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Chapter 721: Dispelling the Clouds to See the Sun, Great Breakthrough in the Array Realm

Inside the Cyan Bamboo Tower, Lin Xuankong followed Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, into the rear hall. He was surprised to discover that the outwardly small Cyan Bamboo Tower concealed an entirely different domain within. This inner space was similar to the Immortal Carriage Cave Heaven, a rather spiritually infused Little World. Although its area spanned only a few thousand acres, not as vast as the Immortal Carriage Cave Heaven World, the marvelous ingenuity of this array-within-an-array still left Lin Xuankong quite amazed!

Once they were inside the rear hall, Yaan Mingyu stopped. She made a gesture in the air, and several precious Jade Scrolls crafted from Profound Truth Jade suddenly materialized in her palm. "These six Jade Scrolls, three of which contain insights from my master, Ancestor Yuan of the Luo Water Cave Heaven, regarding the layout of the Sect Protection Array. The other three contain my own insights on the Sect Protection Array! Although the Sect Protection Arrays of the various Immortal Sects in the Immortal Realm differ in attack methods and defensive formations, ultimately, they all utilize the Power of Heaven and Earth, Array Pattern Power, and Array Hub Power to establish the protective formation. As the saying goes, all changes return to their source. The more thoroughly you study these foundational forces, the higher the grade of the arrays you can set up will naturally become! The Sect Protection Arrays of all the Immortal Sects in the Immortal Realm are like this, and the Thousand Cranes Array of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is no different! These six Jade Scrolls, Mr. Mu, when you have time in the future, study them thoroughly. You should gain some benefits!"

Saying this, she turned to look carefully at Lin Xuankong and said, "Mr. Mu, although your Array Formation Talent is extremely strong, both arrays and Artifact Refining require continuous study and accumulation over time to make progress! This Sect Protection Array is the foundation of many arrays. Once you have thoroughly mastered the method of deploying Sect Protection Arrays and are capable of setting up a Ninth Grade Sect Protection Array, you can then study the Luo Water Divine Diagram with me. Before that, even if I showed you the Luo Water Divine Diagram, you wouldn't be able to understand it!"

So I can't see the Luo Water Divine Diagram now? I need to first study the method of setting up the Sect Protection Array to the Ninth Grade Realm?

Although Lin Xuankong felt a slight sense of disappointment, his composure quickly returned. He thought to himself: Before Immortal Lord Luoshui came to the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, my original hope had been to quickly cultivate and strengthen the Thousand Cranes Array I possessed. I aimed to become capable of deploying Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, or even Ninth Grade Sect Protection Arrays. This would be to resist the Great Demons, Demon Generals, and even the Demon Lord of the Profound Yin Demon Sect! Who could have imagined that Immortal Lord Luoshui would descend from

the heavens, bringing the far more powerful and miraculous Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage and Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array... Although Immortal Lord Luoshui doesn't intend to show me the Luo Water Divine Diagram directly for now, as long as her help allows me to enhance the Thousand Cranes Array to a higher realm more quickly, my deliberate arrangements today will not have been in vain. Besides, Immortal Lord Yaan Mingyu is merely asking me to proceed step by step; she isn't saying I'll never be allowed to see it! I just wonder, with the insights from Immortal Lord Luoshui and her master, how long will it take me to study the Thousand Cranes Array to the Ninth Grade Realm? Will twenty years be enough? I hope to complete it within twenty years. In that case, the vast hoard of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts I possess would finally have a great purpose! Then, with a wave of my hand, piles upon piles of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts could instantly form numerous Nine-Layered Thousand Cranes Grand Arrays. Even if I encountered a Ninth Grade Demon General, I should have a chance to resist, and perhaps even a slight chance to fight and overcome him!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong's eyes filled with anticipation as he accepted the six Jade Scrolls. He then thanked her earnestly, "The array insights from Your Excellency, Immortal Lord Luoshui, and Ancestor Yuan of the Luo Water Immortal Sect are undoubtedly priceless treasures in the entire Immortal Realm. For Your Excellency to be willing to entrust such precious insights to me, Mu Shiba, I am deeply grateful. Please rest assured, Your Excellency. I, Mu Shiba, will diligently study these insights and will not let your high hopes for me be in vain!"

Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, nodded slightly. She smoothed her silver-white hair, took out a Communication Jade, placed it in Lin Xuankong's hand, and smiled, "If there's anything you don't understand, feel free to use this Communication Jade to send your questions to me. I will naturally take the time to explain thoroughly to you!"

Saying this, a look of curiosity appeared in her eyes, and she asked, "When you set up the Thousand Cranes Array just now, the eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts you used as the Array Hub looked quite new, showing almost no signs of age or the passage of time. Were these eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts recently refined by you?"

Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, already knew about Lin Xuankong refining a Third Grade Immortal Artifact. Therefore, refining eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in a year was naturally not something Lin Xuankong felt the need to hide from her.

Moreover, if what Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu said was true—that the six Jade Scrolls contained her millennia of insights on Sect Protection Arrays, along with those of Ancestor Yuan of the Luo Water Immortal Sect—then she had entrusted me with incredibly precious items. If I were to continue concealing too much, it would be truly ungracious!

Of course, these eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts had indeed not come from Xiao Xiuyi's hands; he, Lin Xuankong, had refined them himself whenever he found a spare moment during this recent period.

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As for that Artifact Refining Genius Miss Xiao, she had recently refined many times more Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts than him within the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm—over ten thousand, in fact, and many were Middle-High Grade! According to Artifact Refining Genius Miss Xiao, and as he himself had sensed, she had recently gained new insights into Artifact Refining. In another decade or so, Miss Xiao might even occasionally refine Eighth-Grade Immortal Artifacts! In such circumstances, revealing his own achievement of refining eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in a year was hardly exposing his trump card...

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong nodded and said, "Indeed. Over the past year, with the abundant materials provided by White-forehead Qilin Immortal Bai E, and my luck being good during Artifact Refining, I managed to refine eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Swords!"

"Good luck?"

A myriad of expressions flashed across Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu's delicate face as she shook her head in amazement and said, "This can't merely be attributed to good luck! My Luo Water Immortal Sect has a million disciples and thousands of Earth Immortals. Among them are many Artifact Refiners with excellent talent. Yet, even the most skilled Artifact Refining Master among them would need several years to successfully refine a single Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, even at their luckiest! Mr. Mu, your Artifact Refining skills have truly exceeded my expectations time and again!"

As she spoke, Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu paused, then suddenly extended her right hand toward Lin Xuankong and said, "Could I perhaps use those eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts you just employed, Mr. Mu?"

She wants to use Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts? Lin Xuankong was somewhat surprised. However, this senior showed such high regard and favor for him. Not to mention eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, even if she asked for more, how could he refuse? He wouldn't even decline if she intended to use his Third-Grade Immortal Artifact!

He lightly patted the Ghost Frog Pouch at his waist. Eighteen streams of light shot out, landing in Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu's palm. These eighteen newly refined Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, under Lin Xuankong's control, shrank to a diminutive size. Even lined up, all eighteen Immortal Swords still didn't fill her palm. Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu then raised her left hand and pressed it onto the eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in her right palm.

「In an instant.」

Lin Xuankong felt a tremor in his Heart Spirit. The eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts—which he had refined, nurtured, and infused with the Thousand Cranes Grand Array Pattern—suddenly lost their connection to him.

He looked at Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu, somewhat astonished. Since arriving in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, he had used Immortal Artifacts in battle many times. However, even when facing Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals, no one had ever managed to sever his connection to his nurtured Immortal Artifacts with a mere flip of their hand. Even the Celestial Tribulation Creatures hadn't managed that!

Yet, Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu had instantly severed the connection between him and all eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Swords.

If she used this technique against him in combat, it meant something alarming. No matter how many Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts he wielded—tens, hundreds, or even thousands—she could sever their connection to his Divine Soul and Immortal Yuan with ease if she wished!

Thinking of this, a trace of apprehension flickered in Lin Xuankong's eyes. Ever since he first encountered this powerful Ninth-Grade Perfection Realm Immortal Lord, her calm and gentle demeanor had made him cautious, but not overly wary, during their first meeting. However, the scene unfolding before him gave Lin Xuankong his first clear and profound realization of the power wielded by a Ninth-Grade Perfection Realm Earth Immortal!

With a simple flick of her hand, she could sever the connection to his Heart Spirit and his Immortal Yuan! This was equivalent to instantly taking away his Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts!

Indeed, his decision not to rely on tens of thousands of Immortal Artifacts to deal with the Demon Generals and Demon Lords of the Profound Yin Demon Sect was the right one. With such a vast gap in cultivation Realms and Heart Thought grades, no matter how many Immortal Artifacts one possessed, it would be difficult to threaten top-level Eighth-Grade or Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals!

Furthermore, his decision back then to focus solely on the Path of Array, preparing a High-Grade Sect Protection Array as his trump card against the Demon Fiends, Demon Generals, and Demon Lords of the Profound Yin Demon Sect, was indeed a decisive and correct choice!

Thinking of this, the immense apprehension Lin Xuankong had initially felt when Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu severed his connection to the Immortal Artifacts gradually eased, and his mind returned to peace.

At this moment, Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu raised her left hand. Channeling the incredibly pure Immortal Yuan of a Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal, she began to inscribe something above the eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Very soon, Lin Xuankong saw familiar, profound Runes appear one after another. Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu was using her Immortal Yuan to sketch these Runes in mid-air before they descended onto the tiny Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts below.

Lin Xuankong recognized these Runes instantly. He was extremely surprised because Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu was inscribing the very Array Patterns and Runes he himself used when setting up the Thousand Cranes Array and employing Immortal Artifacts as the Array Hub.

"Immortal Lord Luoshui, you also know how to set up the Thousand Cranes Array?" Lin Xuankong couldn't help but ask.

While continuing to inscribe Runes and Array Patterns, Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu nodded slightly and said:

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"The Sect Founder of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, Li Ruohuo, obtained the Thousand Cranes Array from an auction house in the Central Divine Dynasty's Central Earth. In fact, it was passed down by an Array Master of my Luo Water Immortal Sect. When I first started learning the Path of Array, I naturally saw and studied this Thousand Cranes Array!

Moreover, as I mentioned earlier, although the Sect Protection Arrays of various Immortal Sects in the Immortal Realm have some differences in details, they all ultimately follow discernible patterns. Even if I've never seen the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Thousand Cranes Array, deciphering it would be quite easy. As long as I observe the runes and array patterns that appear when the array activates, I can understand it and then reconstruct it!"

At this point, Immortal Lord Luo Shu, Yaan Mingyu's expression suddenly turned serious and solemn. While sketching a large number of runes and array patterns, she said in a deep voice,

"Mr. Mu, the Thousand Cranes Array you previously set up has reached the Sixth Grade Realm, but it hasn't reached the extreme of the Sixth Grade. Pay close attention to the sequence in which I draw these runes and array patterns and see where it differs from your own!"

Also, commit these differences to heart. When you return to your cave, think carefully about why my setup of this ultimate Sixth Grade Thousand Cranes Array differs from your runes and array patterns, and what effects these differences will have on the subsequent deployment of the entire Grand Array."

Upon hearing this from Immortal Lord Luoshui, Lin Xuankong immediately understood. At this moment, Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, was personally demonstrating the method of setting up the Thousand Cranes Array for him, providing a practical example of a superior Thousand Cranes Array. The questions she posed were clearly an 'assignment'! It was evident that Immortal Lord Luoshui had begun to meticulously teach him array techniques!

Realizing this, Lin Xuankong immediately held his breath and focused, concentrating his Heart Spirit on Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu's left hand. He carefully committed to memory every subtle movement as she sketched the runes and array patterns, not daring to miss a single detail.

「After the time it took to drink several cups of tea,」

Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, finally stopped her hand movements.

At this moment, countless densely packed runes and array patterns had appeared on the surfaces of the eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in her palm. These runes and array patterns, although consistent with those Lin Xuankong used when setting up the Thousand Cranes Array, differed subtly in position, spacing, size, and their relative sequence!

Lin Xuankong let out a slight sigh of relief. His current Divine Soul Strength had already reached Tier Three Heart Thought, far surpassing that of an average Second-Grade Earth Immortal. If not for this, it would have been impossible for him to commit to memory all the countless, intricate details of Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, sketching these runes and array patterns in such a short period.

Suddenly, Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, lifted her right hand, which held the eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. The eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts immediately hummed and flew towards different locations within the Little World inside the Cyan Bamboo Tower, instantly settling into distinct positions and at various heights.

At this moment, Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, turned to look at Lin Xuankong and said, "Commit to heart the differences in the position, height, distance, and sequence of the Array Hubs. When you return, reflect on why these distinctions should exist!"

After she finished speaking, her Immortal Yuan vibrated slightly. Instantly, the eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts began to hum. A Thousand Cranes Array, covering a thousand acres, appeared before Lin Xuankong's eyes. The transparent light membrane of this massive Sect Protection Array flickered, and on its surface, a highly solidified Array Spirit Immortal Crane emerged. This Array Spirit Immortal Crane was significantly more powerful than the Spiritual Crane that could be summoned by the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array. It had evidently surpassed the Sixth Grade, at least reaching the Seventh Grade Demon King Level of a Spiritual Crane!

This Thousand Cranes Array, set up by Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, utilized the same eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts and the same runes and array patterns as Lin Xuankong's. However, due to Yaan Mingyu's subtle operations and alterations, it had been completely transformed into a Seventh Grade Sect Protection Array!

Witnessing such a wondrous sight, Lin Xuankong dared not let his attention waver. He carefully observed the Seventh Layer Thousand Cranes Array set up by Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, all the while recalling the differences between her method of array deployment and his own. For a moment,

Lin Xuankong felt countless inspirations and insights welling up in his mind. Many of the obstructions and points of confusion he had previously encountered while studying the Path of Array were significantly clarified...

「After another period of time, equivalent to drinking several cups of tea,」

Lin Xuankong gradually awoke from his state of enlightenment. At this moment, a line of large characters flashed repeatedly in his mind, ceasing their fluctuations after a few breaths:

[Thousand Cranes Array: Sixth Layer of Earth Tier: 1187/2000]

Before entering Immortal Lord Luoshui's Cyan Bamboo Tower and witnessing her personal demonstration of array deployment, Lin Xuankong's Array Realm was: [Thousand Cranes Array: Sixth Layer of Earth Tier: 879/2000].

Merely due to a few demonstrations and pointers from Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, his realm had advanced rapidly, directly reaching the Mid-grade of the Sixth Layer of Earth Tier... This progress, achieved in less than an hour, was equivalent to nearly a year of Lin Xuankong's own study of arrays!

He could only imagine that if he comprehended the contents of the six Jade Scrolls given to him by Immortal Lord Luoshui, his Array Mastery would undoubtedly soar. There was even a chance he could elevate the Sect Protection Array to the Seventh Layer in a short time. If he had more opportunities to frequently consult with Immortal Lord Luoshui, reaching the Eighth Layer, or even the Ninth Layer, within twenty years was highly probable!

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Upon thinking this, Lin Xuankong did not hesitate in the slightest and immediately bowed to Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, saying:

"Thank you, Immortal Lord Luoshui, for your guidance. This guidance is like a beam of sunlight piercing through the clouds, allowing Mu Shiba to gain so much insight!"

Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, smiled and nodded.

"You were able to grasp some techniques related to Arrays in such a short time not solely because of my guidance, but also due to your own Array Talent!"

A thousand years ago, when I was in the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth, I had guided several Array Masters of the Luo Water Immortal Sect, but hardly any could grasp it as effortlessly as you, with just one demonstration!"

After speaking, she waved her hand, and the Seventh-Grade Thousand Cranes Array instantly dissipated. The eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, which served as the main Array Hub, transformed into streaks of flowing light, shrinking to the size of embroidery needles before falling back into her hand.

"The path of Arrays requires continuous study and practice, actively setting up Arrays and constantly deducing them to progress faster. When you return to your cave dwelling, in addition to Artifact Refining, set up Arrays numerous times and review the Array insights of Master Yuan and me, and you should gain even more insights!

I hope that in several hundred or even several thousand years, your Array Mastery will be able to catch up to mine—this so-called senior who has idled for eight thousand years. Then, we can study the Luo Water Divine Diagram together and deduce the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array beyond the Fourth Layer!

I have a premonition that once the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array reaches the Fourth Layer, there will be a qualitative transformation. At that time, its functions will not only include defense, attack, and altering Time Flow Speed, but will also reveal even more profound and mystical effects!"

This silver-haired, picturesque Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, looked deeply at Lin Xuankong.

"I hope the day when you deduce the Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array with me comes soon! However, even if I have to wait for you for thousands of years, I am willing. After all, Mr. Mu, you possess the best Array Talent I have seen in my eight thousand years!"

Catching up with Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu's Array Mastery in a few thousand years?

Lin Xuankong's heart stirred. He thought to himself: Now, being Old and Wise grants me a sixty-fold cultivation speed bonus, and Immortal Lord Luoshui already considers me a genius in the Dao of Arrays! In another year, I'll be seventy years old, with a seventy-fold cultivation speed bonus. My progress in studying Arrays will surely be faster. In a few hundred years, I'll have a several-hundred-fold cultivation

speed bonus. By then, my Array Mastery will likely improve so rapidly that it won't take thousands of years to catch up with Immortal Lord Luoshui's Array Mastery!

Thinking this, he solemnly cupped his hands and said, "With such high expectations from you, Senior, this junior will surely study Arrays diligently and will not disappoint Immortal Lord Luoshui in the future!"

Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, smiled. "Good, it's great that you have such ambition! In the Central Divine Dynasty Central Earth, even among the seniors with the highest Cultivation and most experience, or the most talented juniors, few dare to claim they will match my Array Mastery in the future!"

She extended her right hand towards Lin Xuankong. "Alright, these eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts are yours again. If there's nothing else, you should return to your cave dwelling. We've spent quite some time today, and I must continue studying the Luo Water Divine Diagram and Arrays!"

This Immortal Lord Luoshui truly is a genuine 'Array Fool'! As a Ninth-Grade Perfection Realm Earth Immortal, her Lifespan limit is at least nearly a hundred thousand years. Yet, after spending just an hour or so with me, she says it's been quite some time! Her obsession with Arrays is likely even greater than that of the Artifact Refining Genius, Miss Xiao! No wonder a targeted Array demonstration could yield such great benefits for me!

Thinking this, Lin Xuankong felt a surge of admiration and decisively shook his head. "These eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts were originally refined for you, Immortal Lord Luoshui! As for Mu Shiba using Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts to practice Arrays... I have plenty of other Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts from previous refinements!"

Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, did not decline upon hearing this.

She tucked a strand of her long, silver-white hair behind her ear, a touch of emotion appearing on her fair face.

"The Central Divine Dynasty, which claims to rule over the myriad sects of the Immortal Realm, boasts the most Artifact Refining Masters. However, even among the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals of the

Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect, few are as generous as you, to give away eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts just like that!

It seems that producing forty-eight Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts in twenty years—a task impossible even for the top Artifact Refining Masters in the Immortal Realm—is something you can achieve with ease!

It's a pity about my Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage. Because it only has the Third Layer Luo Water Grotto Heaven Array, each time the twenty-four times Time Flow Speed effect is activated, it can only last for a year at most before needing massive replenishment of Immortal Yuan and various materials.

Otherwise, if it could operate continuously for several years, allowing you to refine thousands of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, we could arm all the Earth Immortals in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region and set up dozens of Grand Arrays. Then, the Profound Yin Demon Sect crisis in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region would surely be resolved with ease!

It's truly unfortunate that time cannot be reversed. If only I, Yaan Mingyu, had met you a few years earlier, things would have been much better!"

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When Lin Xuankong heard this, his brow furrowed slightly. The number of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts I possess now... isn't it over several thousand? Unfortunately, the Artifact Refining techniques I've displayed are already world-shocking, attracting the prying eyes of Demon Lords like Fenghuo Lin from the Profound Yin Demon Sect. If I rashly reveal that I possess thousands of Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts, who knows what unforeseen complications might arise!

For now, while I can't guarantee my own safety, the fact that I possess such an incredible number of Immortal Artifacts must be kept secret... at least until these twenty years inside the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage are over! As for what happens after that, I'll have to make decisions based on the situation of the Immortal Demon War in the Western Region!

Besides, during these twenty years in the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage, even if I hand over eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts annually, I can still provide Immortal Lord Luoshui with a total of three hundred and sixty Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. That should be enough for her to set up many powerful arrays!

With the capabilities of Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, this many Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts should be sufficient for her to deal with the army dispatched by the Profound Yin Demon Sect to the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty!

「After leaving the Cyan Bamboo Tower of Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu,」

Lin Xuankong returned to his cave dwelling near the entrance of the Immortal Carriage Cave Heaven and immediately placed one of the six Jade Scrolls in his palm, activating his Immortal Yuan.

In the next moment, a vast amount of text concerning Array Formation appeared before Lin Xuankong's eyes. Just as Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu had said, these texts detailed the crucial points, insights, and techniques for establishing Sect Protection Arrays. The words continuously materialized and shifted, voluminous and sprawling. Yet, every sentence precisely pinpointed the vital techniques of Array Formation, devoid of any superfluous content. Each word could be described as a pearl of wisdom!

Lin Xuankong could not help but feel delighted. He composed himself and began to meticulously study Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu's insights on Array Formation.

As time trickled by, the ocean of text gradually transformed, and Lin Xuankong's expression continuously shifted. At times, a flash of understanding would light up his eyes; at others, confusion would cloud them. Sometimes his face would beam with joy, and other times his brows would knit tightly in thought.

Every interval, roughly the time it took to drink a cup of tea, Lin Xuankong would pause the flow of Immortal Yuan, halting the transformation of the text to immerse himself in deep contemplation.

Evidently, the insights on the Sect Protection Array from Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu were exceptionally profound. Had it been another Cultivator with slightly lesser Comprehension in arrays, they would likely have felt as if they were staring at a blank, unreadable tome!

Although Lin Xuankong possessed excellent Talent in Array Formation and benefited from a sixty-fold increase to his Cultivation Speed due to his Old and Wise Talent, he still couldn't absorb everything at a single glance. A thorough process of understanding, contemplation, absorption, and comprehension was essential.

「The Grotto Heaven World within the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage,」

Though it was a Little World, much like the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, it possessed its own cycles of sunrise and sunset, and the changing of four seasons. This allowed Lin Xuankong, residing within, to maintain a sense of the passage of time.

「In the blink of an eye, twelve years had passed within the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage!」

Of course, these were twelve years under a twenty-four-fold accelerated time flow; outside the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage, only a little over one hundred and eighty days, just over half a year, had passed!

「On this day,」

Lin Xuankong, seated within his cave dwelling, ceased channeling Immortal Yuan into the Jade Scroll and withdrew his Heart Spirit from his deep contemplation of the array formation insights.

For twelve years, aside from practicing Cultivation Techniques and Immortal Techniques, and Refining some Immortal Artifacts, Lin Xuankong had dedicated nearly half his time to absorbing the array formation insights from Immortal Lord Luoshui and Ancestor Yuan of the Luo Water Immortal Sect.

The content preserved within the six Jade Scrolls was truly an ocean of knowledge. After all, it comprised the research insights on the Sect Protection Array accumulated over thousands of years by an array genius from the Immortal Realm. This was supplemented by the studies of an ancestor from the Luo Water Immortal Sect who had lived for over a hundred thousand years!

If it were any other Cultivator, merely browsing through the contents of the six Jade Scrolls would likely take several years, let alone memorizing and comprehending it all!

Nevertheless, despite the sheer volume of insights from these two seniors, after twelve years, Lin Xuankong had managed to commit all of them to memory.

This achievement was naturally due in part to his twelve years of diligent effort. Another crucial factor was the acceleration effect provided by Lin Xuankong's Old and Wise Talent, which significantly expedited his process of memorizing these insights.

Furthermore, eleven years prior, when Lin Xuankong reached the age of seventy, his Old and Wise Talent had not disappointed him. It directly increased his Cultivation Speed multiplier to seventy-fold, which naturally further accelerated his pace of memorizing the insights.

Moreover, just a year ago, upon reaching the age of eighty, his Old and Wise Talent had advanced once more, elevating his Cultivation Speed multiplier to a full eighty-fold!

And the transformations Lin Xuankong underwent in these twelve years were far more profound than simply memorizing all the insights from the six Jade Scrolls!

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Twelve years.

For an ordinary Cultivator, such as a Seventh or Eighth Grade Transcendent Realm Cultivator, twelve years might not be enough to advance from the Early Stage of the Seventh or Eighth Grade to the Mid-grade of the Seventh or Eighth Grade.

If this period were applied to Earth Immortals, who might take thousands or even several thousand years to advance a single Grade, they would experience no significant changes in a mere twelve years.

However,

these twelve years, when applied to Lin Xuankong and his Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters, brought immense changes. Furthermore, it bestowed upon Lin Xuankong two extremely 'unnatural' Talents.

First, as the [Old and Wise] Talent transformed to provide an eightyfold Cultivation Speed bonus, the Cultivation Speed bonus from [Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters] also changed, becoming a full fortyfold.

This enormous fortyfold bonus,

when applied to Young Lady Li Xiaolan, Second Lady Zhao Yufei, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, and Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi—all individuals who possessed various Talents—

brought about rapid improvements in Young Lady Li Xiaolan's Alchemy Technique, Second Lady Zhao Yufei's Nine Gates Celestial Eye, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er's Cultivation Speed, and Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi's Artifact Refining speed.

Among these, Young Lady Li Xiaolan's growth in Alchemy Technique, in particular, continuously astonished her master, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er. After meeting Young Lady Li Xiaolan a few times, this Medicine Immortal even predicted before the many Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect that, given Young Lady Li Xiaolan's growth rate in Alchemy Technique, she could definitely surpass her—the foremost Medicine Immortal of the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region—within five hundred years.

This was incredibly high praise. After all, Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er herself possessed extremely strong Alchemy Talent and had been studying Alchemy Technique for several thousand years. For someone to surpass the Alchemy Technique of a Medicine Immortal with millennia of experience within just five hundred years of study was an assessment considered exceptionally high throughout the entire Immortal Realm.

Since this evaluation, many Earth Immortals from the various Immortal Sects in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, when visiting the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, would almost invariably bring generous gifts to seek an audience with Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er and Young Lady Li Xiaolan. However, they almost never had the chance to see Li Xiaolan, who was in secluded Cultivation within the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage.

The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect already boasted Lin Xuankong, an astounding super Artifact Refining Master. Now, with the emergence of Little Medicine Immortal Li Xiaolan, whose Alchemy Talent far surpassed Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er's, the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's reputation in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region soared to its zenith.

If it weren't for the impending invasion of the Profound Yin Demon Sect's army, the ecstatic Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect would probably have hosted another grand event to celebrate the emergence of another extraordinary Talent in the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

But in Lin Xuankong's view, this evaluation by Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er clearly underestimated Young Lady Li Xiaolan.

Now, relying on her Alchemy Talent and the fortyfold Cultivation Speed bonus from [Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters], Young Lady Li Xiaolan's progress is incredibly rapid. She's on track to surpass Medicine Immortal Qu Wan'Er in Alchemy Technique achievements within a hundred years!

If in another few decades, or perhaps a century, the Cultivation Speed bonus from [Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters] increases to seventy, eighty, or even a hundredfold, Young Lady Li Xiaolan's rate of improvement in Alchemy Technique will undoubtedly skyrocket to even more astonishing heights!

Apart from Alchemy Technique, this Young Lady, along with Second Lady Zhao Yufei, Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi, and the Lin Family Seven Tigers, had all advanced from the tenth level of the Transcendence Realm to the Initial Tier Earth Immortal Realm. They had even reached the Late Stage of the Initial Tier Earth Immortal Realm.

Twelve years, combined with a Cultivation Speed bonus of tens of times—this wasn't a difficult feat for them.

Among them, the one who cultivated fastest in the Immortal Dao was Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er.

Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er had already advanced to the Initial Tier Earth Immortal Realm before everyone else, and by now, she was a Mid-grade First-Grade Earth Immortal.

The reasons were twofold.

On one hand, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er's Profound Phoenix Strange Vein granted her inherently strong Talent in Immortal Dao Cultivation. It's worth noting that when Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er and Lin Xuankong were at the same Realm, under the thirtyfold Cultivation Speed bonus from Lin Xuankong's [Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters], her speed could even slightly surpass Lin Xuankong's! Of course, without Lin Xuankong's bonus, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er could never have kept pace with his Cultivation Speed.

On the other hand,

Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er, unlike Young Lady Li Xiaolan who needed to spend considerable time studying Alchemy Technique, or Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi who had to invest significant time in the Path of Artifact Refining and refining Immortal Artifacts, also didn't need to manage affairs within the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm like Second Lady Zhao Yufei.

Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er was considered relatively free among Lin Xuankong's wives, allowing her to focus wholeheartedly on Immortal Dao Cultivation.

Thus, Third Princess Xiaoo Ying'Er ranked highest in Immortal Dao Realm among Lin Xuankong's close relations and could be considered his 'number-one enforcer'...

Overall,

while a little more than half a year had passed in the outside world,

Young Lady Li Xiaolan, Second Lady Zhao Yufei, and the others within the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage had made rapid progress. Indeed, if not for the blinding brilliance of Lin Xuankong's miracle—achieving Perfection in the First-Grade Earth Immortal Realm in a single day—the Cultivation Speed of any of his wives, Artifact Refining Genius Xiao Xiuyi, or the Lin Family Seven Tigers would have been enough to shock the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region.

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Of course, when it comes to the most rapid progress and the most comprehensive increase in strength, the title naturally belongs to Lin Xuankong, the "Vigorous in Old Age"!

At this moment, Lin Xuankong stood in his cultivation abode, his consciousness immersed in his Brain Mansion, where lines of large, purple-gold characters flashed continuously.

Lin Xuankong: Remaining Lifespan: seventy-eight thousand, eight hundred and eighty-six years and one hundred eighty-six days.

Life Plate: "Vigorous in Old Age"

First Talent: "Old and Wise" – Cultivation speed increases with age. Current age: eighty-one. Cultivation speed bonus: eighty times.

Second Talent: "Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters" – Continuously gain insight and proficiency from the cultivation techniques and skills of his wife and children. His wife and children are also affected by this Life Plate, their cultivation speed increased by forty times. (This influence can be canceled.)

Third Talent: "Bullying the Old and Weak" – Enhances attack effects (Magic, Arrays, Spiritual Beasts) based on the opponent's age and cultivation realm.

* Against weaker opponents: For each grade an opponent's cultivation realm is lower than Lin Xuankong's, the damage multiplier of his attacks increases by two (e.g., if an opponent is one grade lower, damage is 2x; two grades lower, 4x; three grades lower, 6x).

* Against older opponents: For every thousand years an opponent is older than Lin Xuankong, the damage multiplier of his attacks increases by two (following the same progressive pattern).

Fourth Talent: "Piercing the Mountain and Hitting the Ox" – Attacks penetrate all opponent defenses (Battle Armor, Immortal Armor, Magic, Arrays, etc.), ensuring 100% of the attack's effect is delivered.

[Immortal Yuan: 960,000,000/960,000,000]

[Realm: Second-Grade Earth Immortal Perfection 99,998/100,000]

[Yin Talisman Technique: Perfection (currently unable to advance)]

[Pine Crane Longevity Technique: Perfection (total lifespan increased by fifteen hundred years, currently unable to advance)]

[Shadow Concealment Primordial Technique: Perfection (explosive power increased by twenty-four times, currently unable to advance)]

[Nine Gates Celestial Eye: Eighth Layer 29,876/999,999]

[Blood Bath Divine Skill: Perfection]

[Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique: Perfection, explosive power increased by sixteen times]

[Blood Eating Technique: Extraordinary to Saint 48,758/999,999]

[Blood-Burning Secret Technique: Perfection, explosive power increased by sixteen times]

[Alchemy Technique: Immortal Tier Alchemy Skill 6,686/12,000]

[Heart Thought: Immortal Tier Sixth Grade 4,767/48,000]

[Third Spirit Puppet Technique: Perfection]

[Tier Nine True Spirit Bone: Mastery Level: 96,988,367/10,000,000,000]

[Great Reincarnation Technique: Mastery Level: 96,988,367/10,000,000,000]

[Tier Two True Spirit Bone: Mastery Level: 4,800/4,800]

[Great Enhancement Technique: 4,800/4,800, body strength and explosive power increased by forty-eight times]

[Cyan Nether Second Sword: Growth-type Immortal Artifact, can grow up to Immortal Tier Seventh Grade. When nurturing is complete, it can be activated for three seconds.

Nurturing Level: Immortal Yuan 18,000,000/18,000,000, Seventh Grade 1,800/1,800]

[Thousand Cranes Array: Earth Tier Eighth Layer: 119/10,000]

Looking at these lines of purple-gold characters in his mind, Lin Xuankong felt a deep sense of fulfillment.

In just twelve years, even though Lin Xuankong had not dedicated all his time to cultivation, his Immortal Dao Realm had still advanced to the Perfection Realm of a Second-Grade Earth Immortal! Such a speed of realm advancement was utterly astonishing!

Back when Lin Xuankong first entered the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, intending to participate in the discipleship competition, he had met Grand Chief Steward Huang Liutao, whose cultivation realm was at the Late Stage of Second-Grade Earth Immortal.

It is said that every cultivator eligible to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect is a top genius from one of countless dynasties. After all, even prominent figures like Emperor Xiaoo of the Great Xia Dynasty and Sect Leader Hua of the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect lacked the qualifications to join the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect as disciples!

The fact that Huang Liutao could become a disciple, advance to the Earth Immortal Realm, and eventually become a Grand Chief Steward indicated his talent was outstanding, even among the tens of thousands of top genius disciples and Earth Immortals within the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect.

Yet, even an Earth Immortal Grand Chief Steward like Huang Liutao had spent roughly two thousand years to reach the Late Stage of Second-Grade Earth Immortal. In contrast, Lin Xuankong had surpassed him in Immortal Dao Realm in just over a dozen years!

Such terrifying cultivation speed, if it were publicly known, would surely make every cultivator in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region drop their jaws in amazement. After all, Lin Xuankong's realm advancement over these twelve years wasn't reliant on the special Immortal Yuan from a Celestial Tribulation, but rather on his own talent and diligent cultivation!

Besides his rapid advancement in the Immortal Dao Realm, reaching the age of eighty had also granted Lin Xuankong two new talents: "Bullying the Old and Weak" and "Piercing the Mountain and Hitting the Ox."

These two extraordinary talents were in no way inferior to his existing "Old and Wise" and "Wives, Children, Elders, and Youngsters"; in fact, they were potentially even more mysterious and powerful!

The "Bullying the Old and Weak" talent had two amazing effects. One of them, as detailed in its description, targeted cultivators with cultivation realms lower than Lin Xuankong's. For each grade an opponent was beneath him, the damage inflicted by his attacks would be significantly amplified. Superficially, this might not seem overly potent, as defeating cultivators of lower realms is hardly a remarkable feat.

However, Lin Xuankong was now in the Immortal Realm. Future opponents would, at a minimum, be Earth Immortals, beings with formidable survival capabilities. Even if their Immortal Body was shattered, they could preserve their Divine Soul within their Earth Immortal Golden Core to survive!

Without the Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman, during the siege of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect by the Seventy-six Immortal Sects, even if he had used numerous Immortal Artifacts, Lin Xuankong would have found it extremely difficult to kill an Earth Immortal. Slaying even an Initial Tier Earth Immortal would have required considerable effort!

But now, with the "Bullying the Old and Weak" talent, at his current Second-Grade Earth Immortal Realm, he could inflict quadruple damage upon an Initial Tier Earth Immortal. Once he advanced to Third-Grade, this would increase to sextuple damage against such an opponent!

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Moreover, this damage, when combined with Lin Xuankong's Great Enhancement Technique that provided a forty-eightfold boost and remained effective even in the Earth Immortal Realm, could achieve an astonishing 288-fold damage output. Under such terrifying damage amplification, even Initial Tier Earth Immortals who hid their Divine Souls within their Earth Immortal Golden Cores could not withstand Lin Xuankong's fatal strike!

Of course, the strongest aspect of the "Bullying the Old and Weak" Talent lay in its second effect: it also increased damage against opponents older than Lin Xuankong. It was crucial to understand that in the Immortal Realm, some High-Grade Earth Immortals were often tens of thousands of years old; even Eighth and Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals could be a hundred thousand years old or more.

Normally, even if Lin Xuankong possessed a Seventh-Grade Immortal Artifact, he would not be able to breach the defenses of such High-Grade Earth Immortals. After all, even if he advanced to the Third-Grade Earth Immortal Realm, his strength would still lag far behind theirs. The robust Immortal Bodies of these High-Grade Earth Immortals were nearly indestructible, to say nothing of the resilience of their Earth Immortal Golden Cores. In the numerous texts of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect that Lin Xuankong had perused, it was recorded that since the Near Ancient Era, following the disappearance of High-Grade Immortal Artifacts, High-Grade Earth Immortals had rarely fallen in battle. The Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva of the Spirit Platform Buddhism was renowned throughout the Immortal Realm, Demon Realm, and Monster Realm. This was because this revered Bodhisattva had once led many other Bodhisattvas from the Spirit Platform Buddhism to slay the Demon Lord of the Profound Yin Demon Sect.

With Lin Xuankong's current realm and strength, it could be said that if a High-Grade Earth Immortal—an Eighth or Ninth-Grade one, for instance—stood undefended before him and allowed him to attack with full force, he still might not be able to completely damage their Immortal Body.

However, with the "Bullying the Old and Weak" Talent, it was a different story! For every thousand years of an opponent's age exceeding his, the damage would increase twofold. If Lin Xuankong faced an opponent like Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu, a Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal, it would be manageable. After all, Immortal Lord Luoshui Yaan Mingyu's talent was exceptionally rare; she had reached the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal Realm over a thousand years prior, making her current age only about eight thousand years. Lin Xuankong's "Bullying the Old and Weak" Talent would only increase damage against her by about sixteen times. However, other Eighth and Ninth-Grade High-Grade Earth Immortals often had ages spanning fifty to sixty thousand years. TSK! TSK!

Disregarding exceptionally ancient individuals, just a fifty-thousand-year-old Earth Immortal, if encountered by Lin Xuankong, would face a fiftyfold damage increase from this Talent alone. When combined with the forty-eightfold boost from his still-effective Great Enhancement Technique, the total amplification was staggering. TSK! TSK! If he encountered a hundred-thousand-year-old opponent? TSK! TSK! And if he faced an ancient monster one hundred and fifty thousand years old...

Lin Xuankong's third Talent, in an Immortal Realm teeming with ancient beings, was simply incredible!

Of course, Lin Xuankong's fourth Talent was equally terrifying. "Piercing the Mountain and Hitting the Ox"—it completely ignored all defenses, with the attack directly affecting the opponent's body! This meant that regardless of how formidable an opponent's Battle Armor, how wondrous their Defensive Immortal Techniques, or how powerful their Arrays were, none would be effective against Lin

Xuankong's attacks. This was especially significant because Lin Xuankong had been studying Arrays for over a decade and was well aware of their strength. For example, even if he activated his Seventh-Grade Immortal Sword and the Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman against the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sixth-Grade Sect Protection Array, he likely couldn't breach it in a single strike. Furthermore, in the Central Divine Dynasty's Central Earth region, many large Immortal Sects possessed Sect Protection Arrays far stronger than the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sixth-Grade Thousand Cranes Array; these were often Eighth or Ninth-Grade Arrays. Even Eighth and Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals could not easily penetrate them, let alone attack the cultivators sheltered within. But with his fourth Talent, "Piercing the Mountain and Hitting the Ox," no matter how potent a Grand Array was, it became virtually useless before Lin Xuankong; his attacks would always find their mark.

Apart from these two newly awakened Talents, Lin Xuankong's strength had grown comprehensively over those twelve years. His Cultivation Realm, Nine Gates Celestial Eye, Alchemy Technique, and Artifact Refining Technique had all been steadily and rapidly advancing. Among these, the most outstanding improvement was the Nurturing Level of his Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone. Since entering the Earth Immortal Realm, Lin Xuankong's speed in nurturing the Celestial Demon Bone had increased manyfold. Now, the Nurturing Level of his Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone had reached an extremely high degree: [Tier Nine True Spirit Bone: Mastery Level: 96,988,367/10,000,000,000].

The 96,988,367 points signified that the diameter of Lin Xuankong's Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm had reached 96,991,367 li. With such an enormous diameter, the area of the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm had grown to an unimaginable extent. To put it in perspective, Earth in Lin Xuankong's previous life had a diameter of just over 25,000 li; this meant the diameter of his Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm was nearly four thousand times greater than Earth's. Even at Lin Xuankong's current realm, flying at full speed without an Immortal Artifact, it would take him several hundred days to traverse the Secret Realm from one end to the other. Such vastness was almost on par with the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region! However, the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region was overseen by 126 Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty and managed by the countless dynasties under their jurisdiction. This Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, in contrast, belonged solely to Lin Xuankong!

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Although under the continuous efforts of Second Lady Zhao Yufei, for over a decade, the population migrated into the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm had reached nearly twenty billion, and the number of Profound Iron Machines was also increasing simultaneously. However, fully developing such a vast secret realm was an unimaginably arduous task!

What pleased Lin Xuankong considerably was that, with the population explosion in the secret realm, more and more medicinal fields were being cultivated. Now, even when he used the Blood Eating Technique to his heart's content, he could be satiated. This also led to the amount of Immortal Yuan he

could store in his Life Plate finally reaching its maximum capacity: [Immortal Yuan: 960,000,000/960,000,000].

Among his numerous gains and growths, the improvement in his arrays also brought Lin Xuankong great satisfaction and joy. Through his diligent research and comprehension of the many insights from those six jade scrolls, his attainments in arrays had already advanced to the Eighth Layer of Earth Tier: 119/10,000! This meant that Lin Xuankong could now use eighteen Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts to successfully set up an Eighth Grade Sect Protection Grand Array. Once an Eighth Grade Sect Protection Grand Array was established, it could cover an extremely vast area, resist attacks from Eighth-Grade Earth Immortals, and summon an Eighth-Grade Array Spirit Spirit Crane to attack opponents! Although it was just an Eighth-Grade Spirit Crane, under the influence of Lin Xuankong's "Bullying the Old and Weak" and "Piercing the Mountain and Hitting the Ox" abilities, along with the Great Enhancement Technique, its attacks on those Ninth-Grade old monsters would surely give each of them a big 'surprise'!

I hope that eight years from now, those Great Demons, Demon Generals, and Demon Lords from the Profound Yin Demon Sect who come to invade the Western Region are all old monsters—the older, the better! Lin Xuankong thought to himself after tallying his growth over the past twelve years.

Just at this moment, Lin Xuankong seemed to sense something; his figure flickered and flashed out of his cave dwelling. He looked up towards the entrance of the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage Grotto Heaven World and saw a figure flying in. It then transformed into a stream of light, shooting towards Yaan Mingyu's Cyan Bamboo Tower!

"Immortal Bai Qilin!" Lin Xuankong exclaimed, somewhat surprised at the sight of the light stream, and activated his Immortal Yuan to transmit his voice.

Over the past twelve years, although Lin Xuankong hadn't seen Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, very often, the two Sixth-Grade Spirit Beasts from the Luo Water Immortal Sect, White-forehead Qilin Bai E and Cyan-forehead Qilin, frequently visited his cave dwelling. These two Sixth-Grade Spirit Beasts were, on one hand, astonished by Lin Xuankong's shocking talents, understanding that this Mr. Mu was destined for extraordinary things. If given the chance to grow, he would surely become a pillar of the Central Province Divine Dynasty Immortal Realm. Therefore, they proactively sought to befriend him. On the other hand, these two Spirit Beasts were quite envious of Lin Xuankong's numerous Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts! Although each of them, as Spirit Beasts of Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, possessed two Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts for protection, who would ever complain about having too many treasures like Immortal Artifacts?

Since they were the personal Spirit Beasts of Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, Lin Xuankong was naturally generous, gifting them several Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Consequently, over the past twelve years, these two Spirit Beasts from the Luo Water Immortal Sect had grown increasingly close to Lin Xuankong. However, despite both being Qilin Spirit Beasts, their temperaments were vastly different. White-forehead Qilin Bai E had always been composed, able to handle even major events with equanimity. It was rare for Lin Xuankong to see White-forehead Qilin Bai E so anxious, rushing about so frantically within the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage Grotto Heaven World. The current situation was clearly unusual.

Sensing Lin Xuankong's transmitted message, the stream of light streaking across the sky suddenly halted, revealing the figure of White-forehead Qilin Bai E. Lin Xuankong, in turn, activated an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact beneath his feet and instantly flew to White-forehead Qilin Bai E's side. "What happened? Immortal Qilin, you seem to be in quite a hurry."

White-forehead Qilin Bai E's face, initially etched with human-like anxiety, relaxed slightly upon seeing Lin Xuankong. Yet, its large eyes still carried a palpable sense of worry and urgency! It shook its head, sighed, and said, "Ah, Mr. Mu, something major has indeed occurred!"

Lin Xuankong frowned slightly, a puzzled expression on his face. "Is it about the Profound Yin Demon Sect's invasion? Isn't their army invading the Western Region supposed to reach our Central Divine Dynasty Western Region only in about half a year?"

In the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, and even throughout the entire Immortal Realm, only matters concerning the Profound Yin Demon Sect could likely cause such worry and agitation in a personal Spirit Beast of Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu. However, according to the intelligence Lin Xuankong had recently gathered from monitoring the various Earth Immortals of the Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect, the Profound Yin Demon Sect's army invading the Western Region was still en route. After all, the Profound Yin Demon Realm was exceedingly far from the Immortal Realm; even Earth Immortals capable of traveling tens of thousands of miles a day could not easily cross the vast distance between the two realms.

White-forehead Qilin Bai E frowned and said, "It is indeed about the Profound Yin Demon Sect's invasion. However, it's not the Western Region; it's the Central Divine Dynasty Eastern Domain, the one closest to the Demon Realm! In the Eastern Domain, the Demon Sect has already clashed with dozens of Immortal Sects from the Immortal Realm! Although thirty-two Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals from the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sects have gone to the Central Divine Dynasty Eastern Domain to reinforce them, and three of the twenty-eight Immortal Lords are personally overseeing the situation, our side still suffered a crushing defeat in the first wave of battle! During the six-hour vanguard engagement, the Immortal Realm's side had six Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals and one Immortal Lord severely injured.

One hundred ninety-seven Mid-grade Earth Immortals perished, twelve Ninth-grade Grand Arrays were shattered, and the number of fallen Cultivators and Low-Grade Earth Immortals is simply incalculable!"

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Now the Eastern Domain has already abandoned nearly half of its territory, retreating to the vicinity of the Su Emperor's Divine Tomb. Relying on the six Luo Water Grotto Heaven Arrays that my Patriarch set up there hundreds of years ago, they are struggling to hold the line and are waiting for support from the Central Divine Dynasty in Central Earth!

However, the Central Divine Dynasty in Central Earth will also face an invasion from another army of the Profound Yin Demon Sect in three to four months at most, and the number of Demon Lords and Demon Generals in the army invading Central Earth far exceeds that in the Eastern Domain. If the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect dispatches a large number of Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals and Immortal Lords to support them at this time, they might not be able to defend Central Earth in time!"

Lin Xuankong's eyes twitched after hearing this.

"One Immortal Lord and six Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals severely injured, one hundred ninety-seven Mid-grade Earth Immortals fallen, countless Low-Grade Earth Immortals and Cultivators perished? In the very first great battle, the Immortal Realm suffered such severe losses?"

Originally, Lin Xuankong's heart, which had been filled with joy due to his rapidly increasing strength, now felt heavy.

The power of an Immortal Lord needs no explanation. Take, for instance, Immortal Lord Luoshui, Yaan Mingyu, whom he had seen with his own eyes. Such top Earth Immortal Powerhouses, if Lin Xuankong did not use "Bullying the Old and Weak," "Piercing the Mountain and Hitting the Ox," and the "Great Enhancement Technique," he feared that even if they stood still and let him attack for ten days and nights, he might not be able to hurt them!

Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals are equally formidable. In the Central Divine Dynasty, they are already considered top-tier existences!

But three top figures ranked among the twenty-eight Earth Immortals of the Immortal Realm, along with thirty-two Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals stationed there, were severely injured within just six hours,

losing an Immortal Lord and six Ninth-Grade Earth Immortals... This was even with the protection of twelve Sect Protection Arrays!

Moreover, even if the Sixth-Grade Spirit Beast hadn't said anything, Lin Xuankong could imagine that in such battles between top Earth Immortals and Demon Lords and Demon Generals, once they fell at a disadvantage, those weaker Low-Grade Earth Immortals and Transcendence Realm Cultivators would be massacred like leaves swept by the autumn wind!

This battle, which mobilized all the Cultivators of the Immortal Sects in the Eastern Domain, had already claimed countless lives...

Back then, just the seventy-six Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region joining forces to attack the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, breaking a few Array Hubs, resulted in the deaths of thousands of disciples of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect! At this moment, describing the Eastern Domain of the Central Divine Dynasty as mountains of corpses and seas of blood would not be an exaggeration!

This earth-shattering Immortal Demon War is indeed going to cause untold devastation!

Ordinary people like Old Zhang, who sold leek-stuffed pies back in the Great Marsh Prefecture, would likely die in untold numbers in such a war. Moreover, who knows how many would be turned into Resentful Souls in Demon Artifacts by the evil ones of the Profound Yin Demon Sect!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong frowned tightly and looked at the White-forehead Qilin Bai E. "Is Qilin Immortal planning to deliver this news to Immortal Lord Luoshui?"

The White-forehead Qilin Bai E nodded. "My Patriarch has been in seclusion, studying Arrays for more than ten years. All external matters and contacts are handled by me and Qing. The Patriarch is currently unaware of the happenings in the Eastern Domain! Moreover, the events of today are not just confined to the Eastern Domain! Major incidents have also occurred in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty!"

Lin Xuankong was somewhat surprised. "Not just the Eastern Domain? What major incident occurred in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty?"

A glint of ruthlessness flashed in the White-forehead Qilin Bai E's enormous eyes.

"Today, while I was discussing matters with Sect Leader Li at the Second Spirit Peak of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, I received news from the Divine Dynasty Immortal Sect. Just as I was about to return to the Demon-Suppressing Immortal Carriage to report to my Patriarch, I received an urgent report from the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Wanderer. The Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and ten other Immortal Sects of the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region have recently moved out collectively from the Western Region boundaries, their whereabouts unknown!

"Moreover, before the numerous Earth Immortals and disciples of these twelve Western Region Immortal Sects left, they suddenly attacked ten small Immortal Sects, including the Five Elders Immortal Sect. They looted all their resources, captured forty-six Earth Immortals from those ten Immortal Sects, and massacred over three hundred thousand Transcendence Realm Cultivators, leaving only three alive!

"These twelve Western Region Immortal Sects, led by the Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect, had the three survivors deliver a message to the Five Elements Immortal Sect.

"They said that one hundred and sixty days from now, the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty will turn into a sea of blood. If you want to survive this unprecedented catastrophe in the Immortal Realm, the only choice is to be wise and join the winning side by surrendering to the Western Region envoys of the Profound Yin Demon Sect ahead of time!"

"What? The Spirit Cauldron Immortal Sect, the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, and the other twelve Sects have already made a move against other Sects? Have they gone mad? With Immortal Lord Luoshui present, aren't they afraid of perishing completely!"

Lin Xuankong's eyebrows raised, and the Initial Tier Immortal Sword beneath his feet buzzed continuously, clearly showing his intent to kill.