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Chapter 431: Lin Xuankong's Unexpected Gains_2

So, although these Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs are auctioned at the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auction, no one knows where they came from or who refined them, except for Fairy Qu Wan'Er... The secrecy is well maintained! Despite Fairy Qu Wan'Er's alleged prejudice against male cultivators due to some past emotional wounds, she treats Young Lady Lii Xiaolan very well and highly values her. Moreover, with the method to refine these Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs, according to Lii Xiaolan, her master Qu Wan'Er values her more and more!

While Lin Xuankong was pondering this, cultivators outside had already started bidding!

"Ten Turtle-Poria Elixirs... I bid one thousand five hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

The initial bid came from an Initial Tier Earth Immortal, whose face showed an expectant look as he directly called out a high price, increasing it by fifty percent.

Apparently, with the endorsements from Jue Ying Immortal of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Fairy Qu Wan'Er, and the Alchemy Master from Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect, this Initial Tier Earth Immortal had no doubts left!

"I bid one thousand eight hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade."

"I bid two thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade."

"Two thousand three hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade."

Soon, one bid after another echoed from all around the auction hall, and many excited cultivators stood up in succession.

The enthusiasm of these cultivators bidding for the life-extending elixirs far surpassed their enthusiasm for all the spirit grasses, spirit medicines, and treasures auctioned previously.

Among them, even those Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivators, whose resources were not as ample as Initial Tier or First Grade Earth Immortals, also stood up and started bidding!

「Half a Cup of Tea Time later,」

The first batch of ten Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs was sold at a terrifying price of five thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade to a Late Stage Second Grade Earth Immortal!

The old Late Stage Second Grade Earth Immortal, with white hair and a wrinkled face, was clearly nearing the end of his lifespan. That was why he spent so generously, wanting to grasp a chance to prolong his life!

This price was several times higher than that of those thirty-six Spirit Talismans.

Of course, if the host from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect hadn't reminded everyone that there were still ninety Turtle-Poria Elixirs remaining, this price would have soared even higher!

After all, these were ten Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs. If each extended lifespan by about two hundred years, then ten Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs could increase lifespan by a total of approximately two thousand years.

That Late Stage Second Grade Earth Immortal clutched ten Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs and hastily left through the secret passage specially established by the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Many Ninth-Layer cultivators watched his retreating figure with looks of intense desire and envy!

Especially those cultivators who didn't possess enough Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade and couldn't participate in the bidding; besides envy, they felt deep regret and began to discuss amongst themselves.

"If I had known there would be such elixirs at this Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect auction, I would have sold those two Seventh-tier magical artifacts I own to gather some Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

"Ten elixirs—that's two thousand years of lifespan!"

"TSK! TSK! Two thousand years... If I can't advance to the Earth Immortal Realm in this life, I might only live for another twenty years!"

"Brother Li, Brother Zhang, why don't the three of us pool our Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade and bid for ten of them together!"

"Alas, looking at the expressions of these fellow cultivators around us, even if the three of us pool our Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, we might not be able to win a bid. The price for each batch of elixirs will likely climb higher and higher!"

While countless cultivators in the auction hall were discussing this, in the private box of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Qu Qingfeng and Qu Qingling couldn't help but discuss as well.

Qu Qingfeng, with a surprised look, turned to his master Qu Qiao'Er. "Master, do you know what this elixir is? Our Martial Aunt, Fairy Qu Wan'Er, has never refined an elixir that extends lifespan by so much!"

The Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er shook her head slightly and took out a Communication Jade from her bosom.

"I came to the auction because I was entrusted by Senior Brother Jue Ying to help maintain order temporarily! Before coming, Senior Brother Jue Ying didn't mention anything about this elixir! Let me send a message to him and Senior Sister Wan'Er and ask about it.

"An elixir that extends lifespan by two hundred years is something even I've never heard of!"

Qu Qingfeng nodded and then looked at Qu Qingling. "Little Sister, how many Profound Truth Jade did you bring? I want to bid for some too!"

Qu Qingling took out the Ghost Frog Pouch from her waist and carefully looked through it. "I have about two thousand five hundred left; I painstakingly saved these over the past five hundred years!"

Qu Qingfeng glanced at her. "Silly girl, can't you do the math? If you can get such a lifespan-extending elixir, just one pill can extend your life by two hundred years! We are disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect; do you think it's hard to gather two thousand five hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade in a few hundred years? Quick, give me those Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade; the next round of bidding is about to start!"

At this point, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er frowned and said, "Strange. Senior Brother Jue Ying is usually open with me, and I have a great relationship with Senior Sister Wan'Er. They have never hidden anything from me! Yet, when I asked them about the elixir just now, both of them replied that it was from a mysterious cultivator whose identity is currently unknown.

"How odd! With the abilities of Senior Brother Jue Ying and Senior Sister Wan'Er, would investigating the identity of a cultivator who came to auction a treasure be difficult?

"Moreover, this is within Spiritual Crane Immortal City. How could anyone possibly hide from the two of them?"

Qu Qingling and Qu Qingfeng heard this, and their expressions faltered.

Qu Qingfeng exclaimed, "There's such a thing? Martial Uncle Jue Ying and Martial Aunt Wan'Er wouldn't deliberately hide the cultivator's identity, would they?"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er frowned. "Forget it. I'll ask them directly when I see them next time!"

She sighed, looking at her two disciples. "However, considering the personalities of Senior Brother Jue Ying and Senior Sister Wan'Er, since they aren't telling me now, it's unlikely they'll tell me later either. It seems if you two want those elixirs, you'll have to bid for them yourselves!"

Nearby, Lii Xiaolan observed their reactions, her eyes flickered, and she discreetly exchanged a meaningful glance with Lin Xuankong.

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly, a hint of astonishment in his eyes.

Actually, before the auction, he had anticipated that such lifespan-extending elixirs would be popular among cultivators. However, he never imagined the reception for these Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs would be this enthusiastic! Among all the cultivators present, there was hardly anyone who didn't want these elixirs. The cultivators bidding were shouting themselves hoarse, their eyes blazing with fervor, looking as if they wanted to beat down their competitors on the spot! His original plan for auctioning these one hundred Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs was to raise ten to twenty thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, enough to secure funds for future Demon Pearl acquisitions. But now, in just the first round, a mere ten Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs had sold for the astronomical price of five thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade! And this was only the first round, presumably fetching the lowest price. It was conceivable that in the subsequent rounds of bidding, the price for these Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs would climb higher and higher, and the competition would become increasingly fierce! TSK! TSK! This was truly unexpected! If he had known this earlier, he would have put more Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs up for auction this time! He still had the five hundred Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs that Young Lady Lii Xiaolan had recently refined!

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Lin Xuankong thought to himself: If I add the five hundred Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs I have, how many Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades will I collect from this auction? Indeed, whether in my past life on Earth or in this world where strength reigns supreme—whether among Demons or Human Race cultivators—as long as a being has life and wisdom, the strongest and most essential desire is to survive and continue living! Even ants strive to live! Hmm, it seems I should grow more ingredients for Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs in the future. These elixirs might become a crucial source of income for me! Perhaps the substantial income these Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs bring could far surpass the revenue from the Heavy Water Spiritual Objects and herbs in my Ba Mountain Secret Realm! However, it's likely that only at the Spiritual Crane Immortal City's auctions in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect can these elixirs fetch such high prices. If they were auctioned in Prison Dragon City of the Great Xia Dynasty, it would drive those cultivators at the third, fourth, or fifth layers of Transcendence crazy with desire, but they couldn't even gather a single Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!

Thinking this, Lin Xuankong glanced at Lii Xiaolan beside him, dressed in green. The more he looked at this charming Young Lady, the more he found her beautiful and likable. Hmm, without the help of this Young Lady with her strong Alchemy Talent, I wouldn't have obtained so many Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs. It would be impossible to toss a few of these elixirs casually to incite such madness among the cultivators!

As he was musing, the auction outside had already begun.

"Two thousand two hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades!"

Just at the start of the second round of bidding, an Initial Tier Earth Immortal shouted out a price of over two thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades. Clearly, the happy and excited smile on the face of the elderly Late-stage Second-Grade Earth Immortal deeply stirred every cultivator present. As a result, at the start of the second round, this Initial Tier Earth Immortal couldn't hold back!

However, he wasn't the only one who couldn't hold back; other cultivators also felt a sense of urgency. After all, these were old folks who'd cultivated for hundreds of years. Even if they looked young with full heads of black hair, they were all quite sharp and understood that as the auction progressed and the Turtle-Poria Elixirs decreased, the prices would likely go up! And such a wondrous elixir was definitely worth bidding for early. The sooner one got their hands on it, the more at ease they would feel!

So, the atmosphere at the auction quickly heated up!

"Three thousand one hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades! I bid three thousand one hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades! I, the Liuyun Immortal, have brought plenty of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades this time. Fellow cultivators, if you want to outbid me, be prepared to bleed a bit!"

"Hahaha, old Liuyun, you think others are penniless? Come on, let's see if your Liuyun Immortal Sect has more jades, or if my Thousand Hills Immortal Sect has deeper pockets! I bid four thousand two hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades!"

"Thousand Hills old scoundrel, have you gone mad? There are still many more Turtle-Poria Elixirs to come. Don't compete with me this time—you can't beat me! I bid four thousand five hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades!"

"Hmph, I bid four thousand eight hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades! Come, continue bidding against me; I want to see who can hold out longer!"

"I, the Liuyun Immortal, must get the Turtle-Poria Elixir this time! I bid five thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight Profound Truth Jades!"

"I, the Thousand Hills Immortal, must get the elixir before you this time! I bid five thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades!"

"Six thousand five hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades! Come on, add another bid if you dare!"

"Just watch me..."

Soon, in the auction hall, the Second-Grade Earth Immortal called Liuyun Immortal and the Second-Grade Earth Immortal called Thousand Hills Immortal were in fierce competition! It was evident that these two Earth Immortals knew each other. Though their bidding war was heated, it didn't have the aggressive arrogance of the earlier Flaming Blade Duan River. These two Second-Grade Earth Immortals kept increasing their bids with mocking banter, not preventing others from joining in.

Watching this scene from his box, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but smile. He quite enjoyed this atmosphere. The Immortal Sects behind these two Second-Grade Earth Immortals clearly had deeper coffers than that crude Flaming Blade Duan River's Immortal Sect. At least when they casually mentioned spending thousands of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades, there was no bitterness or murderous intent, just some verbal sparring. Hmm, these are the kind of rich folks one likes to deal with!

Lin Xuankong's heart was filled with joy, while the two sisters, Qu Qingfeng and Qu Qingling, in the box stared in disbelief. They had barely scraped together six thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades, which was all they had. They had thought the ten Turtle-Poria Elixirs in the last round could fetch five thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades. Even if the price were higher this time, they imagined it would max out at around five thousand five hundred or six thousand. Who would have thought that the bidding in this second round would quickly skyrocket to six thousand five hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades!

Beside them, Lii Xiaolan couldn't help but lower her head and chuckle silently at her two senior sisters' bewildered expressions.

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Although I have a pretty good relationship with these two Senior Sisters, they both looked down on my husband the moment we entered the auction house! Hmph, I'll let you two brats experience some setbacks!

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er saw the expressions of her two disciples and couldn't help but laugh softly. "Look at your faces. You look as if you've lost your souls!"

Qu Qingfeng sighed, "Master, the price of this Turtle-Poria Elixir is too outrageous!"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er shook her head slightly. "This kind of elixir that can increase lifespan is very precious and much rarer than ordinary elixirs! Actually, the auction price isn't too high. If this were an auction in the Central Immortal City of the Central Divine Dynasty, an elixir that can increase lifespan by two hundred years could easily fetch a higher price. It might even sell for thousands of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade per pill!"

Qu Qingfeng frowned. "Isn't that an exaggeration? Thousands of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade per elixir? Doesn't that mean ten Turtle-Poria Elixirs could sell for tens of thousands of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade?"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er adopted a serious expression.

"Do you know why the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect, the second Great Immortal Sect of the Central Divine Dynasty, could rise within a few thousand years to even surpass many ancient Immortal Sects that have been developing for over a hundred thousand years?"

"It's because their Immortal Sect produced an Immortal Master Wu, who could refine Longevity Immortal Pills that extend lifespan by five hundred years!"

"Relying solely on the annual production of those five hundred Longevity Immortal Pills, the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect has obtained countless resources."

"There are often rumors circulating outside, claiming one Longevity Immortal Pill can sell for twenty thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade. But the truth is, even if you possess twenty thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, you might not always be able to buy one! After all, the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect dictates what resources the Longevity Immortal Pills are exchanged for!"

"For instance, when Senior Brother Jue Ying went to purchase Longevity Immortal Pills, he happened to arrive when the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect wanted to exchange them for Celestial Demon Bones, so he successfully acquired a few."

"In the past thousand years or so, the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect has announced that their Longevity Immortal Pills can only be exchanged for Immortal Artifacts!

"Those are Immortal Artifacts... Yet, even with such harsh conditions, many Middle-High Grade Earth Immortals nearing the end of their lifespan still try all means to obtain Immortal Artifacts to make the exchange.

"It's said that just by relying on these Longevity Immortal Pills, the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect has acquired a full five hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in this past millennium, along with some First-Grade Immortal Artifacts!"

"Immortal Artifacts for exchange?" Qu Lingfeng's eyes widened in disbelief.

Qu Qingling gasped, her attention clearly not on the Longevity Immortal Pills.

"Master, does the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect really own five hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts? My heavens, even a typical Immortal Sect can use just one Immortal Artifact to guard their sect, which can greatly enhance the combat strength of their powerful members! Five hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts... if controlled by a Middle-High Grade Earth Immortal, how powerful would that be?"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er smiled.

"I don't know how powerful it would be if five hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts were controlled by one Middle-High Grade Earth Immortal, but I do know that even the Profound Yin Demon Sect, which is an enemy to numerous Immortal Sects, wouldn't dare to easily confront the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect!

"So, it's quite normal for a longevity-enhancing Turtle-Poria Elixir like this to make the Initial Tier and First-Grade Earth Immortals at this auction bid so frantically!"

Qu Qingfeng sighed, "Then we've saved all this Profound Truth Jade for nothing!" She looked extremely frustrated.

At this moment, Lii Xiaolan, who was beside her, couldn't help but giggle.

Qu Qingfeng looked at Lii Xiaolan with some resentment. "Junior Sister Lan, you're actually laughing at your Senior Sister? Haven't I always treated you well? Shouldn't you help me out with some Profound Truth Jade now?"

Lii Xiaolan waved her hands repeatedly. "Senior Sister, I truly don't mean to gloat, nor am I laughing at you. Really, I'm not laughing at you in the slightest! Truly, not at all, definitely not, absolutely not!"

Qu Qingfeng: ...

Qu Qingling said helplessly, "If you didn't repeat so many times that you weren't laughing at us, I might have believed you! Hey, wait, Junior Sister Lan, you're not usually like this!"

HMPH HMPH HMPH! Of course, I'm gloating! Who asked you two to be so cold to my husband earlier?

Lii Xiaolan's eyes darted around.

"Senior Sister, you know, I've only been Grade-Entering for a little over a year. I've always stayed by Master's side learning alchemy and have never undertaken any special missions outside the sect. So, my usual income is just the allowance for a True Disciple. I only have a few dozen Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade on me. If you want them, you can take them all!"

My Young Lady is truly good to me, genuinely kind-hearted, Lin Xuankong thought, standing to the side with a smile. She just can't bear to see me suffer any injustice outside. Back when I was weak and bullied by that so-called Boss Zhang Wu of the Black Tiger Gang, my Young Lady wanted to rush over and kill them!

As they were talking, the second round of the auction finally ended.

The Immortal from the Liuyun Immortal Sect, Liuyun Immortal, eventually went all out, directly raising the bid to eight thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade. This made Lin Xuankong extremely delighted. Liuyun Immortal then happily took the ten Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs into his possession.

Moreover, Liuyun Immortal, having obtained such elixirs, was evidently very proud. After a round of showing off to Thousand Hills Immortal, he gracefully departed through the secret passage of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

Next, the third round of the auction proceeded without much suspense.

Thousand Hills Immortal, who had been "defeated" by the wealthy big spender Liuyun Immortal, bid seven thousand five hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade to secure ten Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs.

Thus, Thousand Hills Immortal also left the auction house, equally delighted.

The other Cultivators present were, one by one, filled with envy and high expectations.

After all, in their view, after the fierce competition of the first three rounds where the wealthy big spenders had paid extremely high prices to secure the elixirs, the prices might drop a little for the subsequent rounds.

However, Lin Xuankong was once again greatly surprised. The bidding in the subsequent rounds became even fiercer. Seeing the number of Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs steadily decreasing, the remaining Cultivators not only didn't lower their prices but instead began to team up. Some formed groups of more than a dozen Tier Nine Cultivators, others consisted of twenty or thirty Tier Nine Cultivators, and some groups even included a few Initial Tier Earth Immortals. The most outrageous case was a slightly less wealthy First-Grade Earth Immortal, who rallied a group of a full hundred Cultivators on the spot to bid together!

As a result, in the fourth, fifth, and sixth rounds of bidding, the price for a set of ten Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs never fell below nine thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade for any group!

Moreover, every time a group won the bid, the Cultivators who secured the ten Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs were so excited they almost jumped up on the spot.

This made Lin Xuankong, who hailed from the remote Great Xia Dynasty, almost suspect that the Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade they were bidding with wasn't the incredibly precious kind, but rather worthless pieces of stone they'd picked up from the roadside!

Lin Xuankong almost felt like he was in a dream.

By the seventh round of bidding, the price reached its absolute peak because the number of Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs was rapidly dwindling!

Finally, the First-Grade Earth Immortal who had gathered one hundred Cultivators to pool their funds shouted a price of twelve thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, only then managing to defeat a united team of thirty Cultivators!

However, what slightly annoyed Lin Xuankong was that when the eighth round of bidding began, Flaming Blade Duan River, who had been silent for a long while, freaking spoke up again.

"I, Flaming Blade Duan River, bid one thousand two hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade! Fellow Daoists, surely no one wishes to compete with me?"

When Duan River's voice sounded, the previously fervent auction atmosphere suddenly grew cold.

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In the auction hall, the cultivators who had been gearing up to bid hesitated, their expressions flickering with uncertainty, and many cursed inwardly.

Most cultivators knew of the Fire Spirit Sect and Flaming Blade Duan River's reputation and methods. Even those who were initially unaware had quickly learned. After the first round's auction of thirty-six Spirit Talismans, coupled with the ensuing discussions, most cultivators now understood the domineering style of this late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal.

Instantly, many cultivators turned to look towards the upper-left corner of the auction hall. That was the private box of the female cultivator who had previously competed with Flaming Blade Duan River for the thirty-six Spirit Talismans.

At this moment, almost everyone hoped that the female cultivator, who had previously dared to defy Flaming Blade Duan River, would once again make a bid and publicly give Duan River a "resounding slap in the face"!

Unfortunately, the mysterious female cultivator, who had never revealed her identity, did not bid. She seemed uninterested in the Turtle-Poria Elixirs that could significantly increase one's lifespan!

Seeing this, almost every cultivator present showed a look of disappointment.

In the minds of these cultivators, Duan River's act of using force to intimidate others was naturally despicable and loathsome, especially to those planning to bid for the Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs!

But no matter how much they detested Flaming Blade Duan River, no matter how nauseated they felt by him, or how shameless they found him, not a single cultivator in the entire auction hall dared to open their mouth to bid!

The Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs could indeed extend their lifespan, and they truly wanted to acquire them. However, if they offended Flaming Blade Duan River in public, what good would a long life be? A powerful late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal secretly holding a grudge might take their lives at any moment!

Never mind a late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal; the most powerful cultivator present was merely a Mid-Grade Two. Encountering a late-stage or Perfection Second Grade Earth Immortal could easily annihilate any cultivator in the hall!

In the silence of the auction hall, inside the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's private box, Qu Qingling and Qu Qingfeng exchanged a glance, a hint of disgust in both their eyes.

Qu Qingfeng and Qu Qingling naturally also wanted to acquire such elixirs. Unfortunately, they lacked sufficient Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade. Additionally, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's conduct had always been peaceful, unlike the domineering and shameless Fire Spirit Sect. Therefore, it was absolutely impossible for them to use the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's name to suppress other cultivators. Moreover, this was the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's own auction; if they used their sect's name to intimidate others, it was likely that no cultivator would ever consign treasures to their auctions again! Desiring the Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs but unable to obtain them, and then witnessing Flaming

Blade Duan River once again using such shameless and disgusting tactics to compete, naturally filled both their hearts with aversion.

At the same time, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er also frowned.

The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auctions had always emphasized fair competition. It was precisely because of this principle that their auctions had become increasingly prosperous, attracting more and more cultivators to consign and purchase treasures.

But if all powerful Earth Immortals behaved as arrogantly and shamelessly as this Flaming Blade Duan River, relying on their own strength to forcibly bid low, then the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auctions would be utterly ruined!

However, considering the Fire Spirit Sect's overbearing reputation and the strength of Flaming Blade Duan River beside her, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er frowned and pondered for a moment before secretly shaking her head. This Duan River rarely attends the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auctions. We'll just have to endure it this time. We can't afford to completely offend this Flaming Blade Duan River over a few elixirs...

Just as she reached this thought, the auctioneer from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect outside had already furrowed her brow and begun to announce, "One thousand two hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades, going once! These are elixirs that can extend one's lifespan! Where has everyone's enthusiasm gone? Is no one really planning to bid?"

This auctioneer, an Initial Tier Earth Immortal, was naturally also quite repulsed by Flaming Blade Duan River's actions. Unfortunately, her thoughts mirrored those of Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er. Besides, her strength and status were far inferior to Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er's; how could she possibly reprimand Flaming Blade Duan River on the spot?

At this moment, nearly everyone present—with the exception of Chang Li—felt repulsed and disgusted.

However, upon hearing the auctioneer's words, the cultivators outside could only shake their heads repeatedly. Only one thousand two hundred Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades—how could they not want to bid? But how could they possibly dare to!

Inside the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's private box, Lin Xuankong watched this scene, his expression somewhat grim.

If other cultivators were already so indignant, how could he, the owner of the Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixir treasure, not feel disgusted?

However, the previous seven rounds of bidding had already allowed him to reap enormous profits, earning far more Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades than he had anticipated. A quick calculation showed it was over sixty thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades! With so many Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades, purchasing Demon Pearls and materials would be more than enough for him to refine the remaining twenty-plus Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts; in fact, he could probably refine another forty-nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts with this wealth!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong glanced secretly at Flaming Blade Duan River and the smug-looking Chang Li. I'll make a note of this incident for now...

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Outside, the voice of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auctioneer sounded again, "1,200 Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, going once! 1,200 Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, going twice! There are only three breaths of time left. If no other Daoist friend makes a bid, these ten Turtle-Poria Elixirs will have a new owner! Everyone, are you really not considering bidding?"

The auction house remained silent.

Flaming Blade Duan River sneered, "They're just some Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivators, or at most Initial Tier Earth Immortals and First-Grade Earth Immortals. I, Flaming Blade Duan River, might not be able to intimidate those veteran middle-high grade experts, but among these insignificant figures, who would dare to disrespect me again!"

The Second Prince of the Xianluo Dynasty, Chang Li, cupped his hands and said, "Master's Uncle's fame is known to everyone in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty. I, Li'er, am here to congratulate Master's Uncle on obtaining the treasure! Cultivators rely on strength; without strength, what treasure can one bid for?"

Upon hearing this, Flaming Blade Duan River laughed heartily, his face full of pride.

Qu Qingfeng and Qu Qingling saw this, and the disgust in their eyes became more evident. They lowered their heads and exchanged a glance.

Qu Qingfeng thought to himself: This Chang Li certainly looks like a man of talent, possessing an aptitude far surpassing countless genius cultivators. Unfortunately, his character is problematic. While a cultivator's strength is undoubtedly important, it's said that a just cause enjoys abundant support while an unjust cause finds little. Even if an individual's strength is incredibly powerful, they still can't blot out the sky with one hand! After all, even the Demon Lord of the Profound Yin Demon Sect, renowned as a Ninth-Grade Earth Demon, still couldn't possibly contend alone against the many Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals from numerous powerful Immortal Sects!

Qu Qingling, on the other hand, looked frustrated. If there was no chance in this eighth round of bidding, it would be even harder to win an elixir in the following rounds!

Just at this moment, Lii Xiaolan, the young lady beside Lin Xuankong, suddenly spoke crisply, "I, Lii Xiaolan, bid 1,250 Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

After shouting, Lii Xiaolan's eyes sparkled, and she secretly smiled at Lin Xuankong.

To think that the Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs I painstakingly refined were about to be auctioned at a high price again, only for that detestable Flaming Blade Duan River to jump out and babble—how could I possibly tolerate that?! Especially since I refined these Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs to raise funds for my husband, Lin Xuankong—a matter of great importance to him! I could tolerate other things, but this, I absolutely cannot!

After Lii Xiaolan's voice was heard, the thousands of cultivators in the auction house immediately started discussing in low voices.

"Today is truly strange! Another cultivator dares to challenge Flaming Blade Duan River, and judging by the voice, it seems to be another female cultivator. Interesting!"

"Who is this female cultivator bidding? How fierce can she be? I've never heard of Lii Xiaolan before. Is she very strong, or does she have a powerful background?"

"Lii Xiaolan? I've never heard of her either. But I bet after today's auction, Lii Xiaolan's name will spread throughout Spiritual Crane Immortal City. Hmm, daring to challenge Flaming Blade Duan River..."

Although their expressions were quite astonished, most people had a look of schadenfreude on their faces. Many cultivators also showed admiration. Regardless of her strength, her courage to challenge Flaming Blade Duan River was definitely impressive! After all, just moments ago, in this vast auction house filled with thousands upon thousands of cultivators—geniuses, Initial Tier Earth Immortals, and First-Grade Earth Immortals from all over—no one had dared to bid!

Aside from these cultivators' continuous murmuring, the auctioneer standing on the stage of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect showed a fleeting glint in her eyes. Though she tried to maintain a calm expression, there was a hint of satisfaction in her eyes. "Hmm, Lii Xiaolan bids 1,250 Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade. Are there any other Daoist friends who wish to bid higher?"

「Inside the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's private box,」

Upon hearing Lii Xiaolan's bid, the Second Prince of the Xianluo Dynasty, Chang Li's expression changed, and he looked at Lii Xiaolan with a hint of confusion.

He had noticed Lii Xiaolan ever since encountering Qu Qiao'Er and others from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect earlier. After all, women who could rival Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er in beauty, temperament, and figure were scarce. As a male cultivator, how could Chang Li not pay extra attention?

Unfortunately, although Chang Li felt an itch in his heart, Lii Xiaolan completely ignored him, unlike Qu Qingfeng and Qu Qingling, who tried to converse with him.

What he hadn't expected was that this seemingly cute and lovely Lii Xiaolan would dare to publicly defy his Master's Uncle. Hmph, this girl probably doesn't know my Master's Uncle's methods!

Chang Li's face displayed confusion, while Flaming Blade Duan River's eyes filled with coldness. He didn't pay attention to Lii Xiaolan but instead looked at Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er. "Spiritual Crane Fairy, my Fire Spirit Sect has always had a good relationship with your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Is this how you treat guests from afar?"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er was also surprised by Lii Xiaolan's sudden bid. She frowned and looked at Lii Xiaolan. "Lan, this Brother Duan is an elder of your Master's generation. If you intend to bid for the elixir, why not wait for the next round? Publicly slighting Brother Duan like this is quite abrupt!"

Upon hearing this, Lii Xiaolan's pretty face showed a determined expression. She directly stood up and cupped her hands toward Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er.

"Master Qu, if it were any other matter, as long as you gave an order, I, Xiaolan, would naturally comply without daring to object in the slightest!"

However, the current matter is different. This isn't about me, nor is it about you, Master Qu. It concerns the crucial interests of our entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect; it's about our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's reputation!"

Hearing this, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er fell silent.

Lii Xiaolan then raised her chin, gave Lin Xuankong a glance, and continued in a crisp voice,

"Master Qu, let me ask you: isn't our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auction a free-bidding event?"

Does it mean that someone can set the price as they wish just because they are stronger, of higher seniority, or have a more ruthless style?

If that's the case, then why hold an auction at all? Why gather so many cultivators to bid?

If this continues, our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auction business will decline. Eventually, no cultivator will want to place their treasures for auction here, nor will others come to bid! This is a grave matter, so I had to bid!"

Lin Xuankong, listening nearby, was inwardly amazed. Wow, my little wife's arguments are getting more and more compelling! Even though it was because she was annoyed with that Flaming Blade Duan River and wanted her elixirs to fetch a higher price, she actually managed to frame it as a major issue

concerning the sect's interests! Hmm, truly worthy of being the primary wife among my ladies; this sharp-tongued display is simply too brilliant!

At this moment, not only Lin Xuankong was amazed, but Qu Qingfeng and Qu Qingling were also looking at Lii Xiaolan with astonishment, giving their junior sister a big thumbs-up in their minds. The two of them had just been thoroughly disgusted by the behavior of Flaming Blade Duan River and Chang Li, so how could they not be overjoyed now!

The Second Prince of the Xianluo Dynasty, Chang Li, after hearing Lii Xiaolan's words, frowned deeply, his face turning grim, yet he was utterly speechless!

As for Flaming Blade Duan River, who had been laughing heartily just moments ago, his face was now ashen. His eyes burned with anger as he stared fixedly at Lii Xiaolan. The key point was that they were currently in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Immortal City, and he knew she was a disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. If not for this, he probably would have already struck Lii Xiaolan with a Flame Saber!

I, Flaming Blade Duan River, have rampaged through the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty! Apart from a few old seniors, who dares not give me face? Damn it! Today, I've been continuously defied by two female cultivators! Do they really not know what it means to court death?!

Just as this thought crossed his mind, Lii Xiaolan suddenly spoke out to the crowd:

"Fellow Daoist friends, my raising the price is merely to uphold the free bidding rules of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auction. It is not an attempt to use my status as a disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to forcibly suppress the price!

Now, if anyone wishes to compete with me, feel free to bid!

Rest assured, fellow Daoists, this is the territory of our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. This is our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's auction. Whoever comes here must abide by the rules of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

Chapter 436: The Enraged Flame Saber, She Is Actually of This Status

"No matter who comes, they have to follow the rules!"

Upon hearing Lii Xiaolan utter such words, the thousands of Cultivators outside immediately turned to look towards the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's private box. Whether they were Tier Nine Cultivators from various dynasties or Initial Tier Earth Immortals and First-Grade Earth Immortals, the expressions on every one of them changed, and their hearts filled with extreme satisfaction!

These words weren't merely about bidding for the Flame Saber; they were a blatant, forceful slap to Flaming Blade Duan River's face in front of thousands of Cultivators! After all, the meaning behind these words was equivalent to, "If a dragon comes, it must coil; if a tiger comes, it must crouch!"

Of course, besides feeling extremely pleased, these Cultivators were also secretly worried for Lii Xiaolan. After all, even though ninety-nine percent of the Cultivators here had no idea who Lii Xiaolan was, anyone who could speak up for them was considered one of their own!

「Inside the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's private box,」

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, Qu Qingling, and Qu Qingfeng all had expressions of astonishment on their pretty faces, while Flaming Blade Duan River's face was already frosted with anger. He glared fixedly at Lii Xiaolan, fists clenched, as countless illusory flames flickered around his body. "Good, good, good! What a sharp-tongued girl! You seem to think my Fire Spirit Sect is easy to bully, that I, Flaming Blade Duan River, am easy to bully, daring to say such things in front of countless Cultivators?

"Do you think my Path of Flame is not refined enough?

"Or do you think the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact in my hand is not sharp enough?"

As he finished speaking, a miniature dagger emitting Immortal Yuan fluctuations suddenly appeared in Duan River's right hand. That small dagger was clearly an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, covered with countless runes resembling tiny flames. Under Duan River's activation, it continuously changed, transforming in the blink of an eye into a fearsome, three-foot-long blade wreathed in countless blazing flames!

Seeing this, an extremely cold murderous intent flashed through the eyes of Lin Xuankong, who sat beside Lii Xiaolan. His hand quickly reached for the Ghost Frog Pouch, inside which lay the Third-Grade Immortal Sword, the Cyan Nether Immortal Sword, and twenty-four Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts

recently refined by Xiao Xiuyi! At the same time, the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone within him trembled slightly, already fully prepared to open the Spirit Vein Transference at any moment and pull Lii Xiaolan and the others inside!

Perhaps doing so would expose his Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone to Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er and Duan River. But Young Lady Lii Xiaolan had dared to risk her life to stand up for him; as her husband, how could he possibly let anyone harm her!

At worst, he would pull Flaming Blade Duan River into his Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm and fight him there!

At that moment, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er suddenly moved, stepping in front of Lii Xiaolan. Her expression was calm as she looked at Flaming Blade Duan River, cupping her hands slightly. "Brother Duan," she said, "although my junior martial niece's words were overly blunt, she is, after all, a disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. I hope Brother Duan will consider the past relationship between the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and the Fire Spirit Sect and not make things difficult for a junior disciple."

Flaming Blade Duan River was clearly enraged by now. Seeing Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er shield Lii Xiaolan, his face darkened as he spoke, "The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has tens of thousands of disciples. She is but a mere Ninth Layer cultivator who doesn't know how to respect her elders. Fairy Qu, are you really willing to antagonize me, Flaming Blade Duan River, for her sake?

"Besides, your Cultivation is only Mid-grade Third-Grade, and you don't even possess a single Immortal Artifact. Do you think you can protect her?

"Today, I, Flaming Blade Duan River, will teach your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect a lesson by dealing with this disrespectful disciple! After I take her life, I will naturally pay a visit to your Sect Leader at Five Clouds Mountain of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

"I'm eager to see whether a mere Ninth Layer disciple is more important to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, or if the alliance between our sects holds more weight!"

As he finished speaking, the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Flame Saber, in his hand grew larger again, emitting constant Immortal Yuan fluctuations. The powerful fluctuations from the Immortal Artifact

carried a terrifying oppressive force. After all, an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact was equivalent to a true Earth Immortal's Golden Core—a Golden Core renowned for being indestructible! Furthermore, this Initial Tier Immortal Artifact was currently wielded by a powerful Third-Grade Earth Immortal at the Late Stage!

Instantly, whether it was Second Prince Chang Li of the Xianluo Dynasty or Spiritual Crane Fairy's two disciples, Qu Qingling and Qu Qingfeng, all were forced by the Immortal Artifact's potent pressure to retreat to a corner of the spacious private box! The three of them looked nervously at Spiritual Crane Fairy and Flaming Blade Duan River before them, each secretly circulating their True Qi and activating the Celestial Demon Bones within their bodies! Their Celestial Demon Bones were all Tier Two Celestial Demon Bones. This was their only, and indeed strongest, means of survival when facing a battle against a Third-Grade Earth Immortal!

Seeing that a battle was about to erupt, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er's expression remained remarkably calm. She neither activated her Mid-grade Third-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core nor drew her Tier Nine Spiritual Artifact. Gazing at the murderous Duan River, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er suddenly said in a deep voice, "Brother Duan, if you were to kill other disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect—even my own two disciples, or even the True Disciples of our Sect Leader—it would not be such a grave matter!"

Chapter 437: The Furious Flame Saber, Her Unexpected Identity_2

"After all, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and the Fire Spirit Sect are one of the Twelve Great Immortal Sects jointly suppressing the entrance to the Western Demon Sect. It is impossible for them to turn against each other over a single disciple! But the disciple behind me is different. Even if you injure me, you absolutely must not harm her!"

Flaming Blade Duan River sneered, "Heh, must not harm her? Could she be a disciple of one of the Supreme Elders of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect? Those seniors haven't appeared for a thousand years, and none of their disciples are Tier Nine Cultivators!"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er looked at Duan River resolutely. "She is my Senior Sister Qu Wan'Er, the True Disciple of Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, and she is the most valued True Disciple of my Senior Sister Qu Wan'Er! As far as I know, my senior sister has already started to impart some of her Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill Alchemy Technique to her!"

"You can touch the disciples of other Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. You can touch the disciples of our Sect Leader, my senior brother. But do you really intend to touch the most valued disciple of Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er?"

Flaming Blade Duan River, who originally had a gloomy face, was taken aback upon hearing these words. The flames swirling around his Flame Saber even trembled slightly. "She... she is the disciple of Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, and the most valued disciple at that? Even the Alchemy Technique for the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill has already started to be imparted to her?"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er's face remained calm. "The Western Region's Twelve Immortal Sect Alliance has nearly 1,000 Earth Immortal powerhouses. But among these 1,000 Earth Immortals, only Yellow Earth Immortal from Medicine King Valley and my Senior Sister Qu from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect can guarantee at least one success out of ten attempts to create the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill!

"You should be very clear about my senior sister's status in the Twelve Immortal Sect Alliance, Brother Duan! And her relationship with the Alliance Leader of the Twelve Immortal Sect Alliance? You should be well aware of that too!

"If you dare to touch her disciple, it won't just be the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Leader who will step in. Perhaps several of our Supreme Elders will be mobilized. Not only that, but Alliance Leader Chen, the head of the Twelve Immortal Sect Alliance, will most likely get involved too!"

Lin Xuankong listened from the side, greatly shocked. He had always thought that Young Lady Lii Xiaolan's master was merely an ordinary Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal, but he didn't expect this Earth Immortal Qu Wan'Er to hold such a prestigious status in the alliance formed by the twelve Immortal Sects, all due to her Immortal Pill Technique! Moreover, judging by Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er's words, it seems that Qu Wan'Er has some kind of relationship with the Alliance Leader of the Immortal Sect Alliance? What kind of relationship? Could it be that of a scoundrel and a beauty...

Although Lin Xuankong was filled with doubt, seeing Flaming Blade Duan River's arrogance immediately deflate after Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er's words made him feel slightly more at ease.

Flaming Blade Duan River's expression kept changing. Finally, he shook the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact in his hand. The weapon, which had been ready to strike, immediately disintegrated into dust-sized particles and fell into his palm.

Afterwards, this previously arrogant and overbearing Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal turned, his face gloomy, and started walking outside.

His voice echoed from ahead, "My master has always had a good relationship with Fairy Qu Wan'Er. If not for that, I would have definitely taken that girl's life. This time, I'll spare her out of respect for my master!"

Second Prince Chang Li of the Xianluo Dynasty, looking utterly astonished, glanced at Lii Xiaolan and then quickly followed Flaming Blade Duan River outside.

He never expected that an intense battle, on the verge of erupting, would be instantly extinguished by the mere mention of 'Qu Wan'Er'! He was even more shocked that his Martial Uncle, who had always been rampant and unchecked across the various Immortal Cities of the Central Divine Dynasty's Western Region, would actually swallow his pride... If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, how could he believe it? That was a dignified Late-stage Third Grade Great Earth Immortal, the Vice Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Sect, and he just backed down like that?

Before leaving the private box's entrance, he couldn't help but glance back at Lii Xiaolan, a hint of greed flashing in his eyes.

What he coveted most was naturally Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er. However, he thought, if he could win the heart and body of a Female Cultivator skilled in refining Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills in the future, that would also be an excellent outcome!

At this moment, Lii Xiaolan looked at the two figures leaving the private box, slightly raised her chin, and snorted.

Lii Xiaolan, although kind-hearted, always held a grudge against evil. Now that Flaming Blade Duan River was attempting to leave in disgrace, she naturally wanted to vent her frustration.

Flaming Blade Duan River, who was walking ahead, halted his steps upon hearing that snort. His expression turned even colder. Yet, thinking of Lii Xiaolan as the direct disciple of Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, the infamous Flame Saber didn't even utter a harsh word and continued walking, disappearing in an instant!

Lin Xuankong, observing this scene, wore a peculiar expression. His Young Lady Lii Xiaolan has truly latched onto a very influential backer! Hmm, not bad, really not bad! It's a pity that Medicine Immortal

Qu Wan'Er, having suffered emotional trauma and possessing a peculiar temperament, holds a lot of resentment towards male Cultivators. Otherwise, Lan could introduce her, and everyone could benefit from her support... Err, no, that's not right! I, Lin Xuankong, have achieved everything I have today through my own tremendous hard work, never by relying on anyone else! Do I, Lin Xuankong, need to cling to that Female Immortal's coattails? Absolutely not!

Feeling a bit joyful, Lin Xuankong's thoughts wandered. He then noticed that the countless Cultivators outside the private box were almost dumbfounded!

Who would have thought that the perpetually violent and rampant Duan River, a Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal, after being metaphorically slapped in the face by a Female Cultivator, not only didn't retaliate but actually left in dejection!

"This Lii Xiaolan must not be an ordinary person! Flaming Blade Duan River, known for being half righteous, half evil, was helpless against her?"

"Perhaps Lii Xiaolan is also a Third or Fourth-grade Earth Immortal? Otherwise, how could this be possible!"

"I doubt it. I've memorized the names of over thirty Earth Immortals from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, and I can guarantee there's definitely no Earth Immortal named Lii Xiaolan!"

"Maybe she's a Female Earth Immortal newly joined to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, so they haven't announced it yet!"

"That doesn't seem right! If a new Earth Immortal joins the Sect, enhancing their strength, why would the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect hide it? They would definitely publicize it extensively!"

For a while, the Cultivators, initially silenced by Flaming Blade Duan River's intimidation, started discussing loudly as soon as he left. No one could help it; the scene unfolding before them was truly astonishing!

At this moment, the female host from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect standing on the platform spoke, a touch of excitement in her eyes, "Fellow Daoists, there was a little interruption just now. Next, the

auction will continue! Hmm, just now, the bid from our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's disciple, Lii Xiaolan, was 1,250. Does any other fellow Daoist wish to make an offer? Rest assured, disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect are permitted to bid in our own auctions; everyone is welcome to compete freely!"

Upon hearing the host's words, the Cultivators' attention was instantly redirected, their gazes falling on the ten Elixirs she held in her hand.

"I bid 1,600 Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

"I bid 2,100 Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

Soon, fervent bids echoed from various positions within the auction hall.

Inside the private box, Lii Xiaolan playfully winked at Lin Xuankong.

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly and then cast his gaze outside.

Although Lan has a powerful backer, and Flaming Blade Duan River probably wouldn't dare confront her publicly... However, Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortals, having lived for at least thousands of years, are old monsters with formidable abilities. I cannot be careless, lest Young Lady Lii Xiaolan be secretly targeted by him! This time, I must acquire a large quantity of Demon Pearls so Miss Xiao can quickly refine numerous Immortal Artifacts. Preferably, she can craft a set for Lan as well! And that Flaming Blade Duan River, I'm afraid, doesn't just intend to deal with Lan. As for the Female Cultivator who was bidding earlier, since he left a tracking mark on her, he definitely won't let things rest! A Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal... I wonder if I'll have the chance to use him to test the effectiveness of the Immortal Capturing Array!

Thinking of this, a determined expression appeared on his face.

Chapter 438: Generous Harvest, The Plan of the Immortal Dynasty's Forces

Outside the auction house of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Flaming Blade Duan River lightly waved his hand. A cloud suddenly appeared under his and Second Prince Chang Li's feet. In the next moment, the two of them floated up and flew towards the distance.

However, what they did not notice was that at this moment, two phantom red lights had already passed through the thick walls of the auction house and fallen upon their bodies.

"Uncle Master, is that Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect very powerful?" Chang Li asked curiously.

Flaming Blade Duan River's face showed a trace of hatred. "We're both at Late Stage Third Grade cultivation. Her strength should be roughly the same as mine. However, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has extremely few immortal artifacts. They've officially announced they only have one! Even if they have a few more, they might not necessarily be with Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er. Without an immortal artifact, she's definitely not my match!"

Chang Li frowned. "Then why didn't Uncle Master just take down that Lii Xiaolan earlier!"

Flaming Blade Duan River squinted his eyes. "As one of the two strongest alchemists in the Western Region of the Central State, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er naturally holds a status different from other Earth Immortals. This isn't just because she's only at the Late Stage Third Grade. Even if she were an Initial Tier Earth Immortal, her alchemy skills alone could earn her a status comparable to a Supreme Elder of a sect. She would hold a very high status even in a major immortal sect of the Central Divine Dynasty! Such a person, unless she can be quietly eliminated, if you offend her, I'm afraid that with just one word from her, those cultivators who want her to refine the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill would be willing to do anything for her like they were on steroids! I can kill other disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, I can deal with Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, but if I deal with the disciple of Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, the future troubles will be countless!"

"But if we just let this go, my heart will be extremely uneasy! It's not about my face, but they even dare to not give face to Uncle Master!" Chang Li said.

Flaming Blade Duan River's eyes showed a trace of hatred. "Don't worry, this matter will not end so easily! Hmph, there are many ways to deal with a person. As Flaming Blade, I have even more ways to kill someone!"

Upon hearing this, Chang Li's expression froze. "Uncle Master, since Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er said that this Lii Xiaolan has extremely strong alchemy talent, possibly inheriting Qu Wan'Er's alchemy techniques, it would be a pity to kill her directly. Why don't we find a way to capture her instead? If I can join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect this time, with me as an insider, there will be plenty of

opportunities to deal with this Lii Xiaolan. Hmph, she is just a Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator; it will be absolutely easy!"

Upon hearing this, Flaming Blade Duan River couldn't help but scrutinize Chang Li, then he laughed. "Good, good! We cultivators should act according to our true nature! Lii Xiaolan has extremely strong alchemy talent; even the always lofty Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er values her so highly... Such a talent must naturally be obtained. We'll have her refine pills and concoct medicines for our Fire Spirit Sect!"

At this point, he looked towards the center of the giant Immortal City. In the sky there, dozens of Immortal Mountains floated, surrounded by wisps of immortal mist, making them look full of spiritual aura!

"We have more than one person secretly infiltrating the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect as disciples. Lii Xiaolan is definitely to be dealt with, but in the future, the Fire Spirit Sect's target is far more than just Lii Xiaolan! Under each of the thirty-two peaks of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect lies a spirit vein, all places abundant with Immortal Yuan. How can such spiritually rich lands be occupied by a weak sect like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect for long? Sooner or later, all these treasure lands will belong to the Fire Spirit Sect!"

Chang Li lightly played with the Initial Tier Demon King Earth Dragon coiling around his hand. "Good! To vent Uncle Master's anger, and to allow the Fire Spirit Sect to own the thirty-two spirit veins in the future, I, Chang Li, will do my utmost. I will capture the Sixth Celestial Vein, become a core disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, and then provide various information for Uncle Master!"

After saying this, he and Flaming Blade Duan River exchanged a glance and both smiled sinisterly.

「More than an hour later,」

The auction of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect ended.

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, along with Qu Qingling and Qu Qingfeng, went to the back of the auction venue to handle various auction matters, while Lin Xuankong and Lii Xiaolan sat in a private room, looking at the more than fourteen hundred Demon Pearls on the table.

Without the disruptive Flaming Blade Duan River and that Chang Li causing trouble, Lin Xuankong's bidding went quite smoothly. After spending nearly four thousand Profound Truth Jades, he swept up all the Demon Pearls in this auction, buying every single one.

Over four thousand Profound Truth Jades... Even a nation like the Great Xia Dynasty, by mustering the strength of the entire dynasty, couldn't gather so many!

However, spending over four thousand Profound Truth Jades was now something that posed no pressure at all for Lin Xuankong. After auctioning off all ten batches of Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs, the amount of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade he stood to obtain reached an extremely astonishing sum: a full ninety thousand pieces!

In other words, not counting other more precious resources, just one hundred Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs brought Lin Xuankong an amount of Profound Truth Jade equivalent to the foundation of dozens of Great Xia Dynasties!

This astonishing number of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade was far beyond the wealth of an Initial Tier Earth Immortal. Indeed, it surpassed the fortunes of not just Initial Tier Earth Immortals, but even those of First-, Second-, and Third-Grade Earth Immortals! After all, just over an hour ago, many Initial Tier and First-Grade Earth Immortals had to pool their resources to bid for the Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixirs!

Chapter 439: Bountiful Harvest, The Plan of the Celestial Dynasty's Forces_2

With the conclusion of this auction, Lin Xuankong had effectively emptied the pockets of dozens of Initial Tier Earth Immortals!

Of course, in the end, the tens of thousands of cultivators, Initial Tier Earth Immortals, and First- and Second-Grade Earth Immortals present still did not know who the mysterious practitioner selling the Turtle-Poria Elixir was. This included Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, Qu Qingling, and Qu Qingfeng. Thanks to specific instructions from Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, the auction organizers kept Lii Xiaolan's identity strictly confidential!

Otherwise, if those tens of thousands present—including Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, Qu Qingfeng, and Qu Qingling—had discovered that the one refining the Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixir was merely a Tier Nine Cultivator, their jaws would have dropped on the spot!

Even so, the events of this auction still amazed countless cultivators from various regions. This was, on one hand, because it featured a powerful life-extending elixir that drove many cultivators to bid madly. On the other hand, it was because Lii Xiaolan from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had dared to confront Flaming Blade Duan River, who then left the auction in a rage without retaliating.

He was a true Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal, an Immortal infamous for his malicious and domineering behavior, yet he hadn't retaliated against Lii Xiaolan at all!

One could imagine that after this auction, Lii Xiaolan's fame would instantly spread throughout Spiritual Crane Immortal City and, soon after, likely across numerous dynasties!

At this moment, Lin Xuankong looked at those Demon Pearls and couldn't help but sigh. Originally, I thought I'd sell some Turtle-Poria Elixirs this time to gather enough Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, and then bid on some Demon Pearls! I never expected the auction for Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs to be so popular! In the future, if we're short on funds, there'll be no need to sell spiritual objects from the Secret Realm, nor the medicinal herbs painstakingly cultivated by the common people. Just refining some Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs will be enough to buy anything that can be purchased with Profound Truth Jade!

Young Lady Lii Xiaolan's pretty face was full of delight. She tilted her chin up slightly and said, "Yeah, don't you see who your wife is? How could the elixirs I refine not be valuable? Besides, these are just Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs. Once I seek more guidance from my master and hone my Alchemy Technique, if I can elevate it to the Immortal Tier, the Immortal-grade Turtle-Poria Elixirs I refine will definitely not be inferior to those from the Ten Thousand Peaks Immortal Sect! Their elixirs can extend lifespan by five hundred years and sell for twenty thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade. By then, Immortal-grade Turtle-Poria Elixirs should extend lifespan by at least five hundred years too. That means they could also sell for at least twenty thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade per elixir! Most importantly, the resistance to Immortal-grade Elixirs will definitely be lower. It might even be effective after consuming hundreds or thousands of them! In that case, just by consuming Turtle-Poria Elixirs, one could extend their lifespan by tens of thousands of years!"

As she said this, her eyes were full of anticipation. "Not to exaggerate, but a lifespan extension of tens of thousands of years—that's close to the lifespan of a Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal!"

Lin Xuankong also showed a look of anticipation. "If we live for tens of thousands of years, won't you have to give me hundreds or thousands of babies?"

Lii Xiaolan was left speechless.

Lin Xuankong looked at the dainty young lady before him and said seriously, "Speaking of which, both of us are already at Ninth-Layer Perfection, just one step away from facing the Immortal Tribulation. I've heard the Immortal Tribulation is extremely difficult to pass. Even if we advance to Initial Tier Earth Immortal, the danger will be immense! So, shouldn't we consider having heirs now?"

Lii Xiaolan rolled her eyes at him. "Can you stop thinking about your Blood-Burning Secret Technique and Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique all the time? If you want children, why don't you go find Yu Fei? Hmph, I'm busy cultivating my Alchemy Technique right now. The importance of Alchemy Technique is a hundred times greater than your Blood-Burning Secret Technique, a hundred times!"

Lin Xuankong said helplessly, "Yu Fei is currently managing the billions of newly relocated people in the Ba Mountain Secret Realm; she's so swamped she doesn't have time to think about children!"

Lii Xiaolan laughed. "Then let's wait. There's no rush anyway. You haven't obtained the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill yet, so let's talk about it when the time comes! For now, the most important things are for you to handle the disciple acceptance ceremony and for me to study my Alchemy Technique. Immortal-grade Turtle-Poria Elixirs, you know—a single one can extend lifespan by several hundred years!"

A single elixir extending lifespan by several hundred years! Lin Xuankong pondered, his heart stirring as he recalled the myths from his past life.

In the myths of his past life, eating a single flat peach from the Peach Garden of the Queen Mother of the Western Heavens could extend one's lifespan by several hundred or even thousands of years. That was why the so-called Yaochi Peach Blossom Assembly became a grand event that countless immortals had to attend and eagerly wished to join.

If Lan and I could master the refining method for the Immortal-tier Turtle-Poria Elixir in the future, we might be able to build a massive force relying on these elixirs! At today's auction, just the roughly two-hundred-year lifespan increase from the Dharma-tier Turtle-Poria Elixirs was enough to drive countless cultivators and Initial Tier, First-, and Second-Grade Earth Immortals into a bidding frenzy. If consuming a single elixir could extend lifespan by five to six hundred years, one can only imagine how excited and eager those cultivators and Immortals would become! After all, lifespan isn't infinite—not for Transcendent Realm Cultivators and Low-Grade Earth Immortals, nor even for Mid-grade and High-Grade Earth Immortals.

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If one's Lifespan is nearing its end, an Elixir that can add another five or six hundred years to one's Lifespan might make even Mid-grade and High-Grade Earth Immortals willing to pay any price! However, all of this is based on the condition that Lan and I possess enough strength to protect ourselves. We must at least reach the Earth Immortal Realm and merge our Divine Soul with our Golden Core. Otherwise, even with the Alchemy Technique to create the Immortal-grade Turtle Ling Elixir, it wouldn't stop the covetous eyes of Mid-grade and High-Grade Earth Immortals. It might even invite disaster!

Of course, regardless, being able to refine the Immortal-grade Turtle Ling Elixir is absolutely something to look forward to. At the very least, if we do not sell such Elixirs, consuming them would greatly benefit Lan, Yu Fei, Miss Xiao, Xiaoo Ying'Er, Little Hu, and me.

As Lin Xuankong's thoughts wandered, Lii Xiaolan's eyes sparkled with joy. She gathered the Demon Pearls into the Ghost Frog Pouch and said, "No matter what, this auction went rather smoothly. Even though that despicable Flaming Blade Duan River tried to cause trouble, he ultimately failed! Now, with so many Demon Pearls in hand, husband, the plan to have Miss Xiao refine Immortal Artifacts can be carried out beyond expectations. I'm quite looking forward to the power of the Immortal Capturing Array composed of forty-nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, just as Miss Xiao described!"

At the mention of Flaming Blade Duan River, Lin Xuankong's expression shifted slightly. Having just used the Seventh Celestial Eye, he had clearly heard the secret discussion between Flaming Blade Duan River and Chang Li. As he thought about their conversation—their plans, and their claim that numerous Fire Spirit Sect spies had infiltrated the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect—a hint of worry surfaced in his heart.

After frowning for a moment, he held Lii Xiaolan's hand and said seriously, "Lan, you must always remember this: if your husband needs something, he can strive for it himself. There is absolutely no need for you to take risks for some external items! After all, that Flaming Blade Duan River is a Late Stage Third-Grade Earth Immortal. It's not worth making an enemy of him over a few thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades. It's not like we're short of those few thousand Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades! Besides, a gentleman's revenge is not too late even after ten years. Why must we become his enemy immediately? If he had attacked just now and I hadn't been able to rescue you in time, you could have been in serious trouble!

"Furthermore, with the Dharma-tier Gui Ling Elixir you refined, both our Lifespans are already quite long. Once you make advancements in your Alchemy Technique and reach the Immortal Tier, the Immortal-grade Turtle Ling Elixirs can extend our Lifespans far beyond that of a Third-Grade Earth Immortal. In such a scenario, there's no need to put yourself in danger!

"That Flaming Blade Duan River acts in a domineering and arrogant manner. He has a petty, vengeful, and extremely greedy personality; otherwise, he wouldn't behave with such a style! Additionally, you know I possess the Eight Gates Celestial Eye that can eavesdrop on others' secrets. This matter is far from over; Flaming Blade Duan River and Chang Li are already planning to deal with you secretly! According to Flaming Blade Duan River, the Fire Spirit Sect has been secretly planting spies in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect for many years. By now, who knows how many disciples and Earth Immortals in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect are actually their agents!"

Lii Xiaolan furrowed her brows. "They're planning to deal with me in secret?"

Lin Xuankong nodded, a cold gleam in his eyes. "Not only do they plan to deal with you in secret, but they also intend to capture you after you've made achievements in your Alchemy Technique. Their goal is to force you to refine Immortal Pills for their Fire Spirit Sect! What a cunning plan!"

Lii Xiaolan pondered for a moment and then looked up at Lin Xuankong. "Are you sure that Flaming Blade Duan River said their Fire Spirit Sect has already planted many spies within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect? If this can be confirmed, I could ask my master, Qu Wan'Er, to intervene!"