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Chapter 561: The Terrifying Immortal Transformation Talisman, Lin Xuankong's Desire

At this moment, the faces of the many Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect changed dramatically. Even those Earth Immortals who were following the orders of the Five Elements Wanderer and frantically attacking the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array also showed expressions of shock, as if they had seen something extremely terrifying the moment that Spirit Talisman appeared!

These were all exalted Earth Immortals, individuals who had witnessed countless great storms and waves. Even the recent fall of over a dozen Earth Immortals had not caused their expressions to change to this degree!

However, when the Five Elements Wanderer of the Five Elements Immortal Sect used this Spirit Talisman, the expression of every Earth Immortal present changed. Their pupils constricted, and the muscles on their Immortal Bodies tensed.

Some of the Earth Immortals floating around the Five Elements Wanderer even drifted away quietly, as if being slightly closer to that Spirit Talisman would bring them immense pressure...

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect took out the Communication Jade Token from his robes. He transmitted messages to the Earth Immortals and disciples near the other thirty-odd Spirit Peaks, urging them to fully activate the Sect Protection Array in preparation for their adversary's most ferocious attack!

Could this Spirit Talisman be this powerful?

No matter how strong the Five Elements Wanderer was, he was merely a late-stage or Perfection Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal. Could he alone wield a Spirit Talisman with an attack power surpassing the several hundred Earth Immortals present? Moreover, among those attacking the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array, individuals like Duan Qianchou were also late-stage or Perfection Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals!

This Spirit Talisman must be peculiar—definitely extremely powerful, or possessing some strange and terrifying attack potency!

But according to what Lin Xuankong currently knew, among the various treasures in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, only Immortal Artifacts were what the Earth Immortals coveted most. If that weren't the case, why would these several hundred Earth Immortals have gathered here? Their intention was to control him, to make him their Artifact Refining Tool from this day forward!

Since that was the case, with Immortal Artifacts being so precious and tempting, so powerful and desirable, why was this particular Spirit Talisman causing all the Earth Immortals present to be so apprehensive?

Could it be that the Spirit Talisman the Five Elements Wanderer was currently activating was even more formidable than Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, First-Grade Immortal Artifacts, or even Second-Grade Immortal Artifacts?

Lin Xuankong frowned and looked towards Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. "Why did every Earth Immortal show such expressions of shock and dread when the Five Elements Wanderer used this Spirit Talisman?"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had just used the Communication Jade Token to transmit messages to every disciple and Earth Immortal responsible for the Array Hubs of the Sect Protection Array. Only then did he finally breathe a slight sigh of relief.

Upon hearing Lin Xuankong's inquiry, the Sect Leader glanced at the Spirit Talisman swaying in mid-air, his eyes filled with apprehension.

"Tributor Mu, you may not know, but this Spirit Talisman that the Five Elements Wanderer is using isn't an ordinary Spirit Talisman refined by common cultivators. Even Talisman Masters among Earth Immortal powerhouses cannot refine such a Spirit Talisman!"

Lin Xuankong was somewhat surprised. "Even Talisman Masters among Earth Immortals cannot refine this Spirit Talisman? Could this Spirit Talisman be more formidable than an Immortal Artifact?"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect sighed and was about to speak when a somewhat cold voice suddenly came from outside the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array.

Lin Xuankong turned his head to see the Five Elements Wanderer, who was activating the Spirit Talisman, staring fixedly at him. The Wanderer's voice was extremely cold as he spoke,

"Mu Shiba, are you scared now?"

"This Immortal Transformation Talisman was crafted by the founder of our Five Elements Immortal Sect during the Immortal-Demon War. It was made from Celestial Demon Hide taken from the Profound Yin Demon Sect's treasure vault and then inscribed by the foremost Talisman Refining Master of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect of the Central Divine Dynasty!"

"Among the countless large and small Immortal Sects in the Central State—including the Profound Yin Demon Sect, the foremost sect of the Demon Dao, and Spirit Platform Buddhism, the world's leading Buddhist Sect—only nine Sects possess Spirit Talismans refined from such Celestial Demon Hide! And these nine Immortal Sects have, it is said, become the leading Immortal Sect in the Central State and in each of the four cardinal regions: east, west, north, and south!"

"Once this Immortal Transformation Celestial Demon Talisman is activated, it immediately elevates a cultivator's Realm significantly. It can even allow Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals to advance by a Half-Tier, stepping into the Tenth-Grade Earth Immortal Realm—a Realm no Earth Immortal has ever reached since ancient times! If a late-stage Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal uses it, they would instantly gain strength comparable to a late-stage Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal!"

Before he finished speaking, the Spirit Talisman floating in mid-air fluttered with the wind and adhered to the Five Elements Wanderer's body.

In an instant, the Spirit Talisman radiated brilliantly. The billions of Runes on it, as if possessing life and spiritual awareness, all began moving rapidly, transferring to every inch of skin on the Five Elements Wanderer's five-thousand-zhang tall Immortal Body!

The next moment, the Immortal Yuan Fluctuation around the Five Elements Wanderer's body grew even more intense.

His body swelled as if being inflated like a balloon, rising considerably higher in the blink of an eye. He transformed into a colossal Immortal Body over six thousand zhang tall, its surface covered in countless

shimmering Runes. He now appeared more terrifying and imposing than any other Earth Immortal present, as if capable of destroying the entire heavens and earth with a mere gesture!

This towering Immortal Body made the already tall forms of the surrounding Earth Immortals seem much shorter by comparison; their auras paled significantly in his presence!

After all, a Sixth-Grade Immortal Body, the Realm of a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, was something no Earth Immortal present had ever reached!

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Only then did the Five Elements Wanderer toss the First-Grade Spiritual Artifact, the Silver Jade Duster, into the air.

In an instant, the Silver Jade Duster expanded to nearly ten thousand feet in length, its filaments extending several thousand feet, numbering in the hundreds of thousands. Each filament was tens of feet thick! The aura emanating from each filament was more terrifying than any Ninth-Layer Perfection Cultivator could possibly produce, and there were hundreds of thousands of such filaments!

One could only imagine: if this Silver Jade Duster were to strike with its full force, wouldn't it be equivalent to hundreds of thousands of Ninth-Layer Perfection Cultivators striking simultaneously?

The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had only tens of thousands of Ninth-Layer Perfection disciples; how could they possibly withstand such an attack? It seemed that only by combining the strength of all the Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals, including Sect Leader Li, the three Grand Elders, and others, might they hope to endure a single strike from this Silver Jade Duster!

Most critically, judging by the sheer power radiating from this Silver Jade Duster, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Grand Array probably wouldn't hold for long under its assault!

All the Earth Immortals and Cultivators present—whether they were the hundreds gathered to annihilate the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and capture Mu Shiba, the tens of Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, or even Chi Liuxia and the others who had already fled thousands of miles away—stared at the Five Elements Wanderer. He had just used a Spirit Talisman to ascend to the Sixth Grade Realm and was now wielding a First-Grade Immortal Artifact. Intense fear filled their eyes!

Every person's body tensed. The hearts of the more timid ones pounded violently, their hands and feet turning icy and trembling.

The power of a First-Grade Immortal Artifact when wielded by a Ninth-Layer Perfection Cultivator was one thing. When used by an Initial Tier or a First, Second, or Third-Grade Earth Immortal, it was another. But the might it displayed in the hands of a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal was worlds apart!

Hovering in the sky and wielding the First-Grade Immortal Artifact, the Silver Jade Duster, the Five Elements Wanderer sensed the fear in the gazes of the hundreds of Earth Immortals looking up at him. He also felt the desperate resolve in the eyes of the many Earth Immortals and disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. A cold smile touched his lips.

"Hmph! Your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has a powerful Sect Protection Array passed down by its founder, but does my Five Elements Immortal Sect not also possess treasures left by our own founder?"

"Old Ghost Sui He, I'm giving you one last chance. After all, we once fought side-by-side and can be considered life-and-death companions!"

"If you order all Earth Immortals and disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to lay down their weapons, stop activating the Sect Protection Grand Array, surrender, and hand Mu Shiba over to our Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance, then, for the sake of our past friendship, I can spare the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. I will only punish some of your Cultivators!"

"This way, your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect can at least preserve a spark of its legacy and avoid complete annihilation today!"

As he finished speaking, his six-thousand-plus-foot-tall body gradually approached the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Grand Array.

The hundreds of thousands of filaments from his ten-thousand-foot-long First-Grade Spiritual Artifact, the Silver Jade Duster, extended continuously. They snaked towards the energy barrier of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Grand Array, resembling hundreds of thousands of terrifying white tentacles descending from the sky!

This scene exuded an unprecedented sense of oppression, instilling a suffocating dread in every Earth Immortal and disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

"Old Ghost Sui He, three breaths. I'll only give you three breaths to consider!"

Floating in midair, the Five Elements Wanderer looked down with satisfaction at the tense expressions on the faces of every Earth Immortal and disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. He savored this feeling—the feeling of others fearing him! And most importantly, those who feared him now were all the Earth Immortals and disciples of the renowned Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect from the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!

"Three!"

The Five Elements Wanderer's voice dripped with arrogance and mockery, his eyes glancing down from the high heavens with a touch of disdain.

"Spiritual Crane Disciples, attack this Five Elements Old Thief together!"

Before the Five Elements Wanderer could even count 'two' or 'one,' Grand Elder Sui He of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect could no longer tolerate the Five Elements Wanderer's overbearing arrogance, flaunting his superior might!

Instantly, tens of thousands of Magical Artifacts from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples and eight or nine Immortal Artifacts from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Earth Immortals, all fueled by True Qi and Immortal Yuan, expanded to their maximum size. They surged towards the lofty Five Elements Wanderer in a unified assault!

Even a dozen Second- and Third-Grade Earth Immortals, their faces contorted with extreme anger, activated their Second- and Third-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Cores, which then shot ferociously towards the Five Elements Wanderer!

The sheer scale of this attack caused even the Five Elements Wanderer, who had relied on an Immortal Transformation Talisman to reach the Sixth Grade, to show a change in expression. He swiftly activated

the First-Grade Immortal Artifact, the Silver Jade Duster, to counter the tens of thousands of Magical Artifacts and Immortal Artifacts!

A Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal was indeed powerful, but even a multitude of ants could kill an elephant!

The combined assault of tens of thousands of Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples was equivalent to the full-strength attack of hundreds of Initial Tier Earth Immortals, over a hundred First-Grade Earth Immortals, and even several Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals. Furthermore, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the two Vice Sect Leaders, and the three Grand Elders all possessed Cultivation at the Late Stage of the Fifth Grade. Adding to this barrage were the Golden Core attacks from a dozen other Earth Immortals...

No matter how strong the Five Elements Wanderer was, he wouldn't dare use his Immortal Body to directly withstand such a combined onslaught.

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The numerous Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had been suppressed because hundreds of Earth Immortals attacked simultaneously. The combined power of hundreds of Earth Immortals' attacks was naturally far more colossal than that of a single Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal!

In an instant, the tens of thousands of long tendrils from the Silver Jade Spiritual Artifact of the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer confronted the tens of thousands of Magical Artifacts, the eight or nine Immortal Artifacts, and the dozen Earth Immortal Golden Cores of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! The explosions were incessant. The ripples generated by the numerous explosions once again shattered the recently restored space into terrifying spatial rifts!

Lin Xuankong stood atop the Thirty-Sixth Spirit Peak, gazing at this world-shaking scene with a hint of longing in his eyes. As a cultivator in the Early Stage of the Tenth Layer, despite his numerous techniques, he could not withstand the combined attacks of tens of thousands of Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples, dozens of their Earth Immortals, and six or seven Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals. Not like the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer before him could! This was the might of a powerful Earth Immortal—one person capable of withstanding an entire Immortal Sect of tens of thousands of disciples!

Moreover, the disciples and Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect could only exhibit such combat power and forcibly resist a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal due to the protection of the Sect Protection Array. Without such a powerful Sect Protection Array, the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer could likely activate his Immortal Body, charge into the crowd, and crush hundreds or thousands of cultivators at Ninth-Layer Perfection with a single collision! In the face of such a terrifying Earth Immortal, even cultivators at Ninth-Layer Perfection were but fragile chickens and clay dogs, as insignificant as ants!

"This guy is so powerful! But if he didn't have that Spirit Talisman, it would be impossible for him to unleash such a mighty offensive, suppressing our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect single-handedly! If only you could snatch that Spirit Talisman from him!" Lii Xiaolan, beside Lin Xuankong, suddenly raised her brows and whispered.

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong's eyes flickered as he looked towards the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer, who was rampantly displaying his power. Gazing at the endless Runes covering the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer, he thought, According to Grand Elder Sui He of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and the Five Elements Wanderer, this Spirit Talisman made from the Celestial Demon Hide of the Five Elements Immortal Sect is extremely rare, even throughout the entire Central Divine Dynasty!

Furthermore, this Spirit Talisman is somewhat similar to my many Beneficial Cultivation Techniques and the beneficial Demon Technique from the Celestial Demon Bone. I wonder if its effects can stack with those? If they can stack, wouldn't that mean that even though I'm only at the Initial Tier of the Tenth Layer, I could directly contend with a Second-Grade Earth Immortal by relying on numerous Beneficial Cultivation Techniques, Demon Techniques, and this Spirit Talisman, perhaps without even needing to use my Immortal Artifacts!

That would be equivalent to crossing three major Realms...

At this thought, Lin Xuankong gazed at the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer with a fervent look in his eyes.

By this time, the Five Elements Wanderer had already been contending with dozens of Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect for several tens of breaths. During these tens of breaths, relying on his Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Realm, the powerful Immortal Techniques of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, and that First-Grade Immortal Artifact, he had not only blocked the attacks from tens of thousands of Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples and Earth Immortals but had also shattered thousands of their Magical Artifacts into dust! Above the entire Sect

Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, dreadful shockwaves and brilliant flashes of light erupted everywhere from the Magical Artifacts exploding into dust! A single person's strength had truly shaken the entire Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! The power displayed by the Five Elements Wanderer at this moment could only be described as terrifying!

Even the hundreds of Earth Immortals who had accompanied him now looked at the rampaging Five Elements Wanderer with expressions of either trepidation or admiration. Although these Earth Immortals were all true Earth Immortals, ruthless individuals from seventy-six different Immortal Sects, when faced with the Five Elements Wanderer who could suppress an entire sect single-handedly, they naturally felt a mixture of aspiration and profound fear!

At this moment, the Five Elements Wanderer, who was still suppressing the dozens of Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, suddenly burst into loud laughter.

"Fellow Daoists, I have already destroyed nearly ten thousand of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's tens of thousands of Magical Artifacts! Hmph, in at most another hundred breaths, I will destroy all the Magical Artifacts of these Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples! If you all don't join forces now to attack the Sect Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, when will you? The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, this Evil Dao sect that runs rampant in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, must be completely annihilated today! In this battle, whoever kills the most Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, or the most disciples, will be a great hero of our Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance! In the future, when we obtain Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, they will naturally be given priority in distribution and receive a larger share!"

Upon hearing the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer's shout, the eyes of the hundreds of Earth Immortals from the Seventy-six Immortal Sects instantly lit up. They all cast their gazes towards Lin Xuankong, who was within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array. These hundreds of Earth Immortals now stared at Lin Xuankong with immense greed and eagerness, as if Lin Xuankong were not a male Cultivator but a delicate, peerlessly beautiful Fairy!

In the next instant, these hundreds of Earth Immortals activated the vast Immortal Yuan within their bodies, wielded their Magical Artifacts or Immortal Artifacts, and launched their attacks towards the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array.

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While frantically attacking the array, these hundreds of Earth Immortals shielded their Immortal Bodies with Immortal Yuan and bellowed one after another,

"Kill, kill, kill! Slaughter all the scum of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! This time, we, the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance, will definitely eradicate this Evil Dao Sect for the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!"

"HAHAHA, Fellow Daoist Huanglong, how about we have a contest? After we break the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array, whoever is the first to kill an Earth Immortal of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will win a Tier Nine Spiritual Artifact from the other. How about it? Sound interesting?"

"Good, good, Fellow Daoist Qing Jiao, a contest it is. In my opinion, not only should we compete on who kills an Earth Immortal of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect first, but also on who kills the most Earth Immortals and disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Hmm, let's say one thousand heads of Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples are equivalent to one Earth Immortal. How about that?"

"No problem, this proportion is just right! HAHAHA!"

"Hold on, Fellow Daoists, don't be so hasty. As you know, our Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect requires various tripod furnaces to enhance the strength and realm of our Immortal Sect disciples and Earth Immortals.

Normally, capturing talented cultivators at Ninth-Layer Perfection is a matter of sheer luck. The disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, however, are all meticulously chosen from countless talented cultivators, making them prime material for tripod furnaces!

If Fellow Daoists are willing, you can help me catch some tripod furnaces. Five hundred Ninth-Layer Perfection tripod furnaces can be exchanged for a Tier Nine Spiritual Artifact. What do you say?"

"Good, that's also an excellent offer. Five hundred Ninth-Layer Perfection tripod furnaces for a Tier Nine Spiritual Artifact is far more reasonable than a thousand heads for one. But Fellow Daoist Yi Ding, you're being quite generous this time, willing to trade rather precious Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts for tripod furnaces!"

"HAHAHA, Fellow Daoist Qing Jiao, this time, after we eradicate the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and capture Mu Shiba, the Five Elements Wanderer Alliance Leader will naturally distribute Initial Tier

Immortal Artifacts to us. Once we have Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, who would still care about Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts?"

"Ah, Fellow Daoist Yi Ding truly sees the bigger picture and thinks long-term. HAHAAAAHA!"

As these hundreds of Earth Immortals attacked the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array, each of them looked at the Earth Immortals and disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect as if they were livestock awaiting slaughter.

During their conversation, each of them was brimming with confidence, as if they were on the verge of shattering the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array, storming into the sect, and freely slaughtering its Earth Immortals and disciples!

Moreover, their conversation, amplified by Immortal Yuan, carried clearly to the ears of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples.

Seeing the grotesque expressions of these hundreds of Earth Immortals, hearing their unscrupulous conversations that twisted right and wrong, all the Earth Immortals and disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect glared, their eyes bloodshot, wishing they could charge out of the array and slaughter these utterly shameless Earth Immortals on the spot!

Yet, no matter how furious, resentful, or aggrieved they felt, they all clearly understood one fact: since the Five Elements Wanderer had used the Immortal Transformation Talisman to advance to the Sixth Grade Realm and was single-handedly suppressing dozens of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of its disciples, the Sect's Protection Array was now directly exposed to the attacks of these hundreds of Earth Immortals!

Although the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array could still resist the attacks from the Five Elements Wanderer and the hundreds of Earth Immortals for a short while, unless a miracle occurred, it was destined to shatter sooner or later!

At that point, perhaps the vile pronouncements of these hundreds of shameless Earth Immortals would indeed become reality for every Earth Immortal and disciple within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

After all, if even the Sect Protection Array could not withstand the Five Elements Wanderer and those hundreds of Earth Immortals, then the numerous small and medium-sized arrays already established between the main sect and the Thirty-six Spirit Peaks, once activated, could only slightly prolong their survival. How could they possibly reverse such a hopelessly desperate trend?

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After a while, the tens of thousands of magical artifacts mobilized by the tens of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had already seen a full twenty thousand shattered by the powerful Immortal Technique of the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, Five Elements Wanderer! The once sky-covering, mighty host of tens of thousands of magical artifacts had now been reduced by nearly half, their power naturally no longer as formidable as before.

Crucially, the number of magical artifacts attacking the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer had drastically reduced. As a result, nearly half of the over one hundred thousand strands from the Silver Jade Duster he wielded began to assault the Sect Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!

Several hundred Earth Immortals, along with a powerful late-stage Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, launched a full-force assault. The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array was powered by the True Essence of tens of thousands of disciples and the Immortal Yuan from dozens of Spirit Peaks. Despite this, the array hubs bearing this immense power began to falter.

Soon, a Spirit Peak on the western side of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's headquarters suddenly erupted with a deafening explosion. The array hub atop this Spirit Peak shattered into millions of pieces. The hundreds of disciples who had been powering it were instantly imperiled. The destructive force of the array hub explosion was something that even Earth Immortals could not withstand, let alone these Ninth-Layer Perfection Immortal Sect disciples!

In an instant, those hundreds of Ninth-Layer Perfection disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect were completely annihilated in the terrifying explosion, their bodies and Divine Souls vanishing entirely.

Many Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples standing on the Thirty-Sixth Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect heard the explosion and looked towards that Spirit Peak. Subsequently, the faces of these Earth Immortals and disciples displayed extreme anger.

The Sect Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, with its thirty-six array hubs, was left behind by the Sect Founder and had protected the entire sect for tens of thousands of years. In these vast expanses of time, the array hubs of the Sect Protection Array had never been destroyed. The

existence of these array hubs was equivalent to the honor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. After all, few of the other eleven Immortal Sects in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty possessed such a powerful Sect Protection Array. It was capable of withstanding the attacks of a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal and several hundred Earth Immortals! This Sect Protection Array, these thirty-six array hubs, were the pride of every Earth Immortal and disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

However, at this moment, right before their eyes, these several hundred shameless Earth Immortals forcibly destroyed one of the array hubs of the Sect Protection Array. This scene was akin to those several hundred Earth Immortals landing a loud, vicious slap on the faces of every Earth Immortal and disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. How could they not seethe with anger?

"Hahaha, fellow daoists! The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array has already shattered its first array hub! Their Sect Protection Array will only grow weaker. Victory is at hand! The Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts are at hand! The clear skies of the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty are at hand!" The Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer, his face filled with smugness, pushed his Immortal Yuan even more fiercely.

Those several hundred Earth Immortals had been growing anxious. They had attacked for nearly a hundred breaths without seeing much weakening of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array. Upon witnessing this scene, however, they became as excited as if injected with adrenaline. They frantically and fervently drove their magical artifacts and Immortal Artifacts with even greater intensity!

「Thousands of miles away,」

The ten-plus Earth Immortals watching from afar had a hint of anger in their eyes, yet a sense of helplessness in their hearts.

Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia shook his head, tapped the Flying Wine Gourd he was sitting on, and sighed, "It seems us old folks should retreat as well! It's not that we disregard our friendships with Sui He, Qing He, and Cang He, but we really have no other choice!"

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal Guo Haishan, with some hatred in his eyes, looked at the towering Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer thousands of miles away. "The Celestial Demon Hide Immortal Transformation Talisman of the Five Elements Immortal Sect is said to be usable only twelve times! In the past, when the Five Elements Immortal Sect adhered to righteous principles, this Immortal Transformation Talisman was always used in battles against the Profound Yin Demon Sect or the Great Demons of the Boundaryless Mountain. To think that this time it would be used against the

Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! It is utterly shameless, utterly hateful! If all the Immortal Sects in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty acted like the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, and Profound Pure Immortal Sect, the Profound Yin Demon Sect and the Great Demons of the Boundaryless Mountain would soon return with a vengeance. This would bring catastrophe to the entire Western Region, leading to the downfall of many immortals!"

Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia sighed, exhaling a breath carrying the scent of wine. "Not necessarily! Tributor Mu from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect possesses dozens of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. These artifacts alone can significantly boost the strength of the Five Elements Immortal Sect and those other heretical Immortal Sects. Not to mention, Tributor Mu undoubtedly masters Immortal Artifact refining techniques far superior to those of ordinary Artifact Refining Masters! Judging by the current situation, today's battle means more than just the annihilation of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. This damn Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance will also rampage across the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty, growing ever stronger!"

"Damn it, damn it all!" The late-stage Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the Beimang Immortal Sect cursed repeatedly. He looked at the Communication Jade Token in his hand with frustration and said, "It's a pity that the Beimang Immortal Sect is too far from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Although I have informed the Sect Leader, it will still take several days for our dozens of Earth Immortals to arrive, even at the fastest pace. If only a handful of Earth Immortals carrying Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts come, it won't change the situation. Alas! It's so frustrating. We're just a few days too late to save the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal from the West Star Immortal Sect also looked frustrated. "A Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal with over three hundred Earth Immortals—such a lineup is hard to contend with, even if all the Earth Immortals from our four Immortal Sects rush over. After all, even if our Sect Leaders lead all our Earth Immortals in a full mobilization, we could only muster about one hundred and fifty at most. Our opponents outnumber us more than two to one! How can we fight this?"

Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia remained silent for a moment. True Essence circulated within him, causing the Wine Gourd beneath him to gradually float. He then said, "Fellow daoists, after today, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is likely to be no more. This Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance, led by the Five Elements Wanderer, will also likely see a significant increase in power. They will rampage across the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty and wage battles against our Orthodox Sects! Instead of lamenting here, fellow daoists, it would be better to return to your respective Immortal Sects and prepare early for the impending onslaught of the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance!"

The Third-Grade Earth Immortal Guo Haishan, filled with anger, cried out, "Is there really no other way? Are we really going to just watch as the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is annihilated?"

A look of sorrow crossed Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia's face. The formidable Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal felt a surge of helplessness in his heart as he said, "Who would have thought the Five Elements Wanderer of the Five Elements Immortal Sect would directly use their sect's most formidable hidden treasure? Given the current situation, unless a miracle occurs, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Tributor Mu will certainly not escape this calamity!"

Chapter 566: One of the Trump Cards

Faced with the attacks from the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer and those hundreds of Earth Immortals, even Chi Liuxia and the others were deeply pessimistic. How much more so were the cultivators of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, who directly confronted the terrifying assaults!

However, before Sect Leader Li and Grand Elder Sui He of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect could speak, another fierce explosion erupted from the locations of their thirty-first and twenty-second Spirit Peaks. The members of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect turned to look, their hearts sinking. At the summits of these two Spirit Peaks, massive shockwaves tore through vast expanses of space, annihilating nearly a thousand more disciples. Even a First-Grade Earth Immortal on the thirty-first Spirit Peak was severely wounded. His Immortal Body was damaged, and his limbs and lower body were completely destroyed in the horrifying explosion at the Array Hub. Had he not sensed the anomaly in advance and flown several thousand zhang away, his Earth Immortal Body would have been obliterated on the spot, leaving only an almost indestructible First-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core.

Gazing upon this scene, the hatred and helplessness in the eyes of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Earth Immortals and disciples intensified severalfold. Yet, faced with the attacks and disdain from the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer and the hundreds of other Earth Immortals, it seemed they could only wait. They could only wait for the Array Hubs of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array to explode one by one under the relentless assault. Then, when the last Array Hub exploded, it would mark the moment the numerous Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect would be slaughtered by the Five Elements Wanderer and those hundreds of Earth Immortals.

Grand Elder Sui He's expression changed several times. His anxious gaze fell upon Qu Qiao'Er and Lin Xuankong as he spoke in a deep voice, "Qu Qiao'Er, listen to my command! I order you to take Tributor Mu and leave immediately. Head straight to the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion. The Tier Four Celestial Demon Bone I obtained earlier is in the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion, guarded by the avatars of the two Crane Ancestors!"

As he spoke, his gaze, filled with unyielding determination, fixed on Lin Xuankong. He continued, "Tributor Mu, although you haven't been with the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect for long, you've stood by us through thick and thin until this moment. This old man is deeply moved! But now, our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array is on the brink of collapse, with at most two hundred breaths of time remaining. Once the Sect Protection Array breaks, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will have to face that Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer and hundreds of Earth Immortals directly! In the ensuing chaos, I fear I won't have the strength to ensure your safety, Tributor Mu! There's still some time. Tributor Mu, please do not hesitate any longer. Quickly leave with Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er. When you reach the Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion, you can retrieve the Tier Four Celestial Demon Bone I placed there. Then, hide together in Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er's Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm. Six thousand talented disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect have already retreated there! Right now, the most precious things our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect possesses are that Tier Four Celestial Demon Bone and you, Tributor Mu. Please, do not refuse!"

At this point, a glint of deadly resolve appeared in the eyes of Grand Elder Sui He, who had lived for over ten thousand years. He was clearly planning to perish with the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and had no intention of retreating. The surrounding Earth Immortals and disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect also fixed their gazes on Lin Xuankong, urgency evident on every face.

Lin Xuankong frowned upon seeing this. He shook his head, sighed, and said, "This war between the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, and the Five Elements Immortal Sect—ultimately, the catalyst was undoubtedly Mu Shiba. With the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect in such peril, how could I, Mu Shiba, possibly leave?"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect immediately shook his head repeatedly upon hearing this. Grasping Lin Xuankong's arm, he said urgently, "Tributor Mu, why must you be so misguided? Why insist on taking full responsibility for this allied attack by the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect and the Five Elements Immortal Sect? Our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, along with the Beimang Immortal Sect, the Western Nether Immortal Sect, the West Star Immortal Sect, and the Wine Immortal Sect, have always been at odds with sects like the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and the Guangqing Immortal Sect. Especially the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect and the Five Elements Immortal Sect! These sects have likely been plotting against our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect for a long time. Otherwise, how could Flaming Blade Duan River gather so many Earth Immortals within days with just a single message? You must understand, even the West Star Immortal Sect, the closest sect to us, is extremely distant. It would take their Earth Immortals several days to reach our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! After you discovered Flaming Blade Duan River's plot, I immediately notified our fellow Daoists from the West Star Immortal Sect, the Western Nether Immortal Sect, the Wine Immortal Sect, and the Beimang Immortal Sect, asking for their aid. Yet, even the reinforcements from the West Star Immortal Sect hadn't arrived before the Five Elements Wanderer and Duan Qianchou led hundreds of Earth Immortals to our doorstep! If they hadn't planned this in advance, if they hadn't been coveting our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect for some time, it would have taken them at

least six or seven days to gather so many Earth Immortals! Analyzing it this way, Tributor Mu, while you may have been the spark that ignited this war, even without your presence, the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, the Guangqing Immortal Sect, and the other seventy-six sects would have undoubtedly targeted our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect regardless!"

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Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was clearly worried that Lin Xuankong might feel it was Sect Leader Li's own actions that had attracted the numerous Earth Immortals. Consequently, feeling rather guilty and not wanting Lin Xuankong to bear the burden alone because of this, Sect Leader Li spoke at length, obviously intending to persuade Lin Xuankong to leave together with Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er!

After he finished speaking, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect looked at Lin Xuankong with a touch of expectation in his eyes, just waiting for him to agree.

Lin Xuankong was somewhat surprised to hear Sect Leader Li speak this way. He pondered for a few breaths with a grave expression, then looked seriously at Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and said with a smile, "I don't believe it!"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was stunned into speechlessness.

Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er's pretty face also changed. She was clearly troubled by Lin Xuankong's sudden "I don't believe it."

Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's expression shifted, however. She looked at Lin Xuankong with a hint of admiration in her eyes. While activating the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact Lin Xuankong had given her to attack the Five Elements Wanderer, she said, "Tributor Mu is indeed a man of courage, and quite interesting. I haven't seen anyone from our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect contradict the Sect Leader like this for thousands of years! Hehe!"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect fell silent for a moment, then said anxiously, "Tributor Mu, it's fine if you don't believe me, but with your tenth-level Initial Tier strength, staying here won't make much of a difference!"

At this moment, Lin Xuankong took out his Initial Tier Immortal Sword. He gently stroked the blade with his finger, his gaze firm as he looked at Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

"Are the tens of thousands of Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples behind me much stronger than I am? I have an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact to protect myself, so my chances of survival are surely greater than theirs! Since that's the case, and these tens of thousands of fellow sect disciples have all remained here fearlessly, how could I, Mu Shiba, possibly flee alone!"

Saying this, he looked up at the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer and the hundreds of Earth Immortals in the sky, a trace of battle intent flickering in his eyes.

"These so-called Earth Immortals, their shameless acts and words, are truly eye-opening. I, Mu Shiba, have never in my life seen such brazen cultivators!

"If I don't stand with everyone and kill a few of these scum of the Immortal Realm, how can I, Mu Shiba, swallow this indignation!

"Moreover, since this damn Five Elements Wanderer and these hundreds of Earth Immortals claim they want to capture me, Mu Shiba, alive, then I am clearly in no mortal danger. Staying here, my chances of survival are far, far greater than yours!"

Hearing Lin Xuankong's words, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was rendered speechless.

This Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect naturally knew very well that the claims made by the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer and the hundreds of other Earth Immortals—that they were there to eradicate the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect as an Evil Dao sect—were utter nonsense and completely untrustworthy. Their most important goal this time was Tributor Mu. He was the Super Refining Master capable of creating Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, a talent unprecedented in the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!

Since Tributor Mu was their target, how could they possibly kill Mu Shiba? Far from killing him, once the Sect Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was breached, the Five Elements Wanderer and the hundreds of Earth Immortals would prioritize protecting and capturing Tributor Mu!

This Tributor Mu, just as he himself had said, was indeed in no mortal danger whatsoever!

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Young Lady Li Xiaolan, standing beside Lin Xuankong, couldn't help but glance at him.

She and Lin Xuankong had weathered many storms together to reach this point. Seeing him join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and become its foremost Tributor, with a status nearly equal to that of the Sect Leader, naturally filled her with immense pride and joy!

Yet, before she even had a chance to celebrate, such a crisis had arisen: hundreds of Earth Immortals were now aiming for her husband!

These people, whether that Five Elements Wanderer, or Grand Elder Duan Qianchou of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, or those hundreds of Earth Immortals—all of them deserve to die, they all deserve to die! Unfortunately, my current cultivation is only at the tenth level of the Initial Tier. Even with several Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in hand, defeating even one Initial Tier Earth Immortal would be very difficult, let alone facing hundreds of Earth Immortals, or a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal!

Thinking of this, her brows furrowed, her eyes filled with worry.

She was naturally also worried that Lin Xuankong might fall into the hands of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Immortal Sect, and the others in the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance. Although she knew these people certainly wouldn't pose any fatal threat to Lin Xuankong, if he were captured, he would likely lose his freedom for the rest of his life!

While Young Lady Li Xiaolan was hesitating, Lin Xuankong smiled at her. "Just relax," he said. "You don't need to worry about me."

Seeing this, Young Lady Li Xiaolan shook her head helplessly. Clearly, Lin Xuankong's words offered little comfort!

Lin Xuankong saw her reaction and smiled again. "I've already asked for a helper in advance!"

Saying this, he looked at the damaged Array Hubs of the three Spirit Peaks within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, then frowned. "Unfortunately, though that helper agreed to come, they haven't arrived in time to stop the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance from damaging the Sect Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

Upon hearing Lin Xuankong say this, Young Lady Li Xiaolan's furrowed brows, which had been tightly knit, couldn't help but relax slightly, her eyes now filled with a great deal of curiosity.

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She and Lin Xuankong had been inseparable for so long. Thus, she naturally understood that her husband would never deceive her, especially now, in such an extremely dangerous crisis. No matter how overconfident he might seem, he would absolutely never joke about such a thing!

But, which 'Great God' had her husband invited as a helper? Was the helper he had invited stronger than hundreds of Earth Immortals? Even stronger than the Five Elements Wanderer, a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal who had already advanced to the Sixth Grade Realm by using Spirit Talismans? She feared that no one of that caliber existed in the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!

Puzzled, Young Lady Li Xiaolan was about to ask Lin Xuankong who exactly this helper he had invited was.

Just then, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect decisively shook his head. He frowned deeply and said, "Tributor Mu, please don't joke around. We are currently being besieged by more than three hundred Earth Immortals, and one of them is a powerful Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal. Such a lineup, even if encountered by some large sects in the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth, would result in a fierce, back-and-forth battle!

"Facing this lineup, even a powerful Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal from the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth would likely return in defeat! At the very least, it would take two Sixth-Grade Earth Immortals to repel this Five Elements Wanderer and these hundreds of Earth Immortals! Tributor Mu, ah, Tributor Mu, in our Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, let alone two Sixth-Grade Earth Immortals, there isn't even a single late-stage Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal!"

The Grand Elder Sui He, Grand Elder Qing He, and Grand Elder Cang He of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect were also clearly very skeptical of Lin Xuankong's claim. They were all old figures who had been influential in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region for over ten thousand years. Even they hadn't managed to befriend a genuine Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, much less Tributor Mu, who had only recently arrived in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region from a remote minor dynasty and was merely a Transcendence Realm Cultivator!

A Transcendence Realm Cultivator, able to connect with a late-stage Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal? Perhaps he could rely on his Artifact Refining Technique, but Tributor Mu's skills in that area had only gained renown in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region in the last few days. How could he have had the chance to meet a late-stage Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal before that!

At this moment, doubt filled the eyes of not only Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and the three Grand Elders. Even the Spiritual Crane Immortal Artifact Qu Qiao'Er, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, the two Vice Sect Leaders of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, several Third and Fourth Grade Tributors, and over twenty Earth Immortals of the First, Second, and Third Grades all exhibited skepticism. They all clearly suspected Lin Xuankong might be boasting!

This included the tens of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Of course, they desperately hoped that what Lin Xuankong was saying at this moment was true—that he really could find a timely helper to completely avert the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's crisis of annihilation. But reason told them that although Tributor Mu's Artifact Refining Technique was incredibly powerful, he had, after all, arrived in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region too recently. He simply hadn't had enough time to weave the web of connections that every Artifact Refining Master typically established!

At this very moment, even the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, the Five Elements Wanderer, floating high in the sky, couldn't help but shake his head repeatedly and burst into hearty laughter. As a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, his Eye Power was naturally extremely potent. He could easily observe the situation within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array. Furthermore, by observing the lip movements of Lin Xuankong, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, and the others, he could accurately deduce their conversation!

Seeing Lin Xuankong claim he could find some helper, this Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, the Five Elements Wanderer, initially narrowed his eyes, a flicker of apprehension within them. After all, in his experience, every Artifact Refining Master in the Central Divine Dynasty held an exceptionally lofty status, far surpassing that of ordinary Earth Immortals! But in the next moment, he breathed a sigh of relief. Gazing at the outwardly confident Lin Xuankong, this relieved Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal laughed heartily and said, "If you, Mu Shiba, had been renowned in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region for decades, I might actually believe you could summon some formidable aid! But you've only been in

the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region for a mere dozens of days. You've yet to establish yourself. How could you possibly summon a helper powerful enough to resist hundreds of Earth Immortals? In my view, Mu Shiba, you should stop your bluster. You'd be better off obediently flying out of this Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array. If you do, I might consider sparing a few more lives of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples!"

Hearing the Five Elements Wanderer's declaration, the hundreds of Earth Immortals currently besieging the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array all roared with laughter. Clearly, not a single one believed 'Mu Shiba' could find any helper at this juncture!

Just then, a white cloud suddenly drifted over from the Spiritual Crane Immortal City to the west. From atop the cloud, a gentle and calm voice resonated, "Sect Leader Five Elements, Sect Leader Duan, and all fellow Daoists, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has had some dealings with my sect in the past; consider it a matter of some shared destiny. Fellow Daoists, why not heed my words and halt this senseless slaughter? The Profound Yin Demon Sect, the greatest adversary of the various Immortal Sects in the Central Earth, still watches with covetous eyes. Why must you, the many Earth Immortals of the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, engage in such self-destructive conflict?"

The speaker's voice wasn't loud, yet, imbued with Immortal Yuan, it instantly reached the ears of every Earth Immortal and cultivator present. Everyone turned to look. Upon seeing the two cultivators on that cloud, the expressions of everyone present—be it the numerous Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, or the hundreds of Earth Immortals led by the Five Elements Wanderer—shifted.

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Especially the hundreds of Earth Immortals who had just been arrogantly laughing; their expressions changed, and most of them, somewhat flustered, halted their attacks, looking towards the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, Five Elements Wanderer.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Grand Elder Sui He, Grand Elder Qing He, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, and Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er all showed expressions of great delight.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was even more ecstatic. He continuously clasped his hands towards the cultivator on the cloud, saying,

"To think that it is Galin Bodhisattva who has come! After Galin Bodhisattva and Little Bodhisattva Yikong left, I tried to contact Galin Bodhisattva because of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's crisis, but I

could never reach her. I thought that in my lifetime, I, Old Li, would never see Bodhisattva again. Unexpectedly... unexpectedly..."

For a moment, this dignified Sect Leader of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was so overjoyed at seeing Galin Bodhisattva that he could hardly speak!

It wasn't just Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect who was ecstatic; Grand Elder Sui He, Grand Elder Qing He, Grand Elder Cang He, Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, and Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er were all incredibly joyful as well. They bowed towards Galin Bodhisattva in midair!

The tens of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect also respectfully bowed towards this Bodhisattva from Spirit Platform Buddhism.

The Earth Immortals and disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect were so ecstatic, naturally, because of Galin Bodhisattva's identity.

She hailed from the world's foremost Buddhist Sect, Spirit Platform Buddhism. Furthermore, she was a Minor Success Bodhisattva and a true disciple of Yu Zhen Bodhisattva, the top Great Accomplishment Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism!

With such credentials, no one dared to disrespect her, even though Galin Bodhisattva's current cultivation was only Second Grade. Most importantly, Galin Bodhisattva had just spoken, instructing Five Elements Wanderer and the hundreds of other Earth Immortals to stop...

This was a request from Galin Bodhisattva. Would Five Elements Wanderer and those hundreds of Earth Immortals dare to disobey?

The many Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect all focused their gazes on Five Elements Wanderer and the other Earth Immortals.

At this moment, the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer, who had been laughing wildly, along with the other hundreds of Earth Immortals, looked at Galin Bodhisattva, who had floated nearby. Their expressions changed, and a trace of reverence gradually appeared in their eyes.

Even Five Elements Wanderer, who had reached the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Realm using the Immortal Transformation Talisman, showed a hint of dread when looking at Galin Bodhisattva.

Flaming Blade Duan River, standing not far behind Grand Elder Duan Qianchou of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, also showed a look of trepidation. Moreover, his eyes revealed intense unwillingness upon seeing Galin Bodhisattva suddenly appear!

For a moment, led by the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Five Elements Wanderer, these hundreds of Earth Immortals stopped channeling their Immortal Yuan, ceased their attacks, and retrieved their respective Immortal Artifacts and Magical Artifacts.

Five Elements Wanderer snorted, frowned, and said, "Five Elements Wanderer respectfully welcomes Galin Bodhisattva!"

"Duan Qianchou of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect respectfully welcomes Galin Bodhisattva!"

"Hu Le, Sect Leader of the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, respectfully welcomes Galin Bodhisattva!"

These hundreds of Earth Immortals,

These hundreds of Earth Immortals who had beaten the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect until it was powerless to retaliate,

These hundreds of formidable Earth Immortals from seventy-six Immortal Sects,

after just one soft-spoken sentence from Galin Bodhisattva, all of them stopped. Not one dared to attack the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array again, nor did anyone dare to be anything but reverent and respectful when bowing to this Galin Bodhisattva!

Moreover, after voicing their salutations in unison, none of the Earth Immortals dared to lift their heads. Even the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, Five Elements Wanderer, kept his head slightly bowed, not daring to look directly at Galin Bodhisattva.

Witnessing this scene, Lin Xuankong's expression immediately changed. He was, of course, well aware of Spirit Platform Buddhism's esteemed status, and especially that of Galin Bodhisattva, a true disciple of Yu Zhen Bodhisattva!

Therefore, upon discovering Flaming Blade Duan River's plot, he had immediately used the Communication Treasure Galin Bodhisattva had left him to contact her—this was one of Lin Xuankong's trump cards!

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However, Lin Xuankong could not have imagined that Galin Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism held such a high status. She was clearly just a Second-Grade Earth Immortal. Among the several hundred Earth Immortals present, more than half possessed higher cultivation realms than her, and there was no shortage of powerful Earth Immortals at the Late Stage or even Perfection. Yet, regardless of their own strength or the factions backing them, not a single Earth Immortal dared to show disrespect or failed to show fear in Galin Bodhisattva's presence.

On second thought, Lin Xuankong had a sudden realization. Spirit Platform Buddhism was reputed to be the number one Buddhist Sect in the world, its strength surpassing even the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect of the Central Divine Dynasty. It could even suppress the exceedingly powerful Profound Yin Demon Sect. Such a terrifying sect, how could anyone dare to disrespect it!

Furthermore, he had personally witnessed and tested the various Spiritual Treasures of Spirit Platform Buddhism. The marvelous effects of those Buddhist Spiritual Treasures would make any cultivator drool with desire. Consequently, a great many powerful Earth Immortals would undoubtedly want to foster good relations with Spirit Platform Buddhism to borrow their Buddhist Spiritual Treasures.

Adding to this, Galin Bodhisattva's Master, Yu Zhen Bodhisattva, possessed an immense reputation as the foremost Great Accomplishment Bodhisattva among the countless Bodhisattvas of Spirit Platform Buddhism.

Given these reasons, the reverence shown by the Five Elements Wanderer, the other hundreds of Earth Immortals, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, and its tens of thousands of disciples towards Galin Bodhisattva was entirely understandable.

At this moment, Galin Bodhisattva, dressed in an immaculate white Buddhist Robe, nodded slightly towards the hundreds of Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples present.

"There is no need for such courtesy, fellow Daoists," she said.

"I have come this time out of concern that your disputes might damage the prevailing harmony, potentially allowing the Profound Yin Demon Sect and the Unbounded Mountain Demon Race to take advantage.

"I only hope Fellow Daoist of the Five Elements can set aside his prejudices and cease his assault on the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect."

Upon hearing this, the expression of the Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal, Five Elements Wanderer, began to shift. In this Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, he prided himself on being unmatched by any other Earth Immortal. Even among the large sects of the Central Divine Dynasty, only the exalted Sect Leaders and Supreme Elders, those Sixth-Grade or Seventh-Grade Earth Immortals, could possibly best him by a slight margin.

But Galin Bodhisattva before him was the sole exception. She was the direct disciple of Yu Zhen Bodhisattva from Spirit Platform Buddhism, rumored to be Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's most cherished disciple.

With such an identity, even if she were merely a Ninth-Layer Cultivator, a Seventh-Layer Cultivator, or even a First-Layer Transcendence Cultivator, how could I possibly act against her or defy her counsel? he thought. It's preposterous! Yu Zhen Bodhisattva was capable of slaying over a dozen peak Ninth-Grade Great Demons in the Buddha-Demon War. For a so-called Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal like myself, a single strand of Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's hair could probably scatter my soul and shatter my core, leading to utter annihilation!

However, if he were to let the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect off the hook now, once reinforcements from the Beimang Immortal Sect, Wine Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and West Star Immortal Sect arrived, the several hundred Earth Immortals he had brought would lose all chance of completely toppling the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. They would also lose any opportunity to capture Mu Shiba.

That Mu Shiba is a genuine Super Refining Master! He refined dozens of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts while only at the Ninth-Layer Perfection Realm! If I could control him, how powerful would I become in the future? How formidable would the Five Elements Immortal Sect grow?

Mulling this over, the Five Elements Wanderer lowered his head, his mind racing furiously as he searched for a solution. No matter what, he could not bring himself to abandon the goal of capturing Mu Shiba.

While the Five Elements Wanderer was silently contemplating, Galin Bodhisattva paid him no further heed. The white-robed Minor Success Bodhisattva turned her gaze to Lin Xuankong.

"Tributor Mu," she began, "I came this time at your invitation, traveling hundreds of thousands of miles. If not for your summons, Tributor Mu, I would have already reached the destination my Master instructed me to go to.

"This time, I exerted myself greatly and arrived at such an opportune moment to save the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and you, Tributor Mu.

"Shouldn't you now consider agreeing to join Spirit Platform Buddhism? Surely, you won't refuse me again this time?"

After speaking, this Minor Success Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism looked at Lin Xuankong with a hint of expectation in her eyes.

Ever since 'discovering' Lin Xuankong's extraordinary Wisdom Root, Galin Bodhisattva's foremost desire had been to persuade Lin Xuankong to enter the Buddhist faith and become a young monk. Upon receiving Lin Xuankong's message a few days prior, Galin Bodhisattva had immediately agreed to help and had rushed to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, managing to arrive just in the nick of time.

Once Galin Bodhisattva finished speaking, the countless disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and the hundreds of Earth Immortals present all turned to look at Lin Xuankong with expressions of utter astonishment.

After all, among the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect disciples present, including all the Earth Immortals, virtually no one could claim the ability to successfully invite a Bodhisattva from Spirit Platform Buddhism—especially not a direct disciple of Yu Zhen Bodhisattva. Even Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, despite having some dealings with Spirit Platform Buddhism, would be incapable of summoning such powerful external aid during a crisis.

Yet, this Galin Bodhisattva claims she came here, traveling hundreds of thousands of miles, at Mu Shiba's invitation? And she even abandoned a task assigned to her by Yu Zhen Bodhisattva to help him? Just how close is the relationship between Mu Shiba and Galin Bodhisattva?

Amidst the crowd, the eyes of Huang Liutao, the Grand Chief Steward of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, suddenly gleamed. It's just as I thought! he mused. The connection between Galin Bodhisattva and Tributor Mu is indeed profound. First, Galin Bodhisattva publicly gifted Tributor Mu a Glazed Purification Bottle, and now she has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles solely to rescue him...

Of course, what truly shocked and filled the cultivators present with immense envy was Galin Bodhisattva's declaration that she wanted Mu Shiba to join Spirit Platform Buddhism.

That's Spirit Platform Buddhism, the foremost Buddhist Sect in the world! Compared to it, sects like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, or Five Elements Immortal Sect are worlds apart—an incomparable difference! A single Seventh, Eighth, or Ninth-Grade Great Accomplishment Bodhisattva from Spirit Platform Buddhism could probably sweep through all the Immortal Sects in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, pacifying the entire region with ease... And to this day, no one knows just how many Great Accomplishment Bodhisattvas Spirit Platform Buddhism actually has! If one could join such a sect...

Every cultivator present, whether a disciple of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, one of its Tributors, or one of the hundreds of Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance, would absolutely leap at the chance to join Spirit Platform Buddhism without a moment's hesitation.

Yet, judging by Galin Bodhisattva's words, this Lin Xuankong seems unwilling to join Spirit Platform Buddhism? He's refused Galin Bodhisattva more than once? Is this fellow out of his mind? If he weren't mad, who would ever refuse Galin Bodhisattva?!