

King Hall 1281

Chapter 1281: Unraveling the Knot! Delivering Supplies Again!

Upon hearing Jian Ruyan's query, Mu Jinyu paused for a moment and understood why she had also come along to help.

It turned out she wanted to experience what Xiang Mantang's life was like when she was younger.

With a gentle smile, Mu Jinyu shook his head slightly, saying, "No, although I've been living in River City for some time, we didn't grow up in the River City Welfare Institute."

Speaking those words, Mu Jinyu's eyes revealed a look of reminiscence, thinking back to the days of living in a welfare institution.

When he was young, after his father's death, he wandered the streets and eventually ended up in a welfare institute. Life there wasn't ideal, and due to his personality, he was ostracized by the other children.

No one wanted to play with him.

Only Xiang Mantang was willing to play with him.

This was also why, after leaving Yinlong Mountain and later descending the mountain, he never thought of visiting the welfare institution he once lived in, to see other children, or to look for his old playmates.

He didn't want to face that period of life again.

Had it not been for the connection today with Mei Yinxue, recalling that she also once lived in a welfare institution, and even after being adopted by her godfather, she still made time every year to come play with the kids, would he have been moved enough to come here deliberately.

Upon arriving at the welfare institution, things weren't as bad as he imagined.

This allowed the knot in Mu Jinyu's heart to completely dissolve.

"So... which welfare institute was it?!" Jian Ruyan walked into the storage room, put down a few boxes of milk she was carrying, and asked softly.

Mu Jinyu came back to his senses, putting down the boxes of milk, several hundred jins of eggs, bread, and apples he was carrying, and said, "I'll take you there next time."

He silently thought, it's been more than ten years, it's about time to visit, wondering how the director from back then is doing, as well as those little partners, and how they are now.

"Alright." Jian Ruyan pondered for a moment, then agreed.

Afterwards, she turned around and went out to continue bringing in goods.

Mu Jinyu did not immediately go out.

He wasn't being lazy; such work wasn't exhausting for him at all.

He took out his phone to contact Mu Hongchen, asking her to arrange to also purchase some supplies for welfare institutes across the country and send them.

Let the kids have a good Children's Day.

"Okay, Dragon Master, what do we need to buy?" Mu Hongchen, slightly surprised at Mu Jinyu's instructions, quickly agreed happily and asked.

"Hmm..." Mu Jinyu pondered for a moment, then said, "To each welfare institute, deliver a thousand boxes of boxed milk, a thousand jin of flour, a thousand jin of small bread, three thousand jin of eggs, a thousand cans each of milk powder, soy milk, sesame paste, etc., and five hundred jin each of apples, bananas, pears, and other fruits..."

After a pause, he added, "Also, a thousand bags of diapers! And a thousand volumes of books, toys, etc..."

"Fill in anything else you think might be necessary."

After speaking, Mu Jinyu reminded, "Arrange it properly to ensure these supplies reach the right places instead of being sold off."

"Got it, I'll hang up the phone now and start arranging everything." Mu Hongchen responded, then hung up the phone to handle the arrangements.

Mu Jinyu put away his phone and followed out the door to continue bringing in goods.

As he passed by the welfare institute staff who were moving in supplies, they placed the goods down and looked at Mu Jinyu's back with surprise.

'Wow, this is terrifying, isn't it? So extravagantly generous?!'

The supplies Mu Jinyu casually mentioned might not sound like much, but the expenditure was indeed substantial.

A box of boxed milk is about thirty-five yuan, a thousand boxes would be thirty-five thousand yuan!

That's quite expensive.

The flour, eggs, small bread, etc., weren't too expensive in comparison, amounting to several tens of thousands of yuan combined.

Fruits weren't very costly either, given it was only five hundred jin each, about ten thousand or so in money.

Diapers cost about thirty yuan a bag, and a thousand bags would be thirty thousand yuan.

But milk powder is quite pricey.

A can of milk powder could be three to five hundred yuan. Even at the cheapest, three hundred yuan a can, a thousand cans would be three hundred thousand yuan!

Adding the thirty-five thousand yuan for boxed milk and thirty thousand yuan for diapers totals sixty-five thousand yuan, and the scattered eggs, bread, flour, and fruits would also sum up to more than thirty thousand yuan, approaching One hundred thousand yuan.

With the three hundred thousand yuan for a thousand cans of milk powder, that's four hundred thousand yuan.

Adding a thousand volumes of books and toys, even if it doesn't cost one hundred thousand yuan, would be seventy to eighty thousand, reaching approximately five hundred thousand yuan!

And sending similar supplies to welfare institutes across the country, even if only reaching fifty welfare institutes, would require twenty-five million!

If Mu Jinyu was serious, Huaxia has a total of six hundred and sixty-one cities. Even if not every welfare institute gets supplies, simply sending to those in each city would require more than three billion!

This truly is a huge sum!

The staff member doubted whether Mu Jinyu could actually accomplish it, or if he had that much money.

But soon, she realized she was overthinking.

Considering the sudden appearance earlier and Mu Jinyu's effortless unloading of goods from the truck without breaking a sweat, he should be a cultivator.

Given how valuable cultivators are nowadays, how could he lack money?

Even disregarding these factors, Mu Jinyu is currently Mei Yinxue's man, who is the chairman of Xueyin Group, worth billions, and later went to Jinyu Group, making a substantial fortune again. Even if Mu Jinyu were to rely on Mei Yinxue's wealth to accomplish this, it could be done.

However, she believed that as a cultivator, Mu Jinyu wouldn't do so.

'Wow, Sister Mei is truly blessed.'

The staff member sighed inwardly, feeling incredibly envious of Mei Yinxue.

Then she shook off the thought, continuing to move goods.

Mu Jinyu didn't realize that his momentary thought and subsequent instructions to Mu Hongchen would lead others to think so much.

He hadn't really considered how much all these supplies would cost, since money to him wasn't as significant as spiritual stones.

Was he short on money?

Not at all.

With the Jinyu Group and Beauty Enhancement Pill products, he had already earned trillions.

Even though Mu Hongchen used a lot for compensation after the Dragon King Hall warriors suffered heavy losses post-Spiritual Energy Revival, not much money was spent.

Now, even if all of it went to charity, Mu Jinyu wouldn't feel a pinch.

Quickly, Mu Jinyu moved these supplies into the welfare institute's storage room.

"Brother, have some water..."

At this moment, a little girl, wearing somewhat oversized old clothes, approached Mu Jinyu and handed him a bottle of mineral water.

"Hmm, thank you." Although Mu Jinyu wasn't tired or thirsty, he accepted it, unscrewed the cap, and drank.

"You're welcome." The little girl initially appeared a bit timid, but seeing Mu Jinyu's approachability, she smiled sweetly, revealing dimples.

"It's getting late, Little Mei... will you stay for dinner or..."

The old director glanced at the gradually darkening sky, checked the time—it was past six in the evening—and looked at Mei Yinxue, hesitantly asking.

Typically, Mei Yinxue would stay for dinner and accompany the kids before leaving.

However, with Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, and Mu Jinyu present, especially since Mu Jinyu is Mei Yinxue's husband, the director wasn't sure if she would still stay for dinner.

Chapter 1282 Children's Day Performance! Aunt Du's Little Scheme!

Mei Yinxue heard the slightly anxious question from the old director and smiled, "Aunt Du, don't worry, we don't have any urgent matters, we'll stay for dinner."

She understands Mu Jinyu very well.

Knowing that if Mu Jinyu had urgent matters to attend to upon returning, he wouldn't waste time here. Since he's willing to help out here, even without using mana to move things inside instantly, it already says a lot.

So, would Mu Jinyu dislike the environment here and the simple food?

Mei Yinxue chuckled. Mu Jinyu never acted high and mighty; he could eat street food and the welfare institute's clean meals, so why wouldn't he eat here?

At 7 PM.

The River City Welfare Institute finally started dinner.

Mu Jinyu, Mei Yinxue, Wen Rou, and Jian Ruyan sat at a table, accompanied by the old director.

The meal was simple: white rice, tomato scrambled eggs, twice-cooked pork, and seaweed egg soup.

It was considered two dishes and a soup.

"Mr. Mu, Mrs. Wen, Ms. Jian, I apologize that the food here at the welfare institute is a bit plain..." the old director said apologetically, looking at Mu Jinyu.

Though Mei Yinxue repeatedly assured her that Mu Jinyu definitely wouldn't mind, she still felt a bit uneasy.

"It's nothing, the kids can eat it, why can't we?" Mu Jinyu laughed and started eating heartily.

Soon, Mu Jinyu finished a big bowl of rice with twice-cooked pork and tomato scrambled eggs, then wiped his mouth with a napkin and praised, "The taste is quite good, I'll take another bowl."

The old director was a bit overwhelmed with joy and said, "Alright, alright..."

Mu Jinyu stood up and served himself another big bowl of rice, and continued eating.

Although Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan usually didn't have such big appetites, they could quickly digest and continue to eat if they wanted. Moreover, the welfare institute's food indeed tasted quite good, so they also helped themselves to another bowl of rice.

The old director watched happily and was very touched.

After dinner.

It was 7:15 PM.

The children at the welfare institute never dilly-dallied and quickly finished their dinner.

The old director invited, "Later there are performances by the children, would you like to stay and watch?"

Mu Jinyu nodded, "Sure."

He wasn't in a hurry to leave; he naturally wanted to watch the children's performances.

Then they proceeded to the hall.

The stage was already set, and the lights were ready.

Soon, a staff member from the welfare institute changed into a host's outfit and announced the start of the Children's Day performance on stage.

The Children's Day program naturally wouldn't be very spectacular or intricate; the children performed dances, sang songs, played riddle games, tongue twisters, idiom relays, and enjoyed hula hoops.

Mu Jinyu watched with interest, recalling his childhood.

Back then, he was rather solitary and ostracized, never participating in festive games or performances.

Reflecting on it now, he felt quite wistful.

Then, the next performance unexpectedly featured Ning Yue—the little boy who'd handed Mu Jinyu a napkin earlier—with four or five other boys doing a martial arts demonstration.

"Bang!!"

"Bang bang!"

Their martial arts performance surprisingly involved chopping bricks with their hands.

Each of them grabbed a block, their palms poised like knives, and chopped onto the bricks with a bang, splitting them in two.

Mu Jinyu blinked and said, "These kids have quite good root bones."

If this were in the past, letting seven or eight-year-olds perform brick chopping would definitely be condemned for child abuse.

However, times have changed; seven or eight-year-olds can have strong aptitudes, reaching the level of Mingjin early on.

These kids on stage haven't yet achieved Mingjin, but they're close, so chopping bricks poses no problem for them and won't bring them tears.

"Mr. Mu, do you think their root bones are decent?"

The old director suddenly spoke.

"Yes." Mu Jinyu nodded, continuing to watch them intently as they demonstrated knife techniques with plastic knives on stage.

The old director took a deep breath, her tone carrying some tension and hope, and asked, "Then could you let them join Dragon King Hall?"

She invited Mu Jinyu for dinner to thank him for donating so many supplies to their institute, but extending the invitation to watch the Children's Day performance carried a bit of ulterior motive.

The old director, through conversations with Mei Yinxue, already knew of Mu Jinyu's identity, thus she began to consider these kids with promising root bones.

As the saying goes, impoverished in culture, prosperous in martial arts. Although Ning Yue and these kids had good root bones, proper nurturing might lead them not only to Energy Transformation but potentially to Divinity Transformation Realm.

Yet their welfare institute couldn't provide the resources needed for their cultivation.

The old director didn't want these kids to be held back by the institute and waste their aptitude.

Hence, she had been arranging for Ning Yue and the others to participate in nearby performances, hoping someone would notice them and adopt them for proper training.

While some efforts succeeded, others didn't; two kids were eventually adopted and reportedly had now reached the cultivation level of Mingjin.

However, Ning Yue and the other kids continued to find no one willing to adopt them.

As most children entered the welfare institute due to accidental parental deaths, many were abandoned due to congenital diseases.

Ning Yue's group had some minor health issues, so despite demonstrating decent aptitude, few were willing to adopt them.

Upon learning Mu Jinyu's Dragon King Hall identity, the old director aimed to have him watch the Children's Day performance, hoping Ning Yue and the others could perform well, and that Mu Jinyu might consider letting them join Dragon King Hall.

Mu Jinyu paused upon hearing the old director's words, then turned to her with an apologetic look and said, "I'm sorry, Aunt Du, Dragon King Hall isn't as casual as you think; having the kids join so early wouldn't be beneficial to them..."

Dragon King Hall doesn't enroll students; it specifically addresses various issues following the Spiritual Energy Revival.

If Ning Yue's group joined Dragon King Hall now, they wouldn't continue learning and lack the strength to contribute.

Therefore, Mu Jinyu couldn't agree to let them join Dragon King Hall.

"Is that so?" The old director showed immediate disappointment and a dim expression upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu said, "Of course, while I can't let them join Dragon King Hall, your words have reminded me. I will specifically allocate a batch of elixirs and find suitable children in welfare institutes across our country, allowing them to use these resources for cultivation..."

The old director couldn't help but exclaim joyfully upon hearing that, "Really?"

"Yes, of course..." Mu Jinyu nodded, noticing as Ning Yue's performance ended on stage, he waved them over, saying, "I'll now give them some elixirs."

Chapter 1283 Essence Qi Pill! The Transition of Great Xia Dragon Sparrow!

After Ning Yue and a few other kids finished their performance on stage, they saw Mu Jinyu signaling them with a wave. Once off the stage, they immediately approached him.

"Big brother... were you looking for us?"

Ning Yue, his little face still flushed, possibly from their recent exercise, looked up curiously at Mu Jinyu.

"Yes, here, take this to eat..."

Mu Jinyu opened the stopper of the jade bottle in his hand, poured out five small pills, and spread them out in his palm, indicating for Ning Yue and the others to come over and each take one.

The five little boys looked curiously at the black pills in Mu Jinyu's hand. Although they didn't know what it was, Mu Jinyu had just helped Aunt Mei deliver a lot of supplies to them and even helped to move them in, so they trusted that this big brother wouldn't harm them.

So without much hesitation, they each reached out, took a pill, tilted their heads back, and swallowed it down with a few bites.

The old principal watched this scene. Even though he trusted there was no reason for Mu Jinyu to harm these children, he still felt a bit nervous, fearing something might go wrong.

"So hot..."

Not long after Ning Yue and the others ate the pill, they felt a warmth spreading throughout their bodies, and waves of white steam began to rise continuously from their heads.

"Start practicing cultivation now."

Seeing they hadn't sat down cross-legged to cultivate, Mu Jinyu spoke up to remind them.

"Oh, okay..."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Ning Yue paused for a moment before realizing and was the first to sit cross-legged on the ground, beginning to cultivate according to the method taught to him by the staff at the orphanage, refining the wave of heat rising within him.

The remaining four boys followed suit, sitting down one after the other and also starting to channel and refine the medicinal energy.

Huaxia had long followed Mu Jinyu's national martial cultivation plan due to its execution, so even Ning Yue and the others, being orphans in an orphanage, had learned the most basic cultivation method, which could at least bring them to the Mingjin level.

Thus, Mu Jinyu didn't deliberately teach them a new cultivation method before letting them take the pills.

The pills he gave them were called Essence Qi Pills.

A superior elixir among first-grade elixirs, best suited for cultivators in the Refining Essence into Qi stage.

The stages of cultivation are divided into Refining Essence into Qi, Qi Refining and Spirit Transforming, Refining Spirit Returning to Void, and Refining the Void to Merge with the Tao. In the Refining Essence into Qi stage, cultivators most need abundant Essence Qi to refine Qi Force, True Qi, and True Yuan using their bodies as a furnace...

The younger one steps into the Divinity Transformation Realm, the smoother the cultivation path in the future.

In earlier times, before the spiritual energy revival, even a Master of Energy Transformation if they didn't step into the realm of Qi Refining and Spirit Transforming to become a Divine Realm Warrior, as they aged and weakened, losing their Essence Qi, they would inevitably grow feeble, and a Martial Arts

Grandmaster at the Peak Energy Transformation could possibly be defeated by a robust Minor Grandmaster at the Early Energy Transformation Stage.

With no opportunity to step into the Divinity Transformation Realm at all.

Even though the current environment is not as harsh for cultivators as it was before, the earlier one steps into the Divinity Transformation Realm, the better.

And Essence Qi Pill is most suited for cultivators at this stage to consume for cultivation.

If there were an aged Peak Energy Transformation Grandmaster in Huaxia with a foot in the grave, Mu Jinyu could give them the Essence Qi Pills to gradually improve their weak bodies, maybe even give them a chance to step into the Divinity Transformation Realm.

Of course, such elderly Martial Arts Grandmasters are hardly possible in Huaxia now. They either perished in the past dark turmoil or, thanks to the spiritual energy revival, obtained a Spiritual Medicine on Famous Mountains and stepped into the Divinity Transformation Realm long ago.

"Are they... okay?"

The old principal watched the five kids like Ning Yue cultivate, and the more he watched, the more worried he became, finally mustering the courage to ask Mu Jinyu.

In her eighty-some years of life, she had never seen such a thing. Although she didn't believe Mu Jinyu would harm the children, she couldn't help but worry.

Mu Jinyu smiled brightly at the old principal, shaking his head: "Don't worry, Aunt Du, it'll be fine soon. By then, one or two of these kids should step into the Mingjin stage..."

"Mingjin, Aunt Du, do you know this stage?"

Mu Jinyu, worrying the old principal might not understand, asked another question to clarify.

"Mingjin? Oh... I know, I know, it's the first stage of cultivation, right?"

As soon as the old principal heard Mu Jinyu's explanation, surprise quickly overcame her.

The Great Xia Dragon Sparrow's efficiency was high. Even though the old principal was just an eighty-four-year-old ordinary elderly a year ago, thanks to their comprehensive education, she understood the current division of cultivation realms, and how elementary and middle school kids who could achieve the Mingjin level could qualify for further cultivation method training, assuming they passed evaluations of their moral character.

If the talent is high, they might even receive strong support and training from the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow.

But, even with high cultivation talent, if their moral character doesn't meet standards, they won't be given further cultivation techniques to prevent future harmful intentions and deeds, additionally placing them under surveillance for a while to ensure accidental fortunes don't harbor ill feelings, which could be disastrous.

So hearing Ning Yue and the kids, at just seven or eight years old and in elementary school, if reaching the Mingjin stage, showcasing remarkable talent, their obedience and sensibility should naturally pass moral evaluations and earn further training in dark energy or even Energy Transformation techniques.

With this, they would surely mature into accomplished individuals, sparing her further concerns.

"Yes, barring accidents, a few should reach the Mingjin level, so you'll have one less thing to worry about," Mu Jinyu nodded.

"By then, with outstanding performance in school, they'd surely join the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow in the end," Mu Jinyu added.

Instead of saying they would eventually join the Dragon King Hall, it was decided long ago that Dragon King Hall would transition to the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, leaving the national defense of Huaxia to them in the future.

This was why he returned this time, handing over many cultivation manuals to the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow.

Knowing he would eventually leave Earth with his family, it wouldn't do to leave a leaderless crowd, thus assigning the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow the national martial cultivation plan, enabling them to recruit top talents nationwide.

Having made this decision, he wouldn't intervene midway, nor would he prematurely teach Ning Yue any further cultivation methods unless they proved exceptional.

Great Xia Dragon Sparrow's assessment methods were mature, given Ning Yue and their performance, passing and receiving subsequent training, thus receiving significant support without his intervention.

"Wonderful..." The old principal exclaimed excitedly upon hearing this.

Listening to their conversations, though the kids hadn't fully understood, some grasped portions, realizing Ning Yue and his peers were exceptional, possibly future stars at school, growing into impressive individuals, and glanced at Ning Yue with envy, then turned eager eyes towards Mu Jinyu.

Or rather, to be precise, Mu Jinyu's jade bottle!

Chapter 1284 Everyone Gets a Share!

Mu Jinyu naturally noticed the eager longing in the children's eyes.

They only looked longingly at the jade bottle in his hand but did not beg or make a fuss, which made people feel tenderly sorry for their understanding.

Mu Jinyu smiled, seeing that the performance on stage had officially ended, and then waved the jade bottle in his hand, saying, "Come, all of you, line up to receive the pills."

"This... Mr. Mu, wouldn't this be too extravagant..."

The old director swallowed upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, speaking with a mix of longing and embarrassment.

From Mu Jinyu's words, the Essence Qi Pill can advance the replenishment of more Essence Qi, helping to better step into the Mingjin realm.

If it truly has such miraculous effects, considering the martial arts dominance worldwide, the price of an Essence Qi Pill would surely exceed one hundred thousand.

After all, many parents spend a lot on school district housing for their children's education, whether buying or renting, and the children may not necessarily succeed.

But this Essence Qi Pill ensures that if the children have a certain talent, after consumption, they can more quickly step into the Mingjin realm, with a chance to receive cultivation from the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow. Even if the pill costs one hundred thousand apiece, wouldn't people go crazy trying to buy it?

So, one hundred thousand per pill is a conservative estimate; many people would likely rush to buy it even for a million apiece.

If Mu Jinyu took out five Essence Qi Pills to give to Ning Yue and the other talented children with potential, it could be seen as pitying them and hoping they have a broader horizon after reaching the Mingjin realm.

Since the orphanage accepted Mei Yinxue's donations worth over five hundred thousand, for Ning Yue's future, the old director could thick-skinnedly accept it and thank Mu Jinyu for his gift.

However, not every child in the orphanage has the gift of cultivation. If Mu Jinyu gave every child an Essence Qi Pill, too much money would be spent, and the old director felt it would be hard to bear.

Unable to thick-skinnedly accept it either.

Mu Jinyu smiled, casually saying, "These aren't valuable things, nothing extravagant, come on... kids, line up to get your elixir and eat."

For Mu Jinyu, a First Grade Essence Qi Pill really wasn't worth much.

Whether it was the herbs for alchemy or crafting the Essence Qi Pill, he could cultivate suitable spiritual medicine in a minute, then create dozens of Essence Qi Pills in another.

The old director's suggestion to give Ning Yue them some pills reminded him that he could mass-produce First Grade Elixirs like Essence Qi Pills and let the people of Dragon King Hall or Great Xia Dragon Sparrow go to those orphanages to find suitable gifted and virtuous children for cultivation to prevent them from falling behind.

Not knowing the true value of the Essence Qi Pill, the orphanage staff let the children line up to receive them once Mu Jinyu said so, without stopping them.

After distributing the Essence Qi Pills to all the children, Mu Jinyu warmly asked, "Do you all know how to cultivate?"

"Yes!"

"No..."

The children all raised their hands and shouted loudly.

But only half of the children had learned, while the other half, due to being too young or not very quick-witted, couldn't learn it, shaking their heads timidly.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu said, "The children who know it can first take the elixir in your hand, then sit cross-legged to cultivate with Ning Yue..."

"Okay."

Half of the children immediately popped the Essence Qi Pills into their mouths and sat cross-legged to begin cultivating as Mu Jinyu instructed.

Just seeing Ning Yue's transformation, although unclear why, made them envious, and now eager to have their own chance, wasting no time.

Mu Jinyu watched their reaction after taking the pills, and once he confirmed they all knew the most basic cultivation method, he looked away.

Then he said to Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, and Mei Yinxue, "Let's go teach the children the most basic cultivation methods."

"Okay." Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue smiled gently and nodded in agreement.

Jian Ruyan hesitated for a moment, but also nodded.

Although she hadn't taught anyone to cultivate before, and felt some resistance, facing the innocent children, she also thought she could give it a try.

Then they each gathered a group of children to teach them the basic cultivation methods again.

After half an hour.

The children like Ning Yue, who took the Essence Qi Pills first, had woken up and opened their eyes, and three of them truly reached the Mingjin realm.

Although the other two didn't step into the Mingjin realm immediately, with the help of the Essence Qi Pill, they weren't far off.

Ning Yue demonstrated the changes of a Mingjin Warrior to the orphanage staff on the spot, thrilling the children learning the cultivation method with Mu Jinyu's group, each filled with admiration.

They learned with even greater enthusiasm.

Finally, over half of the children quickly mastered the cultivation method under the stimulus, and then Mu Jinyu instructed them to practice with consumption.

But there were still a dozen or so, seemingly mentally challenged and possibly abandoned by their parents for this reason, unable to learn no matter how taught, just looking eagerly.

"Alas, forget it. You just eat it, and we'll help you refine the medicinal power."

Mu Jinyu sighed softly in the end, not forcing them to learn the basic cultivation method, and spoke.

"Oh yeah."

The dozen-or-so children cheered joyfully upon hearing they could eat too, and quickly popped the Essence Qi Pills into their mouths.

Shortly after, white smoke rose from their heads as well.

Mu Jinyu then signaled Mei Yinxue and the other women to help them refine the Essence Qi Pill's medicinal power.

Though they couldn't cultivate, with experts from the Fanxu Realm and even Unity Realm Stage helping refine the medicinal power, their bodies could absorb some Essence Qi, strengthening their physiques even if they couldn't reach the Mingjin realm.

With aid from Mu Jinyu and Mei Yinxue, these dozen children, although having eaten the elixir later, woke up faster.

They then found their bodies became light and agile, trying their hands playfully without fighting, and finally came over to thank Mu Jinyu at the staff's suggestion.

Mu Jinyu smiled, waved, and asked the orphanage staff and the old director, "Do you know how to cultivate?"

"Yes..." Some of the younger staff replied hesitantly.

But the old director, at eighty-five years, couldn't remember anything from the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow people who came to teach, acknowledged she didn't have many years to live, and didn't intend to learn.

"Come, you should get some too, as gratitude for your care of the children."

Mu Jinyu asked Mei Yinxue to teach the old director, then spoke to the staff.

After some hesitation, the staff finally stepped forward.

When they received Mu Jinyu's Essence Qi Pills, they were taken aback.

"Mr. Mu, how... how could you give us three pills?!"

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Mu Jinyu explained, "They're just children, still developing with limited energy, one Essence Qi Pill is enough for them. You're all adults, and some of you are even a bit older, with your bodies on the decline, so it's normal to take a few more."

"Oh, is that so? Should we take them all at once?" A younger staff member asked curiously.

"Yes, take all three at once." Mu Jinyu nodded.

"Okay, thank you, Mr. Mu..." Everyone thanked Mu Jinyu and then swallowed the Essence Qi Pills.

After they consumed the pills, Mu Jinyu paid extra attention to their cultivation routes. Once assured there was no issue, he encouraged the children gathered around him and then looked towards the old director.

"Oh my, hearing this gives me a headache, let's forget it. Those pills must be expensive, let the children use them, no need to waste them on my old bones."

The old director shook her head and said to Mei Yinxue, filled with helplessness and a headache.

Mei Yinxue tried to persuade with some helplessness, "Aunt Du, please listen. It's not difficult. If you learn properly, you'll surely master it. Cultivation can also increase lifespan. Don't you want to see how the children turn out in the future?"

Mu Jinyu also came over and urged, "That's right, Aunt Du, you should learn. It's really not that hard. The kids can learn it; there's no reason you can't, right?"

The old director shook her head sadly and sighed, "I'm almost senile, it's not that easy. In recent years when the children who left the home come back to see me, I often fail to recognize them. If Little Mei didn't come by a few times a year, I might forget her too."

Upon hearing this, Mu Jinyu agreed. At eighty-five, not everyone can stay mentally sharp and memory less fading at that age.

After hesitating for a moment, Mu Jinyu changed his approach, "Aunt Du, you don't have to learn these techniques. Just take a few Essence Qi Pills. I'll help nourish your body first, and we can discuss the rest later."

Hearing this, the old director hesitated before sighing, "Forget it, don't waste resources on my old bones. These pills are definitely not cheap, save them for the children."

"The pills aren't expensive, really!" Mu Jinyu looked earnestly into the director's eyes and said sincerely, "I hardly need to spend anything on these pills; they are very easy to make. Since hearing your words, I have planned to promote the Essence Qi Pills nationwide soon. They'll cost one or two yuan so children and elders can buy them easily, with children for fitness and elders for longevity."

"Really?" The old director's dim eyes sparkled with excitement upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, and she asked energetically.

"It's true." Mu Jinyu nodded seriously and said, "Now with national martial cultivation, everyone can access basic cultivation techniques, initiated and promoted by me. These Essence Qi Pills were meant to assist cultivation. It's just when Spiritual Energy Revival happened suddenly, conditions weren't right, and I hadn't considered how poor and welfare children might lag behind. Now, this serves as timely remediation."

"That's great..." Hearing this, the old director's emotional eyes filled with tears as she grasped Mu Jinyu's hand and said tremblingly, "Mr. Mu, thank you so much. You're truly a good person..."

After much persuasion, the old director finally took three Essence Qi Pills with trembling hands.

Afterward, Mu Jinyu didn't personally help refine the medicine to nourish her body but let Mei Yinxue do it herself.

Mei Yinxue, having cultivated to the Fanxu Realm recently, would naturally manage such small tasks.

With Mei Yinxue's help, it took only about five minutes to fully refine the five Essence Qi Pills she took and to nourish her body.

"Wow... this body..."

When the old director opened her eyes and stood, she was slightly stunned, a bit unbelieving, and then tried taking a few steps, finally feeling overwhelmed with excitement.

Originally, at eighty-five, even walking was difficult, let alone engaging in vigorous physical activity. Her mind wasn't very sharp, like rusted machinery struggling to operate.

But now, the director felt that her body, under the nourishment of the Essence Qi Pills, had returned to about the state of a seventy-year-old. Though still an elderly body, it was much lighter, without the feeling of almost running out of breath.

Mu Jinyu said, "Aunt Du, your health isn't great, so you can't take too many Essence Qi Pills at once, lest it be too much. Sister Mei will come every month to nurture your body. In about six months, your body can recover to around forty years old. Then you can try cultivation."

The reason for having the director continue learning cultivation after her body recovers is that while the Essence Qi Pills can improve physical condition, they cannot restore lifespan. The elderly will inevitably pass due to old age.

If she cultivates and succeeds, her lifespan might slowly increase, allowing her to live longer.

"Alright..." The old director nodded excitedly, no longer resisting.

If one can live longer, who would want to die early?

Half an hour later, all the children in the welfare home finally refined the Essence Qi Pills and awoke. Although none reached the Clear Force Realm, everyone felt noticeable changes, their faces beaming with joyful smiles.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu encouraged them with a few words, checked the time—it was already nine in the evening—and then discussed briefly with Mei Yinxue before bidding farewell to the old director.

As they learned Mu Jinyu and Mei Yinxue were leaving, everyone in the welfare home came out to see them off.

Ning Yue stood in front, and as Mu Jinyu waved goodbye and was about to leave, Ning Yue couldn't resist stepping forward to pull on Mu Jinyu's wrist, shyly asking, "Big brother, will you... come back to see us in the future?"

He was a clever child and understood that since Mu Jinyu was planning nationwide promotion of the Essence Qi Pill, making it accessible for almost no cost, he felt Mu Jinyu might not specially visit their welfare home again.

Thus, feeling a bit reluctant, he spoke up with these words.

Mu Jinyu turned to Ning Yue, a gentle smile appearing on his face, as he reached out to pat Ning Yue's little head and shook his head, "Whether I'll come back, I can't be sure. After all, I have lots of things to do, but if there's a chance, I'll definitely visit you all again..."

"For instance, during this year's Mid-Autumn Festival, Christmas, if there's a chance, Sister Mei and I will come to visit you."

"Okay, thank you, big brother... I'll work hard at cultivating to be able to assist you in the future..."

Ning Yue's little face instantly blossomed into a smile, nodding deeply.

Chapter 1286: Failure and Major Moves!

The next day.

Yinlong Mountain.

After getting up, Mu Jinyu had breakfast and then went to the Inner Valley.

He glanced at Zhou Yi, who was also up early to practice alchemy. Without greeting him, he paced around with his hands behind his back, pondering something.

Since returning from the River City Welfare Institute yesterday, he had been thinking about how to mass-produce Essence Qi Pills, a first grade elixir, for the entire Huaxia population to aid cultivation and to complete the supporting framework of the national martial arts plan.

He talked lightly with the old director yesterday, but in reality, this matter was not simple.

The Beauty Pill sold by Jinyu Group before strictly speaking, couldn't even be called an elixir, it was just a pill, hence it could be easily produced on an assembly line.

But the Essence Qi Pill is a solid first grade elixir, even if the grade is low, it is still an elixir, requiring an Alchemy Furnace for refining.

Therefore, thinking about mass-producing Essence Qi Pills, the difficulty increases by several tens of times.

Moreover, cultivating alchemists is not a simple task either.

However, even though it is difficult, Mu Jinyu actually had some confidence, otherwise he wouldn't have boasted.

"To meet the national demand, even if it's just one pill per person once a month, you need to produce 1.4 billion Essence Qi Pills a month. Not to mention the issue of refining, there aren't enough spiritual herbs to begin with, so we must first find a way to automatically mature the spiritual herbs daily."

Mu Jinyu began thinking about the cost of refining Essence Qi Pills. After all, if spiritual herb supply falls short, even if he could train a billion alchemists, they couldn't cook without rice.

The only way to quickly mature spiritual herbs and conduct alchemy is through his Life Source Energy.

But he couldn't have nothing to do and stay in one place maturing spiritual herbs all the time, right?

That's not realistic.

So, Mu Jinyu first had to find a way to have his Life Source Energy mature spiritual herbs autonomously without his oversight.

"Let's try using an array formation first, maybe it can work."

Mu Jinyu paced around, his brows furrowing and then relaxing, and he took out some materials for setting up an array from the Storage Bag.

"Buzz!"

Quickly, Mu Jinyu set up a small Spirit Gathering Array.

The dense nature's spiritual energy around Yinlong Mountain automatically flowed into the small Spirit Gathering Array.

Of course, because the Mountain Protection Array of Yinlong Mountain already had an oversized Spirit Gathering Array and Spirit Storage Array, this spirit gathering movement wasn't significant.

It didn't even awake Zhou Yi, who was practicing alchemy.

Then, Mu Jinyu inscribed a forbidden rune he got from Mount Tai onto the small Spirit Gathering Array, which could store items and automatically absorb nature's spiritual energy to nourish them.

After setting up the array and rune, Mu Jinyu tried to carve the operational route of the "Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture" and the changes of "True Dragon Mystic Taoism" onto the array.

"Boom!"

However, before Mu Jinyu could engrave the Dao Rhyme and changes of the "True Dragon Mystic Taoism," the array couldn't bear the spiritual pressure and collapsed after only one-tenth of the true demand of the "Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture" was inscribed.

"It is indeed a bit difficult."

Mu Jinyu furrowed his brows tightly, sighing slightly.

The composition of his Life Source Energy is from having practiced the "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art", transforming his own True Yuan attribute to Wood Attribute True Essence, and then activating the "True Dragon Art" to invoke the Azure Dragon Bloodline, evolving it into Yi Wood True Essence.

Yi Wood True Essence can primarily heal injuries quickly and promote plant growth.

Finally, to transform it into Life Source Energy, he requires help from the Mystical Little Tree in his mind.

Yet Mu Jinyu didn't intend to bring out Life Source Energy, he just wanted to produce Yi Wood True Essence, without the extreme speed of maturing spiritual herbs as Life Source Energy would, just needing Yi Wood True Essence to rapidly mature spiritual herbs would suffice.

But this process isn't simple either!

"If I can't manage the 'Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture' and 'True Dragon Mystic Taoism', let's try the preparatory cultivation techniques first."

Mu Jinyu wasn't disheartened, arranging another small Spirit Gathering Array, engraving the Dao Rhyme and true demand of "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art" and "True Dragon Art."

The classics and cultivation techniques, the Dao and the art, although differing by just a word, cultivation techniques and arts far surpass classics and the Dao in practice.

And since Mu Jinyu had previously cultivated the techniques and arts, even when practicing the preparatory cultivation techniques, he could evolve into Yi Wood True Essence back then, he didn't need to particularly engrave the true demand of the classics and the Dao.

This time, it barely succeeded.

"Very good."

Mu Jinyu observed the Spirit Gathering Array, after absorbing the nearby nature's spiritual energy, triggered by the rune, automatically storing the energy within, then activated the operational paths of the "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art" and "True Dragon Art", converting it into Yi Wood True Qi.

"Go!"

Mu Jinyu raised his hand, tossing a seed inside.

"Buzz!"

The seed fell into the array, soaked in Yi Wood True Essence, and began to slowly sprout.

"The speed is a bit lacking..."

Watching this, Mu Jinyu frowned slightly, feeling the speed was slow, far less than when he previously accelerated local plant growth with Yi Wood True Qi.

"Almost forgot..."

Furrowing his brows, Mu Jinyu thought for a while before realizing that it requires the Dragon Clan's Bloodline to activate using the True Dragon Art.

Since he currently possesses Divine Dragon Blood all over, with Life Source Energy operating autonomously, he didn't need the "True Dragon Mystic Taoism" for transformation, he had forgotten about it.

"Shila."

Realizing this key point, Mu Jinyu squeezed a drop of Divine Dragon Blood from his fingertip, letting it fall into the Spirit Gathering Array.

"Wow!"

Upon the Divine Dragon Blood hitting the array, it was converted into Yi Wood True Essence, and then the slow-germinating spiritual medicine seed rapidly sprouted, growing into a spiritual medicine!

"It really works..."

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu's face immediately beamed with a smile.

But before he could celebrate, he saw the array plate suddenly begin vibrating intensely, then with a boom, it shattered.

The spiritual medicine within, not yet grown, was blown apart.

"No, the array plate doesn't have a body like mine to withstand such intense changes!"

Mu Jinyu's face darkened, his brows tightening up.

Next, Mu Jinyu exhaled heavily, producing more precious materials to continue arranging a better array.

"Bang!"

"Boom!"

After several attempts, he kept failing.

During this, Zhou Yi, who was alchemizing, was woken up, almost causing an explosion of his pill furnace.

But when he succeeded in alchemy, the disturbance affected both the pill completion and its quality, lowering them significantly.

"Dragon Master, what are you... doing?"

Zhou Yi, seeing that Mu Jinyu didn't seem to be alchemizing but wasn't quite sure what he was doing, plucked up the courage to approach, asking after Mu Jinyu failed once again.

With a not so good expression, Mu Jinyu casually replied, "Setting up a formation, maturing spiritual herbs..."

Zhou Yi already knew that Mu Jinyu's True Yuan could mature spiritual herbs, having noticed that in the ten acres of medicine fields, whenever he used up a large batch, they soon regrew, all over a hundred years in maturity.

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, he curiously asked, "Aren't these ten acres of medicine fields enough? What are you researching for, Dragon Master?"

Mu Jinyu, re-contemplating his approach without continuing his research, casually answered, "These ten acres are enough for our Dragon King Hall members, but I am planning a major operation, mass refining Essence Qi Pills for everyone nationwide, to cooperate with the nationwide martial arts plan. So, are these ten acres of medicine fields still sufficient?"

Chapter 1287: Suggestions and Attempts!

"This..."

Zhou Yi heard Mu Jinyu's words, hesitated for a moment, then opened his mouth wide, sucking in a breath of cold air.

His heart was filled with shock and disbelief.

Distributing elixirs to everyone in the country, even if it's just a first-grade Essence Qi Pill, is indeed a big move, a major initiative.

And if such a thing were to truly be done, the ten acres of medicine fields on Yinlong Mountain would be utterly insufficient, like a drop in the ocean.

Moreover, developing larger medicine fields and maturing the spiritual medicine daily to supply the whole country would undoubtedly be exhausting. Mu Jinyu couldn't just sit and mature the spiritual medicine every day, so setting up formations for automation is indeed reasonable.

"Dragon Master, then I will not disturb you any further."

After the shock, although Zhou Yi still didn't understand why Mu Jinyu suddenly wanted to do this, he couldn't offer any advice and took his leave with a bow, continuing to refine elixirs.

Mu Jinyu nodded, not concerning himself with Zhou Yi, frowning as he pondered a solution.

He then took out more and better materials to set up a large formation.

The materials used for setting up this formation could actually be enough to refine a spiritual treasure!

If it still fails, Mu Jinyu felt he would be very distressed.

"Boom!"

Unfortunately, it still failed in the end.

Mu Jinyu looked at the pitch-black scorch marks left by the explosion in front of him, his face even gloomier.

"Little Mu, come eat lunch."

Wen Rou stepped into the Inner Valley and, seeing Mu Jinyu idling in a daze on the open ground, called out to him.

Mu Jinyu heard her, turned to look at Wen Rou, nodded, and said, "Okay."

He was feeling somewhat frazzled and wasn't planning to continue attempting and waste more materials.

Shortly after, Mu Jinyu followed Wen Rou to the second floor of the Dragon King Hall cafeteria, eating with everyone.

"Little Mu, you seem burdened with something on your mind, what are you thinking about?"

Wen Rou sat beside Mu Jinyu, serving him some dishes, and seeing him still frowning in deep thought, couldn't help but ask curiously.

Su Zijin, Gu Xiyan, and the others also looked at Mu Jinyu with curiosity.

Mu Jinyu did not hide his thoughts and spoke about his ideas and the problems he faced.

"Mass production of Essence Qi Pills? Formation always failing?"

Gu Xiyan, Yu Linglong, Xu Qingya, Lin Qiaoxia, all of whom once held high positions in Jinyu Group and knew the production process of the Beauty Pill, had not gone to the welfare home yesterday, so they were unaware of Mu Jinyu's thoughts and plans. Upon hearing it now, they weren't too shocked. Since they now have a decent level of cultivation, they began to ponder how to improve the first step.

"The casually made Spirit Gathering Array collapses under the Divine Dragon Blood. How about using a more advanced formation?" Gu Xiyan asked.

"No." Mu Jinyu shook his head, "I tried, and even though more advanced formations can withstand the Divine Dragon Blood, they cannot handle the conversion to Yi Wood True Qi."

"Moreover, the materials for advanced formations are too scarce for me to set up many. We need to find a method for mass production and easy replenishment; that's the key."

Mei Yinxue, Yu Linglong, and others also proposed some ideas.

For instance, finding someone with a Wood Spirit Root and using their True Qi for the conversion, possibly eliminating the need for Dragon Blood and relying solely on the Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art.

Or capturing a Flood Dragon to use its Dragon Blood for conversion instead of Divine Dragon Blood.

"Hmm, I can try these suggestions later."

Jian Ruyan, after listening to their chatter, suddenly spoke up, "Actually, you could try the Divine Formation Disc."

"Divine Formation Disc?"

Upon hearing Jian Ruyan's words, Mu Jinyu squinted, considering the possibility of using the Divine Formation Disc.

Jian Ruyan added, "You mentioned that the materials used in your last formation setup could create a Spirit Treasure, but a Spirit Treasure is nothing. The Divine Formation Disc is a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure, more importantly, it contains numerous formations inside it, which likely wouldn't be destroyed by your Divine Dragon Blood or during the conversion process."

"Hmm, that's worth trying." Mu Jinyu found Jian Ruyan's suggestion reasonable.

Given that he now mastered several more mysterious forbidden runes on Mount Tai, the value of the Divine Formation Disc seemed much lower to him.

He felt that even if the Divine Formation Disc was destroyed, he could withstand the loss.

The loss of just one Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure was bearable for him.

After quickly finishing lunch, Mu Jinyu returned to the Inner Valley and retrieved the Divine Formation Disc, which had been idling in his storage bag for a while.

The Divine Formation Disc indeed bore numerous formations accumulated by the Divine Formation Sect over a millennium, and its ability to hold so many formations without breaking demonstrated its special quality and strength.

Mu Jinyu closely examined the Divine Formation Disc, finding that just the Spirit Gathering Arrays inside exceeded a hundred types.

They almost overwhelmed his choice.

Finally, Mu Jinyu carefully selected the most suitable Spirit Gathering Array and etched the rune for storage and accommodation into it.

After etching, Mu Jinyu felt a moment of tension, fearing that adding this rune might disrupt the balance of the entire Divine Formation Disc.

Fortunately, no unexpected issues arose in the end.

Mu Jinyu couldn't help but feel invigorated.

He then began to engrave the Dao rhyme and the operation paths of "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art" and "True Dragon Mystic Taoism" within it.

Finally, Mu Jinyu dripped a drop of blood to convert it into Yi Wood True Qi.

"Buzz!"

Once Mu Jinyu cast a spiritual medicine seed inside, he began watching it nervously.

"Whirl..."

The spiritual medicine seed absorbed the spiritual liquid formed by Yi Wood True Qi to its fill, quickly taking root and sprouting, turning into a medicinal herb seedling, then swiftly growing into a ten-year spiritual medicine, a twenty-year spiritual medicine, with its age rapidly increasing.

"No unexpected issues!"

Witnessing the spiritual medicine seedling grow into a century-old spiritual medicine and slow down in speed, Mu Jinyu's tense expression turned to one of delight.

"Finally, the first step is a success."

Mu Jinyu murmured with irrepressible excitement on his face.

"Since it worked, let's see to what extent the Divine Formation Disc's medicine-maturing range can reach!"

Before long, Mu Jinyu's eyes revealed a touch of apprehension.

Initially, when he tried using formations to replace himself to mature the spiritual medicines, the reason for making only a small Spirit Gathering Array was just for a test.

If it succeeded in one go then, he would have proceeded to try a larger scale Spirit Gathering Array.

Checking the maximum extent, then continuing to make multiple large-scale Spirit Gathering Arrays.

Now, however, the ordinary Spirit Gathering Array experiments failed, making them unable to withstand this variation. Only the Divine Formation Disc could hold up, so he could only see how large an area the Divine Formation Disc could cover.

"Boom!"

Under Mu Jinyu's prompting, the Spirit Gathering Array in the Divine Formation Disc was activated, and soon its range surpassed the Inner Valley of Yinlong Mountain before reaching the entire Yinlong Mountain.

It was then blocked by Yinlong Mountain's Mountain Protection Array, unable to expand outward.

"Impressive..."

Mu Jinyu waved his hand, lifting the Mountain Protection Array of Yinlong Mountain, allowing the Spirit Gathering Array's range to continue expanding outward.

Soon, the Spirit Gathering Array covered an area exceeding one hundred square kilometers, then five hundred square kilometers, eventually reaching nearly a thousand square kilometers.

"A thousand square kilometers, that's a sizable range, larger than some small cities."

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu couldn't help but exclaim in joy.

Chapter 1288: Success and Cooperation!

"However, with such a large scope, needing my True Dragon Blood each time to transform the Spiritual Energy into Yi Wood True Qi, it wouldn't be enough even if my blood was drained dry, right?"

After the initial surprise, Mu Jinyu frowned again, discovering an even larger problem.

"We can try Sister Mei's suggestion and find a few people with Wood Spirit Root to give it a try first."

Mu Jinyu waved a hand, gradually retracting the coverage of the Divine Formation Disc, then put it away, took out his phone, and called Mu Hongchen to inquire about the number of warriors with Wood Spirit Root in the Dragon King Hall.

In the early days, martial artists on the Huaxia side didn't really understand spirit roots and True Yuan attributes, until Mu Jinyu returned from the Kunlun Ruins later, bringing back a large number of cultivation manuals, many of which were attribute techniques.

Subsequently, Mu Hongchen arranged for people in the Dragon King Hall to specifically test and see who possessed Five Elements Spirit Roots, etc., and then allowed them to cultivate these types of techniques.

Mu Jinyu remembered that there were a few geniuses in the Dragon King Hall with Wood Spirit Roots, and they were cultivating at the headquarters.

"Dragon Master, are you looking for us?"

Soon, notified by Mu Hongchen, five young men in special training uniforms stepped into the Inner Valley, somewhat excited and curious, they asked Mu Jinyu.

"Yes, come over here and try using your familiar Wood Attribute True Essence to infuse here..."

Seeing them approach, Mu Jinyu beckoned them over while taking out the Divine Formation Disc.

When the five arrived, Mu Jinyu also activated the Spirit Gathering Array within the formation disc to a diameter of about three meters.

"Here, infuse your True Essence into this rune."

Mu Jinyu had them stand within the range of the Spirit Gathering Array, then directed them on where specifically to infuse their True Essence.

"Okay."

Though the five were curious, filled with doubts, the first rule of being a warrior is to obey orders.

Therefore, they didn't ask much, directly operating their cultivation techniques, channeling their respective Wood Attribute True Essence into the storage rune within the Spirit Gathering Array.

Then, Mu Jinyu manipulated it, guiding their True Essence along the path engraved for the Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art, transforming this Wood Attribute True Essence into Green Emperor True Yuan.

Although Green Emperor True Yuan is far stronger in attack power compared to Yi Wood True Yuan, it's not as good at maturing spiritual medicines compared to Life Source Energy or Yi Wood True Yuan, though it does have a certain maturing effect.

Mu Jinyu watched as he threw in a few spiritual medicine seeds into the Spirit Liquid Pond, and after ten minutes, they began to germinate, his heart sank, knowing that wanting it to become a hundred-year-old spiritual medicine in such a short time was dreaming.

It would probably take a month to grow a seed into a ten-year-old spiritual medicine.

But with a ten-year-old spiritual medicine, it's completely impossible to refine an Essence Qi Pill.

Does this process need continuous reduction?

If the medicinal age of spiritual medicines on this side is drastically reduced, and the quality of mass-produced pills also declines accordingly, would the end result be Essence Qi Pills with only a fifth of the potency?!

What's the point then!

"Perhaps, it doesn't necessarily need Dragon Blood, and then the True Dragon Art to transform it into Yi Wood True Yuan. Would Dragon Qi or a Dragon Vein work?"

Mu Jinyu frowned, unwilling to take another step back and settle for a reduced version of the Essence Qi Pill.

He pondered for a moment, under the confused and astonished eyes of the five, infusing a large amount of Dragon Qi into the Spirit Liquid Pond.

Then activated the engraved operation path of the True Dragon Art.

"Hurrah..."

Instantly, the Green Emperor True Yuan began to transform rapidly, becoming the slightly inferior Yi Wood True Yuan, and the seed quickly sprouted, growing into a spiritual medicine seedling.

"It really works... it doesn't just need blood for transformation..."

Seeing this moment, a gleam of satisfied joy appeared in Mu Jinyu's eyes.

Then, he stomped his foot lightly and shouted, "Rise!"

"Boom!!"

Immediately, the entire Yinlong Mountain began to tremble slightly.

"Roar!"

The nine mountain peaks outside the Inner Valley instantly soared into the air, nine dragon shadows roaring with claws and fangs emerging.

Under Mu Jinyu's guidance, the nine dragon shadows swiftly dived into the Spirit Gathering Array within the Divine Formation Disc with a whoosh.

"Hurrah!!"

The Spirit Liquid Pond within the Spirit Gathering Array, infused with Dragon Shadows, instantly transformed completely from Green Emperor True Yuan to Yi Wood True Yuan.

And that spiritual medicine seed quickly matured, becoming a few months old.

"In this way, in about a day's time, a spiritual medicine can grow from a seed to a hundred-year spiritual medicine, that's good enough!"

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu revealed a satisfied smile, feeling that this effect was barely acceptable to him.

Then, he frowned slightly again.

The existence of these nine Dragon Veins in Yinlong Mountain makes it unsuitable to use this place as a raw material site for Essence Qi Pills, as he currently doesn't want to relocate.

So, another location needs to be found.

Furthermore, just five martial artists with Wood Spirit Roots are clearly not enough...

After pondering for a moment, Mu Jinyu waved his hand to let the five leave first, then took out his phone and called Mu Hongchen, asking her to contact the person in charge of the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow to come over, as he wished to discuss something with them.

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One hour later.

The person in charge of the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, Xia Ruochen, hurried over from the Capital City to Jiangnan Province.

Upon arriving at Yinlong Mountain, Mu Jinyu didn't waste any words with him, directly demonstrating the effect of maturing spiritual medicines using the Divine Formation Disc.

"How was it?"

Mu Jinyu took out a spiritual medicine with a year's age, tossing it to Xia Ruochen, asking with a smile.

Xia Ruochen, full of shock and excitement, took the spiritual medicine thrown to him by Mu Jinyu, checked it, and confirmed that it indeed possessed a year of medicinal age, exclaiming in amazement, "It's a miracle, to actually have such a means, it's almost comparable to the evolution speed when Spiritual Energy Revival first appeared a year ago."

When Spiritual Energy Revival first appeared, under the influence of Spiritual Energy, many herbs rapidly changed from one- or two-year-old ages to several decades, even hundreds of years.

But after a period of time post Spiritual Energy Revival, this unbelievable transformation speed gradually ceased, and now it's simply impossible for a small sapling outside to turn into a hundred-year-old tree overnight.

After praising, Xia Ruochen, without blinking, looked at Mu Jinyu, his tone urgent and excited as he asked, "Dragon Master, are you really planning to hand over this method to us at the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow?"

"Not to hand it over to your Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, but for you to manage it, distributing it to the entire nation so as to perfect the nationwide martial cultivation plan!" Mu Jinyu reminded.

"Yes, that's no problem." Xia Ruochen nodded.

Mu Jinyu had mentioned earlier that the range of this formation for maturing spiritual medicines was about a thousand square kilometers, much larger than the area of some cities, and the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow wouldn't use that many spiritual medicines.

Mu Jinyu continued, "As I just mentioned, the range of the formation for maturing spiritual medicines is roughly one thousand square kilometers. If this entire area can be utilized, the daily production of spiritual medicines will certainly be enough for all the people nationwide!"

"But things aren't as simple as you think; this maturing spirit liquid isn't obtained just by absorbing Spiritual Energy!"

"First, you need people with Wood Spirit Root to use Wood Attribute True Yuan for the initial change; second, you need Dragon Qi from Dragon Vein Land for the second transformation!"

"Only after solving these two issues will this large-scale method for maturing spiritual medicines be fully resolved!"

"So now, two issues lie before you: one, finding enough people with Wood Spirit Root, at least a thousand, and even ten thousand wouldn't be too many if possible."

"Two, find an area large enough, like the Qinling Mountains, to serve as the site for acquiring raw materials for the Essence Qi Pills!"

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Chapter 1289: Spirit Roots and Students!

Upon hearing the two prerequisites outlined by Mu Jinyu, Xia Ruochen's eyes gleamed, and he then chuckled, "Rest assured, Dragon Master. Our Great Xia Dragon Sparrow has already recruited over seven hundred cultivators with Wood Spirit Roots. As long as we slightly relax the criteria, we can gather up to a thousand people—it can still be achieved."

"As for the Qinling Dragon Vein, we've been preparing to conquer it recently, so it seems our plans coincide..."

Mu Jinyu was somewhat surprised at his words and asked, "Your Great Xia Dragon Sparrow already has over seven hundred cultivators with Wood Spirit Roots?"

It was indeed surprising to him, since in the Kunlun Ruins, cultivators with Spirit Roots were extremely rare.

Back when he first joined the Heavenly Sword Faction, it was because of his Wood Spirit Root that Sect Leader Xie Chenkun wanted to take him as a disciple.

Though the Heavenly Sword Faction was only one of the Four Great Sects in the Yan Kingdom, it couldn't be considered a major sect in the vast Kunlun Ruins, but this gave some perspective.

Moreover, in the Hidden Dragon Conference later on, he didn't see many cultivators with Spirit Roots.

Who would have thought that on Earth, where the cultivation environment was considerably poorer than the Kunlun Ruins, there would be over seven hundred cultivators with Wood Spirit Roots.

And this was just the personnel recruited by Great Xia Dragon Sparrow; the ones not recruited due to character issues were surely even more numerous.

Xia Ruochen nodded, "Indeed, we already have over seven hundred. Our Great Xia Dragon Sparrow has been following the plan you, Dragon Master, established, absorbing suitable new blood from various schools. Among them, cultivators with Wood Spirit Roots number over seven hundred, those with Fire Spirit Roots over five hundred, and those with Metal Spirit Roots over six hundred..."

"So many..." Mu Jinyu listened to Xia Ruochen's narrative, his eyes slightly unfocused as he murmured quietly.

The presence of so many cultivators with Spirit Roots on Earth made Mu Jinyu begin to question why there were so few such cultivators in the Kunlun Ruins.

Perhaps Earth is the complete world, whereas the Kunlun Ruins is merely a developed Minor World? Or perhaps it is a considerable Secret Realm? Although those living within have abundant spiritual energy, making it more suitable for cultivation, they are born imperfect?

Shaking his head slightly, Mu Jinyu knew this problem wasn't easy to deduce, so he temporarily suppressed it, nodding, "Alright, once you return, you can arrange for those cultivators with Fire Spirit Roots to come to me..."

"Dragon Master, is this..." Xia Ruochen questioned with slight curiosity upon hearing Mu Jinyu's statement.

After all, Mu Jinyu hadn't mentioned needing cultivators with Fire Spirit Roots just now, and now suddenly changing to require them couldn't help but surprise him.

Mu Jinyu replied, "I'm going to teach them Alchemy so that your Great Xia Dragon Sparrow can eventually be self-sufficient, without needing the Dragon King Hall to distribute elixirs to you."

Upon hearing this, Xia Ruochen was overjoyed and nodded, "Great, great, I'll have it arranged right away."

He instantly pulled out his phone and sent a few text messages, arranging for those five hundred cultivators with Fire Spirit Roots to head to the Dragon King Hall.

In the year since the establishment of Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, they have absorbed countless students into their ranks nationwide, growing very effectively, but the issue of scarce resources had become increasingly apparent.

Naturally, they had considered cultivating some Alchemists so they wouldn't always have to rely on the Dragon King Hall.

Unfortunately, like the various trash cultivation methods they collected before founding Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, they had no systematic Alchemy practices or Pill Formulas, making it difficult to cultivate any Alchemists.

Now Mu Jinyu spoke of helping them train Alchemists—Xia Ruochen couldn't help but be excited.

After making the arrangements, Xia Ruochen further discussed the specific plan with Mu Jinyu, then hurriedly departed.

He needed to organize people to prepare to conquer the Qinling Dragon Vein.

Otherwise, Mu Jinyu's plan would be difficult to implement.

Watching Xia Ruochen leave, Mu Jinyu whispered, "Since there are so many cultivators with Fire Spirit Roots, I don't need to continue worrying about refining the Essence Qi Pills next."

Initially when Mu Jinyu had the idea of nearly freely supplying Essence Qi Pills to billions of people across the country, he barely managed to figure out how to ensure the medicine fields continuously mature the spiritual medicines daily without constant supervision, then faced headaches about how to use those spiritual medicines to continue refining them into Essence Qi Pills.

After all, the Essence Qi Pill was a First Grade Elixir, even if it was the lowest tier First Grade Low Level Pill, but unlike the Beauty Pill, it couldn't be mechanically produced by assembly line.

This subsequent alchemy issue was giving him a headache, so he first called Xia Ruochen to handle the Wood Spirit Root cultivators and the Dragon Vein Land issue, before he planned to ponder seriously.

However, upon discovering Great Xia Dragon Sparrow already had so many cultivators with Fire Spirit Roots, he saved himself the trouble.

To become an Alchemist requires having a Spirit Root, ideally a Fire Spirit Root, followed by a Wood Spirit Root, then a Water Spirit Root or Earth Spirit Root, while the Metal Spirit Root is completely unsuitable.

And Mu Jinyu, possessing a Wood Spirit Root without a Fire Spirit Root, although performing impressively in alchemy currently, would eventually face a developmental limit compared to Fire Spirit

Root geniuses in the later stage of the Alchemy Path due to lacking Fire Attribute principles in his True Yuan.

Therefore, Mu Jinyu only instructed Xia Ruochen to send cultivators with Fire Spirit Roots to learn alchemy techniques, and not those with other attributes.

Second-tier suitable Wood Spirit Root geniuses are meant to cultivate spiritual medicines.

"I wonder if these youths can handle the blessings of 007!"

Suddenly it occurred to Mu Jinyu that soon, these Wood Spirit Root geniuses in Great Xia Dragon Sparrow would spend all day in the medicine fields cultivating spiritual medicines, while the Fire Spirit Root geniuses would spend all day at the pill furnace refining elixirs. It made him chuckle.

Although it seemed he was dealing them a hard hand, in reality their future development and treatment would far exceed others.

Ultimately, as the first batch of Alchemists and Spirit Nurturers, once the number of cultivators with Spirit Roots increases, they won't have to work as arduously as in the early stage, and their status will grow increasingly prestigious.

Soon, by three o'clock in the afternoon.

Several dark green military transport trucks escorted over five hundred Fire Spirit Root geniuses to the foot of Yinlong Mountain.

After receiving Xia Ruochen's message, Mu Jinyu personally went out to greet them.

When he saw these people alighting from the transport trucks, standing somewhat timidly on the side, he couldn't help but be taken aback.

"Whoa, so many students?"

Scanning quickly, he noticed the group was very young with some two hundred or so likely university students around twenty years old.

There were also over two hundred high school and middle school students.

The remaining were clearly around elementary school age, surprisingly numbering over a hundred.

Mu Jinyu couldn't help wanting to say, middle school and high school students are fine, but what is Xia Ruochen playing at, sending even elementary school kids over?

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"Dragon Master, the people have been delivered, a total of five hundred and seventy-three. Please inspect!"

A middle-aged man dressed in camouflage gear, with sharp features, jumped off the vehicle, walked briskly to Mu Jinyu, and saluted him with a loud voice.

Mu Jinyu couldn't help but roll his eyes at him, speaking exasperatedly, "What are you guys doing? You even brought elementary students, what about their studies?"

"I'm just responsible for bringing them here, as for who they are, that's not my responsibility!"

The man spoke in a firm tone, though a hint of helplessness flashed in his eyes.

"Forget it, I'll talk to Xia Ruochen myself. Don't leave just yet; you'll need to take these people back later."

Mu Jinyu helplessly guessed that Xia Ruochen made this arrangement because he thought he had a good opportunity to teach alchemy and didn't want to miss it, so he sent even the elementary students over.

But with college students, he felt his conscience was still manageable if he subjected them to the grind of overworking.

But elementary, middle, and high school students abandoning their education to stay in front of alchemy furnaces making Essence Qi Pills felt entirely unacceptable, his conscience really couldn't bear it.

"Beep beep... Hello? Dragon Master, they've arrived, right?"

The call connected, and Xia Ruochen's hearty laugh came through.

Mu Jinyu angrily retorted, "What are you pulling here, sending even elementary and middle school students, don't you want them to study? Just having them do alchemy all day?"

"Perfectly good talents, you're going to waste them all!"

Xia Ruochen fell silent for a moment on the other end, then sighed, "I'm aware of these issues, but I had discussed it with their parents, who believe that in today's era, studying may not be the best path."

"Even those with master's or doctorate degrees have less favorable conditions than today's martial artists and cultivators. After communicating with their parents, they believe the future treatment and benefits of alchemists will far exceed other fields like government work or finance..."

"So after the discussions, I also felt that in today's scarce world of elixirs, sending these hundred elementary students over to learn alchemy from you was warranted..."

Mu Jinyu waved his hand dismissively, "Don't start talking nonsense, although current martial artists and cultivators have better treatment than those with high academic credentials, that doesn't mean studying is useless. The most important aspect of education is developing one's logical thinking ability. You clearly know how much more advanced the logical thinking of someone educated is compared to someone uneducated."

"Right now, the high treatment for martial artists is only because the spiritual energy revival has just begun, making martial artists scarce. Once mass martial cultivation succeeds and everyone becomes draconic, see if uneducated martial artists are more valued than those with high academic education?"

"And as for alchemists, it's clear they will still be rare due to the stringent requirements, so their future benefits and treatment won't lack, but that doesn't mean they should abandon their education to become alchemists..."

Xia Ruochen sighed, "I know, so how about this: they're educated during weekdays in Jiangnan Province and can come learn alchemy with you on weekends, would that be agreeable?"

"That way, they won't miss either their education or the alchemy training."

Hearing Xia Ruochen's words, Mu Jinyu immediately realized what his plan was.

From the start, Xia Ruochen likely never intended to have those elementary students with Fire Spirit Root abandon their education to solely focus on alchemy!

He feared Mu Jinyu wouldn't accept such a compromise, so he sent them over first, waited for Mu Jinyu to get angry, then brought up the difficulty, followed by the compromise plan, hoping Mu Jinyu would find it acceptable.

Mu Jinyu found Xia Ruochen's probing utterly dull.

"Fine, but I don't have that much time, so I'll have my registered disciples teach them instead." Mu Jinyu replied coldly.

"Alright, that's no problem as long as there's someone to teach them." Xia Ruochen responded cheerfully.

"Since it's the weekend today, Dragon Master, you don't need to send them all back. Let them learn some alchemy today, but by Monday, I'll send those who should focus on their education back to school."

Mu Jinyu said, "I have my own plans, that's all for now."

With that, he hung up the phone.

Then he checked the date; today was indeed Saturday.

"This old Fox Spirit!"

Mu Jinyu muttered a curse, then looked at the man standing nearby, straight as a spear, waving his hand, saying, "Alright, you all can head back, come pick them up on Monday."

"Yes!"

The middle-aged man acknowledged loudly, then retreated with his team and drove off.

This left the five hundred seventy-three students standing there, exchanging looks, nervously gazing at Mu Jinyu and Mu Hongchen...

"Take them inside, I'll have Elder Zhou come out to teach them later."

Mu Jinyu turned and instructed Mu Hongchen, then went back to Yinlong Mountain.

Back inside the Inner Valley.

Zhou Yi was still immersed in alchemy, truly consumed by the Dao of Alchemy.

Mu Jinyu didn't interrupt Zhou Yi's alchemy process, instead, he waited on the side until he finished.

After half an hour, Zhou Yi finally completed his alchemy.

"Whoosh!"

Three pills flew out from the open pill furnace, caught by Zhou Yi, who excitedly stood up and shouted triumphantly.

"Hahaha, I finally succeeded, I knew I was also a genius..."

Mu Jinyu noticed those were three-grade elixirs, normally only refineable by cultivators in the Fanxu Realm.

Since Zhou Yi was only in the Early Divine Transformation Realm, managing to produce third-grade elixirs, no wonder he was so thrilled.

"Congrats, Elder Zhou..." Mu Jinyu said with a smile, congratulating him.

"Hmm?" Zhou Yi heard the voice, turned to Mu Jinyu, and said, "Dragon Master, you've come?"

Then he eagerly approached, holding out the elixirs for Mu Jinyu to see, "Look, Dragon Master, I've refined third-grade elixirs."

Recently, after being able to produce second-grade fine elixirs, he had been contemplating attempting third-grade ones.

After multiple failures, he finally succeeded today in making third-grade elixirs.

Although they only had one Danwen, classifying them as inferior quality, they were enough to make him exceedingly excited.

"Indeed, not bad. However, Elder Zhou, you should also focus on your cultivation. Don't get too obsessed with the Dao of Alchemy; otherwise, you won't be able to produce higher-grade elixirs in the future. Invest more effort into your cultivation."

Mu Jinyu glanced at the three elixirs, then advised Elder Zhou.

"Yes, I know. Lately, after struggling to produce third-grade elixirs, I was planning to pause my focus on alchemy to concentrate on cultivation because I couldn't accept not being able to make third-grade elixirs at the Divine Transformation Realm. Now that I succeeded, I can focus on cultivation."

Zhou Yi explained with a smile.

Mu Jinyu nodded, then said, "By the way, Elder Zhou, the Dragon King Hall just brought over five hundred students with talent in alchemy; later, you should teach them the basic alchemy knowledge and guide them in refining Essence Qi Pills..."

"This will help you reinforce your foundation in the Dao of Alchemy, maybe even bring you new insights."

"What?" Zhou Yi was taken aback by Mu Jinyu's words, then grinned, "Has the Dragon King Hall brought so many talented individuals? Alright, I'll teach them the foundational alchemy knowledge shortly."

Watching Zhou Yi leave, Mu Jinyu withdrew his gaze, with a contemplative look on his face.

He pondered how to mass-produce Essence Qi Pills without human supervision of the pill furnace.