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Chapter 341 New Personnel at Jade Bird Peak

"I understand your intentions, nephew, rest assured,"

"With this cultivation technique, the strength of our Jade Cauldron Sect will surely increase significantly in a short period of time."

Xu Ma'an was extremely excited at this moment; he had already planned to go into seclusion to practice the Blazing Fire Divine Decree.

The Peak Masters of each peak can have a copy transcribed to take away.

The Blazing Fire Divine Decree was written by Lin Chen without any hidden measures; it can be directly copied by others, so the words won't disappear after being viewed once.

Lin Chen's intentions were clear to Xu Ma'an. It was obvious that Lin Chen did not want disciples like Xu San and Baili Wentian to see it.

Xu Ma'an was well aware of this and thus immediately expressed his stance to Lin Chen.

Hong Yanbing, upon hearing Xu Ma'an's decision, secretly felt it was a pity. If disciples like Xu San were allowed to practice the Blazing Fire Divine Decree, their cultivation would surely make great progress once again.

However, it was out of the question for Xu San to practice a Heavenly Top Grade technique after offending Lin Chen.

After all, if Xu San practiced the technique, nobody knew if he would impulsively cause trouble for Lin Chen once his cultivation improved.

If such a thing were to happen, wouldn't it be just inviting trouble?

Xu San's arrogance was ingrained in his bones; this was something Hong Yanbing understood all too well. His discipline's talent was good during his days in the Jade Cauldron Sect, hence his arrogance was tolerated by everyone, turning a blind eye.

But in front of Lin Chen, Xu San simply couldn't compare.

However, Xu San would never admit this; he only thought that Lin Chen was just luckier and had better opportunities than him.

The reason Xu San now feared Lin Chen was because Lin Chen was stronger than him.

But once Xu San practiced the Blazing Fire Divine Decree and his cultivation grew, that might not necessarily be the case.

If such a situation really occurred, it wouldn't be impossible for Lin Chen to kill Xu San with a single slap.

So, Hong Yanbing also agreed with Lin Chen's concerns.

It wasn't that Lin Chen feared Xu San; it's just that sometimes, even taking the time to squish an ant is a wasteful and mood-affecting endeavor.

Afterward, when Xu Ma'an released the news about the Heavenly Top Grade technique, the entire Jade Cauldron Sect boiled over with excitement.

"I knew it, Brother Lin Chen never intended to keep the Heavenly Top Grade technique to himself but was leading by example, testing its pros and cons. Now, it seems he has concluded his tests and is ready to let us disciples practice it."

"One must have made great contributions to the Sect to view it, sigh, I don't stand a chance, as I do little more than chop wood and water flowers for the Sect on a regular basis, my contributions are just too meager."

"This is wonderful, I've made substantial contributions, my hard work over the past days is finally paying off today. That's a Heavenly Top Grade technique; if I can comprehend it, my cultivation will surely skyrocket."

"Awesome, bro, when you become powerful don't forget about us, carry us with you..."

Once the news of the Heavenly Top Grade technique was out, and the technique was placed in the Martial Arts Pavilion, all the disciples rushed to check if they were qualified to observe it.

At this point, everyone realized the importance of making daily contributions to the Sect. In the entire Sect, less than one-tenth of the disciples had the opportunity to view the Heavenly Top Grade technique.

And within those small percentage of disciples, only thirty percent were able to make sense of it, and after beginning their practice, their cultivation immediately made some breakthroughs.

Yet some disciples, despite not having fully comprehended and penetrated the cultivation technique, did have some enlightenment, which was of great help to improving on their previous techniques.

As the other disciples of the sect were all striving to enhance their cultivation, Lin Chen realized that although the overall strength of the Jade Cauldron Sect had increased, the number of disciples on Jade Bird Peak was relatively low.

In situations like the future need for formation setup, it would be difficult for Lin Chen to find trustworthy individuals.

Even though they were all from the Jade Cauldron Sect, Lin Chen, to be cautious, did not wish to use people of unknown background for formation setup.

Therefore, Lin Chen approached Yang Yuemin to discuss the idea of strengthening the disciples of Jade Bird Peak.

Since Yang Yuemin had always been quite idle and was not adept at teaching disciples as a Peak Master, her Jade Bird Peak had always adopted a laissez-faire approach to disciple rearing.

Lin Chen suggested that he personally teach the cultivation techniques to new disciples of Jade Bird Peak.

That is to say, Lin Chen would act as the instructor for the youngest disciples of Jade Bird Peak.

To this, Yang Yuemin agreed wholeheartedly.

After all, Lin Chen's method could indeed enhance the strength of Jade Bird Peak.

And as Lin Chen said, cultivating a group of familiar and trustworthy individuals would greatly assist him in setting up killing formations in the future.

Subsequently, Lin Chen began to select disciples from various peaks of the Jade Cauldron Sect.

When the disciples of the Jade Cauldron Sect learned of this news, the excitement throughout the sect was no less intense than if a Heavenly Top Grade cultivation technique were available for observation.

The moment the message was out, everyone was desperate to join Jade Bird Peak.

Despite Jade Bird Peak being the poorest and weakest among all the peaks, Lin Chen was seen as a godlike figure in the eyes of the people, a role model for them.

Therefore, many were eager to join Jade Bird Peak.

When Lin Chen selected individuals, he valued one thing: 'fate'.

The people Lin Chen was looking for were those he could trust and rely on in the future; therefore, their level of cultivation was not the most important factor—he paid more attention to their personality and character.

Individuals like Xu San would never receive a second glance from Lin Chen.

Thus, Lin Chen found several familiar faces: Zheng Yulan, Li Caixia, and Lu Feishuang.

In the end, Lin Chen only accepted these three disciples, even though all three could be considered his senior sisters.

However, now that they had joined Jade Bird Peak, they could only be called junior sisters, and their status changed in an instant.

The three women, brimming with excitement, moved into the Royal Court, their hearts filled with an indescribable thrill.

Even though they had each interacted with Lin Chen before, they were well aware that, with their level of cultivation, they should not have caught Lin Chen's eye. Yet they had been chosen.

The three women were arranged to stay in rooms near Lin Chen's courtyard, after which Lin Chen handed each of them a Stone Press Version of the Heavenly Level Superior Cultivation Technique, Blazing Fire Divine Decree.

"Over the next few days, you all should first comprehend this Heavenly Top Grade cultivation technique. If there is anything you don't understand, feel free to ask me," he said.

After instructing the three women to cultivate the Blazing Fire Divine Decree, Lin Chen's next plan was to have everyone in Divine Sun City train to merge into one formation.

Chapter 342: Lack of Supplies

After arranging everything, Lin Chen planned to enhance the strength of the others in Divine Sun City.

Currently, for Lin Chen, the most direct method to boost everyone's combat power was to teach them powerful Killing Formations.

Once the Killing Formation was activated, the Cultivation of everyone within it would be enhanced, and not only that, their Martial Arts Skills would also be strengthened. Consequently, their overall power would leap qualitatively.

While instructing everyone in the Killing Formation, Lin Chen also guided some disciples of the Jade Cauldron Sect in the Refining of Magic Artifacts. Even though they were all low-level Artifacts, arming everyone and with the reinforcement of the Killing Formation, their combat effectiveness would become even greater.

However, Lin Chen only instructed everyone for half a month before entering into Seclusion.

Seeing that Li Xuanming from the Jade Cauldron Sect had some insightful opinions on Formations, Lin Chen left the matter in his hands.

After several days of training, some people began to feel exhausted because, despite their diligent practice, they had not seen any significant results, which inevitably led them to question whether the Formations taught by Lin Chen were unsuitable for them.

"Old Zhu, can this Killing Formation really enhance our combat strength? I've practiced for five days now and my combat ability hasn't improved at all—instead, it's just worn me out. I don't want to train anymore, I'd rather go into Seclusion to improve my Cultivation."

Some Martial Artists quietly discussed among themselves.

Seeing this, the elderly instructors from the Jade Cauldron Sect immediately frowned.

As for the disobedience of these individuals from the Great Flame Dynasty, they naturally had ways to handle it, but the results of five days of training also made them doubt the authenticity of this Formation.

They wondered if Lin Chen had just put together some random Formation to fool them.

However, everyone knew that Lin Chen wouldn't do such a thing.

During the great battle at Divine Sun City against the Royal Family and Black Cloud Sect, the power of the Killing Formation released by Lin Chen was something they had all witnessed with their own eyes.

"Everyone, rest assured. This Killing Formation demonstrated its tremendous power during the great battle in Divine Sun City. It effortlessly slew Warriors of the Heaven-reaching Realm and even Reverting Void Realm experts found it difficult to break through our defenses. Isn't such a powerful Killing Formation worth every bit of diligent practice?"

"All of you, listen to my command—continue the training. The first person to master the essence of the Killing Formation will be rewarded with ten thousand Low-Grade Spirit Stones."

Displeased with the lax attitude of the crowd, Li Xuanming immediately addressed them.

As soon as these words were uttered, the originally weary crowd lit up with enthusiasm and swiftly resumed training.

The reward of ten thousand Low-Grade Spirit Stones was too enticing for anyone to ignore.

While Li Xuanming was training everyone in the Killing Formation, Lin Chen visited the new Treasury, where countless Martial Artists of the Jade Cauldron Sect were busy Refining elixirs, Magic Artifacts, and Talisman Inscriptions with all sorts of Heavenly and Earthly Treasures.

"Miss Zhao, how's it going? How many sets of the Purple Thunder Suit have been made?"

Lin Chen approached Zhao Lingxi and asked indifferently.

Having taken control of Divine Sun City, Lin Chen had left Zhao Lingxi in charge of the city's Treasury.

With experience managing the Wanxing Commerce Association and a thorough familiarity with the resources of the Great Flame Imperial Family and the Wanxing Commerce Association's Treasury, she was the most suitable choice for allocating and managing the Sect's materials.

Although at the beginning, some upper echelons of the Jade Cauldron Sect did not agree with this decision.

After all, Zhao Lingxi was a member of the Great Flame Imperial Family and was young; they were not optimistic about her.

However, with Zhao Lingxi managing the Treasury, distributing materials, and organizing the support for the Jade Cauldron Sect in an orderly manner, everyone's views completely changed.

Zhao Lingxi was simply born for business and management.

"We've made twenty thousand sets already. Give me another ten days, and I will be able to equip everyone with a Purple Thunder Suit."

Zhao Lingxi looked at Lin Chen with a gentle smile and replied.

The Purple Thunder Suit was specifically invented by Lin Chen for enhancing the defensive power and potency of the silver bows and arrows. With the support of the Formation, even a Martial Artist with the Spirit Gathering Realm Cultivation could engage in long-range attacks with the power comparable to the Melding Earth Realm within the Formation.

Thus, Lin Chen planned to equip everyone with a suit. Of course, some suits were of higher quality and were to be given to the more powerful individuals based on their Cultivation levels.

"That's excellent. The forces of the Black Cloud Sect won't come so soon. Once everyone is equipped with the suits, our chances of defending Divine Sun City will greatly increase," Lin Chen said, satisfied with Zhao Lingxi's management.

But at that moment, Zhao Lingxi looked rather worried, which puzzled Lin Chen.

"Is there a difficulty? Feel free to speak your mind, Miss Zhao. If you need my help, I will naturally offer it," Lin Chen said upon seeing Zhao Lingxi's concerned expression, assuming she faced some sort of trouble.

"Indeed, I've encountered some difficulties. If we had enough materials, according to my plan, it is possible to manufacture all the suits within ten days."

"However, we're running out of materials. In about a day, all materials for making the suits will likely be depleted, and besides those for Refining suits, even essentials for daily life are about to run out."

"Now that Divine Sun City is allowing only entry and no exit, with tens of thousands of mouths to feed, even our abundant resources will reach their limit one day, not to mention our ceaseless Refining of various Magic Artifacts and elixirs," Zhao Lingxi reported calmly to Lin Chen.

Hearing this, Lin Chen's brows furrowed deeply. He truly had not expected that so many supplies would be exhausted so quickly.

Chapter 343: Redflame Firestone

"I'm already aware of this matter; continue to have everyone refine the Purple Thunder Suit, and I will handle the resource issue."

After Lin Chen gave his instructions, he walked back to his residence with a hint of dejection.

When he passed by Hua Lianxin's abode, he sensed a powerful surge of the extreme cold attribute and involuntarily paused to take a closer look.

"Such intense extreme cold attribute power, it seems her cultivation has broken through again."

Just then, the door of the room opened, and Hua Lianxin emerged. Seeing Lin Chen, she politely inquired, "Young Master Lin Chen, you've returned."

For the favors Lin Chen had done for her, she might never be able to repay him in this lifetime. If it wasn't for Lin Chen, she probably would have been long dead, let alone possessing the fortunes she had now.

Thus, Hua Lianxin was immensely grateful to Lin Chen in her heart.

And as for Lin Chen moving her to the Royal Court, Hua Lianxin's mind fluttered with thoughts. She thought Lin Chen must have had some intentions for doing so, making her live in the court.

However, after coming to the court, the anticipated event did not happen.

Moreover, it wasn't just her; Lin Chen's martial sister, his master, and the three new disciples from Jade Bird Peak also resided within the Royal Court. Only then did Hua Lianxin realize that she might have thought too much.

So, seeing Lin Chen at this moment made Hua Lianxin's heart flutter with expectations once again.

"Very good, your cultivation has indeed broken through, reaching the Sixth Layer of the Heaven-reaching Realm!"

"Now, in this Divine Sun City, among those of the same age, you are the first in terms of cultivation."

Lin Chen's gaze fell on Hua Lianxin, and he couldn't help but exclaim.

Endowed with the Xuan Yin Cold Body, Hua Lianxin's cultivation speed was indeed unmatched by other martial artists.

At least until Hua Lianxin's cultivation broke through to the Reverting Void Realm, it was very likely that no young peer could match her speed of cultivation.

Only when one's cultivation reached the bottleneck of the Reverting Void Realm would the advantages bequeathed by the Xuan Yin Cold Body gradually diminish, becoming similar to those of an ordinary martial artist.

The advantage granted by Hua Lianxin's Xuan Yin Cold Body to her physique could likely be maintained until that stage.

According to Lin Chen's speculation, Hua Lianxin might step into the Cultivation Realm of the Reverting Void Realm in less than five years. Such a young Reverting Void Realm powerhouse was exceedingly rare throughout the entire Eastern Domain and even the Mysterious Heaven World.

"All this is thanks to you, young master. Please come in and sit down, and let Lianxin make you a cup of tea," Hua Lianxin said, clenching her small hands, inviting Lin Chen with great nervousness in her heart.

Little did Lin Chen know that she harbored some feelings of affection for him. In the past few days, she had also gathered some information about Lin Chen's affairs.

Lin Chen looked at Hua Lianxin, nodded in agreement, and followed her into the house.

However, Lin Chen was interested not for any peculiar ideas about Hua Lianxin, but because he had somehow caught a whiff of a flame aroma on her.

This should be impossible, as Hua Lianxin was a Xuan Yin Cold Body, and the cultivation technique she practiced was the Extreme Cold Technique he had imparted to her. Her attribute of spiritual power should be the ice attribute, so it made no sense for it to be related to flame.

After entering the house, a faint light flashed in front of Lin Chen, and his Second Soul Division appeared.

"It indeed is the flame attribute, and not a weak one at that. Miss, do you have anything special on you related to the fire attribute power?" Lin Chen's Second Soul Division glanced up and down at Hua Lianxin before asking.

"Fire attribute items?" Hua Lianxin was utterly puzzled. She had always practiced the Cold Ice Technique imparted to her by Lin Chen, so how could there be anything of the fire attribute on her?

Hua Lianxin quickly contemplated and confirmed that she should not possess any item of the fire attribute.

"Could it be this jade pendant that I carry on me?"

However, then Hua Lianxin's eyes brightened as she reached inside her neckline and took out a jade pendant.

She undid the rope from her neck and handed a fiery red jade pendant to Lin Chen.

Upon receiving it, the Second Soul Division scrutinized the pendant before his eyes immediately lit up.

"This is actually a Redflame Firestone."

The Second Soul Division's eyes gleamed with incredulity, staring at the jade pendant in hand with a look of disbelief.

"Redflame Firestone? What is that?" Hua Lianxin inquired with confusion upon hearing Lin Chen's remark.

It appears that Hua Lianxin had never understood what the jade stone she wore was.

Lin Chen began to explain that the so-called Redflame Firestone was a type of energy stone with a very strong fire attribute. Its value and the energy it contained far exceeded a spirit stone's, even surpassing that of a top-quality spirit stone.

However, it could not be absorbed by all martial artists—such as those who cultivated cold ice techniques—but for those with the fire attribute, its value was exceedingly rare.

After hearing Lin Chen's explanation, Hua Lianxin realized that the jade stone she had always carried was such a rare material.

She then offered to give it to Lin Chen, who was noticeably intrigued.

"Miss Hua, where did this jade stone come from?" Lin Chen asked Hua Lianxin.

The value of the Redflame Firestone was extraordinary indeed, but a single stone wouldn't provide much energy.

Lin Chen, however, knew that the Redflame Firestone wouldn't form on its own but would occur in a vein.

"This jade stone was found by my father in a mountain range behind my hometown before I entered Floral Transfer Palace," Hua Lianxin said without any concealment, revealing the origin of the Redflame Firestone to Lin Chen.

Chapter 344: The Underground Flame Vein

"Your hometown?"

Upon hearing Hua Lianxin's words, a glint appeared in Lin Chen's eyes.

Lin Chen was in dire need of resources at this moment, and if he could secure an entire vein of Redflame Firestone for energy provision, Divine Sun City would never lack resources again.

The Second Soul Division exchanged a look with Lin Chen's true self and immediately requested Hua Lianxin to take them to her hometown.

Upon hearing Lin Chen's request, Hua Lianxin agreed without any hesitation.

The help Lin Chen provided her far surpassed the value of the Redflame Firestone; even if there were an entire vein of the ore, Hua Lianxin never thought of claiming it for herself. Now, all she wanted to do was to help Lin Chen.

Thus, the trio directly flew out of Divine Sun City, heading towards Hua Lianxin's hometown.

While Hua Lianxin's hometown was some distance from Divine Sun City, all three were martial artists capable of flight, and they arrived there within half a day.

When they reached the mountain range, Lin Chen discerned the directions and found it was under the jurisdiction of Floral Transfer Palace. It seemed they had to be careful and discreet while searching for the Redflame Firestone vein to avoid detection by the Palace's people, as it could lead to disputes.

Among the Seven Great Sects, the Six Sects opted to conceal their presence and seal their gates after the battle in Divine Sun City, avoiding attracting the attention of the Black Cloud Sect.

At the same time, they were also wary of the Jade Cauldron Sect and other sects.

After all, the Eastern Domain was in complete disarray, its former alliances scattered; now everyone was solely focused on self-preservation, with no room for talk of factions.

Take the Jade Cauldron Sect, for example; if driven to a desperate situation without resources, it was not impossible for them to launch an assault on the Floral Transfer Palace.

But Lin Chen would only do so as a last resort.

Upon reaching the mountain range, Lin Chen learned that Hua Lianxin's parents were not martial artists and had unfortunately perished in a hill bandits' raid many years ago.

As such, Hua Lianxin had not returned for many years and found the place very unfamiliar.

She only vaguely remembered the approximate location her father had told her about, where he had accidentally discovered Redflame Firestone in the mountains.

Although Hua Lianxin didn't remember the exact place, Lin Chen's Second Soul Division could sense it.

Being endowed with the Blue Lotus Divine Flame, the Second Soul Division had a strong perception of the flame attribute power and quickly sensed the location of the vein.

Hence, Lin Chen's true self, and his Second Soul Division, along with Hua Lianxin, immediately set off towards the mountain range, and upon reaching it, the trio stopped in front of a massive peak.

"So that's it; the vein lies underground. There are signs of landslides on this peak. It seems like your father was just lucky to have found a piece of Redflame Firestone back then. This Redflame Firestone vein appears to have gone unnoticed by everyone."

"Such a well-concealed spot indeed; anyone who doesn't have a strong perception of fire attribute power would realistically not find this Redflame Firestone vein. It looks like we're going to strike it rich this time."

Lin Chen said calmly, then immediately a powerful Soul Power radiated from his body, sweeping around him.

The entire configuration of the mountains around him was clearly pictured in his mind, and he realized that to reach the vein underground, the distance was surprisingly deep.

If they were to excavate this vein, even if they mobilized all of Divine Sun City's power, it would be impossible to dig through the mountain range within a few days.

Such movement of personnel would inevitably draw the attention of other surrounding forces. By then, this vein of Redflame Firestone could become a highly coveted item, difficult to claim without resorting to the sword.

"Fortunately, there is a path that goes directly underground, though I wonder if it's a trap."

Were it not for Lin Chen's strong Soul Power and the Second Soul Division's remarkable perception of fire attribute power, the path leading down to the underground would be genuinely difficult to detect.

As the three descended further underground, Lin Chen felt the fire attribute power in the air growing increasingly intense.

Stones of various quality grades of Redflame Firestone began to appear around them.

The Quality Grade of Redflame Firestone determines the strength of the fire attribute energy within; similar to Spirit Stones, there are also Low Grade, Middle Grade, High Grade, and Supreme Grade.

The jade that Hua Lianxin had before was of Middle Grade Redflame Firestone quality.

And now, after descending nearly a kilometer, High Grade Redflame Firestones began to surface around them.

The value of these High Grade Redflame Firestones was such that one could match the value of nearly a hundred Top-Quality Spirit Stones.

"We really are going to make a fortune. I wonder if there will be Supreme Grade Redflame Firestones further down."

Looking at the sparkling stones that looked like they were emitting tiny sparks of high heat, Lin Chen felt somewhat excited.

He immediately quickened his steps, heading deeper into the underground.

"Young Master Lin Chen, I... I'm afraid I won't be able to accompany you any further. The temperature around us is too high; I can't bear it," Hua Lianxin said, sweating profusely while continuously releasing Cold Ice Power to resist the surrounding fire attribute power.

"If so, Miss Hua, please return the way you came and wait for us at the exit," Lin Chen advised Hua Lianxin, and then he continued to move deeper into the underground with his Second Soul Division.

After following the path downward for half an hour, they finally encountered Supreme Grade quality Redflame Firestones, and in a staggering quantity.

Lin Chen was both shocked and thrilled as he quickly began collecting the Redflame Firestones with his Spiritual Sense into the space of the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron, while marveling to find that there was a river in the distance.

However, it was no ordinary river but one comprised entirely of flame magma.

The magma kept bursting with scalding bubbles, releasing countless waves of heat and explosive sounds of air.

"No wonder there are so many Redflame Firestones here; it turns out that beneath this mountain range lies a Flame Vein."

"With this Flame Vein, Divine Sun City's energy supply is secured," Lin Chen said, his lips curving into a smile as he raised his hand and took out a Jade Token.

Chapter 345: Refining the Flame Vein, Cultivation Breakthrough

Lin Chen took out the Jade Token, and after exchanging a glance with his Second Soul Division, they both began to cast spells around them to set up an Array.

The Jade Token was a Magic Artifact refined by Lin Chen and his soul split using a special technique, capable of storing a vast amount of energy.

At this moment, the surrounding area was filled with an unparalleled surge of Fire Attribute energy, its value comparable to that of hundreds of millions of Top-Quality Spirit Stones. Thus, Lin Chen naturally wouldn't miss this opportunity.

He planned to harvest the veins outside, and he was equally unwilling to let go of the Fire Attribute Flame Vein here.

As the two of them set up the Formation, Lin Chen glanced at the distant energy-rich Flame Vein. With a finger pointing through the air, he activated the Formation and guided the energy to flow into the energy Jade Token, absorbing it.

Humming—

Overwhelming energy began to stream into the energy Jade Token continuously, charging it.

The scene at this moment, if seen by others, would undoubtedly cause a shock to the heart, for the Jade Token along with the surrounding Formation could absorb the energy from the Flame Vein at such a heaven-defying speed, and even transform it into the purest form of energy.

Typically, whether it is a Formation or a Magic Artifact, replenishing energy can only be done through Spirit Stones or by channeling the Martial Artist's own Spiritual Power.

However, the situation was different now. The energy Jade Token that Lin Chen had at this moment, after being transformed by the Formation, was able to convert the energy from the Flame Vein into the purest form of energy within the Jade Token. Of course, some Fire Attribute was mixed in, but this didn't have too much of an impact.

Such a heaven-defying Formation, combined with this Jade Token, if known by Martial Artists from the outside world, would likely cause a frantic scramble for it.

Whoever obtained such a miraculous Magic Artifact and Formation would undoubtedly receive tremendous help with their Cultivation.

One can imagine that ordinary Martial Artists could only absorb Heaven and Earth Spiritual Power or Spirit Stones to convert into their own Spiritual Power, while only those with special physiques practicing special Cultivation Techniques could refine some unique energies.

For example, Hua Lianxin, with her Xuan Yin Cold Body, could refine some cold ice energy.

But with Lin Chen's Formation, it would be different; one could directly refine all kinds of energy, not just limited to one type and pure energy.

However, Lin Chen was indifferent because his energy Jade Token was refined according to the effects of the Primordial Transformation Art, and the Formation he deployed at the moment was the same.

At this moment, Lin Chen's Second Soul Division was casting spells to maintain the operation of the Formation, while Lin Chen himself was feverishly allowing the Jade Token to absorb the energy from the Flame Vein.

After a day's time, the Jade Token was completely charged.

Lin Chen raised his hand to recall the Jade Token. His Divine Sense probed it and found that it was filled with pure energy, showing an extremely satisfied expression on his face.

The speed at which the Jade Token was charged was indeed very fast, being fully charged in just one day.

Of course, this was also due to the vast amount of Fire Attribute energy within the Flame Vein, where the charging Array played a crucial role.

Right now, there was still an immense amount of energy in this part of the Flame Vein. Lin Chen guessed that this charging consumed less than one-fifth of its energy.

Lin Chen now felt some regret; he should have refined more energy-storing Jade Tokens earlier.

Lin Chen shook his head with a wry smile, because even if he wanted to refine more in advance, he was willing but unable, as refining those Jade Tokens required the consumption of a great number of Heavenly and Earthly Treasures, with the value exceeding that of Earth Grade Top Tier Magic Artifacts.

The energy held within the jade token was truly vast. Lin Chen knew from his experiences beneath Divine Sun City that the Dragon Vein required a colossal amount of energy to be supported. He had used most of the spirit stones from the treasury of the Great Flame Imperial Family to charge the jade token with abundant energy, and even then, he had only managed to charge one-tenth of it. Yet now, having absorbed less than a fifth of the energy from the Flame Vein, the jade token was completely filled.

The value of this Flame Vein was evident.

"Since I am here, I may as well break through my cultivation,"

Lin Chen thought and began cultivating directly with the jade token in hand.

Although Lin Chen could fully absorb the energy within the jade token without any need for it, he had cultivated the Primordial Transformation Art and could directly absorb the energy from the Flame Vein.

But to save time, Lin Chen decided to directly absorb the pure energy within the jade token.

At the same time as absorbing the energy from the jade token, Lin Chen also continued to have his Second Soul Division manipulate the formation, transferring the energy from the Flame Vein into the jade token.

This strategy would greatly save time, ensuring the jade token always remained fully charged while Lin Chen himself absorbed the pure energy.

As Lin Chen constantly refined the pure energy inside the jade token, his aura steadily climbed and grew stronger.

The Primordial Transformation Art was inherently powerful, and Lin Chen's speed of absorbing the pure energy from within the jade token was astoundingly fast.

With the energy being refined, an hour later, an explosive burst of energy could be heard from Lin Chen's body, signaling his breakthrough to the Fifth Layer of Melding Earth Realm.

At this point, Lin Chen was exactly one major realm away from his Second Soul Division.

However, Lin Chen was not satisfied and continued refining the energy, aiming for another breakthrough.

Yet, just as Lin Chen was refining the energy for the third time to improve his Spiritual Power, a surge of energy suddenly emerged within his dantian. The Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron unexpectedly began to actively snatch away the energy he was absorbing.

With the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron contending for the energy, Lin Chen naturally couldn't outcompete it and had to give up continuing to refine.

"Damn thing, always snatching away the energy."

Lin Chen complained dissatisfied. After all, the snatch by the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron was one thing, as Lin Chen had previously made an agreement with it when he was saving Xu Lianyu. There would inevitably come a time when he would need the assistance of the cauldron, so Lin Chen naturally needed to keep his promise.

But at this moment, what was snatching his internal energy wasn't just the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron, but also the Dragon Fang Dagger.

Lin Chen had no such pact with it, and at this moment, the corners of his mouth twitched slightly as he quietly considered that in the future he would surely need to properly deal with the Dragon Fang Dagger.

Having made two successive breakthroughs in his cultivation, Lin Chen was extremely pleased.

Under normal circumstances, only those like Hua Lianxin, who had just awakened a special physique, could achieve this feat.

But even she could not match Lin Chen's speed, achieving two layers of cultivation breakthrough within an hour.

Lin Chen glanced towards his Second Soul Division and shook his head secretly, knowing that if it wasn't for the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron's interference in snatching the energy, he could have allowed the Second Soul Division to refine as well, potentially enabling it to break through its cultivation.

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Although he didn't continue to break through his cultivation, Lin Chen also knew that the approach of the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron might also be for his own good.

After all, he had consecutively broken through two layers of cultivation, and his foundation was not yet stable; if he single-mindedly pursued a stronger realm, it might not be a good thing.

After that, Lin Chen began walking towards the ground.

When he left the underground cave and arrived on the surface, Hua Lianxin was pacing back and forth. She had been worried about Lin Chen, fearing that something might have happened to him, and had even tried to enter the underground to search for him. However, her physique was completely repelled by the underground fire attribute energy, and it was simply too much for her body to handle, so she had turned back.

Seeing Lin Chen emerge from the ground now, her heart finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Let's go; we will return first, and then send people to mine the Redflame Firestones underground."

Lin Chen spoke to Hua Lianxin indifferently.

As for the Redflame Firestones, Lin Chen had already made arrangements in his heart and was even somewhat looking forward to it.

Besides being used as an energy source, Redflame Firestones were also excellent materials for artifact refining.

Redflame Firestones were a type of ore just like other hard materials capable of forging magic artifacts, except that they also contained powerful fire attribute energy.

And precisely because of this, magic artifacts crafted from Redflame Firestones had better effects than those made from ordinary ores.

The thought suddenly sprung up in Lin Chen's mind. If he were to use the Redflame Firestones to craft the Purple Thunder Suit and Flash Arrow Feathers, their effectiveness might double. It would be extraordinarily beneficial for arming the disciples of the Jade Cauldron Sect and would definitely allow their combat power to increase significantly.

Just as Lin Chen and Hua Lianxin were preparing to return to Divine Sun City, they detected massive energy fluctuations coming from the direction of the Floral Transfer Palace.

Because of this, Hua Lianxin looked over with concern.

Lin Chen released his Divine Sense and after briefly sensing it, confirmed that the Floral Transfer Palace was indeed experiencing a great battle.

Since the battle at Divine Sun City, the various sects had gone into hiding, shut their doors, and stayed out of affairs. How could someone be attacking the Floral Transfer Palace now?

After a brief thought, Lin Chen suspected that it was very likely Black Cloud Sect attacking the Floral Transfer Palace.

"Let's go take a look. But I don't promise to lend assistance. If the attacker of the Floral Transfer Palace is too strong, my power might not suffice either," Lin Chen said to Hua Lianxin.

After all, Hua Lianxin originated from the Floral Transfer Palace. Although she had received his favours, her past kindness towards the Floral Transfer Palace was something she could not forget.

"Thank you, Young Master!"

Hua Lianxin's eyes met Lin Chen's as she earnestly bowed deeply in gratitude.

She naturally understood that if the attacker of the Floral Transfer Palace was too strong, then Lin Chen intervening would only bring trouble upon himself.

While in Divine Sun City, Lin Chen could borrow the power of the Jade Cauldron Sect's people, along with formations, to exert immense power. But now they were not in Divine Sun City, and Lin Chen, no matter how strong, could not possibly contend with the powerful force attacking the Floral Transfer Palace.

Lin Chen and Hua Lianxin flew towards the Floral Transfer Palace, soon arriving on the summit of a mountain opposite it.

At that moment, demon cultivators clad in black robes were engaged in combat with disciples of the Floral Transfer Palace.

The two sides fought fiercely, with casualties on both.

Among them, the elders of the Floral Transfer Palace and even the Palace Master, Bi Qiuyan, who was also Hua Lianxin's mentor, were participating in the battle. Her opponent was a demon cultivator wielding a sickle, whose cultivation was very strong, at the Third Layer of the Reverting Void Realm.

At that moment, the two were evenly matched, and for the time being, neither side held an advantage.

However, the other disciples of the Floral Transfer Palace were different. Demon cultivators were inherently stronger than ordinary martial artists, and what's more, the number of demon cultivators from Black Cloud Sect was greater than those from the Floral Transfer Palace.

Indeed, the attackers of the Floral Transfer Palace were the demon cultivators from Black Cloud Sect.

Lin Chen frowned slightly, surprised that Black Cloud Sect had abandoned their attack on Jade Cauldron Sect and instead targeted the Floral Transfer Palace.

"Now that the Six Sects are closed off, it's difficult to get news from them. I wonder if the other sects have already been attacked by Black Cloud Sect," Lin Chen pondered with a touch of concern.

If the other sects had each been breached by Black Cloud Sect, then when the time came, Jade Cauldron Sect would be without reinforcements, and after Black Cloud Sect absorbed the power of the Six Sects, it would undoubtedly become stronger. It would be troublesome for the Jade Cauldron Sect to deal with Black Cloud Sect then.

Upon this realization, Lin Chen couldn't help thinking how utterly foolish the people of the Six Sects were.

If the Six Sects had united, they surely would have had the power to contend with Black Cloud Sect head-on.

At that moment, a strange occurrence was taking place within the Floral Transfer Palace. Despite the battle reaching a critical point, the Sect Protection Array had still not been activated.

"What exactly is going on? Why has the Sect Protection Array not been activated until now?"

"At the juncture of life and death for the sect, could those old folks still be wanting to save a bit of spirit stones?"

Hua Lianxin was deeply puzzled within her heart.

"It's not that they don't want to activate it, but that the Sect Protection Array simply cannot be initiated anymore."

Hearing this, Lin Chen shook his head silently, realizing that there must be assassins from Moon Shadow Pavilion manipulating events behind the scenes of Black Cloud Sect.

Otherwise, the means to infiltrate the interior and prevent the activation of the Sect Protection Array seemed all too characteristic of Moon Shadow Pavilion's tactics.

Boom—

Spurt—

Bi Qiuyan, who was ambushed by several people, immediately spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. She never expected that while she was confronting the black-robed man with a sickle, someone would attack her from behind.

"Despicable and shameless!"

Bi Qiuyan cursed, her heart becoming somewhat flustered at that moment.

If she were injured, it was likely that the entire Floral Transfer Palace would have no means of turning the tide.

"Hehe, Palace Master Bi, surely you are not so naïve as to think that we're engaged in a fair fight?"

"Our goal is to take your life and to level Floral Transfer Palace."

"Although you're old, you still possess charm. Just surrender, and I'll be sure to take good care of you, sparing no effort to show tenderness and cherish your beauty."

Chapter 347: Rescuing Hands

"Pah, even if I die, I will never yield to scum like you. You'll have to pay a price if you want to kill me."

Bi Qiuyan was fiercely proud inside; even at the cost of her own life and the demise of the entire Floral Transfer Palace, she had never considered surrendering to the Black Cloud Sect.

After all, everyone in the Floral Transfer Palace was a woman, and she knew all too well the fate that awaited them if they fell into the hands of the Black Cloud Sect: a life worse than death.

"Heh, quite the bold words. I wonder if you'll still be so tough when you watch your fellow disciples die one by one before your eyes."

"Kill them!"

At the order of the scythe-wielding demon cultivator, the disciples of the Black Cloud Sect immediately began the slaughter, defeating the disciples of the Floral Transfer Palace one by one with overpowering force, continuously reaping the lives of the Floral Transfer Palace disciples.

"No!"

From a distant mountaintop, Hua Lianxin, witnessing all of this, could no longer restrain herself. She leapt into the air from the mountaintop and flew directly toward the Black Cloud Sect disciples below.

"It's our eldest senior sister!"

"No, don't come back, eldest senior sister—run away!"

The moment the members of the Floral Transfer Palace saw Hua Lianxin appear, their hearts surged with joy. But then, they realized that even with Hua Lianxin's return, nothing would change in this situation; she might even lose her own life.

"Lianxin."

When Bi Qiuyan saw Hua Lianxin, joy also showed on her face.

During this time, she had learned that since the battle at Divine Sun City, Hua Lianxin had not returned to the sect. She feared that Hua Lianxin might have encountered some misfortune.

After all, the chronic illness that plagued Hua Lianxin could cause her tremendous pain. If it struck her during a confrontation, she certainly wouldn't stand a chance against those from the Black Cloud Sect.

After the battle at Divine Sun City, when the Black Cloud Sect activated the Black Cloud Bloody Array, the Six Sects, along with other small sects and clans, fled incessantly. As for the outcome of the battle, they remained unaware.

"Heh, so this is your top disciple, huh? Her cultivation is not bad, and she's even prettier."

"I wonder what you would think if I defiled your top disciple right in front of you."

The scythe-wielding man smirked, his gaze traveling up and down Hua Lianxin's body.

Seeing Hua Lianxin appear, several demon cultivators from the Black Cloud Sect immediately flew towards her, intending to subdue her. Naturally, they didn't want to kill such a beauty with a single blow; they wanted to enjoy her to the fullest.

Facing four demon cultivators from the Black Cloud Sect at the First Layer of the Heaven-reaching Realm, Hua Lianxin's heart was filled with rage. With her sisters of the Floral Transfer Palace suffering heavy casualties, she was determined to avenge them.

With a sweeping motion of her hand, a blast of Xuan Yin Power struck the three demon cultivators, their bodies rapidly encased in ice. Under the powerful impact, the ice shattered into pieces.

"What!?"

Both the Black Cloud Sect's demon cultivators and the people of the Floral Transfer Palace were stupefied by Hua Lianxin's fighting prowess, their hearts filled with shock.

In just the short span of a month they hadn't seen her, they could never have imagined that their eldest senior sister had become so powerful.

"All of you, attack together and capture this witch!"

The scythe-wielding demon cultivator frowned and shouted angrily. He too was puzzled; if Hua Lianxin was indeed from the Floral Transfer Palace, why would she wield the Xuan Yin Cold Force?

At that moment, several Martial Artists at the Fourth Layer of the Heaven-reaching Realm charged toward Hua Lianxin.

Hua Lianxin's eyes brimmed with murderous intent as she fought against the four, holding her own for a short while. But as time passed, she began to struggle to defend herself.

"What a formidable woman, just wait until I capture you, seal your cultivation, and then you'll truly wish you were dead."

The four men grinned, their gaze at Hua Lianxin's curvaceous figure revealing undisguised lecherous thoughts.

Hum hum hum—

Just as the four demon cultivators were about to defeat Hua Lianxin and capture her, four streaks of light suddenly descended from the sky, which turned out to be four golden arrow feathers.

The demon cultivators hadn't even figured out what was happening when the four arrow feathers pierced their bodies at an extremely fast speed.

After the dust settled, everyone turned their gaze to the battlefield, and were immediately dumbstruck.

The bodies of the four demon cultivators had actually exploded, leaving them unquestionably dead.

To kill a martial artist of the Fourth Layer of the Heaven-reaching Realm with a single arrow, how powerful must that arrow feather be?

"How is this possible!?"

The scythe-wielding demon cultivator's face showed a look of utter shock as he turned his head to look at the sky above, catching sight of Lin Chen's figure slowly emerging, his gaze fixed on him, and he was pulling the golden arrow feather in his hand once again.

It was Lin Chen who had appeared.

"Damn it, it's that guy."

"Everyone, retreat at once! Abort the mission."

After warning everyone, the scythe-wielding demon cultivator immediately exhibited his movement technique to its extreme, swiftly escaping away.

Upon seeing Lin Chen, the other Black Cloud Sect cultivators also looked as if they had seen a ghost.

Lin Chen's feat in Divine Sun City with that golden bow and arrow was still fresh in their minds, and coupled with the Killing Formation that could even contend with the elders of their Black Cloud Sect, they, as minor characters, would only be seeking death if they confronted him.

Lin Chen watched the Black Cloud Sect cultivators flee and then put away the golden bow and arrow, choosing not to pursue them as he descended and landed next to Hua Lianxin.

"Are you all right?"

Lin Chen asked indifferently.

"I'm fine, thank you for intervening, Young Master."

Hua Lianxin nodded in response. She was well aware that if Lin Chen hadn't acted just now, she would have been gravely injured and fallen into the hands of those four demon cultivators.

Falling into their hands was something Hua Lianxin was all too clear about.

"Thank you, Young Master Lin Chen."

At this moment, Bi Qiuyan also flew over to Lin Chen, bowed slightly to thank him, immediately commanding the scene with infinite grace.

Lin Chen turned his head to look, and his eyes lit up. This Palace Master of Floral Transfer Palace had an even more stunning figure than Hua Lianxin, it seemed that the older the women of Floral Transfer Palace got, the more charming they became, no wonder those Black Cloud Sect cultivators had been insistent on cherishing Bi Qiuyan.

Seeing Lin Chen's undisguised gaze inspecting her, Bi Qiuyan felt a wave of emotion inside. Naturally, she understood what Lin Chen was likely thinking at that moment.

Men, after all, only think of one thing when it comes to beautiful women like them.

Had it been an ordinary person, Bi Qiuyan would have been furious by now, but she didn't dare to do so with Lin Chen.

Firstly, Lin Chen had just saved Floral Transfer Palace and secondly, Lin Chen's strength was unfathomable, beyond what she could afford to offend.

Chapter 348: Floral Transfer Palace Annexation

The means of Black Cloud Sect, they had witnessed before, and just now, even if they had pleaded tactfully for mercy, it would have only been temporary—who doesn't know that the people of Black Cloud Sect aim to take over the entire Eastern Domain, how could they possibly spare them for their beauty?

What nobody expected, however, was that those fellows from Black Cloud Sect would actually be so afraid of Lin Chen.

Lin Chen was merely a cultivator of the Fifth Layer of Melding Earth Realm, whereas Black Cloud Sect possessed Reverting Void Realm powerhouses; yet, they were afraid of Lin Chen.

"It's nothing more than a trivial effort. Black Cloud Sect is the sworn enemy of our Jade Cauldron Sect. My intervention just now wasn't solely to help you all, but also to avenge the blood feud of Jade Cauldron."

Lin Chen spoke lightly.

Then, his gaze swept over the people from Floral Transfer Palace and turned to Bi Qiuyan before he slowly spoke again.

"What does Palace Master Bi plan to do with Floral Transfer Palace next? Do you still intend to close off your sect and not venture out?"

"Since Black Cloud Sect was able to breach our Hidden Elixir Pavilion, they would certainly be able to do it again someday."

Upon hearing this, a group of elders from Floral Transfer Palace flew over to look at Lin Chen. Despite his words being somewhat offensive, they were indeed true.

Black Cloud Sect's strength had already been experienced by them. Since Black Cloud Sect could invade Floral Transfer Palace once, it wouldn't be too difficult for them to do it a second time.

"Alas!"

Bi Qiuyan of course understood the rationale behind Lin Chen's words, but she sighed and shook her head.

But now, within the Great Flame Dynasty, all Sects were struggling to preserve themselves. If they had united before being attacked by Black Cloud Sect, they might have been able to resist Black Cloud Sect to some extent.

But now, it was no longer possible. Each Sect had been attacked and was currently regrouping and cleaning up the aftermath. Even if they formed an alliance, they probably wouldn't be able to gather enough strength to confront Black Cloud Sect.

"Since all of you have no means to confront Black Cloud Sect, I do have a method. However, it's up to you all to make a decision."

Lin Chen looked at Bi Qiuyan and the many elders of Floral Transfer Palace, casually suggesting.

At these words, everyone became interested, giving Lin Chen a few more glances.

"I wonder, what method does Young Master Lin Chen suggest?"

"With your strength alone, it's impossible to confront Black Cloud Sect. Why not merge with our Jade Cauldron Sect?"

Lin Chen looked at Bi Qiuyan, speaking earnestly.

"What!? Merge with Jade Cauldron Sect, this is absolutely impossible."

Upon hearing Lin Chen's suggestion, before Bi Qiuyan could respond, an elder from Floral Transfer Palace immediately spoke up.

Lin Chen glanced at the elder indifferently, not surprised by the elder's response.

If it were in the past, the idea of Floral Transfer Palace merging with Jade Cauldron Sect would have been absolutely impossible.

But now, considering Floral Transfer Palace's situation, the choice was no longer in their hands.

"I'm just giving you all a suggestion. The choice is yours. Jade Cauldron Sect naturally will not force Floral Transfer Palace to merge,"

"But you know well the current situation of all Sects within the Great Flame Dynasty. In my opinion, aside from Jade Cauldron Sect, the circumstances of the other six Sects are pretty much the same. You are not unaware of Black Cloud Sect's ambition; they will not rest until they have swallowed the Great Flame Dynasty."

"Now, our Jade Cauldron Sect occupies Divine Sun City and has taken control of both the City Protection Array and the Underground Dragon Vein. Black Cloud Sect would find it very difficult to attack our Jade Cauldron Sect. However, choosing to attack the other six Sects would be a different story."

"Today, it was only because you encountered me that Floral Transfer Palace temporarily escaped this disaster. But after I leave, what will you use to fight Black Cloud Sect?"

"You might not want to merge with Jade Cauldron Sect now, but the other five Sects might not think the same way. Don't say I didn't warn you in advance, Divine Sun City, although vast, cannot possibly accommodate the Seven Great Sects. When the time comes, it won't be about you choosing to join Jade Cauldron Sect, but rather Jade Cauldron Sect selecting those with sufficient strength. Only those who are useful to us would have the qualification to become a member of Jade Cauldron Sect."

Lin Chen continued to speak to Bi Qiuyan and the elders of Floral Transfer Palace.

After he finished, everyone fell silent, because what Lin Chen said was all true.

"Master..."

Hua Lianxin looked at her master, Bi Qiuyan, wanting to speak up and persuade her, but she was stopped by a gesture from Lin Chen.

If Floral Transfer Palace decided to join Jade Cauldron Sect solely because of Hua Lianxin's persuasion, then such an ally would not be reliable. This was not what Lin Chen needed.

The power of Floral Transfer Palace was indeed something Lin Chen needed. Divine Sun City was in dire need of strong support.

Although Floral Transfer Palace was not as strong as Jade Cauldron Sect, it still had the presence of three Reverting Void Realm powerhouses. With their support, combined with the formations within Divine Sun City, there would be a better chance of standing against Black Cloud Sect and Moon Shadow Pavilion.

Bi Qiuyan clenched her jade fists, her eyes fixed on Lin Chen, struggling immensely in her heart.

The other elders of Floral Transfer Palace were also looking at Bi Qiuyan, waiting for her decision.

The entirety of Floral Transfer Palace was united as one, and no matter what decision Bi Qiuyan made, they would all fully support her.

"Enough. As long as Floral Transfer Palace can continue to exist, what harm is there in merging with Jade Cauldron Sect."

Bi Qiuyan shook her head, sighing slightly as she spoke.

Though making this decision brought her some relief, deep down she still found it difficult to accept.

After all, no independent Sect would willingly merge with another Sect.

Merging meant becoming subordinate to another Sect, subject to their governance.

"Palace Master Bi can rest assured, once Floral Transfer Palace merges into Jade Cauldron Sect, you can retain your sect's heritage. Moreover, Floral Transfer Palace can remain independent, and need not join any of Jade Cauldron Sect's forces. Rather than saying Floral Transfer Palace is merging into Jade Cauldron Sect, it would be more accurate to consider it an alliance."

"The reason I want Floral Transfer Palace to merge with Jade Cauldron Sect is because, with the Great Flame Dynasty facing a formidable enemy, everyone must work together unanimously to confront the threat."

Lin Chen spoke once more.

As soon as these words came out, Bi Qiuyan's eyes lit up. Although Lin Chen's words were somewhat deceitful, for some reason, Bi Qiuyan instantly believed Lin Chen upon hearing them.

"Can Young Master Lin Chen's word represent Jade Cauldron Sect?"

Bi Qiuyan asked.

"Naturally!"

Lin Chen replied confidently, his position within Jade Cauldron Sect allowing him to make such decisions.

Chapter 349: Bringing Back the Dawn

"Very well, since Young Master Lin Chen has spoken to such an extent, Floral Transfer Palace is willing to merge with Jade Cauldron Sect,"

Bi Qiuyan looked at Lin Chen and immediately responded.

In fact, for Floral Transfer Palace at present, this decision was the best one to ensure the continuous legacy of the palace.

After all, they had just learned from Lin Chen that Jade Cauldron Sect had actually conquered Divine Sun City.

It seems that after the day of the Soaring Dragon Conference, a very fierce battle had taken place within Divine Sun City.

Given Lin Chen's current tone, Jade Cauldron Sect's ability to occupy Divine Sun City seems to have a close relationship with Lin Chen.

Everyone thought back to the battle in Divine Sun City, where Lin Chen's formation was powerful enough to contend with a Reverting Void Realm expert, which showed just how formidable Lin Chen's abilities were.

Just now, with only a Golden Bow and Arrow, he had instantly killed four Heaven-reaching Realm experts and even scared away a Reverting Void Realm expert.

This shows how extraordinary Lin Chen is.

"If that's the case, then everyone, please pack up and collect the treasures of Floral Transfer Palace. We will start moving to Divine Sun City in three days."

"There are still some places in Divine Sun City where you all can settle down. You will also need to send people to learn the Killing Formation to enhance everyone's Martial Force."

"These are three Spatial Rings, treasures of Floral Transfer Palace, they should help you in storing your treasures."

Lin Chen looked at Bi Qiuyan and several elders of Floral Transfer Palace and took out three Spatial Rings, tossing them towards Bi Qiuyan and the others.

Bi Qiuyan and the two other elders of Floral Transfer Palace caught the Spatial Rings thrown by Lin Chen and after probing them with their Divine Sense, were immediately stunned and deeply shocked.

Because the three Spatial Rings given by Lin Chen each had a space of ten thousand cubic meters, such rings were priceless treasures at normal auctions.

Even Bi Qiuyan, as the Palace Master of Floral Transfer Palace, only had a Spatial Ring of three thousand cubic meters at her disposal.

The Spatial Rings given by Lin Chen had a space three times more than hers, and he had given three of them at once, which was a very generous gesture.

However, for Lin Chen, this seemed to be a trivial matter, as he handed out three Spatial Rings without even batting an eye.

What they did not know was that the Redflame Firestone was the very ore that could be used for Refining Spatial Rings, and with Lin Chen's current Artifact Refining level, crafting several Spatial Rings of ten thousand cubic meters was not a difficult task.

After receiving the Spatial Rings, everyone began to prepare to return to Floral Transfer Palace to pack up the treasures, ready to move to Divine Sun City in three days.

However, as Bi Qiuyan and the elders of Floral Transfer Palace were about to return, Lin Chen suddenly dropped another huge piece of news on them.

"By the way, now that you've merged into Jade Cauldron Sect, you will also enjoy the treatment of Jade Cauldron Sect. Anyone who makes significant contributions to Jade Cauldron Sect can have access to the Heavenly Top Grade Divine Technique, the 'Blazing Fire Divine Decree'!"

Lin Chen's words, like the sound of heavenly music, resounded in everyone's minds, lingering for a long time.

The crowd was dumbstruck, was Lin Chen talking about a Heavenly Top Grade Cultivation Technique?

They had only ever heard of techniques of such a level.

After all, that was Heavenly Level. The highest mental method of Floral Transfer Palace was merely Upper Earth Grade, which was several levels below a Heavenly Top Grade.

If they could have a look at a Heavenly Top Grade Cultivation Technique, it would surely greatly aid their cultivation, allowing them to enhance their Cultivation by at least one level after a period of Seclusion.

Everyone returned to Floral Transfer Palace with excited spirits and began packing their belongings.

Meanwhile, Lin Chen found a place inside the palace and started Cultivating.

The next day, as evening approached, everyone finished packing and together with Lin Chen, headed back to Divine Sun City.

Two days later, everyone, following Lin Chen, finally arrived at Divine Sun City.

"A large number of Martial Artists are approaching, everyone be vigilant!"

The disciples of Jade Cauldron Sect guarding the city gates, noticing a fleet of Flying Boats approaching in the sky, immediately became cautious and a troop bravely moved forward to see who was coming.

When the guards saw that the first Flying Boat carried Lin Chen, they breathed a sigh of relief.

If they were brought back by Lin Chen, then they surely weren't enemies.

"Brother Lin Chen, you're back," said the guard as he came forward with his soldiers and greeted Lin Chen respectfully.

Now in the hearts of the Jade Cauldron Sect disciples, Lin Chen was like a godlike idol, a role model for them.

"Your vigilance is commendable. Keep it up."

"These are the allies of Floral Transfer Palace, starting today, they will integrate into our Jade Cauldron Sect. The Sect Leader will come to explain the details. First, arrange for the Flying Boats to land."

Lin Chen instructed the guard.

At that moment, Xu Ma'an, Li Xuanming, and others sensed the presence outside the city and quickly flew out.

Lin Chen briefly explained the situation to them.

Upon hearing that Lin Chen had persuaded Floral Transfer Palace to merge into Jade Cauldron Sect, Xu Ma'an and the others were profoundly shocked.

"Don't worry, I will take care of the rest," Lin Chen assured them as he handed over the integration affairs to Xu Ma'an and then proceeded to Great Flame Imperial City, heading to the Imperial Treasury.

At this moment, many materials in the Treasury were lacking, especially ores, which were not sufficient to continue making the Purple Thunder Suit.

Lin Chen informed Zhao Lingxi about finding a vein of Redflame Firestone nearby, which made her excited at once.

She had been worried about where to find the ores for the next batch of Purple Thunder Suits, and Lin Chen had just brought them back.

Moreover, it was an entire vein of Redflame Firestone, which meant that when used to Refine the Purple Thunder Suits, the results would be much better than the current ones; they would certainly be able to produce Purple Thunder Suits of exceptional quality.

Chapter 350: Sect's Rewards

Zhao Lingxi immediately decided that everyone should start the mining expedition for the Redflame Firestone Vein right away.

Lin Chen also expressed his agreement with this decision.

Although the location of the Redflame Firestone Vein was hidden and not easy to discover, the sooner it was mined and returned, the better.

This time, Zhao Lingxi mobilized fifty thousand people from Divine Sun City, including disciples from the Jade Cauldron Sect's Inner Sect, Outer Sect, as well as those originally stationed in the city.

These individuals generally had low levels of cultivation, predominantly at the Body Tempering Realm and the Spirit Melding Realm, and they would be responsible for entering underground to mine the vein.

Furthermore, Lin Chen would be in charge of protecting the safety of the mining personnel on the periphery of the vein.

Zhao Lingxi also arranged for three thousand True Disciples, who were stronger in cultivation, to enter the Flame Cave in several groups to protect the miners and deal with any emergencies that might arise.

The other True Disciples were positioned outside the cave, forming an Array to keep an eye on the surroundings, ready to form a strong guard at the first sign of trouble, ensuring the safety of those inside.

Since the vein being mined was of significant quantity, it represented immense wealth and could even be said to determine the military power of Divine Sun City.

Therefore, Xu Ma'an and others paid great attention to it. In addition to Lin Chen leading the way, the Jade Cauldron Sect also dispatched three Peak Masters: Wang Dachui, Li Hanyi, and Hong Yanbing.

Once everyone was prepared, they embarked on their journey aboard the Flying Boat.

Although being selected for mining was beneficial for the Sect, in their hearts, many were actually dissatisfied, as in plain terms, they were going to labor like common workers.

Within the Sect, mining tasks were usually carried out by Outer Sect Disciples and menial disciples, yet now, some Inner Sect Disciples also had to participate personally.

However, when the crowd, who had initially harbored complaints, heard that they would each receive Redflame Firestones as a reward once they mined a certain quantity of ore, everyone became incredibly excited and filled with enthusiasm to work hard.

Yet Lin Chen reminded everyone that while there were rewards for mining, anyone caught hoarding the stones for themselves would be dealt with directly according to Sect rules.

Most people obeyed Lin Chen's words and did not dare to harbor any greed.

However, among the massive crowd of fifty thousand, there were always a few rebellious individuals who thought they could outsmart Lin Chen.

But when Lin Chen clearly identified several such individuals and, according to Sect rules, had Wang Dachui ruthlessly break their hands and feet before sending them back to the Sect to be assigned menial tasks, everyone else fell into line.

The rules of the Sect were inviolable, a fundamental principle that all Sect disciples must adhere to.

Moreover, this was under Lin Chen's directive, for if it had been left to Wang Dachui's temperament, he might have directly executed those who violated Sect rules.

Without rules, there can be no standards, especially at a critical time like this when any action that does not conform to the rules could lead to severe consequences.

"Old Wang, you have to admit, this Brother Lin Chen is really capable. Out of fifty thousand of us mining the ore, how can he precisely know when someone has stashed away ore? I even had plans to keep some for myself."

"I can't say for sure, but you should be grateful that you didn't hide any, or you would be the one with broken limbs now."

"These guys, their lives are probably over; they'll have no chance but to carry water and chop wood for the Sect forever. Brother Lin Chen sparing their lives is already merciful."

"Let's not talk about that for now. You say we follow the rules, so after we finish mining all this ore, will the Sect really reward us with some Redflame Stones?"

"Who knows? At a critical time like this, although the Sect hopes we grow stronger, that's more meant for True Disciples. How much stronger can we, mere disciples, really get? Dividing such resources among us would be too wasteful."

After three days of mining, some people began to discuss privately during their rest periods.

According to their status in the Sect, serving as Outer Sect Disciples, the Sect providing them with cultivation methods and monthly cultivation resources meant doing work for the Sect was only natural.

However, the promise made by Lin Chen -- directly rewarding them with Redflame Firestones -- made the reward more than ten times what they usually received in a month, which seemed like a dream come true for everyone.

So, many believed that Lin Chen was only using the promise of a reward to incentivize them to work more diligently.

After all, they were aware of the Sect's current situation. The sooner all the ore was mined, the quicker the Magical Artifact Sets could be refined, enhancing the combat power of the True Disciples and arming them.

"Everyone, listen up. Today, we will distribute the rewards. Each of you, after receiving your Redflame Firestone, will have one hour to refine it. The level of refinement is up to you, and at the end of the hour, any unrefined Redflame Firestones may remain with you. Regardless of whether your cultivation has progressed or not, you must continue to work," the elder overseeing the ore mining called out to everyone.

"If someone refines the Redflame Firestone within one hour, the Sect will continue to supply you with Redflame Firestones until you have a total of one hour of refinement time."

With the elder's announcement, the crowd immediately began to discuss among themselves.

"Refine for one hour? What does that mean? Can we actually refine the Redflame Firestone in an hour, or is the Sect overestimating our abilities?"

"Won't they come up with some excuse to take back the unrefined Redflame Firestones from us later on?"

"Yeah, and they say if we refine the Redflame Firestone in an hour, the Sect will keep rewarding us. They think so highly of us; it's as if we can really refine it."

The crowd murmured, now somewhat puzzled by the Sect's orders.

Afterward, anyone who mined more than five hundred pieces, regardless of quality, would receive a mid-level Redflame Firestone.

After everyone received their Redflame Firestones, Lin Chen's Second Soul Division in the Flame Cave set up a Formation, and with a wave of his hand, a greenish flame appeared.

"Everyone grasp your Redflame Firestones and begin refining. After one hour, the refinement process will end."