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Chapter 1361: I Will Take Care of You

The affairs the Divine Mountain Warriors are busy with,

are not too difficult for Lin Xuankong!

After all, he is different from those ordinary Divine Mountain Warriors, for he possesses a multitude of high-grade immortal artifacts, and perhaps even one or two growth-type divine artifacts! If he were to use some of the metamorphosed high-grade immortal artifacts to handle the stone materials from the Supreme Origin Realm, it would still be relatively easy! As for inscribing array patterns on those stone materials from the Supreme Origin Realm...

For Lin Xuankong, who can already arrange the Eight-Layered Realms Luo Water Array,

the array patterns that the Divine Mountain Warriors below are inscribing are simply crude!

The feeling is akin to having been accustomed to calculus and then going back to doing first-grade math... Of course, this is from Lin Xuankong's perspective! For those Divine Mountain Warriors who rarely study the path of arrays or those who have not achieved high accomplishments in the path of arrays, the array patterns they are inscribing are dizzyingly complex—even for Celestial Immortals and Celestial Demons, the truth that crossing domains is like crossing mountains is still applicable. Most Celestial Immortals and Celestial Demons would still spend most of their time on Immortal Path Cultivation!

After a while of traveling,

the white-clad woman, Wu Tianguan, who was floating ahead, gradually stopped her figure, turned around to Lin Xuankong and the other three, and spoke:

"Ahead is the second location of the Seven Cities Construction Hall. I have already informed Ma Tianguan of the second location. You can just proceed there yourselves!

Additionally, one more thing, the Ten Thousand Realms Hall in the Seventh City has recently discovered three World Passages nearby. Those three Little Worlds should be in a primitive period, and no cultivators have yet ascended to the Supreme Origin Realm through the World Passage to the Strongest Immortal Lord Realm. Therefore, the cracks in those World Passages have never been opened. However, they have recently been detected by a Celestial Official from the Ten Thousand Realms Hall through a divine soul exploration!

Therefore, in recent years, each branch of the Seven Cities Construction Hall will certainly select some Divine Mountain Warriors with strong divine souls, good strength, and excellent performance to undertake the task of exploring those three Little Worlds!

Although you are new Divine Mountain Warriors, you are all at the Initial Tier Perfection, so I imagine your divine soul refinement is decent. As long as you work diligently and gain the appreciation of Ma Tianguan at the second location, you might have the chance to get a spot in exploring the Little Worlds. If you can do so and successfully complete the task, it would not be a problem to reduce the punishment time by tens of thousands of years. If your contribution is substantial, you might even be able to make amends and offset penalties! Such opportunities are rare, occurring only a few times every tens of thousands of years, so make sure to perform well!"

Lin Xuankong was somewhat surprised upon hearing this,

whereas the three from the Li Family showed expressions of shock and joy. The oldest among them, the Initial Tier Celestial Immortal Li Changsheng, immediately bowed, "Thank you, Wu Tianguan, for your guidance, and thank you for your care!"

The white-clad woman Wu Tianguan sighed and said, "It is not so much guidance, just a reminder!

I was fortunate to have fought alongside some of your Li Family elders during the Battle of Red Water, and I received help from them, but that battle was too tragic. Those Li Family elders who once helped me are either gone or captured by the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race! It is naturally impossible for me to repay the kindness of those Li Family elders by helping you, their juniors, it is only right. Moreover, telling you this information is just a trivial task!

Additionally, since you three are descendants of the Red Water Li Family, I have already spoken to Ma Tianguan about this. As long as you show some initiative, I believe he will give me some face! However, this all depends on you doing your work properly. If you behave at the second location as you did in the Seventh City, causing trouble and disturbing order, you will not be able to blame anyone but yourselves!

Should that happen, let alone Ma Tianguan at the second location being unkind to you, I will also harshly punish you on behalf of those Li Family elders who once helped me!"

Upon hearing the first part from Wu Tianguan, the three from the Li Family secretly revealed a trace of happiness. They never expected to encounter such a fortunate opportunity, finding a friend of the Li Family elders while working as Divine Mountain Warriors in the Construction Hall... However, upon hearing the last part, their expressions turned bitter and helpless.

After the white-clad woman Wu Tianguan finished speaking, she nodded to the three from the Li Family, glanced at Lin Xuankong, and then floated away.

After the white-clad woman Wu Tianguan had floated far away, the three from the Li Family gradually relaxed their expressions,

and Li Changming, the rotund face and small-eyed one, looked at Lin Xuankong with a smile of pride and said, "Brother Lin, did you hear that? The Grade Three Grand Celestial Official of the Seven Cities Construction Hall is actually a friend of our Li Family ancestors! In the future, working as Divine Mountain Warriors here in the Construction Hall, we Li Family members will certainly face much less hardship and exhaust much less effort!"

At this point, Lin Xuankong was contemplating the words that Wu Tianguan had spoken earlier, pondering the matter of the newly discovered World Passage near the Seventh City. Hearing what Li Changming said, he casually echoed,

"Indeed, given Wu Tianguan's strength and her position as a Grand Celestial Official of the Seven Cities Construction Hall, having been helped by your noble ancestors, she will surely repay such kindness upon you three! This indeed makes Xuankong envious!"

Upon hearing this, Li Changming's smile grew even more complacent. He waved his hand proudly, "Ah, what can I say, planting virtuous seeds indeed bears virtuous fruit. When the Li Family was in its prime, our ancestors never oppressed small families nearby and often aided fellow cultivators, including those of the Demon Race and the Candle Dragon Race. Sadly, the three of us never knew that our family elders once helped this Wu Grand Celestial Official of the Seven Cities Construction Hall, otherwise we would have taken refuge with her long ago instead of wandering and struggling through this chaotic world!"

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In the chaos of today, good fortune has unexpectedly struck. A brawl led to punishment, but it also resulted in encountering an old acquaintance of the Li Family's elder!

Tsk tsk, but don't worry, Brother Lin. Since you entered this Seven Cities Construction Hall with us three, it seems we have some fate together!

In the future, within this Construction Hall, no matter what happens, if the three of us can watch out for you or lend you a hand, we definitely will!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but take another look at the three from the Li Family. Apart from the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming, the elder Li Changsheng and Li Changshou both gave a slight nod, smiling at him.

He couldn't help but think: these three from the Li Family appear to have decent personalities, and they seem to be inclined to help others. They haven't been too arrogant despite their connection with Wu Tianguan, the Grand Celestial Official of the Seven Cities Construction Hall!

After some thought, Lin Xuankong asked, "There's something I'm not clear about, might I consult the three of you?"

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming immediately responded, "What's unclear? Just ask me!"

Beside him, Li Changshou and Li Changsheng exchanged glances and shook their heads discreetly, clearly somewhat helpless towards their over-familiar, boasting cousin Li Changming!

Lin Xuankong asked, "Wu Tianguan just mentioned something about newly discovered Little Worlds and the World Passages.

To my knowledge, cultivators who ascend to the Supreme Origin Realm, even those who have cultivated to the Great Success or Venerable Realm, cannot communicate with the Little Worlds below. Even those who have reached the peak Saint Monarch Realm in the Supreme Origin Realm can at most project a trace amount of power to the Little Worlds below. So why did Wu Tianguan say that after some years, Divine Mountain Warriors will be sent to explore those three newly discovered Little Worlds?

Could it be that Wu Tianguan and the others have a way to send Divine Mountain Warriors from the Supreme Origin Realm down to the Little Worlds? This is something that even the strongest at the peak of the Saint Monarch Level can't achieve!"

The three from the Li Family paused at Lin Xuankong's words and then all started to scrutinize Lin Xuankong,

until Lin Xuankong felt a sense of doubt, the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming then shook his head, saying, "It seems Brother Lin is not a cultivator from our East Ming Divine Continent; or perhaps Brother Lin ascended from a Little World below and isn't aware of the Candle Dragon Race's powers?"

Lin Xuankong nodded, "Indeed, Xuankong is a cultivator who ascended from a Little World below, and I don't know much about the East Ming Divine Continent and the Candle Dragon Race!"

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming nodded and said, "So it turns out you're a cultivator who ascended from a Little World below, no wonder!"

After a pause, he continued, "If it were other Demon Races or cultivators of the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race or Ten Thousand Laws Celestial Demon Race, naturally they couldn't send people to explore the Little Worlds below. Even Saint Monarch Level cultivators can't cross world barriers!

The Candle Dragon Race indeed possesses a special talent that allows the separated soul of a practitioner to penetrate world barriers within a century, descending into lower Little Worlds, to either possess or seize control of weaker life forms there!"

Lin Xuannong couldn't help but be surprised, "The Candle Dragon Race possesses such a magical talent?"

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming nodded, "Naturally, otherwise why is it that in the East Ming Divine Continent, where strong practitioners from various clans thrive, only the Candle Dragon Race has become the most powerful Demon Race clan, even capable of uniting forces with other Demon Races and the Human Race to stand against the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race and Ten Thousand Laws Celestial Demon Race! Without the Candle Dragon Race, the East Ming Divine Continent would probably already be dominated by either the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race or the Ten Thousand Laws Celestial Demon Race!

However, even though the Candle Dragon Race possesses such a talent, which expends resources to allow the separated soul to cross the world barrier and attach to a creature in a Little World below, they are restricted by this talent and cannot separate their own souls to achieve the same! This can be seen as both a blessing and a curse; due to this talent, the Candle Dragon Race has always preferred to cooperate with other clan cultivators rather than rule or dominate alone!

Moreover, because of this extraordinary talent, the cultivators of the Candle Dragon Race, even at the Saint Monarch Realm, cannot, like the Saint Monarch Level powerhouses of the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race or Ten Thousand Laws Celestial Demon Race, forcibly project a trace of power to a Little World below, easily wreaking havoc and sweeping through Little Worlds below to capture the World Origin of those Little Worlds! So, in all things, there are both advantages and disadvantages!"

Hearing all this, Lin Xuankong finally had some understanding of the Candle Dragon Race.

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming, however, had opened his mouth wide, speaking non-stop, "And another point, don't assume being selected to explore the Little World's task guarantees success or that you'll obtain a wealth of information on the Little World, let alone mean you'll acquire some World Origin from the Little World...

The separated soul of the Candle Dragon Race's practitioner is too fine and possesses no real power or strength, and it's easily attached to too weak a life form. If unfortunate, the Divine Mountain Warrior's soul attached during the mission could end up on a creature near death, which might cause the dispersed soul to shatter!

If such a situation occurs, and the practitioner's soul cannot return to the Supreme Origin Realm, it would result in soul damage! This separation and soul damage could lead to a practitioner being unable to fully recover for millions, or even tens of millions of years, and their cultivation might not progress for millions of years!

So, it's still that reasoning; with great benefits come potentially great risks!"

Listening to all this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but feel his heart skip a beat,

He wasn't worried about being chosen for the Little World exploration and facing potential soul damage, as there might be vast benefits in this task, and many cultivators would fiercely compete for it. He, being a newcomer and freshly ascended Divine Mountain Warrior from a Little World below, with no roots or connections, would likely have little chance of obtaining such a task!

The reason for his sudden jolt was because of the mention of the World Origin of the Little World by the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming...

This information was Lin Xuankong's first exposure to the notion of Little World Origin since his ascension to the Supreme Origin Realm, and the first time hearing about ways to obtain Little World Origin!

Lin Xuankong is now at the Initial Tier Perfection Realm, at the bottleneck of advancing to the Early-Stage Minor Success Celestial Immortal Realm. He already possesses some World Origin from the Little Worlds within the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, but what he lacks is the World Origin from other Little Worlds!

Once he acquires some World Origins from other Little Worlds, he can rapidly advance his cultivation to the Early-Stage Minor Success Celestial Immortal Realm, then once again leverage the magical talent in his Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate and his diligent cultivation to rapidly elevate his cultivation, which was previously at a bottleneck!

But the dangers associated with the exploration tasks of other Little Worlds... soul damage is no trivial matter. He wonders if the Celestial Demon Blood Fruit could heal the soul damage of a cultivator at the Celestial Immortal Realm?

Lin Xuankong started calculating these matters in his heart.

Chapter 1363: Is Engraving Array Patterns Really That Difficult?

As Lin Xuankong and the three from the Li Family spoke, they were already approaching the front of a rather tall building.

This entire building was constructed from bluish-green megaliths. The carvings on those great stones were all exquisitely done, and they faintly emitted an extremely strong fluctuation. From time to time, some extremely complex Array Patterns would surface on the stone surfaces. Clearly, this building had already been set up with an Array and was no ordinary stone structure!

On the plaza before the hall's main doors, there were seventy to eighty Divine Mountain Warriors of the Human Race and Demon Race busily working without pause, each driving an Immortal Artifact to inscribe Array Patterns on some megaliths that had already been cut and carved. Every Divine Mountain Warrior currently engraving Array Patterns wore a solemn expression, their faces extremely serious and tense. They didn't dare be distracted in the slightest; even the arrival of Lin Xuankong's group of four went completely unnoticed, and not a single Divine Mountain Warrior cast a glance in their direction.

Among the crowd, there were also three Celestial Officials of the Construction Hall dressed in gray, weaving back and forth among those Divine Mountain Warriors.

These three Construction Hall Celestial Officials would occasionally speak up with stern faces to offer a few words of guidance, pointing out the points that those Array-pattern-engraving Divine Mountain Warriors needed to pay attention to next.

At this moment, sensing Cultivators approaching, one of the young female Celestial Officials, beautiful in appearance and clad in a purple robe, turned her head and looked toward where Lin Xuankong and the others were.

In the hair atop this purple-robed female Celestial Official's head, just like that white-clothed Wu Tianguan, there were also two dragon horns, though they looked slightly smaller. Clearly, she and the other two Celestial Officials were also Cultivators of the Candle Dragon Race!

Having just arrived on someone else's turf, the three Li brothers naturally did not dare show any neglect. Seeing that purple-robed female Celestial Official look over, the three of them hurriedly bent at the waist and saluted.

The oldest among them, Li Changsheng, cupped his hands and said, "You must be Ma Tianguan. The four of us have all come to receive punishment for violating the rules of the Seventh City of Candle Dragon. For the next several hundred thousand years, we'll have to trouble Ma Tianguan and the other two Celestial Officials for much guidance! We hope Ma Tianguan can tell us the rules here. We will certainly abide by them properly!"

Lin Xuankong naturally wouldn't try to steal the limelight at a time like this, and followed beside the three Li brothers, bowing in salute as well.

Seeing this, that purple-robed female Celestial Official led the other two gray-robed female Celestial Officials over. Her eyes swept across the four of them, then she spoke:

"Grand Celestial Official Wu has already informed me of your situation, all four of you!

Since Grand Celestial Official Wu personally gave instructions, you don't need to be so restrained. After all, all the major and minor affairs of this Seven Cities Construction Hall are decided by Grand Celestial Official Wu!"

Hearing this, the surrounding Divine Mountain Warriors who were likewise being punished all froze in expression. Some Divine Mountain Warriors who had just finished inscribing the Array Patterns in their hands revealed envy in their eyes when they looked toward Lin Xuankong and the three from the Li Family. A few Divine Mountain Warriors whose bodies bore quite strong Immortal Yuan Fluctuations even showed a somewhat indignant look on their faces. It was obvious that when these likewise-punished Divine Mountain Warriors first arrived at this Second Division, Ma Tianguan had definitely not been this polite to them; otherwise, they wouldn't be reacting like this.

Seeing this, the three from the Li Family all had a flash in their eyes, surprise surfacing at the bottom of their gaze.

A single "instruction" from Grand Celestial Official Wu could actually be so effective... This meant that their days here in the Second Division of the Seven Cities Construction Hall would likely be much better! Even though they were all here to do penal labor, at the very least they wouldn't have to worry about being bullied by some Divine Mountain Warriors who arrived earlier, just because they were newcomers. After all, no matter where you are, there are always small cliques and a pecking order between those who came first and later!

At this moment, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but give the three from the Li Family another look, muttering inwardly: It seems I've managed to bask in some of the Li Family's glow as well. That fat-faced, small-eyed Li Changming's earlier boasting wasn't entirely hot air!

Suppressing the joy in his heart, Li Changsheng cupped his hands and said, "Ma Tianguan is truly too kind. After all, we are all men with crimes on our heads! In the future, whatever orders Ma Tianguan may have, the four of us will certainly give our all and will not make a single mistake again to put Ma Tianguan in a difficult spot!"

The purple-robed Ma Tianguan nodded. "Mm, it's good that you understand this. Although Grand Celestial Official Wu has spoken on your behalf, you are here as Divine Mountain Warriors after all. And having come to this Second Division, your foremost priority is to complete the various tasks assigned by the Construction Hall!"

Speaking up to this point, the purple-robed Ma Tianguan glanced at a female Celestial Official beside her and said:

"Yu, these four newcomers will be handed over to your Third Group!

First arrange proper lodgings for them, then go to the Second Division's storage room to collect some Immortal Artifacts for Array Pattern inscription. After that, teach them how to engrave Array Patterns and give them some discarded stone materials to practice on. Once they can guarantee an eighty percent success rate when engraving Array Patterns, you can assign them proper work!"

The female Celestial Official called Yu cupped her hands in acceptance when she heard this, then led Lin Xuankong and the other three toward the Divine Mountain Warrior Residence on one side.

As they walked,

Li Changsheng cupped his hands to the female Celestial Official named Yu and said, "From now on, the four of us will all be working under you, Celestial Official. We still don't know how to address you properly, Celestial Official?"

Lin Xuankong also carefully studied this female Celestial Official. Since he would be working under her in the future, she was effectively his direct superior, so he naturally had to get to know her well!

This female Celestial Official named Yu, while not as delicately beautiful as Ma Tianguan, had a round face and large eyes, looking quite young, with a somewhat lively and cute air about her! Of course, Lin Xuankong would never believe that this seemingly youthful, lively, and cute female Celestial Official was actually some young girl. In this Supreme Origin Realm, any Cultivator whose Cultivation had taken shape possessed a near-infinite Lifespan! No matter how young she looked, this woman in front of him was most likely at least a several-hundred-thousand-year-old, if not several-million-year-old, "Heavenly Mountain Lady"!

Chapter 1364: Inscribing Array Patterns Is So Hard? (2)

The female Celestial Official named Yu waved her hand casually and smiled. "Yu Xiaoyu, I'm the Fifth Grade Celestial Official of our Second Sector. Right now I'm in charge of the Third Group, a bit over forty Divine Mountain Warriors! The four of you can just call me Celestial Official Yu from now on! Look, up ahead is where the Divine Mountain Warriors of the Third Group live!"

Following her indication, Lin Xuankong and the other three looked ahead and saw that on the right side of a small hill, dozens of caves had been dug out. Stone tables and stone stools were set at each cave entrance. In front of the hill a clear river flowed slowly past, and above the hill the trees cast a thick shade.

Lin Xuankong thought to himself: These caves may be crudely dug and built, but the scenery around them is not bad. Besides, since we're here to do punishment service as Divine Mountain Warriors, having our own individual cave dwellings to cultivate in during our off-hours from hard labor is already pretty good! Most importantly, in this Supreme Origin Realm, everywhere is filled with incomparably rich Supreme Primordial Qi, so there's no need to deliberately seek out any special cultivation treasure lands to cultivate various cultivation techniques!

Of course, what Lin Xuankong cared about most at this moment was whether he could obtain a slot to explore a Little World. After all, his cultivation realm had already reached a bottleneck; he only needed to obtain some World Origin from other Little Worlds to break through!

However, he had just arrived at this Second Sector of the Seven Cities Construction Hall and was completely unfamiliar with the Celestial Officials here; getting anxious about such matters would be useless!

Not long after,

under Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu's guidance, Lin Xuankong and the three members of the Li Family each chose a cave dwelling near one another as their residence.

Once the four had settled their lodgings, Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu, a trace of expectation in her eyes, led the four toward the storage room of the Second Sector of the Seven Cities Construction Hall, saying as they walked:

"How is the four of you's mastery on the Path of Array? Have you ever laid out arrays before, or studied the Path of Array? Have you ever engraved array patterns in the past?"

Hearing her ask this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help feeling a bit speechless.

With his current array mastery in the Eight-Layered Realms Luo Water Array, observing the array patterns engraved by those Divine Mountain Warriors in the Second Sector was like a university student looking at math problems done by elementary school students—he only found them extremely simple, ridiculously easy!

The three from the Li Family, hearing Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu ask this, all furrowed their brows, their expressions turning slightly bitter.

The oldest among them, Li Changsheng, cupped his hands and said, "All these years, we've been studying some Immortal Techniques and Secret Techniques of the Li Family. Because our resources and energy are limited, we never carefully studied the Path of Array. However, since we've come here to serve punishment and must complete tasks involving engraving array patterns, in the days to come we will certainly listen carefully to Celestial Official Yu's instruction and strive to be able to engrave array patterns as soon as possible!"

The expectation in Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu's eyes dimmed immediately upon hearing this.

She then spread her hands somewhat helplessly and sighed. "I'd thought that since you all hail from the former Red Water Li Family, you must surely have studied that rather famous Divine Fire Array of the Li Family, and would thus have some mastery in the Path of Array. That way you could achieve more results in the Third Group's upcoming tasks of engraving array patterns, and it'd be best if we could secure one or two slots for Little World exploration missions....

Alas, to think none of you have studied the Path of Array—now you really are giving me a headache!

Had I known the four of you had no mastery in the Path of Array, I might as well have let Celestial Official Ma assign you to the Second Group or the First Group instead!"

After saying this, this originally rather lively and fearsome Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu shook her head repeatedly, clearly quite disappointed.

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming among the three from the Li Family quickly cupped his hands when he saw this. "Please rest assured, Celestial Official Yu. Now that we're serving as Divine Mountain Warriors under your command, we will surely follow Celestial Official Yu in diligently studying the tricks and methods of engraving array patterns! I believe that under Celestial Official Yu's guidance, we'll all master it very quickly!"

Yu Xiaoyu, however, shook her head at these words.

"If the task of engraving array patterns and laying down the new City Defense Array of the Seventh City could be completed that quickly, that would be wonderful! If studying the Elemental Level Grand Array, and learning to engrave the array patterns of an Elemental Level Grand Array, were that simple, that would be wonderful!

In my past experience managing some Divine Mountain Warriors, for Divine Mountain Warriors who have never studied the Path of Array to become proficient at engraving Elemental Level Grand Array patterns in a short time is extremely difficult. It often takes years, even decades, before they can engrave some of the relatively simple patterns within Elemental Level Grand Array patterns!"

At this point she seemed to think of something and continued:

"Also, Grand Celestial Official Wu has probably already told you that in the near future, our Seven Cities Construction Hall will be selecting some Life Plates to send to explore Little Worlds from among the Divine Mountain Warriors who are steady and proactive in their work and have completed many tasks!

If you had all studied the Path of Array, then completing some engraving tasks would naturally be a bit easier. But since none of you have ever studied the Path of Array, for you to become Divine Mountain Warriors who complete many tasks and to obtain a slot, that will be as hard as ascending to heaven! What's more, Grand Celestial Official Wu has always handled matters with strict fairness. Although she did instruct Celestial Official Ma to take extra care of you, she could never possibly engage in favoritism! What a pity, truly a pity...."

Hearing this, the three from the Li Family looked even more obviously bitter.

When Grand Celestial Official Wu mentioned the slots for Little World exploration, how could they not be moved, how could they not yearn for it!

After all, among the three of them, even the one with the lowest cultivation is already at the Late Stage of Initial Tier, near Initial Tier Perfection. At such a realm, to take another step forward they must obtain at least the World Origin of two Little Worlds!

For Lin Xuankong, however, after hearing Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu's words, his heart actually grew slightly hot.

The task of engraving array patterns is so hard to complete?

With Lin Xuankong's strength in the Path of Array Formation, there was no need whatsoever for any favoritism from Grand Celestial Official Wu.

Even if Lin Xuankong used only one percent of his strength on the Path of Artifact Refining, he could probably completely crush any Divine Mountain Warrior who had just begun punishment service in the Second Sector—just passing by the areas where those Divine Mountain Warriors were busy, Lin Xuankong had already seen that their speed and accuracy in engraving array patterns was far inferior to his own!

Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu, seeing the expressions of the three from the Li Family, couldn't help chuckling.

"Hahaha, you don't need to be so dejected! For this round of Little World exploration slots, the four of you probably don't have any chance at all. But since you're all going to be serving punishment here for tens of thousands of years, you might encounter similar opportunities again in the future! By then you'll all be veterans at engraving Elemental Level Grand Array patterns and will surely have a very good chance of obtaining a slot in the next similar situation!"

The three from the Li Family still looked rather bitter at these words.

In their hearts they were all thinking: The opportunity is right in front of us, but our strength doesn't allow us to grasp it. We can't get that slot to go explore a Little World, with some risks yet with enormous rewards!

At this moment Yu Xiaoyu pointed toward the tall building ahead. "Up ahead is the storage room of our Second Sector! Once we go inside, I'll take out some discarded stone materials and some Immortal Artifacts and first assign you a task of engraving simple array patterns, to see how much talent you have in the Path of Array Formation!

Once the test is over, you can take some discarded materials and some Immortal Artifacts for engraving, then practice properly for a few days. As for those Little World exploration slots, don't think about them this time—you simply have no chance!"

Chapter 1365: Divine Dragon's Ten Thousand Transformations

This is what Yu Xiaoyu said,

because Yu Xiaoyu was at the second location of the Seven Cities Construction Hall,

leading more than one wave of Divine Mountain Warriors and teaching many Divine Mountain Warriors the methods of engraving array patterns.

Thus, she clearly and confidently knew that if a cultivator hadn't researched the Path of Array Formation and lacked much talent in that area, it would be utterly impossible to complete numerous engraving tasks in a short time!

As a result, this Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan was naturally very sure that the four people before her had almost no chance of securing a spot this time.

But what she couldn't have imagined was that among the four in front of her, one had studied the Path of Array Formation for many years as an Array Master. Crucially, this Array Master possessed the Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate and the talent of Old and Wise... In other words, this remarkably talented Array Master Lin Xuankong had researched the Path of Array Formation for billions of years!

The three from the Li Family, after listening to Yu Xiaoyu's words, were all verbally respectful but somewhat unconvinced in their hearts.

The plump-faced, small-eyed Li Changming, emboldened by his background with Grand Celestial Official Wu of the Seven Cities Construction Hall, mustered the courage to bow towards Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan and said: "Back when we were in the family, although none of us chose to study arrays, we did see our elders set up arrays and engrave patterns a few times. It didn't seem very difficult, so maybe if we test ourselves, we can quite smoothly learn the knack for engraving patterns and help Yu Tianguan accomplish more tasks for the Construction Hall!"

Seeing his demeanor, Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan couldn't help but feel amused and exasperated as she replied:

"Let's hope so!

Look over there; those are the Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel needed to engrave array patterns. Each of you should take a set, and then follow me inside to visualize the array patterns we need to engrave at our second location!"

Lin Xuankong and the three from the Li Family, upon hearing this, all went to pick up the Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel from a side of the hall.

Among them, when Li Changsheng received the Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel from a guard, he sensed the fluctuations from the tool in his hands and couldn't help but show a hint of admiration, remarking:

"The Candle Dragon Race, truly worthy of being the number one ruler of the East Ming Divine Continent, is unparalleled compared to the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race. Such exquisite and powerful Transformed Immortal Artifacts, at least of the Eighth Grade, are merely used as tools for carving array patterns! Tsk tsk, compared to the Candle Dragon Race at its pinnacle of power and prosperity, even our Li Family at its most flourishing time can't compare by a long shot!"

Standing beside him, Li Changshou couldn't help but sigh, "Transformed Seventh-Grade Immortal Artifacts used as tools... The best Immortal Artifacts we have are only Transformed Sixth-Grade Immortal Artifacts. Back when our Li Family was at its peak, we only possessed twelve Transformed Ninth-Grade Immortal Artifacts, all of which could only be used by the clan leader and elders. Other senior members of the clan could at best obtain some Transformed Seventh or Eighth Grade Immortal Artifacts!"

At this moment, even Li Changming, who was quite proud of his Li Family's past prosperity, couldn't help but feel attached to the set of Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel he received, clicking his tongue in amazement:

"These Eighth-Grade Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel, if used for combat, would give me the power to fight two or even three foes of similar capability as an Initial Tier Perfection Celestial Immortal!"

Standing nearby, Lin Xuankong, after getting the Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel, felt a bit reflective. He wasn't impressed by the refinement of the tools themselves; nowadays, with his and artifact refining genius Xiao Xiuyi's refining skills, they could easily create exceptionally powerful Ninth-Grade Immortal Artifacts using some second-rate and third-rate materials.

Lin Xuankong felt reflective because of the generosity of the Candle Dragon Race in using Eighth-Grade Immortal Artifacts as mere tools,

Recalling how, back in the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, top-tier Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures were almost extinct, so even the most powerful Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect only had the sect master possess a Third-Grade Immortal Artifact. If not for his collaboration with artifact refining genius Xiao Xiuyi, the entire Golden Dragon Immortal Realm might never have seen Fourth-Grade or Fifth-Grade Immortal Artifacts, let alone more sophisticated high-grade Immortal Artifacts and Ninth-Grade Immortal Artifacts!

Moreover, based on what Lin Xuankong observed in the Supreme Origin Realm, it seemed that the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race controlled only a limited quantity of high-grade Immortal Artifacts, Ninth-Grade Immortal Artifacts, and growth-type divine artifacts. Otherwise, the Cyan Bird Celestial Demon, lord of the Cyan Wood Forest, wouldn't be so intent on capturing him, this Artifact Refining Master!

It appears that within East Ming Divine Continent, even though the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race and the Ten Thousand Laws Celestial Demon Race are extremely powerful, they aren't as lavish as the Candle Dragon Race, at least not in terms of the number of Immortal Artifacts they possess!

After receiving the Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel,

the group followed Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan towards the inner side of the hall.

After passing through several doors guarded by Candle Dragon Race warriors with Initial Tier Perfection strength, they stood in a spacious hall.

This hall, despite being beautifully and grandly constructed, was extremely empty, with only the central area hosting a stone platform engraved with various array patterns. Upon that stone platform floated a shimmering Divine Dragon Shadow!

The Divine Dragon Shadow continuously shifted and slithered, yet always maintained a form akin to the character ' '!

Upon entering the hall, Lin Xuankong and the three from the Li Family took a glance around, eventually setting their sights on the Divine Dragon Shadow.

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The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming looked at the divine dragon phantom for a moment and couldn't help but reveal a look of doubt, questioning:

"With the esteemed Yu Tianguan overseeing, I am a little unclear; our task of recording the array patterns by the Divine Mountain Warriors won't be needing us to record this divine dragon phantom, right?"

The purple-clothed Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan smiled sweetly as she nodded and said:

"You little chubby, though you speak recklessly, this time you weren't wrong. The task for the Divine Mountain Warriors at our second location indeed is to record this divine dragon phantom's array pattern, so that every jade used to build the Seventh City's walls can possess incredibly strong protective abilities. With enough jade bricks, it could easily withstand attacks from an early-stage Great Success Celestial Demon powerhouse, and once the Seventh City's City Defense Array is fully activated, it can trigger the array pattern power of every jade brick, forming the strongest form of City Defense Array, at which point even a Venerable Level Celestial Demon powerhouse would need some time to break through!"

Upon hearing Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan's words,

The three from the Li Family couldn't help but show shocked expressions,

For cultivators like them at the Initial Tier Celestial Immortal level, a powerhouse at the Minor Success Realm, such as Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan whom they see before them at the Mid Stage of Minor Success, or similar to Wu Tianguan from the Seven Cities Construction Hall at the Late Stage of Minor Success, are terrifying existences they can't possibly withstand, capable of easily injuring dozens to hundreds of them at the Late Stage of Initial Tier or Initial Tier Perfection!

Yet, the Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan in front of them actually says that once the Seventh City's array is activated, it can not only resist a Great Success Realm Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon powerhouse but also withstand a Venerable Level Celestial Demon powerhouse for a while... Does that mean that once the array is fully activated, those considered terrifying existences in their eyes, cultivators of Minor Success Realm, wouldn't even be able to damage a single jade stone of the array?

"This... After the Seventh City is built, it's so powerful? No wonder countless cultivators from the East Ming Divine Continent's various clans would go to great lengths, exhausting resources, to come here to the still under-construction Seventh City of the Candle Dragon Race's Divine Mountain! It seems that all the comrades in the East Ming Divine Continent have already voted with their feet, fully recognizing the future safety of the Divine Mountain Seventh City!" The eldest among the three from the Li Family, Li Changsheng, sighed leisurely, murmuring.

As a cultivator of the Candle Dragon Race, Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan clearly appreciated the praise from the three of the Li Family.

The purple-clothed young beauty's face radiated with a smile and proudly said: "Naturally, though the Divine Mountain Seventh City hasn't completely finished constructing the City Defense Array, not to mention anything else, the constant patrols by our Candle Dragon Race's guards in the Divine Mountain Seventh City itself are enough to ensure the safety of every cultivator who comes to the Divine Mountain Seventh City!

Hmm, you all seem rather perceptive, able not only to imagine the future might of our Seventh City but also to understand the importance of our Seven Cities Construction Hall!

Alright, enough idle talk with you. The four of you have just received the Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel, and also the jade used for practicing the recording of array patterns. Next, the four of you will observe the divine dragon phantom before you in this hall! Once you comprehend anything within it, you four will naturally gain some methods and secrets for recording array patterns!"

As soon as Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan finished speaking,

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming couldn't help but start muttering, "Yu Tianguan means we need to record the array pattern from this divine dragon phantom, but isn't the recording usually directly guided by Yu Tianguan telling us the pattern?"

When we were in the Li Family, the array patterns recorded by our ancestors were all copied from some intricate talisman papers!

This... The divine dragon phantom before us is unfathomable with its countless billions of changing forms... There's actually an array pattern like this, it's daunting! Can anyone actually transform this endlessly changing divine dragon phantom into array patterns engraved on jade?"

The other two from the Li Family, Li Changsheng and Li Changshou, also looked at the ever-changing divine dragon phantom, with expressions full of surprise and doubt.

Seeing this, Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan solemnly frowned and said: "This is not an ordinary grand array pattern; it's an unparalleled grand array comprehended by Princess Yun Yulong of our Candle Dragon Race from the Divine Lake's waves. In terms of grade, it's already an Eighth Grade Primordial Realm Array, several times superior in power and defense to the well-known Seventh Grade Primordial Realm Array of the Thousand Illusion Race!

Such a powerful Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Array is unmatched by City Defense Arrays from other clans or sects of the East Ming Divine Continent, nor comparable to the so-called City Defense Array of the Li Family! For a small Immortal Family like the Li Family, setting up a Second Grade Realm's Primordial Realm Array is already their limit; the gap... is beyond ordinary!

And this Eighth Grade Primordial Realm Array requires recording array patterns of profound mysteries numbering in tens of thousands, the fixed rune array pattern before us is just one form and pattern among the many forms of the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Array!

Of course, our second location won't set too high expectations for you Divine Mountain Warriors; you won't be required to genuinely record the full array patterns of all fixed rune's profound mysteries, you just need to comprehend a variation within and record that variation onto jade!"

Upon hearing Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan's explanation,

The three from the Li Family, whether Li Changsheng, Li Changshou, or Li Changming, all showed an embarrassed look and fell into silence.

Looking at the profound and seemingly infinite-changing divine dragon phantom before them, listening to Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan's words, the three felt deeply the disparity between the prosperous former Li Family and the gigantic Candle Dragon Race, which dominates the entire East Ming Divine Continent!

Lin Xuankong, after hearing Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan's words, felt his heart leap.

The strongest grand array he has mastered is the Luo Water Array, studied alongside his mentor Yaan Mingyu! After over ten thousand years of research, he and his mentor Yaan Mingyu have pushed the Luo Water Array to the Eighth Layer Realm through contemplating the mysterious Luo Water Divine Diagram, and both are very confident that continuing to observe the Luo Water Divine Diagram, they will one day create a more powerful Ninth Layer Realm Luo Water Array!

The key thing is, Lin Xuankong is very certain that the Immortal Slaying Thousand Demon Array he encountered near the entrance to the number three passageway in the Cyan Wood Forest set up by thousands of Initial Tier Celestial Demons should be extremely similar in power and defense to the Seven Realms Luo Water Grand Array! Currently, Yu Xiaoyu Tianguan says that the Immortal Slaying Thousand Demon Array of the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race is precisely the Seventh Grade City Defense Array, the Primordial Realm Array!

The Seven Realms Luo Water Grand Array comparable to the Seventh-Grade City Defense Array Immortal Slaying Thousand Demon Array... Doesn't this mean, the Eight-layered Realm Luo Water Grand Array is nearly equivalent to the Eighth Grade Realm's City Defense Primordial Realm Array, comparable to this Seventh City's City Defense Array which the Candle Dragon Race is proud of?

Thinking of these, Lin Xuankong becomes even more convinced that the exceedingly mysterious Luo Water Divine Diagram is likely from the Supreme Origin Realm,

Otherwise, how could such a thing possibly manifest from the small world below, the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, capable of enabling cultivators to comprehend terrible arrays from the Luo Water Divine Diagram!

The question is, since that mysterious Luo Water Divine Diagram is likely from the Upper Realm, who or which celestial being, demon, or buddha sent it into the lower world, Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, in the first place; traditionally, even the powerful Thousand Illusion Saint Monarch from the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race can only send a sliver of power across the World Wall to reach the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm. Likewise, although the Candle Dragon Race is incredibly powerful, their means are limited to sending a sliver of Divine Soul of a cultivator into the lower world!

Even though both the Thousand Illusion Saint Monarch and the Candle Dragon Race's Saint Monarch are exceedingly powerful, neither can transfer a true treasure from the Supreme Origin Realm like the Luo Water Divine Diagram,

In this calculation, how strong must the cultivator who placed the Luo Water Divine Diagram into the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm be?

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Threads of power,

Threads of Divine Soul,

trying to pour them into the Little World below was that difficult!

Yet the Luo Water Divine Diagram was a truly genuine Treasure; wanting to pass through the World Wall was nearly impossible!

And for a powerhouse capable of doing such a thing, just how terrifying would their strength be? Perhaps stronger than a Saint Monarch Level Cultivator, a Realm so high that even that Golden Dragon Ancestor didn't dare to speak of it?

Once one reached such a Realm of Power, they had very likely already experienced countless ages. A powerhouse like that, no matter what they did, would surely have their own purpose. It was impossible that they were doing it just for fun!

Since that was the case, what exactly was the intention behind that powerhouse placing the Luo Water Divine Diagram into the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm? What did they want to gain?

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong's thoughts surged tumultuously in his heart.

At this moment, Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu waved his hand and continued:

"This Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations Grand Array Pattern Observation Hall, the second site, will open for eight Hours every day. During this period, aside from returning to your own caves for Cultivation and rest, you must spend eight Hours every day here in this Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations Grand Array Pattern Observation Hall for contemplation, until the four of you can grasp at least one transformation among the changes of this Array Pattern, and can perfectly inscribe it onto the practice Jade!"

"In addition, let me warn you: do not use Primordial Qi or your body to touch this Divine Dragon's Ten Thousand Transformations Array Pattern. The stone platform beneath the Array Pattern is formed from one hundred and eight Eighth-Grade Immortal Artifacts combined together, and a Micro Array has been set up upon it. It can launch attacks against any Cultivator who uses Primordial Qi, Immortal Technique, or Immortal Body to touch the Array Pattern. Its attack strength can easily injure a Cultivator around the Mid Stage of Minor Success. If Initial Tier Celestial Immortals like you are struck by the attack of this Micro Array, you will definitely be severely wounded on the spot, even damaging some of your foundation!"

Hearing Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu say this, when the three of the Li Family looked again at the stone platform below that Array Pattern, they all revealed a trace of dread. A Micro Array capable of injuring Cultivators at the Mid Stage of Minor Success was something they had rarely even heard of! Even at the peak of the Red Water Li Family back then, the City Defense Array they had arranged, which could injure Celestial Immortal and Celestial Demon or Celestial Demon at the Late Stage of Minor Success, still couldn't even come close to this Micro Array before their eyes. After all, at the height of the Li Family's prosperity, that City Defense Array had required hundreds or even thousands of Li Family Celestial Immortals to operate together, whereas this Micro Array relied solely on one hundred and eight Eighth-Grade Immortal Artifacts, yet could injure Cultivators at the Mid Stage of Minor Success!

Such an incomparably exquisite Micro Array was, in the eyes of the three from the Li Family, simply godlike!

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but carefully look at the stone platform beneath that Divine Dragon's Ten Thousand Transformations Array Pattern. After examining it a few times, he couldn't help but nod slightly.

As an Array Master capable of laying down the Eight-Layered Realms Luo Water Array, Lin Xuankong's attainments in the Dao of Arrays were, even within the East Ming Divine Continent of the Supreme Origin Realm, probably considered quite high-level. Because of this, he could naturally perceive the many subtleties and points of strength in this Micro Array before him!

Lin Xuankong mused silently in his heart: This Micro Array, although not as powerful and exquisite as my own Eight-Layered Realms Luo Water Array, is already in no way inferior in subtlety to an ordinary Seven Realms Luo Water Grand Array. It's even a bit stronger than the Seven Realms Luo Water Grand Array I lay down using Eighth-Grade Immortal Artifacts. After all, for the Seven Realms Luo Water Grand Array I arrange with Eighth-Grade Immortal Artifacts, injuring a Celestial Demon at the Mid Stage of Minor Success isn't an easy task; I'd have to arrange several of them to manage it!

It seems that within this Candle Dragon Race, there must absolutely be a highly accomplished, extremely gifted Array Master. I just don't know who that Array Master is, and how their Array Formation Talent compares to that of my master, Immortal Lord Luoshui—whose is better!

As Lin Xuankong was pondering, among the three of the Li Family, Li Changming, the one with the chubby face and small eyes, looked with deep apprehension at the Stone Platform Array beneath that Divine Dragon's Ten Thousand Transformations Array Pattern, then turned his head toward Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu, cupped his fists with a look of admiration, and said:

"The Candle Dragon Race truly deserves to be the number one overlord of our East Ming Divine Continent. Such an exquisite Micro Array is something I, Changming, have never seen in any other Clan or Sect in this life, not to mention the lavishness of casually using over a hundred Eighth-Grade Immortal Artifacts! On this East Ming Divine Continent, and even including several of the great continents bordering East Ming Divine Continent, I'm afraid no Clan as powerful as the Candle Dragon Race can be found!"

This chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming indeed had a clever tongue; he seized every opportunity to lay on the flattery,

yet it had to be said: flattery never goes amiss. Even though Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu had led many Divine Mountain Warriors, and had been flattered, praised, and admired by many Divine Mountain Warriors before, seeing this descendant of the Red Water Li Family speak so effusively at this moment, Celestial Official Yu Xiaoyu still couldn't help showing a broad smile, nodding with considerable pride as he said:

"But of course. If we compare achievements in other fields, my Candle Dragon Race might be roughly on par with the overlord Clans of the neighboring great continents. But when it comes to the number of Immortal Artifacts, the number of Growth-type Divine Artifacts, and especially our achievements in Arrays, my Candle Dragon Race should be the undisputed number one among the surrounding great continents!

After all, Her Highness the Eldest Princess Yun Yulong of our Candle Dragon Race has a Talent in the Dao of Arrays that absolutely counts as a top-tier Talent unmatched in hundreds of billions of years since ancient times!

I've heard that in the distant Nanming Divine Continent far across dozens of great continents, there is a so-called number one Array Master of the Supreme Origin Realm. Even using Ninth-Grade Immortal Artifacts that have undergone Metamorphosis, he can lay down a Twelfth-Grade City Defense Array capable of withstanding the attacks of several Saint Monarch Level powerhouses for millions of years! But that so-called number one Array Master of the Supreme Origin Realm also relied on endless ages to attain such astonishing and peerlessly admirable Array mastery. Her Highness our Candle Dragon Race's Eldest Princess Yun Yulong may very well be able to lay down a Twelfth-Grade City Defense Array in the future!"

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The three Li Family members heard this and couldn't help but feel wistful.

For them, in the hundreds of thousands to millions of years to come, being able to elevate their cultivation to the Minor Success Realm is already considered an extremely high goal! But in the Nanming Divine Continent of the Supreme Origin Realm, there is a grand array, reputed to be the first of the Supreme Origin Realm, capable of setting up a city defense array that can withstand several Saint Monarch-level experts... Saint Monarch-level experts are terrifying entities capable of easily annihilating Celestial Immortals, Celestial Demons, Celestial Fiends, and Celestial Buddhas!

Such a level of array technique, how could they not yearn for it!

Even Lin Xuankong couldn't help but brighten his eyes at this point, a hint of eagerness manifesting in his gaze.

As an array master with considerable research on the path of arrays, Lin Xuankong is naturally well aware of the intrinsic value of a Twelfth-Grade city defense array! Nowadays, he and his master Yaan Mingyu have been deducing the Luo Water Array to the Eighth Layer, which is the Eighth Grade Realm of the Primordial Realm Array, taking a full ten thousand years of effort, and that's with the over ten thousandfold enhancement from the Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate's talent of Old and Wise, as well as the talent of Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters! Moreover, the path of arrays, like the immortal path cultivation, becomes increasingly difficult with higher grades and realms, harder to grasp and breakthrough!

In the estimation of Lin Xuankong and Yaan Mingyu, for them to deduce the Luo Water Array to the Ninth Grade Realm, or the Ninth Layer of Luo Water Array, would take at least hundreds of thousands of years... For the Tenth Grade Luo Water Array, it would require at least millions of years! One can only imagine, once the array pathway reaches the later stages, how incredibly difficult it becomes to improve and advance!

As for the Eleventh Grade Realm and Twelfth Grade Realm, Lin Xuankong and Yaan Mingyu simply haven't even dared to ponder it for now!

However, due to the effects of the Old and Wise talent within Lin Xuankong's Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate, the older Lin Xuankong becomes, the stronger and more astonishing the comprehension and cultivation bonuses he receives in the future will be. Under such remarkable bonuses, the research pace of Lin Xuankong and Yaan Mingyu in the path of arrays will increasingly accelerate, perhaps bringing about advancements to the Ninth Grade Realm, Tenth Grade Realm, and maybe even the Eleventh and Twelfth Grade Realm of array levels, in advance by tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands and millions of times!

"Alright, hurry up and comprehend your Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations Grand Array Pattern!"

After saying this, Yu Xiaoyu, clad in purple, shook the dragon horn on his head, then continued: "For the upcoming period, every task completed by the Divine Mountain Warriors of the Seven Cities Construction Hall, the number of jade transported and the number of jade inscriptions, will be counted in the criteria for future selection spots! The earlier you comprehend a variation within the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations Array Pattern, the earlier you begin inscribing the array patterns, the more beneficial it will be for obtaining a spot later!

Moreover, our third group's tasks are becoming increasingly abundant, you all absolutely must not slack off, otherwise, during the every-hundred-year task verification for Divine Mountain Warriors, I won't favor any of you!"

Upon hearing this, the Li Family trio all assumed serious expressions and then respectfully bowed, indicating that they would certainly concentrate all their energy on contemplating the Divine Dragon's Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern.

After arranging these matters, Yu Xiaoyu vanished with a swift movement, departing from the sacred hall of Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern observation.

Lin Xuankong then began to ponder silently to himself, saying inwardly: Although my array formation level is already at the Eight-Layer level of the Luo Water Array, which is the level of an Eighth-Grade city defense array, I have just ascended from the Little World below and haven't found my footing yet, at this juncture, regardless of what I do, I should act somewhat discreetly! At the very least, I mustn't immediately reveal my array realm and various trump cards to avoid attracting more prying eyes!

Having resolved his intentions, Lin Xuankong gestured to the trio from the Li Family and then approached the vicinity of the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern, sitting cross-legged on the ground to meticulously observe the constantly transforming array pattern.

In earlier times, Lin Xuankong, alongside Yaan Mingyu, relying solely on a fragmentary diagram of the Luo Water Divine Diagram, could comprehend various methods of deploying the Luo Water Array and continually elevate his array skill level! The current Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern, however, is exceedingly complete and presents a three-dimensional form, making it far simpler to contemplate and grasp compared to the incomplete diagram of the Luo Water Array!

Lin Xuankong is confident in promptly mastering the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern before him,

yet the trio of the Li Family can hardly match his astonishing capability in the path of array formation!

After Yu Xiaoyu left them, the Li Family members also approached the vicinity of the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern and sat cross-legged on the ground, fixating their gaze unwaveringly upon the transforming array pattern.

Before long, the light outside the hall dimmed gradually, indicating that several hours had passed.

These many hours are considered exceedingly intricate, exceedingly difficult to grasp for other cultivators observing the array pattern... However, for Lin Xuankong, a few hours were sufficient for him as an array master to gain a clear understanding of the patterns and changes within the Seventh-Grade city defense array pattern in front of him!

If not for preferring not to overly flaunt himself, Lin Xuankong could have instantly utilized the Immortal Hammer and Immortal Chisel in his hand to directly inscribe one variation of the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern onto the jade used for practice!

If Yu Xiaoyu were to learn how swiftly and extraordinarily Lin Xuankong of the third group had grasped a type of array pattern, Yu Xiaoyu's chin might very well drop in shock.

"Brother Longevity, Brother Changshou, Brother Lin, how is your observation going?"

Amidst Lin Xuankong's secret contemplation, the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming glanced somewhat wistfully toward Li Changsheng, Li Changshou, and Lin Xuankong, inquiring.

Hearing this, Li Changsheng and Li Changshou exchanged a glance and then sighed softly, Li Changshou even shaking his head uncontrollably, "This ever-changing Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern is tremendously complex and deeply profound! I have been staring at this pattern without blinking for several hours now, yet haven't had any insight or achieved any gains! How about you, Changming?"

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming heard this and couldn't help but reveal a bitter expression, "This... Both my elder brothers haven't any clue, how could someone like me, who's barely come into contact with the path of array formation, possibly comprehend anything!"

Li Changsheng remained silent for a few moments before abruptly speaking, "Changshou, Changming, you need not be so dejected! This incredibly intricate, yet marvelously exquisite Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern, is arranged by the Eldest Princess of the Candle Dragon Race, and the likelihood of us grasping a variation of it within mere hours is practically nonexistent!

Nonetheless, Yu Tianguan has not demanded us to swiftly discern the array pattern inscription techniques and methods... We simply need to follow Yu Tianguan's arrangements diligently, and perhaps after several days, we might suddenly have a spark of inspiration, gaining some insights!"

Li Changsheng said this, naturally to console Li Changshou and Li Changming,

While Li Changshou made no comments, the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming couldn't help but mutter, "The key issue is the time; the more time we spend comprehending the array pattern, the harder it will be to participate early in the tasks of the second realm group! At this rate, with the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations array pattern being so intricate and marvelous, we're in trouble now, and I really thought there was an opportunity to strive for a spot!"

Saying this, the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming suddenly glanced at Lin Xuankong with a trace of doubt in his eyes.

Chapter 1369: Growth-type Divine Artifacts Are Actually So Precious

After taking a careful look at Lin Xuankong,

seeing Lin Xuankong's calm and composed demeanor,

the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming, somewhat puzzled, said:

"Brother Lin, you don't seem to be in any hurry. Don't you want to understand the transformations of the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations Array Pattern as soon as possible? Then you can participate in the inscription task and seize the opportunity to explore the little world below, which might even give you a chance to obtain a bit of the little world's origin!

All Initial Tier Celestial Immortals who want to advance their cultivation to the Early Stage of Minor Success Celestial Immortal must at least obtain a trace of origin from two little worlds. The task at hand given by the Construction Hall of the Candle Dragon Race's Seven Cities, though risky, poses no threat to

life, at most only damaging the Divine Soul, resulting in cultivation unable to progress for over a million years!

The most crucial thing is, this is a perfect chance to obtain the little world origin!

If missed, even after millions or tens of millions of years, such an opportunity may not arise again!

Moreover, in the various tribes' auction houses of East Ming Divine Continent, the occasional little world origin that appears is extremely expensive. Without resources obtainable only by those of Minor Success Perfection or a Great Success Realm Celestial Immortal, Celestial Demon, or Celestial Buddha, it's impossible to exchange for even a trace of little world origin!"

Lin Xuankong withdrew his Heart Spirit focused on comprehending the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Transformations Grand Array Pattern, turned to look at the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming, "Is it possible to acquire little world origin at auctions of various tribes in East Ming Divine Continent? How many resources are needed, and are they priced by top-grade jade stones?"

Li Changming shook his head and then revealed a sagely expression of a wise elder, saying:

"Lin Xuankong, you are an Initial Tier Perfection Celestial Immortal after all, yet you know so little about top-grade Profound Truth Jade Stones and little world origin? I bet since your ascendancy to the Supreme Origin Realm, you've been cultivating in some obscure corner, tsk tsk!

In fact, these top-grade Profound Truth Jade Stones are indeed exceedingly precious,

found only in very ancient Profound Truth Jade Ore Veins in the Supreme Origin Realm, with a very low probability of appearing. Like us three, mingling in East Ming Divine Continent for a million years, we've amassed only a few dozen pieces!

So precious are the top-grade Profound Truth Jade Stones, they are usually used as currency for exchanging goods among the Celestial Immortals, Celestial Demons, and Celestial Buddhas in the Supreme Origin Realm,

not only purchasable for high-grade Transformed Immortal Artifacts but also for their spatial properties, they are used for storing large amounts of other resources, and can further be used for array formations or puppet refining! In the Supreme Origin Realm, apart from some extremely rare materials directly used for refining divine artifacts or primordial-grade spirit fruit elixirs, the top-grade Profound Truth Jade Stones are most precious!

In desolate and chaotic places, those Tribulation Cultivators and Evil Cultivators love to seize the top-grade Profound Truth Jade Stones!

However,

the value of top-grade Profound Truth Jade Stones also depends on what it's compared with!

Compared to the little world origin, they fall far short!

For any Celestial Immortal, Celestial Demon, or Celestial Buddha, even a Celestial Demon, it's the most vital resource, fundamental for breaking the realm and comprehending stronger Immortal Techniques! A thousand top-grade Profound Truth Jade Stones might not even be exchanged for a trace of little world origin!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong slightly nodded and clasped his hands in gratitude, "Thank you, Brother Changming, for your guidance. Since ascending to the Supreme Origin Realm, I haven't had the chance to understand much about it either! However, since you mentioned that the auction houses of East Ming Divine Continent might have sellers offering little world origin, what resources would they require in exchange?"

The chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming clearly enjoyed playing the role of a 'mentor,' and upon Lin Xuankong's inquiry, he immediately flicked his robe sleeves joyfully and said: "Look, look, you don't know again, do you! To speak of it, during these million years, we three have indeed heard twice of little world origin being auctioned!

However, such top-tier auctions at least require participants to be of the Early Stage of Minor Success Celestial Immortal, Celestial Demon, or Celestial Buddha, otherwise Initial Tier Celestial Immortals aren't eligible, unless brought by a strong member of their clan to such a top-tier auction!

As for what resource the cultivators possessing little world origin seek....in the two auction events we heard about, both sellers each exchanged a trace of little world origin for three growth-type divine artifacts!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong's eyes couldn't help but shift, "A trace of little world origin in exchange for three growth-type Divine Artifacts?"

Li Changming nodded with a chuckle, "Aren't you envious! We heard at those two top-tier auctions, those two sellers, each possessing some little world origin, were able to exchange their trace for a growth-type Divine Artifact!"

At this point, the chubby-faced, small-eyed Li Changming put away his smile, a hint of envy gradually appearing on his face,

"Tsk tsk, those are growth-type Divine Artifacts, possibly only appearing during the metamorphosis process of over ten thousand Ninth-Grade Immortal Artifacts!"

Once such growth-type Divine Artifacts are nurtured to Minor Success, not even a Minor Success Realm Celestial Immortal, Celestial Demon, or Celestial Buddha would dare to confront it head-on, lest they be harmed by the growth-type Divine Artifact, easily damaging their foundation. The key is, as the growth-type Divine Artifact continues to be cultivated and strengthened, there's a chance of upgrading to a Great Success Divine Artifact, in which case, even a Minor Success Celestial Immortal wielding a Great Success Divine Artifact might harm Great Success Realm Celestial Demons, Celestial Buddhas, or even Celestial Demons!

Chapter 1370: Growth-type Divine Artifacts Are Actually This Precious (Part 2)

As a result, those two Celestial Immortals at the early stage of Great Success, relying on the Little World Origin they obtained, each exchanged for a growth-type divine artifact. Although it was merely an initial tier divine artifact that hadn't yet been cultivated, it was extraordinary! Those two top-notch auctions featured Little World Origin and strong beings willing to exchange growth-type divine artifacts for Little World Origin. It was simply shocking, even after tens of thousands to millions of years, celestial beings or celestial demons often mention it while chatting!

Even those top-level auctions, where both growth-type divine artifacts and Little World Origin appear simultaneously, are considered rare events occurring once in millions of years!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong's heartbeat quickened, "Little World Origin is incredibly precious because every celestial being, celestial demon, or celestial Buddha needs at least two to advance their realm! Yet growth-type divine artifacts are so rare that they can compete with a sliver of Little World Origin?"

The chubby-faced Li Changming nodded and said: "Naturally! Ninth-grade immortal artifacts are extremely rare, even in the Supreme Origin Realm, requiring exceedingly precious materials to refine. Moreover, artifact refining masters with high success rates have high status, and hiring them demands substantial resources!

Yet the probability of ninth-grade immortal artifacts metamorphosing into growth-type divine artifacts is frighteningly low, with thousands needed to produce one, and only rarely might ten thousand ninth-grade immortal artifacts undergo metamorphosis simultaneously, possibly not yielding even one!

As such, acquiring a growth-type divine artifact is as challenging as obtaining even a sliver of Little World Origin!"

At this point, Li Changming glanced at Lin Xuankong and chuckled, "Hehe, Brother Lin, are you enthralled by what you hear? You probably haven't seen a growth-type divine artifact yet! We three may not have the chance to acquire a growth-type divine artifact, but we've seen Lord City Lord of the Seventh City of Candle Dragon activate one!

The unpredictable and astonishingly mighty growth-type divine artifact outshines any immortal artifact, its power terrifying. Lord City Lord managed to repel a Venerable Realm celestial demon from the Thousand Illusion Race in an instant with it!

In that battle, the Seventh City of Candle Dragon's Lord City Lord wielded the growth-type divine artifact, stealing the spotlight. This artifact was dubbed Candle Dragon's Seventh Divine Sword by many celestial beings and celestial demons of the Seventh City. The pressure and strength of the Venerable Level growth-type divine artifact remain awe-inspiring and captivating to reminisce about now!"

Beside them, Li Changsheng and Li Changshou seemed to recall the scene of the Seventh City of Candle Dragon's Lord City Lord activating the growth-type divine artifact—the Candle Dragon's Seventh Divine Sword. Their faces showed expressions of shock, fear, and longing, with their eyes quite complex.

Listening here, Lin Xuankong felt his heart heat up,

Since ascending to the Supreme Origin Realm, he has faced various crises and encountered fearsome strong beings from the Candle Dragon Race. His mood has yet to stabilize, and he's somewhat uncertain about his path of growth in the Supreme Origin Realm.

In contrast, Li Changming's words pierced his heart... In Lin Xuankong's Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, besides Young Lady Li Xiaolan and Second Lady Zhao Yufei, lie tens of thousands of ninth-grade immortal artifacts he and Miss Xiao Xiuyi refined together!

Most importantly, those newly refined tens of thousands of ninth-grade immortal artifacts are exceptionally perfect, even more robust and flawless than the ones once used by Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva, Sect Leader Qiu of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect, and others. The foundation is more solid, the might infinitely approaching that of metamorphosed ninth-grade immortal artifacts! Meaning, once the countless ninth-grade immortal artifacts Lin Xuankong and artifact refining genius Xiao Xiuyi later refined begin absorbing the Supreme Primordial Qi of the Upper Realm, in the metamorphosis process, there's potentially a slightly greater probability of producing a few more growth-type divine artifacts!

If indeed the probability for ordinary ninth-grade immortal artifacts to metamorphose into growth-type divine artifacts upon absorbing massive amounts of Supreme Primordial Qi is one in tens of thousands, the exceptionally perfect ninth-grade immortal artifacts Lin Xuankong and artifact refining genius Miss Xiao Xiuyi later refined might have a chance of one in ten thousand or even one in a few thousand!

Of course, these are Lin Xuankong's speculations based on the differences between ordinary ninth-grade immortal artifacts and perfect ninth-grade immortal artifacts. Whether those perfect ninth-grade immortal artifacts have a relatively larger metamorphosis probability needs practical trials to ascertain!

Previously, Lin Xuankong felt that, even if those perfect ninth-grade immortal artifacts had a slightly higher probability of metamorphosing into growth-type divine artifacts,

the enhancement in his own power might not be significantly large!

After all, having personally experienced the vast chasm between the Minor Success Realm celestial demon and Initial Tier celestial demon's strength, Lin Xuankong was very sure that even with a few

growth-type divine artifacts, he likely would not be a match for Late Stage of Minor Success or Perfection Realm celestial demons and celestial demons or celestial Immortals, when his own strength and growth-type divine artifact haven't advanced to higher stages!

Thus, after ascending to the Supreme Origin Realm, Lin Xuankong had not felt particularly pressed to retrieve those perfect ninth-grade immortal artifacts to metamorphose them!

Yet at this moment,

Lin Xuankong feels quite eager to metamorphose those perfect ninth-grade immortal artifacts!

He never expected that in this Supreme Origin Realm, teeming with frightening great powers, growth-type divine artifacts were still so precious, and could potentially exchange for some Little World Origin!

In this aspect, Lin Xuankong is now absolutely convinced he underestimated the might of growth-type divine artifacts!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong feels an intensely strong urge to immediately return to his domicile at Construction Hall's second site, and find a way to metamorphose those perfect-grade immortal artifacts...

Meanwhile,

Li Changming, having chatted with Lin Xuankong for a while, initially planned to join Li Changsheng and Li Changshou to further comprehend the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Array Pattern. But outside the hall came a voice from a guard of Construction Hall's second site: "The hour has come. If you want to keep studying the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Array Pattern, come again tomorrow morning!"

The Candle Dragon Race indeed quite powerful, even the guards in the Construction Hall casually possess Early Stage Minor Success cultivation realm.

Upon hearing the voice of the guard from Construction Hall's second site,

Li Changsheng, Li Changshou, and Li Changming all sighed gently, bowing respectfully towards the guard at the hall's entrance, before proceeding outside.

These three from the Li Family obviously planned to resume their study of the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Grand Array Pattern after a short break, hoping to discern some changes early, enabling them to start recording the array patterns and compete for the task slots to explore the Little World!

At this moment, Lin Xuankong's heart was laden with longing to return to his personal domicile at the second site. He naturally followed after the three, heading outside.

Moments later,

The four had reached the entrance of each of their domiciles,

Since they 'entered prison' together, their simple domiciles were arranged adjacent to one another.

The chubby-faced Li Changming stood at his domicile door, shaking his head with an odd expression: "Reflecting on the journey, I carefully recalled those Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Array Patterns. But once leaving the hall, I discovered those patterns seem to possess some miraculous efficacy, as I cannot recall any detail! Those Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Array Patterns are utterly peculiar!"

Beside him, Li Changsheng glanced at him and said:

"Given that the great Array was personally cultivated by the Eldest Princess of the East Ming Divine Continent, known for her supreme talent from the Candle Dragon Race, it is naturally an extremely high-grade Array. Even the Saint Monarch level powers from the Thousand Illusion Celestial Demon Race or the Ten Thousand Laws Celestial Demon Race surely cannot fully deploy it!

Although the Array Pattern of the Divine Dragon Ten Thousand Changes Grand Array at the second site is only one of its patterns, an Array of such grade patterns cannot possibly be comprehended or its changes memorized so swiftly!"