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Chapter 1071: It is Said to be a Dragon After Chen Mobai finished imparting his knowledge, he asked his two disciples what requirements they had for their Lifebound Magic Artifact.

“Master, I suppose I don’t need one yet.”

Zhuo Ming took the initiative to speak up. After all, she was far from Core Formation and had never thought about Lifebound Magic Artifacts. She also believed that Chen Mobai was going to ask Sheng Zhaoxi, an external sect True Person, to assist with the Refinement, and she didn’t want her master to owe others more favors.

“If the Lifebound Magic Artefact Embryo could be nurtured with one’s Spiritual Power during Foundation Establishment, by the time it goes through the Building Dan Heavenly Tribulation with the cultivator, it would become entirely unified in heart and mind. Even if someone else helped in its making, it would operate just as one desires. Since you are my disciples, naturally, I want to arrange the best configuration for you.”

While Chen Mobai spoke, he thought of his other two disciples who were outside and decided to send them a message later to ask as well.

However, if he was really going to customize four Lifebound Magic Artifact Embryos, his good brother Ming Yuhua might be too busy to handle it all.

But he could arrange a priority sequence, with Luo Yixuan’s first and the last being Jiang Zongheng, who had not yet made any significant contributions.

“Master, I want a Flying Sword!”

After undergoing this life-and-death experience, Luo Yixuan saw Chen Mobai as a dearly beloved family member, and upon hearing his words, she didn’t hold back and directly expressed her wish.

Her master was the number one Sword Cultivator in the Eastern Wilderness, and among his disciples at Xiao Nanshan, only she could inherit his mantle.

“A Flying Sword? That requirement is too broad. Think carefully, do you have any specific conditions...?”

Chen Mobai remembered that custom orders for Magic Artifacts at the Immortal Gate required several versions of drawings for comparisons regarding the external design and dimensions before finalizing the design.

“Ah, isn’t a Flying Sword just a Flying Sword?”

Luo Yixuan found this hard to understand. In the Eastern Wilderness, when it came to Artifact Refining, one could only provide a single external requirement, and the Artifact Refiner would use the materials and the current state of affairs to exert creativity. If one could Refine an Artifact to the required Grade, it was a reason to be immensely grateful.

Any Artifact Refiner with a success rate above fifty percent was popular, and those with seventy or eighty percent were considered masters.

Guaranteed success? No such foolish Artifact Refiners were heard of in the entire Tianhe Realm.

“It’s like this...”

Chen Mobai called his two disciples over and unfolded a sheet of paper under the peach tree, starting to draw and describe examples of custom Magic Artifact orders from the Immortal Sect.

After hearing all this, Zhuo Ming and Luo Yixuan felt as if they had discovered a whole new world.

They had no idea that so many demands could be made for a Magic Artifact!

They took the draft drawings from Chen Mobai and decided to think it over carefully that evening.

After they discussed these matters, Chen Mobai picked up the canister of tea leaves Zhuo Ming had presented on the table. It was after drinking this tea that he reached an enlightened state, which led to the breakthrough idea of using the Returning Essence Secret Technique to resolve Luo Yixuan's issue.

Fine stuff.

Back at home, drinking a cup at the crucial moment could solve some problems encountered during cultivation.

Just as Chen Mobai was about to stand up and leave, the ground beneath his feet suddenly swelled and a crack appeared.

If he had not recognized what it was in time, a Flame Sun Slash would have already been brought down upon it.

The long-unseen Tai Sui crawled out, rubbing up against his trouser leg in a rather ingratiating manner.

Chen Mobai had almost forgotten about this creature.

Seeing this, Zhuo Ming immediately came over to salute Tai Sui.

This Spiritual Object had been a great help since Chen Mobai had entrusted it to her.

Without Tai Sui to enrich and invigorate the soil of Xiao Nanshan, improving the mountain's geomantic vitality, even if Zhuo Ming could cultivate them, precious Spirit Plants like the Immortal Peach Tree, Pure Bamboo, and Enlightenment White Tea wouldn't be as vigorous and thriving as they are now, let alone showing a trend of continuous advancement.

"Master, I previously soaked the seeds of Green Jade Spirit Rice with the juice from Elder Tai Sui and found that after planting them, the Spirit Rice grown was elevated by a minor Grade."

Green Jade Spirit Rice was a Rank-2, Lower-grade seed, with occasionally some grains plump enough, fully absorbing the earth's essence, capable of growing into Rank-2, intermediate grade.

After Zhuo Ming soaked the seeds with Tai Sui Juice, she found that all of them reached the fullest state and after planting, could all yield Rank-2, intermediate grade rice ears of Spirit Rice.

Upon discovering this, Zhuo Ming conducted several experiments, easily grasping the range for diluting with water to ensure the most efficient use of Tai Sui Juice.

Moreover, Zhuo Ming also discovered through the All Things Spiritual Communication Technique that this Tai Sui Juice was very versatile. At least on Xiao Nanshan, all the Spirit Plants needing earth's essence reacted positively to the juice.

She was now trying to figure out a way to make Tai Sui expand a bit to extract more juice, and to soak all the Spirit Plants she had, even those within Giant Tree Ridge, to test them out.

“No wonder it has lost so much weight.”

After hearing about the experiments Zhuo Ming conducted with Tai Sui, Chen Mobai finally understood why the always fearful and respectful Tai Sui, upon seeing him leaving, suddenly came out to court favor.

It was reminding him that it was still a contract spirit, waiting for him to take it away!

“Keep up the good work, and when Ming'er reaches her path, she won't shortchange you.”

But in Chen Mobai's eyes, a hundred Tai Suis together wouldn't compare to Zhuo Ming, his true successor. He laughed heartily, nudging Tai Sui aside with his foot, before leaving Xiao Nanshan atop a cloud of multicolored mist.

The next day, Chen Mobai went to Shenmu Hall.

Yue Zutao briefed him on the sect and Eastern Wilderness matters that occurred during his seclusion, and everything was steadily progressing according to Chen Mobai's plan.

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Ever since the Divine Wood Sect and the Five Elements Sect jointly issued a public announcement regarding the water vein in Yun Meng Ze, even though Back to Sky Valley and Snow-blowing Palace were reluctant, they had no choice but to send out Foundation Establishment Elders, leading the sect's disciples to help suppress the demonic beasts for the sake of profit.

Among the Foundation Establishment Practitioners leading the team from Snow-blowing Palace was Xue Ting, who was well-known to Chen Mobai. It was unclear whether this could be considered a dispatch to a remote frontier.

On the other hand, the lead from Back to Sky Valley was He Jintong, the Eldest Disciple of Yan Shaoyin, who, after his failure to form a Core, sought to hunt monster beast inner pills in an attempt to create a heterodox Golden Core.

However, the situation in Yun Meng Ze primarily depended on the manpower of the Five Elements Sect and the Divine Wood Sect to stabilize. This could also be because the main target of the demonic beast army was eroding towards the riverbanks near Dongwu, and they hadn't felt any pressure on their side for the time being.

After discussing the external matters, Luo Xue'er moved on to speak about the sect's financial situation. This year they were able to turn a loss into a profit, and as long as there was no war, they would have a surplus every year.

Mostly good news, Chen Mobai was very satisfied.

Yue Zutao: "Sect Leader, there is another matter. Near the border between Frost Country and Snow Country, there has been a fierce fluctuation in nature's spiritual energy, suspected to be the emergence of a relic or the mining of a Spirit Stone Mine. However, when our people from Snow-blowing Palace went to investigate, the fluctuations in spiritual energy had disappeared."

Luo Xue'er: "I think it is very likely to be a Spirit Stone Mine, especially since two medium-sized Spirit Stone Mines were discovered near the junction of Wind, Snow, and Frost countries."

In the entire Eastern Wilderness, there are only four medium-sized Spirit Stone Mines, two of which are in the hands of the Five Elements Sect.

The other two are each in Wind Country and Frost Country.

And these two are not far apart.

If it weren't for Snow-blowing Palace having some connections in East Land, even Ancestor Hunyuan would have wanted to forcibly take possession of this Spirit Stone Mine.

According to the customs of the Eastern Wilderness, if Snow-blowing Palace really discovered a new medium-sized Spirit Stone Mine, as the new overlord of the Eastern Wilderness, Divine Wood Sect would definitely want a share of the profits.

Even if it's not on their own territory.

Although Chen Mobai intended to gradually absorb Snow-blowing Palace and unify the Eastern Wilderness, he was not willing to let Divine Wood Sect use the occupation of the Spirit Stone Mine as a pretext to start a war.

Having a justifiable reason to act is still very necessary.

The best outcome would be for Snow-blowing Palace to admire their great sect's demeanor, noble spirit, and offer their territory voluntarily, to be incorporated into the Divine Wood Sect!

This would be the most upright way to subdue the enemy without fighting!

"Let the Witchcraft division send more people to investigate and find out the exact cause."

In the end, amidst the expectant gazes of everyone present, Chen Mobai issued an order that seemed very moderate.

After handling the matters within the sect, Chen Mobai returned to the Immortal Gate.

Things here were even simpler.

Yu Wood City and Qing Sang Academy had their own complete operating systems, and moreover, the various major departments in the city were managed by higher-level departments of the Immortal Gate; his non-interference was actually the best.

So, he only planned to take a tour of Qing Sang Academy, after all, this academy is under both the Dance Tool Dao Academy and Jumang Academy, and he was also one of the senior members, which made him care a little more about it in his heart.

Knowing that he was coming, Vice Principal Song Mutu was early to meet him at the school's entrance and accompanied him throughout his inspection tour of the various majors in the academy.

"This year's enrollment has reached a new high; Teacher Song has worked hard," Chen Mobai said after touring the two most famous majors of Qing Sang Academy and finally reaching the principal's office he seldom visited more than once a year. He praised the continuous upward trend after flipping through this year's enrollment brochure.

"It's nothing, a lot of the new students have applied for our academy because of the reputation of Principal Chen; I wouldn't dare take credit," Song Mutu humbly responded, waving his hands to show that the increasing number of students in recent years was all thanks to the principal.

"Oh, is this the list of students applying for further study at our academy?"

At that moment, Chen Mobai came across a document, and after reading the cover, he saw three individual profiles underneath—these were the only students who had successfully achieved Foundation Establishment at Qing Sang Academy in the last ten years.

Students applying for further study could fill in three choices, much like how one selects universities during college entrance exams, ranked from high to low.

The first choice of these three students was respectively Kunpeng Daoist Institute, Jumang Academy, and Repairing Heaven Institute.

There was no mention of Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Recalling his previous words and considering Chen Mobai's own status as an outstanding alumnus of Dance Tool Dao Academy, Song Mutu looked somewhat embarrassed.

But although Chen Mobai felt somewhat disappointed, he still smiled and picked up the head principal's seal of Qing Sang Academy and stamped it.

"Ever since I and Tianyu graduated, the Dance Tool Dao Academy has indeed fallen into decline a bit," Chen Mobai said after stamping the document, and then he checked the latest rankings of colleges within the Immortal Gate, sighing to find that Dance Tool Dao Academy had once again become the bottom of the Daoist Academy in the past ten years.

"The Repairing Heaven Institute has produced a genius of incomparable intelligence who has mastered the Guidance Book. It is said that Elder Yuanxu has taken a personal interest in them and brought them into his own new project. The Kunpeng Daoist Institute has also consecutively yielded two outstanding talents, superb geniuses who have completed parts of the Liu Yu Scripture related to wind and rain. Compared to them, our two families have had somewhat of a gap in rising talents over the past decade or so."

As a frontline education expert, Song Mutu was familiar with the leading geniuses of the Four Great Daoist Sects in recent years and shared this information with Chen Mobai.

For the most part, it has been a rotation between Jumang Academy and Dance Tool Dao Academy taking the last place, but a couple of years ago, Jumang Academy recruited a disciple with a Heavenly Spiritual Root, who had already reached the second level of Foundation Establishment even before attending the academy.

Once this person with the Heavenly Spiritual Root has grown, Jumang Academy will be able to leave the Dance Tool Dao Academy behind and compete with Repairing Heaven and Kunpeng Institutes on an equal footing.

It's no wonder that Qing Sang Academy's three newly established practitioners are reluctant to choose the Dance Tool Dao Academy as their top priority for further study."

Although Chen Mobai had once outperformed all the talents of the Daoist Academy when he was younger, he did not grow arrogant or complacent, holding genuine respect in his heart for true geniuses.

"Indeed, 'new generations replace the old'!"

After looking up these prominent individuals mentioned by Song Mutu online, Chen Mobai couldn't help but exclaim with feeling.

In particular, he always felt that the two from Kunpeng Daoist Institute who had mastered the Liu Yu Scripture were out of this world!

"You mean Crystal and White Waves, right? They are transformed Spirit Beasts from the Sea Territory and have similar backgrounds to the Sage Narcissus," Chen Mobai inquired of Wen Ren Xuewei about the matter of the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations and incidentally asked about this too, to which the latter directly informed him.

On hearing this, Chen Mobai was greatly surprised.

"Could it be that after a hundred years, the Immortal Gate might have two more Nascent Soul Superiors?"

If they came from the Sea Territory and were like Sage Narcissus, then they were guaranteed to achieve Nascent Soul.

"White Waves' future achievements might even surpass those of Sage Narcissus!"

Wen Ren Xuewei, sitting gracefully in a pavilion in the water on the other side of the video call, sipped her tea and uttered a statement that startled Chen Mobai.

“What kind of creature is it?”

“It is said to be a dragon!”

As legitimate heirs of the Daoist Academies who might one day take charge of them, Wen Ren Xuewei straightforwardly shared this significant secret with Chen Mobai.

“Are there True Dragons in the Immortal Gate?”

After hearing this, Chen Mobai was even more astonished.

“Well, I don’t know about that, but even if it isn’t a True Dragon, it’s definitely of True Dragon lineage.”

Peach Blossom Sage of Jumang Academy is an otherworldly figure, so she knew a lot about this subject. As an up-and-coming Nascent Soul, Wen Ren Xuewei was quite privy to the academy’s matters, being second only to the Nascent Souls, and most information was shared with her.

Chen Mobai asked further questions and Wen Ren Xuewei shared what she knew, revealing that when White Waves enrolled, even the Beiming Ascendant of the Kungpeng Daoist Institute, who had been in seclusion for nearly a hundred years, came out to greet him.

One can only imagine White Waves’ status in the Sea Territory must be extraordinary!

“It’s a pity that, with this development, the Dance Tool Dao Academy is likely to remain at the bottom for the next decade.”

After chatting with Wen Ren Xuewei, Chen Mobai felt sorry about the circumstance.

A talent of White Waves’ caliber could probably only be surpassed by him if he were to return to academy life now!

“What are you complaining about? We at Jumang managed to attract a Heavenly Earth Spirit Root apprentice, hoping to reclaim the top ranking of the Daoist Academies after a few years of training. Who would have thought that Kunpeng Daoist Institute would behave so unethically, recruiting a Transformation exchange student from the Sea Territory!”

Wen Ren Xuewei was quite vexed. As the one who began overseeing the operation of Jumang Academy after reaching Core Formation, she was eager to achieve results to naturally assume the position of vice chancellor.

“At least you can vie for second place. Our Dance Tools has nothing but the bottom to cling to.”

Chen Mobai’s self-deprecating words made Wen Ren Xuewei feel somewhat better.

However, regarding the matter of the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations, Wen Ren Xuewei really had no solution; even the Nascent Soul Superiors were coveting this item.

After talking for a while longer, the two ended the call.

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The Five Peaks Immortal Mountains!

Yu Huiping watched Xiao Hei operate the computer, selecting Dance Tool Dao Academy as his top choice for submission and hesitated to speak up.

Chapter 1073: “I’ve recently been in charge of a big project, and I expect to be very busy for the next two or three years.”

“I might not be able to help with the Magic Artifact Embryo matter.”

“How about I introduce you to a few people? They’re all geniuses from our Refining Implement Department at the Daoist Academy, only second to me.”

“You can also find a Daoist Academy on your own. Given your current status as a Golden Core Master, Deng, the head of our Refining Implement Department, will definitely show you respect. Perhaps he’ll even use your Lifebound Magic Artefact Embryo as the subject for a class of a certain year.”

“However, I think you could also learn the Artifact Refining Technique on your own. After all, you’ve achieved Core Formation now, and it will be at least a hundred or two hundred years until ‘Nascent Soul Formation.’ A Rank-1 or Rank-2 Artifact Refiner certification should be easily attainable, and for Rank-3, with your supreme talent, if you focus on it for a few years, you should be almost there.”

Ming Yuhua talked at length, and Chen Mobai also felt a bit tempted after listening.

With his current realm, if he were to cover the Cultivation Arts such as Alchemy, Artifact Refining, Earth Mastery, and Formation work from the top down, he could easily elevate them to the Rank-2 level.

In the Xianmen, such achievements aren’t significant, but in the Tianhe Realm, it would be equivalent to a Rank-3 master.

Chen Mobai didn’t want to be distracted before because he felt that his talent wasn’t sufficient and needed to use all his time to improve his cultivation realm.

But now, after Core Formation, even though his cultivation conditions are the best compared to others at the same level, reaching the Ninth Level of Golden Core would at least take over sixty years.

In that time, the portion originally used to comprehend the Extreme Sun Slash can now be freed up and reassigned, thanks to the empowerment by the Great Dao Tree.

Chen Mobai had been considering which spell to cultivate next, but after hearing Ming Yuhua’s reminder, he realized it might be time to develop into a hexagon.

At the very least, fields like Artifact Refining, Alchemy, and Earth Mastery could be raised to Rank-2, which wouldn't take much time.

Having these skills would make it much easier for him to develop the valuable lands of the Eastern Wilderness.

He wouldn't have to wonder how to use any heavenly and earthly treasures he stumbled upon, nor would he need to seek advice from his old classmates back at Xianmen.

With that in mind, Chen Mobai called Che Yucheng.

"Teacher, can I apply to return to school for further studies to improve myself, at my age?"

"Studying is a good thing, but since you're a councilor of Kaiyuan Hall, you'll need to go through a process with The Three Great Halls for approval if you want to leave your current position."

As the highest authority of Yu Wood City, the principal of Qing Sang Academy, and a Golden Core Master, Chen Mobai would need to apply to Kaiyuan Hall and go through procedures with the Department of Education and the Personnel Department if he wanted to leave for Dance Tools Dao Academy to further his studies.

Although the reason for studying is substantial, whether it will be approved still depends on relationships.

Luckily, as an outstanding graduate of Dance Tools Dao Academy, Chen Mobai's connections within Xianmen reached the heavens.

"I'll make a few phone calls and ask around."

After saying that, Che Yucheng hung up, apparently setting to work his connections within The Three Great Halls of Xianmen.

“If the process gets held up, you might need to serve in Yu Wood City for a few more years.”

Half a day later, Che Yucheng called back, speaking in a strange tone.

“Teacher, what’s going on?”

Chen Mobai was still on the payroll as a teacher at Dance Tool Dao Academy. Che Yucheng, on behalf of the academy, making a case for him to return to Crimson Mountain to study anew was a perfectly valid reason. Coupled with the academy’s influence within Xianmen, this should have been a straightforward approval.

“I don’t know either. After asking a few old friends, it seems that Kaiyuan Hall considers the Biyu Wutong in Danxia City very important. They think it’s better to have you, a Xianmen combat prodigy, stationed nearby, which is why they didn’t approve your transfer.”

After hearing Che Yucheng’s words, Chen Mobai wondered if the Peach Blossom Sage might be behind this, especially since he hadn’t given her much face in front of everyone the last time.

As a Nascent Soul Superior, her words would be taken very seriously by The Three Great Halls of Xianmen.

“Then I’ll just study on my own.”

To this, Chen Mobai wasn’t very concerned. The reason he wanted to return to the academy was that the atmosphere was conducive to studying, and he’d been away for so long that he missed it.

In fact, with his realm of Core Formation, as long as he was willing to dedicate himself and seek advice, the efficiency wouldn’t be much lower.

“Teacher, how have you been lately? I heard the ranking of the academy fell to the bottom again...”

After discussing the business at hand, Chen Mobai started to chat about more casual matters with Che Yucheng.

Che Yucheng: "You rascal, always bringing up the sore point. But this year, our academy enrolled a super genius in the Imperial City. Perhaps in a few years, we might reclaim the first-place ranking."

Chen Mobai: "How talented is this genius? How do they compare to me?"

Che Yucheng: "In terms of talent, hardly less than yours."

Chen Mobai: "Are you sure, teacher?"

At this, Chen Mobai was genuinely curious; after all, he was recognized as the most talented individual within Xianmen in the last hundred years.

Being on par with him suggested that the new student also had the Qualification of Deification!

When did Divine Descendants become so common?

"This new student graduated from the Five Peaks School!"

Che Yucheng revealed a bit more.

Five Peaks School!

Chen Mobai instantly realized that it was the only comprehensive school in the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains, ranging from elementary to high school graduation.

Chen Mobai: "This new student, are they a Divine Descendant? It can't be another Zhong Li Tianyu, but even if it's him, he's been suppressed by me for a lifetime. How could he possibly beat the Transforming students of Kunpeng Daoist Institute?"

Chapter 1074: Xiao Hei's Origins_2

Che Yucheng: "Oh, you even know that those two students from the Kunpeng Daoist Institute are exchange students from the Sea Territory... But rest assured, the talent of this freshman far surpasses that of Zhongli Tianyu, on the same level as Yuanyang Ancestor. If it weren't for her Spiritual Root and Cultivation Technique slowing her down, and her own desire to join our Dance Tool Dao Academy, I fear we might not even have been able to recruit her."

After hearing this, Chen Mobai became even more curious about the person Che Yucheng mentioned.

What level of talent did Yuanyang Ancestor have!

A Pure Yang Body, coupled with the Immortal Spirit Root after practicing the Heaven-Mending Immortal Technique!

Even among the multitude of cultivators who have undergone the Divinity Transformation, it's the pinnacle of the pinnacle!

Compared to him, Chen Mobai's fraudulent Qualification of Deification was an insult to the term itself.

And now, Che Yucheng was claiming that the talent of the new student was equal to that of Yuanyang Ancestor. If Chen Mobai did not know his teacher so well, he would have thought that the institute's ranking at the bottom for all these years had put too much pressure on Che Yucheng, and he had begun to console himself.

"Teacher, could it be another Pure Yang Body!?"

Chen Mobai thought of this possibility; if it was a Pure Yang Body, then it would make sense for her to choose the Dance Tool Dao Academy, which ranked last among the big four.

After all, it was the orthodox Pure Yang.

“The opposite!”

Che Yucheng said two words that left Chen Mobai somewhat confused, but quickly, an image of a little girl wearing a black dress, with snow-white skin and a shy face looking up at him, emerged in his mind.

“Pure Yin Body!”

Thinking of the Five Peaks Scholarly Mansion, Chen Mobai immediately knew who Che Yucheng was referring to and blurted out!

“Eh, you react quite quickly, don’t you? Correct, it’s indeed the Pure Yin Body, corresponding to our Pure Yang lineage. It’s just a pity that among her Five Elements Spiritual Roots, the Fire Spirit Root is the highest, which has hindered her cultivation progress. It’s quite odd and bewildering, theoretically her Water Spirit Root value should be the highest...”

Having his guess confirmed by Chen Mobai, Che Yucheng no longer kept him in suspense and relayed everything about Xiao Hei in detail.

A Pure Yang Body along with an Immortal Spirit Root created Yuanyang Ancestor, the Immortal Gate’s Divinity Transformation cultivator.

In theory, a Pure Yin Body could achieve the same.

Unfortunately, the Immortal Gate has no Divinity Transformation Technique for the Pure Yin attribute; hence, Xiao Hei did not receive the same attention from the Immortal Gate higher-ups as Yuanyang Ancestor. Otherwise, two ancestors might have been requested to help, using the Immortal Technique – Mending the Heaven to refine her into an Immortal Spirit Root as well.

“Currently, we can only let her practice Five Elements Cultivation while she cultivates the ‘Pure Ice Jade Technique’, striving to have her Water Spirit Root value exceed that of the Fire Spirit Root at the earliest opportunity.”

Five Elements Cultivation, as a versatile Immortal Gate cultivation method, can be practiced by anyone without any adverse effects when transforming into any type of spiritual power.

And the Pure Ice Jade Technique is an Immortal Gate Spirit Root Enhancement Technique, which can be used to improve the values of both the Water Spirit Root and the Ice Spirit Root.

Chen Mobai knew that after Yan Bingxuan reached Foundation Establishment, she had been cultivating this technique.

Although she had transformed her “Gold Water Spiritual Roots” into an Ice Spirit Root with her cultivation, her Spiritual Root Value had not surpassed fifty, so she had always been cultivating this technique whenever possible, continuing to improve herself.

In the Immortal Gate, Foundation Establishment Practitioners needed to wait too long for Core Formation, so many of their first choices were to do just that.

Chen Mobai thought back to the time he spent with Xiao Hei at the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains, feeling that he and the little girl were quite fated.

However, he couldn't help but admire the superb medical skills of the Immortal Gate. The Nine Yin Meridian was said to have been an incurable disease in the ancient times, destined to result in death by eighteen. Xiao Hei was not only cured but also transformed into the top-notch Pure Yin Body for Immortal Cultivation.

With such a fairy body, even if she practiced Five Elements Cultivation, the progress probably wouldn't fall short of those with Heavenly Spiritual Roots.

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai couldn't help feeling admiration for such talent.

“Teacher, it seems that we don't have any instructors in our academy who specialize in practicing Five Elements Cultivation, do we?”

“Indeed, we don't. What about it?”

“Elder Qingping of the Primordial Elemental Academy achieved ‘Nascent Soul Formation’ using Five Elements Cultivation, and he once detailed the intricacies of every realm level of this cultivation in videos. Can the academy negotiate with him to purchase the rights to those videos?”

In fact, what Chen Mobai really hoped was for Xiao Hei to become a disciple under Elder Qingping, as in the entire Immortal Gate, it was he who had the deepest proficiency in Five Elements Cultivation.

“That’s a good suggestion, I’ll communicate with the Primordial Elemental Academy about it.”

Che Yucheng had not thought of this aspect himself, especially since the news that Xiao Hei had accepted the Dance Tool Dao Academy’s admission notice had just reached him.

Now that she was confirmed to be a student of their academy, such pure Qualification of Deification naturally called for arranging the best cultivation conditions possible.

“By the way, teacher, from which of the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains does this talented student come?”

Although Xiao Hei claimed to have come from Wangxian Peak, Ancestor Baiguang had never married, so Chen Mobai had always been curious about her background.

“She comes from Wangxian Peak, which belongs to Ancestor Baiguang. She is a child from a collateral branch of the worldly Yu family and was found to have Nine Yin Meridian at birth in the hospital.”

“But the doctors in Yu Wood City had no way to treat it. Fortunately, the Yu family still had contact with True Person Yu Huiping, a direct disciple of the Ancestor. After learning of this, True Person Yu personally descended from the mountain and brought the child back to Wangwu Cave Heaven.”

“Later, True Person Yu also sought the help of Three Extremes Sage from the Imperial Medical Academy to transform the Nine Yin Meridian into a Pure Yin Body!”

Having finished reading Xiao Hei's dossier, Che Yucheng was well acquainted with her background, and facing his most proud disciple, he did not conceal anything.

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"Is she still a child born in my Yu Wood City?"

After hearing this, Chen Mobai felt more and more that he was destined to be connected with Xiao Hei.

What a pity. If it weren't for the great secret he bore, requiring him to remain celibate and pure within the Immortal Sects, he would have wanted to take Xiao Hei as his disciple.

After all, his mastery in the Five Elements Cultivation was the true transmission from Elder Qingping and he was considered an unregistered disciple.

"The ancestor of Ancestor Baiguang was the only Golden Core Master in Yu Wood City under your rule, Yu Zi. However, the Immortal Sects don't foster family clans. The descendants of True Person Yu Zi maintain only one direct lineage per generation to continue the heritage. The rest are all branched out, and Ancestor Baiguang is one of these branches."

"After the ancestor achieved Divinity Transformation, it was only logical and reasonable for the direct lineage of the Yu family to come and form a connection. The ancestor focused solely on the sincerity and dedication of the Sword Dao. Thus, all these worldly matters are handled by True Person Yu Huiping, who also contacted me this time to finalize the arrangement for the child to come to our Daoist Academy."

"According to True Person Yu Huiping, at first, she wanted to send the child to the Kunpeng Daoist Institute, and after ten years, use Kunpeng's channels to send her to the Sea Territory for further cultivation. If she could gain the favor of the Spiritual Venerable and be granted the Heavenly Realm Pure Water, she could directly transform into a Heavenly Water Spirit Root, allowing her Pure Yin Body to be utilized to seventy or eighty percent of its potential."

"However, the child is a bit stubborn and seems to view the ancestor as an idol, wanting to follow in the ancestor's path. She only listed Dance Tool Dao Academy as her preference, and no amount of persuasion could change her mind."

Having heard all this, Chen Mobai also felt that the arrangement by Yu Huiping was indeed the most suitable for Xiao Hei.

Among the Divine Transformation Techniques in the Liu Yu Scripture of the Kunpeng Daoist Institute, one of them is the Yin sector. If she could fully understand and perfect it, perhaps she could discern the path to Divinity Transformation for the Pure Yin Body.

As for the Spiritual Venerable of the Sea Territory, that would be an enormous opportunity!

For thousands of years, generation after generation of Immortal Sect Disciples pursuing Divinity have passed away, but only the Spiritual Venerable is eternal and undying, reigning over Di Yuan Star suspended in the Taixu of the universe, ensuring that life thrives and civilization never ceases.

Among Immortal Sect Disciples, those who can set foot in the Sea Territory are of the highest and most supreme honor.

Eventually, Chen Mobai spoke with Che Yucheng about his desire to learn the art of Artifact Refining and inquired if there was anyone suitable to consult.

If he were to self-study, having a good teacher to consult would save him from many detours.

“Deng Daoyun is rather busy, let me make a call to Hong Mengkui for you. He just retired last year and is now idling at home, waiting in line for the Infant Forming Spirit Medicine. He’s got plenty of time!”

Che Yucheng indeed had an extensive network. Hong Mengkui was the former cave lord Chen Mobai had heard about during his studies at the Red City Cave Heaven, previous head of the Dance Instruments Daoist Academy’s Refining Implement Department, and also the teacher of his good friend Bian Jingchun.

He was an Artifact Refining master second only to Master Chengxuan in the Immortal Gate!

One of their own.

The next day, Hong Mengkui proactively called and they had a conversation.

“If you have any doubts during your study, just ask. Don’t be afraid to bother me. I’m just a retired old man with plenty of free time!”

“Thank you, Teacher Hong!”

Chen Mobai thought it over and decided it was best to address him as ‘teacher’.

“Hahaha, well that’s great. From now on, you’re also my disciple. Next time Old Che brags about you to me, I’ll be able to return the favor!”

After ending the call, Chen Mobai immediately received a text message.

Bian Jingchun: [Hello junior brother!]

Chapter 1076: Bian Jingchun had felt overshadowed by Chen Mobai since they had met; after the latter achieved Core Formation, she thought she would never be able to accomplish anything impressive in front of him in this lifetime.

Unexpectedly, Chen Mobai suddenly decided to learn artifact refining, and even sought her own teacher for guidance.

When Hong Mengkui called, she was just making tea nearby. After listening, she couldn’t help but send a text filled with laughter.

[What rank of artifact refiner are you, Senior Sister?]

Chen Mobai quickly texted back.

[I'm just Rank-3, I guess!]

Bian Jingchun, typing away, felt her hands almost floating. As the top graduate of the Dance Tool Dao Academy, and with the guidance of the artifact refining master Hong Mengkui, she passed the Rank-3 professional assessment quite easily.

[Only Rank-3?]

This text from Chen Mobai made Bian Jingchun's eyes widen, feeling slightly aggrieved as her fingers danced across the keyboard with a lengthy reply.

[What do you mean only Rank-3? As a Foundation Establishment Practitioner, Rank-3 is already the pinnacle of my profession. Moreover, I passed the exam within two years after graduating. In the whole Immortal Gate, there aren't many who can acquire this certificate before the age of thirty. In the Artifact Refiners Association, I am praised as a star of the future. As long as I achieve Core Formation, Rank-4 is within reach...]

[Oh, you haven't formed your core yet!]

Receiving this reply from Chen Mobai, Bian Jingchun's fist clenched tight, but she found no angle to rebut and could only retreat.

[Junior Brother, I have some matters to attend to here and will have to chat another time when I'm free.]

Looking at the message from Bian Jingchun, Chen Mobai couldn't help the smile creeping at the corners of his mouth.

Only in the Immortal Gate would he find friends with whom he could relax and be at ease.

In the following time, Chen Mobai began to study artifact refining knowledge on his own.

With his realm of Core Formation, he had mastered the entire framework of Immortal Gate artifact refining and had it all firmly etched in his mind within half a year's study of the Rank-1 and Rank-2 textbooks.

During this period, naturally, there were some professional questions for which he sought advice from insiders.

Since these were all rather simple, Chen Mobai didn't bother the retired elder Hong Mengkui, but instead asked his Senior Sister, Bian Jingchun, who promptly answered all his inquiries.

Bian Jingchun even shared this matter on her circle of friends, boasting about being able to guide someone with Qualification of Deification, drawing endless admiration from her close girlfriends.

[This is knowledge related to Rank-3, and I can only share my own opinions on it. You might want to consult Elder Hong about this question later.]

When Chen Mobai called to ask for advice again that day, she became rather cautious.

She couldn't let her own insufficient level misguide someone with Qualification of Deification!

After ending their exchange, the answer Chen Mobai got from consulting Hong Mengkui was not much different from what Bian Jingchun had told him.

However, Hong Mengkui's explanation tended to focus more on the macro aspects, considering the future leveling up possibilities of a Magic Artifact, overall balance, and so forth, while Bian Jingchun would give standard answers based on the requirements of the question.

But the fact that Bian Jingchun could answer every question was already proof of her profound expertise on the path of artifact refining.

Chen Mobai: [Senior Sister truly deserves to be the top graduate of the Daoist Academy. Once Elder Hong and Elder Deng and the others retire, it will be you carrying the banner of the Dao Academy's artifact refining!]

Bian Jingchun: [Please, no, there's a junior in the Dao Academy with even more exceptional talent in artifact refining than me; I expect I'll only be holding a deputy flag.]

Chen Mobai: [Who is that?]

Bian Jingchun: [Your good friend!]

Chen Mobai was truly unaware of Ming Yuhua's standing within the artifact refining industry.

However, upon reflection, the ability to pass the Rank-3 assessment during the school period indicates a talent and flair indeed superior to Bian Jingchun!

If it wasn't for the utterly astounding quality of the students from the 5012 batch, aside from him with his Qualification of Deification and Zhongli Tianyu from Divine Descendants, Ming Yuhua, as the top student of the Refining Implement Department, would rightly be the leader of their student cohort.

After all, the Dance Tool Dao Academy's artifact refining major is unquestionably number one in the Immortal Gate.

Unfortunately, the good friend is now too busy.

In the midst of these reflections, Chen Mobai had self-studied for a year at the Immortal Gate and finally grasped every aspect of refining a Lifespan Artifact.

Since he wasn't planning to take the Rank-3 artifact refiner's exam, after completing the study of the Rank-1 and Rank-2 artifact refining foundational framework, he just needed to focus on this content.

Hong Mengkui, who checked his progress from time to time, was puzzled about this, but Chen Mobai already had an excuse ready, saying it was to prepare for refining the Primordial Yang Set in the future.

[Primordial Yang Set, huh... Given that you formed your core early and have plenty of time, you can indeed pursue that. But as for Magic Artifacts, one or two pieces are usually sufficient. If you're truly idle, you might as well attempt "The Union of Differences," given that many Fourth and Fifth Rank Artifacts are lying idle within the Immortal Gate.] Hong Mengkui offered some gentle advice, as even being an Artifact Refining master of the Dance Tool Dao Academy, his approach to artifact refining was to save effort whenever possible. However, his subsequent remark stirred Chen Mobai, [It's a pity that the Primordial Yang Set belongs to Pure Yang Academy, and with Nangong Xuanyu there. But with the influence of our Dance Tool Dao Academy, if the president is willing to intervene, it wouldn't be impossible to obtain one or two pieces for you.]

It may be a peaceful era in the Immortal Gate now, but in a few decades, war might break out, and the Immortal Gate would certainly unseal the top-ranked artifacts at that time.

Chapter 1077: If it weren't for Nangong Xuanyu, Chen Mobai, with his qualifications for Divinity Transformation, would be the prime candidate for the Primordial Yang Set.

With that being the case, there really was no necessity for him to refine the Primordial Yang Set himself.

Chen Mobai: "Teacher Hong, I am planning to apply my knowledge and try refining some magic artifacts. Here are the designs I've devised; please take a look."

Hong Mengkui: "Mm, integrating knowledge with action is indeed the fastest approach to achieve unity of theory and practice,"

Having already achieved the theoretical knowledge of a near Rank-3 Artifact Refiner, Chen Mobai passed his designs to Hong Mengkui, who checked the various parameters marked on the blueprints and gave a satisfied nod.

However, his brows furrowed when he glanced at the material list.

Hong Mengkui: "You should practice with Rank-1 materials first; these Rank-2 materials are too precious for a novice like you... and there are even Rank-3 ones..."

Chen Mobai: "The designs utilize the best material specifications, but I will certainly downgrade when actually practicing."

Within the Immortal Gate, materials are scarce. If cultivators wish to refine their own Lifespan Artifacts, they would naturally aim for the best quality, and just the collection of materials could take a long time.

For instance, when Che Yucheng first entered Core Formation, it took him a total of eight years to gather all the core chips and materials needed to refine a Rank-3 puppet.

Some Golden Core Masters couldn't even complete their collection before passing away in meditation.

It can't be helped, as there were only so many top-tier items above Rank-3 available each year, and everyone was vying for them.

Some high-ranked items were even coveted by Nascent Soul Superiors.

"Thank you, Teacher Hong, for your guidance."

During their conversation, the two concluded today's lesson.

Chen Mobai looked at the disconnected video link on the screen, picked up the printed blueprints, activated the Turtle Treasure, and returned to the Tianhe Realm.

"Sect Leader, here are the Artifact Refining materials collected according to your list."

Inside Shenmu Hall, Luo Xue'er handed a storage bag to Chen Mobai.

Materials might be scarce within the Immortal Gate, but there were plenty in the Eastern Wilderness.

As the Sect Leader of the Divine Wood Sect, he hardly felt anything about Rank-1 or Rank-2 materials. It was only when Rank-3 materials were used up that he would feel pain.

At Chen Mobai's command, Luo Xue'er began organizing the Reward Virtue Hall's inventory, and with the addition of tasks issued by the Spirit Treasure Pavilion, the materials were gathered for him in less than half a month.

"Mmm, you've worked hard."

At that time, the head of the Artifact Refining Department, Wang Tingbo, also stepped forward, indicating that he had prepared the Sect's best refining room for Chen Mobai—the intensity of the True Fire within was sufficient for refining Rank-3 magic artifacts.

"Let's go and take a look together."

After hearing this, Chen Mobai immediately followed everyone to inspect the site and then shook his head.

The artifact refining technique in the Eastern Wilderness was far too backward.

They used traditional True Fire to melt ores, then shaped them with Divine Sense or by pouring them into molds, and during the formation of the magic artifact, they would embed various restrictions and attach spells.

During this process, the temperature control of True Fire, the precision of Divine Sense, and the casting of spells all depended on the Artifact Refiner's own skill.

If any of these aspects weren't controlled properly during the refining process, the magic artifact would basically be ruined.

In the Immortal Gate, however, it was different. You could set the True Fire to any temperature you wanted, and the machine would adjust it for you; the most expensive True Fire reactor could control the temperature with absolute precision.

The cheaper ones fluctuated by at most two or three degrees.

Magic artifact shaping, material fusing, cooling time, etc., could all be controlled by machines.

It was the transitions between procedures and the step of attaching spells that truly tested the Artifact Refiner's foundation.

Nonetheless, since he was there, Chen Mobai still gave it a try in what was claimed to be the finest refining room of both the Divine Wood Sect and all of the Eastern Wilderness, as prepared by Wang Tingbo.

To avoid demolishing his image as a peerless genius, Chen Mobai picked up the simplest piece of Green Yang Spiritual Wood and then, with a concentration of his gaze, transformed it into a Divine Wood Sword amidst the flash of cold light.

Relying on the materials, this sword was undoubtedly of intermediate grade Rank-2, and Chen Mobai, with his Golden Core Realm's divine sense attached, coupled with the theories from the Immortal Gate, easily attached a Purple Fire Sword Light to the blade.

Even after one, he felt he hadn't reached his limit and sealed another...

It wasn't until the third one that the Divine Wood Sword in his hand began to get scorching hot, with a tendency to burn, that he stopped.

"This is an intermediate grade Rank-2 Talisman Sword, I suppose!"

Chen Mobai put the sword on the table in the artifact refining room with a faint sense of satisfaction.

"The Sect Leader is incredible!"

Wang Tingbo, not good with words, stood beside the table, observing the Divine Wood Sword and feeling the fierce sword light surging on it, managing to squeeze out these four words.

“The Sect Leader can refine such a talisman sword in a blink, his artifact refining mastery is truly unrivaled in the sect.”

Luo Xue'er, compared to him, was much more talkative.

“I took some shortcuts. When adding the enchantments, I used the method of talisman drawing. If a Qi Practitioner wants to activate the two sword lights, they need to use blood as ink and supplement it with pure Red Flame Spirit Power.”

The Divine Wood Sword refined by Chen Mobai, without his guidance, would probably require a long time to grapple with before the correct usage could be mastered.

He directly snapped his fingers in front of everyone, and the sword artifact on the table flew up, then he demonstrated the Sword Control technique.

The Flying Sword erupted with purple-red flames, like a fire dragon racing back and forth in the artifact refining room, amazingly brilliant.

“Sect Leader, the sect's grand competition is imminent, this year also happens to be the year for distributing Foundation Building Pills, a highly significant event. How about we use this newly refined Shenmu Purple Light Sword as the prize for the first place in the true inheritance?”

After Chen Mobai demonstrated the Flying Sword, Yue Zutao immediately stepped forward and suggested.

Mainly because the Foundation Establishment Practitioners from the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions who came along were all covetous of the Flying Sword, all thinking about how to get it into their own hands afterward.

This was the first Flying Sword personally refined by the foremost sword cultivator of the Eastern Wilderness, also engraved with his two sword lights; even if they could not comprehend it themselves, leaving it to their disciples or successors would be beneficial.

Yue Zutao also thought of this, so he simply spoke up first, to prevent discord among the others over the sword later on.

“Shenmu Purple Light Sword? That’s a good name, let’s do it your way.”

After hearing this, Chen Mobai smiled, waved his sword finger, and the flying sword in mid-air, trailing a line of fire, landed in front of Yue Zutao, who immediately accepted it.

“I wonder which true inheritor will be able to win the Sect Leader’s Flying Sword!”

Xie Yuntian said with a hint of envy on the side; his Red Flame Sword Jue was second only to Chen Mobai in the sect, and he was only a thread away from Foundation Establishment Completion, making him the most eager for the Shenmu Purple Light Sword.

However, Yue Zutao’s suggestion, for him, turned out to be a blessing.

Indeed, after the end of the sect’s grand competition, the true inheritor from the Sword Training Division won first place and got the Flying Sword, which naturally ended up in Xie Yuntian’s hands.

As for this, Chen Mobai had indeed heard about it but merely laughed it off.

At least Xie Yuntian still abided by the sect’s rules.

Compared to the distribution of Foundation Building Pills, he didn’t want to bother with these minor matters.

Since Zeng Woyou had already mastered the refinement of Foundation Building Pills proficiently, the Divine Wood Sect now didn’t have to be exploited by Back to Sky Valley and could enjoy them alone.

A total of ten Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms matured. Zeng Woyou had already started to refine Foundation Building Pills one after the other a year ago.

Chen Mobai knew best that if a sect wanted to become strong, the future was the most critical.

Therefore, he had Zeng Woyou drop all his other tasks, even halting the refining of his Longevity Dew, and also mobilized the rest of the sect's related Spirit Plant and other departments to fully assist Zeng Woyou in refining the Foundation Building Pills. Anyone dropping the ball in this would be sent straight to Lonely Spirit Ridge to mine after the sect's grand competition.

Thanks to the Spirit Cultivation Method passed down by Chen Mobai, coupled with all the sect's resources and manpower at the disposal of the Alchemy Department, Zeng Woyou's success rate in pill formation had reached an astonishing eighty to ninety percent.

In three years' time, ten furnaces of Foundation Building Pills were successively opened, for a total harvest of 86 pills.

Subtracting the three-tenths owed to Golden Cliff, there were exactly 60 pills left.

Chapter 1078: Sect Conference Cultivators of the Divine Wood Sect, when have they ever seen so many Foundation Building Pills!

Even Zhou Shengqing, a Golden Core Cultivator who had come from the era of the Five Elements Sect, couldn't help but tremble like blue smoke, almost dissipating, when he heard that the sect had joined forces to refine 86 Foundation Building Pills.

"Junior brother, how many Foundation Establishment practitioners do we have in the sect now?"

"Seventy-eight!"

Fu Zongjue, who came rushing to convey the good news to Zhou Shengqing, thought for a moment and gave an exact number.

Over the years, some of the Divine Wood Sect's Foundation Establishment practitioners had died on the battlefields of Rock Country, but new figures like Gu Yan, Jiang Zongheng, and Ding Ying had also emerged.

“Perhaps in twenty or thirty years, our sect’s Foundation Establishment practitioners could surpass a hundred.”

Zhou Shengqing looked at Shenmu Hall, where Chen Mobai was presiding over the sect meeting, with a very hopeful gaze.

If there were a hundred Foundation Establishment practitioners and ten thousand Qi Practitioners, then they could bring the Alpha Wood Soldier Formation to its utmost limits.

In that case, even if they encountered a Nascent Soul Cultivator attacking the mountain head-on, they would have the power to fight.

At the peak of the Five Elements Sect, it was the Five Elements Dao Soldiers enhanced by Ancestor Hunyuan who suppressed the Yellow Springs Path and slaughtered the Cloud Dream Marsh Monsters, displaying formidable might.

“There will be such a day soon, elder brother!”

Fu Zongjue spoke with absolute certainty, now harboring an inexplicable confidence in Chen Mobai.

“Heaven blesses our Wood Vein!”

Zhou Shengqing uttered a sincere phrase.

Although it was he who led Mo Douguang to split from the Five Elements Sect, deep down, he still considered himself a member of the Wood Vein of the Five Elements Sect.

He dreamed of one day returning to the Hunyuan Immortal City.

Previously, this dream had always been buried deep in his heart, but now, it suddenly began to sprout.

Perhaps under Chen Mobai's leadership, they might truly achieve it!

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There had never been so many people inside Shenmu Hall.

In addition to the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions, Chen Mobai had also called over the guards from the six nations this year.

The more than twenty Foundation Establishment practitioners present represented all of the upper echelon of the Divine Wood Sect and, placed anywhere in the Eastern Wilderness, were powerful figures second only to a few Golden Core Cultivators.

But all of them had their eyes wide open, gathered around the table in the middle, looking at the Foundation Building Pills arranged in four dense rows, each inside a special transparent Jade Vial.

"Sect Leader, with so many Foundation Building Pills, perhaps seven or eight new brothers and sisters could emerge from this batch of true disciples and reserve true disciples in the sect."

The one speaking was Lu Yi from the Transmission Department, who apart from being responsible for the inheritance of cultivation techniques, also managed the sect's personnel records.

The Divine Wood Sect used to produce three or four Foundation Establishment practitioners from its twenty-four true disciples.

Now, with these Foundation Building Pills, after setting aside the ones for Golden Cliff, they could potentially double that number.

"I fear it won't be so many, aside from the ones for Golden Cliff, three-tenths of these belong to the Five Elements Sect," Luo Xue'er of Reward Virtue Hall interjected at that moment, pouring cold water on the situation.

It was only after Chen Mobai asked that he found out.

Every ten years, the Divine Wood Sect had to give three out of ten mature Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms to the Five Elements Sect; this was part of the agreement signed by a few Nascent Soul Ancestors when the two sects split.

In past years, after the Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms matured and were harvested, the Divine Wood Sect would directly send all ten to Back to Sky Valley and let the Five Elements Sect handle the exchange with them.

Last time, due to Chen Mobai's suggestion, Chu Zuoshu had Zeng Woyou start refining Foundation Building Pills, but still sent three Mushrooms to Back to Sky Valley to ensure the Five Elements Sect's share.

Now, with Chen Mobai in charge and without a peep from him, nobody in the Divine Wood Sect dared do this.

It was only after Zeng Woyou had refined all the Foundation Building Pills, and Luo Xue'er realized that Chen Mobai seemingly really didn't know about this issue, that she, as the Hall Master in charge of rewarding virtue, had to speak up.

Chen Mobai: "How many Foundation Building Pills could the Five Elements Sect usually get from Back to Sky Valley every year?"

Luo Xue'er: "Back to Sky Valley ensures there are at least five pills per cauldron."

Chen Mobai: "Then let's send fifteen pills to the Five Elements Sect."

It was not yet time to go to full-scale war with the Five Elements Sect and Chen Mobai had no intention of tearing up the agreement signed by Zhou Shengqing. He nodded to indicate Luo Xue'er to take fifteen Foundation Building Pills and put them in a Storage Bag.

Luo Xue'er: "Yes, I'll arrange for someone to deliver them later!"

Chen Mobai: "No, notify the Five Elements Sect and let them come to fetch it. We will ensure the safety of their people and the Foundation Building Pills until they leave Jian Country, but once they are off our sect's territory, it's up to the Five Elements Sect to take responsibility."

Ever since the Divine Wood Sect started refining its own Foundation Building Pills, such a process would become the norm.

Chen Mobai, anticipating potential disputes in the future, decided to set the rules in advance.

"Should we also cut back a bit on what we send to Golden Cliff?" proposed Luo Xue'er, prompting varied expressions from everyone present.

While one Foundation Building Pill didn't hold high value, it could enable a Qi Practitioner to leap through the dragon gate.

If that person were an unparalleled genius like Chen Mobai, then the value of the pill that helped them establish their foundation would be worth a million.

"Send the quantity I previously mentioned to Golden Cliff," decisively rejected Chen Mobai, dismissing Luo Xue'er's suggestion without any hesitation.

Even if it could be done in secret, he firmly believed there were no walls in the world that couldn't leak, and if Golden Cliff found out about this in the future, those Sword Cultivators would definitely be displeased with their temperaments.

Although the Divine Wood Sect was now the overlord of the Eastern Wilderness, it could not afford to ignore everything nor could it afford to create a rift with its best ally.

Chapter 1079: Sect Conference_2 "

"Yes, Sect Leader!"

However, even so, the Divine Wood Sect's Foundation Building Pills still amounted to 45.

This number had already exceeded any previous year!

"Sect Leader, besides the distribution to the twenty-four True Disciples, are the remaining 21 Foundation Building Pills to be placed on the shelves of Spirit Treasure Pavilion for all disciples to exchange?"

Chen Mobai had already devised a plan in his heart that would satisfy the sect's candidates for True Disciple status while also providing opportunities to more Qi Practitioners.

"First, put 10 pills on the shelf for those who are candidates to exchange for True Discipleship."

"Then, each year, the first place winner of the sect's grand competition will be awarded one pill, and after ten years, a new batch of Foundation Building Pills will be perfected."

"In the sect, if a Qi Cultivating Disciple exchanges for a Foundation Building Pill, then they cannot participate in the sect's grand competition for the next ten years."

Although Divine Wood Sect was known as a major sect in the Eastern Wilderness, in reality, many rules had loopholes, like this grand competition. If a True Disciple failed to successfully use the Foundation Building Pill for the first time and was able to participate again after their injuries healed, they were essentially still considered True Disciples.

In the past, because it took ten years for a new batch of Foundation Building Pills to be refined, and Divine Wood Sect wanted to choose the most outstanding disciples, they encouraged this attitude. Only those who were truly too old and were deemed a waste of Foundation Building Pills were discreetly persuaded to step down.

But now, according to Chen Mobai's new regulation, if the first-place winner of the sect's grand competition could obtain a Foundation Building Pill, these True Disciples might continue to compete to obtain a second or even a third pill.

Therefore, he directly implemented a ten-year cooldown period for exchanging a Foundation Building Pill.

This would also give ordinary Qi Cultivation Ninth Layer disciples a chance to see hope.

Whether it was any system, without a channel for advancement, no matter how large the force, it would eventually become more and more rigid and weaken.

Chen Mobai was transforming the Divine Wood Sect into a minor Immortal Gate step by step!

“Sect Leader, what about the remaining one Foundation Building Pill?”

Luo Xue'er, as the Hall Master of the Reward Virtue Hall, was responsible for placing these Foundation Building Pills into the sect's treasury and personally supervising them. If they were to be issued in the future, she would also have to personally release them one by one.

Therefore, she needed to be clear about the destination of each and every pill.

“That one will be reserved for the chief of the Longevity Academy!”

Chen Mobai's words brought visible joy to E Yun, who had been silent until then.

The assembly inside Shenmu Hall, upon hearing this, some opened their mouths as if to speak, but then stopped themselves.

However, when they considered that Longevity Academy was personally established by Chen Mobai, who also served as its nominal headmaster, it was regarded as a benefit for the Sect Leader's direct lineage.

In the end, everyone fell silent, implying their consent.

“Sect Leader, over the past few years, our sect’s cultivators have slain many demonic beasts in Yun Meng Ze, including three that were Rank-2 peak level beasts, having formed inner cores suitable for refining Foundation Building Pills.”

At this point, Zhou Wangshen stood up and reported his accomplishments from the past few years with enthusiasm.

He was in charge of Sky Country, the port nation of Yun Meng Ze and, after reaching an agreement with the Nanxuan Sect’s Golden Core Cultivators, he shifted his attention to Yun Meng Ze. In collaboration with the sect, they assisted the Foundation Establishment Practitioners from Wind Rain Hamlet in hunting many Rank-2 demonic beasts.

Among them, what could be presented as achievements to the sect were naturally the inner cores of the demonic beasts used for refining Foundation Building Pills.

When demonic beasts grow to Rank-2 top grade, they can form an inner core, but only after passing through a Heavenly Tribulation do they truly become Rank-3.

“Minister Zeng, check if we can refine the demonic beast Foundation Building Pills.”

No sooner had Chen Mobai spoken than Zeng Woyou stood up and began to carefully inspect the matter.

If the elemental energy in some monster beast inner pills was too depleted, they would not serve as suitable main ingredients.

“All can be used. We estimate that we can refine 9 demonic beast Foundation Building Pills, but we would need to prepare materials for three furnaces, which is somewhat wasteful.”

After checking, Zeng Woyou spoke calmly, completely forgetting the eager excitement he felt more than twenty years ago when the sect tasked him with refining demonic beast Foundation Building Pills, putting aside all his other duties to focus on it.

“Very good, Vice Hall Master Luo, record a merit for nephew Zhou!”

Chen Mobai was generous in his praise for Zhou Wangshen’s achievements, and even awarded him three thousand contribution points on the spot.

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Zhou Wangshen was feeling proud and spirited. After completing his report and returning to the line-up, he even purposefully walked a circle in front of E Yun and Hong He, their attitudes causing the two men to frown slightly.

But three Rank-2 inner cores meant three more opportunities to refine demonic beast Foundation Establishment Pills, and indeed, this merit was enormous during peace times.

It seemed that when it came to this year’s achievements of the Town Guards, Zhou Wangshen was going to be in first place.

Just as the other four countries’ Town Guards were thinking along these lines, E Yun stood out and said, “Sect Leader, your disciple has something to report!”

Chen Mobai: “Speak!”

“Reporting to the Sect Leader, back when our Sect fought the great battle against Shake Mountain Peak, Brother Yue, amidst the erosion of the earth veins by the poison gas, rescued some precious Spiritual Medicine seedlings, including the Jade Marrow Golden Mushroom.”

“These Jade Marrow Golden Mushroom seedlings were transplanted to the Spirit Fields of Five Willows Mountain and have been looked after by our Sect’s Spirit Plant Masters for twenty years without interruption. Finally, they used the pure earth veins to remove all the residual poison.”

“Now these Jade Marrow Golden Mushroom seedlings can normally absorb earth qi, water vapor, and spiritual energy to grow. According to observations by the Rock Country’s Sect division of Spirit Plants, it is estimated that they will mature enough to be used for refining Foundation Building Pills in five years.”

After saying this, E Yun gave a respectful salute towards Yue Zutao, who was standing by Chen Mobai's side.

During the war back then, even Chen Mobai was preoccupied with fighting. It was Yue Zutao who, after the rupture of the Mountain Peak Grand Formation by the Bead that Breaks Meridians, was the first to lead his cultivators to the herb fields to rescue the precious Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms and other herbs.

He was also the one who later cleared the Spirit Fields on Five Willows Mountain, transplanting and nurturing these herbs.

When Chen Mobai was preparing for Core Formation, Yue Zutao even took a term as the Town Guard of Rock Country. Later, when constructing and developing Northern Abyss City, he did not forget to send a Spirit Plant Master to care for these poison-infested herbs on Five Willows Mountain.

All the way until E Yun's time, for twenty years they took turns assigning people to look after them without cease, which finally bore fruit.

In response, Yue Zutao merely nodded lightly, indicating that this was something he ought to do.

For the Eastern Wilderness, apart from eliminating opponents after the war, the next goal was to snatch inheritance, treasure valuable herbs, Spirit Veins, and so on.

Yue Zutao promptly rescuing the Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms and other herbs after the Large Formation at Shake Mountain Peak was broken by the Bead that Breaks Meridians was considered normal behavior.

However, the subsequent establishment of the Spirit Fields and the persistent care in helping the herbs expel and purify the poison was an indisputable great contribution.

"Very good, very good, this contribution is even greater. The two of you each will be rewarded with a major merit," said Chen Mobai, lavishing praise on both Yue Zutao and E Yun.

Compared to Zhou Wangshen's one-off deal of hunting demonic beasts and seizing their inner cores, by plundering the herb fields of Shake Mountain Peak, and after expelling the poison, they were able to provide a continuous supply of Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms.

Although there were only two or three blossoms every ten years, for the Divine Wood Sect, it was the hope for another ten or twenty disciples to advance to Foundation Establishment.

Perhaps in the future, a Golden Core Cultivator would emerge from among them.

Amidst Chen Mobai's hearty laughter, he awarded Yue Zutao and E Yun fifty thousand Contribution Points on the spot.

Everyone agreed that they should have been given even more.

"E Yun is young and promising!"

"This year's Town Guard achievements should be led by him!"

"After the Sect Leader steps down, it looks like he has the biggest hope!"

Hearing the undisguised discussions of the older Foundation Establishment Practitioners from the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions, Zhou Wangshen, who had just been feeling proud, suddenly lost his smile and lowered his head.

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After the Sect meeting ended, the Spirit Treasure Pavilion was immediately besieged by many Sect Disciples, becoming so crowded that not a drop of water could leak through.

All those who met the conditions, whether they were True Disciples, True Disciple candidates, or even some Qi Cultivators at the Ninth Layer, came over wanting to exchange for Foundation Building Pills.

Some with better-informed connections among the True Disciples were naturally calm; but many candidates for True Disciple were a mixture of shock, joy, and worry.

They did not know how many Foundation Building Pills the Sect would put on the shelves, nor did they know whether any would be left by the time it was their turn.

Moments later, some left laughing, while many others were clutching their chests in despair, regretting why they had not advanced another round during the Sect's grand competition.

Chapter 1080: The Three Meridians of the Five Elements

Within the Spirit Treasure Pavilion, the exchange of Foundation Building Pills had begun to proceed smoothly.

Regarding this, Chen Mobai also paid special attention.

He was truly uneasy about the customs of the Eastern Wilderness, fearing that someone might lose reason in the face of an opportunity that could transform a cultivator and allow them to ascend a great realm.

However, Chen Mobai's concerns were unnecessary.

After all, the locals knew their own kind best.

Many of the disciples who had exchanged Foundation Building Pills didn't return to their own cave dwellings for cultivation but went straight to rent the sect's Cultivation Rooms.

These were set up by Chen Mobai in imitation of the practices at the Immortal Gate, especially opened to calm the spiritual energy for aiding the lower-ranking disciples in their cultivation when Zhou Shengqing had his "Nascent Soul Formation," causing a vast surge of natural spiritual energy.

Each Cultivation Room was fortified with powerful restrictions by the sect's Formation Division, and even Foundation Establishment Practitioners would need to spend considerable time to break them.

Many disciples at the ninth layer of Qi Cultivation who had obtained the Foundation Building Pill, after buying enough Fasting Pills and sparing no expense with their Storage Bags filled with all their possessions, rented the highest-grade Cultivation Rooms with the richest spiritual energy and plunged into seclusion for their breakthroughs.

After hearing about this, Chen Mobai called Yi Shaoqing, the head of the Formation Division, to direct the Array of Ten Thousand Woods to channel part of the spiritual energy circulating over Giant Tree Ridge into these Cultivation Rooms.

That way, if anyone truly made a breakthrough to Foundation Establishment, they would be able to immediately enjoy the concentration of Rank-3 spiritual energy.

There were also some disciples with profound backgrounds from the True Inheritance sects who, after exchanging for Foundation Building Pills, chose not to enter seclusion and consume them directly.

Instead, seeking to perfect their preparation, they continued consuming Spirit Rice, warming and nurturing their physical bodies, purifying their spiritual power, and tempering their Divine Sense according to the knowledge of Foundation Building imparted by Chen Mobai...

And these people were even more likely to succeed in Foundation Establishment.

Half a month later, Kong Shanxu from the Five Elements Sect arrived at Giant Tree Ridge.

In addition to him, there were two other Foundation Establishment Practitioners, Tan Rong of the Fire Vein and Ji Guanhai of the Water Vein.

Tan Rong was a beautiful woman with a fiery figure, while Ji Guanhai was a slender scholar.

Both were the personal disciples of Golden Core Cultivators, their status and Cultivation Level on par with the Vice Hall Masters of the Three Great Halls in the Divine Wood Sect.

The fact that all three of them had come together this time clearly showed the high regard in which the Five Elements Sect held the Foundation Building Pill.

“Yue Shidi, I hear that this time around, your sect’s Minister Zeng has refined a substantial quantity of Foundation Building Pills.”

The one receiving Kong Shanxu’s party was Yue Zutao. After hearing the other’s probing words, he didn’t deny it and simply nodded.

After all, in recent times, the Spirit Treasure Pavilion had been overflowing with ninth-layer Qi Cultivation disciples, frequently witnessing Divine Wood Sect disciples rushing over impatiently to exchange for Foundation Building Pills with ten thousand Contribution Points. This situation was not something they planned to conceal.

“Our Wind Rain Hamlet has some Rank-2 Monster Beast Inner Pills. Previously, we have been entrusting the Eastern Wilderness to help us refine them. I wonder if Minister Zeng has any availability...”

Ji Guanhai of the Water Vein spoke up. They presided over Yun Meng Ze, where demonic beast resources were the most abundant.

If King Zhou could lead hunts for three heads, they would surely have more, not fewer.

“That matter I need to discuss with the Sect Leader. However, Minister Zeng’s schedule for refining Foundation Building Pills has already been filled for the next two years. Even if the Sect Leader agrees, you will have to wait.”

After refining ten furnaces of Foundation Building Pills for the sect, Zeng Woyou had worked intensely for three whole years, turning what he initially regarded as the greatest honor of his life into something he was tired and bored of doing.

Now that King Zhou had provided the Alchemy Department with the job of refining three furnaces of Monster Beast Foundation Building Pills, Zeng Woyou really couldn’t muster his spirits anymore.

Chen Mobai gave Zeng Woyou half a year's rest. However, the auxiliary materials for the Foundation Building Pills were still being collected orderly by the sect. Moreover, at his suggestion, Yan Jinye, his former assistant, received an opportunity to refine Monster Beast Foundation Building Pills.

If there was only one person within the sect capable of refining Foundation Building Pills, it would be troublesome for Divine Wood Sect should anything happen to Zeng Woyou, as they would have to seek help from Back to Sky Valley again.

Yan Jinye was very excited about this chance.

As an Alchemist who had received Zeng Woyou's true teachings, she had been involved in every batch of Foundation Building Pills within the sect.

She was already thoroughly familiar with the process of refining such elixirs, only lacking the practical opportunity.

However, with Foundation Building Pills being so important, even Zeng Woyou did not dare to decide on his own. Only with the go-ahead from Sect Master Chen could she assume such responsibility.

Because the Alchemists in the Eastern Wilderness all grew through a series of failed attempts, Yan Jinye's first batch of Monster Beast Foundation Building Pills was almost guaranteed not to succeed.

Knowing this, Chen Mobai made a point of calling Yan Jinye over to encourage her, telling her to boldly proceed and not fear failure, with the sect there to support her.

With Chen Mobai's words, Yan Jinye, who had initially been somewhat nervous, completely relaxed.

Today was the day the Divine Wood Sect handed over the Foundation Building Pills to the Five Elements Sect.

Chen Mobai did not make an appearance, leaving Yue Zutao and Luo Xue'er to manage the exchange.

Inside the Reward Virtue Hall, Kong Shanxu's party looked at the fifteen Foundation Building Pills, each individually packaged in transparent Jade Vials, with great curiosity.

"I've never seen a jade vial made of such material; from what sort of ore is it refined?"

As a Foundation Establishment Practitioner of the Earth Vein, Kong Shanxu had encountered most of the ores and jades in the Eastern Wilderness, but he had never come across glass, a man-made substance.

"It's an ancient recipe that Sect Master obtained from the Longevity Sect. It can be used as a substitute for jade and is even more convenient for inscribing spiritual patterns and restrictions. During the smelting process, they can be impressed into the body of the vial. Once formed, it only needs to be activated with spiritual power to maintain constant temperature, coldness, and other effects."

This type of glass vial mainly came about because Chen Mobai previously ordered the conversion of all sect inheritances into jade slips, which resulted in a shortage of the jade traditionally used to store elixirs and precious plants within the Divine Wood Sect.

Yue Zutao brought up this issue, hoping to temporarily delay the conversion of inheritances into jade slips, because without the jade to seal and store them, the effectiveness of elixirs would dissipate too rapidly.

However, after hearing this, Chen Mobai directly downloaded the instructions for glass production from the Immortal Gate Network.

This was the alternative to jade chosen by the Immortal Gate, and if powdered spirit stone was added during the refining process, the effects could even surpass those of jade.

This powdered spirit stone, also known as Spiritual Extract, is nothing but crushed dry spirit stones. The Immortal Gate generally adds only a little to enable the storage of spiritual power, facilitating the inscription of spiritual patterns and forming restrictions.

But in the Eastern Wilderness, these are considered waste materials.

After obtaining the glass production technique from Chen Mobai, the Artifact Refining Department and the Spirit Vein Division collaborated to research for a year and soon replicated the process.

Although the craftsmanship is not as standardized as that of the Immortal Gate, the addition of powdered spirit stone here is more generous, almost over half the proportion, leading to effects that greatly outperform even the best glass from the Immortal Gate.

Kong Shanxu and the two others were envious when they heard this.

The fact that Chen Mobai was the Saint Heir of the Longevity Sect had already spread throughout the Eastern Wilderness, and everyone attributed his rapid cultivation to the inheritance he received from this ancient and powerful sect.

No one expected that he would now selflessly share these remarkable items with the Divine Wood Sect; the fortune of the Wood Vein was indeed remarkable!

In their envy, they opened each of the fifteen glass vials to inspect every Foundation Building Pill.

Among them, Tan Rong and Ji Guanhai were mainly concerned with the elixirs, but Kong Shanxu kept examining the glass vials, wondering if he could replicate the manufacturing process once he returned.

“There’s no problem with the elixirs, so let’s divide them up.”

In the presence of Yue Zutao and Luo Xue’er, the Foundation Establishment Practitioners from the three veins of the Five Elements Sect each took five Foundation Building Pills.

Watching this scene, Yue Zutao’s mind stirred slightly, wondering if the sect could spare two more Foundation Building Pills when the Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms matured next time, and carry out a ‘Two Peaches Kill Three Scholars’ scheme!

“Brother Yue, Sister Luo, we need to urgently take these Foundation Building Pills back. Might we have the opportunity to meet Sect Master Chen before we leave?”

“That’s unfortunate timing, Brother Jia Songyang from Golden Cliff has just arrived today for the Foundation Building Pills, and the Sect Master is currently meeting with him personally.”

Upon hearing Yue Zutao’s words, Kong Shanxu and the others twitched slightly at the corner of their mouths, feeling somewhat snubbed, but knowing Golden Cliff and Divine Wood Sect were close as siblings, indeed they could not compare with each other’s factions.

“What a pity.”

Yet outwardly, the three dared not express any dissatisfaction with the Golden Core Cultivator and, after speaking, they requested to use the Divine Wood Sect’s Teleportation Array to leave.

“No problem.”

Kong Shanxu was the first to leave. Tan Rong inquired about Ding Ying; when Chen Mobai had led a patrol of the Eastern Wilderness, the two had interacted and could be considered friends.

“Sister Ding is teaching at the Longevity Academy. If you wish to find her, you need to go to Northern Abyss City in Rock Country.”

As a woman, Luo Xue’er had more interaction with Tan Rong, who was still unaware of the Longevity Academy. After the explanation, she could not help but express her amazement.

“Immortal cultivation can also involve education?”

Qi cultivation focuses on enhancing one’s own Spiritual Root characteristics, with each person being unique. Even within the sects, the norm is to provide guidance for entry, give you the cultivation techniques, and let you comprehend for yourself.

The idea of a scholarly mansion for cultivation like the Longevity Academy, did it really work for cultivators?

“If Sister Tan has the time, you can visit the Longevity Academy. This year, the first cohort of students will graduate, and the Sect Master, as the principal, will be there in person too.”

After hearing Luo Xue'er's words, Tan Rong felt intrigued. She had long been curious about Chen Mobai, the number one Sect Master of the Eastern Wilderness, having missed two opportunities to meet him.

Visiting the Longevity Academy would be an opportunity to help the sect learn if this scholarly approach to cultivation was effective.

Moreover, she had the acquaintance of Ding Ying there.

“Sister Luo, I need to get these Foundation Building Pills back to our sect first.”

However, Tan Rong didn't forget her mission here; Luo Xue'er nodded and personally escorted her to the teleportation array hall at Giant Tree Ridge.

Shenmu Hall.

Chen Mobai was talking with Jia Songyang who was still somewhat excited, his right hand occasionally patting the storage bag at his waist with 26 Foundation Building Pills inside.

Since Golden Cliff became independent, they hadn't seen so many Foundation Building Pills.

Indeed, entrusting these matters to the Divine Wood Sect was the right move; now Foundation Building Pills could even be produced in batches.

After a long while, Jia Songyang recovered from his excitement, and didn't waste the opportunity to seek guidance from Chen Mobai on the Red Flame Sword Jue.

During this time, two individuals arrived at Shenmu Hall.

One was Yue Zutao, who brought Ji Guanhai from the Five Elements Sect's Water Vein to this place.