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Right as Veronica finished speaking, Veronica moved her eyes over to Dave while remaining silent as she waited for Dave to reassure everyone that his information regarding Sebastian's talisman crafting skills was correct.

Meanwhile, upon seeing Veronica's action, Coril, Henry, and Damien also moved their eyes over to Dave.

With a frown on his face, Coril asked Dave, "Are you sure that your information is absolutely correct? Did you personally collect those information yourself, or did you paid someone to help you obtain those information on Sebastian?"

"Eh... I... Hah... hah..."

Faced with Coril's question, an awkward look could be seen appearing on Dave's face as he scratched onto his head with his right hand as he let out an awkward laugh to hide his awkwardness.

Upon seeing Dave's reaction, Coril asked while with the corner of his mouth twitching, "You... don't tell me... you got all these information from the dual cultivation department and didn't bother doing anything on your part to confirm those information that you had obtained from the dual cultivation department...?"

Naturally, Dave didn't collect the information regarding Sebastian's background and information by himself.

Just as he had always did in the past years when he had recruited married-in sons-in-law into the Lisandris Family, he would pay the Bright Moon Sect's dual cultivation department a decent amount of energy stones in exchange for the background and information of those married-in sons-in-law.

After all, most of the married-in sons-in-law that chose to join the families that were located within the Bright Moon City...

Most of the time, they would have first joined the dual cultivation department, so that they could obtain additional rewards when they managed to reproduce a descendant who possesses a spiritual root.

When the dual cultivation department accepted a cultivator into their department, not only would the dual cultivation department get the cultivator to fill in their information on a paper...

But the dual cultivation department itself would also furthermore do an intensive background check on the cultivator, to confirm that the cultivator didn't fill in fake information, or that the cultivator wasn't a spy from other sects that possessed bad ulterior motives for joining the dual cultivation department.

Because of the intensive network that the dual cultivation department has cultivated for the past 500 years, it normally would take less than an hour for the dual cultivation department to finish doing an intensive background check onto a cultivator who had just joined their dual cultivation department as a member.

This was one of the reasons why the families within the Bright Moon City would dare to accept all of the cultivators that wanted to join their families, so long as the cultivators had beforehand joined the dual cultivation department as members.

Of course, even if it was true that the cultivation families within Bright Moon City trusted the dual cultivation department's capability and was rather certain that there was nothing wrong with the cultivators that joined their families, but sometimes, it would be best to still possess the information regarding the cultivators that they had just recruited into their families.

Thus, the cultivation families would pay the dual cultivation department a certain amount of energy stones in exchange for the information of the various cultivators that joined their families.

As for why the dual cultivation department wouldn't just give those information to the cultivation families for free?

Well, at the end of the day, everyone had to eat, and the people that belonged to the dual cultivation department were no different too.

It was already more than enough that the dual cultivation department helped to provide a safe source for the cultivation families within the Bright Moon City to recruit married-in sons-in-law into their families.

Thus, if the cultivation families wanted a compiled information on the married-in sons-in-law that they had recruited into their families, it was only right that they would have to pay the dual cultivation department for it.

Of course, every cultivation family that were within the Middle District and Upper District possessed their own network that helps them to gather information, however, compared to the dual cultivation department's network, none of the networks of the families that

belonged in the Middle District could come close to the capability of the dual cultivation department's network.

Thus, at the end of the day, the Middle District's families were the ones that would buy those information from the dual cultivation department, while the Upper District's families would use their own networks to do a further background check onto those married-in sons-in-law that they had recruited into their families.

Sure, the dual cultivation department was trustable, but there were a lot of "what if" that came with putting one's complete trust on another party.

Therefore, if it was possible, it was best to depend on one's own network, rather than others' networks.

"Hah... hah..."

Upon being hit on the nail by Coril's guess, Dave let out another awkward laugh while looking awkwardly at Coril.

Upon seeing Dave's reaction, Coril knew that he was right with his guess, and immediately, Coril couldn't help but begin breathing heavily as he grabbed onto his chest due to feeling that his heart was actually starting to hurt a little.

Though, in truth, Coril was just imagining the pain, there wasn't any pain coming from his heart, it was merely the feeling of anger swelling up within his chest.

"You...!"

Right before Coril had began chiding at Dave, Dave hurriedly held his palms up at Coril, gesturing for Coril to hold on.

"Wait, wait! Grandpa, hear me out first!

Although it is true that I didn't confirm the information that I had bought from the dual cultivation department, I have personally confirmed with my own eyes that Sebastian is indeed very close to breaking through to becoming an official talisman crafter!

Back then when I gave Sebastians a few tests to do, one of the tests that I gave to him was to get him to give me a demonstration of him crafting a fireball talisman..."

Chapter 122: Elemental symbol

"And when Sebastian gave me a demonstration of him crafting a fireball talisman, although he wasn't successful in crafting the fireball talisman, I was able to tell that he was flawless during the start of his crafting, and only when he was done with crafting

80% of the fireball talisman, then did he start making 2 slight mistakes that caused the finished fireball talisman to become a fail work in the end.

This meant that he most likely possesses an average of 60% to 80% success rate in crafting fireball talismans, which is already very close to hitting a constant success rate of 80%, which is the bare minimum needed to break through to becoming an official talisman crafter!"

Right as Dave finished speaking, the deep frown that was on Coril's face finally disappeared, albeit there was still a slight frown on Coril's face.

After all, judging from Dave's words, Dave didn't come to the conclusion that Sebastian possessed a rather excellent talent in crafting talismans just from referring to the information that he had obtained from the dual cultivation department.

However, because Coril still wasn't completely satisfied with the reason that Dave had come to as to why Sebastian possessed a rather excellent talent in talisman crafting, there was still a slight frown currently on Coril's face.

With a slight frown on Coril's face, Coril asked with a stern look on his face, "And... you came to that conclusion just by watching Sebastian do a single craft of a fireball talisman...? What even gave you the confidence to be able to judge Sebastian's talent in talisman crafting just from a single craft of his? Hmm?!"

Right after hearing what Coril said, seemingly to have regained his confidence, Dave cupped his hands at Coril, then said with a proud look on his face, "Grandpa, you are most probably unaware of this since you had been away from the Lisandris Family for so long."

Upon speaking up to here, Dave stretched out his right hand, and with his palm faced toward the ceiling, a symbol that resembled a water droplet came out from his palm and began floating on top of his palm.

Looking at the water droplet, it was pretty much transparent, except for the tip of the water droplet, where there was a slight touch of blue color right on it. If it were not for the fact that everyone within the room possessed incredible eyesight, they may not had been even able to see the water droplet symbol that was currently floating on Dave's right palm.

If anyone possessed a decent understanding of talisman crafting... Upon seeing the water droplet symbol, they would immediately understood that Dave was at least a tier 1 level 1 talisman crafter.

After all, an elemental symbol was something that one would obtain when breaking through from an apprentice talisman crafter to becoming an official talisman crafter.

Right as the water droplet symbol appeared on top of his right palm, Dave continued speaking while with a proud look on his face.

"Roughly 10 years ago, I decided to give talisman crafting a try so that I can take my mind off of pill concoctions whenever I came to a plateau with my pill concoction skills, and I ended up managing to break through and become an official talisman crafter a few years ago!

What do you think, grandpa? Do you now think I possess the rights to judge Sebastian's talisman crafting skills?"

Upon seeing the water droplet symbol, Coril was aware that Dave did indeed possess the capability of correctly judging Sebastian's talisman crafting skills.

However, Coril was evidently not the kind to give in to others, and especially not to Dave who currently had a proud look on his face that was leaning toward becoming a smug look.

Thus, instead of admitting that Dave do indeed possess the rights to judge Sebastian's talisman crafting skills, Coril chided loudly at Dave while with a slight frown on his face.

"Instead of concentrating all of your attention onto your cultivation and pill concoction skills, you actually wasted resources and time on learning a profession that you wouldn't spend much time on after you were done learning it?!

If everyone within the Lisandris Family were to follow along as what you did, it is only a matter of time that the Lisandris Family run out of cultivation resources!

Shoo, shoo! Get out of my sight! Just the sight of you is enough to make my blood boil! Go and wait for us outside of the house!"

While Coril was speaking, Dave's expression could be seen to have come to a froze, and right as Coril finished speaking, Dave looked over to Henry, hoping that Henry would help put in a word for him.

However, upon seeing Dave looked over to him while with a hopeful look on his face, Henry quickly shifted his gaze away from Dave, then pretended to be in a deep thought as he closed his eyes and rubbed onto his chin with his right hand.

Upon seeing his father's reaction, the corner of Dave's mouth couldn't help but twitch for a bit.

Meanwhile, upon seeing that Dave was still remaining still, Coril chided at Dave once again.

"What? Do you not understand human language or something? What are you still standing here for? Hmm?!"

"... Understood, I will go and wait outside for you all then..."

After cupping his hands and bowing at Coril, Dave turned around and began walking toward the door.

And right as Dave had walked out of the house and closed the door behind him, then did Coril put on a smile on his face and said amicably to Veronica, "So, Veronica, do you feel reassured now?"

"Yeah, I do." Veronica said as she nodded her head, then continued, "Now, let me go through a few more plans that I have in mind with all of you, so that you all are completely aware of all of my plans..."

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Next day...

Early morning...

Within the cultivation room of Sebastian's house...

An unusual flow of energy could be seen surging throughout the cultivation room.

Chapter 123: 1 in 100,000

Looking within the cultivation room, Sebastian could be seen sitting cross-legged on a mat while with his eyes closed and body remaining completely still, seemingly as if he was currently in a deep sleep.

However, looking at the spiritual energy that was surging around the cultivation room continuously being absorbed into Sebastian's body, it was evident that Sebastian wasn't asleep, and instead, was currently cultivating a certain cultivation technique of his.

It was just that, Sebastian was currently completely absorbed in the cultivation technique that he was currently cultivating, to the point that he ended up being in a state where he was currently in a deep trance, which made him seem like he was in a deep sleep.

Though, if any experienced cultivator was currently present within the cultivation room, they would be able to see just how unusual the spiritual energy that was within the cultivation room was acting, especially when pairing with the fact that the person who was causing the spiritual energy to act oddly was an energy refining realm cultivator who possessed a mere middle-quality spiritual root.

Even more...

If a cultivator who primarily cultivates fire cultivation techniques and possesses at least level 1 of fundamental understanding toward the fire dao was currently present within the cultivation room, they would be able to see that...

There was currently a kind of aura that was being emitted out from Sebastian's body, and the aura was affecting onto the spiritual energy that was surging around Sebastian's body, causing the surging spiritual energy to turn into fire spiritual energy that contained traces of fire dao within them!

Of course, in the grand scheme of things, the traces of fire dao that were contained within the fire spiritual energy were very insignificant, whereas even if a golden core realm cultivator who cultivated the fire dao were to absorb all of those spiritual energy that contained traces of fire dao into their body...

Low chances were that, those traces of fire dao within the spiritual energy wouldn't provide much comprehension of fire dao toward their comprehension of fire dao...

And high chances were that, those traces of fire dao within the spiritual energy wouldn't even provide any comprehension of fire dao toward their comprehension of fire dao, and thus, would merely just be no different from absorbing normal spiritual energy.

However, when taking into account that Sebastian was actually only an energy refining realm cultivator, it was obvious that those traces of fire dao within the spiritual energy were going to provide a great help toward not only Sebastian's cultivation but also help Sebastian greatly in slowly comprehending and learning the fire dao.

It has to be known that, for most cultivators, they were only able to start learning about the heavenly daos when they had arrived at the golden core realm as only when a cultivator has reached the golden core realm, then would they be able to start to somewhat sense the flows of heavenly daos within the Cultivation World.

Furthermore, after a cultivator had reached the golden core realm, it didn't mean that the cultivator was definitely going to be able to comprehend and start learning about the dao that they were cultivating so long as they had enough time to do so.

After a cultivator had arrived at the golden core realm, it merely meant that they finally possessed the capability of having a chance in learning the heavenly dao that they were primarily cultivating.

And in truth, most of the cultivators that had reached the golden core realm weren't able to start comprehending and learning their heavenly daos just simply by trying to sense the flows of heavenly daos.

In most cases, most golden realm cultivators needed external help in order to start comprehending and learning about their heavenly daos...

And examples of those external help were things such as, refining a heavenly magical treasure that possesses a huge amount of elemental essence within it, risking their lives in battlefields, or having a chance to study closely onto a high-tier weapon or armor that possessed embodiments of daos within them.

Of course, there were quite a number of cultivators within the Cultivation World that were able to comprehend and learn about the heavenly daos when they were only within the energy refining realm or foundation establishment realm without the need of any external help...

But at the end of the day, when comparing the number of those cultivators to the vast number of cultivators that weren't able to do so, the ratio was something like 1 to 100,000.

Take Bright Moon Sect for example.

Despite being one of the 3 biggest sects within the upper north of North Continent...

There was not a single cultivator within Bright Moon Sect that had been able to comprehend and learn about the heavenly daos while they were in the energy refining realm or foundation establishment realm, not even Feng Xue who possessed the phoenix rebirth body.

Though, perhaps, when Feng Xue reached the foundation establishment realm, there may be a chance that she would be able to do so, but in truth, no one within the sect was expecting that from Feng Xue, not even Feng Xue's master, Ning Zhi.

After all, cultivators that were able to comprehend and learn about the heavenly daos when they were only still at the energy refining realm or foundation establishment realm...

Those cultivators were always fought ferociously over by the top sects within the Middle Continents and Celestial Realm, and when those cultivators had joined their respective sects, their identities within the sects would be at a minimum the direct disciple of a high-realm cultivator!

And right now, looking at Sebastian, it was pretty evident that Sebastian was one of those 1 in 100,000 cultivators that were able to comprehend the heavenly daos before even reaching the golden core realm!

Though, the main reason that Sebastian was able to do so was all thanks to the yang core that was situated right by his energy core.

Chapter 124: Proficiency

If one were to be able to look at the inside of Sebastian's body right now...

They would be able to see that...

When the fire spiritual energy entered into Sebastian's body, the fire spiritual energy would head straight toward Sebastian's lower abdomen, where the area that was named and known by the cultivators within the Cultivation World as either "dantian", or "the field of energy" was located at.

Dantian was basically the area where one's energy core would be located at.

And of course, as a cultivator climbed higher and higher onto the ladder toward immortality, the energy core would turn into a golden core, followed by turning into a nascent soul, and so on.

As the fire spiritual energy arrived at Sebastian's dantian...

Within Sebastian's dantian, different from a typical energy refining realm cultivator, where there would only be a single energy core, and the energy core would typically be the color of the primary cultivation technique that the cultivator was cultivating...

For example, a cultivator who primary cultivated a fire-type cultivation technique would possess a red color energy core...

And a cultivator who primary cultivated a water-type cultivation technique would possess a blue color energy core.

Since Sebastian's primary cultivation technique was the sun energy refining technique, which was evidently a fire-type cultivation technique, it was only natural that Sebastian's energy core would be red in color.

However, looking at Sebastian's dantian, not only did Sebastian possessed 3 energy cores, but his main energy core was actually not simply just red in color, instead, it possessed a mixture of, red, white, and black, whereas the middle of the main energy core was red in color, while the sides of the it were in black and white color.

And by the white color side of the main energy core was a white color energy core, while by the black color side of the main energy core was a black color energy core.

If one were to look closely at the black and white energy cores, a tiny amount of spiritual energy was constantly being transmitted over from the black and white energy cores, and over to the main energy core.

If one had to guess, it was most likely thanks to the black and white energy cores that the sides of the main energy core ended up being painted in black and white colors.

Of course, if one was aware of Sebastian's situation, it wouldn't be too hard for them to come to the conclusion that, the black energy core was the yin core, and the white energy core was the yang core.

As the fire spiritual energy arrived at the dantian, it surged directly toward the yang core and entered into the yang core, and every few moments, after a certain amount of fire spiritual energy had entered into the yang core, the yang core would stop absorbing fire spiritual energy into it, then began revolving at high speed for a total of 81 cycles.

As the yang core stopped revolving, the fire spiritual energy that had previously been absorbed into the yang core began surging out from the yang core, followed by surging over to the main energy core, then revolving around the main energy core.

Looking at the current fire spiritual energy that was revolving around the main energy core, although the amount of spiritual energy was evidently much lesser right now when compared to the amount of fire spiritual energy that had entered into the yang core...

The current fire spiritual energy was actually redder in color, and the traces of fire dao that was contained within the fire spiritual energy had actually increased by a lot more than before!

Right now, the fire dao that was contained with the fire spiritual energy couldn't be described with the word "traces", and instead, it had to be described with the word "plenty"!

Evidently, the fire spiritual energy that had entered into the yang core had been refined into a purer fire spiritual energy by the yang core!

If Veronica was present here right now and was able to see with her own eyes at the current fire spiritual energy that was revolving around Sebastian's main energy core, her eyes would definitely go red from the urge to refine those fire spiritual energy for herself.

After all, the amount of fire dao that was currently contained within those fire spiritual energy was more than enough to give her a huge boost of comprehension toward her comprehension of the fire dao!

As the fire spiritual energy revolved around the main energy core, the fire dao that was contained within the fire spiritual energy was slowly being absorbed by the main energy core.

And if Sebastian was able to look at his stats tab, especially his stats regarding his sun energy refining technique, he would be able to see that his proficiency toward the sun energy refining technique was increasing at a tremendous speed!

That's right, the cultivation technique that Sebastian was cultivating right now was the sun energy refining technique, and the fire dao that was contained within those fire spiritual energy was currently subconsciously being used by Sebastian to increase his proficiency toward the sun energy refining technique.

[Sun energy refining technique, proficiency – advanced (exp 200/500)

This was Sebastian's current proficiency toward his sun energy refining technique, and it has to be noted, Sebastian's previous proficiency was actually only at beginner, and the exp was 20/100!

This meant that, in this single session of cultivating his sun energy refining technique, he actually went from beginner proficiency, all the way to advanced proficiency!

Cultivation techniques' proficiency levels were divided into beginner, intermediate, advanced, expert, and perfect.

At perfect proficiency, the cultivation technique would be able to revolve on its own, allowing the user to not have to personally revolve the cultivation technique in order to cultivate.

Of course, even if that were the case, the effect of cultivating on one's own by personally revolving their cultivation technique was much more beneficial to the cultivator than to simply allow the cultivation technique to revolve on its own, but nonetheless, being able to cultivate 24/7 without having the need to revolve their cultivation technique was still a huge upside for the cultivator.

Chapter 125: Two types of cultivation techniques

It didn't take too long for Sebastian's main energy core to be done with absorbing all of the fire dao that was contained within the refined fire spiritual energy...

And right as all of the fire dao that was contained within the refined fire spiritual energy had been absorbed into the main energy core...

Sebastian's body began to subconsciously revolve the sun energy refining technique, so as to start controlling the fire spiritual energy that was currently revolving around the main energy core.

Right as the sun energy refining technique began revolving, the main energy core could be seen to start to begin spinning, just as the yang core previously did when it was refining the fire spiritual energy that it had absorbed into itself.

As the main energy core began spinning, it didn't take too long for the main energy core to accumulate speed and began revolving at a relatively fast speed.

And as the main energy core arrived at the highest revolving speed it could revolve at, the sun energy refining technique enveloped onto the refined fire spiritual energy and began carrying the refined fire spiritual energy along with it as it revolved a few cycles around Sebastian's meridians and spiritual root.

Every time, when the fire spiritual energy that was being controlled by the sun energy refining technique flowed through Sebastian's meridians and spiritual root, a very tiny fraction of the fire spiritual energy was absorbed into the meridians and spiritual root, so as to help strengthen the meridians and spiritual root and get the meridians and spiritual root accustomed to the fire spiritual energy that was flowing through them.

Strengthening the meridians and spiritual root was something that every cultivation technique was able to do and was also something that every cultivation technique was required to be able to do in order to be considered as a proper cultivation technique.

After all, the meridians and spiritual root were in actuality rather fragile parts of a human body, and if a cultivator didn't had a way to strengthen their meridians and spiritual root while they were cultivating their cultivation technique, it would be only a matter of time until their meridians and spiritual root ended up becoming damaged, or worst, becoming crippled due to the constant spiritual energy that was flowing through their meridians and spiritual root when they were revolving their cultivation technique.

Naturally, as for how much a cultivator's spiritual root and meridians would be strengthened by their cultivation technique, it depended on the type of cultivation technique that they were cultivating.

Within the Cultivation World, cultivation techniques were mainly classified into two types, whereby the first type would be the body tempering type cultivation technique, and the second type would be the mind tempering type cultivation technique.

Judging from the names of the two types of cultivation techniques, it didn't take too much for one to come to the conclusion that the body tempering type cultivation technique would be able to strengthen a cultivator's spiritual root and meridians even more than a mind tempering type cultivation technique would be able to do so.

And if one were to have had come to that conclusion, they were actually right with their conclusion.

For the body tempering type cultivation techniques...

When a body-tempering cultivator was within the energy refining realm, the direction of a single revolve of their cultivation technique wasn't simply just flowing throughout their meridians and spiritual root in a cycle, but also their flesh and skin!

Naturally, this meant that most of the spiritual energy that a body-tempering cultivator had absorbed into their body would be first used to refine their flesh and skin, followed

by a decent amount of spiritual energy to strengthen their meridians and spiritual root, and at the end, only a small amount of spiritual energy would be absorbed into their energy core.

Only until the body-tempering cultivator was finally done with their cultivation technique's first stage of body tempering and didn't need to spend anymore spiritual energy to temper their flesh and skin for the time being, then would they be able to focus on increasing their cultivation level by letting their energy core absorbed all of the spiritual energy that they had absorbed into their body.

This was why most energy refining realm body-tempering cultivators needed to spend much more cultivation resources and time to reach level 10 of energy refining realm than a typical energy refining realm mind-tempering cultivator needed to spend in order to reach level 10 of energy refining realm.

Of course, so long as a body-tempering cultivator was rich and possessed a large amount of cultivation resources to their disposal, the only downside the body-tempering cultivator would have when compared to a typical mind-tempering cultivator would be that the body-tempering cultivator had to spend much more cultivation resources in order to increase their cultivation strength, as the downside of needing to spend much more time in order to increase their cultivation strength was no longer true.

After all, right as an energy refining realm body-tempering cultivator was done with their cultivation technique's first stage of body tempering, it usually meant that their body was now able to refine and absorb stronger cultivation pills and treasures that a typical energy refining realm cultivator wouldn't be able to do so but was now able to do so thanks to their tempered flesh and skin, and much stronger meridians and spiritual root.

Imagine, a body-tempering energy refining realm cultivator who was able to refine and absorb cultivation pills and treasures that could usually only be refined and absorbed by a cultivator who was at the foundation establishment realm or higher...

How would a typical mind-tempering energy refining realm cultivator be able to compete with that body-tempering energy refining realm in the area of leveling up?

As for the mind tempering type cultivation techniques...

When a mind-tempering cultivator was within the energy refining realm, it was pretty straight forward.

The higher the mind-tempering cultivator's comprehension toward their cultivation technique was, the more spiritual energy the mind-tempering cultivator would be able to absorb into from their surroundings whenever they revolved their cultivation technique.

Chapter 126: Duo-type cultivation technique

There was a reason as to why most common born cultivators who were poor and didn't have a family or power to back them up would choose to cultivate mind-tempering cultivation techniques.

After all, so long as a cultivator was able to comprehend their cultivation technique to a high level of proficiency, it meant that they wouldn't need to spend many resources in order to level up their cultivation level.

Though, at the end of the day, most common born cultivators that chose to cultivate mind-tempering cultivation techniques in hope that they would not have to spend many cultivation resources in order to level up their cultivation levels...

They would slowly come to find out that, learning a single cultivation technique in its own was already hard enough for most common born cultivators, whereby most common born cultivators had to spend years just to be able to properly revolve their cultivation technique with the proficiency level of beginner, thus, let alone comprehending a cultivation technique to a high level of proficiency and reach the point where they wouldn't have to spend many cultivation resources in order to level up their cultivation levels!

Take the previous Sebastian for example...

With the aptitude of lower-quality spiritual root, and evidently also a poor aptitude of comprehension toward cultivation techniques...

The previous Sebastian ended up spending years just to possess the proficiency of beginner for his sun energy refining technique, and furthermore, the amount of comprehension that he had gained toward the sun energy refining technique wasn't even halfway to reaching the next proficiency level, which was the proficiency of intermediate.

As for the body-tempering cultivation techniques, it was known as the choice that most cultivators would choose to cultivate if they either possessed a huge amount of cultivation resources or were aware that they didn't possess a decent aptitude of comprehension toward cultivation techniques.

After all, body-tempering cultivation techniques were much easier to learn and cultivate when compared to mind-tempering cultivation techniques...

Whereby...

Unlike the mind-tempering cultivation techniques, where the speed in which one was able to refine spiritual energy, the amount of spiritual energy in which one was able to

absorb into their body from their surroundings alone, and lastly, how much spiritual energy in which one was able to refine in a day...

It all depended on a cultivator's proficiency toward their mind-tempering cultivation technique!

This meant that, even if a mind-tempering cultivator possessed an unlimited amount of cultivation resources that they could use to increase their cultivation level...

So long as they don't possess a high level of proficiency toward their mind-tempering cultivation technique, there was only so much cultivation energy that they could refine in a single day, and thus, rendering their unlimited amount of cultivation resources to become pretty much useless in helping them increase their cultivation level!

For the body-tempering cultivation techniques...

So long as a cultivator was able to endure the pain that came when they were tempering their flesh and skin, even if they don't possess a high aptitude in comprehending cultivation techniques, they were able to continue getting stronger without being hindered by the proficiency level of their cultivation technique, all the way until they reached level 10 of energy refining realm!

Furthermore, this point will continue on being the same even after they had broken through to the foundation establishment realm, all the way until they had to start breaking through to becoming a golden core realm cultivator!

Of course, when a body-tempering cultivator was increasing their cultivation strength, they would be doing so at the expense of using energy stones, medicinal herbs, and cultivation pills.

And to speak the truth, just how many cultivators were even able to successfully break through from foundation establishment realm and become a golden core realm cultivator...?

Take Bright Moon City for example, there was most likely at least tens of thousands of cultivators, and the number was most likely close to a hundred thousand, but the total number of golden core realm cultivators within Bright Moon City was less than 250, and this was the fact that Bright Moon City was one of the 3 biggest cities within the upper north of North Continent and had been in existence for over 800 years.

Thus, most body-tempered cultivators were satisfied so long as they were able to reach the foundation establishment realm, and as for needing a high level of proficiency toward their cultivation technique in order to be able to break through to becoming a golden core realm cultivator...?

That was something that was extremely far away in the future for them and wasn't something that most would bother worrying about.

In very rare cases, at the least, amongst the cultivators within the lower realm, some cultivators would cultivate both mind-tempering and body-tempering techniques.

But to be able to do so, one would not only require an extremely high level of aptitude toward not only just comprehending cultivation techniques, but also a decently high comprehension toward the heavenly dao that they were cultivating!

Naturally, if a cultivator was able to possess the capability of cultivating both mind-tempering and body-tempering techniques at an extremely high proficiency level, at this point, the problem of cultivation resources wouldn't be an issue to them at all.

After all, this kind of cultivator was fought over fiercely by various sects and powers, and once this cultivator had joined a sect or power, the sect or power would definitely invest as much cultivation resources as they possibly could onto the cultivator.

In truth, the four divinity beasts reconstruction technique that Sebastian possessed was a duo-type cultivation technique, whereby it was both a mind-tempering and body-tempering technique.

However, for the four divinity beasts reconstruction technique to even start working properly, Sebastian had to first be done with reconstructing his various body parts, or at the least, a decent percentage of his various body parts.

In the technique's current state, aside from being able to refine essences into essences of the four divinity beasts, and using those essences to reconstruct Sebastian's various parts, the four divinity beast reconstruction technique didn't provide any help in tempering either Sebastian's body or mind.

Chapter 127: Full exp and expert proficiency

After the fire spiritual energy had revolved a few times around Sebastian's meridians and spiritual root...

Right as the fire spiritual energy had arrived back to the dantian, it began surging toward the main energy core and entering straight into the main energy core.

And because the fire spiritual energy had already previous been refined by the yang core, there wasn't any need for the sun energy refining technique to further refine the fire spiritual energy first before controlling the fire spiritual energy to enter into the main energy core and get absorbed by the main energy core.

Not long after, right as all of the fire spiritual energy had been absorbed by the main energy core, the fire spiritual energy that was surrounding and surging rather erratically around Sebastian's body began surging into Sebastian's body once again.

And as the fire spiritual energy had entered into Sebastian's body, another cycle of what had happened previously began repeating once again.

Ever since Sebastian had entered into a deep trance, which happened shortly after he had revolved his sun energy refining technique for a single cycle...

This entire cycle of the fire spiritual energy that was surging around the cultivation room entering into Sebastian's body, followed by being refined by the yang core, then being absorbed by the main energy core, had been repeating for who knows how many times already.

...

A few hours after Sebastian's proficiency toward his sun energy refining technique had arrived at advanced proficiency, and experience points of 200/500...

"Hah..." After slowly opening his eyes, Sebastian took in and let out a deep breath, then opened his stats tab on his system screen.

[Note: Focus mind onto texts to open up more information regarding the specific texts]

[Host: Sebastian Force]

[Race: Half-draconic, half-human]

[Age: 22/125]

[Aptitude: Middle-quality spiritual root (Exp 2550/50000)]

[Special body: Sperm strengthening body]

[Talent: Yin and yang cores]

[Yin and yang cores' ability: Yin-yang breath]

[Yin core's ability: Darkness envelopment]

[Yang core's ability: Phoenix's blessing]

[Cultivation: level 5 energy refining realm (Exp 1500/1500)]

[Cultivation techniques (2)]

[Sun energy refining technique, proficiency – expert (Exp 150/1000)]

[Four Divinity Beasts Reconstruction Technique, proficiency – perfect (10000/10000)]

[Professions: Talisman crafter, alchemist]

[Talisman crafter: Apprentice (Exp 453.25/500)]

[Alchemist: Beginner (Exp 30/100)]

After Sebastian was done looking through his stats tab, a pleasantly surprised look immediately appeared on Sebastian's face as he muttered to himself in his own mind.

"I have already accumulated enough experience points to be able to break through to level 6 of energy refining realm?!"

"Furthermore, my proficiency toward the sun energy refining technique actually leveled up, all the way from beginner proficiency to expert proficiency?!"

"If I remember correctly, cultivation techniques' proficiency levels are divided into beginner, intermediate, advanced, expert, and perfect..."

"This means, my proficiency leveled up a total of 3 times in just a single session of cultivation?!"

"Wait a moment... Just how long has it been since I have been cultivating...?!"

Upon thinking up to here, Sebastian quickly stood his body up from the mat that he was sitting on, then quickly walked out of the cultivation room.

Shortly after, Sebastian hurried over to the living room and took a look at the calendar that was hung onto the living room's wall, and upon seeing that he didn't end up cultivating for over a few days or weeks, Sebastian immediately let out a breath of relief.

After all, from the looks of things, whereby it felt as if only less than 10 minutes had passed, despite the fact that he had cultivated for over 12 hours, Sebastian felt that he most likely had gone into a sort of sudden enlightenment when he was cultivating the sun energy refining technique.

And if Julia, or the other people from the Lisandris Family were not willing to wake him up as they were afraid of breaking his sudden enlightenment, he would have most likely ended up missing his wedding ceremony with Miuna.

And when that time comes, Sebastian felt that he would have ended up causing Miuna's affection toward him to decrease, which was something he didn't want to happen if possible.

Though, in truth, Sebastian was worrying all for nothing. After all, with how high Miuna's affection toward Sebastian currently was, if Sebastian didn't miss their wedding ceremony because of an unreasonable reason, there was no way Miuna would ever blame Sebastian and become upset with Sebastian.

Though, then again, since Sebastian was still unable to see Miuna's affection toward him because he still hasn't dual cultivated with Miuna, there was no way for Sebastian to know of all of that.

And right as Sebastian let out a breath of relief, Sebastian looked over to the clock that was hung by the side of the calendar, and upon seeing that it was currently only 10 am, and there were still a few more hours until 1 pm arrives, the time in which his wedding ceremony with Miuna will be held on, Sebastian finally became completely relaxed.

"Hmm... hmm... hmm..."

Right after, as Sebastian turned around and was about to head back to the cultivation room, he could see that Julia was currently leisurely preparing onto some ingredients while humming onto a tune and looking over at him with a curious look on her face.

Upon seeing that Sebastian had turned his body around, Julia finally stopped humming as she opened her mouth and asked curiously, "Darling, what's the matter? Why did you seem to be in such a rush just a while ago?"

"It's nothing at all. Come here, give me a morning kiss."

"Mwah!" Upon hearing what Sebastian said while Sebastian was walking over to her, without any hesitation, Julia kissed her lips onto Sebastian's lips right as Sebastian arrived in front of her.

After receiving his morning kiss, Sebastian then said, "Alright, I will be heading back to the cultivation room, if I ended up staying too long within the cultivation room, make sure to wake me up, okay?"

"Got it."

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Shortly after, Sebastian, who had returned back to the cultivation room, could be seen sitting cross-legged onto the mat once again.

"Hah..."

After taking in and letting out a deep breath, Sebastian then began attempting at breaking through to the next level of his cultivation realm!

Chapter 128: 9, epitome, 81 cycles

Previously, the reason that Sebastian ended up being able to wake up from his deep trance was because his main energy core had been filled to the brim with spiritual energy by the fire spiritual energy that had been constantly entering into his main energy core while his sun energy refining technique was revolving.

As soon as Sebastian's main energy core was filled to the brim with spiritual energy, a weird feeling immediately appeared in Sebastian's dantian, causing Sebastian to open his eyes and regain his consciousness.

As for what that weird feeling was...

To Sebastian, it felt as if his main energy core had been enveloped by an invisible barrier, and that invisible barrier was preventing his main energy core from being able to expand furthermore than it already had expanded.

"So... this must be what the so-called "cultivation bottleneck" that everyone always talked about is..."

"Once I have successfully shattered the invisible barrier into pieces, it should mean that I have successfully level-ed up to the next level of my cultivation realm."

While revolving his sun energy refining technique and controlling the spiritual energy that was contained within his main energy core, Sebastian noticed that he was able to freely move the spiritual energy out from the main energy core and back into the main energy core.

However, if he were to absorb spiritual energy from his surroundings, then try to absorb the spiritual energy into his main energy core, he noticed that he wasn't able to do so as his main energy core was currently already at the maximum capacity amount of spiritual energy that it was able to contain within it.

"If I remember correctly... the steps of the best way to break through are to..."

"Firstly, make sure that my energy core is filled to the brim with spiritual energy before attempting at breaking through..."

"Checked..."

"Secondly, start revolving my cultivation technique and begin absorbing as much spiritual energy as I possibly could control to flow through my meridians and spiritual root into my dantian, but do not refine any of the spiritual energy that has arrived at my dantian, or absorb any of the spiritual energy into my main energy core..."

With his eyes closed, Sebastian began taking the steps that he was currently mumbling to himself in his own mind.

In actuality, since Sebastian still currently do not possess spiritual sense, an ability that most cultivators would be able to unlock only when they had arrived at the foundation establishment realm...

It meant that Sebastian wasn't able to see anything when he had closed his eyes.

However, even if that was the case, by closing his eyes, it allowed him to be able to focus his senses onto his dantian area and sense what he was doing even more clearly than he would be able to when he had his eyes opened.

After all, by closing his eyes, it meant that he was closing off one of his senses that he currently didn't really need to use while he was attempting at breaking through to the next level of his cultivation realm.

Shortly after, right as he felt that his dantian was filled with a decent amount of fire spiritual energy, Sebastian began to continue muttering to himself in his own mind.

"Now, with my dantian filled with fire spiritual energy, the next step that I should do is to continue revolving my sun energy refining technique, but this time, carry along the fire spiritual energy that is currently within my dantian and let the fire spiritual energy flow through my meridians and spiritual root for as many cycles as I possibly could, or up till a total of 81 cycles."

"However, in my case... Due to the yang core that I possess, right before I do that... I should make use of an ability that my yang core possesses, but wasn't specified in my stats tab... Which is the ability to help refine the fire spiritual energy that I had absorbed into my body into an extremely refined type of fire spiritual energy!"

Right as Sebastian muttered to himself up to here...

Sebastian began carrying all of the fire spiritual energy within his dantian toward his yang core and letting his yang core absorbed all of the fire spiritual energy.

Right as all of the fire spiritual energy had been absorbed by the yang core, the yang core began spinning at high speed, and without long, refined fire spiritual energy began surging out from the yang core.

"Hmm... there's actually only less than 1/5 of the total amount of fire spiritual energy that I had absorbed into my dantian..."

"Perhaps, I should refine even more fire spiritual energy..."

"After all, with my current proficiency of the sun energy refining technique, I'm confident that I'm able to revolve much more amount of fire spiritual energy than this through my meridians and spiritual root."

"Though, I should take note that I most likely won't be able to revolve as much of the refined fire spiritual energy through my meridians and spiritual root than I would be able of normal fire spiritual energy."

Upon thinking up to here, without any hesitation, Sebastian began absorbing and refining even more fire spiritual energy, and shortly after, after having refined 3 batches of fire spiritual energy, Sebastian began revolving his sun energy refining technique and controlled all of the fire spiritual energy to revolve through his meridians and spiritual root for as many cycles as he possibly could.

9 was the true epitome number when it comes to things like cultivation techniques and the revolving of one's cultivation techniques, and the numbers that were multiples of 9 were the best numbers of cycles to revolve one's cultivation technique up to.

It was commonly known that, when one has achieved the true perfect proficiency of one's technique, one would be able to revolve their cultivation technique for up to a total of 81 cycles in a single shot.

And...

Chapter 129: Luneth's cultivation level

When one was able to achieve such a feat, they would be able to obtain an extremely huge benefit while cultivating their cultivation technique!

Within the Cultivation World, where cultivators didn't have a system to show them their cultivation techniques' proficiencies, cultivators usually gauge their cultivation techniques' proficiencies by the number of cycles they were able to revolve their cultivation techniques in a single shot.

At beginner proficiency, the maximum number of cycles would be 8.

And when one manages to revolve their cultivation technique for a total of 9 cycles, it would mean that they had reached intermediate proficiency.

At intermediate proficiency, the maximum number of cycles would be 17.

At advanced proficiency, the minimum number of cycles would be 18, while the maximum number of cycles would be 35.

At expert proficiency, this was where most cultivator began having a hard time to reach, and even more of a hard time to cultivate toward perfect proficiency.

After all, at expert proficiency, the minimum number of cycles would be 36, and the maximum number of cycles would be 62.

Lastly, the perfect proficiency!

At perfect proficiency, although the minimum number of cycles for one to be counted as having reached perfect proficiency was to be able to revolve their cultivation technique for up to 63 cycles in a single shot...

What most cultivators truly viewed as one having reached perfect proficiency was when one's cultivation technique was able to start revolving on its own for 24/7 and allowed the cultivator to cultivate and get stronger even without having the need to revolve their cultivation technique.

And when one was able to revolve their cultivation technique for up 81 time...

Where 81 was the number obtained by multiplying the true epitome number onto itself, which was basically 9 multiplied by 9...

It meant that one has reached the true perfect proficiency of their cultivation technique's proficiency!

And at that point, it would mean that one would be able to obtain an extremely huge benefit when they were cultivating their cultivation technique!

As for what the huge benefit was, it varies from one cultivation technique to another cultivation technique.

But in any case, it was well-known that, Bright Moon Sect's current sect master, Luneth Mooncrown, was someone who had managed to cultivate her cultivation technique, which was the moon energy refining technique, to the true perfect proficiency!

As for how long it has been since Luneth Mooncrown's moon energy refining technique had reached true perfect proficiency...

Most people didn't have any idea about that, but what they do know was that...

Everyone that was within the same batch of disciples as Luneth Mooncrown when Luneth Mooncrown had joined Bright Moon Sect as a disciple hundreds of years ago...

None of them was close to the cultivation level that Luneth was at right now, so let alone even being worthy of being a match for Luneth.

After all, roughly a hundred years ago, when Luneth was crowned as Bright Moon Sect's new sect master by the previous sect master, Luneth had already broken through to the golden core realm for quite a number of years already, while none of the disciples

within the same batch as Luneth were even close to breaking through to level 10 of foundation establishment realm!

And after a hundred years had passed since Luneth had become Bright Moon Sect's sect master, although there were quite a number of disciples from Luneth's batch that had broken through and become golden core realm cultivators...

At this point of time, the highest level of those golden core realm cultivators was only level 3 of golden core realm.

Meanwhile, 20 years ago, Luneth was already able to somewhat hold herself against the Beast Taming Sect's master, who was at that time level 9 of golden core realm!

Just from that information alone, it wasn't hard for everyone within Bright Moon City and Bright Moon Sect to come to the conclusion that Luneth was most likely at least level 7 or 8 of golden core realm 20 years ago.

And at this current point of time, perhaps, Luneth had already reached level 9 of golden core realm!

Of course, at the end of the day, within both Bright Moon Sect and Bright Moon City, no one truly knows what exactly Luneth's current cultivation level was, except for a few people, and those few people wouldn't be so free as to spread around Luneth's current cultivation level unless they had anything to gain from doing it.

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Shortly after, having revolved his sun energy refining technique for about 39 times, right when he was about to revolve his sun energy refining technique for the 40th cycle, he suddenly felt the revolving of his sun energy refining technique slowly turning sluggish, and right when he was close to finishing the 40th cycle, he suddenly sensed a slight pain coming from the meridians where his fire spiritual energy was currently located at.

Immediately, Sebastian knew that 39 cycles were currently his limit, and if he were to force for another cycle, he would end up damaging a part of his meridians.

Thus, without any hesitation, Sebastian began revolving his sun energy refining technique in the opposite direction, retracting all of the fire spiritual energy back toward his dantian.

"Seems like 39 cycles are my limit right now."

Sebastian muttered to himself as he was done retracting the fire spiritual energy back into his dantian.

"Now, the next step is to condense all of the fire spiritual energy within my dantian onto the outer side wall of my main energy core... followed by condensing all of the fire spiritual energy within my energy core onto the inner side wall of my main energy core..."

"Now, with all of those steps done... the last step is..."

"To shatter the invisible barrier by applying pressure onto both sides of the invisible barrier with the fire spiritual energy!"

Upon thinking up to here, without any hesitation, Sebastian pushed as hard as he could onto the invisible barrier with the fire spiritual energy!

And to Sebastian's surprise...

Chapter 130: Chain side missions

To Sebastian's surprise, right as he had just applied force onto the invisible barrier with the fire spiritual energy...

The invisible barrier immediately shattered into pieces as if it was an extremely fragile paper-thin glass!

"...?"

Before Sebastian was able to have the time to fully register into his mind what had even just happened, he could feel that his energy core was able to absorb even more spiritual energy into it once again!

Immediately, without hesitation, Sebastian began absorbing all of the refined fire spiritual energy that was currently within his dantian into his main energy core, and as the main energy core began absorbing the refined fire spiritual energy, the space that was within the main energy core began to expand, so that it could contain even more spiritual energy within it.

However, while the inside of the main energy core was expanding, if Sebastian possessed spiritual sense, he would be able to see that the size of the main energy core continued on remaining the same size as it was despite the fact that the inside of the main energy core was continuously expanding.

Not long after... Having absorbed all of the refined fire spiritual energy into his main energy core, Sebastian finally opened his eyes, then began taking a look at his stats tab.

[Note: Focus mind onto texts to open up more information regarding the specific texts]

[Host: Sebastian Force]

[Race: Half-draconic, half-human]

[Age: 22/125]

[Aptitude: Middle-quality spiritual root (Exp 2570/50000)]

[Special body: Sperm strengthening body]

[Talent: Yin and yang cores]

[Yin and yang cores' ability: Yin-yang breath]

[Yin core's ability: Darkness envelopment]

[Yang core's ability: Phoenix's blessing]

[Cultivation: level 6 energy refining realm (Exp 50/3000)]

[Cultivation techniques (2)]

[Sun energy refining technique, proficiency – expert (Exp 160/1000)]

[Four Divinity Beasts Reconstruction Technique, proficiency – perfect (10000/10000)]

[Professions: Talisman crafter, alchemist]

[Talisman crafter: Apprentice (Exp 453.25/500)]

[Alchemist: Beginner (Exp 30/100)]

After taking a look at his current stats tab, Sebastian discovered that not only did he level-ed up from level 5 of energy refining realm to level 6 of energy refining realm, but he had also gained 50 exp for his cultivation, 10 exp for his sun energy refining technique's proficiency, and 20 exp for his spiritual root.

"So... I have indeed successfully broke through the bottleneck and reached level 6 of energy refining realm!"

"Though, I must say, the bottleneck was so much easier to break through than I had expected, and I'm assuming it's most likely thanks to the fact that I not only possess a middle-quality spiritual root and expert proficiency of my sun energy refining technique, but also most importantly, thanks to my yang core!"

From Sebastian's memories, Sebastian was aware just how hard it was to break through a bottleneck.

After all, just to be able to break through the bottleneck of level 1 energy refining realm, the previous Sebastian had to prepare for a total of 1 week, before even attempting at breaking through the bottleneck, and somehow, the previous Sebastian ended up failing 2 times and only managed to succeed at his third try.

Then again, it has to be noted that the previous Sebastian possessed a lower-quality spiritual root and the proficiency level of beginner for his cultivation technique.

After Sebastian was done with his thoughts, Sebastian decided to take a look at his text log tab to check if there were any new text logs, and to his surprise, there were indeed new text logs in the text log tab, and furthermore, there were actually quite a number of new text logs.

[First mission of chain side missions has been added to the mission tab!]

[For chain side missions, the special reward will only be rewarded to the host when the host has completed all of the chain side missions' missions]

[First mission of chain side missions: Increase your proficiency of the sun energy refining technique to advanced proficiency (30 days remaining)]

[First mission of chain side missions has been completed!]

[Second mission of chain side missions has been added to the mission tab!]

[Second mission of chain side missions: Increase your proficiency of the sun energy refining technique to expert proficiency (60 days remaining)]

[Second mission of chain side missions has been completed!]

[Third mission of chain side missions has been added to the mission tab!]

[Third mission of chain side missions: Increase your proficiency of the sun energy refining technique to perfect proficiency (120 days remaining)]

Upon reading the first new text log, a pleasant look of surprise immediately appeared on Sebastian's face.

After all, only by completing missions, then would Sebastian be able to obtain special rewards!

While reading through the next text logs, a strange look could be seen appearing on Sebastian's face, and as Sebastian was done reading through all of the new text logs,

he couldn't help but mutter to himself in his own mind while shaking his head with a smile on his face.

"For the system to provide me with so many days to complete this chain of side missions, the system must have never expected that I would manage to obtain the yin and yang core so early on while I was still only in the energy refining realm by somehow undergoing an ancestral blessing on my own due to a huge stroke of luck."

"After all, with the help of the yin and yang core, or I should say, with the help of just the yang core, I'm able to easily accumulate experience points for my sun energy refining technique's proficiency!"

"Though... the fact that the system didn't amend and shorten the time for me to complete the missions that are given to me by the chain side missions... It shows that the system most likely isn't sentient or anything and is just an automated kind of system of sorts."

"120 days to increase my proficiency of sun energy refining technique to perfect proficiency..."

"Rather than 120 days, just less than a week will be enough for me to do so!"

"But, for now, I should have breakfast first, then start preparing for my wedding with Miuna."

Upon thinking up to here, Sebastian stood up and began heading to the kitchen.