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After a few breaths, as the Immortal Carriage flew closer, a hint of dread suddenly appeared in Lin Xuankong's eyes. His right hand instinctively rested on the Third Grade Cyan Nether Immortal Sword at his waist. This was because he had discovered that the truly astonishing aspect of this Immortal Carriage was not merely the two Qilin Spiritual Beasts with powerful bloodlines pulling it! On the surface of the Immortal Carriage's white Profound Iron Carriage, innumerable, densely packed Runes were strikingly engraved!

Thanks to his many insights from the Thirty-Six Celestial Spirits World-Suppressing Array, Lin Xuankong's research and understanding of Arrays had deepened considerably. Therefore, upon clearly seeing the Runes on the white Profound Iron Carriage, he immediately realized that this Immortal Carriage was actually protected by an extremely powerful Array! Limited by his own Array Mastery, still at the Fifth Layer of Earth Tier, Lin Xuankong could not precisely determine the exact layer of the Earth Tier Array on the Immortal Carriage. However, he was certain that this Array absolutely surpassed a Sixth Earth-Grade Array! The Sect Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect was a Sixth Earth-Grade Array, and the Array on this Immortal Carriage surpassed even that!

The key issue was that the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array was formed by Array Hubs laid on thirty-six enormous Spirit Peaks. It mobilized the endless Immortal Yuan from those thirty-six enormous Spirit Peaks to create the Sixth Earth-Grade Array! But this Immortal Carriage was different. Relying only on the white Profound Iron of its body and those mysterious Runes, it had an Array even stronger than the Sect Protection Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! This Array Formation method evidently surpassed the Array Mastery of Ancestor Li, who founded the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, by a vast margin. Although it still fell short of the Thirty-Six Celestial Spirits World-Suppressing Array, which could only be laid by beings from the Celestial Realm, it was strong and astonishing enough!

The cultivation Realm of the person currently sitting in the Immortal Carriage, and which Immortal Sect they belonged to, was still uncertain. But merely based on this Immortal Carriage with its powerful Array and the two Qilin Spiritual Beasts pulling it, it was enough to confirm that the newcomer had to be a significant figure with a formidable background and strength!

The opponent is so powerful... If it weren't for the pure Immortal Charm exuded by this Immortal Carriage, which didn't resemble the aura of the Profound Yin Demon Sect demon heads Lin Xuankong had previously encountered, he would have immediately activated the numerous Immortal Artifacts in his Golden Patterned Ghost Frog Pouch to prepare for battle!

While Lin Xuankong remained vigilant, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect seemed to have already communicated with Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, who was stationed at the Thirty-Sixth Spirit Peak.

The Sect Leader's expression clearly became more solemn. He turned to look at Lin Xuankong and said in a deep voice, "Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er, by manipulating the Sect Protection Array, has sensed several extremely powerful auras rapidly approaching from the east. It's still uncertain whether the newcomers are foes or friends. However, it is certain that at least two Sixth Grade or above powerhouses are swiftly approaching our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly. According to what he saw through his Nine Gates Celestial Eye, the two Spiritual Beast Qilins alone were definitely Fifth Grade or above, likely formidable Sixth Grade Spiritual Beasts. This observation was entirely consistent with what Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er had found while manipulating the Sect Protection Array.

Lin Xuankong received the information calmly, but the more than one thousand Earth Immortals gathered at the entrance of the Sect Leader's Hall on the Second Spirit Peak showed vigilant and tense expressions upon hearing Sect Leader Li's words. Many Earth Immortals even secretly reached for the Treasures, Immortal Artifacts, and Magical Artifacts they carried.

In the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, for tens of thousands of years, no Sixth Grade Earth Immortal-level powerhouse had appeared. Yet now, suddenly there were two Sixth Grade or above powerhouses. Not to mention Seventh Grade powerhouses, even a Sixth Grade powerhouse could easily suppress any Fifth Grade Earth Immortal. How could they not be cautious and nervous!

Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia frowned upon hearing Sect Leader Li's words. "Old Li, are you sure Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er didn't make a mistake? Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade Earth Immortals... The Central Divine Dynasty Western Region hasn't seen Sixth Grade or Seventh Grade Earth Immortals for many years! The last time a Sixth Grade Earth Immortal appeared, it was the First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Five Elements Wanderer, who only temporarily reached the Sixth Grade Realm with the Celestial Demon Jade Talisman!"

Grand Elder Sui He spoke nervously, "Since the opponents are so strong and their intentions unknown—whether they are foes or friends is uncertain—shouldn't we urge Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er to immediately activate the Sect Protection Array?"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, with a grim face, sighed and shook his head. "If the incoming powerhouses were merely Sixth Grade Earth Immortal-level entities, activating the Sect Protection Array would naturally be enough to resist them! But since there are two Sixth Grade or above powerful beings, even if we activate our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array, it might be to no avail!"

The expressions of the over one thousand Earth Immortals from one hundred and twenty-six Immortal Sects became even more visibly vigilant and apprehensive upon hearing this.

These Earth Immortals had come to celebrate Lin Xuankong successfully passing the Double Celestial Tribulation. They valued his Artifact Refining mastery, which far surpassed ordinary Artifact Refining Masters. They admired his incredible talent and bloodline, having passed the Double Celestial Tribulation with a Six Paths Golden Core and a Third Grade Immortal Artifact. They also revered his Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman, capable of suppressing Sixth Grade Earth Immortals. However, this didn't mean they believed Lin Xuankong could resist High Grade Earth Immortal powerhouses.

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Of course, if they knew that there were tens of thousands of Immortal Artifacts in Lin Xuankong's Golden Patterned Ghost Frog Pouch, all of which were well-nurtured, the situation would be entirely different. But the key is that they didn't know!

Amidst the wariness and tension of the many Earth Immortals present, the strongest among them, the Five Elements Wanderer, suddenly had a change in expression. He looked towards the direction of the Thirty-Sixth Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, where an Immortal Carriage was rapidly traversing hundreds of miles, gradually approaching the sky above the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

Upon seeing the Immortal Carriage, this first Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect couldn't help but exclaim,

"The Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage? It's actually the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage!"

This is an Immortal Carriage owned only by the Luo Water Immortal Sect, which ranks second only to the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect among the many Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth.

The Immortal Carriage Celestial Cave Array on this carriage is said to be able to easily withstand continuous attacks from Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals or Eighth-Grade Demon Kings. If an Earth Immortal is within to activate it, it can even form a Grotto Heaven Divine Light Shield capable of withstanding attacks from a Tier Nine Demon King!"

Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia frowned at the Immortal Carriage, pulled by two Spiritual Beast Qilins. A hint of apprehension flickered in his eyes, yet his face showed confusion.

"I have heard of the Grotto Heaven Array of the Luo Water Immortal Sect's Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage!

It is said that the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal Patriarch of the Luo Water Immortal Sect, while exploring the Ten Thousand Demon Realm, obtained a Luo Water Divine Diagram. That diagram recorded a terrifying array formation known as the Grotto Heaven Array! The Luo Water Immortal Sect's Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal Patriarch spent tens of thousands of years comprehending the array and then another ten thousand years refining two Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriages!

It is said that these Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriages not only possess powerful defensive array effects but, with enough Immortal Artifacts to activate them, this Grotto Heaven Array can even affect time. Reputedly, days or even tens of days can pass within the Immortal Carriage Cave Heaven while only a single day passes outside!

However, ever since the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal Patriarch of the Luo Water Immortal Sect perished while crossing the Tribulation, the two Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriages have been listed as paramount treasures by the Luo Water Immortal Sect. For tens of thousands of years, they have never left the Luo Water Immortal Sect, nor have they left the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth... How could such a precious treasure appear here?"

After hearing Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia's words, the more than a thousand Earth Immortals present felt not only apprehension but also a stirring of suspicion.

However, the Five Elements Wanderer, the first Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, shook his head repeatedly and said,

"When I traveled through the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth, I was fortunate enough to personally witness the contemporary Sect Leader of Luo Water Immortal Sect riding the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage to the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect!

An Immortal Carriage as unique and profound as this, pulled by two rare Spiritual Beast Qilins—in the entire Five Domains of the Divine Dynasty of the Central Region, only the Luo Water Immortal Sect possesses such a Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage. Even if I were to mistake my own left hand for my right, I would never be mistaken about this Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage!"

Wine Immortal Chi Liuxia, seeing the Five Elements Wanderer so certain, was momentarily speechless.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, however, seemed to recall something. His expression shifted, and he cupped his hands towards Lin Xuankong, saying, "Tributor Mu, this Immortal Carriage is indeed extraordinary, pulled by two Spiritual Beast Qilins above the Sixth Grade. It is likely, as Fellow Daoist of the Five Elements said, that an important figure from the Luo Water Immortal Sect—the Second Immortal Sect of the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth—has arrived!

I was just worried that the arriving powerhouse might be a fiend from the Profound Yin Demon Sect or a Great Demon from the Ten Thousand Demon Realm. If it is a High-Grade Earth Immortal from Luo Water Immortal Sect, then there is no need for concern. However, this is an important figure from the Second Immortal Sect of the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth; we Earth Immortals and Immortal Sects of the Western Region absolutely cannot afford to offend them. Why don't you lead the fellow Daoists to welcome this senior from the Luo Water Immortal Sect?"

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

Now, apart from Cultivation and refining Immortal Artifacts, Lin Xuankong was most concerned with improving his array skills. Although he had some insights into the Thirty-Six Celestial Spirits World-Suppressing Array, if he could closely observe and study the Immortal Carriage Celestial Cave Array of the Luo Water Immortal Sect, or consult with this Earth Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect, Yang Yifan, about the techniques of the Grotto Heaven Array, cross-referencing their knowledge would undoubtedly be of great benefit to his Array Mastery!

With this in mind, Lin Xuankong cupped his hands towards the more than a thousand Earth Immortals from one hundred and twenty-six Immortal Sects. He was just about to speak and suggest that the Earth Immortals float over with him to welcome the Earth Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect when, suddenly, a soul-stirring, eerie cry resounded through the sky!

The cry was extremely deep, clearly infused with Immortal Yuan and carrying a powerful pressure. When the sound reached the more than a thousand Earth Immortals present, their expressions changed, and the Immortal Yuan in their bodies fluctuated under the impact of the potent force.

Lin Xuankong turned his head and saw that one of the two Spiritual Beast Qilins pulling the Immortal Carriage towards them was continuously crying out, its gaze fixed on the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Second Spirit Peak Sect Leader's Hall!

Even though Lin Xuankong's Heart Thought had already reached the Immortal Tier, making it no weaker than that of any Earth Immortal present, under the roar of this powerful Qilin, he still felt a slight disturbance in his Divine Soul, and his Immortal Yuan circulation became somewhat sluggish.

This was clearly a special Immortal Technique. Although it had not caused physical damage to the many Earth Immortals present, it was enough to suppress the circulation of their Immortal Yuan...

Lin Xuankong couldn't help but raise his eyebrows.

This so-called important figure from the Luo Water Immortal Sect of the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth is quite overbearing. Not even showing up yet, but already having the beasts pulling the carriage cry out like this to make a display of strength?

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It seemed the so-called prominent figures from the Luo Water Immortal Sect hadn't arrived by chance or for some benevolent reason. They very likely had a special purpose!

Yet the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth is extremely far from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Even for an Earth Immortal using a Second-Grade Immortal Artifact, it would take several months to arrive! Why had the Earth Immortals of the Luo Water Immortal Sect come so far?

As Lin Xuankong pondered, the Qilin Spirit Beast let out a prolonged cry. This continued until the numerous Earth Immortals present found their Immortal Yuan movement becoming increasingly sluggish, their faces growing paler, and some Initial Tier Earth Immortals even starting to tremble all over. Only then did it gradually cease its call.

Such a powerful Qilin Spirit Roar... Lin Xuankong thought.

Lin Xuankong had seen descriptions of the Qilin Spirit Beast's innate talents in many classics of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. According to these records, upon reaching adulthood, a Qilin Spirit Beast directly entered the Initial Tier Demon King Level, comparable to an Initial Tier Earth Immortal. Moreover, due to its potent bloodline and robust demon body, most Qilin Spirit Beasts could easily pass the Celestial Tribulation.

After becoming a Demon King Level Qilin, each Qilin Spirit Beast awakened the strongest talent in its bloodline: the Qilin Spirit Roar.

This innate ability allowed the Qilin to launch powerful group attacks. It caused the Immortal Yuan movement in every Earth Immortal and demon affected by the Spirit Roar to slow rapidly, eventually coming to a complete halt. They would then be unable to use any Immortal Techniques or Demon Techniques.

Because of this formidable and mysterious auxiliary ability, and its slight affinity with the Human Race, the Qilin Spirit Beast was considered one of the strongest spiritual beasts for Human Race Earth Immortals.

After all, having such a spiritual beast capable of significantly suppressing an opponent's strength would absolutely allow its master to easily defeat any peer-level adversary, even achieving victory over many such opponents with ease.

Unfortunately... these two Qilin Spirit Beasts clearly already have masters, and I can't make use of them! Otherwise, with a Qilin Spirit Beast as an aide, coupled with my various techniques and vast stores of Immortal Artifacts, my chances of dealing with the Profound Yin Demon Sect's current incursion into the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region would surely be greatly improved!

Thinking this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but carefully size up the two Qilin Spirit Beasts.

The Qilin that had just roared, like the other Qilin Spirit Beast, had a single horn on its forehead adorned with six rings like White Jade. This signified it was a Sixth-Grade Demon King Level spiritual beast, either Late Stage or approaching Perfection. Beyond this, the two Qilin Spirit Beasts had almost identical

physiques and height. Their scales were all dazzlingly bright, giving them an imposing and majestic appearance.

However, nearly half the scales near the forehead of the Qilin Spirit Beast that had roared showed a cyan-green hue. The other Qilin, in contrast, had a small patch of pure white scales near its forehead. This was the only discernible difference between the two Qilin Spirit Beasts.

As Lin Xuankong scrutinized the two Qilin Spirit Beasts, the one that had just roared also fixed its gaze on the numerous Earth Immortals on the Second Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

「A few moments later,」

The Cyan-forehead Qilin suddenly spoke in human tongue, "My master, entrusted by the Grand Elder of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect, has come specifically to the Western Region to announce an important matter to the one hundred twenty-seven Immortal Sects of the Western Region!

"Initially, we planned to have the Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect gather all the Earth Immortals from the one hundred twenty-seven Immortal Sects of the Western Region. Now, since you have already congregated, it saves my master some time!"

The more than a thousand Earth Immortals on the Second Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect looked at each other upon hearing what the Qilin Spirit Beast said, each with a startled expression.

The master of this Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage and these two Qilin Spirit Beasts from the Luo Water Immortal Sect was entrusted by the Grand Elder of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect to come to the Western Region and announce an important matter... For something to alarm High-Grade Earth Immortals of the Luo Water Immortal Sect, it must undoubtedly be a colossal event. After all, that is the Second Immortal Sect of the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth, with overall strength only slightly less than the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect! Yet this Qilin Spirit Beast implied the matter to be announced had alarmed the Grand Elder of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect himself, and he had dispatched High-Grade Earth Immortals from the Luo Water Immortal Sect to come...

The numerous Earth Immortals exchanged glances, each feeling astonished, completely unable to guess what this Qilin Spirit Beast was about to announce.

If the Qilin Spirit Beast's roar hadn't just deterred every Earth Immortal present, and considering the profound significance of the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage, it's likely the astonished Earth Immortals would have already started discussing it amongst themselves...

The Cyan-forehead Qilin, seeing the over a thousand Earth Immortals on the scene looking at each other but too intimidated to speak, nodded its huge head in satisfaction, then continued,

"Six months ago, an Earth Immortal of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect received word that the Profound Yin Demon Sect had dispatched a Demon Sect Army. This army was split into seven contingents, advancing towards the Five Domains of the Divine Dynasty of the Central Region, the Spirit Platform Buddha Realm, and the Domain of Ten Thousand Demons! This time, the Profound Yin Demon Sect dispatched not only Demon Soldiers and Demon Generals but also numerous Demon Lords to command the forces!

"By my calculations, the Demon Sect Army heading to the Central Divine Dynasty North Domain and the Spirit Platform Buddha Realm will probably reach those two Immortal Realms in another seven or eight months!

"While the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region is distant from the Demon Realm, the Profound Yin Demon Sect Army from the Demon Realm will arrive within a year at most! By then, a plethora of Middle-High Grade Profound Yin Demon Sect demons and several Eighth-Grade Demon Generals will lead the vanguard, waging war against the various Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!"

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At these words, the Cyan-forehead Qilin paused, carefully observing the more than one thousand Earth Immortals on the Spirit Peak below.

Currently, on the Second Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the Earth Immortals had been silenced by the intimidating presence of the powerful Qilin Spirit Beast and the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage. However, upon hearing the Cyan-forehead Qilin's words, their faces instantly drained of color, their eyes filled with utter horror.

To the cultivators of the Central Divine Dynasty, the four words "Profound Yin Demon Sect" represented mountains of corpses, seas of blood, death, the extinction of one's Dao, and the annihilation of sects.

Among them were the three Grand Elders of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect—Sui He, Qing He, and Cang He—and the First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Five Elements Wanderer. Numerous Elders from the Twelve Great Immortal Sects, including the Beimang Immortal Sect and the Western Nether Immortal Sect, were also present. These old monsters, who had lived for ten to twenty thousand years, had all personally experienced the war against the Profound Yin Demon Sect!

When the words "Profound Yin Demon Sect" were uttered once more, the grief, despair, and fear from that past war immediately overwhelmed them. These Grand Elders and old monsters, who held extraordinary positions within their respective Immortal Sects, turned deathly pale.

They had personally experienced it and were thus acutely aware. If the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism hadn't led many Great Accomplishment Bodhisattvas to their aid during the Immortal Demon War initiated by the Profound Yin Demon Sect back then, the consequences would have been dire. Countless Immortal Sects in the Immortal Realm would have long been annihilated. The vast territories of the Five Domains of the Divine Dynasty of the Central Region would have transformed into a bone-strewn Demon Realm!

The expressions of the more than one thousand Earth Immortals who hadn't participated in the Immortal Demon War were equally grim. Their greatly respected Grand Elders from various Western Immortal Sects turned pale at the mere mention of the Profound Yin Demon Sect. Consequently, these younger Earth Immortals were naturally even more terrified to hear that the Profound Yin Demon Sect was planning to attack the Western Region!

Among the many Earth Immortals present, only a few maintained their composure.

These included Lin Xuankong, who had received the news much earlier. Ever since receiving the news, he had intensified his cultivation, diligently refined a massive number of Immortal Artifacts, and tirelessly studied arrays. All of this was to prepare for the confrontation with the Profound Yin Demon Sect a year later, to ensure his survival and that of those he cared about in this terrifying war that could potentially overturn the entire Immortal Realm!

Lin Xuankong, having prepared for over two years, had long grown accustomed to the immense pressure exerted by the Profound Yin Demon Sect. Naturally, he showed no signs of panic at this moment.

The other Earth Immortals who remained composed were the dozen or so from the Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect. This celebration for Lin Xuankong successfully undergoing the Double Thirty-Six Celestial

Immortal Tribulations was an event the Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect, as one of the 126 Western Immortal Sects, naturally had to attend. This was despite every Earth Immortal from the Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect secretly viewing Lin Xuankong as prey for the Profound Yin Demon Sect. However, until the Profound Yin Demon Sect's army actually arrived in the Western Region, these Earth Immortals from the Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect would maintain an appearance of normalcy, doing their best to prevent Earth Immortals from other sects from noticing anything unusual.

Jiang Huanglong, the Sect Leader of the Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect, and Grand Elder Jiang Jiaolong, among others, were completely oblivious that Lin Xuankong had long seen through their so-called absolutely secret arrangements, understanding them completely.

If not for the fear of alerting the enemy by beating the grass, Lin Xuankong would have already taken action to flatten this traitorous sect, which was secretly colluding with the Profound Yin Demon Sect.

At this moment, the over one thousand Earth Immortals on the Second Spirit Peak, after a period of shock and panic, gradually began to calm down somewhat.

Among the many Earth Immortals, Five Elements Wanderer, the First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, nervously floated into the air. He knelt on one knee in the direction of the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage and then spoke, "Qilin Immortal, since the Profound Yin Demon Sect intends to reignite the Immortal Demon War and has already dispatched several Demon Sect armies, you and the seniors in the Immortal Carriage have traveled countless miles to inform us! Your righteousness, Qilin Immortal, and that of the seniors in the Immortal Carriage, has deeply moved me, Five Elements Wanderer!

"Moreover, with the warnings from you, Qilin Immortal, and the seniors in the Immortal Carriage, the Earth Immortals from the many Immortal Sects in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region can make advance preparations. This will undoubtedly reduce countless casualties among Earth Immortals and cultivators. For this kindness, I, Five Elements Wanderer, am profoundly grateful!

"I wonder if there is anything you, Qilin Immortal, require us to do?

"Although I, Five Elements Wanderer, and the Five Elements Immortal Sect lack strength and have a poor foundation, as long as you, Qilin Immortal, give the word, the entire Five Elements Immortal Sect and I, Five Elements Wanderer, will definitely give our all, without any hesitation!"

This First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect certainly knew how to conduct himself!

Back then, Five Elements Wanderer had witnessed Lin Xuankong use the Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman. Lin Xuankong had displayed unmatched battle strength in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region and possessed artifact refining skills far surpassing ordinary Artifact Refining Masters. Seeing this, Five Elements Wanderer had immediately ceased all resistance and led hundreds of Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects to surrender outright.

Later, when Lin Xuankong required the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance to contribute materials for refining Immortal Artifacts, this Five Elements Wanderer took the lead in overfulfilling the quota, and he did so every single month.

From this, it was clear that this old monster, who had originally ranked first in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region by virtue of his realm, was truly a standard example of the saying, "a hero is one who understands the times"!

Even Lin Xuankong, who already had some understanding of Five Elements Wanderer, couldn't help but sigh inwardly upon seeing this scene. In the Immortal Realm, it seems some old monsters live so long not only by relying on their realm but also by being adept at adapting to the situation! For such an ancient monster to still be so respectful and humble in public, that was a talent in itself!

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However, Lin Xuankong sighed once more. After the respectful statement from the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, many Earth Immortals on the Second Spirit Peak exchanged glances. Then, with the exception of those from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and Wine Immortal Sect, over a thousand other Earth Immortals all flew up and bowed in unison towards the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage.

The Immortal Sect Elders and Sect Leaders among this group each voiced their utmost welcome and gratitude. One by one, they declared that as long as the Qilin commanded, they would absolutely comply, regardless of the request.

This left the Earth Immortals from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and Wine Immortal Sect—who were not usually adept at flattery—feeling quite embarrassed.

Especially for the Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, including Sect Leader Li, its three Grand Elders, two Crane Ancestors, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er, and others, watching this was disheartening. They saw the numerous Earth Immortals who had originally surrounded Lin Xuankong—showing him utmost respect and singing his praises—suddenly abandon him. Instead, they began to flatter a Spirit Beast from the Luo Water Immortal Sect. This filled the Spiritual Crane contingent not only with embarrassment but also a profound sense of loss.

For a moment, the many Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect frowned and turned to look at Lin Xuankong. The Earth Immortals from the Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, and Wine Immortal Sect also turned their gazes towards Lin Xuankong.

In fact, the behavior of these thousand-plus Earth Immortals was to be expected. In the Immortal Realm, strength commanded the utmost respect. Previously, these Earth Immortals from the Central Divine Dynasty's Western Region had treated Lin Xuankong with great respect, intimidated by his Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman. Now, upon witnessing an even stronger representative from the Luo Water Immortal Sect, they naturally shifted their adulation.

After all, while Lin Xuankong possessed the terrifying record of single-handedly annihilating over twenty Earth Immortals from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, he had ultimately relied on the Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman to do so.

But the fame of the Luo Water Immortal Sect had intimidated the Five Domains of the Central Divine Dynasty for over two hundred thousand years. The sect alone had produced more than ten Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals, and two to three hundred at the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades. In the Spirit Vein-rich, Spirit Peak-studded Central Earth of the Central Divine Dynasty, the Luo Water Immortal Sect held a significant position. It was even recognized as the Second Immortal Sect in Central Earth, subordinate only to the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect. Such prestige was far beyond what Lin Xuankong, a newcomer at the First Grade Perfection level, could compare to.

Moreover, these thousand-plus Earth Immortals from the Central Divine Dynasty's Western Region did not truly comprehend Lin Xuankong's actual prowess in Artifact Refining. In their eyes, while Lin Xuankong was indeed the foremost Artifact Refining Master in the Western Region, his skills surpassing even those renowned masters from Central Earth, the Immortal Artifacts he refined seldom reached their hands.

This was especially true for the Earth Immortals from the former Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance, who still had to continuously offer tributes to Lin Xuankong. Outwardly, they feigned utmost respect and flattery, but it was only natural for them to harbor secret resentment. As for Lin Xuankong's

magnanimity in sparing their lives after their attack on the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, few Earth Immortals likely still remembered it. Furthermore, the majority of Earth Immortals from those Seventy-Six Immortal Sects possessed questionable character; otherwise, how could they have aligned themselves with the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect?

Lin Xuankong, having long understood these dynamics, had never ceased demanding tributes from these Immortal Sects. For him, these consistent tributes served two purposes. On one hand, they ensured a continuous supply of vast Artifact Refining materials—quantities that neither he nor the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect alone could gather as quickly as over seventy Immortal Sects working together. On the other hand, it served to continually suppress the strength of these Immortal Sects, preventing these restless factions from growing powerful enough to secretly oppose him in the future.

Therefore, seeing these thousand-plus Earth Immortals abandon him to fawn over the Spirit Beast of a High-Grade Earth Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect did not surprise him much, nor did it cause him any sense of loss.

Young Lady Li Xiaolan, however, upon witnessing this scene, moved slightly closer to Lin Xuankong, her delicate brows furrowing.

At this moment, the Cyan-forehead Qilin glanced at the Earth Immortals bowing respectfully before it. It then shook its head, a trace of disgust flickering in its enormous eyes, before it spoke:

"My master has come to the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty not merely to warn you of impending danger! This time, my master is here for an additional purpose.

"The first task is to mobilize all Earth Immortals and Cultivators from the one hundred twenty-seven Immortal Sects in the Western Region. They are to gather at the sect headquarters of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect.

"The locations of these seven Immortal Sects strategically command the seven most critical territories for defending the Western Region against an invasion by the Demon Sect. Therefore, at the headquarters of these seven Immortal Sects, my master intends to deploy the Luo Water Eightfold Grotto Heaven Array—an array that only my master can establish. This will provide the Central Divine Dynasty's Western Region with a foundational defense against the Profound Yin Demon Sect's army!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong's eyes couldn't help but brighten. The imminent arrival of the Profound Yin Demon Sect's army was what currently weighed heavily on his mind. If this High-Grade Earth Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect could indeed defend the Western Region against the Demon Sect's forces, it would be an immense blessing. Regardless of whether this Earth Immortal could truly repel them, the situation would undoubtedly be far better than the present one. As for the Western Region's Earth Immortals shifting their adulation from him to this newcomer, that was of no consequence.

The most crucial aspect, however, was the possibility of witnessing this powerful Earth Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect deploy such a formidable array. If I could observe that, my own array formation skills would undoubtedly have the chance to improve rapidly once more! After all, this is the legendary Grand Array recorded in the Luo Water Divine Diagram—the very array that allows the Luo Water Immortal Sect to stand preeminent in Central Earth as the Second Immortal Sect!

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At this moment, Lin Xuankong's eyes were filled with expectation, while most of the over one thousand Earth Immortals, led by the Five Elements Wanderer, showed a hint of disappointment.

According to what this Cyan-forehead Qilin had said, its master required all Earth Immortals in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region to gather at the seven Immortal Sects—Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect—and to establish the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array within these seven Immortal Sects to help the Western Region resist the Demon Sect's army!

For these seven Immortal Sects, this was an absolutely heaven-shaking opportunity bestowed by a Great Power from the Second Immortal Sect of Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth, one rarely seen in 100,000 years! After all, the strength of a Sect Protection Array is one of the most critical foundations determining the life and death of any Sect!

However, among the over one thousand Earth Immortals who flew up to respectfully greet the Immortal Carriage, most were not from these seven Immortal Sects....

To miss such a heaven-shaking opportunity! Other Immortal Sects not only lost the chance to obtain the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array as their Sect Protection Array but also had to leave their own Sects and go to these seven Immortal Sects to assist in battle. Consequently, their own Sects would be left vulnerable, perhaps to be easily annihilated by fiends dispatched from the Demon Sect's army! With this shift in fortunes, as long as these seven Immortal Sects could withstand the fiercest onslaught of the

Demon Sect's army, they might rise to dominate the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, becoming increasingly prosperous and flourishing!

Thinking of this, among the Earth Immortals welcoming the Immortal Carriage, only those from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect showed a hint of joy. The remaining thousand or so Earth Immortals, however, felt dejected and quite envious!

Yet, facing the Great Power from the Luo Water Immortal Sect and its Spirit Beast, these Earth Immortals, regardless of their inner thoughts, dared not easily voice any opinions, much less reveal any expression of dissatisfaction!

The First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Wanderer, showed a joyful expression. After exchanging glances with the Grand Elders of the Profound Pure Immortal Sect and Shangqing Immortal Sect, they all bowed and clasped their hands again towards the Immortal Carriage. The Five Elements Wanderer then said with utmost respect,

"The Senior from the Luo Water Immortal Sect truly appreciates the difficulties faced by us Immortal Sects in these remote regions, to be willing to expend such effort and energy to help us establish the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array. For this immense kindness, I, the Five Elements Wanderer, along with all disciples of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, are profoundly grateful!

We wonder what we need to do to establish this Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array? Please, Immortal, feel free to give instructions. My Five Elements Immortal Sect, from top to bottom, will surely act in unison and offer our full assistance!"

The two Grand Elders of the Profound Pure Immortal Sect and Shangqing Immortal Sect also showed respectful expressions, constantly voicing their agreement.

The Cyan-forehead Qilin in mid-air nodded slightly at this, then its gaze fell upon the other Earth Immortals.

"The Supreme Elders of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect have already stated their positions. Where are the Sect Leaders and Elders of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and West Star Immortal Sect?"

Hearing the Cyan-forehead Qilin inquire about their own Immortal Sects, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Sect Leader Guo of the Beimang Immortal Sect, Sect Leader Zhou of the Western Nether Immortal Sect, and Sect Leader Wu of the West Star Immortal Sect dared not delay. They all flew up and clasped their hands from afar towards the Immortal Carriage.

"I, Li Changhe of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, respectfully welcome the Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect. Since the Immortal has tirelessly come to assist the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region and, furthermore, to establish the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array for the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, everyone in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect will undoubtedly offer our full support and follow the Immortal's commands!"

"The Beimang Immortal Sect...."

These four Sect Leaders, though not as servile as the Earth Immortals from other Sects, dared not show any defiance before a Great Power from the Second Immortal Sect of Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth. They all respectfully clasped their hands and responded cautiously.

Moreover, since the Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect had already stated his intention to assist the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, they were obligated to welcome him, considering the circumstances, their sentiments, and logical reasoning.

The powerful Sixth-Grade Spirit Beast, the Cyan-forehead Qilin, nodded and continued,

"Very good. Since the Sect Leaders and Elders of your seven Immortal Sects are all present, it saves some effort!"

Its gaze swept over the numerous Earth Immortals. "It is also quite a coincidence that so many of you Earth Immortals from the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region have gathered here today! In that case, I shall announce the second matter on behalf of my master!"

It paused here, its gaze fixed on the Sect Leaders and Elders of the Seven Great Immortal Sects.

"Establishing the seven Luo Water Grotto Heaven Arrays will inevitably consume a considerable amount of my master's time and energy. However, at this critical juncture of the Demon Sect army's invasion, all Earth Immortals and Cultivators in the Immortal Realm must rise to meet the enemy, united in purpose! In the coming years, my master will not only establish the seven Luo Water Grotto Heaven Arrays but will also guard the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region and lead all you fellow Daoists to fight with your utmost strength!

However, establishing the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array is unlike setting up ordinary Sect Protection Arrays. This unparalleled Grand Array, capable of withstanding Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals and even resisting Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals for a time, requires exceptional Treasures to serve as its main Array Hubs. Each Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array needs at least nine Array Hubs. In other words, it ideally requires nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, or even better Immortal Artifacts!

Although my Luo Water Immortal Sect possesses vast resources, we are one of the primary forces resisting the Demon Sect's army in Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth. The numerous Immortal Artifacts within our Sect are all allocated for specific purposes, making it truly impossible for us to spare additional Immortal Artifacts to help you establish the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array!"

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So, the many Immortal Artifacts required to set up the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array as the main Array Hubs will have to be prepared by the Sect Leaders and Elders of your seven Immortal Sects themselves!"

Upon hearing this from the Cyan-forehead Qilin, the Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect, who were originally full of expectation and respect, were suddenly dumbfounded.

The Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array was very powerful, capable of resisting an Eighth-Grade Earth Immortal and temporarily holding off a Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal. The opportunity for their three Immortal Sects to have one set up personally by an Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect was naturally a cause for great joy! However, they had never imagined that setting up the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array would actually require Immortal Artifacts—not just one or two, but a full nine Immortal Artifacts for the nine main Array Hubs. These were Immortal Artifacts, not mere Magical Artifacts!

These three Immortal Sects, much like the Five Elements Immortal Sect, had only two Immortal Artifacts in their entire sect combined. How could they not be dumbfounded!

The First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect couldn't help but glance at Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Seeing Sect Leader Li's calm expression, the First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect felt a surge of frustration. It's not like every Immortal Sect is like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, with a super Artifact Refining Master like Tributor Mu! Not every Immortal Sect, like the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, can mobilize dozens of Immortal Artifacts at will! Those are Immortal Artifacts, not Immortal Qi!

After looking at Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Five Elements Wanderer, turned his gaze towards the Sect Leaders of the Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and West Star Immortal Sect, only to find that these three Sect Leaders also wore fairly calm expressions.

With Lin Xuankong's deliberate help, these three Immortal Sects, which had chosen the right side, though they didn't own as many Immortal Artifacts as the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, could likely still gather nine Junior-Level Immortal Artifacts by selling everything they had! Even if they didn't have enough now, with Lin Xuankong, the super Artifact Refining Master, they could easily gather nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in the future...

Thinking of this, the First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect became even more dejected.

As for the two Grand Elders of the Profound Pure Immortal Sect and Shangqing Immortal Sect, they were equally distressed at this moment. If the Cyan-forehead Qilin had asked them to gather nine Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts, they might have been able to scrape enough together by thoroughly clearing out their inventories. But nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts? That was far beyond their means!

The Earth Immortals from over a hundred other Immortal Sects observed the expressions of the Elders from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect, and a flicker of hidden delight appeared in their eyes.

This was human nature... Even as Earth Immortals, most still envied those who had more and delighted in the misfortune of those who had less.

These other Immortal Sects had no chance to receive assistance from an Immortal of the Luo Water Immortal Sect, no chance to have an astounding array established in their sects capable of resisting an Eighth-Grade Earth Immortal, so they naturally felt some jealousy. Now, seeing the bitter expressions on the faces of the Elders from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect, these onlookers couldn't help but feel a sense of secret delight.

However, a few Earth Immortals thought of the imminent invasion of the Profound Yin Demon Sect. Without a powerful array, it wouldn't just be the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect that would suffer...

So, this small group of Earth Immortals, concerned about the greater picture, furrowed their brows and sighed silently.

After hesitating for a while, among the Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect, the Grand Elder of the Profound Pure Immortal Sect mustered his courage and spoke to the Cyan-forehead Qilin, "Esteemed Immortal, for you to consider the Immortal Sects of the Western Region and help us set up this Grand Array is a great honor, and we should, of course, spare no effort. However... Immortal Artifacts are incredibly rare treasures. We Immortal Sects of the Western Region are far too lacking compared to the Central Earth Immortal Sects. Even if we exhaust the resources of our entire sect, we could at most scrape together one or two Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! I wonder, for the main Array Hubs of this Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array, could they perhaps be substituted with Spirit Peaks or Magical Artifacts?"

The First Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Five Elements Wanderer, and the Earth Immortals from the Shangqing Immortal Sect also nodded repeatedly, their faces etched with worry.

Hearing this, the Cyan-forehead Qilin fell silent for a moment, then its enormous head turned slightly towards the Immortal Carriage, as if listening to its master.

All the gathered Earth Immortals immediately perked up, but the master's instructions were clearly being transmitted via Immortal Yuan. Though intensely curious about the master's identity, none of them could hear the master's voice.

On the Second Spirit Peak, Lin Xuankong secretly activated his Ninth Celestial Eye, and twin pupils immediately appeared in his eyes. However, to Lin Xuankong's utter surprise, even after activating the Celestial Eye, his gaze, which could penetrate the flesh, organs, and bones of the Sixth-Grade Spirit Beast, the Cyan-forehead Qilin, with perfect clarity, found itself unable to pierce through the Immortal Carriage! The Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array deployed upon the Immortal Carriage was truly wondrous. Not only was it reputed to withstand the attacks of High-Grade Earth Immortals and possess various other mystical effects, but it also featured a powerful array effect that blocked any form of scrying or penetrative vision!

This was a situation Lin Xuankong, who could typically see through any object, had never encountered before!

However, facing this obstacle, Lin Xuankong was not disappointed. On the contrary, the anticipation in his eyes grew even more intense!

After all, the master of this Immortal Carriage was about to assist the various Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty's Western Region by personally establishing several Luo Water Grotto Heaven Arrays. Lin Xuankong would naturally have the opportunity to observe the method of establishing such a Grand Array. The more powerful this Grand Array was, the more Lin Xuankong stood to gain! For Lin Xuankong, who was currently engrossed in enhancing his Array Mastery, this was an unmissable and monumental opportunity. How could he not look forward to it with immense anticipation!

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Furthermore, although the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array on this Immortal Carriage can isolate prying eyes, the power of the Nine Gates Celestial Eye far exceeds mere clairvoyance. That pervasive red light, capable of attaching to others, is currently Lin Xuankong's most potent surveillance method...

「A moment later,」

The Cyan-forehead Qilin, seemingly having finished listening to the Immortal Carriage's master, looked again at the Five Elements Wanderer and the others. It spoke:

"My master is naturally aware of the preciousness of Immortal Artifacts. However, the best main Array Hub for setting up the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array is indeed an Immortal Artifact!

The master has just instructed that it's best if you three sects of the Western Region—the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and the Shangqing Immortal Sect—can find a way to acquire enough Immortal Artifacts. Only then will the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array possess a sufficiently powerful defensive barrier, ensuring that it can withstand the attacks of a Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal for a long enough time!

If... if it's truly impossible to gather nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, then each main Array Hub must have at least nine Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts. Otherwise, the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array cannot

even be set up. Then, how can it resist the attacks of those Demon Generals from the Profound Yin Demon Sect?"

Hearing this, the Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and the Shangqing Immortal Sect felt somewhat relieved, though their expressions remained bitter.

After all, while Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts are also extremely precious and challenging to refine, they are much easier to obtain compared to Immortal Artifacts. These three Immortal Sects have existed for tens of thousands of years and are among the Twelve Great Immortal Sects of the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty. Therefore, they still possessed a considerable number of Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts. If they scoured their entire sects, they could manage to gather sixty to seventy pieces.

However, before the Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect could breathe a sigh of relief, the Cyan-forehead Qilin spoke again:

"My master instructed that although each main Array Hub's Initial Tier Immortal Artifact can be replaced with nine Tier Nine Spiritual Artifacts, the power of the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array set up in such a manner would be significantly compromised. It would certainly not be able to withstand the attacks of a Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal!

While it might be able to hold off attacks from Seventh and Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals for a while, each Array Hub would need to be manned by an Earth Immortal of at least Fourth Grade, who would constantly need to channel vast amounts of Immortal Yuan. Otherwise, if the Immortal Yuan supply is cut, the defensive and suppressive effects of the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array would immediately vanish!"

Hearing this from the Cyan-forehead Qilin, the Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect nodded in agreement, albeit somewhat reluctantly.

After all, even though the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array set up in this manner would require many Earth Immortals to operate, it would still be capable of resisting attacks from Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals. This was countless times stronger than their sects' original Sect Protection Arrays.

In the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty, the strongest Sect Protection Array belonged to the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. Even so, their Sect Protection Array could only withstand attacks from a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal and unleash attacks of equivalent power.

After coming to this realization, the Earth Immortals of the three sects started to look less downcast. When they glanced at the Earth Immortals of other Immortal Sects, they even showed traces of pride.

At this moment, the Cyan-forehead Qilin spoke:

"The Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and the Shangqing Immortal Sect have explained their situation. What about you four: the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, the Beimang Immortal Sect, the Western Nether Immortal Sect, and the West Star Immortal Sect?"

Seeing the Sixth-Grade Spirit Beast from the Luo Water Immortal Sect ask the question, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Sect Leader Guo of the Beimang Immortal Sect, and the others dared not dally and quickly cupped their hands in response.

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect cupped his hands and said, "Reporting to the Immortal, although our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is far inferior to an Upper Sect like the Luo Water Immortal Sect, if the entire sect pools its resources, we can barely manage to gather some Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts are no problem!"

The three sect leaders of the Beimang Immortal Sect, the Western Nether Immortal Sect, and the West Star Immortal Sect also stated that they could gather nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts.

Seeing this, a slightly surprised expression appeared on the Cyan-forehead Qilin's enormous head. It couldn't help but turn to look at the White-forehead Qilin beside it. Bai E then said:

"Before leaving our Luo Water Immortal Sect, Qing and I assumed that the Western Region, being remote and with less prevalent Immortal Techniques, would surely struggle to gather enough Immortal Artifacts to set up the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array. To our surprise, your four Immortal Sects can actually gather enough. This is somewhat unexpected!"

It seems the rumors we heard while traveling to the Western Region were not entirely false... Nevertheless, it is a great boon that your four Immortal Sects can each gather nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

This way, the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array my master helps you set up will possess some of the power of the Immortal Carriage Celestial Cave Array. Once activated, it can easily fend off Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals and even withstand attacks from a Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal for eighty-one days!

Furthermore, with my master overseeing the Western Region, he can rush to any Immortal Sect to provide aid at any time. In this way, even if your four Immortal Sects face an attack from the Demon Lord of the Profound Yin Demon Sect, you will have a chance to resist and hold out until my master arrives!"

At this point, Bai E, whose voice was somewhat gentler, said with some emotion:

"Tens of thousands of years ago, I accompanied an Immortal Sect Elder to the Western Region. At that time, the various Immortal Sects here were impoverished and weak. Now, they have changed significantly! Even some large Immortal Sects in the Central Earth of the Central Divine Dynasty would need to expend some effort to gather nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts."

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Hearing the Sixth-Grade Spirit Beast White-forehead Qilin Bai E from the Luo Water Immortal Sect say this, the Earth Immortals, Elders, and Sect Leaders of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect couldn't help but look towards the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and West Star Immortal Sect. A look of envy was revealed in each Earth Immortal's eyes.

The other over one thousand Earth Immortals present looked at the Earth Immortals of the four Immortal Sects, including the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, with an even deeper, itching envy.

At this moment, the hearts of these thousand-plus Earth Immortals surged with complex emotions.

Everyone present knew that the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect possessed dozens of Immortal Artifacts, and they were naturally very envious. However, the Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, and West Star Immortal Sect did not have a supreme Artifact Refining Master like Tributor Mu! The

three sects—Beimang, Western Nether, and West Star—had been able to gather nine Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts and now had the chance for an Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect to set up the authentic Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array to protect their Sects. The primary reason for this was that they had stood on the right side and helped the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect when it was attacked by the seventy-six Immortal Sect Alliance!

Merely for lending a few hands and aiding the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, these sects had received such generous rewards. This was a great opportunity, the likes of which had not been seen in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty for over a hundred thousand years—the potential for an astonishing grand array capable of protecting their sects for countless years to be established.

Thinking about this, the envy in the hearts of the over one thousand Earth Immortals was almost indescribable.

Especially those Earth Immortals from the over seventy sects that had been deceived by the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect into jointly attacking the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect; they were not only envious but also deeply regretted their actions. If not for so many people present, some Earth Immortals would have been stomping their feet and beating their chests in regret.

At this moment, the Sixth-Grade Spirit Beast White-forehead Qilin Bai E, whose tone was a bit more gentle, scanned the over one thousand Earth Immortals present and asked, "Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, my master's second task is for me to ask, along with Qiing, whether your Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has a cultivator named Mu Shiba?"

The over one thousand Earth Immortals, who had just been experiencing a tumult of envy, poignant reflection, regret, and jealousy, all froze upon hearing this question from the Sixth-Grade Spirit Beast White-forehead Qilin Bai E. They then turned their gazes in unison towards 'Tributor Mu' on the Second Spirit Peak!

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect felt a surge of uneasiness in his heart. The High-Grade Earth Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect remained mysterious, having yet to reveal his identity. However, this was clearly an extraordinary figure. He traveled with two Sixth-Grade Qilins as his spirit beasts, rode the Luo Water Immortal Sect's foremost treasure, and had been entrusted by the Grand Elder of the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect. And now, such a personage was asking about Tributor Mu.

Such an august person could obliterate a Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal with the mere flick of a finger. Even with a Third-Grade Immortal Artifact and a powerful Jade Talisman in hand, Tributor Mu would be no match for this great figure! Being on the radar of such an august person—hopefully, it's not for anything bad!

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect hesitated for a moment, then cupped his hands and said, "To reply to the Immortal, indeed, our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has a cultivator named Mu Shiba. He is currently a First-Grade Earth Immortal and the foremost Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect."

The White-forehead Qilin Bai E's eyes sparkled slightly at these words. "Oh, is that so? Where is Tributor Mu now?"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect sighed inwardly and turned to look at Lin Xuankong.

At this moment, every Earth Immortal present turned their gaze to Lin Xuankong. Upon seeing that Lin Xuankong had caught the attention of the august figure from the Luo Water Immortal Sect, the feelings among the various Earth Immortals were mixed.

The Earth Immortals from sects like the Beimang Immortal Sect, Western Nether Immortal Sect, West Star Immortal Sect, Wine Immortal Sect, and Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, due to their favorable relationship with Lin Xuankong, were naturally concerned, both happy and worried for him. Meanwhile, the Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and Shangqing Immortal Sect watched with mild curiosity.

As for those Earth Immortals from the sects that had offended Lin Xuankong and were still being forced to pay tribute to him, they secretly hoped this august figure from the Luo Water Immortal Sect would 'uphold justice' so their sects would no longer have to pay tribute to Lin Xuankong!

With everyone's gaze upon him, Lin Xuankong floated up. He cupped his hands towards the mid-air and said with neither humility nor arrogance, "To reply to the Immortal, I am Mu Shiba, the current Tributor of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect!"

Seeing Lin Xuankong identify himself, the two Spiritual Beast Qilins pulling the chariot had their eyes flashing. They stared intently at Lin Xuankong, scrutinizing him thoroughly from head to toe for quite a while.

After several moments, just as Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect felt his heart begin to pound, the White-forehead Qilin Bai E with the gentle voice suddenly spoke, "Mu Shiba, while Qing and I were accompanying our master to the Western Region, we heard some rumors about you as we neared its borders. Some of the matters in those rumors are quite fantastic—extremely rare even in the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth. Therefore, Qing and I are somewhat puzzled and intend to ask you about them personally. Would that be permissible?"

Indeed, public acclaim is a dangerous thing! I only just went through the Double Thirty-Six Celestial Immortal Tribulations a little over two months ago, and rumors about me have already spread to the borders of the Western Region, tens of millions of miles away? I'm afraid that after a while longer, word will have spread to the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth, the Spirit Platform Buddha Realm, the Profound Yin Demon Realm, and the Domain of Ten Thousand Demons as well!

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Lin Xuankong secretly shook his head.

It's a pity that Crossing the Celestial Tribulation is replete with visions and changes in the heavens and earth. No matter how low-key I try to be, it will be impossible to hide it! After all, although the Secret Realm derived from the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone is vast, it is still a Little World, unable to manifest the Celestial Tribulation Special Immortal Essence of Celestial Tribulations, and unable to allow for Metamorphosis!

After a brief contemplation, Lin Xuankong spoke with a hint of helplessness, "If the Immortal has any doubts, feel free to ask."

The White-forehead Qilin nodded slightly and spoke, "Qing and I heard that you joined the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect more than two years ago. Not long after joining, you encountered the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance organized by the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect. At that time, over three hundred Earth Immortals besieged you, yet you subdued those three hundred Earth Immortals with a single Jade Talisman. Is this true?"

Lin Xuankong felt somewhat helpless and responded, "It is true!"

Upon hearing this, a gleam flickered in the White-forehead Qilin's eyes, and he then said with some admiration, "I didn't expect it to be true—that the Spirit Platform Buddhist Sect's Galin Bodhisattva actually gifted you such a revered Buddhist treasure!

"The Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman is made from Celestial Demon Hide and ranks first among the top ten Jade Talismans in the Immortal Realm. It can summon a Seventh-Grade projection avatar of the Great Success Jade True Bodhisattva, capable of easily suppressing any Seventh-Grade Earth Immortal or Demon. Even against an Eighth-Grade Earth Immortal or Demon King, it can hold out for some time!

"With such a revered Buddhist treasure in hand, although you are only in the First-Grade Earth Immortal Realm, you possess the combat power of a Seventh-Grade Perfection!

"In the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, based on Realm, you might rank over a thousand. But purely based on combat power, you, Mu Shiba, are undoubtedly the number one!"

More than a thousand Earth Immortals present could not help but feel a jolt in their hearts upon hearing the words of the White-forehead Qilin.

Since the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance was defeated by the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, they naturally knew that in terms of pure combat power, Lin Xuankong, with that mysterious Jade Talisman, was the top figure in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region. However, they had never expected that the item Lin Xuankong used was the Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman. This talisman could summon the projection avatar of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva and was an artifact ranked first across the Central Divine Dynasty, the Spirit Platform Buddha Realm, the Domain of Ten Thousand Demons, and the Profound Yin Demon Realm!

The fact that he could acquire such a Jade Talisman spoke volumes about the Spirit Platform Buddhist Sect's regard for 'Mu Shiba'...

For a moment, many Earth Immortals present regarded Lin Xuankong with faces full of envy once again.

The White-forehead Qilin continued to ask, "Besides the Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman, Qing and I also heard that your Artifact Refining Technique is formidable, having forged numerous Immortal Artifacts. Just two months ago, you relied on a Third-Grade Immortal Artifact to pass what is known as the most

difficult Great Celestial Immortal Tribulation—specifically, the Thirty-Six Great Celestial Immortal Tribulations where thirty-six Celestial Tribulation Creatures attack simultaneously. Furthermore, you overcame this twice in one go, thereby attaining the First-Grade Earth Immortal Realm! Is this true?"

Everyone saw it. I can't deny it even if I want to!

Lin Xuankong nodded and said, "Indeed!"

Upon Lin Xuankong's affirmative answer, the White-forehead Qilin and Cyan-forehead Qilin couldn't help but exchange another glance, both revealing a hint of surprise in their eyes.

The confirmation that Lin Xuankong's Artifact Refining Mastery was so advanced he could forge the second Third-Grade Immortal Artifact in the Immortal Realm, and even use it to cross the Double Thirty-Six Great Celestial Immortal Tribulations, left these two Spiritual Beasts from the Luo Water Immortal Sect slightly stunned!

The White-forehead Qilin examined Lin Xuankong closely and marveled, "Encountering the Great Celestial Immortal Tribulation, known for its great danger and great opportunity, already requires exceptionally rare talent and bloodline. Such a tribulation is exceedingly rare, even in the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth with its countless Cultivators. Yet you encountered the Thirty-Six Great Celestial Immortal Tribulations, suggesting that your talent and bloodline are indeed a rarity seldom seen in the world! Given time, if you can grow, your achievements will be boundless!

"What's most surprising is your ability to forge a Third-Grade Immortal Artifact..."

"In our Luo Water Immortal Sect, there are thousands of Earth Immortals and hundreds of Artifact Refining Masters, yet none can forge a Third-Grade Immortal Artifact. Even in the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect that rules over countless Immortal Sects in the Immortal Realm, only one Artifact Refining Master, by a stroke of luck, managed to forge a Third-Grade Immortal Artifact over a hundred thousand years ago!

"Solely based on this refining technique, your name, Mu Shiba, will soon spread throughout the entire Immortal Realm. Soon, everyone will know of you. Even High-Grade Earth Immortals may humble themselves to befriend you!"

As he spoke, this Sixth-Grade powerful Spiritual Beast from the Luo Water Immortal Sect also showed a hint of envy.

Upon hearing the envy in the White-forehead Qilin's voice, all the more than one thousand Earth Immortals present once again looked at Lin Xuankong. The Qilin Immortal from the Luo Water Immortal Sect, whom they revered and sought to please so highly, was now envying 'Mu Shiba'... What they saw and heard greatly astonished them!

Yet, remembering 'Mu Shiba's' Artifact Refining Technique that could create Third-Grade Immortal Artifacts and his ability to pass the Double Thirty-Six Great Celestial Immortal Tribulations, these Earth Immortals, no matter how astonished, couldn't deny that the words of the Luo Water Immortal Sect's Qilin Immortal were indeed facts they had to acknowledge!

At this moment, the White-forehead Qilin suddenly sighed, "However, your Artifact Refining Mastery might not necessarily bring you good fortune!"