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Chapter 1171:

"Sect Master Jiang, did those disciples from Lingxiao Sect who returned with the message mention what quality of spirit stones were mostly mined from that planet Earth's spirit ore?"

Ling Shuanghua asked Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao shook his head and looked at Shang Daocheng.

Shang Daocheng also shook his head and said, "They didn't mention these details specifically, but they did say that the spirit ore is a top-grade spirit mine, and they even excavated several Purple Spirit Crystals."

Hai Lingfeng suddenly sighed and said, "The price I quoted before was still too low. Considering the spirit stone content of that Earth's spirit ore, I'm afraid all the elixirs refined by the major sects of our Southern Domain could be consumed by Earth alone."

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei felt this most, and Yan Wei couldn't help but say, "Yes, when Brother Hai reported the price you mentioned to them, that Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang were a little surprised, but when they took out the top-grade spirit stones and learned the exchange rate, they seemed relieved, as if they had gained a great advantage. It shows that although they haven't been mining that spirit ore for long, they have already extracted a huge amount of top-grade spirit stones."

The use of top-grade spirit stones, besides aiding cultivation, also provides the power source for various formations, some high-grade puppets, mechanical beasts, spirit boats, spirit ships, and so on.

Spirit stones are like the super energy of the technological era; in short, they are an indispensable energy source for the cultivation world.

In the Southern Domain's cultivation world, several spirit ores have been discovered, but the highest grade among them is just mid-grade spirit ore mountain ranges.

And now, a small Earth plane actually possesses a top-grade spirit ore mountain range.

Therefore, everyone present had the same thought: they must take this spirit ore as their own.

Jiang Yao, Hai Lingfeng, Shang Daocheng, Situ Yao, and Huang Yuankui noticed the expressions of the other masters and realized that these people had ideas about Earth's spirit ore.

If it weren't for the existence of the genetic liquid medicine, Lingxiao Sect's members would have the same thoughts, but now, they must dispel these people's wild ideas.

Jiang Yao coughed lightly and reminded, "Everyone, although Earth's spirit stone resources are abundant, the realm suppression of this transmission passage is here. Our Southern Domain's cultivation forces can't send strong people over in a short time, so the best way is to obtain the spirit stone resources through trading, which is the safest."

Hai Lingfeng also nodded and said, "Indeed. If the restriction on realms by this transmission passage were relaxed and allowed Core Formation Stage cultivators to go over, we could easily dominate Earth's resources.

But now it only allows Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators to go, and the Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators on Earth have received special inheritance, with remarkable means. Several batches of our people have already suffered heavy losses.

If we forcibly clashed with the other side, we would have to send more Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators over.

In doing so, the commotion would be too great and would inevitably attract the attention of other cultivation forces outside the Southern Domain.

If a one-star sect learns about this news, then this top-grade spirit ore resource will be out of reach for us in the Southern Domain."

These words immediately calmed everyone present.

Indeed, although the Earth plane is small and its strongest are only some Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators, those of them who can go over are also just Foundation Establishment Stage.

The two teams sent over earlier had already suffered significant losses. The three major sects and three major families have many Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators, a considerable number, but most of these cultivators are out exploring or carrying out various missions.

There is too much that needs Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators to handle, such as mining and guarding spirit ore mountain ranges, transporting resources, planting and guarding the sects' and families' medicine gardens, operating elixir production lines, and training and feeding spiritual beasts...

So for any sect or family to suddenly deploy dozens or a hundred Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators would trigger a series of chain reactions.

Moreover, within the cultivation forces in the southern part of the Southern Domain, there are definitely disciples of other sects or families lurking, so as long as the commotion is too large, the matter of Earth will definitely not remain hidden and will be known by forces outside the southern part of the Southern Domain.

By then, if those forces intervene to take a share, how should the Southern Domain forces respond?

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua were the first to calm down.

They remembered what Jiang Yao had talked to them about.

The transmission passage to Earth Space is within the Lingxiao Sect's realm. Allowing the major forces of the Southern Domain to take a share is already very generous. They agreed to listen to Lingxiao Sect everything in exchange for the right to share Earth's resources.

Now Lingxiao Sect seeks stability. If they insist on sending more people over and insist on aggressively attacking Earth, it might cause unnecessary conflicts.

This matter cannot be rushed and must be approached gradually.

At this point, Ling Shuanghua nodded and said, "What Brother Hai said is very true. The resources of the Earth's cultivation world can only belong to our few families. We must not let the news spread further. Otherwise, if more forces covet it, our few families might not even get to drink a bowl of soup, let alone eat meat."

Yan Wuji nodded and said, "What Sect Master Ling says is correct. Earth's spirit stone resources won't run away. Let's slowly establish a cooperative relationship with that side and proceed gradually. I believe it won't take decades for the realm restriction of this transmission passage to loosen, and then, it will be not too late to take direct action."

Seeing that the Yuanying Stage powerhouses of the three major sects said so, the people from the three major cultivation families naturally had no more to say and nodded in agreement.

At this time, Ling Shuanghua remembered another matter and asked Hai Mo, "Nephew Hai Mo, how did Yang Fei respond to the words I asked you to convey?"

Hai Mo hurriedly said, "Reporting to Senior, that Yang Fei said, it was your Flame Moon Sect's disciples who intruded into Earth and went to find trouble with him. As a result, they were outmatched, were defeated, and had their belongings taken. That was his rightful spoils from his victory."

Ling Shuanghua's delicate eyebrows furrowed, her face darkening.

Li Yang and Chu Kuangge were also looking livid and very displeased.

Hai Mo quickly said, "Yang Fei said that since these two treasures are so important to you, he wouldn't take them against your interest. As long as you are willing to offer equivalent elixirs and magic swords in exchange, he is willing to return them."

Ling Shuanghua's eyebrows relaxed slightly.

Chu Kuangge also nodded silently, feeling it was reasonable.

Only Li Yang was even more furious and couldn't help but say, "Bastard, that brat is really too much. Does he really think our Southern Domain's cultivation world doesn't have Foundation Establishment Stage disciples who can suppress him? Having taken my things, he still wants me to exchange elixirs and magic swords for them? Let him stay on that Earth all his life. Otherwise, I'll tear him apart with my own hands."

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Seeing Li Yang in a thundering rage, filled with murderous intent, Hai Mo and Yan Wei both shrank their necks.

Ling Shuanghua, although understanding Li Yang's feelings, knew that things had come to this. The Glazed Soul-Seizing Banner and the Mixed Element Bell were treasures of the Flame Moon Sect and could not be allowed to be traded by Yang Fei to other sects or families.

She immediately rebuked, "Li Yang, what Yang Fei said is not wrong. It was our Flame Moon Sect disciples' lack of skill that lost the magic artifact. Now that he is willing to exchange it for equivalent elixirs and magic swords, it already reflects the face of the Flame Moon Sect. Figure out a way to gather enough elixirs and magic swords and send disciples to trade them back."

Li Yang looked wronged and unsatisfied, but seeing Ling Shuanghua's sharp gaze, he could only lower his head and say, "Yes, disciple knows his mistake."

Hai Lingfeng handed ten top-grade spirit stones to Chu Kuangge, saying, "These are the spirit stones exchanged for your three elixirs."

Chu Kuangge accepted them joyfully, saying, "Thank you very much."

Even though he was a Core Formation Master, exchanging three Foundation Establishment Pills, which were of little use to him, for ten top-grade spirit stones, was already a big gain.

Not long ago, he had acquired a puppet magic artifact that, when fully activated, had a combat power close to that of a Core Formation Master. However, the puppet magic artifact was too advanced and

required top-grade spirit stones to operate. Each activation consumed three to five top-grade spirit stones, and he did not have many top-grade spirit stones. Last time, when he was ambushed by three demon path Core Formation Stage experts, he used the puppet magic artifact, depleting more than half of his top-grade spirit stones. Now obtaining ten, it relieved his urgent need.

Jiang Yao glanced at the spirit stones in his hand, smiled slightly, and said to Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua, "Our Southern Domain Cultivation World is, after all, a major sect in the upper realm. Since this small Earth Cultivation World wants to cooperate with us, they must show enough sincerity. Moreover, we lost several people on their side, and the Earth Cultivation World needs to compensate for this."

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua's eyes lit up.

Zhong Wei, Feng Changgong, and He Huan also nodded one after another, their eyes filled with anticipation.

Jiang Yao glanced at everyone and smiled, saying, "In everyone's opinion, how many top-grade spirit stones should the Earth compensate our families to offset the previous grudges between both parties?"

Li Yang said, "Every Foundation Establishment Stage disciple is a precious asset of our sect and family. Training a Foundation Establishment cultivator is extremely difficult, with countless efforts and resources spent, so this compensation price must be high enough."

Ying Wujiu also said, "Indeed, we are a two-star sect, and normally a cultivation force with only Foundation Establishment cultivators is not eligible to cooperate with us. Moreover, they killed our disciples, so if they want peace and seek cooperation with our Southern Domain Cultivation World, they must pay a sufficient price."

"Well said," He Huan said with a smile.

"It should be like this," Zhong Wei said.

Feng Changgong nodded and said, "Being able to cooperate with them already shows our leniency, reflecting the broad-mindedness of the Southern Domain cultivation forces. But we are not a charity,

and the dignity of large sects and noble families cannot be violated. The Earth Cultivation World must give compensation and show genuine sincerity."

On this point, everyone had a high degree of consensus.

Shang Daocheng couldn't help but frown slightly.

He didn't understand why his master would take the initiative to propose this.

Yang Fei approached Lingxiao Sect for cooperation, and Lingxiao Sect should somewhat shield Earth's issues. Why would the master propose something detrimental to Earth's interests?

If Yang Fei knew this, wouldn't he be disheartened?

But things had come to this, and Shang Daocheng could say no more. He was internally worried, unsure if the people on Earth would still be willing to cooperate with Lingxiao Sect after hearing this demand.

Lu Chen and Gan Qian had clearly stated before that if Lingxiao Sect did not cooperate, Yang Fei would seek cooperation with the Flame Moon Sect or Great Dao Sect, or even with all of the Southern Domain cultivation forces.

If this decision of the master angered Yang Fei and he revealed the Genetic Liquid Medicine matter to other sects and families, Lingxiao Sect would lose any advantage.

Situ Yao and Huang Yuankui had the same concerns, but since Jiang Yao had said so, they could not intervene arbitrarily.

However, Hai Lingfeng, on the other hand, smiled and did not take it seriously.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei exchanged a glance, seemingly reading each other's thoughts, and then slowly shook their heads, sharing a smile.

What they thought was, if they were to go to Yang Fei, they absolutely could not.

Although they had only brief contact before, they could feel the powerful aura from Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang. If they genuinely angered Yang Fei and he made a move, the two of them wouldn't have a chance to escape.

"How about this? For each sacrificed disciple, the Earth should compensate five thousand top-grade spirit stones, and also, since the Earth Cultivation World is a lower realm, a low-level sect, they originally are not qualified to cooperate with our families or directly purchase elixirs and other magic artifacts and cultivation resources from us. Now that we agree to cooperate, they must contribute sixty thousand top-grade spirit stones annually as a token of gratitude for establishing a cooperative trading relationship," Jiang Yao articulated his thoughts when he saw everyone's interest in the matter.

Everyone was moved.

If it were low-grade spirit stones, not to mention tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands or millions wouldn't move these Core Formation Masters too much.

But Jiang Yao was talking about top-grade spirit stones.

One top-grade spirit stone is equivalent to ten thousand low-grade spirit stones.

Compensating five thousand top-grade spirit stones for each sacrificed Foundation Establishment disciple is equivalent to fifty million low-grade spirit stones.

This compensation amount is just too staggering!

Even Hai Lingfeng couldn't help but take a deep breath, looking at Jiang Yao in astonishment.

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua subconsciously swallowed, looking at Jiang Yao to see if he was joking.

However, Jiang Yao's expression did not seem to be joking.

"Cough, cough, Sect Master Jiang, are you sure the Earth Cultivation World can come up with this amount?" Yan Wuji couldn't help but ask.

According to the previously agreed distribution ratio among the three parties, if the Earth really contributes sixty thousand top-grade spirit stones annually, the Flame Moon Sect and Great Dao Sect would each get ten thousand, with Lingxiao Sect, as the host, naturally taking a larger share, and the extra share would be deducted from the three major cultivation families.

Ten thousand top-grade spirit stones annually equivalent to half the total spirit stone production of the Southern Domain's three major two-star sects.

If the Earth Cultivation World can truly provide this amount and agree to this demand, then all six major forces in the Southern Domain Cultivation World will become affluent, and their respective forces' development is bound to double.

Ling Shuanghua also said, "Yes, Sect Master Jiang, are you sure the Earth Cultivation World can produce so many spirit stones? Can they agree?"

Jiang Yao said, "I don't know if they can provide so many spirit stones, but our sect's dignity and style cannot be compromised."

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua couldn't help but nod in agreement.

Precisely, the stature of a two-star sect cannot fall.

At present, everyone discussed for a while longer and ultimately decided to negotiate according to Jiang Yao's proposal.

Jiang Yao looked at Hai Mo and Yan Wei, smiling, "Dear disciples, you should both make another trip to Earth."

Hai Mo and Yan Wei's faces turned bitter immediately, and Hai Mo looked towards his father Hai Lingfeng with a look of plea.

This task is not negotiation; it's practically sending us to our deaths.

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Hai Lingfeng saw the pleading look in his son's eyes and couldn't help but smile, saying to him, "The Sect Master has called you over, so you should go once more."

Hai Mo was taken aback, not expecting his father to say the same.

At that moment, he couldn't help but wonder if he was really his biological son.

But remembering the care and love he received from his father since childhood, he dismissed the doubt.

"Father, that... that boy is really strong. What if he turns hostile when we discuss these matters with him?" Hai Mo couldn't help but say.

Hai Lingfeng snorted, "If the Cultivation World on Earth wants to develop, it must collaborate with our Southern Domain Cultivation World. So as long as that boy knows his limits, he won't turn hostile."

Hai Mo was speechless.

What if he doesn't know his limits?

Jiang Yao smiled and said, "Nephew Hai Mo, rest assured, since Yang Fei sought peace with us, it shows he won't act recklessly. As for the terms we've proposed, if he's not satisfied, we can always negotiate. But remember, when you go over, maintain a strong stance, don't give in easily, and observe his attitude first."

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua both nodded, indicating the terms could be renegotiated.

After all, even in the hearts of these two Sect Masters of the two-star sects, the conditions Jiang Yao mentioned earlier were too harsh.

Compensation for the deceased Foundation Establishment Cultivators was one thing as it was a one-time matter, but the annual tribute of six hundred thousand top-grade spirit stones was simply too much.

Seeing that the Sect Master and others had made up their minds, Hai Mo and Yan Wei knew there was no point in saying anything more.

With other powerful figures from various sects and families present, if the two of them showed too much cowardice, it would weaken the prestige of the Lingxiao Sect and invite disdain from others.

"Alright, let's head over again," Hai Mo grit his teeth and said.

He trusted his father, as he was his only son, born late in life, and his father wouldn't let him die over there.

Yan Wei shared the same thought as Hai Mo. Since Elder Hai Lingfeng had even sent his precious son, it should be safe to go along. Representing the Lingxiao Sect in negotiations with Yang Fei would allow familiarity, and it would earn him merit in the sect, achieving two goals at once.

At this, the two of them maneuvered the spirit boat and once again rushed into the teleportation tunnel, disappearing from sight.

On Earth, not far below the teleportation tunnel's exit, Yang Fei and the others on the spirit ship quickly saw Hai Mo and Yan Wei returning.

They were invited back onto the spirit ship once more.

Hai Mo cupped his fists in salute to Yang Fei and said, "Fellow Daoist Yang, we meet again."

Yang Fei smiled, "No need for formality. You're back again, which means you've come representing the Lingxiao Sect to discuss the specifics of our cooperation?"

Hai Mo nodded, "Yes."

Yang Fei asked curiously, "So what has your sect decided?"

Hai Mo pondered briefly, organizing his words, and said, "Fellow Daoist Yang, here's the situation: when we returned, the Sect Master and the Sect Masters of the Flame Moon Sect and Great Dao Sect were there. They have already reached an agreement, and I've been ordered, along with Junior Brother Yan Wei, to pass on the message."

Hearing this, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang realized that the major powers of the Southern Domain would likely propose conditions that Earth would find harsh.

Lu Chen and Gan Qian were also a bit nervous.

The strength of the two-star sects was known to them; if the sect's conditions were too harsh for Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang to accept, it could lead to a standoff once more.

In that case, the Cultivation World on Earth would never see peace, and all cultivators would be unable to cultivate in peace.

And for those disciples of the Lingxiao Sect who submitted to Yang Fei's tyranny, it would be all the more cruel, trapping them in an impossible position.

Yang Fei laughed heartily, understanding the implication of Hai Mo's words, and said, "I know you two are just messengers. Such grand decisions are beyond the reach of disciples like you. Don't worry, just relay the outcome to me. If we can cooperate, we will; if not, the Cultivation World on Earth still hopes to coexist peacefully with the Southern Domain Cultivation World, resolving our grievances."

Hearing this, Hai Mo and Yan Wei both breathed a sigh of relief and finally understood why their Sect Master would propose such harsh terms.

The Sect Master had seen through the desperation of Earth's Cultivation World for reconciliation.

Without further concealment, Hai Mo revealed all the conditions proposed by Jiang Yao.

With each incredibly harsh condition he mentioned, he paid close attention to the expressions of Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang.

Their faces indeed darkened upon hearing every harsh condition, but thankfully, they didn't get angry or interrupt.

Lu Chen and Gan Qian couldn't help but take a deep breath.

What an appetite!

This was indeed in line with the sect leaders' style they understood.

For weaker forces, the methods of oppression and exploitation were used to the utmost by these sect leaders.

"Are you done?" After Hai Mo finished listing all the terms and stopped talking, Yang Fei asked.

Hai Mo thought for a moment and nodded, "That's mostly it."

Having said that, he watched Yang Fei closely, ready to flee at any moment.

Yang Fei looked at Qin Yanyang, and the couple exchanged glances in silence.

Though they had heard much about the Cultivation World and the importance of spirit stones, and knew how precious top-grade spirit stones were.

Therefore, the terms proposed by the sect masters of the Southern Domain, seen from the perspective of those cultivation forces, were indeed very harsh for the Cultivation World on Earth.

However, the spirit stone yield from the spiritual ore mountain range in White Jade City was substantial, and crucially, although not all were top-grade spirit stones, at least 20-30% were.

Based on current mining volumes, at least twelve to eighteen thousand out of sixty thousand daily harvested spirit stones are top-grade spirits.

From Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang's perspective, the conditions proposed by the Southern Domain sect masters did not seem overly harsh.

Yang Fei began calculating.

How many of their people did he kill again?

Eight or nine?

Let's say ten. They required a compensation of five hundred thousand top-grade spirit stones, which could be earned in just a month given White Jade City's production.

Additionally, the annual tribute of six hundred thousand spirit stones would take a little more than a month.

So, except for the first year requiring about two and a half months to cover compensation and tributes, in subsequent years, it wouldn't take more than a month and a half of spirit stone production.

No, that's not right.

It's far less than that; what he calculated was merely the time for top-grade spirit stone extraction.

From there, most of the harvest still consists of mid-grade and low-grade stones, occasional top-grade purple spirit crystals, and abundant spirit sand and other useful mineral resources.

Even though submitting tribute feels humiliating, it's a necessity.

For the Cultivation World on Earth, peace is essential, as is the supply of cultivation resources from the Southern Domain, necessitating some temporary concessions.

With this in mind, Yang Fei looked at Hai Mo and Yan Wei, shaking his head, "No, your proposed conditions are indeed too harsh."

In Yang Fei's view, even if it eventually meant agreeing to their conditions, he must display some resistance, or else they might think their offer too lenient and might push further.

Chapter 1174:

Although Lu Chen and Gan Qian were not particularly clear about the production of Spirit Stones in White Jade City, they were somewhat aware that the conditions proposed by the sect were not unbearable for Yang Fei at present.

But they had to admit that the demands made by the sect were indeed high, and it was only natural for Yang Fei to negotiate here.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei both became tense when they saw Yang Fei outright refusing, becoming somewhat nervous.

Yang Fei stared at the two of them and said, "Those cultivators who died on Earth, they perished due to their lack of skills, so why do they need so much compensation? However, to show the sincerity of our Earth Cultivation World in seeking peace, I am still willing to make some compensation. Consider it a burial fee."

He paused for a moment, then thought and said, "Twenty thousand top-grade spirit stones per person, no more. As for the normal circumstances where large sects and Cultivation families do not directly trade with too weak forces, now that they want to cooperate with our Earth, it requires us to annually pay tribute to the upper realm's large families. I have heard about this from your Lingxiao Sect's other brothers, so I can understand and accept it. But sixty thousand top-grade spirit stones per year is too much, it needs to be less."

Seeing that although he refused the Sect Master's conditions, Yang Fei did not give up on cooperation but started bargaining, Hai Mo and Yan Wei breathed a sigh of relief.

Yan Wei couldn't help but ask, "Then what amount do you think is appropriate?"

Hai Mo also said, "Yes, since you think our Sect Master proposed too much, you need to suggest a suitable amount; otherwise, it would be difficult for us to convey it back."

"Three hundred thousand every year," Yang Fei said.

"Top-grade spirit stones?" Hai Mo asked.

"Yes."

Hai Mo was silent for a moment, then shook his head and said, "The price you offer is too low, I fear our Sect Master might agree, but the other two Sect Masters and the Clan Leaders won't agree."

In fact, he and Yan Wei were overjoyed inside.

Every Foundation Establishment Stage disciple who perished is compensated with twenty thousand top-grade spirit stones, and additionally, thirty thousand top-grade spirit stones are paid annually in tribute to the six forces of the Southern Domain. This is a huge fortune in spirit stones, and with this increase, the sect can increase each disciple's spirit stone quota, and even expand by recruiting more disciples.

Furthermore, the forces across the Southern Domain trading and cooperating with Earth would be able to earn top-grade spirit stones from Earth's Cultivation World, resolving the shortage of top-grade spirit

stones in the Southern Domain Cultivation World within a few years, or even completely solving the problem.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei went back, but it wasn't long before they came again, negotiating with Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang for a long time.

This way, the two of them made four trips back and forth on the Spirit Boat, and finally, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang nodded in agreement on the last visit.

As for those Foundation Establishment cultivators who died on Earth, Yang Fei agreed to compensate them with thirty thousand top-grade spirit stones each.

As for the tribute to the six cultivation forces, it became forty-five thousand top-grade spirit stones annually.

While agreeing to these terms, Yang Fei also put forward his own demands, which were accepted by the Southern Domain.

Due to Yang Fei's persistence, every five years, the Southern Domain Cultivation World is required to provide Earth Cultivation World with no less than ten Foundation Establishment Pills, thirty True Essence Pills, and thirty Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills, which are the most common auxiliary pills for Foundation Establishment and Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators, other effect pills are counted separately.

Besides, the Southern Domain Cultivation World also needs to provide talisman paper, talisman pens, and some special materials for making more advanced talismans to Earth.

All sorts of items that the Cultivation World possesses, like magic artifacts, spiritual artifacts, magic treasures, and pill treasures, can be brought for trade with Earth.

But the prices should not be arbitrary, at most trading at three to five times the price of the most ordinary workshop in the Southern Domain.

To this, the Southern Domain Cultivation World had no objections and agreed outright.

The elixirs and instruments crafted by the three two-star sects and the three cultivation families, though not difficult to sell, cannot be mass-dumped at prices exceeding three to five times those of the workshops.

Many items, to completely sell them, would also need to be sold outside the southern regions of the Southern Domain, involving business competition with other sects or families.

Now, with Earth as such a treasure, their items not only do not need to worry about sales, but can also be sold at high prices, and they can even demand transactions with Earth using mid-grade and top-grade spirit stones, which is extremely beneficial for all forces in the Southern Domain.

For Earth, being able to trade with the upper realm cultivation sects of the Southern Domain to obtain a large number of cultivation pills and good items like magic swords, magic artifacts, and spiritual artifacts allows Earth cultivators to grow quickly and arm themselves.

Most importantly, both sides have reached a consensus on cooperation, grievances are resolved, and henceforth, they can coexist harmoniously, letting Earth cultivators cultivate with peace of mind, without having to worry every day about the invasion of the Southern Domain forces.

While Yang Fei didn't know how long this peace would last, he had at least secured a certain period of peace for Earth.

As for the future, it depended on the growth speed of Earth's cultivators.

Perhaps one day in the future, with plenty of talented individuals emerging in Earth's Cultivation World, united, they may break free from the bindings of the Southern Domain and explore the broader Cultivation World.

"Thanks for the trouble of you two going back and forth so many times," Yang Fei said with a smile to Hai Mo and Yan Wei after the agreement was reached.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei were also very happy. Seeing Yang Fei being so courteous, they were pleased. Hai Mo said, "It wasn't troublesome. We are also glad to facilitate the cooperation between the two sides, so they can live in harmony and trade with each other."

Yang Fei nodded, "Indeed, the purpose of our cultivation is to seek immortality; fighting is too dangerous, it's better to have less of it. By the way, is the time on Earth different from the Southern Domain's time?"

"Yes, one day in the Southern Domain is equivalent to three days on Earth," Hai Mo said.

"So, when I mentioned trading every five years, it's according to Earth's time. If we calculate it as per the Southern Domain's time, it would be unbearable for us," Yang Fei said.

Hai Mo nodded, "I understand, I will inform the Sect Masters after I return."

Seeing the two prepared to leave, Yang Fei thought of something else and said, "By the way, the Southern Domain Cultivation World is vast, and you mostly rely on the Teleportation Array to travel, correct?"

Hai Mo and Yan Wei both nodded, the latter asked, "Why?"

Yang Fei said, "May I know what conditions are needed to establish a Teleportation Array? Could I invite craftsmen from the Southern Domain to help build some Teleportation Arrays? This way, it would be more convenient for Earth's cultivators to travel, and also easier to meet and cooperate with disciples from the Southern Domain coming for trade."

Lu Chen's eyes lit up, nodding silently, feeling that Yang Fei's decision was very wise.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei exchanged a glance, and the latter said, "We will truthfully report this after returning."

With a wave of his hand, Yang Fei gave each of them ten top-grade spirit stones, saying: "Please speak well of us and, as for the craftsmen who come over to help us build Teleportation Arrays, I assure you they won't regret it."

"Rest assured, Yang, I know some builders proficient in constructing transmission arrays. I will introduce them to you," Yan Wei said, seeing Yang Fei's generosity, and assured him while patting his chest.

"Thank you."

"Is there anything else Yang wants to say?"

"Nothing for now."

"In that case, we will take our leave."

"Please!"

"Farewell."

After Hai Mo and Yan Wei left, Yang Fei said to Lu Chen, "Let's go back to White Jade City."

Chapter 1175:

Lu Chen was startled and asked, "Are we all going back?"

Yang Fei thought for a moment, and then said, "The people going back will take the spirit ships with them. Leaving people here won't change anything. If anyone else from the Southern Domain shows up, they can find us at White Jade City."

Qin Yanyang nodded and said, "That's right, we should either all stay here or all go back. But relations with the Southern Domain have improved, so there's no need for us to waste cultivation time by staying here."

Yang Fei said, "We still need to establish some teleportation arrays on Earth."

The three of them nodded in agreement.

At that moment, Lu Chen piloted the spirit ship towards White Jade City.

Yang Fei, thinking of the teleportation array, inquired to Lu Chen and Gan Qian, "What materials do we need to build a teleportation array? Are they expensive?"

Gan Qian pointed at Lu Chen and said, "Brother Lu knows more about formations and talismans than me, so let him talk."

Lu Chen said, "A teleportation array isn't something that relies solely on Rune Tao and formations. It also requires builders. Crucially, space-related materials are needed. Constructing each teleportation array requires a large expenditure of resources, and many materials can't be bought even if you have money. Furthermore, the operation of a teleportation array also requires a vast amount of mid- to top-grade spirit stones as an energy base. Generally, only cultivation forces of a two-star sect or above can afford to use teleportation arrays."

Yang Fei said, "With the spirit ore production at White Jade City, Earth could afford even ten teleportation arrays. The main issue is construction. Can Foundation Establishment cultivators alone set up teleportation arrays?"

Lu Chen pondered for a while, then slowly shook his head and said, "I'm not sure, under normal circumstances, Foundation Establishment cultivators can't construct a teleportation array; even Core Formation stage cultivators can't independently craft a teleportation formation."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang felt immensely disappointed.

Currently, with Earth's technology collapsing, transportation is very inconvenient. Furthermore, White Jade City's location is too remote, being far from the teleportation passage to the Southern Domain. If the two sides want to maintain close communication in the future, it would become quite troublesome due to transport issues.

However, Lu Chen and Gan Qian had a different perspective. Gan Qian said, "Fellow Daoist Yang, it actually doesn't matter if Earth doesn't have a teleportation array. The overall space of Earth is only so large. With a spirit boat, a Foundation Establishment cultivator can travel between White Jade City and the teleportation passage in just ten to fifteen days. If someone from the Southern Domain comes over, it won't take too much time for them to reach White Jade City."

Yang Fei nodded and said, "I know, for cultivators with long lifespans, a little travel time is nothing. But our cultivators on Earth are really weak, especially with so many ordinary people. If we set up a lot of teleportation arrays in all key areas, it could greatly improve Earth's transportation conditions. Most importantly, if White Jade City and here each have a teleportation array, it would make our communication with the Southern Domain's cultivation world closer and easier. If there is any movement in the Southern Domain, we would know immediately."

Gan Qian nodded silently.

Lu Chen thought for a moment and said, "From another point of view, if the Southern Domain wanted to tear up the peace agreement and dispatched a large number of Foundation Establishment cultivators, they'd first be able to attack White Jade City if a teleportation array was available. This would leave White Jade City without any preparation time."

Yang Fei felt a chill run through his heart, breaking into a cold sweat.

Exactly!

He had only considered the convenience but hadn't thought about this issue.

Qin Yanyang nodded and said, "So for now, the fact that Earth doesn't have a teleportation array and that transportation is inconvenient is actually a good thing for White Jade City."

Lu Chen gave a bitter smile, "I guess so. It depends on what angle and position you view this matter. If Earth and the Southern Domain can always get along, having a teleportation array would be ideal. But if relations deteriorate, for the currently weak cultivation community on Earth, having a teleportation array would actually be a disaster."

Yang Fei thought about it, sighed, and said, "We'll see as we go along. Let's hope all forces in the Southern Domain can abide by the agreement and cherish this hard-won peace."

Qin Yanyang nodded in silence.

For the cultivation world on Earth, time is the most precious commodity. If it weren't for this, neither she nor Yang Fei, both unyielding by nature, would have willingly sought peace with the cultivation world of the Southern Domain.

One must know that Earth paid compensation of more than 700,000 top-grade spirit stones to the Southern Domain for this peace.

This enormous wealth of spirit stones would be considered immense wealth for any three-star level sect or cultivation family.

Even for a two-star sect, it's a considerable fortune.

If it were just a Foundation Establishment cultivation family, having such a large amount of top-grade spirit stones could certainly allow the family to produce between five to ten Foundation Establishment cultivators, and perhaps even cultivate a Core Formation master.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang were very pained by the loss of so many spirit stones in compensation.

The spirit ore deposit in White Jade City is indeed very rich, and the spirit stone quality currently being mined is extremely high, but this is only temporary. Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang suspected that this situation couldn't last forever; perhaps, after being mined to a certain extent, both the quality and quantity of the spirit stones may decline.

Moreover, they will need to pay an annual tribute of 450,000 top-grade spirit stones to the various forces in the Southern Domain, which is a huge expenditure.

Terms like ceding territory and paying reparations were especially grating to Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang. However, for the development of the cultivation world on Earth, they have no choice but to grit their teeth and endure it.

Both silently vowed to reclaim this one day.

The spirit boat returned to White Jade City with the four of them in just over two days.

Since the day Yang Fei piloted the spirit boat in pursuit of Bai Yu and Jin Ling, the four had left White Jade City for more than a month.

During this time, the people of White Jade City were quite worried about the safety of the four. Now that they had returned safely, everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

Upon inquiry, they learned that Bai Yu and Jin Ling had been suppressed, causing great delight among the people.

Upon also learning that Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang had negotiated with the Southern Domain and established a cooperative relationship, everyone in White Jade City was ecstatic.

This is truly wonderful.

This meant that they no longer needed to be on edge every day, worried about an enemy invasion.

They didn't even need to be concerned about the disruptions caused by Wu You and others anymore.

However, upon learning that they needed to pay tens of thousands of top-grade spirit stones to the Southern Domain, many felt quite aggrieved.

Yet the situation was beyond their control, with Earth's cultivation community being so weak they had no choice but to relent.

For Ye Wuya and others from the Lingxiao Sect, this was an incredibly fortunate turn of events.

They had originally been forced to submit to Yang Fei, doing things that betrayed the Lingxiao Sect and other sects in the Southern Domain. Now, due to the cooperation between the Southern Domain and Earth, they had unexpectedly become heroes for facilitating this collaboration.

"Senior cultivators, I currently have one genuine Foundation Establishment Pill, in addition to seven subsidiary Foundation Establishment Pills, along with several True Essence Pills and Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills. If anyone feels confident about advancing to the Foundation Establishment stage, come to me for an elixir exchange," Yang Fei announced.

His words immediately stirred a commotion among the crowd.

Chapter 1176:

"They actually have Foundation Establishment Pills?"

"Is there really only one authentic pill?"

"What do you mean by inferior Foundation Establishment Pills? Are they not that effective?"

"How can we exchange them?"

"Are they exchanged with spirit stones or contribution?"

Suddenly, a commotion arose at the scene, with constant questions.

On their way back, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang had already discussed who to give these elixirs to.

According to friendship and relationships, people like Huang Chengcheng, Qin Huai'an, Xu Jian, and Zhu Tianshou should each get a Foundation Establishment Pill.

But now, besides these people, there are dozens of Divine Travel Realm cultivators in White Jade City, and since everyone is following Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, distributing these elixirs based on relationships might cause dissatisfaction.

Therefore, after discussion, the two decided to exchange these elixirs for contribution value and spirit stones.

In this way, those who couldn't exchange for elixirs have nothing to say and won't blame the two for favoritism.

Of course, even if the two distributed these resources based on personal preferences, it wouldn't be without justification.

But considering that cooperation with the Southern Domain has already been established, there will be more Foundation Establishment Pills in the future, so for this batch of eight pills, the two decided to let everyone compete fairly.

Among the crowd, Huang Chengcheng wasn't too happy about this.

Qin Huai'an and Xu Jian felt the same.

They believed their relationship with Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang was special, so naturally, they should be prioritized for the Foundation Establishment Pills once they had them.

Why is fair competition needed?

Including Zhu Tianshou, Sect Master Zhang, Ji Bangying, as well as Mo Li and Zuo Wenjun, many felt somewhat disappointed.

However, no one showed it.

Moreover, considering Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang's formidable strength now, even if they had opinions, they wouldn't dare to voice them.

After a brief discomfort, these people quickly remembered that Earth had already established a good cooperative relationship with the Southern Domain in the Cultivation World, so there shouldn't be a shortage of Foundation Establishment Pills in the future, so there's no need to be overly anxious.

On the contrary, after others succeed in establishing their foundation with the help of the pills, having rich experience, future foundation establishment will be even more secure.

"Kid, I'm your master, and I don't even have priority over a Foundation Establishment Pill?" Huang Chengcheng suddenly said.

Everyone looked at him and then towards Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang.

Yang Fei laughed heartily and said, "I owe everything I am today to my master's teachings, and one mustn't forget one's roots, so naturally, I will let my master enjoy the good things first. This authentic Foundation Establishment Pill is reserved for my master."

As he spoke, Yang Fei directly took out the authentic Foundation Establishment Pill.

He held the Foundation Establishment Pill high in the air and looked around, saying, "Fellow cultivators, it was my master who trained me, enabling today's gathering, and letting me spread the Taoist Cultivation Method far and wide, so for the Cultivation World on Earth, my master's contribution is the greatest. Do you agree?"

Previously, Yang Fei had said that everyone would fairly compete for these Foundation Establishment Pills through contribution value and spirit stones, and most people felt that Yang Fei was selfless and admirable.

But gifting the only authentic Foundation Establishment Pill to Huang Chengcheng made many uncomfortable.

However, as Yang Fei highlighted Huang Chengcheng's contribution to Earth's cultivators, upon reflection, they indeed felt they couldn't compare to Huang Chengcheng in terms of contribution.

Moreover, being the master of Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang and the current leader of the Taoist sect, why shouldn't he rightfully have the authentic Foundation Establishment Pill?

"Brother Huang deserves this authentic Foundation Establishment Pill," Qin Huai'an was the first to speak up.

His close relationship with Huang Chengcheng and as Qin Yanyang's grandfather, he had the most eligibility to compete for this Foundation Establishment Pill. If he supported this, no one else would have objections.

"Indeed, Huang Chengcheng's contribution is the greatest."

"It's only right to let him have this authentic Foundation Establishment Pill."

Sect Master Zhang and Ji Bangying also spoke, and others nodded in agreement.

Seeing no one object, Yang Fei laughed heartily and respectfully delivered the authentic Foundation Establishment Pill to Huang Chengcheng.

Huang Chengcheng chuckled with great anticipation and accepted the Foundation Establishment Pill, saying, "Then I won't stand on ceremony."

Yang Fei said, "There are seven Foundation Establishment Pills left. Although they are inferior, according to the Cultivation World's millennia of experiences, these pills can increase a cultivator's Foundation Establishment success rate by about thirty percent and significantly boost the chance of success in the ordinary course."

Ye Wuya immediately said, "Friend Yang is right. To be honest, when we seven brothers and sisters underwent Foundation Establishment, except for Junior Sister Linglong who received an authentic pill, the other six of us used inferior Foundation Establishment Pills."

Li Yue, Yun Zong, Du Hui, Gan Qian, Lu Chen, and Linglong all nodded, indicating Ye Wuya spoke the truth.

On hearing this, everyone showed excitement.

This matter is crucial as it concerns whether the Earth Cultivation World can have more Foundation Establishment cultivators, and Yang Fei wouldn't lie about this.

Wang Chunyang suddenly stood up and said to Yang Fei, "Yang Fei, can the Langya Wang Family request a Foundation Establishment Pill?"

Yang Fei glanced at him, thought for a moment, and nodded, "Of course, but it must be exchanged for equivalent spirit stones, and this is also because of your merit in guarding the Mountain Protection Array post-Foundation Establishment."

Wang Chunyang knew Yang Fei spoke the truth, and couldn't help but feel grateful, "Thank you."

He then cupped his hands to everyone around and sincerely said, "Thank you, fellow cultivators, for conceding. I, Wang Chunyang, have successfully established the foundation, so I don't need this Foundation Establishment Pill, but as you all know, my brother failed last time. I'm striving for this pill to erase such regret and do my utmost to win my brother another chance."

Wang Chunjiang also came forward, "Everyone, consider the Langya Wang Family indebted to you all. We won't compete for the next batch of Foundation Establishment Pills."

Upon hearing this, everyone nodded and was touched by the brotherhood of the Langya Wang Family.

Yang Fei also nodded slightly.

The deep bond between the brothers of the Langya Wang Family indeed commands respect.

He took a Foundation Establishment Pill from the medicine bottle and looked at Wang Chunyang.

Wang Chunyang flew over to Yang Fei and carefully received the Foundation Establishment Pill.

As he was about to leave, Yang Fei stopped him, saying, "Have your brother take this Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pill first. It should be very useful to him now, and after he recovers, he can take the Foundation Establishment Pill to attempt Foundation Establishment."

Wang Chunyang was delighted, and with a touch of emotion in his eyes as he looked at Yang Fei, he took a deep breath and solemnly accepted the Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pill, "Thank you."

In fact, he had wanted a Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pill or a Chao Yuan Pill before, but having already asked for a Foundation Establishment Pill, he couldn't request another, lest he appear too greedy.

Unexpectedly, Yang Fei voluntarily offered a Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pill, leaving him immensely touched.

This kindness could only be temporarily kept in his heart, and in the future, the Langya Wang Family would never betray Yang Fei.

Chapter 1177:

Time flies, and three months have passed in the blink of an eye since Yang Fei, Qin Yanyang, Lu Chen, and Gan Qian returned to White Jade City.

During this time, everyone settled down and focused on cultivation.

Those cultivators who received Foundation Establishment Pills, including Huang Chengcheng, did not rush to attempt Foundation Establishment but prepared for it instead.

Wang Chunfeng's previous failed attempt was a lesson for everyone, so those who wanted to attempt Foundation Establishment became more cautious. Only after they felt confident enough would they purchase a Foundation Establishment Pill and attempt it.

As the three months passed, Wu You and Zhuo Donglai, along with eleven other Foundation Establishment cultivators from the Flame Moon Sect, Great Dao Sect, and three cultivation families, remained relatively inactive and did not cause trouble.

It seems the suppression of Bai Yu and Jin Ling by Yang Fei affected Wu You and others greatly. They knew that disturbing the people of White Jade City would be futile, and encountering Yang Fei might even lead to their own defeat, so they refrained from causing any trouble.

During these three months, Yang Fei did not engage in secluded cultivation like the others.

He dedicated half of his time to cultivation and the other half to exploring other fields.

In formation, Rune Tao, Alchemy, Puppetry Technique, and other divine skills and magic, he did not neglect a single one.

Especially in the Alchemy Dao.

He kept one Foundation Establishment Pill, one Chao Yuan Pill, and one Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pill for analysis, aiming to see if he could refine these basic types of elixirs.

Besides this, Yang Fei did the most important thing over these three months, which was to upgrade and modify the Mountain Protection Array of White Jade City along with Lu Chen, Tong Yunshu, and Zhuge Cang.

This time, he prepared to build a much more powerful Mountain Protection Array, with effects far superior to the current array.

Once the new Mountain Protection Array is completed, not only will it protect a large area around the main peak of White Jade City, but it will also possess significant destructive power against enemies who collide with the array. Additionally, the array contains a small Spirit Gathering Array, and Yang Fei decided to relocate the genetic liquid medicine synthesis work there.

Once the efficacy of the genetic liquid medicine is tested by the upper echelons of Lingxiao Sect, the genetic liquid medicine will become the most crucial bargaining chip in Yang Fei's deep cooperation with Lingxiao Sect.

This substance is currently synthesized at Yunwu Mountain's Base, which is overly risky and easy for cultivators from the Southern Domain to discover.

Of course, even if Yunwu Mountain's Base is discovered by the Southern Domain cultivators, Yang Fei would not be too concerned; his greatest worry is whether the alchemists of Lingxiao Sect could replicate the genetic liquid medicine once they obtain it.

If Lingxiao Sect manages to replicate this genetic liquid medicine, then his deep cooperation with Lingxiao Sect would cease to exist.

Therefore, Yang Fei has been waiting all along.

He waits for Lingxiao Sect to send someone to collect the seventy thousand top-grade spirit stones offered as compensation and tribute, while observing whether they have already tested the miraculous efficacy of the genetic liquid medicine, and whether they have the capability to replicate it.

Another week passed, and the detailed plans for upgrading the Mountain Protection Array were complete, just waiting for enough spiritual plaques and array foundations to be carved to start the modification.

That night, while Yang Fei was cultivating with Tong Yunshu, he suddenly felt something.

At that moment, Yun Zong's voice reached his ears, "Yang, someone from Lingxiao Sect is here."

Yang Fei and Tong Yunshu exited cultivation; after dressing neatly, he hurried outside and saw Yun Zong waiting a short distance away.

"Is it Hai Mo and Yan Wei?"

Yun Zong nodded, "It's these two junior brothers."

Yang Fei asked, "No one else?"

"No."

"Please invite them in."

Yun Zong nodded and turned to leave.

He had been responsible for patrolling and guarding the perimeter of the Mountain Protection Array these days, expecting the same uneventful situation as before, but unexpectedly, junior brothers Hai Mo and Yan Wei arrived on a spirit boat.

Soon, Yun Zong brought Hai Mo and Yan Wei to Yang Fei.

They were already acquainted, and after brief greetings, Yang Fei laughed, "Are you here to collect the spirit stones?"

Hai Mo chuckled awkwardly and clasped his hands, "Sorry to disturb you."

Yang Fei laughed, "You're too polite. This batch of spirit stones is compensation and tribute that we promised to deliver, so it's only right for you to come and collect them."

Yan Wei said, "Yang, apart from collecting the spirit stones you promised, we have something more important to discuss with you."

Yang Fei's interest piqued, guessing it had something to do with the genetic liquid medicine, and immediately said, "Oh? What is the matter?"

Yan Wei glanced at him and said, "It's about that divine medicine."

Yang Fei chuckled, "It seems Lingxiao Sect has already tested the efficacy of those divine medicines?"

Beside him, Yun Zong's eyes lit up as he eagerly looked at Hai Mo and Yan Wei.

Although the genetic liquid medicine indeed had miraculous effects on Earth, whether it was useful in the Southern Domain remained unknown.

Now that Yan Wei mentioned the genetic liquid medicine, everyone became a bit expectant and nervous.

Though Yan Wei and Hai Mo were both second-generation immortals of Lingxiao Sect, the genetic liquid medicine was one of Lingxiao Sect's most confidential items, so they were unaware of its existence or the divine medicine's miraculous effects.

They only knew the item was sent from the cultivation world on Earth to Lingxiao Sect, and the upper echelons seemed to value it highly, referring to it as divine medicine.

Seeing Yang Fei and Yun Zong's eager and tense expressions, Hai Mo and Yan Wei became even more curious.

What exactly is this divine medicine, and what is its purpose?

"Our sect master says this divine medicine is excellent. Lingxiao Sect is willing to purchase it in large quantities, and we hope the cultivation world on Earth will keep this divine medicine a secret and only cooperate with Lingxiao Sect." Hai Mo said.

Yang Fei immediately felt relieved.

Yun Zong also clenched his fist.

The genetic liquid medicine proved effective in the cultivation world of the Southern Domain as well.

This substance is bound to drive the cultivation world to craze.

Yang Fei laughed heartily, "That's great! I entrusted Lu Chen and Gan Qian to bring this substance to you at Lingxiao Sect, conveying that our Earth's cultivation world only needs one true ally, which demonstrates my stance. Excluding Earth's cultivation world, Lingxiao Sect would control it in the Southern Domain."

Hai Mo and Yan Wei were delighted.

Although they still didn't know what the divine medicine was or its miraculous effects, their mission here was to finalize this matter with Yang Fei. Now that they obtained Yang Fei's promise, their task was completed.

Yang Fei suggested to them, "Since both of you are new to White Jade City and it's already late, why not rest overnight, and tomorrow morning I will deliver all the spirit stones."

Upon arriving near White Jade City, Hai Mo and Yan Wei were amazed by the density of spiritual energy present, and upon entering the Mountain Protection Array, they felt the energy even more overwhelmingly.

Even the main peak of Lingxiao Sect might not be any better than here.

No wonder several senior brothers and sisters, after arriving on Earth, were reluctant to return.

In such an environment for cultivation, along with reports of ample mid-grade and even top-grade spirit stones to assist cultivation, it's like paradise for cultivators.

Although they are second-generation immortals and don't worry about the necessary cultivation resources, other disciples of Lingxiao Sect need to keep completing sect assignments to acquire sufficient cultivation resources, leaving only half of their time for actual cultivation.

Faced with Yang Fei's invitation, Hai Mo and Yan Wei exchanged glances and nodded in agreement.

If Yang Fei intended harm, they wouldn't be able to escape now; refusing to stay for a night would only make Yang Fei look down on them.

Hai Mo said, "In that case, we'll disturb you."

Chapter 1178:

Although there are now more than 2,700 people stationed in White Jade City, and factions like the Langya Wang Family, Poison Sect, and Qingtian Sect are settled around nearby peaks other than the main one, this number is still too small for such a large mountain range.

Furthermore, the current cultivators on Earth are solely focused on cultivation and not on enjoyment, so the accommodation on the mountains is quite rudimentary.

Fortunately, both Hai Mo and Yan Wei are cultivators, so even if they had to stay in the open without shelter, they could adapt, let alone having wooden houses to shield from wind and rain.

Under the guidance of Yun Zong, Hai Mo and Yan Wei arrived at the wooden building area where the seven members of Lingxiao Sect resided.

Upon learning about the arrival of Hai Mo and Yan Wei, the brothers came out to meet them.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei were well aware of the situation of the group on Earth, and showed no disdain. Hai Mo immediately said, "When Junior Brother Yan Wei and I came over, the Sect Master personally instructed us to tell you that you have made a great contribution to the sect this time. Everyone in the sect's high level is aware of what you did on Earth, and they understand and believe that you acted with discretion, bearing humiliation for the sect's benefit, while also protecting yourselves. You are many times better than those reckless people from the Flame Moon Sect and Great Dao Sect who blindly show loyalty and lose their lives for nothing."

Upon hearing this, Ye Wuya, Li Yue, Du Hui, Gan Qian, Lu Chen, Linglong, and Yun Zong all had tears in their eyes.

They had always felt ashamed of what happened on Earth, believing they had betrayed the sect and tarnished the name of Lingxiao Sect, being sinners of the sect.

Now having received recognition from the Sect Master and the senior officials, acknowledging their sacrifices for the sect's interest, they were naturally very pleased and moved.

This hurdle had finally been overcome.

Although this matter might have caused some displeasure within the high-ranking officials' hearts, at least on the surface it was resolved. Most importantly, the merits of facilitating cooperation between the sect and Earth had been recognized by the Sect Master and senior officials, and that was enough.

Ye Wuya and the others expressed their deep gratitude towards the sect, showing emotion and excitement.

Afterwards, everyone took Hai Mo and Yan Wei into one of the wooden buildings, where the brothers gathered and talked freely throughout the night.

On the topic of the divine medicine, Hai Mo and Yan Wei were very curious, so they inquired a lot about it.

Upon learning that the genetic liquid medicine could enhance the grade of spirit roots, and even allow ordinary people without a spirit root to gain one, Hai Mo and Yan Wei were stunned on the spot.

"No way? There's such a divine medicine?"

"How is it possible? This Earth just experienced the revival of spiritual energy, how could such a divine medicine be created here?"

Seeing the expressions of the two, Ye Wuya and the others had an expression that seemed to say "as expected".

When they first learned about the magical effects of the genetic liquid medicine, they were even more shocked than the two.

Linglong pointed at Gan Qian and said, "Why not? After Senior Brother Gan Qian took the genetic liquid medicine, his spirit root changed. You can see for yourselves if you don't believe it."

"The Innate Eye just happens to be with me, you two can see for yourselves." Ye Wuya said, taking out the Innate Eye and handing it to the two of them.

Hai Mo immediately took it and activated the Innate Eye with mana to inspect Gan Qian.

"Single Spiritual Root?"

Yan Wei hurriedly said, "Let me see."

After seeing through the Innate Eye that Gan Qian indeed had a single spirit root qualification, Yan Wei also exclaimed.

Hai Mo snatched the Innate Eye back again, carefully observing Gan Qian.

Gan Qian, being probed repeatedly by the two, didn't get upset, but instead displayed a bright smile.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei confirmed several times, and once they were sure there was no mistake, both of them gasped.

A cultivator with a single spirit root talent would cause quite a stir in the sect upon entry, being known by every sect as a notable individual.

In their memory, when Gan Qian and the others were tested for their spirit roots upon entering the sect, none of them had the single spirit root talent.

At least Gan Qian didn't.

But now, Gan Qian had become someone with a single spirit root talent.

Though the cultivation world is filled with unexplained phenomena, spirit root talent is a born trait, unchangeable throughout life.

Even those who cultivate to the Divinity Transformation Realm, if they have dual spirit roots, they will remain dual spirit roots at the Divinity Transformation, with no change in spirit root.

But now, Gan Qian's spirit root had changed.

The age-old rule in the cultivation world that spirit root grades were unchangeable had been broken.

The two finally understood why Ye Wuya and others were willing to bow and submit to Yang Fei, throwing away the dignity of Lingxiao Sect, even helping Yang Fei against the Flame Moon Sect, Great Dao Sect, and the three major cultivation families, making enemies for Lingxiao Sect, yet the Sect Master and seniors didn't blame them, instead claiming they had contributed to the sect.

Such divine medicine, if controlled by the Lingxiao Sect, would undoubtedly bring immense wealth to the sect, and might even allow Lingxiao Sect to become a one-star sect in the future.

"Does this divine medicine truly allow someone with no spirit root to gain one?" Yan Wei asked, trying to calm himself.

Everyone in Lingxiao Sect nodded.

That martial artist from the Military Department, upon first measuring his spirit root at Yunwu Mountain's base, indeed showed no spirit root.

However, after the person consumed the genetic liquid medicine, he developed a spirit root, which was a fact.

After hearing this, Hai Mo and Yan Wei took a deep breath again.

Divine Medicine!

A true divine medicine.

Such a treasure, once spread in the cultivation world, would surely cause a massive sensation and would become a divine medicine that all cultivators desired.

And possessing the secret of its refinement would be equivalent to holding a massive fortune.

Of course, the hidden risks were also apparent.

But with the strength and foundation of Lingxiao Sect, added to their connections with several one-star sects, as long as the secret of this divine medicine's refinement was not leaked, the sect could secure this fortune.

Since ancient times, opportunity and risk have always coexisted.

Cultivators, by nature, go against the heavens, and facing such an opportunity to elevate the sect to a one-star level, the sect's leaders would surely not let it slip by.

Hai Mo took a deep breath and said, "No wonder my father kept this from me; the fewer people know about such a big deal, the better."

Yan Wei's expression turned serious, nodding, "Indeed, we must keep this matter secret. The longer we can keep other cultivation forces from knowing about the divine medicine, the better it is for Lingxiao Sect."

Hai Mo nodded along, saying, "Yes, as long as Lingxiao Sect is given some time, the sect will surely cultivate more single spirit root or even heavenly spirit root cultivators, and after generations of effort,

the sect's overall strength will certainly improve significantly, becoming a one-star sect is just around the corner."

Yan Wei laughed, "If the spirit root talents of several Nascent Soul stage experts can also be enhanced, accelerating their cultivation speed, within a century our Lingxiao Sect could become the foremost among the three major two-star sects in the Southern Domain."

Light shone brightly in everyone's eyes as excitement filled them.

As disciples of Lingxiao Sect, they seemed to see the rise of the sect, and a sense of pride emerged naturally.

The next morning, Yang Fei, Qin Yanyang, and others brought over 720,000 top-grade spirit stones.

After Hai Mo and Yan Wei confirmed the count, they used several storage bags to collect these spirit stones.

"Fellow Daoist Yang, the Sect Master said he's not sure if you still have any of that divine medicine now, but if you do, could you let us take some back?" Yan Wei asked.

Yang Fei smiled upon hearing this and said, "There's still some left, but your Sect Master seems to have forgotten a very important matter."

Hai Mo and Yan Wei were slightly startled, looking at him in confusion.

Chapter 1179:

The few from the Lingxiao Sect knew Yang Fei better than Hai Mo and Yan Wei. Seeing his words, a thought struck them, and their expressions subtly changed.

Hai Mo asked, "Friend Yang, did our Sect Master forget something important?"

Yang Fei smiled and replied, "Last time, I sent two large bottles of genetic liquid medicine with Fellow Daoists Lu Chen and Gan Qian, and your Sect Master has yet to pay me the equivalent value in spirit stones, elixirs, tools, or talismans."

Hai Mo and Yan Wei took a deep breath, exchanged a glance, and the latter said, "We truly don't know about this matter, nor did our Sect Master mention it before leaving, so we need to inquire before giving you a reply, Friend Yang."

Yang Fei chuckled upon hearing this and said, "No worries, the Lingxiao Sect is a two-star sect, and its affairs are numerous. It's normal for your Sect Master to occasionally forget something."

Hai Mo and Yan Wei's mouths twitched slightly, casting a peculiar glance at Yang Fei.

Clearly, as a weak cultivation force in the Lower Realm, he needed cooperation with major sects like the Lingxiao Sect from the Upper Realm. Yet, here he was, requesting payment from the Lingxiao Sect.

Truly a bold individual.

However, the two found it hard to retort.

After all, Lu Chen and Gan Qian could testify that they indeed brought two large bottles of genetic liquid medicine to the Lingxiao Sect. It was only natural for the man to claim payment for the sale of the genetic liquid medicine.

What concerned them most was if Yang Fei intended to deduct from this batch of spirit stones, making it difficult for them to account back.

Seeing Yang Fei had no intention of making deductions now, they slightly relaxed.

After Hai Mo and Yan Wei left on the spirit boat, Yang Fei smiled and asked the few from the Lingxiao Sect, "Everyone, I'm not particularly familiar with the prices in the Southern Domain's cultivation world. What price do you think the genetic liquid medicine should be sold at?"

Ye Wuya and the others looked at each other, unsure how to respond.

This item could only be described as a priceless treasure.

Once it spreads in the cultivation world, it would surely make countless cultivators flock to it, becoming a sought-after commodity.

So even if Yang Fei set the price exorbitantly, people would still come to purchase it.

But the problem is, Yang Fei was currently selling only to the Lingxiao Sect.

The Lingxiao Sect was the extended family of Ye Wuya and the others. Now that Yang Fei was asking what price to set, they were truly in a bind to answer.

"Ahem, Friend Yang, let's not make things difficult for us. In such matters, it's best discussed with Daoist Qin and others; it's better for us not to participate in this discussion," Ye Wuya said with a dry cough.

The others nodded in agreement.

Yang Fei smiled slightly, saying, "Indeed. After all, you are disciples of the Lingxiao Sect, and eventually, you will need to return to your sect."

Their expressions changed slightly.

Though the Sect Master said he wouldn't concern himself with their past dishonoring of the sect and targeting other Southern Domain cultivation forces, stating instead they had contributed to the sect, now that both sides have established a cooperation in peace, the Sect Master hadn't told Hai Mo and Yan Wei to ask them back.

So their situation now seemed a bit awkward.

Staying on Earth yet still disciples of the Lingxiao Sect, their hearts leaned towards the Lingxiao Sect.

But Yang Fei treated them well here, not assigning many tasks and even providing considerable spirit stone quotas each month, making life in White Jade City more relaxed and comfortable than back at the Lingxiao Sect.

Yang Fei naturally understood their predicament, not holding it against them, he smiled and said, "Friends, we met through unusual circumstances. Now, with the Earth's cultivation world and the Southern Domain in a collaborative and harmonious relationship, especially with the Lingxiao Sect, as Lingxiao Sect disciples, your sect does not mind your past mistakes and even acknowledges your contributions. So, should you wish to leave, I, Yang Fei, will not stop you. Just speak fondly of our friendship when you return, that's all I ask."

Upon hearing this, the seven from the Lingxiao Sect looked embarrassed and ashamed.

Li Yue inhaled deeply, looked at Yang Fei, and said, "Does Friend Yang intend to send us away?"

Linglong also looked at Yang Fei and asked, "Yes, do you not trust us anymore, not wanting us to stay in White Jade City?"

The others also looked at Yang Fei.

Yang Fei glanced at them, shaking his head, and said, "Don't misunderstand, how could I, Yang Fei, be so petty? I have no intention of sending you away. I'm sincerely telling you not to feel any burden, if you wish to return to the Southern Domain, you can leave anytime, and I won't stop you. But if you're willing to stay in White Jade City, our Earthly cultivators have much to learn from you, and I'd be more than happy to have you here."

The seven were unsure if Yang Fei was testing them or genuinely treating them well, but truth be told, given their current situation, each felt more free and unrestrained staying in White Jade City than returning to the Lingxiao Sect.

Even if they were to return, they'd wait until close to achieving Core Formation to do so.

They were certain that continuing to cultivate here, their speed would be a third faster than in the Lingxiao Sect, if not more.

And if Yang Fei could provide them with genetic liquid medicine, they might even improve their spirit root grade, and once the spirit root grade improved, their future potential would significantly increase.

After exchanging a glance and short contemplation, Li Yue was the first to speak, "Brother Yang, I don't intend to leave in the short term. Unless I'm close to breaking through to the Core Formation Stage, needing to go to the Southern Domain to prepare the necessary elixirs, I'm not planning to go back."

The others nodded in agreement, expressing the same sentiment as Li Yue.

Yang Fei nodded, "Good, since you're all willing to stay, the same as before stands true: stay as long as you want, these wooden buildings in White Jade City will always be your haven."

"Thank you, Friend Yang."

"Thank you, Brother Yang."

"We will remember this kindness."

"If there's a chance in the future, we'll surely repay this favor."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang could see the genuine emotions from the seven.

At least from this moment on, the seven did not feel it was Yang Fei forcibly keeping them here; they truly felt a sense of gratitude towards Yang Fei.

A day in the Southern Domain, three days on Earth.

Time in the cultivation world flew by, and in the blink of an eye, half a year had passed since Hai Mo and Yan Wei took back the seventy-two thousand top-grade spirit stones as compensation and tribute from Earth.

At the Lingxiao Sect's Main Peak, Hai Lingfeng and Jiang Jun found Jiang Yao, urging their Sect Master brother to make a quick decision.

Jiang Yao had just learned from Jiang Jun and Hai Lingfeng about the changes that one large bottle of genetic liquid medicine brought to those who tested it in the sect, feeling incredibly invigorated.

That one large bottle of genetic liquid medicine alone enhanced the spirit roots of two cultivators in the sect.

Among the ten people who tested the medicine, about sixty percent of that one large bottle was given to five disciples with spirit root aptitude.

After multiple uses, the spirit roots of two among them changed and improved.

The other portion of genetic liquid medicine was given to five second-generation sect members without spirit roots, yet half a year later, they still showed no change, indicating this genetic liquid medicine might not enable the emergence of spirit roots in those without them.

But given its ability to enhance the spirit root talent of cultivators with spirit roots, it was already the dream miracle drug for cultivators.

As for whether it can cause ordinary people without spirit roots to develop them, since there's already precedent on Earth, this should not be false.

Lu Chen and Gan Qian wouldn't dare deceive the sect on such matters, nor would there be any need.

"Just by having a large quantity of genetic liquid medicine, I believe even among those without spirit roots, some could potentially develop them," Hai Lingfeng said with some excitement.

Jiang Jun also nodded and said, "Indeed, with such a miraculous item, keeping it in the small cultivation world of Earth is truly a waste. We should gather and store it in large quantities."

Jiang Yao nodded and looked at the two, "The last time, when Hai Mo and Yan Wei returned, they brought back the boy's words. He asked what price we should set for those two bottles of genetic liquid medicine, or what equivalent goods to exchange them for; I am curious how you senior and junior brothers view this matter?"

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Jiang Jun and Hai Lingfeng couldn't help but furrow their brows.

It turned out that the Sect Master had been hesitating because of this matter.

Both of them remembered that when Hai Mo and Yan Wei returned, they mentioned this issue, but after half a year passed, the two of them had forgotten about it.

In their subconscious, this was a minor issue, and they even had a strong misconception that all the resources on Earth could be taken by the Lingxiao Sect at will.

"Is there progress in the expansion of the transmission channel over there?" Hai Lingfeng asked.

Jiang Yao shook his head.

Jiang Jun said, "Last time I personally went over and took a look. The experts in Core Formation and Fake Pill from the Flame Moon Sect, the Great Dao Sect, and the three major families were all over there researching. Among them were some quite accomplished in formations and rune tao, yet they had no clue about expanding that transmission channel."

Hai Lingfeng sighed and said, "So, for a long time to come, we still need to adhere to this mode of peaceful coexistence with Earth's cultivation world?"

Jiang Yao nodded and said, "Indeed."

Hai Lingfeng pondered slightly and said, "In fact, for us, the Lingxiao Sect, this might not be a bad thing. If Core Formation Stage cultivators can pass through, the situation on Earth will no longer be something that only our Lingxiao Sect can control, and the secret of the genetic elixir might be exposed early."

Jiang Yao said, "Exactly. Considering the importance of this matter, for now, we should endure it and make some trades with that kid from Earth. Besides, we have the upper hand in these transactions."

Jiang Jun also nodded and said, "With the current cooperation model, the Flame Moon Sect, the Great Dao Sect, and the three major cultivation families also benefit, so they can allow us to lead everything. However, once they discover the existence of the genetic elixir, under great temptation, they would feel that what they have gained is too little, which would be disadvantageous to our Lingxiao Sect."

Jiang Yao sighed, "Therefore, we must maintain our cooperation with Earth. Once we secretly grow strong, even if other forces learn about the secret of the genetic elixir, we will have the confidence to contend with them."

Jiang Jun and Hai Lingfeng nodded silently.

Jiang Yao continued, "Therefore, we need to negotiate a price now. If that kid Yang Fei thinks the price we offer is unfair, he might become disgruntled, and then the supplied genetic elixir would be insufficient, hindering the development of our Lingxiao Sect."

Jiang Jun said, "According to the Sect Master's view, what price is appropriate?"

Hai Lingfeng also looked at Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao smiled wryly and said, "These days I've thought a lot, and indeed it's difficult to set a price for this item. If we price it too low, that kid Yang Fei surely won't be happy and may restrict our supply of the genetic elixir under the excuse of insufficient production. However, if we price it too high, our Lingxiao Sect might not be able to bear it."

Jiang Jun and Hai Lingfeng nodded silently.

This issue indeed requires careful consideration.

The Lingxiao Sect is a major sect with numerous disciples. Although the industries are many, if the expenditure is too large, any disruption in funds would impact the entire sect's operations.

After a moment of silence, Jiang Jun tentatively said, "Why don't we use the spirit stones earned from other trades on Earth to purchase the genetic elixir?"

Jiang Yao said helplessly, "How much genetic elixir can these spirit stones buy? Pricing is the key."

Jiang Jun cleared his throat and said, "According to the standard of the large bottle of genetic liquid medicine that the kid gave last time, we set the price at ten thousand top-grade spirit stones per bottle?"

Hai Lingfeng nodded and said, "This price is very fair."

Jiang Yao chuckled and said, "I also think it's very fair; in fact, slightly less would be more fair. But, have you both considered whether Yang Fei would agree? The spirit stones he tributes annually, which we receive at the Lingxiao Sect, amount to about two hundred seventy thousand. So, if we just exempt his tribute, we'd get twenty-seven large bottles of genetic liquid medicine each year? I fear he would not agree to such a deal."

Jiang Jun and Hai Lingfeng smiled awkwardly, realizing indeed that price was too low and Yang Fei might not agree.

If the effects of the genetic elixir were exposed, the two believed that even if a large bottle of genetic liquid medicine were exchanged for a million top-grade spirit stones and other equivalent goods, there would be many in the cultivation world willing to buy it.

So the price of ten thousand top-grade spirit stones for a large bottle of genetic liquid medicine is indeed too low.

"How about a hundred thousand?" Jiang Jun gritted his teeth and suggested a price that he felt was a bit painful.

At least for trading with Earth's cultivation world people, he felt this price was too high and would make one's heart ache.

Hai Lingfeng remained silent, looking at Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao sighed and shook his head, "Guessing like this serves no purpose. We must send someone to probe that kid's intentions. I feel that kid isn't too interested in spirit stones; what he needs is probably elixirs and other cultivation resources from our side."

Hai Lingfeng said, "Right, Earth is rich in spirit stones, so that kid wouldn't care about spirit stones. We should exchange other cultivation resources."

Jiang Jun decisively said, "Immediately let Hai Mo and Yan Wei go talk to him. We need to gather as much of this genetic liquid medicine as possible."

Subsequently, Hai Mo and Yan Wei took a large amount of cultivation resources from the elixir room and material storage room and returned to Earth.

Upon seeing these two juniors from Lingxiao Sect head to Earth again, people from the Flame Moon Sect, the Great Dao Sect, and the three major cultivation families exchanged glances, harboring some suspicion in their hearts.

Why are the people of the Lingxiao Sect going to Earth so frequently?

Is it possible there are other secrets between them and Earth's cultivation world?

However, chiefs from various sects and families had already discussed with the Lingxiao Sect's Sect Master, and this place was under Lingxiao Sect's jurisdiction. Lingxiao Sect's willingness to share the benefits obtained from Earth with other sects and families, proportionally, was already a major

concession. Several major forces could receive a great tribute of top-grade spirit stones annually without any effort, and they were already satisfied.

So although there was suspicion, they did not show it or ask questions.

As Core Formation Masters, they also wanted to continue growing. Staying at this transmission channel without being able to expand it was a waste of time, so if nothing changes in a while, they plan to leave.

When Hai Mo and Yan Wei reappeared on Earth, a year and a half had already passed there.

The two arrived near White Jade City and, as they approached, they suddenly sensed something and showed expressions of surprise.

"In such a short time of half a year, someone here in Earth's cultivation world is already in Foundation Establishment?"

"Let's go take a look."