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After speaking, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect added, "How about this? I'll keep these three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for the sect for now and distribute them to our two Supreme Elders and one Vice Sect Leader to deal with the imminent crisis! Once the crisis is resolved, if Tributor Mu needs these three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, I'll immediately hand them over to him."

From the perspective of this Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect Leader, two hundred sets of materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts were far from comparable to three actual Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. After all, whether it was Demon Pearls, Thick Earth Crystals, Geng Metal Crystals, or Profound Iron, these materials were very easy for the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to collect! Under the jurisdiction of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, there were hundreds of dynasties, large and small, similar to the Great Xia Dynasty. As long as the Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect gave the order, collecting two hundred sets of materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts was not a difficult task at all!

However, while materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts were easy to come by, not everyone could successfully refine them. At the very least, in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, only a few could refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Even if there were Artifact Refining Masters capable of this, their fees would certainly be many times more expensive than the materials for two hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

So, Sect Leader Li felt a bit embarrassed. Another reason, of course, was his fear that Lin Xuankong would think him too greedy and form a bad impression of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect or himself!

At this moment, Lin Xuankong wore a peculiar expression. For both him and the Artifact Refining Genius Miss Xiao, one set of materials for an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact was practically equivalent to an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact. Whether it was Xiao Xiuyi the genius, or Lin Xuankong who had acquired her refining techniques, there might be uncertainty when refining a Third-Grade Immortal Artifact. However, refining an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact was absolutely guaranteed!

In other words, if Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect were to send over two hundred sets of materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, it would be equivalent to sending two hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts directly to Lin Xuankong! For Lin Xuankong and the Artifact Refining Genius Miss Xiao, this would just involve spending some ten-odd days and a bit of energy!

Most importantly, it wasn't easy for Lin Xuankong to collect two hundred sets of Initial Tier Immortal Artifact materials on his own. Recently, when he refined over a hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, it had cost him considerable time and energy; he had practically bought out all available materials in Spiritual Crane Immortal City just to gather enough components for them! If Lin Xuankong wanted to refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts again in the near future, it would be tough to gather the materials in Spiritual Crane Immortal City. He would have to find ways to collect them elsewhere, which would take much more time and effort!

As a result, before he even started collecting materials, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect resolutely decided to gift him two hundred sets of materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

Three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, in exchange for materials that would yield two hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts... Moreover, initially, Lin Xuankong had no intention of using these three relatively insignificant Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts to exchange for any materials with Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! Lin Xuankong was thus somewhat surprised, and his expression naturally turned peculiar.

At this moment, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect looked at the three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts he had just received, his eyes filled with amazement and joy. He carefully sensed them and then, unable to contain himself, began to praise them repeatedly.

"Actually, I also have an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, but as Junior Sister Qu Wan'Er had to go to the Medicine Immortal Valley for an urgent matter, I lent it to her! My Initial Tier Immortal Artifact was refined by Master Wan, and its power was considerable; it would be difficult to damage even if it directly clashed with the Golden Core of a Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal!

"However, I can definitely say that the three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts Tributor Mu gave to our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, with their refining techniques and the Immortal Patterns on them, are far more exquisite than my Initial Tier Immortal Artifact! If someone were to wield my Initial Tier Immortal Artifact to clash with one of these three, my Initial Tier Immortal Artifact would definitely be at a disadvantage!

"Tsk, tsk, Tributor Mu is so generous, and his refining of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts is so powerful, it truly fills this old man with deep emotion, immense gratitude, and profound admiration!

"With these three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect would surely have an absolute advantage over the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect!

"Alas, I have been with the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect for thousands of years and have led it for over two thousand. Never did I imagine that one day we would directly receive three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts...

"Tributor Mu joining our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is truly a blessing for us, and the hope for our future rise lies with Tributor Mu!"

After finishing, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect looked towards Lin Xuankong with great emotion, his face full of excitement, his eyes seemingly glistening with hidden tears!

These... these are just three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, and this highly esteemed Grand Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is *\*this\** excited? Lin Xuankong's expression grew even more peculiar. Especially since he had exchanged three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for materials that would yield two hundred, clearly making nearly a hundredfold profit, yet Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect continued to express such gratitude to him...

After silently grumbling to himself, Lin Xuankong directly placed the remaining three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in Sect Leader Li's hand.

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"Sect Leader Li, since you've already accepted three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, let's also place these next three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts within our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. There is no need to refuse in haste. Consider it my repayment for joining the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, learning its Immortal Techniques, and enjoying its resources! Moreover, if Sect Leader Li still feels uneasy, you can send some disciples to help me gather more materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. If they manage to gather enough, I can surely refine even more Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, perhaps even more than the six I've just given you!"

"This, this, this... how can this be!"

The dignified Grand Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, looking at the additional three Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts Lin Xuankong had placed in his palm, grew even more agitated. For a moment, his voice actually trembled as he spoke!

He looked up at Lin Xuankong, who nodded calmly back at him, seemingly indifferent to these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts.

Sect Leader Li was secretly astonished, marveling at Tributor Mu's generosity and his prowess in Artifact Refining. The Artifact Refining skills of this Tributor Mu must be far greater than what I and the three Supreme Elders could have imagined. Otherwise, in this world, in this entire realm, how could there be a Cultivator so magnanimous, seeming to care so little for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

At this moment, the expressions of the Disciple Stewards in the Steward Hall shifted one after another; they felt as if they were dreaming. Six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! Were they really given to the Sect Leader by this Tributor Mu? And with such nonchalance! It was as if those six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts—artifacts that everyone coveted, whose temptation even Immortals couldn't resist—were nothing more than six used toothpicks, casually tossed aside!

However, Young Lady Lii Xiaolan and Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, being well aware of Lin Xuankong and Miss Xiao's Artifact Refining skills, were not too surprised by the scene before them.

Li Xiaohu, feeling rather smug, shook his head slightly. Heh, so the Grand Sect Leader of an Immortal Sect is only this much! Startled into such a state by a mere six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! Those Immortal Sect Disciples, those high-and-mighty Earth Immortals, still claim the Great Xia Dynasty is a remote backwater. The way I see it, these Immortal Sect Disciples and Earth Immortals are the ones who've never seen the world! If you knew the true number of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts my foster father, Lin Xuankong, possesses, if you saw his Third Grade Immortal Artifact, the Cyan Nether Immortal Sword, wouldn't all of you so-called Immortal Sect Disciples and Earth Immortals have your jaws drop to the floor!

While Li Xiaohu was feeling smug, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect gradually regained his composure. After all, he was an old monster who had cultivated for several thousand, even tens of thousands of years; this Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had seen plenty of great storms and waves. If he truly hadn't encountered a Cultivator who treated Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts with such apparent disregard, he wouldn't have lost his composure as he did just now!

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect forcefully circulated his Immortal Yuan to suppress the emotions in his heart, and his expression gradually became serene. He stroked his long beard, glanced around at the Disciple Stewards in the Steward Hall, and shook his head with a disappointed expression. "Look at all of you, acting as if you've never seen anything remarkable! Now you know

Tributor Mu's capabilities, don't you? I'm afraid there will be many more things to surprise you in the future!"

After speaking, he took out a Communication Jade Token and then looked up at Lin Xuankong.

"Tributor Mu, these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts are beyond value; to describe them as priceless is somewhat insufficient. Even the value of our grand Spiritual Crane Immortal City cannot compare to any single one of them!

As we discussed earlier, we will consider these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts as temporarily entrusted to our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect by Tributor Mu. If we can safely navigate the upcoming crises, I, as the Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, assure Tributor Mu that whenever you wish to reclaim these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, this old man will immediately return all of them to you!

Additionally, as Mr. Mu suggested, I shall dispatch elite disciples to the various Dynasties under our sect's jurisdiction to vigorously collect all sorts of materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! This time, we will collect at least five hundred sets of materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for Mr. Mu, and I guarantee it will be completed within one month!"

Lin Xuankong listened, feeling quite moved. The ethos of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is indeed commendable. Even though Sect Leader Li was nearly overwhelmed by these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, almost losing his composure, he still didn't show excessive greed, nor did he ever suggest claiming these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts as property of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. In contrast, that Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal, Duan River of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, threw his weight around as Vice Sect Leader for a pittance at the auction... The difference between individuals is truly vast!

Moments later, Grand Chief Steward Huang Liutao, who had left the Steward Hall to retrieve materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, returned to the hall through the Spirit Vein Transference. He respectfully walked over to Lin Xuankong and handed him a Golden Patterned Ghost Child Pouch.

Lin Xuankong received the pouch. Upon briefly sensing its contents, his expression changed slightly.

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This Golden Patterned Ghost Child Pouch was filled with Demon Pearls, Geng Metal Crystal, Thick Earth Crystal, Profound Iron, and other materials for refining Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Judging by the quantity, there were definitely two hundred sets.

This is equivalent to two hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts... Lin Xuankong's heart was naturally quite joyful.

He had exchanged six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for these two hundred sets of materials. Furthermore, according to Sect Leader Li, another five hundred sets of materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts would be prepared for him. This time, by giving out six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, he had truly made a huge profit—it was a direct increase of more than a hundredfold!

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect then carefully placed those six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts into his Ghost Frog Pouch and clasped his hands towards Lin Xuankong, saying, "I have already arranged for disciples to collect materials for Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Soon, hundreds of disciples will head to the various dynasties under our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to gather them!"

He paused briefly before continuing, "With these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts from Tributor Mu, our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will have more trump cards when dealing with the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Immortal Sect, and other immortal sects. However, the outcome of this conflict remains uncertain. Is Tributor Mu truly not planning to take refuge in Elder Sui He's Secret Realm?"

Lin Xuankong shook his head slightly, his expression firm as he said, "Sect Leader Li, rest assured. Duan River's scheme from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect will definitely not succeed this time. I have already made plans!"

Upon hearing this, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, though feeling somewhat puzzled and curious, could only nod. "Since Tributor Mu is so insistent, I will not try to persuade you further. I will take these six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts now and proceed with the arrangements!"

「After Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect left」

Grand Chief Steward Huang Liutao courteously asked, "Tributor Mu and you young friends, when do you plan to go to the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion to study our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's cultivation techniques? If you intend to go now, how about I lead you there?"

Lin Xuankong nodded, a sense of anticipation stirring within him.

Ever since arriving at Spiritual Crane Immortal City, besides figuring out how to survive the Celestial Tribulation, what he wanted most were the sect's Immortal Techniques! After all, once he advanced to the Initial Tier Earth Immortal, the cultivation techniques he originally practiced barely helped in tempering his body!

Young Lady Li Xiaolan, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, and the Lin Family Seven Tigers also wore expectant expressions.

They had traveled millions of miles to reach Spiritual Crane Immortal City and join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Naturally, they also wished to learn the sect's Immortal Techniques. This was especially true for Young Lady Li Xiaolan. She had been painstakingly accumulating Sect Contribution Points for over a year to obtain the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Immortal Techniques. It looked as though it might take her another ten years or so to save up enough, but now, with Lin Xuankong's arrival, she could study them immediately!

The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion was situated above the Steward Hall, on the Ninth Layer of a colossal tower.

The tower was surrounded by a No-fly Array, with two Third Grade Crane Ancestors guarding its front. From the First Layer to the Eighth Layer, there were multiple tiers of defenses and various magical artifact mechanisms. Consequently, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion was protected as securely as an iron bucket!

However, with Grand Chief Steward Huang Liutao, a Second Grade Late Stage expert, leading the way, Lin Xuankong and the others passed through unimpeded; the guards did not even stop them for inspection.

「Soon, everyone arrived at the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion.」

As the repository for the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's treasured cultivation techniques, the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion was filled with countless cultivation techniques and secret manuals. The

Profound Iron shelves storing the jade scrolls alone numbered in the hundreds, rivaling the large libraries Lin Xuankong had visited in his past life!

These hundreds, or perhaps thousands, of shelves were meticulously categorized with various labels, including Artifact Refining, Alchemy, Array Formation, Exotic Beast Rearing, and the cultivation of Spirit Herbs and Elixirs...

Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er gazed at the rows of Profound Iron shelves, her eyes sweeping over the stacks of jade scrolls piled upon them. She couldn't help but sigh, "When I was in the Great Xia Dynasty, I believed its collection was grand enough to be unrivaled on the continent. Now, seeing our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's treasures, I realize that the Great Xia Dynasty's collection is merely a drop in the ocean!

"Most importantly, the Great Xia Dynasty's archives consisted mainly of books, with only a few jade scrolls capable of storing vast amounts of content. Our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's collection, however, is composed entirely of jade scrolls, and in such overwhelming numbers...

"A single glance reveals an astounding quantity of jade scrolls. Even if a cultivator could live for tens of thousands of years, it would be difficult to read through all the secret manuals in this Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion, let alone master them all!"

A glint of pride appeared in Grand Chief Steward Huang Liutao's eyes as he said, "The treasured jade scrolls in our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion were collected over generations by sect leaders, elders, and Earth Immortals from countless locations. There are a total of 1,620,000 types of cultivation techniques alone, while other various secret manuals amount to 1,470,000 volumes!

"In terms of the sheer quantity of its collection, our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's foundation is definitely among the top three in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!"

After speaking, he pointed to a white Profound Iron shelf situated at the very back, amidst the numerous other shelves. This particular shelf was different; it held only a single jade scroll.

"If any of you are interested in other cultivation techniques, or manuals on artifact refining, alchemy, array formation, and so on, you may come to me anytime you are free. You are all close to Tributor Mu,

and Sect Leader Li has given special orders that our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion will be completely open to you!

"However, I imagine what interests you most right now is one of our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's core Immortal Techniques—the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique. That jade scroll on that shelf is the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique!"

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Lin Xuankong, upon hearing this, immediately stopped hesitating and led everyone towards the innermost bookshelf.

Upon closer inspection, they noticed that the bookshelf housing the imitation Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique Jade Scroll was surrounded by an oval-shaped, translucent barrier. Whenever the barrier trembled slightly, it continuously emitted a rather terrifying aura.

Grand Chief Steward Huang Liutao chuckled. "The Jade Scroll storing our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique is protected by this array, which is connected to our sect's Sect Protection Array. It can withstand the attacks of a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal. Without a special token, Earth Immortals of Fifth Grade or lower cannot break through the array, let alone obtain this Jade Scroll!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong took out the Steward Jade Token that Huang Liutao had given him earlier. After channeling True Qi into it, the token immediately began to glow with spiritual light.

When the spiritual light landed on the bookshelf's oval barrier, the barrier, which was constantly emitting a frightening aura, gradually opened up a passage large enough for one person to pass through.

Grand Chief Steward Huang Liutao then cupped his hands towards Lin Xuankong and the others, saying, "Tributor Mu, everyone, please take your time learning cultivation techniques in the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion. With the Steward Jade Token, you can stay in the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion for as long as you wish. Just remember that each of these Jade Scrolls contains a special array and cannot be taken out of the pavilion. Otherwise, carrying any Jade Scroll out will immediately trigger a disturbance in the Sect Protection Array!"

Lin Xuankong nodded. "Steward Huang, please go about your duties. We certainly won't be careless with these Jade Scrolls. After reading them, we will put them back where they belong."

After Huang Liutao left, Lin Xuankong stepped into the barrier and raised his hand to take down the Jade Scroll recording the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique.

He was, in fact, somewhat hesitant and worried. His [Old and Wise] Talent in his Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate allowed him to significantly enhance the cultivation speed of various Transcendence Realm techniques! However, those were all Martial Dao Techniques for mortal cultivation. Now he was about to learn the Immortal Technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect... Confronting an Immortal Technique, could his [Old and Wise] Talent still function as effectively as it did with Transcendence Realm techniques? After all, this was his first encounter with an Immortal Technique... It was unavoidable for Lin Xuankong to feel some apprehension in his heart.

Outside the barrier, Third Princess Xiaoying'er, Li Xiaohu, and the others stared at him without blinking.

Traces of excitement showed on everyone's faces. They were about to learn the core Immortal Technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect; how could they not be thrilled? This core Immortal Technique was something that even formal disciples could only access after completing decades of tasks!

Inside the barrier, Lin Xuankong placed the Jade Scroll against his forehead and secretly circulated his True Qi. In an instant, a vast amount of information about the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique began to continuously appear in his mind.

This core technique, the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique, was the most crucial technique that allowed the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to stand firm in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty. It was naturally many times more complex, powerful, and mystical than any Martial Dao techniques Lin Xuankong had encountered before.

If this massive amount of information were written in a physical book, it would probably span tens of thousands, perhaps even hundreds of thousands of pages. Even with Lin Xuankong's Divine Soul strength, it would take at least tens to hundreds of days just to read it through once and memorize it all.

Fortunately, the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was recorded on this special Inheritance Jade Scroll. As Lin Xuankong pressed the Jade Scroll to his forehead, the various secrets for cultivating the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique were continuously

imprinted into his memory. This method of information transfer was at least thousands to ten thousand times faster than reading a secret manual.

After the time it took to drink a cup of tea, Lin Xuankong, who had been absorbing the information with his eyes closed, slightly opened them. Having received all the information about the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique, a line of large characters had now appeared in his mind: [Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique: First Layer 1/12,000].

#### Chapter 545: Divine Marvelous Immortal Technique, The Enigmatic Qu Wan'Er

Having accepted the core immortal technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Lin Xuankong now possessed a comprehensive understanding of this Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique. Admiration for the founding patriarch of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, who created this technique, rose in his heart! This Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique is actually somewhat similar to the Fire Spirit Divine Skill of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, yet it excels even more in speed!

The Fire Spirit Divine Skill of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect was something Lin Xuankong had personally confronted; it was the most formidable technique among all he had encountered! After all, it allowed one to summon hundreds of Flame Sparrows through the Fire Spirit Cauldron. These sparrows were comparable to Tier Nine Demons, could autonomously attack, and even self-detonate to injure enemies. This capability was immensely powerful and made Lin Xuankong extremely envious at the time! The Fire Spirit Immortal Sect also dominated the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region with this powerful core immortal technique, even daring to oppose the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

The most crucial point is, unlike Demon Pearls, the Fire Spirit Divine Skill can still summon demons of the same realm when the Cultivator reaches the Earth Immortal Realm. Although it can only summon one Demon King Level demon, it still effectively grants the Cultivator double the strength! The Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique is similar. In the Transcendence Realm, once activated with a Magical Artifact, it can immediately summon thirty-six Thunder Light Immortal Cranes. Like the Flame Sparrows, those Thunder Light Immortal Cranes share the summoner's flying and attack speed, and can also self-detonate to injure enemies! Moreover, the Thunder Light Immortal Cranes summoned in the Transcendence Realm carry a trace of the summoner's divine sense, allowing them to attack autonomously without the summoner needing to divert focus to control them!

What delighted Lin Xuankong the most was that these Thunder Light Immortal Cranes, much like demons summoned by Demon Pearls, could inherit the Cultivator's attack power and speed! In other words, if Lin Xuankong first activated various Beneficial Techniques, consumed Dharma-tier Golden Body Treasure Elixirs, and employed the forty-eightfold Celestial Demon Technique of the Celestial Demon Bone before summoning a large number of Thunder Light Immortal Cranes, then those summoned cranes would possess attack power, speed, and self-detonation power equivalent to Initial Tier Earth

Immortals... This core immortal technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect perfectly suited Lin Xuankong, who possessed numerous Beneficial Techniques and was a 'super Blood Ox'!

If he cultivated it to the Entry Level, it would be as if Lin Xuankong possessed a technique allowing him to instantly summon dozens of "Lin Xuankongs." With his nearly unlimited True Qi supply, he could infinitely summon these "Lin Xuankongs" to attack enemies or self-detonate upon approaching them! Dozens of 'Initial Tier Earth Immortal-level Lin Xuankongs' self-detonating would make even a First-Grade Earth Immortal tremble with fear! Once this technique is cultivated, it means that Lin Xuankong, even without relying on his numerous Immortal Artifacts, could easily defeat Initial Tier Earth Immortals and suppress First-Grade Earth Immortals with ease!

Moreover, when a Cultivator advanced to the Initial Tier Earth Immortal Realm, the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique could initially only summon one Initial Tier Demon King-level Thunder Light Immortal Crane. However, this was merely the effect of the First Layer of the technique. Cultivating to the second layer allowed summoning two, the third layer four, and the fourth layer eight. The higher the cultivation level of the technique, the more Demon King-level Thunder Light Immortal Cranes could be summoned!

After understanding the various powerful aspects of the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique, Lin Xuankong was naturally extremely joyful. At this moment, a streak of purple-gold light suddenly flashed across his mind, and immediately, [Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique: First Layer 1/12,000] astonishingly changed to [Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique: First Layer 1/200].

Perceiving this, the joy in Lin Xuankong's eyes grew even more evident. His Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate was indeed immensely powerful, boosting even the cultivation speed of immortal techniques by sixty times! And now, his Lifespan limit is already several thousand years... Even if he doesn't live for several thousand years, just living for a thousand years would make his cultivation speed unimaginably rapid, reaching at least a thousandfold... Even this extremely hard-to-cultivate immortal technique would likely improve rapidly in no time!

"Judging by your happy expression, have you mastered the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique already?" Young Lady Lii Xiaolan asked from outside.

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong smiled and approached Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, handing over the Inheritance Jade Scroll. "Indeed, it truly deserves to be the core immortal technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. It possesses all sorts of marvelous features far beyond those of the Great Xia Dynasty's techniques. You'll understand once you learn it!"

Young Lady Lii Xiaolan nodded her little head, expectation gleaming in her eyes, and placed the Jade Scroll on her smooth, delicate forehead.

「Two days passed in a flash.」

After returning from the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion, Lin Xuankong had gathered the Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, Li Xiaohu, and others who had also learned the Thousand Cranes Technique into his Ba Mountain Secret Realm. He himself was quietly cultivating the newly learned Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique in the side hall of the Celebration Hall on the First Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

After two days, the proficiency of the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique had greatly increased, from the original [Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique: First Layer 1/200] to [Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique: First Layer 15/200]. This progress was naturally very fast!

Unfortunately, according to the news Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had told him over the past two days, Flaming Blade Duan River had long since left Spiritual Crane Immortal City and gone to the Fire Spirit Hall, five thousand miles away. Nearly a hundred Earth Immortals from dozens of Immortal Sects had gathered there, and the number of powerful Earth Immortals was still increasing! Even Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect couldn't predict how many Earth Immortals Flaming Blade Duan River would ultimately gather. After all, Lin Xuankong, as an Artifact Refining Master who could easily refine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, presented an irresistible temptation to any Earth Immortal, one that was almost impossible to resist.

Therefore, unless Flaming Blade Duan River gave Lin Xuankong nearly a month's time, Lin Xuankong certainly would have no chance to master this core immortal technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect before those many Earth Immortals arrived at the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

On this particular morning, Lin Xuankong was quietly cultivating the Thousand Cranes Immortal Technique in the side hall.

Suddenly, from several hundred feet outside the main doors of the side hall, the voice of an Immortal Sect disciple guarding the hall was heard.

"Master Qu, you're here? Um... Sect Leader Li has instructed that the side hall of the Celebration Hall is Tributor Mu's cultivation place. No one is allowed to disturb him without permission. Master Qu, please wait here for a moment while I go to the side hall door to report to Tributor Mu?"

Immediately, a rather cold voice responded, "Oh? This new Tributor certainly has quite the airs! Did Sect Leader Li say no one is to disturb him, no matter who it is? Does this mean that even I, the Medicine Immortal, must obediently wait here just to see him!"

Hearing the voice, Lin Xuankong's gaze pierced through the thick structure of the side hall, looking towards the outside.

A doubt flashed in his mind. Medicine Immortal... The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect only has one Medicine Immortal, and that is Young Lady Lii Xiaolan's master, Qu Wan'Er! However, as far as he knew, this Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er had always harbored some prejudice against male Cultivators... In the past few days, the two Vice Sect Leaders of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the three Supreme Elders, and the other Earth Immortals had all visited the Celebration Hall. They came to deliver congratulatory gifts for his joining the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Only this Medicine Immortal, Qu Wan'Er, had not come! Why has this Medicine Immortal suddenly come today?

#### Chapter 546: Two Hundred Earth Immortals for One Person

The only thing that set Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er apart from other Earth Immortals, for Lin Xuankong, was that if any other Earth Immortal from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect came, he could maintain his status as the First Tributor.

However, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, despite her unique personality, was very kind to Young Lady Lii Xiaolan. According to Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, since becoming Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's disciple, the only requirement her master had for her was to wholeheartedly focus on Alchemy! Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er had more than a dozen True Disciples. While other True Disciples would be assigned various tasks by the Medicine Immortal, Young Lady Lii Xiaolan was never given trivial chores. If it weren't for this, even with the thirtyfold Cultivation Speed bonus from Lin Xuankong's "Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters" Talent, her Alchemy Technique wouldn't have advanced so quickly!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong immediately stood up. His figure shifted, and he traversed the side hall, opened its door, and walked out.

Hundreds of feet away from the side hall door, the dozen or so Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples guarding the mountain gate were rather troubled because Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er was attempting to force her way in. Seeing Lin Xuankong emerge, they all breathed a sigh of relief.

The leading Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciple respectfully saluted from afar and said, "Tributor Mu, this is our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Medicine Immortal, Immortal Venerable Qu!"

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly. His figure flashed, and he landed several hundred feet away, in front of Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er.

At this moment, Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, standing beside Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, winked at him and made a facial expression, clearly signaling Lin Xuankong to show some respect to Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er.

In fact, even if Young Lady Lii Xiaolan hadn't given him a look, how could he possibly show disrespect to Lan's master?

Standing before Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, Lin Xuankong sized up the Medicine Immortal. The only Alchemy Master of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect looked to be in her thirties. She was draped in a purple gauze robe, tall and voluptuous with exquisite curves, her face as beautiful as a painting. Yet, her expression was quite cold; even seeing Lin Xuankong approach, she retained her frigid demeanor!

However, what surprised Lin Xuankong a bit in the next moment was that, despite her cold demeanor, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er suddenly bowed to him. "Tributor Mu, Qu Wan'Er greets you!"

Lin Xuankong was rather astonished. He had heard that this Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, being the only Earth Immortal in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect who could refine Immortal-grade Elixirs and Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills, enjoyed a highly esteemed status. Even Sect Leader Li had great respect for her, and those Supreme Elders greatly valued her. Moreover, according to Lii Xiaolan, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er held quite a bit of disdain for Male Cultivators due to certain reasons from her youth! How could such a highly esteemed Earth Immortal be so courteous and proactively pay respects to him, a mere Male Cultivator at the tenth Initial Tier?

Not only was Lin Xuankong surprised, but at this moment, the dozen Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples guarding the mountain gate also showed expressions of shock. Being selected to guard the Spirit Mountain gate of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's First Tributor meant they were elites among the disciples, having joined many years ago. Thus, they were well aware of Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's temperament. When they occasionally went to her mountain gate to request Elixirs, they often received a cold shoulder!

But this Medicine Immortal, who usually treated the Male Cultivators of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect with cold disdain, was surprisingly respectful upon meeting 'Mu Shiba'? And just a moment ago, the Medicine Immortal was still maintaining that icy demeanor!

At this moment, even Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, standing next to Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, had her pretty face contort. She looked at Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er repeatedly, as if she hardly recognized her own master.

Lin Xuankong was stunned for a moment, then managed to force a polite smile. "Mu Shiba was unaware that Senior Medicine Immortal was visiting; I apologize for not welcoming you sooner! Senior Medicine Immortal holds an extraordinary status in our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and is also Lan's master. There's no need to be so courteous to me!"

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er glanced at him, her expression cold, and spoke, "Tributor Mu is the First Tributor of our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, with a status comparable to the Sect Leader. It's only proper that Qu Wan'Er pays her respects. Besides, I was a bit agitated earlier, but it was not directed at Tributor Mu. There are some other reasons, which left me somewhat frustrated!

"Flaming Blade Duan River from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect has rallied Earth Immortals from dozens of other Immortal Sects. They have now arrived at Celestial Fire Mountain, three hundred miles outside Spiritual Crane Immortal City. Most of these sects are like birds of a feather, having long been in collusion with the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect. They are all tyrannical, acting in ways similar to the evil paths of Demon Sects.

"Moreover, three powerful Immortal Sects from the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region—the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and the Guangqing Immortal Sect—have also dispatched several Earth Immortals, led by their respective Sect Leaders!

"Additionally, according to reports from our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's scouts, even today, many Earth Immortals from various sects continue to converge on Celestial Fire Mountain. As of now, the number of Earth Immortals gathered there has exceeded two hundred, with over twenty of them being Fifth Grade Earth Immortals!"

Lin Xuankong couldn't help but be a little surprised. So, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er was scolding those Immortal Sect disciples outside his side hall earlier because of something else, not because of him?

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er continued, "That is correct. The agitation I felt earlier was due to the news about Flaming Blade Duan River and the others. It has nothing to do with you, Tributor Mu."

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"This power... Forget our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect; even some of the larger Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty would find it a headache to deal with!"

Lin Xuankong heard this and couldn't help but frown.

That Flame Saber Duan River certainly rates me highly! To deal with someone like me, an Initial Tier cultivator at the tenth level, he actually incited over two hundred Earth Immortals and more than twenty Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals! The entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, even including all three Supreme Elders, only has six Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals! With such a show of force, if we don't have a countermeasure, they could probably flatten the entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

Beside Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, Young Lady Lii Xiaolan's expression changed, the color draining from her beautiful face.

Over two hundred Earth Immortals, more than twenty Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals... Those are all Earth Immortals, not just over two hundred Transcendent Realm cultivators!

Her expression flickered as she looked at Lin Xuankong, anxiety and worry clouding her eyes.

The dozen or so Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples nearby were even more aghast, most of their faces turning deathly pale. In the past few days, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had been continuously mobilizing, setting up arrays around the sect and in Spiritual Crane Immortal City. As elite disciples, they had naturally heard some rumors, aware that the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect was apparently targeting the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! But they never could have imagined that the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect could muster such a vast number of Earth Immortals this time! Never mind over two hundred Earth Immortals; even if a single Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal managed to breach the Sect Protection Array, a mere wave of their hand towards them would be enough to obliterate them, turning

them to dust and scattering their souls! Thinking of all this, how could they not be tense? How could they not be terrified?

Lin Xuankong, frowning deeply, looked at Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er. "So, Senior Medicine Immortal, are you troubled because the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect has gathered all these Earth Immortals?"

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's delicate eyebrows arched, and she said coldly, "So what if the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect has gathered over two hundred Earth Immortals? If they truly intend to trample my Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, that rabble will undoubtedly pay a terrible price!

"Hmph, two hundred Earth Immortals? At worst, it's a major battle; at worst, we all perish together. How could I, Qu Wan'Er, be troubled by that mob!"

She paused here and looked towards the location of Spirit Mountain, the seat of the Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

"What vexes me," she continued, "is that Grand Elder Sui He and Sect Leader Li specially called me over today. They asked me to take some of our sect's most talented disciples and Initial Tier Earth Immortals, especially Tributor Mu and Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, to leave our sect's mountain gate early and find a hidden place to evade the crisis!"

Lin Xuankong's eyes flickered. Have Sect Leader Li and Grand Elder Sui He already started making arrangements for the worst? To have Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er take the elite disciples, including me and Young Lady Lii Xiaolan, and leave the sect early? So, even with the help of my six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is extremely pessimistic about this battle, believing there's almost no chance of victory!

After a moment of contemplation, Lin Xuankong looked at Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er. "Sect Leader Li and Grand Elder Sui He's arrangement must be a precaution, a way to be fully prepared. Senior Medicine Immortal, why let it anger you so?"

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's face was cold as she spoke, "I, Qu Wan'Er, joined the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect when I was young and was personally taught by Grand Elder Sui He. Only because of that did I achieve my current realm. For thousands of years, to continuously advance my Alchemy Technique,

Grand Elder Sui He and Sect Leader Li expended countless resources of our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect on my behalf. Without their support, how could I have become a Third-Grade Earth Immortal, and how could I have mastered my Alchemy Techniques!

"Now, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect faces a crisis. It is a time for everyone in the sect, from top to bottom, to unite and confront the enemy together.

"I, Qu Wan'Er, wish I could immediately lead some of our sect's disciples to fight with abandon! How could I take people and flee beforehand? This assignment truly vexes me!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong finally understood.

This Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er always wears such a cold expression, as if everyone owes her a huge debt! But from what she just said, if she truly means what she says, then this Young Lady's master is indeed a person of integrity, not some ungrateful, life-clinging coward!

Thinking this, he looked at Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er with a new touch of respect in his eyes and said, "Senior Medicine Immortal, Mu Shiba deeply admires such heroic spirit!

"However, regarding your vexation, Senior Medicine Immortal, Mu Shiba cannot resolve it. After all, that is the arrangement of Sect Leader Li and the Supreme Elders.

"Although I am a Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, I only joined a few days ago and possess a mere Initial Tier tenth-level cultivation. My status is low and my words carry little weight; I'm afraid I'm powerless to change the decision of Sect Leader Li and the Supreme Elders!

"The only thing Mu Shiba can do, perhaps, is to remain with the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and fight alongside our fellow Daoists of the sect against this offensive by the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect!"

Lin Xuankong had already made thorough preparations for this crisis over the past few days.

He thought to himself: I came to the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region seeking the Immortal Techniques of an Immortal Sect. I aspire to the realm and long lifespan of an Immortal, and even more, I

pursue an environment where I can cultivate in peace! I haven't been in Spiritual Crane Immortal City for long, yet I've already run into vile characters like Second Prince Chang Li and Flame Saber Duan River. These two scoundrels have schemed relentlessly, intending to control both me and Young Lady Lii Xiaolan. For their machinations alone, I must eliminate these two, root and stem!

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However, simply killing these two people won't solve the problem. In fact, it might lead to even greater entanglements. After all, Flaming Blade Duan River is a Vice Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect. That sect is backed by the most domineering and shameless Immortal Sect in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty. If we kill those two, the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect will undoubtedly seek revenge repeatedly! To completely resolve this issue, and to ensure I can cultivate Immortal Techniques peacefully in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect from now on, I must find a way to end this feud decisively! At the very least, I need to inflict significant pain on the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect. I must make those who harbor vile intentions towards me, Lii Xiaolan, and Xiaoo Ying'Er understand something clearly. While they can have such thoughts, they absolutely must not act on them. The consequences would be severe—so severe that not even a Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal, or even the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect itself, could bear them! Therefore, this time, I must remain in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and resolve this crisis definitively!

When Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er heard Lin Xuankong say he would stay in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to confront the impending attack organized by the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect alongside the many Taoist friends of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, her usually cold expression couldn't help but shift. Her typically sharp and icy gaze softened considerably.

She looked at Lin Xuankong and said, "I am quite surprised and touched that Tributor Mu thinks this way."

Pausing for a moment, she looked towards Young Lady Lii Xiaolan. "Your fellow countryman from the Great Xia Dynasty is worth befriending. Not only is his Artifact Refining Technique incredible, but his character is also quite excellent!"

Young Lady Lii Xiaolan showed a look of surprise upon hearing this. Her master had never spoken so kindly to any male cultivator, not even to Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. She had never seen her praise any male cultivator before...

The dozen or so disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect nearby, who had been anxious, all looked at Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er with surprise when they heard her praise Lin Xuankong. It was as if they were seeing this renowned Medicine Immortal for the very first time!

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er then turned back to Lin Xuankong and continued,

"I came to find Tributor Mu, but not to ask you to intercede with our Sect Leader Li and Grand Elder Sui He.

"They plan to send some elite disciples away for safety, and they could certainly choose others for that escort task. My younger sister, Qu Qiao'Er, is also at the Third-Grade Realm; she is perfectly capable of completing such a mission!

"I actually came to borrow an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact from you, Tributor Mu...

"Our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect technically has two Immortal Artifacts. One is in the hands of Grand Elder Sui He, and the other is with Sect Leader Li. For this upcoming battle, Sect Leader Li has arranged for the six Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts to be distributed as follows: one to each of the two Grand Elders, one to each of the two Vice Sect Leaders, and the remaining two will go to the two Fourth-Grade Realm Tributors.

"In short, I have no chance of being allocated an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact!"

At this point, the usually cold-faced Medicine Immortal showed a rare hint of embarrassment.

"I hear that each of your adopted sons possesses two Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! Although their abilities are not insignificant, they are, after all, cultivators only at Ninth-Layer Perfection. It would be difficult for them to fully unleash the power of an Immortal Artifact. However, if I had an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, I am confident I could deal with at least two Third-Grade Earth Immortals!"

Pausing, she seemed afraid Lin Xuankong might refuse and hastily added, "Of course, I only wish to borrow an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact from your adopted sons. If we manage to overcome this crisis, I will promptly return it!

"Moreover, I would not borrow the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact for nothing!"

She took out a Golden Patterned Ghost Child Pouch from her robes. "I have recently been collecting materials to refine Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills. Due to time constraints, I haven't gathered enough for a full crucible of thirty pills, but I have managed to collect enough for fifteen!

"If Tributor Mu agrees to lend me an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact for a few days, then once I gather all the necessary materials and successfully refine the pills, I will certainly give you three Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills as a token of my gratitude!"

Young Lady Lii Xiaolan's expression changed instantly upon hearing this.

As Qu Wan'Er's most cherished Direct Disciple, her Alchemy Technique was already approaching the Immortal Tier. She thoroughly understood the difficulty of collecting the materials needed to refine Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills. It was precisely for this reason she knew how incredibly difficult it was to gather all the materials for a full crucible of Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills. This was true even for the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, one of the Twelve Great Immortal Sects in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, despite its access to countless resources. Even with all the resources she could mobilize, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er had struggled for years to gather enough materials for a single crucible-full!

Lii Xiaolan was absolutely certain that if a smaller Immortal Sect attempted to gather these materials, it would likely take them several hundred, perhaps even a thousand years, to collect enough for one full crucible.

These materials were so incredibly rare. Yet, her master had just said that after gathering enough for a full crucible and successfully refining them, she intended to give Lii Xiaolan's husband three of the pills!

This was simply an astounding offer! Her master, the Medicine Immortal, was being incredibly generous!

At this thought, Young Lady Lii Xiaolan immediately began to blink her large eyes rapidly at Lin Xuankong, her expression clearly urging him—Quickly agree, quickly agree, don't hesitate for a single moment!

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At this moment, Lin Xuankong was evidently somewhat astonished.

Although after advancing to the Early Stage of the Tenth Realm, it would probably take some time to reach the Perfection of the Tenth Realm, and only then would he need to take the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill for Crossing the Celestial Tribulation. However, if he could obtain the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill in advance, that would certainly be a wonderful thing!

That was the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill. It was said that Galin Bodhisattva from the Spirit Platform Buddhist Sect had come to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect this time primarily to seek an Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill for her disciple, Little Bodhisattva Yikong.

Even the world's foremost Buddhist Sect, the Spirit Platform Buddhist Sect, had to dispatch a Bodhisattva to travel vast distances to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to request an Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill. One can only imagine how precious this elixir was, given that its materials were extremely rare and its refining process exceptionally difficult!

The dozen or so disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect beside him widened their eyes even more upon hearing Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er say this.

The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had thousands, if not tens of thousands, of disciples who had reached the Ninth-Layer Perfection Realm. Why were so many Immortal Sect Disciples still stuck at the Ninth-Layer Perfection Realm, unable to advance to the Initial Tier Earth Immortal Realm?

On one hand, it was because Crossing the Celestial Tribulation was exceedingly dangerous. If these elite disciples wanted to safely cross it, they needed to borrow powerful High Tier Magical Artifacts, preferably Immortal Artifacts!

However, the entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect possessed only one Initial Tier Immortal Artifact and one First-grade Immortal Artifact. Under these circumstances, for these elite Ninth-Layer Perfection disciples to safely cross the tribulation, they could only queue according to their Sect Contribution Points and await their turn. This often meant that the disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had to wait for hundreds of years for their turn!

There was no alternative. With so few Immortal Artifacts and such a low success rate for Crossing the Celestial Tribulation, these elite Ninth-Layer Perfection disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had no choice but to slowly queue up to save their lives!

It was precisely for this reason that the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and other Immortal Sects valued Immortal Artifacts so highly and craved Artifact Refining Masters!

Another, even more important reason was that the materials for the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill were extremely difficult to gather. They often required Spirit Herbs and Elixir over a thousand years old, and even if, by some great fortune, the materials were gathered, without an Immortal Tier Alchemy Technique and a Medicine Immortal like Qu Wan'Er, how could one possibly turn them into an Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill!

Thus, the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill was extremely precious, becoming an extraordinarily valuable resource in various Immortal Sects, just a notch below Immortal Artifacts!

Yet, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, renowned within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, had directly promised three such precious Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills to Tributor Mu. How could these disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect not be astonished!

Each of them looked at Lin Xuankong, their eyes filled with extreme envy.

For a moment, these disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect almost forgot the imminent crisis posed by the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect.

At that moment, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, seeing Lin Xuankong remain silent, couldn't help but frown. She decisively handed the Golden Patterned Ghost Child Pouch in her hand to Lin Xuankong, saying, "If Tributor Mu fears that I, Qu Wan'Er, might break my promise, these fifteen sets of materials for refining the Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill in this Ghost Frog Pouch can be kept with Tributor Mu for now. Whenever I return the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, Tributor Mu can then give these materials back to me!"

Lin Xuankong shook his head upon hearing this. "Medicine Immortal, there's no need for this. I, Mu Shiba, do not mean that!"

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er was evidently an impatient person. Seeing Lin Xuankong's response, she immediately raised an eyebrow and continued, "I know Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts are extremely rare and can be considered the most valuable resource of any Immortal Sect! If Tributor Mu is worried, how

about this: in the future, when I refine a batch of Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills, I'll give you four of them. How does that sound?"

Lin Xuankong was speechless. Ah, this? I just think it's unnecessary for me to hold onto the materials!

Seeing him remain silent, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er immediately said, "Is Tributor Mu still not satisfied? I'll give you five. How about that?"

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Five Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills!

The nearby disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect all widened their eyes!

They had diligently completed various tasks for the sect, all for the chance to rank higher among their peers and thus earn a single Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill refined by Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er! Such hard work often continued for hundreds of years, and nearly every disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was no exception!

Yet at this moment, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er actually said she would directly give Lin Xuankong five Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills!

Even knowing that Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er did this for Lin Xuankong's Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, these disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect still felt deeply shocked, each widening their eyes with bewildered expressions!

"If that's not enough, six pills would also be acceptable!" Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er continued.

At this moment, even Young Lady Lii Xiaolan's delicate eyes were opened wide. She was very confident in her Alchemy Technique and knew that she would definitely advance to Immortal Tier Alchemy Skill in the future. However, advancing to Immortal Tier Alchemy Skill and being able to refine Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills were not the same thing; a skilled woman cannot cook without rice! So, right after Lin Xuankong arrived at Spiritual Crane Immortal City, she had immediately joined him to bid on various materials at the auction in Spiritual Crane Immortal City!

But right now, her master's words deeply stimulated Lii Xiaolan!

Lin Xuankong, however, became even more silent!

「After a while,」

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, holding an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact gifted by Lin Xuankong, left the First Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, her face filled with fighting spirit.

At the summit of the Spirit Peak, Lin Xuankong held the fifteen portions of Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill materials left by Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er and gazed speechlessly as she flew away on a cloud.

To acquire an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact and ensure she could exert strong combat power during the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's current crisis, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er had directly increased the number of Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills she offered to ten!

This made Lin Xuankong feel a bit embarrassed!

After all, Lin Xuankong considered himself a good person!

At the very least, compared to Second Prince Chang Li and Flaming Blade Duan River from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, Lin Xuankong did not see himself as particularly greedy!

However, according to Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, if a life-or-death battle truly broke out between the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and other major Immortal Sects—the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Guangqing Immortal Sect—and if their Sect Protection Array was breached, she would be a prime target. As a Medicine Immortal, the enemy Earth Immortals would prioritize her elimination, and her chances of survival would be very low.

Lin Xuankong, as a target of those Immortal Sects, would definitely survive... Therefore, leaving these materials with Lin Xuankong might prevent them from being destroyed or seized!

Master is determined to fight to the death this time! If the battle goes unfavorably and the Sect Protection Array is really breached by those Immortal Sects... with her cold and proud personality, Master would definitely not submit to the Earth Immortals of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect or the Five Elements Immortal Sect! The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect might have a few Earth Immortals who cherish their lives and survive, but Master will undoubtedly fight until her last shred of Immortal Yuan, her last drop of blood!

Young Lady Lii Xiaolan gazed at the distant clouds, her delicate eyebrows knitted tightly. For more than a year, she had always stayed by Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's side and had developed deep feelings for her master.

Nearby, the dozen or so Immortal Sect disciples were extremely envious of the fifteen portions of Immortal Ascension Treasure Pill materials Lin Xuankong had obtained, and also of the ten Immortal Ascension Treasure Pills Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er had promised him. However, upon recalling Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's awe-inspiring fighting spirit, they too gradually felt a surge of fighting spirit, gripping their Magical Artifacts tighter and tighter.

「At this moment,」

from the direction of the Spirit Peak where Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect resided, a series of loud bell chimes suddenly rang out! The bell chimes transformed into ripples inscribed with Immortal Patterns, instantly spreading across all thirty-six Spirit Peaks of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and reaching the ears of every disciple and Earth Immortal in the sect!

Countless disciples then leaped into the air from the thirty-six Spirit Peaks, each wielding their Magical Artifacts, heading towards the square on the Spirit Peak where Sect Leader Li was located. Accompanying the disciples and Earth Immortals were gigantic, exotic Immortal Cranes with snow-white feathers and sharp beaks!

「At the same time,」

Lin Xuankong suddenly sensed something and looked up with a grave expression. Above him, at a height of several thousand meters, a thin transparent barrier had originally encompassed all thirty-six Spirit Peaks of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

As the bell chimes rang out, countless Arrays on the thirty-six Spirit Peaks simultaneously lit up. Instantly, the summits of the thirty-six Spirit Peaks shimmered with light, and beams of light shot into the sky, connecting with the transparent barrier that enveloped the entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

The transparent barrier, originally as thin as a cicada's wing, suddenly grew thick and sturdy, transforming into a shield many meters thick and inscribed with numerous Array Inscriptions!

Lin Xuankong sensed the immense power faintly emanating from the transparent barrier, and a solemn expression touched his face.

Since joining the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, he had been revered as the primary Tributor by many Earth Immortals and numerous disciples of the sect. Their extreme respect occasionally gave Lin Xuankong a false impression: The so-called Immortal Sects seem nothing special, and someone as 'ordinary' as myself, an Artifact Refiner, can be held in such esteem by the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

However, when the Sect Protection Array, driven by the Spirit Veins of the thirty-six Spirit Peaks, was activated, Lin Xuankong finally felt the immense and profound heritage of this ancient Immortal Sect, an inheritance passed down for tens of thousands of years!

He was absolutely certain that even if he deployed both his Immortal Capturing Arrays, utilized all his Cultivation Techniques and Beneficial Techniques, and wielded his Third Grade Immortal Artifact, the Cyan Nether Immortal Sword, he could not inflict the slightest damage on this Grand Array powered by the Spirit Veins of the thirty-six peaks!

Not only could he inflict no damage, but even if he continuously attacked with his nearly limitless True Qi, he wouldn't significantly deplete the power of the Sect Protection Array!

This immensely vast and indomitable Sect Protection Array seemed capable of withstanding any attack in the world!

And this was just a part of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's profound heritage... The Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion, brimming with endless Cultivation Techniques, and the wondrous Thousand Cranes

Technique of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect—all showcased the immense might and terrifying strength of this ancient sect!

As Lin Xuankong marveled, the leading disciple among the dozen or so Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples cupped his hands towards Lin Xuankong with a solemn expression and said, "Tributor Mu, these nine bell chimes signal that our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is facing a great enemy! The people from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Immortal Sect, and other such Immortal Sects are probably nearing our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! We should now head to the Spirit Peak where the Sect Leader is for the assembly!"

They're here! Flaming Blade Duan River has arrived! The dozens of Earth Immortals from the various Immortal Sects have finally come!

Lin Xuankong's expression subtly shifted, and his eyes gleamed with intense fighting spirit.