ten minutes later, it floated in the sky in a hall that seemed to be in the depths of another space.

Whoosh.

Dozens of phantoms slowly appeared. Every one of them was a Hall Master-level expert of the True Treasure Pavilion.

"There's news from the Heavenly Inspection Platform. Recently, the barriers of the five continents and four seas have fluctuated. It seems to be caused by an array formation." A gentle voice that sounded like the spring wind and rain sounded in the hall.

Every phantom looked at the core of the throne.

"The barrier has been stable for so many years. The array formation that can trigger its fluctuations can't be underestimated. I think we have to discuss this with the Tai Yan Sect, the Moon Lotus Holy Sect, and the other sects to find the source. The barrier of the Five Continents and Four Seas is very important. I'm afraid there's a secret plan behind it."

"Hmph, it must be those lunatics from Spring Garden."

“That’s right. Spring Garden has been very active in recent years and has done some shameful and dirty things. This matter is very likely their doing.”

Several Hall Masters spoke one after another.

A gentle voice sounded again. “If it’s really Spring Garden, I’ll go and meet its master. However, regardless of whether it’s true or not, the impact of the barrier fluctuation is huge. Our True Treasure Pavilion needs to be prepared to deal with any possible changes.”

At this moment, a Hall Master said, “Looking at the time, in 50 years, it will be the year of the sun. Since we’re preparing, I suggest that we test the research items of the True Treasure Pavilion as soon as possible and devote resources to nurturing the core.”

A Hall Master shook his head. “The distribution of resources between the various halls has always been balanced. If it is tilted rashly, it will affect the operation of the True Treasure Pavilion.”

“You’re being too serious. It’s just nurturing the core. How many resources can it consume?”

“That’s right. For us, the fluctuation of the barrier is the most important thing.”

“I don’t think so...”

The Hall Masters either agreed or questioned. After all, the distribution of resources involved the core interests of the various halls. Even the slightest inclination could not help but fight for it.

A gentle voice came from the core of the throne. “Since this matter is controversial, let’s discuss the decision in the hall.”

Linhai Immortal City. In the small courtyard of Yongyang Market.

Boom.

Waves of magic power pressure suddenly surged from the west wing of the day. In an instant, it spread and enveloped the entire courtyard.

Pei Huoyu frowned slightly and waved her hand gently. Her magic power aura quickly spread and resisted this magic power pressure. The wife and concubines immediately relaxed. They all looked in the direction of the west wing.

Shen Ping’s magic power only stagnated a little, and he did not feel any other discomfort. However, at this moment, he revealed a happy expression. Daoist Qiu had not let him down. After consuming the Hundred Chen Blood Channel Flower, she finally broke through to the late-stage Golden Core realm.

Once she took this step, it meant that Perfected Qiu was only a step away from the Pseudo Nascent Soul Realm. The magic power pressure lasted for a few days before slowly dissipating.

Not long after, Qiu Ying, who was wearing a purple-brown palace dress and had a charming and graceful aura, walked out of the room. Her eyes were filled with joy and excitement. The bottleneck of the late-stage Golden Core realm had stopped her for a long time. She thought that there was no hope in her life. Unexpectedly, she bumped into Shen Ping.

“Husband!” Qiu Ying flashed in front of him with a gentle expression.

Shen Ping smiled and stretched out his arms. Soon, this beautiful figure fell into his arms. Pei Huoyu, who was sitting cross-legged in the quiet room, looked at this scene and helplessly used her magic powers to block her six senses. She knew that this Talisman Master Shen was going to start causing trouble again.

His wife and concubines sighed one after another. They hoped that it would not be too long. After all, there were still a few mouths waiting to eat and live in the small courtyard..

Chapter 173: I've Waited Too Long

In the room, the two of them were very honest with each other.

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Although they were already so familiar with each other that they could tell the characteristics of the skin texture with their eyes closed, the throbbing that came from his blood instinctively still made Shen Ping unable to hide his restlessness. He took a step forward and wrapped his arms around her plump and slender waist. He immediately felt the heavy pressure of the watermelon.

He lowered his eyes and glanced down. One could only see the majestic heroism. Qiu Ying smiled charmingly. "Husband, I'm very happy to have broken through to the late-stage of the Golden Core realm. I want to share my joy with you."

As she spoke, she raised her palm slightly. The jade bottle floated beside the two of them.

"Emerald Treasure Liquid." Shen Ping's eyes lit up.

Qiu Ying nodded and said gently, "The best supplement for cultivation in the Foundation Establishment realm is the Spirit Jade Ginseng Ointment. However, that kind of item doesn't have much effect on a Golden Core like me. This Emerald Treasure Liquid is different. Although its medicinal effect is relatively mild, if it's used together with the Dew Pill, it's said to be very effective. Even a Golden Core Daoist can't control it.

"Previously, I was in the intermediate stage of the Golden Core Realm and did not dare to try it easily. You also took pity on me and did not use it. However, this time, I broke through to the late stage."

He looked at the jade bottle. Shen Ping's eyes revealed a hint of heat, but he quickly shook his head helplessly. "Ying'er is too considerate. It's just that I'm at the third level of the Foundation Establishment Realm, and such supplementary resources are beneficial to both sides. I'm afraid I can't resist it."

Qiu Ying smiled and said, "Don't worry, husband. I'll try my best to control the effects of the medicine." She broke free from Shen Ping's arms and turned around. "Husband, please help me open a new world."

"Okay!" Shen Ping's expression was solemn.

The strength of a Foundation Establishment cultivator was instantly revealed, and a vortex passageway suddenly opened in the chaotic world.

Whoosh.

Under the control of the Golden Core's magic power, the green liquid flowed into the vortex. Qiu Ying's red lips parted slightly. She bit a fiery red medicinal pill with purple patterns.

Boom.

After the medicinal power of the Dew Pill and the Emerald Treasure Liquid circulated through the meridians in the Golden Core Daoist's body and combined, it instantly burst out with medicinal power several times stronger.

Even though Perfected Qiu was mentally prepared, her eyes suddenly widened at this moment. Her graceful and charming face instantly turned red, and it spread to her earlobes and entire body at a speed visible to the naked eye. The throbbing in the depths of her bloodline exploded violently under her lower abdomen.

Shen Ping looked at the vicinity of the vortex in surprise. The originally ordinary Spirit Sunflower Body actually transformed into an anemone in the blink of an eye. Dense threads surged on the surface, as if waiting for the prey to take the bait.

"Husband..." Perfected Qiu's voice had reached its limit.

Seeing this, Shen Ping stopped watching. The jade bone body directly slashed through the air. As soon as he touched a trace of the Emerald Treasure Liquid, he felt a medicinal power that was completely different from the Snow Ganoderma Pill. Originally, he was worried that he would not be able to withstand it, but as the medicinal power spread throughout his body and rushed to his head,

He knew that he was overthinking. Not only was the medicinal power of the Emerald Treasure Liquid gentle, but it also increased the strength of the Jade Bone Body. Shen Ping quickly reacted and understood that Perfected Qiu had controlled 99% of the medicinal power.

As he thought about it, an intense exchange of Dao techniques sounded in the room.

Several hours later, the water-element spiritual energy in the house had increased greatly. Shen Ping's body was even filled with the smell of a certain demon beast when it marked the territory. However, he did not care. Instead, he closed his eyes and sat cross-legged on the ground to circulate the Qianyuan Scripture.

Although the cultivation speed of the heaven-grade metal and wood spiritual roots was very fast, it was still not comparable to the increase in spiritual qi promoted by every boiling of the strange beast's blood.

As the aura around him rose, Perfected Qiu, after reminiscing, flicked her finger and swept the room with her Golden Core magic power. She changed into a purple orchid palace dress and sat on a chair, looking at this Talisman Master who was much younger than her.

Every cultivator had their own opportunities and secrets. She knew that Shen Ping had one too. However, this was very normal. How could he not have any opportunities to become a core member of the True Treasure Pavilion?

"With my aptitude, if I want to polish my magic power to the Pseudo Nascent Soul Realm, I'll probably need dozens of years. During this period of time, I'll accompany

my husband well. Although my strength can't compare to that Perfected Pei, I can more or less protect my safety in the late-stage of the Golden Core realm."

A hint of tenderness surged in Perfected Qiu's eyes.

At dawn the next day, there was an additional pair of bowls and chopsticks on the jade table in the hall. His wife and concubines were already mentally prepared. When Perfected Qiu sat down, they called her Sister Qiu one after another, officially accepting Qiu Ying.

During breakfast, on Shen Ping's right was Wang Yun, and on his left was Bai Yuying. These two seats had always been fixed. Neither Yu Yan nor Luo Qing would sit, and the rest were very casual. He looked at his beautiful wife and concubines. He took advantage of the spirit rice lean meat porridge and quietly opened the virtual interface.

He turned to the second page. He glanced at the wish box displayed. His wife and concubines' wishes did not change much. Only Yu Yan had a new wish.

[Silver Wish: I will definitely be able to build my foundation and live up to my husband's love.]

He sighed in his heart. He thought to himself that why couldn't his wife and concubines' wishes be simple?

After all, Foundation Establishment was a threshold on the longevity path of cultivation. Although he could provide many precious resources, cultivation required time to accumulate. His wife and concubines were limited by their aptitude and had to build a solid foundation at the Qi Refinement realm. They could not be anxious to succeed.

Therefore, at this stage, it was very difficult for him to help fulfill this wish.

"In three years, the situation in the Wei Kingdom should stabilize. At that time, do you want to return to Qingyang City or stay in the Linhai Immortal City?" Recalling Yu Yan's change previously, Shen Ping tried to ask.

His wife and concubines' eyes lit up.

"Husband, can the situation in the Wei Kingdom really stabilize so quickly?"

"There's an eighty percent chance."

Bai Yuying replied without hesitation, "Husband, Ying'er wants to return to Qingyang City."

Shen Ping did not say anything. However, he was paying attention to the wish frame from the corner of his eye.

A silver wish on it changed: [I really want to see my brother.]

Luo Qing, who had always been silent and rarely spoke, said in a rare manner, "If Husband is free, I want to go back and take a look."

As she spoke, her wish was also changing. [Ze Kingdom, I wonder if the Luo Family is still around.]

Yu Yan pondered and said, "The cultivation environment in the Linhai Immortal City is better. After I build my foundation, I can return to Qingyang City to stay for a while."

Shen Ping nodded and looked sideways at Wang Yun.

Wang Yun said gently, "I'll go wherever my husband goes."

He didn't look surprised at all, and then looked at Mu Jin.

"I'll listen to my husband."

"What about you, Honglian?"

Yin Honglian was silent for a moment, "I'm willing to stay in the Linhai Immortal City."

[As long as I'm still breathing, I will condense a Nascent Soul.]

Her wish did not change.

Shen Ping knew that the hatred hidden in the depths of Yin Honglian's heart had not dissipated. He shook his head secretly and looked at Perfected Qiu.

"I'm fine with anything." Qiu Ying smiled.

[I'll live as long as I can in this life.]

This was her wish.

Shen Ping took in all the changes in his heart and smiled. "Let's eat."

As long as there was a change in their wishes, he could continuously try to guide it.

Zhongsheng Continent.

In a remote and uninhabited deep valley, space suddenly distorted.

Immediately after, two huge thrones slowly appeared. The world seemed to have turned into a distinct dark red and warm white.

The phantom on the throne descended.

"You're the one who caused the barrier fluctuations in the five continents and four seas." He said in a very certain tone.

Spring Garden's master smiled faintly. "Not bad."

"What do you want to do?"

"I just don't want to die."

The gentle voice sighed gently. "After so many years, you haven't changed. It's rare for the five continents and four seas to calm down, but you're still unwilling."

The master of Spring Garden laughed out loud, his laughter shaking the valley. "Calm... It's ridiculous for you to say that! The reason why you can enjoy peace is because someone is carrying a burden! Initially, I was a little hesitant. Now, I have to thank you for helping me make up my mind. The five continents and four seas have indeed been peaceful for too long!"

The gentle voice was silent for a while. He continued, "Back then, Master said that you were too extreme. There was clearly a safer way to resolve the problem of the five continents and four seas, but you insisted on doing this. If it caused irreparable consequences, how could you face Master?"

The Spring Garden's master's voice was slightly cold. "You're safe. You've spent so many years nurturing the bottom class and those so-called geniuses. You didn't even hesitate to destroy the law of the jungle among cultivators, wanting the geniuses to grow steadily under your protection. But in the end, the barrier of the Five Continents and Four Seas is still there! I didn't wait so long for this outcome."

The gentle voice did not say anything else.

"Thirty years. I'll wait another 30 years!"

The dark red throne gradually dissipated. Only warm whiteness was left in the valley. A long time passed.

A long and gentle sigh sounded. The warm whiteness slowly dissipated.

Half a month later, in the hall of the True Treasure Pavilion. Including the Moon Spirit Main Hall, the Mountain Fire Hall, and the others, all the hall masters had gathered together to discuss whether to increase the resources to nurture core members before the Year of the Radiant Sun.

Eventually, the recommendation was not adopted. Although nurturing core members' resources did not consume much for the True Treasure Pavilion, the development of the True Treasure Pavilion had long become a behemoth. Every resource involved many benefits.

However, at the end, the Head Hall Master, who had never made an arbitrary decision, rejected the result this time and directly adopted this suggestion.

This surprised many Hall Masters. But no one objected..

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The discussion ended.

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Several Hall Masters under the Moon Spirit Hall transmitted their voices to each other on the way back.

"Something's amiss. I'm afraid something has happened."

"That's right. It's just a matter of investing core resources, but the Main Hall Master went against everyone's wishes and directly approved it. This is very rare."

"It's indeed a little unusual. Moreover, I heard that the Lord of the main hall who suggested this matter is preparing to use an unfinished research experiment in the building in advance. If that's the case, then the way our True Treasure Pavilion has been nurturing core members might change."

"Oh right, didn't the Mountain Fire Hall accept a monstrous Talisman Dao genius some time ago? Tsk tsk, now that the resources are tilted, if we take advantage of this opportunity, it's very likely that he'll become the Hall Master in the future!"

“You flatter me. It’s still early.”

As these Hall Masters chatted, they talked about the Mountain Fire Hall.

Faced with praise, Mountain Fire Hall Master hurriedly shook his head humbly, but he enjoyed it in his heart. “To be able to make the Main Hall Master take it so seriously, I’m afraid the increase in resources this time is not small. This genius that my Mountain Fire Hall has just recruited has just become a core disciple, but he encountered such an opportunity. It seems that he’s a person with deep luck.”

Linhai Immortal City.

In the small courtyard of Yongyang Market.

Pei Huoyu, who was sitting cross-legged in the quiet room, suddenly frowned. Then, she took out his identity jade token and saw that it was glowing.

Someone was sending a message. She sent out a trace of his divine sense.

Li Yin’s voice quickly sounded. “Junior Sister, something big has happened at the headquarters.”

“What is it?” Pei Huoyu listened attentively.

Li Yin said solemnly, “The headquarters recently passed a resolution to increase the resources to nurture core members. I heard that the increase is huge, and there will be changes in the past nurturing methods. I can’t find out the exact details, but this is undoubtedly a precious opportunity for you and Talisman Master Shen!”

Pei Huoyu was shocked. “Senior Brother, is this true?”

“When have I ever lied to you? Originally, the hall was trying its best to nurture new geniuses. You had no hope of helping that Talisman Master Shen to break through to B-rank, but there might be a turnaround now.

“In half a month or a month, the headquarters will make a move. I’ll contact you then. Remember, you must supervise and remind that Talisman Master not to miss this opportunity. I rarely see such a big commotion in the headquarters.”

The message ended.

Pei Huoyu could not hide the excitement on her valiant face. The most important resource for core members was the restricted level. Since they wanted to increase the amount, it would definitely increase the restricted level. This was indeed an extremely rare opportunity. She got up and went to the talisman making room.

At this moment, Shen Ping was focused on making talismans. Pei Huoyu restrained her aura and did not disturb him. Instead, she stood behind him and sized up the talisman room.

This was the first time she had entered the talisman room. After all, most cultivators who were proficient in certain techniques hated outsiders interfering with their investigations. For example, Perfected Yun Ya would also be angry if he was disturbed while making talismans.

As a core member of the Mountain Fire Hall, she knew this very well. Therefore, every time Shen Ping entered the talisman room, she would not sense it again. Her gaze swept over. There were

many things placed in the room. Most of them were talismans and materials, and there were also some scattered puppet items.

This surprised Pei Huoyu. She did not expect that apart from making talismans, Shen Ping also liked to make puppets. In fact, she knew that Shen Ping's wife and concubines had puppet items on them. At that time, she only thought that Shen Ping had exchanged these puppet items from the True Treasure Pavilion.

But now it seemed that wasn't the case. She walked over and casually flipped through a few puppet items. She could not help but frown. She felt that there was something wrong with these fragments.

“Gold Treasure Stone, Apricot Silver Wood, Grade-3 Blood Rhinoceros Horn...

Wait, these seem to be the materials to make Level Three puppets?!”

After reacting, Pei Huoyu stood rooted to the ground in a daze.

It was normal for Talisman Masters to take care of other skills. Foundation Establishment, Golden Core, and even Nascent Soul cultivators would try to practice and study various skills when they felt that it was difficult for their cultivation to improve. Therefore, she was not surprised that Shen Ping made puppets.

However, this was a Level 3 puppet material! Even a Nascent Soul cultivator would have to spend hundreds of years of immersion and research to reach this level.

Shen Ping was only a Foundation Establishment Cultivator. If he could create a Level Three puppet, it would undoubtedly mean that he had shocking talent in the Dao of puppets.

However, Pei Huoyu knew very well that Shen Ping was a Talisman Master who was proficient in Talisman Daoism. Furthermore, he had outstanding talent in Talisman Daoism. This talent had once amazed Perfected Yun Ya.

Under normal circumstances, it was already not bad for Foundation Establishment Cultivators to be proficient in one skill. It was extremely rare in the Zhongsheng Continent for them to have both talents and reach a certain level.

But now...

She came back to her senses.

Pei Huoyu looked up at the broad figure who was standing in front of the talisman table and drawing spirit runes with a talisman brush. Her emotions fluctuated.

A moment later, Shen Ping put down his brush. He stretched and looked at the Level Three talisman he had made with a smile on his face. As his level in the Dao of Talismans continued to increase, his success rate in making Level Three Shield Spirit Talismans was also getting higher and higher.

“Senior Pei.” Shen Ping turned around and cupped his hands. He had noticed it when he walked in earlier, but he was busy making talismans and had no time to care about anything else.

“After mastering the Vibration Rune, although it will be much easier to make ordinary talismans, you're a Foundation Establishment cultivator after all. To be able to

successfully make a Level Three Shield Spirit Talisman, your divine sense should have broken through to the Core Formation realm, right?" Pei Huoyu said calmly.

Shen Ping nodded and said, "Senior Pei has a discerning eye. I've been immersed in studying the Talisman Scripture all day long, and my divine sense has indeed improved faster. I reached the Core Formation realm a while ago."

"You already have a Core Formation divine sense at the early stage of Foundation Establishment. If Fellow Daoist Shen walks the path of battle cultivation, you will definitely be an extremely powerful battle cultivator." Pei Huoyu praised him. Then, she pointed at the scattered puppet items and asked casually, "Fellow Daoist Shen, can you make a Level Three puppet?"

Shen Ping shook his head. "I can only occasionally make a small Level Three puppet."

The Dao of Puppets was divided into many types.

The mainstream was spirit puppets. They relied on their powerful divine sense to attack and defend. Spirit puppets were divided into small and large ones. There were also humanoid puppets and demon puppets.

In the early stages, Puppet Masters' combat strength was weak, but as their puppet level increased to the second level, their combat strength improved qualitatively. At the third level, the combat strength of puppets could be said to have soared, especially large third level humanoid puppets. Even if they were low-grade third level puppets, as long as their core mechanical parts and energy were not destroyed, they had the ability to fight a mid-stage Golden Core.

However, the small ones were mainly supportive.

For example, the Mountain-Drilling Thunder Snake's support effect was very good.

Pei Huoyu smiled. "Fellow Daoist Shen, you're quite outstanding in the field of puppets since you're able to create small Level Three puppets. However, it's better to specialize in them than to be mixed. Fellow Daoist Shen, your main focus now is still to study Talisman Scripture. It won't be too late to study puppets when you reach the headquarters in the future."

Shen Ping smiled and said, "Senior Pei, don't worry. I'm only making puppets when I'm bored and free."

The corners of Pei Huoyu's lips twitched. He could reach Level Three when he was making them occasionally. If other puppet masters found out, they would probably vomit blood.

"By the way, why did Senior Pei come to find me?"

Hearing this, Pei Huoyu suppressed the waves in her heart and said casually, "Nothing much. I just want to ask Fellow Daoist Shen about your recent cultivation of the Talisman Scripture."

Shen Ping did not hide it and replied, "In a few days, the hidden runes will be completely balanced. As for the Green Talisman Sutra, I can already master the sword-shaped diagram in the first volume. However, I haven't outlined the fire-shaped diagram in the second volume."

“Not bad.” Pei Huoyu praised him, “I originally thought that you would have to stay on the Hidden Runes for at least a year or two. I didn’t expect you to find a balance so quickly. It seems that it’s because of your divine sense. It’s a huge advantage for you to have a Core Formation divine sense at the early stage of the Foundation Establishment realm.

“At this speed, Fellow Daoist Shen will most likely be able to comprehend the first two volumes of the Green Talisman Sutra before you go to the headquarters. If you want to break through to the B-rank core, you have to comprehend the first four volumes. Don’t worry, I’ll help you resolve the last two volumes.”

Shen Ping looked at Pei Huoyu in surprise and could not help but say, “Senior Pei, you don’t have to worry about this. The last two volumes require a lot of contribution points. I’ll go to the headquarters and find the support of the other halls before exchanging for the second volume of the Talisman Beast Scripture.”

Pei Huoyu didn’t say anything else, but she secretly decided that when her senior brother sent another message, she would borrow some contribution points. Although her senior brother didn’t have that many, he was a Nascent Soul cultivator after all. His connections in the headquarters were wider than hers, so it shouldn’t be difficult for him to gather the contribution points needed for the last two volumes of the Green Talisman Sutra.

In the blink of an eye, two months passed.

True Treasure Pavilion’s headquarters

Mountain Fire Hall.

Laughter came from the hall from time to time. The guards on both sides of the hall door were surprised. Usually, the Hall Master did not smile, but what was wrong with him today? He was actually so happy.

“Disciple, with your natural talent in the Dao of Talismans, once the new Core Jade Tokens are distributed, you’ll surely be able to ascend the Glory Rankings of the core members of my True Treasure Pavilion!

“I’ve already found out that the resources this time are tilted unprecedentedly. As long as you can continue to be on the rankings, you can obtain restricted resources. You’re also a new member. At that time, there will be additional Hidden Dragon Rankings.

“With the double ranking bonus, it’s basically not a problem for you to become a Class A core member.”

Chapter 175: This Is the Power of the Talisman Scripture!

Linhai Immortal City.

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In the quiet room.

The identity jade token engraved with the mark of a mountain fire floated in front of Pei Huoyu. Her divine sense seeped into the jade token, and her senior brother Li Yin's slightly excited voice continued to sound.

"Junior Sister, this change is huge. I didn't expect the headquarters to actually create a new core jade token and use an unfinished experiment. Just from this, it can be seen how determined and important the headquarters are to nurture core members this time.

"Although we didn't find out the specific distribution of resources, it's definitely unprecedented. Junior Sister, this is a huge opportunity. You have to grasp it tightly!"

Listening to the voice, Pei Huoyu hurriedly asked, "Senior Brother, do you mean that the new core members can use contribution points to exchange for restricted-level resources in advance for this change?"

"That's right. Not only that, if the core members perform well and can be ranked on the Glory Ranking or the Hidden Dragon Ranking, they can obtain the reward of restricted resources every half a year!"

As Li Yin spoke, he seemed to deliberately lower his voice. "Moreover, the higher the ranking, the more generous the restricted-level rewards you obtain. It's said that this reward includes the Jade Immortal Brew, the Silver Saint Flower, the Ten Thousand Year Spirit Heart Fruit."

With every resource item listed, the shock in Pei Huoyu's eyes increased. In the end, her eyes could not help but widen, and her valiant face surged with disbelief. "Top-grade restricted resources... H-how is this possible!!"

She was shocked.

The resources in the treasure vault of the True Treasure Pavilion were all-encompassing. As long as one had enough contribution points, it was easy to build their foundation and form their core. However, it was a little difficult to condense their Nascent Soul. This was because the various supplementary treasures of the Nascent Soul Realm only increased the chances in other aspects. Whether they could succeed in the end depended on whether their mental state could safely transcend the Mental Demon Tribulation.

However, if he could exchange for restricted-level resources, it would be different. He could rely on some special resources to resist the Mental Demon Tribulation. Therefore, restricted resources were the most important core resources of the True Treasure Pavilion.

There were also levels to such resources. Among them, top-notch restricted resources were undoubtedly the best. However, only Class A core members, the hall masters of the various halls, and some powerful core upper echelons were qualified to exchange for resources of this level.

In the end, the headquarters actually took out such resources as a reward for this change. It was simply unbelievable.

“Junior Sister, I didn’t believe it at first, but this news has already spread in the headquarters! In at most a month, the new core jade token will be distributed to every core member of the headquarters. At that time, you can directly ask Talisman Master Shen if it’s true.”

Speaking of this, Li Yin reminded her seriously, “Junior Sister, I know your personality very well. You’re usually not good with words. Even if you did something, you wouldn’t spread it around. However, this change is extraordinary. Although Talisman Master Shen’s talent and potential can’t compare to the new genius taken in by the Hall Master, he performed very well during the assessment back then. He might not be on the Glory Rankings, but as long as he’s given time, he still has a high chance of entering the Hidden Dragon Rankings!

“So, other than urging him to cultivate and comprehend the Talisman Scripture, it’s best if you can befriend him more. If that Talisman Master Shen rises to the top of the Hidden Dragon Rankings in the future, not to mention obtaining top-notch restricted resources, you could enjoy the high-level restricted resources endlessly.”

Pei Huoyu came back to her senses and the ugly thing she had seen before subconsciously appeared in front of her. Her earlobes were tinged with a rare blush as she gritted her teeth and said, “Senior Brother, what do you mean by that?!”

Li Yin quickly replied, “Your Dao techniques and combat experience are rich and powerful. It’s easy for you to guide a Foundation Establishment Cultivator. What I mean is for you to exchange more Dao techniques with him and increase your relationship with him. This way, not only can you increase his strength, but he can also better break through to the Hidden Dragon Ranking. It’s killing two birds with one stone!”

Hearing this, Pei Huoyu could not help but ask in confusion, “Senior Brother, don’t the skill geniuses in the headquarters usually focus on comprehending and cultivating the various scriptures? Why do you mean that we have to experience killing and fighting on the rankings this time?”

Li Yin’s voice sounded, “I’m not too sure about the details. The new core jade token has changed a lot, and it’s difficult for me to find out more details. Anyway, you’ll know in a month. I’m telling you this to let you understand the current situation. Once the core jade token is distributed, the higher-ups of the various halls, pavilions, ships, and other factions in the headquarters will pay attention to the Glory Ranking and the Hidden Dragon Ranking at all times.

“Although the core members have always received the attention of the higher-ups of the headquarters, the increase in resources this time has multiplied.”

After ending the message, Pei Huoyu fell into deep thought.

Zhongsheng Continent.

A spirit peak floated in the distance of the Grade Six spirit vein abode that Yu Qingling was in, and a simple pavilion sat at the peak of the spirit peak that was ethereal like a paradise.

At this moment, the space in front of the pavilion suddenly rippled.

Soon, an old man in a white robe appeared. The moment he stepped into the pavilion, two waves of magic power condensed. Perfected Yu and his wife bowed respectfully and said, "Greetings, Hall Master Dan Hai."

The old man smiled amiably and said, "How has my disciple, Qingling, been cultivating recently?"

Perfected Yu hurriedly said, "Qingling's progress in the scripture is very fast. A while ago, she could already see the shape of the pill beast."

Hearing this, Hall Master Dan Hai stroked his beard and praised, then said, "You should have heard about the core members of the headquarters recently, right?"

Perfected Yu nodded. "Hall Master, aren't the rewards for the two rankings too generous this time? Although those top-notch restricted resources are mainly used by cultivators below the late-stage Nascent Soul realm, if we nurture them like this, I'm afraid it will be too encouraging and easily cause the foundation of the core members to be unstable!"

Hall Master Dan Hai shook his head and said, "This was personally instructed by the Main Hall Master. It's difficult for us to guess his intentions, but no matter what, this change is a good thing for Qingling."

Perfected Yu hesitated for a moment and said, "Although it's a good thing, Hall Master, you also know that Qingling is a little special. Now that she used that experiment in the core jade token, I'm afraid she'll be affected!"

"What will come will come." Hall Master Dan Hai smiled faintly and said, "As long as she's here, she'll be fine no matter what impact she suffers. Alright, I came this time mainly to tell you about Qingling's future cultivation arrangements."

Northern Rock Marsh Region.

At the edge of the Yulin Mountain Range outside the Linhai Immortal City. Shen Ping looked at the Level One demon beast in front of him and pressed his fingers together. Magic powers quickly surged from his fingertips and outlined hidden patterns in the air.

Psst.

In the blink of an eye, this special spirit rune disappeared. When it appeared again, it arrived at the demon beast's head and quickly entered its forehead. As he withdrew his balance control of the spirit rune, the hidden rune instantly exploded in the demon beast's head.

Sensing the dimness of the demon beast's aura, Shen Ping heaved a sigh of relief. He clenched his fists in excitement. "I've finally mastered the Hidden Rune!"

There were the first six special spirit runes, from Qian runes to Vibration runes. He had completely mastered it in less than two years. However, it had been almost a year since he started cultivating the first hidden rune of the last six. It could be seen how difficult it was.

"Fellow Daoist Shen, it's still early. You can find another demon beast to test the power of the first scroll of the Talisman Beast Scripture." Pei Huoyu took a step forward and stood beside Shen Ping.

“The power of the Talisman Beast Diagram?”

“That’s right. Since you’ve already grasped the hidden runes, you should be able to unleash a portion of the power of the talisman beast diagram. As for how to unleash it, didn’t Perfected Yun Ya leave you a jade slip before he left?”

When he heard that, Shen Ping hurriedly took out the jade slip and immediately permeated it with his divine sense to read all kinds of information about the first volume of the Talisman Beast Scripture.

It had to be said that Perfected Yun Ya had put in a lot of effort. The method of using the first talisman beast diagram and the things to take note of were recorded in detail. But previously, he had mainly read the knowledge of the twelve special talisman scriptures and had not read the Talisman Beast Scripture.

“The strange beast pattern is the first volume of the talisman beast diagram. Although it’s a combination of three special spirit runes, the Qian, Stack and Return, and focuses on defense, if it’s made using the principle of outlining the Vibration Runes, the overall will become very unstable. At this time, it can use the balance of the hidden runes to control it.”

After reading it, Shen Ping’s eyes lit up. “It can actually be used like this!”

He could not help but lament in his heart that Perfected Yun Ya was indeed an existence close to a talisman master. Previously, he had never thought of this. After all, the talisman beast diagram came from the scripture given by the headquarters. It was different from ordinary talismans, and he subconsciously felt that it was difficult to outline the talisman beast diagram.

However, from the looks of it, his thoughts were stiff.

Several hours passed. After failing many times in a row, Shen Ping finally succeeded in imprinting the talisman beast diagram on the demon beast’s head, as if he had mastered the hidden runes.

Boom.

As the strange beast pattern exploded, the demon beast’s brain did not explode as expected. Instead, it was directly annihilated into nothingness. Powerful energy fluctuations swept in all directions with the demon beast as the center. In an instant, everything within a hundred feet was destroyed.

Pei Huoyu reacted extremely quickly. The moment the energy spread over, the golden patterns on the light armor dress flickered and condensed into a golden round shield to resist this violent energy.

“This, this is the power of the Talisman Beast Scripture?!” Looking at the terrifying scene in front of him, Shen Ping was dumbfounded. He did not expect the Talisman Beast Scripture’s strange beast pattern talisman to be so terrifying.

Pei Huoyu smiled faintly. “Fellow Daoist Shen, the headquarters spent a lot of resources to nurture geniuses with all kinds of skills. They didn’t even hesitate to increase their status and even let the Golden Core protect them as a Dao Protector. They don’t just value ordinary skills and the strength they have when they become a Nascent Soul cultivator in the future.

“The super power that can be displayed by various scriptures is one of the goals of the True Treasure Pavilion. Moreover, it’s also an important reliance for the True Treasure Pavilion to be able to cross the five continents and four seas without falling.”

Shen Ping took a few deep breaths and suppressed the raging waves in his heart. His eyes gradually emitted a dazzling light.. If the power of the talisman beast diagram was so powerful, what would happen if he used the talisman beast diagram to cast the Sea of Talisman?

Chapter 176: New Core Jade Token

It was five in the evening.

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On the cloud boat that returned to the Linhai Immortal City, Shen Ping looked at the afterglow of the setting sun through the clouds in the sky, his emotions flying.

All along, although he had been cultivating and comprehending the Talisman Scripture, he had only treated it as a supplementary method to increase his status and obtain restricted resources of the True Treasure Pavilion. He did not really care about the Talisman Scripture and thought that it was just a deep extension of the talisman.

However, the power of the Talisman Beast Scripture today shocked him greatly.

That destructive power completely exceeded his understanding of talismans. And most importantly, the power of Talisman Beast Scripture he unleashed through these two methods were only a portion.

“The foundation of the True Treasure Pavilion... is unfathomable!” Shen Ping sighed.

At first, his impression of the True Treasure Pavilion was that it was a large-scale business alliance faction in the cultivation world. Such a faction mainly relied on a huge amount of resources to recruit and rope in all kinds of powerful cultivators. It would obtain their protection and steadily continue to develop.

However, after the headquarters’ assessment, he changed his opinion and felt that the True Treasure Pavilion was indeed a large faction that spanned the five continents and four seas. But it was at this moment that the True Treasure Pavilion became more and more mysterious and powerful in his heart.

After all, the True Treasure Pavilion had stood in the five continents and four seas for countless years. During this period of time, they had nurtured many skill geniuses. Even if any of these geniuses could completely comprehend and master the Talisman Beast Scripture, they could rely on its power to protect the True Treasure Pavilion.

The Talisman Beast Scripture was only one of many technique scrolls.

“If the True Treasure Pavilion is like this, then what about Spring Garden, which is on par with it? What do they rely on?” Shen Ping could not help but think of Spring Garden and Matchmaker Ceng.

After the situation in the Wei Kingdom became chaotic, Spring Garden did not seem to have retreated.

Matchmaker Ceng did not come to the Linhai Immortal City either. Initially, he did not take it to heart. However, after seeing the terrifying foundation of the True Treasure Pavilion, Spring Garden became even more mysterious in his eyes.

“Although the Talisman Scripture is powerful, ordinary talismans are equally important. Fellow Daoist Shen, you have to remember this.” Pei Huoyu’s voice interrupted Shen Ping’s thoughts.

He raised his eyes and cupped his hands. “I will definitely remember Senior Pei’s reminder.”

Back at Yongyang Market, just as he reached the entrance of the single courtyard, Pei Huoyu continued, “Recently, the way the headquarters nurtured core members has changed. Originally, they had to wait for the review and evaluation before the new core members could come into contact with more resources, but this time, it was brought forward. In another month, an envoy from the headquarters will arrive and distribute the latest core jade tokens. You have to be mentally prepared.”

Shen Ping was stunned for a moment before he said happily, “Senior Pei, in that case, can I use my contribution points to exchange for various talisman scriptures in advance? In 13 years, do I need to go to the headquarters to review and evaluate?”

Pei Huoyu said patiently, “Of course. The change this time is aimed at all the core members. New core members like you can obtain the right to exchange in advance, but it’s just a very small part of the change. As for later on, if you want to break through to the B-grade core and obtain better nurturing, you have to go to the headquarters. Not only does the headquarters have better guidance than Perfected Yun Ya, but they also have various resources to assist you in your comprehension and cultivation.”

Shen Ping was enlightened, but he quickly shook his head in disappointment. He thought that he could break through to the B-rank core in these 13 years, but in the end, he had to go to the headquarters to review and evaluate.

“Fellow Daoist Shen, in the future, when you go to the Yulin Mountain Range, other than practicing special spirit runes, it’s best if you take a certain amount of time to familiarize yourself with using the talisman beast diagram.

“Today is your first time using it. When you’re familiar with it in a few days, go to the inner area of the Yulin Mountain Range.”

Hearing Pei Huoyu’s words, Shen Ping figured out the meaning behind it. He looked surprised. “Senior Pei, do you want to train my ability to use the talisman beast diagram to fight demon beasts?”

Pei Huoyu nodded. “That’s right. Although I don’t know what the changes to the core jade token involve, there should be this assessment.”

“Sure. Senior Pei can arrange it when the time comes.” Shen Ping agreed. After witnessing the power of the talisman beast diagram, he wanted to master it as soon as possible. After he could steadily outline it on the talisman paper, he would prepare a thousand pieces and place them in his spirit ring.

At that time, he would have Shield Spirit Talismans and Level 3 puppets. In addition, there were a thousand talisman beast diagrams and various divine powers. Even if he were to face a mid to late-stage Golden Core expert, he did not have to be afraid.

In the next month, Shen Ping dual cultivated every day, meditated, made talismans, occasionally fiddled with puppets, and then cultivated the Talisman Scripture. In addition, he went to the Yulin Mountain Range every three days. His cultivation life was full and boring.

But he was already used to this kind of life and was willing to endure it. After all, the other Foundation Establishment Cultivators did not feel much improvement after dozens of days of bitter cultivation. However, Shen Ping was different. He comprehended three times every day and watched as his various attributes increased.

This feeling of clearly controlling the change in his strength was far from what other cultivators could experience.

It was precisely because of this that he always looked calm and at ease.

Early November.

As the cold wave swept over from the extreme north of the Northern Rock Marsh Region, the climate of the Linhai Immortal City suddenly turned cold. The ground of the small courtyard in the morning was covered in a layer of frost. However, be it the spirit beasts raised by Bai Yuying or the spirit fields and medicinal fields that Wang Yun had cultivated, they were not affected.

On the day the envoy from the headquarters arrived, More than a hundred guest elders, deacons, and elders waited quietly in the spacious backyard of the True Treasure Pavilion. Perfected Qiu was among them. Shen Ping sat in the hall and tasted the spiritual tea.

After a while, the air restriction array of the Linhai Immortal City fluctuated. Elder Qi and Elder Peng stood up and walked out of the hall. Shen Ping followed behind.

Whoosh.

In just a few breaths, several auras with extremely powerful pressure appeared in the spacious backyard. The envoy in the lead was wearing a round-necked blue robe with a long sword embroidered on his shoulder that seemed to shoot into the sky.

When Pei Huoyu saw this symbol, she immediately walked forward with a solemn expression and bowed. “I’m Pei Huoyu, the core of the Mountain Fire Hall. Greetings, Lord Sword Envoy.”

Elder Qi and Elder Peng hurriedly bowed. However, they were extremely shocked in their hearts. Even this Perfected Pei of the Mountain Fire Hall addressed him as lord. The emissary in front of them was very likely to be in the late-stage Nascent Soul realm.

What was it that made a late-stage Nascent Soul cultivator personally come to the main station of the Northern Rock Marsh Region?

The sword envoy glanced at Pei Huoyu and said with a smile, "I know you.

You're a Golden Core cultivator from the Mountain Fire Hall who has some strength."

Pei Huoyu said immediately, "Thank you for your praise."

The sword envoy smiled and said calmly, "Other than the core members, the rest can wait outside."

"Yes!

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As the sword envoy and Shen Ping entered the hall one after another, the other four Nascent Souls from the headquarters stood on both sides of the door. This time, the core jade token was of great importance and could not be lost. Therefore, the headquarters specially sent a late-stage Nascent Soul realm expert to escort them. Moreover, the handover had to be carried out under supervision.

Swoosh.

The Sword Envoy raised his palm. The purple jade bead floated in the air.

"This is a special type of communication treasure. It can record and supervise our current words and actions. It can also be sent to the headquarters in a short period of time. It will be supervised by specialized personnel." As the sword envoy spoke, he looked at Shen Ping seriously. "I'll be asking questions, you only need to answer yes or no."

Shen Ping hurriedly nodded.

"Have you passed the headquarters assessment of our True Treasure Pavilion and become a D-rank core member?"

"Yes!

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"Are you affiliated with the Southern Flame Continent, the Fire Toad Cave, the Northern Rock Marsh Region... the main station of the twelve countries, the Wei Kingdom?"

"Yes!"

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He replied yes several times in a row. The sword envoy smiled. "Guest Elder

Shen, please take out the core jade token you obtained at the headquarters."

Shen Ping immediately took out the jade token and handed it over. The sword envoy glanced at it and took out a jade token with a special strange beast pattern carved on it. On the other side, there was a word, 'true' carved on it. Unlike before, this jade token had a purple mist flowing inside.

“This is the new core jade token. Guest Elder Shen, you have to protect it well. If it’s lost or abandoned, although you can apply again, the process is very troublesome.”

“Yes, Lord Envoy.” He took the new core jade token. As soon as Shen Ping touched it, he felt a very gentle energy transmitting from inside. His heart instantly calmed down. It was much stronger than the fragrance of the Mange Spirit Grass supporting powder.

“My mission is complete.” The sword envoy put away the purple jade bead and walked out of the hall without stopping.

Swoosh.

He and the other four envoys left in the blink of an eye, as if they had never appeared. When the oppressive aura in the backyard completely dissipated, Perfected Qiu and the other guest elders heaved a sigh of relief.

Shen Ping exchanged a few pleasantries with Elder Qi and Elder Peng before walking to the room in the backyard. His divine sense could not wait to seep into the new core jade token.

Although Pei Huoyu also wanted to know what changes there were to the new core jade token, she still guarded the door and did not let any cultivators disturb him. Even Perfected Qiu could not.

Boom.

As his divine sense permeated, Shen Ping immediately felt a strange pulling force pulling his mind from the jade token. Before he could react, most of his mind from the Niwan Palace surged into the core jade token.

He came back to his senses. He was stunned to find himself in a narrow house. He suppressed the panic in his heart. After a moment of silence, Shen Ping quickly withdrew his divine sense and spirit from the core jade token and returned to his body. “There seems to be more space in the jade token..”

Chapter 177: Meeting Yu Qingling Again

Treasury resources.

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The rankings.

Trial assessment.

Exchange of Dao techniques.

The change in the new core jade token was indeed not small. He even felt dizzy when he fumbled with it. Shen Ping only used five minutes to figure it out. However, he was not very interested in the rankings or the trial. What he cared about the most was the resources in the treasure vault.

Therefore, his first choice was to check the changes in the treasure vault. With a thought, a door slowly appeared on the wall of the narrow room, and words appeared on it: Treasure Vault.

He pushed open the door. Cultivation techniques, medicinal pills, rare treasures, magic treasures, talismans, puppets, array formations, and many other resources appeared one by one. Every type of resource displayed the required contribution and authority.

“Let’s check the Talisman Scripture.”

Shen Ping’s voice fell. A large number of resources disappeared in the blink of an eye. Soon, scriptures appeared in the surroundings. There were more than a hundred of them densely packed. However, from the contribution price alone, the Talisman Beast Scripture and Green Talisman Sutra were undoubtedly the best two. He casually took a look at the rest and did not take them to heart.

Then, his thoughts moved again. “Check the restricted resources!”

Whoosh.

The scriptures suddenly disappeared, and jade boxes appeared out of thin air. Seeing this scene, Shen Ping could not help but feel excited. Other than the scripture, he could actually see restricted resources!

The change this time was indeed huge!

He composed himself. He glanced at the various jade boxes.

Seaboard Ginseng Leaf—Low-Level Restriction Level, suitable for Qi Refinement, Foundation Establishment, and Golden Core usage. Requires 50,000 contribution points, Level B core authority.

Blue Crystal Fire—Low-level Restriction... Requires 60,000 contribution points, B-Rank Core.

Strange Beast Pattern Blood—Low-grade... Requires 50,000 contribution points, B-grade core.

After reading all the restricted-level items in detail,

Shen Ping sighed helplessly. He could look at restricted-level resources, but even the lowest restricted-level required more than 50,000 contribution points. Moreover, he had to be a B-rank core member. He was only a D-rank core now. Even if he had contribution points, he could not exchange them.

“No matter what, I can finally see a glimmer of hope!” He comforted himself. He left the treasure vault and returned to the narrow room. “The rankings.”

Another door appeared in the wall. Shen Ping walked in and saw two huge blank lists hanging. Among them, there was the Glory Ranking and the Hidden Dragon Ranking. Between the two rankings, there were lines of words introducing the rules. He glanced around. He came to a realization.

The Glory Ranking was a ranking for all the core members of the True Treasure Pavilion. As long as one could pass the trial assessment, they could be on the ranking. However, the ranking only displayed the top 200 members.

On the other hand, the Hidden Dragon Rankings were different. Other than passing the trial test, one had to be a new core disciple within a hundred years. The True Treasure Pavilion did it once

every twenty years. In other words, only the core disciples of the new five batches could be on the rankings, and the rankings only showed the top fifty.

Whoosh.

At this moment, the font changed and was refreshed. Shen Ping hurriedly looked over.

“The Glory Ranking and the Hidden Dragon Ranking are rankings established by the True Treasure Pavilion to focus on nurturing core members. As long as one is on the rankings, they can obtain restricted resources as a reward. This reward will be given every half a year. I hope every core member will cherish it.”

He glanced at the content in front of him and stared at the ranking reward displayed behind him without blinking.

The reward for being number one on the Glory Rankings was a bottle of Immortal Jade Brew.

The reward for being second was a Silver Saint Flower.

The reward for being third was a ten-thousand-year-old Spirit Heart Fruit.

The reward for being first on the Hidden Dragon Rankings was a thousand-year-old Spirit Heart Fruit.

The reward for being second was a drop of blue strange beast blood.

The reward for being third was one Sea Whisker Ginseng.

He looked back and forth dozens of times.

Shen Ping kept rubbing his eyes. After confirming that he was not seeing things, his eyes revealed deep shock.

Jade Immortal Brew, Silver Saint Flower, Ten Thousand Year Spirit Heart Fruit. These were all top-notch restricted resources. Each of them cost at least a million contribution points, and their value far exceeded Nascent Soul treasures. If one could enter the top three of the Glory Ranking and obtain such resources, not to mention the Nascent Soul realm, even breaking through to the Divine Transformation realm in the future would no longer be an extravagant hope.

Although these rewards could not be obtained repeatedly, as long as he could continue to be in the top three, he could convert the rewards into contribution points and buy other restricted resources.

It was the same for the Hidden Dragon Rankings. Although the rewards for the top three were not as good as those on the Glory Ranking, if one could obtain the rewards, Foundation Establishment was simply easy.

He carefully studied the Talisman Scripture to improve his status. Wasn't it for these resources?!

Now, these resources were already in front of him.

“Rankings! I want to clear the rankings!” Shen Ping revealed an excited expression.

The thought in his heart became even more intense. Without hesitation, he hurriedly exited the rankings and pushed open the door of the trial assessment.

He had just entered when the ethereal voice sounded, "The trial assessment is not open for the time being. Please wait patiently."

Most of the excitement on his face was instantly extinguished. A moment later, his divine sense withdrew from the core jade token. He sat in the room and drank a few mouthfuls of spiritual tea, his expression calming down. The rewards for the top three on the rankings were indeed very tempting. However, it was probably very difficult to rush up.

The Glory Ranking faced all the core members, including those who had cultivated in the headquarters for hundreds or thousands of years. Not to mention core members like A and B, even core members of the older generation like C and D were not something he could compete with.

There was still some hope for the Hidden Dragon Rankings. However, it was impossible to reach the top three at this stage.

It was mainly because he had only studied the Talisman Scripture for a short period of time. It had not even been three years since he came into contact with the "Basics of Talisman Scripture". Although his speed of comprehension was not slow, it was very difficult to catch up to the members of the previous batches in such a short period of time.

"The trial assessment... I wonder what the content of the test is. If it's still something like shattering the bronze patterned disc, I might be able to break through with my Talisman Dao Mystique."

Through his conversation with Perfected Pei all these years, he knew that his results in the headquarters' assessment had been relatively outstanding. The reason why he could quickly pass that time was mainly because of his Talisman Dao Mystique. Therefore, if the trial assessment was the same, he believed that with his constantly increasing Talisman Dao Mystique, he had some chances.

Thinking of this, Shen Ping's divine sense entered the jade token space again and sent a message to Yu Qingling. The latter's parents and master had a deep background. They might know the content of the trial test in advance.

Not long after, Yu Qingling replied, "Fellow Daoist Shen, have you obtained a new core jade token?"

"Yes."

"That's great. Fellow Daoist Shen, I've applied for a Dao technique exchange. After you pass, push open the door and you'll see me." Yu Qingling's voice was filled with joy.

The corners of Shen Ping's mouth twitched. He thought of the Snow Ganoderma Pill, the Spirit Jade Ginseng Ointment, and the bloody calamity last time. If Yu Qingling still remembered all of this, wouldn't it be very awkward during the Dao Technique Exchange later?

On second thought, he shook his head secretly. She had a heart demon oath. The possibility of the other party recording these things was very low. Therefore, he quickly applied for communication through Yu Qingling. He pushed open the door that appeared on the wall.

Shen Ping stepped in. He looked up and saw a beautiful figure standing opposite him. However, this beautiful figure was like a sharp sword that could be unsheathed at any time, making people not dare to look at her directly.

Especially when Yu Qingling's lively eyes swept over. He immediately felt the sharp aura emitted by the sword-shaped mark between her eyebrows.

"Fellow Daoist Yu. Shen Ping frowned and walked over with cupped hands.

The corners of Yu Qingling's mouth curled up into a faint smile as she bowed leisurely. "Fellow Daoist Shen, long time no see.."

Chapter 178: Senior Pei, Please Have Some Self-Respect

The Dao Technique Exchange Space was the same size as an ordinary quiet room. The two sat down separately.

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Shen Ping couldn't help but glance at Yu Qingling from the corner of his eye. The divine sense body in the jade token was the same as the appearance and clothes of the person outside.

At this moment, Yu Qingling was wearing a green dress embroidered with pink silkworms. There were apricot-red gauze ribbons hanging down on both sides of her long sleeves, and there were still cloud silk ribbons fluttering on her shoulders. She looked like a pure and otherworldly immortal.

"It's been years. Fellow Daoist Yu's appearance is getting more and more moving." As Shen Ping praised her, his eyes landed on Yu Qingling's elegant and calm face. Her fair and pink skin was tender and beautiful, and her lively eyes revealed a hint of cuteness and delicateness.

Yu Qingling's face flushed red as she said, "Thank you for your praise, Fellow Daoist Shen."

She sat upright. The curves of her dress looked a little round. This made Shen Ping's eyes light up. He thought to himself that it seemed that time had left a mark on this genius female alchemist.

"Fellow Daoist Yu, the changes in the core jade token this time are really huge. I'm really tempted by the rewards of the Glory Ranking and the Hidden Dragon Ranking. I can't wait to go to the trial space to break through to the rankings immediately. I wonder when the trial assessment space will open?" He asked.

The corners of Yu Qingling's mouth curled into a smile as she said, "The rewards for restricted-level resources are rather moving. I want to go to the trial space as urgently as Fellow Daoist Shen. However, I heard from Master that the trial test will only be opened after all the core jade tokens are distributed.

"The Southern Flame Continent is far away. Since Fellow Daoist Shen has obtained the core jade token, I think it will open in half a month at most."

Shen Ping came to a realization and asked again, “Then does Fellow Daoist Yu know the content of the trial assessment?”

Yu Qingling shook her head. “I’m not sure either, but I can confirm one thing. The test this time is different from before, and it requires close combat.”

Shen Ping frowned slightly. “We have divine sense bodies in the jade token. Without magic power, how can we fight?”

Yu Qingling shook her head again. Seeing this, Shen Ping did not continue to ask. Since he would know in half a month, there was no need to be anxious.

Next, the two of them chatted about the rankings and rewards before taking their leave. However, when they were leaving, Yu Qingling suddenly said, “With Fellow Daoist Shen’s natural talent, it’s not difficult for you to ascend the Hidden Dragon Rankings. At that time, you can rely on the rewards to continuously obtain contribution points. I want to ask if Fellow Daoist Shen is still willing to interact with me in the future?”

As she asked this, her fair little hand gripped the corner of her dress tightly, and there was a hint of nervousness in her brows.

Shen Ping smiled and cupped his hands. “Fellow Daoist Yu, since we’re core members of the same batch, we should naturally exchange our cultivation insights and experiences.”

Yu Qingling’s eyes suddenly became dazzling, and the aura of the sword mark between her brows seemed to have become even fiercer. She revealed a delighted expression. “Thank you, Fellow Daoist Shen, but you can call me Qingling or Alchemist Yu in the future.”

“Alchemist Yu, you can also call me Talisman Master Shen.” Shen Ping continued with a serious expression, “Now that the core jade token is more convenient, Alchemist Yu, if you have any questions, you can ask me.”

Yu Qingling said in a lighthearted tone, “It goes the same for you, Talisman Master Shen. I’ll definitely tell you everything I know.”

The two of them cupped their hands again. Only then did they leave the Dao technique exchange space.

On the Cloud Beast Carriage back to Yongyang Market. Pei Huoyu and Qiu Ying sat on both sides. Shen Ping sniffed the two fragrances. His emotions were still in the conversation with Yu Qingling.

From the looks of it, she might even ask about some curious things in the future. How should he respond then? Moreover, if Yu Qingling wanted to communicate at a deeper level out of curiosity...

As he thought about it, his thoughts wandered uncontrollably. It was as if an embroidered pink dress appeared in front of his eyes. He did not know what it tasted like. While his imagination was running wild, Shen Ping took the opportunity to hold her slender waist. His palm became even more dishonest.

A layer of red instantly appeared on Perfected Qiu’s charming and graceful face. She did not expect Shen Ping to do this in the beast carriage. She quickly glanced at Pei Huoyu. Seeing that she was calm, she secretly heaved a sigh of relief. She thought that since this person had seen everything, it would seem pretentious if she was shy.

With a thought, the sky-blue spirit bracelet on her wrist suddenly emitted traces of blue fluorescence, enveloping the entire Cloud Beast Carriage and isolating it. Then, she leaned into Shen Ping's arms and let him fondle up and down.

After a while, the sound of water could be heard from the beast carriage.

"Ying'er, you're getting more and more proficient in water-type spells. I haven't even used the Soaring Dragon Technique yet, but I'm almost covered in your water." Shen Ping was very satisfied with Perfected Qiu's cooperation. However, he looked very calm on the surface.

"Husband, you're too humble. Your finger technique has already reached the Impeccable Stage. My water-type spell can't withstand it at all. If this continues, I can only be forced to use Flow to deal with it." Perfected Qiu said solemnly.

Shen Ping retracted his palm and placed it in front of his eyes. Looking at the layer of golden paper wrapped around his fingertips, he shook his head and sighed. "Ying'er, you're overpraising me. If not for the help of external objects, I'm afraid I wouldn't have been able to withstand the explosion of your sea anemone."

"Husband, don't be discouraged. I believe that one day, you will definitely be able to overcome all the difficulties." Perfected Qiu's eyes were filled with gentleness.

Just as she was about to get up and communicate further, Pei Huoyu, who was sitting beside them, reminded them expressionlessly, "We've arrived at Yongyang Market."

Shen Ping coughed a few times and sighed. "The speed of the Cloud Beast Carriage is indeed very fast. I haven't even felt anything before I arrived!"

Perfected Qiu nodded repeatedly. "That's right."

As she spoke, the blue fluorescent light on her wrist dissipated. The smell in the beast carriage quickly dissipated. The two of them got out of the car as if nothing had happened.

Pei Huoyu followed behind. As her lips twitched, she rolled her eyes in her heart. Fortunately, the Cloud Beast Carriage was faster. If it was any slower, the entire carriage would have fallen apart.

He returned to the small courtyard.

Shen Ping was not in a hurry to return to the room with Perfected Qiu. Instead, he walked into the quiet room where Pei Huoyu often stayed and briefly explained the changes in the core jade token.

Even though Pei Huoyu was mentally prepared, her valiant face still could not hide her shock when she heard these specific changes.

The core jade token of the True Treasure Pavilion was originally forged from a special material. The special rune arrays arranged inside had both the Dao of Talismans and the Dao of Arrays. They were very profound and even ordinary Divine Transformation cultivators would find it difficult to understand the profundity.

Yet there was actually a universe in the new jade token. This required even more super-high methods to do it. However, Pei Huoyu was experienced and knowledgeable after all, so she quickly recovered.

“Fellow Daoist Shen, top-notch restricted resources are very precious in the True Treasure Pavilion. Only Class A core disciples and higher-ups of the Hall are qualified to exchange for them. Now, you’ve come into contact with them in advance. This is undoubtedly a huge opportunity.

“With your Talisman Dao talent, although it’s impossible for you to enter the Glory Ranking, there’s still some hope for you to enter the Hidden Dragon Ranking. Therefore, you have to spend a certain amount of time every day to increase your control and use of the Talisman Beast Scripture.”

Pei Huoyu had a rare solemn expression as she frowned. “It’s a pity that Perfected Yun Ya has returned to the headquarters. Otherwise, with his guidance, you would be able to completely control the use of the first scroll of the Talisman Beast Scroll in a few years.”

Shen Ping smiled nonchalantly. “Senior Pei, although Perfected Yun Ya left, the jade slip he left behind...”

Pei Huoyu shook his head. “The effect of the jade slip is different from Perfected Yun Ya’s personal guidance. For example, when you were cultivating the Vibration Runes, if Perfected Yun Ya did not outline the Vibration Runes in the void and let you sense them carefully, no matter how outstanding your talent was, it would take you a long time to understand them. It’s the same for the use of the Talisman Beast Scripture.”

Shen Ping did not refute. He knew that Pei Huoyu was telling the truth. Although Perfected Yun Ya was not his teacher, his guidance on the talisman scripture was very important to him. At the very least, it saved him a lot of detours.

Pei Huoyu looked at Shen Ping and continued, “You’re a new core member and have yet to go to the headquarters. There are many supplementary cultivation resources, especially special items that can help you comprehend the Talisman Scripture. You can’t use them. In addition, you’ve only been in contact with the Talisman Scripture for a short period of time. When the assessment space is opened, it’ll be very difficult for you to compete with the previous members for the rankings.

“And being one step ahead means being one step ahead at all times. If you can’t enter the rankings in the early stages, when the rewards are distributed half a year later, the difference will become greater and greater.

“Therefore, the impact of the rankings in the first half of the year is critical.” Pei Huoyu blamed herself. “I’m afraid the Mountain Fire Hall will have to support that Talisman Dao genius even more now that the rewards for the two rankings are out. However, most of the talisman masters I know are from the hall. It’s very difficult for them to help you at this critical moment.”

When Shen Ping saw this, he said sincerely, "Senior Pei has already helped me a lot. Even without a master's guidance, I believe that I can definitely rush to the Hidden Dragon Rankings."

"It's good to be confident. But there has to be real action. In the next half a year, Fellow Daoist Shen, you should try your best to reduce the time for sex." Pei Huoyu looked at Shen Ping and said earnestly.

Shen Ping looked helpless. Although it was important to break through the rankings, dual cultivation with his wife and concubines was his foundation. Which was more important?

He knew what he was doing. He took a deep breath. He cupped his hands and said, "Senior Pei, I'm afraid it's difficult for me to..."

"If you can do it, I can take off this light armor dress.."

Chapter 179: Don't Care About Your Appearance

Shen Ping was stunned. He had never expected Pei Huoyu to say such a thing. After all, who was the latter? She was the core member of the Mountain Fire Hall. She was a powerful battle cultivator who rarely met her match at the Golden Core realm.

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Don't look at how he was always glancing around. However, he had never thought that he would be able to see Pei Huoyu's true appearance.

But now...

Although he knew that the other party's words were motivating, he couldn't help but size up Pei Huoyu again and again after Shen Ping came back to his senses.

The curves under her light armor seemed to be natural, without any excess beauty. Although the round arc in front of her was not as arrogant as Yu Yan and Mu Jin's, the pear-like pearls combined with her tall figure made her look extremely charming.

If such a perfect figure stood naked in front of him, the scene would have been reflected in Shen Ping's pupils.

He seemed to have seen through the fair and moist skin under the light armor dress. The delicate meridian patterns on the surface kept extending in all directions. Some climbed rock peaks, and some went into the sea to the abyss.

Pei Huoyu did not care about the fearlessness in Shen Ping's eyes at all. She said indifferently, "The physical body of cultivators is only an external object. Only the Dao heart is the most important. The light armor dress I'm wearing has not been taken off for a long time. If Fellow Daoist Shen can really firm your Dao heart, there's no harm in taking it off for you."

Her voice sounded in the quiet room. Shen Ping, who was in a reverie, immediately came back to his senses. Although he really wanted to see Perfected Pei's elegance, dual cultivating every day was his Dao heart.

Faced with so many temptations, how could he shake this Dao heart!

Hence, Shen Ping said again, "I appreciate Senior Pei's good intentions. However, my wife and concubines are the love of my life. They wait for me every night. If I don't accompany them for a long time, I will inevitably feel disappointed. Cultivation is important, and so is sex. I want both."

Pei Huoyu was rather surprised. She originally thought that using such a method that suited Fellow Daoist Shen's preference would achieve a very good effect, but the other party's choice was unexpected.

"Since Fellow Daoist Shen loves sex so much, then forget..."

Before she could finish speaking, Shen Ping's tone suddenly changed. "Senior Pei, if I can enter the Hidden Dragon Rankings, I wonder if the conditions just now are still acceptable?"

Pei Huoyu was speechless. She only wanted Shen Ping to cultivate with all his might, not give herself away as a reward. "Fellow Daoist Shen. I'm a Daoist Protector, not a Daoist Companion."

As her voice fell, the entire quiet room seemed to have become cold. Shen Ping shuddered and hurriedly said, "Senior Pei, please forgive me. I was rash."

With that, he bowed and left. He thought to himself that he was still a little too obsessed. How could he covet a Golden Core expert like Pei Huoyu?

However, just as he retreated to the door of the quiet room, a voice transmission sounded in his ear. "If you can make it to the top three of the Hidden Dragon Ranking five times in a row before heading to the headquarters, what I said before will still count. Moreover, I can change into the dress you like."

"Fellow Daoist Shen, your physical body is only external. I hope you can remember this and not make a mistake."

Shen Ping's eyes lit up. He stopped and bowed solemnly before leaving for Perfected Qiu's room.

Pei Huoyu smirked. Then, she let out a long sigh. This Talisman Master really loved this path and was beyond redemption.

The moment Shen Ping stepped into the room, he could no longer suppress the anger in his lower abdomen. He went forward and pulled off Perfected Qiu's dress, which was sitting cross-legged on the edge of the bed. The force produced by his jade bone body suddenly rushed forward.

In an instant, a sharp sword appeared in the sky.

A few days later, in the inner region of the Yulin Mountain Range. The cloud boat floated above a low and continuous mountain.

"This will do." Shen Ping and his wife and concubines landed on the ground one after another. With the two powerful Golden Core cultivators, Pei Huoyu and Perfected Qiu, guarding them, nothing would happen to his wife and concubines even if they were outside the inner region.

Next, he first took two hours to study and comprehend the runes in the twelve special spirit runes. The rest of the time was used to familiarize himself with the use of the first scroll of the talisman beast diagram.

Boom!

Every time the talisman beast diagram exploded, it would cause quite a commotion and even attract powerful Level 2 demon beasts. With Shen Ping's current strength, he did not need Perfected Pei to take action at all. He could easily deal with Level 2 demon beasts by himself.

This continued for ten consecutive days.

Shen Ping was immersed in his familiarity with and control of the talisman beast diagram. His powerful Golden Core divine sense played an important role in this process. On the twelfth day, he was already familiar with the power of this patterned talisman beast.

Zhongsheng Continent.

True Treasure Pavilion's headquarters

In the Mountain Fire Hall.

The Lord of the Mountain Fire Hall, who was wearing a red robe, looked down at the disciples who were bowing below and said with a gentle smile, "Disciple, the core jade token has been distributed. It will officially open tomorrow. Currently, less than ten new core disciples, including you this year, have successfully mastered the second volume of the Talisman Beast Scripture. Therefore, in the first half of the Hidden Dragon Ranking, you will definitely be able to enter the top ten. With your comprehension speed in the Talisman Scripture, I believe you will only need a few years to suppress other skill geniuses and reach the top of the Hidden Dragon Ranking!

"In addition, I've already applied for you to go to the Talisman Scripture Pool. Your progress will be faster if you comprehend it for a period of time."

A man with an angular face and resolute eyes said respectfully, "Thank you, Master!"

Mountain Fire Hall Master nodded and continued, "Disciple, the Hidden Dragon Ranking is not difficult for you. My expectations for you are the Glory Ranking. That is your goal."

Speaking of this, he sighed softly and said, "The rewards for the top three are too generous. Although this top-notch resource restriction reward is nothing to me, it's very important to those core members who are stuck in the Nascent Soul realm.

"As for the core members of the four levels of the True Treasure Pavilion, as long as they haven't broken through to the late-stage Nascent Soul Realm, they are all qualified. Therefore, the competition on the Glory Ranking this time will be extremely intense.

"You're only at the Foundation Establishment realm now. Your cultivation time is too short. As long as you can enter the rankings, it's a great honor!"

Level Six spirit vein cave abode.

Hall Master Dan I lai said with a solemn expression, “Ling’er, although your talent in alchemy is very outstanding, there’s still a big gap between you and those top alchemy geniuses in the past. However, you have a special body. If you can really comprehend it, your future achievements will definitely be extraordinary. And this Glory and Hidden Dragon Rankings is your chance!”

Yu Qingling’s expression turned solemn. “Master, Ling’er will definitely go all out.”

In the desert area of the Southern Flame Continent. A handsome man in a plain white robe sat on the Qilin carriage floating in the air. He looked at the few Nascent Soul cultivators who gradually appeared around him with an indifferent expression. “I’ll give you ten breaths to disappear from my sight.”

Boom!

However, what responded to this handsome man was boundless magic power. In an instant, this world was swept up by the violent magic powers of the Nascent Soul.

“You’re really overestimating yourself. Why didn’t a Nascent Soul cultivator who doesn’t even have a spiritual ancient treasure hide in the cave abode and cultivate in seclusion? Why did you come out to court death?!”

Thousands of sword-lights suddenly exploded out from within the carriage. Every single sword-light seemed to have a formation activated. In the blink of an eye, these thousands of sword-lights floated within an area of tens of thousands of meters. Soon, the sword-lights interwoven into an enormous formation.

As the formation appeared, there seemed to be an ancient beast roaring in this world.

Puff! Puff!

The moment several Nascent Souls heard the beast roar, the Nascent Souls condensed in their dantian covered their ears in pain. Then, their entire bodies exploded from the inside out. In the end, not even a piece of their clothes fell.

The handsome man shook his head gently when he saw this. “Nascent Souls in small places are always arrogant. It’s a pity that they’ve cultivated bitterly for so many years.” Suddenly, he was delighted. “The trial will open tomorrow. I’ve reserved the top ten of the Glory Ranking!”

Swoosh.

The Qilin carriage turned into a beam of light and quickly disappeared into the horizon.

Almost at the same time, all the core members of the True Treasure Pavilion’s headquarters received the news from the jade token.

The trial space determined the ranking of the Glory and Hidden Dragon. It was related to restricted resources. Be it the Nascent Soul realm, the Golden Core realm, the Foundation Establishment realm, or the other cores, they were all silently waiting for midnight to arrive.

As for the various hall masters, pavilion masters, boat-level Nascent Souls... Even some experts who often went into seclusion paid attention to the jade token rankings.

In the past, although core members were valued, they had never been given such a generous amount of resources. Therefore, as long as there was nothing wrong with their brains, they could smell something unusual.

Yongyang Market.

In a quiet room in a small courtyard, Pei Huoyu, who was sitting cross-legged on the futon, opened her eyes and took out her identity jade token.

“Junior Sister, after midnight, the rankings will begin. Now, the higher-ups of the headquarters are all paying attention. If anyone can rush to the top of the rankings, it will definitely attract the attention of the various hall masters. You must remind Talisman Master Shen to go all out.” Li Yin’s voice sounded.

Pei Huoyu was stunned for a moment. “Senior Brother, it’s just the rankings. Why would it attract the attention of the Hall Masters in the headquarters?”

“I’m not sure. Maybe the headquarters wants to see the effect of the first time they put in this jade token space. In any case, just remember to remind him.”

He ended the transmission.

Pei Huoyu hesitated for a moment before getting up and going to the talisman room. Seeing that Shen Ping was making talismans, she waited for a moment. When he was done, she said, “The trial assessment will begin soon. Fellow Daoist Shen, it’s best for you to rest tonight.”

Shen Ping nodded with a smile. “Thank you for your reminder, Senior Pei. I’ll go to the quiet room later..”

Chapter 180: Trial Space

Late at night, the dazzling stars in the sky above the Linhai Immortal City were still shining as before.

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On this ordinary day, a large number of rogue cultivators were either meditating, refining pills, making talismans, or buying wine to have fun. They did not know that all the core members and higher-ups of the top faction, the True Treasure Pavilion, were waiting for midnight.

As the night gradually deepened, Pei Huoyu looked at the main quiet room with an inexplicable glint in her eyes. Even though she knew very well that with the current situation of the talisman scriptures that Shen Ping had grasped, it was basically impossible for him to rush to the top of the Hidden Dragon Rankings, for some reason, she still had some expectations.

“Fellow Daoist Shen. All you need is time. I can’t help you. I can only motivate you in the way you like.” She sighed in her heart.

Time passed bit by bit. It was midnight. Everyone, including Shen Ping, took out their core jade tokens. An hour later, the jade token said, “The trial space is open.”

Whoosh.

Almost instantly, the divine sense of all the core members of the True Treasure Pavilion permeated the jade token space and pushed open the door to the trial assessment space.

In the originally dark house, it became spacious and translucent. The walls around the house seemed to be made of special materials. It looked like a palace hall. There were many complicated patterns carved on the surface of the walls. These patterns included talismans, pill furnaces, artifact cauldrons, array discs, and other immortal cultivation symbols.

However, the roof and the ground were engraved with strange beasts. An area lit up in the center of the giant beast pattern.

“New core member Shen Ping, please stand in the bright area in the center.” A gentle voice suddenly sounded in the room.

Shen Ping did as she said. Soon, he stood in the center of the Giant Beast Map.

“Please choose the skill you want to train in.”

“Talisman Dao.”

As his voice fell, the talisman pattern on the wall instantly flickered. Before Shen Ping could react, a pillar of light immediately surged out from the bright area under his feet. This pillar of light rushed to the roof and spread in all directions at a visible speed. When it completely drowned the house,

He was stunned to find that the environment in front of him had changed. Surrounding him were dark and oppressive jagged rocks. They were densely packed. As he sized it up, Shen Ping suddenly felt that something was wrong. He stretched out his hand and could not help but be surprised.

“Magic powers in the Foundation Establishment... What, what’s going on?”

Just as he was feeling surprised, the gentle voice sounded again. “New core, Shen Ping, in order to ensure that the trial space is relatively fair, all the cultivators are given magic powers and cultivation levels at the Perfected Foundation Establishment realm. You are on the first level. As you are a Talisman Master, the content of this trial...”

Shen Ping came to a realization.

The content of the first level of the Talisman Master’s trial space was quite simple. He only needed to stand on the spot and kill all the attackers. Moreover, there was a layer of defensive spiritual light within dozens of feet of him.

Therefore, what he had to do was try his best to kill all the enemies before the defensive spiritual light shattered.

Buzz.

After the gentle voice explained the rules, a layer of defensive spiritual light suddenly surged out from the edge of the ground where Shen Ping was. There were special spirit runes on the surface of this spiritual light, and at the same time, there were traces of array formations.

Bang!

However, just as Shen Ping was observing the defensive spiritual light, the surrounding strange rocks seemed to have come alive and suddenly collided with the spiritual light. Instantly, the defensive spiritual light shook violently, and the flickering light dimmed a little.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

In just a few breaths, a large number of strange rocks crashed into the defensive spiritual light like a storm.

Shen Ping could clearly sense that the defensive energy of the spiritual light was rapidly being consumed. He spread out his powerful divine sense and quickly estimated that according to this attack frequency, the defensive spiritual light could last for at most four hours.

He was not flustered. After all, this was only a trial space. If it was a real battle, perhaps even a hundred of him could not compare to Pei Huoyu.

However, if he was not afraid of death, Then his theoretical combat experience would be much richer. He glanced around. Other than his magic robe, he only had one spirit ring left.

There were all kinds of talismans and materials in the spirit ring, and more than a hundred of each had been prepared. It was obvious that the challenger had to make talismans on the spot to kill those strange rocks.

“Even the defensive spiritual light can’t withstand the attack of the strange stone. Even if I make a Shield Spirit Talisman, it’s probably useless. In that case, I’ll quickly make an ordinary Lightning Talisman and see if I can kill the strange stone!” He thought for a moment.

Shen Ping immediately took out the talisman materials and raised the talisman brush to make it. The stronger the magic powers and divine sense, the time needed to make talismans would be shorter.

When he was outside, he had already completed making ordinary Lightning Talismans with his magic powers at the third level of the Foundation Establishment realm very quickly. Now that he was in the trial space and had the power of the Perfected Foundation Establishment realm, coupled with his powerful Golden Core divine sense, it wouldn’t even take five minutes to make them with the Vibration Rune technique.

Not long after, he made the Lightning Talisman in one go. Then, he activated his magic power. The Lightning Talisman immediately turned into a bolt of purple lightning that struck the strange rock.

Chi! Chi! Chi!

A large number of lightning snakes surrounded it. However, the surface of the jagged rock only emitted a little charred green smoke, and nothing else was affected.

This made Shen Ping frown.

Although it was just an ordinary Lightning Talisman, a second-stage demon beast would be injured. What kind of demon beast was this strange rock in front of him? It was too thick-skinned.

Seeing this situation, he did not waste any more time making ordinary talismans. Instead, he directly began to make the first volume of the strange beast pattern talisman diagram.

Compared to the Lightning Talisman, although there were only three special spirit runes that had transformed into many spirit rune circuits in the first volume of the talisman beast diagram, it was quite time-consuming to make it because there was no specific beast blood to match the talisman paper. However, when Shen Ping took out the talismans materials, he realized that they were very suitable to make the talisman beast diagram.

This made him overjoyed. It was obvious that the talisman materials prepared in the trial space had special beast blood mixed with the talisman beast diagram.

He calmed his mind and prayed. Shen Ping picked up the talisman brush again and devoted himself to making and sketching.

The spirit runes in the first volume of the Talisman Beast Scripture were similar to ordinary Level 2 talismans. When he used the Vibration Rune to outline them, his speed was only slightly slower than the Lightning Talisman.

Ten minutes later, as the talisman brush stopped, he immediately felt the intense fluctuation of the strange beast pattern on the talisman paper. This was a sign that it was about to collapse.

Shen Ping hurriedly used his powerful Golden Core divine sense to sense the balance point according to the control method of the hidden runes. Over the past few days, he had already become extremely familiar with this.

Looking at the talisman beast diagram floating in front of him, a smile appeared on his face. The previous strange beast pattern diagram did not have any power. However, this one was different. It had extremely powerful power.

Swoosh.

The moment his magic powers and divine sense were activated, the talisman beast diagram had already rushed out of the defensive spiritual light at lightning speed.

Boom!!

As the talisman beast diagram exploded, a destructive strange energy swept over and instantly destroyed more than a hundred strange rocks.

“The talisman beast diagram is still the most powerful!” Shen Ping was extremely excited. Therefore, he repeated the same trick and made four more talismans in a row to destroy the large number of strange rocks that attacked the defensive spiritual light.

Before the defensive spiritual light could collapse, he completely killed 500 strange rocks.

“Congratulations to the new core, Shen Ping, for passing the first level of the trial space. Please rest for a moment and head to the second level.” A gentle voice sounded.

A relieved smile appeared on Shen Ping’s face. At least he did not fail on the first level.

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In the lofty palace that seemed to exist in an alternate space, dozens of figures sat on the throne with distorted space. In the middle of the hall, a white jade tower floated. It was half the height of a person and emitted a fluorescent light.

“Not bad. In just four hours, a member of the A-grade core has rushed to the third level. This little guy must be the personal disciple of Hall Master Tong under the Star Hall. His talent in array formations is extremely outstanding. Currently, he has already comprehended the second volume of the Array Scripture. If nothing goes wrong, he will grow to the Hall Master level in the future.”

“The others on the Glory Ranking are alright. Unfortunately, none of them are too outstanding.”

“Two people have rushed to the second level of the Hidden Dragon Rankings. The new disciple of the Mountain Fire Hall Master under the Moon Spirit Hall has performed well. After all, he has only cultivated for a short time. To be able to reach the second level so quickly, he is indeed very talented in the Dao of Talismans.”

“It’s still too early to say. We’ll be able to determine the standard after the rankings stabilize.”

As he listened to the casual discussions around him, the figure of the highest throne did not fluctuate at all..