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### Chapter 1441: Peerless Genius

He Wu truly didn't expect,

Lin Xuankong would say such things... actually wanting himself to accept Lin joining the Heaven-Questioning Sect and even directly replace him as Sect Leader!

It's truly the most incredible thing in the world; joining a sect and immediately taking the position of Sect Leader must be something that no cultivator in the entire Great Yan Kingdom and the neighboring seven countries has ever encountered!

However, since he spoke like this, it's clear that he must want him to teach the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique to him!

With a heavy sigh in his heart, He Wu couldn't find any excuse to refuse Lin Xuankong anymore!

After a moment of speechlessness, He Wu's eyes flickered as he spoke:

"Since Immortal wants to join my Heaven-Questioning Sect, of course He Wu cannot refuse! In my Heaven-Questioning Sect, apart from myself as Sect Leader, there are only twelve disciples with cultivation talent, yet to welcome a formidable Immortal like you is truly the honor of my Heaven-Questioning Sect..."

"Alright, stop the nonsense. From now on, consider me the Sect Leader of the Heaven-Questioning Sect. Give me your Sect Leader Token or Sect Leader Token, and then directly discuss your Heaven-Questioning Technique!" Lin Xuankong said.

He Wu couldn't help but feel speechless again,

The Heaven-Questioning Sect has passed down for thousands of years, and for the first time, receiving a disciple who directly becomes Sect Leader...

Moreover, the Heaven-Questioning Sect in its thousands of years of tradition has never been so casual in accepting disciples, mustn't there be a ceremony especially when changing Sect Leaders!

Unfortunately, although this demon dao kept complaining inwardly, he ultimately had no words to refute. With some reluctance, he took out the Sect Leader Token of the Heaven-Questioning Sect from his chest, handed it to Lin Xuankong, and then took out a secret manual recorded with special symbols, carefully explaining the meanings represented by those symbols and the cultivation method of the Heaven-Questioning Technique, as well as the usage of the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry!

After listening carefully to He Wu's demon dao explanation, Lin Xuankong's Divine Soul revealed a line of purple-gold text in his Life Plate: Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique: Entry Level 1/6000.

Immediately, in Lin Xuankong's Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate, the four words "Old and Wise" flashed slightly, and that Heaven-Questioning Demon Sect: Entry Level 1/6000, directly transformed into Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique: Entry Level 1/3.

As for Lin Xuankong's comprehension of the various secrets of the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique, the method of operating True Qi, the understanding and application of Heaven-Questioning Puppetry, he had already become quite skillful!

Being able to cultivate the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique to entry level so quickly, besides Lin Xuankong's Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate and the Old and Wise Talent, there was also the role of his vast experience from cultivating countless refined immortal techniques and demon techniques thus allowing him to stand at a high vantage point and draw parallels!

At this time, Lin Xuankong harbored admiration for the Sect Master of the Heaven-Questioning Sect who created the Heaven-Questioning Technique back then.

To be able to forcibly create a demon technique adapting to such an Absolute Spirit Mini World by understanding the Path of Heaven and Earth is truly difficult! The Sect Master's talent must be extraordinarily strong, especially his comprehension, definitely exceptional!

However, what made Lin Xuankong's teeth cold was the fact that to quickly cultivate this demon technique, one must harm countless other women in a short time... it's rather unlike the Blood Spirit Technique, at least it doesn't harm the same kind!

From this aspect, if the Heaven-Questioning Sect Master had a lesser talent and comprehension and hadn't created the Heaven-Questioning Technique, it would have been a good thing for the people of the Great Yan Kingdom! Because the Heaven-Questioning Technique actually has another cultivation method available, except it requires a massive consumption of medicines and cannot be quick, which is why it almost doesn't attract most Heaven-Questioning Technique cultivators since which cultivator isn't interested in greatly accelerating their cultivation progress?

Additionally,

If speaking solely about the puppetry magic within the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique,

Lin Xuankong could only review it in five words: ingeniously twisted! Although at the same time, only one Heaven-Questioning Demon Puppet can be controlled, this Heaven-Questioning Puppetry consumes an extremely small quantity of True Qi, almost negligible! Such a technique that achieves the ultimate use of True Qi is evidently extremely suitable for cultivators of an Absolute Spirit Mini World where True Qi is incredibly scarce, in normal circumstances, it could almost only emerge in such a world!

The most dazzling aspect is that this Heaven-Questioning Puppetry, once infused with a thread of True Qi into the target's body, will greatly stimulate the target's potential. Not only can it control the target's Heart Spirit, but within a short period, allow the target to possess abilities infinitely close to the caster while consuming a large amount of potential, lifespan, and life force! Naturally, the lower the target's own strength and the greater the gap with the caster's realm, the quicker the target will deplete its potential, life force, and lifespan during the existence of the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry, potentially even exhausting all life force, potential, and lifespan within a single breath, a severe side effect!

Nevertheless, this Heaven-Questioning Puppetry is indeed extremely fitting for such an Absolute Spirit Mini World, essentially trading little for great,

This demon technique, however, is somewhat like the situation of Demon Child Gang Bone from the Profound Yin Demon Sect that Lin Xuankong saw in the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm! The difference is, the trace of True Qi from Thousand Illusion Saint Monarch does not greatly enhance the Demon Child Gang Bone as much, which is considered a disadvantage of Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique, whereas Thousand Illusion Saint Monarch's True Qi elevates the Demon Child Gang Bone's strength almost without any side effects, representing an advantage over Heaven-Questioning Demon Sect!

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But no matter what, a magic born from such an Absolute Spirit Mini World, being used by Lin Xuankong to compare with the True Qi of the Thousand Illusion Saint Monarch, is enough to make the first Sect Master of the Heaven-Questioning Sect, who died countless years ago, smile in his grave!

After countless thoughts passed through his mind,

The Blood Spirit Great Technique True Qi within Lin Xuankong's body suddenly trembled, transforming entirely into the True Qi of the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique. He slightly raised a finger, on which a glimmer of light suddenly flashed, with dozens of luminescent points already floating at the tip of Lin Xuankong's finger!

The demon, He Wu, who had just finished explaining the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique to Lin Xuankong, couldn't help but show a very shocked expression upon seeing this scene,

He rubbed his eyes in disbelief, then shifted his knees to move slightly closer to Lin Xuankong. After several confirmations, he was sure that Lin Xuankong had really cultivated the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique to the Entry Level in an instant and had fully mastered the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry. His expression was simply extraordinary!

A few breaths later, the voice of the demon He Wu trembled slightly as he spoke, "This... how is this possible! I have cultivated the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique for sixty years before I barely mastered the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry, barely managing to succeed every time I use it! Yet you, encountering our Heaven-Questioning Sect's Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique for the first time, can directly use the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry?

How could there be anyone in this world who can cultivate the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique so rapidly?

Among dozens of generations of our Heaven-Questioning Sect's disciples, sect leaders, and elders, even those with extraordinary talent who shocked all cultivators of that generation took at least twenty years to fully master the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry! How could there be such a terrifying genius in this world, whose talent is so compatible with the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique!"

The demon He Wu looked at Lin Xuankong as if he were looking at a monster!

In over sixty years, he had traveled the world and met many cultivators but never thought he would see such perverse talent, such extraordinary talent, such a terrifyingly talented cultivator in his lifetime!

To master a magic technique in just a few breaths—when he had spent decades on it! Such a discrepancy almost made him feel a strange illusion of "Am I dreaming right now?"

But how could this demon He Wu know that Lin Xuankong was not just suitable for cultivating the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry!

Having already cultivated thousands of Immortal and Demon Techniques, and possessing over ten thousand times the cultivation speed enhancement, regardless of the type of magic he cultivated, Lin Xuankong could master it at an astonishing speed!

After manipulating those luminescent points for a while, Lin Xuankong turned to the extremely shocked demon He Wu and said, "Terrifying genius? Then wouldn't I be extremely suitable to be the Sect Master of your Heaven-Questioning Sect, more suitable than you, the former Sect Master!"

Upon hearing this, the demon He Wu's face changed several times, and then he nodded with a complex expression, saying, "Not only more suitable than me, but more suitable than the dozens of generations of sect leaders, elders, and disciples of the Heaven-Questioning Sect! With the Heaven-Questioning Technique in the hands of the new Sect Master, it will surely unleash greater power. In the future, the Heaven-Questioning Puppetry in the Sect Master's hands will be enough to amaze and earn the admiration of any cultivator in the world!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong nodded slightly, saying, "Since you recognize my position as the Sect Master so thoroughly, I shall now issue my first Sect Leader's Order!"

The demon He Wu, upon hearing this, dared not have any objections but felt uneasy in his heart. He knelt and bowed repeatedly, "He Wu, disciple of the Heaven-Questioning Sect, respectfully accepts the Sect Leader's Order!"

Coldness appeared in Lin Xuankong's eyes as he spoke, "He Wu, I have already become familiar with the cultivation method of the Heaven-Questioning Technique. Though it requires extracting the essence of women, it doesn't necessarily have to harm countless women! If not chasing after rapid success, one could find a woman with talent for the Heaven-Questioning Technique and let her take various heavenly

materials and earthly treasures to supplement her Qi Blood and Essence, then dual cultivate gradually and achieve together! Yet you chose not to cultivate steadily, unwilling to spend the time and energy to acquire various heavenly materials and earthly treasures, and instead chose a shortcut!"

Upon hearing this, the demon He Wu's heart chilled, and his face filled with panic as he pleaded,

"Sect Master, if one were to follow the normal cultivation method of the Heaven-Questioning Technique and practice with one woman, who knows how many heavenly materials and earthly treasures would be needed, how many precious medicines! Our Heaven-Questioning Sect is currently weak, far inferior to the Blood Fortune Sect and the Ancestral Soul Sect, and we do not have the ability to gather resources from all over the world! Moreover, the normal method requires extraordinarily high talent from the cultivator. Although my talent of He Wu is rare and suitable for the Heaven-Questioning Technique, where would I find another woman with the same talent as myself, fitting for the Heaven-Questioning Technique?"

If I follow that method, it would take He Wu most of my life just to find such a woman, and by the time I find her, I fear I will be too old and weak to reach the Tier One Immortal Venerable Realm! In that case, would I not live in regret for the rest of my life, never able to carry forward the Heaven-Questioning Technique!"

Upon hearing He Wu speak, Lin Xuankong's eyes grew even colder, "So you chose to harm thousands of women for quick success and still think you did nothing wrong?"

Feeling the chill in Lin Xuankong's tone, He Wu's body trembled, and he dared not speak further!

Lin Xuankong swung his sleeve and walked toward the outside of the Fishing Pavilion, "The Heaven-Questioning Technique clearly has a righteous path, although difficult, it can eliminate the 'demon' part in the Heaven-Questioning Demon Technique. Yet you chose not to take it, carrying the lives of thousands of women. What right do you, a demon, have to live in this world! However, in gratitude for teaching me the Heaven-Questioning Technique, I will not kill you. I will only abolish your True Qi and cultivation, destroy your foundation, and allow you to resolve things yourself!"

Before the words fell, a jet of blood-red True Qi suddenly shot out from the position of Lin Xuankong's right hand, landing on He Wu.

Instantly, He Wu's body trembled violently, a large number of luminescent points floated out from his body and disappeared into the world in the blink of an eye! These were the cultivation foundation and Demonic Technique True Qi that He Wu had acquired over sixty years through harming thousands of women. The disappearance of these luminescent points meant that everything He Wu had achieved in sixty years had been rendered null!

Lin Xuankong stood not far from the Fishing Pavilion and spoke coldly again, "Give yourself thirty breaths to resolve things. If I have to step in, you will suffer countless agonies!"

At this moment, He Wu's decades of cultivation had turned to nothing, and his foundation destroyed. His appearance looked incomparably aged, his complexion as dark as that of a dead man! Observing how Lin Xuankong's single true Qi attack could do all this, He Wu recognized the vast difference between him and Lin Xuankong!

He sat dazed on the ground, the events of his life flashing before his eyes like a revolving lantern... various expressions of joy, anger, sorrow, and happiness constantly floated across his face, and at the end, a hint of remorse appeared in his eyes. He sighed deeply and spoke, "When my master passed on the Heaven-Questioning Technique to me, both Master and Mistress, though nearing 120 years, had only just reached Entry Level, but they finally chose the righteous path! Master also exhorted me, that the Heaven-Questioning Technique is divided into righteous and evil paths, and I must persist in the righteous path no matter what. Unfortunately, I couldn't resist the lure of quick success... it is too late for regrets, too late for regrets!"

After a series of sighs, He Wu turned to look at Lin Xuankong's back and said, "If Master were alive, knowing that He Wu has harmed thousands of women, he would certainly take action to clean up the sect! So be it, so be it, He Wu indeed deserves to die a thousand times over!"

Though before He Wu's death, there is still one wish I hope the Immortal can satisfy!"

Lin Xuankong frowned slightly, coldly saying, "Speak!"

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He Wu saw that Lin Xuankong did not outright refuse, and a glimmer appeared in his eyes,

He stared tightly at Lin Xuankong's back and spoke:

"The Immortal's immortal technique is incredibly wondrous, surely there is a heritage, and the inheritance gained must be far stronger than that of the Heaven-Questioning Sect's! With such astonishing talent, the Immortal will definitely stand at the pinnacle of the Great Yan Kingdom and even the entire world in the future!

He Wu has just one wish, hoping that when the Immortal rises to the pinnacle of the world, the Heaven-Questioning Technique passed down by my master can continue to be passed down,

not allowing this cultivation technique, which has existed for several thousand years, to perish in He Wu's hands!"

Lin Xuankong heard him and immediately said:

"Since I am already the Sect Leader of the Heaven-Questioning Sect, naturally I will not let the astonishing cultivation technique founded by its first generation fall into oblivion!"

He Wu heard this, and a joyful expression appeared on his previously grey face, as he repeatedly bowed, "Then the disciple thanks the Sect Leader!"

After speaking, he muttered something softly, staggered to his feet, and walked towards the wide Qingshui Riverfront...

"Splash!"

A sound of a heavy object falling into the water came from behind.

Lin Xuankong heard the sound of He Wu, who had already lost all True Qi, falling into the water, knowing in his heart that He Wu, now like an old man of eighty or ninety years, jumping into the water, was doomed to die!

He couldn't help but shake his head slightly, pondering silently:



In the path of cultivation, compared to all things and matters in the mortal world, the temptation and honing of heart nature is far more formidable, far more terrifying! This He Wu, despite having great fortune, met the former Sect Leader of the Heaven-Questioning Sect and received the Heaven-Questioning Technique's inheritance, yet ultimately could not resist the temptation of rapid mastery of the cultivation technique, thereby causing harm to countless lives! But then, in this world, how many can resist such temptation?

If, when I traversed, it was not to the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, and I did not have the chance to activate that Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate, and instead traveled into a life like He Wu's, obtaining the Heaven-Questioning Technique's inheritance, how would I choose? Would I be able to resist the temptation of rapid mastery of the Heaven-Questioning Technique?

I should be able to resist... hopefully be able to resist!

Turning over these thoughts in his mind, Lin Xuankong sighed once more, leaped up, and headed off into the distance.

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In front of the tavern.

As Lin Xuankong just walked past, several people walked out of the entrance, among them Liang Yucheng, Ding Ye, and a few officers, with Miao Wan'er also walking with them, while Wei Hong stood at the door, seeing off the group.

Seeing Lin Xuankong approach, Liang Yucheng was the first to come up with some surprise and said, "Brother Lin, where did you go? Third Miss Miao and I searched the entire tavern for you and couldn't find you. Third Miss Miao was very anxious and left before the banquet ended, asking Brother Ding and me to help find you!"

Lin Xuankong heard this, looked at Miao Wan'er, and saw that she was already frowning and walking over quickly, somewhat reproachfully saying, "You... when did you leave the tavern without telling Director Liang, Director Ding, or anyone! Something happened just now in the tavern; I thought something happened to you!"

Lin Xuankong casually gave an excuse, then deliberately changed the topic and asked, "Something happened in the tavern? Wasn't this Captain Wei's birthday banquet? How could anyone dare to cause trouble at Captain Wei's birthday banquet; are they tired of living?"

Liang Yucheng, hearing this, immediately waved his hands at Lin Xuankong repeatedly, "Brother Lin, you mustn't say that! What happened in the tavern just now was absolutely unheard of, never seen before, and the one causing the trouble was an Immortal. You mustn't talk like this about that powerful, heaven-intravel, cloud-riding Immortal; who knows, perhaps that Immortal has the power to divine that someone is speaking ill behind him!"

"Immortal! A powerful, cloud-riding Immortal? Impossible, how could there be Immortals in this world? Even if there were, could they resist the power of guns and cannons, dare to mess around at Captain Wei's birthday banquet?"

Lin Xuankong almost burst into laughter at this,

In the tavern, he merely used the speed and power of Tier Two to Tier Three Transcendence, yet Liang Yucheng described it as formidable, heaven-traveling, cloud-riding! If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes and done it himself, he might have been fooled by this guy!

"Oh no, don't say that Immortal was messing around, Brother Lin, stop talking, stop talking!" Liang Yucheng quickly waved his hands, his face tense with anxiety, clearly startled by the strength Lin Xuankong had displayed in the tavern earlier!

Ding Ye saw Lin Xuankong say this and frowned, "Brother Lin saying such is reasonable, as he didn't see the methods of that black-robed Immortal; even if ten thousand people told me about an Immortal, I wouldn't believe it! But Brother Lin, if you hadn't left the tavern earlier and had seen the battle between the black-robed Immortal and Immortal Master He yourself, you would certainly have the same thoughts as Brother Liang!

Although that black-robed Immortal Master didn't use heaven-traveling, cloud-riding methods, Ding Ye thinks that the black-robed Immortal Master, with that kind of terrifying power, might truly be able to travel the heavens and ride the clouds; after all, Immortal Master He personally said the black-robed Immortal Master was Tier Three or Tier Four Immortal Venerable!"

"Yes, yes!" Liang Yucheng nodded repeatedly, then vividly narrated to Lin Xuankong the events that had occurred on the tavern's second floor earlier.

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The many officers around kept chiming in from time to time, each showing excited expressions, clearly still caught up in the excitement of encountering the "Immortal".

After Liang Yucheng roughly recounted the previous events, he turned to Lin Xuankong:

"We weren't kidding with you, Brother Lin. Everything we said earlier was witnessed and heard personally by us. If there's even a hint of falsehood, may I be a turtle bastard! Tsk tsk, speaking of which, that Immortal came and went just like that, truly effortlessly. Not only our little Qingyuan City, but any place across the world, including our Great Yan's Kyoto, the Ai Race's capital, Xiluo and Southern Rakshasa's capital cities, couldn't possibly stop that Immortal!"

Ding Ye, hearing this, said sternly, "That's not all. It's just that the Immortal didn't want to show his true face; otherwise, if anyone knew the Immortal's name, where he lived, even if he lived in the world's most remote corner, that corner would immediately become a place where dignitaries from all over flocked to. After all, in this entire world, who wouldn't want to be near the true Immortal!"

Many officers nodded repeatedly when they heard Ding Ye say this, showing very obvious expressions of longing and excitement.

Lin Xuankong smiled and said, "According to your leaders, that black-robed ghost-faced Immortal Master has some skills!"

Liang Yucheng widened his eyes immediately upon hearing this, "What do you mean by having some skills? Those are Immortal skills, and extremely powerful ones at that! You didn't see it on the spot; you can't fully comprehend the ease with which that black-robed ghost-faced Immortal dodged eight bullets, nor can you comprehend the speed of that Immortal which was as quick as a wisp of smoke, completely indistinguishable, utterly indistinguishable! If that black-robed Immortal Master wanted to take someone's life, the other party likely wouldn't even have time to react before being killed on the spot!"

Ding Ye's eyes revealed a trace of longing, he said with some emotion:

"It's more than formidable! That black-robed ghost-faced Immortal even commanded that Ninth Young Master Huang from the Capital to spend money taking care of all the poor people of Qingyuan City! Such benevolent immortal kindness truly inspires respect, and likely after some time, countless impoverished folks in Qingyuan City will worship that black-robed ghost-faced Immortal and narrate his immortal deeds everywhere!

It's just uncertain whether we mortals will have another chance to encounter that black-robed ghost-faced Immortal!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong looked at the talented Ding Ye and said, "You definitely will; maybe that black-robed ghost-faced Immortal hasn't left Qingyuan City! Besides, for cultivators, fate is paramount. Since you were fated to meet the Immortal this time, you will surely be fated to meet him again in the future!"

Ding Ye, Wei Hong, Liang Yucheng, and others, upon hearing this, all showed expressions of longing. Liang Yucheng couldn't help but remark, "Although I know Brother Lin's saying this to comfort us, hearing you say so, there's still a certain comfort in our hearts! Sadly, people like us, even if we had the chance to meet that black-robed Immortal again, could only watch from the distance, never really get acquainted, since Immortals and Mortals are different!"

Lin Xuankong didn't speak but smiled.

At this moment, Third Miss Miao, Miao Wan'er, standing not far away, glanced at Lin Xuankong a few times, her pretty eyes suddenly showing a hint of doubt.

She mused to herself: Earlier on the second layer of the tavern, I always felt that the stature and movements of that black-robed ghost-faced Immortal Master seemed somewhat familiar, but even after rummaging through every familiar person in my mind, I couldn't find anyone whose stature and movements closely resembled that Immortal Master! Yet the Lin Qiang before me, in height, build, and movements, bears some resemblance to that Immortal Master!

Most critically, it appears that when the black-robed Immortal Master appeared, I was searching for Lin Qiang and couldn't find him, and then, after the black-robed Immortal Master and He Immortal left, Lin Qiang returned! Something feels amiss!

Additionally, I've seen this Lin Qiang from childhood and a few times later, always feeling like Lin Qiang has undergone some change, lacking the vigor and impulsiveness typical of young people like Liang Yucheng, instead possessing a very peculiar sense of calm!

But Lin Qiang's family background, life, history, and experiences supposedly have no problems. He should not have practiced any Immortal Techniques, nor ever been taken as a disciple by an Immortal Master; otherwise, if Lin Qiang were truly that fearsome black-robed Immortal Master, how could he fail to protect the Lin Family's business, and would he need to beg his way to Qingyuan City, almost starving on the way!

It doesn't make sense, not at all!

The least logical part is, if he were that black-robed Immortal Master, just displaying a little prowess would be enough to soar to great heights, even the most powerful families in Great Yan like the Huang Family, Feng Family, Ma Family, and Sima Clan would unhesitatingly honor him as a distinguished guest and serve him with utmost respect! Why would he linger within a small family like ours, the Miao Family, living in a modest detached courtyard all day?

Miao Wan'er quickly turned through countless thoughts,

Lin Xuankong greeted the many officers and walked with Miao Wan'er toward the Miao family car.

Once seated in the back seat with Miao Wan'er, as Lin Xuankong looked out the window, the still puzzled and curious Miao Wan'er spoke, "If you encounter that powerful black-robed ghost-faced Immortal in the future, what will you do?"

Lin Xuankong couldn't help but be a bit speechless; would I meet myself?

He pondered silently for a moment, then said, "The Realm of Immortals is naturally immensely desirable to someone like me. After all, in Great Yan's legends, those Immortals often live two to three hundred years, formidable ones live four hundred years, and some live thousands or tens of thousands of years. And these legendary Immortals can ride clouds, roam the heavens and earth, revered by all, even receiving worship from earthly emperors—what a delightful, liberating experience!

If I, Lin Qiang, had the opportunity to meet an Immortal someday, of course, I would be willing to abandon all temptations of the mundane world and follow the Immortal to practice Immortal Techniques! But such an immortal chance is elusive, impossible to reach; there are millions of mortals, but how many are gifted and lucky enough to gain an Immortal's favor!"

Seeing him say this, Miao Wan'er continued, "But aren't Immortals different, with righteous and evil paths? Like the so-called Supreme Immortal Master He Zhenren, who was exposed by that black-robed Immortal to rely on harming countless women to achieve that realm! If you... were that black-robed Immortal Master, how would you deal with He the Immortal?"

#### Chapter 1445: The Path of Incense and Offerings

Upon hearing Miao Wan'er ask this,

Lin Xuankong's face showed a trace of peculiarity as he turned to look at Miao Wan'er, only to see the third Miss Miao family staring at him intently with her elegant eyes.

Lin Xuankong couldn't help but feel moved inside, secretly thinking:

This little girl is asking questions back and forth, and suddenly asking me, if I were that Black-robed Immortal Master, what would I do... Could she already be suspicious that I am the Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master!

It shouldn't be! When I left the tavern earlier, I didn't draw anyone's attention, and when I returned, I was wearing black clothes, a Ghost Face Mask, and used True Qi to deliberately change my voice, so there shouldn't have been any flaws!

But looking at this little girl's eyes at this moment, there's clearly a little bit of suspicion, this little girl's instincts are outstanding and unique; after all, the officer Ding Ye, whom I highly regard and really want to take as an apprentice, along with other officers, didn't sense anything unusual!

It seems this little girl could be valued by He Yao Dao and directly taken as a disciple, indeed has her unique qualities! That He Yao Dao, besides intending to use this little girl Miao Wan'er as a Tripod Furnace, should have also sensed this little girl's special talent! I just never considered the idea of taking a disciple before, so I never thought of testing Miao Yun Lake of the Miao family and this little girl Miao Wan'er's cultivation talent!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong made a silent decision and then said:

"I, a mortal man, no matter what decisions I make, no matter what thoughts I have, could never be like that Black-robed Immortal Master! After all, that Black-robed Immortal Master, according to you, is vast in divine techniques; such Immortal Family figures could never share the same mindset as a mundane person like me!"

The third Miss Miao family, Miao Wan'er, seeing there were no flaws in Lin Xuankong's words, could only slightly nod, retract her gaze, and stop speaking.

It's just that her reason tells her the person in front is not that Black-robed Immortal Master, yet relying solely on that intuition, she somehow feels that Lin Qiang in front resembles that Black-robed Immortal Master too much...

After retracting her gaze, the third Miss Miao family, Miao Wan'er, turned to look outside the window, secretly thinking: I must be mistaken; I must be mistaken! No matter what Lin Qiang is like, he couldn't be that Immortal. He's just a descendant of a fallen family seeking support from my Miao family. Miao Wan'er, oh Miao Wan'er, don't indulge in fantasy; he absolutely couldn't be that Black-robed Immortal Master!

While the two were talking, the car kept shuttling through Qingyuan City, quickly leaving the area where the dignitaries gathered and once again reached the district full of starving people!

Lin Xuankong looked at the yellow-faced, emaciated commoners outside, the previous somewhat tangled mood completely relaxed, no trace of annoyance remaining. After all, he thinks that Ninth Young Master Huang from the Capital City, capable of mobilizing nearly endless wealth, can easily influence every dignitary of Qingyuan City. If Ninth Young Master Huang truly does as he says, caring for every starving person in Qingyuan City is absolutely no difficulty!

In his previous life on the Blue Planet, the horrific hardships that he once encountered may still play out across the Great Yan Kingdom, yet they likely won't appear in Qingyuan City!

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Four days later,

In the side courtyard of the Miao family,

Lin Xuankong, extracting his heart spirit from cultivation, strolled into the courtyard.

As morning approached, a figure quickly ran in through the courtyard gate, it was the little steward Miao Youren, sent by Miao Yun Lake to take care of Lin Xuankong. After rushing into the courtyard, Miao Youren first saluted Lin Xuankong and then said:

"Reporting to Young Master Lin, Miao Youren has been outside running errands these past few days, gathering reliable information! Guess what? That amazing figure, Ninth Young Master Huang, sent from the Capital City, has already dispatched people, transporting collected grain and clothing from various places to Qingyuan City!

Currently, notices have been posted throughout Qingyuan City, explaining that Ninth Young Master Huang is acting under orders from the Black-robed Immortal Master to assist all the people of Qingyuan City. Plus, instructing all households lacking grain and clothing to register at the inspection bureau in the city's west over these next few days. As long as the situation is found to be true, in the coming period, all troops and staffing from the Inspection Bureau will help Ninth Young Master Huang accomplish the Black-robed Immortal Master's command, caring for and providing for all the impoverished citizens of Qingyuan City!

Tsk tsk, the entire Qingyuan City already knows about the incident at the tavern that day, moreover knows that the Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master ordered Ninth Young Master Huang and all officials and soldiers of Qingyuan City to take good care of every poor person in Qingyuan City! Now, every corner of Qingyuan City, every teahouse, is full of people praising that Black-robed Immortal Master!

And this is just the beginning. Once Ninth Young Master Huang arranges everything well, and those poor people indeed receive abundant grain and clothing, perhaps nearly two hundred thousand citizens of Qingyuan City will worship that Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master!"

At this, Miao Youren smiled and continued:



"Young Master Lin, you might not know, the happiest official in all of Qingyuan City right now is probably our patriarch of the Miao family!

Over the years, our patriarch has made countless efforts to stabilize Qingyuan City's populace and stop the poor families from dying of hunger every so often, yet has never succeeded. Additionally, with the recent years of rising warfare, the situation in Qingyuan City has deteriorated, and the number of destitute and penniless citizens has grown!

Chapter 1446: The Path of Incense Offerings (Part 2)

Fortunately, the appearance of that Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master directly made that Ninth Young Master Huang from the Capital City Huang Family sincerely bring out a large amount of wealth!

This time, our Patriarch Master Miao's long-cherished wish finally has a chance to be fulfilled. I can't even imagine how happy Master Miao must be right now!

As for that Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master, in the future, there will definitely be many poor people who will set up statues of him in their homes! Tsk tsk, truly a compassionate Great Immortal, one can't help but praise him; the fame of this Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master will surely be passed down for thousands of years!"

Lin Xuankong, hearing this, didn't show any happiness at Miao Youren's 'face-to-face' flattery. He nodded lightly and said, "Hmm, in the coming period, you should frequently visit those places where food and clothing are being distributed. After all, this is a major event that could impact the entire Qingyuan City, and even if we don't have enough silver taels to help, lending some prestige is still possible!"

Miao Youren nodded repeatedly, "Okay, I will definitely go more often in the future, and I can also bring more people to help!"

After Miao Youren left,

Lin Xuankong raised his eyebrows slightly and pondered silently,

In this Absolute Spirit Mini World, the paths I can take for cultivation amount to only two!

One is absorbing the blood, essence, and life force of other beings, akin to cultivation techniques like the Blood Spirit Technique and Heaven-Questioning Technique! The benefit of this cultivation path is its rapid effectiveness, for instance, cultivating the Blood Spirit Technique; as long as I can absorb enough spirit blood and life force, I can quickly enhance my cultivation. Even without the addition of a natural talent of growing old and wise within my Life Plate, while it might not boost one or two early-stage realms in a day, it can surely advance cultivation to Tier Two or Three of Transcendence within a few years!

However, this cultivation path also has deficiencies, much like those of the Profound Yin Demon Race from the Profound Yin Demon Sect. As cultivation reaches the later stages, the demand for spirit blood and life force increases exponentially! Once reaching the high levels of Transcendence or the Earth Immortal Realm, the amount of blood and spirit power needed from ordinary beings becomes terrifyingly high before further advancement is possible!

Meaning, these kinds of demon techniques such as the Blood Spirit Technique and Heaven-Questioning Technique progress rapidly in the early stages but face restrictions later on... likely requiring the absorption of billions of beings' spirit for a slight effect. In this Absolute Spirit Mini World, cultivators are scarce, unlike in the Golden Dragon Immortal Realm, where demon technique cultivators can swiftly enhance their strength by absorbing the blood and strong spirit power of Earth Immortal Level powerhouses!

The second path is the Path of Incense, which involves planting an Incense Seal in the Brain Mansion of beings and gaining spiritual power through their worship and reverence, transforming the spirit power into True Qi through the Incense Seal!

This cultivation path, compared to demon techniques like the Blood Spirit Technique and Heaven-Questioning Technique, is painstakingly slow and extremely difficult in the early stages! It's incredibly challenging to have any being sincerely and wholly worship and respect oneself! Beings with intelligence aren't easily swayed to genuinely worship or revere others!

Unless, one truly performs miracles like an immortal, giving intelligent beings positive feedback through their devout worship and reverence... This cultivation path evidently can't be achieved in the early stages, at least requiring the strength of a Tier Three Transcendent before it's feasible!

However, it can serve as an alternative cultivation path for the acquisition of True Qi when the Blood Spirit Technique encounters difficulties at later stages! From the events of today, using the name of the Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master to assist the poor has indeed garnered significant actual

reverence—though it hasn't reached the level of daily worship by the impoverished, it has certainly planted some 'seeds'!

At this thought, Lin Xuankong was filled with even more confidence in the cultivation path ahead in this Absolute Spirit Mini World!

Finding a treasure formed from the Little World Origin within this Absolute Spirit Mini World is already exceedingly difficult, akin to finding a needle in a haystack! To cultivate to the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal and Strongest Immortal Lord realm after locating the treasure formed from the Little World Origin, thereby triggering the ultimate Celestial Tribulation and bringing the treasure back to the Supreme Origin Realm, is obviously too challenging for any cultivator arriving in such an Absolute Spirit Mini World! Nevertheless, the rapidly advancing Lin Xuankong, having reached the late stage of Tier Three Transcendence, is growing increasingly confident....

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Seven or eight days later,

At the Fishing Pavilion by the Qingshui Riverfront.

Lin Xuankong sat on the stone bench, paused his cultivation of the Blood Spirit Technique, and activated a wisp of True Qi, wrapping it around his fingertips. After feeling it carefully, he said softly:

"The cultivation of the Blood Spirit Technique, upon reaching the early stage of Tier Four Transcendence, inevitably becomes extremely slow if a large amount of strong beings' blood and life force can't be absorbed. These past few days, nearly ninety percent of aquatic beings in the rivers around Qingyuan City have had their blood and life force extracted by me, totaling nearly a billion fish and shrimp blood and spirit power absorbed... yet the result was merely elevating my realm from the late stage of Tier Three Transcendence to the early stage of Tier Four!

If I wish to maintain a relatively fast pace of advancement, perhaps I need to look for a few mountain ranges dense with large beings to ensure sufficient blood and life force, or otherwise head to large lakes or oceans!"

Standing behind Lin Xuankong, 'Sima Dongming' heard this, and his face twitched, revealing a strange expression,

"Brother Lin, are you mocking me? Both of us resurrected in bodies with certain cultivation talents and started cultivation at the same time. We both chose the Blood Spirit Technique most suited for the early stages in this Absolute Spirit Mini World. Yet, despite spending all my time and effort absorbing spirit blood and life force, besides identifying treasures, as the supposed old patriarch of the Sima Clan, I can find more non-human large beings than you can!

But after more than ten days, relying on the blood and life force of tens of thousands of cattle, sheep, horse, and dogs, I've just barely reached the introduction stage of the Blood Spirit Technique, with the Immortal Path Realm only just stepping into the early stage of Tier One Transcendence, having barely gathered some thin demonic technique True Qi, while you've already cultivated to the early stage of Tier Four Transcendence!

Your cultivation speed, Brother Lin, is probably ten thousand times faster than mine, right? Judging by my estimation, it would take at least two hundred years for me to reach Tier Four Transcendence in this Absolute Spirit Mini World lacking supplemental life force from powerful beings!

Even in the Supreme Origin Realm, where nurtured by Supreme Primordial Qi everywhere, it would take several months for cultivators to reach Tier Four Transcendence! Your talent, Brother Lin, makes Changming unable to fathom, unimaginable!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong shook his head gently and said, "Maybe my luck is exceedingly good, and this body I possessed is particularly suited to the Blood Spirit Technique!"

"Is it truly that suitable? With a cultivation speed more than ten thousand times mine, a body with such an utmost talent for the Blood Spirit Technique? Even among those genius demon sect demon race members most suited for the Blood Spirit Technique, none necessarily possess such extraordinarily rapid and terrifying cultivation speed as you, Brother Lin! If I hadn't confirmed you are indeed Brother Lin, I would suspect some Saint Monarch from the Demon Race reincarnated into this Absolute Spirit Mini World to have such an astonishing cultivation speed in the Blood Spirit Technique!"

'Sima Dongming' shook his head repeatedly, clearly not convinced by Lin Xuankong's rather dismissive explanation.

Chapter 1447: Success Without Effort

It's not that Li Changming doesn't trust Lin Xuankong,

it's just that Lin Xuankong's cultivation speed is so astonishing. Even Li Changming, a true Celestial Immortal who has mingled in the Supreme Origin Realm for millions of years, has never seen anyone with such a freakish cultivation speed as Lin Xuankong!

Lin Xuankong didn't want to dwell on this topic anymore. After all, besides the talent of being Old and Wise that enhances cultivation speed, his Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate has many other powerful talents. He can't possibly explain himself every time he shows a bit of his powerful talent to this guy!

"I can't help it; I'm also quite surprised by the talent of this body to cultivate the Blood Spirit Technique! Forget it; let's not talk about it anymore. You've secretly invited me to the Fishing Pavilion this time; what's the matter?" Lin Xuankong asked.

Seeing Lin Xuankong ask so directly, Sima Dongming—Li Changming—immediately seemed to brighten up. With a smug smile, he said, "Brother Lin, take a guess!"

"Guess your sister! If you don't want to say, I'll just leave. Coincidentally, I can head to Tai'e Mountain 600 miles away today. It's said that the mountain range covers a vast area, with forests everywhere, nurturing countless living creatures!" Lin Xuankong straightforwardly stood up.

Seeing this, Li Changming immediately looked defeated and said somewhat despondently, "Alright, alright, I'll tell you!"

After speaking, he touched his chest, took out an item wrapped in black cloth, and placed it on the stone table in the Fishing Pavilion. Mysteriously, he continued, "Brother Lin, this is one of the treasures selected by the Ma Clan's forces I've mobilized over the past period. Do you feel there's something different about this treasure?"

Hearing Li Changming's words, Lin Xuankong's heart raced, and his eyes showed a slight heat.

The reason he and Li Changming, along with Li Family's other two brothers and hundreds of Celestial Immortals, came to this Absolute Spirit Mini World was to acquire treasures formed by the Little World's

Origin! In this situation, for Li Changming to act so mysteriously and urgently invite him out to see the treasure, it definitely means there's a high possibility that....

With a hint of heat in his eyes, Lin Xuankong unhesitatingly urged a strand of crimson True Qi,

and instantly, that strand of crimson True Qi penetrated the black cloth wrapping the treasure and merged into it!

After carefully probing the treasure with his True Qi, the heat in Lin Xuankong's eyes became even more apparent. He suddenly looked up at Li Changming and said:

"Although the number of Little World Origin marks that can be sensed is not many, it contains at least two strands of Little World Origin marks. In other words, this Guanyin Jade Statue is formed from at least two strands of Little World Origin! Each strand of Little World Origin can be used to merge another strand of Little World Origin, allowing a cultivator at the Initial Tier Perfection of Celestial Immortal to break through bottlenecks. There is a very low chance that the cultivator can directly reach the next realm, the Initial Tier of Minor Success Realm!

This... I originally thought it would be extremely difficult to find a treasure formed by the Little World's Origin in this Absolute Spirit Mini World. Unexpectedly, you found one so quickly, Li Changming, your luck is simply incredible!"

Lin Xuankong was indeed very surprised at this moment!

... Even though he already had the strength of Transcendence Level Four Initial Tier, capable of possessing destructive power that makes ordinary humans despair, and strong defensive power not fearing rifle or grenade shrapnel attacks, and he already had the force behind 'Sima Dongming' seeking the Little World's Origin! However, finding a treasure formed by the Little World's Origin in this Absolute Spirit Mini World filled with numerous planets, is beyond difficult, harder than finding a needle in a haystack by an unknown number of times!

Lin Xuankong's previous assumption was that once his strength gradually increased to the point where he would no longer fear any kind of firearms, even being hit by artillery shells or burned by fierce flames, he could easily unify the entire Great Yan Kingdom. By then, the manpower and resources he

could mobilize would be several times more than the Sima Clan now. Under such circumstances, he might hear news about a treasure formed by the Little World's Origin!

Such thinking stemmed from what He Yao Dao said—that there are two hidden cultivation sects behind the Great Yan Kingdom in Grotto Heaven Blessed Land.... Without the strong power of Level Four Late Stage, resolving the resistance from cultivation sects with numerous cultivators and possibly having magical artifacts, may not go smoothly as planned; easier to avoid open attacks, but difficult to defend against hidden threats!

And Lin Xuankong and Li Changming would definitely not want to take any risks, because once anything happened to their bodies, they would lose all opportunities!

However, unexpectedly, Lin Xuankong had just advanced to Transcendence Level Four Initial Tier, and Li Changming had just achieved Transcendence Level One Initial Tier, when they already found a source treasure containing two strands of Little World Origin!

This is truly a colossal surprise!

A heavenly surprise that stirred Lin Xuankong's normally calm heart!

Seeing Lin Xuankong so delighted, Li Changming immediately started laughing with a "hehehe," "I knew that once Brother Lin saw this treasure formed by Little World's Origin, you'd be thrilled. That's why I secretly invited you over to the Fishing Pavilion early this morning! Speaking of which, when I used True Qi to probe, discovering that the Guanyin Jade Statue had marks of Little World's Origin got me even more excited than Brother Lin. I was so excited I couldn't sleep all night!

Chapter 1448: Success Comes Effortlessly (Part 2)

After all, this means that between the two of us, we've already accomplished half of our objective this time!

These two strands of Little World Origin, when it's time for ascension and returning to the Supreme Origin Realm, only one strand needs to be handed over to the Elder of the Candle Dragon Race, and one strand will be ours!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong nodded with a smile. He had no aversion to handing over half of the Little World Origin Treasure to the Candle Dragon Race after ascending. After all, it was thanks to the special talents of the Elders of the Candle Dragon Race that they even knew about this newly evolving Little World and the chance to enter it to find the Little World Origin Treasure. At the very least, relying solely on Lin Xuankong himself, his body in the Supreme Origin Realm couldn't now transfer any power or Divine Soul to another Little World!

Li Changming then pushed the Guanyin Jade Statue towards Lin Xuankong, reluctantly gazing at this Little World Origin Treasure for a few moments before speaking: "From now on, this Guanyin Jade Statue will be entrusted to Brother Lin for safekeeping!"

Lin Xuankong looked at Li Changming in surprise.

Although he and Li Changming could be considered to have hit it off at first sight and felt a brotherly friendship, such Little World Origin Treasures, even in the Supreme Origin Realm, were incredibly precious. Even powerful beings of the Great Success Celestial Immortal Realm, Venerable Celestial Immortal Realm, and even the Celestial Immortals, Demons, and Buddhas of the Saint Monarch Realm needed them, and the higher the realm, the more they were needed!

According to Lin Xuankong's knowledge, an Initial Tier Perfection Celestial Immortal requires only two strands of different Little World Origins to merge into their Immortal Body and Divine Soul to have a chance of breaking through to the Minor Success Realm! A Celestial Immortal of the Minor Success Realm needs many more strands of Little World Origin to break through to the Early Stage of the Great Success Realm, at least eight strands of different Little World Origins to merge into the Immortal Body and Divine Soul, while breaking through again as a strong person in the Great Success Realm reportedly requires at least sixty-four strands of different Little World Origins...

Such precious Absolute Treasures are what even the top experts in the Supreme Origin Realm must prepare to enhance their strength. It can be imagined how tempting such a treasure would be for someone like Li Changming, an Initial Tier Perfection Celestial Immortal!

"You just found a treasure formed by Little World Origin and directly handed it over to me? Aren't you afraid that once I get this Little World Origin Treasure, I'll just disappear, and even if I ascend in the future, I won't share it with you? After all, such a treasure formed by Little World Origin is extremely precious and could easily lead someone like me, an Initial Tier Celestial Immortal, to do something untrustworthy!" Lin Xuankong said with a smile, looking at Li Changming.



Upon hearing Lin Xuankong, Li Changming vigorously shook his head and laughed: "Alright, Brother Lin, don't say things like that! Maybe I, Li Changming, don't trust anyone besides my two older brothers, but I absolutely trust Brother Lin. Without Brother Lin, my two brothers and I would not have even had the opportunity to come to this Absolute Spirit World!

Even if we take a step back, even if Brother Lin directly claims this Little World Origin Treasure for himself, Changming would think it's fair. Why would you run away anyway?!

Moreover, this Little World Origin Treasure is so precious, far surpassing all the precious treasures of this Absolute Spirit World by countless times. Such a precious treasure, in my hands as someone just starting the first level of Transcendence, would probably make it impossible for me to sleep soundly! On the other hand, Brother Lin, your current realm is already at the Early Stage of the fourth level of Transcendence, and with such a realm, finding a rival in this Absolute Spirit World would be extremely difficult. The Little World Origin Treasure in Brother Lin's hands is certainly extremely safe!"

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly upon hearing Li Changming's words, "Alright, since Brother Changming places so much trust in me, I'll keep this Little World Origin Treasure for now. However, since this Little World Origin Treasure is Brother Changming's find, the two strands of Little World Origin it contains will still belong to Brother Changming in the end. I'm just safeguarding it!"

Li Changming shook his head repeatedly, "No, no, don't say that! This time, Changming followed Brother Lin to this Absolute Spirit Mini World with only two purposes: first, to find a strand of Little World Origin for myself, and second, to do everything possible to assist Brother Lin! If we can find treasures containing more Little World Origins together in the future, Changming will never be greedy and will only want one strand from the beginning to the end!"

Lin Xuankong was slightly surprised, "Only one strand?"

Li Changming nodded earnestly, "Changming is very aware that with my own talent and ability, it is extremely difficult to cultivate to the Earth Immortal Realm in this Absolute Spirit Mini World, let alone reach the Ninth Grade Earth Immortal or the Strongest Immortal Lord Realm. As for ascending with Little World Origin back to the Supreme Origin Realm, that will probably be even harder!

But Brother Lin is different, your cultivation talent, comprehension, and cultivation speed are unprecedented for Changming, and in Changming's eyes, Brother Lin's talent is no less than that of the Eldest Princess of the Candle Dragon Race, who is admired, revered, and envied by everyone. A genius

like Brother Lin, no matter which Little World you find yourself in, will likely overcome all challenges and unquestionably reach the Strongest Immortal Lord Realm and overcome the final Celestial Tribulation!

Thinking about these things, Changming has long since realized that Brother Lin is the first true benefactor I have encountered in millions of years of cultivation, the first astonishingly thick support, so naturally, Changming wants to hold onto such a great support!"

Seeing Li Changming's candor, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but laugh again, "You really know how to cling to a strong ally, but I never said I planned to make you some accessory to cling to a strong ally!"

Li Changming chuckled, "In any case, I'm sticking with you!"

Both were clearly extremely happy, considering that they thought it might take hundreds, thousands, or even hundreds of thousands of years to find Little World Origin Treasures that weren't obtained without any effort, how could they not be overjoyed!

After some light-hearted conversation, Lin Xuankong picked up the Guanyin Jade Statue and asked, "Where did you acquire this Little World Origin Treasure from, and is there any chance of obtaining another from the same source, or finding any clues? The original owner of this Little World Origin Treasure that can clear the Heart Spirit clearly has immense luck, perhaps even more opportunities!"

Li Changming suddenly laughed and said, "Actually, the original owner of this Little World Origin Treasure is someone Brother Lin is quite familiar with! It was none other than the third daughter of the Director of the Inspection Bureau, Miao Wan'er, who sent it over after hearing that I was searching for various jades and exotic stones! Miao Wan'er brought over nearly a hundred jade and exotic stone treasures, and only this one is a true Little World Origin Treasure!"

"Miao Wan'er sent it to you?" Lin Xuankong's heart stirred, it was that Miao Family's Third Miss who seemed to suspect he was some Black-robed Immortal Master!

Li Changming nodded, "That's right, and the Miao Family she belongs to is just a small local power with little background. The fact that they could send over nearly a hundred jade and exotic stone treasures almost certainly emptied their reserves, so they probably have no other treasures left!

However, after Miao Wan'er sent the treasures, she made a somewhat unusual request. She said she's always admired Sima Dongming's chess skills and wanted to become my disciple, just like that little girl from the Capital Huang Family, and learn my chess skills!"

Chapter 1449: Army at the City Gates

To take Sima Dongming as your master?

The motive of this Miao Wan'er is clearly not as simple as she says; it certainly isn't just about learning chess skills!

Lin Xuankong shook his head slightly upon hearing this. Although his interactions with Miao Wan'er were limited, as an old monster who had lived for more than ten thousand years, he could clearly understand the thoughts and personality of Miao Wan'er!

"This little girl, her intention is not in the wine!

But her plan to latch onto a high branch like yours is quite understandable.

So, how did you respond? Did you agree with her, or did you reject her?" Lin Xuankong asked.

Li Changming laughed, saying:

"Brother Lin, your question... Am I such an unreasonable person?

Your relationship with the Miao Family is good. Just because of this relationship, I could never refuse this little girl!

Moreover, among the treasures she sent over, there's actually a Little World Origin Treasure,

which is something even a Great Success Venerable Celestial Immortal values highly. In this Absolute Spirit Mini World, it's undoubtedly considered the most precious and rare treasure! Since she gifted me such an invaluable treasure, I certainly couldn't refuse such a small request from her!

Besides, Brother Lin, let me tell you,

on the day that little girl from the Miao Family brought over the treasure, I secretly probed her talent!

This little girl actually has quite an impressive cultivation talent, the extremely rare Celestial Yin Body!

In my millions of years mixed in the Supreme Origin Realm, I've seen countless female cultivators, but those possessing the Celestial Yin Body talent are no more than twenty at most! Not only is this talent rare, but it's also exceptionally suitable for cultivation in this Absolute Spirit Mini World, where you can practice Celestial Yin Technique that absorbs the resentment of living beings!

However... I still don't understand this little girl from the Miao Family well enough, so I can't directly teach her the Profound Mysterious Technique from the Supreme Origin Realm!

Additionally, whether I should take this little girl from the Miao Family as my disciple and teach her refined immortal techniques from the Supreme Origin Realm is quite a significant decision! I absolutely need to consult with you, Brother Lin, to see if you agree! After all, Brother Lin, you are my huge support, and decisions regarding people around you should follow your wishes!"

Celestial Yin Body?

Lin Xuankong was somewhat surprised.

In the Golden Dragon Mini World, within the vast collections of the Profound Yin Demon Sect, he's seen records about the Celestial Yin Body. This talent and constitution indeed count as very rare and excellent cultivating physique, though not superior to the talents of people like Guang Yu'er, Lii Xiaolan, and Xiaoo Ying'Er around him, it's not far behind the body talents possessed by people like Little Hu!

After thinking for a while, Lin Xuankong looked up at Li Changming, who was waiting for his reply, and said:

"The Patriarch of the Miao Family, Miao Yun Lake, the Inspection Bureau Chief of Qingyuan City, is indeed kind to me. Without his arrangements and help, I wouldn't have progressed in my realm so

quickly, and this Miao Yun Lake does things very earnestly, truly a good official serving the people. Among the chaos of the Great Yan Kingdom, such uprightness is extremely rare! Personally, I have a very good impression of Miao Yun Lake!

As for Miao Wan'er, her temperament is rather proud and competitive, with a single-minded determination to bring prosperity to the Miao Family. Such a character may suffer a lot when she sets out on her cultivation journey. If you plan to take her as your disciple, you must be prepared to be responsible for any trouble she may cause in the future!"

Li Changming nodded immediately, "I understand what you mean, Brother Lin. When I return, I will have the little girl from the Huang Family inform Miao Wan'er to come and be my disciple! In the coming days, I will pay attention to temper her character, and as for any trouble Miao Wan'er may stir in the future... hehe, with you, Brother Lin, as my support, not to mention the Great Yan Kingdom, but even in all nations surrounding this planet, I, Li Changming, can walk sideways, fearing nothing!"

Lin Xuankong couldn't help but feel speechless upon hearing this. How does it seem that letting Miao Wan'er become Li Changming's disciple would make things increasingly unreliable in the future!

After they discussed many issues, they each went their separate ways, with Lin Xuankong heading towards Qingyuan City.

Just as he reached a position more than ten miles away from the city gate, Lin Xuankong paused, frowning as he looked towards the distant city gate of Qingyuan City. At this moment, there were surprisingly tens of thousands of people gathered at the city gate, most of whom were bringing their entire families! Some were driving donkeys with loads of packages on their backs, some pushed wheelbarrows with not only supplies but also children and the elderly sitting on them, and some simply carried a few ragged large bags on their backs!

These numerous people gathered near the city gate, forming a line several miles long, advancing under the direction of the guards near the city gate towards Qingyuan City.

What's going on?

Why have so many people suddenly come to Qingyuan City?

Confusion arose in Lin Xuankong's mind as he quickened his pace towards the direction of the city gate.

As he approached the city gate, several men came to greet him, led by Miao Youren, the steward of the Miao Family's side courtyard. After saluting Lin Xuankong from a distance, Miao Youren quickly walked over to Lin Xuankong's side and said, "Young Master Lin, you finally returned. Master Miao instructed me to find you after returning home, but after searching the entire Miao Family's courtyard, we couldn't find you! The master was worried you might encounter something while outside, so he dispatched several teams to search different city gates for you! Luckily, Miao Youren was able to fetch you; otherwise, the master might severely punish Miao Youren when we get back!"

#### Chapter 1450: The Army Presses the City (2)

Lin Xuankong shook his head slightly, "I'm fine, but why has Qingyuan City suddenly gathered so many people? I estimate there are tens of thousands!"

Miao Youren sighed, "Not just tens of thousands! The West City gate alone has seen tens of thousands arrive, while there are even more at the East and South gates. I estimate that in total, there are about a hundred thousand people!"

These people are all refugees from Chaokou County in the south, fleeing for safety! Even though our Qingyuan City may not be the best-equipped district in the entire Jee Province when it comes to military strength, within several hundred miles and dozens of counties around here, we've got the most Defense Battalions and soldiers. We have three full Defense Battalions with over fifteen thousand fully armed soldiers, plus Grand Commander Ding Ye, renowned throughout Jee Province, with his Qingyuan First Defense Battalion stationed here! Of course, the ordinary folk looking for refuge would choose Qingyuan City!

What's more, some days ago, the Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master instructed Ninth Young Master Huang to take care of all the impoverished folk in Qingyuan City, and this has spread across several surrounding counties! Upon hearing that there's food, drink, clothing, and housing available in Qingyuan City, these impoverished people certainly want to seek refuge here!

With this sudden influx, Ninth Young Master Huang from the Capital City must be quite distressed, as the number of impoverished folks in Qingyuan City itself is limited, there were only one or two thousand hungry people at most, but now suddenly there are tens of thousands more... This means that Ninth Young Master Huang must be spending a considerable amount of silver taels daily! And since it's the order of the Black-robed Ghost-faced Immortal Master, no matter how distressed and pained Ninth Young Master Huang is, he must continue spending the silver!

Furthermore, our lord's Inspection Bureau is also getting busy. The lord returned home for lunch and hurriedly went to the Inspection Bureau after visiting the side yard afterward! Having over a hundred thousand people entering the city, if not well accommodated, it could lead to a major incident!"

Having heard all this, Lin Xuankong said, "Refuge, so many people are rushing over to seek refuge? Has something happened in the southern Chaokou County?"

Miao Youren nodded, "Indeed! An Ai Clan's military corps, numbering more than six thousand, has already reached over twenty miles outside of Chaokou County, prepared to attack! It's said that their military corps calls themselves the Invincible Corps, which is some kind of Heavy Armor Team, equipped with a Tank Battalion, Armored Vehicle Battalion, Artillery Battalion, with extremely strong firepower, while the Defense Battalion in Chaokou County only numbers over four thousand, with poor equipment, likely able to hold for just a few days... Without backup from other Defense Battalions, it will quickly fall!

Upon hearing the news, these people could not dare to wait for the Ai Clan's corps to start attacking and rushed over here early to seek refuge!"

Looking at the surrounding people, Lin Xuankong saw that most of them were covered in gray dirt, looking weathered and weary, with many eyes void of vitality! In this chaotic world, these people were forced away from their homes by the Ai Clan's military, leaving behind lands and houses they've lived with for half their lives, uncertain of the future. How can there still be hope in their eyes, let alone much life!

Frowning for a while, Lin Xuankong and Miao Youren headed towards the city gate.

Upon reaching the gate, over twenty soldiers around the gate were busy checking the documents of those people, letting them in one by one.

Just as Miao Youren was about to greet one of the soldiers, a tall and well-dressed officer saw Lin Xuankong and quickly approached, offering a salute, "Young Master Lin! Director Liang, when visiting Grand Commander Ding's household these days, frequently mentioned you!"

Lin Xuankong looked up and smiled. This officer was someone Lin had met before at Wei Hong's birthday banquet, seemingly one of Ding Ye's officers.

Lately, Lin Xuankong had been busy improving his cultivation, leaving aside the matter of that exceptionally talented Ding Ye, whom Lin planned to take as a disciple! Through Lin Xuankong's investigation, that Ding Ye's talent was countless times superior to the talent of Miao Wan'er, who was praised and favored by Li Changming!

Thinking of Ding Ye, Lin Xuankong smiled and asked, "What's keeping your Director Ding busy these days?"

The deputy's face turned a bit solemn and frowned, "Director Ding has been actively preparing these past couple of days, as Chaokou County is about to face an invasion from the Ai Clan's Invincible Corps. Most of the surrounding counties each have only one Defense Battalion and dare not easily mobilize, for fear of giving Ai Clan an opportunity to invade! Qingyuan City, as the largest city among these surrounding counties with three full Defense Battalions, has now become responsible for aiding Chaokou County! The officials in Jee Province specifically appointed Director Ding and his First Defense Battalion for the reinforcement!"

Lin Xuankong, seeing the deputy officer's troubled expression, asked with a hint of curiosity, "I've often heard that the First Defense Battalion is the most elite and best-equipped among the Defense Battalions in the surrounding counties, and Director Ding is famous as a fierce general! Given this, dealing with the so-called Ai Clan's Invincible Corps would be a prime opportunity for Director Ding to make his mark, so why do you seem burdened with worries?"

Hearing Lin Xuankong say this, the deputy hesitated for a moment but managed a reluctant smile, "Exactly! When our Director Ding leads the First Defense Battalion brothers in battle, we'll surely repel the Ai Clan's Invincible Corps. I have no worries at all! Young Master Lin, are you returning to the city? Please proceed!"

Saying this, the deputy slightly waved to the soldiers behind him, who immediately made way for Lin Xuankong and others.

Seeing this, Lin Xuankong said nothing more and led Miao Youren and others into the city. After walking some distance, Miao Youren sighed and said, "Ah, the officer we just encountered will also likely go with Director Ding to battle against the Ai Clan's Invincible Corps! Director Ding's First Defense Battalion truly is elite and well-equipped, but lacks tanks or armored vehicles, with only some artillery!

Given this difference in strength, even if Director Ding's soldiers are elite, trying to use flesh and blood to resist the tanks and armored vehicles of the Ai Clan's Invincible Corps will surely result in significant



casualties! I've heard that those tanks of the Ai Clan are quite formidable, they are war machines made entirely of steel, impervious to firearms, powerful for charging into battle and laying siege!

Ah, let's hope Director Ding from the First Defense Battalion, bringing along five thousand elite, manages to return with more officers alive!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong's brows furrowed involuntarily,

In his previous life, during the Nanjing Government Period on Blue Star, those warriors who defended the nation repeatedly used their flesh and blood against the war machines of steel, even successfully repelling the aggressors armed with planes and artillery time and again! But in the decades-long war to defend Huaxia, countless patriotic hot-blooded individuals sacrificed themselves on that land, becoming nameless heroes of that soil!

At present, in this Absolute Spirit Mini World's Great Yan Kingdom, they are enduring a war and disaster so similar to that era in another world!

The only difference is that in Lin Xuankong's past life, he couldn't return to that era nor change the hardship brought to that land by countless invaders. But now, in this Absolute Spirit Mini World's Great Yan Kingdom, Lin Xuankong finds himself right in the midst!

As he walked, the Demonic Technique True Qi within Lin Xuankong quietly circulated, his gaze carrying a burning intensity.