

Longevity 221

Chapter 221: The Absolute Immortal Sea Islands have a relic, Spirit Treasure Jade purely contains Mixed Element

Bai Yao was indeed dressed, and quite grandly, quite beautifully at that.

However, she had guessed correctly by accident, for at this moment, she appeared in Tao Qian's eyes precisely as someone undressed.

To be more accurate, her image alternated back and forth.

At this time, when Tao Qian looked at her, what initially appeared was a gigantic six-tailed fox, squatting innocently on that auspicious cloud with a dumb and innocent face. Its six fluffy tails wagging, its posture was very much like that of a large white dog waiting for its owner to pet her.

But before Tao Qian could actually reach out, she quickly switched back to human form. However, during that process, a fleeting glance allowed Tao Qian to see some flesh and bone transformations.

To describe it, it seemed like something erotically charged.

Unfortunately, it was not.

Because that "transformation" was not accomplished with just a flash of dim light.

Rather, it involved actual changes, with fur receding, flesh rolling, and bones surging... The scene was not beautiful.

If ordinary humans saw such scenes, at the least, it would drive them insane.

For the more faint-hearted, it would not be surprising if they were scared to death on the spot.

In Tao Qian's eyes, it only made him frown.

Yet it was not because he disdained this Senior Sister Bai Yao. She herself had done nothing wrong, nor was she some kind of demon.

Her flesh transformation technique was also a very orthodox Spirit Treasure Method.

At least, she didn't produce maggots, tumors, tentacles, or other such nasty things, which would truly disgust Tao Qian.

The issue that caused this transformation was clearly related to the Innate Spiritual Sensing recently gifted by Senior Sister Xie Lingji.

"Is this the power of the Innate Spiritual Sensing?"

"I haven't even used it yet, just carrying it allows me to see through Senior Sister Bai Yao's true form, and even observe her flesh transformation technique clearly."

"Hard to imagine, what if it were a complete Innate Daoist Body, complete Spiritual Sensing?"

"No wonder, no wonder Senior Sister Xie Lingji has such a cold demeanor and encountered such freakish incidents."

"I suspect that what she usually sees and hears is beyond what ordinary cultivators can imagine."

"Now that she has shared a strand of inspiration with me, will it be like this until I use it?"

Tao Qian was pondering this when suddenly, a furry fox head leaned in front of him, looking pitifully at him with dumb and innocent eyes.

At the same time, he also heard Senior Sister Bai Yao carefully ask:

"Tao... Junior Tao, is there something wrong with me?"

"I checked, I did come wearing clothes."

Such a contrast in cuteness, Tao Qian had only seen once in this world.

That time was in the territory of Meiling, when Master Xiao of the Infant Sect had shrunk into a girl.

Now, Tao Qian saw it a second time.

This Senior Sister obviously had a face that could make the Emperor skip the morning court, yet her character was like this.

Tao Qian resisted the urge to pet the fox, forced himself to ignore the flesh transformation, and then showed a kind smile, saying,

"Nothing, nothing, Senior Sister Bai Yao's outfit is extremely beautiful."

"I was just distracted by some other thoughts."

"Although I haven't yet cleaned up the Spiritual Resonance Cave, fortunately, there is the Dragon Marsh Water Mansion available to entertain Senior Sister."

As soon as Tao Qian finished speaking, he was immediately met with a brutal rejection.

Senior Sister Bai Yao, that fox head, shook fiercely like a rattle drum.

While shaking, she urgently said:

"No, no, when I left, I sensed the Master's tone was somewhat anxious. I dare not delay Master's business."

After saying this, Senior Sister Bai Yao began searching on herself.

What appeared in Tao Qian's eyes: a large white fox, using its fox paws to search inside its fluffy body.

Quickly, she pulled out two items and stuffed them into Tao Qian's hands.

Then, with a demeanor somewhat similar to that of the regal Yunhua Immortal, she mimicked an immortal concubine's poise and said:

"Junior Tao, Master said that although you have taken over Ascending Immortal Island, the island has been deserted for a long time, and all its arrangements have been moved by the Xie Family's servants. To sustain the operation of the Three Great Prohibitions and manage the entire island is indeed a difficult task."

"You may command the Crystal Demons, but the vast resources needed for the operation of Ascending Immortal Island must be acquired by yourself. This is also a rule within the Mountain Gate, even Duobao True Monarch cannot help you."

"This is also a small price for being granted Ascending Immortal Island. Other True Inheritors also face this ordeal, yet their burden is not as great as yours."

"These two items may assist you."

While Senior Sister Bai Yao spoke,

Tao Qian, receiving the two items, gained a cluster of information in his mind.

Tao Qian looked seriously, one item was a mottled token, crafted from some creature's bone, with three blood-red characters engraved on it.

Absolute Immortal Token!

Those familiar words made Tao Qian's eyebrows raise.

Fortunately, quickly, there was no need for him to activate the Record, as the token itself came with accompanying information.

"Before the Great Assembly of Ten Thousand Immortals of the Spirit Treasure Sect, Spirit Treasure Disciples trapped in the 'Absolute Immortal' condition, regardless of who they are, will be confined to the Absolute Immortal Sea Islands."

"Most are of Elder status with strong cultivation and wealthy possessions. Some will leave their heritage to their own disciples, but there are still many Elders without disciples or followers, leaving behind many relics... Accumulated over years, the Absolute Immortal Sea Islands have long become a dangerous place, but everywhere there are treasures."

"In the islands, some places, if confining..."

As this information flowed past, Tao Qian's eyes widened slightly.

The Absolute Immortal Token was described clearly enough.

In summary, it was a great benefit given by the sect to True Disciples, a major boon.

"Although those elders who fell into the realm of Absolute Immortal had mostly gone mad, despairing of the Dao Path."

"But that, too, is relative, and it does not obstruct the fact that each of them is a powerful cultivator. Perhaps most of their good possessions were used to suppress mutated degradation, but what's left could certainly be considered treasures. If brought into the outside world, they would more than suffice to spark turmoil and contention."

"For example, Alcohol and Meat Uncle Li Changle, not only was he a cultivator of Cavernous Mystery Realm, but he'd also been an Emperor, and had even created a 'Wine Pool Meat Forest' for his enjoyment. How astonishing must his relic be?"

"However, the perils of that place are probably equally astonishing. Those cultivators, having reached such a level, even if they pass away completely, still leave behind some terrifying contamination, or perhaps even something more horrifying."

"One misstep might lead to death and the dissipation of one's Dao."

Tao Qian hesitated for a moment, then his gaze landed on the second item.

It was a bottle.

It was unclear what material it was made from, white as jade, as if no dirt of this world could taint it.

Looking inside the bottle revealed nothing but darkness; nothing else was visible.

If shaken, one could hear a strange water sound.

Without requiring the activation of the Record, Tao Qian, holding the object, instantly knew the reason:

"In a few days, the Absolute Immortal Sea Islands will open the Forbidden Technique, allowing disciples who have received true transmission to enter."

"According to the rules of the Spirit Treasure Sect, each Master can prepare a Protective Dharma Treasure for their disciple."

"If I really pushed it, my Master could send the Heavenly Punishment Immortal Sword to protect me, but that would indeed look rather disgraceful."

"So, the Master provided a fairly common replica of a Dharma Treasure, and Yunhua Immortal then laid down a Forbidden Technique within it, thus saving face and ensuring my safety."

"This item is called 'Spirit Treasure Jade Purifying Bottle,' though only a True Device, it contains the Mixed Element Qi Unpolluted Great Prohibition inside."

"Though it still does not make up for the gap in Cultivation Realm and supernatural power between me and the other True Inheritors, it's sufficient to protect me from harm by the remnants of the Absolute Immortal."

Having realized this, Tao Qian glanced at the Jade Purifying Bottle in his hand with a peculiar look.

Although the name had 'Spirit Treasure' added to it, Tao Qian had no trouble recognizing it.

This item was a replica of a treasure from the Buddhist Sect.

Apparently, this was the benefit that Tao Qian's nominal Master had mentioned before, the reward Yunhua Immortal would give after taking over the Cave Mansion.

Clearly, both had calculated.

Tao Qian would take full control of this Immortal Island within a day or two.

Seamlessly connecting it directly with the trip to the Absolute Immortal Sea Islands, which had also been arranged in advance.

"That's fine. I have been in the sect for some time; indeed, it's time to meet with other fellow disciples."

"Even though the Absolute Immortal Sea Islands, just from the descriptions, is not exactly a pleasant meeting place, it is still within the Mountain Gate. With this treasure, there should be no great danger."

With these thoughts, Tao Qian casually put away the two items.

Then, lifting his hand, he took out a large piece of Warm Jade.

Within that jade, the lingering image of Senior Sister Xie Lingji, still vivid and true to life.

Tao Qian was about to say something while holding this Warm Jade.

Unexpectedly, right in front of him, the giant fluffy white fox suddenly let out a cry.

"Sister Lingji!"

"My Sister Lingji..."

Amidst the howls, this Senior Sister Bai Yao was about to hug the Warm Jade using both hands and feet.

Tao Qian intended to stop her, but she quickly realized herself that with her strength, a moment's carelessness would turn the Warm Jade into a pile of fragments.

Unable to embrace Sister Lingji, she could only sob and choke back tears while circling around the Warm Jade, trying her best to get close and staring foolishly at Xie Lingji's image within the jade.

Seeing this scene, Tao Qian realized why Yunhua Immortal had sent this silly and cute Senior Sister to handle the matters.

The relationship between Senior Sisters Xie Lingji and Bai Yao must be deep.

Once again thinking about it, when Senior Sister Bai Yao mentioned that Yunhua Immortal was very anxious, Tao Qian vaguely understood a lot more.

"Yunhua Immortal giving me Ascending Immortal Island, not just because of the Karma between us."

"The true purpose, might also be hoping to use my blessing and Human Dao Fortune."

"She knew there was a Spiritual Resonance Avatar of Sister Lingji in the Fire Cave Mansion, but whether it's the avatar or Yunhua Immortal herself, they had no clue if Sister Lingji had completely perished."

"Perhaps in a desperate attempt, Yunhua Immortal placed her hopes on me."

"Maybe she thought that with my ability to Resist the Three Calamities, coupled with the Human Dao Fortune I obtained, contacting Sister Lingji's avatar might create some opportunities?"

"It turned out... accidentally correct!"

With this thought, Tao Qian couldn't help but show a smile.

Following that, he directly took out a Cloud Token Letter, and rewrote some of the secrets he had gleaned.

Like attributing it to the "Innate Spiritual Sensing."

Only mentioning that he accidentally peeked that Sister Lingji might still have an avatar remaining in the world, albeit with unknown whereabouts.

"Of the nine Spiritual Resonance Avatars, seven have perished; the calamities Sister Xie faced must have been severe."

"The surviving two avatars, I don't know if they are hidden, imprisoned, or met some other accidents."

"I know this secret, but there's nothing I can do myself. Yet, it's different for Yunhua Immortal. With her skills, she should be able to grasp that sliver of opportunity."

"Perhaps, she might be able to save Sister Xie."

Chapter 222 Tao Qian Enters the Mansion, Wishing to Plant Longevity Peaches

Bai Yao took the warm jade and the cloud talisman from Tao Qian's hand and hurried back to report the completion of his duty.

Tao Qian, holding the Absolute Immortal Token and the Jade Purification Bottle, returned to Ascending Immortal Island.

Now, Tao Qian had reclaimed three Bie Fu, and with the three prohibitions unified, the entire Immortal Island, coveted even by the Long-Elders of the Cavernous Mystery Realm, fell completely into Tao Qian's hands.

He had fully activated the island's three meridians, enveloping the entire island inside and out with a tight barrier.

At this moment, even if a powerful being assaulted the island, Tao Qian would not fear in the slightest.

On the island, including the three Bie Fu, there were residences such as the Cliff Sea Pavilion in abundance; however, the various layouts within had been emptied by the servants of the Xie Family.

For Tao Qian to replenish everything would be as difficult as ascending to the heavens.

Despite not being poor, among cultivators of the same realm, Master Tao was considered immensely wealthy.

But that was all; his roots stemmed from a small town in Southern Yue, and his cultivation journey had been brief. No matter how wealthy, he could not compare to a thousand-year-old clan like the Xie Family.

"Years ago, Aunt Yunhua fought with the Xie Family over taking a disciple, leading to an unpleasant fallout."

"But after all, being a talent with an Innate Taoist Body, the Xie Family couldn't possibly give up Senior Sister Lingji. Even after she joined their sect, they continued to supply her with vast amounts of cultivation resources, in a way asserting their dominance."

"Regrettably, it ended the way it did."

In a flash of thought, Tao Qian was already leading a group of young ones toward the towering peaks of the three Immortal Mountains at the heart of Ascending Immortal Island.

Following behind him was a multitude of figures.

Apart from the extremely conspicuous group of Hundred crystal demon girls, who under the brilliance of the sun were dazzling, there was also a large group of the Dragon Species Clan and several hundred merfolk, forming a mighty procession.

Unwittingly, Tao Qian, once a solitary figure, had amassed such a substantial foundation and wealth.

Counting the eight hundred Fire Spirits and the various other beast evils and oddities, Tao Qian and his possession of Ascending Immortal Island could totally be considered a major power.

Iron Buddha Mountain, which Tao Qian once regarded as a dreaded Demon Cave!

Now, upon looking again, it seemed rather ordinary.

Auspicious clouds rose before the Flame, Yunhua, and Ice Pot Immortal Mountains, and Tao Qian once more produced the Ascending Immortal Token.

This token, now complete and entirely owned by Tao Qian.

Instantly, the token emitted a misty immortal light, brilliant as stars, shining directly upon the stele on Yunhua Immortal Mountain, which stood tall and was engraved with the words "Ascending Immortal Island Yunhua Mountain Spiritual Resonance Cave Mansion."

In an instant, thunder roared.

First, the Flame Immortal Mountain trembled suddenly, releasing a flame cloud that enveloped half of the island. Then the Ice Pot Immortal Mountain lifted a silver-white water cloud among the sound of trickling springs. The two clouds clashed in the sky, harmonizing water and fire, with clouds drifting and a rainbow light so dazzling spanned entire Ascending Immortal Island.

Among the island's many birds and beasts were many auspicious creatures such as psychic cranes, phoenixes, and colorful deer.

Upon hearing the commotion, they hurried from all around to offer their congratulations.

Such a scene was indeed worthy of great admiration, a true vision of an Immortal's realm.

Tao Qian watched for a while, just as the doors of Spiritual Resonance Cave swung wide open.

He then led a few young ones into the cave to take a look. From the outside, the Spiritual Resonance Cave didn't seem all that remarkable.

But once inside, they realized that it was a different world entirely.

Accompanied by the constant exclamations of the youngsters, Tao Qian's vision was immediately filled with multi-leveled profound pavilions and pearl palaces. The palaces, reaching over a dozen layers, each equipped with a transmission array on either side for the convenience of the mansion master to come and go to and from the Flame and Ice Pot Immortal Mountains.

Both Immortal Mountains held their mysteries, producing a large number of water and fire alien elements.

They could also be used for refining techniques and treasures.

Now that Tao Qian had just established his Dao Foundation, he needed internal and external tempering and had to break through several barriers to advance into the Transcend Mortality Realm.

With the help of Water and Fire Origin Qi, he could achieve twice the results with half the effort.

Although the palace and pavilion were misty with immortality, they were indeed all empty. Apart from some merfolk silk, some green stone jade tables, and Bright Pearls and Spirit Shells embedded in the domed ceilings and jade walls that were too difficult to remove, almost all the movable furniture and arrangements had been cleared out.

This included the Cultivation Manuals that Tao Qian cared about most, not even a scrap of paper was left for him.

If someone unknowledgeable were here, they would only sigh at how thoroughly the previous owner had moved out.

Tao Qian, aware of the reasons, chose not to comment.

"The Spiritual Resonance Cave was originally built by Senior Sister, and all resources might have been brought from the Xie Family."

"After the Senior Sister perished outside, the Xie Family might still blame Aunt Yunhua for not protecting her well, and emptying the cave mansion to vent their anger is not an impossibility."

"It doesn't matter, I prefer this kind of clean and simple style anyway."

Muttering to himself, Tao Qian seemed to think of something.

He first instructed the merfolk on a few matters, allowing the young ones to continue playing wildly in the various palaces.

He then suddenly shifted his form with a thought and teleported to the deepest and highest chamber of the Spiritual Resonance Cave.

Elsewhere in the palatial pavilions, as Tao Qian arrived holding the Ascending Immortal Token, the doors would open immediately.

But this particular "Secret Temple" remained tightly shut.

This Secret Temple seemed to merge perfectly with the Void, and surrounding it was the continuous sound of thunder.

Ahead was a stately and mysterious bronze portal, engraved with many inscriptions and symbols, subtly linked in a terrifying prohibition that even Tao Qian dared not violate.

"Here lies what the Master referred to as the most valuable thing in the entire Ascending Immortal Island and the Spiritual Resonance Cave Mansion,"

"A Star Membrane Secret Realm!"

"A Star Aperture that can connect to the Outer Realm!"

"This will be of great use once I step into the Cavernous Mystery and Ultimate Happiness Realms in the future."

In Tao Qian's mind, the instructions of his master, Duobao Daoist, flashed.

At the same time, he inevitably churned up another thought.

This tremendous opportunity, originally belonged to Senior Sister Xie Lingji.

Thinking of this made Tao Qian somewhat wistful, while at the same time, a sense of caution grew within his heart.

"Senior Sister Xie Lingji, with her background, her talent, her support, had a smooth Dao Path, and moreover, she had gone far beyond where I stand today," Tao Qian reflected. "Yet even so, she fell mid-journey."

"Then there's Daoist Alcohol and Meat Li Changle, or the Beautiful Corpse, or Bai Qin... I must always be vigilant. The world of cultivation is fraught with danger at every moment. One must never allow a moment of success to breed arrogance or carelessness."

With his mind made up, Tao Qian didn't ponder further, nor did he attempt to probe the roots of his Star Aperture.

Since Aunt Yunhua and his master had deemed it unnecessary for him at this time, warning that reckless action could be life-threatening, he naturally had no intention of courting death.

Back in the main hall of the Cave Mansion, subordinates such as the Merfolk and the Dragon Demons began to busy themselves.

Together with the hundred Crystal Demon Girls, the long-deserted Spiritual Resonance Cave Mansion and Ascending Immortal Island suddenly became lively.

Yet this place had been deserted for many years, and it would indeed take at least several days to get everything in order.

And that would just be a cursory tidy-up.

After all, a clever cook can't make do without rice. As a mere Foundation Establishment Realm disciple, Tao Qian could not expect to arrange his Cave Mansion perfectly, making it immaculate and splendid, even with help from some subordinates.

Not to mention the order on the island, aside from Cliff Sea Pavilion, the three Bie Fu, and Three Immortals Mountain, the other areas of Ascending Immortal Island still bore the appearance of wilderness.

The Merfolk could hardly step out to fetch water or pick fruits without being attacked.

Tao Qian could use those tremendously powerful Forbidden Techniques to eliminate this problem, such as suppressing or eradicating the untamable Devil Species, Alien Species, and various mysterious signs from the heavens across the island.

But, that would be costly in terms of resources, which Tao Qian simply could not afford. The Great Forbidden Techniques such as Mystic Netherworld True Water, Twelve Beast Evil, and Three Yangs and One Qi don't operate out of thin air. They remain dormant under normal circumstances, but once fully activated, they would consume a vast amount of cultivation resources.

Additionally, it would be such a waste!

The wilderness had its advantages.

Tao Qian had no desire to guard such a large Immortal Island with just a few juniors, a bunch of Merfolk, and a group from the Dragon Species Clan.

In his view, those Devil Species and Alien Species, as well as celestial omens, all had their value.

Whether transforming them into subordinates or using them for refining techniques and treasures, both were better than wastefully clearing them out.

At this moment, Tao Qian stood before the Spiritual Resonance Cave Mansion, listening to the reports from Jiushou by his side.

This Nine-Headed Beast had dominated the Dragon Marsh Water Mansion for many years and was an absolute power on Ascending Immortal Island.

"Master, it would have been extremely simple to straighten out this island,"

"Years ago when True Master Xie Lingji was here, she had a treasure called the 'Sky Mirror' that worked in conjunction with the island's Forbidden Techniques. It allowed her to peep at every corner of the island. If there were any disturbances, the Mirror Spirit within the treasure would automatically control the Forbidden Techniques to either erase, suppress, or relocate the disturbances without any trouble."

"Unfortunately, after True Master Lingji passed away, that treasure was taken away by the Xie Family."

"But Master, as a disciple of Duobao True Monarch, what you surely don't lack should be Magical Treasures, right?"

"If Master could bring the 'Returning Immortal Mirror' here, all those barbaric beings and strange celestial omens on the island wouldn't be able to stir up even the slightest ripple."

Jiushou's words were completely ignored by Tao Qian.

What truly entered his ears was the other information about Ascending Immortal Island.

Tao Qian had originally thought that, while the island was wild, the strength of the numerous Devil Species and Alien Species would not be strong, at least not stronger than Jiushou, or else it wouldn't allow him to occupy the Water Mansion.

Now he realized that wasn't the case.

Perhaps because the former Island Master Senior Sister Xie was too powerful and had such strange talents, she raised a variety of peculiar Alien Species on the island.

Jiushou and a group of the Dragon Species Clan could only occupy the Cloud Mist Marsh.

They were incapable of going ashore for conquests.

The reason Tao Qian found no formidable Devil Species or Alien Species causing trouble when he took over the three Bie Fu was that his actions were swift, and because the island had been wild for too long, the powerful creatures each had their own territories. As long as Tao Qian didn't provoke them, they had no interest in bothering him.

Now that Tao Qian had taken control of the Spiritual Resonance Cave again and could use the Forbidden Techniques, it was even more so.

However, this did not mean that Tao Qian had complete possession of Ascending Immortal Island. As a controller of Forbidden Techniques, he was unharmed on the island.

But others were not so lucky.

"Although they're not a major problem, I still need to find a solution,"

"If guests visit in the future and accidentally get devoured by those Devil Species or Alien Species on the island, what would happen to my reputation?"

"I can't bring the Returning Immortal Mirror here, but there are other ways to gain complete control of this Immortal Island."

Muttering to himself, Tao Qian suddenly had an idea, and his eyes lit up.

Under Jiushou's puzzled gaze, he reached out and... conjured a person.

To be precise, it was an active, living person sitting cross-legged with eyes closed and still breathing.

This person was handsome, except for the heavy dark circles resulting from excessive indulgence, which detracted slightly from his beauty.

Situ Fei!

Almost forgotten by Tao Qian, this Puppet avatar had played a key role several times back in Southern Yue.

Tao Qian had originally thought to destroy this avatar during the Three Calamities but had later decided to keep it.

But now, it wasn't being called upon for use.

What Tao Qian needed was something on this avatar.

With a thought, Situ Fei suddenly opened his mouth and spat out an extraordinarily vibrant peach blossom.

It floated down into Tao Qian's palm, with a delicate pink glow shimmering.

In Tao Qian's eyes, a small space immediately reflected, containing a few treasures and Cultivation Manuals.

"Pan Hongniang, before her death, left all her possessions to Situ Fei."

"However, her true wealth lies in a place called 'Peach Blossom Valley.' As soon as my Puppet avatar goes there, it can claim everything immediately."

"Of course, the legacy of Nongyu Immortal isn't really attractive to me anymore."

"But her 'Five Immoral Lustful Peach Blossom Scripture,' which she cultivated, can now provide me with some reference."

"After all, it's my first time planting peach trees. Pan Hongniang, however, is quite experienced in that regard."

Chapter 223: Seed Opening and Spirit Pregnancy, Ruthlessly Destroying Flowers

Ascending Immortal Island, Spiritual Resonance Cave.

Before a cliff in front of the mansion, Tao Qian was sitting cross-legged on a sleek, shiny slab of green jade, seriously flipping through a book in front of him.

The content of the book was horrifying and grotesque to say the least, yet calling it abhorrent was not an exaggeration.

Although Pan Hongniang bore the title "Nongyu Immortal," in front of Tao Qian's puppet, she appeared even more charming and adorable, almost like a real Peach Blossom girl.

But in reality, Pan Hongniang was a genuine devilish demon of the Heterodox Paths, with countless blood on her hands, and her divine soul and spirit had been taken over by heart demons; her body had long ago mutated and fallen.

The cultivation technique she practiced was naturally not orthodox.

Five Lusts Enchanting Immortal Scripture!

Not considered a Great Book, but its power was actually quite extraordinary, with many divine power skills included in its content.

Now, Tao Qian naturally had no interest in it, but he knew that any Loose Cultivator in the wilderness would go crazy for it, and would do anything to obtain it and cultivate.

Situ Fei had once been extremely eager for its further magic skills.

Tao Qian, however, was interested in one of its core magic skills, which was not about killing, "Planting Peach Secret".

"To monitor a territory, it's not absolutely necessary to own extremely rare treasures like the Sky Mirror or Returning Immortal Mirror; an alternative method might also be feasible."

"Just as I couldn't obtain the Control Demon Technique from the Secret Demon Sect, I found another way and developed my own means of controlling demons, which proved to be quite effective."

"This train of thought could be applied here as well."

With a flash of thought, Tao Qian had already finished reading the Peach-related magic skills in the Enchanting Immortal Scripture.

The speculation in his mind was immediately confirmed.

It was feasible!

Tao Qian's eyes lit up, and he immediately began to predict and analyze in his mind.

"Pan Hongniang's real base of operations is Peach Blossom Valley, which she established in her hometown. Although the valley is not equipped with terrifying forbidden techniques, its defenses are extremely strict; even a secular army of thousands charging in might not come out unscathed."

"The reason lies in the many Five Lusts Peach Trees controlled by the Peach Blossom spirits, all of which can exert tremendous effects."

"Those Peach Blossom spirits, to some extent, could serve the role of a mirror spirit."

"If I could also do the same, wouldn't that be more convenient?"

"Fortunately, during my cultivation of the second calamity, I coincidentally encountered an extraordinary life form passing through the territory of Meiling, and obtained one hundred and eighty Longevity Star Peach Seeds."

"Just by combining these peach seeds with forbidden techniques and planting them in the nodes of Source Qi, then cultivating a similar 'Peach Blossom Immortal Demon' type of elf to help me manage this island..."

With thoughts swirling, Tao Qian grew more excited.

With a wave of his hand, he took out a peach core that was shiny black and seemed to be carved from pure black jade, treated as a piece of fun ornament.

The Longevity Star Peach was indeed miraculous, its flesh could extend one's life by a year, and there was no limit to it.

Originally, Tao Qian received one hundred and eighty, but he didn't eat any; he removed the flesh cleanly, only keeping the cores.

Others saw it as wasteful, but to Tao Qian, it was maximizing benefits, the real opportunity lying therein.

At that time, he ripened the peach cores using Spirit Treasure Immortal Spirit Qi, obtaining precisely one hundred and eighty seeds that could be planted to cultivate Immortal Plants.

"Immortal Plant Spirit Root," these four words denote a significance far beyond ordinary magical treasures and alien objects."

"In this bizarre Cultivation World, even amongst the Twelve Daoist Sects and Buddhist Temples, and those thousand-year-old families, few possess an immortal value Spirit Root."

"It's said within the Taishang Dao, there grows an Immortal Peach Tree, whose fruits possess astounding effects."

"The Heterodox Sect, Nine Toad Sect, is also said to have an extraordinary laurel tree planted."

"And then there's the Great Freedom Temple, reputedly planting a grove of Six Roots Pure Bamboo."

"My Longevity Star Peach, of course, is far from comparable to these Spirit Roots, but within the Spirit Treasure Sect, it certainly counts as a rare item."

"Cultivating it up, however, won't be that easy either."

"Pan Hongniang's Five Lustrous Peach Trees were planted using Evil Techniques, using blood, flesh, and other devilish matters as fertilizer... Some techniques can be referenced, but cannot be followed exactly."

"First, I'll find a Source Qi node and test it."

As the last thought fell, Tao Qian, holding the peach seed, disappeared from the spot.

Moments later, Tao Qian's figure appeared in a fertile and spirit-rich hidden valley on Yunhua Mountain.

Now, his attire had completely changed, most notably the jade shovel he was carrying on his shoulder, a gift from a certain Master Uncle, possessing the extraordinary power to split mountains without harming the Source Qi, with no hard rocks able to withstand a single strike from it.

Initially, it seemed extremely rare and precious. Later, when Zhong Doudou explained that this Master Uncle, called "Earth Virtue Daoist," commanded an Immortal Jade Mountain and specialized in crafting jade shovels and enjoyed gifting them generously.

Over time, anyone in the Spirit Treasure Sect with some status had a jade shovel.

Apart from this treasure for digging, Tao Qian also had floating behind him numerous jars, gourds, and stone boxes.

Contained within were nothing but some Spiritual Water Spirit Liquid, or special fertilizers used to cultivate strange flowers and herbs.

The newly acquired Spirit Treasure Jade Purifying Bottle was also swaying among them.

"Having achieved immortality and obtained an island, it seems I still have to plant trees."

Tao Qian silently muttered to himself, then began swinging the jade shovel.

As the Mountain Master of Yunhua Mountain, he clearly knew every Source Qi node on the mountain.

A single strike of the shovel, and a hole appeared immediately in front of him.

Thick Source Qi immediately began to emanate as Tao Qian took out a Longevity Star Peach Seed and gently tapped it against the blade of the Jade Hoe, leaving a wound that revealed the interior of the peach seed.

Then instantly, Tao Qian activated the Returning Immortal Technique, injecting his Divine Thought along with numerous Dharma Seals into the peach seed.

This technique, known as "seed opening and spirit pregnancy,"

allowed the plants grown from the seeds to birth elves and automatically acknowledge him as their master.

As the glow signifying successful spirit pregnancy flashed by, Tao Qian flicked his finger, causing the seed to fall into the pit. He then filled the pit with soil, watered and fertilized it in a smooth, flowing sequence.

After finishing, Tao Qian did not leave.

Instead, he took out the Ascending Immortal Token and directly activated the Forbidden Technique of Yunhua Mountain, starting to infuse a large amount of Source Qi into the pit before him.

Under such actions, ordinary plant seeds would immediately take root and sprout, growing rapidly, followed by blooming and bearing fruit.

This is how cultivators from the Major Sects typically planted trees and flowers.

The Longevity Star Peach Seed, being an Immortal Plant Spirit Root, naturally lasted a bit longer, but as the Source Qi reached a certain concentration, combined with the effects of multiple fertilizers and Spiritual Liquids, the peach seed unexpectedly sprouted roots and shoots without warning after dozens of breaths, and soaked in the almost liquefied Source Qi, it trembled for several moments and then suddenly shot up rapidly.

Under Tao Qian's watchful eyes, an extremely delicate, sturdy peach tree grew up in an instant.

And in the blink of an eye, it blossomed.

One after another, blossoms that were more vividly red than fresh blood emerged, exploding with a potent fragrance that enveloped the surroundings.

A gust of wind came, scattering the peach blossoms.

The densest bud gathered red light, and along with a tender cry, a Peach Blossom Spirit, no bigger than a palm and naked with petal wings on her back, was born.

The moment she opened her eyes, her gaze locked directly onto Tao Qian.

At the same time, an extremely faint voice entered Tao Qian's ears:

"Master!"

This voice was filled with a tender and weak charm, brimming with joy.

It seemed that any man in the world who heard it would lose the ability to resist, and would be eager to protect her, to kiss her.

Especially the next moment, the Peach Blossom Spirit flapped her wings and flew out of the bud, and as the red light circulated, she instantly transformed into the size of a fully grown Human Clan.

Still naked with her crimson body, she lunged towards Tao Qian.

"Master, hug your servant."

Such a scene, and such a tender voice.

If this were in the wild, it would make one vigilant.

But on one's own Immortal Mountain, especially with this Immortal Peach Tree and Peach Blossom Spirit, both of which were cultivated by oneself through Secret Technique,

a normal person would accept it naturally.

Unfortunately, Tao Qian was not quite normal at that moment.

Within the Hidden Valley, a sigh suddenly emanated, and then Tao Qian unleashed a Sword Qi, cleaving the tenderly beautiful Peach Blossom Spirit into two halves amid pitiful wails, scattering her fragrance and beauty to the wind.

In her last moments, the Peach Blossom Spirit cast a look of confusion at Tao Qian.

"Failed!"

Tao Qian furrowed his brows and uttered this phrase.

If there was a second person in this Hidden Valley, they might think that Tao Qian was madly lashing out without reason.

But unknown to others, both the Immortal Peach Tree and Peach Blossom Spirit appeared quite differently in Tao Qian's eyes at that moment, awakening memories from Tao Qian's past, a very familiar sight.

Indeed, the Immortal Peach Tree had grown, but its trunk and branches were rotting, secreting a peach-like sap with continuously emitting hallucinogenic pink gases, and every part of the peach tree was embedded with half-closed eyeballs.

Such was the Peach Tree, and so was the Peach Blossom Spirit, identical to what Tao Qian had previously encountered in the chambers of the Iron Buddha Temple.

Naked elf?

No, clearly it was a squealing, ghastly pink insect.

A long time ago in Iron Buddha Temple, Tao Qian had only glimpsed Pan Hongniang and the true form of those Peach Blossom Spirits in a moment of trance.

Now, Tao Qian didn't need it.

Obviously, because of the "Innate Spiritual Sensing" gifted by Senior Sister Xie Lingji, even though Tao Qian had yet to use that inspiration, just carrying it on him still maintained his spiritual vision at a high level.

It was the same when he saw Senior Sister Bai Yao.

Looking at this Immortal Peach Tree and Peach Blossom Spirit was likewise.

Though it made Tao Qian feel that everything in the world seemed bland, to some extent, it also saved him a lot of trouble.

"Is there a problem with the Fertility Technique?"

Just as Tao Qian mulled over this after killing the Peach Blossom Spirit, the Immortal Peach Tree grown from the Longevity Star Peach Seed began automatically bearing one after another large, plump Immortal Peaches under the influence of the copious Source Qi after blossoming, their thin skins enveloping a liquid that seemed like Jadescent Nectar.

The alluring scent of the Immortal Peaches instantly filled the entire Hidden Valley,

and began to drift out of the Hidden Valley, luring many exotic birds and beasts from Yunhua Mountain to come and peck and devour.

This scene resembled an Immortal Tree bearing fruit and attracting life to partake, each forming good karma.

Unfortunately, the truth was still harsh, as in Tao Qian's eyes, those juice-laden Immortal Peaches appeared even more terrifying.

Chapter 224: Thunder Transforms Life, Longevity Star Elder

In a hidden valley within Yunhua Mountain, immortal trees bore fruit, emitting an exotic fragrance that filled the sky.

Regrettably, under Tao Qian's scrutiny, each and every Immortal Peach appeared more like lumps of flesh. The fuzz on the surface of the Immortal Peaches were in fact dense clusters of flesh buds, and underneath the crystal-clear skin, a large number of maggot-like creatures wriggled in the juicy flesh.

Tao Qian frowned, sighing deeply before suddenly taking a step forward.

He didn't find it disgusting; instead, he reached out with his pale hand and touched the rotting trunk of the Immortal Peach Tree.

Throughout the process, Tao Qian could feel the restlessness and craving of those pink maggots as they violently slammed against the thin skin, attempting to burrow out and voraciously consume his flesh and blood.

At the same time, a record surged forth in Tao Qian's mind.

[Record Name: Five Lusts Longevity Peach Tree]

[Record Type: Alien.]

[Record: Cultivated from Longevity Star Peach Seeds from the Outer Realm, using the method of the Five Lusts Enchanting Immortal Scripture. This alien species of Immortal Plant surpasses the normal Five Lusts Enchanting Immortal Peach Tree in terms of growth speed, fruit yield, and the efficacy of the Immortal Peaches. It can bear fruit three times a year, each time at least a hundred longevity peaches which can extend life by one month each, with no limit on consumption.]

The first record emerged, and Tao Qian revealed a look of surprise.

If one only looked at this, no one would think Tao Qian's cultivation had failed.

What failure?

It was clearly a great success.

Three times a year, a hundred each time, no limit on consumption.

That is to say, if Tao Qian planted this peach tree and ate the peaches for a year, he could extend his lifespan by twenty-five years.

If he planted all the remaining Peach Seeds according to this method, even if he might be eating nothing but longevity peaches in the future, wouldn't he extend his life by four thousand five hundred years after a year?

The thought flashed in his mind, and Tao Qian immediately shook his head and looked towards the subsequent annotations.

Without a doubt, there must be unimaginable side effects.

"Plant a peach forest and then extend one's life by four thousand and five hundred years? Such a tale is no more than a fantasy."

Tao Qian's thoughts were indeed correct; the annotations quickly burst forth.

[Annotation One: Because this Immortal Plant's source has been corrupted by the method of the Five Lusters Enchanting Immortal, the longevity peaches it bears are also filled with indelible mutated corruption. Any creature that consumes them can extend life, but will also undergo mutation and fall into depravity, becoming parasitized by the worms within the peaches, losing both body and soul, and becoming subject to the control of the tree's master.]

[Annotation Two: The efficacy of these longevity peaches can be stacked, and so can the mutation and contamination. Once a certain amount is reached, even cultivators of the Ultimate Happiness Realm may fall into depravity because of it.]

[Annotation Three: The Peach Blossom spirit that was born alongside this tree is dead; having lost control, it is now voraciously consuming Source Qi and rooting deeper. In about half an hour, it will birth spiritual wisdom and mutate into a being akin to demons and devils.]

[Annotation Four: Exemption from the cost of the first one hundred longevity peaches! Exemption from parasitism by worms!]

The first two annotations came as no surprise to Tao Qian.

The third annotation, however, prompted Tao Qian to take action immediately.

It didn't require much complication; with a mere thought, he severed the supply of Source Qi.

Almost instantly, the previously docile Five Luster Longevity Peach Tree became violent.

Its tentacle-like branches lashed out, and the rotting trunk in front of him sprayed pus and hallucinogenic juices towards Tao Qian, its master.

After all, the Peach Seeds came from the Outer Realm. If it indeed birthed spiritual wisdom and mutated into a demon, that would indeed be troublesome.

But now, it was still merely a disgusting peach tree.

Tao Qian, without a glance, brought the Jade Hoe crashing down.

One hoe to sever the root!

Although it was his first time planting a tree, he was, after all, a Foundation Establishment True Practitioner. It was not difficult for him to accurately exterminate this peach tree that was mutated from the source.

With a shrill scream, the peach tree, which could increase one's lifespan by twenty-five years with just one year's growth, was uprooted.

And in the blink of an eye, it withered from lush and fruit-laden to a piece of rotten wood that looked as though it had been soaking in the swamp of Evil Water for a long time, with a few still-wet maggots wriggling within, trying to draw some Source Qi or flesh in order to cling on to life.

Tao Qian casually summoned a ball of thunderous fire and threw it on top, and after a series of crackling sounds, nothing was left but ashes.

To destroy an Immortal Plant capable of extending life without showing any hint of regret on his face showed that, although the benefits of this Five Luster Longevity Peach Tree could be considered rare and valuable, once the "cost" was taken into account, it immediately became unbearable.

If all the costs could have been exempted, it might be a different story, but even with Tao Qian's abnormal soul, he could only exempt a part of it.

Furthermore, since the accompanying Peach Blossom spirit was dead, Tao Qian naturally chose to eradicate the problem at its roots.

If it were Pan Hongniang, the Beautiful Corpse, or others like them who were demons and intermediary beings, they would likely be ecstatic upon obtaining such a peach tree.

But he, Tao Qian, a respectable practitioner of the Spirit Treasure True Cultivation, how could he plant such an improper tree?

The first failure was not surprising.

Tao Qian was not discouraged at all; he still stood in that hidden valley, staring at the ashes, then as if enlightened, he said:

"A fine Longevity Star Peach Seed was turned by me into a Five Luster Peach Tree; clearly, the problem lies in the stage of 'seed opening and spirit pregnancy.'"

"Once the seed is opened, it directly touches the source, and any contamination that is introduced becomes part of it."

"Hmm?"

"What if I only open the seed, and instead of using the Fertility Technique from the Five Luster Enchanting Immortal Scripture, I use another method?"

This thought stirred, and Tao Qian felt like he had found the correct path.

He didn't leave the valley but with a thought, summoned Zhong Doudou.

Tao Qian had also realized that he had viewed the matter of "cultivating Immortal Plants" too simplistically before. Coupled with having access to cultivation methods like those left behind by professional peach tree cultivators like Pan Hongniang, he rushed into experimenting upon receiving inspiration, resulting in a somewhat hasty process.

However, this was a normal occurrence. Tao Qian's abnormal soul, in many aspects, could be considered as cheating, and the same goes for cultivating Spirit Plants.

After all, he didn't need to exert much effort; with just a touch, he could understand the essence.

With greatly enhanced spiritual vision, it indeed became more convenient.

As a glimmer of Crystal Light flashed by, Zhong Doudou mysteriously appeared in front of Tao Qian. Before she could act mischievously, Tao Qian instructed her, "Dou Dou, go to Pan Si Immortal's Daoist

Field for me, and ask for some Book of Skills regarding the cultivation of Immortal Plants, the transmutation of Spirit Roots, and the breeding of spirits."

"Go quickly and return promptly."

It wasn't long after Tao Qian had spoken that Zhong Doudou returned with a stack of books in hand.

Having an Immortal close to oneself and holding significant authority as a neighbor came with such benefits.

With a silent exclamation in his heart, Tao Qian took the books and immediately began to read through them.

Before long, he had finished reviewing all the Magic Skills, and results beyond his expectations emerged.

"The methods of cultivating Immortal Plant Spirit Roots and breeding spirits from the Spirit Treasure Sect are almost all top-grade and extremely rare."

"However, if I were to cultivate the peach trees following these methods, although I certainly could obtain some extremely fine Immortal Peach Trees, it would be difficult to achieve the effect I desire."

"I can't control them as effortlessly and naturally as Pan Hongniang manages her Peach Blossom Valley, completely dominating it. It seems that there is something to be said for the various heresy and heterodoxy methods within the Cultivation World."

A few thoughts flashed through his mind, and Tao Qian's brow furrowed once more.

If there were any Cultivator present who truly excelled in cultivating Immortal Plants, hearing his requirements would likely cause them great difficulty.

They had to cultivate top-quality Immortal Plants!

It had to be in line with forbidden techniques!

Furthermore, they had to transmute and breed a large number of orthodox and not Fallen Abnormalities—spirits for him to command, to help him control the Immortal Island, once and for all.

In a stricter sense, this couldn't be considered simply planting trees.

Luckily, Tao Qian had no intention of following the rules anyway. With many reference Magic Skills at hand, he quickly found new inspiration.

Moreover, he had a strong premonition that his second experiment might be successful.

With a tint of nervousness, Tao Qian still took out a Peach Seed and tapped it against the Jade Hoe.

But this time, after opening the seed, he did not linger in the Hidden Valley. Instead, with a flicker and shift of his body, he reappeared at the peak of Yunhua Immortal Mountain.

The scenery here bore some resemblance to the Biyou Palace.

In the midst of thunderous roars, countless destructive thunders tumbled down.

These thunders were exactly what he needed.

Among those books, Tao Qian found an unconventional technique called the "Thunder Birth Technique."

This was actually a method for transmuting Spirit Roots, originating from another Great Sect—the Shenxiao Sect.

The Cultivators of the Shenxiao Sect used this Technique to transmute life forms. Their style was similarly straightforward and brutal—whatever Spirit Root or alien object they fancied, if they wanted to create a spirit or charm obedience, they would bombard it directly with Divine Thunder.

One can imagine what the chances of successful transmutation were under this method.

However, this violent method was very suitable for Tao Qian.

After all, there probably wasn't another person in the Cultivation World who could handle it as delicately as him.

With this thought, Tao Qian held the Peach Seed directly in his hand.

At the same time, he sent a wisp of Divine Thought into the seed.

In the next moment, he unleashed the spell, guiding the thunder from above down to him.

Boom!

Boom!

It began—the visible tumultuous thunder struck down, hitting the Peach Seed with incredible precision.

But no matter how precise, holding that seed meant Tao Qian, too, would suffer the repercussions.

Initially, it was just a tingling numbness, which quickly turned into the kind of pain only experienced when struck by thunder. Although it wasn't difficult for Tao Qian to resist, getting struck by lightning was a novel experience for him as well.

The high failure rate for Shenxiao Sect Cultivators using this technique lay in not knowing which bolt of thunder they released would be successful in transmutation.

Perhaps one would work, but the next could obliterate the newly born fragile True Spirit.

The Shenxiao Sect ancestor who created this spell must have been a gambler.

Even within the Shenxiao Sect, few used this method.

In Tao Qian's hands, though, it could not have been more fitting.

Almost exactly when the ninth thunderbolt struck the Peach Seed, Tao Qian's constantly activated Record abruptly changed.

At the same time, Tao Qian's eyes suddenly shot open.

He stopped the spell and halted the lightning.

Then he directly threw the Peach Seed down below, and immediately activated the Ascending Immortal Token with a thought. As the Peach Seed fell, the Three Prohibitions activated simultaneously—water and fire refined it, while fierce wind baked it, ensuring that the Peach Seed still accurately fell within one of the node points of the forbidden techniques in the Hidden Valley.

Just as it entered the soil, a vast flow of Source Qi surged in, and the numerous bottles and jars automatically tipped over, drenching it with a generous amount of Spiritual Liquid and Spiritual Fertilizer.

In just a few breaths, a familiar scene unfolded once again.

Within the Hidden Valley, an extraordinarily delicate and robust Immortal Peach Tree sprouted and grew visibly to the eye, immediately blooming with blossoms that emitted a strong fragrance.

The only difference, along with the spreading fragrance:

The beings born on the tree were no longer naked Peach Blossom spirits.

Instead, it was a somehow Abnormal, yet strangely familiar old man with a round head, large ears, and a short stature that took shape.

Chapter 225: Peach Immortal Acquires a Name, Time Arrives at Absolute Immortal Sea Islands

Yunhua Valley, where Immortal Peaches blossomed in abundance.

No sooner had the Peach Blossom spirit emerged from the tree than Tao Qian was momentarily stunned.

To witness a transformation from a naturally alluring, naked Peach Blossom spirit, into a benign and kindly old man with a bald head and large ears, was indeed enough to bewilder anyone.

Even though this elderly figure was also a creation of Tao Qian using the "Thunder Birth Technique," whether the magic was successful and the Immortal Peach had grown still needed verification.

With a flash, Tao Qian blinked into existence inside the valley.

His eyes fixed on the old man, his high spiritual vision still active, Tao Qian thought he might see some horrifying sight once again.

However, Tao Qian saw only a surge of colorful Spirit Light, with the old man's image unchanging within the radiance. He still bore the human shape, his forehead prominently bulging, his face always adorned with a smile that could disarm anyone, making one drop all guards. If this old man had held a quail cane and a Pan Peach in his hands, Tao Qian would certainly believe he was the Longevity Star, the Old Man of the South Pole.

Even without such attire, the resemblance was striking.

Despite that, such occurrences were commonplace for Tao Qian, and he did not react excessively.

At this moment, he pondered whether the Immortal Peach Tree had indeed taken root.

It was only after Tao Qian arrived in the valley that the old man, as if truly an Immortal from heaven, stepped down from the tree and approached Tao Qian. He bowed immediately and said with a cheerful smile,

"Old servant, pays respects to the Master."

"Master, thank you for endowing me with spiritual wisdom. This body rightfully belongs to the Master, and I have nothing to repay you with, except for this Immortal Peach to quench the Master's thirst."

As he spoke, the robust peach tree behind him suddenly trembled.

A pink radiance surged, and from its highest point, a peach blossom fell. In the blink of an eye, a peach, as large as an infant's head and bursting with juice and fragrance, formed.

Silently, the branch bearing the Immortal Peach broke and automatically fell into the old man's hand before being handed to Tao Qian.

With his usual scrutiny, Tao Qian confirmed that the branch was a real branch and not a tentacle, and the peach was indeed an Immortal Peach, not a tumor, with no parasites hidden within.

Holding onto a certain hope, Tao Qian reached out and accepted it.

At the next moment, without any barrier, his mind burst forth with joyful Record, which made Tao Qian overjoyed.

[Name: Longevity Immortal Peach]

[Record Type: Alien]

[Record: Cultivated from an Outer Realm Longevity Peach as the seed, with Jade Hoe planting and Thunder Birth activation, it has fully unleashed the divine qualities inherent in the Longevity Peach's origin. The spirit that developed within now recognizes its master automatically, owing to the origin of the "Longevity Star" from the Outer Realm, the spirit's external form partially resembles the shape that the Longevity Star adopted when descending to the Human Clan world.]

[Note 1: After the Longevity Immortal Peach Tree matures, it can bear an Initial Fruit with excellent effects, not only adding a year to longevity but also purifying the mind, increasing fortune, etc., without any costs or quantity limits. The normal fruiting period is once a year, with at least a hundred peaches each time, each being able to extend life by a month, but only the first hundred are effective.]

[Note 2: Consuming the Longevity Immortal Peach has almost no cost, but the more one consumes, the more goodwill one feels towards the master of the peaches, and if one eats more than a hundred, it becomes impossible to harbor any ill will towards the peach master.]

[Note 3: Since the Immortal Peach Tree inherently harbors a spirit, and the spirit owns a master, the master, if willing, can control the flowering and fruiting of the peach tree and also add alien substances...however, the outcomes of such actions are still unknown.]

[Note 4: Since the old man is born from the activated origin of the Longevity Peach, if the master wishes, they can use Magic Skills like "Summoning God" to summon the Outer Realm God, the Longevity Star, through the old man's body...but such actions also lead to unknown consequences.]

[Note 5: This Immortal Plant Spirit Root can still evolve further!]

What is called a pleasant surprise?

This, indeed, is a pleasant surprise.

Tao Qian had not expected that his second experiment would turn out to be such a resounding success.

The Record and notes, whether considered superficially or deeply, indicated extremely beneficial effects.

"The peach seed's origins are fully stimulated, meaning my cultivation was completely successful."

"The Initial Fruit adds a year to life and also offers several other magical uses, surpassing the Longevity Peaches distributed by the Longevity Star himself."

"Normal fruits don't match up, only once a year, but the first hundred being effective means I can grant over a hundred people nearly a decade of extended life each year."

"Even though the Cultivation World brims with bizarre items and events, there are not many alien treasures that can increase lifespan."

"When I first entered the Mountain Gate, the Gu Huo Mountain Goddess, who was highly renowned and possessed strong cultivation, gave me a greeting gift of three drops of Jade Marrow that could increase lifespan by sixty years, which sounds more sophisticated than my Longevity Immortal Peaches, but that Jade Marrow is genuinely scarce, even the Goddess couldn't produce much of it."

"My peaches, however, are different; I can wholesale distribute them. Once this Immortal Peach Forest matures, not only will it help me completely control Ascending Immortal Island, but each fruiting cycle of the peach forest would allow me to hold an Immortal Peach Festival without any issues."

"Furthermore, considering that the Immortal Peach has no cost, and those who eat them find it hard to develop any ill will towards me, this is naturally considered a benefit."

"As for summoning the Longevity Star and the like...at this moment, I'm living quite contentedly, so maybe I won't tempt fate."

With these thoughts flashing through his mind, a smile spread across Tao Qian's face.

He plucked the Immortal Peach, and as such spiritual fruit naturally required no cleaning, he bit into it. The rich, juicy flavor immediately filled his mouth, and the exotic fragrance briskly refreshed his spirit. As for adding a year to his life, Tao Qian already had a considerable lifespan to him, so this was just icing on the cake.

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Eating the peach as if gulping down dates, Tao Qian was left holding only a purple-patterned peach core after a few bites.

Though this core wasn't as divine as the Longevity Star Peach Seeds, if thrown into the mortal world, it would be considered a rare treasure, capable of growing an alien peach tree.

Tao Qian casually tossed the core aside and turned his attention to the figure outside who looked like a benevolent old man but was in fact a peach tree spirit that had just been born less than half an hour ago.

After pondering for a moment, he suddenly said,

"You are the first Immortal Peach Tree Spirit I've transformed, and it's by the law of karma that you've arrived. The fruit of the Longevity Peach Tree can extend life and fortune. Thus, you may take my surname and be named 'Longevity.'"

"Once I've planted the entire Longevity Peach Forest, you and your brothers and sisters can use the power of the Forbidden Technique, combined with the unique abilities of the Longevity Peach Trees themselves, to help me manage the Ascending Immortal Island."

As soon as Tao Qian finished speaking, the old man's smile widened even further,

His forehead gleamed with health, and then he bowed respectfully to Tao Qian and said, "Thank you, Master, for giving me a name. From today onwards, I am Tao Changshou, and I will serve you with all my heart and strength."

After instructing the Longevity Elder, Tao Qian imperiously waved his hand.

Following that, his form flashed and he reappeared at the summit of Yunhua Immortal Mountain.

Looking up at the wildly descending lightning, he couldn't help but mutter, "This is a tough job, who could have thought that planting a peach tree would involve enduring lightning strikes?"

Done with his grumbling, Tao Qian had a thought.

This time, four Peach Seeds appeared, floating above Tao Qian's palms, and he immediately started executing the Thunder Birth Technique.

Amidst the roaring thunder, Tao Qian's body became enveloped in lightning.

After about nine streaks of lightning, the four Peach Seeds were once again tossed down from the mountaintop, and after being refined by the Three Forbidden Refinements, they were successfully planted at different Source Qi nodes across the island.

Source Qi spurred growth, and the Immortal Trees flourished with blooming peach blossoms.

Tao Qian thought the newly born spirits would all resemble the Longevity Elder but was surprised to see that each of the spirits born amid the flickering lights was different.

Across the Immortal Island, there appeared a plain-looking woman dressed in an embroidered skirt, a child in a red bib, an old woman in a brightly colored dress, and a stooped old man with white beard and hair.

Upon their appearance, they all bowed in unison towards Tao Qian atop the Immortal Mountain,

"Greetings, Master!"

Tao Qian knew all too well that he was terrible at naming. Being able to come up with the name 'Longevity' for the first one, akin to the Longevity Star, was his limit.

So, this time, he spared himself the effort and, after letting the four of them rise, directly instructed,

"No need for formalities, your true forms are at the nodes. You may go and join Tao Changshou."

"Yes, Master."

Once they were gone, Tao Qian pulled out new Peach Seeds.

This time, he doubled the amount.

With these two trials, Tao Qian had completely confirmed the effect of his unusual talent.

The "Thunder Birth Technique," which had a success rate of virtually none in a hundred among Shenxiao Sect Cultivators, was a hundred percent successful in Tao Qian's hands.

It was as if this technique was destined to be created for him.

Of course, even so, Tao Qian couldn't avoid the necessity of enduring lightning as part of the price to pay.

And the number of Peach Seeds he needed to plant was substantial.

Even though Tao Qian doubled the workload from time to time, it was still immensely daunting.

One or two days were clearly not enough.

Only after three or four days did Tao Qian finally near the end of this monumental task.

During this time, completely engrossed in "tree planting," Tao Qian was unaware that his actions had once again been spied upon by the Nursing Woman Bird Demon, and through their promotion, Tao Qian's name rose again in the Penglai Sea.

All the Immortal Masters and Disciples came to know that Duobao True Monarch's first disciple, Master Tao Qian, was cultivating Immortal Plant Spirit Roots and seemed to be extremely successful.

The vast Ascending Immortal Island appeared as though it would be renamed Peach Blossom Immortal Island.

You should know that while the original Ascending Immortal Island did have many strange flowers and herbs, alien spirit fruits, and the like,

none could be called "Immortal Plants."

Even within the Spirit Treasure Sect, only a few Immortal Masters cultivated Immortal Plant Spirit Roots.

When the harvest time came, it always caused quite a stir.

Who would have thought?

This Master Tao Qian, who seemed to many disciples to have taken great advantage from Senior Sister Lingji,

had just taken over the Immortal Island and caused such a huge commotion.

Had it been only a single Immortal Plant, it would not have raised much attention.

But upon witnessing the changes to Ascending Immortal Island, no one would believe it was just one.

Clearly, it was over a hundred Immortal Plants.

Moreover, each of the "Longevity Peach Trees" bore an "Initial Fruit" at its top — large, plump, crystal-clear, and very much like the mythical Pan Peaches of ancient legends.

Most importantly, they were incredibly fragrant.

Over a hundred Initial Fruits released a fragrance that formed a massive, silk-like Fragrant Cloud of Immortal Peach above the island, often drifting to the outer areas. Occasionally, Disciples or Immortal Masters passing by would catch the scent and, if cheeky enough, would want to ask for one or two peaches.

However, upon seeing the "Tough Island Master" who was constantly enduring lightning strikes atop Yunhua Mountain, they would leave before they even spoke.

Soon, everyone knew that Master Tao Qian's method of cultivating Immortal Plant Spirit Roots was also very unconventional.

Unbelievably, he had succeeded.

Within the Mountain Gate, those who craved the peaches most were the Bird Demons. Since they caught the fragrance of the Immortal Peaches from the outskirts, they often wandered above Ascending Immortal Island.

They even passed on a few comments from Disciples and Immortal Masters.

"No wonder Master Tao Qian could make both Yunhua Immortal and Duobao True Monarch compete for him. Not only is his innate talent exceptional, but he's also hidden this kind of technique. Over a hundred Immortal Peach Trees — that's a grand undertaking."

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"Even more astonishing," they said, "are those Tree Immortals. Transforming one or two Immortal Plants is nothing, but Junior Tao managed to transform an entire grove."

"You should have smelled the fragrance of those Immortal Peaches, ah, simply indescribable."

"The fragrance is one thing but, according to an immortal passing through Ascending Immortal Island, those Immortal Peaches apparently can increase longevity and add blessings."

"I wonder when Junior Tao will complete his cultivation. When that time comes, we should definitely go and bother him a bit and try a few of those peaches."

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These praises greatly pleased Zhong Doudou and the other Crystal Demon girls.

Then, to prevent the Nursing Woman Bird Demons from stealing peaches, Zhong Doudou led her group of Crystal Demon sisters to become Forest Guardian Fairies.

Zhong Doudou, being from the Crystal Demon Clan, couldn't eat Spirit Fruits.

But the little ones, especially Little Age, Shan Jiu, and including a group from the Dragon Species Clan such as Jiushou, were all crazed by the peaches.

They too wanted to taste it, but after seeing the "power" of those Longevity Peach Trees, they all knew they couldn't without Master Tao's permission.

No one could eat those peaches.

After all, the island had a plethora of Devil Clan and Alien Species, drooling everywhere stimulated by the peach fragrance, but when they attacked, they were uniformly repelled.

Over a hundred Longevity Immortal Peach Trees!

Not only did each tree have its own Tree Immortal, but they also possessed divine abilities to fend off beasts and because they were planted on Source Qi nodes and had Master Tao open the Forbidden Technique access, those hundred-plus Tree Immortals came together after several bouts of combat, and they truly succeeded in controlling many of the island's Devil Clan and Alien Species.

Direct confrontations were useless; cunning ones like Jiushou then pleaded with Tao Changshou, the leader of the Tree Immortals.

Not waiting for this Devil Dragon to obtain an Immortal Peach from the old man like Longevity Star himself to taste.

On the fourth day, Tao Qian finally planted the last Peach Seed.

Standing on the mountain summit, as he opened his eyes to look down,

immediately, a refreshed Ascending Immortal Island revealed itself.

Although he had conquered the island a few days ago, apart from a few Bie Fus, the rest of the territory was still wild.

But now, over a hundred robust, beautiful peach trees that seemed like millennia-old, spread across the entire Immortal Island, with a gentle breeze causing peach blossoms to dance all over the sky, where was there any sign of wilderness?

While he was appreciating this, Tao Changshou's voice suddenly came to his mind: "Master, in these few days..."

Hearing about the recent changes and the battle achievements of the Tree Immortals, Tao Qian's smile grew even brighter.

It was a success!

Whether it was planting the Longevity Immortal Peach Trees or taking complete control of Ascending Immortal Island, both were accomplished.

His four days of hard work had paid off doubly.

After smiling, Tao Qian thought of something and muttered to himself:

"It's better to share joy with others; these peaches should be shared."

"But with just over a hundred Initial Fruits, it's hardly enough even to get stuck in one's teeth."

"Well, let it serve as another experiment then."

Before the words had settled, Tao Qian, having made a decision, stomped his foot and summoned an auspicious cloud.

After flying up into the air, he raised his hand to summon a great deal of sweet rain, sprinkling it over Ascending Immortal Island.

And then immediately set his mind to it, stimulating the Source Qi, channeling it towards those hundred-plus peach trees.

At the same moment, all the Tree Immortals also heard Master Tao Changshou's voice.

"Master has commanded, all of you shall bear fruit once, strive to bring out the finest, and do not produce any inferior fruits."

"Yes!"

The next moment, all beings on the island saw those hundred-plus robust Immortal Peach Trees simultaneously trembling and bursting forth dazzling, mesmerizing pink ghost lights.

In an instant, a scene was born where a large flock of Nursing Woman Bird Demons, drawn by the noise, arrived just in time to stare agape.

The Longevity Immortal Peach Forest of Ascending Immortal Island was simultaneously blossoming and fruiting, showing off the island's resplendently glowing trees and heavily fruit-laden branches, more magnificent and enticing than ever before.

Swirling up at that moment and enveloping everything.

Directly causing those naked-flying birds to faint midair, raining down into the peach forest like dumplings.

Tao Qian watched this scene with amusement, signaling the Tree Immortals to catch those Bird Demons, as he himself was about to descend from the cloud.

However, abruptly at that moment,

Tao Qian suddenly felt something and directly retrieved a fragmentary token made from the bone of some creature from his bosom.

The Absolute Immortal Token!

Due to its special nature, Tao Qian always kept it on his person, not stored inside the talisman seed.

It had been quiet for several days, but unexpectedly, it activated now.

The three blood-red characters were now flashing with brilliance.

A message drilled into Tao Qian's mind.

"The hour has arrived!"

"Head to the Absolute Immortal Sea Islands quickly."

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"Timing is indeed perfect."

Tao Qian pinched the Absolute Immortal Token, thinking to himself.

He now stood on an auspicious cloud, overlooking Ascending Immortal Island. The barren landscape had disappeared, giving way to the true aura of an Immortal Island, which he had painstakingly managed for four days, filling his chest with a sense of achievement.

Initially, Tao Qian had thought about holding an "Immortal Peach Festival" or something similar to cultivate connections.

However, more pressing matters had arisen, and others had to be postponed.

After some thought, Tao Qian stamped his foot on the cloud head and also summoned a group of youngsters including Zhong Doudou.

In front of the Longevity Immortal Peach Grove, many figures stood before Tao Qian.

Due to Tao Qian's high spiritual vision, he could now see details that were previously invisible.

For instance, Little Age and Lian Jing'er, these two Alien Species, had been transforming daily since acquiring the Cultivation Method. Although both still looked like mere children, their potential was

being rapidly realized, and their combat abilities improved swiftly. In Tao Qian's eyes, each emitted a distinct, terrifying aura.

One was a blood and flesh scent hidden beneath a cute, gelatinous body.

The other was a mechanical rationale hidden amongst bronze, bones, cast iron, and ancient wood.

Even Tao Qian himself didn't know what these two youngsters would look like after years of cultivation.

Next was Shan Jiu.

This sometimes confused, sometimes clever "Wild Leek Demon" had deep blessings and a mysterious origin.

If Tao Qian hadn't confirmed his harmless nature and that he wasn't a deeply hidden Demon, he would never allow him to cultivate alongside himself.

Now, however, there were no surprises. Tao Qian's eyes reflected a human-shaped Wild Leek enveloped in multicolored rainbow light, with tender white roots wriggling, somewhat terrifying yet mostly comical to Tao Qian.

As for Jiushou and other members of the Dragon Species Clan, Zhong Doudou and the Crystal Clan girls, and the Mermaid called Sha Nu'er, etc.

Nothing was amiss, merely making Tao Qian secretly marvel: without realizing it, he had already established such a foundation.

He glanced at the island's Immortal Peach Trees bursting with Fragrant Clouds, and a smile inevitably appeared at the corners of his mouth.

Then he directly instructed everyone,

"Master is going out for a while, and I don't know when I'll return, it could be a day or two, or perhaps five or six."

"Dou Dou, you also know that when you entered our sect, I received many generous gifts from our masters. Now that the Immortal Peaches have matured, it's a good time to return the favor."

"Go to the Longevity area as per the list and take some Immortal Peaches for each master to taste."

"As for other Immortal Peaches, ask the Tree Immortals like Longevity to take good care of them for a few more days; the taste could become even more exquisite."

"If anyone asks for them, you may also give a few for them to taste."

"You can ask Longevity for yourself if you want to eat, but don't be greedy."

After saying this, Tao Qian instructed them on some minor matters regarding Forbidden Techniques, telling them to take care of their home.

Then, too lazy to return to the Spiritual Resonance Cave including the Spirit Treasure Jade Purifying Bottle, he carried all his possessions on him, with no treasures left to take.

He didn't worry about being inside the Mountain Gate, he took out the Demon Gourd, shaking out a child dressed in bright green, his face full of reluctance.

It was a Star Zha Demon!

The Absolute Immortal Sea Islands were considerably far from this place, and Tao Qian wasn't inclined to travel slowly using the Auspicious Cloud Skill.

Being the first disciple of the Duobao Lineage famous for complicated Cultivation Methods, using the techniques of the Secret Demon Sect to speed up his journey wasn't strange at all.

He commanded, despite the Star Zha child's reluctance.

The child had to dissolve his own body, enveloping Tao Qian in a hazy cloud of star dust.

In broad daylight, a dazzling starlight immediately shot forth from Ascending Immortal Island toward a distant place.

Just as Tao Qian had used divine power and left Ascending Immortal Island, the youngsters began frolicking, pestering Tao Changshou, an old man with a shiny bald head, to have the first taste of the Immortal Peach.

Following the Master's prior instructions, the Tree Immortals didn't refuse.

Even the seven or eight Nursing Woman Bird Demons that had fallen due to smelling the Fragrant Cloud also received a peach or two; although they weren't the Initial Fruits, they were still sweet and tasty, inducing unstoppable cravings.

After eating the Immortal Peaches, everyone suddenly started missing Tao Qian.

However, since everyone on the island was close to Tao Qian, including the Nursing Woman Bird Demons, no one found this odd.

The Bird Demons even shared, quietly using secret techniques to call the rest of their companions over.

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At this hour today, on the Purple Ganoderma Cliff of the Biyou Palace, a drifting auspicious cloud quickly departed from the Big Island.

It appeared headed towards Bibo Island.

Other than gathering Spirit Treasure Disciples, this location also accommodated foreign visitors.

On the cloud stood three people, one of whom was a lavishly dressed young Devil Immortal with dog-like ears and nose, followed by two young men and women of obviously noble origins. Although not dressed in Imperial Family garb, the indescribable noble aura they emitted couldn't be concealed.

Whether it was their stature, facial features, or temperament, they were extraordinary, far from ordinary folks.

Both still had expressions of amazement, evidently having just witnessed something incredible.

"Thirteenth Prince, Princess Bao Shou, your requests to become disciples have been passed to many immortals by the guarding Devil Immortal."

"It should yield results in a day or two. With your talents, there will surely be immortals interested in you."

"Before that, please accompany me to rest for two days at Bibo Island."

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"On their journey, they would pass through numerous Immortal Islands and Daoist Fields of the immortal masters," said Gou Lv'er. "I could introduce a few to you two, so that you could get familiar with the Spirit Treasure Mountain Gate."

Upon hearing this, the Prince and Princess immediately recovered and hurriedly expressed their thanks.

If they were in the Mortal World, their nobility would be beyond words.

Although neither was the most beloved by the current Emperor, their innate royal bloodline alone could nearly guarantee them a reception of emptied streets and roaring crowds anywhere within the Longevity Heavenly Dynasty.

But here, that was not the case.

The figure before them, known as "Gou Lv'er," was just a minor Dog Demon within Biyou Palace.

Even so, they treated him with respect.

Their purpose in visiting the Spirit Treasure Sect was both simple and not so simple.

Officially, it was to seek a master.

However, there were also hidden calculations.

It was clear to anyone that the rule of the Imperial Family in Longevity Heavenly Dynasty was on the brink of peril, its decline difficult to conceal.

The Imperial Family itself certainly knew this, so they had begun early to plan for their own salvation.

Sending off many princes and princesses—even the father of the current Emperor had gone out personally, using various pretexts to join one Major Sect after another within the Cultivation World. Betting wildly, they were indiscriminate: Daoist, Buddhist, Side Doors, even Demon Path . . . they had missed none.

Many sects valued the princes and princesses' pledges as disciples.

However, some gave no special treatment.

Spirit Treasure Sect was naturally among the latter.

Thirteenth Prince Zhu Quan maintained his princely demeanor on the surface but, faced with this cold reception, still couldn't help but grumble internally:

"If I, Zhu Quan, were to visit other sects, I would undoubtedly be welcomed and revered, with Sect Masters and Elders at my choice."

"But here in the Penglai Sea, it is the opposite."

"My sister and I came to show our respect without a single attendant, and the Spirit Treasure Sect has merely sent a minor demon to receive us."

"The matter of becoming disciples is even worse. Given our status, we still had to humbly submit our request and wait two days. With such treatment, the ones who would eventually accept us are unlikely to be Duobao True Monarch, Xuan Yuan True Monarch, Yunhua Immortal, or Jintong Daoist, those famous and powerful cultivators."

"Without a heavyweight master, naturally, we wouldn't receive any attention in the sect and might never be able to borrow the Sect's power in the future. I can't see the rationale in Mother's choice."

Prince Zhu Quan was heavily burdened by these thoughts.

Princess Bao Shou, on the other hand, wasn't concerned with such matters. The young girl, just growing into maturity, still had eyes filled with innocence and cheer.

Anyone seeing her would conclude: This girl surely has no schemes.

Indeed, it didn't take long for her to mingle with Dog Immortal Gou Lv'er, chattering away.

He, sensitive and adept in reading people, quickly discerned the Thirteenth Prince's thoughts.

He didn't care, merely scoffed internally while performing his duties.

It was only because Princess Bao Shou seemed lovable that he was willing to introduce some rules of the Mountain Gate and the Daoist Fields and Immortal Islands they passed through along the way.

Soon, as they were about to reach Bibo Island.

Suddenly, from within the clouds beside them, a "gugu gugu" sound was heard.

Then, Prince Zhu Quan heard his sister suddenly exclaim in astonishment; he followed her gaze.

He saw six women with human upper bodies and bird lower bodies, their chests bare, flapping their wings with joyful expressions as they flew toward a particular direction.

Although the Prince considered himself worldly, he had never seen such female demons before.

His eyes widened in surprise.

This lewd display promptly earned him a contemptuous look from Dog Immortal Gou Lv'er.

"They are Nursing Woman Bird Demons, an ancient alien species."

"The entire Cultivation World only has this one bloodline remaining, and it resides within our Spirit Treasure Mountain."

"But this group of female demons loves secrets and gossip. Seeing the two of you of the royal bloodline, they will certainly crowd around, asking all sorts of questions."

No sooner had Gou Lv'er spoken than he was contradicted.

The bird demons only glanced at them before, with a chorus of gugu, they flew away.

"Hmm?"

Before the Thirteenth Prince and Princess Bao Shou could look at him skeptically.

Gou Lv'er himself displayed a look of surprise, then, as if he had discovered something amusing.

He gave his wrist where a golden ring resided a little shake, the flickering light speeding up the auspicious cloud, catching up to the fleeing female demons in the blink of an eye.

Then, very politely, he called out:

"Please wait, ladies!"

"Such haste, where are you going? Could it be that an immortal is hosting a banquet?"

The stopped bird demons all showed impatience.

However, with his sweet-talking, Gou Lv'er quickly appeased them.

Soon, he had his answer.

The foremost female demon puffed out her chest, quite proudly stating:

"Gou Lv'er, don't you always boast about having a keen nose, being more informed than us?"

"How come you didn't know that Master Tao Qian of Ascending Immortal Island has achieved Perfect Merit, planting one hundred and seventy-nine Longevity Immortal Peach Trees? Now, the island is a sight to behold, each Immortal Tree bearing abundant peaches, their scent condensing into misty clouds surrounding the island. If you happen to pass by during your leisure, remember to take a whiff—just the aroma of the Immortal Peaches can increase your luck."

After saying this, the female demons paid them no more attention, giggling as they resumed flapping their wings and calling gugu as they headed toward Ascending Immortal Island.

As the female demons departed, leaving a longing Princess Bao Shou, she turned around to find Dog Immortal Gou Lv'er and her royal brother both appearing stunned, each contemplating something.

Thirteenth Prince Zhu Quan was not moved by the mention of "Immortal Peaches."

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The keyword that truly sparked his contemplation was Tao Qian.

He suddenly turned his head toward Gou Lv'er and asked as if casually,

"This immortal child, the Master Tao Qian mentioned by those female fairies just now, is he the same one who, within Southern Yue, defeated the Devil God Army and thwarted the plots of Ji Xianxian and the Great Freedom Temple?"

"I have a third brother who originally went to Southern Yue, wanting to join the Ten Thousand Infant Sect, and it seems to be because of Master Tao Qian that he was ultimately despised by the Infant Sect Master and sent back to the Imperial City, losing face greatly."

"I am quite curious about this True Master, can the immortal child enlighten me?"

While speaking, the Thirteenth Prince actually made a move to bribe him.

He quietly slipped a bottle of Spirit Pills into Gou Lv'er's hand.

Having received a benefit, this Devil Immortal was finally willing to give the Prince a proper look.

With agile dog eyes turning, he thought to himself, "The many deeds of Master Tao Qian have long been talked about in Bibo and Qingping, the two big islands; even if I don't speak of it, these two upon landing can hear it from the mouths of other disciples. After all, it's not a secret, should be fine to tell."

After this thought settled, the Dog Immortal with its comically bean-shaped eyebrows lifted, began grandly,

"You've asked the right person on this matter. Speaking of it, Master Tao Qian being able to become a disciple under Duobao True Monarch also owes a small part to my humble efforts, for which I even received a reward from the True Monarch Master."

Indeed, just this first sentence had both the Prince and Princess revealing looks of astonishment and strong envy.

Although they were nobility of the royal family and could easily obtain almost any pleasure or object they wanted since childhood,

It was only when they came into contact with the Cultivation World that they realized,

Even with their noble status and bloodline, there were many people and things they could not have.

Duobao True Monarch!

The meaning behind these four characters was crystal clear to them.

Before coming here, especially the Thirteenth Prince Zhu Quan, he had also hoped that if he could become a disciple of Duobao, he might even cast aside the throne.

Alas, reality was so cruel.

This dream was easily realized by a Loose Cultivator from the wilderness, a commoner from Southern Yue.

Before Zhu Quan could feel jealousy, Gou Lv'er's voice continued to say,

"However, it's also because Master Tao Qian had an exceptional talent bestowed by heaven. Even when he faced the Resist the Three Calamities in Southern Yue, the sly monks of Great Freedom Temple who wanted to harm him got bitten back instead."

"Such talent, even in our Spirit Treasure Sect, is rarely seen in a hundred years."

"If not for this, neither the True Monarch Master nor Yunhua Immortal would almost have gotten into a conflict over competing for this disciple."

"Though he eventually became a disciple of the True Monarch, the immortal still gave him an Ascending Immortal Island as a meet-and-greet gift."

Having said this, even Princess Bao Shou cast a curious look.

Prior to their arrival at Penglai Sea, both of them – particularly the siblings – had hurriedly studied up on the information and secrets concerning the Spirit Treasure Sect, especially those enigmatically powerful immortal elders.

The Thirteenth Prince Zhu Quan's most desired mentor was Duobao True Monarch because he was the leading male immortal.

Whereas Princess Bao Shou, her desired mentor was Yunhua Immortal not because of power, but she developed an intense admiration for Yunhua Immortal after hearing about her feats.

At this moment, she also thought of something upon hearing "Ascending Immortal Island."

Unable to hide her thoughts as a young girl, she said subconsciously,

"Ascending Immortal Island?"

"I remember, I remember, when Yunhua Immortal wanted to take Lingji Fairy away, she set up many arrays to block that annoying Xie Family's gate, forcing the Xie Family to capitulate."

"Afterward, when Lingji Fairy became her disciple, the immortal gave her an extremely nice Immortal Island as a Daoist Field, which was precisely that Ascending Immortal Island..."