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Chapter 1301: Revisiting Old Haunts

Immortal Technique!

This is definitely immortal technique!

Even those legendary Tier Nine cultivators of the Great Xia Dynasty absolutely don't have such abilities!

Even the Divine Communication Demon King has never been heard of using such miraculous means!

Ma Hongtao, a third layer transcendence cultivator, closely followed behind Lin Xuankong and his group, his heart once again stirred into a storm.

As he walked, Ma Hongtao couldn't help but raise his hand and waved it in front of the official next to him, and found that even though his hand almost touched the nose of those officials, they still had no reaction whatsoever, as if Lin Xuankong and his group and Ma Hongtao were completely nonexistent!

At this moment, Ma Hongtao's expression became increasingly vivid,

He was already one hundred percent convinced that Lin Xuankong and his group in front of him were true immortals from the Immortal Realm. Otherwise, how could they possess such divine, unheard-of mystical means!

A moment later, the group arrived at the gate of a large mansion covering a considerable area,

Standing outside the tall walls of the mansion, looking inside, they could see in the center of the mansion there was an extremely tall and robust old willow tree, its branches lush and willow branches hanging down from the tree crown towering twenty to thirty yards high, resembling emerald chains, and the crown was so large that it might cover hundreds of yards in area!

Arriving at the mansion gate of the 'Divine Communication Demon King,' Lin Xuankong and the others looked around, only to see hundreds of strong soldiers standing near the entrance.

Those soldiers were all fourth layer, fifth layer and sixth layer mortal tier middle-grade cultivators. If this kind of cultivation was put ten thousand years ago, they may not dominate a region, but they would at least hold high positions, among them, a sixth layer realm cultivator might even be the leader of a great sect! However, ten thousand years have passed and the Great Marsh Prefecture of the Great Xia Dynasty is full of cultivators emerging, and such realm cultivators now are merely elite soldiers!

These soldiers each held sharp blades, surrounding the mansion entrance tightly,

Outside them were those cultivators who had hurried over from various places, hoping to hear the Divine Communication Demon King speak. The number was so large that it stretched as far as the eye could see, whether it was on the streets or in the surrounding buildings, all full of cultivators dressed in different sect attire!

Of course, those who managed to squeeze close were definitely of considerable power, many were not lacking in fifth or sixth layer transcendence cultivators! But even though these cultivators were powerful, none of the sixth layer realm cultivators dared to become insolent in front of the soldiers guarding, and they all obediently stood outside! However, these cultivators weren't necessarily afraid of these soldiers... this is the residence of the Divine Communication Demon King, daring to cause trouble here, they wouldn't even know how they died!

"The old willow tree on the verge of decay years ago has grown to this extent, how imposing indeed!"

Second Lady Zhao Yufei couldn't help but shake her head and laugh seeing such a scene; she often visited the Lin Residence back then and naturally saw the old willow tree more than once. Among various creatures, humans, demons, and demons are born as races easy to cultivate, other mountain beasts and water monsters could barely cultivate, but plant-based creatures, especially ordinary creatures like the old willow tree, how extremely tough it is to enter the path of cultivation, and to cultivate all the way to the Demon King Realm is as hard as ascending to heaven!

Even in regions abundant in spiritual qi like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect or the Immortal Realm, it's rare to see ordinary plants cultivate to the Demon King Realm!

Young Lady Lii Xiaolan came over and pinched Second Lady Zhao Yufei's cheek, laughingly said, "You second lady, how terrible you are at talking, ordinary old willow trees certainly have difficulty stepping onto the Immortal Path, but this old willow tree before us is different, it's the old willow tree of Lin

Xuankong, first of the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm! This Great Immortal Lin's willow tree stepping onto the Immortal Path, isn't that how it should be!"

Lin Xuankong upon hearing this, couldn't help but be speechless; his young lady Lii Xiaolan, for over ten thousand years, almost completely devoted her mind to alchemy. After leaving the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm this time and returning to the Great Xia Territory, she clearly let loose, constantly teasing her husband!

Second Lady Zhao Yufei couldn't help but giggle after hearing this, then stopped casting the illusion and prepared to enter the mansion with Lin Xuankong and the others, to see the old willow tree from over ten thousand years ago.

After stopping the illusion technique, several figures appeared immediately in the sight of the hundreds of strong soldiers,

The soldiers who were guarding could never have imagined that the spot at the gate of the Divine Communication Demon King's mansion would suddenly feature several cultivators.

Upon seeing Lin Xuankong and the others appear, every soldier present changed their expression and uttered a low cry, drawing their blades, among them, a sixth layer late-stage cultivator in official attire shouted, "What kind of people hide their tracks to sneak into the mansion of the Divine Communication Demon King, tired of living?"

Before he finished speaking, he swung his hand and those soldiers who had drawn their blades leapt up, swiftly surrounding Lin Xuankong and his group in the central position, these soldiers reacted swiftly, and although their movements were urgent, they were not chaotic, seeming quite elite!

Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er seeing how quickly these soldiers reacted, being well-organized in changing formations, couldn't help but nod slightly, "The number of Tier Nine cultivators in Great Xia nowadays is indeed disappointing, but the quality of the base-level soldiers is quite good, they haven't slackened due to a peaceful era, thinking father ought to be quite pleased knowing this situation!"

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The cultivator in official attire at the late stage of the sixth layer, initially looked at Lin Xuankong and his group with a face full of wariness. When he heard Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er speak, a hint of confusion appeared on his face.

At this moment,

two figures swiftly approached from the inner part of the grand residence, landing near the main gate.

One wore a City Lord Python Robe of the Great Xia Dynasty, while the other was adorned in distinctly different, vibrant and luxurious attire, presumably that envoy from the Rakshasa Kingdom.

The cultivator in the City Lord Python Robe glanced over the situation in front of him, then dismissed the officials preparing to attack Lin Xuankong and the others, saying:

"Friends, you seem unfamiliar. May I ask where you come from and which sect you belong to?"

Lin Xuankong had not yet spoken because Young Lady Li Xiaolan, feeling somewhat liberated upon returning to her old haunts, smiled at him, "What sect? You lack manners, asking others without first introducing yourself. But I won't hold it against small people; I don't mind telling you. We are cultivators from the Yin Talisman Sect!"

Lin Xuankong was speechless after hearing this.

But he couldn't refute Young Lady Li Xiaolan, after all, he had indeed joined the Yin Talisman Sect!

However, the Yin Talisman Sect... was certainly a long-lost memory, although Little Hu and the others around him, including himself, had their foundation in the Immortal Path of the Yin Talisman Sect, it had been over ten thousand years since he last heard those three words!

As thoughts whirled in Lin Xuankong's mind,

the cultivator in the City Lord Python Robe paused, staring at Lin Xuankong, Young Lady Li Xiaolan, Second Lady Zhao Yufei, Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er, each in disbelief.

Not far away, the official at the late stage of the sixth layer scowled, saying, "Nonsense! Where in the Great Xia is there a Yin Talisman Sect! I, Li Yuan, having cultivated for decades, know all the sects within the Great Xia like the back of my hand. Even those in other dynasties like the Rakshasa Kingdom, I have heard of, but never a Yin Talisman Sect!"

The Rakshasa Kingdom envoy in lavish attire also frowned, shaking his head:

"Within the Great Xia Dynasty and surrounding Seven Kingdoms, all sects are recorded by the dynasty's martial department; none are named Yin Talisman Sect!"

If you dare disrupt here at the Divine Communication Demon King's presence, why not reveal your sect? If you haven't come to cause trouble and intend to listen to the esteemed Divine Communication Demon King, step back and listen quietly. Do not spout nonsense!"

The cultivating audience observing the scene couldn't help but call out,

"Who are these cultivators who dare not even name their sect!"

"Humph, their hiding skills are astounding, but in the end, they are cowards, daring to cause trouble but not bold enough to announce their sect!"

"In the Great Marsh Prefecture's thirty-six sects, there's no such thing as Yin Talisman Sect!"

"I say these sneaky individuals can't be good people; what are they thinking, daring to stir trouble at the revered Divine Communication Demon King's residence! Even our Great Xia Dynasty's Emperor Xiaoo comes annually to pay respects to the esteemed Demon King!"

"These women certainly are stunning. I've traveled the world and seen beauties aplenty, but none as exquisite as these! What a pity they seem not to be good people!"

"Hahaha, Old Wang, you have a keen eye, but remember, the prettier a woman, the more dangerous she is!"

"Dangerous? I think those who will face danger today are these fools who know not the limits of heaven and earth. Daring to cause a commotion before the revered Demon King, even a hundred, a thousand, ten thousand lives would not suffice for such recklessness!"

For a time,

on the street before the Divine Communication Demon King's residence, endless discussions erupted among the cultivators,

Everyone had come to the Demon King's residence to hear him speak of the mysteries of cultivation, naturally displeased with Lin Xuankong and his group's disturbance, all glaring fiercely, ready to act if not for the officials maintaining order!

Amidst the chatter,

the man in the Python Robe, clearly a City Lord, had his face shifting colors continually. Finally, his gaze landed on Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er's face, and he suddenly trembled slightly.

After several breaths, Great Marsh Prefecture's City Lord Jiang finally controlled his shock, stepped forward, approached Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er, and knelt down, loudly proclaiming, "Jiang Lingyun, the thirty-second disciple of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect, current City Lord of Great Marsh Prefecture, bows to the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady!"

Calling out, he lowered his head, trembling, and remained prostrate, face to the ground, not daring to move.

Seeing this display, the peerless beauty on Xiao Ying'Er's face appeared bewildered,

but beside her, Young Lady Li Xiaolan couldn't help but laugh, pulling Xiaoo Ying'Er's hand, and said, "Wow, is this your title, Third Sister? So grand and imposing, the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, sounds more formidable than Lin Xuankong's so-called number one title!"

Rendered speechless by Li Xiaolan's jests, Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er shook her head and said:

"Jiang Lingyun, you must have made a mistake, I'm no Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady!"

The Great Marsh Prefecture's City Lord Jiang Lingyun, still prostrate, spoke repeatedly, "I am certain there's no mistake, absolutely no mistake, you must be Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady!"

Witnessing the high-ranking City Lord Jiang Lingyun in such a state, the Rakshasa Kingdom envoy, who had recently scolded Lin Xuankong and others, wore a face of surprise and doubt.

As an envoy stationed in the Great Xia Dynasty, he had studied its history thoroughly and was well-acquainted with its tales.

Thus, he knew well who the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady was!

Looking at the kneeling City Lord Jiang Lingyun and then at Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er, his heart was filled with astonishment. The Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady... was a legendary figure from more than ten thousand years ago, an unparalleled talent, whose presence helped the Great Xia Dynasty ascend to prominence, reigning over surrounding nations gloriously for over ten thousand years!

But wasn't this Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady supposed to have ascended to the Immortal Realm, taking with her the twelfth Emperor Xiaoo and the Empress back then? Why would such an immortal figure suddenly appear in the Great Marsh Prefecture? Did City Lord Jiang Lingyun truly not mistake?

As these thoughts spun, the Rakshasa Kingdom envoy's heart turned cold at the thought of having chastised Lin Xuankong and Xiaoo Ying'Er mere moments ago!

If this youthful-looking woman was indeed the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady as Jiang Lingyun claimed, then today he was surely doomed! No, she must not be that esteemed figure!

Chapter 1303: Master of the Divine Communication Demon King

This envoy of the Rakshasa Kingdom felt a tumultuous storm in his heart.

The surrounding cultivators, how could they be any better off!

Especially that late-stage Sixth-Layer official, who had just scolded Lin Xuankong and his companions,

Only to find, right after his scolding, that his superior's superior's superior, City Lord Jiang Lingyun, was prostrate on the ground, his face almost pressed into the bluestone pavement, repeatedly saying that the woman before them was the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady!

City Lord Jiang, are you serious!

I, Li Yuan, have endured hardship for decades, barely making it through, only to face such an incident... This late-stage Sixth-Layer official, Li Yuan, wore an expression that was about to cry.

The several hundred armed soldiers, who had already drawn their weapons and looked murderous, were now bewildered as well,

Considering that City Lord Jiang Lingyun is the second most powerful and influential person in the Great Marsh Prefecture, second only to the Divine Communication Demon King, and rarely makes an appearance. Yet these soldiers, being his personal troops, have seen him more often than other cultivators! However, when have they ever witnessed their Eighth-Layer Realm master, whom they feared like a tiger and revered like a god, City Lord Jiang Lingyun, kneeling on the ground, not daring to lift his head!

Not even when City Lord Jiang Lingyun paid respects to the 30th Emperor Xiao of the Great Xia Dynasty was he this startled! For although Emperor Xiao's status is immeasurably noble, City Lord Jiang Lingyun himself has an impressive background, being a genius disciple of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect,

Great Xia's premier sect, and having the opportunity to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect alongside the Xia family talents, with a future as a heavenly pride talent!

Just who is this woman?

The Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady?

The faces of numerous soldiers changed drastically, hurriedly sheathing their weapons, looking around in confusion, unsure whether to remain standing or follow City Lord Jiang's lead and kneel down, for after all, they were his personal soldiers, and seeing him kneel...

Even these capable officers, used to living off the government, were dumbfounded, as were the surrounding cultivators who were previously abuzz with discussion, now even more bewildered!

They each stared as if witnessing the most incredible event in the world, eyes wide as they fixated on Jiang Lingyun kneeling with his face to the stone, speechless with awe.

Yet some among them, who had heard of the name and legend of the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, turned their wide eyes towards Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er, their expressions even more extraordinary!

At this moment, witnessing the scene,

Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er couldn't help but slightly furrow her brows. After a brief moment of contemplation, she looked towards City Lord Jiang Lingyun, kneeling with his face nearly pressed to the bluestone floor, and asked:

"City Lord Jiang, please rise. Why must you kneel like this? Also, let me ask you, is the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady you spoke of none other than the Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er of the Great Xia Dynasty from over ten thousand years ago?"

Kneeling on the ground, with a face full of excitement and dust, City Lord Jiang Lingyun nodded repeatedly and said:

"Yes, yes, yes, returning to the words of the Three Saints Lady, indeed the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady I spoke of is indeed the Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, renowned across the world from over ten thousand years ago, it is truly you!

This title, the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, was conferred by the 14th Emperor Xiao after you took the 12th Emperor Xiao to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.... Since then, on each of your birthdays, every Emperor Xiao leads the officials and heroes from all over the world to your sacred temple to worship your statue!

I myself, during my cultivation years at the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect, had once followed my master to your sacred temple and personally saw your statue, hence remembered your unequalled grace!"

At this point,

City Lord of the Great Marsh Prefecture, Jiang Lingyun, suddenly remembered something, raising his head to look at the bewildered soldiers and cultivators around him, and shouted loudly:

"Why are you all daydreaming!

This Three Saints Lady before us is the very one who followed the Supreme Primordial Immortal Venerable Lin Venerable to defeat many demons, ushering the entire Great Xia Dynasty into a true golden age as the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady!

Even every Emperor Xiao since the 12th visits this Three Saints Lady's sacred temple with reverence, prostrating themselves, bowing repeatedly, daring not show any negligence, yet you all stand here dazed?"

Upon hearing City Lord of the Great Marsh Prefecture, Jiang Lingyun's loud rebuke,

The several hundred soldiers present all turned pale!

Even every Emperor Xiao of the Great Xia Dynasty bows repeatedly before the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady's statue. What if those emperors were to face the real Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady in person?

Thinking of this,

The hundreds of soldiers present immediately began to tremble slightly, hurriedly discarding their weapons, chanting "Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady," and then fell one by one to their knees!

As these soldiers knelt, recalling how they had just threatened this Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady with weapons, they were all terrified, kneeling with even more piety than City Lord of the Great Marsh Prefecture, Jiang Lingyun, their bowing accompanied by loud thumps. Some soldiers even struck the bluestone pavement so hard with their foreheads that cracks appeared!

Chapter 1304: Master of the Divine Communication Demon King (Part 2)

In this Great Xia Dynasty, Emperor Xiaoo is the most supreme powerhouse, possessing the highest authority and influence. Even figures to whom Emperor Xiaoo must pay homage are threatened, how could these soldiers not be terrified, not be shocked, not give their utmost when bowing down!

Not only these hundreds of soldiers,

but countless cultivators watching around also turned pale upon hearing the call of City Lord Jiang of Great Marsh Prefecture, and fell to their knees in unison.

Those who had previously mocked or even insulted and teased Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er felt their hearts pounding like drums, and bowed with such force that fragments of the bluestone slabs flew about wildly!

Though most of them were not aware of the title of Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, they knew perfectly well that anyone who could make City Lord Jiang, already of late-stage Grade Eight power, bow incessantly, must be terrifying beyond imagination!

As for Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady mentioned by City Lord Jiang, although they hadn't heard of it before, they understood well that anyone whom even Emperor Xiaoo of the Great Xia Dynasty had to annually bow to with all the civil and military officials certainly belonged to a great figure of the Immortal Realm, an entity devastating enough to sweep away tens or hundreds of thousands of martial cultivators with a single finger!

As everyone continuously kowtowed,

a strange sound of soil turning came from within the mansion of the Divine Communication Demon King,

soon followed by a shadow gradually approaching, making everyone pause again as they stole a glance while bowing!

For the hundreds of soldiers present, City Lord Jiang, envoys from the Rakshasa Kingdom, and the countless cultivators, all suddenly discovered that the shadow was in fact the Divine Communication Demon King's tree crown moving towards them, accompanied by the tree trunk that had never moved before, along with countless thick roots!

Those roots were squirming through the soil, moving the massive body of the Divine Communication Demon King quickly!

And at this moment, the Divine Communication Demon King, recognized as the number one Demon King by countless cultivators of the Great Xia Dynasty, revealed, at the center of its huge tree trunk, a face resembling that of an old man, showing a complex expression as it looked towards Lin Xuankong.

Moments later, this Divine Communication Demon King, revered by countless cultivators of the Great Xia Dynasty, suddenly spoke:

"Master, you've finally returned. Ten thousand years passed in the blink of an eye, but Master, your grace surpasses even that of those times! In hindsight, if it weren't for Master expending countless precious resources to fully transform my old willow tree's foundation, how would there have been any chance for me to embark upon the path of cultivation, let alone ascend to the Tenth Layer of Transcendence. Otherwise, I might have long perished over ten thousand years ago!"

The old willow tree cannot repay Master's great grace, and only wishes to serve by your side, as a beast of burden, to repay even a fraction of your great kindness!"

Upon finishing, this gigantic old willow tree curled its roots and drooped its canopy, appearing just like a member of the Human Race bowing to the ground!

Lin Xuankong, seeing the old willow tree rush over from the courtyard in such haste, felt a stir in his heart, and stepped towards it, stopping in front of the massive trunk, reaching out to touch the tree trunk, all the while with a smile on his face,

"When I was cultivating the Spiritual Crane Finger back in those days, I left quite a few marks on your trunk. With your current Tenth Layer of Transcendence realm, you should be able to easily erase these marks, old fellow. Could it be that you left them on purpose, still holding a grudge?"

Upon hearing this, the old willow tree trembled a few times, as if recalling the fear dominated by the Spiritual Crane Finger back then; despite not yet having fully developed spiritual wisdom at that time, it had a deep bodily memory!

"I don't dare, I don't dare! Without Master's care, this old willow tree would have long withered away a hundred times,

This old willow tree is eternally grateful to Master, and there is no time to thank you enough, how could it dare hold a grudge against Master!

As for these marks, I mainly kept them because Master mentioned you might return someday. The old willow tree was worried that you might not recognize it upon your return to the Great Xia Dynasty, so it purposely left these marks, so you could recognize the old willow tree at a glance when you returned!"

Even though due to vast differences in strength, it couldn't ascertain Lin Xuankong's exact realm, the old willow tree, having become the Divine Communication Demon King, could feel Lin Xuankong's unfathomable depth before it! Moreover, the old willow tree was indeed full of gratitude toward Lin Xuankong from the bottom of its heart, and these words were sincerely spoken!

"Hmm, if that's the case, it seems you do have a bit of conscience, old willow tree!

However, speaking of which, even without guidance, you managed, through the talent of ordinary trees, to cultivate hard to reach the Tenth Layer of Transcendence, which indeed surprises me! It appears that though looking very ordinary, you have a comprehension far exceeding that of geniuses! All things considered, old willow tree, you have indeed made your master quite proud!"

Lin Xuankong was not deliberately flattering with these words.

Once upon a time, before his realm reached the Initial Tier Earth Immortal, Lin Xuankong had also, relying on elixirs and talent, pushed his realm to the Tenth and Eleventh Layers of Transcendence, thus strengthening his foundation and paving an unparalleled foundation for the immortal path in the entire Golden Dragon Immortal Realm!

But after all, Lin Xuankong achieved this by relying on elixirs; this old willow tree, which he casually enlightened in the past, managed to elevate its strength to the Tenth Layer of Transcendence, comparable to an Initial Tier Earth Immortal's realm, relying solely on its ability, talent, and comprehension. Such talent and comprehension have never been seen in the millions of years of Golden Dragon Immortal Realm's history!

Though naturally delighted over reuniting with Old Willow,

Lin Xuankong's conversation with the old willow tree left the numerous cultivators present with expressions of extreme astonishment.

City Lord Jiang Lingyun of Great Marsh Prefecture City, who was initially bowing to Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, after listening to Lin Xuankong and the old willow tree, gradually arose a thought too outrageous to believe: that beside the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, today, Lin Xuankong, known for his talent and power greater than the Three Saints Lady and who changed the entire Great Xia Dynasty, had also come to Great Marsh Prefecture!

Lin Xuankong... The chronicles of the Great Xia Dynasty clearly record that even among the numerous immortals within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Lin Xuankong's power was unmatched! The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, drawing in talents from the Great Xia Dynasty every few centuries, besides the

influence of the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, is reportedly mainly due to this Lin Immortal!

Oh my god, what terrible luck did I, Jiang Lingyun, get today? Not only did my subordinates today scold the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, but they also scolded Lin Immortal who holds greater status and power than the Three Saints Lady!!!

At this moment, the City Lord of Great Marsh Prefecture suddenly had the impulse - to kowtow and kill himself on the spot here, otherwise, if this Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady or Lin Immortal harbored even a slight grievance, it could easily flatten the entire Profound Talisman Celestial Sect!

Despite himself being so shocked and panicked,

the numerous officers far less powerful than Great Marsh Prefecture's City Lord Jiang, and the numerous cultivators kneeling around, were clearly even more bewildered and astonished!

Ninety-nine percent of them had never heard of the name Lin Xuankong, after all, his deeds were documented in the Great Xia Dynasty's chronicles. But they were familiar with the Divine Communication Demon King!

The Divine Communication Demon King, guarding Great Marsh Prefecture for ten thousand years, hailed as the foremost Demon King of the entire Great Xia Dynasty, and even Emperor Xiaoo of the Great Xia Dynasty would visit every year to pay respect and offer tributes. Yet this incomparably distinguished Divine Communication Demon King displayed extreme reverence before this young man, repeatedly addressing him as "Master"!

Chapter 1305: Matchless Fortune

Every cultivator present almost doubted if their eyes were failing them,

or if their eyes were under some influence, causing them to hallucinate!

These cultivators grew up listening to legends of invincible beings like Emperor Xiaoo of the Great Xia Dynasty and the Divine Communication Demon King bit by bit,

In the hearts of these cultivators, they even believe that even if an immortal from the Immortal Realm descended, they might not be a match for the Divine Communication Demon King!

But the Divine Communication Demon King, whom they admired and revered so much,

was at this moment kneeling before a young man who looked only in his thirties, calling him master repeatedly!

Heaven is overturned, heaven is overturned, the sky is falling!

This is the common cry in the hearts of every cultivator present!

At that moment,

Young Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er seemed to think of something and stepped in front of the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree, raised her small hand and patted the tree trunk of the Old Willow Tree,

"Old Willow Tree, let me ask you something, how is the development of our Great Xia's top sect, the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect?"

Though Xiaoo Ying'Er was the Third Princess of the Great Xia Dynasty over ten thousand years ago, she always cultivated the Martial Dao following the elders of the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect since she came of age, so her feelings for the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect were not at all less than those for the Great Xia Dynasty.

The face on the Old Willow Tree's trunk showed a respectful expression, "In response to Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, ever since the master and Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady left, the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect had merged with the Yin Talisman Sect in ten thousand eight hundred years ago, and was renamed the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect!

Nowadays, the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect is not only the top sect of the Great Xia Dynasty but has also grown into the top sect among seven surrounding dynasties, becoming the most aspired sect by martial cultivators from the Great Xia Dynasty and all surrounding dynasties!

As for the Jiang Family who managed the Yin Talisman Sect back then, they have now become the strongest branch within the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect, in this generation of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect, among the twelve elders, nine of them are descendants of the Jiang Family from Great Marsh Prefecture. In terms of prestige among various tribes and surnames of the Great Xia Dynasty, the Jiang Family has already become the second largest family, next only to the royal family of the Xiaoo Family!"

Upon saying this, the Old Willow Tree glanced at Lin Xuankong,

In answering Xiaoo Ying'Er's question, this Old Willow Tree intentionally mentioned the Jiang Family of the Yin Talisman Sect back then, evidently because its master Lin Xuankong came from the Yin Talisman Sect of the Jiang Family!

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly upon hearing this.

Back when he just started on the path of cultivation, he should be most grateful to none other than Young Lady Li Xiaolan, without Young Lady Li Xiaolan teaching him the Pine Crane Longevity Technique, he might not have survived long after traversing to this world, and would have passed away! Besides Young Lady Li Xiaolan, in his early stage of cultivation, the greatest help came from the Yin Talisman Sect!

This time returning to the territory of the Great Xia Dynasty, aside from accompanying Third Lady Xiaoo Ying'Er to see the situation of the Great Xia Dynasty, what he cared most about was the Yin Talisman Sect from back then!

Now hearing the Old Willow Tree saying the Jiang Family of the Yin Talisman Sect, which was almost destroyed by the small Black Tiger Gang back then, had already become the second largest family next only to the royal family of the Xiaoo Family in the Great Xia Dynasty, naturally brought him much comfort.

At this moment,

the Old Willow Tree looked towards the kneeling City Lord Jiang of Great Marsh Prefecture and spoke:

"Master, this City Lord Jiang from Great Marsh Prefecture is the descendant of the Jiang Family from the Yin Talisman Sect back then, due to having good talent, early on advanced to the Eighth Layer of Transcendence realm, hence was sent by the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect to Great Marsh Prefecture for training. I presume not long after, he would return to the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect, waiting for an immortal from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to come for reception.

City Lord Jiang, my master is the Immortal Lin who swept through evil, saving the entire Great Xia Dynasty back then,

Those immortals from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect who come every several hundred years to recruit talented disciples to the Immortal Realm from the Great Xia Dynasty are likely because of the unrivaled stature and matchless status of my master Lin in the Immortal Realm, that they hold the Great Xia Dynasty in such high esteem!

Also, my master once cultivated in Great Marsh Prefecture with your ancestor Jiang Yuran and other seniors. But in the blink of an eye, over ten thousand years have passed, your ancestors of the Jiang Family have long since passed away... yet today you have the great fortune to meet my master, it's a heavenly opportunity for you, quickly pay respects to my master!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong and others couldn't help but look towards the kneeling City Lord Jiang of Great Marsh Prefecture,

Especially Lin Xuankong, as the Old Willow Tree mentioned Jiang Yuran's name at this moment, it couldn't help but remind Lin Xuankong of the white-clad woman Jiang Yuran who treated him extremely well back then, even passing the treasured refining technique of the Turtle-Poria Elixir to him, over ten thousand years ago when Lin Xuankong left Great Marsh Prefecture, Jiang Yuran the Chief Steward was still beautifully graceful in white-clad; yet now she'd already become Jiang Family's deceased ancestor!

As well as those former fellow disciples of the Yin Talisman Sect, like Steward Ma who valued him greatly, etc... Thinking of these, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but feel a sense of tumult in his heart, over ten thousand years have passed, things have changed! Those fellow disciples who were once famous in Great Marsh Prefecture, and those Black Tiger Gang bigwigs who once rampaged through Great Marsh

Prefecture, have now, other than Little Hu and others, turned into ashes and bones, hardly remembered by anyone!

"So, so it's the very Immortal Lin recorded in many of my Profound Talisman Celestial Sect's tomes, the legend says if it weren't for Immortal Lin back then, the Great Xia Dynasty would have long been devastated, and even Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady might have struggled to tread the Immortal Path! All generations of Sect Masters and elders of my Profound Talisman Celestial Sect have taught disciples that if not for Immortal Lin's intervention back then, millions of lives from the Great Xia Dynasty would have long become materials for demon sect's refining, long been devastated!

Chapter 1306: Peerless Fortune (Part 2)

Immortal Venerable Lin above, this ignorant youth could not recognize Immortal Venerable Lin and the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, it is truly a grave sin, a sin deserving of a thousand deaths, a sin deserving of a thousand deaths!"

Upon hearing the Old Willow Tree say that the person before him was the legendary Lin Xuankong, an even more extraordinary figure recorded in the annals of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect than the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, this City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture immediately bowed repeatedly again, his face full of excitement and fervor.

His expression was so excited and fervent, more so than when he learned Xiao Ying'Er was the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady ... Obviously, this City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture spoke the truth. If not for the sect masters and elders of each generation of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect constantly teaching and mentioning the deeds and name of Lin Xuankong, this City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture would not have been so excited!

The envoy from the Rakshasa Kingdom, who had initially been stupefied and standing dumbfounded, also could no longer remain standing at this moment. With a thud, he kneeled down, repeatedly crying out: "I, a mere envoy of the Rakshasa Kingdom, was unaware of Immortal Venerable Lin's descent, a sin deserving of a thousand deaths, a sin deserving of a thousand deaths!"

This envoy from the Rakshasa Kingdom, though he represented the Rakshasa Kingdom upon arriving at the Great Xia Dynasty, and could meet the Emperor Xiao without kneeling, naturally had a high status! Although the Rakshasa Kingdom's power is not comparable to the Great Xia Dynasty, it has produced some geniuses who have entered the Immortal Realm and joined some Immortal Sects over the years.

Thus, even upon hearing that Xiaoo Ying'Er was the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, he just barely managed to maintain his dignity and did not kneel!

However, Lin Xuankong was entirely different. Back then, when Lin Xuankong was merely at the Ninth Layer of Transcendence, he was already renowned across the Seven Kingdoms, sweeping away countless sects that had plagued the Seven Kingdoms for years ... Over ten thousand years have passed, and due to information sent back by some Rakshasa Kingdom cultivators who joined the Immortal Sects, all the upper echelons of the Rakshasa Kingdom are well aware that Lin Xuankong holds an extraordinary status even within the Immortal Realm, hailed as the unprecedented "First of the Immortal World"!

To be the "First of the Immortal World", this envoy from the Rakshasa Kingdom, in front of the First of the Immortal World, would be less than a mere bacterium on an ant ...

Accordingly, after hearing the Old Willow Tree clarify Lin Xuankong's identity, the envoy from the Rakshasa Kingdom could no longer maintain his slightly prideful dignity and immediately knelt down to the ground, bowing repeatedly.

Seeing this, those soldiers and cultivators around him also all knelt to the ground, not daring to lift their heads ... Even if these individuals had never seen or heard of Lin Xuankong's name, they were aware of the status of the City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture and the envoy from the Rakshasa Kingdom, and clearly understood the power of the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree. Seeing these three tremble in fear, bowing repeatedly before Lin Xuankong and the Great Virtue and Clarity True Body Daoist Golden Heaven Venerable Three Saints Lady, there was no doubt about who should be feared!

As for those soldiers who had previously drawn weapons against Lin Xuankong, they were now cold with fear, and some of the more timid ones were quivering on the ground! If these soldiers hadn't trained in the Martial Dao, their bodies significantly stronger than ordinary people, they might have all fainted on the spot from fright!

Lin Xuankong, at this moment, completely ignored the soldiers who had previously drawn weapons against him. How could a genuine Giant Dragon care about ants that showed their teeth and claws against him, especially when these soldiers were also trying to protect the 'Old Willow Tree' that Lin Xuankong had once enlightened!

He paid no attention to the Rakshasa Kingdom's envoy and others, and instead walked casually to the City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture, raising him up, nodding with a smile:

"When I was cultivating in the Great Marsh Prefecture years ago, the head of the Jiang family and Chief Steward Jiang Yuran of the Yin Talisman Sect took good care of me. Without their help, I wouldn't have strengthened so quickly. Speaking of which, your Jiang family certainly has done me a favor! Since you are the descendant of the Jiang family, and we are fortunate to meet today, I must give you a meeting gift as an elder!"

After speaking, Lin Xuankong took out a small sword, a bottle of elixir, and a piece of Profound Truth Jade from his bosom, placing them in the hands of the City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture, transmitting his voice:

"This small weapon, which I personally refined, can unleash increasingly powerful capabilities as your strength breaks seals. If faced with life-threatening situations, it can unleash power capable of slaying any opponent below the Strongest Immortal Lord. You can use a drop of essence blood to make it recognize you as its master and take it into your body, ensuring others can never steal it.

As for this bottle of elixir, it was refined by my wife. Among the eighty-one red elixirs, which can increase some lifespan, you may take some yourself or give some to relatives and elders in your home! The twenty-eight white elixirs can assist you in breaking through to the Earth Immortal Realm in the future!

Moreover, within this Profound Truth Jade is an Immortal Technique, personally authored by me. If cultivated well, reaching the Earth Immortal Realm in the future will be no issue. If you persevere in cultivating it, you can at least aim for the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal; achieving the Strongest Immortal Lord Realm will depend on your comprehension and fate!

Of course, when the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect sends someone to fetch you this time, you should present this Profound Truth Jade, and the agent from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will naturally know what to do!"

Upon hearing Lin Xuankong's transmission, the City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture's face changed repeatedly,

though he was indeed a talented genius among this generation of the Jiang family. The Jiang family was vast, with thousands of cultivators in this generation, among which at least thirty or forty were as talented as him, and even a dozen others slightly surpassed him! In other words, during the upcoming Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Recruit Ceremony, without special circumstances, his chances of selection to become an Immortal Sect Disciple were slim, no greater than twenty or thirty percent!

Furthermore, he had heard that even if one entered the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect later, achieving the Earth Immortal would be exceedingly difficult. As for the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal ... that's an extremely top-tier presence in the entire Immortal Realm!

Yet the Immortal Venerable Lin before him claims that this small Little Jian becomes powerful when encountering strength, even capable of slaying all enemies below the Strongest Immortal Lord, which implies it can even kill Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals!

My heavens!

To what extent is this Immortal Venerable Lin powerful, that the treasures he refines are so strong!

What immense fortune did my Jiang family ancestors encounter that allowed him to include Immortal Venerable Lin in their sect back then!

If Lin Xuankong were not steadying him right now, this City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture would probably kneel down again, bowing repeatedly.

However, this City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture at this moment remains unaware of just how precious the Perfect-Level Ninth-Grade Immortal Artifact, top-tier Turtle-Poria Treasure Elixir, and top Immortal Realm technique that he has received truly are. If these treasures could turn him from the Eighth Layer of Transcendence to soaring in one leap, even the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals in the Immortal Realm who receive these treasures from Lin Xuankong would instantly become beings envied by countless Strongest Immortal Lords!

This descendant of the Jiang family, this City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture, encountered Lin Xuankong today and has truly received unparalleled fortune across the entire Golden Dragon Immortal Realm!

After Lin Xuankong finished saying these things to the City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture, his brow slightly raised, and he softly said:

"Since you were sent to the Great Marsh Prefecture by your elders, you should know about some past events from the Great Marsh Prefecture. Do you know about Steward Ma of the Yin Talisman Sect from the Great Marsh Prefecture in those days? Do you know where that Steward Ma was buried, and in addition, where your Jiang family ancestor Jiang Yuran was buried?"

Saying these words, memories of the likes of the dice-toting Steward Ma of the Great Marsh Prefecture and the fiery-tempered, dazzling white-clothed Chief Steward Jiang Yuran surfaced in Lin Xuankong's mind, and he couldn't help but smile.

Upon hearing Lin Xuankong's words, the expression of the City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture paused.

Chapter 1307: The True Demon King

At this moment, the reason Lin Xuankong brought up Steward Ma and Jiang Yuran,

was naturally not merely because, after returning to the Great Xia Dynasty, he planned to pay homage to the departed,

but because within Lin Xuankong's body now, that Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm of a Tier Nine Celestial Demon, after over ten thousand years of management, had already expanded to its utmost, becoming a Little World whose area was several times larger than the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm. It was only that this Little World had appeared too recently—merely a short ten thousand years—so it had yet to nurture many Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures!

However, to be able to gestate such an enormous Little World, the Power of Origin contained in the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone was definitely several times greater than that of the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm!

From this, Lin Xuankong also made some conjectures—since the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm was likely a world formed after a mighty Celestial Dragon of the Supreme Origin Realm fell, then there was a great chance that all things within the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm were derived from the flesh and blood of that Five-Clawed Golden Dragon. The reason the Little World within the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone could be even vaster than the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm was because it was

nurtured from the Power of Origin within the strongest piece of Dragon Bone of that Five-Clawed Golden Dragon!

As for the wondrous Great Reincarnation Technique obtained after fusing the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone, that naturally was also due to the Power of Origin within the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone!

Only Power of Origin could possibly give rise to such a formidable Demon Technique, directly gathering scattered souls and reversing life and death!

Lin Xuankong had already fully mastered the Great Reincarnation Technique now, which naturally also meant that Lin Xuankong had completely grasped the Power of Origin contained within the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone!

The only thing that puzzled and made Lin Xuankong wary was this: if even the corpse and bones after death could form such a vast Little World, it was easy to imagine how powerful that Five-Clawed Golden Dragon he had seen in the illusion back then must have been; it likely could have annihilated an entire Little World like the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm with a mere flick of its hand!

Yet why would such a powerful Five-Clawed Golden Dragon fall?

Once ascended to the Supreme Origin Realm, whether Celestial Buddha, Celestial Immortal, Celestial Demon, or Celestial Fiend, since they were all extremely difficult to kill and possessed near-immortal Life Force, why then did this exceedingly powerful Five-Clawed Golden Dragon fall?

To be able to defeat this Five-Clawed Golden Dragon and cause it to perish, its flesh transforming into a Little World—just how powerful must that being have been?

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong, who was already preparing to undergo the final Celestial Tribulation and ascend to the Supreme Origin Realm, could not help but give rise to a measure of wariness and doubt toward the peak powerhouses that might exist within the Supreme Origin Realm! Of course, what Lin Xuankong feared was that being capable of slaying the Five-Clawed Golden Dragon, whereas those Initial Tier Celestial Demons who had once lain in ambush at the entrance of the passage between the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm and the Supreme Origin Realm, Lin Xuankong already had complete confidence in being able to contend against. Otherwise, he would never have neglected to enjoy tens of millions of years of Lifespan only to go to the Supreme Origin Realm to court death!

At present,

Lin Xuankong mentioning Steward Ma and Jiang Yuran was naturally because he was recalling old ties and planned to use the Great Reincarnation Technique to resurrect these two departed ones!

Steward Ma Jiang and Jiang Yuran had already been dead for over ten thousand years; back when Lin Xuankong had just obtained the Great Reincarnation Technique, it would have been absolutely impossible. As for the current Lin Xuankong... even beings who had fallen hundreds of thousands of years ago, so long as he was willing to expend a vast amount of resources, he could likewise resurrect!

City Lord Jiang of Great Marsh Prefecture naturally knew nothing of this. Hearing Lin Xuankong mention Steward Ma and Jiang Yuran,

his expression paused, then he revealed a rather excited look. "Immortal Venerable Lin, more than ten thousand years have passed, yet you still remember my honored ancestor. This humble one is truly grateful beyond measure! The burial place of Ancestor Jiang Yuran lies in the Jiang Family ancestral grounds southwest of Great Marsh Prefecture. If Immortal Venerable Lin intends to go, I will immediately send people to make preparations there!

In addition... as for Steward Ma, this humble one does not know which Steward Ma Immortal Venerable Lin refers to. The Yin Talisman Sect merged with the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect over ten thousand years ago, and most of the stewards of the Yin Talisman Sect at that time also joined the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect! Yet in the records of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect, most of what is recorded are anecdotes about Elders, Sect Masters, and Saintesses and Saint Heirs of past ages. As for the lives of some Chief Stewards or Grand Chief Stewards, there are also a few scattered records, but it is extremely rare for any mention of stewards to be recorded! Therefore, this humble one truly does not know which Steward Ma Immortal Venerable Lin refers to, and can only beg Immortal Venerable Lin's forgiveness!"

Hearing City Lord Jiang of Great Marsh Prefecture say that he knew nothing of Steward Ma, Lin Xuankong, Little Hu, and the several other old Yin Talisman Sect members who had always followed Lin Xuankong all could not help but knit their brows.

Yet whether it was Lin Xuankong or the others who had once been on good terms with Steward Ma, they all understood very well that in a top Sect like the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect of the Great Xia

Dynasty, which recruited disciples broadly, the number of Steward Level Cultivators each generation likely numbered in the hundreds or even thousands. It was absolutely impossible for the records of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect to clearly record every single Steward Level Cultivator of every generation! Especially after the passage of over ten thousand years, ninety-nine point nine percent of people and events would certainly be forgotten by all and vanish into the long river of history!

But though he understood, a trace of melancholy inevitably rose in Lin Xuankong's heart.

He turned his head to look at the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree. "Ever since you gained sentience, for these more than ten thousand years you have always cultivated within Great Marsh Prefecture, so you should be extremely familiar with the affairs of Great Marsh Prefecture. You should remember Steward Ma Jiang of those years, yes? After Steward Ma Jiang passed away, do you know where he was buried?"

The Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree, hearing this, shook its several thousand branches. "In reply to Master, Steward Ma Jiang, Chief Steward Jiang Yuran, and the others, of course I remember them. However, ever since Master left Great Marsh Prefecture, whether Steward Ma Jiang or Chief Steward Jiang Yuran, they very rarely came again to the Lin Residence, and their dwellings were at quite a distance from here. Even though my body is tall and large, I still cannot possibly know every single detail of everything that happens in Great Marsh Prefecture!

Chapter 1308: The True Demon King (Part 2)

"Moreover, with the later merger of the Yin Talisman Sect and the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect, there were many personnel changes. At that time, my realm was very low, and I couldn't move my position, so I'm truly unaware of Steward Ma's whereabouts!"

Lin Xuankong heard this, and couldn't help but shake his head slightly, his eyebrows furrowed. Coming to the Great Marsh Prefecture of the Great Xia Dynasty this time, what he most wanted to resurrect were Steward Ma Jiang, who esteemed him greatly, and Chief Steward Jiang Yuran, who saw him in a different light. Now that he could find Chief Steward Jiang Yuran's burial place, it fulfilled half of his wish, but Steward Ma Jiang...

How could Lin Xuankong, who possessed the Great Reincarnation Technique, endure it, knowing he could resurrect Steward Ma Jiang, but had to give up because he couldn't find his burial place!

At this moment,

A weak voice rose from the side on the ground,

"Lin, Immortal Venerable Lin, the Steward Ma Jiang you mentioned from more than ten thousand years ago, was he quite fond of playing dice?"

Upon hearing these words, Lin Xuankong's eyes couldn't help but brighten. He turned his head to look and saw Ma Hongtao, the cultivator at the third layer of Transcendence who had brought them over, lying on the ground, speaking in a low voice.

Aside from people like Lin Xuankong who were quite familiar with Ma Jiang back then, no others could possibly know about Ma Jiang's habit of carrying dice with him. Since Ma Hongtao knew, he must have had connections to Ma Jiang!

Overjoyed, Lin Xuankong immediately walked over, pulled up Ma Hongtao, who was kneeling on the ground and dared not lift his head, and repeatedly asked, "You actually know that Steward Ma Jiang from more than ten thousand years ago liked to play with dice; could it be that you are a descendant of Steward Ma Jiang?"

At that moment, Lin Xuankong only felt the profound mysteries of the world. Even someone as strong as him couldn't completely understand them... After returning to the Great Marsh Prefecture of the Great Xia Dynasty, the first passerby he encountered might actually be a descendant of Steward Ma Jiang. Wasn't this just too coincidental, far too coincidental!

Ma Hongtao, knowing Lin Xuankong's true identity, was already so shocked that his entire body went limp. At this moment, if Lin Xuankong had not been supporting him, he would likely have collapsed back onto the ground. Looking at Lin Xuankong's face, which bore an expression of joy, he hesitated slightly before continuing with a stammer:

"No, I dare not hide it from Immortal Venerable Lin. I am not a descendant of Ancestor Ma Jiang but merely a small nursing home caretaker from the Ma family in East Ming Prefecture near Great Marsh Prefecture. I only accompanied the descendants of the Ma family to Great Marsh Prefecture due to official business! As for how I know of Steward Ma Jiang's love for dice, it's because all the tens of thousands of members of the Ma Clan in East Ming Prefecture love to use dice as weapons. It's said that their ancestor loved dice and even became acquainted with an incredible figure from the Yin Talisman Sect back in the day!

Therefore, when Immortal Venerable Lin and City Lord Jiang discussed the Ma family ancestor, I had a sudden inspiration, thinking that the Ma family ancestor might very well be the old acquaintance Immortal Venerable Lin was searching for!"

At this point, the City Lord of Great Marsh Prefecture, Jiang, lit up and said, "The Ma family you're talking about in East Ming Prefecture, is it the family of Elder Ma Yun of the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect?"

Ma Hongtao nodded and replied, "City Lord Jiang is right. The most powerful member of the Ma family in East Ming Prefecture is indeed serving as an elder in the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect. It's said his talent is exceptional, and his strength has already entered the Ninth Layer Realm. There's a chance he might become a disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect in the future. I accompanied Young Master Ma to organize birthday gifts for Elder Ma this time!"

Lin Xuankong, hearing this, had no further doubts. He was overjoyed in his heart. He immediately took out a bottle of Immortal Pill from his bosom and placed it in Ma Hongtao's hand, smiling, "I never expected that the passerby we randomly encountered would have some connection with Steward Ma Jiang. In that case, I'll give you this bottle of elixir as a token of gratitude for helping me fulfill a wish!"

Ma Hongtao trembled as he received the Immortal Pill, immediately kneeling again, "How could this humble one bear Immortal Venerable Lin's gratitude? Being able to relieve Immortal Venerable Lin of my worries is like fortune shining upon Ma Hongtao from his ancestors' graves. I fear that Hongtao's ancestors through eighteen generations in the Yellow Springs would be overjoyed to hear this!"

Though Ma Hongtao's words were somewhat crude, they were not without charm, especially seeing the joy on Lin Xuankong's face. Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, Second Lady Zhao Yufei, Third Lady Xiao Ying'Er, and Fourth Lady Guang Yu'er couldn't help but laugh.

However, the hundreds of soldiers and countless cultivators around, seeing this scene, were envious to the point of having red eyes.

Even though Lin Xuankong did not explicitly state the purpose of the elixir he gave to Ma Hongtao, the numerous cultivators present were dying of envy. After all, it was a gift from a genuine Immortal Venerable, and just thinking with their toes they understood that this kind of Immortal Pill, even one could extend life by at least a hundred years!

Nevertheless, despite the boundless envy in the cultivators' hearts, there was not a single one who dared to covet the Immortal Pill... With a connection to a genuine Immortal Venerable, it wasn't just being a third-layer cultivator that garnered respect; even if it were a three-year-old child holding that bottle of elixir, not a single cultivator in all of Great Marsh Prefecture could dare harbor ill intentions! Snatching a gift from an Immortal Venerable might be within the realm of life, but enjoying it could entail a different fate!

At this moment, upon finding news of an old friend, Lin Xuankong felt quite pleased. Looking once again at the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree, he smiled at the corners of his mouth and said:

"For us to meet again after more than ten thousand years, with such deep ties, let me once again bestow upon you a fortune."

The Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree, upon hearing this, couldn't help but become somewhat excited, and countless willow branches trembled slightly.

Lin Xuankong then walked to the trunk of the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree, gently touching the holes in the trunk, smiled, and said: "In the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, only demons at the level of the Earth Demon Realm can be deemed Demon Kings! You are currently only at the eleventh layer of Transcendence, yet you claim to be a Divine Communication Demon King; isn't that a bit unworthy of the name!

I have some elixirs here specifically for enhancing the strength of demonic creatures, which can elevate their power to the edge of crossing the tribulation. After consuming them, you can trigger the Earth Demon Celestial Tribulation, and successfully passing it will grant you genuine demon king strength, deserving of the title!

Moreover, you could then easily take human form, roam freely across the Great Xia Dynasty in a day, or even proceed to the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm to join the First Immortal Sect, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, becoming a Sect Guardian Spirit that can enjoy immense resources!

Of course, the decision is yours. Since you reached the eleventh layer of Transcendence on your own through hard cultivation, there's a chance that with continued cultivation, you could make more breakthroughs. If you manage to break through to the Earth Demon Realm from the twelfth layer of Transcendence, your future achievements might surely surpass those gained from entering the Earth Demon Realm at the eleventh layer!

Lin Xuankong was quite impressed by the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree's self-achieved breakthrough to the eleventh layer. After all, according to his knowledge, in the millions of years of the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm's history, even the most extraordinarily talented cultivators could, at most, break through to the realms of Earth Immortal, Earth Demon, Demon King, and Bodhisattva from the tenth layer of Transcendence. Like Lin Xuankong, breaking through to the Earth Immortal Realm at the eleventh layer was surely the first occurrence in millions of years!

But Lin Xuankong's breakthrough to the eleventh layer of Transcendence was through the power of elixirs and the enhancement of the Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate's Old and Wise talent on the elixir's effects, achieving the astonishing success of the eleventh layer of Transcendence! The Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree, however, was different, as it relied on its self-cultivation to forcefully break through to the eleventh layer. This makes one wonder just how exceptional the talent and comprehension of this ordinary willow tree's physique must be!

Hence, at this moment, not only did Lin Xuankong intend to gift the Divine Communication Demon King, his old-time acquaintance, a fortune, for over ten thousand years, Lin Xuankong, having never entertained thoughts of taking on disciples before, now found his heart stirred, contemplating whether to accept this Old Willow Tree as his first disciple!

However, he was about to soon trigger the final celestial tribulation and ascend to the Supreme Origin Realm, inevitably facing a great battle. Though he was highly confident in confronting the hundreds of Initial Tier Celestial Demons, the outcome is unpredictable. Who knows if even stronger Celestial Demons might appear at that time, thus, despite wanting to take this Old Willow Tree as his sole true disciple, his heart hesitated, not wanting to burden such a talented and perceptive Old Willow Tree!

Chapter 1309: Reversal of Life and Death, Final Celestial Tribulation

The surrounding cultivators—Great Marsh Prefecture's City Lord Jiang, Ma Hongtao, the envoy of the Rakshasa Kingdom, and the others—

after hearing Lin Xuankong say this, when they looked again at the Divine Communication Demon King, their faces were not only full of awe, but also showed a deep, genuine envy.

The strength of the Divine Communication Demon King, whether in Great Marsh Prefecture, in the entire Great Xia Dynasty, or even among the surrounding Seven Kingdoms, was quite renowned. After all, the Great Xia Dynasty was far from the Immortal Realm; the cultivators or demons that appeared here, at their strongest, were only at the Ninth Layer of Transcendence. Not even a single cultivator at the Tenth Layer of Transcendence had ever appeared. Even the "Immortals" from the Spiritual Crane

Immortal Sect who came to escort people were merely disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect at the Ninth Layer of Transcendence!

Thus, within the surrounding Seven Kingdoms, the Divine Communication Demon King could truly be called the number one powerhouse!

On top of that, every few years the Divine Communication Demon King would publicly explain methods of cultivation. The number of cultivators who had indirectly received guidance and help from this Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree was not just in the tens of thousands—there were probably over a million! The respect and awe that countless cultivators of the Seven Kingdoms felt toward the Divine Communication Demon King likely surpassed even that given to the royal families of the various nations!

And now, right under the gaze of the crowd, the Divine Communication Demon King had received the favor of a Great Immortal Venerable of unfathomable strength, of Legendary Level, and was truly about to become a Great Demon King on par with an Immortal. Amid their awe, it was only natural that everyone also felt envy!

Yet what surprised everyone present, including Lin Xuankong and the others, was that

faced with Lin Xuankong's promise to bestow Spirit Elixirs, this Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree kept shaking its head nonstop.

Lin Xuankong's eyes flickered as he made a few guesses in his heart, but on his face he put on an expression of feigned anger and said, "What, out of old friendship I intend to gift you a great fortune, and you're still unwilling?"

The Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree shook its head again and again. The human face on its thick trunk showed an anxious look. "Master, this Old Willow Tree has waited here in bitter patience for over ten thousand years, all for the sake of one day awaiting Master's return to Great Marsh Prefecture, so that I could follow Master, work myself to the bone for Master, and repay Master's kindness of enlightenment! But Master's meaning... Old Willow Tree is unwilling to join that so-called First Sect of the Immortal Realm, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. I only wish to follow at Master's side. Even if I never become a true Demon King, it doesn't matter!"

Hearing the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree say this,

Lin Xuankong couldn't help but feel a stir in his heart. The feigned anger on his face faded, replaced by a smile. "You old willow, you're so slow when you move yourself, what talk is there of working yourself to the bone? If you follow me, and I decide to go somewhere a bit far, we might walk for a thousand or ten thousand years and still not get there!"

Seeing Lin Xuankong say this, the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree grew anxious again. Yet what Lin Xuankong said was indeed the truth. No matter how anxious it was inside, it had no way to refute him.

It was actually the Young Lady Li Xiaolan at the side who had long since seen through Lin Xuankong's thoughts. Now, seeing the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree so anxious, she couldn't help but let out a chuckle. She shot Lin Xuankong a sidelong glance. "You... you're at least the First of the Immortal World of the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, a Great Immortal Venerable whom everyone calls Immortal Lin, yet you're here teasing a willow tree that hasn't even stepped into the Demon King Realm. If word got out, the various Strongest Immortal Lords would probably laugh at you!"

With that, she walked up beside the Old Willow Tree, glanced at the tree she herself had personally carried water to and watered countless times in the past, and said with a smile:

"Your master is talking nonsense. You can be completely at ease. Since we've come to Great Marsh Prefecture and you're willing to follow, of course we'll bring you along!"

It's just that about what Profound Void just mentioned, you really do need to make a decision for yourself: will you take those Elixirs now that can stabilize your realm and trigger the Earth Immortal Tribulation, or cultivate for a while longer and see if you can break through to the Twelfth Layer of Transcendence? This is a matter of great importance and is closely tied to the height of your future cultivation path. You definitely have to decide this yourself!"

When the Divine Communication Demon King Old Willow Tree heard Li Xiaolan say this, it immediately relaxed. Although Lin Xuankong had not spoken to personally affirm Li Xiaolan's words, the Old Willow Tree knew very well that the Li Xiaolan before him was the important main wife whom Lin Xuankong greatly respected and cherished. What Li Xiaolan said was almost as good as Lin Xuankong saying it himself!

After pondering for a short while,

the human face manifested on the Old Willow Tree's trunk showed a somewhat troubled expression. "In my recent cultivation, I have vaguely felt signs of breakthrough. It shouldn't take too long before I can break through to the Twelfth Layer of Transcendence!"

The Young Lady Li Xiaolan laughed and said, "Then you should cultivate diligently and see if you can break through to the Twelfth Layer of Transcendence. If you succeed, that would be a miracle never before seen in the entire Golden Dragon Immortal Realm!"

The Old Willow Tree, however, swayed its willow branches. "But if I can't break through to a true Demon King Realm, I definitely won't be able to take human form. In terms of movement, I'll be far inferior to Demon Kings who can transform, whose escape speed is much greater. How could I possibly always follow at Master's side then!"

Hearing the Old Willow Tree say this, caring so much about his master whom he hadn't seen for over ten thousand years, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but laugh. Standing next to the Old Willow Tree's trunk, he raised his left hand and said with a smile, "What's so hard about that?"

Before his words had even fallen,

Lin Xuankong's raised left hand had already lightly slapped onto the Old Willow Tree's trunk.

In the very next instant, the towering Old Willow Tree, dozens of zhang tall with an enormous crown, vanished into thin air. A gigantic pit appeared in the ground instead. That was the mark left after the Old Willow Tree vanished, roots and all. The huge pit was dozens of zhang deep, and along its edges were winding, pitch-black tunnels—those tunnels were naturally the paths that the Old Willow Tree's underground roots had burrowed out!

Chapter 1310: Reversing Life and Death, the Final Celestial Tribulation (Part 2)

The vanished Old Willow Tree was naturally transferred by Lin Xuankong using an Immortal Technique to his Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm.

However, to effortlessly transfer a creature, especially such a massive Old Willow Tree, into one's Secret Realm, is something a typical Earth Immortal finds difficult. Usually, they need to first open the portal of

the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm to let the other party enter on their own. But a technique that is difficult for other Earth Immortals is extremely easy for Lin Xuankong, who has been cultivating in the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm for over ten thousand years! Over the years, Lin Xuankong has not only perfected the top Immortal Techniques of various Immortal Sects, but also mastered those difficult and esoteric techniques to perfection!

In the entire Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, the only one who has been able to master all the techniques of numerous Immortal Sects, Buddhist Sects, and even Demon Sects to perfection in thousands of years, is Lin Xuankong!

Those surrounding officials and cultivators prostrated on the ground, upon witnessing such a wondrous Immortal Technique, could not help but again drop to the ground in awe, calling out 'Immortal Venerable!' with reverence.

Yet Lin Xuankong's eyes revealed a hint of anticipation. The talent and comprehension of the Old Willow Tree far exceeded his expectations. It had managed to cultivate on its own, forcefully breaking through to the Eleventh Layer of Transcendence, matching the record he set in the past. Now, it might even break through to the Twelfth Layer of Transcendence, achieving something even he had not accomplished!

Who knows what formidable growth speed could be achieved if the Old Willow Tree genuinely reached the Twelfth Layer of Transcendence and ascended to the Earth Immortal Realm, coupled with the talent bonuses from his Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate of wives, children, elders, and youngsters!

This time, on his visit to the Great Marsh Prefecture of the Great Xia Dynasty to connect with old acquaintances, he unbelievably gained a great advantage, receiving a disciple with such astonishing talent, an unexpected joy indeed!

Lin Xuankong mused for a moment, then turned to look at City Lord Jiang of the Great Marsh Prefecture and Ma Hongtao. With matters settled in the Great Marsh Prefecture, it was time to 'meet' old acquaintances from more than ten thousand years ago!

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Over half an hour later,

on the shady side of a hill where the ancestral grave of the Ma Family was located, under the shadow of a towering pine tree,

Lin Xuankong looked smilingly at the two souls before him, listening to them recount past events. One was naturally Ma Jiang, a steward of the Yin Talisman Sect more than ten thousand years ago, and the other was Jiang Yuran, the chief steward of the Yin Talisman Sect at that time.

Ma Jiang lacked the talent of Jiang Yuran. Although after the merger of the Yin Talisman Sect and the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect, people like Ma Jiang from the Yin Talisman Sect received much richer resources than before, Ma Jiang, limited by talent and innate qualities, could not break through from the Eighth-Layer of Transcendence to the Ninth Layer and eventually died of old age after living over three hundred years in East Ming Prefecture.

Jiang Yuran's talent, however, was excellent; she had smoothly broken through to the Ninth Layer of Transcendence. Nevertheless, though her talent was good, compared to the numerous geniuses of the first sect of the Great Xia Dynasty, the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect, she ultimately could not stand out, failing to become the fortunate one of her generation to be drawn into the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Later, as the national strength of the Great Xia Dynasty increased greatly, the Profound Talisman Celestial Sect recruited disciples widely, and geniuses emerged continuously. During the second and third recruitments, as Jiang Yuran grew older, she became less and less competitive...

"Fortunately, the several grandchildren of my brother all have excellent talent; they all broke through to the Ninth Layer early and later joined the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. One of them, named Jiang Xingzhou, even became a strong Earth Immortal realm cultivator in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

As Jiang Yuran's soul recounted the past and reached this point, she looked at the Lin Xuankong before her and laughed freely:

"Xingzhou later returned to the Great Xia once and specifically mentioned Immortal Venerable Lin to me, saying that Immortal Venerable Lin held an extraordinary position in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Not to mention the Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, even the Strongest Immortal Lord-level experts of the first Immortal Sect in the Immortal Realm must respectfully call you Immortal Lin when they meet you! Steward Ma and I were both delighted and extremely proud when we heard how formidable you are, after all, Immortal Venerable Lin is a cultivator who came from our Yin Talisman Sect and Profound Talisman Celestial Sect!"

Ma Jiang couldn't help but laugh too, a touch of pride spreading across his seemingly real and phantom-like face, "The first time I met Immortal Venerable Lin, I said that his future achievements were boundless; at that time, some of our old fellows in the Yin Talisman Sect thought I was boasting. But look what happened? Not to mention the Yin Talisman Sect, countless cultivators across the entire Great Xia Dynasty have benefited from the protection and grace of Immortal Venerable Lin!"

Even the two of us, old fellows, have been dead for over ten thousand years, and yet Immortal Venerable Lin could pull us out from the chaos for a chat, hahahahaha!"

Seeing his old superiors Ma Jiang and Jiang Yuran say such things, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but laugh too, shaking his head slightly, "I didn't trouble your peaceful slumber just to chat. Waking you both is to let you take up the cultivation path once again. But this time, we must find each of you a body with top-notch innate qualities!"

Upon hearing this, both Ma Jiang and Jiang Yuran were overjoyed,

Lin Xuankong waved his hand and, just like the Old Willow Tree, included Ma Jiang and Jiang Yuran into the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm.

The Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, standing beside Lin Xuankong, raised her brows and said, "Having met all the right old acquaintances in the Great Xia and helped those who need it, shouldn't you now accompany me on a tour around the Great Marsh Prefecture? After more than ten thousand years of secluded cultivation, I've eaten all sorts of Spirit Fruits and Elixirs for more than ten thousand years and am practically sick of them! I've long wanted to taste those flavorful snacks of our Great Marsh Prefecture! Come on, come on, let's head to the Great Marsh Prefecture now!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but show a face of helplessness,

Second Lady Zhao Yufei, Third Lady Xiao Ying'er, Fourth Lady Guang Yu'er and others all laughed aloud.

The Artifact Refining Genius Miss Xiao, however, looked at the soul of her father whom Lin Xuankong had awakened, tears welling in her eyes! Lin Xuankong's Great Reincarnation Technique, cultivated to its current level, could easily gather souls dissipated into the world, even those from over ten thousand years ago, though it consumes a huge amount of Immortal Yuan!

But for Lin Xuankong, given the tremendous assistance the Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi provided over these ten thousand years, the impact was beyond significant, often reversing his fate multiple times! The consumption of immense Immortal Yuan was nothing; to resurrect the father of Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi, even if consuming the entire Immortal Yuan Lin Xuankong accumulated over more than ten thousand years, he wouldn't bat an eye.

"Then let's return to the Great Marsh Prefecture together and eat all the delights of the Great Marsh Prefecture to see whether your little tummy can hold it all!"

Retrieving the gaze from the Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi, Lin Xuankong looked at the smiling Young Lady Lii Xiaolan before him,

"Moreover, all of you should eat to your fill, otherwise, when the final Celestial Tribulation is triggered and you ascend to the Supreme Origin Realm, it will be hard to taste the Great Marsh Prefecture's treats with the worldly flavor again!"

Second Lady Zhao Yufei, Third Lady Xiao Ying'er, Fourth Lady Guang Yu'er, and others nodded in agreement,

Little Hu stood in front of his father's soul, just awoken by Lin Xuankong, nodding vigorously along with everyone. Little Hu was deeply moved by Lin Xuankong's act of awakening his father from slumber, fully aware of the difficulty and the enormous amount of Immortal Yuan consumed in gathering the souls of beings who dissipated into the world over ten thousand years ago!

Little Hu knew that Lin Xuankong's grace was greater than just resurrecting his father. For a poor young boy selling fruits on the street, if it hadn't been for meeting Lin Xuankong, he would have likely been dead for over ten thousand years by now, with not even bones left, turned to soil!

Besides, Little Hu knew well that those whom Lin Xuankong changed the fate of were not just those present; the entire Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, if not for Lin Xuankong's appearance, might well have become overrun by demonic qi, everywhere an Asura Hell, where neither exalted Earth Immortals and Strongest Immortal Lords nor mere mortals could escape the fate of being refined into vengeful spirits within a Demon Artifact!

Thinking of this, Little Hu looked up at the sky, a hint of expectation in his eyes,

Having single-handedly turned the tide, changing the fate of countless beings across the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, would his adoptive father Lin Xuankong once again stir the winds and clouds upon ascending to the Supreme Origin Realm after passing the final Celestial Tribulation? In that Supreme Origin Realm, with Celestial Immortals, Buddhas, Demons, and Celestial Demons rumored to possess endless lifespans, just how formidable would those top-tier Celestial Immortals, Buddhas, Celestial Demons, and Fiends be, and what is the Supreme Origin Realm truly like?