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Chapter 491: Competing for Mu Shiba, Mu Shiba's Astonishing Choice

At this moment, the over one hundred thousand cultivators present, looking at Lin Xuankong who had defeated Second Prince Chang Li, actually had countless doubts in their hearts.

For instance, what exactly was his identity, what background did he have, and why was he so strong?

For instance, where did he get the kind of Cultivation Technique that could transform him into a gigantic body? Was it a Celestial Demon Technique inherent to the Celestial Demon Bone, or some kind of powerful and terrifying heritage?

For instance, when facing the people from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, even facing Sect Leader Duan River of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, he did not show the slightest fear. Did he have other hidden trump cards?

Normally, a Transcendence Realm Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator, when faced with a late-stage Third-Grade Earth Immortal, would have no choice but to bow their head. Even a Second-Grade Earth Immortal could not resist a Third-Grade Earth Immortal, let alone a Transcendence Realm Ninth-Layer cultivator. However, this Lin Xuankong had bluntly confronted Flaming Blade Duan River before countless cultivators, and even angered Flaming Blade Duan River to the point of almost attacking on the spot!

Such courage would be impossible without the support of hidden trump cards!

Of course, the cultivators' doubts weren't limited to these; there were also other questions. For example, how did Lin Xuankong come to possess so many Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts? And how was he able to nourish them all so well?

Especially the seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts that Lin Xuankong had nourished... Among the various Immortal Sects in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty, although some powerful Immortal Sects possessed Immortal Artifacts, the entire sect combined might only have a few!

Seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts... This meant Lin Xuankong alone possessed a number of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts comparable to a relatively powerful Immortal Dao Sect!

Moreover, as top-tier geniuses from various dynasties and disciples from various Immortal Sects, they knew very well how difficult it was to properly nourish even one Initial Tier Immortal Artifact! For a Transcendence Realm Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator, properly nourishing a single Initial Tier Immortal Artifact would likely take an extremely long time, yet Lin Xuankong had directly wielded seven...

Considering all this, how could the over one hundred thousand cultivators not be filled with doubt, amazement, and curiosity!

Instantly, upon hearing the words of Sect Leader Li from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, almost all cultivators turned their gazes towards Lin Xuankong.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect stroked his three-stranded long beard and smiled. "Actually, what I'm most curious about is the technique Fellow Daoist Mu possesses that allows him to transform his body!

As a Transcendence Realm Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator, after activating his Cultivation Technique, he can increase his body's size and strength to a level comparable to an Initial Tier Earth Immortal!

I have never seen such a technique, not even in the Central Divine Dynasty. Even the top-tier geniuses of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect can hardly achieve this. It can be said to be the most powerful Cultivation Technique I have ever seen in my life!"

Upon saying this, Sect Leader Li from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect looked at Lin Xuankong with intense curiosity in his eyes.

The cultivators on the surrounding stands couldn't help but be visibly moved upon hearing Sect Leader Li's words.

They had all personally witnessed Lin Xuankong transform his body just moments ago and were naturally extremely shocked. However, they had never imagined that Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect would give such a high evaluation!

Not to mention the top-tier geniuses from various dynasties, even in the minds of the genius disciples from the Immortal Sects, the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect's status was considered second only to that of Spirit Platform Buddhism, ranking it as the second most prominent Immortal Sect alliance! Especially since, by uniting the various Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty, the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect gathered elite talents from all over the world. In terms of the number of Cultivation Techniques and geniuses, it was not inferior to Spirit Platform Buddhism or the Profound Yin Demon Sect!

Across the entire Divine Land Continent, the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect, the Profound Yin Demon Sect, and Spirit Platform Buddhism effectively formed a 'tripod of power,' much like the three kingdoms of old!

Yet, this Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect actually said that even among the countless genius disciples of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect, almost no one possessed a body transformation Cultivation Technique like Lin Xuankong's!

This evaluation almost meant that this genius, Lin Xuankong, could nearly overpower the countless geniuses of the entire Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect! And the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect was far more than just its Western Region...

If Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect hadn't said these words himself, countless people would likely have scoffed on the spot!

However, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect wasn't just the one with the highest cultivation among the countless cultivators present; he also held the highest status, being a Sect Leader. Furthermore, he was the eldest among them. It was said that Sect Leader Li had lived for thousands, approaching ten thousand years. In such a long life, the number of geniuses and grand events he had witnessed was immeasurable!

For Sect Leader Li to utter such words and give this evaluation in front of countless cultivators almost guaranteed their truth!

For a moment, as the countless cultivators on the stands looked at Lin Xuankong, their eyes filled with envy and amazement.

At this moment, Lin Xuankong, hearing the words of Sect Leader Li, couldn't help but secretly frown. The reason I can transform my body involves too many of my secrets! First, this method of transforming body and strength isn't achieved through a single Cultivation Technique. It combines techniques like the Mad Roar Bone Technique and the Shadow Concealment Primordial Technique, along with the Dharma-tier Golden Body Treasure Elixir and the Celestial Demon Technique from the Celestial Demon Bone. I can't possibly tell Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect that I mastered so many Beneficial Techniques in just a few years of cultivation; that would be far too shocking! Second, activating these techniques consumes an immense amount of True Qi. Using them all at once is something no normal Transcendence Realm Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator could manage. This also involves my Life Plate's ability to store a terrifying amount of True Qi—another major trump card I absolutely cannot reveal!

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Thinking of these two points, Lin Xuankong frowned silently.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect saw this and couldn't help but laugh again.

"Of course, although I am extremely curious how Fellow Daoist Mu managed to have a mortal body comparable to that of an immortal, matters of cultivation techniques are the most crucial secrets to any cultivator. No matter how curious I am, I cannot, in front of so many fellow cultivators, ask Fellow Daoist Mu to reveal your greatest secret!

Therefore, regarding the transformation of the body, I am merely curious and will not pursue it further! What I really want to ask is, where did Fellow Daoist Mu refine so many Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts?"

At this point, he spoke with some emotion, "Our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has been established for countless years. Through numerous generations of sect leaders, we have cultivated countless Earth Immortal powerhouses and innumerable disciples, who control endless resources. Yet today, the number of Immortal Artifacts we possess does not match what Fellow Daoist Mu alone has! For one person to possess seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts is truly surprising! Even I am extremely envious of Fellow Daoist Mu! Most importantly, if Fellow Daoist Mu could help the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect forge connections and have the master behind you refine some Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for us, I can guarantee that the rewards for Fellow Daoist Mu will be more than generous! Of course, this is not just my curiosity and wish as the Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, but I believe it is also the curiosity of the other fellow cultivators present here!"

As Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect finished speaking, several Earth Immortals behind him immediately stood up, looking towards Lin Xuankong.

The Immortal Yuan fluctuations from these Earth Immortals were extremely powerful. Although not as strong as Sect Leader Li's, they were nearly on par with those of Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er. Furthermore, the various Immortal Yuan phenomena manifesting around these Earth Immortals differed greatly from those of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's members. This clearly indicated they were Earth Immortal powerhouses from other Immortal Sects.

Upon hearing Sect Leader Li's words, these Earth Immortals from other Immortal Sects also smiled and looked at Lin Xuankong, evidently very interested in the matter of refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts brought up by Sect Leader Li!

After all, the number of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts correlates closely with the strength of an Immortal Sect. Even a Third-Grade Earth Immortal possessing an Immortal Artifact can greatly increase their combat power!

One of the Third-Grade Earth Immortals took off the Ghost Frog Pouch from his waist and immediately took out a large pile of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade that glittered with spiritual light.

He looked at Lin Xuankong with eagerness in his eyes and spoke, "I am Yan Shuang, Vice Sect Leader of the Western Nether Immortal Sect. If Fellow Daoist Mu can help us old folks find the expert who can refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, these nearly five thousand pieces of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade will be my token of gratitude! Once the Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts are refined, I will have even greater rewards awaiting you!"

Another Third-Grade Earth Immortal then took out a pile of Spirit Herbs and Elixir.

He too looked eager as he stared at Lin Xuankong. "I am Yellow Robe from the Beimang Immortal Sect, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal and current Vice Sect Leader of the Beimang Immortal Sect. Although I do not carry much Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, as long as Fellow Daoist Mu agrees to connect us with the expert, these three-thousand-year-old Nine Flower Snow Lotus will all be yours. Additionally, I will offer significant rewards once the matter is successful!"

The Vice Sect Leader of the Beimang Immortal Sect had just finished speaking when another Third-Grade Earth Immortal beside him, also eager, began to speak, "I am Guo Haishan, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the West Star Immortal Sect, current Vice Sect Leader of the West Star Immortal Sect. I have here eight thousand pieces of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, and if successful, I can offer Fellow Daoist Mu triple the reward!"

Upon hearing Guo Haishan's offer, Yan Shuang, Vice Sect Leader of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, looked visibly displeased. His expression shifted, and he immediately countered, "Fellow Daoist Mu, if you are willing to help, I, Yan Shuang, am willing to offer ten thousand pieces of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade! Humph, Old Guo, eight thousand pieces is a bit low!"

"Then I offer twelve thousand pieces of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, just for Fellow Daoist Mu's assistance in forging the connection!" Vice Sect Leader Guo Haishan of the West Star Immortal Sect immediately retorted.

"I'll offer thirteen thousand pieces of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

"I'll offer fourteen thousand pieces of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

Very soon, these two distinguished Immortal Sect Vice Leaders, in their bid to secure the opportunity first, began to publicly compete in wealth!

It wasn't just these Earth Immortals from other Immortal Sects; countless cultivators in the audience now looked at Lin Xuankong with great anticipation. After Sect Leader Li's words, and seeing these high and mighty, immensely powerful and prestigious Third-Grade Earth Immortals competing for Lin Xuankong's introduction to the Artifact Refining Expert, the audience's enthusiasm was boundless.

In the crowd, Xiao Yan, a genius disciple of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, watched this unfold, a trace of envy appearing in his eyes. "For a Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator to gain such favor and respect from several Third-Grade Earth Immortals in front of so many other cultivators is truly remarkable. Fellow Daoist Mu's fame from today's battle will not only spread throughout Spiritual Crane Immortal City but, within a single day, his name will likely resound across millions of miles of mountains and rivers!"

Next to him, Feng Lingling, with her beautiful face and a small mole at the corner of her mouth, blinked her big eyes and whispered, "Oh, right! How did I not think of that? This Mu Shiba, possessing so many Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, surely knows an incredibly skilled Super Refining Master in artifact refining!"

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However, that Super Refining Master who could help him refine seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts... if there were enough resources to support it, the quantity of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts that could be refined in the future would definitely be terrifying! TSK, TSK, this Mu Shiba... if we use our Immortal Sect's Five Elements Immortal Spirit Powder to knock him out, then secretly kidnap him, and then force him to reveal the whereabouts of that Super Refining Master... this should be a good plan, a perfect way to monopolize a large number of Immortal Artifacts!"

Hearing Feng Lingling say this, Xiaoo Yan, the genius disciple of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, immediately felt his head spin.

He shook his head repeatedly. "Junior Sister, don't be impulsive! This Fellow Daoist Mu is already highly regarded by so many Earth Immortal seniors; how can we possibly make a move on him? Besides, if you kidnap him, wouldn't you be dashing the hopes of the other Earth Immortal seniors? Wouldn't that offend all the Earth Immortals and Immortal Sects present? This must absolutely not be done! If you continue to be so impulsive and reckless, I'll use the Communication Jade to contact our Grandmaster and have her come drag you back immediately!"

The beautiful Feng Lingling pouted and rolled her eyes. "Honestly, I haven't actually done anything yet; I was just thinking about it! Thinking isn't a crime, is it? Besides, even if I were to kidnap him, I wouldn't do it in broad daylight. Have you ever seen an idiot kidnapper try to abduct someone in front of over a hundred thousand people? You big blockhead, you big fool!"

Xiaoo Yan:

At this moment, in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect Martial Arts Arena, countless cultivators had their attention fixed on Lin Xuankong. Some envied him, some were utterly astounded, some were plotting to kidnap him, and others planned to use vast quantities of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade to 'entice' him. Without exception, he was the center of everyone's focus.

This included the isolated Flaming Blade Duan River and Second Prince Chang Li.

At this time, Flaming Blade Duan River watched as those Third-Grade Earth Immortals competed to recruit Lin Xuankong. His heart filled with resentment, yet he was utterly helpless.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect alone was already more than he, as the Vice Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, could contend with. Now, almost every Earth Immortal from the attending Immortal Sects was trying to recruit Lin Xuankong, some even fawning over him!

In that instant, a trace of regret even welled up in Flaming Blade Duan River's heart. As the Vice Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, he certainly knew very well what a large number of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts meant to an Immortal Dao Sect! It was an opportunity for the Immortal Sect to rise, an opportunity to suppress other sects. Not many Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts were needed. If the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect could obtain a dozen or so more Flaming Blade Immortal Artifacts, its prestige would definitely be even more awe-inspiring than it was now! But unfortunately, Flaming Blade Duan River's eyes were filled with intense unwillingness. It was a pity; he and this Mu Shiba had already completely fallen out. He had even threatened to eliminate him. Under these circumstances, even if he wanted to make amends, there was no longer any chance! Moreover, with the Third-Grade Earth Immortals from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and others all making their moves, how could he possibly compete? He, the Vice Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, had utterly offended Mu Shiba!

He looked up at Lin Xuankong, his grip tightening on his Flaming Blade.

Who the hell knew this guy would have so many tricks and Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! Besides, in that situation just now, his Martial Nephew was nearly killed. How could he have just stood by? He had to intervene; he had done nothing wrong!

At this time, Second Prince Chang Li's heart was also a maelstrom of complex emotions.

His gaze fell upon Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er. He saw that this exceptionally beautiful woman, who possessed the Profound Phoenix Strange Vein, was gazing at Lin Xuankong with deep affection. Her expression clearly showed that her feelings were deeply rooted and she was utterly captivated, as if in her eyes, the entire world was less significant than the man before her!

Damn it! This is truly damnable!

Second Prince Chang Li felt his heart surge with resentment, jealousy, and indignation! But then he thought of Lin Xuankong's various methods, his seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, and his own cultivation, not yet even at the first layer of the Transcendence Realm. A sense of despair, helplessness, and utter disheartenment gradually filled Second Prince Chang Li's heart. He knew very well that with his cultivation now crippled, he had not a glimmer of hope to obtain the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual

Object. This meant that even if he could somehow cultivate back to Ninth-Layer Perfection in this lifetime, he would have absolutely no chance of forming the Sixth Celestial Vein! And this enemy before him not only possessed formidable methods, strength, and equipment, but also had an almost certain chance of winning the upcoming rounds of the competition. He would then obtain the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object. It was even possible he could advance to become an Initial Tier Earth Immortal with Six Celestial Veins, an Earth Immortal wielding the Six Paths Golden Core! By then, he would never have a chance to surpass him! Perhaps his Martial Uncle, Flaming Blade Duan River, might have a chance to kill this Mu Shiba. But in this lifetime, he himself had absolutely no hope of catching up to Mu Shiba's cultivation, let alone defeating him personally!

At this thought, Second Prince Chang Li felt his heart sink into utter despair.

If not for the shred of confidence he still had in his own talent, and the belief that even if he couldn't catch up to Mu Shiba, he could still become someone others would have to look up to, he might have already suffered a complete mental breakdown and committed suicide on the spot!

Second Prince Chang Li's face was deathly pale. After standing beside Flaming Blade Duan River in a daze for a long moment, he heaved a deep sigh and said:

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"Martial Uncle, let's go back! With Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and these Third-Grade Earth Immortals present, even if you were to take action on the spot, you likely have no chance to deal with this Mu Shiba! Let's go back; there's no point in staying here any longer!"

Flaming Blade Duan River heard the helplessness in Second Prince Chang Li's tone, and a chill spread through his heart. He took a close look at Second Prince Chang Li and said via voice transmission,

"Martial Nephew, why be so disheartened? Even though your Realm has been degraded and you need to start cultivating anew, with your talent, you'll undoubtedly be able to reach the Ninth-Layer Perfection Realm again in a few decades! If you enter the Initial Tier Earth Immortal Realm in the future, your Cultivation Speed and achievements might not be inferior to this Mu Shiba!

Don't worry. No matter how many people favor this Mu Shiba, as long as he joins the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, with the pieces I've set in place there, I'll have countless opportunities to deal with him!

Moreover, don't be fooled by how these Earth Immortals favor him now. If he dares to refuse their demands and doesn't reveal who that Artifact Refining Expert is or where to find him, these Earth Immortals won't let him off easily!

Especially that Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect. He has a powerful Soul Searching Technique!

If Mu Shiba dares to refuse on the spot, he might be soul-searched immediately. His Divine Soul would be severely damaged, far more difficult to heal than your physical injuries!"

Hearing Flaming Blade Duan River's words, a glimmer of hope emerged in Second Prince Chang Li's eyes.

Though he was almost despairing after having his cultivation personally destroyed by Mu Shiba, he would be more than willing to witness Mu Shiba being punished by the other Earth Immortals!

Thinking this, he looked at Lin Xuankong with some anticipation, thinking to himself, You must refuse these Earth Immortals! Aren't you arrogant? Aren't you strong? Hmph, I want to see if you have the guts to reveal your greatest secret in front of over one hundred thousand cultivators, to expose how you obtained those Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

Lin Xuankong looked up at the high heavens, seeing those Earth Immortals on the clouds, each looking at him with eyes full of expectation.

Whether it was the Earth Immortals of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, or even Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, each Earth Immortal had taken out a large number of Treasures and Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!

Though these Earth Immortals were very polite, they clearly carried an unmistakably confident stance, as if it were impossible for him to refuse them!

After all, none of them had asked whether he would agree to their conditions!

These Earth Immortals really are high and mighty! Did they think I promised to tell them who refined those Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts?

Lin Xuankong's brows gradually furrowed.

He looked down at the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact in his hand, and after seeing the mark left by Xiao Xiuyi on it, determination flashed in his eyes.

Then, Lin Xuankong raised his head, his face calm as he spoke to the Earth Immortals,

"Sect Leader Li, Fairy Qu, respected Earth Immortal seniors,

I'm sorry, but I must decline your request for me to act as an intermediary. I absolutely cannot introduce you to that person!"

As soon as Lin Xuankong said this, the entire Martial Arts Arena of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect fell silent once more!

The over one hundred thousand cultivators almost all thought they had misheard due to the distance!

"Impossible! Did Mu Shiba just say he absolutely won't act as an intermediary for these Earth Immortal seniors, that he absolutely won't introduce them to that Super Refining Master?"

"He... he may have strong techniques and seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, but those imposing figures asking him are, at the very least, Third-Grade Earth Immortals! How dare he? Does he have the courage of ten thousand leopards?"

Chapter 495: Publicly Rejecting Ten Earth Immortals? What Tremendous Courage!

In the Immortal Sect Martial Arts Arena of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, among the over one hundred thousand cultivators, almost no one dared to believe what Lin Xuankong had just said. These were Third-Grade Earth Immortals from several Immortal Sects, all towering figures renowned throughout the Central Divine Dynasty! Not to mention others, even just Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was enough to suppress all the cultivators present!

However, in the face of the demands of so many Earth Immortals, Mu Shiba was so resolute, rejecting these Earth Immortals on the spot. How could they not be astonished or stupefied!

In the area where the disciples of the Five Elements Immortal Sect were gathered, the genius disciple Xiaoo Yan couldn't help but shake his head and say, "This Mu Shiba is strong, indeed strong, but he seems a bit oblivious to the situation! He can manifest an Initial Tier Earth Immortal Body, which is truly astonishing. His use of seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts to defeat four Demon King Level Earth Dragons on the spot is also certainly impressive! But the ones he defeated were merely Initial Tier Demon Kings. Right now, he's facing a group of Third-Grade Earth Immortals and even a terrifying late-stage Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal! How could he dare to speak like that? How could he dare to openly refuse them?"

Behind Xiaoo Yan, several other Five Elements Immortal Sect disciples also shook their heads repeatedly. They clearly thought that Lin Xuankong's insistence on keeping secrets at this time was extremely unwise! When facing powerful Third-Grade Earth Immortals, there are simply too many methods to make someone speak. How could he possibly keep his secrets!

Feng Lingling suddenly let out a burst of laughter. "Interesting, so interesting. This Mu Shiba is indeed different from anyone I've ever met!" She glanced at the genius disciple Xiaoo Yan beside her. "Even you, Senior Brother Xiaoo, would probably kneel and pay your respects immediately when facing those Third-Grade Earth Immortals, right? But this Mu Shiba dares to refuse a group of Earth Immortals in public. Hmm, this kind of courage is truly interesting and unique!"

The genius disciple Xiaoo Yan of the Five Elements Immortal Sect shook his head vigorously. "Courage taken too far is called recklessness. A wise man submits to circumstances!"

Feng Lingling giggled. "Submitting to circumstances is just an excuse for giving in. In my opinion, this Mu Shiba, merely because of his courage, is enough to make the over one hundred thousand cultivators here seem dull in comparison. Hmm, I'm becoming more and more interested in him!"

Xiaoo Yan looked speechless.

Heh, as if being the object of your interest is a good thing!

At this moment, in the clouds high above, many Third-Grade Earth Immortals were also somewhat surprised, especially those who had already taken out a large amount of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade and many Spirit Herbs and Elixir! Seeing Lin Xuankong's resolute expression, these Earth Immortals' brows gradually furrowed. In the eyes of these Third-Grade Earth Immortals, with their status, position, and strength, Mu Shiba should have been willing to share everything he knew, even without them taking out Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade and Spirit Herbs and Elixir! Now, with their deferring to the virtuous, this Mu Shiba actually refused in public? Do Earth Immortals have no dignity?

Guo Haishan, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, revealed a trace of coldness, his eyes narrowing slightly, as he said coldly, "Fellow Daoist Mu, it's your freedom to keep your secrets, but we haven't tried to bully you. We genuinely took out generous gifts to trade for your information! Your firm refusal, does it mean you hold the Western Nether Immortal Sect, the Beimang Immortal Sect, and the West Star Immortal Sect in no regard? Or do you intend to ask for more Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade? Rest assured, as long as you can connect us with that Super Refining Master, we can provide any amount of Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jades. We can even discuss other conditions with you!"

Several other Third-Grade Earth Immortals from various Immortal Sects gradually regained their cold expressions, each looking at Lin Xuankong with particularly icy eyes. These Third-Grade Earth Immortals from the various Immortal Sects had clearly interpreted Lin Xuankong's behavior as arrogance, believing he was over-relying on some hidden leverage!

Even Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er had deeply furrowed brows at this moment. Beside them, the late-stage Second-Grade Earth Immortal Huang Liutao kept signaling to Lin Xuankong with his eyes. This Earth Immortal Huang Liutao had personally witnessed Galin Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism showing great respect to Mu Shiba. Therefore, he naturally couldn't treat Mu Shiba like the other Earth Immortals, who merely saw him as a Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator with some tricks up his sleeve.

Unfortunately, Lin Xuankong seemed to completely ignore the signals from Earth Immortal Huang Liutao. He raised his head, looking at those Earth Immortals, at Sect Leader Li and Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, then calmly said, "I appreciate the goodwill of the Earth Immortal seniors, but unfortunately, I truly cannot make introductions!"

"Very well, very well! You indeed have quite a character! But having such strength, you certainly have the right to be arrogant! However, your arrogance in disregarding us old folks—isn't that a bit too much?" the Third-Grade Earth Immortal Guo Haishan of the Western Nether Immortal Sect said coldly.

Faced with the threat from this Third-Grade Earth Immortal, Lin Xuankong suddenly smiled. He spoke calmly, "It seems the Earth Immortal seniors have misunderstood. The reason I can't make introductions for you or accept your gifts in exchange is because these Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts were not Refined by some Super Refining Master! These relatively crude Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts were actually Refined by me, Mu Shiba. Unfortunately, my Refining wasn't perfect or powerful enough, so they can only exhibit the power of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!"

"What? What did you say?"

Upon hearing this, Guo Haishan of the Western Nether Immortal Sect's face tightened. His body's Immortal Yuan showed violent Fluctuation. Evidently, at this moment, this Earth Immortal, who had cultivated for thousands of years, was emotionally stirred and could not maintain his calm demeanor!

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Beimang Immortal Sect looked at Lin Xuankong with surprise. "You mean, you can Refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts? And you possess seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts? This suggests that your success rate in Refining Immortal Artifacts is quite high! Are you speaking the truth?"

Another Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the West Star Immortal Sect also couldn't help exclaiming in astonishment, "How difficult it is to Refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! The effort and time consumed are countless times more than that of cultivating the Martial Dao and Immortal Technique! But I see that in terms of cultivation, you surpass ordinary cultivators in strength and skill... This is truly hard to believe! Is what you said true?"

Lin Xuankong's expression was neither humble nor overbearing. He nodded and said, "Regarding such a matter, how could I, Mu Shiba, casually joke with the Earth Immortal seniors before over one hundred thousand cultivators? This is true, absolutely true. As long as I have sufficient and complete materials, Refining an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact is not a difficult task. The challenge lies in Refining higher-grade Immortal Artifacts, such as Third-Grade, Fourth-Grade, or even High-Grade ones!"

As soon as Lin Xuankong finished speaking, the entire Immortal Sect Martial Arts Arena of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect fell silent once again!

Chapter 496: The Only Special Case: Mu Shiba

Artifact Refiners, whether in various dynasties or the Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty, held positions of extremely high status. In Martial Dao Dynasties like the Great Xia Dynasty or the Xianluo Dynasty, even an Artifact Refiner capable of only Refining Exorcism Armor was considered a strategic

talent, influencing the rise and fall of the dynasty. For instance, the Xiaoo Family of the Great Xia Dynasty had gathered all Artifact Refiners capable of Refining Exorcism Armor into official positions.

Of course, this was not only because the Battle Armor Refined by Artifact Refiners enabled cultivators to wield potent combat power, easily crushing those without it. The primary reason various dynasties recruited Artifact Refiners was the extreme difficulty in nurturing one capable of Refining Exorcism Armor. In some respects, the difficulty of nurturing an Artifact Refiner surpassed that of an Alchemist. After all, an Alchemist could start by Refining very low-grade elixirs, gradually honing their skills before moving on to Refine Initial Tier elixirs. However, in each dynasty, an Artifact Refiner's training began with using immensely rare Demon People's Essence and large quantities of Marsh Python Forehead Scales, Profound Iron, and other materials. This meant that with every practice attempt, an Artifact Refiner risked destroying a Demon People's Essence and many other precious materials. Under such circumstances, ordinary Cultivation Sects and Cultivator Clans could not afford to support an Artifact Refiner. A few dozen practice attempts could likely bankrupt an entire small to medium-sized family or Cultivation Sect!

Only dynasties controlling vast resources could afford to spend enormous amounts of rare materials to nurture Artifact Refiners, who held strategic importance for the dynasty. And this was only for an Artifact Refiner capable of Refining Exorcism Armor! If it was an Artifact Refiner who Refined Magical Artifacts, even more rare materials were needed, sometimes consuming a significant number of precious Demon Pearls for practice. Those were Demon Pearls. Most dynasties, including the Great Xia Dynasty, could hardly train Artifact Refiners capable of Refining Magical Artifacts. Only powerful Immortal Sects like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, which oversaw many dynasties, possessed the wealth and resources to nurture Artifact Refiners who could Refine Magical Artifacts. After all, Immortal Sects were home to Earth Immortals—often more than one or two. These Earth Immortals could gather far more Demon Pearls and assorted rare materials than the smaller dynasties below them. Yet even powerful sects like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and Beimang Immortal Sect were limited to Refining Magical Artifacts.

As for Immortal Artifacts, not even an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact could be successfully Refined by an Artifact Refiner from any small to medium-sized Immortal Dao Sect. According to general knowledge, throughout the entire Central Continent, with the exception of Spirit Platform Buddhism—which relied on consecrating and blessing ordinary items to imbue them with various miraculous spiritual properties—other Immortal Sects, including the Profound Yin Demon Sect, had only a few Artifact Refiners capable of Refining Immortal Artifacts.

But now, before everyone, Lin Xuankong boldly claimed to all present Earth Immortals and over one hundred thousand cultivators that he could Refine Immortal Artifacts. From his tone, it seemed that Refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts was not considered a significant feat by him.

Instantly, everyone couldn't help but discuss this fervently:

"Is this Mu Shiba bragging? Refining Immortal Artifacts... Even the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sects only have a few Artifact Refiners who can Refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, yet he claims he can Refine them!"

"It might be true! This Mu Shiba isn't from an Immortal Sect; he seems to come from a remote place called the Great Xia Dynasty. If he couldn't Refine Immortal Artifacts, how could he possess so many Initial Tier ones? A total of seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! The Immortal Dao Sect in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region that possesses the most Immortal Artifacts probably only has about that many!"

"Tsk, tsk. If Mu Shiba really can Refine Immortal Artifacts, even if it's just Initial Tier ones, countless Immortal Sects would treasure him immensely, guarding him like a precious jewel!"

"Definitely! As far as I know, the Ten Thousand Weapons Immortal Sect in the Central Province Eastern Domain has a Second-Grade Earth Immortal who can Refine Immortal Artifacts. That Second-Grade Earth Immortal is named Wan Rongqian. Although he is only at the Second-Grade Earth Immortal Realm, even some Seventh-Grade and Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals frequently seek his services to Refine Immortal Artifacts. Those are top-tier Earth Immortals, yet they still hold him in great respect! If Mu Shiba really can Refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts... tsk, tsk... it's hard to imagine the extent of welcome and adulation he would receive in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

"This Mu Shiba probably can Refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. With so many cultivators watching, how could he dare to boast carelessly? Even if he dared to boast before these hundred thousand-plus cultivators, he wouldn't dare deceive those Earth Immortal seniors!"

"Tsk, tsk, what a grand spectacle! I never imagined this disciple selection trial of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect would be so marvelous. Not only did we witness a powerful cultivator capable of commanding four Initial Tier Demon King Earth Dragons, but we also saw Mu Shiba control seven Initial Tier Immortal Swords to directly defeat four Initial Tier Demon King Earth Dragons! The most surprising thing of all is that this Mu Shiba might actually be an Artifact Refining Master capable of Refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!"

As the crowd discussed amongst themselves, high in the sky, the Earth Immortals hidden within the clouds could no longer remain still. Led by Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, numerous Earth Immortals began maneuvering their clouds, descending towards Lin Xuankong's position.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was the first to land beside Lin Xuankong.

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This dignified late-stage Fifth Grade Earth Immortal had a complex expression, a mix of surprise, confusion, and joy. After carefully scrutinizing Lin Xuankong several times, he spoke excitedly, "Mr. Mu, you just said you can refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Is this true? What's your success rate? If you have enough materials, can you succeed once in a hundred tries, or once in eighty?"

At this point, the respected Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, who had been calling Lin Xuankong "Fellow Daoist Mu," now addressed him as "Mr. Mu." This shift in address clearly indicated the change in his mindset! Sect Leader Li was very clear: if what this Fellow Daoist Mu before him said was true—that he could indeed refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts—then Fellow Daoist Mu's status in the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region would instantly soar!

As for Sect Leader Li's mention of succeeding once in a hundred or eighty tries with enough materials, this was understandable. Even the high-status Artifact Refining Masters he had encountered, those capable of refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, often succeeded only once after many attempts—sometimes as many as one or two hundred. After all, if those Artifact Refining Masters who refined Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts had high success rates, the Central Divine Dynasty would already be flooded with Immortal Artifacts. Most Immortals wouldn't still be primarily using Magical Artifacts, as they were now.

However, Lin Xuankong was unaware of these facts. His artifact refining skills were inherited from the peerless Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi—one who possessed thirty times the normal comprehension talent. Therefore, in Lin Xuankong's view, even refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts should have a one hundred percent success rate!

So, upon hearing Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's words, the initially confident Lin Xuankong couldn't help but falter, a look of confusion appearing in his eyes.

Sect Leader Li, seeing Lin Xuankong's reaction, quickly waved his hand. "Ah, it's my fault for speaking so directly! Actually, the success rate doesn't matter much. Even if it takes two hundred sets of materials to refine one Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, that would still qualify one as a true Artifact Refining Master!"

Beside him, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er smiled and said, "As far as I know, the Artifact Refining Master named Wan Rongqian in the Central Divine Dynasty Eastern Domain can achieve a one percent success rate in refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts.

"With this success rate, even though Master Wan is only a Mid-grade Second-Grade Earth Immortal, his status is comparable to that of top Seventh-Grade and Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals. In fact, some powerful Seventh and Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals address him as 'Master' with deep respect!

"But the reason Master Wan has such a high refining success rate is mainly because he has been refining artifacts for thousands of years. This Fellow Daoist Mu is so young, at most seventy or eighty years old. It's unlikely his success rate for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts would be higher than Master Wan's. A success rate of one in three hundred would already be astonishing!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong was dumbfounded. What kind of nonsense is a one percent success rate? he thought. Master Wan averages one hundred sets of materials to refine a single Initial Tier Immortal Artifact? The Artifact Refining Genius Miss Xiao had an absolute one hundred percent success rate refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! Is the gap between people really this huge? This is probably wider than the gap between humans and dogs! However, remembering that Miss Xiao Xiuyi could develop Magical Artifacts on her own, then High-Tier Spiritual Artifacts, and later Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts and Growth-type Immortal Artifacts, Lin Xuankong found it understandable. There's certainly a huge difference between geniuses and ordinary people. It's just like how Young Lady Lii Xiaolan's Primordial Strange Vein allows her to cultivate the Shadow Concealment Primordial Technique, while others without this talent wouldn't be able to succeed no matter how hard they tried!

The surrounding Earth Immortals, seeing Lin Xuankong's dumbfounded expression, immediately misunderstood him.

Among them, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Beimang Immortal Sect suddenly burst into loud laughter. He waved his hand at Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, then looked at Lin Xuankong and spoke heroically, "Mr. Mu, if you can really refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, never mind one or two hundred sets of materials! As long as you can refine one, I'm willing to prepare four hundred sets, and the remuneration is yours to name—as long as I can afford it!"

This Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Beimang Immortal Sect was evidently trying to strike a deal before anyone else.

Upon hearing this, Guo Haishan, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect, also spoke with anticipation, "I once requested Immortal Master Wan in the Central Divine Dynasty Eastern Domain to refine an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact for me. Unfortunately, the queue alone took a thousand years... There are just too many Earth Immortals requesting Immortal Master Wan to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! And often, powerful Seventh and Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals would cut in line. It was quite troublesome, to say the least!

"Immortal Master Wan's fee for refining an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact is four hundred sets of materials! Mr. Mu, if you can help me refine an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, I can offer eight hundred sets of materials! My only condition is that you refine an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact for me first!"

Lin Xuankong's heart skipped a beat upon hearing this.

Good heavens! As expected of a Third-Grade Earth Immortal Vice Sect Leader of an Immortal Sect! To offer eight hundred sets of materials in one go! A while ago, I painstakingly collected just over a hundred sets of materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! If I got my hands on eight hundred sets... Hmm... could I refine eight hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts? Or perhaps a few Third-Grade Immortal Artifacts?

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The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the West Star Immortal Sect next to them couldn't hold back anymore and spoke directly, "Ha ha ha, Guo Haishan, you're being too stingy! Mr. Mu, if you agree to refine an Initial Tier Immortal Sword for me first, I can immediately order the disciples of our sect to start gathering materials and prepare a thousand sets of materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for you to practice with!"

A thousand sets... Lin Xuankong was almost dumbfounded by this Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the West Star Immortal Sect!

At this moment, Li Xiaohu, Hu Shuo, Han Lu, and others standing beside Lin Xuankong were stunned. They had seen the eager expressions of the Earth Immortals and heard them discuss providing four hundred, eight hundred, or even a thousand sets of materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts.

Especially Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er. As one of Lin Xuankong's closest cultivators, she knew very well that Lin Xuankong had a 100% success rate in refining Immortal Artifacts! Thinking of this, and hearing the promises of these Earth Immortals, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er's small mouth fell slightly open, and her heart pounded wildly. She couldn't help but look at Lin Xuankong with admiration, thinking secretly: Quickly agree! If you do, doesn't that mean we'd easily get one or two thousand Initial Tier Immortal

Artifacts in the future? With a wave of your hand, countless Initial Tier Immortal Swords could even overwhelm Fourth- and Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals!

At this time, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, seeing the many Earth Immortals suddenly so enthusiastic, couldn't help but start pondering. A moment later, he glanced at Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er and then communicated with her secretly using sound transmission.

After listening to her Sect Leader's sound transmission, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er immediately nodded slightly.

This Spiritual Crane Fairy cleared her throat and, suddenly activating her Immortal Yuan, announced to the over one hundred thousand cultivators present:

"Earlier, Mr. Mu directly used seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts to defeat Chang Li and successfully won this competition!

Because the powers wielded by the two during their battle exceeded that of ordinary Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivators, causing significant damage to the entire venue, the following competitions will have to be postponed for a while!

Our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will dispatch some Array Masters to reconfigure the arrays to ensure that such array damage won't occur in the subsequent competitions!

Additionally, on behalf of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, I announce that Mr. Mu's strength has long exceeded that of a normal Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator. No matter how many rounds of competition follow, Mr. Mu will undoubtedly win. Therefore, I hereby declare that Mr. Mu does not need to participate in the following competitions. He directly becomes one of the twenty-one promoted contestants. Furthermore, he will officially become a member of our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, not as a disciple, but as the First Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

As soon as Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er said this, the over one hundred thousand cultivators in the entire grandstand immediately turned their gaze to Lin Xuankong. Practically everyone's face showed a look of envy.

The tens of thousands of cultivators participating in the competition were all considered exceptionally gifted, most of them being geniuses among geniuses. However, this Mu Shiba had only fought two rounds before directly advancing in the competition, officially becoming a member of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Mu Shiba had become the only exception. How could they not be envious!

Especially those in the know, who were aware that the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's disciple recruitment competition this time had another inside story involving the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object. When they thought of Mu Shiba not only directly advancing but also becoming a Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, they were all the more envious!

In the crowd, even the genius disciples of the Immortal Sects each had very complex expressions.

However, recalling Lin Xuankong effortlessly wielding seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, even if they felt the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's decision was a bit excessive, they had no choice but to accept it!

After all, all being Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivators, how could they possibly have a chance to defeat an opponent wielding seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

At the location of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the female cultivator named Feng Lingling couldn't help showing a disappointed look. "Ah, I was hoping that in the later rounds, when the number of cultivators lessened, I might get a chance to face off against this Mu Shiba! But the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect actually did this! It's too unfair! This Mu Shiba, although he has seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts and is indeed powerful, isn't necessarily invincible!"

After speaking, she stood up with a dejected expression, clearly intending to shout out.

The genius disciple of the Five Elements Immortal Sect beside her, Xiaoo Yan, immediately grabbed his junior sister, repeatedly shaking his head as he said, "Junior Sister Feng, don't be impulsive! The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect made this announcement not because of Mu Shiba's strength, nor because he possesses seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. It's because this Mu Shiba is very likely an Artifact Refining Master capable of crafting Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! Didn't you see? The Spiritual Crane Fairy just announced Mu Shiba's status: he's not joining the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect as a disciple, but as a Tributor! Furthermore, since this Mu Shiba knows how to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, why should our Five Elements Immortal Sect make an enemy of him? If we get a chance to befriend this Mu Shiba in the future, we might even be able to ask him to refine some Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for our Five Elements Immortal Sect! Junior Sister, you have Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts given to you

by your Grandmaster and the others, but our other junior and senior brothers don't have the chance to obtain any. This Mu Shiba is their only hope!"

When Xiaoo Yan finished speaking, the few disciples of the Five Elements Immortal Sect beside him also nodded slightly, clearly agreeing with his words.

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Feng Lingling felt somewhat vexed upon hearing this. However, after seeing the expressions of the several senior and junior martial brothers around her, she could only sit down reluctantly. "Hmph, is being able to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts so amazing?"

Xiaoo Yan immediately nodded. "Of course, it's amazing!"

Feng Lingling was speechless.

She pouted slightly, a wave of frustration washing over her. Yet, she had to admit that although her Talent was strong and she possessed various powerful Cultivation Techniques and methods, compared to an Artifact Refining Master who could refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, there was indeed quite a gap!

She had to admit that any Artifact Refining Master capable of refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts held an extraordinary status in the Central Divine Dynasty!

Thinking of this, Feng Lingling secretly gritted her teeth. She stared intently at Lin Xuankong, her eyes darting about as her mind raced with unspoken thoughts.

On Lin Xuankong's side, Li Xiaohu, Hu Shuo, Han Lu, and the others immediately showed expressions of joy after hearing the announcement from Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er.

The seven of them immediately bowed with clasped fists, saying in unison, "Congratulations, Adoptive Father, on passing the test!"

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly. He then looked towards Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er and Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. "Thank you both for acknowledging me, Mu Shiba. I am very grateful!"

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er smiled and said, "You and Lii Xiaolan both come from the Great Xia Dynasty, and Lan is my elder sister Qu Wan'Er's Direct Disciple. There's no need for such formalities between us. If Mr. Mu has no objections, I will call you Tributor Mu from now on!"

Lin Xuankong's expression flickered. After pondering briefly, he decisively nodded. "Since the Immortal Sect holds me, Mu Shiba, in such high regard, I naturally have no reason to refuse!"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect laughed heartily upon hearing this, his face and eyes overflowing with joy.

This Mu Shiba was already exceptionally powerful, possessing a Cultivation Technique that could greatly enhance physical strength. Most importantly, he was an Artifact Refining Master! Otherwise, how could a mere Cultivator from the Great Xia Dynasty possess so many Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts?

Now that Mu Shiba had agreed to become a Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, it meant he had recruited a true Artifact Refining Master for the Sect! This was a great boon for the entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

At this moment, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect could already imagine how terrifyingly fast the overall strength of the Sect would increase with the addition of this Artifact Refining Master!

The Earth Immortals from the various Immortal Sects nearby watched this, each frowning and deep in thought.

Standing at a distance, Flaming Blade Duan River and Second Prince Chang Li were already so vexed they felt they could die!

This was especially true for Second Prince Chang Li, who had just had his Cultivation crippled by Lin Xuankong. He watched as the numerous Earth Immortals clustered around Lin Xuankong, offering

various promises and allowing him to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect as a Tributor without further procedure... His frustration reached its absolute peak.

Flaming Blade Duan River was equally vexed. He stroked the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Flame Saber, in his hand, his brows tightly furrowed.

Back then, he had completed countless extremely dangerous missions for his Sect to obtain this Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, nearly dying several times. When he finally received this Initial Tier Immortal Artifact as a reward from the Supreme Elder after so many near-death experiences, he was so ecstatic he almost lost his composure. After all, this was one of the six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect!

Yet, this rival of his martial nephew had easily produced seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. And since he himself was an Artifact Refining Master, it meant that Mu Shiba could not only continuously refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in the future but would also become a renowned and revered figure in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!

At this thought, a wave of deep regret washed over Flaming Blade Duan River.

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Flaming Blade Duan River and Second Prince Chang Li, their faces were full of envy, jealousy, and regret!

However, as the Vice Sect Leader and a genius of a prestigious Immortal Sect, the two stood there alone, without any Earth Immortal or Cultivator coming over to say even a single word to them!

At this moment, everyone's attention was focused on Lin Xuankong. No one paid any more attention to them.

「At this time,」

Hearing the words of Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and the Spiritual Crane Fairy, and hearing Lin Xuankong agree to become a Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, several Earth Immortals around them pondered for a moment, then suddenly raised their heads.

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Beimang Immortal Sect waved his hand repeatedly and said to Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, "Tsk, tsk, Sect Leader Li, you acted too hastily! As soon as you saw this Mr. Mu is an Artifact Refining Master, you immediately invited him to be a Tributor in your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! As far as I know, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect doesn't have as many Immortal Yuan Spirit Peaks as our Beimang Immortal Sect. In fact, we have three Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Peaks. The cave dwellings built on them are filled with abundant Immortal Yuan. Cultivating there is almost like constantly absorbing Immortal Yuan from Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade!"

Saying this, he raised his eyebrows, looked at Lin Xuankong, and said expectantly, "Mr. Mu, if you are willing, why not come to our Beimang Immortal Sect as a Tributor? I can definitely persuade our Sect Leader and several Supreme Elders to elevate your compensation to be three times higher than that of our top Tributor. Furthermore, we will also open a cave dwelling for you on one of our Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Peaks! By then, with a vast amount of Immortal Yuan to nourish you, Mr. Mu, whether for Cultivation or refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, it would be highly convenient!"

Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Peaks!

Compensation three times better than the highest Tributor!

Li Xiaohu, Hu Shuo, Han Lu, and others, upon hearing the conditions offered to Lin Xuankong by this Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Beimang Immortal Sect, became breathless, their eyes filled with excitement, evidently joyous for Lin Xuankong.

At this moment, the Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the West Star Immortal Sect couldn't help but say, "Mr. Mu, why not come to our West Star Immortal Sect as a Tributor? If you agree, though we don't have Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Peaks, we can prepare five Initial Tier Demon King Level Exotic Beasts for you as Pet Beasts, all of which are growth-type. They will increase in strength as your own strength increases! These Exotic Beasts are quite intelligent and can assist you, Mr. Mu, in channeling Immortal Artifacts in battle. Then, among those of the Same Tier, you would be unparalleled. You would even have a chance to defeat Initial Tier Earth Immortals and First-Grade Earth Immortals!"

Five Initial Tier Demon King Level Exotic Beasts?

Hearing this offer, not only did Li Xiaohu and the others' breathing quicken, but even the usually calm Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er had a flicker of unexpected joy in her eyes.

The reason Second Prince Chang Li was regarded as certain to win at the start of the battle was entirely because he possessed four Initial Tier Demon King Level Exotic Beasts. But this Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the West Star Immortal Sect was offering Lin Xuankong five Initial Tier Demon King Level Exotic Beasts as Pet Beasts! This would greatly increase Lin Xuankong's strength, even allowing him to simultaneously utilize numerous Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts effortlessly!

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong's heart couldn't help but be moved.

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect couldn't hold back anymore and said, "If Mr. Mu joins our Western Nether Immortal Sect, in addition to the conditions of the West Star Immortal Sect and the Beimang Immortal Sect, we can offer even better conditions! It is well known that our West Nether Realm has the most Female Immortals in the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region. They are all stunning beauties, naturally lovely, and with Immortal Cultivation, bringing pleasures that no mortal can provide! If Mr. Mu agrees to be a Tributor for our Western Nether Immortal Sect, I can guarantee to help Mr. Mu select three Female Immortals of First Grade or higher as Mr. Mu's Immortal Servants!"

Fairies as servants?

Various kinds of enjoyment...

Li Xiaohu, Hu Shuo, Han Lu, Yang Mountain, and the others stared with wide eyes! To these Cultivators at the Transcendence Realm, Immortals were beings high above. Although they were now only one step away from becoming Immortals, none of them knew when they would achieve it, nor were they certain they could become Earth Immortals, as Immortal Ascension could cost them their lives!

However, according to this Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, he was actually offering Lin Xuankong three First-Grade Earth Immortals as servants... This was far beyond the imagination and expectations of Li Xiaohu and the others!

But they were certain at this moment: facing this Artifact Refining Master Lin Xuankong, these usually lofty, prestigious, and powerful Third-Grade Earth Immortals and Vice Sect Leaders of Immortal Sects were nearly losing their minds competing to secure Lin Xuankong as a Tributor!

Flaming Blade Duan River and Second Prince Chang Li, hearing the words of these Third-Grade Earth Immortals, naturally suffered another heavy blow.

By this time, the two could no longer bear it. Flaming Blade Duan River, trembling with envy, jealousy, and resentment, directly summoned his Immortal Cloud and left the Martial Arts Arena of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect with Second Prince Chang Li in disgrace.

This Late-Stage Third-Grade Earth Immortal feared that if he continued listening and watching, his mindset would collapse, and he would suffer cultivation deviation in the future...

Hearing the conditions proposed by the several Third-Grade Earth Immortals, Sect Leader Li and Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect couldn't help but look at each other with concern, a trace of helplessness in their eyes.

Although the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was one of the Twelve Great Immortal Sects in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, it was not the most powerful. Compared to the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, and Beimang Immortal Sect, it was slightly inferior.

At the very least, they did not possess the Beimang Immortal Sect's Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Talisman—that was a fact. Nor did they have the West Star Immortal Sect's Beast Taming methods—that was also a fact. And they certainly didn't have the Western Nether Immortal Sect's means of controlling Female Immortals—that was likewise a fact!

Thinking of this, even Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, whose strength significantly surpassed that of the three Third-Grade Earth Immortals, was left speechless, unable to refute the temptations these Earth Immortals offered Lin Xuankong!

At this moment, Lin Xuankong's heart was undoubtedly deeply affected. He had never imagined that possessing the ability to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts would be so highly valued by these Immortal Sect Earth Immortals! If he had known this earlier, the first thing he would have done upon arriving at the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect would likely have been to contact Sect Leader Li through Lii Xiaolan and join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect directly. Why would he have needed to go through so much trouble preparing for various matters? Most crucially, as he listened to the terms offered by the three Immortal Sects, he couldn't help but ponder silently.