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“I hope you will perform well in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm this time, and upon returning, use this insect to make a breakthrough to Foundation Establishment.”

Lu Changsheng looked at his son and said with a serious expression.

“Hui God Worm...”

Lu Chensha had spent a lot of effort studying insect control and read many books, and had come across the name of this mythical insect before.

Unexpectedly, his father actually gave him such a precious and rare mythical insect.

He was excited, without any hesitation, he respectfully cupped his hands and said, “Father, rest assured, I will not disappoint you in this trip to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, and I will uphold the prestige of our Bi Lake Mountain!”

“Good, it is enough that you have said this.”

“However, this insect is fierce and difficult to tame, whether you can subdue it or not depends on you.”

Lu Changsheng continued.

Although the Hui God Worm is not as violent and hard to tame as the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm, it is still not easy to subdue.

Or rather, no matter how fierce a bird or beast, it is not easy to tame, the higher the bloodline grade, the harder it is.

“Hong Lian.”

After speaking, Lu Changsheng looked towards Hong Lian and called out.

Indicating for her to help Lu Chensha form a pact using the Ancient Beast Taming Charm.

“Chensha, use the Blood Covenant Method.”

Hong Lian, seeing Lu Changsheng bestow such a Hui God Worm to Lu Chensha, was also pleased for him, and said softly.

As she spoke, she gently raised her jade-like hand, and the Ancient Beast Taming Charm appeared.

After she reshaped her physical body, this charm returned to her hand.

“Yes!”

Lu Chensha was very familiar with the Blood Covenant Method from the Beast Technique, and he directly bit his finger to draw the blood covenant ancient talisman with his essence blood.

“Buzz buzz buzz—”

The Hui God Worm, being perceptive, knew this was directed at itself, and shot out an invisible web to destroy Lu Chensha’s blood covenant.

But Lu Changsheng’s intent and the Ancient Beast Taming Charm immediately suppressed the Hui God Worm.

Faced with this, the Hui God Worm could only let Lu Chensha sign the blood covenant.

“Buzz!”

A moment later, Lu Chensha embedded the blood covenant runes into the Hui God Worm, feeling a soul-devouring, annihilating spiritual will invade his Sea of Consciousness.

He knew this was the spiritual will of the Hui God Worm.

Even though this Hui God Worm was only a larva, as a soul path mythical insect, its spiritual will was extraordinary.

Moreover, it carried a toxic venom that polluted the soul.

Fortunately, the Ancient Beast Taming Charm emitted a glow, forming complex bird and beast ancient talismans, protecting his Sea of Consciousness and suppressing the Hui God Worm.

With the help of the Ancient Beast Taming Charm, Lu Chensha breathed a sigh of relief and concentrated fully on outlining the blood covenant, using the Beast Technique to suppress and contract the Hui God Worm.

The Beast Technique he practiced had an effect bonus in contracting pet beasts.

About a quarter of an hour later, the Hui God Worm and Lu Chensha formed an invisible qi mechanism, directly entering his brow and Sea of Consciousness.

At this moment, Lu Chensha's spiritual power cultivation seemed to be enhanced, his aura was imposing, climbing steadily.

"Young master, it is done."

Hong Lian retracted the Ancient Beast Taming Charm and said softly.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng's mouth showed a faint smile.

With the help of himself and Hong Lian, if he still couldn't subdue and contract it, it could only be said to be somewhat lacking.

A moment later, Lu Chensha opened his eyes, respectfully cupped his hands, and said, "Thank you father, thank you Senior Tao Shen!"

Having just obtained the Hui God Worm, his spiritual power foundation advanced further, almost reaching the peak of Qi Refinement.

And this advancement isn't a direct upgrade, but a cycle of gradual consolidation.

"Hmm, go back and consolidate your cultivation, and experience the effects of the Hui God Worm."

Lu Changsheng saw his son's condition and said so.

"Yes, this child takes his leave!"

Lu Chensha immediately said.

Then he walked out of Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, quickly returning to his small courtyard, experiencing the enhanced effects and the abilities of the Hui God Worm.

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"My mana compared to before has instantly enhanced by ten percent, once the Beast Technique advancement completes, my mana is estimated to be three to five percent more robust and condensed than before."

"Beast Technique, so this is the effect of the Beast Technique..."

In the Practice Room, Lu Chensha quietly realized his effects.

Through inner vision, he could clearly see that the spiritual power in the Elixir Lake was much more refined than before.

And as the Cultivation Technique ran autonomously, in the Elixir Lake, it seemed like tiny vortices were continuously refining and expanding the Elixir Lake..

A moment later, he communicated with the Hui God Worm, realizing the effect of its abilities.

“Once encountering a Divine Sense Attack, it will release the Filth God Poison, polluting the attack source.”

He had already experienced a bit of this effect before.

If it weren't for the Ancient Beast Taming Charm, just this poison alone would make it difficult for him to contract this Hui God Worm.

“With this Hui God Worm, doesn't that mean I'm not afraid of Divine Sense attacks?”

“However, only Qi Refinement cultivators can enter the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, and I've already awakened my Divine Sense. I estimate not many people can launch a Divine Sense attack on me.”

Lu Chensha murmured to himself, continuing to communicate with the Hui God Worm.

“Buzz——”

At this moment, he tried to apply the soul sensing power of the Hui God Worm onto himself, and instantly his entire being entered a state of ethereal mystery.

In his mind, it seemed as if an invisible spider web expanded in all directions.

One zhang!

Two zhang!

Three zhang!

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Thirteen zhang!

This entire area fell within the sensing range of the soul web of the Hui God Worm.

“This is just a larva, yet its soul sensing is akin to that of a Foundation Establishment cultivator!”

Lu Chensha was quite amazed.

Though he had constantly tempered his spirit and taken Divine Sense Foundation Establishment Spiritual Objects to awaken his Divine Sense,

his Divine Sense barely spanned a little over one zhang.

At this moment, relying on the soul sensing of the Hui God Worm, it directly rivaled that of a Foundation Establishment cultivator!

Moreover, he felt that this perception was even clearer and more thorough than what he could see with his own Divine Sense.

Stepping out of the room, within the range of soul sensing, every movement of the wind and grass seemed to be under his very eyelids, as if everything was under his control.

Just then, a gentle breeze softly brushed by.

Lu Chensha noticed that not only was his soul perception enhanced, but his awareness of every inch of his skin and flesh was also much clearer.

Even his skin and hair had become much more sensitive to the flow of air.

If different magic auras flowed through the air, he would be able to detect them immediately.

“Phew——”

After a moment, Lu Chensha exhaled a long breath.

He deeply realized the improvement brought by the Hui God Worm.

Currently, the Hui God Worm was only a larva.

If it advanced to Second Rank, how powerful would its soul sensing become!

By then, relying on the perception of the Hui God Worm, he could easily command countless Iron Fire Ants to attack others and clear out all surrounding enemies.

“I just don’t know how effective the Hui God Poison is now, whether it can affect Foundation Establishment cultivators.”

Lu Chensha pondered silently, still uncertain about the exact potency of the Hui God Poison.

He thought about how he might purposely lure a Foundation Establishment cultivator to attack him with a Divine Sense attack secret technique in the future.

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After settling the major affairs at home, apart from his daily time spent with his wives and children, Lu Changsheng devoted his main energy to refining the Tianyuan Lotus.

Originally, this Lotus should have been refined long ago,
but daily trivial matters caused constant delays.

And so, a month and a half passed by.

During this time, among Lu Changsheng's wives, only one named Chen Lingquan became pregnant.

This concubine had a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root and broke through Foundation Establishment last year, so Lu Changsheng showed her some care for a while.

Currently, those concubines in the household with just Qi Refinement cultivation not only found it difficult to conceive, but Lu Changsheng also didn't plan to let them continue having more children.

On one hand, most of these wives had already borne him several children.

On the other hand, the concubines who had not yet broken through Foundation Establishment indeed had rather average talent.

"Sigh, it seems that to have a Superior Grade Spiritual Root, obedient Foundation Establishment maid, apart from the White Jade Tower, there is no other choice."

Lu Changsheng looked at his backyard, suddenly feeling that there were no newcomers now.

Thinking to himself, he considered making another visit to the White Jade Tower someday,

to see if he could find any fate-bound individuals there, rescuing a few in the process.

"Ping'an, be careful on the road."

With the opening of the Purple Shadow Secret Realm imminent, Lu Changsheng directly ordered Lu Ping'an to escort Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, and others over there.

Considering that their family was now a False Core Family,

they could openly recruit talents, purchase some Heavenly and Earthly Treasures, and Spiritual Medicine in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, so a bit of face was necessary.

He had Lu Xingyang prepare a luxurious carriage in advance, pulled by three Second Rank Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldiers as mounts.

“Father, won’t this be too ostentatious?”

Lu Ping’an looked at the Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldiers before him and spoke up.

Influenced by Lu Changsheng, his personality had always been very low-key.

His rise to fame was also because the family needed him to be in the spotlight.

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“What are you boasting about? This is precisely prepared for you.”

Lu Changsheng said casually.

When he married Meng Xiaochan back then, using three Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldiers to pull the flower sedan was not just for show or extravagance.

It was also to externally convey that our family has the ability to raise spiritual beasts and use the Dao Soldier secret technique.

This way, when Lu Ping’an uses the Dao Soldiers, others won’t be particularly surprised.

“You are now the pillar of our family and an esteemed elder outside, so when you travel, some grandeur is naturally required.”

“This concerns not only your personal image but also our family’s reputation.”

“Moreover, on this journey to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, having the Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldiers as protection adds more security in case of danger or trouble.”

Lu Changsheng said this, handing the Dao Soldier talisman and several Spiritual Pet Bags containing the Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldiers to Lu Ping’an.

Currently, Lu Ping’an’s combat strength places him as a mid to upper level among False Core Cultivators.

However, by using eighty-one Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldiers to form the Blackwater Flood Dragon Battle Formation, he would be considered among the top rank of False Core Cultivators.

“Yes, Father.”

Lu Ping’an nodded in agreement, not saying anything further.

“Xuan’er.”

Lu Changsheng thought for a moment before calling his son Lu Qingxuan over, indicating for him to accompany Lu Ping’an.

After all, this trip to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm wasn’t just to send Lu Chensha and others over.

It was also necessary to recruit talent and purchase spiritual medicines and heavenly and earthly treasures.

Whether Lu Ping’an could handle everything wasn’t certain, but for a False Core Immortal to personally take charge would compromise his dignity.

So it’s better to delegate the task.

His son Lu Qingxuan seemed quite suitable for this, and it was also an opportunity for him to broaden his horizons.

The opening of the Secret Realm gathers all forces and loose cultivators of Jiang Country, a scenario that Lu Changsheng found quite overwhelming.

“Alright, Father.”

Lu Qingxuan readily agreed.

The Purple Shadow Secret Realm opens once every thirty years.

At his current age and cultivation level, he was not fit to participate.

Therefore, it was destined that he would not take part in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm in the future.

Now that he had the chance to witness it, he was naturally very eager.

“Oh, Ping’an, later you should visit Qingzhu Mountain and bring the Lu Family disciples over together.”

Lu Changsheng looked at Lu Ping'an and continued.

When the Purple Shadow Secret Realm opens, families typically send elders along to avoid any unexpected dangers during the journey.

Although Qingzhu Mountain has three Foundation Establishment Cultivators.

But Yuan Zhong is old, Lu Muping is busy with duties, and Lu Chenghua has gone to the Imperial Spirit Sect's Domain to pioneer.

Thus, we might as well make a trip to bring them over.

"Alright, Father."

Lu Ping'an nodded.

Although he had no strong feelings for Qingzhu Mountain, his mother was a daughter of the Lu family there, which created a connection.

"Father, recently Qingzhu Mountain, Hundred Birds Lake, Ironwood Mountain... these families have all sent messages, inquiring about the Purple Shadow Secret Realm."

"Do you have any arrangements?"

Lu Qingxuan, standing nearby, inquired immediately upon hearing this.

"You both can handle these matters as you see fit."

Lu Changsheng waved his hand as he spoke.

Although he said this, he still preferred seeing his children collaborate and form alliances with these forces.

After all, our family's principle is to avoid disputes and battles, to form broad alliances, and to foster harmony to generate wealth.

With the rise of Bi Lake Mountain, these family forces have effectively become dependent on the Lu Family, forming a community of shared interests.

Those sent to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm are, if not family seeds, the top-tier talents.

Having our children interact and establish connections with them is beneficial.

"We understand."

Lu Qingxuan and Lu Ping'an exchanged glances and nodded in agreement.

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Several days later.

“Roar roar roar—”

Three Blackwater Flood Dragons soared amidst clouds, pulling a massive Spirit Boat.

“Blackwater Flood Dragons, is Father going on a journey?”

“It's Brother and Chensha and the others.”

“Is Big Brother heading to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm?”

“Tsk, such grandeur, truly impressive!”

The cultivators and disciples of the Lu Family at Bi Lake Mountain heard the commotion and looked up at the fierce and formidable Blackwater Flood Dragons and the massive Spirit Boat in the sky.

On the Spirit Boat stood eight figures.

Leading them was the tall and robust Lu Ping'an.

Beside him was Lu Qingxuan, dressed in an elegant green brocade robe.

Along with the six people entering the Purple Shadow Secret Realm: Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, Lu Yunfei, Lu Qingze, Lu Mingfeng, and Lu Ziyun.

Apart from these eight people, the Spirit Boat bore a sky-blue flag embroidered with a flamboyant character 'Lu.'

Upon seeing this scene, the Lu family disciples were filled with envy and longing.

They wished that one day they could be as majestic as Lu Ping'an.

Or like Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, and others, board the Dragon Boat and bring glory to the family!

“Waa waa waa, I also want to go.”

On Bi Yun Peak, Lu Qingqi clung to her aunt Lu Miaoge's jade arm, feeling very aggrieved.

Her younger brother Lu Qingxuan could go, but she had to obediently stay home.

“Xuan’er has tasks to handle, what could you do by going?”

Beside her, Lu Miaohuan said matter-of-factly.

Compared to Lu Qingxuan, this daughter was still like a child who hadn’t grown up.

Hearing this, Lu Qingqi pouted her rosy lips, clinging to her aunt silently.

“Qi’er, cultivate well. Once your cultivation level is higher, the family will have tasks for you too.”

Lu Miaoge gently stroked her daughter’s hair, speaking softly with gentle affection.

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Three Blackwater Flood Dragons pulled the Spirit Boat, swiftly flying out of Bi Lake Mountain, heading toward Qingzhu Mountain, emanating the terrifying might of a Second Rank Monster Beast.

“Big Brother, could we perhaps stop by Ruyi Prefecture on the way?”

At this moment, Lu Qingxuan suddenly spoke up.

“Go to Ruyi Prefecture?”

Lu Ping’an was a bit surprised.

“With the affairs of the Purple Shadow Secret Realm being so widespread, even loose cultivators know of it, the family at Ruyi Prefecture must have heard too.”

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"And our journey to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm this time is the family’s first, of significant importance."

"Therefore, I’m thinking of going to Ruyi Prefecture for a farewell banquet, so the Lu Family disciples can see and increase the family’s cohesion."

Lu Qingxuan had a handsome appearance and a gentle voice, giving people a friendly and comfortable feeling.

His proposal primarily aimed to have his elder brother meet his mother in the secular world.

Four months ago, when he and his mother Lu Miaoge returned from Qingyun Market, she took them to Ruyi Prefecture.

This included paying respects to Aunt Lu Lanshu.

This aunt had no Spiritual Root, only being a mortal.

She was now quite old, with little life span left.

Through chatting, Lu Qingxuan learned that this aunt had a very strong-willed character in her early years.

She chose to marry his father hoping to give birth to Immortal Seedlings.

Yet, none of her six children had Spiritual Roots.

Fortunately, later Lu Ping'an was found to have a Spiritual Root and rose up, viewed by Lu Lanshu as a source of pride!

Though elder brother Lu Ping'an was filial, often visiting this aunt in Ruyi Prefecture, he didn't know how to cheer her up.

So Lu Qingxuan thought of taking this opportunity to go to Ruyi Prefecture once.

Through a simple procession with Flood Dragons pulling the carriage, it would fulfill some of the elder's wishes.

"Elder brother, if we detour to Ruyi Prefecture once, taking extra routes and delaying two or three days, we will manage the time."

Lu Qingxuan continued.

Lu Ping'an had a soft spot for the ear of these younger siblings, as long as it wasn't about principles, he would comply.

At this moment with his brother saying so, he thought slightly and nodded in agreement.

However, there was still some concern in his heart, thinking that going with such grandeur might boost family cohesion but could also lead to some Lu Family disciples feeling unbalanced.

For those overly obsessed with cultivation.

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A few hours later.

Three Blackwater Flood Dragons pulled the Spirit Boat, arriving at the picturesque, jade-bamboo-covered Qingzhu Mountain.

"Not good, guard, guard, full alert!"

Sensing the terrifying aura of the three Blackwater Flood Dragons, the Lu Family disciples guarding the mountain gate immediately widened their eyes, scared and panicked, their souls fleeing.

"Demon Beast, Second Rank Demon Beast!"

"And it's three of them!"

"This seems to be Changsheng Ancestor's mount!"

"It's Ping'an Ancestor and Qingxuan!"

In Qingzhu Mountain, cultivators dared to come immediately, looking at the fearsome and mighty Blackwater Flood Dragons with horrified faces.

But immediately someone saw Lu Ping'an, Lu Qingxuan, and others, letting down their hanging hearts.

Yet still, they felt anxious, shocked by such traveling grandeur.

Three Second Rank Great Demons appeared at the mountain gate at once, it was simply terrifying.

Meanwhile, Lu Yuanzhong also perceived the outside aura and quickly came out riding Escape Light.

"Grandfather!"

"Grandfather."

Lu Ping'an, Lu Qingxuan, and others called out.

Originally like Lu Ping'an, according to the generations of Lu Lanshu, there were many generations apart from Lu Yuanzhong.

But in the Cultivation World, generations are generally not that particular.

Unless direct relatives or master and disciple, most refer to each other as Daoist.

This is why many families automatically ascend to ancestor status once they breakthrough Foundation Establishment.

To avoid those who rely on age and generation to act arrogantly.

Lu Yuanzhong wearing a gray hemp robe, with gray-white hair, full of wrinkles.

Even though he had seen the Blackwater Flood Dragon before at Bi Lake Mountain, this spectacle still couldn't help but be shocked and amazed.

"Ping'an, Qingxuan, are you going to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm?"

Lu Yuanzhong's voice was old, speaking out to inquire.

Lu Qingxuan glanced at elder brother Lu Ping'an.

Then he stepped forward, clasped his hands in salute, and said gently and generously: "Grandfather, father and mother instructed us to come and pay our respects to you."

"Now that the Purple Shadow Secret Realm is about to open, if any Lu Family disciples want to go to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, they can travel with us to avoid you, the elder, from laboring. So either on the road or in the Secret Realm, there will be mutual care."

Lu Qingxuan thus spoke.

"Good, good, good, since it's like this, then you guys must work hard."

Lu Yuanzhong smiled, said with a face full of comfort.

Although it was just a simple lift for a ride.

Yet this attitude filled his heart with endless emotions.

Knowing with this sentiment, the family's future is carefree.

"You come inside to rest a bit, have a cup of tea."

He invited several people inside to sit for a while.

Lu Ping'an nodded, led several people into Qingzhu Mountain to sit for a while.

Soon after, Lu Yuanzhong summoned four disciples.

Two at Ninth Level Energy Refinement, one at Eighth Level Energy Refinement, one at Seventh Level Energy Refinement.

"Greetings to Ancestor, greetings to all uncles."

Even though these Qingzhu Mountain disciples were similar in age to Lu Chensha and others, some even about the same age as Lu Ping'an.

But the generation of Lu Changsheng placed here, made them essentially one or even two generations lower.

Yet saying it again, in the Cultivation World, there's not much fuss about generations.

Facing Lu Ping'an, they all directly addressed him as Ancestor.

After chatting briefly, Lu Ping'an took the four away.

The four saw Flood Dragons pulling the carriage, also astonishingly shocked, mood thrilled.

Unexpectedly, they could experience this Second Rank Great Demon pulling the carriage in their lifetime.

Previously, they dared not even imagine!

"Roar roar roar—"

Subsequently, with Lu Yuanzhong and others seeing them off, the Blackwater Flood Dragons roared, clouds and fog surged and rolled, speeding towards Ruyi Prefecture.

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Ten days later.

Lu Ping'an and others arrived outside Ruyi Prefecture.

At this time, Lu Qingxuan indicated, between immortals and mortals.

If Blackwater Flood Dragons appeared in public, it would violate the rules of Immortal Sects.

So calling a portion of Lu Family disciples to come for the ceremony would suffice.

Lu Ping'an looked at him and nodded.

The two quietly entered Ruyi Prefecture, arrived at the Lu Residence, and informed the current Family Head of Lu Family in Ruyi Prefecture about this matter.

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Although these are all mortals here, the news is quite well-informed, knowing many things about the Cultivation World.

Upon hearing, they were very pleasantly surprised and excited, arranging matters for the ceremony.

Originally, someone of Lu Lanshu's age would be completely unwilling to move.

But under the persuasion of Lu Qingxuan's words, her expression immediately became excited, and she became interested.

Subsequently, Lu Qingxuan also went to Ruyi Marquis Mansion to pay respects to Hong Yi.

Although Hong Yi is just a worldly marquis, since the other party is an old friend of his father, Lu Qingxuan was still very polite.

"Father always talks about Uncle Hong, specifically instructing us to come and pay respects to you this time."

Lu Qingxuan, wearing a cyan brocade robe, was gentle as jade and courteous.

"Qingxuan, you are truly too polite."

Hong Yi naturally knew this was a polite remark, but it was very comfortable to hear.

Knowing the Lu Family is preparing for the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, he felt admiration and envy.

Besides his son Hong Xuanji, over the years, the Ruyi Marquis Mansion has also cultivated a few cultivation seedlings.

But aside from Hong Xuanji, currently, the highest cultivation level is only at the Sixth Level Energy Refinement, making it impossible to send them to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

After exchanging pleasantries for a while, Lu Qingxuan then took his leave.

"Saintly One, prepare the gifts!"

Watching Lu Qingxuan leave, Hong Yi called upon a few family members to prepare to change clothes and attend the ceremony.

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The next day.

Bullhead Mountain.

However, it now belongs to Ruyi Marquis Mansion and has been renamed Gathering Immortals Mountain.

On one hand, loose cultivators like this kind of place with a grand name.

On the other hand, it is also Hong Yi's way of commemorating the first meeting with Lu Changsheng, Li Feiyu, Xiao Xiyue, and others in his early years.

The room they met in back then was called the Condensing Immortal Pavilion.

This farewell ceremony was held at Gathering Immortals Mountain.

Although for Lu Ping'an and others, it was purely a formality,

but for Ruyi Marquis Mansion, Lu Residence disciples, Lu Residence's loose cultivator tributes, and some cultivators from Ruyi County City, it was immensely grand.

Especially seeing Lu Ping'an in a silver armor robe, stepping on the Blackwater Flood Dragon, these loose cultivators practically worshiped him as a divine being, kneeling in reverence.

"Sigh..."

Hong Yi watched this scene, his expression somewhat dazed, filled with emotion.

Thinking how wonderful it would be if his family could produce a Foundation Establishment Cultivator.

But thinking of his son Hong Xuanji, his heart grew heavy again.

"Aunt, my elder brother has a reserved nature, not liking to flaunt. Such Flood Dragons, he has more than one of them. So now outside, whoever sees my elder brother does not respect him immensely."

Lu Qingxuan, sitting next to Lu Lanshu, said softly.

"Good, good, truly good, truly good."

Once wearing a palace dress, gentle and full of scholarly air, Lu Lanshu was now full of silver hair, extremely aged, smiling and praising with eyes full of comfort.

For years, she had always heard people exaggerating about her son, saying how formidable and outstanding he was.

But she had never seen this herself to understand clearly.

Now, seeing her son revered by thousands, riding the Flood Dragon from ancient tales as his steed, she understood her son's achievements clearly!

"Qingxuan, thank you."

She held the young man's hand, expressing her gratitude.

She didn't know much about Lu Qingxuan.

He had only come with Lu Ping'an or Lu Miaoge a few times before, whom she had seen briefly.

But she knew her son's wooden personality, unable to express emotions, would never do such things to make her happy.

It surely was arranged by the present Lu Qingxuan.

"Aunt, why say such words, it's father's wish for us to come see and visit you often."

"If you have time, later on, we'll return with my elder brother and take you to Bi Lake Mountain for a short stay."

Lu Qingxuan had a handsome appearance and a gentle, comfortable voice.

"Hehe, Aunt is old now and does not want to move, you should be careful on your journey."

Lu Lanshu chuckled softly and said.

Although her husband valued old friendships greatly.

But with so many wives, concubines, and children, he couldn't cherish all of them, so she wouldn't join in the fun.

Now seeing her children grow up, with her eldest son achieving such accomplishments, she had no regrets.

A while later, Lu Ping'an also came to pay respects to his mother Lu Lanshu.

This scene of a thousand gazes, this picture, Lu Lanshu had longed for many times, and it was finally realized today.

Not as joyful and excited as imagined, but with a feeling of contentment and happiness.

This is her son.

Her son, Lu Lanshu's son!

Her early journey to Qingzhu Mountain to select Immortal Seedlings was to hope for a Spiritual Root offspring who would tread the immortal path.

In the end, she gave birth to six children, none of whom tested for a Spiritual Root, and felt disheartened.

Who knew, twenty years later, her eldest son would possess a Spiritual Root, just that it didn't manifest early on.

Moreover, this son's achievements had already surpassed Qingzhu Mountain and the Lu Family ancestors!

"Ping'an, listen well to your father's and Aunt's words at home."

"Mother may not see you go all the way, but she believes that our Ping'an will surely become famous worldwide in the future."

Lu Lanshu looked at her still young-looking son, full of comfort and joy.

"Qingxuan is a good child, you can look after him more in the future."

"As for marriage, mother knows you are considering it and can't urge it, but if possible, don't let down that Miss Qin. Bring her to meet your mother when you have time."

Lu Lanshu held Lu Ping'an's hand, speaking slowly.

"Mother...."

Lu Ping'an felt a bit heavy-hearted.

"Alright, don't be sad. To have lived to this age and see you achieve this, I've long been content."

Lu Lanshu said with a smile.

After the farewell ceremony, three Blackwater Flood Dragons pulled the Spirit Boat, rushing towards the Purple Shadow Secret Realm under the respectful gazes of all.

"Qingxuan, you have been thoughtful."

On the Spirit Boat, Lu Ping'an took a deep breath, saying to Lu Qingxuan beside him.

Understood the purpose of this farewell ceremony.

Ever since breaking through to the Foundation Establishment, his mother seldom expressed her heartfelt feelings with such genuine happiness.

"Brother, why say such words."

Lu Qingxuan grinned, revealing white teeth.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, Changsheng Hall.

Lu Changsheng sat cross-legged, and in front of him, a crystal-clear azure lotus seat hovered, emanating a mysterious aura.

"Buzz buzz buzz——"

As Lu Changsheng continued his refinement, the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus shone brilliantly.

The lotus platform and petals intertwined with innate Dao patterns, exuding an ancient charm, its Dao returning to simplicity, incredibly mysterious.

"Boom!"

After an unknown amount of time, the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus suddenly burst forth with thousands of rays of light, resplendent and magnificent, with the innate Dao patterns flashing wildly, merging with Lu Changsheng's Qi.

Lu Changsheng formed a gesture incantation with his hands, and gave a soft command.

The Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus in his Qi Ocean Dantian shot out directly, spiraling above his head, its radiance flowing and shining brilliantly.

"Buzz buzz buzz——"

This Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus intertwined with the qi of the Tianyuan Lotus in front of him, forming a massive tide of spiritual energy.

In an instant, the natural spiritual energy of the entire Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven was stimulated, rushing wildly towards Lu Changsheng and the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus.

"Mount Sumeru."

Lu Changsheng remained sitting cross-legged with eyes closed, sending a strand of his mental spirit to communicate with the Mount Sumeru Tree King.

He instructed it to stabilize the cave heaven's spiritual energy, not to affect others, and then to gather the spiritual energy towards himself.

"Yes, Master!"

The ethereal and pure, soft and elusive voice of Sumeru responded, managing and controlling the cave heaven's spiritual energy.

"Whirring——"

Countless amounts of natural spiritual energy swept towards Lu Changsheng's cave mansion, forming a vortex of spiritual energy like a breach over Changsheng Hall.

"What is this?"

Hong Lian, Lu Miaoge, and Meng Xiaochan, who were cultivating in the Sumeru Cave Heaven, sensed this and opened their beautiful eyes.

Upon realizing it was Lu Changsheng's cultivation causing this, Lu Miaoge and Meng Xiaochan didn't pay much attention after watching for a while and resumed their seated cultivation.

Only Hong Lian's beautiful eyes remained bright, full of astonishment as she watched this scene.

It's astonishing!

This tidal wave of spiritual energy is incredible.

It's unlike anything a cultivator who just broke through Core Formation a few years ago could cause.

Even the spiritual pressure and vortex formed from a peak Core Formation cultivator cultivating divine secret skills are not nearly as grand.

"What is the Young Master doing now?"

Hong Lian was filled with amazement and confusion.

In the many decades she had known Lu Changsheng, she had witnessed countless miracles, things beyond common understanding.

But such things beyond common understanding never ceased to appear, surfacing occasionally.

Just recently, she saw the disciple Lu Lingxiao.

With a single glance, she could tell that this disciple had obtained some kind of fateful inheritance of a natural divine treasure.

Otherwise, there would be no possible way for such a sudden improvement!

And it was needless to say that this fateful inheritance came from Lu Changsheng.

"With the Young Master's pace, it might not even take a hundred years before reaching Nascent Soul... I can't afford to fall too far behind."

Hong Lian felt immense pressure in her heart.

She possessed the Spirit Embryo Physique, and a Nascent Soul soul!

With enough resources, it would take at most a hundred years for her to naturally breakthrough to Nascent Soul.

But facing Lu Changsheng's incomprehensible growth speed, she felt an overwhelming pressure.

Yet because of this, she admired Lu Changsheng all the more.

She anticipated the day Lu Changsheng would reign over the Southern Wilderness, the Northern Origin, and even the Central Province.

By then, she could also return to her peak and accompany him to the Northern Origin, to explore the mysteries of the past.

To see how the Vermilion Bird Palace fared as of now.

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Within Changsheng Hall.

The natural spiritual energy wildly surged and flooded into the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus.

The entire hall was so saturated with spiritual energy that it was almost like water, like mist, hazy and blurred.

As time passed, the spiritual energy within the Sumeru Cave Heaven significantly diminished.

This was because Lu Changsheng's spiritual energy absorption was exceedingly extreme.

Much more intense than the amount of spiritual energy needed at the time of his breakthrough to Core Formation.

"Chi!"

After an unknown amount of time, Lu Changsheng opened his eyes, his pupils like burning torches, emanating Yin Yang Qi.

The Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus before him immediately intertwined with innate Dao patterns, emitting a mysterious aura, entering his Qi Ocean Dantian.

"Buzz buzz buzz——"

The Yin Yang Five Elements Foundation Base, the Yin Yang Great Dao Golden Core shone with ten thousand rays of light, resonating with the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus.

In an instant, the innate Dao patterns of the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus flashed wildly, intertwined with his Yin Yang Magic Power, purifying his Qi Ocean Dantian, flesh and bones, meridians, and Dantian.

At the same time, Lu Changsheng's cultivation at the peak of the Core Formation Third Layer seemed to break through an invisible barrier, a shackle, with his mana flowing like a vast ocean breaching a dam, ready to break through.

Facing this situation, Lu Changsheng remained calm, motionless, and serenely operated the Yin Yang Creation Scripture at a steady pace.

One day, two days, three days...

Just like that, more than half a month passed.

"Buzz!"

A resonant humming sound echoed.

Lu Changsheng exuded a dignified aura, his body pure and flawless, with endless Yin Yang Qi flowing, as if draped in a Yin Yang Robe, sacred and inviolable.

Within his Qi Ocean Dantian, above the Dao Foundation, the black and white Yin Yang Great Dao Golden Core shone radiantly.

Its surface, etched with perpetually flowing Yin Yang patterns, seemed to play out the trajectory of the Yin Yang Great Dao, emanating vast Yin Yang Magic Power.

"Core Formation Fourth Layer."

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes.

Back when he was drifting within the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus, his cultivation was already at the peak of the Core Formation Third Layer.

These days, having thoroughly refined the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus, turning it into a Second Dantian, he directly broke through the bottleneck from the Initial Stage to the Middle Stage of Core Formation.

Breaking through from the Initial Stage to the Middle Stage of Core Formation marked a significant improvement.

The quality of his mana nearly doubled!

He even felt that his current mana surpassed the increase brought by the Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone at the fifth layer of Core Formation.

This was the enhancement brought by the Yin Yang Great Dao Golden Core!

Each time he broke through, the quality of mana was several levels higher than that of the same realm!

The Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone was certainly wondrous.

But its augmentation couldn't compare to the enhancement effect of the Great Dao Golden Core!

Aside from mana, upon breaking through to the Core Formation Middle Stage, Lu Changsheng's Divine Sense advanced further.

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He possesses the Taiyi Soul Body.

Every time he breaks through a realm, his soul and divine sense advance beyond an ordinary person.

At this moment, Lu Changsheng is also unclear about the level his divine sense has reached.

It feels like it is just one step away from the Nascent Soul level's divine sense!

"But this one step seems like an insurmountable chasm."

"Without opportunities, it is not so easy to cross."

Lu Changsheng murmured in his heart, continuing to look at the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus in his Qi Ocean Core.

Although he previously knew the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus was extraordinary, far beyond what the Tianyuan King Lotus could compare to.

But truly refining this Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus into a second dantian, he was still somewhat surprised by its effectiveness and abilities.

Firstly, this Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus has mana storage that is hundreds of times greater than the Tianyuan King Lotus!

Lu Changsheng currently doesn't know what the mana storage limit is.

Because he cannot fill it.

Nor can he fill it.

Continuing to store mana is already beyond his current capacity to bear.

Secondly, this Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus has the ability to obscure heavenly secrets and perform calculations.

Now that Lu Changsheng has thoroughly refined the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus and uses it as a second dantian, unless there is a top-level diviner, or someone with a certain supreme treasure for divination, it is impossible to calculate his situation.

Even his heavenly secrets are now in a blocked state, completely immeasurable.

Thirdly, the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus is in harmony with nature's spiritual energy, able to manipulate the origin source of the spiritual energy for personal use, supplementing mana, physical strength, and so on.

This ability is extremely powerful!

Previously, the Tianyuan King Lotus merely absorbed the spiritual energy of nature, doubling the efficiency when restoring mana.

But now, the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus can draw upon the origin source of the spiritual energy, supplement itself, and even slightly enhance the power of divine skills.

It must be known, possessing the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus as a second dantian already makes mana several times, even tens of times greater than ordinary people.

As a result, during combat, it can continuously restore mana and physical strength with the help of the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus, making it equivalent to a perpetual motion machine in human form!

"My Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone possesses Nine Great Divine Abilities, if there is only a slight increase in essence, qi, and spirit, relying on the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus, it might even manage to sustain permanently."

Lu Changsheng was delighted in his heart, deeply aware of how much this Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus aids him.

Moreover, he is currently only at the Core Formation Fourth Level.

This Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus is at the peak of Tier Four, allowing him to use it continuously.

With the advancement of cultivation level, not only will the effect of this Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus not weaken, but it could even unleash greater potency.

After all, his current cultivation level hasn't even utilized one-tenth of the effect of the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus.

Even the most basic ability, the mana stored by the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus as the second dantian, is like a toothpick stirring a large vat.

"Unable to fill the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus with nature's spiritual energy to the brim means it cannot function like a Tianyuan True Monarch, directly using the cave heaven as a portable cave mansion to cultivate spiritual medicines and spirit plants."

Lu Changsheng murmured in his heart, also realizing a few drawbacks.

For example, refining the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus into a second dantian, if too many things are placed inside the cave heaven, it will cause him a great burden.

This difficulty in using the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus's abilities during combat is evident.

"Alas, still too weak."

"I suppose only by breaking through to Nascent Soul can the true potency of this Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus be realized."

Lu Changsheng exhaled deeply.

Knowing that giving such a Tier Four Supreme Lotus to a Nascent Soul Cultivator as a second dantian is truly a waste of a heavenly resource.

However, he, Lu Ancestor, has squandered ample heavenly resources and doesn't mind.

"This Tianyuan King Lotus can be placed at home, for Little Chan, Xi Yue, Miaoge, and Zi Xiao to use when breaking through Core Formation."

He raised his hand gently, looking at the previous Tianyuan King Lotus.

Now with the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus, this Tianyuan King Lotus naturally is no longer needed.

So Lu Changsheng plans to place this Tianyuan King Lotus at home, for his wives, concubines, and children to use in the future.

Whoever needs to break through can refine it into a second dantian to accumulate a mana foundation.

Once the breakthrough is done, the imprint will be removed for the next person to use.

However, such repeated refining and erasing of the imprint will deplete the spiritual essence of this Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus.

After three to five times, it will no longer be usable.

"Having broken through to Core Formation Fourth Level, taking a trip to the Great Dream Marsh later seems like it will be much smoother."

Lu Changsheng put away the Tianyuan King Lotus, stretched lazily, and his whole body quivered with a crackling sound.

He plans to visit the Great Dream Marsh once the magical treasure is crafted and Bai Ling gives birth, to replenish his stock.

Thinking of Bai Ling, he walked into the side hall, looking at Bai Ling sleeping on the white jade bed.

Now, Bai Ling spends most of her time asleep, and her sleep has grown increasingly deep.

At this moment, she had not even noticed his arrival.

Lu Changsheng approached, sat by the bed, and gently caressed her somewhat pale face, his eyes full of affection.

"Brother."

Bai Ling seemed to sense something, waking up groggily with a somewhat weak voice, her soft and smooth cheek gently rubbing against Lu Changsheng's palm.

"Ling'er, I'm here, just rest well."

Lu Changsheng said softly.

"Mmm~"

Bai Ling hummed softly, then continued to rest peacefully on Lu Changsheng's palm.

Seeing Bai Ling like this, Lu Changsheng felt a pang of heartache.

Even though cultivators might feel weak during pregnancy, it shouldn't be to the extent of Bai Ling's condition.

Almost akin to a demon beast hibernating.

However, the fetus in Bai Ling's womb was showing more and more vitality these days, Lu Changsheng could clearly sense the fetus's breathing.

After accompanying Bai Ling quietly for a long while, he instructed the Mount Sumeru to notify him at once if there was any change in Bai Ling's condition, then walked out of the Changsheng Hall.

Due to over-absorption of Spiritual Energy in the Cave Heaven, it was somewhat thin and would take some time to gradually return to normal levels.

However, in the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, with only him and Hong Lian as the two Nascent Soul cultivators, it wouldn't matter much.

Lu Changsheng looked at the three Heavenly Origin Precious Lotuses by the Spiritual Eye Spring.

Having nurtured them for so many years, these three Heavenly Origin Precious Lotuses hadn't changed much.

It could be said that without the Myriad Spirits Bottle, even after a thousand years, this Heavenly Origin Precious Lotus would struggle to grow into a Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus.

But the Five Elements Spirit Fruit Tree not far away had already begun to bear fruit.

With the Myriad Spirits Bottle, it's estimated they'd be mature in three more years.

"Congratulations, my lord, on your further advancement in cultivation!"

At this moment, the elegantly graceful Hong Lian walked out from the Changsheng Hall, uttering words of congratulations to him.

Seeing the magic aura not fully concealed by Lu Changsheng, beneath Hong Lian's seemingly calm face, her inner self was already stirred with a tidal wave of shock.

Core Formation Middle Stage!

Although she couldn't be entirely certain.

But in her previous life as a Nascent Soul True Lord, she could still discern that something was odd about Lu Changsheng's mana.

It seemed he had broken through to the Core Formation Middle Stage!

This speed was simply astonishing, unheard of!

Remember, the scene of Lu Changsheng's breakthrough to Core Formation was still vivid in her mind.

From breaking through Core Formation to now, it had only been seven years.

Seven years to go from Core Formation breakthrough to Core Formation Middle Stage...

Even she, a Nascent Soul True Lord in her previous life, found it bewildering!

"It's just some fortunate encounters."

Lu Changsheng chuckled softly.

This wasn't modesty.

Such growth speed was indeed due to fortunate encounters.

Thanks to the accumulation of his family's son's and daughter's efforts, the effects of Yin Yang Integration Spirit Pill, and the Nascent Soul Origin of the Tianyuan True Monarch, a lot of time was saved.

Otherwise, with his current busy state every day, without even time for tranquil meditation, how could he break through crazily?

"Fortunate encounters and luck are also part of one's strength and growth, my lord, your talents are unparalleled, blessed by great fortune, it should be as it is."

Hong Lian complimented.

She then expressed that as a Spirit Embryo Physique, she required an immense amount of Heavenly and Earthly Treasures for cultivation.

She intended to travel to solve some cultivation resource issues.

"Travel."

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng pondered slightly.

Currently, the cultivation resources at home were enough to support his wives and children.

But the resources needed for Hong Lian, with her Spirit Embryo Physique and status as a Nascent Soul cultivator, he indeed couldn't provide for now.

After all, such resources were not a small number.

If Hong Lian could venture out to earn resources herself, it would be for the best.

"In a few years, I plan to head to the Great Dream Marsh, you can accompany me then."

Lu Changsheng said after slight contemplation.

Although he trusted Hong Lian now, there were still many matters at home.

For instance, he needed Hong Lian's help for refining magical treasures.

Moreover, he and Hong Lian hadn't yet broken through the final veil in their relationship.

Their relationship had reached such a stage, but they didn't know how to proceed, and it required a catalyst.

A little later, going out together could strengthen their bond, allowing things to naturally fall into place.

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Ziyun Gorge.

The entire gorge stretches for a hundred miles, with towering mountains and broken stone cliffs on both sides.

The steep rock walls, under the mottled light and shadow, seem to be draped in a flowing purple veil, like swirling mist.

As the Purple Shadow Secret Realm opened, one could occasionally see human figures in the gorge at this time.

These people were all cultivators, traveling on foot, riding magic artifacts, or mounted on spiritual beasts.

Only a few grouped in threes or fives, riding on spirit boats.

"Roar, roar, roar——"

At this moment, a low roar like rolling thunder sounded.

Three terrifying black shadows, with ghostly light flowing, flew in clouds and mist, pulling a gigantic blue spirit boat towards them.

"Hiss... This is a second-rank great demon!"

"What power is this, daring to travel so arrogantly!"

"Speak softer, if heard, you might offend them."

"A three-headed flood dragon? Such extravagance."

"Lu? Which Lu family force is this?"

Cultivators traveling along the way were shocked at the sight, stopping to the side, cautious and careful.

Especially those flying magic artifacts or riding spiritual beasts, they quickly landed to the side to avoid being intimidated by such a second-rank great demon's aura.

"This is Ziyun Gorge, once we pass here, it's the Purple Shadow Secret Realm."

On the spirit boat pulled by the three-headed blackwater flood dragon, Lu Ping'an spoke to Lu Qingxuan and the Lu Family disciples.

After speaking, he looked at the three-headed blackwater flood dragon and sternly reprimanded, "Behave, don't scare people randomly."

Hearing Lu Ping'an's words, the three-headed blackwater flood dragon let out a howl, its terrifying aura immediately restrained a lot, clouds rolling, rushing towards the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

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Before long, the three-headed blackwater flood dragon passed through the gorge and arrived at the end altar.

At this time around the secret realm's altar, it was scattered with cultivators, nearly a thousand people.

"So many people."

"The Purple Shadow Secret Realm..."

"At this point not everyone has arrived, it's estimated that the number will break a thousand."

On the spirit boat, Lu Qingxuan, Lu Qingyan, and other Lu Family disciples from Qingzhu Mountain all showed surprised expressions at the scene before them.

Even though they already knew the Purple Shadow Secret Realm was very lively.

But they've never seen so many Energy Refinement late stage and Foundation Establishment cultivators gathering at once.

"Three second-rank great demons! What power is this!"

"Lu Family, which Lu Family..."

"This person is merely a Foundation Establishment cultivator, how such a grand display?"

"Hiss, this somewhat resembles the flood dragon from Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family ancestor's wedding back then!?"

Meanwhile, the cultivators around the altar saw the three-headed blackwater flood dragon in the air, their expressions puzzled and surprised.

Even though almost all forces from Jiang Country gather at the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

Only a few Nascent Soul level forces, other Foundation Establishment families, and even False Core families, have somewhat ordinary processes and are not too ostentatious.

If Lu Ping'an was a False Core Cultivator, in their eyes, it would be perfectly normal.

However, as a Foundation Establishment cultivator, such a display is rather unmatched.

"This person is Lu Ping'an, the eldest son of the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family. Although only at the Foundation Establishment middle stage, his body refinement has reached a quasi-third rank level, comparable to False Core Immortal!"

"What, he's the Lu Ping'an who made his name by suppressing Sima Tong, the ancestor of the Xuanwu Ridge Sima Family, in a single battle!"

"It's said that this child is heavenly gifted, achieving quasi-third rank body refinement before the age of one hundred, such talent, as long as he doesn't perish prematurely, he's likely to become a third rank body cultivator in the future!"

"Didn't expect Bi Lake Mountain to value this Purple Shadow Secret Realm so much, sending this person directly."

"It's probably Bi Lake Mountain's first participation in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, naturally they would emphasize heavily."

Here there are quite a few clan cultivators and Foundation Establishment cultivators from the Qingyun region.

Seeing Lu Ping'an on the spirit boat, they immediately recognized him and discussed in low voices.

Others who haven't seen Lu Ping'an but have heard of his fame were also curiously observing.

"Lu Daoist, you can come here."

Some forces saw Lu Ping'an seemingly looking for a place to land and immediately voiced an invitation.

The spots outside the secret realm have some meaning.

Good positions are quite visible, which would be more convenient later for recruiting cultivators and acquiring spiritual medicine, heavenly and earthly treasures.

Seeing this, Lu Ping'an noticed a familiar Foundation Establishment cultivator, smiled and nodded, instructing the blackwater flood dragon to descend.

Nearby cultivators saw this, immediately and respectfully made way for a large area.

"I am Li Yunjie from Hundred Cliff Mountain, greetings to Lu Daoist."

Immediately someone stepped forward to greet Lu Ping'an in a friendly manner.

"These must be the heroes of Bi Lake Mountain? Indeed, each one stands out, when entering the secret realm, we can look after each other."

"Greetings to Lu Daoist, I have long heard of Daoist's name, seeing you today, your reputation is truly deserved!"

Not only cultivator forces allied with Bi Lake Mountain.

Many family forces that had no prior dealings also stepped forward for a few courteous exchanges.

After all, with no grievances between the two families, it's not a bad thing to get acquainted given this opportunity.

Moreover, with family disciples meeting now, later inside the secret realm, they can avoid lethal conflicts, and even cooperate.

However, some forces looked at the Lu Family and others coldly.

"Hmph!"

Wearing a silver armor, the beautiful Lu Qingyan saw someone in one direction looking at their side with hostility, she snorted coldly, not willing to be outdone.

This force was precisely the Sima Family of Xuanwu Ridge.

The feud between the two families was almost impossible to resolve.

No need to think much to know, once inside the secret realm, if they encounter each other, a confrontation to the death would be inevitable.

"Sister Yan, you all need to be careful then, like the Sima Family, Jin Family, Yuan Family, and even the Beast Taming Xu Family, such forces could likely make a move on our family..."

Lu Qingxuan saw this and whispered a reminder.

Although only the Xuanwu Ridge Sima Family and Jinlong Ridge Jin Family have deep enmity with the Lu Family.

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But a tall tree catches the wind.

The rise of Bi Lake Mountain is too fierce, already threatening the interests of many families.

Therefore, if there is an opportunity, these forces may all take action against the Lu Family.

After all, a cultivator at the Ninth Level of Qi Refinement is considered a middle-level strength for any Foundation Establishment or even False Core family.

Every death is a significant loss.

"Rest assured."

Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, Lu Yunfei, and others nodded to each other.

There was no need for Lu Qingxuan to say more about such matters; they all understood.

Even when encountering the Jin Family, Sima Family, or forces attached to them, they would strike first.

It has become an unwritten rule for the various family forces to slaughter each other in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

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After the pleasantries, Lu Qingxuan placed the prepared sign in front.

It indicated that the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family was recruiting Honored Guests with special skills and purchasing spiritual medicine and heavenly and earthly treasures at high prices.

Supported by the presence of three Blackwater Flood Dragons, many loose cultivators came to inquire about the requirements.

In the face of these inquiries, Lu Qingxuan responded kindly and generously, explaining the detailed conditions.

Time passed bit by bit.

The remaining cultivators, apart from a few loose cultivators, were mostly from major family forces.

Because only major family forces could time their arrival precisely.

"The Five Elements Royal Family! Although I heard the Wang Family is declining, and the ancestor's lifespan is short, this grandeur is still impressive."

"Of course, even if the Wang Family has a core formation gap, a False Core Immortal can sustain several generations."

"However, once the Wang Family's ancestor dies, whether they can hold Five Elements Mountain is another matter."

At this moment, three top-level Second Rank rhinoceros horses pulled a radiance-shrouded jade carriage, stretching across the sky, drawing much discussion.

Lu Qingxuan, Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, and others watched the Five Elements Royal Family, their eyes full of infinite longing.

Core Formation Noble Family!

The ultimate goal of all family forces!

Once promoted to a noble family, it's equivalent to becoming a regional lord— independent and without need to tribute to the immortal sects!

Just like the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, they could be high above, overlooking others.

Soon, the Beast Taming Xu Family arrived.

Their prowess was even greater than the Wang Family's. Amidst the rolling clouds, a terrifying purple fierce bird pulled a radiant divine vessel.

The terrifying presence of this fierce bird made countless people in the field shudder.

Even Lu Ping'an's Blackwater Flood Dragons trembled.

This was a quasi-Third Rank demon beast.

Just one step away from becoming a Third Rank Demon King!

"The Beast Taming Xu Family is indeed tyrannical!"

"But they have the backing. In the past, the Xu Family Elder Ancestor directly smashed the Five Elements Royal Family's mountain gate, and the Wang Family didn't dare to utter a word."

"The Xu Family not only has several holy beasts to protect their clan but also the Water Serpent Dao Soldier and Fire Crow Dao Soldier to bolster their foundation, making them the number one family in Jiang Country!"

"But I heard that the Xu Family suddenly lost two False Core Immortals previously..."

After the arrival of the Beast Taming Xu Family, there was low muttering about Xu Family gossip.

"Roar Roar Roar——"

In the sky, the three rhinoceros horses of the Five Elements Royal Family bellowed in response to the provocations of Xu Family's fierce bird, their voices rumbling like thunder, stirring layers of radiance.

"Screech!"

The fierce bird of the Beast Taming Xu Family was unwilling to show weakness, and the qi mechanisms of both sides clashed madly.

"Xu Family youngster, if you want to fight, let's do it now!"

The False Core Patriarch on the Wang Family's jade carriage stepped out immediately, his False Core-level mana surging as he spoke coldly.

Although his Five Elements Royal Family is not as strong as the Beast Taming Xu Family,

they would not be outdone in presence.

Having lost face early on due to the Xu Family Elder Ancestor, they became a laughingstock.

If they continued to retreat now, wouldn't they be ridiculed even more!

"Why such a fiery temper, Elder Wang?"

The Xu Family's False Core stood with hands behind his back, speaking calmly.

Although he had just recently broken through to False Core and was not a match for the Wang Family's False Core before him,

he feared not with the quasi-Third Rank demon beast that his family equipped him with.

However, he would not engage here, signaling the fierce bird to restrain its intimidating presence.

"Hmph!"

The Wang Family's False Core snorted coldly and did not press further.

The Xu Family Elder Ancestor stood on the divine vessel, his eagle-like eyes scrutinizing the other forces below.

When he saw where Lu Ping'an was, his eyes slightly narrowed, then turned to the Blackwater Flood Dragons.

"Dao Soldiers! The Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family actually possesses a method to cultivate Dao Soldiers!"

Xu Yinglong, hailing from the Beast Taming Xu Family, had seen his family's Dao Soldiers.

Thus, by witnessing the similar appearance and aura of the three Blackwater Flood Dragons, he instantly determined that they were nurtured through some Dao Soldier cultivation method.

Moreover, this method was quite extraordinary.

Not inferior to their Water Serpent Dao Soldier or Fire Crow Dao Soldier.

It might even surpass them by a few degrees.

"This Bi Lake Mountain really overestimates itself; a family without any foundational accumulations dares to dream of cultivating Dao Soldiers of this level without considering its own capabilities."

"But this Dao Soldier method shares a few similarities with my family's Water Serpent Dao Soldier..."

After sneering and mocking in his heart, he pondered finding an opportunity to acquire this Dao Soldier cultivation method.

After all, the Beast Taming Xu Family is renowned worldwide for their beast taming.

Such a Dao Soldier cultivation method could not only be used to cultivate Dao Soldiers and enhance their foundation, but also be validated and leveraged.

"Hmm?"

Lu Ping'an, sensing something, looked up at Xu Yinglong in mid-air.

Seeing him focus on his Blackwater Flood Dragons, his eyes slightly narrowed.

"Heh."

Xu Yinglong briefly exchanged glances with Lu Ping'an and then looked away.

Although Lu Ping'an had the merit of suppressing the Sima Family's Elder Ancestor, Sima Tong,

in his view, a quasi-Third Rank Body Refining was merely equivalent to the strength of his Spiritual Beast.

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Not even on the same level as oneself.

"Qingyan, Chensha, Yun Fei... be more careful of the Beast Taming Xu Family later."

Lu Ping'an saw a hint of hostility in Xu Yinglong's eyes and said to Lu Qingyan and the others.

He also advised Lu Qingxuan to stay vigilant against the Beast Taming Xu Family in the future.

"Rest assured, Brother, we understand."

The group nodded in agreement, fully aware that their family's rise had already caught the Xu Family's attention.

The Xu Family, a Core Formation noble family in the Qingyun Region, certainly wouldn't want to see another Core Formation noble family's rise!

Soon after, the Shendao Shangguan Family, Danxia Mountain, and Huan Yin Sect arrived in succession.

These forces, Lu Qingxuan and the others had only heard about, but never encountered before.

Today, they finally got an overview of them.

After a while, the Qingyun Sect, Spirit Taming Sect, Luoxia Sect, and Heavenly Sword Sect arrived tardily one by one.

As the Four Great Immortal Sects made their entrance, regardless of the pomp or the Essence, Qi, and Spirit of their disciples, they were unmatched, far surpassing other forces.

"Buzz, buzz, buzz—"

After the Nascent Soul Immortals of the Four Great Immortal Sects chatted for a moment, they held tokens and ascended the purple altar.

With the surge of purple light and interweaving runes, a gigantic void portal resembling a black hole slowly emerged, emanating an aura of ancient timelessness.

"Is this the Purple Shadow Secret Realm?"

Lu Qingxuan, Lu Qingyan, Lu Chensha, and others gazed at the portal, utterly shocked.

"The Purple Shadow Secret Realm will last one month."

"You may all enter the secret realm, but you must abide by the following rules."

The Nascent Soul Immortal from the Heavenly Sword Sect spoke indifferently, as a giant yellow list appeared, floating in the air, outlining the secret realm's rules.

"Once inside, you must remain cautious and try to regroup as soon as possible, avoid acting alone."

"If danger arises, abandon the Spiritual Medicine without hesitation, there's no need to risk your life."

Lu Ping'an once more advised them.

The eldest brother is like a father.

At that moment, he felt a deep heaviness, reminiscent of the feelings his father had when he watched him and Lu Quanzhen enter the Purple Shadow Secret Realm years ago, filled with immense worry.

"Rest assured, Brother, we understand."

Lu Qingyan and the others respected Lu Ping'an greatly, replying with trust and deference.

Even though they felt a certain weight and pressure at this moment, they still wore relaxed smiles, with eyes burning with intense battle spirit.

"Brother, we are going now."

"Ancestor, we are leaving now."

Once several forces had mostly gone inside, the six and the four from Qingzhu Mountain bid farewell to Lu Ping'an.

"Mm, be very careful."

Lu Ping'an replied in a deep voice.

"Sister Yan, Brother Chensha, Brother Yun Fei, Brother Qingze, Brother Ming Feng, Sister Ziyun, I'll be waiting for all of you to return triumphantly."

Lu Qingxuan respectfully cupped his hands to the others.

He then also bowed to the four from Qingzhu Mountain.

"Mm."

The ten of them nodded before riding their flying artifacts through the portal.

"Don't worry, Brother, Sister Yan and Brother Chensha are exceptionally strong; they'll surely be fine and return victorious."

Lu Qingxuan noticing his brother's worry, comforted him.

These words were not mere consolation.

Aside from a few with poor talent, most Lu Family disciples cultivated Exquisite Level Cultivation Methods, even Peripheral Sect Level Cultivation Techniques.

In terms of combat prowess, they weren't inferior to any forces and were on par with Nascent Soul Level forces or disciples of Immortal Sects.

Moreover, the six were equipped with Talismans and Puppets.

Apart from the top tier of the Immortal Sects, facing opponents one-on-one was essentially no problem.

"Mm."

Lu Ping'an nodded, saying nothing more.

He had entered the Purple Shadow Secret Realm before and knew well that in the secret realm, besides individual strength, one must also have agility and luck.

If luck was bad and one encountered a powerful Demon Beast or was ambushed by others, escaping would be difficult, regardless of strength.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Bailian Peak, Alchemy Chamber.

"Shush, shush, shush—"

Lu Changsheng was guiding Li Xingruo and his son Lu Xingchen in alchemy.

Lu Xingchen focused intently on the Ziyun Pill Furnace before him, his hands continuously gesturing incantations to manipulate the Earth Fire with the Fire Control Technique.

Seeing the Spiritual Mechanism spreading within the pill furnace and threads of medicinal scent wafting, he promptly sent incantations into the furnace.

Then he shouted deeply, performing the opening spell: "Open!"

"Buzz!"

The furnace lid opened with a boom, hot steam rose, and dazzling radiance filled the air.

"Gather!"

Lu Xingchen watched the rolling heat and collected the nine elixir medicines into his palm, his eyes showing delight.

[Congratulations to the host's first offspring for becoming a Second Rank Alchemy Room member, gain one lottery chance!]

At the same time, a system notification sounded in Lu Changsheng's mind.

"Xingchen, congratulations, from now on, you are a Second Rank Alchemist."

Lu Changsheng smilingly said to his son.

This son had a good talent for alchemy.

Previously, he had devoted all his time and energy to cultivation, with alchemy only at an introductory level.

But after breaking through Foundation Establishment and developing Divine Sense, studying alchemical skills became much more efficient.

"It's all thanks to Father and Aunt for the guidance."

Lu Xingchen cupped his hands and said, his tired face unable to hide his happiness.

As a Second Rank Alchemist, a prestigious status, one is respected everywhere.

And now, he became the first Lu Family disciple besides Lu Changsheng and Li Xingruo to advance to a Second Rank Alchemist, which made him immensely joyful.

"Haha, go home and rest well, spend more time with Jingyi and Xuanqian these days."

Lu Changsheng chuckled softly, asked him to rest, and continued to watch Li Xingruo practicing alchemy nearby.

"Given the time, the Purple Shadow Secret Realm should be opening soon, right?"

Watching Lu Xingchen leave, Lu Changsheng suddenly thought of his children heading to the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

To the six children, he gave each three Second Rank Talismans and one top-grade First Grade Puppet.

Not that he was reluctant to give more.

Simply believed that choosing to temper themselves would be meaningless if each person received a Second Rank Puppet.

"System, draw a lottery."

Lu Changsheng exhaled lightly and thought silently.

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining a Third Rank Thunder Seed: Exorcism Golden Thunder!]

[The reward has been issued to the system space, and the host can check it anytime]

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"Exorcism Golden Thunder? Is this the Heaven and Earth Thunder Root?"

When Lu Changsheng saw this reward, his brows slightly arched.

There are many natural spiritual objects between heaven and earth.

Heavenly Spiritual Fire, Heaven and Earth Spiritual Plants, Water Spirit Essence, Earth Vein Spirit...

And the original seed formed by thunder is called the Heaven and Earth Thunder Root.

Its effect is similar to the Thunder Gang Flame and Burning Heart Flame he obtained before.

All are coincidences of fortune, shaped by the creation of the world, followed by the nurture of a bit of spirituality, forming the original thunder seed.

If one cultivates Thunder Attribute Cultivation Techniques and refines a thunder root, it can become one's thunder technique, greatly enhancing the power of techniques and divine skills in the thunder path.

However, compared to Heavenly Spiritual Fire, Thunder is more fierce and domineering, hard to control.

Unlike the Heavenly Spiritual Fire, due to the professions of alchemists and artifact refiners, many people research fire control methods, pondering how to conquer and refine it.

But thunder is rare.

Not only are Heaven and Earth Thunder Roots more rare, but they are also much harder to control and refine.

Lu Changsheng's mental spirit slightly moved and he looked into the details of this Exorcism Golden Thunder.

[Thunder Seed: Exorcism Golden Thunder]

[Quality: Third Rank]

[Description: The Golden Thunder Bamboo, under the bombardment of Heavenly Thunder, developed a bit of spirituality, forming the original thunder root, with an attribute of vigorous dominance, effective in dispelling demons and exorcising evil, which has a certain restrictive effect on the Demon Path, Ghost Path]

"Restrictive effect on the Demon Path, Ghost Path?"

Lu Changsheng immediately thought of the Jin Kingdom's Yiming Ghost Sect.

However, for a short time, he had no intention of troubling the Yiming Ghost Sect.

Unless he breaks through to the Nascent Soul Stage, otherwise at most he can intimidate the Yiming Ghost Sect.

After all, protected by the Fourth Rank Grand Array, even if he breaks through to the late Core Formation stage, or even the Core Formation Peak, he can't do anything to the Yiming Ghost Sect.

"Such Heaven and Earth Thunder Roots are extremely violent, and generally Nascent Soul cultivators find it hard to refine."

"Although there are people in the family cultivating Thunder Dao Cultivation Techniques, they can't refine this Third Rank thunder seed."

Lu Changsheng pondered to himself, intending to refine this Exorcism Golden Thunder later.

On one hand, no one in the family can use it.

On the other hand, he knows from the Thunder Gang Dragon Flame that even without cultivating fire techniques or thunder techniques, simply from body cultivation combat, the attack effects enhanced by such Heavenly Spiritual Fire and thunder are quite good.

Currently, the effect brought by the Thunder Gang Dragon Flame is only average.

If he refines another thunder original source, it can further improve his close combat effects.

Moreover, his Thunder Gang Dragon Flame inherently carries Thunder Dao attributes.

If he refines this Exorcism Golden Thunder, perhaps the two can merge, doubling the power.

Even if the effect is not good, when he no longer needs it in the future, the Thunder Gang Flame and Exorcism Golden Thunder can still be separated and stored at home as the family's foundation.

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Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

A somewhat damp, decay-filled forest.

Lu Qingyan immediately clasped a talisman in her palm, cautiously surveying her surroundings.

After confirming no one was around, she exhaled lightly and took out a map from her storage bag.

Although the Lu Family had never entered the Purple Shadow Secret Realm before.

Her father had prepared a Purple Shadow Secret Realm information packet for everyone.

It recorded several landmark locations and sceneries in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm.

And marked which places have what spiritual medicines and which areas are dangerous.

Lu Qingyan matched the map with the scenery ahead, roughly determining her location, then took out her family's identity jade token and injected spiritual power.

In an instant, a faint qi mechanism directed her to where a Lu Family disciple was in the distant direction.

She was not in a hurry, quietly waiting for the others to activate their tokens.

After about a quarter of an hour, there were four remote qi mechanism responses.

"Why is one missing?"

Lu Qingyan slightly furrowed her brows.

The six of them had discussed beforehand.

To activate their tokens immediately upon entering the secret realm.

Then gather centered around the Spiritual Spring Pond in the secret realm.

If two are close in location, they should meet nearby.

Why is there still one person missing after a quarter of an hour?

"Could it be teleported to a dangerous place?"

Lu Qingyan, dressed in silver armor and holding a silver spear, had a graceful appearance and heroic presence.

The Purple Shadow Secret Realm was known for random teleportations.

Some were directly teleported to the core area, filled with spiritual herbs and medicines.

Others found themselves in the midst of demon beast hordes upon landing, or even transported to a desperate spot.

Although the probability is very small, it cannot be ruled out.

"It's also possible the location is too remote to be sensed."

She pondered for a moment, then briskly walked toward the Spiritual Spring Pond.

During this process, she remained highly vigilant and cautious to avoid potential ambushes.

Because in the Purple Shadow Secret Realm, there was a group of people who gave up entering the central area, staying on the outskirts to hunt cultivators.

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In a certain valley.

"Dammit!"

Lu Yunfei's body emitted a golden light shield, his expression extremely unpleasant.

Unexpectedly, upon entering the secret realm, he was directly teleported to a valley, surrounded by wolves.

Although these Bloody Shadow Wolves were all First Grade Demon Beasts, they were numerous.

Had it not been for relying on a Second Rank Golden Light Insignia, he almost didn't make it.

"If this continues, I won't be able to break through."

"Once the energy of the Golden Light Insignia runs out, I will fall into danger again, only able to use the Substitute Talisman."

Lu Yunfei knew relying on his own strength, he could not break the siege.

The only option was to use the Substitute Talisman his father gave him.

But each Lu Family disciple only had one Substitute Talisman.

It is a true life-saving spirit talisman.

Using it so early upon entering the secret realm made him feel unwilling.

Moreover, the Substitute Talisman teleports randomly, making him worry about being sent to another dangerous place.

"Roar——"

Just as he was contemplating ways to break through, he suddenly heard an ear-splitting roar.

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh——"

Gale-force winds swept across the cliff, and a fierce, pungent wind billowed toward Lu Yunfei.