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Chapter 501: Everyone's Admiration, Fairy Toasts

When Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect saw Lin Xuankong remain silent, his heart grew anxious. Although Lin Xuankong had just agreed to become the First Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the conditions offered by the Vice Sect Leaders from the other Immortal Sects were simply too good—so good that even he, the Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, felt somewhat helpless! What he feared most now was Lin Xuankong suddenly going back on his word and agreeing to the terms offered by the Vice Sect Leaders of those other Immortal Sects! Yet, Sect Leader Li had no other recourse; the concrete advantages of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect were what they were, and he couldn't magically produce anything more appealing. Overcome with anxiety, he couldn't help but repeatedly shoot meaningful glances at Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er, hoping this famously intelligent fairy could devise a solution.

At this point, Sect Leader Li even found himself considering offering Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er herself as part of the deal to secure Lin Xuankong... He hadn't transmitted this idea to Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er via voice transmission, not because he feared she would refuse. After all, 'Mu Shiba' was an Artifact Refining Master. Although Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er was a Third-Grade Earth Immortal, one could foresee that her future standing—whether as an Earth Immortal within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect or when facing other Immortal Sects—would undoubtedly be inferior to 'Mu Shiba's.' Entrusting Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er to Mu Shiba would certainly not be a disgrace to her! The issue was, with so many Earth Immortals from other Immortal Sects present, Sect Leader Li simply couldn't bring himself to voice such a proposal, nor could he have Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er make the offer! It was no laughing matter! For a dignified Third-Grade Earth Immortal like Qu Qiao'er, a genius of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, to announce before everyone, 'I want to become Mu Shiba's Immortal Servant just to keep him in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect'... that would be utterly humiliating! They would probably be laughed to death by the other Immortal Sects!

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er saw her Sect Leader repeatedly shooting glances her way and naturally understood his meaning. However, what solution could she possibly have? The Sect Leader himself is out of options—if the emperor has no plan, what can a mere eunuch do?

However, in her urgency, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er suddenly thought of her elder sister, Qu Wan'Er, and Qu Wan'Er's disciple, Li Xiaolan.

A glint appeared in her eyes. She smiled at Lin Xuankong and said, "Mr. Mu, although our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect cannot offer the conditions presented by those other Immortal Sects, you and Li Xiaolan, the True Disciple of our sect's Earth Immortal Qu Wan'Er, are both from the Great Xia Dynasty. Surely, you'd prefer to be in the same sect as someone from your homeland!"

In her desperation and helplessness, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er had resorted to playing the sentiment card!

Little did Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er know that Young Lady Li Xiaolan was far more than just a fellow native of the Great Xia Dynasty to Lin Xuankong. In this entire cosmos, if one were to name the person Lin Xuankong cared for most, it would undoubtedly be Young Lady Li Xiaolan!

As soon as Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er finished speaking, the Earth Immortals from the other Immortal Sects couldn't help but laugh.

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Beimang Immortal Sect chuckled, "Fairy Qu of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, it seems your sect has no other conditions that can compare with our Beimang Immortal Sect! To think Fairy Qu would play the 'fellow countryman' card, hahaha! We cultivators aim to cultivate immortality and seek the Dao; how could we care so much about worldly ties like being from the same homeland? Could this Li Xiaolan, this fellow countrywoman, possibly be more important in Mr. Mu's heart than the path to immortality and the vastly superior conditions we offer!"

Guo Haishan, the Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect, also couldn't help laughing. "Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu, if you can't present any decent conditions to retain Mr. Mu, then you might as well say nothing! Talking about fellow countrymen, hahaha, do you take us for common mortals? I think your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is truly unworthy of Mr. Mu remaining as a Tributor. Mr. Mu coming to our Western Nether Immortal Sect is the best choice!"

The other Third-Grade Earth Immortal, from the West Star Immortal Sect, also burst into hearty laughter nearby, evidently convinced that Lin Xuankong would never stay in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect merely because of some 'fellow countryman'!

In the eyes of these three Third-Grade Earth Immortals, the terms offered by their three sects, though different, were all vastly superior to those proposed by the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. It was absolutely impossible for Lin Xuankong to reject their offers and instead remain with the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

Lin Xuankong, however, upon hearing Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'er's words, paused. A look of resolve gradually firmed in his eyes.

Young Lady Li Xiaolan had traveled countless miles to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, all to join the sect and learn the method for refining the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill. She did this to create the conditions for him, her husband, to successfully undergo his tribulation and achieve immortality in the future! For this goal, Young Lady Li Xiaolan had not only abandoned her home in Great Marsh Village, where she had lived for many years, but had also endured the pain of years of separation! And his own reason for wanting to come to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to learn Immortal Techniques was primarily because Young Lady Li Xiaolan was here. It was also so that he could become an Immortal alongside Young Lady Li Xiaolan and their companions in the future, to be together for a long, long time! So why had his resolve wavered now? Why was he considering joining another Immortal Sect? Had he forgotten the original aspiration he had always held onto?

Thinking this, Lin Xuankong's heart no longer held a trace of hesitation.

He looked towards the Third-Grade Earth Immortals from the Beimang Immortal Sect, the Western Nether Immortal Sect, and the West Star Immortal Sect. Then, he cupped his hands slightly and spoke, "Esteemed Earth Immortal seniors, Mu Shiba is deeply grateful that you hold me in such high regard and have offered such generous conditions!"

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However, since I, Mu Shiba, have already agreed to Sect Leader Li to be a Tributor for the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, I naturally won't go back on my word and switch to another Immortal Sect. I hope you senior Earth Immortals won't take offense!"

Upon hearing this, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect couldn't help but brighten, his eyes filled with joy. He stroked his three long beards and then revealed a rather proud smile to the several Third-Grade Earth Immortals. Afterward, Sect Leader Li nodded slightly towards Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, evidently believing that her recent words had moved Lin Xuankong.

The three Third-Grade Earth Immortals from the other Immortal Dao Sects were all somewhat surprised by Lin Xuankong's words. The Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Beimang Immortal Sect, looking surprised, asked, "Mr. Mu, have you truly decided? Don't you want to reconsider? Our Beimang Immortal Sect has a Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Peak, and we can specially create an Immortal Yuan Cave Mansion that rapidly absorbs Immortal Yuan for you! This Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Peak is impossible to find or obtain in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly, a trace of determination in his eyes.

How could I possibly separate from Young Lady Li Xiaolan just for an Immortal Yuan Cave Mansion! Even if there were tens, hundreds, thousands, or even ten thousand Immortal Yuan Cave Mansions built from Top-grade Immortal Yuan Spirit Peaks, I couldn't compare them to Young Lady Li Xiaolan! Moreover, I have the virtually boundless Ba Mountain Secret Realm, formed from the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone, and the Plant Spirit Bottle given by Galin Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism. With these, I can grow an almost unlimited amount of Spirit Herbs and Elixir, providing an endless supply of True Qi. Once I consume the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill and transcend the Celestial Tribulation to become an Earth Immortal, this True Qi can be converted into a vast amount of Immortal Yuan through my Earth Immortal Golden Core! Most importantly, with the Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate, I don't need to worry about the quantity of Immortal Yuan at all!

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the West Star Immortal Sect also showed an unwilling expression. He looked at Lin Xuankong and frowned, asking, "Five Initial Tier Demon King Level Exotic Beasts can help you a lot, Mr. Mu, and significantly boost your strength. Do you truly not want to reconsider?"

Lin Xuankong firmly shook his head. Such conditions might tempt any Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator, even an Initial Tier Earth Immortal, making it impossible for them to refuse! But they couldn't entirely sway me! I have the Great Reincarnation Technique from the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone. In the future, after becoming an Earth Immortal and if I get the chance to defeat several other Earth Immortals, I can directly transfer Li Xiaohu, Hu Shuo, Han Lu, Yang Mountain, and the others. That way, I can have many Lin Family Seven Tigers at the Earth Immortal Realm! And they would all have a thirtyfold enhancement, making them far stronger than those so-called five Initial Tier Demon King Level Exotic Beasts! No matter how valuable those five Exotic Beasts are, how could they compare to the Lin Family Seven Tigers, whom I've trained for many years and share deep bonds with?

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect had been full of confidence, thinking he could definitely sway Lin Xuankong. However, he now felt a sense of panic seeing Lin Xuankong decisively reject the other two Third-Grade Earth Immortals. He frowned and looked at Lin Xuankong. "Our Western Nether Immortal Sect can not only provide you with multiple times the Tributor resources, Mr. Mu, but also supply a Top-grade Immortal Yuan Cave Mansion and offer you several very obedient, charming Fairies. Surely, you won't refuse these conditions?"

Lin Xuankong heard him and couldn't help but smile, shaking his head slightly.

Charming Fairies? Ying'Er and Lan are by my side; which of them isn't a paragon of beauty and charm? And Yu Fei is the Secret Realm Steward, tirelessly managing countless Spirit Herbs and Spiritual Treasures within the Ba Mountain Secret Realm for me! My bond with them isn't just about beauty and charm! This Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Western Nether Immortal Sect has somewhat underestimated me!

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect showed a look of disappointment, and the other two Third-Grade Earth Immortals also seemed somewhat melancholic, disappointed, and unwilling.

Lin Xuankong looked at the three Third-Grade Earth Immortals who valued him highly and smiled once more. "I appreciate the kind intentions of the three senior Earth Immortals! Although I am unwilling to be a Tributor for your Immortal Sects, I can still help you refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in the future.

Since you three seniors value my Artifact Refining skills, as long as you can prepare enough materials in the future, I will help you refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!"

"Oh, Mr. Mu, are you serious?" The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect, who had looked disappointed, immediately looked up at Lin Xuankong, his face lighting up with joy.

The other two Third-Grade Earth Immortals also displayed joy.

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly. "Naturally, I mean what I say!"

Guo Haishan, the Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Western Nether Immortal Sect, couldn't help but ask, "Then in the future, if the Earth Immortals from our three Immortal Sects ask for your assistance, Mr. Mu, in refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, the reward offered will be doubled! Those rewards will definitely be more than what Immortal Master Wan of the Central Divine Dynasty Eastern Domain receives!"

The other two Third-Grade Earth Immortals also nodded decisively. For these Immortal Sect Vice Leaders, who managed many disciples and had numerous Dynasties to mobilize, obtaining enough materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts was extremely easy. Their only headache was the long wait and the lengthy queue required to invite an Artifact Refining Master to refine Initial Tier Spiritual Artifacts!

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Now that Lin Xuankong had agreed to their proposal, they naturally felt overjoyed.

At this moment, inside the Martial Arts Arena of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, a large number of disciples and Earth Immortals skilled in setting up arrays had already entered and begun rearranging the grounds.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect then said:

"Tributor Mu, although these disciples are skilled in setting up arrays, completing it will likely take the time needed to drink several cups of tea. Why don't you, Tributor Mu, join a few of us to rest up high for a bit, and then watch the ensuing recruitment competition?"

Seeing Lin Xuankong agree to become the first Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, this Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect immediately changed his form of address. As he spoke, an even more gentle and amiable expression appeared on his face. His eyes carefully observed Lin Xuankong, and the more he looked, the more delighted and fond of him he became.

Lin Xuankong nodded and then turned to look at Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, Li Xiaohu, and the others. He took out the seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts he had just used, distributed them to Li Xiaohu and the others, and then said with a hint of anticipation on his face:

"Next, you still need to participate in the recruitment competition! Use these Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for now and strive to win in the upcoming rounds. That way, you can all join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and become fellow disciples!"

Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er's delicate face showed a determined look. "Yes, rest assured. I, Little Hu, and the others will definitely win the next few rounds and not bring shame to Grand Tributor Mu!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but smile.

Li Xiaohu, Hu Shuo, Han Lu, and the others took the Initial Tier Immortal Swords and nodded vigorously to Lin Xuankong. They each already possessed four Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. With Lin Xuankong giving each of them an additional one, they now each had five Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

This meant that the Lin Family Seven Tigers could, within a short time, contend against five powerful Initial Tier Earth Immortals, and also contend against five Initial Tier Demon King Level Pet Beasts!

Li Xiaohu nodded happily. "Foster Father, rest assured! We, the Lin Family Seven Tigers, will definitely give it our all and absolutely will not bring shame to you, Foster Father!"

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly, patted Li Xiaohu on the shoulder, and then nodded vigorously to the others before flying toward the cloud platform in the high skies with the other Earth Immortals.

Moments later, Sect Leader Li, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, and other Earth Immortals sat near the cloud platform in the high skies with Lin Xuankong.

Watching Li Xiaohu and the others return to their positions, Sect Leader Li stroked his three strands of long beard and smiled:

"Now that Tributor Mu has given each of them an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, their upcoming matches should be easy. They will surely pass this recruitment competition without much trouble! Moreover, since they are close to Tributor Mu, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will certainly accept them. As the Sect Leader, I can guarantee this! However, this recruitment competition of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has some special aspects. It's not just about recruiting disciples, so it's best if Mr. Mu's close associates also participate in the subsequent matches!"

Lin Xuankong naturally understood the special aspects mentioned by Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. So he nodded, then frowned as he looked toward where Li Xiaohu and the others were.

Normally, with their powerful Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, it shouldn't be a problem for Li Xiaohu and the others to win against some opponents. However, many of the geniuses and talented disciples from various Immortal Sects at this recruitment competition are here for the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object and will surely be extremely well-prepared! It's quite possible that the upcoming matches will present opponents even stronger and more troublesome than Second Prince Chang Li! Although I have nearly a hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, I can't just give them to the Lin Family Seven Tigers in front of so many people. For now, I can only hope that the seven of them can win and, like me, obtain the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! I hope all of them manage to win!

At this time, the voice of Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er came from beside him.

"Mr. Mu, these spirit fruits are Treasure Medicines that can strengthen the body and taste excellent!"

Lin Xuankong turned to see the yellow-clad Spiritual Crane Fairy approaching him with a tray of spirit fruits in her hands.

The esteemed Spiritual Crane Fairy of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal, personally brought spirit fruits to Lin Xuankong, and even appeared extremely courteous!

This scene caused the many Earth Immortals around to feel somewhat emotional. A Third-Grade Earth Immortal, the Spiritual Crane Fairy, was serving a Ninth-Layer Perfection Cultivator. Had they not witnessed it personally, no one would have believed it!

However, upon remembering that Lin Xuankong was a true Artifact Refining Master, the numerous Earth Immortals felt that this was somewhat reasonable.

Lin Xuankong accepted the spirit fruits with a smile and thanked her courteously.

Even at this moment, Lin Xuankong still felt somewhat unaccustomed. He had never imagined that merely by being able to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, he would gain such significant attention and respect from so many Earth Immortals!

At this time, the Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Beimang Immortal Sect personally carried a jug filled with rich spirit wine, poured Lin Xuankong's cup full, and then said with a cheerful look:

"Master Mu, when I return to the Beimang Immortal Sect, I will immediately mobilize the Sect disciples to gather materials. Once we've collected enough, I hope Master Mu can find the time to help our Beimang Immortal Sect refine an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact! As for the time, there's no need to rush. As long as you can refine one for our Beimang Immortal Sect within ten years, that will be sufficient!"

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The other few Third-Grade Earth Immortals, upon seeing this, all eagerly gathered around with their wine cups in hand, their faces full of enthusiasm.

"Master Mu, I, Guo Haishan, toast to you! When I return to the Immortal Sect, I will immediately mobilize the disciples to gather materials! As for the matter of asking Master Mu to refine an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, I am not in a hurry. As long as Mr. Mu can refine an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact for our sect within thirty years, it will be enough!"

An Initial Tier Immortal Artifact... For such a thing, a dignified Third-Grade Earth Immortal is being so courteous as to personally pour me a drink! And to think they talk about taking ten or thirty years to refine a single Initial Tier Immortal Artifact! If I were willing, I could, within a few days, make a large batch of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts with Miss Xiao! The over one hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts I have on hand were refined in just over ten days, and that included the time to gather materials! TSK TSK, it seems the so-called Artifact Refining Masters of the Central Divine Dynasty, though able to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, are far too inferior to Miss Xiao and myself when it comes to artifact refining skills!

Upon thinking of this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but sigh inwardly. He mused to himself:

If not for knowing the extraordinary Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi, it would be absolutely impossible to attain my current status and treatment! As the saying goes, mastering one skill can get you anywhere! This saying not only applies on Blue Star but works a hundred percent in this Cultivation World as well! Had I known this, why would I have worked so hard to participate in the disciple recruitment ceremony of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

After mingling and exchanging toasts with these Earth Immortals for a period equivalent to the time it takes to drink several cups of tea, the array setup at the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Martial Arts Arena was finally nearing completion.

At this moment, the array formations at the Immortal Sect Martial Arts Arena had all been replaced with powerful arrays capable of withstanding the full-force attack of an Initial Tier Earth Immortal.

Lin Xuankong's eyes flickered as he looked at those Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples setting up the array formations. He had some considerable accomplishments in array formation as well. Back in the Ba Mountain Secret Realm, he had once relied on the Demon Capturing Array to refine a Demon Prison Cage. Now, seeing the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's disciples swiftly and skillfully setting up the arrays, a look of astonishment surfaced in his eyes.

Taking a few casual sips of Spirit Wine, Lin Xuankong mused to himself:

Though there are no formidable Artifact Refining Masters in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region—and according to the multitude of Earth Immortals, there are no particularly powerful Artifact Refining Masters in the entire Central Divine Dynasty! However, within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, there are many highly skilled Array Masters. The ability to set up dozens of arrays capable of withstanding the attack potency of an Initial Tier Earth Immortal so quickly is something I myself could definitely not do! Thus, it turns out I cannot underestimate the various Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty simply because they lack powerful Artifact Refining Masters! At the very least, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples I see setting up the arrays before me have far superior skills in array formation compared to myself! Additionally, with Young Lady Lii Xiaolan studying elixirs at the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, I have recently obtained many profound insights on elixir refining from her! From this perspective, the elixir refining level of Alchemy Master Qu Wan’Er from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is undoubtedly extremely high. At least, in the short term, even an elixir refining prodigy like Young Lady Lii Xiaolan cannot surpass Medicine Immortal Qu Wan’Er in elixir refining!

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Watching as those arrays were gradually completed, a trace of dread crept into Lin Xuankong’s eyes. Although he hadn’t personally tested these arrays with an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Immortal Yuan Fluctuations they emitted and the ripples from their protective barriers made it clear: these arrays could easily withstand the full-force attack of an Initial Tier Earth Immortal and would definitely block the attack from the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact in his hand!

He could certainly use a large number of Initial Tier Spiritual Artifacts to form an Immortal Capturing Array, unleashing an attack power far exceeding that of an Initial Tier Earth Immortal, approaching the full-power attack of a Fourth-Grade Earth Immortal!

However, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect surely wasn’t just capable of arranging arrays to counter an Initial Tier Earth Immortal’s attack power!

Most of those setting up the arrays were just disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Several Initial Tier Earth Immortals, emitting Immortal Yuan Fluctuations, were merely commanding from the side. It could be inferred that if these Initial Tier Earth Immortals personally arranged the arrays, the arrays they set would undoubtedly possess even stronger defensive capabilities!

And these were merely defensive arrays. Since the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect could arrange such powerful defensive arrays, arranging some powerful offensive arrays certainly wouldn’t be a problem for them!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong turned to look towards the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's main grounds. In that direction, beyond the vast, swirling clouds veiling the Spirit Mountain and Spirit Peak, an immense Grand Array enveloped an astonishingly large area, continuously flashing with light!

Even though the extreme distance prevented Lin Xuankong from sensing the full might of this sect-protecting Grand Array, he was certain that such a powerful array, guarding the entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, could not be destroyed by him, a Tier Nine Cultivator, even with an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact!

Sects like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, and Fire Spirit Immortal Sect have stood tall in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region for tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands of years. Their foundations are incredibly deep, and they possess secret methods that I must not underestimate!

Even though these Third-Grade Earth Immortals, including Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, are very courteous to me now, I still need to be cautious and hide my trump cards until I attain sufficient strength! I am, after all, still somewhat weak!

Even though my Artifact Refining skills have earned me the respect of many Earth Immortals, to survive safely in the Central Divine Dynasty, where Earth Immortals are abundant, I must quickly improve my strength!

In this world, strength is paramount; a powerful fist is the only true principle!

While Lin Xuankong was pondering, the disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect finally finished replacing all the arrays.

Thus, the disciple competition ceremony continued!

Lin Xuankong, as a special exception, did not need to participate in the disciple competition. However, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, Li Xiaohu, and Hu Shuo were not exempt!

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect valued Lin Xuankong so highly that he could have allowed them to join the sect without competing. However, they participated in this disciple competition ceremony not just to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, but more importantly, for those Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects!

Once the disciple competition resumed, it continued with hundreds of participants at a time, and the second round was swiftly completed!

To Lin Xuankong's gratification, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er and the Lin Family Seven Tigers did not disappoint him. Building on the foundation he had laid for them, they won their matches in the second round without even using Immortal Artifacts, relying solely on an abundance of Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts!

It couldn't be helped. The cultivators from various dynasties, though extraordinarily talented and powerful, couldn't just casually brandish a multitude of Magical Artifacts. They didn't have Artifact Refining Masters like Lin Xuankong and Xiao Xiuyi backing them!

The third round of the competition likewise passed without major incident. Apart from Liy Ruoping of the Liy Family brothers suffering a minor injury during his match, everyone else won with relative ease!

In the fourth round, the battles began to intensify!

After all, the cultivators who made it to the fourth round were truly the elites among elites, prodigies among prodigies. In terms of Talent, resources, Cultivation Techniques, background, and equipment, they all far surpassed ordinary Ninth-Layer Perfection Cultivators!

In this round of battles, whether it was Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, Li Xiaohu, Han Lu, Hu Shuo, Yang Mountain, Li Er, or the Liy Family brothers, all were forced to use the Celestial Demon Technique derived from their Celestial Demon Bones. Furthermore, each of them had to use their first Initial Tier Immortal Artifact!

Relying on their powerful Celestial Demon Techniques, augmented by the Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts Lin Xuankong had gifted them, the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er each managed to defeat their opponents after intense, hard-fought battles!

However, after the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er each revealed an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact in their matches, the Third-Grade Earth Immortals drinking with Lin Xuankong became even more attentive and respectful towards him!

These Third-Grade Earth Immortals, including Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, had actually already believed Lin Xuankong could refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. After all, how could a Ninth-Layer Perfection Cultivator possibly deceive Third-Grade Earth Immortals right before their eyes? Wouldn't they fear being skinned alive and having their bones dismantled?

However, they were still somewhat uncertain about Lin Xuankong's actual proficiency in Artifact Refining and whether he could quickly produce an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact for them.

But now, seeing that Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er and the Lin Family Seven Tigers, who accompanied Lin Xuankong, each wielded an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the gathered Third-Grade Earth Immortals immediately elevated their assessment of Lin Xuankong's Artifact Refining skills by a significant margin!

At this point, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er had begun to personally wash fruits for Lin Xuankong. If he hadn't politely declined, she would have even peeled them for him. Her display of profound respect left Lin Xuankong feeling somewhat embarrassed!

A renowned Spiritual Crane Fairy, a dignified Third-Grade Earth Immortal, being so proactive and enthusiastic...

Moreover, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er and the Earth Immortals from the various other Immortal Sects were now staring intently at the Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in the hands of the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er!

Even in powerful Immortal Sects like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, and West Star Immortal Sect, they couldn't possibly afford to casually equip a group of their Ninth-Layer Realm disciples each with an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact!

This was, in their view, simply outrageously lavish!

These Third-Grade Earth Immortals were now profoundly impacted and no longer harbored a shred of doubt about Lin Xuankong's ability to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

Chapter 506: A Complete Victory, Acquiring the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object

At this moment, even Sect Leader Li, the Late Stage Fifth Grade Earth Immortal of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, couldn't sit still! He picked up a cup full of spirit wine, raised it towards Lin Xuankong from afar, and showed a warm and friendly smile.

"The cultivators with Mr. Mu are all extraordinary," he said. "They far surpass ordinary Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivators and are even stronger than some genius disciples of the Immortal Sects! Moreover, those seven actually call Mr. Mu their adoptive father! Mr. Mu himself is extraordinarily powerful, having easily defeated Chang Li, who was controlling four Initial Tier Demon King Earth Dragons. It's unexpected that Mr. Mu's seven adoptive sons are also so remarkable—truly admirable!

I believe that in our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's upcoming disciple recruitment competition, Mr. Mu's seven adoptive sons and his confidante, Xiao Ying'er, will all achieve great success and join our Sect with Mr. Mu! As the Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, I hereby welcome Mr. Mu and his party in advance!"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect clearly showed favor to Lin Xuankong once more. This was because Lin had demonstrated the ability to equip those close to him with Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, dispelling any lingering doubt Sect Leader Li had about Lin Xuankong's Artifact Refining proficiency! However, his goodwill was rather subtle, unlike the overt eagerness shown by Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er and the Earth Immortals from the Beimang Immortal Sect and Western Nether Immortal Sect.

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong immediately raised his cup towards Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. "Sect Leader Li, your praise makes me, Mu Shiba, a bit embarrassed! Furthermore, if we are fortunate enough to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, we will all become its Tributors and disciples. We will be relying on Sect Leader Li for much support in the future, so please, Sect Leader Li, don't be so formal!"

At this, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect laughed heartily, drained the fine wine in his cup in one gulp, and felt utterly delighted.

The Earth Immortals from the Beimang Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, and Western Nether Immortal Sect couldn't help but show looks of envy towards Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect when they witnessed this scene. If this competition weren't being held at the Spiritual

Crane Immortal Sect, and if they weren't currently in Spiritual Crane Immortal City—on Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's territory—these Earth Immortals would have long since been unable to resist offering even more generous terms to 'snatch' them away!

When they recalled that 'Mu Shiba' had already agreed to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and become its First Tributor, several Earth Immortals from the Beimang Immortal Sect and other sects felt the once-sweet spirit wine turn bitter in their mouths, and even the spirit fruits seemed to lose their sweetness!

The Earth Immortals exchanged glances, each seeing the unwillingness and helplessness in the others' eyes.

At this moment, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect suddenly raised his cup and addressed the assembled Earth Immortals, "Mr. Mu agreeing to become our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's First Tributor today is truly worthy of a grand celebration! In a few days, our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will hold a magnificent welcoming ceremony for Mr. Mu. I hope all you fellow Daoists will attend! HAHAAHA!"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was beaming with joy, looking as if he had just stumbled upon a hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

Seeing Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect so delighted, the Earth Immortals from Beimang Immortal Sect and other sects felt even more depressed, almost wanting to smash their cups on the spot! However, considering Sect Leader Li was leveraging 'Mu Shiba's' name, they couldn't bring themselves to refuse directly! After all, they might dare to slight Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, but they couldn't possibly disrespect a Super Refining Master like Mu Shiba!

"Heh heh, Sect Leader Li, you seem quite pleased!" the Third-Grade Earth Immortal from Beimang Immortal Sect said, raising his cup. His face wore a congratulatory expression, but his eyes held a gloating look. "However, I heard you encountered a bottleneck in your cultivation and haven't advanced in seven hundred years. *Sigh*... This toast is not only to welcome Mr. Mu to your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect but also to console you, Sect Leader Li. Don't feel down about your lack of progress in cultivation!"

"That's right, I also heard Sect Leader Li's cultivation hasn't progressed for seven hundred years!" Earth Immortal Guo Haishan from the Western Nether Immortal Sect chimed in with a teasing expression, clearly also displeased by Sect Leader Li's current jubilation. "Although my own cultivation advances

slowly, I, Guo Haishan, have managed to go from the Late Stage of the Third Grade to Third Grade Perfection in the last eight hundred years. Once I find enough Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade, I can start considering whether to break through to the Fourth Grade!

But these things in cultivation can't be rushed. Sect Leader Li, there's no need to be anxious; I, Guo Haishan, might not necessarily catch up to your cultivation level anyway! Oh, by the way, Sect Leader Li, you just mentioned welcoming Mr. Mu to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Of course, we should drink to that!"

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from West Star Immortal Sect shook his head, then raised his cup and addressed Lin Xuankong, "Mr. Mu, I wonder if you are married? Our West Star Immortal Sect has a famous Lingxiu Fairy in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region. Have you heard of her? Her cultivation is now at Late-Fourth Grade, and her Immortal Body is considered perfect; she's known as the first fairy of the Western Region. Most importantly, Lingxiu Fairy of our West Star Immortal Sect is also quite interested in Artifact Refining but has unfortunately never found a kindred spirit!

If Mr. Mu is interested, why don't I use a Communication Jade Token to contact Lingxiu Fairy right now and have her come meet you?"

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Lin Xuankong was rendered speechless.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect laughed even more heartily. Meanwhile, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er picked up her wine cup and sat directly at the table next to Lin Xuankong's. She lifted her cup and smiled, "Lingxiu Fairy's immortal body and appearance naturally far exceed those of ordinary people, but perfection has no standard! As the saying goes, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Mr. Mu has a beloved, Xiaoo Ying'Er, and I believe she is a peerless beauty. The most important thing is that she and Mr. Mu are deeply in love, so I think others should not interfere!"

After saying that, she raised her eyebrows at the Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the West Star Immortal Sect, a smile brimming on her face.

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the West Star Immortal Sect was momentarily speechless after hearing the Spiritual Crane Fairy's words. After a brief silence, he finally said, "It is said that the Spiritual Crane Fairy of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is articulate and sharp-tongued. Seeing it today, it's truly so! Alright, alright, I won't interfere here anymore. I just hope that after Mr. Mu joins your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, you won't just jack up the prices when we want to ask Mr. Mu to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in the future! Come, come, come! No matter what, with Mr. Mu joining our Central

Divine Dynasty Western Region, we will definitely rise continuously. In the future, when we face those from the Eastern Domain, Southern Island, Northern Wilderness, and the Divine Dynasty, we won't be ridiculed for not having even a single Immortal Artifact!"

Upon hearing this, the many Earth Immortals couldn't help but laugh together. They then raised their cups to Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Lin Xuankong, celebrating his joining of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

Although these Earth Immortals were somewhat "jealous" that Lin Xuankong had joined the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the matter was settled. They had no choice but to suppress their frustration and outwardly celebrate with Sect Leader Li and Lin Xuankong.

Overjoyed, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect called out to the Second-Grade Earth Immortal Huang Liutao, asking him to summon the female disciples skilled in immortal music and immortal dances.

Soon, immortal music drifted from the clouds above. Numerous female cultivators, clad in gauzy garments and possessing outstanding looks and figures, presented their exquisite dances.

This truly opened Lin Xuankong's eyes. After all, in his past life, even the most beautiful dances he had witnessed were mostly performed on the ground. However, these dancers from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect were different. Their cultivation was at least Eighth-Layer Perfection, with most being Ninth Layer cultivators! When these cultivator-dancers performed, they didn't just float and fly, executing dazzling moves in mid-air. Thanks to their special cultivation techniques, their bodies were incredibly agile, allowing them to perform high-difficulty, extraordinary dance moves that ordinary people couldn't even imagine!

This made Lin Xuankong secretly marvel; the enjoyments of immortals were indeed worlds apart from those of ordinary people. Eighth and Ninth Layer cultivators, in any dynasty, would be considered top masters, capable of controlling the lives of billions. If placed in Lin Xuankong's past life, they would be akin to Immortals, revered and worshipped by millions. Yet, in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, these Eighth and Ninth Layer cultivators were merely dancing girls for entertainment!

While Lin Xuankong and the many Earth Immortals indulged in their revelries, the fourth round of competition had already resumed.

However, at this moment, many among the more than one hundred thousand cultivators found their attention divided. While they watched the competing cultivators, they couldn't help but glance at the immortal banquet unfolding in the clouds above!

Everyone looked at Lin Xuankong, who was toasting with numerous Earth Immortals, and almost every cultivator showed obvious envy on their faces.

Those were the exalted Earth Immortals, beings so powerful they could kill dozens, even hundreds, of Ninth Layer cultivators with a mere wave of their hand. In the clouds above, there were also Vice Sect Leaders from various Immortal Sects and Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Yet, these immensely powerful and highly esteemed Earth Immortals were all frequently toasting Lin Xuankong, a Ninth Layer cultivator, showing him the utmost respect!

Had they not seen it with their own eyes, many cultivators would have found it hard to believe!

More than another hour passed, and the fourth, fifth, and sixth rounds of the competition concluded.

After these rounds, the remaining victors were mostly genius disciples from various Immortal Sects, with only a few so-called prodigies from different dynasties!

The Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er did not disappoint Lin Xuankong; this time, they quickly defeated their opponents relying on an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact. Apart from Hu Shuo and Li Er suffering minor injuries and quickly recovering with the Marsh Python Gall, the others won flawlessly!

These rounds of battles once again proved that having an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact was indeed extraordinary!

Meanwhile, other cultivators, even those who won, paid exceedingly high prices. To gain a disciple qualification for the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and obtain the Sixth Celestial Vein Spirit Crane, many cultivators fought with their lives on the line. Despite some Earth Immortals from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect intervening to save them, over a thousand more cultivators perished in these three rounds of battle!

As a result, by the seventh and eighth rounds, the competition progressed at a faster pace.

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On one hand, the number of cultivators in the competition was dwindling. Secondly, as they drew ever closer to securing the final qualifications, how could everyone not fight desperately? A third reason was that after so many rounds of elimination, the remaining cultivators were all exceptionally strong. When experts clashed, victory and defeat were decided swiftly, unlike rookies pecking at each other!

Thus, after two more rounds of competition, over a thousand more cultivators were injured or killed!

The Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, facing increasingly formidable opponents, had no choice but to use their trump cards once again, each utilizing a second Initial Tier Immortal Artifact!

The few individuals accompanying 'Mu Shiba' astonishingly used Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts again. This scene naturally caused the over one hundred thousand cultivators present to reveal expressions of extreme surprise, one after another.

Meanwhile, after noticing the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er using another Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Earth Immortals in the clouds high above, including Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, showed even greater respect towards Lin Xuankong.

The competition continued until the afternoon when the final round was completed!

What satisfied Lin Xuankong the most was that the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er had swiftly defeated their opponents relying on just their two Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. They didn't even need to use a third Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, nor did they employ the Immortal Capturing Array Lin Xuankong had taught them!

Xiaoo Yan and Feng Lingling of the Five Elements Immortal Sect easily defeated their respective opponents using their Great Five Elements Technique, becoming the most noticed cultivators in the entire grand competition aside from the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er!

Additionally, of the other ten victors, nine were talented disciples from various Immortal Sects. Only one, Luo Tian, was a cultivator from a dynasty called the Daluo Dynasty. He possessed a very formidable Celestial Demon Bone Demon Technique, capable of summoning a nearly endless number of Tier Eight Demon phantoms to besiege his opponents, using an attack method similar to the self-exploding giant sparrows of the Fire Spirit Sect.

In other words, aside from the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, among the so-called peerless prodigies from the various dynasties, only one cultivator managed to surpass some of the talented disciples from the Immortal Sects to become a final victor!

This was actually quite normal. Those talented disciples from the Immortal Sects were originally peerless prodigies hailing from various dynasties. Having joined the Immortal Sects, they gained access to the sects' resources and powerful cultivation techniques, naturally making them stronger than cultivators who remained in the dynasties!

And so, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's disciple recruitment grand competition finally concluded. The over one hundred thousand spectating cultivators departed the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Martial Arts Arena, still buzzing with excitement and wishing for more.

As they departed the Martial Arts Arena, Lin Xuankong was the main topic of conversation among nearly every cultivator.

A Tier Nine Cultivator from a remote dynasty, yet possessing a full seven Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

A Tier Nine Cultivator from a remote dynasty, yet daring to confront Flaming Blade Duan River and Chang Li of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect!

A Tier Nine Cultivator from a remote dynasty, yet respected by numerous Earth Immortals, even directly invited to the high heavens to enjoy the Spirit Fruits and Spirit Wine, the Immortal Music and Immortal Dance that only Immortals could enjoy!

This was a scene that the over one hundred thousand cultivators could never have imagined, not even in their wildest dreams!

It was foreseeable that once these over one hundred thousand cultivators returned to Spiritual Crane Immortal City, and then to their respective dynasties and sects, the name 'Mu Shiba' would instantly become renowned, familiar to everyone throughout the countless dynasties and sects in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!

After the numerous cultivators had departed, the twenty victors, excluding Lin Xuankong, were brought into the Martial Arts Hall located on one side of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Martial Arts Arena.

Lin Xuankong naturally followed Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, and the others into the Martial Arts Hall. At this moment, Lin Xuankong's eyes held a hint of anticipation. He knew that the treasure he cared about most was about to appear—the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object!

This Martial Arts Hall, located on the east side of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Martial Arts Arena, was constructed to be extremely majestic and resplendent. The beams and pillars were cast from Profound Iron, and the ground was covered with Arrays engraved with countless wondrous Secret Patterns. These Arrays were even more powerful than those on the Martial Arts Arena, which could withstand attacks from Initial Tier Earth Immortals!

Inside the grand hall, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect stood on the innermost high platform. He was flanked by over a dozen Earth Immortals from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, including Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, Second-Grade Earth Immortal Huang Liutao, and others. Meanwhile, two hundred elite disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect stood solemnly on both sides of the great hall.

Earth Immortals from other Immortal Sects like the Beimang Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and Five Elements Immortal Sect were seated on either side of the great hall. Lin Xuankong, who had now become the primary Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, was arranged in the first seat on the left!

His seat was, remarkably, placed at the very head of all the Earth Immortals. Such a position had never before been occupied by a Ninth-Layer Perfection cultivator, whether in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the Beimang Immortal Sect, the West Star Immortal Sect, or the Western Nether Immortal Sect!

Yet, not a single one of the Earth Immortals present—including all the disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and the twenty victorious cultivators—raised any objection, nor did anyone feel it was in the slightest bit inappropriate.

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Lin Xuankong couldn't help but feel a bit sentimental. He had initially thought that joining the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect as an ordinary disciple would be enough. He imagined he could obtain some resources from the sect, secure an Immortal Yuan Cave Mansion to achieve his breakthroughs, and acquire a few Immortal Techniques. Who could have expected that merely revealing one of his many hidden cards—demonstrating his skilled refinement of Immortal Artifacts—would earn him such an honor!

At this moment, among the numerous victors, aside from the Lin Family Seven Tigers and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, almost all other cultivators showed a hint of envy on their faces when they looked at Lin Xuankong. They too were participants in the competition, vying for the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Yet, Lin Xuankong sat at the head of numerous Earth Immortals, while they had to stand in the main hall. The difference in treatment was truly worlds apart!

Feng Lingling of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, her large eyes darting about, kept glancing at Lin Xuankong, a hint of indignation on her face.

The Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Sect Leader Li, glanced at the many victors, then stroked his three strands of long beard and solemnly said, "All of you are geniuses among tens of thousands, the finest among countless elites. It is a fortunate event for our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to welcome you all as disciples!

"Of course, among you are disciples from other Immortal Sects who have come to compete for the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object. Since our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has agreed with the other Immortal Sects to use this disciple recruitment grand ceremony to fairly distribute the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object, we will certainly keep our word!"

After speaking, he nodded slightly at Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er. She, in turn, took out a Golden Patterned Ghost Child Pouch from her bosom. Reaching into the pouch, she withdrew her right hand, above which now hovered twenty-one round spiritual objects, each glowing with a hazy spiritual light.

These spiritual objects were neither gold nor stone, neither wood nor fire. Beyond the immense, hazy spiritual light they emanated, various illusions continuously evolved upon their surfaces. There were miniature suns flashing with brilliant light, miniature moons emitting a cold, serene glow, and countless twinkling stars. It also seemed as if innumerable creatures were constantly appearing and disappearing within them. Indeed, these small spiritual objects appeared to contain a multitude of things!

Upon witnessing this scene, all the victorious cultivators—including the Lin Family Seven Tigers, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying’Er, and the Earth Immortals from various Immortal Dao Sects—had a look of stunned admiration in their eyes. As cultivators, they had naturally encountered all sorts of Sunflower Water Spiritual Objects, Wood Spirit Objects, Thick Earth Spiritual Objects, Geng Metal Spiritual Objects, and Li Fire Spirit Objects. However, among all the ordinary and Rare Spiritual Objects they had ever witnessed, none possessed a spirituality that could compare to the profound spirituality of these Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects before them!

The most miraculous thing was that just gazing at these Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects for a while seemed to bring inner peace and clarify the Spirit Platform.

Guo Haishan, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, couldn’t help but remark with emotion, "As expected of the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects! Their spirituality truly surpasses that of the Five Elements Spiritual Objects. They can indeed be called the most crucial spiritual objects, existing beyond the Three Realms and outside the Five Elements!

"It’s a pity. When I advanced from the Ninth-Layer Perfection Realm to the Earth Immortal Realm back then, I missed the opportunity to obtain such a spiritual object—one that can greatly increase the chances of successfully overcoming the Celestial Tribulation! If I had been so fortunate, I wouldn’t merely be at the Third-Grade Realm today; I would have likely progressed vigorously to the Fourth or even Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Realm!"

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Beimang Immortal Sect sighed in agreement, "It’s said that the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects only appear once every nine thousand years! Old Guo, Old Yan, you and I were simply born at the wrong time... Yet, if we hadn’t advanced to the Earth Immortal Realm back then, relying solely on the lifespan of the Ninth-Layer Realm, how could we have lived to see this day!"

Pausing, he looked at the twenty victors, a hint of envy in his eyes. "These youngsters, though they are newcomers, are all extraordinarily talented and possess truly great fortunes!"

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Standing on the high platform, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao’Er, upon hearing the sighs of several Third-Grade Earth Immortals, looked at the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects floating above her right hand. A trace of stunning admiration and envy also surfaced in her eyes.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect stroked his three strands of long beard and then smiled, saying, "Why must all fellow Daoists be so sentimental? We Cultivators pursue Cultivation to seek long life; it is fundamentally an act of defying the heavens. Now that all of you have already

achieved the Third-Grade Earth Immortal Realm, your lifespans can extend beyond ten thousand years. In the future, as long as you obtain enough Immortal Artifacts and Spiritual Treasures, you will have a chance to overcome the next Celestial Tribulation!

As for these Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects... There are rumors that they appear once every nine thousand years. Consequently, countless Immortal Sects mobilize numerous disciples and Earth Immortals to search for them during those times. However, in the end, only a minority ultimately succeed in finding any.

Moreover, these Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects primarily enhance the chances of successfully crossing Celestial Tribulations before the Fourth Grade. Once you have reached the Fourth-Grade Earth Immortal Realm, the chance of such improvement diminishes significantly. All of you esteemed Daoists are merely a step away from advancing to the Fourth Grade, so why envy these young ones?"

Upon hearing this, the many Earth Immortals nodded slightly.

Guo Haishan, a Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, sighed and said, "Although that is true, which Ninth-Layer Perfection Cultivator doesn't want to obtain a Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object and try to see if they can form the Sixth Celestial Vein?"

Back when I was in the Western Nether Immortal Sect, twelve disciples from my generation successively advanced to Initial Tier Earth Immortal. However, after thousands of years, I was the only one who survived three Celestial Tribulations. The other eleven fellow Earth Immortals all perished in their tribulations!

This Sixth Celestial Vein can greatly enhance the passage through Celestial Tribulations for those from Initial Tier up to the Fourth-Grade Earth Immortal Realm. For Cultivators, it's equivalent to having a great chance to safely advance to the Fourth Grade. It is incredibly precious, incredibly mystical!"

Saying this, he turned to look at one of the victorious disciples from the Western Nether Immortal Sect.

"Guo Yu, as my True Disciple, you were able to stand out among countless Cultivators in the competition. This does not disappoint my century of guidance. Now that you've obtained a Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object from Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, you must always remember his kindness. Regardless of whether you succeed in forming the Sixth Celestial Vein, this debt

of gratitude must be repaid. If your strength increases in the future, and the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect ever needs aid, you must treat their cause as my own and assist them with all your might!"

The Cultivator named Guo Yu immediately stepped out from the crowd, first bowed to Guo Haishan, then bowed and cupped his hands towards Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

"Sect Leader Li, although I, Guo Yu, am a disciple of the Beimang Immortal Sect, I will surely remember your magnanimity and generosity in bestowing these Spiritual Objects!"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect smiled and nodded. "The Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object is a supreme treasure of the world; how could my Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect monopolize it? Fellow Daoist Guo earned this opportunity through his own strength, which is truly commendable. I only hope that you can indeed form the Sixth Celestial Vein with this Spiritual Object!"

At her side, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er gently circulated her Immortal Yuan.

Instantly, one of the twenty-one Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Objects floating above her right hand began to spin and drifted towards Guo Yu of the Beimang Immortal Sect.

Guo Yu watched the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object float closer and closer, a look of excitement immediately appearing in his eyes.

The Western Nether Immortal Sect had sent twelve disciples, including himself, to Spiritual Crane Immortal City to compete for a spot. Normally, as official disciples of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, outcompeting other Cultivators wouldn't be too difficult. However, the Cultivators participating in this competition included not only many talented individuals from various dynasties but also numerous gifted disciples from other Immortal Sects. There were so many rounds of competition. For instance, even the Beimang Immortal Sect had dispatched twelve talented disciples. Yet, after all the battles, he was the only one from his own group who managed to secure this qualification! Having finally obtained this opportunity after more than ten grueling rounds of battle, how could he not be filled with anticipation and excitement!

A few breaths later, he reached out and grasped the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object. Then, he looked at his master, Guo Haishan, the Third-Grade Earth Immortal. Guo Haishan nodded slightly to him

and said, "Since you have obtained the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object, and are the first to receive one, why don't you consume it right now?"

However, be aware: although this Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object is incredibly mystical and precious, the probability of it enabling a Cultivator to form the Sixth Celestial Vein is exceedingly low—perhaps only two percent!

If you can successfully form the Sixth Celestial Vein using this Spiritual Object, it would naturally be a tremendous blessing.

However, should you fail to form the Sixth Celestial Vein after consuming it, do not lose heart. Even if the vein formation is unsuccessful, the Spiritual Object can still bring about profound and fundamental improvements to your physique. This will be of immense benefit for your upcoming Celestial Tribulation!

Furthermore, by distinguishing yourself from tens of thousands of talented Cultivators, you have already proven your inherent Talent and strength. In the future, even without the Sixth Celestial Vein, you should still have a chance to reach my current level, the Third-Grade Earth Immortal Realm!"

Holding the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object, Guo Yu immediately cupped his hands towards his master and said, "Master's teachings, I, Guo Yu, will surely engrave them in my heart. Regardless of whether the vein formation succeeds or fails after consuming this Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object, this disciple's Dao Heart will not be shaken!"

Guo Haishan, the Third-Grade Earth Immortal of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, nodded slightly, a hint of approval in his eyes.

But at this moment, although Guo Yu spoke with such conviction, the anticipation gleaming in his eyes was incredibly intense.

He had been by his master's side for a century, often receiving personal instruction. Naturally, he knew how arduous his master's four Celestial Tribulations had been. Each time his master underwent a Celestial Tribulation, he had to prepare countless Grade-Entering Profound Truth Jade and a large quantity of various Magical Artifacts. Moreover, he even needed to borrow several Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts before he dared to face the tribulation. Even so, according to his master, each tribulation had nearly claimed his life on the spot!

This Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object, however, was said to have a wonderfully similar effect to the legendary Glazed Purification Bottle of the Spirit Platform Buddhist Sect. Once the Sixth Celestial Vein was formed, it would undoubtedly grant Earth Immortals below the Fourth Grade a significantly greater chance of survival when undergoing Celestial Tribulations!

It was just that the probability of this Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object successfully forming a vein was extremely low, truly only one or two percent.

Could he, with this Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object that he had fought so hard to obtain, actually form a Sixth Celestial Vein? Could he truly become one of the fortunate ones?

Thinking such thoughts, Guo Yu's eyes grew increasingly fervent; his right hand, which held the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object, even began to tremble slightly.

A moment later, he took a deep breath, raised his right hand, and placed the Sixth Celestial Vein Spiritual Object—rumored to appear only once every nine thousand years—into his mouth, tilted his head back, and swallowed it.