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Moreover, there are quite a few sea products inside that need secondary processing, and cannot be stored for long.

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The two did not return to the tavern, but instead, holding the token, went to the cave residence area at the center of the Great Dream Immortal City.

Under normal circumstances, the cave residences here are not available for rent or sale.

But holding the Great Dream Immortal City token, with instructions from Meng Wuheng, the steward granted them the use of a standby cave residence.

However, the spiritual energy of this cave residence can only be considered mediocre, barely reaching Third Rank Lower Grade.

For Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian, it was just barely usable.

"If the couple from Great Dream Immortal City is at the late stage of Core Formation, doesn't it mean that their cave residence must have at least a Third Rank Superior Grade Spirit Vein?"

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

For a cultivator at the late stage of Core Formation, a Third Rank Lower Grade Spirit Vein is somewhat inadequate and would affect daily cultivation.

It's best to have a Third Rank Superior Grade Spirit Vein.

He himself had nurtured a Spirit Vein before.

Deeply aware of how difficult it is to cultivate a Third Rank Lower Grade to a Third Rank Superior Grade.

But this also proves that the couple of Great Dream Immortal City is not simple at all.

He then released the Spiritual Eye Spring from his Qiankun Shadow-Confining Belt, meditated with Hong Lian to adjust their breathing, preparing to restore their state and then venture into the depths of the Great Dream Marsh.

With the information provided by Meng Wuheng and the Third Rank Rainbow Gown Grass purchased through connections earlier, he now had a new target.

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Several days later, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian bid farewell to Meng Wuheng.

"Forgive my impudence, are the two of you loose cultivators without a Spiritual Vein Dojo?"

Cloud Dream True Master looked at the two and suddenly inquired.

"We, husband and wife, have traveled here and temporarily have no place to stay or Spiritual Vein Dojo."

Lu Changsheng said calmly.

"How do the two of you feel about our Great Dream Immortal City?"

Cloud Dream True Master continued.

"It's naturally an excellent place, but we, as a couple, are used to being free and unrestrained and have no intention of joining a faction."

Lu Changsheng thought the other party was inviting them to join the Great Dream Immortal City and politely declined.

"Friend Wang misunderstood. What I meant was, would you be interested in the Great Dream Immortal City?"

Cloud Dream True Master smiled slightly and said this.

Lu Changsheng's heart skipped a beat, but he remained composed and asked, "What does Cloud Dream Daoist mean?"

"My husband and I have been cultivating in seclusion here for two hundred and thirty-seven years, and now we've reached a bottleneck in our cultivation level and plan to go out for training and seek opportunities."

"If we leave, this Immortal City will surely attract others to contend for it, so we plan to sell it to the Four Great Immortal Sects."

"Coincidentally, we've had the fate to meet you these few days, and you happen to lack a Spiritual Vein Dojo. If Friend Wang and Friend Li are interested, we would be willing to prioritize selling the Immortal City to you two."

Cloud Dream True Master pressed her lips into a light smile as she said this.

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian exchanged a glance.

Unexpectedly, the couple of Great Dream Immortal City also plan to leave just like Azure Phoenix True Monarch.

And they even plan to sell Great Dream Immortal City!

It seems they, unlike Azure Phoenix True Monarch, plan to leave for good this time.

"I heard that the two of you have a daughter, shouldn't this Immortal City be entrusted to your young lady?"

Lu Changsheng remained unflustered and said.

He naturally had an interest in the Great Dream Immortal City.

Due to the influence of the frontier wars, the situation in the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range is now complicated.

If he could take charge of the Great Dream Immortal City, he could easily send his Foundation Establishment children there for training.

Moreover, the Three Great Immortal Cities of Jiang Country are veritable Swallowing Gold Behemoths!

They possess an unending income every day, which can greatly alleviate the family's income pressure and allow him to gather resources and heavenly and earthly treasures.

As for the hardest part, guarding the Immortal City, Lu Changsheng was still somewhat confident.

The family currently has him, Hong Lian, Meng Xiaochan, three Nascent Soul cultivators.

And they can also utilize the Core Formation combat power of the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng and the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox.

With this combat power, guarding Great Dream Immortal City is more than enough!

But there is still the question of the price at which the other party plans to sell the city!

It's worth knowing that an ordinary Second Rank Spirit Land is worth ten thousand Spirit Stones!

The price of a Third-tier Immortal City is immeasurable.

"My young daughter is mischievous and might not be able to hold the Immortal City, and she also plans to go out for training in the future."

Cloud Dream True Master sighed softly and said this.

Great Dream Immortal City has been managed by their couple for so long and they hold deep feelings for it.

If possible, they naturally hope their daughter could take charge and rely on the resources of the Immortal City to cultivate all the way to Core Formation Peak.

Unfortunately, previous divination suggested that her ideal suitor has not appeared, and she herself is somewhat resistant.

"I don't know how the two of you plan to sell it and what is the asking price?"

Lu Changsheng pondered and spoke, still unable to resist the allure of the Immortal City.

After all, if he missed this village, there would be no such shop available later.

For such an Immortal City, once the intention to sell is announced, not only the Four Great Immortal Sects but also Core Formation loose cultivators from other countries might rush over, willing to purchase it.

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"Unless it's Supreme Spirit Stones, regular Spirit Stones have little significance for us as a couple."

"What we seek are merely Nascent Soul resources, like Nascent Condensation Spiritual Items, Tribulation Crossing Treasures, or rare treasures that help break barriers and resist Demonic Tribulations."

Cloud Dream True Master smiled gently, her temperament serene and elegant.

These words carried no hint of boasting.

The couple sat in the Great Dream Immortal City, with wealth accumulated over centuries that was immeasurable.

Moreover, even Lu Changsheng can venture to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range and Great Dream Marsh to hunt Demon Beasts and Demon Kings.

With their strength, the Great Dream Marsh was at their disposal.

"Nascent Condensation Spiritual Items, Tribulation Crossing Treasures..."

Even though Lu Changsheng had a hunch, he still sighed inwardly.

Nascent Condensation Spiritual Items are rare; he only had one Infant Cultivation Flower.

He was far from reaching Nascent Soul, so he didn't mind using it for trade.

But obviously, one Infant Cultivation Flower was not enough.

"Regarding Nascent Soul resources, I'm afraid Mr. Wang cannot meet the requirements of you two Daoists."

Lu Changsheng stated directly.

Cloud Dream True Master and Meng Wuheng showed no signs of disappointment.

Nascent Soul resources are precious; do any Core Formation cultivators possess them?

However, Lu Changsheng's words carried a certain undertone they detected.

"Nascent Soul resources, Nascent Condensation Spiritual Items, are invaluable to us Core Formation cultivators."

"Except for the Four Great Immortal Sects, few can bring them forth. We sought Friend Wang and Friend Li for more than just resources."

Meng Wuheng said with a smile.

"We as a couple currently lack a Spiritual Land Dojo and are indeed interested, but please share your thoughts freely."

Lu Changsheng did not hide his thoughts.

After all, in such an Immortal City, they would hardly lack buyers.

Bargaining could seem petty and affect perceptions.

"We decided to sell the Immortal City, as we are uncertain how long this departure might be."

"Our daughter will travel abroad but might return."

Meng Wuheng sighed slightly, saying: "So, the first condition is to retain our daughter's Cave Mansion for a hundred years. If she returns to the Immortal City, we hope you two Daoists will provide Spirit Stone support."

"Moreover, if our daughter encounters difficulties or requests assistance, you two Daoists will help her three times."

Previously, as a couple, they calculated whether selling the Immortal City to the Four Great Immortal Sects would benefit their daughter more than to this couple, Wang Lin.

The results indicated an intangible sense that selling to these two would benefit their daughter more.

Selling to the Four Great Immortal Sects could even bring disaster to their daughter.

"How infinite is the heart of parents in this world."

Lu Changsheng suddenly felt empathy for the couple before him.

According to Hong Lian's senses, these two were definitely Late Stage Core Formation Great Cultivators!

They likely left to break through to Nascent Soul.

Core Formation breaking through to Nascent Soul is a path of nine deaths and one life!

The couple was prepared for the possibility of not returning, paving and preparing paths for their children.

"Do you two Daoists trust my wife and me so thoroughly?"

Lu Changsheng looked at the two and said.

"Hehe, my wife and I understand some Divination and Observation Skills, so we have some confidence in our vision."

Meng Wuheng laughed heartily.

"Divination again!"

Lu Changsheng's heart shook.

He thought, this skill has become a necessity for advanced powers.

However, he possessed the Tianyuan Lotus which blocks Heavenly Secrets, and Hong Lian in her past life as a Nascent Soul True Lord with an Ancient Beast Taming Charm suppressing Heavenly Mechanism Destiny, making it difficult to calculate.

Probably, their words resembled those of Azure Phoenix True Monarch, having a few bluffs.

Or perhaps, they saw through the extraordinary nature of his couple, making them choose this path.

"You two Daoists have painstakingly considered and devoted effort for your beloved daughter. However, providing supportive resources requires a specific amount, and help can only be rendered within our capabilities."

Lu Changsheng said calmly.

"Naturally."

Meng Wuheng nodded with a smile and continued: "As for the second condition, we wish for you two Daoists to help us hunt a Fourth Rank Great Demon King."

"Hunt a Fourth Rank Demon King!?"

Lu Changsheng was shocked upon hearing this.

He could understand the first condition.

But what is this second condition!?

After all, the four of them had only Core Formation Cultivation.

Even though he and Hong Lian possessed methods far beyond peers, close to Late Stage Core Formation!

The other two were no simple figures, holding Late Stage Core Formation Cultivation, even rivaling Nascent Souls.

But hunting a Fourth Rank Demon King, still posed immense danger!

Even Hong Lian's eyes narrowed slightly at this condition.

"Friend Wuheng, are you joking? Even Nascent Soul True Lords struggle to hunt a Fourth Rank Demon King, let alone four Core Formation cultivators."

Lu Changsheng shook his head.

Though with Summoning Talismans, Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng, Hong Lian, along with the couple, they indeed had some fighting power.

But the locale of a Fourth Rank Demon King must be fraught with peril!

Moreover, he and the couple only had brief exchanges, unaware of their depths, lacking trust, and not daring to risk their lives so boldly.

"Under normal circumstances, it would be impossible."

"But I possess magic treasure means to restrain this demon, and seeing you two dare to come to Great Dream Marsh to hunt demons with a Third Rank Spiritual Pet, your power must be exceptional. If well prepared, success is not beyond reach."

"If you agree, upon success, the Great Dream Immortal City would belong to you."

"Cave Mansion, Great Formation, registry, and even properties would be handed over, and if you don't mind, could continue using our names to deter the wicked."

Meng Wuheng and his wife exchanged a smile and spoke kindly.

"Let us consider this matter for a moment as a couple."

Lu Changsheng did not immediately agree.

Their terms were indeed tempting, but equally demanding.

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Even Lu Changsheng did not know where the two got their confidence and assurance from.

"Of course, Daoists, take your time to consider. If you agree, we shall discuss the details."

Meng Wuheng did not push.

"Hoo!"

After the two left, Lu Changsheng exhaled a long breath.

Raising his hand, he set up a barrier and turned to the side where Hong Lian, who had an ordinary appearance but an aristocratic aura, was standing. He asked, "Hong Lian, what do you think of this matter?"

“Master, if they dare speak of hunting a Fourth Rank Demon King, their strength is probably higher than I imagined, possibly reaching Core Formation Peak.”

Hong Lian pondered slightly and said with a sweet smile, “If what they say is true and they are proficient in divination and observation, then they might misunderstand us significantly.”

“Oh?”

Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow, not understanding what she meant.

“The art of divination is difficult to use without a clue or medium; one can only obtain some vague information.”

Hong Lian maintained her poised demeanor and said with a smile, “Master possesses the Tianyuan Lotus which obscures Heaven’s Secrets, and I have a Spirit Embryo Physique, with abundant destiny and deep secrets. Plus, we have the Ancient Beast Taming Charm suppressing destiny. Therefore, trying to deduce our information is as difficult as ascending to the heavens for them.”

“The more profound their divination, the deeper and more unfathomable they will perceive us.”

“Moreover, we have the cultivation level of Core Formation Initial Stage and Core Formation Middle Stage, yet we possess a Third Rank Late Stage spiritual pet such as the Golden Peng, daring to hunt demons in the Great Dream Marsh’s deep sea, confirming all of this.”

“It’s even possible they think we are like them, essentially at Core Formation Late Stage or even Core Formation Peak.”

Hong Lian slightly pursed her vermilion lips, her voice gentle and refreshing like the sound of a clear spring, revealing her speculation.

“Makes sense. If that’s the case, it explains a lot.”

“Even though a Fourth Rank Demon King is hard to contend with, if well-prepared, and with a formation set up and methods to counteract using Magical Treasures, there’s still some hope.”

Lu Changsheng nodded thoughtfully.

Although the Fourth Rank Demon King can already transform and possesses spiritual intelligence comparable to humans,

there are still many demon kings who, after breaking through to Fourth Rank, have not yet transformed and rely on their wild nature to grow, resulting in slightly lesser intelligence.

He naturally speculated on what Meng Wuheng and his wife said about hunting a demon king from this angle.

“If Master is interested, you can discuss specifics with them and ask about the specific situation of this demon king and what trump cards they have.”

“I have several secret techniques that can temporarily boost battle power, and the Ancient Beast Taming Charm has a suppressive effect on demon beasts. If forcibly activated, it can have miraculous effects.”

Hong Lian, seeing Lu Changsheng’s ambitions for the Great Dream Immortal City, chose to support and assist.

“Alright.”

Lu Changsheng nodded and decided to ask about the detailed situation before making a decision.

If there’s indeed a significant chance, it’s worth a gamble.

After all, obtaining the Great Dream Immortal City would solve many of the family’s future development issues.

It might even turn the Great Dream Marsh and the Great Dream Immortal City into the family’s main base of operations!

“Master, during the discussion later, mention that we encountered a space storm...”

Hong Lian continued to remind him.

Since the other side speculates about their strength and believes they come from the Northern Desolate Cultivation Realm, she is willing to confirm this speculation to enhance the negotiation terms.

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That night.

Lu Changsheng sent a message to the Meng Wuheng couple, inquiring about the specifics of hunting the Fourth Rank Demon King.

“We were right about you.”

The Meng Wuheng couple were delighted.

Lu Changsheng's willingness to make contact indicated interest and confidence in his power.

Otherwise, upon hearing about hunting a Fourth Rank Demon King, there would likely be no further contact.

"Today's discussion, whether it succeeds or fails afterward, none of the information can be disclosed, so please, both Daoists, swear a Heart Demon Great Oath."

Meng Wuheng slightly cupped his hands and spoke solemnly.

They sought out Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian to ensure the matter remained undisclosed.

"Naturally."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian exchanged a glance and nodded in agreement.

At their level, a Heart Demon Oath still holds significant weight.

This is also a prerequisite for many cultivators to conduct transactions and establish cooperation.

"Do you two Daoists know about the situation beyond the Great Dream Marsh?"

After the two swore the Heart Demon Oath, Meng Wuheng asked.

"Daoist Wuheng should know; we, as a couple, are coming to the Great Dream Marsh for the first time, so we are not aware of its deeper intricacies."

Lu Changsheng stated directly.

"The Great Dream Marsh is actually a tributary of Starry Sky Sea; crossing through the Great Dream Marsh allows passage to Starry Sky Sea."

"And at the Sea Eye where the Great Dream Marsh converges into Starry Sky Sea, there lies a Fourth Rank Demon King — the Deep Sea Demon Whale King!"

"Our invitation to Friends Wang and Li to hunt is aimed at this Deep Sea Demon Whale King!"

Meng Wuheng spoke earnestly.

"Starry Sky Sea, Deep Sea Demon Whale King!"

Lu Changsheng's eyes narrowed slightly, not expecting the hunted Fourth Rank Demon King to be in the depths of the Great Dream Marsh.

And indeed, as Hong Lian speculated, the Great Dream Marsh is a tributary of a certain sea region.

"Daoist Wuheng, knowing all this, must have quite the understanding of this Deep Sea Demon Whale King?"

Lu Changsheng continued to ask.

"This Deep Sea Demon Whale King has been at Fourth Rank for less than a hundred years. Earlier, we, as a couple, attempted to take action but were unable to deal with him."

"Now, with proper preparation and the assistance of you two Daoists, we hope to suppress this demon!"

Meng Wuheng's words were calm and composed but carried shocking information.

They had once attempted to take action against this Fourth Rank Demon King!

After speaking, he looked directly at Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian, saying, "Having said this much, we as a couple will not conceal; we will be upfront and honest."

"We are not at Core Formation Initial Stage; we have already broken through to Core Formation Peak. With our combined strength, we possess the power to contend against a Fourth Rank Demon King."

Meng Wuheng clasped his wife's hand, emanating spiritual pressure and mana indicative of Core Formation Peak.

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"Core Formation Peak."

Even though Lu Changsheng had anticipated it, he still couldn't help but be surprised.

He took a deep breath and said, "I suppose Friend Wuhen and Friend Cloud Dream have seen that my wife and I are not at the Initial or Middle Stage of Core Formation."

Both Meng Wuheng and his wife Cloud Dream nodded.

"But truth be told, while traversing this place, my wife and I encountered a spatial storm and suffered considerable injuries."

"It will take quite some time to fully recover and return to peak form. If we exert ourselves fully, it will come at a significant cost."

Lu Changsheng sighed, cupped his hands, and said.

"Injured?"

Meng Wuheng paused and asked, "In that case, how is Lord Wang's combat strength currently? What are the odds against a Fourth Rank Demon King?"

"If I give it my all, tapping into my trump cards, unleashing Core Formation Peak combat power is not an issue."

"However, my wife's injuries are more severe, so she can't use her peak strength, only assist. But my spiritual pet has combat power not inferior to the Third Rank Peak."

Lu Changsheng calmly voiced.

After speaking, he shifted the conversation, "Concerning this matter, Friend Wuheng will need to give a detailed plan. Otherwise, if we join forces and the Deep Sea Demon Whale King escapes, it will be all for naught, and Lord Wang will be left empty-handed."

"Such matters inevitably carry certain risks. As long as Friend Wang and the spiritual pet can hold the line, my wife and I have Magical Treasures means to restrain this Deep Sea Demon Whale King, ensuring success."

"If unsuccessful, my wife and I will compensate the two Daoists."

Meng Wuheng said gravely.

He didn't want too many people knowing about this affair, fearing the involvement of a Nascent Soul True Lord.

Otherwise, in exchange for the Great Dream Immortal City, they might be able to enlist a Nascent Soul True Lord from the Heavenly Sword Sect to act.

"Alas, very well, the two Daoists are sincere, and we do indeed need a Spiritual Land Dojo to reside. We'll take the risk and attempt it."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian exchanged a glance, communicated silently with their Divine Sense for a while, then sighed and said.

"Rest assured, this matter will not cause the two Daoists any loss."

Meng Wuheng and his wife exchanged glances and said aloud.

Soon both parties formalized their agreement on a Third Rank Spiritual Contract, discussing the details.

Unfortunately, due to the gravity of the matter, Lu Changsheng and Meng Wuheng did not wish to disclose it externally.

Otherwise, Lu Changsheng could use the Azure Phoenix True Monarch's token to request this leading Loose Cultivator of the Jiang Country.

The four of them, combined with the Azure Phoenix True Monarch, would surely secure success.

Much later, after discussions on both sides, the contract was completed.

Wang Lin and Li Muwan assisted Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Man in hunting the Fourth Rank Deep Sea Demon Whale King!

If successful, the Great Dream Immortal City and all its assets would belong to Wang Lin and Li Muwan.

During their management of the Immortal City, they must maintain Xuanxuan's Cave Mansion for a hundred years.

During this period, should Xuanxuan return to the Immortal City, resources worth ten million Spirit Stones must be provided to support her, payable over ten years.

Also, within their lifetime, they should assist Xuanxuan three times to the best of their ability.

If the hunt fails, the agreement is void.

The Meng Wuheng couple must compensate the Wang Lin couple with one Third Rank Cave Mansion in the Inner City, three shops, and Heavenly and Earthly Treasures worth a million Spirit Stones.

"That being the case, Daoists, see you in the Immortal City in a year."

The parties discussed some more details, then agreed to act a year later.

Hunting a Fourth Rank Demon King is no small task.

Even though the Meng Wuheng couple have long been planning, they still need time to prepare.

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian also need time to prepare.

For example, Lu can pick up his long-neglected Talisman Formation skills and refine them.

This year, Hong Lian will also enhance her Magical Treasure means.

And in this year, see if his children can be promising enough to surprise him with some treasure methods.

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Half a month later, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian quietly returned to Bi Lake Mountain.

After reaching an agreement with Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Man, Lu Changsheng acquired numerous Heavenly and Earthly Treasures, and rare materials through them.

Under normal circumstances, many rare materials come with premiums, with prices but no market, not sold externally.

However, to show goodwill and form relationships, the couple sold a good amount of rare materials to Lu Changsheng.

This further solidified Lu Changsheng's resolve to take control of the Great Dream Immortal City.

Owning an Immortal City and accessing resources, the avenues and channels are vastly broader!

These resources are enough to support one person, or even two, to cultivate to the Core Formation Late Stage!

The Lu Family isn't lacking resources now.

But the cultivation resources for Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, and others aren't particularly high.

They're not even as substantial as the resources Lu Changsheng spent on Lu Ping'an.

Even the Spirit Stones Lu Wangshu brought back from outside are more significant.

If he controls the Great Dream Immortal City, Lu Changsheng can definitely elevate the resources for his wife, concubines, and outstanding children to another level!

"Husband, Lord, Senior Hong Lian."

Once they arrived at Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, Lu Miaoge and Ling Zixiao immediately sensed it.

"Sister Miaoge, Zi Xiao."

With a bright smile, Lu Changsheng embraced the two women.

Then he shared his harvest from this journey and took gifts out of the Qiankun Shadow-Confining Belt for them.

"Sister Miaoge, this is a demon beast egg of a Water Qilin descendant. I'm not sure of its specifics, but it matches your cultivation technique's attributes. You can nurture it with mana daily, try hatching it as a spiritual pet..."

"Zi Xiao, this is a Third Rank Pearl, wearing it long-term nourishes the physical body, refines mana, and provides immunity to all poisons..."

Though he couldn't ensure absolute fairness, Lu Changsheng would still try to be fair.

"Little Chan, you're here too."

"Come, come, my trip to the Great Dream Marsh was quite fruitful..."

Upon seeing Meng Xiaochan emerge from the Cave Mansion, Lu Changsheng immediately waved and called out.

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Immediately transmitted messages to Bai Ling, Lu Miaoyun, Lu Miaohuan, Qu Zhenzhen, Xia Zhiyue, and others.

However, as his wife arrives, the children who are still at home come to pay respects.

"Husband."

"Father, Daddy!"

Lu Changsheng sees this scene, feeling both happy and satisfied, yet also a bit troubled.

"Wangshu, Daddy hasn't seen you for a long time, it's been hard on you in Heming Mountain these days."

"Here, these Spirit Stones, little gifts, you and Xiao He, Xiao Qi share them, everyone gets some, Xiao'er, Xuan'er, you go too."

Lu Changsheng throws two Storage Bags to his precious daughters.

This is considered a kind of welfare for the Lu Family disciples.

Every time he returns from a trip, he distributes small gifts to his children at home.

After temporarily sending away the children, Lu Changsheng chats with his wife, asking about the family's situation these days.

With the pioneering war announced, now all the family forces are very calm.

After all, at this time, anyone who dares to cause trouble is challenging the Supreme Sect's face!

Even if some family forces secretly engage in minor actions, no one dares to provoke Bi Lake Mountain.

Everyone knows about the early years' incidents between the Lu Family and the Sima Family, and Lu Changsheng has ties with the Qingyun Sect's Caiyun Peak line.

Now, the Enforcement Hall Master of the Qingyun Sect is indeed a disciple of Caiyun Peak, Qingyi True Master.

If any minor actions are caught by the Lu Family and reported to the Enforcement Hall, it is likely to result in severe consequences.

However, the Lu Family is also affected by the pioneering war.

As the pioneering war intensifies, the Spirit Taming Sect's domain and the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range are overwhelmingly popular, delaying the Lu Family's plans to establish branches and bases.

On the other hand, the Lu Family of Qingzhu Mountain, due to Lu Chenghua establishing a branch in the Imperial Spirit Sect's domain early on, leveraging the reputation of Qingzhu Mountain and Bi Lake Mountain, successfully cooperated with several families during this wave and earned a lot of Spirit Stone resources.

"It's okay, there's no need to rush in this regard, and on this trip to the Great Dream Marsh, I feel the Great Dream Marsh is quite suitable for the family's development."

"Especially the Black Dragon Codex, Blackwater Flood Dragon Dao Soldier, incredibly suitable for cultivation and nurturing in the Great Dream Marsh."

Lu Changsheng said so.

"Changsheng, Little Qin has come over again on this trip, her relationship with Ping'an seems suitable, why not settle down early?"

At this moment, Lu Miaoge spoke about a matter.

"I'll check later, settling down early is good."

Lu Changsheng wasn't urgently looking for his eldest son to have children.

Simply felt his son was a blockhead, not very perceptive, needs a push.

Moreover, last time when heading to Ruyi Prefecture, he found his wife Lu Lanshu was already showing signs of decline, with only a few years left in her lifespan.

If the son starts a family early, it would fulfill a wish for his wife.

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In the evening, afterward.

"Zi Xiao, on this trip I obtained many water-related heavenly and earthly treasures, the Origin Source of Water Vein, later warm and improve the Spirit Vein of Bi Shui Lake."

"Also, I need the thirty-six Oceanic Beads of Bi Shui Lake, you'll have to rearrange the Formation."

Lu Changsheng embraced his sweat-drenched wife, speaking so.

He won a Superior Grade Treasure early on — thirty-six Oceanic Beads!

This is a Compound Magical Treasure with immense power, capable of evolving into the Oceanic Shockwave Formation!

But since no one at home could use it, Lu Changsheng had Ling Zixiao set up formations early on, using it to nourish the Water Vein.

This time after hunting a Fourth Rank Demon King, Lu Changsheng intends to retrieve this treasure to let Senior Red Lotus use it as a Magical Treasure!

"Husband, are you planning to give the Oceanic Beads to Senior Peach God?"

Ling Zixiao's disheveled hair leaned against Lu Changsheng's embrace, speaking lazily.

"Yes, later I plan to hunt demon kings in the Great Dream Marsh with Red Lotus, so I am making more preparations."

The task of hunting the Fourth Rank Deep Sea Demon Whale King was not disclosed to his wife to prevent her from worrying.

Moreover, regarding this matter, he made a Spiritual Contract and Heart Demon Oath with Meng Wuheng, unable to spread it.

Plans to tell his wife after it's done.

"Changsheng, are you going to the Great Dream Marsh again?"

Beside him, the water-like, soft as silk Lu Miaoge heard this and softly spoke.

"Yes, this trip brought quite fruitful results, so I came back to digest it first."

Lu Changsheng smiled, embracing his wife speaking.

"Isn't Husband planning to honeymoon with Senior Red Lotus in the Great Dream Marsh and can't bear to leave?"

Ling Zixiao teased.

From some subtle demeanor and actions between Lu Changsheng and Red Lotus today, she could see the closeness and natural interaction between them.

"I see you've become lively again!"

Lu Changsheng immediately flipped over, pressing her down.

"Ah, Husband don't! Hmm~"

Ling Zixiao cried out, but as soon as she spoke, her voice was lost into incomprehensible whispers.

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After finishing at the Changsheng Hall, Lu Changsheng went to the Jade Cicada Pavilion.

Afterward.

"Little Chan, it's been hard on you these days."

Lu Changsheng held Meng Xiaochan's limp and weak icy skin and jade-like bones.

Even though Meng Xiaochan broke through to Core Formation, her physical resilience is extraordinary.

Yet under Lu Changsheng's indulgence, she could not bear the excitement.

It is estimated that only a Third Rank Body Cultivation could withstand Lu Changsheng's overwhelming strength.

"Hmm~"

Originally having a few grievances in heart, Meng Xiaochan's face blushed at this moment, seemingly shy and charming, incredibly alluring.

"Little Chan, can you now refine some Gu poison targeting Third Rank, even Fourth Rank Demon Beasts?"

Lu Changsheng asked Meng Xiaochan.

This time hunting the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, he naturally needs to prepare more means.

And Gu poison has always been a good means.

"I possess the Thousand Threads of Poison Body; as long as there are materials, Third Rank Gu poison is not a problem, Fourth Rank would still be challenging now..."

Meng Xiaochan's snow porcelain-like skin flushed with a bright red hue, speaking with a hint of breathlessness.

"It's okay, whatever materials you need, if incomplete, you can go to the Azure Phoenix Immortal City..."

"Moreover, you also need to refine a Magical Treasure..."

Lu Changsheng spoke softly, continuing to hold Meng Xiaochan warmly.

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After finishing with Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, Bai Ling, Meng Xiaochan, Lu Changsheng accompanied Lu Miaoyun, Lu Miaohuan, Qu Zhenzhen, Xia Zhiyue, and other concubines at home.

Spent half a month, Lu Changsheng finally had a bit of free time.

As for Red Lotus.

Originally, Lu Changsheng intended to have a wedding with her after returning, then strive to have children.

But considering he would hunt the Deep Sea Demon Whale King a year later, breaking her Spirit Embryo Physique would have some impact now.

So he chose to postpone it, letting her first break through to Core Formation Second Layer during these days, then refine a Magical Treasure.

Since Gu poison and poison were needed, Lu Changsheng gave Meng Xiaochan a batch of Spirit Stones, allowing her to go to the Azure Phoenix Immortal City for self-procurement.

Furthermore, Lu Changsheng handed Meng Xiaochan the token of Azure Phoenix True Monarch to avoid any accidents along the journey or in the Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

Subsequently, Lu Changsheng went to Qingyun Sect, to check on Xiao Xiyue, Zhao Qingqing, Chu Qingyi's situation.

Half a month later, Lu Changsheng finished up and returned to Bi Lake Mountain.

Misty Rain Market is too far to just stay a few days and then come back, so Lu Changsheng temporarily postponed it, intending to first check on his eldest son's situation.

Considering whether to spend money directly, to see if within a year, Lu Ping'an's Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art can break through to the Ninth Level!

Having hunted six demon kings on this trip, countless demon beasts, I have become wealthy again, willing to spend extravagantly!

As long as Lu Ping'an's Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art breaks through the Ninth Level, advancing to Third Rank Body Refining, in theory, he might obtain an unprecedented top-level prize!

Moreover, if Lu Ping'an breaks through with Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, his own Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art will also advance further, reaching the peak of ten layers!

Lu Changsheng wouldn't be too biased; instead, to give all the children at the Ninth Level Energy Refinement a medicinal bath, striving for them to reach the peak of Qi Refining and break through to Foundation Establishment early!

Chapter 1606: Chapter 545: Lu Ping'an's Wedding, 20 Children Reach Foundation Establishment!

Lu Changsheng arrived at White Tiger Mountain, only to find it empty, as he learned his son and Qin Yi had gone out.

He inquired about the situation here with concern and then took a look at the Nine Netherhound.

Five years ago, he gave the Nine Netherhound a demon core from a third-rank Nether Moon Wolf, and it has grown rapidly, already reaching the peak of the second rank.

Once this demon core is fully absorbed, it's estimated to reach the quasi-third rank stage.

As for breaking through to the third rank, it is not that simple and still requires time to accumulate.

Actually, Hong Lian has a secret technique that consumes life span, potential, and spirituality to accelerate the growth of demon beasts.

But Lu Changsheng doesn't want to ruin the family's spiritual beasts through rash methods.

According to Hong Lian, many foundational demon beasts and third-rank demon kings sold by beast taming sects are cultivated using this secret technique.

Since his son and his girlfriend are out having fun, Lu Changsheng didn't rush and after leaving some instructions, he went to Flower Fruit Mountain to check on things.

This area is overseen by his son Lu Chensha.

He is reticent, doesn't enjoy going out, and squats at home cultivating and nurturing the Iron Fire Ants every day.

He only occasionally goes to the Black Cloud Mountain Range to hunt some demon beasts to feed his pet beasts.

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After making a round, Lu Changsheng returned to Bi Lake Mountain and began to calmly draw talismans.

Since the family got on track and he broke through to Core Formation, he has rarely drawn talismans.

Firstly, due to limited time and energy.

Secondly, because even third-rank low-grade talismans offer limited help and cannot provide enough benefits.

Now, preparing to hunt the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, Lu Changsheng picked up this skill again, planning to draw more third-rank talismans for himself.

"Tsk, my talent in the Talisman Path, if not used, is simply a loss to the Cultivation World!"

After a long time, Lu Changsheng's pen danced like a dragon and snake, completing a third-rank talisman.

With the improvement brought by the cultivation realm and the Taiyi Divine Soul, Lu Changsheng's comprehension and learning abilities have also increased.

Even after so long without drawing talismans, he picked it up again without a hitch.

He even attempted to draw a third-rank middle-grade talisman and had a sudden flash of inspiration, capturing a slight feeling.

Of course, this is because of the foundation of his Blood Talisman Spiritual Body.

Otherwise, even Nascent Soul cultivators wouldn't have such amazing talent!

After drawing talismans for a long time and feeling a bit tired, Lu Changsheng left the cave mansion to find his wives and concubines to relax.

After being busy, knowing that Hong Lian is in closed-door cultivation, he went to check on and guide his children's cultivation.

In this aspect, the Lu Family is already on the right track.

The family has inheritances in formations, alchemy, artifact refining, talisman making, puppetry, beast taming, spirit plants cultivation, spiritual cooking, and spiritual slaughtering, with second-rank teachers instructing, so Lu Changsheng doesn't have to worry.

But talents like Lu Wangshu and Lu Xingchen still need guidance from this father.

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"Please spend more effort on the Talisman Path!"

Seeing his daughter Lu Wangshu playing with her puppets again, Lu Changsheng felt exasperated.

This daughter's talent in the Talisman Path is undeniable.

She can already draw second-rank superior grade talismans.

But she spends her days fishing, playing with puppets, and even doing alchemy and artifact refining.

Lu Changsheng truly couldn't stand it.

"Dad, this is called balancing work and rest, learning by analogy!"

Lu Wangshu was dressed in a pink and white gown, her stunning face bright and flawless.

"Big sister is right, eat when you should eat, drink when you should drink, play when you should play, and cultivate when you should cultivate."

Beside her, in a red dress with a bun hairstyle, Lu Linghe, who was helping with artifact refining, nodded in agreement.

"You sided with her."

Lu Changsheng playfully pinched this daughter's cheek and said to Lu Wangshu: "Since you're interested in puppets, today your father will teach you about the puppet path."

Then he took his children to the Refining Hall and opened his Treasure Forging Platform.

"Hoo, hoo, hoo——"

Thunder Gang Dragon Flame was injected into the Treasure Forging Platform, and a black-gold flame burst into life.

Lu Changsheng took out various materials from the Qiankun Shadow-Confining Belt, including a giant shark skeleton.

Since breaking through Core Formation and awakening the Taiyi Divine Soul, and acquiring third-rank artifact refining skills and second-rank formation skills, Lu Changsheng has gained new insights into puppetry.

If he's willing, he could rise to a third-rank puppet master with just a year or two of focused cultivation!

Lu Changsheng multitasked, crafting the embryo and components while delineating inscriptions.

Amidst the children's amazement and exclamations, a giant shark puppet embryo resembling a spirit boat gradually took shape.

"Wow, dad is amazing!"

Lu Linghe praised her father encouragingly.

Lu Wangshu also couldn't help but covet the giant shark puppet before her.

However, creating a puppet involves considerable work, and even Lu Changsheng couldn't complete it in a few days.

Seeing the time, he took his children to eat.

"Dad, you worked hard today..."

After the meal, Lu Wangshu sweetly and obediently poured tea and massaged Lu Changsheng's shoulders.

Lu Changsheng glanced at his daughter, somewhat amused.

He thought to himself, in terms of fishing for a compliment, am I, Lu, not capable?

"What's up?"

He pretended not to know and asked.

"Daddy~"

Lu Wangshu knew her father's temperament all too well.

Today's crafting of this giant shark puppet, purposefully made to resemble a spirit boat, was clearly bait for her.

But she really liked this puppet!

"Well, once you advance to a second-rank top-level puppet master, this giant shark puppet will be your reward."

Lu Changsheng didn't beat around the bush with his daughter, he stated directly.

This daughter is exceptionally talented but lacks pressure and ambition.

So Lu Changsheng always painted a larger goal, keeping her motivated.

"Dad, you're giving me promises again. You promised me a puppet before, but you haven't given it to me yet!"

Lu Wangshu snorted and pouted.

"Did I? Maybe I was too busy? This time for sure!"

Lu Changsheng stated seriously.

"No way, you finish this first, or you'll trick me again!"

Chapter 1607: Chapter 545: Lu Ping'an Gets Married, 20 Children Achieve Foundation Establishment! (Part 2)

Lu Wangshu said with a face full of grievance.

"How could I? When has father ever deceived you? I was just too busy before."

"Here's the deal, I happen to have some materials on hand. As long as you reach Second Rank Top Level Talisman Master within three years, I'll upgrade this puppet for you to Quasi-Third Rank."

"And your Magic Artifacts on the Mingyue ship, I'll get them all fitted. How about that?"

Lu Changsheng said with a serious face.

Lu Wangshu did not speak, she looked at her father with suspicion.

Even with her talent, achieving Second Rank Top Level Talisman Master within three years was challenging.

"Miss this opportunity, it's gone."

Lu Changsheng spoke leisurely, intending to get up and leave.

"You must keep your word!"

Seeing this, Lu Wangshu said, pursing her lips.

"Ah, daughters grow up, start doubting their father."

Lu Changsheng shook his head and sighed, looking sorrowful.

"No way, father is the best!"

Lu Wangshu immediately beamed sweetly, hooked her father's arm, and said obediently: "Father, earlier with the 'Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture,' I happen to have a few questions and would like to seek your advice...."

"Oh?"

Immediately, the two shared a tender father-daughter moment.

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Ruyi Prefecture, Lu Residence.

Lan Shu was dressed in a dark silk brocade robe, her silver hair meticulously coiled high, basking in the sun in the courtyard, with maids and younger attendants serving nearby.

"Young Master!"

The close servant girl suddenly exclaimed, causing Lan Shu's heart to tremble, and opened her somewhat cloudy eyes to see a man and woman walking side by side.

The man had a proper face, a tall and burly stature, radiating an extraordinary aura.

The woman had delicate eyes and red lips, a prominent straight nose, and jet-black hair tied in a high ponytail, looking valiant and spirited.

"Ping'an, little Qin..."

Seeing the two, Lan Shu exclaimed with joy, wanting to get up.

"Mother."

Lu Ping'an stepped forward to support his mother.

"Come, come, little Qin, sit."

Lan Shu waved to Qin Yi, while saying to her maid: "Xi'er, quickly, bring the Spirit Fruit from my room."

"Ping'an, how come you have time to come today."

Lan Shu knew her son was very busy with cultivation and could only come home once or twice a year.

"Mother, I'm here this time to tell you something."

Lu Ping'an glanced at Qin Yi beside him, scratched his head, and said.

"What is it?"

Seeing her son like this, Lan Shu spoke with some anticipation.

"I've become Dao companions with Qin Yi, and from now on, Qin Yi will be your daughter-in-law."

Lu Ping'an grinned and said.

"Daughter-in-law?"

Upon hearing, Lan Shu was startled and stunned, then said with disbelief: "Ping'an, are you saying this to make your mother happy?"

She knew her son was filial and thought he said this to please her.

"Aunt... Aunt, I have indeed become Dao companions with Lu Ping'an."

Even though Qin Yi was frank by nature, she felt a bit shy at the moment, her voice stammering.

"Ping'an, you and little Qin getting married is a great thing. Mother is certainly happy!"

"But such matters, shouldn't they be properly arranged?"

Lan Shu spoke.

In her view, her son's marriage shouldn't be so casual.

"Mother, Qin Yi and I are cultivators; we don't care for these formalities."

Lu Ping'an glanced at Qin Yi and said.

Actually, according to his personality, he favored proposing and then hosting a wedding.

But Qin Yi was orphaned from a young age, with her Master far away at the Heavenly Sword Sect, and had always detested ceremonial processes.

The matter of proposing was because Qin Yi saw his awkward demeanor and directly suggested becoming Dao companions, leaving him dumbfounded but nodding in agreement.

"Let's not hold a wedding; we'll have our family celebration instead?"

Lan Shu continued to speak.

"Hmm."

Qin Yi, seeing the expectations in the elder's eyes, nodded.

"Little Qin, I don't have any gifts for you, but tradition must be followed. Take this bracelet."

Lan Shu handed the jade bracelet she had prepared for decades to Qin Yi, kindly and warmly.

This bracelet she had prepared for decades, and now her eldest son was finally getting married.

And marrying a Sword Immortal at that!

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Under Lan Shu's instructions, Lu Residence hosted a festive banquet, preparing a bridal chamber for Lu Ping'an and Qin Yi.

The whole process was quite simple.

It was merely Qin Yi offering tea to Lan Shu.

But both were cultivators, Foundation Establishment Great Cultivators, everyone showed understanding.

"Ping'an, little Qin, now that you are married, you should soon have a chubby baby."

Lan Shu said cheerfully, drinking tea with joy.

"Uh, we'll try."

Upon hearing this, Lu Ping'an said with a stiff face.

Qin Yi's cheeks flushed.

She had long prepared herself mentally for her relationship with Lu Ping'an.

After all, besides Lu Ping'an, she couldn't marry anyone else.

But regarding children, she had never considered it.

Thinking about the tradition of the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family, it seemed there was indeed a tradition of having many children. Also, she heard that after Lu Family disciples wed, they usually started with three to five...

At this moment, even though Qin Yi was a Sword Cultivator with resolute determination, she felt a little scared.

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Nighttime.

The bridal chamber lit by candlelight.

"Lu Ping'an, let me say this first, I will only have at most one child!"

Qin Yi said, blushing, extending a finger to Lu Ping'an.

"I'll follow your lead on that."

Lu Ping'an spoke.

He actually had no strong feelings about having children.

Nonetheless, in such a family environment, he thought that once married, one should have at least one child.

Of course, if Qin Yi didn't want to, he wouldn't force her.

After all, being cultivators, they have grand ambitions to experience broader realms.

If they had children, there would be some worries.

After a long while.

"Lu Ping'an, why are you just standing there dazed?"

"I'm not dazed."

"It's our bridal night, time to rest..."

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"Yiyi, you're so beautiful, like a painting."

"Lu Ping'an, when did you become so smooth-talking..."

"Uh, I'm just speaking the truth..."

As they conversed, the two grew increasingly affectionate.

That night, naturally, the red candles warmed the room, enveloping it in a wave of romance.

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Half a month later.

Lu Ping'an returned to Bi Lake Mountain.

Lu Changsheng was prepared to ask his son about the progress with Qin Yi.

Instead, he saw his son and Qin Yi coming over together.

And they both stated directly that they were already Dao Companions.

Lu Changsheng was bewildered and astonished.

Unexpectedly, his son was so efficient?

"Earlier, Dad wasn't at home, so it was somewhat sudden, and we didn't notify you."

Lu Ping'an scratched his head and spoke out.

He felt that a major life event like marriage should be informed to his parents.

However, their situation was indeed rather sudden.

Even he himself hadn't fully processed it.

"It's good that you've settled it, we cultivators don't bother with such formalities."

Lu Changsheng waved his hand and said with a smile.

Then he looked at Qin Yi beside him, took out a stack of talismans from the Storage Ring, and said: "This matter is rather sudden, I didn't prepare any gifts, these talismans will be your wedding present."

A prospective daughter-in-law receives one kind of treatment.

A real daughter-in-law receives another.

"Ah, Father, these are too precious..."

Qin Yi had not yet adapted to calling them Mom and Dad and hurriedly waved her hand.

"Take them, take them."

Lu Changsheng was very generous.

"Since it's Dad's intention, Yiyi, just accept them."

Lu Ping'an said upon seeing this.

"Thank you... Dad..."

Looking at the Third Rank Talismans in her hand, Qin Yi suddenly understood why Lu Ping'an had seemed like a foolish son of a wealthy family in his early years.

The Lu Family Ancestor in front of her, the Lord of Bi Lake Mountain, if not for his handsome appearance, would be the epitome of a wealthy landowner.

Otherwise, in all these years, she hadn't seen anyone who would give away a stack of ten Third Rank Talismans!

"Ping'an, little Qin, Aunt didn't prepare anything special either, this is a token of my feelings, accept it and may you both journey together hand in hand, with everlasting immortality."

Seeing this, Lu Miaoyun also handed over a Brocade Box from her Storage Bag, speaking softly.

She had been at home all along and didn't have any rare items.

This was merely some prepared gifts for formality.

"Thank you, Aunt."

The two cupped their hands respectfully.

Then, the news of Lu Ping'an's marriage quickly spread through Bi Lake Mountain, with family members preparing a gift.

Moreover, Lu Quanzhen, Lu Yun, Lu Wangshu, Lu Qingxuan, and others who heard the news also sent wedding gifts.

They might not be numerous nor of high value.

But since their eldest brother was getting married, they still wanted to express their intentions.

Qin Yi looked at the Lu family disciples arriving one after another and sighed quietly in her heart.

Without organizing a wedding, just with the Lu family's bustle, there were already so many gifts.

If the two formally hosted a wedding, given Lu Ping'an's current reputation and her status as a True Disciple of the Heavenly Sword Sect, she estimated a countless number of people would come to offer gifts.

She didn't have any regrets about this.

She has never liked owing favors.

Even if friends and family send gifts, she'll remember them and return the favor when possible.

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Originally, Lu Changsheng planned to shower Lu Ping'an with resources.

Through a large amount of Heavenly and Earthly Treasures, Medicinal Baths, and the Treasure Bone Technique, he hoped to forcibly push him to the Ninth Layer of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

But since his son was newly married, he temporarily dismissed the idea, allowing them time to explore and enjoy their world together.

In the time that followed, besides accompanying his wives, teaching his children, Lu Changsheng focused on drawing talismans.

And so, in the blink of an eye, half a year passed.

Having purchased a batch of materials at Azure Phoenix Immortal City, Meng Xiaochan returned.

Jiang Country and Jin Kingdom are ultimately different; there's no soil for the Demon Path and lacks materials for refining Gu poison.

She could only refine a few potent poisons that affect Nascent Soul Cultivators and Third Rank Demon Beasts.

Apart from refining poison, during this time, Lu Changsheng frequently intertwined with Meng Xiaochan.

It's uncertain whether the pregnancy aura is too weak, or both are Nascent Soul Cultivators, but they've never managed to conceive.

Lu Ping'an initially traveled with Qin Yi for three months before returning.

Even knowing the time wouldn't suffice for a breakthrough, Lu Changsheng still prepared Medicinal Baths for his eldest son, hoping he'd soon reach the Ninth Layer of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

However, based on Lu Ping'an's improvement efficiency, Lu Changsheng deduced that even with Medicinal Baths and a massive boost from Heavenly and Earthly Treasures, it would take two to three years for complete consolidation.

Otherwise, the breakthrough process to the Ninth Layer would be very risky.

He remembered that when he broke through earlier, the transition between the Eighth and Ninth Layers of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art was qualitative.

The breakthrough process was extremely dangerous, requiring accumulation until no further progress could be made.

On this day, a vortex of nature's spiritual energy swept through Bi Lake Mountain.

Someone was breaking through to Foundation Establishment.

However, ever since Bi Lake Mountain started offering free refining of Foundation Establishment Elixirs and even providing a venue for breakthroughs, everyone had gotten used to it.

[Congratulations to the host on twenty offspring breaking through to the Foundation Establishment Stage, gaining Bloodline Effect: Spiritual Body Inheritance Rate increased by 3%, and earning an Advanced Lottery opportunity once!]

"Phew, finally twenty!"

Hearing this system prompt, Lu Changsheng smiled with relief.

Twenty Foundation Establishment Cultivators, wherever they were placed, would be regarded as a top-level force.

"But to preside over an Immortal City, twenty Foundation Establishment Cultivators are far from enough."

Around Bi Lake Mountain, having over twenty Foundation Establishment Cultivators in the family is exceedingly many, even necessitating the establishment of a branch family.

Yet, placing them in an Immortal City, twenty Foundation Establishment Cultivators are merely adequate.

Hardly comparable to the Immortal City Law Enforcement Team.

"I wonder if this lottery can bring me some excitement."

After so many Advanced Lotteries, Lu Changsheng's emotions had become quite calm.

But, with the impending hunt for the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, he places some hope on this lottery.

If he could obtain a Third Rank Spiritual Pet, or directly enhance his combat power with an Exotic Treasure or Spiritual Objects, it would certainly increase his chances!

Chapter 1609: Chapter 545: Lu Ping'an's Marriage, 20 Offspring Reach Foundation Establishment! (Part 4)

"System, perform a lottery!"

Lu Changsheng silently chanted in his heart.

Instantly, the advanced lottery wheel appeared, and golden light began to spin.

A moment later, the golden light paused, stopping at the 'Spiritual Pet Treasure' reward section.

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining the Spiritual Treasure: Michen Banner!]

[Reward has been dispatched to the system space, the host can check at any time]

A small banner emitting five-colored radiant light, with a person's heart in the center, emerged from the lottery wheel, accompanied by a system notification sound.

"Spiritual Treasure!?"

Lu Changsheng's eyes narrowed slightly.

This was his first time drawing a Spiritual Treasure!

Before, they were all Magical Treasures, and the only Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure embryo — Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi.

[Michen Banner]

[Grade: High-grade Spiritual Treasure]

[Description: Crafted by Lady Tianhu after years of dedication, capable of encompassing Mount Sumeru within a microcosm, transforming into a protective colorful cloud, instantly flying thousands of miles away, fearless of fierce winds or thunder and void turbulence]

"Is this an escape Spiritual Treasure?"

Lu Changsheng frowned slightly as he looked at the described effects.

Initially wanted this wave of advanced lottery to bring a surprise.

Unexpectedly, accumulated like this.

"Extract."

Lu Changsheng sighed slightly, preparing to see the specific effects of this Spiritual Treasure.

"Buzz!"

Instantly, a foot-long banner appeared, with a person's heart painted in the center, faintly emitting five-colored light.

Beside it were two other small palm-sized banners.

"Michen Banner, Michen Banner, what a Michen Banner!"

"Not only can it be used as a defensive Magical Treasure, wrapping the entire body during battle, shielding against danger, but also teleport thousands of miles away in a thought, and moreover, it has two sub-banners!"

"As long as the sub-banner is integrated into the earth veins, the Michen Banner can be directly activated to teleport to the sub-banner location!"

Once Lu Changsheng knew the detailed information about this Michen Banner, he was instantly delighted.

This Spiritual Treasure was not the combat Supreme Treasure he wanted!

But in his eyes, its practicality and ease of use far exceed any combat Spiritual Treasure!

For so many years, the comings and goings have been quite troublesome.

With this Michen Banner, future travels will save plenty of time.

If a sub-banner is integrated into the family's earth veins, even from tens of thousands of miles away, one can teleport back with a thought!

"If acquiring the Great Dream Immortal City, traveling back and forth will surely be very troublesome."

"But with the Michen Banner, I only need to integrate the two sub-banners into the earth veins of the Great Dream Immortal City and Bi Lake Mountain to solve the problem, effectively setting up a teleportation array!"

Lu Changsheng's expression was joyous, feeling that this Spiritual Treasure was just too suitable for him.

The system finally delivered a little power.

However, this Spiritual Treasure is not without restrictions and drawbacks.

If encountering a Law Domain or intervening prohibition methods that seal the void of heaven and earth, it may be disturbed, making portal teleportation difficult.

For example, Lu Changsheng's life-bound Magical Treasure — Yin Yang Daoist Chart, has the effect of sealing the heavens and suppressing the void.

And at the level of Nascent Soul True Lord, most people possess these methods.

Thus teleporting may encounter problems, facing danger.

Moreover, using the Michen Banner, besides specifying through main and sub-banners, other times are random teleports, possibly leading to dangerous places.

As for teleporting via main and sub-banners, it also greatly consumes mana and spirit.

The farther the distance, the greater the consumption!

"With the Life-Substituting Talisman for protection, and the Michen Banner for escape, my survival strategy has upgraded by another level."

Lu Changsheng felt joyful in his heart, then observed the Michen Banner before him.

Now he had one major problem.

How terrifying is the mana consumption for the Michen Banner!

After all, this is a Spiritual Treasure!

A high-grade Spiritual Treasure that only Nascent Soul True Lords can wield!

"Buzz!"

As a Spiritual Treasure, the Michen Banner possesses high spirituality and already has a simple consciousness, allowing communication with Lu Changsheng.

The artifact spirit of the Michen Banner informed Lu Changsheng that if mana is insufficient, one can burn Spirit Stones, Spirit Veins, Jade Dew Ambrosia, and other replacements.

If still inadequate, during a major crisis, one can burn the Spirit Treasure Origin for forced teleportation.

"Tsk, this is truly a Spiritual Treasure, indeed considerate."

Lu Changsheng praised inwardly.

With this Spiritual Treasure by his side, even when hunting the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, if any unexpected happens, it can be ensured safe.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng headed to the Changsheng Hall to refine this Spiritual Treasure — Michen Banner.

Originally, refining such a Spiritual Treasure would take a long time.

But the Spiritual Treasure has spirit, voluntarily cooperating with Lu Changsheng, the refinement speed was even smoother than with Magical Treasures.

Chapter 1610: Chapter 546: Teleportation Array, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King Appears!

Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, inside the Changsheng Hall.

Lu Changsheng spent one and a half months completely refining the Michen Banner.

He exhaled gently, holding the five-colored mini banner in front of him, ready to test its effects.

"Boom!"

The yin-yang magic power in the Qi Ocean Core poured out like a tide, causing the five-colored mini banner to shine brightly, transforming into a cloud of many colors, enveloping his form as if rendering him impervious to all methods.

Shortly after.

"Buzz!"

The colorful cloud and glowing sheen flashed brilliantly, making Lu Changsheng vanish in an instant, then reappear at the edge of Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

"As expected of a Spiritual Treasure, this mana consumption cannot be handled by a Core Formation Cultivator!"

"Even though I have the Tianyuan Lotus as a Second Dantian, and my Divine Sense is at the Core Formation Peak, it is barely enough, requiring me to only activate part of its might."

"Otherwise, wielding this Spiritual Treasure would allow me to use the Void Divine Ability at the Core Formation Stage, combined with my Third Rank Body Refining, it would be invincible!"

Using a Spiritual Treasure beyond one's rank requires not only abundant mana but also strong Divine Sense.

Even though Lu Changsheng met both conditions, it was still very difficult.

At most, he could use the Michen Banner in critical moments.

Under normal circumstances, whether in combat or travel, he simply couldn't sustain such consumption.

It would be more practical to use the Starlight Plate, Wind-Thunder Wings, and other Magical Treasures.

"But once I break through to the Core Formation Late Stage, it should be much better."

Lu Changsheng thought to himself, storing the Michen Banner in the Qiankun Shadow-Confining Belt, and walked out of the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven to his Family's Spirit Vein Area.

"Father."

Lu Quanzhen was there cultivating the "Netherworld King Technique", and upon hearing the movement, he immediately opened his eyes.

After years of caring and nurturing, his condition had greatly improved, no longer appearing as pale and bloodless as before.

Though too much life span had been burned, his hair remained gray and white, difficult to reverse.

"How's your cultivation going recently?"

Lu Changsheng inquired.

"In response, father, my Netherworld King Technique has achieved a small achievement, and with the foundation of the Myriad Poison True Body, I estimate that in another two years, I can break through to the Second Level."

Lu Quanzhen replied.

"Hmm, if you lack resources, just let the family know."

Breaking through the Second Level of the Netherworld King Technique would allow one to refine the Netherworld Blood Evil and completely eradicate it.

Lu Changsheng thought, at that time, he could arrange for his son to be stationed at the Great Dream Immortal City.

On the one hand, he has good ability and combat strength.

On the other, his cultivation of demonic techniques is really not suitable for the public eye.

After a few words of concern, Lu Changsheng activated one of the sub-banners, the Little Michen Banner, and inserted it into the earth veins.

With Mount Sumeru watching over, there was no need to worry about external interference.

In fact, it would be best to integrate this sub-banner into the earth veins of Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

But being separated by a layer of cave heaven space, the difficulty of teleportation increases, resulting in more consumption of the magic power origin.

It took a full half-month for the Little Michen Banner to blend with the spirit vein and earth vein energies of Bi Yun Peak.

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng quietly left Bi Lake Mountain, and upon traveling a thousand miles, the Michen Banner appeared in his hand.

Even though a thousand miles apart, with the family great formation guarding Bi Lake Mountain, isolating the qi mechanism, he could still sense the approximate location of the Little Michen Banner through the Michen Banner.

If he ever got lost, he might even find his way home using this qi mechanism.

"Michen?"

Lu Changsheng communicated with the Michen Banner, wanting to know the cost over a thousand miles.

"Buzz—"

The Michen Banner indicated that the cost was not too large.

But to be on the safe side, Lu Changsheng still transferred a hundred thousand Spirit Stones into the Mount Sumeru Mustard Seed Space of the Michen Banner, then injected mana into it.

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh—"

As the yin-yang magic power operated, the Tianyuan Lotus surged like a sea breaking its dam, flooding into the Michen Banner.

The small banner in his hand instantly transformed into a colorful cloud, enveloping him and sweeping toward the direction of Bi Lake Mountain.

Lu Changsheng felt the void shift, passing through layers of ripples, then appeared at Bi Yun Peak's Summit.

"With the Little Michen Banner as an anchor, gathering earth energy, the mana consumption is completely different from directly activating it!"

"With the anchor, even though my cultivation is only at the Core Formation level, relying on the Tianyuan Lotus, I can barely use it to teleport a thousand miles away."

Lu Changsheng exhaled lightly, having a detailed understanding of the Michen Banner's effects.

A thousand-mile range could be accomplished in a single thought.

If separated by ten thousand miles or a hundred thousand miles, it would require burning Spirit Stones or the Spirit Treasure Origin.

Just then, Ling Zixiao hurried over.

She managed the great formation of Bi Lake Mountain and had sensed a fluctuation in the family formation earlier.

"It's fine, I was just conducting an experiment."

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

"Experiment?"

Ling Zixiao exclaimed in surprise.

The great formation of Bi Lake Mountain had reached a quasi-third rank state.

Even without operating at full power, it should have been unshakable.

But earlier, she felt it was penetrated by a mysterious and profound force, which was quite astonishing.

"Yes, I have a treasure capable of teleportation, so I was testing its effects."

Lu Changsheng did not hide it from his wife.

"Does my lord really possess such a treasure?"

Ling Zixiao was greatly surprised.

If this were the case, encountering such means from their own family would render the great formation akin to a decoration, as if nonexistent.

"This treasure, I'm barely able to activate it, and only because I set an anchor point at home can I manage it."

Lu Changsheng seemed to read her thoughts and explained.

He then gently held Ling Zixiao's fair hand, smiling softly: "But when the Spirit Veins of Bi Shui Lake improve, you will have to work hard on the family's formation, Zi Xiao."

The Spiritual Vein Origins intercepted from the Great Dream Marsh had been brought back and integrated into Bi Shui Lake and Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

Once the Spirit Vein of Bi Shui Lake ascended to the Second Rank Top Level, Lu Changsheng intended to upgrade the family great formation to the Third Rank.

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The Third Rank Taboo Formation, a world unto itself, without weakness or flaw!

Even if a Nascent Soul True Lord faced it, they would still need to invest some time to break it open!

"What difficulty is there? Though it's just a Third Rank Taboo Formation, I don't have full confidence. I'll still need Senior Red Lotus' help then."

Although Ling Zixiao had attained the level of a Third Rank Array Master.

It doesn't mean that a Third Rank Array Master can set up a Taboo Formation.

Just like many Second Rank Superior Grade Talisman Masters cannot even create a Second Rank Low Grade Prohibition-Breaking Talisman.

"Naturally."

Lu Changsheng said with a smile, then thought about the matters of the Great Dream Immortal City and inquired with Ling Zixiao about the setup of a Teleportation Array.

Having a Michen Banner naturally makes it much more convenient.

But if there could be a Teleportation Array, it would be even more convenient!

"Though the inheritance of the Tianyuan True Monarch includes the essentials of a Teleportation Array, even a short-range Teleportation Array requires a Third Rank Middle Grade, or even Superior Grade Array Master to set up."

"Furthermore, the materials for setting up a Teleportation Array are virtually extinct and extremely rare. Plus, setting up, maintaining, and operating a Teleportation Array requires a substantial amount of Spirit Stones and is not very practical."

"As for long-range Teleportation Arrays, those would likely need a Fourth Rank Array Master to set up."

Ling Zixiao shook her head and said.

The Cultivation World has always had legends about Teleportation Arrays.

It's just that Teleportation Arrays have long since become lost in Jiang Country.

Lu Changsheng brought back the principles of the Teleportation Array from the Tianyuan Secret Realm.

Only after understanding it did she realize why the Teleportation Array had become lost.

Short-range Teleportation Arrays covering thirty to fifty thousand miles require a Third Rank Array Master to set up.

And from setup to daily maintenance and operation, a Teleportation Array requires an Array Master to oversee it, consuming resources.

As for mid-range Teleportation Arrays exceeding one hundred thousand miles, those require a Fourth Rank Array Master to set up.

Except for a few powerful sects that might set one up in critical locations, other forces, even if possessing the inheritance, can only put it on the shelf.

"Tsk."

Lu Changsheng, upon hearing this, realized that Teleportation Arrays are not something that someone of his level should be considering at the moment.

"If the Lord wishes to set up a Teleportation Array, even a simplified one from Bi Lake Mountain to White Tiger Mountain, or Heming Mountain, I can look into it."

"However, the materials for a Teleportation Array are extremely rare. Years ago, I took an interest in them but never saw any in the market."

Ling Zixiao elegantly smiled.

Though Teleportation Arrays require a great deal of time, effort, and money.

As an Array Master, she still has a great interest in trying out this lost and severed Formation.

"I was just asking, let it be."

Lu Changsheng smiled and said.

If there could be a few Teleportation Arrays set up at home, it would be much more convenient.

But to expend so much time and effort, he decided it was not worth it.

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In the blink of an eye, three months passed.

The agreed time with the Meng Wuheng couple was almost upon them.

Lu Changsheng did not delay, informing his wife Lu Miaoge and Ling Zixiao, then quietly departed with Hong Lian.

During this year, though he spent much time with his wife and children, he also crafted over two hundred Third Rank Talismans, diligent beyond compare.

Apart from his own Talismans, Meng Xiaochan refined three samples of Third Rank potent poisons for him.

The main materials were insufficient; otherwise, they could refine multiple mixed poisons with even better effects.

In this year, Red Lotus refined thirty-six Oceanic Beads and advanced her cultivation to the Core Formation Second Layer.

Considering that she lacked a flying Magical Treasure, Lu Changsheng gifted her the Starlight Plate.

Now equipped with the Wind-Thunder Wings and Michen Banner, the Starlight Plate, for him, was no longer significantly useful.

Besides, the heavens did not disappoint the determined; through Lu Changsheng's efforts, Meng Xiaochan conceived half a month ago.

Lu Changsheng harbored great expectations for this child.

After all, Meng Xiaochan is not only in the Core Formation Realm but also possesses the Thousand Threads of Poison Body!

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Half a month later, Great Dream Immortal City.

"Friend Wang, Friend Li."

The Meng Wuheng couple came to meet shortly after receiving the messages from the two.

"Greetings, Friend Wuhen, Friend Cloud Dream."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian cupped their hands towards the couple.

"Are the two friends prepared?"

Meng Wuheng, clad in a feather robe and cloak, exuded a measured presence, displaying a grand master's demeanor.

"Almost there."

Lu Changsheng replied.

Unless they were willing to wait another three to five years.

Otherwise, a few more months of preparation would not make a significant difference.

"Good. In that case, let's head out directly and talk along the way."

Meng Wuheng nodded with a smile and said.

Immediately, the four left the Great Dream Immortal City, heading into the deep, mist-shrouded Great Dream Marsh.

During the journey, Meng Wuheng discussed his tactical plans.

Their four-man team intended to hunt a Fourth Rank Demon King; a direct confrontation would be out of the question.

In the deep mist of the Great Dream Marsh, their Divine Sense and Mana would be suppressed and affected.

And the Deep Sea Demon Whale King in the deep sea not only had immense power but could also retreat swiftly to the Sea Eye when threatened.

Once it enters the Sea Eye, its power is likely to be enhanced!

Hence, to hunt the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, they must lure it out of its lair and prevent it from returning to the Sea Eye for a while!

The plan of Meng Wuheng and his wife was for the four to conceal their presence and approach the Sea Eye.

Then, using puppets coated with Rainbow Gown Grass and Soul-Concealing Grass, they would enter the deep sea to entice the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

As long as the creature ingests the puppet and is affected by the Rainbow Gown Grass and Soul-Concealing Grass, triggering its beast nature, the subsequent steps become much simpler, leading it into an ambush.

Half a month later, the four arrived at an uninhabited island.

Lu Changsheng could see that this island had a rich Spiritual Energy and a Third Rank micro Spirit Vein below.

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"Friend Wang, Friend Li, I have named this island Whale Hunting Island, meaning a place to hunt the Deep Sea Demon Whale. My wife and I have already set up an ambush array on the island."

"By then, we will lure the Deep Sea Demon Whale King out of the Sea Eye. It will pass through these three islands, each of which has a killing formation, and this Whale Hunting Island is the last killing formation."

Meng Wuheng continued to explain his plan.

"What a grand scheme."

Lu Changsheng's formation skills were not high, only a Second Rank Top-Level Formation Master.

But with just one look, he could see that the formation in front of him was beyond the Second Rank range, reaching the Third Rank.

This indicated that the couple before him, Meng Wuheng and his wife, were not only skilled in the Divination Art but also knowledgeable in formations.

"Friend Wuheng, are you also an Array Master?"

Lu Changsheng made a surprised expression.

"I have only studied formations a little, but my wife is a Third Rank Top-Level Formation Master."

Meng Wuheng spoke with a smile, full of elegance.

"Not only are you two deeply cultivated, but also so knowledgeable and talented. Mr. Wang is impressed."

Lu Changsheng complimented.

This was no mere flattery.

Whether it was divination or formations, both were high-level skills.

Yet the couple before him had one mastering divination and the other a Third Rank Top-Level Formation Master.

"Friend Wang overpraises us."

Meng Wuheng merely smiled and, after introducing the situation to Lu Changsheng, led them to the remaining three islands.

Once all the planned processes were over, the four of them headed to the Sea Eye of the Great Dream Swamp.

By this time, the fog in the Great Dream Swamp was very thick, affecting the Divine Sense perception.

Lu Changsheng released the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng, indicating for it to conceal its aura and observe the situation from high above.

"Friend Wang, this spiritual pet is quite extraordinary."

Even though they had seen it before, Meng Wuheng and his wife couldn't help but be surprised when they saw the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng again, taking a few extra glances.

"It's just luck and coincidence."

Lu Changsheng smiled calmly.

Thus, a month later, the four of them arrived at the Sea Eye of the Great Dream Swamp, the old nest of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Along the way, they encountered many demon beasts, even Third Rank Demon Kings.

But as they approached the old nest of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, besides some First Grade Demon Beasts, there were not many Second Rank Demon Beasts left.

"Friend Wang, Friend Li."

Meng Wuheng, with his feathered robe glowing with Five Elements radiance, looked steadily at the two, indicating for them to get ready.

"Rest assured, friend."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian both nodded solemnly.

Immediately, Meng Wuheng released a fish-shaped puppet, injected it with the juices of Rainbow Gown Grass and Soul-piling Grass, and let it dive into the water.

Lu Changsheng could see that this was a Second Rank Top-Level, or Quasi-Third Rank puppet.

Moreover, this puppet was specially designed for this kind of deep-sea situation, being very agile underwater.

Secretly, he acknowledged that this Great Dream City Lord's preparations were indeed thorough.

Time passed by little by little like this.

Seeing the energy of the puppet being exhausted, Meng Wuheng released another puppet into the deep sea, searching for and luring the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

But there was still no response.

Lu Changsheng did not grow impatient.

Hunting a Fourth Rank Demon King is different from killing an ordinary Third Rank Demon King, requiring utmost caution and care.

Waiting for a year and a half would be quite normal.

Furthermore, given how vast the deep sea is, Meng Wuheng and his wife only knew that the Deep Sea Demon Whale King resided at the Sea Eye, not its exact location.

The four of them dared not provoke with mana, nor dared to dive into the water, and thus could only use such a method.

To maintain their state, after Meng Wuheng drove three puppets, he let his wife, Cloud Dream True Master, manipulate the puppets for exploration.

And after Cloud Dream True Master was done, it was Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian's turn.

However, all the puppets were provided by Meng Wuheng.

It could be said that to hunt this Deep Sea Demon Whale King, the other party had spent a fortune!

If the hunt failed, even with the couple's wealth and resources, it would likely result in severe losses.

On this day, Hong Lian manipulated a puppet to explore the deep sea.

Suddenly, she felt a force like a deep abyssal black hole annihilate and consume the puppet.

"This is... it's coming!"

She immediately signaled to Lu Changsheng and the others.

"Roar!!!"

A deep, majestic roar sounded from the deep sea, like rumbling thunder, causing the calm water surface to churn and boil.

At the same time, a heavy oppressive aura rose gradually from the water, as if the heavens and earth were collapsing, nearly solidifying the atmosphere in all directions.

One could see a massive silhouette, like an island, rapidly emerging from beneath the sea surface.

The azure sea surface at this moment was dyed a deep dark, with thick water columns shooting skyward, forming tornado hurricanes.

"Puff puff puff—"

Seeing this, Meng Wuheng formed a gesture incantation with both hands, controlling several puppets to shoot directly towards the deep sea.

He then threw several jade vials into the sea, spreading a dreamy, crystalline luster.

"Run!"

After finishing, he shouted to Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian and then, with his wife, used a magical treasure to escape along the planned route.

Lu Changsheng did not hesitate, wrapping his arm around Hong Lian's waist, his Wind-Thunder Wings unfurled, propelling him like a flash of lightning.

"Boom boom boom—"

Just as Meng Wuheng's puppets entered the water, they exploded under the might of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, releasing the intense fragrance of Rainbow Gown Grass.

As a Fourth Rank Demon King, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King was naturally not as easily affected as ordinary demon beasts or Third Rank Demon Kings.

But as the overlord of this sea, when had it ever been subjected to such provocation!

Moreover, being a demon beast, it was very sensitive to auras.

It still remembered the aura of the Meng Wuheng couple, recalling that they had provoked and even injured it in its early years!

"Roar!!!"

The Deep Sea Demon Whale King roared furiously, filled with killing intent. Its enraged voice echoed between heaven and earth, forming layers of tsunamis and tornado hurricanes, dispelling the thick mist hovering above the sea surface.

Its massive body, over a hundred zhang long, emerged from the water, sweeping majestic waves hundreds of meters high as it rushed towards the four of them.

On its deep blue body, dark demonic runes glowed intermittently, radiating a terrifying sheen that shook one's soul.

At this very moment, even at a distance, Lu Changsheng and the others could distinctly feel its overwhelming, oppressive pressure, akin to the heaviness of a collapsing sky!

For ordinary Nascent Soul Cultivators, facing such spiritual pressure and momentum, they would likely be affected.

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"Is this the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, a Fourth Rank Demon King!"

Lu Changsheng's eyes shone brightly, shooting out two beams of golden light, as he looked at the enormous figure of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King with a heart full of shock.

Clearly realizing the chasm between a Third Rank Demon King and a Fourth Rank Great Demon King!

A body as vast as mountain islands exuded overwhelming demonic energy, forming an invisible field.

Twisting, compressing, and chaos reigned in all directions of the void, affecting all creatures within the field's range.

Even from such a distance, Lu Changsheng's qi-blood be affected, becoming somewhat sluggish and heavy.

With its boundless essence energy devouring, stirring countless tornadoes and hurricanes, raising gigantic waves roared towards the sky like an apocalyptic catastrophe, its terrifying might was astonishingly fearsome.

Anyone witnessing such a scene, this might, would naturally feel a sense of insignificance and fear!

"Golden Peng!"

Lu Changsheng immediately called out to the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng in the sky, motioning for it to come down and rescue him.

Otherwise, at his current speed, it wouldn't take long before he would be caught up by the Deep Sea Demon Whale King!

"Chirp!"

The Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng let out a long cry, no longer concealing its demonic power, its entire body shining with brilliant golden light, unleashing fearsome demon power that blotted out the sky, flying down directly from high above.

Its wings stretched out like clouds hanging from the sky, slicing through the void with an aura of peerless sharpness.

"Roar roar roar!!!"

Demon Beasts naturally do not get along.

Especially avian species like the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng and aquatic demon beasts like the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Upon seeing the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King immediately took it as a provocation, knowing that Lu Changsheng and his group were deliberately provoking it.

Its massive tail suddenly rose, shimmering with a dim light before slamming down heavily.

"Rumble——"

The ocean wailed, billions of water streams splattered, forming layer upon layer of waves which struck the heavens, surging towards the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng.

"Chirp!"

If it were an ordinary Third Rank Demon Beast, especially an aquatic demon beast, facing such an offensive, under the suppression of bloodline power, would likely be completely intimidated.

But the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng, as a True Spirit Level Bloodline Demon Beast, had a ferociously unruly nature, utterly fearless, even arousing some of its ferocity.

Its vertical pupil like Jinyang coldly looked at the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, emitting an icy light that pierced the soul.

However, the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng did not engage in direct combat, its body shining brilliantly, riding the wind and waves, tearing through layers of void as it flew towards Lu Changsheng.

"Buzz!"

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng's robes fluttered, and a faint golden Formless Treasure Wheel appeared behind his head, making his entire presence seem solemn and sacred.

Then he ran the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, awakening his Third Rank physique, rumbling loudly, as a platinum-colored small mountain appeared in his hand, and with great force, he hurled it towards the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

"Hiss!!!"

The air resounded with a piercing explosion.

The platinum small mountain enlarged during its flight, akin to a small hill, glowing brilliantly, before crashing heavily onto the body of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

However, this Magical Treasure which nearly reached Third Rank Superior Grade only resulted in a muffled sound upon hitting its body, not even breaking the skin.

"Friend Wang, this Deep Sea Demon Whale King's physical body is extremely tough, ordinary Divine Skills and Magical Treasures can't inflict damage!"

Seeing this scene, Meng Wuheng's couple were amazed.

Unexpectedly, Lu Changsheng was also capable of dual cultivation with body refinement.

However, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, with its Heaven Rank Bloodline and Fourth Rank status, continuously draws essence energy from the world, making it unbeatable unless a Nascent Soul True Lord intervenes.

"I know."

Lu Changsheng was merely testing the specific conditions of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King for future engagements.

"Humans, you court death!"

The Deep Sea Demon Whale King was utterly infuriated by Lu Changsheng's actions, roaring at him with murderous intent.

Its voice resonated through heaven and earth, containing a terrifying sonic attack that stirred magical power and qi-blood, threatening to shatter brains.

Meanwhile, from the whale's back, covered in demon runes, a black hole-like gleaming light burst forth, rending the void as it approached Lu Changsheng, carrying an aura of annihilation.

"Yin Yang Daoist Chart, Yin Yang Mysterious Divine Light!"

Lu Changsheng hurriedly activated his life-bound magical treasure, positioning it above his head, where threads of Yin and Yang Qi interwove.

Beside him, Hong Lian also quickly unleashed the Starlight Plate, cascading starlight fell as it launched a flaming bird against the dark light.

"Boom boom boom——"

Both of them jointly took action, barely managing to neutralize the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's ordinary attack.

Just then, the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng arrived beside Lu Changsheng, carrying him and Hong Lian on its back.

"Go!"

Without any hesitation, Lu Changsheng signaled the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng to fly towards the island, avoiding further battle.

From the brief skirmish just now, he knew the Deep Sea Demon Whale King was invincible.

If Meng Wuheng and his wife's methods proved ineffective later on, he figured they might as well break up and retreat.

Otherwise, even using a 'Summoning Talisman', he wouldn't be able to slay the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

"Roar——"

The Deep Sea Demon Whale King was extremely terrifying, its field's fluctuations stirred massive waves, more formidable than any natural disaster tsunami, almost matching the speed of the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng.

In response to the situation, Lu Changsheng immediately bolstered the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng with several Third Rank Escape Talismans.

The couple of Meng Wuheng, practicing Dual Cultivation Techniques, had a magical power mechanism far surpassing ordinary Nascent Soul cultivators, and activated a Third Rank Top Level Escape Talisman.

Even so, their speed was somewhat inferior.

Both sides communicated, leveraging the island and reefs to retreat while provoking and restraining the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Possibly affected by the Rainbow Gown Grass and Crossing Soul Grass earlier, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King was extremely irritable and utterly irrational.

Facing Lu Changsheng's provocative attacks, it roared angrily, charging towards Lu Changsheng.

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Meng Wuheng and his wife provocatively attacked him, so he abandoned Lu Changsheng and the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng to kill the couple.

Even so, the four of Lu Changsheng struggled immensely.

Whenever the distance slightly closed, sound waves, tsunamis, hurricanes swept in, and the dim light overwhelmed them.

If Lu Changsheng and Meng Wuheng weren't exceptional Nascent Soul Cultivators, they wouldn't have lasted long at all.

Without the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng for transportation, Lu Changsheng couldn't outpace the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Yet, this was precisely why the four and one Peng couldn't be judged by common sense; they had the confidence to hunt a Fourth Rank Great Demon King.

"Boom boom boom——"

The ocean boiled and roared as the Deep Sea Demon Whale King charged towards the island, smashing a spirit island into dust.

Luckily, this area was deep within the Great Dream Marsh, where demon beasts dwelled, with no mortal cultivators living there; otherwise, it would have been a massacre.

With the aura of the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng and the Deep Sea Demon Whale King around, no other demon beasts or Demon Kings dared to disturb.

Otherwise, if two or three more Demon Kings came, Lu Changsheng and Meng Wuheng's plans would be disturbed.

Thus, after a long entanglement, Lu Changsheng and Meng Wuheng reached the first island with their prepared ambush killing formation.

After such a prolonged battle and provocation, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King had nearly lost its mind, wanting only to kill the four and one Peng.

Meanwhile, the four of them had sustained some injuries or consumed too much mana and stamina.

However, as they arrived prepared with elixir medicines, talismans, spiritual medicines, and spiritual milk, they were not afraid of consumption.

"Friend Wang, Friend Li, we need you to lure the Deep Sea Demon Whale King into the island, and we couples will activate the formation to heavily injure it!"

Meng Wuheng transmitted to Lu Changsheng.

"Understood!"

They had already discussed this in the previous plan.

However, to be safe, Lu Changsheng discreetly tucked the Summoning Talisman and Michen Banner into his sleeve.

"Ninety-Nine Thunderfire Talisman Formation, activate!"

Lu Changsheng, standing on the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng, formed a gesture incantation with both hands, releasing thirty-six Third Rank Talismans and eighty-one Second Rank Talismans, fusing the Qi mechanism and aligning them before striking towards the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Beside him, Hong Lian held the Starlight Plate in one hand and the Ancient Beast Taming Charm in the other, waiting for the right moment.

"Boom boom boom——"

One hundred seventeen talismans exploded simultaneously, nearly matching the power of a Quasi-Fourth Rank Talisman and technique and divine ability.

However, this attack only caused slight scorching and thunderfire marks on the surface of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's skin.

This assault successfully provoked the Deep Sea Demon Whale King into roaring and charging towards Lu Changsheng.

The next moment.

“Boom——”

An earth-shattering explosion echoed.

The island was pulverized by the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Instantly, ripples appeared in the heavens and earth, and several terrifying beams of light struck the massive body of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Its thick and tough skin was broken open at this moment, with blood oozing out.

At this time, Lu Changsheng saw that Meng Wuheng and his wife, Cloud Dream True Master, were in harmony with their Qi mechanisms, as if they had merged with heaven and earth, radiating endless splendor, their Qi mechanism rising steeply.

“What a marvelous cultivation technique; their cultivation level and Qi mechanism almost unified, entering a state of Unity of Heaven and Man!”

Hong Lian looked at them, her eyes like burning Vermilion Bird Firebirds, exclaiming in admiration.

Then.

An invisible figure, its appearance unclear, appeared above their heads, slowly pulling open a barely visible purple carved dragon bowstring.

“Friend Wang, Friend Li, hold it off for a moment!”

Meng Wuheng transmitted to Lu Changsheng.

Then, an unseen figure appeared above them, gradually drawing the bowstring, as a purple arrow gleaming with greenish luster appeared slowly.

“Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone, Essence, Qi, and Spirit! Protective Divine Light!”

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng realized they indeed had extraordinary means and stopped holding back.

“Bang!”

The Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone on his chest intertwined and surged, unleashing a vast Qi mechanism, boosting his cultivation level to the Core Formation Sixth Layer.

“Heavenly Peng Battling Dragon Diagram! A Hundred and Eighty Thousand Feathers!”

The Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng also attacked with full force.

Above its head, a Heavenly Peng battling True Dragon diagram interweaved, forming countless golden sword feathers, attacking the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Hong Lian lightly waved her palm, and thirty-six Oceanic Beads appeared.

However, she did not attack, only assisting Lu Changsheng in the formation.

“Boom boom boom——”

Yet, just approaching the domain of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, under its sound wave tsunami, Lu Changsheng felt his Qi and blood shaking, and his mana was sluggish.

He promptly cast one hundred eight Third Rank Talismans, forming a terrifying array ahead, followed by the Yin Yang Daoist Chart interweaving to create layers of black and white light screens.

“Roar!!!”

The infuriated Deep Sea Demon Whale King roared in murderous rage, seemingly intent on crushing Lu Changsheng and the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng directly, while a giant whale demon shadow appeared above its form.

“Boom boom——”

Lu Changsheng’s talisman formation, Protective Divine Light, and the Yin Yang Daoist Chart formed layers of barriers, shattered piece by piece under the collision of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

The Heavenly Peng Battles Dragon Diagram of the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng also shattered under this assault, flying alongside Lu Changsheng, with Qi and blood, mana rolling turbulently.

Luckily, at this time, Hong Lian cast a spell, using thirty-six Oceanic Beads to dispel the residual energy wave.

At this moment, the invisible bowstring above Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Master also suddenly trembled.

The light arrow, like thunder and lightning, burst into a dazzling glow, suddenly shooting into the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's blowhole, causing it to shriek and roar.

After scoring a direct hit, Meng Wuheng showed a bit of delight in his eyes.

Then, without looking back, he and his wife flew away, transmitting to Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian: "Friend Wang, Friend Li, it has already been hit by my Spirit-Sealing Arrow, its demonic power's opportunity will progressively become chaotic, go!"

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They set up ambushes on three islands along the way, with the sole purpose of severely injuring the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, without intending to strike directly.

And now, they are not confident enough to subdue this Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

"This magical treasure is quite extraordinary, also forged specifically for dealing with this Deep Sea Demon Whale King. It seems the couple had long planned to act against this creature and made numerous preparations."

Lu Changsheng immediately signaled the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng to retreat, took out several elixir medicines from the Qiankun Shadow-Confining Belt and consumed them.

Then he also took out several spiritual medicines for the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng to consume, and activated a Third Rank Ganlin Spirit Talisman on himself and the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng.

"They might hail from the Eastern Sea Cultivation Realm. According to ancient records, the human race in the Eastern Sea is weak, thus most of their magical arrays and devices are targeted against Sea Beast Demon Kings."

Hong Lian also noticed that the magic treasure methods just now were quite unusual, specifically aimed at such Sea Beast Demon Kings, and voiced her guesses.

"Very likely."

Lu Changsheng exhaled deeply a few times, using this gap to adjust his state.

Though injured, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King was even more furious, and vowed not to rest until Lu Changsheng and the other three were killed.

The demonic runes on its body grew more intense, and the field of its qi mechanism became increasingly terrifying, causing even Lu Changsheng to be somewhat apprehensive.

However, with prior experience, his cooperation with Meng Wuheng, as a couple, became more seamless, jointly restraining the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

"Boom boom boom——"

After a long while, the four people and one peng arrived at the second ambush island.

The scene repeated itself.

The Deep Sea Demon Whale King fell into the trap again, its massive body accumulating even more scars.

Lu Changsheng was unclear about the exact effects of the killing formation.

But he keenly noticed that the wounds on the Deep Sea Demon Whale King seemed to be showing signs of corrosion.

Whether it was due to extreme anger, the two waves of offensives, or Meng Wuheng's previous arrows, the various juices along the way, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King appeared somewhat sluggish.

Yet its offensives became even more fierce.

Amidst low growls and roars, endless dark light burst forth, creating a tidal wave that stood high when the tornado and tsunami struck.

"Roar!"

A massive whale demon shadow, as large as mountains and peaks, lunged toward Lu Changsheng and Meng Wuheng, engulfing the entire heavenly dome.

Without hesitation, Lu Changsheng hurled a bunch of prepared talismans, the Yin Yang Daoist Chart above his head erupting with black and white mysterious light.

The Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng and Hong Lian also joined the fray in unison.

"Damn it, if this hunt fails, even with the agreed compensation, we'll still suffer a loss!"

Lu Changsheng had already consumed more than half of his stock of talismans and elixir medicines for this trip.

Especially the talismans, not many were left.

This hunt had become a blatant expenditure.

Not far off, even the Meng Wuheng couple was having a hard time, and despite their preparations, they were a bit battered.

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The third island's killing formation continued to emerge.

This formation unleashed countless fragments akin to shattered stones, embedding into the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's body.

It was evident that these three formations were not only progressively injuring the Deep Sea Demon Whale King but were also restricting and affecting its strength.

However, when the four people and one peng reached the final Whale Hunting Island, the almost deranged Deep Sea Demon Whale King suddenly halted.

Its roars, filled with killing intent and anger, seemed tinged with apprehension, fear, and unwillingness.

"What is happening?"

Lu Changsheng furrowed his brows, not expecting a mishap at this crucial moment.

"This Fourth Rank Demon King, even under the influence of Rainbow Gown Grass and Soul-Falling Incense, with a confused mind, still retains its beastly sharpness and instinctive sense of danger!"

"It must have sensed a dangerous qi mechanism from the island ahead."

Seeing this scene, Hong Lian murmured softly.

The killing formations on the previous three islands, though injurious to the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, were merely injurious.

Far from being life-threatening.

Yet, now, with this formation, it estimated something perilous.

"What should we do?"

Lu Changsheng frowned, unwilling to give up halfway.

"We can only continue to provoke it, letting slaughter and rage obscure its instincts."

Hong Lian said as much.

"Daoist Wuheng?"

Lu Changsheng looked towards Meng Wuheng, transmitting his inquiry.

"Friend Wang, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King likely sensed something instinctively. We must further disrupt its instinctual awareness to lure it over."

Meng Wuheng, with a grave expression, shared the same judgment as Hong Lian.

He asked Lu Changsheng, "Do you have any means to lure it over?"

"..."

Lu Changsheng was speechless, not expecting the question to be directed at him.

Seeing the Deep Sea Demon Whale King seemingly intent on retreating, Lu Changsheng gritted his teeth, "Golden Peng, Hong Lian, be careful!"

Then, the Nine Treasures Ruyi Bone wove together with a loud boom, with the magic aura surging layer upon layer, rising to the Core Formation Sixth Layer. Clutching a Summoning Talisman, he rushed directly toward the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

"Husband!"

Even though Hong Lian was fully confident in Lu Changsheng's strength and methods.

She couldn't help but be shocked by his actions.

After all, Lu Changsheng had only recently broken through to the Core Formation Middle Stage. Being able to unleash battle strength at the Core Formation Late Stage was already quite remarkable.

"Hmm!?"

Meng Wuheng was also a little surprised, not expecting Lu Changsheng to take such a reckless risk.

But during their previous exchanges, Lu Changsheng had mentioned he could unleash Core Formation Peak battle strength, so Meng Wuheng decided to trust him, immediately getting ready with his wife.

"Roar!!!"

The Deep Sea Demon Whale King, seeing its provocative prey offering itself up, its enormous pupils filled with the chilling glow of murderous intent.

The twisted field compressing the layers of space, along with the endless dark light, enveloped Lu Changsheng. Then, a colossal hurricane tsunami surged from the heavens to the sea, aiming to drown him.

"Damn it!"

Even though Lu Changsheng was now in a state not inferior to the True Elixir Late Stage, facing this oppressive and terrifying onslaught, his entire body felt heavy, his mana slowed, and he struggled to breathe.

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If it were an ordinary Nascent Soul cultivator without body refinement, they would likely have their blood and flesh burst and die explosively.

"Summoning Talisman!"

Without hesitation, Lu Changsheng activated the Summoning Talisman held in his hand.

Instantly, a purple lightning crystal light surged, forming a massive purple flood dragon's shadow.

"Roar roar roar!"

As the dragon shadow appeared, it coiled around Lu Changsheng, roaring towards the sky and exuding a terrifying and intimidating aura.

"Is this the Soul Attachment Technique?"

Hong Lian looked surprised and suspicious, thinking this method resembled the beast taming technique of demon spirit possession.

Even Meng Wuheng and his wife looked surprised at first, but then delighted, knowing the situation was under control.

"Roar!"

After the dragon's roar, the flood dragon's shadow dived into Lu Changsheng's back, melding with his spine.

Lu Changsheng felt an indescribable surging power filling every inch of his flesh, as if long dragon chants resonated within.

Core Formation Seventh Layer!

Core Formation Eighth Layer!

Core Formation Ninth Layer!

As purple light permeated and purple aura steamed, Lu Changsheng's aura climbed rapidly.

In just a moment, his entire appearance changed.

His body was covered with purple scales, with purple lightning radiating all around, including his face.

Even his forehead now had a small purple crystal dragon horn.

"This is the effect of the Summoning Talisman..."

Lu Changsheng felt the power and mana surging inside him.

This was a strength he had never experienced before.

It felt as if he could break the firmament with a mere gesture.

However, he knew this was an illusion caused by the abrupt surge in power in a short period.

"But, it's enough to handle the current situation!"

The suppression brought by the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's domain dissipated at this moment.

Lu Changsheng's eyes were filled with purple brilliance as he pushed his palm forward.

"Sssh!"

As purple lightning crystal radiated, a terrifying dragon claw emerged, tearing towards the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, ripping a piece of flesh from its wound.

"Roar!!!"

The Deep Sea Demon Whale King roared at Lu Changsheng with murderous intent, its eyes emanating a predatory cold gleam.

At this moment, Lu Changsheng not only incited its wrathful killing intent but also a desire to devour him.

"Boom boom boom!!!"

Both sides engaged fiercely, dense ghostly light and immense whirlwinds clashing with waves like tsunamis, purple crystal lightning roaring in grandeur.

In that moment, the world seemed divided into two clear halves.

One side filled with brilliant purple crystal lightning.

The other with ghostly light and towering waves.

However, it could be seen that the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, forming a ghostly magic shadow, had the upper hand.

"Sure enough, trying to contend with such a Fourth Rank Demon King is quite difficult."

Lu Changsheng did not entangle excessively with the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, challenging it with one strike before attempting to retreat slowly, luring it forward.

At this moment, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's murderous intent suppressed its instinctual sense of danger.

Seeing Lu Changsheng standing at the center of the island, it immediately charged at him with overwhelming force.

"Friend Wang, quickly retreat!"

Meng Wuheng saw this and, feeling delighted, quickly transmitted a loud shout.

Their formation, once activated, distinguished no friend or foe.

"Buzz!"

The Michen Banner in Lu Changsheng's hand radiated with hues of twilight, and he instantly vanished, appearing beside Hong Lian.

"Hmm!?"

Meng Wuheng and his wife were slightly startled, not expecting Lu Changsheng to possess such a magical treasure that mastered the Power of the Void!

They realized that facing the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, an ordinary Teleportation Talisman was futile!

Not thinking much more, the couple let their Qi Mechanism meld, entering a miraculous heavenly state, activating Whale Hunting Island's killing formation.

"Buzz buzz buzz—"

Ripples from the void surfaced, and invisible purple threads appeared, like a fishing net, binding the one-hundred-zhang tall body of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

"Boom!!!"

Simultaneously, the island collapsed under the pressure of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, exploding loudly, and an innumerable, star-like spread of sand from the Heaven-and-Earth Net enveloped the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

"This is Star God Sand! It has the effect of interfering with and suppressing demonic power, making it difficult for demon beasts to self-destruct or perform their innate divine abilities!"

Hong Lian immediately recognized the star-like sands and couldn't help but be amazed.

This kind of sand was extremely rare, and the couple had managed to collect so much of it.

"Eternal Epoch Seal!"

From a distance, Meng Wuheng and his wife stood side by side, their Qi Mechanism blending into one, utterly natural, as if they were part of the heavens and the earth.

At this moment, their appearance and aura seemed not of this world.

Particularly their four eyes, looking sacred and indifferent, like deities overlooking the beings of the world.

Above them, the vague shadow of a deity slowly appeared, radiating supreme suppression, holding a Dharma Seal.

"Buzz!"

This Dharma Seal was profound and inscrutable, as if it hailed from the inexhaustible flow of history, enduring through eternal epochs.

Though completely devoid of overbearingness, it emanated an unstoppable momentum like the grand order of heavens and earth.

"Roar roar roar——"

Bound and entwined by the Heaven-and-Earth Net and purple threads, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King roared madly, unable to break free.

Now, facing the descending vast seal, the king showed a hint of fear, desperately struggling, with the demon runes on its body flickering.

But the more it struggled, the more the wounds on its surface began to rot at an accelerated pace.

"Such a technique..."

Watching this technique, the human-dragon hybrid Lu Changsheng narrowed his eyes, with purple light flowing within.

Even after using the Summoning Talisman, Lu Changsheng felt a sense of danger from Meng Wuheng and his wife.

"This cultivation technique is profoundly miraculous, fusing the two as one, resembling a celestial being, and seemingly summoning a shadow comparable to a Nascent Soul True Lord!"

"Though uncertain how long this method can last, it's undeniably astonishing!"

Hong Lian observed the pair, her beautiful eyes filled with intensity.

She had been focusing on the two all this time.

But the more she watched, the more she realized their extraordinariness.

They must hail from a top-level power or have received supreme inheritance!

"Friend Wang, Friend Li, please assist in suppressing this whale!"

Meng Wuheng's voice resounded, seemingly overlapped with his wife's voice.

Lu Changsheng squinted slightly, exchanging a glance with Hong Lian before they both took action together.

However, Lu Changsheng did not exert much effort.

In his current state, using each portion of divine skills consumed more of the Summoning Talisman's power.

But with Hong Lian and the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng taking action, it was sufficient.

"Heavenly Peng Battling Dragon Diagram! One hundred and eight thousand feathers!"

The Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng's body radiated brightly, like a blazing sun, unleashing countless Golden Feather Swords.

Hong Lian then smashed thirty-six Oceanic Beads towards the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

Finally, under such an offensive, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King struggled beyond its capacity, letting out a sorrowful cry, allowing the vast seal to descend, directly suppressing this Fourth Rank Demon King within.

"Bang bang bang——"

The massive seal quaked, inside seemingly...

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"This sort of technique..."

Lu Changsheng watched Meng Wuheng and his wife's spirit shadow above their heads gradually dissipate, his expression grave.

In his early years, he had used a similar method to suppress a Demon King—the Wind Thunder Houn.

But the Wind Thunder Houn was merely a Third Rank Demon King, while this Deep Sea Demon Whale King was a Fourth Rank Demon King!

Even though it was gravely injured and restrained by various methods, suppressing and imprisoning it in such a manner was truly astonishing!

Combining their efforts, the two already exceeded just contending with a Nascent Soul; they possessed Nascent Soul Divine Skills!

As Meng Wuheng and his wife Cloud Dream True Master's spirit shadow dissipated, merging with heaven and earth, their surging mana also rapidly retreated.

Their god-like indifferent eyes gradually filled with emotions as they spoke to Lu Changsheng and the others: "Thank you both, Daoists, for your hard work."

It was evident that the couple had just used some sort of technique to enhance their abilities, now exuding an air of weakness and fatigue.

However, as to how weak they truly were, and whether they were genuinely weakened, Lu Changsheng couldn't be certain.

"In this hunt, it was mainly Daoist Wuheng and Daoist Cloud Dream's remarkable methods."

Lu Changsheng released the Summoning Talisman, his body exuding purple energy, his physical strength and mana receding like a tide, and spoke with his hands cupped.

This was not just empty words.

Had it not been for Meng Wuheng and his wife initially using the juices of Rainbow Gown Grass and similar to affect the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's mind.

Then ambushing and heavily injuring it through formations and finally employing an astonishing technique, the hunt would never have succeeded.

Lu Changsheng even suspected that the couple used some unknown means beyond those methods.

Otherwise, the mind of a Fourth Rank Demon King should not be so easily disturbed and blinded.

"Daoist Wang is too polite; without you and Daoist Li, with your spiritual pets constantly binding it and risking yourselves to lure it at the last moment, my wife and I would still struggle to suppress this whale."

Meng Wuheng's complexion was slightly pale, speaking with genuine humility.

However, throughout the conversation, he discreetly observed Lu Changsheng, feeling a surge of surprise in his heart.

During this hunt, Lu Changsheng had surged his cultivation realm several times.

Just now, he had even employed some Fourth Rank Soul Attachment technique, elevating his cultivation and mana, as well as his physical body, to the Peak Core Formation level.

Yet, despite using so many techniques, he only appeared weak, without any sign of severely damaged primordial energy.

And there was the Golden Peng Bird beside him.

Whether in speed or combat power, it far surpassed many Demon Kings he had encountered.

"Daoist Wang, Daoist Li, in this hunt, we have all expended considerably. How about we first rest and recuperate, restore our mana, then proceed to the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's nest?"

"At that time, should you two Daoists need, you can also select some materials from within."

Meng Wuheng continued speaking.

The nest of a Third Rank Demon King contained many heavenly and earthly treasures.

This Deep Sea Demon Whale King, as a Fourth Rank Demon King, would naturally have left many rare treasures.

Originally, as per their discussing distribution, these spoils were all to belong to their couple.

But after the matter was accomplished, the couple intended to leave, while their daughter would remain in the Southern Wilderness, possibly requiring the help of Wang Lin and his wife before him.

So they were also willing to extend some goodwill and sincerity.

"Since that is the case, I thank Daoist Wuheng."

Lu Changsheng did not hold back, cupping his hands in gratitude.

The nest of a Fourth Rank Demon King would likely contain Fourth Rank heavenly and earthly treasures.

Such heavenly and earthly treasures, whether useful or not, had inherent value.

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Cloud Dream True Master formed gesture incantations with both hands, casting several array flags to create a Spirit Gathering Array, gathering the Spirit Vein that had just shattered the island for the four to meditate and recuperate.

Such a method was extraordinary.

It could only be said that this Cloud Dream True Master was indeed worthy of being a Top-Level Formation Master at the Third Rank!

Soon, the four sat cross-legged, took out elixir medicines and spiritual milk from their storage rings, and quickly adjusted their state to restore their mana.

Several days later, the four had partially recovered and hurried towards the direction of the Sea Eye.

Though none of the four were at peak condition.

But as long as they didn't encounter a Fourth Rank Demon King, there shouldn't be major issues.

A month later, the four arrived above the previous Sea Eye.

Meng Wuheng raised his palm lightly, revealing three deep blue spheres in his hand.

"The Sea Eye is ten thousand fathoms below the sea; these are Water-Repelling Pearls, which can part the seawater and conserve mana."

He handed two Water-Repelling Pearls to Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian.

"Thank you."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian had also obtained several Water Spirit Beads from their last hunt of a Demon King.

However, they had not yet had time to refine them into Water-Repelling Pearls.

The two held the Water-Repelling Pearls, urging their mana, instantly releasing a spread of azure radiance enveloping them.

Perhaps because this was the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's territory, there were not many high-level sea beasts.

Most were Treasure Fish and ordinary demon beasts.

Along the way, they could see many vibrant coral reefs.

As they descended deeper, Lu Changsheng even saw some Third Rank coral reefs.

If Meng Wuheng weren't present, Lu Changsheng would have been tempted to spend some time directly taking them away.

Normally, these coral reefs weren't effective.

But placed in Bi Shui Lake, they had the effect of nurturing Spiritual Fish and Treasure Fish.

"It should be around here."

After a long time, the four saw a black hole emanating vast pressure, like a vortex leading to the abyss.

The four exchanged glances, released their magical treasures, fortified with several talismans, and entered the black hole.

This was the nest of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

They could see many sea beast remains, as well as crystal mines, corals, spirit clams, pearls, and so on.

The pressure at this depth was immense, and Qi Refinement and Foundation Establishment cultivators would likely have their flesh and blood explode.

The same went for spiritual objects.

Ordinary First or Second Rank spiritual objects couldn't appear here at all.

However, possibly because the Deep Sea Demon Whale King had only recently ascended to a Fourth Rank Demon King, Lu Changsheng did not see many rare treasures.

"Daoist Wang, Daoist Li, if you see anything you like, you are welcome to select a few."

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Having already gained the greatest reward, the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, Meng Wuheng was very generous.

"Wan'er."

Lu Changsheng remained calm, letting Hong Lian make the selection directly.

The other party, having been a Nascent Soul True Lord in a past life, had much better insight than him.

Immediately, Hong Lian walked around, inspecting, and picked up a Fourth Rank Water Spirit Bead, then used a spell to see a fist-sized, luminescent white Treasure Bead inside a giant clam.

"Daoist Wuheng, I shall take this Water Spirit Bead along with this Taiyin Xuanpin Treasure Pearl?"

Hong Lian looked at Meng Wuheng and said so.

"Of course."

Meng Wuheng glanced at the luminescent white Treasure Bead in Hong Lian's hand and nodded lightly.

Then he looked at Lu Changsheng, gesturing for him to help himself: "Daoist Lu, please."

"Hm?"

Seeing Meng Wuheng being so generous, Lu Changsheng also did not stand on ceremony and made his own selection in the lair.

"Is this, Biyou Crystal Amber?"

At that moment, he saw a watermelon-sized azure blue crystal mine and halted.

Then he summoned a Flying Sword and struck it directly on the crystal mine.

"Clang!"

The azure crystal mine formed a dent.

Then, this dent began to slowly heal at a very slow speed.

"It really is Biyou Crystal Amber!"

Lu Changsheng's face showed joy.

This is a very rare artifact refining material.

It possesses a self-repairing ability after being damaged, making it highly suitable for crafting puppets or defensive magical treasures.

"If there's Biyou Crystal Amber here, there's likely also Biyou Sea Worm!"

Lu Changsheng looked around in all directions.

The formation of Biyou Soul Crystal requires a peculiar worm called the 'Biyou Sea Worm'.

This worm usually resides beneath the sea, feeding on mud, coral, and spirit clams, possessing no combat power, but when it breaks through and advances, it gradually forms Biyou Crystal Amber.

If a few sea worms were brought back and cultivated, it might be possible to create several rare puppets or fine defensive magical treasures.

"I'll take these Biyou Crystal Ambers, and if Daoist Wuheng finds any Biyou Sea Worms, I would be interested in trying to cultivate them."

Lu Changsheng collected several crystal mines from the ground and said to Meng Wuheng.

Although the other party was being generous, he was not one to take advantage inch by inch.

Moreover, later on, when taking over the Immortal City, he still needed the cooperation of the other party.

There was no need to bargain over small gains here and affect perceptions.

"No problem."

Meng Wuheng smiled broadly, then used his Great Magical Power to store all the Heavenly and Earthly Treasures here into his Storage Magical Treasure.

After finishing, he continued to dig three feet into the ground to check for any omissions.

Indeed, in this search, he found several overlooked items.

During the process, a few finger-sized worms with a blue transparent luster appeared.

"Friend Wang, altogether there are nine Biyou Sea Worms, how about you take five and I take four?"

These Biyou Sea Worms are very rare and have great cultivation value, so Meng Wuheng also intended to cultivate a few.

"Thank you, Daoist Wuheng."

Lu Changsheng smiled and clasped his hands, feeling quite satisfied with this trip's harvest.

Next, it was time to discuss the matter of Great Dream Immortal City with Meng Wuheng and his wife.

The two parties signed the Spiritual Contract and also made a Heart Demon Oath, so Lu Changsheng was not worried about them reneging.

"Let us depart first."

"Now that the aura of the Deep Sea Demon Whale King has vanished, over time, as the aura dissipates, it is still possible for other Demon Kings to come here."

Meng Wuheng stated.

In this fathomless deep sea, even with the Water-Repelling Pearls, there was a certain pressure, consuming quite a bit of mana.

"Daoist Wuheng does not want this Sea Eye Spirit Vein?"

Seeing this, Lu Changsheng asked in some surprise.

In prior discussions, the other party had stated that all items in the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's lair belonged to them, so Lu Changsheng naturally included the valuable spirit vein among them.

"Even a Nascent Soul True Lord could not move such a Sea Eye Spirit Vein, Daoist Wang must be joking."

"Moreover, this Sea Eye gathers the essence of Great Dream Marsh's fortune, and the spirit vein is advancing towards Fourth Rank. If destroyed, it would deplete one's own fortune and could even lead to a backlash from fate."

Meng Wuheng shook his head and said.

The path of divination emphasizes fortune and fate.

It is impossible to do things that deplete one's fortune.

The spirit vein is nurtured by the mighty forces of heaven and earth.

If destroyed, it could deplete one's own fortune.

While First Grade and Second Grade Spiritual Veins are fine, as they don't have much impact,

upon reaching the Third Grade, there would be some impact.

As for Fourth Rank Spirit Veins, the impact is significant.

The biggest challenge of a Third Rank Spirit Vein ascending to Fourth Rank is gathering the fortune of heaven and earth!

One needs to gather sufficient fortune from heaven and earth to raise the spirit vein!

Under such circumstances, if one dares to damage or destroy a Fourth Rank Spirit Vein, one will surely suffer backlash from the spirit vein's fortune, being entangled with misfortune and calamity!

The spirit vein of the Sea Eye before them has not ascended to Fourth Rank but is already transforming towards it.

In another hundred years, it might ascend to Fourth Rank, bearing great cause and effect!

"This Sea Eye affects the conveyance from Great Dream Marsh into Starry Sky Sea, and Friend Wang should try not to interfere with it, as it could not only deplete fortune but also incur unforeseen troubles."

Meng Wuheng seemed to perceive Lu Changsheng's thoughts and advised him aloud.

"Thank you, Daoist Wuheng, for the reminder."

Lu Changsheng, of course, knew about the destruction of spirit veins and the depletion of fortune.

However, as a Dragon Seeker, using Dragon Seeking techniques to separate and intercept the Spiritual Vein Origin is not that severe.

Otherwise, he wouldn't dare to keep excavating spirit veins like this.

Seeing that Meng Wuheng showed no interest in the Sea Eye Spirit Vein, he asked, thinking that if the other party didn't want it, he could come back himself later for a trip.

But with Meng Wuheng's reminder, he temporarily dismissed the idea.

After all, his spirit vein had already advanced to the Third Rank Superior Grade.

Even if it's drained here, it's impossible to advance to Fourth Rank, so there's no need to invite trouble.

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Moreover, his Dragon Seeking Art was already very strained in intercepting the Third Rank Spirit Vein and prone to wastefulness.

Facing such a Fourth Rank Spirit Vein, whether it can be shaken at all is still a matter of question.

"Friend Wuheng, I heard you mention Starry Sky Sea several times, is it this Starry Sky Sea past the layers of mist you referred to?"

At this point, Lu Changsheng also subtly probed Meng Wuheng for information.

He wanted to learn about the Starry Sky Sea earlier when the other party mentioned it, but had not asked yet.

"Indeed, heading further north for eight hundred miles leads to the sea region of the Starry Sky Sea."

Meng Wuheng nodded lightly.

He glanced at Lu Changsheng and said, "If Friend Wang is interested in the Starry Sky Sea, Meng can introduce it to you a bit later."

"Alright."

Lu Changsheng nodded in agreement.

Then the four quickly left the deep sea and headed back toward the Great Dream Immortal City.

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Two months later, the four returned to the Great Dream Immortal City.

Although encountering several Demon Kings en route, it still went without surprises.

"Friend Wang, Friend Li, let's rest for a few days first, and then talk about the transfer of Immortal City."

"We as a couple also have some matters to attend to."

Meng Wuheng said, looking at Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian, bowing.

"Naturally."

Lu Changsheng was not hasty.

Since the hunt for the Deep Sea Demon Whale King ended, the four had been in a weakened state.

During these months, they rushed back and forth, encountering many demon beasts along the way, hardly resting properly.

Besides, the matter of trading the Immortal City cannot be completed in a short time.

"This is the Array Plate for the Celestial City Formation, you can rest assured, Friend."

At this moment, Cloud Dream True Master, in a light purple palace dress, presented a delicately mystical Array Plate to Lu Changsheng, indicating sincerity.

"Cloud Dream Friend is too courteous."

Lu Changsheng was pleased, thanked with a bow, and then accepted the Array Plate.

Mana infused, instantly perceiving the net-like veins interwoven from the Array Plate, extending across the entire Great Dream Immortal City.

This Array Plate was indeed the Main Array Plate of the Great Dream Immortal City.

Though there were many subsidiary plates, array devices, and the central hub of the formation, this Main Array Plate already expressed sincere intent.

Shortly, both sides took their leave.

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian arrived at the Third Rank Cave Mansion arranged in advance by Meng Wuheng and his wife to rest.

"Hong Lian, what do you think about their situation?"

Just after entering the Cave Mansion, and setting up a barrier, Lu Changsheng inquired about the couple's situation.

Previously, he was worried his voice transmission might be overheard by Meng Wuheng and his wife, so he had kept his words to himself.

"Very unusual, those two absolutely come from some top-level power, otherwise they wouldn't have such background!"

"Previously, the fusion of their qi mechanisms created a soul phantom that already possessed the combat strength of an ordinary Nascent Soul!"

"Moreover, they seem weak, but their souls are not as weak as they appear."

"Also, regarding how they subjugated the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, it was not killing but confining. It seems they intend to tame this Deep Sea Demon Whale King through certain methods!"

Hong Lian immediately said with a serious expression.

Along the way, she had been guarding against the couple's condition.

Afraid they might take advantage of Lu Changsheng's weakness.

Fortunately, the couple honored the contract, the Heart Demon Oath.

"Tame!?"

The two are indeed extraordinary, Lu Changsheng naturally noticed.

Yet he didn't expect Hong Lian to say that Meng Wuheng and his wife intended to tame the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

How could that be possible!

Fourth Rank Demon King, unless a Nascent Soul Great True Monarch or Deity of Transformation comes, it can't be subdued.

Under normal circumstances, it would certainly rather die than submit!

"With their power and means, if they wished to hunt this Deep Sea Demon Whale King, clearly they have better and simpler methods."

"But judging by the killing formations on the four islands, their goal wasn't to kill this Deep Sea Demon Whale King, just to seriously injure it."

"Especially the final formation and chains, along with the Star God Sand, were all aiming to suppress this Deep Sea Demon Whale King, not to kill it."

Hong Lian never thought, a small Jiang Country Cultivation Realm would indeed harbor hidden talents, aside from Lu Changsheng, there was also this couple.

The couple's strength was practically that of a Nascent Soul!

If before hunting the Deep Sea Demon Whale King she and Lu Changsheng thought the couple intended to leave for a Nascent Soul breakthrough.

Now, however, they felt the couple was likely after something other than Nascent Soul, not afraid of Nascent Soul failures!

"Indeed, and this hunting process, besides the final moments, was nearly seamless. It proceeded entirely according to their couple's plan."

"Just relying on the influence of Rainbow Gown Grass and Layered Soul Grass on the mind, it should be tough to accomplish to this extent."

Lu Changsheng nodded, feeling that Meng Wuheng and his wife were infinitely mysterious.

"Besides Rainbow Gown Grass, Layered Soul Grass, it probably had to do with some secret medicine they poured into the sea or arrows shot."

Although Hong Lian possessed the Nascent Soul, her divine sense and perception were affected by the fog of the Great Dream Marsh at the time, making certain techniques not clearly visible.

Moreover, their methods didn't come from the Northern Desolate Cultivation Realm, all seemed specifically targeting sea beast Demon Kings like the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, so it couldn't be determined at once.

"Forget it, as long as the couple bear no malicious intent, it has nothing to do with us."

Lu Changsheng took a deep breath and exhaled slowly.

Meng Wuheng and his wife were indeed extraordinarily mysterious.

But as long as the other party bore no malice, merely conducting normal Immortal City trade, he was indifferent about their origins and intentions.

Even with the expression of sincerity and goodwill by the other party, he was willing to treat them with courtesy and maintain a relationship.

"Hmm."

Hong Lian replied with a slight smile.

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Meanwhile.

Meng Wuheng and his wife Cloud Dream True Master returned to the central palace of the Immortal City.

"Husband, after this encounter, did you discern the situation of Friend Wang and Friend Li?"

Cloud Dream True Master asked her husband.

Not only were Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian surprised about their situation.

They were equally amazed by Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian.

"Since they bear no malicious intent, cooperate sincerely, their background has nothing to do with us."

Meng Wuheng grasped his wife's hand, his eyes deep, smiling calmly.

Then his hand raised slightly, revealing a profound and mysterious Dharma Seal seemingly originating from the long river of history, eternally ancient.

"If we tame this Deep Sea Demon Whale King, it will also assure our journey to the Millennium Hall and Tianlan Hall."

He gazed at the Dharma Seal in his hand, intertwined his fingers with his wife, slowly merging their qi mechanisms, jointly activating the Dharma Seal, and spoke, "Deep Sea Demon Whale King, this Lord knows you are already conscious."

"As long as you're willing to serve us as a couple for a hundred years, afterward we will set you free, even grant you supreme opportunity!"

Having said that, Meng Wuheng did not wait for a response from the Deep Sea Demon Whale King within the Dharma Seal, he promptly put away the Dharma Seal, preparing to go with his wife for healing and recovery.

Though they didn't appear extremely weak, they did consume quite a bit of lifespan.

"Dad, Mom, you've returned?"

At this moment, a soothing voice that seemed to penetrate people's hearts echoed.

Tap tap tap—

A wondrous beauty figure walked toward them.

Her jet-black hair cascading like clouds, a beautifully crafted five-color mask adorned her face.

Except for a pair of cold and stunning Qiushui eyes, her true appearance couldn't be seen.

Beneath the mask, her elegant neck exposed like white jade, skin lustrous, outshining snow.

A luxurious, exquisitely crafted, seemingly tight yet loose, ethereal multi-colored gown wrapped around her strikingly beautiful figure, its curves graceful and mysterious, inviting intrigue.

The skirt hem hid her long legs, while her delicate and beautiful feet were half-concealed as if hugging a lute, wearing shimmering dreamy high heels, the arch curves elegant, plump and smooth, enticing as a new moon.

Though the woman's face was veiled, she possessed a peerless presence.

Those who saw her felt the true appearance beneath must be a transcendent existence rivaling the Goddess of the Luo River.

"Xuanxuan."

Meng Wuheng and his wife heard the voice, saw the newcomer, and their faces softened with delight.

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Half a month later.

Great Dream Immortal City, Inner City District, Core Cave Mansion.

"Friend Wang, Friend Li, I apologize for keeping you waiting these days."

Dream Wuhen and his wife came to visit.

After half a month's rest, both appeared much better in spirits, standing side by side, handsome man and beautiful woman, as if made for each other by the heavens.

However, as the city lords of Great Dream Immortal City, practicing Core Formation and a dual cultivation technique, they have been without any scandal for hundreds of years, truly the model Dao companions in the eyes of countless cultivators.

"Haha, for cultivators like us, this amount of time is but a fleeting moment."

Lu Changsheng shook his head with a smile.

For them, being Nascent Soul cultivators, a casual meditation session would take months.

If the injuries are serious, it generally takes years.

"Previously, I noticed that Friend Wang had an interest in the Starry Sky Sea. In this jade slip, there is some intelligence information on the Starry Sky Sea."

Dream Wuhen handed over a jade slip.

"Oh?"

Lu Changsheng heard this, took the jade slip, and briefly scanned it with his divine sense.

Star Moon Palace!

Penglai Island!

The Four Great Cultivators!

Seven Sects of the Ocean...

The jade slip introduces the general situation and power structures of the Starry Sky Sea.

Although not very detailed, it shows that compared to the Jiang Country cultivation realm, the Starry Sky Sea is vast and prosperous many times over.

"Thank you, Friend Wuhen!"

He did not scrutinize further and thanked Dream Wuhen with a cupped fist gesture.

"Friend Wang, now that the Deep Sea Demon Whale King hunt is complete, our transaction is also complete, so Great Dream Immortal City belongs to you two."

"If it's convenient for you both now, my wife and I can introduce the situation of the Immortal City to you, and in another half year, we will be leaving."

Dream Wuhen, wearing a feather coat and cloak, said with a smile.

"In that case, I'll trouble you two, fellow Daoists!"

Lu Changsheng was slightly startled at heart, then immediately said seriously.

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Regarding the situation of Great Dream Immortal City, Lu Changsheng long knew it was divided into three parts.

The Outer City District enjoys the spiritual energy of First Grade Spiritual Veins, mostly home to Qi Refining loose cultivators or descendants of other cultivators.

The Inner City District varies by area and enjoys the spiritual energy of Second Grade Spiritual Veins.

It's often populated by Energy Refining cultivators with some strength and wealth or Foundation Establishment cultivators.

The important shops, restaurants, residences, and so on in the Immortal City are all in the Inner City.

The Core District covers only a little more than ten miles, with only some parts open to the public.

There are no shops here, mainly cave mansions and residences, enjoying Second Grade or even Third Rank Spirit Vein spiritual energy!

"The Outer City District mainly provides residences for loose cultivators, with most shops and housing for sale, only a few areas belong under the name of the City Lord Mansion."

"As for the Inner City District, places like Yun Meng Restaurant, Great Dream Merchant Guild, and these shops all belong to the City Lord Mansion's properties..."

"As for the Core District, apart from some given or sold, most are still under the City Lord Mansion's control."

"However, these cave mansions are currently all in a rental state or provided to our Immortal City cultivators and some honored guests."

To avoid drawing attention, the four of them made a simple disguise and walked around the Immortal City.

Dream Wuhen, through voice transmission, introduced the situation of the Immortal City to Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian.

"Besides the Immortal City, there are also many islands under our Immortal City's name, providing tributes and obeying commands annually..."

"If these islands encounter demon beast attacks or pirates, robber cultivators, the Immortal City must also take action..."

After Dream Wuhen's nearly complete introduction, Cloud Dream True Master calmly added: "Currently, the Immortal City's income, plus the City Lord Mansion's properties, has a net annual income of a million spirit stones."

"You two truly run it well."

Lu Changsheng heard this, his heart slightly paused, then he praised.

This figure was about what he estimated.

So speaking, such an Immortal City is simply a gold-swallowing behemoth!

Currently, the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family's net profit after various expenses is only about thirty to forty thousand spirit stones.

Comparing to Great Dream Immortal City, they simply pale in comparison!

Thinking that such an Immortal City would soon be his, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but feel excited!

"In terms of managing the Immortal City, my wife and I basically entrust it to those below. As long as they can get things done, the rest doesn't matter."

Dream Wuhen chuckled lightly.

They need to cultivate daily, naturally unwilling to waste time and energy on management.

As long as those below handle things well, they wouldn't bother with other concerns.

And as a Divination Grandmaster, it's difficult for cultivators below to deceive him.

So over the years, the stewards of the City Lord Mansion all know their attitude.

Embezzlement, utilizing privileges, etc., stayed controlled, not daring to cross the red line.

After introducing the general situation of Great Dream Immortal City, Dream Wuhen brought Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian to the City Lord Mansion.

The lower section of the City Lord Mansion enjoys a Third Rank Top Level Spirit Vein environment.

However, this Spirit Vein isn't large, only supplying cultivation for two late-stage Core Formation cultivators.

"Friend Wang, Friend Li, this is Xiaohua, currently the steward of the City Lord Mansion, managing most of the affairs of the City Lord Mansion."

"If you have any matters in the future, you can also ask Xiaohua."

Cloud Dream True Master pointed to a voluptuous and beautiful lady dressed in a lotus dress and said.

"Greetings, Friend Xiaohua."

Lu Changsheng saw that the lady before him was a False Core cultivator and nodded with a smile.

"Greetings, Senior Wang, Senior Li."

Although Xiaohua's name sounds small, her real age is a full cycle older than Lu Changsheng, she said respectfully.

Afterward, Dream Wuhen and Cloud Dream True Master summoned the stewards of the Immortal City to prepare for announcing the new city lord's matter.

"A new city lord!?"

The cultivators summoned, who all belonged to the core high-level of Great Dream Immortal City, looked at Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian with expressions of surprise.

"Boom!"

Facing these gazes, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian remained calm and released the overwhelming spiritual pressure of Nascent Soul Immortals.

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"Greetings, City Lord!"

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The cultivators present all felt a weight on their bodies, their breathing labored, as they respectfully bowed.

"From now on, everyone will have to work hard, as my wife and I take over as City Lords. The situation remains unchanged, and we will not fail you."

Lu Changsheng's calm and composed voice was filled with authority as he spoke.

Though he intended to place his children in the Immortal City.

His own power was still insufficient to take control of the Immortal City.

Moreover, having just taken over the city without understanding the situation, it was best not to act rashly, so as not to affect the city's operation.

The optimal choice was to continue maintaining the current system, and after becoming familiar with it, gradually bring the core authority into their own hands.

"We will strictly adhere to the City Lord's orders!"

The cultivators present expressed utmost respect.

After all, in the face of two Nascent Soul Immortals, even if there were dissenting thoughts, they couldn't be shown.

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"For the next half a year, we must trouble Friend Wang and Friend Li."

"When we leave, aside from taking some spiritual medicine, materials, and artifacts, we will not touch the shops and business assets."

After other cultivators had left, Meng Wuheng spoke.

Beside him, Cloud Dream True Master handed two jade scrolls to Lu Changsheng.

Inside are details about the Great Dream Immortal City's assets and personnel.

"You two are truly trustworthy."

Lu Changsheng smiled and said, without being overly particular.

During the initial signing of the spiritual contract, they had agreed to hand over the Immortal City within a year, including the cave mansion, roster, great formation, and all their assets.

Now, having left after half a year, it was already ahead of schedule.

"Here are three jade talismans. Should your daughter have any issues in the future, she can contact us through these three talismans."

At this point, Lu Changsheng took out three third-rank jade talismans from his storage ring and handed them to Meng Wuheng.

In the previous trade agreement, aside from hunting the Deep Sea Demon Whale King.

They had to keep their daughter 'Xuanxuan's cave mansion for a century, providing resources worth ten million spirit stones.

In addition, during their lifetime, they would assist Xuanxuan thrice within their capabilities.

Now, with half of the Immortal City handed over, Lu Changsheng naturally showed his stance.

However, he was curious why he hadn't seen their daughter yet.

"Alright, please accept this token, Friend Wang. At the right time, my daughter may use it to contact you."

Meng Wuheng accepted it with a smile, then took out a token from his storage ring and handed it to Lu Changsheng.

"Rest assured, both of you!"

Lu Changsheng said gravely.

Though hunting the Deep Sea Demon Whale King had cost him greatly.

Overall, he was very satisfied with the deal.

Moreover, Meng Wuheng and his wife had continuously shown sincerity, providing him not only additional trophies but also information about the Starry Sky Sea, making him willing to take good care of their daughter.

"Friend Wang and Friend Li, if you don't mind, feel free to use the name of us two. It might spare you some trouble."

"However, once news of the city's change of ownership spreads, it's very likely some will come to test or probe."

Meng Wuheng noticed that Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian had decent character, so he continued to show goodwill.

Although the Great Dream Immortal City isn't as prosperous as Jiuxiao Immortal City or Azure Phoenix Immortal City, it is still a coveted prize, eyed by many.

Once news of the change of ownership spreads, surely forces or loose cultivators will come to provoke, seeking to seize benefits.

This is also why they weren't comfortable handing the Immortal City over to their daughter.

For the city to be stably managed, a power capable of intimidating Core Formation Late Stage cultivators is a must!

"In that case, my wife and I will take advantage of your generous offer, Friends."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian exchanged a glance, cupped their hands and laughed.

During the previous hunt for the Deep Sea Demon Whale King, he realized that Meng Wuheng and his wife were much like them, using disguise and camouflage.

The names Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Master were likely pseudonyms, so he did not mind.

However, since they were already using fake names to take over the Immortal City to avoid trouble, they didn't mind using their identities directly.

Soon after, Meng Wuheng continued to instruct Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian on matters concerning the city.

Such as trade among the Three Great Immortal Cities and cooperation with the Four Great Immortal Sects.

All four Immortal Sects had stationed cultivators in the Great Dream Immortal City.

In events like this pioneering war, the Great Dream Immortal City also needed to prioritize providing materials to the Four Great Immortal Sects.

In summary, these matters could be handled by subordinates.

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian only need to intimidate potential raiders; the rest is not a concern.

After the two had chatted for a long time, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian left the City Lord Mansion and returned to the cave mansion where they resided.

"Hong Lian, do you have any thoughts or suggestions about taking over the Immortal City?"

Lu Changsheng was aware of his average abilities in management.

"Just change the batch of maids and guards at the City Lord Mansion; for now, there's not much else to adjust..."

"As Meng Wuheng and his wife said, with the city's change of ownership, within a few years, the news will spread, and it's likely Nascent Soul cultivators will come to provoke or probe."

"At that time, as long as we show enough power and prestige, the rest will not be a concern."

Hong Lian gently shook her head and said.

Having just taken over the city, the last thing needed is to make sweeping reforms.

As for Lu Changsheng's thoughts, Hong Lian could guess some.

But currently, the strength of the Lu Family disciples is far from enough to take control of the Immortal City.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian chatted for a while, then took out the jade slip given by Meng Wuheng and examined it with his divine sense.

Moments later, Lu Changsheng opened his eyes, deeply moved.

According to the information in the jade slip, the known area of the Starry Sky Sea is ten times that of the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, with numerous Nascent Soul level powers, Nascent Soul cultivators, and transformative Great Demons.

Unlike Jiang Country's Southern Wilderness, there is no division of righteous and demonic forces among these powers.

Summarized in one word, chaos!

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Loves to battle, like a situation of heroes contending!

In the Starry Sky Sea, besides the well-known large islands and powers, there is no truly safe place.

Because in the vast sea, it's hard to trace after killing and disposing of bodies, which results in many robber cultivators abroad.

The small islands not only face attacks from Sea Clan demon beasts but also pillaging and looting by high rank cultivators, pirates, and robber cultivators.

Here, mortals and low rank cultivators not only submit to high rank cultivators but also often succumb to the rule of demon beasts, becoming blood food raised by the Demon Race.

In short, the Starry Sky Sea truly belongs to the strong preying on the weak!

Everyone believes in strength as king, lacking trust. When undecided, they resolve by combat before speaking further.

"Could it be that Meng Wuheng and his wife are from the Starry Sky Sea?"

Lu Changsheng pondered in his heart and handed the jade slip to Hong Lian.

Hong Lian, after reading the jade slip about the Starry Sky Sea, seemed thoughtful, thinking it was quite a good place.

Compared to the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, the Starry Sky Sea is evidently several times more prosperous and wealthy, possessing Nascent Soul resources.

Though more cruel.

But for true powerhouses, especially cultivators like her who need a large amount of resources, it's actually a good thing.

"This situation in the Starry Sky Sea is quite similar to the Eastern Sea..."

"I once read in ancient books that there's a top level power in the Eastern Sea Cultivation Realm called the Sun, Moon and Star Palace, yet in the Starry Sky Sea, there is a Star Moon Palace..."

Hong Lian said, pursing her lips.

"The Eastern Sea, Chaotic Star Sea... Perhaps I could visit in the future."

Lu Changsheng chuckled softly at her words.

He wasn't particularly interested in the Eastern Sea or the Starry Sky Sea.

However, if his strength improved a bit more, he wouldn't mind crossing the Great Dream Marsh to look at the Starry Sky Sea.

After all, with so many Nascent Soul level powers and Nascent Soul cultivators in the Starry Sky Sea, it indicated a lot of Nascent Soul resources.

He himself currently only had one Nascent Soul spiritual object.

If he wanted to break through to Nascent Soul in the future, he might need to make a trip to the Starry Sky Sea.

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Time flew by, and in the blink of an eye, three months passed.

Although Meng Wuheng and his wife said they would leave in half a year, now after three months, they indicated they would depart.

During these days, the couple had been helping Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian become familiar with the Immortal City situation.

Several times, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian even disguised themselves as Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Master to appear in the public eye.

With the steward Xiaohua arranged by the two, the process went smoothly.

"Now that the two Daoists are familiar with the Immortal City, we have matters to attend to and won't stay long. We hope to meet again if fate allows in the future!"

Meng Wuheng and his wife Cloud Dream True Master bid farewell to Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian.

"We wish Daoist Wuheng and Daoist Cloud Dream a smooth journey, a breakthrough to Nascent Soul, and a long-lasting life!"

Through long interaction, Lu Changsheng had become quite fond of the couple before him and cupped his hands in farewell.

"Thank you for the auspicious words, and we also wish the two Daoists a future breakthrough to Nascent Soul, and immortality lasting long!"

Not only Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian believed that the couple had the appearance of Nascent Soul.

Meng Wuheng and his wife also believed that Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian had the appearance of Nascent Soul.

So, towards them, they also harbored some goodwill for forming ties.

After bidding farewell, Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Master quietly left the Great Dream Immortal City.

Besides Lu Changsheng, Hong Lian, and the City Lord Mansion steward Xiaohua, no one knew that this famous Immortal City couple of Jiang Country for over a century had departed in such a manner.

"Hong Lian, you stay in the Immortal City, and I'll make a trip back; I'll hurry back as soon as possible."

After staying at the City Lord Mansion, Lu Changsheng said to Hong Lian.

They had been out for quite a while and needed to make a trip back home.

Moreover, the Great Dream Immortal City was full of former people; though not confidants, there should be at least some dependable ones.

Hence, Lu Changsheng planned to go back and bring a batch of people from home.

With the Michen Banner and Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng, he could travel back and forth at the fastest speed.

Even if encountering danger in the process, Hong Lian, as a Third Rank Array Master, could hold the Great Formation until he arrived.

"Rest assured, my lord."

Hong Lian nodded in agreement.

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After Lu Changsheng left the Great Dream Immortal City, the Michen Banner appeared in his hand.

"Boom!"

Might akin to a river breaching its banks poured into the Michen Banner.

But the Artifact Spirit informed Lu Changsheng that this level of mana was far from enough to teleport back to Bi Lake Mountain.

"Since that's the case, let's just spend some more!"

Even though rushing back with all his might would only take about ten days.

Yet Lu Changsheng also wanted to test out the true effects of the Michen Banner!

"Boom!"

The hundred thousand Spirit Stones previously injected into the Mount Sumeru Mustard Seed Space of the Michen Banner frantically combusted.

However, even with all these Spirit Stones burning, it was still insufficient.

Lu Changsheng injected another hundred thousand Spirit Stones, and only then did the Michen Banner emit a brilliant five-colored light, transforming into a colorful cloud that enveloped him, creating undulating ripples like water waves.

"Whoo-whoo-whoo—"

Heaven and earth swirled, and the space transformed.

A few breaths later, a spatial fluctuation suddenly appeared at the summit of Bi Yun Peak.

Lu Changsheng, wrapped in the colorful cloud, appeared with unsteady steps.

The first experience of relocating teleportation was not too great.

Even with the protection of the Michen Banner, there was still the squeezing and twisting caused by the spatial passage.

The further the teleportation distance, the more severe the chaos in space would be.

However, Lu Changsheng's physical body was strong and suffered no damage, experiencing only mild discomfort akin to car or air sickness.

"But this efficiency is truly beyond words."

Lu Changsheng looked at the scene of Bi Lake Mountain before him and exhaled a deep breath.

At this time, Ling Zixiao, having sensed something, hurried over.

"My lord, you're back."

Seeing Lu Changsheng, she showed a joyful expression.

However, she was a bit puzzled, wondering why Hong Lian was not present.

"Zi Xiao."

Lu Changsheng smiled, indicating that he had something to announce.

He then called Lu Miaoge, Lu Miaoyun, and Meng Xiaochan over to explain the happenings in the Great Dream Immortal City.

"What, the Great Dream Immortal City!?"

"Husband, you and Senior Red Lotus have become the City Lords of the Great Dream Immortal City!?"

The women were all shocked and full of disbelief.

They knew that the Three Great Immortal Cities had stood in Jiang Country for countless years.

Even the predecessors of the Immortal Cities were top forces of their own!

But now, one of the Three Great Immortal Cities, the Great Dream Immortal City, had actually become their family property!

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng did not go into detail about the process, only briefly mentioning encountering and trading with the couple, Meng Wuheng.

However, the women all realized that their husband had been planning and preparing for this throughout the past six months and the previous year, and it was not as easy as spoken.

"My lord, now that you and Senior Red Lotus are to govern the Immortal City, do you have any plans?"

Ling Zixiao inquired.

Having acquired the Great Dream Immortal City, their primary focus would definitely have to be on the Immortal City going forward.

"I plan to take you all to reside in the Immortal City, while Bi Lake Mountain can be watched over by Mount Sumeru and run normally."

"In the future, the children in the family can be sent to the Great Dream Marsh for training, to take over the core powers, or even serve as Island Masters..."

Lu Changsheng spoke.

With the acquisition of the Great Dream Immortal City, there was no longer any need to spend too much energy on Bi Lake Mountain.

It wasn't about abandoning the old for the new.

After so many years of development, Bi Lake Mountain had reached its peak, making further progress difficult.

Regardless of the actions taken, they were constantly being watched, effectively hamstringing any efforts.

It was better to focus attention on the Great Dream Immortal City.

As for Bi Lake Mountain, normal operation would suffice, as it remained the family territory and a place for the family's children to grow.

"Earlier, Qingyan and Qingsong suffered setbacks at the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range. It might be better to give up on the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range and head to the Great Dream Marsh first."

Lu Miaoge suggested.

"Hmm? What happened?"

Lu Changsheng slightly frowned and asked.

"It seems that Qingyan and Qingsong's identities were exposed and they were targeted and attacked by other forces."

Lu Miaoge spoke.

Though the Four Great Immortal Sects prohibited conflict and fighting among major forces.

This prohibition only meant that confrontations couldn't be overt.

Secretly, if your family members were training outside and got attacked, unless there was direct evidence, knowing who did it was useless.

Moreover, Lu Qingsong and Lu Qingyan had been attacked multiple times, and they couldn't ascertain which faction was behind it.

Besides the Jin Family and the Sima Family, there were other families wanting to sit back and watch the chaos, stirring the waters and hindering the Lu Family's development.

"How are they now? Tell them to return, and venture to the Great Dream Marsh later."

Lu Changsheng stated promptly.

His daughter Lu Qingyan's cultivation of the Black Dragon Codex was highly suitable for the Great Dream Marsh.

He had previously intended to send this daughter and some children practicing Water Cultivation Techniques to the Great Dream Marsh to become Island Masters.

Although his son Lu Qingsong had lesser talent, he had a certain managing capability after handling affairs at White Tiger Mountain and business matters over the years.

"With the Talismans you've provided, Changsheng, they only suffered serious injuries, escaping grave danger unscathed."

Lu Miaoge softly spoke.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng nodded thoughtfully, considering who among his other children he should take along.

Just having taken charge of the Immortal City, it wasn't appropriate to arrange too many people all at once, a transition was necessary.

Moreover, he was more inclined to have his children undergo trials rather than merely managing affairs.

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After discussing the important matters, Lu Changsheng also showed concern for his wife and the family situation.

Especially Meng Xiaochan, who was six months into her pregnancy and her belly was already protruding.

"Little Chan, you've worked hard during these days."

Pregnant, Meng Xiaochan wore a loose purple dress, her exquisitely beautiful face gaining some plumpness, losing a touch of her cool and ethereal demeanor, gaining a warmth and radiance.

"Lu Lang, Little Chan is not tired."

Meng Xiaochan gently stroked her swollen belly, her beautiful eyes exuded a motherly radiance Overflowing with happiness.

"Have you thought about what to name the child?"

She looked forward expectantly at Lu Changsheng.

"Do you have any suggestions, Little Chan?"

Lu Changsheng held her delicate hand, speaking softly.

"The child's name should be decided by you, Lu Lang."

Meng Xiaochan spoke, believing that Lu Changsheng naming the child showed significant importance.

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"..."

Because there are too many children in the family, Lu Changsheng is now afraid of naming them.

After thinking for a moment, he said, "How about we call her Lu Xiaomeng? Meng echoes Meng, and this child will surely be as cute as you, Little Chan."

As a cultivator, one can ascertain the fetus's gender early on.

The child in Meng Xiaochan's womb is a daughter.

Although Lu Changsheng is not biased toward sons, deep down he still hopes for a few genius sons.

After all, sons can be sent out to hone themselves, endure some hardship without too much distress; daughters, on the other hand, are more liable to evoke tenderness.

If it's a daughter who knows how to act cute and charming, it's even harder to be tough on her.

"Lu Lang, this name shows no thoughtfulness at all."

Meng Xiaochan's beautiful eyes expressed a trace of grievance.

In her view, her daughter is bound to be outstanding in the future, become Lu Family's prodigy, so how could she be given such a name?

"Not at all, am I not hoping she is always happy, carefree and cheerful? If you don't like it, I'll think it over again."

Lu Changsheng hugged Meng Xiaochan, soothing her as he spoke.

Meng Xiaochan's brows and eyes were bright, her delicate nose softly hum a coquettish sound.

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There are also important matters, so Lu Changsheng didn't linger too long reminiscing with his wife.

After explaining some issues to Lu Miaoyun, he found his son Lu Qingxuan.

"Greetings, father!"

Lu Qingxuan, in a blue robe, appeared handsome and mature, exuding a restrained composure.

Faced with Lu Changsheng, his manners were both respectful and not distant.

"Hmm."

Observing that his son had broken through to the ninth level of Qi Refinement, Lu Changsheng nodded slightly.

Then he stated his purpose for coming, indicating that the family's development plans and strategies needed significant adjustments.

For years, the Lu Family has been actively establishing branch outposts, expanding commerce and business towards the Spirit Taming Sect.

Though affected by pioneering wars, causing delays and slowing progress, they overall continued external expansion.

Now with Great Dream Immortal City, Lu Changsheng decided to stabilize and primarily cooperate with Bi Lake Mountain, maintaining normal operations.

Regarding expansion, everything will shift to the Great Dream Marsh.

"I went to Great Dream Marsh a while ago, and believe this area is more suitable for our family's development. I'll arrange it when we break into Foundation Establishment."

Lu Changsheng stated thus.

"Great Dream Marsh..."

Concerning Great Dream Marsh, Lu Qingxuan knew the general circumstances.

Though it houses the renowned Great Dream Immortal City, it is quite remote, far from the Four Great Immortal Sects, the prosperous Jiuxiao Immortal City, and Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

Moreover, this place is surrounded by Endless Waters, with islands scattered around, making transportation very inconvenient, and aquatic demon beasts might be encountered at any moment.

"Yes, father."

Though unclear about specifics, his father had made a decision, and he did not dissent.

Besides, considering the Lu Family's current situation, taking some time to consolidate is beneficial too.

After chatting sufficiently, Lu Changsheng asked his son, "Xuan'er, do you still study divination art in your free time?"

"Previously, you advised me to study divination after reaching Foundation Establishment, so I haven't cultivated much in recent days."

Lu Qingxuan replied respectfully.

In past years, he had time to pursue his interests.

Now as the family head, with numerous daily affairs, and regular cultivation, he lacks time to learn anything else.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng nodded, concerned and guided his son's cultivation, then got up to leave.

He asked about divination, knowing Azure Phoenix True Monarch and Meng Wuheng both understand the art.

Believing that a top-level force ought to possess a diviner.

If his son has talent in this aspect, he could be nurtured well.

Yet, contemplating divination skills, he felt headaches.

Leaving aside the high learning threshold, even first and second-grade divination does little good in the early stages.

"Besides Azure Phoenix True Monarch, I haven't heard of any Jiang Country women proficient in divination, otherwise, even sacrificing charm could attempt recruiting a few."

Lu Changsheng sighed inwardly.

Cultivating in-house is too difficult; the best method remains recruiting from outside.

Yet, in the entire Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, aside from the Four Great Immortal Sects, nobody's known for divination prowess.

Like Azure Phoenix True Monarch and Meng Wuheng, had it not been coincidental encounters, Lu Changsheng wouldn't know they excel in divination.

"It's understandable; divination easily drains lifespan and fortune, most practice it for self-defense, to seek fortune and avoid disaster."

"Only a few are willing to spend lifespan and fortune, to divine and calculate for others."

"Even if such individuals exist, they're typically within high-level cultivator circles."

Lu Changsheng shook his head several times.

Even as a Nascent Soul Cultivator, with power comparable to late-stage Core Formation,

he's still not mixed into Nascent Soul cultivator circles, lacking connections in this area.

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"Little Ling'er, Xiaoxi."

After leaving Lu Family Mansion, Lu Changsheng scanned as his divine sense and saw Bai Ling cultivating spiritual fish at Bi Lake Mountain, his daughter Lu Baixi attending Lu Family School.

He then proceeded to Bi Shui Lake, calling out to Bai Ling: "Little Ling'er."

"Brother!"

Bai Ling, upon seeing Lu Changsheng, excitedly rushed into his embrace with longing.

After expressing affections, Bai Ling mentioned their daughter had been dreaming some inexplicable information resembling bloodline inheritance.

"Bloodline inheritance..."

Lu Changsheng's eyebrows rose slightly.

He and Hong Lian speculated that his daughter Lu Baixi's bloodline concentration likely possessed bloodline inheritance.

At a certain age, it would gradually awaken.

Unexpectedly, his daughter is about to awaken bloodline inheritance at merely five years old.

However, this indicated exceptional talent in his daughter.

Thereafter, awaiting her class to finish, he asked Bai Ling to bring her over.

"Daddy."

Typically, Lu Baixi's little cold face was quite aloof; aside from her mother Bai Ling, she was lukewarm to everyone else.

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"Xiao Xi, do you miss daddy?"

Lu Changsheng moved forward affectionately, gently ruffling his daughter's little head.

This daughter of his grew rapidly in her early years, appearing five or six years old when she was only two or three.

But now at five, she still looked six or seven and had stopped growing much.

"No."

Although Lu Baixi was close to Lu Changsheng, she didn't show much enthusiasm.

"But daddy misses you."

This daughter had early memories, and he had been busy for the past few years, rarely accompanying her, so it was normal for her not to be very affectionate.

He kissed her on the cheek and inquired about her dreams.

Lu Baixi replied that they were vague and she would forget them upon waking.

Moreover, she found it difficult to articulate a talismanic script she barely managed to remember, unable to replicate it.

"It seems this bloodline inheritance is extraordinary."

Lu Changsheng knew that some bloodline inheritances were restricted, making them hard to transmit.

Like the Seven Luminaries Great Freedom Sword Scripture and the Ninety-Nine Mystical Talisman Scripture, without system inheritance, they could only be passed by word of mouth, unable to be imprinted.

And the Yin Yang Creation Scripture and Brahman Demon True Saint Technique would cause a jade slip to spontaneously combust or shatter, unable to be inscribed.

"No problem, if you remember it or have any questions, you can come ask daddy."

Lu Changsheng pinched her fair and smooth cute face.

He planned to bring Bai Ling and his daughter Lu Baixi to the Great Dream Immortal City on this trip for proper guidance and cultivation.

"Okay."

Lu Baixi nodded her little head earnestly.

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"Take Wangshu and Ling Xiao along too."

Lu Changsheng pondered in his heart, thinking that his son and daughter could be sent to the Great Dream Marsh for good tempering.

But then he thought of the Great Dream Marsh as part of the Endless Waters; wouldn't his daughter be so happy there that she'd forget to return?

"Sigh."

Lu Changsheng shook his head, not dwelling on it too much, and after telling Lu Miaoge and others, he headed to Qingyun Sect.

This time, it was not simply to visit Xiao Xiyue, Zhao Qingqing, and Chu Qingyi.

Earlier, Hong Lian acquired the Taiyin Xuanpin Treasure Pearl from the Deep Sea Demon Whale King's nest, which matched perfectly with Xiao Xiyue's Dao Foundation and Moonlight Spirit Body.

It would help with her daily cultivation and even in her breakthrough to Core Formation.

So Hong Lian gave this treasure bead to Lu Changsheng, suggesting that he could give it to Xiao Xiyue.

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Qingyun Sect.

Caiyun Peak, Mingyue Residence.

"The Great Dream Immortal City?"

Xiao Xiyue was very surprised upon hearing Lu Changsheng's words, not expecting that the Great Dream Immortal City, one of the three great immortal cities of the Jiang Country, had changed hands, now with Lu Changsheng as the city lord.

"Yes, so I will be spending quite some time in the Great Dream Immortal City next, and I will also take Wangshu there."

"If you have any urgent matters, Xi Yue, you can crush this jade talisman, and I will return immediately."

Lu Changsheng did not hide things from Xiao Xiyue and directly explained the situation of the Great Dream Immortal City.

Moreover, he mentioned that if there were any significant movements or information from the Four Great Immortal Sects, they could communicate with Bi Lake Mountain.

In early years, Meng Wuheng and his spouse had dealings with the Four Great Immortal Sects.

But with him and Hong Lian now in charge of the Immortal City, they needed their information channels.

And Xiao Xiyue and Chu Qingyi from Qingyun Sect served as excellent sources of information.

"Xi Yue, this is a treasure I obtained from the Great Dream Marsh, which suits you well..."

After discussing matters, Lu Changsheng handed the Taiyin Xuanpin Treasure Pearl to Xiao Xiyue.

"Changsheng..."

Seeing the gift before her, a faint resonance appeared between her spiritual body's Dao foundation, making Xiao Xiyue very pleasantly surprised and moved.

With this Taiyin Xuanpin Treasure Pearl, her breakthrough to Core Formation would be smoother.

At that time, she could openly appear with Lu Changsheng before the world, no longer having to endure grievances for her daughter.

"Fairy... it's time to cultivate."

An hour of a spring night is worth a thousand gold pieces.

The 'Yin Yang Dao Seed' Lu Changsheng condensed for Xiao Xiyue still needed continual enhancement of its compatibility, hence this trip served a dual purpose.

With those words, Lu Changsheng pulled the cool and holy Xi Yue Fairy into his arms, inhaling the fragrance of sacred lotus, leaning to her flawless white face, lowering his head to kiss her soft red lips, his fingers caressing her smooth fullness.

"Mmh~"

A moment later, the fairy's blue silk was in disarray, ribbons undone, her dress fallen.

The tide of the spring river rises with the sea, and the bright moon on the sea rises with the tide.

With her beautiful eyes full of affectionate charm and romantic allure, Xiao Xiyue brimming with captivating allure.

The cool and holy jade face, the skin, held both a charming shy pink and a sacred noble elegance, imbued with an irrepressible enchanting charm.

Her slightly parted red lips seemed to whisper mutual feelings.

As the saying goes, a pot of turbid brew for a joyful meeting, all things are left to cultivation!

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After assisting Xiao Xiyue with her cultivation, Lu Changsheng went to meet Zhao Qingqing and arranged a meeting with Chu Qingyi.

While expressing his longing, Lu Changsheng inquired whether Qingyun Sect had received news about the change of ownership in the Great Dream Immortal City.

Upon confirmation, Lu Changsheng candidly shared the details about the Great Dream Immortal City.

"Lu Daoist is the new city lord of the Great Dream Immortal City!?"

Chu Qingyi exclaimed in surprise.

A short while ago, Qingyun Sect had just received news of the Great Dream Immortal City's change in leadership.

But matters like this were significant and hard to verify immediately, not knowing if they were false news purposely spread by Meng Wuheng and his spouse.

Never did they expect that Lu Changsheng would be the new city lord of the Great Dream Immortal City!

However, recalling Lu Changsheng's performance in the Jin Kingdom, and considering his strength, it seemed plausible for him to preside over an Immortal City.

Such developments, though, were quite sudden.

"Yes, I made a deal with Meng Wuheng and his spouse, they intended to leave and break through to Nascent Soul, so they half-sold, half-gave the Immortal City to me."

Having known Chu Qingyi for so long, Lu Changsheng trusted her, so he simply explained the situation.

"Although the Great Dream Immortal City is in a remote location, the Heavenly Sword Sect won't sit by while someone unknown takes charge of the Immortal City, especially at this critical time."

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"Therefore, besides some Nascent Soul Immortals who might covet Immortal City, Heavenly Sword Sect is also likely to send someone to probe. Lu Daoist should still be cautious."

Chu Qingyi gently held her red lips together and spoke to remind.

The change of ownership of the Great Dream Immortal City doesn't have much impact on Qingyun Sect.

But with the onset of the wilderness war approaching, Heavenly Sword Sect won't allow any unstable factors during this time.

"Qingyi, what is Heavenly Sword Sect's attitude towards Great Dream Immortal City?"

Lu Changsheng asked.

In this regard, the Meng Wuhen couple had also mentioned to them.

As long as goodwill is expressed, it's acceptable as long as it's not from surrounding demonic sects.

"Heavenly Sword Sect does not mind Jiang Country having more Core Formation powers and even welcomes such a situation."

"Because in this way, Jiang Country can become increasingly prosperous."

"However, regarding uncontrollable and unstable factors, Heavenly Sword Sect might take drastic measures."

Chu Qingyi contemplated and then said.

Heavenly Sword Sect, as the overlord of Jiang Country, still possesses broad-mindedness and a ruler's disposition.

They are pleased to see a hundred flowers bloom rather than a single one dominate.

From being willing to stand alongside Qingyun Sect, Luoxia Sect, and Spirit Taming Sect as the Four Great Immortal Sects, it can be seen.

"As long as Lu Daoist clarifies the situation and expresses goodwill, I don't think there will be any problems."

"If all else fails, Lu Daoist can consider revealing the matters of Jin Kingdom and Yiming Ghost Sect, but once the news is out, it might cause trouble with Yiming Ghost Sect."

Chu Qingyi continued.

Unless something outrageously wrong is done or defied Heavenly Sword Sect's orders, Heavenly Sword Sect rarely intervenes.

Just like Azure Phoenix Immortal City caused so many issues, Heavenly Sword Sect didn't directly intervene, even coming forth to maintain stability in Immortal City.

"Hmm."

Seeing that Chu Qingyi's statement was similar to the Meng Wuhen couple, Lu Changsheng nodded his head.

Then the two shared a brief moment of intimacy.

However, the Yin Yang Qi had just been used by Xiao Xiyue not long ago and had yet to recover.

Fortunately, Chu Qingyi listened to the nurturing of the Golden Pill but didn't speak, simply biting her rosy lips.

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A few days later, Lu Changsheng and Chu Qingyi parted ways.

Returning to Bi Lake Mountain, he didn't delay further.

He took Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, Bai Ling, his daughter Lu Baixi, Lu Wangshu, Lu Lingxiao, also Lu Qingyan, Lu Qingsong, and Lu Mingfeng to Great Dream Immortal City.

As for Lu Miaoyun, there were still some matters at Bi Lake Mountain that needed her attention.

Moreover, if he wanted to take Lu Miaoyun, Lu Miaohuan, Qu Zhenzhen on a long journey, his Tianyuan Lotus would be overloaded and unable to function as a Second Dantian.

Considering Meng Xiaochan was still pregnant.

With the situation in Immortal City still uncertain, it was best to stabilize her pregnancy in Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven and discuss future plans after the child is born.

Moreover, with the Michen Banner, when he returned this time, he would integrate another Michen Banner Sub Banner into the Great Dream Immortal City's earth veins, making travel between the two places quite convenient.

"Dad, is this your spirit pet mount?"

Lu Wangshu saw the golden-winged Heavenly Peng, majestic and awe-inspiring, and her eyes immediately glowed with admiration.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng glanced at her, releasing the prepared carriage and letting the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng carry it to Great Dream Immortal City.

Lu Lingxiao, Lu Qingyan, Lu Qingsong, and Lu Mingfeng knew their father was extraordinary.

But when they witnessed their father being a Nascent Soul Immortal and having a Third Rank spirit pet, they were still shocked and couldn't calm their sentiments for a long time.

This was truly astonishing!

However, upon knowing their father was a Nascent Soul Immortal, many doubts within their hearts were immediately resolved.

Understanding why the family had so many resources, Foundation Establishment Elixirs, and Cultivation Technique Inheritance, and so forth.

"This journey to Great Dream Immortal City..."

Lu Changsheng planned to let his children go ahead for practice without telling them that he was the City Lord of Great Dream Immortal City.

Instead, he indicated that he knew the City Lord of Great Dream Immortal City, sending them there for tempering, where they could serve or choose an island.

Upon hearing this, the few had no objections.

Especially Lu Qingsong and Lu Qingyan, they were full of remorse.

After all, they had yet to complete the task handed to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range by the family.

Thinking that they had done poorly, thus their father was relocating them.

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Half a month later.

Great Dream Immortal City.

Lu Changsheng settled his children in the house in the Inner City he had already prepared, asking them to get familiar with the surroundings first. Then, he returned to the City Lord Mansion with Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, Bai Ling, and his daughter Lu Baixi.

"Senior Red Lotus."

Although Hong Lian had disguised herself, the women immediately recognized her ethereal and transcendent grace.

"Miaoge, Zixiao, Ling'er."

Hong Lian had no airs with the women, appearing as a peer and friend.

After briefly exchanging updates, the women stayed in the Immortal City.

There were originally many tasks to handle after taking over the Immortal City.

For instance, the Immortal City Forbidden Array was something that must be repaired at all costs and fully controlled in their own hands.

But the process required significant manpower and resources, so it had to be postponed for now.

Lu Changsheng handed over the City Lord Mansion and Immortal City affairs to Ling Zixiao to manage.

He himself, along with Lu Miaoge and Hong Lian, devoted their time to cultivation.

Hong Lian possessed the Spirit Embryo Physique, meaning she could progress rapidly as long as there were enough resources, even breaking through the Fourth Rank without any bottleneck.

Now, with the resources accumulated from previous hunts, within the Great Dream Immortal City, she could cultivate for a long time.

The same went for Lu Miaoge.

Previously, the family had limited resources.

But during this Great Dream Marsh demon hunt, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian obtained many Water System Heaven and Earth Spirit Objects, such as the Fourth Rank Water Spirit Bead that Hong Lian obtained earlier.

These were of great help to Lu Miaoge.

Coupled with Lu Changsheng's 'Taiyi Dao Seed,' Lu Miaoge's path to Core Formation was clear and smooth!

Bai Ling's awakened bloodline made her cultivation speed unmatched.

However, her time and energy these years were devoted to her daughter Lu Baixi, leaving her at the Foundation Establishment Seventh Layer.

Lu Changsheng did not rush her, letting her focus on caring for Lu Baixi while learning to handle some affairs with Ling Zixiao.

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In the City Lord Mansion.

The intricately decorated cave mansion was adorned with red candles, brimming with festive joy, resembling a wedding hall.

Hong Lian was dressed in a bright red phoenix robe with woven gold threads, her blue-black hair styled into a towering cloud bun, adorned with a Vermilion Bird coronet, with bead tassels hanging from her temples.

Her already peerless beauty was now indescribably stunning, akin to a celestial consort, making it impossible for viewers to look directly.

Anyone who saw her could not harbor any disrespect, only daring to admire from afar this breathtaking beauty.

"Hong Lian, I'm sorry for the inconvenience."

Lu Changsheng initially intended to host a grand ceremony with Hong Lian at Bi Lake Mountain.

But the affairs of Great Dream Immortal City delayed it until now.

Currently stationed in the Immortal City, it was unsuitable to hold such a ceremony.

So instead, they directly spent the wedding night, intending to have a truly grand ceremony in the future!

"In this world, Hong Lian only cares about you, my dear. Why should I care about others when we marry?"

Hong Lian said softly, her exquisite face partly veiled by tassels, with a light dusting of makeup and a gentle blush on her cheeks, resembling a young lady in love, adding a touch of festivity to her noble and ethereal aura.

"Haha, I have been too concerned with worldly matters."

Lu Changsheng laughed freely, holding her hand.

"Under the Great Dao, today I, Lu Changsheng, vow to take Hong Lian as my wife; henceforth, we shall journey together on the immortal path, hand in hand, never to be separated for all eternity."

"Under the Great Dao, I, Hong Lian, vow to marry Lu Changsheng; henceforth, we shall journey together on the immortal path, hand in hand, never to be separated for all eternity."

The process for cultivators was similar to that of mortals, except the first bow was not to Heaven and Earth, but to the Great Dao!

Thanking the Great Dao for its favor, for setting foot on the immortal path.

At the same time, this vow was a kind of contract, a Dao oath!

With no elders to bow to, they directly bowed to each other as husband and wife.

As they bowed to each other, Lu Changsheng seemed to sense an intangible, mysterious Qi Mechanism.

He had sensed a similar Qi Mechanism from the Peach Blossom Gu's upgrade and the Mysterious Heaven Spiritual Vine.

Destiny!

This was destiny manifesting!

The Spiritual Embryo is nurtured by the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Mechanism, making every Spiritual Embryo of Heaven and Earth a beloved child of the heavens.

Hong Lian, by reconstructing her body with the Spiritual Embryo, not only gained the foundation of the Spiritual Embryo but also possessed the Spiritual Embryo's destiny!

Previously in the Great Dream Marsh, their demon king hunt was smooth and fruitful, possibly related to their shared destiny.

Now, as they entered into a marriage covenant and became husband and wife, this mysterious destiny was shared with Lu Changsheng.

"Husband."

"Wife."

They stood up, looking into each other's eyes.

Under the candlelight, they drank their cross-cupped wine.

Immediately, the exquisite and luxurious phoenix robe on Hong Lian elegantly slid down like dispersing clouds.

At that moment, all beauty in the world seemed to pale in comparison.

Her jade-like figure, slender and perfectly proportioned, was neither too plump nor too thin.

Her skin was as white as if it was made of condensed fat or resembling smooth, warm jade, emitting a gleaming luster under the candlelight.

Her elegant neck, graceful waistline, and perfectly shaped long legs appeared divinely crafted, flawless in every way.

However, the most captivating aspect was her timeless grace, noble and untouchable, yet possessing an alluring charm akin to a ripe peach.

Despite his extensive experiences and encounters with numerous fairies and goddesses, Lu Changsheng could not help but be captivated by Hong Lian at this moment.

Lu Changsheng did not restrain his desires.

At this moment, only through the most primal desire could he express his deep love!

Dispersing the rolling clouds, amidst undulating waves, the two were tightly intertwined.

"Boom!"

Apart from an intense wave of pleasure, a pure and vast Dao resonance of the Spiritual Embryo flowed into Lu Changsheng's body.

This was the origin Dao resonance of the Peachwood Spiritual Embryo, as well as Hong Lian's Primordial Yin Essence!

Hong Lian's ability to break through to Nascent Soul without bottlenecks depended on this spiritual resonance.

Now, as Lu Changsheng broke through the veil, the resonance merged between their bodies.

Chapter 1628: Chapter 551: Wedding Hong Lian, Vajra Ming King Technique! (Part 2)

Fortunately, Lu Changsheng's Tender Embrace Technique and Sun Moon Samsara Technique had long become instinctual, running automatically.

Otherwise, facing such wondrous joy, he would simply drown in it, making it difficult to calmly operate his cultivation techniques.

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Time passed by little by little.

The cave mansion bedroom, filled with a festive atmosphere, was in utter disarray.

The scattered phoenix robe and dress, the pearl hairpins strewn about, the wrinkled plain white silk stockings.

The shattered bed, tables, chairs, tea table... the large red wedding candles burnt to ashes.

The wax tears dripped, winding and twisting.

Beneath the curtains, a figure with a hazy luster lay limp, as if walking among the clouds of the nine heavens, her long black hair cascading like a waterfall, sprawling across the bed, complementing her jade-like fair skin.

Her cheeks were as red as the setting sun, her eyes lightly closed, her beautiful eyes glimmering, captivating, her rosy lips slightly parted, her breath fragrant, lingering in the room.

Beside her, Lu Changsheng's Yin Yang Magic Power surged and swept, immersed in the pleasure of cultivation.

The strong, powerful, crystal-clear body exuded a fierce dragon's aura, along with a divine, sacred aura, emanating an enticing fragrance...

It was unknown how long it took before both awoke from this thoroughly enjoyable cultivation session.

"Hong Lian."

Lu Changsheng looked at the breathtaking figure before him, inhaling the faint peach fragrance, feeling a stirring in his blood, quickly quelling his thoughts, holding her with a sense of guilt.

Due to the cultivation process, the vast Spiritual Embryo resonance fused them together, making him lose himself without compassion.

As a result, the cultivation lasted for seven days and nights, stopping slowly only after a breakthrough in realm.

Even though Hong Lian possessed a Spirit Embryo Physique and was a Nascent Soul Cultivator, she was exhausted and powerless.

However, such an unrestrained indulgence gave Lu Changsheng an unprecedented luxurious enjoyment.

Especially amidst such pleasure, the peach wood spirit harmonies nourished his flesh and Qi Ocean Core.

"Husband..."

After a while, the woman on the bed weakly responded with a soft moan.

Though her Spirit Embryo had been broken by Lu Changsheng.

In the process, Lu Changsheng's Qi Mechanism also integrated into her body.

Both being of top-level constitutions, this dual cultivation was beneficial to both, enabling rapid progress.

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The next day, as the curtains fluttered, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian emerged from the bedroom.

"Congratulations, Senior Hong Lian."

"Now we should call you Sister Hong Lian."

Lu Miaoge and Ling Zixiao had long known about Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian.

They even realized it earlier when they saw the two heading to the Great Dream Marsh.

Now seeing the two achieve success, they offered their congratulations.

"Miaoge, Zixiao, Ling'er."

Hong Lian had awaited this day for a long time, so when facing the few women, she always placed herself on equal footing with them.

Just like during this hunt for demons at the Great Dream Marsh, many of the gains were given to Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, Xiao Xiyue, and others, showing goodwill, without any haughtiness.

It's not that she had no airs at all.

She simply understood Lu Changsheng's nature, knowing he preferred gentle and understanding women, thus adopting a humble demeanor.

As long as she sincerely gave, with Lu Changsheng's character, he would not treat her unfairly in the future, but rather, would compensate her generously.

If she behaved arrogantly and jealously, it would only bring about aversion.

"My Lord, I plan to send Ling Xiao and Wangshu to Dragon Fish Island..."

After chatting for a while, Ling Zixiao said to Lu Changsheng.

There were many islands around the Great Dream Marsh, but most were already occupied.

If they let the son and daughter choose a small island to manage on their own, it would be meaningless.

Just recently, a Second Rank island experienced internal turmoil and a robber cultivator battle, so Ling Zixiao settled the children on that island.

"Zixiao, you arrange these matters as you see fit."

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

In this regard, he had great trust in Ling Zixiao.

After several hours of conversation, Lu Changsheng helped his wives in cultivation.

Dual cultivating with Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, Bai Ling, and others had little effect on him.

The primary purpose was to assist them in their cultivation.

However, switching to dual cultivation with Hong Lian, the results were vastly different.

He estimated that if he calmed down and regularly meditated and cultivated, while undertaking dual cultivation with Hong Lian periodically, within five or six years, he could break through from the Fifth Layer of Core Formation to the Sixth!

"Unconsciously, my talent has reached such a level..."

Lu Changsheng felt a sense of sentimentality.

As his talents gradually improved, the time he spent in focused cultivation had diminished.

Most of his time was consumed by his wives, children, and family.

As a result, he hadn't calculated the time spent on his cultivation and realm progress.

Now that he's at the Great Dream Marsh, he plans to allocate more time to his cultivation.

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In the blink of an eye, four months had passed.

During these days, Lu Changsheng, along with Hong Lian, Lu Miaoge, and Bai Ling, had been cultivating in the City Lord Mansion.

According to Ling Zixiao, there were already rumors outside about a change of ownership in the Immortal City.

Lu Changsheng, however, had no intention of going out to dispel the rumors.

The matter of the Immortal City's change of ownership was likely only known to the Four Great Immortal Sects, and was clearly a form of probing.

Considering the character of Meng Wuheng and his wife, they would also disdain to respond to or care about such matters.

Therefore, stepping out to clarify would be a tactical error.

As for the Heavenly Sword Sect, they had been silent all along.

But in this situation, it was impossible for Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian to take the initiative to visit the Heavenly Sword Sect to clarify their identity, choosing instead to watch things unfold naturally.

Considering that Meng Xiaochan was about to give birth, Lu Changsheng also prepared to return to Bi Lake Mountain.

Now, he had integrated the second Little Michen Banner into the Spirit Vein below the City Lord Mansion, allowing for immediate transportation back if needed.

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With the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng, Lu Changsheng did not directly teleport back to Bi Lake Mountain.

After all, spending over a hundred thousand spirit stones was somewhat of a heartache.

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High above the Nine Heavens Gang Wind.

Lu Changsheng rode on the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng when suddenly a system notification sounded.

[Congratulations to the host's first offspring for becoming a Second Rank Array Master, earning one chance to draw a prize!]

Lu Changsheng guessed that it was because his son, Lu Lingxiao, had reached the second rank in formations.

For the past few years, under Ling Zixiao's guidance, he had been learning formations and studying the Dragon Seeking Art.

Both skills had reached the top level of the first grade, only lacking practical experience.

This trip for a few people to become Island Masters was also to give Lu Lingxiao a chance for practice.

"System, draw the prize,"

Lu Changsheng silently thought.

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining the "Vajra Ming King Technique"]

[The reward has been issued to the System Space, the host can check it at any time]

"Hmm, is this a Buddhist Taoist technique?"

Lu Changsheng glanced at this cultivation technique and raised an eyebrow.

There were no Buddhist cultivators in Jiang Country, he had only seen it in ancient books.

“With this Vajra Ming King Technique, if I can gather the Demonic Dao Origin, Heavenly Demon Blood, and Buddhist Relic, won’t I be able to practice the Brahman Demon True Saint Technique?”

Lu Changsheng thought about the True Immortal Level Technique that was gathering dust in his possession.

The power of this Brahman Demon True Saint Technique was undeniable, but the conditions for cultivation were extremely stringent.

It required dual cultivation of Buddha and Demon, and the baptism of three origins to cultivate the physical body for the entry-level.

With the Yin Yang Creation Scripture, he could utilize the characteristic of dominating all laws, directly transforming his mana into Twelve Capital Demon Divine Technique and Vajra Ming King Technique, eliminating the so-called dual cultivation of Buddha and Demon.

But of the three origins, he currently only had the Heavenly Demon Blood.

“The Demonic Dao Origin is not difficult, but this Buddhist Relic, there are no Buddhist cultivators in the entire Jiang Country, or even Jin Kingdom or Yue Country, making it impossible to obtain.”

The Demonic Dao Origin is the Golden Core of a Demonic Path Cultivator, which wasn’t difficult for Lu Changsheng.

At worst, he could ask Nangong Mili in Jin Kingdom about where there might be a Golden Core Demon Cultivator and go wait for one himself.

But the Buddhist Relic, equivalent to a Buddhist Cultivator’s Golden Core, had no way to be acquired.

“Never mind, I’ll see later.”

Although the Brahman Demon True Saint Technique was quite excellent, capable of replacing the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art and greatly enhancing strength, Lu Changsheng wasn’t in a hurry and decided to let things take their course.

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Ten days later.

Lu Changsheng returned to Bi Lake Mountain.

His departure with Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, and others did not cause much of an impact; in fact, no one even knew.

Moreover, Lu Changsheng had given the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox to Lu Miaoyun.

She would sometimes have the Thousand Faces Puppet Fox disguise itself as Lu Changsheng, or Lu Miaoge, or Ling Zixiao, appearing before others to create the illusion that they were still at home.

After seriously cultivating in Dream Immortal City for so long, returning home naturally called for some relaxation and to accompany his wives and concubines.

As for Meng Xiaochan, after ten months of pregnancy, there was no sign of giving birth.

This was normal; a Nascent Soul cultivator, with a lifespan of five hundred years, was beyond the mortal stage, having a different essence of life.

It could even be said that Foundation Establishment cultivators and mortals, Energy Refining cultivators, weren't the same species at all.

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In the blink of an eye, three more months passed.

Lu Changsheng spent time with all his wives, concubines, and children, and even made trips to the Qingyun Sect and Misty Rain Market.

Yet, there was still no sign of Meng Xiaochan giving birth.

Lu Changsheng contemplated, considering taking Meng Xiaochan to Dream Immortal City.

Now that the Immortal City was stable, going there to nurture the fetus wouldn't be an issue.

Moreover, staying at Bi Lake Mountain all the time gave him a sense of unease.

Hence, Lu Changsheng took Meng Xiaochan, Qu Zhenzhen, and Bing'er, who had been sleeping in an ice coffin, to Dream Immortal City.

However, two months later, Lu Miaoyun crushed a Sensing Talisman.

He used the Michen Banner to return home, learning that his wife Lu Lanshu had passed away.

Over the years, many concubines of the Lu Family in Ruyi Prefecture had passed away.

Lu Lanshu, being his first wife, had taken many heavenly and earthly treasures in her early years and constantly consumed spirit rice and spirit fruit, leading to her longevity.

In a world where living to seventy or eighty was considered long-lived, she was now ninety-three, fairly long-lived.

“Alas,”

Lu Changsheng still remembered vividly in his mind the scene when he reached Qingzhu Mountain, where Uncle Fu hosted a welcoming banquet for them, and he eventually married Lu Lanshu, Lu Zi'er, and Lu Qing'er, the three sisters.

In the blink of an eye, seventy-three years had passed.

Being a Nascent Soul cultivator, his lifespan was seven hundred, considered in his prime.

But his wives and concubines from early years gradually aged and died.

Even many children sent to Ruyi Prefecture in the past had unexpectedly died.

Not only in Ruyi Prefecture, but in a few more decades, those children in Bi Lake Mountain who hadn't reached Foundation Establishment would also be approaching the end of life.

The Great Dao is merciless, and this is one of the cruelties of cultivators as beings pursuing longevity!

Lu Changsheng did not dwell on sadness and prepared to call his son Lu Ping'an to head to Ruyi Prefecture.

For many years, he'd avoided going to Ruyi Prefecture, not just because of the intangible barrier between cultivators and mortals, but also because his wives didn't want him to see their elderly appearances.

In early years, with the Preserving Youth Pill and the Beauty Preserving Pill, they could maintain youthful looks.

But with aging, as lifespan dwindled, youth was hard to retain.

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Ruyi Prefecture, Lu Residence.

Lu Lanshu, as Lu Changsheng's wife and Lu Ping'an's mother, and the current matriarch of the Lu Residence, held a very high status.

Having now passed away peacefully, the whole family was immersed in grief, with white silk draped everywhere.

"Father, grandfather, great-grandfather..."

When Lu Changsheng appeared in the Lu Residence ancestral hall, the Lu Family disciples promptly addressed him.

Lu Ping'an was already there.

Realizing his mother's limited lifespan, he accompanied her through her last journey.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng looked at Lu Ping'an and other aging children, seeing their respectful gaze towards him, and sighed in his heart.

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"In this life, I'm fortunate to have married you, my husband. Please, take good care of Ping'an."

Before Lu Lanshu died, she left a letter for Lu Changsheng, containing only this brief sentence.

Even though Lu Ping'an had become renowned throughout the world, she still worried about her son, feeling that his character was too straightforward and prone to suffering losses.

After Lu Lanshu was laid to rest, Lu Changsheng told his son, Lu Ping'an, that if he wished to venture out to train, he could do so at any time without worrying about matters at home.

When parents are present, one should not travel far.

Lu Ping'an had not traveled far these past years, partly due to his mother's impending end.

"Father, I will mourn for my mother for a year, then consider going out to train."

Lu Ping'an spoke softly.

"Alright."

Lu Changsheng nodded.

His son's Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art had already reached the peak of the eighth level.

He had given him the medicinal bath formula, the bones, essence blood, and materials of a Third Rank Demon King. With gradual accumulation, he could break through to the third rank of body refining in three to five years at most.

"Brother Hong."

Lu Changsheng saw his old friend, Hong Yi.

Hong Yi was also nearly ninety years old, now carrying an aura of weariness.

Although cultivators can live over a hundred years, and those at the peak of Qi Refinement can even live to one hundred and twenty,

Hong Yi, who was only at the sixth level of Qi Refinement, had sustained many hidden injuries from battles in his early years, making it difficult for him to live past a hundred.

However, for most cultivators, living to this age and enjoying a peaceful old age was already quite good.

"Lu... brother."

Hong Yi looked at Lu Changsheng, who appeared to be in his forties, with respect and envy in his demeanor and speech.

After not seeing each other for many years, a gap had formed between them.

But as they talked, reminiscing about their youth, the conversation gradually became more natural.

"It's a pity about Xuanji."

Lu Changsheng knew Hong Yi's greatest wish was for his son, Hong Xuanji, to break through to Foundation Establishment.

Back then, the situation at Bi Lake Mountain had not yet allowed for unlimited supply of Foundation Establishment Elixirs, so when Hong Xuanji failed to achieve Foundation Establishment, he stopped trying.

"It's all about timing and destiny; Xuanji's failure at Foundation Establishment was nobody's fault."

Hong Yi sighed, yet his slightly clouded eyes were still filled with regret.

In the past, for Hong Xuanji to achieve Foundation Establishment, they had exhausted the spirit stone reserves accumulated over decades by the Ruyi Marquis Mansion to purchase Foundation Establishment spiritual objects.

During the conversation, Hong Yi also mentioned that not long ago, a promising Immortal Seedling with a sixth-grade Spiritual Root emerged from the Li Family.

"If the Hong Family or Li Family produces a promising seedling, they can be sent to Bi Lake Mountain."

Lu Changsheng said quietly.

Now that Li Feiyu's life and death were unknown and Hong Yi was in his declining years,

he was willing to take care of their descendants out of past camaraderie.

"Thank you, Brother Lu!"

Hong Yi's face, crisscrossed with wrinkles, was full of excitement and joy.

The Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family now belongs to the top tier of forces in the Qingyun Region!

With the Lu Family's care, sending descendants to Bi Lake Mountain was even better than going to Qingyun Sect.

After all, with average talent, one could only become an outer sect disciple at Qingyun Sect, requiring personal struggle, with little hope for Foundation Establishment.

At the Bi Lake Mountain Lu Family, with a bit of luck and merit, there might be hope for achieving Foundation Establishment!

After leaving Ruyi Prefecture, considering that Lu Ping'an would be quite busy in the coming period, as Lu Wangshu, Lu Baixi, Ling Zixiao, and others were all in Great Dream Immortal City, Lu Changsheng decided to take his daughter, Lu Linghe, to Great Dream Immortal City.

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Liang Country.

A marketplace under the Shura Sect.

"Jiang Country, Azure Phoenix True Monarch!?"

A middle-aged man with a heroic yet weathered face, a faint evil qi between his brows, was shocked to hear this news.

"I never expected the City Lord to actually break through to Nascent Soul and return to Jiang Country..."

The man's eyes were filled with complex emotions and deep reflection.

This middle-aged man was Li Feiyu.

After he awoke, worried about being hunted by White Peak Immortal, he left Jiang Country and came to Yue Country.

However, there were rumors that White Peak Immortal had deep ties with the Immortal Sects of Yue Country, making him feel that Yue Country wasn't very safe either.

At this point, he recalled an early encounter with Lu Changsheng at the Wu refined ore site, where they came across a Core Formation corpse.

The owner of the corpse claimed to be from the Shura Sect of Liang Country, having failed their mission.

Considering his status as a loose cultivator with low-grade Spiritual Root, if he didn't seize an opportunity, the best he could achieve would be the middle stage of Foundation Establishment, he decided to flee from Yue Country to Liang Country, joining the Shura Sect.

With his foundation in the Earth Fiend Holding Heaven Skill and his connection to Jing Jueming, he successfully joined the Shura Sect, becoming an outer sect steward.

He never imagined that after many years, he would hear news of the Azure Phoenix True Monarch's return.

"If I hadn't joined the Shura Sect..."

He once served as a Capital Commandant in Azure Phoenix Immortal City and had suffered persecution from White Peak Immortal; if he returned to the Immortal City, he would certainly be put to good use.

Unfortunately, he was now part of a Demon Path Sect.

If he returned to Azure Phoenix Immortal City, he might be considered a spy and classified as part of the Demon Path.

"I also wonder how Changsheng and the family are doing."

At this moment, he thought of Lu Changsheng and his family back home.

Over the years, his greatest worry was that the White Peak Immortal incident would affect Lu Changsheng and his own family.

But after arriving in Yue and Liang Countries, he lost touch with Jiang Country.

"With Qing Shan, given another few decades, I suppose Bi Lake Mountain will be quite outstanding..."

He then recalled rumors he had heard two years ago.

That a top-tier prodigy from one of Liang Country's four major demonic sects went to Yue Country to challenge and was defeated by Jinyang Sect's true inheritor, Lu Qingshan.

Although he wasn't sure if it was the same name,

upon investigation, he could ascertain that this Lu Qingshan was most likely his friend's son, Lu Changsheng.

Even though he had never met this nephew, he still felt happy for his old friend.

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Great Dream Immortal City, City Lord Mansion.

In the spacious grand hall.

Lu Linghe held pastries in her left hand and cured meat in her right, stuffing them into her mouth with great enthusiasm, as if someone were competing with her for them.

Opposite her, Lu Baixi, wearing a white dress, with a delicate, finely sculpted small face and a serpent mark on her forehead, was also quickly stuffing pastries into her mouth, her cheeks puffed out, eating voraciously, holding her own against Lu Linghe.

In front of them, a pile of various pastries, spirit fruits, cured meats, and desserts seemed never-ending, with no need to compete, yet they ate as if in a contest.

"Slow down, slow down."

Bai Ling watched her daughter and Lu Linghe in the competition, speaking with concern, worried that they might choke or overeat.

But the two's round little bellies seemed like bottomless pits, gobbling everything.

At this moment, Lu Changsheng and Meng Xiaochan arrived at the hall.

Seeing the usually joyful and friendly sisters competing for food with great gusto, they hurriedly stepped forward to lift the two up.

"What are you doing? If you keep eating, you'll get silly from being too full."

He held a big little bean in his left hand and a small little bean in his right.

Then he rubbed their round soft bellies, relieved to see they weren't unwell from eating.

"Daddy, Little Xi and I are competing."

Lu Linghe blinked her big eyes, indicating she wouldn't get sick from eating and could keep eating.

"Mhm mhm."

Although Lu Baixi was somewhat cold in temperament, usually wearing a stern expression, she really liked her foodie sister.

They always enjoyed their meals together.

"Even if you won't get sick, you can't eat like this."

Lu Changsheng chided gently.

But seeing his daughter's innocent and wise eyes, he patiently advised, "You need to eat slowly, chew carefully, so you won't overeat or hurt your stomach."

"Besides, desserts need to be savored slowly to taste their deliciousness."

"But as long as you keep eating, it always tastes good."

Lu Linghe replied.

"..."

Lu Changsheng was momentarily at a loss for words.

They didn't lack food, so if his daughter loved to eat, she could.

Yet their manner of eating was truly...

Thankfully, his wife Ling Zixiao hadn't seen them, or else their daughter would be reprimanded and made to stand.

He immediately signaled them to stop eating and go play for a while to digest.

Soon, joyous sounds of running and laughing echoed in the hall.

Lu Baixi ran swiftly, creating a rushing sound, while Lu Linghe chased behind.

Although Lu Baixi was only six years old, her physique was like a demon beast cub, almost comparable to a First Grade peak body cultivator, playing joyously with Lu Linghe.

Lu Changsheng and Bai Ling sat nearby, watching their daughters' innocent joy.

Meng Xiaochan gently caressed her swelling belly, her beautiful eyes flowing with maternal radiance, anticipating her daughter's birth.

Though seeing Lu Linghe not far off, she hoped her daughter would be smart and witty, like Yaoyao and Wangshu...

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A month and a half later.

"Wah—"

A clear, loud cry sounded, Meng Xiaochan's child in her belly was finally born.

Simultaneously, an intense and profound pulse surged through her body, accompanied by a system notification.

[Congratulations to the host on the birth of nine spiritual body offspring, you have earned a lottery chance!]

[Detected conflict in host's spiritual body effects, do you choose to merge?]

"Spiritual body, this child has a spiritual body, and it's no ordinary spiritual body!"

Lu Changsheng's face lit up with joy.

He had been filled with anticipation for the child in Meng Xiaochan's belly.

The reality proved he wasn't disappointed.

Without thinking much, he quickly entered the cave mansion, seeing the weak Meng Xiaochan and midwives Lu Miaoge and Qu Zhenzhen.

"Wah wah wah—"

This daughter was being held by Lu Miaoge, crying incessantly, her voice full-bodied and loud.

"Don't cry, don't cry, come, let Daddy see."

Lu Changsheng laughed heartily, holding his finely sculpted daughter.

Then he sat by the bed, held Meng Xiaochan's hand, and softly said, "Little Chan, thank you for your hard work."

As he spoke, he handed the baby to Meng Xiaochan.

The baby's appearance was needless to say, her skin was delicate, fair, and rosy with a glossy sheen, like a finely crafted porcelain doll, very cute.

"Mengmeng."

Meng Xiaochan's face was pale and weak, but her eyes were gentle.

During her pregnancy, Lu Changsheng had just acquired the Great Dream Immortal City.

And with Meng Tongmeng, her daughter's name became Lu Mengchan.

"Don't cry, don't cry."

She tried to soothe her daughter, but she kept crying non-stop.

Eventually, the child went from Meng Xiaochan's arms to Lu Changsheng's, and then to Lu Miaoge's before gradually quieting and falling asleep.

If Lu Changsheng hadn't seen that his daughter's body was very healthy, he would have suspected she might be uncomfortable somewhere.

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[Name: Lu Mengchan]

[Life Span: 1/93]

[Talent: Second-Grade Spiritual Root, Calamitous Poison Body (Top Level Spiritual Body)]

[Cultivation Level: None]

[Talent: Poison Technique (90%)]

After finishing up, Lu Changsheng examined his daughter's condition.

"Calamitous Poison Body!?"

Seeing his daughter's spiritual body, Lu Changsheng was taken aback.

This spiritual body was quite renowned!

In Jiang Country history, there had been a Calamitous Poison Body before.

According to records, those with a Calamitous Poison Body feared no Elixir Toxicity when taking elixir medicines.

As long as the body could handle it, they could even directly take waste pills, poison elixirs, and poison as spiritual medicine, treasure medicine, enhancing themselves!

Poisons that others turned pale at were top-level Heavenly and Earthly Treasures to those with a Calamitous Poison Body!

Moreover, this enhancement wouldn't cause any shaky foundations, even surpassing many cultivators!

It's said that as long as there's endless poison, the Calamitous Poison Body almost had no bottlenecks, directly cultivating to the Nascent Soul Realm!

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Yet everything has its pros and cons.

The Calamitous Poison Body, being so exceptional, naturally has its drawbacks.

As one enhances their cultivation level with poison, those possessing the Calamitous Poison Body can only increase their strength through poison, and most Heavenly and Earthly Treasures gradually lose their effectiveness.

Ordinary poison also has no effect on the Calamitous Poison Body; only poison that can threaten Core Formation, or even a Nascent Soul True Lord, has any effect.

But poisons capable of threatening a Nascent Soul True Lord are exceedingly rare.

Even if they exist, they are not obtainable by just any Calamitous Poison Body holder.

Moreover, as a Calamitous Poison Body holder consumes more poison, the toxins within accumulate to an uncontrollable level.

Causing them to be unable to interact with others, those who touch them must die, and wherever they go, a disaster of extreme poison ensues!

When the Calamitous Poison Body breaks through to Nascent Soul, the toxins within will also reach their peak!

But instead of the perfection of the poison body awaiting them, it's the agony of endless poisons devouring the body!

The future holds only a gradual death in endless torment.

"Unexpectedly, it's the Calamitous Poison Body..."

Lu Changsheng slightly frowned, unsure how to evaluate this spiritual body.

This spiritual body is like a dual-edged sword!

The cultivation speed is faster than the Dragon Roar Physique or the Five Elements Physique!

But the drawbacks far exceed the effects of most spiritual bodies.

The historical records in Jiang Country mention a Calamitous Poison Body that rose like a comet, yet was suppressed and killed before reaching a hundred years old.

At the moment of death, the poison erupted, directly turning a city into a ghost town, a truly terrifying scene!

"However, with this spiritual body, as long as one does not come into contact with poison in their lifetime or uses it to stimulate themselves, the Calamitous Poison Body will not activate, allowing for a peaceful life."

"But having such a top-level spiritual body, just consuming poison can lead to rapid progress; how few could resist such temptation?"

Lu Changsheng sighed inwardly.

In the Cultivation World, many spiritual bodies with side effects, as long as one does not cultivate, pose no harm.

Yet how many, when possessing such unparalleled talent, would abandon cultivation.

After contemplating for a long time, Lu Changsheng decided to first understand the detailed situation of this Calamitous Poison Body through spiritual body fusion.

"Boom!"

His Chaos Body began to intertwine with the Calamitous Poison Body, merging into one.

In this process, Lu Changsheng could clearly sense the Dragon Roar Physique, Five Elements Physique, and White Snake Bloodline all rejecting the Calamitous Poison Body.

To achieve perfect fusion, many traits need to be chosen to be forsaken and weakened.

This was also typical, as the traits of spiritual bodies conflict, and previously, in merging the Chaos Body, the effects of the Dragon Roar Physique were also weakened.

As fusion progressed, Lu Changsheng gained much understanding of the Calamitous Poison Body's abilities.

This spiritual body is incredibly strange, capable of automatically refining and transforming extreme poison, converting its toxins into a special poisonous gas, thereby enhancing oneself.

In the beginning, the Calamitous Poison Body was not impervious to all poisons.

It also needed a process of growth.

For instance, a Calamitous Poison Body that had never encountered poison may directly perish upon consuming Second Rank poison.

However, First Grade poison becomes a major supplement, providing spiritual power and mana even without a cultivation technique!

After some adaptation and gaining some resistance, it could attempt to consume Second Rank poison for personal enhancement.

Upon breaking through to the Foundation Establishment Stage, it could barely try Third Rank poisons.

It is precisely this bizarre method of enhancement that causes the Calamitous Poison Body to grow to a point where controlling its internal toxins becomes challenging.

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Much later.

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes and exhaled softly.

Through the fusion, his Chaos Body acquired some traits of the Calamitous Poison Body.

The resistance to poison increased greatly, and ordinary Third Rank or even Fourth Rank toxins were difficult to affect him.

He could use poison as Heavenly and Earthly Treasures to enhance himself and restore his mana state.

Yet this effect was much weaker compared to the true Calamitous Poison Body.

It couldn't enhance his strength and cultivation level as frenziedly as the Calamitous Poison Body.

Doing so would affect the overall balance of his Chaos Body!

Moreover, he could now cultivate a unique poison within his body.

Even the fragrance from his Flawless Heavenly Fragrance Body could instantly turn into a lethal poison, killing without a trace.

"Tsk, I didn't expect to gain another method of using poison. If I secretly use poison in combat, it would be impossible to guard against,"

Lu Changsheng marveled.

Although poison use and hidden weapons are looked down upon,

whether in the secular world or the Cultivation World, these methods are often used as trump cards to catch opponents off guard.

Moreover, with his Magical Dual Cultivation and the Tianyuan Lotus acting as a Second Dantian, exhaustive consumption was no threat.

If he secretly used poison while engaging in combat and continued to entangle and deplete his opponent, even a Core Formation Peak could be exhausted to death with a slight negligence.

While pondering, Lu Changsheng took out the two portions of deadly poison that Meng Xiaochan had refined for him earlier.

He tried placing a small amount into his mouth.

With the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art and Chaos Body, even without the Calamitous Poison Body, such a small amount of poison was not lethal.

The taste was a bit bitter, melting as soon as it entered, then entering his blood and meridians like a bone-attaching sore snake.

"Buzz!"

Yet, this bone-attaching sore snake did not damage Lu Changsheng's blood and meridians at all, seeming instead to nourish his body.

Promptly, Lu Changsheng willed the trace of Third Rank toxin to gather.

Unfortunately, this bit of poison was too small, consumed in just a moment.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng poured the Third Rank deadly poison from the bottle into his mouth.

"Rumble—"

This poison directly transformed into countless bone-attaching sore snakes, nurturing Lu Changsheng's flesh.

Lu Changsheng suddenly realized using poisons for physique tempering was quite outstanding and innovative.

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His thoughts moved slightly, and in an instant, the Qi Ocean Core condensed this mass of poison, then lifted his hand lightly, forming a deep green little snake that slithered in his palm.

"If I take more Third Rank poisons, wouldn't I be able to condense a top-grade Third Rank poison!"

Lu Changsheng looked at the poison in his palm, contemplating in his heart.

If he could accumulate a portion of top-grade poison, it could be used as a trump card at a critical moment.

"Phew!"

After a simple experience of the Calamitous Poison Body situation, Lu Changsheng dispersed the poison in his palm, silently muttering: "System, draw a lottery."

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining the Exotic Treasure: Five Qi Cauldron!]

[The reward has been sent to the System Space, the host can check it anytime]

"Cauldron?"

Lu Changsheng raised his eyebrows slightly.

He used to like Exotic Treasures very much in his early years.

Because most Exotic Treasures had no cultivation level restrictions and could be used by Energy Refining Cultivators.

But as his cultivation level rose, he found the cost-effectiveness of Exotic Treasures quite average.

[Five Qi Cauldron]

[Grade: Third Rank]

[Description: A Secret Treasure of the Immortal Feast Tower, refined by gathering the Qi of the Five Elements. When ingredients are poured into it, it can cook by itself, making the topmost Spirit Meals. Even ordinary Spirit Rice and beasts, when cooked by the Five Qi Cauldron, have a powerful replenishing effect]

"This Five Qi Cauldron is quite interesting, with just this cauldron, you could open a restaurant."

Lu Changsheng looked at the effect of the Five Qi Cauldron in front of him and chuckled lightly.

However, he knew this was just a Third Rank Exotic Treasure, so the effect was certainly limited.

With a slight thought, he retrieved the Five Qi Cauldron from the System Space.

In an instant, a smoothly antiquated, large cauldron appeared before him, engraved with many pattern runes.

A five-colored gem adorned the center of the lid, adding a touch of rarity to the entire cauldron.

"Sure enough, this Five Qi Cauldron cannot cook Third Rank Spirit Meals, it can only cook Second Rank Spirit Meals, and the process also consumes Spirit Stones. Heavenly Spiritual Fire is needed to cook them!"

"Ordinary flames, consuming Spiritual Energy, can cook at most First Grade Spirit Meals."

Lu Changsheng instantly understood the effect of this Exotic Treasure.

But this effect was also quite extraordinary.

In an ordinary marketplace, if a Second Rank Spirit Chef was stationed, business wouldn't suffer.

And a Spirit Chef could only make a limited amount of Spirit Meals each day.

Whereas with this Five Qi Cauldron, as long as there are enough ingredients and Spirit Stones, it can continuously cook Spirit Meals.

It can be said that this Five Qi Cauldron is completely a money-making machine!

"Later on, I can place this Five Qi Cauldron at Bi Lake Mountain. Although the Lu Family disciples currently have Spirit Meals, they are quite average."

"With this Five Qi Cauldron, the quality of meals will greatly improve. Even the children at home who haven't started energy refining can have Spirit Meals every day."

Lu Changsheng didn't plan to use this Five Qi Cauldron to make money; he intended to bring it back to Bi Lake Mountain for his family's use.

Currently, Lu Family disciples can eat Spirit Rice, Spirit Vegetables, Spirit Meat, but it can't be considered advanced Spirit Meals.

With this Five Qi Cauldron, the Lu Family can completely establish a large Meal Hall, allowing all family disciples to have top-grade Spirit Meals.

Starting to eat Spirit Meals from a young age has many benefits, like consolidating the foundation, strengthening the body, purifying the physical body, and even improving cultivation aptitude.

And for disciples who have started cultivating, eating top-grade Spirit Meals daily enhances their cultivation!

"Looking at it this way, it's not bad."

Lu Changsheng raised his hand lightly, storing the Five Qi Cauldron in the Qiankun Shadow-Confining Belt, then walked out of the Cave Mansion, preparing to find Hong Lian to inquire about the Calamitous Poison Body.

His daughter Lu Mengchan had a Calamitous Poison Body, and he couldn't just give up on such a top-level Spiritual Body and not approach poisons.

Thus, he wanted to see if Hong Lian had any solutions for the Calamitous Poison Body.

If a solution could be found, the Lu Family would have another top-tier prodigy.

The cultivation speed would surpass all the current Lu Family genius disciples!

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"Husband."

Hong Lian opened her beautiful eyes upon seeing Lu Changsheng approaching.

Lu Changsheng smiled and approached, expressing concern and then asked: "Hong Lian, do you know about the Calamitous Poison Body?"

"Calamitous Poison Body?"

Hong Lian was a bit surprised.

After so many years together, she had figured out a few patterns.

When Lu Changsheng inquired about a certain Spiritual Body, it was very likely he had encountered it.

She didn't ask more, and explained the situation regarding the Calamitous Poison Body.

Which was quite similar to Lu Changsheng's understanding, but more detailed.

For example, the bearer of the Calamitous Poison Body, even if they don't choose to breakthrough to the Nascent Soul, the accumulated toxins in their body will gradually erupt.

Ordinary Nascent Soul Cultivators can enjoy life spans of five hundred years.

But bearers of the Calamitous Poison Body find it hard to live past three hundred.

The best stage for the Calamitous Poison Body should be the Foundation Establishment Stage.

Theoretically, if they could overcome it, refrain from taking poisons, and not pursue Core Formation, bearers of the Calamitous Poison Body could hope to live for two hundred years.

However, the "calamitous" in Calamitous Poison Body seems to suggest that the life of this Spiritual Body is fraught with disasters and difficulties.

If one steps onto this path without enough strength, it is also easy to attract the covetousness of others.

After all, the Cultivation World has many means to control others.

And a Calamitous Poison Body, with minimal resources, could cultivate a human-shaped calamity feared by any faction!

It is rumored that the Northern Desolate Cultivation Realm once had a Calamitous Poison Body. In a battle, the poison body exploded, and the toxins swept over a hundred miles, turning it into a poisonous land where nothing grew!

"Hong Lian, is there a solution to the Calamitous Poison Body?"

Lu Changsheng asked with a frown.

Once the Calamitous Poison Body is activated, it is akin to a one-way street, and one must follow it to the end.

What Hong Lian mentioned about overcoming oneself during the Foundation Establishment Stage and not pursuing Core Formation is merely a temporary measure.

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"It is rumored that there is a Poison Pill Method that can control the Calamitous Poison Body."

Hong Lian murmured slightly.

"Poison Pill Method?"

Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow.

"Yes, I have only heard of this method, unsure of its authenticity."

"Like a Foundation Establishment Cultivator breaking through to a False Core, the Calamitous Poison Body can gather a Poison Pill inside itself using the Essence Soul Pill of a Fourth Rank Poison Beast and a Bodhi Heart."

"Thus condensing all accumulated toxins into this Poison Pill, allowing the poison within to be controlled at will, freeing from the pain of being devoured by myriad poisons and the fear of poison outbreaks."

"There is even a saying that this is the way to activate the Calamitous Poison Body to its full potential!"

Hong Lian explained this way.

After speaking, she paused and continued, "The reason it's merely a rumor is that these conditions are so harsh, I have never heard of any Calamitous Poison Body accomplishing it."

"Even if all materials are gathered, trying to condense the Poison Beast Essence Pill and Bodhi Heart into a Poison Pill and keep it balanced and stable with one's Golden Core or Nascent Soul is extremely difficult and dangerous."

Hong Lian said somewhat wistfully.

"The Essence Soul Pill of a Fourth Rank Poison Beast, Bodhi Heart..."

Lu Changsheng squinted his eyes.

Indeed, these conditions are harsh.

Not to mention the dangerous process of condensing a Poison Pill, merely obtaining the Essence Soul Pill of a Fourth Rank Poison Beast and a Bodhi Heart is a challenge for many.

"No matter how strange the Calamitous Poison Body is, breaking through to Core Formation takes fifty to sixty years."

"In this timeframe, even if I haven't broken through to the Nascent Soul, reaching the Core Formation Peak and hunting a Fourth Rank Poison Beast is not a big problem."

"As for the Bodhi Heart, as long as it's not extinct, with the favor of Great Dream Immortal City and Azure Phoenix True Monarch, along with the Qingyun Sect's network, there's hope of gathering it."

Lu Changsheng contemplated in his heart.

In his view, it's not the problem being difficult, but having no solution.

He immediately asked more about the related rumors, learning that the more intense the toxicity of the Essence Soul Pill from a Fourth Rank Poison Beast, the better.

According to rumor records, the Essence Soul Pill of a Heavenly Rank Demon Beast called the 'Sky Poison Scorpion Dragon Beast' is the best.

And the Bodhi Heart's grade and effect should not significantly differ from the Fourth Rank Essence Soul Pill.

"Could it be the husband encountered a Calamitous Poison Body?"

Hong Lian saw Lu Changsheng so engrossed, asking in such detail, and couldn't help but softly ask.

"Little Chan's child was born, and unsurprisingly, this child is a Calamitous Poison Body."

Lu Changsheng didn't hide it and said directly.

"Little Chan's child is a Calamitous Poison Body!?"

Hong Lian was surprised, not expecting the Lu Family to have another Top Level Spiritual Body.

Including Lu Wangshu, Lu Lingxiao, Lu Linghe, Lu Qingshan, Lu Qingli, and Lu Qingyue, the Lu Family already had six Spiritual Bodies!

Now there's another one!

And it's a Top Level Spiritual Body, a Calamitous Poison Body.

At this moment, she understood why Lu Changsheng was so focused.

She immediately spoke to comfort him, suggesting to later look into ancient texts and gather information about the Calamitous Poison Body, believing there surely must be a solution.

"The Calamitous Poison Body loses control after breaking through to Core Formation, and by then, for me, hunting a Fourth Rank Poison Beast and gathering a Bodhi Heart won't be difficult."

Lu Changsheng said with a light chuckle, his calm and composed tone filled with confidence in the future!

Now within Great Dream Immortal City, as long as stability is maintained for decades, he can smoothly cultivate to the Core Formation Peak!

As for Nascent Soul?

As the Lu Family disciples steadily mature and break through, reaching Nascent Soul will be as logical as water flowing!

"Yes."

Hong Lian had no doubts about this.

Then she lightly bit her red lips and softly said, "Hong Lian also wants to bear offspring for the husband..."

Hong Lian was very aware; though married to Lu Changsheng, they lacked a crucial bond.

Offspring!

Only by having children could she truly integrate into the Lu Family and become one of her own!

For Lu Changsheng, no words of love were more moving than these.

Looking at the peerless goddess before him, a fiery passion rose in his heart, and he promptly kissed her tender red lips.

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After several rounds of rain and clouds, Lu Changsheng finally left Hong Lian's sleeping palace.

When he saw Meng Xiaochan and his daughter, Lu Changsheng didn't hide the matter of the Calamitous Poison Body from them.

Considering the Five Poisons Cult was rooted in Gu Poison, they might know something about the Calamitous Poison Body.

Indeed, when Meng Xiaochan heard that her daughter possessed a Calamitous Poison Body, she was both shocked and delighted.

Delighted that her daughter possessed such a Top Level Spiritual Body.

Shocked that this Spiritual Body was like a double-edged sword.

Once breaking through to Core Formation, it could easily lose control.

Immediately, Meng Xiaochan planned to consider returning to the Five Poisons Cult in a few years to search the sect's records for any methods to restrain the Calamitous Poison Body.

To this, Lu Changsheng also nodded in agreement.

He planned to accompany her for a visit once Great Dream Immortal City stabilized.

With the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng and Michen Banner, traveling now wouldn't take particularly long.

Furthermore, it had been a long time since he last saw Nangong Mili, so he should visit the mother of his child.

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Time passed little by little.

Daughter Lu Linghe was finally about to break through to Foundation Establishment as well, having accumulated immensely, to a state of inevitable advancement.

For this daughter, Lu Changsheng was very concerned, almost entirely focused on her breakthrough to prevent any accidents.

Not only he but Lu Miaoge and Ling Zixiao also closely monitored this daughter's breakthrough.

As a result, Lu Linghe's breakthrough process was very smooth, like a matter of course, without a hitch.

"Xiao He, I can take care of Xiaoxi!"

Lu Linghe, in a long red dress, her hair tied in a bun, declared.

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Lu Changsheng rejected his daughter's idea, saying he would find something for her to do later.

A little later, he heard the notification sound with a delighted heart.

[Congratulations to the host, the fifth offspring has broken through to Second Rank Body Refining and earned one Advanced Lottery opportunity!]

Lu Changsheng thought to himself.

He immediately considered this advancement.

If that's the case, the family's Hundred Arts of Cultivation program should allocate more resources...

Eager to see what this Advanced Lottery would bring him, he eagerly anticipated the results.

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining: Divine Hidden Pill!]

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[Divine Hidden Pill]

[Grade: Fifth Rank]

[Description: The Supreme Secret Pill of the Divine Depository Sect, upon consumption, can save countless arduous cultivation, directly unlocking the Divine Depository of the human body]

"Unlock the Divine Depository of the human body?"

Lu Changsheng frowned, never having heard of such a concept as the Divine Depository of the human body.

However, the Cultivation World has numerous traditions, so different cultivation systems are normal.

After extracting the Divine Hidden Pill, Lu Changsheng immediately understood what the human body Divine Depository was about.

The Divine Depository Sect, which refined this elixir, has a sect-guarding Cultivation Technique that can unlock the nine major Divine Depositories of the human body!

Each Divine Depository is equivalent to an innate ability!

And this Divine Hidden Pill can bypass the cultivation process and directly unlock a certain Divine Depository.

"Heart Divine Depository, Liver Divine Depository, Spleen Divine Depository, Lung Divine Depository, Kidney Divine Depository, Four Great Intangible Divine Depositories..."

Lu Changsheng murmured, finding the Divine Depository Sect's cultivation method quite interesting.

The Five Elements Divine Depositories, each can bring a significant boost.

Once all five Divine Depositories are unlocked, the cycle of the Five Elements is endless, with the physical body and mana far surpassing cultivators of the same level, and lifespan potential increased!

Upon unlocking the five Divine Depositories, one can gradually unlock the Four Great Intangible Divine Depositories!

Each Intangible Divine Depository rivals the bloodline divine power of a top-level Demon King!

However, this Divine Hidden Pill can only unlock one of the Five Elements Divine Depositories.

"Tsk, having only one makes it quite insignificant."

Lu Changsheng looked at the Divine Hidden Pill in his hand and shook his head.

If one possessed the Divine Depository Sect's Cultivation Technique, to unlock the Four Great Intangible Divine Depositories, this Divine Hidden Pill would be an absolute Supreme Divine Pill, saving countless arduous cultivation.

But without the cultivation technique, merely unlocking a normal Divine Depository isn't that meaningful.

"Yet, since it's already extracted."

Lu Changsheng went to the cave mansion, planning to take it himself to see the effects of the Divine Depository.

"The heart is the sovereign of the body, the foundation of all things, the master of the five viscera and six bowels, the first choice among the five Divine Depositories!"

"But the kidney is the innate foundation, the root of Yin and Yang, since I cultivate the Way of Yin and Yang, it might offer some assistance."

Lu Changsheng consumed the Divine Hidden Pill, and the elixir, swiftly transforming into a vast and refined essence of medicinal power, surged toward the five viscera and six bowels, then enveloped the kidneys.

"Boom boom boom—"

The strange and immense medicinal power made the kidneys hot and scorching, like two solar furnaces, burning with vigorous essence energy, emitting dazzling brilliance.

At this moment, a boundless physical strength, energy, endurance seemed to continuously flow throughout the body, limbs, and bones from the Divine Furnace.

Lu Changsheng's Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art attempted to operate automatically.

But he immediately suppressed the Cultivation Technique, allowing the medicinal power of the Divine Hidden Pill to spread throughout the body, nourishing the five viscera and six bowels, limbs, bones, and flesh.

In this process, he could clearly feel his own strength growing.

The kidneys were like eternal divine furnaces burning, erupting with intense essence energy, fostering infinite vitality and boundless power.

Who knows how long had passed.

"Boom!"

The Kidney Divine Depository rose, like two eternal divine furnaces burning, reaching their peak, endless breaths spreading out, making Lu Changsheng's entire body incredibly comfortable, filled with power.

"Is this the Kidney Divine Depository, the Eternal Furnace!"

Lu Changsheng opened his eyes, his entire being surging with essence energy, his body shimmering with a crystalline glow, full of mysterious power!

The Kidney Divine Depository, also known as the Eternal Furnace.

Can provide him with infinite energy, limitless endurance, and endless stamina!

Simply put, his endurance and stamina are multiplied, two or three times what they were before!

If needed, when the Eternal Furnace activates, it can burn potential and push out ten times the stamina and endurance, truly endless!

As a body cultivator, the power of this Eternal Furnace is considered immensely strong.

After all, in a fight, body cultivators compete on stamina!

Besides this, as the kidney is the innate foundation and the root of Yin and Yang, unlocking the Kidney Divine Depository provides some assistance in dual cultivation, resulting in offspring with higher talent and greater intelligence.

"Alas, cultivating the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, my physical body is already like a Magical Treasure, my stamina and endurance astonishing."

"Now, with the Kidney Divine Depository unlocked, it feels like having a Phoenix-slaying Technique with no Divine Phoenix to slay."

Lu Changsheng shook his head with emotion, thinking that unlocking the Kidney Divine Depository might help his Yin Yang Creation Scripture.

Unexpectedly, it only provided these minor benefits.

It would be better to enhance dual cultivation aspects more, to yield offspring with greater talent.

However, Lu Changsheng wasn't ungrateful either.

The activation of the Kidney Divine Depository, with its surging essence energy, also brought significant advancements in body refinement, bringing his Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art to nearly the pinnacle of the tenth layer.

Once Lu Ping'an breaks through, and a few more children break through, he can attempt to break through to the eleventh layer.

Without overthinking, Lu Changsheng walked out of the cave mansion with strides of a dragon and steps of a tiger, ready to experience the effects after unlocking the Kidney Divine Depository.

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Heavenly Sword Sect.

Sect Master's Grand Hall.

"The identity and background of the new City Lord of Great Dream Immortal City haven't been investigated clearly?"

From the depths of the grand hall, an authoritative and stern voice arose.

"Reporting to the Sect Master, we still don't have detailed information about the two individuals."

"However, according to investigations, the two seemed to have arrived at Great Dream Immortal City three years ago and then made contact with the couple Meng Wuheng."

"Three years ago and a year and a half ago, several celestial events occurred in the deep sea of Great Dream Marsh, with earth-shattering power. I went to check, and many islands were collapsed, revealing fierce battle scars, suspected to be caused by those two and the couple Meng Wuheng."

An older voice spoke respectfully.

"According to Bu Suanzi's calculations, apart from the two with deep Heavenly Secrets and abundant fate, Great Dream Immortal City seems to be disrupted by a Divination Grandmaster, obscuring the Power of Heavenly Mechanism and arranging the Life Path, making divination hard."

"Throughout Jiang Country, there are very few with such divination prowess, likely the work of Meng Wuheng."

"However, over time, the Power of Heavenly Mechanism seems to be waning, indicating this Divination Grandmaster is likely no longer present."

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"Therefore, these two new city lords should have a close relationship with the Dreamless Couple, or they have made some kind of deal, thus taking control of the Immortal City."

The elderly voice continued to speak.

"It truly is a tumultuous time, back then, the Azure Phoenix Immortal silently left Azure Phoenix Immortal City, and now the Nascent Soul returns!"

"Now, the Dreamless Couple has also quietly left Jiang Country, and brought two Nascent Soul cultivators from somewhere to oversee the city."

“Senior Brother Ancient Sword, please trouble yourself to go to the Great Dream Immortal City to oversee things for a while.”

“Now that the Great Dream Immortal City has changed hands, there will surely be loose cultivators who can’t help but want to step out and seize benefits, then we’ll be able to discern the depths of these two and whether the Dreamless Couple is just bluffing.”

The voice of the Heavenly Sword Sect Master continued to echo, with no trace of joy or anger.

“Sect Master, shouldn’t we make contact with these two?”

Ancient Sword True Man said.

“No need, just watch the situation unfold. If we rush to make contact right after hearing some rumors, it might instead make people unhappy.”

“Besides, the news of the Immortal City changing hands has already spread, it won’t be long before loose cultivators come sniffing around, trying to seize benefits. It’s not too late to make contact then.”

“As long as they are like the Dreamless Couple, then there’s no need to worry.”

The Heavenly Sword Sect Master spoke out.

The true strength of the Dreamless Couple is unclear to others, but their Heavenly Sword Sect knows a little, willing to give them some face.

As long as the current city lords aren’t hidden agents of the Demon Path and don’t behave recklessly, their Heavenly Sword Sect doesn’t care who takes the role of city lord.

Of course, if the two don’t have the strength to guard the Immortal City and it causes unrest, their Heavenly Sword Sect will step in to prevent it from affecting the bigger picture.

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As a Nascent Soul cultivator, even with the Spirit Embryo Physique, Hong Lian was not an opponent for Lu Changsheng in battle.

Therefore, the endless physical strength, boundless stamina, and infinite power brought by the Kidney Divine Depository were destined to be beyond Lu Changsheng’s experience.

However, in the aspect of dual cultivation, using the storage of Innate Essence, it does enhance the effects of dual cultivation.

Especially with Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, and Bai Ling, whose cultivation levels were weaker than his, the effects were very notable.

In this way, besides his own cultivation, Lu Changsheng spent most of his time helping Lu Miaoge and Ling Zixiao cultivate.

Time flew by, and in the blink of an eye, half a year passed.

Currently, the situation in the Great Dream Immortal City was almost entirely understood by Ling Zixiao.

One can only say, the entire network of relationships in the Immortal City was deeply entangled and complicated.

Besides the Four Great Immortal Sects, even the top forces of Yue Country had operations here, or they sent their family descendants into the service of the City Lord Mansion.

Wanting to truly control the Immortal City, with the current strength of the Lu Family, is far from enough.

However, as strength rules in the Cultivation World, as long as Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian hold the position, it's not a big problem.

About the change of hands in the Immortal City, it's no longer just a rumor.

Ling Zixiao keenly noticed that over the past half year, many cultivators were probing and gathering information about the City Lord Mansion.

Moreover, originally each of the Four Great Immortal Sects only had one False Core True Man stationed at the Great Dream Immortal City.

But not long ago, the Heavenly Sword Sect had sent a Nascent Soul True Man.

Although this Nascent Soul True Man did not come to the City Lord Mansion, it gave the feeling of an impending storm.

This day, a challenge letter was delivered to the City Lord Mansion.

“Wanhu True Master?”

Lu Changsheng looked at the challenge letter in his hand, his eyebrow slightly raised.

The general content of the challenge letter was that two hundred years ago, he was defeated by the Dreamless Couple, and now with great accomplishment in Divine Abilities, he specially came to challenge to wash away the previous disgrace.

“It seems there was indeed such an event, but it was so long ago that I, too, am not really clear. This Wanhu True Master coming to challenge this time is most likely invited by someone to test the waters.”

Beside him, Ling Zixiao spoke up.

In the Cultivation World, issuing a challenge letter is considered a relatively common practice.

It belongs to enmity that is not deep, not to the point of life and death, but having lost face, wanting to regain it.

“Zixiao, what is the cultivation level of this Wanhu True Master?”

Lu Changsheng inquired.

In the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, there are indeed some Nascent Soul loose cultivators, but most are at the early and middle stages.

He had heard of this Wanhu True Master but didn't know the specifics.

“Wanhu True Master comes from the Great Dream Marsh, Wanhu Island. After breaking through to Nascent Soul, there hasn't been much information about him. The last time he appeared in the public eye was fifty-nine years ago, and he should be at the middle stage of Nascent Soul.”

Ling Zixiao said immediately.

The Great Dream Immortal City has an information network.

After she took over the city, she reviewed a lot of intelligence information on Jiang Country.

Moreover, when she was at Bi Lake Mountain, she had always been learning about various forces and cultivators in Jiang Country.

“Tsk, a middle-stage Nascent Soul dares to come challenge, it really is...”

Lu Changsheng heard this and chuckled in disbelief.

However, this also explained that the other party was sure that the Dreamless Couple wouldn't be there.

Otherwise, a middle-stage Nascent Soul wouldn't dare to issue a challenge letter.

"However, since someone has come knocking, then let's accept the challenge. Otherwise, if it continues to spread, it would also be a waste of time."

Lu Changsheng said calmly.

Ever since the undercurrents surged in the Great Dream Immortal City, he had been waiting for someone to provoke him so he could set an example to deter the petty and wicked.

Otherwise, with such movements being constantly watched and eyed, he couldn't be at ease to leave the city and continue bringing people over from Bi Lake Mountain.

Moreover, with external rumors about the change of hands in the Immortal City for so long, if he didn't accept the challenge, it would be equivalent to showing weakness, which would affect the city's stability and shake the morale.

"Alright."

Ling Zixiao, with bright and spirited eyes, smiled gently, having absolute confidence in Lu Changsheng.

At the same time.

The matter of Wanhu True Master's challenge to the Master of the Great Dream Immortal City spread like a meteor crashing into a river, causing huge waves.

The whole Great Dream Immortal City was talking about this matter.

Moreover, the news quickly spread towards the area of the Great Dream Marsh and throughout the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.

After all, a Nascent Soul cultivator challenging the master of an Immortal City is big news, rarely seen in decades!

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"The True Man Wuhen of Great Dream Immortal City, Cloud Dream True Master once defeated True Man Lingkong of Late Core Formation, how can this Wanhu True Master, who is only at Core Formation Middle Stage, dare to challenge the two City Lords!"

"Naturally, it is due to recent rumors that True Man Wuhen and Cloud Dream True Master have already left, and the Immortal City has changed owners, which is why this Wanhu True Master dares to come and challenge."

"Wanhu True Master had grievances with the Immortal City in the early years, with rightful reasons. If he can probe the true strength of the new City Lords, he might be able to share in the rewards."

"I wonder how powerful these two new City Lords are, and whether or not they will accept the challenge."

"To be able to succeed the position of City Lord, one must be extraordinarily powerful. I hope that these two City Lords will win the challenge; otherwise, our Great Dream Marsh will become as turbulent as Azure Phoenix Immortal City was in the early years, enduring decades of unrest."

"Yes, I came to this side of Great Dream Marsh because I heard it is relatively stable here."

In Great Dream Immortal City, many cultivators were discussing fervently.

All the high-rank cultivators knew this was a struggle, with someone trying to seize control of Great Dream Immortal City's power and interests.

While the low-rank cultivators, apart from enjoying the spectacle, hoped for continued stability in the Immortal City.

Not long after, the City Lord Mansion released news, stating that they would accept the challenge, and the battle would take place in seven days at Great Dream Marsh.

This news ignited another frenetic wave of discussion throughout the Immortal City.

Many speculated on the outcome of the battle, with some even betting on who would win or lose, or how many rounds it would take to conclude.

Despite rumors of the Immortal City changing owners, most cultivators still had confidence in 'True Man Wuhen' and 'Cloud Dream True Master'.

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Seven days later.

Outside Great Dream Immortal City, on the Endless Waters.

At this time, the place was packed.

Countless Immortal City cultivators and those from Great Dream Marsh gathered, eager to witness the battle between Wanhu True Master and the two City Lords of Great Dream Immortal City!

During this period, cultivators continued to arrive, either riding on escape light, taking spirit boats, or on spiritual beasts.

"Whether the Immortal City changes owners will be clear today with just one look."

"I've never seen a Nascent Soul Immortal duel before; today, I finally have the chance."

"I heard the new City Lords are also a married couple; I wonder if they practice dual cultivation techniques."

Many cultivators were filled with anticipation, whispering to one another.

"Dad said he has a close relationship with the Master of the Immortal City; why isn't he here to watch the battle?"

In the crowd, a young girl in a pink dress looked around.

The girl was Lu Wangshu; upon hearing the news, she came with Lu Lingxiao to watch the battle.

Lu Lingxiao appeared calm and composed, closing his eyes to rest, waiting for the duel to begin.

He possessed the Son of Heaven's Qi Observation Technique, and watching such a duel would greatly benefit him.

"Hey, isn't that the old Island Master of Iron Shark Island? Rumor had it he had passed away, yet he's still alive!"

"Blood Serpent Luo River, previously hunted by three Foundation Building Great Cultivators, successfully escaped and surprisingly came as well."

"Hiss, it's the False Core Patriarch of Sea Swallow Island!"

Duel combat among Nascent Soul Immortals in the Cultivation World was extremely rare.

Hence, many renowned cultivators came to this duel, provoking exclamations and enthusiastic greetings from others.

At this moment, a flowing light sped from the horizon where the lake and sky met.

The terrifying speed and astonishing spiritual pressure frightened countless people present.

"Such a terrifying presence, who is this!"

"Wanhu True Master is here!"

"Is this Wanhu True Master? Just his presence alone makes it hard for me to breathe!"

"I didn't expect Wanhu True Master to have a third-rank spiritual pet!"

They saw a blue flood dragon soaring through the clouds, flying towards them, emitting the fearsome might of a third-rank demon beast.

On top of the flood dragon's head stood a man with deep eyes, chiseled features, dressed in a lake-blue robe with an aquiline nose.

Despite his somewhat aged face, his figure was upright, exuding an ocean-like vastness that left many onlookers in awe.

"Fellow Daoist Gujian, Fellow Daoist Yan, Fellow Daoist Li..."

After Wanhu True Master arrived, he glanced at several Nascent Soul Cultivators and False Core Cultivators in the field, nodding to acknowledge them.

As an established Nascent Soul Cultivator, he had a certain reputation and network in Jiang Country.

Moreover, he came with several friends this time to avoid the situation getting out of control with True Fire during the conflict.

Not seeing 'Meng Wuheng' and 'Cloud Dream True Master' present, he quietly stood on the flood dragon, waiting.

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Great Dream Immortal City, City Lord Mansion.

"Let's go, Meng'er."

Lu Changsheng, dressed in a feathered robe and cloak, with a heroic and steady appearance, smiled at Hong Lian, who was beside him in a light purple palace dress.

"Yes, my husband."

Hong Lian also responded with a gentle smile, her demeanor resembling that of Cloud Dream True Master.

Although many people already know that the Immortal City has changed masters, when the action starts, they will see the clues and confirm directly.

But Lu Changsheng never intended to deceive the major forces.

He only used the prestige that Meng Wuheng and his wife built over the past two hundred years to stabilize the situation in the Immortal City.

To prevent Loose Cultivators from leaving upon hearing the city has changed masters, affecting the city's income and stability.

So high-rank cultivators know as they do, as long as it doesn't affect ordinary cultivators, it is fine.

After a few years, when the situation has completely stabilized, he and Hong Lian will clarify their identities, and other Loose Cultivators knowing that the city has changed masters for years won't mind too much.

After all, ordinary Loose Cultivators only care about stability and life; they don't care about the changing flag on the city head!

"It's the City Lord!"

"The City Lord is going to face the challenge!"

"Greetings, City Lord!"

As the two walked out of the City Lord Mansion, the faint Core Formation aura emitted, and guards immediately cupped their hands in salute.

The patrolling cultivators, law enforcement cultivators, and even Loose Cultivators in the city saw the two and also cupped their hands in salute.

Then, under the gaze of others, Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian walked out of the Immortal City and arrived at the challenge point.

"True Master Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Master have arrived!"

The two did not deliberately hide their mana.

Lu Changsheng even used the Nine Treasure Jade Ruyi to raise his cultivation level to the peak of Core Formation Sixth Layer, and his physical body's physique to Third Rank Late Stage.

After all, a lion uses all its might even when hunting a rabbit.

Facing cunning ones like Azure Phoenix True Monarch and the couple Meng Wuheng, who knows if this Wanhu True Master is hiding his strength?

What if this person is not Core Formation Middle Stage but Late Stage, and he can't defeat them with one strike, wouldn't it fail to achieve the effect of killing a chicken to warn a monkey?

"So this is the Master of the Immortal City, True Master Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Master!"

"Greetings, True Master Wuheng, Cloud Dream True Master!"

"Greetings, City Lord!"

"Greetings, Daoist Wuheng, Daoist Cloud Dream."

The cultivators in the scene immediately looked at Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian, some smiling and nodding, some cupping their hands in salute, and others silently observing.

Even though many know the two in front of them are likely fake, they dare not use pupil skills or divine sense to probe.

After all, using divine sense or pupil skills to probe can be seen as an act of provocation.

"Daoist Wuheng, Daoist Cloud Dream, it's been a while."

Wanhu True Master, dressed in a lake-blue robe, stood on the head of a flood dragon, scrutinizing Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian, speaking with a brewing Qi mechanism that was ready to erupt.

Lu Changsheng's divine sense surpassed others, and he could see at a glance that this Wanhu True Master is at the Core Formation Sixth Layer cultivation level, and the flood dragon beneath him is at Third Rank Early Stage strength.

However, a Core Formation Sixth Layer and a Third Rank Spiritual Pet, among peers, could be considered outstanding.

"Daoist Wanhu."

Lu Changsheng nodded gracefully, exuding a deep Qi mechanism similar to mountains and river sources.

Without wasting words, he directly said: "Since Daoist Wanhu sent a battle invite challenging us, then let us proceed."

"In that case, I will not be polite!"

Wanhu True Master's expression darkened, and the long-brewing Core Formation magical power erupted suddenly, causing waves of tsunamis to rise in the water below.

"Roar roar roar!"

Then, a series of dragon roars sounded, and a sea-blue dragon-headed wooden staff appeared, emitting mysterious light.

It was his life-bound magic treasure — Sea Dragon Staff!

The wooden staff rose like a giant dragon wood, towering into the sky, resembling a sea dragon coiled up.

Ordinary cultivators faced with this sea dragon, with the invisible draconic roars, would feel dizzy, surging their Qi-blood.

Then, the dragon roared to the heavens, the sea dragon rushed down, turbulent Qi waves emptied, forming a mountain-like offensive, charging at Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian.

"This is the power of a Core Formation Immortal, truly terrifying!"

"Wanhu True Master cultivates Water Cultivation Technique; fighting above Great Dream Marsh benefits him, same-level cultivators are no match for him!"

"Wanhu True Master challenges two, but he also has a Third Rank Spiritual Pet, not at a disadvantage."

"No, at this level of battle, we can't watch at all!"

Everyone watched the battlefield, expressions grave, hearts shocked.

Some ordinary Foundation Establishment Cultivators, faced with such overwhelming spiritual pressure, felt their Qi-blood churn, almost suffocating, and they quickly retreated.

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian exchanged glances and then took a step forward.

"Boom!"

The feathered robe fluttered, a layer of Vajra indestructible brilliance flowed and emerged on his muscles, a faint Three Heads and Six Arms Vajra Ming King appeared behind him, directly breaking through the sea waves, striking towards the Sky-Dome Sea Dragon, and himself charged at Wanhu True Master.

"Roar!"

The Third Rank Flood Dragon under Wanhu True Master's feet roared, baring its teeth and claws, flying towards Lu Changsheng.

"Get lost!"

Lu Changsheng looked at the charging flood dragon and directly kicked out.

Like a vast ocean, the force surged, directly knocking the charging flood dragon away, kicking it into the Great Dream Marsh, stirring up a colossal wave, splashing endless water flowers.

"What!!!"

Everyone seeing this scene was stunned, dumbfounded.

What the hell is this!

One must know, this is a Third Rank Demon King!

Demon Beasts have always been known for their strong physical bodies!

And this flood dragon, with an Earth Grade bloodline, is among the best of demon beasts.

But now, it's kicked away by a cultivator!

Even a Third Rank middle-stage body cultivator couldn't do this, right?

Chapter 1639: Chapter 554: Subduing with a Raise of the Hand, Harvesting the Flood Dragon, and Making a Name in Jiang Country!

"When did the City Lord develop such a physique?"

Some cultivators from the Great Dream Immortal City were dumbfounded as they witnessed the scene.

"How is this possible!"

Even Wanhu True Master was shocked and astounded, hurriedly making a gesture incantation. Mana surged like a river as he activated his Sea Dragon Staff, with another magical treasure coming forth.

However, just at this moment.

"Nanming Departure Fire Technique!"

Not far away, Hong Lian formed a gesture with both hands, and a wave of divine sense comparable to a Nascent Soul True Lord erupted, shocking all the False Core and Nascent Soul Immortals present.

Wanhu True Master suddenly felt a scorching pain from being burned by flames, almost fainting on the spot.

"Whoosh!"

Lu Changsheng appeared in front of Wanhu True Master and threw a punch.

A simple punch.

Shattered!

Shattered!

Shattered!

Wanhu True Master's body-protecting magic barrier shattered with a roar.

Then, the fist landed on his dantian area.

"Puff!"

Wanhu True Master's body bent like a shrimp as he spat out blood, almost being sent flying.

Lu Changsheng raised his hand and grabbed him, an invisible giant hand seizing Wanhu True Master, and then slapped his dantian again.

Sealing Divine Light poured out from his palm, entering the Qi Ocean Core of Wanhu True Master, suppressing and sealing his True-Core level mana.

"Hoo hoo hoo—"

Wanhu True Master's surging and astonishing Core Formation level mana receded like a tide.

The Sea Dragon in the sky lost its mana support, letting out a mournful cry, transforming back into the dragon-headed wooden staff, falling into Hong Lian's hand.

"This this this...."

"Is it is it is it... over?"

All the cultivators in the field were stunned, dumbfounded, and looked at the scene with eyes wide open.

What happened?

What is this nonsense?

The duel is over?

Everyone had their mouths agape, tongue-tied.

Some even stood motionless as if stupefied, thinking they were dreaming and pinching themselves hard.

This was just too absurd, too theatrical.

Just a moment ago, Wanhu True Master was imposing, standing on a Third Rank Flood Dragon, and his life-bound magic treasure's presence was overwhelming, making people afraid to meet his gaze and leaving them breathless.

But in the next moment, the Third Rank Flood Dragon was kicked away, and he himself was punched, his magic barrier shattered, spitting blood, and losing combat ability.

"Uh uh uh—"

Wanhu True Master awakened from Hong Lian's Divine Consciousness Secret Technique, his face ashen, eyes vacant and bewildered, unable to speak.

"Alright, today's challenge is over, and the outcome has been decided. Thank you, fellow Daoists, for coming to witness the event. Please feel free to head to the Immortal City to enjoy a cup of hot tea."

Lu Changsheng, holding Wanhu True Master like a dead dog, smiled while addressing the other Nascent Soul cultivators in the field.

After he spoke, he saw the blue Flood Dragon soaring out from the Great Dream Marsh again and immediately used the Five Elements Union Sutra to perform the Yin Yang Qi Grand Capture!

In an instant, a five-colored divine light appeared, like a mountain, directly suppressing the Third Rank Flood Dragon.

"Boom!"

The Third Rank Flood Dragon was instantly suppressed, unable to move.

"Behave yourself."

Lu Changsheng coldly said as he looked at the Flood Dragon.

Although using the Yin Yang Qi Grand Capture through the Five Elements Union Sutra greatly reduced its power,

with his current mana, suppressing a Third Rank Early Stage demon beast was not a challenge.

Primarily because he had used the Yin Yang Qi Grand Capture before in front of Huxiao True Master and didn't want to use similar means again to avoid suspicion.

"Awoo!"

The Third Rank Flood Dragon, difficult to move under the suppression, saw Wanhu True Master in Lu Changsheng's hand, felt the murderous intent in Lu Changsheng's eyes, and immediately let out a mournful cry, giving up struggling.

The five-colored divine light bound the Flood Dragon and then returned to Lu Changsheng's side.

"This..."

With just a wave of his hand, he suppressed Wanhu True Master and his spiritual pet, it was truly terrifying.

The throats of countless cultivators present went dry, their hearts filled with fear.

"City Lord Wuhen, today was just a sparring match, Daoist, isn't it..."

At this time, a friend of Wanhu True Master mustered up the courage to step forward courteously.

Wanhu True Master challenged Meng Wuheng and his wife, which was something they had all discussed, so they naturally wouldn't let Wanhu True Master be taken away.

But from the simple exchange earlier, they could tell that the two before them weren't the real Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Masters, and they couldn't be sure of their temperament, to avoid angering them.

After all, the strength displayed by Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian was something none of them could contend with even if they combined their efforts.

"Hehe, coming to challenge the City Lord, and now that he's lost, naturally, he must pay some price. Otherwise, wouldn't that mean anyone could come and challenge the City Lord?"

Lu Changsheng chuckled lightly and said.

He didn't have any intention of killing Wanhu True Master.

After all, if someone issued a challenge in a formal battle invitation, using lethal force would make him seem too domineering.

In his current position as an outsider, simply killing a Jiang Country Nascent Soul cultivator could easily provoke hostility from the Heavenly Sword Sect.

So, it was better to be amicable and observe some rules.

Moreover, Wanhu True Master had quite a few friends.

Seeing Wanhu True Master killed would certainly make them hostile towards the Immortal City, becoming a potential threat.

Hence, he planned to extract some benefits as a form of penalty.

"That's only right, that's only right."

The Nascent Soul cultivator, realizing his fault, agreed with the words.

Then, under the gaze of other Foundation Establishment cultivators, Lu Changsheng handed over Wanhu True Master and the Third Rank Flood Dragon to the law enforcement cultivators.

Then, along with the Nascent Soul and False Core cultivators present, he entered the Immortal City and went to the Yun Meng Restaurant to set up a banquet.

"It seems the rumors about the change of leadership in the Immortal City were false."

"The divine skills just now didn't seem like those of the City Lord?"

"In the entire Jiang Country Cultivation Realm, there are only a handful of people with such strength. It's impossible for two Nascent Soul Grand Cultivators to suddenly appear out of nowhere, right?"

"Perhaps the City Lord's divine skills have improved again!"

"Indeed, the City Lord hasn't shown his hand in years; it's normal to have broken through to the late stage of Core Formation now."

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The remaining onlookers whispered among themselves, guessing the identities of the two.

Some Nascent Soul Cultivators could discern with their magical divine abilities whether they were truly the couple, Meng Wuheng.

But most Foundation Establishment Cultivators had never seen the couple Meng Wuheng in action, so they couldn't tell at all.

"It's over..."

Lu Wangshu saw the battle end, pursed her red lips, and felt it lacked flavor.

She came with her brother Lu Lingxiao to join in the excitement, waited so long, hoping to gain some insight by watching Nascent Soul Cultivators engage in combat, but it ended in just one exchange.

However, from the brief clash earlier, she got a rough idea of the combat force of Nascent Soul Cultivators.

"I wonder how my father's strength compares to that of the Great Dream City Lord?"

"But the aura from the Golden Peng seems much stronger than that of Wanhu True Master, this third-rank Flood Dragon."

Lu Wangshu thought to herself.

Then she patted the dazed Lu Lingxiao beside her, saying, "Little Ling, let's go."

Lu Lingxiao frowned slightly.

For some reason, when Cloud Dream True Master's divine abilities were released just now, he felt a somewhat familiar Qi mechanism.

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Yun Meng Restaurant.

Even if the cultivators in the field basically confirmed that Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian were not Meng Wuheng or Cloud Dream True Master, they didn't reveal it, addressing City Lord and Daoist Wuheng instead with a pleasant conversation.

A day later, the cultivators gradually dispersed and left.

"Daoist Wuheng, may I have a private conversation with your esteemed self?"

At this moment, Ancient Sword True Man transmitted his voice to Lu Changsheng.

"Alright."

Lu Changsheng nodded with a smile.

He had been waiting for the Heavenly Sword Sect to take the initiative to visit.

This Ancient Sword True Man came to the Great Dream Immortal City to sit in, naturally representing the Heavenly Sword Sect.

Now that he speaks, wanting to meet alone, the purpose is self-evident.

Immediately, he called Hong Lian and went with Ancient Sword True Monarch to a side hall, set up a barrier, and spoke, "I wonder what Ancient Sword Daoist wants to discuss?"

"I will not beat around the bush, I came to the Great Dream Immortal City for both of you Daoists, and I have three questions I wish to ask both of you Daoists."

Ancient Sword True Man looked at them directly and said.

"Please ask, Daoist."

Lu Changsheng responded.

Meng Wuheng and Chu Qingyi both mentioned that when dealing with the Heavenly Sword Sect, just showing the situation and releasing goodwill would suffice.

Now that the other party has come, he naturally is willing to give some respect.

"Are the two Daoists demonic cultivators?"

Though Ancient Sword True Man's face was aged, his eyes were still sharp and piercing as he directly looked at Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian and asked.

Even though he was only at the Core Formation Middle Stage and couldn't overpower Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian,

he represented the Heavenly Sword Sect, unafraid of the two.

"No."

Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow, speaking with Hong Lian.

"Why did the two Daoists acquire the Immortal City, do you have any purpose?"

Ancient Sword True Man continued to inquire.

"My wife and I came to Great Dream Marsh to hunt demons, fortunately met Daoist Wuheng and Daoist Cloud Dream preparing to leave, so we made a transaction, exchanging for this Immortal City."

"If you ask about purpose, it is simply that the Great Dream Immortal City is suitable for our cultivation, a need, without any particular purpose."

Lu Changsheng replied calmly.

Ancient Sword True Man listened and sensed the True Word Bead movements in his sleeve, showing a smile.

His purpose in coming to the Great Dream Immortal City had been achieved.

As long as he could confirm that Lu Changsheng and his wife were not demonic cultivators and not from surrounding countries with a hidden agenda, that was enough.

"Thanks to the two Daoists for your answers. If Daoists have any questions, you can also raise them to me."

Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian before him were powerful and unfathomable, if possible, the Heavenly Sword Sect also did not want to become enemies.

"From where does Wanhu True Master originate for this probing?"

Lu Changsheng took the chance to gather intelligence.

"Wanhu True Master broke through the Core Formation, then left Jiang Country and traveled to various countries, and this challenge was accompanied by several friends trying to take advantage to take over the Immortal City..."

Ancient Sword True Man replied.

"What is your sect's view on the change of Immortal City's ownership?"

Lu Changsheng nodded thoughtfully and continued to ask.

He was curious about the Heavenly Sword Sect's view on Great Dream Immortal City, as to why they allowed rogue cultivators to challenge.

"Treasure belongs to those with virtue."

"Great Dream Immortal City is located in Great Dream Marsh, also tasked with guarding the marsh, so one must have sufficient strength to hold it."

"As long as they are not demonic cultivators or foreign hidden agents, our sect doesn't mind who controls the Immortal City, and we even hope it is controlled by rogue cultivators to promote the growth of Jiang Country."

Ancient Sword True Man explained.

The status of the Four Great Immortal Sects was firm and unshakable.

But the title of top rogue cultivators, like Azure Phoenix Immortal City and Great Dream Immortal City, could give hope to lower-level cultivators as a target for their efforts.

"Thirty years east of the river, thirty years west of the river, Fengshui rotates, and the emperor arrives at my house!"

Lu Changsheng roughly understood why the Heavenly Sword Sect allowed the existence of two Immortal Cities controlled by rogue cultivators.

On one hand, it allowed rogue cultivators to guard the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range and Great Dream Marsh.

On the other hand, through the Immortal City it provided hope to the lower level of the Cultivation World.

Considering why Azure Phoenix Immortal City became a holy land for rogue cultivators, is it not because countless rogue cultivators held onto a sliver of hope and fantasy, considering Azure Phoenix True Monarch as their target.

"Hehe, Mr. Wang understands, my wife and I are merely using the treasure land for cultivation, your sect can rest assured."

Lu Changsheng said with a laugh.

"Since the two friends traded for the Immortal City from Daoist Wuheng and Daoist Cloud Dream, you must know the rules, so there's no need for me to say more..."

Ancient Sword True Man nodded and said.

While Great Dream Immortal City was remote, it also had many rare resources.

When selling externally, trade with Four Great Immortal Sects must be prioritized.

Moreover, if demonic cultivators or robber cultivators caused chaos in Great Dream Marsh, Great Dream Immortal City must resolve it. If it led to a major incident, the Heavenly Sword Sect would intervene.

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Then came the beast tide.

Though the Great Dream Marsh is more stable compared to the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, it does experience beast tides too.

At this time, as the master of the Immortal City, one must be the first to suppress the beast tide.

If the beast tide is too large, assistance can be requested from the Heavenly Sword Sect.

"We, as a couple, are aware of this."

Lu Changsheng nodded and said.

Then the three of them chatted briefly and the Ancient Sword True Man took his leave.

Perhaps knowing that the two were not cultivators from Jiang Country, he didn't bother asking their names during the entire interaction.

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"The Heavenly Sword Sect is indeed quite bold."

Hong Lian spoke after the Ancient Sword True Man left.

Many sects and forces are eager to hoard all resources without sharing even a fraction.

Yet the Heavenly Sword Sect is willing to relinquish some benefits to loose cultivators.

"Although the Heavenly Sword Sect has a Nascent Soul True Lord overseeing them, it's not enough to control such a vast territory, it's better to share some benefits and strengthen the national power."

Lu Changsheng thought that the approach of the Heavenly Sword Sect was indeed the righteous way.

By allocating benefits to the lower level, thereby strengthening the national strength, and then expanding outward to seize resources.

If they relied on exploiting loose cultivators and the lower class, using the entire country to support one sect, it would seem a little narrow-minded.

After talking for a while, then they headed to the city dungeon to check on Wanhu True Master.

"City Lord!"

"Greetings to the City Lord!"

The cultivators guarding the dungeon saw Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian, and immediately bowed with hands clasped.

Whether or not the two were Meng Wuheng and Cloud Dream True Master, today's display of their strength was undeniable.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng nodded slightly.

He then proceeded to the cell holding Wanhu True Master, looking at the Wanhu True Master whose mana was suppressed, he spoke.

"Wanhu True Master, you came to challenge us as a couple, and now having been defeated, I wonder what price you are willing to pay to exchange for your own life?"

Lu Changsheng, wearing a feather cloak, appeared calm and dignified, hands behind his back as he spoke.

"I wonder what requirements City Lord Wuheng has to let me go?"

Wanhu True Master knew that the two in front of him were not the early years' Meng Wuheng couple, not sure of their temperaments, he spoke softly.

"Your spiritual pet is not bad, this City Lord happens to lack a riding mount."

Lu Changsheng pondered for a moment before speaking.

For now, he wouldn't easily use the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng in public; as a dignified master of the Immortal City, he surprisingly lacked a riding mount.

Although Wanhu True Master's flood dragon was just average, it seemed passable in his eyes.

In the future, when it's no longer needed, it can be refined into a Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapon.

"This is impossible!"

Wanhu True Master's expression suddenly changed upon hearing this.

The three-ranked flood dragon might seem average to Lu Changsheng.

But it cost him untold resources to nurture it to the third rank.

Now, having finally cultivated it to the third rank, why would he willingly hand it over?

Once given away, his combat power would drop by a level.

"Since that's the case, you can stay for now, think it over later."

Upon seeing this, Lu Changsheng spoke coldly.

If not for the purpose of subduing the flood dragon, he wouldn't bother saying more.

He would simply clean out the storage bag and storage ring and then throw him out of the Immortal City.

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Several days later.

Wanhu True Master knew that he had now become a prisoner with no room for negotiation, he finally chose to surrender, offering his third-ranked flood dragon.

However, even if the owner was willing to release the soul contract for such a third-ranked Demon King, it would still require Lu Changsheng to spend time taming it, unlike the spiritual beasts Lu Changsheng acquired from the system which are much more obedient.

After acquiring the third-ranked flood dragon, Lu Changsheng released Wanhu True Master.

Though the storage bag, storage ring, and life-bound magic treasure naturally couldn't be returned to him.

But Lu Changsheng did not act ruthlessly and indicated that they could be redeemed with money.

The emptied Wanhu True Master, of course, had no money now.

But as the Ancient Sword True Man said, this Wanhu True Master came with a few friends.

Under such circumstances, isn't it normal for each of them to contribute some spirit stones and help redeem his life-bound magic treasure?

Soon, Wanhu True Master gathered spirit stones to redeem his life-bound magic treasure 'Sea Dragon Staff' along with two commonly used magic treasures.

After having obtained both the opponent's flood dragon and all his possessions, Lu Changsheng did not extort further, and traded at normal prices.

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The news of Wanhu True Master being released spread out, and in Great Dream Immortal City, at the Heavenly Sword Sect's station, the Ancient Sword True Man nodded his head.

Although Wanhu True Master is merely a loose cultivator and not a sect member of the Heavenly Sword Sect, he is still a part of Jiang Country!

In future pioneering wars, cultivation world battles, these loose cultivators are also crucial forces.

Therefore, their Heavenly Sword Sect did not wish to see Wanhu True Master being killed off.

If Lu Changsheng and Hong Lian acted domineeringly and killed him directly, then the Heavenly Sword Sect would have to reevaluate the suitability of the two in controlling the Immortal City.

Upon receiving the news, he also left Great Dream Immortal City and returned to Heavenly Sword Sect to report the situation regarding the couple.

Meanwhile, information about the Great Dream Immortal City, the city lord couple suppressing Wanhu True Master, spread swiftly throughout Jiang Country's cultivation realm as if it had wings.

Countless people were stunned upon hearing it, gaping in disbelief.

After all, not long ago, the news of the change in control of the Immortal City caused a huge stir.

It turned out, just as suddenly, that the seasoned Wanhu True Master was defeated with one move!

Many forces were originally eager and ready to take action, wanting to wait for loose cultivators like Wanhu True Master to test the real situation and then plot to seize the benefits of the Immortal City, now they all dispelled their thoughts.

Because according to both the Nascent Soul Immortal on the scene at the time and Wanhu True Master himself, 'Cloud Dream True Master' has a soul far beyond those of Nascent Soul cultivators, comparable even to a Nascent Soul True Lord!

Regardless of whether the news is true or false, this information is extremely shocking, terrifying countless cultivators.

And 'Wuhen True Man's one punch to suppress Wanhu True Master, one kick to send flying the third-ranked flood dragon's battle power, led many to fear and left them unable to grasp its depth.

After all, this 'Wuhen True Man' had not even utilised any magic treasures, relying only on the physical body and mana throughout!

"Even if the Immortal City changes hands, the strength of these two new city lords likely won't fall short of the former Meng Wuheng couple."

"In these turbulent times, without sufficient strength, who would dare to hold an Immortal City?"

"I wonder what relation these two have with the Meng Wuheng couple; when did Jiang Country have such cultivators!"

"According to the situation then, that 'Wuhen True Man' is adept in both magical dual cultivation, with body refining techniques from the Buddhist sect, he should not be a cultivator from our Jiang Country!"

This battle had little impact on the lower level cultivators, mostly heard as entertainment, but it spread mainly among the higher echelons.

Many speculated about the situation of the Great Dream Immortal City, and added some caution towards these two mysterious city lords.

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Qingyun Sect.

Chu Qingyi was surprised, puzzled upon hearing the news from Great Dream Immortal City.

Previously hearing about a pair of couples becoming the new city lords of Great Dream Immortal City, she hadn't thought much of it.

Upon hearing about 'Cloud Dream True Master's strength, she couldn't help but feel puzzled.

Where did Lu Changsheng find such a 'wife'?

Could it be yet another of his close female companions?

For some reason, Chu Qingyi's heart unexpectedly surged with a little sourness and inexplicable sentiment.

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Bi Lake Mountain.

Lu Miaoyun felt a wave of indescribable emotion surging within her upon hearing the news.

She had been married to Lu Changsheng for seventy years.

These seventy years, she watched Lu Changsheng grow bit by bit.

From the son-in-law at Qingzhu Mountain to being a son-in-law, then becoming a Second Rank Talisman Master, Foundation Building Great Cultivator, to establishing the Lu Family at Bi Lake Mountain.

Unknowingly, her husband, once a country boy married into Qingzhu Mountain, has now become a master of an Immortal City, standing at the most prominent place in Jiang Country.

"Husband..."

She stood on Bi Yun Peak, looking towards the direction of the Great Dream Marsh, her heart filled with longing.

In her earlier years, she was sensitive and lacked confidence, often getting overly concerned in Lu Changsheng's presence.

But as years passed, being the main mother of Bi Lake Mountain, the Lu Family, she was no longer that overly anxious young girl.

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Jiuxiao Immortal City

"Wang Lin, Li Muwan..."

A masked woman murmured softly as she listened to the news, remembering her parents' instructions.

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Heavenly Sword Sect.

Sect Master's Grand Hall.

"You say this 'Cloud Dream True Master' has a soul comparable to a Nascent Soul True Lord?"

In the depths of the grand hall, a voice rang out with majesty and impartiality.

"Indeed, Wanhua True Master at the Core Formation Sixth Layer, even with late-stage Core Formation peak Divine Consciousness Secret Techniques, would struggle to inflict heavy damage."

"Yet under the Divine Consciousness Secret Techniques of this 'Cloud Dream True Master', he was suddenly thrown into disarray, and at that time, a terrifying soul fluctuation emanated from the 'Cloud Dream True Master'.

“I suspect that this ‘Cloud Dream True Master’ intentionally revealed such soul fluctuations to intimidate minions and send a message.”

The True Master of the Ancient Sword spoke up.

Core Formation Cultivators mostly cultivate soul secret techniques.

But in the same realm, it’s hard for divine sense attacks to cause damage.

And in the Cultivation World, there are many soul secret treasures; a careless move might even harm oneself.

So, only when there is a significant gap in realm and understanding of the opponent’s details will one use soul secret techniques and divine sense attacks.

“Nascent Soul level soul...”

The Heavenly Sword Sect Master fell silent.

Energy Refining Cultivators who develop Divine Sense, or Foundation Establishment Cultivators with Core Formation Divine Sense, are still within acceptable boundaries.

But Core Formation Cultivators possessing Nascent Soul level souls is simply unheard of!

Whether or not this ‘Cloud Dream True Master’ employs some secret method or technique, it reveals an unfathomable depth.

“And what of this ‘Wuhen True Master’.

He continued his inquiry.

“This person practices dual cultivation of magic and body, with a physique at least late-stage Third Rank. Although his cultivation realm is only at the Core Formation Sixth Layer, his mana is pure and abundant, no weaker than late-stage Core Formation, and is likely a Golden Core Cultivator or someone concealing his cultivation realm.”

“His body refining technique is a Buddhist Technique, while his Qi Refining technique is a Pure Five Elements Technique, but the lineage and origin are unclear.

The True Master of the Ancient Sword continued speaking.

Back then, when Lu Changsheng and Wanhu True Master arranged a duel, he was watching from the side, observing clearly.

“Where did Meng Wuheng come across such two individuals...”

In the deep eyes of the Heavenly Sword Sect Master, it seemed as if two peerless Divine Swords were contained, sharp and glaring. Whenever he focused his gaze, the surrounding air appeared to be cut and penetrated by an invisible blade.

It's not just the Jiang Country Cultivation Realm.

Even in neighboring countries, late-stage Core Formation loose cultivators are few and far between.

Yet now, such top-level cultivators emerge...

He discussed the matter with the True Master of the Ancient Sword for a while and then decided to report this matter to Xuanjian True Monarch.

Matters like the change of rule in an Immortal City really need not disturb the True Monarch.

But now with the Cultivation World in a tense state, like the onset of a storm, with undercurrents surging, and such matters arising in the Great Dream Immortal City, he felt it necessary to report it.

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Azure Phoenix Immortal City.

On Azure Phoenix Peak, within a palace.

A green Luan Bird beat its wings, trailing a long tail with graceful poise, spiraling within the hall, reflecting a jade-like cyan brilliance, splendid and magnificent.

In the depths of the grand hall, a tall woman with sharp features, her hair disheveled, sat cross-legged in the nude.

Her alabaster, jade-like exquisite body was being lashed by a strikingly crimson feather burning with intense flames, carving scarlet wounds along her skin.

Yet these wounds, once torn open, healed visibly in the next moment, leaving no trace.

Upon closer observation, each time the crimson feather tore the woman's flesh, complex runes blossomed, like soaring Phoenix Birds, rushing into her body.

It is uncertain how much time passed before the woman suddenly opened her star-like phoenix eyes.

Her gaze was coldly authoritative, full of boldness; deep within her pupils, it seemed a Heavenly Phoenix was ablaze.

She extended her slender, jade-like hand and seized the Phoenix True Feather before her, thrusting it fiercely into her own heart.

“Puff!”

The Phoenix True Feather pierced through skin and flesh, stabbing straight into the heart.

Even for Core Formation Cultivators and Nascent Soul True Lords, the heart is a human weak point.

But when her heart was penetrated, the woman felt no pain; her beautiful eyes remained calm and frigid, even growing brighter.

As time moved on, her heart also shone with a crimson brilliance, growing ever more radiant; through her skin, even a dazzlingly red glow, like a Phoenix Bird soaring to the heavens, could be seen illuminating the grand hall resplendently.

After a long time, the woman withdrew the Phoenix True Feather from her heart, and her every movement exuded an indescribable grace, akin to a Phoenix spreading its wings.

“Phoenix Nirvana, Heart Undying. If I had obtained this Phoenix True Feather and a thread of Heavenly Phoenix Bloodline back then, I might have hoped for the Heavenly Nascent Soul...”

Azure Phoenix True Monarch gazed at the feather in her hand, feeling the ‘thumping’ heartbeat, softly exhaling.

“Master.....”

At this moment, the Luan Bird in the hall flew over, looking at the Phoenix True Feather with longing, uttering a crisp cry.

“Don’t rush; the Immortal City is not suitable for your breakthrough right now.”

The woman rose, lightly raising her hand, her snow-white, jade-like body now adorned in a luxurious cyan jade-colored robe, her hair tied elegantly, like a graceful young noble.

Demon Beasts’ breakthroughs are not the same as cultivators, not needing a massive support of nature’s spiritual energy, but still need the assistance of Spirit Veins.

“Coo!”

The Azure Luan softly cried, full of grievance.

“Rest assured, for your breakthrough, I already have a plan.....”

Azure Phoenix True Monarch caressed the Luan Bird softly, her coldly authoritative phoenix eyes revealing a hint of gentleness.

She was born a loose cultivator; along her journey, the friends by her side had long perished.

This Azure Luan, though a Spiritual Beast, had accompanied her for centuries, treating each other as sisters.

After stepping out of the grand hall, Azure Phoenix True Monarch glanced at the recent major events in the Cultivation World.

“The Great Dream Immortal City changes hands...”

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When she saw the change of leadership in Great Dream Immortal City, with Wanhu True Master challenging the ‘Meng Wuheng couple’, her phoenix eyes slightly narrowed, the corners of her eyes slightly lifted, revealing a captivating and cold glint.

Being a fellow Master of the Immortal City, she naturally knew the Meng Wuheng couple and had even interacted with them.

She knew that they were not merely at the Core Formation Middle Stage.

And yet now, the Meng Wuheng couple had quietly left, and two mysterious and powerful cultivators had taken over as the City Masters.

"Interesting..."

The Azure Phoenix True Monarch glanced at the Heavenly Phoenix True Feather in her hand, her lips curving upwards with a hint of amused curiosity.

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Great Dream Immortal City.

Lu Changsheng was completely indifferent and unconcerned about the various external rumors and discussions about him.

At this moment, he was nursing a baby.

"Don't cry, don't cry."

Lu Changsheng held his daughter, Lu Mengchan, soothing her gently and softly patting her back.

This daughter was extremely healthy but loved to cry, like a little crybaby, wailing at the slightest provocation.

Meng Xiaochan had experience with childcare but had only ever cared for Nangong Yaoyao.

But Nangong Yaoyao had been very well-behaved and obedient as a child, completely unlike this daughter.

This left her bewildered and at a loss when faced with her daughter's incessant crying.

"Wah wah wah~"

A moment later, under Lu Chang's comfort, Lu Mengchan finally stopped crying, snuggling in her father's arms with tearful eyes, indicating she was hungry.

Lu Changsheng immediately took out a milk bottle and gently and skillfully placed it in his daughter's mouth.

He wondered, could it be that his daughter would grow up with this same temperament?

A Calamitous Poison Body should be like a cold and distant goddess, leaving no grass where she walks, making everyone who hears of her turn pale.

If his daughter kept this temperamental growth, wouldn't she flee from enemies and demon beasts, crying as she poisons them?

Imagining this scene, Lu Changsheng couldn't help but shake his head.

"Lu Lang."

Meng Xiaochan, relieved to see her daughter no longer crying, finally breathed a sigh of relief.

She had always hoped for a daughter like Nangong Yaoyao.

But now with a daughter, she was perpetually in a state of confusion.

"It's fine, just need to coax her more."

Lu Changsheng said with a smile.

He didn't often take care of children now.

But back in the days at Qingzhu Mountain, he was always a hands-on father, experienced in childcare.

After coaxing his daughter to sleep, Lu Changsheng planned to return to Bi Lake Mountain.

With so much commotion in Great Dream Immortal City, it was time to check on his wives, Xiao Xiyue and Chu Qingyi.

Besides, he had been wanting to go home and see Lu Ping'an.

But with turmoil brewing in the Immortal City, it was not a good time to leave.

Now, with Wanhu True Master's deterrence, no one would dare to challenge the Immortal City for a while.

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"Hong Lian, how is the sea spirit flood dragon doing?"

Lu Changsheng informed Hong Lian of his return and inquired about the Third Rank flood dragon.

Though he had obtained the soul contract of Wanhu True Master's flood dragon, it might be manageable for him and Hong Lian to use it, but not for Lu Miaoge, Ling Zixiao, and others.

Therefore, Lu Changsheng entrusted this flood dragon to Hong Lian to train properly.

"Later, I'll remove some of its spirit and then train and suppress it for some time; I think it will become obedient."

Hong Lian said.

Like a wild demon king, its ferocity was hard to tame, and it would rather die than submit.

This spiritual pet trained by a cultivator, while not as fierce, was still quite resilient.

"Hmm."

After chatting for a bit, Lu Changsheng had a moment of dual cultivation with Hong Lian and then activated the Michen Banner, appearing directly at Bi Lake Mountain.

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Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

"Husband."

Upon seeing Lu Changsheng return, Lu Miaoyun was delighted, inquiring with admiration about the Great Dream Immortal City incident.

After all, her husband was renowned throughout Jiang Country, and as his wife, she shared in his glory.

Her only regret was not witnessing the battle firsthand to congratulate him immediately.

"Yun'er."

Lu Changsheng said with a gentle smile, holding his wife's hand as he recounted the battle.

Not long after, Lu Miaohuan also arrived, eager to hear about Lu Changsheng's battle with Wanhu True Master.

"Haha."

Though it was a simple matter of defeating the opponent in one move and there wasn't much to describe, as his wife loved to hear it, Lu Changsheng patiently narrated how the formidable Wanhu True Master, coming in force, riding a Third Rank flood dragon, was defeated by him and Hong Lian in one move, and how they gathered the spoils of war, causing his wife's eyes to be filled with adoration and longing.

In her heart, she anticipated her husband to become truly famous across the world, becoming the center of attention in Jiang Country.

After spending cherished time with his wife, Lu Changsheng handed the exotic treasure 'Five Qi Cauldron' to his wife Lu Miaoyun for management.

This wife, although of average talent,

had, over the years, mastered skills in spirit plants, spirit meals, and wine brewing.

That night, Lu Miaoyun used the Five Qi Cauldron to prepare a lavish banquet.

The taste wasn't supremely exquisite, but it was extremely delicious, with full color, aroma, and flavor.

Most importantly, the spirit meals prepared with the Five Qi Cauldron retained the full spirituality of the ingredients, perfectly preserved, and even enhanced.

With this Five Qi Cauldron, the foundation growth of the Lu Family disciples would further improve.

The next day, under Lu Miaoyun's orders, the Lu Family began constructing an Earthfire Array on Bailian Peak, linked to the fire veins, to build a Meal Hall.

They intended to place the Five Qi Cauldron in the kitchen, operating it constantly.

After inquiring about his children's situation, Lu Changsheng suggested to his son Lu Qingxuan that, once the family disciples reached Foundation Establishment, they should head to Great Dream Marsh for experience and training.

With Great Dream Immortal City rising to fame, many cultivators were choosing to go there.

It was quite normal for his children to do so as well.

As for assigning them positions, truthfully, there weren't many positions available now, so it would be better to let them explore on their own.

"Yes, Father."

Lu Qingxuan responded with a bow, a thoughtful look in his eyes.

A year and a half ago, his father had directly adjusted the family's development strategy, stating that Great Dream Marsh was more suitable for their growth.

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Then, with his mother, Aunt Zi Xiao, and Sister Qingyan, Brother Qingsong, Sister Wangshu, Brother Ling Xiao, and others, they all left.

Now he signaled the Foundation Establishment members of the family to head to Great Dream Immortal City, which made him ponder more.

After all, in recent years, news of a change in ownership at Great Dream Immortal City had emerged.

And just recently, Wanhua True Master was forcefully subdued when challenging the master of Great Dream Immortal City.

If the strength didn't match, it would be impossible for his parents to be so fearsome. Lu Qingxuan couldn't help but suspect his parents were the current masters of Great Dream Immortal City.

It's just too coincidental!

Even so, he suspected his parents had some connection with the current new City Lord, gaining a foothold in Great Dream Immortal City.

Otherwise, his father wouldn't place the family's focus on Great Dream Marsh like this.

"Your father is acquainted with the new City Lord of Great Dream Immortal City. If you adapt to the environment of Great Dream Marsh and find it satisfactory, you can choose an island to become the Island Master or take up a position in Great Dream Immortal City."

Lu Changsheng's divine sense surpassed the average Core Formation Peak, and he discerned his son's thoughts, speaking directly.

Lu Qingxuan heard and thought, "Sure enough."

"Father, although our family's expansion has slowed, all business focuses on cooperation, but the Jin Family, Sima Family, and Beast Taming Xu Family always keep an eye on us..."

Lu Qingxuan spoke up, discussing some current circumstances of the family.

When the family initially ventured into the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, Lu Qingyan and Lu Qingsong faced attacks repeatedly.

He suspected the Beast Taming Xu Family was behind this.

The Xu Family, an established Core Formation family, had long been entrenched in the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range and had divisions in the Imperial Spirit Sect's domain.

If Bi Lake Mountain remains peaceful, and word gets out about our family members heading to Great Dream Marsh, they might encounter attacks.

"There's no need to worry about this."

In the Myriad Beasts Mountain Range, Lu Changsheng had no way to deal with other forces targeting his family.

Now that he became the master of Great Dream Immortal City, would other forces still dare to suppress his family?

Though he hasn't completely mastered the Immortal City, he is the City Lord!

Moreover, he and Hong Lian are stationed in the city, ready to respond immediately to any situation.

"Yes."

Lu Qingxuan replied.

After leaving the Family Head's Main Hall, Lu Changsheng arrived at the summit of Bi Yun Peak, staring at the vast misty Bi Shui Lake, lost in thought.

With Bi Lake Mountain and Great Dream Immortal City under observation, family members gradually venturing into Great Dream Marsh would undoubtedly draw attention over time.

Thus, he must make ample preparations to prevent any surprises.

"Perhaps breaking through Core Formation in Great Dream Immortal City and becoming a Honored Guest might be wise..."

Lu Changsheng mused.

If possible, he wished to unobtrusively develop without engaging in external matters.

Yet, with a pioneering war imminent, the family couldn't remain inactive and needed comprehensive preparations.

If he broke through Core Formation, he would have greater influence.

Moreover, Xiao Xiyue is about to achieve Core Formation, and he had promised her that after achieving Core Formation, he would propose marriage to Qingyun Sect.

To propose marriage, he couldn't possibly approach them with just Foundation Establishment cultivation; he needs to demonstrate Core Formation strength.

"If I break through Core Formation in Great Dream Immortal City and become a Honored Guest of the city, meeting the Great Dream City Lord, sending some Lu Family members to Great Dream Immortal City would make sense."

"But such actions might not be well-received by Qingyun Sect."

"However, as long as I marry Xi Yue, with the Caiyun Peak connection, simply sending a few Foundation Establishment children to Great Dream Immortal City for development shouldn't cause controversy with Qingyun Sect."

Lu Changsheng narrowed his eyes, contemplating the feasibility of such a plan.

After long thoughts, he planned to ask Xiao Xiyue later about Caiyun Peak's influence within Qingyun Sect.

If she breaks through to superior grade Gold Core.

Immediately, Lu Changsheng quietly left Bi Lake Mountain, arriving at Ruyi County City.

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Ruyi County City, Lu Residence.

Lu Ping'an was currently teaching Lu Family disciples martial arts in the backyard.

From young children to those in their forties and fifties, over a hundred Lu Family disciples practiced fists with him.

"Hmm?"

While teaching martial arts, Lu Ping'an suddenly sensed something and signaled that today's session was over.

Then, heading to the Lu Residence mausoleum, he saw before his mother's grave a youth in a black robe, like a banished immortal in the mortal world, holding a wine bottle, drinking alone.

"Father."

Seeing the youth, Lu Ping'an immediately bowed in greeting.

"Come, sit."

Lu Changsheng nodded, motioning him to sit nearby, asking how he's been this year, if he's planning to venture out or something else?

"Father, I plan to adventure with Yiyi."

Lu Ping'an replied.

If possible, he'd prefer to go out and explore.

Of course, if needed at home, he was willing to guard the family.

"Going out is good."

Lu Changsheng said softly, always hoping his children would pave their own paths.

After finishing his sentence, he pinched his son's shoulder.

Seeing that in this year of filial piety, the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art wasn't neglected, reaching the peak of the eighth level, ready to aim for the ninth level.

"Break into the ninth level at home before heading out."

Lu Changsheng said.

Though his son's current strength was enough to go out, he still preferred to aim for perfection.

"Yes, Father."

Lu Ping'an felt warm, sensing deep care.

"Go, let them know."

Lu Changsheng instructed his son to notify the Lu Residence.

Then, viewing the tombstones ahead, he drained the wine, murmuring quietly: "If someday I'm the Green Emperor, let the peach blossoms bloom together."

Suddenly, flowers and plants in the mausoleum garden swayed, like deadwood blooming in spring, exotic flowers blooming, exuding an overwhelming fragrance.

When Lu Ping'an returned, he was surprised by the scene before him.

Although his physique was strong, he hadn't studied wood-based techniques, and nowhere near capable of this.

"Let's go."

Lu Changsheng led his son, transforming into a rainbow light, vanishing into the Nine Heavens Gang Wind.

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Bi Lake Mountain, Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven.

To ensure his son safely breaks through the ninth level of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, Lu Changsheng retrieved numerous Heavenly and Earthly Treasures from the Qiankun Shadow-Confining Belt, concocting a medicinal bath.

After all, this breakthrough labored no less than Qi Refinement breaking Foundation Establishment, Foundation Establishment breaking Core Formation!

A minor mistake in the process or insufficient follow-through would severely damage the physical body and primordial energy.

Thus, spending extra money was preferable to risking errors.

After thorough preparations, Lu Changsheng sat nearby, guarding his son, witnessing his breakthrough to the ninth level of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

After aligning his physical state to peak condition, Lu Ping'an sat cross-legged in the medicine cauldron, executing the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

"Boom boom boom!"

Terrifying qi-blood began rampaging, with muscles unleashing inconceivable treasure light, forming a weighty, indescribable aura.

Ordinary Energy Refining Cultivator, even Foundation Establishment Cultivator, faced with this physique aura, would struggle to breathe.

Yet Lu Changsheng felt no impact.

Only signaling Mount Sumeru to form a Cave Heaven Domain, preventing Lu Ping'an's breakthrough's excessive movements from overturning Changsheng Hall.

As Lu Ping'an began his breakthrough, a stormy qi started surging around, shaking the grand hall, with the medicinal bath in the cauldron boiling vigorously, resonating steadily.

His face gradually showed signs of pain.

"Boom boom boom——"

"Clang clang clang——"

During this process, Lu Ping'an's qi-blood continually roared, as bones and organs resonated, seemingly countless divine craftsmen' hammering his bones and flesh, resounding.

If inspected closely, gaps occasionally appeared on his remarkably strong physique glowing with golden treasure light, expelling tiny impurities, then gradually healing, as if his body broke and rebuilt.

Chapter 1645: Chapter 556: Rare Lottery, Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror!

As time passes by, winter goes and spring comes.

In the blink of an eye, half a year has passed.

At Bi Lake Mountain, in the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, within the Changsheng Hall.

Lu Changsheng quietly watched over the dim, almost withered shape of Lu Ping'an within the medicine cauldron.

The breakthrough from the eighth level to the ninth level of the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art requires a rebirth from death, to gain new life from silent oblivion, and complete the transformation of the physical body!

This step is extremely dangerous.

Should he fail, he might wither away in the quiet room, unknown to anyone.

This is why Lu Changsheng must stand by as a protector.

"I wonder if the Hope Gu still has this effect..."

Although Lu Ping'an was like a withered tree, lifeless and decaying.

Yet Lu Changsheng keenly noticed that within his son's Qi Ocean Core, there was a thumb-sized orb of light, emitting a gentle glow, stimulating Lu Ping'an's bodily potential and vitality, assisting him in his physical transformation.

This effect is quite extraordinary.

Even Lu Changsheng had only just discovered such capabilities of the Hope Gu.

"As long as one harbors hope, miracles will occur..."

Lu Changsheng understood that when stuck in a dire situation, the Hope Gu would trigger its effect.

But he did not know the specifics.

Unaware that during a breakthrough, it could also trigger an effect, offering assistance.

Yet upon reflection, Lu Ping'an's current breakthrough was indeed fraught with danger.

"It seems the abilities of the Hope Gu are well worth exploring..."

Lu Changsheng mused, noting that despite being with his son for many years, the Hope Gu had rarely shown its effects.

His son, who owned the Hope Gu, should constantly train in life-and-death situations to fully utilize the Hope Gu's effects to their utmost.

"Moreover, the effects of the Hope Gu are linked to the host's intent. If one is in a desperate situation and extremely furious, would the effect double..."

Lu Changsheng thought of the Super Saiyan scenario.

Imagining someday encountering a strong enemy, pretending to die in front of Lu Ping'an to see if he would erupt with power from his small universe and breakthrough to Core Formation instantly.

Based on the current situation, however, it seemed the Hope Gu would mostly instigate human potential, unlikely to break through from the Foundation Establishment Middle Stage to Core Formation, at most achieving a small realm breakthrough, or overdrawing life potential.

Under Lu Changsheng's watchful eye, time slipped by little by little.

Before long, it seemed as though Lu Ping'an's physical vitality extinguished completely, reaching the end.

Then at that very instant.

"Boom, boom, boom!"

Lu Ping'an's heart began to beat, increasingly loud, strong, and powerful, like the drums of divine demons.

The sound of Qi-blood flowing began as a subtle trickle, then surged like rivers and seas, roaring tumultuously.

As Lu Ping'an's physique gradually revived, resonating like metal striking stone, shining brilliantly, divine light burst forth, a system prompt sounded in Lu Changsheng's mind.

[Congratulations to the host, your firstborn has broken through to Third Rank Body Refining, obtaining a rare lottery opportunity!]

Simultaneously, a surge of robust Qi-blood flooded through his entire body.

Lu Changsheng felt his own flesh and physique reaching its peak, with the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art yearning to autonomously break through, charging towards the eleventh layer!

"Good, good, good!"

Lu Changsheng looked at his son in the medicine cauldron with great joy.

Not only happy for his son's breakthrough but also delighted by the system's reward, feeling that his considerable resources had not been wasted.

To know that over these decades, he had spent immeasurable resources on Lu Ping'an!

Surpassing even the amount required to cultivate a Nascent Soul Immortal!

Compared to Core Formation, Body Refining did not require elixirs like the Coagulation Crystal Elixir, but it was even more resource-intensive!

Especially with his accelerated, lavish spending method!

"Father!"

In the medicine cauldron, Lu Ping'an seemed to sense his father's joy, opening his eyes.

His tall and strong physique seemed to be crafted from Immortal Gold, radiating a dazzling, flawless brilliance.

"Do not get distracted, experience this transformation!"

Lu Changsheng immediately said.

Though Body Refining differs from Qi Refining, with no risk of unstable realms.

But Lu Changsheng's physical form had still not fully completed its transformation.

"Yes, Father..."

Lu Ping'an quickly regathered his mental spirit, operating the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art, feeling the torrent like divine power within his body.

At this moment, he clearly perceived the gap between quasi-third rank and third rank, between a False Core Cultivator and a Nascent Soul Cultivator!

Before, without the assistance of the Blackwater Flood Dragon Daoist Soldier, he was no match for Shangguan Jiuyang.

But now, relying solely on his third-rank physique, he was confident he could defeat Shangguan Jiuyang with three punches!

After a long while, Lu Ping'an's physical body fully completed its transformation, broke through to Third Rank Body Refining!

Seventy-three years old and achieving Third Rank Body Refining, if this were to spread, it would shock the entire Jiang Country Cultivation Realm!

"Come, punch me and see how strong you are now."

Lu Changsheng said to his son.

Though the Body Refining Techniques are the same.

But the results different people achieve can vary to some degree.

With some Qi Refining Techniques, the differences can be vast even with the same technique.

"Father, be careful."

Lu Ping'an, who had seen his father Lu Changsheng in action in his early years, did not think he could possibly harm him, and cupped his hands as he spoke.

Then, with a roaring Qi-blood, he punched out as though mountains were collapsing and the earth was splitting.

"Boom!"

Lu Changsheng raised his palm lightly, effortlessly catching the force of his son's punch, nodding in satisfaction.

In the same level, his son's physical body and physique were no worse than his own Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art.

Then, he gestured for his son to strike with full force.

This time, Lu Ping'an employed his fist intent and divine skills!

The power and effect even exceeded Lu Changsheng's close-quarter battle strength when he just broke through the ninth layer by several levels.

This was very normal.

Lu Changsheng's Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art only trained the physical body, not spending time in refining his limbs and divine skills.

Once Lu Ping'an again tempers his limbs, bones, and entire body, his physical strength could advance another level, comparable to a Superior Grade Golden Core among Nascent Soul Cultivators!

"Not bad, with this strength, I can be assured as your father."

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"By the way, this is a gift from your father. You can refine it before going out."

Lu Changsheng was quite satisfied with his eldest son and extracted the 'Great Desolate Dragon Spine' from the System Space to hand it to him.

This segment of the Great Desolate Dragon Spine is only as thick and long as an adult's arm.

However, it is crystal clear throughout, resplendent like gold, flowing with a golden dragon-shaped aura, with tadpole-like characters densely covering it.

Lu Ping'an saw the Great Desolate Dragon Spine before him and felt as if a lifelike Azure Dragon had appeared, ancient and desolate, emanating a majestic aura like an abyss or a prison.

"Dad, what is this?"

Lu Ping'an was surprised.

He was no longer a novice in cultivation as he was in early years.

Just one glance was enough to see that the spine segment before him was extraordinary.

Even though he had now broken through to the Third Rank in Body Refinement, facing this spine segment, he felt an immense pressure as heavy as a mountain.

"The Great Desolate Dragon Spine, after refining, can enhance your physical body's strength, absorb the power of heaven and earth to restore your body, and during battle, it can transform into the Great Desolate Dragon Armor, multiplying your power!"

Lu Changsheng spoke calmly.

If it weren't for his profound fatherly love and sufficient means, he would have refined this segment of the Great Desolate Dragon Spine long ago.

"Dad, this is too precious."

Lu Ping'an hurriedly shook his head and waved his hands.

In his view, having received the Hope Gu and spent so many resources from his father, he already felt he had received more than he deserved.

On this excursion, he also hoped to contribute to the family by collecting some Heavenly and Earthly Treasures.

In this situation, how could he possibly accept such a supreme treasure!

"I've given it to you, so just keep it. Currently, besides you, no one in the family can refine it."

Lu Changsheng directly tossed the Great Desolate Dragon Spine to him, then motioned for him to quickly refine it before leaving the Cave Mansion.

Lu Ping'an caught the heavy Great Desolate Dragon Spine, hesitated to speak, then took a deep breath, bowed, and said, "Thank you, Father."

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"Rare Lottery..."

After Lu Changsheng walked out of Changsheng Hall, he took a deep breath, filled with anticipation, eager to see what rewards the first rare lottery would bring.

"System, I want to draw the lottery!"

He silently recited in his heart, and a dark red lottery disc appeared.

"Hmm? Why does it look quite similar to the Advanced Lottery wheel?"

Lu Changsheng looked at the lottery disc before him and slightly frowned.

Previously, the Ordinary Lottery compared to the Advanced Lottery not only had a different disc appearance but also varied in the rewards section.

But now, surprisingly, the Rare and Advanced appear similar in the lottery disc.

"Could it be the same pool, but this one draws limited items, with higher rates?"

Lu Changsheng thought of the premium games from his previous life and pondered.

Without further thought, he took a deep breath and directly started the lottery.

As his mental spirit moved slightly, a brilliant golden light emerged from the advanced wheel and began spinning rapidly.

Moments later, as Lu Changsheng's heart gave a sudden thump, the golden light stopped at the 'Spiritual Pet Treasure' section.

[Ding! Congratulations to the host for obtaining the Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure: Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror!]

[Reward has been issued to the System Space, host can view at any time]

A treasure flowing with solar essence and surging with Taiyin Moonlight emerged from the lottery disc accompanied by a system prompt.

"Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure, Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror!?"

Lu Changsheng looked at the reward, slightly frowning his brow.

Having obtained the Michen Banner before, he already knew deeply that his current realm and mana were far from enough to activate Spirit Treasures.

And Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasures above Spirit Treasures were even more impossible to activate.

Thus, Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasures were quite useless to him at the moment, far less practical than a Spiritual Pet.

[Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror]

[Grade: Middle Grade Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure]

[Description: A supreme treasure of the Sun and Moon Palace, flowing solar essence during the day, surging Taiyin essence at night, possessing abilities to observe the heaven and earth and reflect shadows for ten thousand miles, extremely mysterious]

"Middle Grade Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure!"

Seeing the grade, Lu Changsheng was startled.

According to rumors and ancient records, Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasures of this grade had already developed an Artifact Spirit.

Moreover, the Artifact Spirit possesses a certain degree of autonomy and even the ability to think.

Like the Michen Banner, although it had an Artifact Spirit, the spirit only had simple communication abilities, akin to a young child.

However, seeing the effect description of this Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure, Lu Changsheng frowned again.

"Supervisory Treasure, is it?"

The Cultivation World has a wide variety of Magical Treasures, including offensive, defensive, and many functional ones.

This Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, according to its introduction, seems like a functional magical treasure.

"But functional is also good. It might be able to wield some power like the Michen Banner."

Lu Changsheng comforted himself, then extracted the 'Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror' from the System Space.

"Hum!"

In an instant, an ancient-shaped bronze mirror, snow-white as jade, engraved with dragon and phoenix patterns and complex tadpole characters, appeared.

The mirror's surface was very smooth, resembling a great sun with traces of solar essence flowing and shining brilliantly in all directions.

The back resembled a full moon, cool and profound, serene and natural, with traces of moonlight flowing like full moon water, exuding a sense of tranquility and peace.

"Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror! Flowing solar essence during the day, surging Taiyin essence at night!"

"In just one month, it can condense a portion of solar essence or Taiyin essence as a Foundation Establishment Spirit Object! Over a year, it can condense a portion as a Core Formation level solar essence or Taiyin essence!"

"And in sixty years, it can condense a portion of Nascent Soul level solar essence or Taiyin essence..."

Lu Changsheng gazed at the mirror before him, his heart filled with astonishment.

Foundation Establishment Spirit Objects aren't considered precious to him.

But Core Formation Spiritual Objects indeed have a certain rarity, especially top-grade Core Formation Spiritual Objects.

Like the solar essence and Taiyin essence condensed by the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, they are the most top-grade of top-grade Core Formation Spiritual Objects.

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And most astonishingly, this Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror can actually condense a Nascent Soul Spiritual Object!

A sixty-year cycle may sound lengthy.

But for a top-level Nascent Soul Spiritual Object, it is no time at all.

Any other Nascent Soul level Heavenly and Earthly Treasures take several hundred to thousands of years to form!

Yet the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror requires only one cycle.

Additionally, during the process, it can imbibe Sun and Moon Treasure essences, accelerating the condensation of Solar Essence and Taiyin Essence.

Besides this basic capability, the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror holds two major functions!

First, it possesses three offensive divine abilities: Solar Mysterious Light, Taiyin Mysterious Light, and Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light!

However, Lu Changsheng currently cannot activate them.

Even if relying on the Artifact Spirit to forcibly awaken the Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure and activate some of its powers, it would require a reckless burning of lifespan and Spirit Treasure origin.

Second, to observe the heavens and measure the earth, penetrating the origin!

The Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror can observe the heavens and the distant outer heaven, deciphering illusions.

But just like the previous ability, Lu Changsheng's current strength is far from being able to activate it.

However, he could burn Spirit Veins and Sun and Moon Essence through the Artifact Spirit to observe scenes miles away.

"Yet this capability is far from simple..."

"The Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror contains an Artifact Spirit that has its own consciousness, able to directly detect situations miles away, and even transmit messages or images through a medium!"

Lu Changsheng's eyes narrowed, realizing the true might of this Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure beyond its offensive capabilities.

If he wishes, he could even use the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror to directly communicate with Ling Zixiao and Lu Miaoge in Great Dream Immortal City, video calling!

“Having the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, I can completely reforge the Lu Family Disciples’ Identity Tokens, embedding Sun and Moon Essence, and link them with the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror.”

“In this way, I could use Identity Tokens as a marker to check on Lu Family Disciples, and directly communicate with them.”

“Moreover, use the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror as a ‘server’, a data relay station, allowing family disciples, even miles apart, to communicate via their Identity Tokens.”

“And it won’t just be one-on-one communication, but also group chats.”

“In any dangerous situation, the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror can also analyze the current situation, decide whether to notify the family or the nearest Lu Family Disciple, transmitting all information and statuses.”

As a transmigrator and Third Rank Artifact Refiner, Lu Changsheng possesses a certain level of expansive thinking.

The current Transmission Jade Talismans of the Cultivation World are quite mediocre in effect.

Beyond a certain range, information cannot be transmitted, only sensing messages.

Even the Third Rank Sensing Talismans and Third Rank Jade Tokens crafted by Lu Changsheng can only sense situations and general positions, but cannot enable real-time calls.

With the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, these issues seem to be resolved.

“The only issue is consumption.”

“Currently, can Bi Lake Mountain’s Spirit Vein, or rather my strength, support the data transmission range of the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, or achieve full-time twenty-four-hour signal coverage...”

Lu Changsheng pondered inwardly, attempting to inject mana to awaken the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror.

As mana was injected into the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, the Sun and Moon Essence gently rippled.

And then, in just an instant, Lu Changsheng felt his mana was being drained dry.

Even the Tianyuan Lotus, his Second Dantian, was nearly depleted.

Luckily, just within that instant, the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror stopped draining his mana, unleashing Profound Mystery Sacred Light, with the sun and moon rotating, swallowing the universe, reflecting the ancient and present.

Immediately, a girl's face appeared within the mirror surface.

She looked very cute, with one eye pupil golden, the other silver, resembling a sun and a moon, emanating a divine aura.

“Master.”

The girl emerged from the mirror, her childish face expressionless.

Her palace dress seemed crafted from the radiance of the sun and moon, with each stitch harboring a harmonious rhythm.

The dress flowed, shining bright like the dawn, with gold brimming, but in the next moment transforming into a silver moonlight palace dress, dotted with stars, veiled in a soft mysterious light.

The slightly wide hem of the palace dress fell to the ground, revealing two bare little feet, white and delicate.

Under the illumination of Sun and Moon Radiance, they appeared like supreme beautiful jade, carved with snow, exquisite and translucent.

“Hmm???”

Lu Changsheng gazed at the Artifact Spirit before him, momentarily stunned, somewhat confused.

What is going on?

Why does the Artifact Spirit look like this!

“You are the Artifact Spirit of the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror?”

Lu Changsheng asked.

“Yes, Master.”

The Artifact Spirit girl spoke emotionlessly, her voice cold, like a three-no girl.

“What is your name?”

Lu Changsheng inquired.

“I have no name.”

The Artifact Spirit girl spoke expressionlessly.

“Do you have any memory?”

“I am the Artifact Spirit of the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, you are the Master.”

“What abilities do you have?”

“Solar Essence, Taiyin Essence...”

Through the dialogue, Lu Changsheng realized the Artifact Spirit before him was a formatted three-no girl, only aware of the current situation.

“Then you shall be... A Wu.”

Lu Changsheng exhaled a breath, addressing the palace-dressed girl.

“Alright, Master.”

The girl spoke expressionlessly.

“A Wu, currently how powerful is the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror’s strike?”

Lu Changsheng inquired.

He knew the capability of the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror but was unclear on the specific power level.

Or rather, unsure how powerful it would be in his hands.

“...”

The palace-dressed girl paused for a moment then said, “Currently, Master cannot activate the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, even preliminary activation is impossible.”

“If forcibly activated, it would burn the Master’s lifespan and the Spirit Treasure origin of the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, bestowing Nascent Soul level power.”

“The upper power limit depends on the cost involved.”

The girl’s voice was cold.

“Just as expected.”

Lu Changsheng had just guessed, it should be capable of wielding Nascent Soul power.

However, the cost...

Thinking of his recent activation of the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror, he almost got drained, a forced activation might burn several hundred years of lifespan.

Though his lifespan was long, over hundreds of years currently.

However, concerning such a Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure, it still seems insufficient.

Perhaps only after achieving Nascent Soul may he barely wield this Spirit Treasure.

“A Wu, if I want to...”

Lu Changsheng temporarily abandoned the offensive methods of the Spirit Treasure, asking about its detection capabilities and information transmission.

“If fully swallowing nature’s spiritual energy, observing a million miles within heaven is possible, unless obstructed by formation or Secret Realm, communication transmitting voice can be achieved.”

“If maintained normally, observation within ten thousand miles and message transmission is feasible.”

The palace-dressed girl glanced at Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven’s situation, saying so.

“If there’s too much information, will it burden you?”

Lu Changsheng asked about certain details.

“Depending on the amount of information.”

The girl replied.

“Alright, I understand.”

Through his inquiries, Lu Changsheng gained a broad understanding of the Spirit Treasure’s condition and prepared to first craft an Identity Jade to test its effectiveness.

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Changsheng Hall.

"Whew!"

Lu Changsheng sat cross-legged, cultivating, exhaling a long breath of clear air.

Ever since obtaining the Tianyuan Supreme King Lotus, he hadn't experienced the feeling of mana exhaustion.

Not to mention refining the Tianyuan Lotus into this second dantian.

But merely awakening the Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror instantly drained his mana.

If it were a Foundation Establishment cultivator, wouldn't a genius be sucked dry into a waste, taking three years to hope to awaken the artifact spirit?

Stretching lazily, Lu Changsheng walked out of the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, arriving at the Lu Family Mansion.

After spending affectionate days with his wives and concubines, and hosting a lively family banquet, Lu Changsheng began his closed-door cultivation, advancing the Hundred Refinements Treasure Body Art to the eleventh layer.

As Lu Ping'an broke through, his physique had reached its peak, and suppressing the breakthrough felt a bit uncomfortable.

The breakthrough from the tenth to the eleventh layer was not as difficult as from the eighth to the ninth layer; for Lu Changsheng, it was a matter of course.

A month later, his blood boiled and roared, his physique's pores opened and closed, sounding like rolling thunder, successfully breaking through to the eleventh layer, reaching the late stage of the third rank in physique!

As his physical body broke through, Lu Changsheng felt the effect of his Kidney Divine Depository progressing further.

This divine depository would constantly improve with his cultivation realm and physical physique, aiding his future breakthrough to Nascent Soul.

"The feeling of this body refinement breakthrough is truly wonderful."

Lu Changsheng clenched his fists, his body radiant with flowing light, dazzlingly brilliant, emanating an overwhelming divine power that could suffocate others.

After his qi-blood and physique calmed down, he snapped his fingers to clean the dust off his robe and walked out of the cave mansion.

Lu Ping'an hadn't shown any movement, probably still refining the Desolate Dragon Spine.

This was normal; the Dragon Spine was a fourth-rank spiritual object, not so easily refined.

Thinking that he had been back for so long, he ought to visit the Qingyun Sect and Misty Rain Market, and then return to the Great Dream Immortal City to hold fort.

Lu Changsheng told Xumi, once Lu Ping'an came out of seclusion, to let Lu Miaoyun know.

He also wanted to see how effective the Desolate Dragon Spine would be.

As for the Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure 'Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror,' Lu Changsheng didn't bring it along; he directly placed it in the cave heaven.

This Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure couldn't be used by him, better left in the cave heaven to gather solar and lunar essences.

If placed in a storage ring, it would adversely affect the essence gathering.

Actually, the best method would be to hang it at the waist.

Not only would it be unaffected, but it could also better absorb the essence of heaven and earth, even constantly nurturing the physical body, and provide protection with the spirit treasure in dangerous situations.

But with his current strength, carrying such a Heaven-Reaching Spirit Treasure out was like a child carrying gold through a bustling market.

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Qingyun Sect.

Knowing Zhao Qingqing had gone out on a sect mission, Lu Changsheng went to Caiyun Peak, Mingyue Residence, to aid Xiao Xiyue in her cultivation.

Cultivation!

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Cultivation!

After several sessions of cultivation, Lu Changsheng, holding the graceful and enchanting form of Xiao Xiyue, stroked her soft, firm fairy-like body, asking about her Core Formation breakthrough.

"My mana is nearly sufficient, but I still have to reinforce my mana foundation once more."

Xiao Xiyue, with disheveled hair and dreamy eyes, a charming blush on her cheeks, whispered softly.

Though reaching the Foundation Establishment peak allows one to aim for Core Formation.

Most cultivators still consolidate their mana foundation, maximizing its solidity, then practice one or two Core Formation secret techniques to enhance their Core Formation success rate.

"No rush, in a year, I'll have another Core Formation spiritual object for you."

Lu Changsheng's fingertips shimmered with moonlight, and he smiled.

The Sun and Moon Taiji Mysterious Light Mirror could gather solar essence and lunar essence.

For Xiao Xiyue, with her Moonlight Spirit Body, the lunar essence was highly compatible, so Lu Changsheng naturally prepared some for her Core Formation breakthrough.

"Mm..."

Xiao Xiyue slightly raised her head, her captivating eyes gazing at Lu Changsheng.

It's worth knowing that Lu Changsheng not only presented her with a Taiyin Xuanpin Treasure Pearl, which matched her spiritual body Dao foundation, but also a Five Elements Spirit Fruit, known as the 'Golden Core Fruit.'

A superior grade Gold Core was already almost assured for her.

Unexpectedly, Lu Changsheng even had a Core Formation spiritual object for her.

This was... too extravagant.

One must know that both the Five Elements Spirit Fruit and the Taiyin Xuanpin Treasure Pearl were incredibly rare.

Even her master and senior sister didn't have such conditions during their Core Formation.

Otherwise, would her master and senior sister be just half-step Golden Core?

"I have a Taiyin spiritual object, but it will take another year to mature. My dear Xi Yue, when you form your core, you shall indeed shock the world!"

Lu Changsheng looked at the tender and delicate Moon Palace Fairy in his arms, pinched her cheek with an affectionate voice.

If Xiao Xiyue condenses an Immortal Golden Core, it would shock the entire Qingyun Sect, even the Four Great Immortal Sects.

Thinking about such a day, Lu Changsheng felt both happy and proud.

After all, she was his wife.

"Changsheng, I am already confident in condensing a superior grade Gold Core; there's no need for more trouble."

Xiao Xiyue nestled in Lu Changsheng's arms, warmth flowing through her heart, she quietly said.

"No risks, Xi Yue, just peacefully cultivate. When you condense a superior grade Gold Core, your husband will also bask in your glory."

Lu Changsheng smiled as he spoke, asking about the current standing of Caiyun Peak's lineage within the Qingyun Sect.

If she condenses a superior grade Gold Core, will her status and position differ from ordinary Core Formation?

"Master has broken through to Core Formation late stage, now wielding power second only to the Supreme Elder."

"Though senior sister took charge of the Enforcement Hall not long ago, she still holds significant power, even the Sect Leader, considering Master's influence, does not interfere with Enforcement Hall matters."

Xiao Xiyue thought for a moment, then softly said.

"False Core, Flawed Core, True Core, Golden Core — there are definite differences in sect standing..."

"A False Core Immortal manages sect affairs, goes to marketplaces, and holds stations; though a sect elder, they hold the lowest status, difficult to enter the core."

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"Flawed Core and True Elixir can wield core authority within the sect, while Golden Core cultivators belong to the category of Nascent Soul Seeds. The sect will provide them with more resources, though their power depends on the individual, with relatively higher status..."

Xiao Xiyue's delicate face rubbed against the man's chest as she continued speaking.

Even though the Qingyun Sect doesn't have Nascent Soul cultivators, it still has Nascent Soul Seeds.

As long as these Nascent Soul Seeds don't meet untimely deaths, they can basically break through the late stage of Core Formation and become future Supreme Elders of the sect, establishing the sect's foundation.

Though on the surface, the disdain chain among Core Formation cultivators isn't exaggerated, there is still an invisible status difference.

For example, Golden Core cultivators may look down on False Core cultivators, Flawed Core cultivators may feel shame, and they might even insult Mixed Core cultivators, saying they aren't worthy to be in the same league as them.

"Xi Yue, does Qingyun Sect know about Qingyi True Master's superior-grade Golden Core achievement?"

Lu Changsheng held his beloved's fragrant shoulder and continued asking.

"I don't know either. Previously, Senior Sister was only a half-step Golden Core. If she suddenly advances to a superior-grade Golden Core, it wouldn't be favorable for word to get out, even if they know, it would only be known by the Master, Sect Leader, and Supreme Elder."

Xiao Xiyue said softly.

In the cultivation world, treasures capable of refining a Flawed Core into a True Elixir are extremely rare.

The value of treasures capable of refining a True Elixir into a superior-grade Golden Core is even harder to measure.

If word of such treasures got out, it would undoubtedly stir a bloody drama, attracting countless Core Formation cultivators yearning for them.

After all, many cultivators in the cultivation world hadn't properly established their foundation in the early years.

But later, they gained opportunities and luckily broke through to the late stage of Foundation Establishment or Core Formation, always looking for heavenly and earthly treasures to enhance their foundation.

Once they see hope, regardless of whether you are a sect disciple, they'll take action immediately.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng nodded.

This matter carries great implications, and it's unlikely that Chu Qingyi would announce it to the public.

Moreover, the grade of Golden Core isn't something many people are willing to disclose, as it's a secret of the cultivator.

"Xi Yue, if you break through to Core Formation and condense a superior-grade Golden Core, would it cause trouble?"

Lu Changsheng asked with concern.

Though sect disciples needn't hide themselves.

In the past, Heavenly Sword Sect's Yun Jianfeng only talked about having a superior-grade Golden Core; no one knew its exact grade.

Besides, the cultivation world now seems to be in a stormy state, who knows if high talent may bring trouble.

According to the Southern Wilderness History, once wars break out in the cultivation world, geniuses are particularly easily targeted.

"As long as I don't condense an Immortal Golden Core, there shouldn't be trouble."

"Master once said, I should try to build a solid foundation, because the war in the cultivation world will definitely break out, and at that time, it will be an opportunity for us."

Xiao Xiyue said softly.

Condensing an Immortal Golden Core is naturally a good thing.

But a prominent tree always attracts wind.

Such talent easily attracts targeting by hostile forces.

Many geniuses in the cultivation world have met untimely demise due to various reasons.

"Even an Immortal Golden Core won't be a concern; we can ask Senior Sister to activate the great formation on Caiyun Peak to disguise it."

Lu Changsheng, with multiple Core Formation experiences, believed Xiao Xiyue had a significant chance to condense an Immortal Golden Core.

After all, besides the Taiyin Xuanpin Treasure Pearl, Five Elements Spirit Fruit, Taiyin Essence, there were also the Sun Moon Samsara Technique and Yin Yang Dao Seed shared between them.

These all help with Core Formation.

"It's still a ways off."

Xiao Xiyue cast a slightly coy glance at Lu Changsheng.

Regarding Core Formation, even she dared not claim it would be flawless, one hundred percent condensing a superior-grade Golden Core.

Yet in Lu Changsheng's words, it seemed as if the Immortal Golden Core was just within reach.

"Xi Yue..."

Lu Changsheng smiled, nibbling lightly on her exquisite earlobe, he shared his plan to 'form a core' in Great Dream Immortal City.

"Although Master is not in the sect, there probably won't be any issues."

Xiao Xiyue's ears turned red, her delicate body somewhat soft, she whispered.

Following her breakthrough to Core Formation, her sect status naturally elevates.

As long as she doesn't do anything betraying the sect, even the Sect Leader and Supreme Elder would show some respect.

"Ah, Caiyun True Immortal is not in the sect?"

Lu Changsheng was taken aback.

He was waiting for Yun Wanshang to officiate the dao companion ceremony for him and Xiao Xiyue.

"Yes... Master went on a journey."

Xiao Xiyue gently pursed her delicate lips.

"Could this woman be playing hard to get, purposely avoiding..."

Lu Changsheng thought silently.

The other knew about his breakthrough in Core Formation.

And Xiao Xiyue's Core Formation matter was basically confirmed.

"Xi Yue, for the ceremony, do we need to wait for True Immortal to return?"

Lu Changsheng very much wanted to see Yun Wanshang host the ceremony for him and thus spoke.

"Master hasn't mentioned when she'll return... we should arrange it ourselves, or ask Senior Sister to assist."

Xiao Xiyue's beautiful eyes contained some suspicion as she looked at Lu Changsheng, feeling their relationship with her master was quite unusual.

Faced with Xiao Xiyue's gaze, Lu Changsheng paused immediately, nonchalantly saying: "Alright, as Xi Yue wishes."

"Changsheng, you and Senior Sister..."

At this moment, Xiao Xiyue inquired about matters between Lu Changsheng and her Senior Sister, feeling the two might still have lingering connections after their separation.

Earlier, Senior Sister went on a mission to Jin Kingdom, but returned in just over a year.

Moreover, the return coincided with Lu Changsheng's timing.

"Since Qingyi True Master didn't wish to see me back then, I certainly wouldn't force it."

Holding Xiao Xiyue in his arms, how could Lu Changsheng mention another woman, especially her Senior Sister?

Instead, he indicated they hadn't met for a long time since they parted, then kissed Xiao Xiyue's smooth red lips, intending to continue assisting her cultivation.

Staying secluded in Mingyue Residence for half a month, Lu Changsheng then left the Qingyun Sect.

He then cast a Cleansing Technique on himself, arriving at the date spot with Chu Qingyi, to meet this Sword Immortal Child.

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However, Chu Qingyi took a long time to arrive, indicating that she had been quite busy recently.

"Liang Country and Yue Country have gone to war?"

Lu Changsheng inquired about the situation, receiving a shocking piece of news.

"Yes, the news just came, Liang Country has proactively declared war..."

Chu Qingyi's expression was somewhat grave.

Although Jiang Country had long predicted that Liang Country and Yue Country would clash,

the fact that Liang Country acted so quickly was still somewhat unexpected, raising suspicions that Liang Country might have some hidden cards or confidence.

Subsequently, Chu Qingyi stated that once the war started, as the situation escalated, the demand for war supplies would greatly increase, potentially affecting Jiang Country.

Lu Changsheng, now in charge of Great Dream Immortal City, could make some preparations.

Places like Azure Phoenix Immortal City might already have forces or people with intentions starting to hoard supplies.

"Alright."

Lu Changsheng narrowed his eyes, thinking of his children far away in Yue Country.

Once this war escalated, the Jinyang Sect, where his children were, would inevitably be drawn into it.

Due to the war situation, Lu Changsheng's thoughts of teasing Chu Qingyi waned significantly, engaging her in conversation about serious matters, asking her opinion about his 'Core Formation'.

"Now that the war between Liang Country and Yue Country has started, our Jiang Country, being allies with Yue Country, will inevitably be affected."

"Moreover, the development war will begin in just five years, and Lu Daoist choosing to form his core at this time has both advantages and disadvantages."

"The advantage is that the influence will be reduced, and the Four Great Immortal Sects are very happy to see it, willing to step in and court."

"The disadvantage is that once the development war begins, there might be a need to contribute more."

Chu Qingyi said in a low voice.

After saying this, she added that participating in the development war wasn't entirely a bad thing.

As long as one contributes to the war, they can exchange for many rare spiritual objects and heavenly treasures that are hard to find in normal times.

"Do you have any Coagulation Crystal Elixirs?"

Lu Changsheng raised his eyebrows and asked.

Although he still had one Coagulation Crystal Elixir in his possession,

his wife, Lu Miaoge, used it to break through Core Formation, so it's gone.

Great Dream Immortal City, though collecting materials for Coagulation Crystal Elixirs, couldn't easily assemble them.

"There will be, but the conditions for exchange are very harsh."

Chu Qingyi replied.

Although Qingyun Sect, Luoxia Sect, and Spirit Taming Sect might release Coagulation Crystal Elixirs, the quantity is limited, and there are numerous restrictions.

Only the Heavenly Sword Sect might release more Coagulation Crystal Elixirs as rewards to boost morale.

"Hmm."

Lu Changsheng nodded thoughtfully, not opposed to participating in the war.

After all, when the development war starts, his family should send some disciples over.

If he broke through the Core Formation, he could also go to the frontline to monitor the situation and perhaps send some of his children for training to make a name for themselves.

Although he didn't have much of a mindset for it, since he was here,

Lu Changsheng still shared warmth with Chu Qingyi, experiencing the tenderness of this Sword Immortal Child that seeped into the bones.

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Several days later, Lu Changsheng parted with Chu Qingyi.

Returning to Bi Lake Mountain, Lu Changsheng informed his son, Lu Qingxuan, about the war between Liang Country and Yue Country.

He hinted that preparations could be made at home, storing some elixir medicines, puppets, talismans, and even demon beast materials, spirit rice.

However, as the news hadn't spread widely, he advised against large-scale hoarding or stockpiling.

"Father, with Liang Country, Yue Country, and Wu Country forming a tripod power structure, why would they suddenly go to war with Yue Country?"

Lu Qingxuan, knowing some about the situations in Liang Country and Yue Country, was quite surprised.

"There's no news on that yet, but it's likely because Liang Country gained a Nascent Soul True Lord while Wu Country had a Nascent Soul fall."

Lu Changsheng said.

Only a Nascent Soul True Lord can influence a national war.

Previously, his son, Lu Qingshan, mentioned that Beast God Mountain seemed to have given birth to a second Nascent Soul True Lord, and Wu Country's Nascent Soul True Lord's lifespan was running out.

"Brother Qingshan and Sister Qingzhu are in Yue Country's Jinyang Sect, won't this war affect them?"

Lu Qingxuan asked with concern.

"You don't need to worry about this."

Lu Changsheng said, planning in his heart to visit Yue Country if the time was right.

Not only to see his children but also to witness how brutal a war in the Cultivation World can be.

But now that the war has started, it might be inconvenient to fly to Yue Country on the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng.

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Lu Ping'an was still in closed-door cultivation refining the Great Wilderness Dragon Spine, so Lu Changsheng rode the Golden-Winged Heavenly Peng to Great Dream Immortal City.

Upon returning to the Immortal City, Ling Zixiao informed him that they were already aware of the war between Liang Country and Yue Country.

The Heavenly Sword Sect sent someone to inform them immediately, asking the City Lord Mansion to control prices and store materials for alchemy, magic artifacts, and talismans, prioritizing transactions with the Heavenly Sword Sect.

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng nodded, thinking that the Heavenly Sword Sect was truly efficient.

Afterwards, Ling Zixiao shared the past half-year's events with him, mentioning that through the Immortal City, they managed to gather many rare materials.

If in the past, the Lu Family was still lacking Foundation Establishment Elixirs,

now, with the control of Great Dream Immortal City, obtaining Foundation Establishment Elixirs and their materials is significantly less challenging.

As long as time is spent, the City Lord Mansion can also acquire Core Formation Spiritual Objects.

The same goes for the materials needed to refine Coagulation Crystal Elixirs.

However, the key main ingredient for Coagulation Crystal Elixirs is extremely rare and difficult to gather.

"Even if we have an Immortal City, acquiring rare materials still requires years, decades, or even centuries."

"Within just a few years, gathering all the materials for a Coagulation Crystal Elixir is virtually impossible, unless the old method is used — having a Third Rank Alchemist oversee it and refine the Coagulation Crystal Elixir for free."

Lu Changsheng sighed inwardly.

However, Great Dream Immortal City doesn't have such an Alchemist.

Although Hong Lian can refine Coagulation Crystal Elixirs, she hasn't done so for many years and cannot guarantee success or multiple elixirs.

After speaking with Ling Zixiao, Lu Changsheng called over Hong Lian, Lu Miaoge, Meng Xiaochan, Bai Ling, Meng Xiaochan, and his daughters for a meal.

By Lu Miaoge's side was a young beast resembling a small dog.

It was the spiritual pet bag Lu Changsheng had given her, now successfully hatched into a Blue Water Golden-Eyed Qilin cub.

"Changsheng..."

Lu Miaoge was a bit concerned about her children far away in Yue Country.

"Don't worry, Qing Shan has long anticipated the war, and Little Bamboo, being in logistics, doesn't need to go to the front lines. Besides, Tianyuan True Immortal is looking after them."

Lu Changsheng held his wife's hand, smiling and not too worried about their children.

He then added, "If you're still worried, Sister Miaoge, we can visit Yue Country when we have time."

With that, he picked up the Blue Water Golden-Eyed Qilin beside her.

This was the Lu Family's first Heavenly-Rank Bloodline Spirit Beast, apart from those obtained through the system's lottery.

"Awoo awoo—"

The Blue Water Golden-Eyed Qilin whimpered in Lu Changsheng's hands.

"Daddy, don't bully Little Qilin!"

Lu Linghe and Lu Baixi immediately stepped forward to rescue the Blue Water Golden-Eyed Qilin.

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At night.

Lu Changsheng spent time with his wives in turns, especially Hong Lian.

With resources at her disposal, Hong Lian progressed astonishingly quickly.

Her cultivation level had already reached Core Formation Third Layer.

Lu Changsheng felt a bit guilty about delaying her cultivation with pregnancy.

However, Hong Lian was very proactive, even preparing several elixirs for nurturing pregnancy during this time.

The two, being Nascent Soul Cultivators, had extraordinary foundations and physiques, making conception more difficult than for ordinary Nascent Soul Cultivators.

In the blink of an eye, over a month passed, and Hong Lian was still not pregnant.

On this day, Lu Changsheng took his daughters Lu Linghe and Lu Baixi out to Dragon Fish Island to see how their children were doing.

Lu Qingsong and Lu Mingfeng served as Island Masters, while Lu Qingyan was nurturing Blackwater Flood Dragon Spirit Soldiers.

As for Lu Wangshu and Lu Lingxiao, the two had gone to sea.

"Could Wangshu have gone fishing?"

Lu Changsheng speculated with suspicion.

Lu Qingyan immediately asserted that Wangshu had great luck with fishing; half a year ago, a rare Treasure Fish was caught, and not long ago, a storage bag with many rare items was fished up.

Lu Changsheng: "???"

He was speechless, then used a Sensing Talisman to find his children.

The two were not fishing but hunting Demon Beasts.

Lu Lingxiao was in front, engaging in direct combat, while Lu Wangshu stood gracefully atop a Second Rank Top Level Puppet, observing Lu Lingxiao fight and assisting with the formation.

"Brother, sister!"

Even though they were using disguise and camouflage, Lu Linghe recognized her brother, excitedly exclaiming.

"Hey, Dad, Xiao He, Xiao Xi, you're here."

Lu Wangshu recognized them and then took action, using the puppet to swiftly and decisively finish the fight.

She then explained that they went to sea to hone Lu Lingxiao's Dragon Seeking Technique.

After all, this technique required intercepting Spirit Veins to truly advance.

But intercepting Spirit Veins at sea was inconvenient for them; even when they managed to find one, being underwater restricted their actions.

"Dad, why don't you lend us your spiritual pet for a while? That way, we won't be afraid of danger."

Lu Wangshu said coquettishly.

Lu Changsheng tapped her white forehead and then personally took Lu Lingxiao for some hands-on practice.

He also gave them a Water-Repelling Pearl, guiding them through an underwater adventure.

Half a month later.

[Congratulations to the host for having a first offspring become a Second Rank Array Master, you have received a lottery opportunity!]