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Chapter 1181: Grand Spell: Echoes in the Void_3

The consecutive deaths of loved ones had plunged Chen Mobai into an unusual depression over the course of the year.

However, during this same year, his Pure Yang Daoist Body had achieved yet another breakthrough.

One clear morning, while cultivating, the top-grade Spirit Stone in his palm completely dried out, causing each of his Wood and Water Spiritual Roots to lose 1 point, while his Fire Spirit Root increased by 3 points.

And it hadn't even been three years since his last breakthrough.

Clearly, the effects of the Golden Crow's Sun Carrying Elixir were more conducive to the enhancement of the Pure Yang Daoist Body than the Pure Yang Spiritual Power itself.

[Metal 23, Wood 44, Water 34, Fire 87, Earth 38].

Looking at the numerical values on the Spirit-Testing Instruments' screen, Chen Mobai pulled himself together and ventured into the long-unvisited Divine Tree Secret Realm.

After acquiring the Longevity Technique, he no longer had any pressing need for other grand spells, so he randomly chose the virtual shadow of a valley.

But after reviewing this grand spell within the Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion, Chen Mobai was taken aback.

This technique, known as "Echoes in the Void," had no lethal power when mastered, but offered an ability similar to All Things Spiritual Communication, allowing one to listen to the vibrations of various strange entities.

However, the range of Echoes in the Void far exceeded that of All Things Spiritual Communication.

Beyond plants, one could listen to various minerals, Spiritual Energy, and even the Void, Restrictions, and Spells.

Chen Mobai didn't fully understand the use of this grand spell, but he promptly utilized his Saint Heir privilege to practice and elevate it to a Rank-3 level before the Great Dao Tree.

Upon reaching Rank-3, Chen Mobai couldn't help but listen intently within the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

But soon, a cacophony that seemed to amplify by thousands of times rushed into his ears, leaving him unprepared and causing his ears to ring and go deaf.

Even after promptly stopping the grand spell, his ears still bled.

His ears were essentially ruined.

However, the Longevity Dao Body that Chen Mobai had bitterly cultivated over the years kicked in, and soon his ears were fully restored to their undamaged state.

Armed with this experience, Chen Mobai reduced the power of the grand spell to one-thousandth and took out a Spirit Stone to listen.

Gradually, he seemed to hear the steady yet surging sound of ocean tides within the Spirit Stone, as if the waters were the Spiritual Energy, mysteriously restrained and waiting to be tapped and extracted bit by bit.

Chen Mobai heard the whispering of Spiritual Energy, as if possessing a simple sentience, some yearning for the outside, eager to be drawn out, while others were mixed with impurities from the earth, swelling and settling in the depths.

Within the small Spirit Stone, it was as if a mocking score played out, and the more Chen Mobai listened, the more he became addicted, as if discovering a new world.

After listening to the Spirit Stone, Chen Mobai grew familiar with the Echoes in the Void and began to listen to the innumerable Red-sun Spirit Trees nearby.

It was a sensation akin to Zhuo Ming's All Things Spiritual Communication, quickly leading him to discover that among them, two trees were on the verge of advancing to the Rank-2 Qingyang Spirit Trees, merely lacking the crucial integration of Earth and Fire elements with their own Wood element.

With Chen Mobai's assistance, one of the trees successfully advanced.

Witnessing the newly born Qingyang Spirit Tree exuding goodwill towards him, Chen Mobai couldn't help but feel a sense of satisfaction.

He then turned his head and looked towards the Great Dao Tree not far away!

Chapter 1182: The Other Shore Flower, Nine Dragon Sophora

This Great Dao Tree, as the core of this secret realm, had always been plucked by Chen Mobai, but it also made him as fearful as a tiger.

After all, the last perfect score that chose him as the Saint Embryo had left an extremely profound impression on him.

So even now, knowing that the so-called transition tribulation of the Heavenly Sovereign might already be an empty shell with no actual proceedings, Chen Mobai still never approached it with his true body.

This time, after receiving the Echoes in the Void, he suddenly felt the desire to listen to the inner fluctuations of this towering and mysterious Everlife Wood.

No sooner thought than done, Chen Mobai began to listen attentively, directing the range of this Grand Spell at the giant and mysterious Everlife Wood before him.

But he came up empty-handed.

Chen Mobai had already anticipated this outcome.

After all, the grade of this Great Dao Tree was at the Fourth Stage Pinnacle.

His Echoes in the Void technique had only been empowered to the Third Rank.

Chen Mobai then went into the Divine Tree Secret Realm, to the location of a Golden Sun Spirit Tree, and after listening attentively, he clearly felt its fluctuations.

A Third Rank Spirit Tree already possessed a faint spirit, and Chen Mobai heard its desire for more earth and fire spiritual power, as well as the urge to evolve into a Fourth Order Longevity Wood.

Unfortunately, this required Everlife Soil and more potent Qingyang Fire.

As for the Qingyang Fire, Chen Mobai could help, but there was nothing he could do about the Everlife Soil.

That stuff could only be cultivated by the Magic Treasure Tree, which Zhuo Ming had harvested during his Foundation Establishment.

If there were enough Everlife Soil, with the foundation of the Divine Wood Sect, plus the infinite Qingyang Fire that Chen Mobai could transmute, could they cultivate new Fourth Order Longevity Woods?

After all, according to what Chen Mobai knew, within Giant Tree Ridge, there were a total of thirty-five Golden Sun Spirit Trees, of which five were at the Third Rank Peak.

All these, if external conditions were sufficient and he provided a little boost through Pulling Seedlings to Promote Growth, could attempt an ascension into Longevity Woods.

The problem was the lack of Everlife Soil.

Zhuo Ming's Mother Earth Cultivation Technique could at most mimic Spirit Soil of Third Rank, and this deeply regretted Chen Mobai.

He only hoped that once his cultivation level rose, he would be able to completely control the Divine Tree Secret Realm, then find enough Everlife Soil from within the Magic Treasure Tree.

Having attempted to listen to tangible objects with Echoes in the Void, Chen Mobai began experimenting with intangible ones.

He first listened to the Void, and since Chen Mobai had already used quite a few Void Stones to condense his All Laws Persona, he was very familiar with the Power of Void, and with Echoes in the Void, he quickly heard the fluctuations of the Void.

In the space invisible to the naked eye between the heavens and the earth, there was endless formless void, which constituted the foundation of the world, pulsing and circulating at every moment, bearing the myriad things and forms of the universe.

Chen Mobai closed his eyes and slowly floated upward, completely merging himself into the omnipresent Void in all directions.

He raised his right hand, and then gently tapped with his index finger in front of him, as streaks of silver brilliance, like a lamp in the night, illuminated everything around at the moment of appearance.

Chen Mobai opened his eyes and looked at the vortex-shaped silver halo at his fingertip, nodding slightly. This was his Golden Core Domain.

Then his Divine Sense moved, and granules of silver light emerged from the Void, attracted by the silver halo, gradually morphing and condensing into sharp and long flat cones.

They appeared like a blade extending from the tip of his finger.

Chen Mobai lightly sliced towards the Third Rank Golden Sun Spirit Tree below, and in a flicker of silver light, one of the thick branches had already been cut off, leaving a smooth cut.

One should know that this tree was a Third Rank Spirit Tree, its wood exceptionally hard, and Chen Mobai's once-famous Flying Sparrow Hairpin was made from this Spirit Wood.

Yet as the silver blade passed through, it was as if slicing through air, without any resistance, showing its sharpness!

This was the Blade of the Void!

In the Immortal Gate, Golden Core Masters who had opened a domain were sensitive to the Power of Void and, if their spiritual power and Divine Sense were strong enough, could learn this technique.

Chen Mobai had tried it before, and although he could use the Power of Void from Void Stones to condense it, it soon weakened and dissipated.

But now, this segment of the Blade of the Void was not simply condensed with the Power of Void of the natural world as the core but drawn from the natural Power of Void between heaven and earth, condensed and formed by his own domain.

As long as his Divine Sense and spiritual power could support it, it would never dissipate.

This Blade of the Void was actually transforming one's own domain into a weapon, inserting it into the object to be attacked.

If the energy contained in that object was inferior to the Power of Void of the domain, then it would be unconditionally cut open.

However, if it encountered something more powerful than itself, it would be rendered useless.

It was said the Leading Star Ancestor had cultivated his domain to the size of a planet. With it, he conjured the Blade of the Void, effectively turning a world into a Star-Drawing Sword. At full strength, he once cleaved the planet where the Ascension Sect resided in the Vast Starry Sky into two hemispheres.

The Blade of the Void's main advantage is the overwhelming of realms.

As long as you're weaker than it, it's physically impossible to block!

That's why Chen Mobai had always coveted it, hoping to master it.

And now, he had finally fulfilled this wish.

However, just when he was about to play with the Blade of the Void again, he felt a wave of dizziness rushing to his head.

This was a sign of excessive consumption of Divine Sense.

After he deactivated the Blade of the Void, he found that not only had his Divine Sense been depleted, but even the spiritual power in his Dantian Qi Sea was left at only about thirty to forty percent.

The consumption of this technique was so great that it's no wonder very few Golden Core Masters in the Immortal Gate ever practiced it.

Chapter 1183: The Other Shore Flower, Nine Dragons Sophora Corner_2

Chen Mobai sat cross-legged under the Golden Sun Spirit Tree from which he had cut a branch, took out an incense burner, lit a stick of Mind Incense, and waited for his Divine Sense to return to normal before he grabbed a Spirit Stone to start absorbing Spiritual Energy.

Meanwhile, he divided his attention and pulled a box out of his Storage Bag.

This was the spoils from when he had killed Yan Fusheng, albeit with a Restriction set on it. To avoid damaging the contents by forcefully breaking it open, Chen Mobai had set it aside, thinking to consult an expert from the Immortal Gate when the opportunity arose.

Now that he had obtained the Echoes in the Void, he could try listening in to find out what exactly was inside.

The Restriction sealing the Black Jade Box was a very powerful Rank-3 one, but Chen Mobai's Echoes in the Void was just the thing for listening to Restrictions below Rank-4.

Gradually, he heard the operational pattern of the Restriction and could have broken it if he wished.

However, he was currently holding a Spirit Stone and recovering, and he didn't want to interrupt the process, so he continued to use the Echoes in the Void to listen more deeply.

Through the Restriction, Chen Mobai heard the fluctuations inside the Black Jade Box.

It was a sound he had never heard before, like ancient ice that had condensed over tens of thousands of years, emitting a tremor similar to a dragon's roar despite being in the extreme cold.

Chen Mobai's mind suddenly thought of something, and even with his state of mind, he couldn't help but get excited.

But without confirmation, he curbed the surging emotions and continued to invoke the Echoes in the Void, until, finally, he heard the entire vibration of the contents inside the Black Jade Box.

In his mind emerged a long, yellow fruit with filaments, slightly concave in the middle with a curve like dragon's tentacles, somewhat sinister in appearance.

Although he had never seen it with his own eyes, Chen Mobai recognized it immediately.

It was one of the main ingredients for Return to the Sun Spirit Water, the Nine-Dragon Locust Pod.

The locust tree, known as the Ghost Tree, would turn into a Dragon Claw Locust if planted in the Underworld, nourished by the Yin Qi of Huangquan. The fruit it bore was the Nine-Dragon Locust Pod.

Since the Black Jade Box contained such Spiritual Medicine, then could it be that the other Black Jade Box...

With that thought, Chen Mobai couldn't contain himself any longer and immediately took out the other box from his Storage Bag for confirmation.

Under the Echoes in the Void, he listened to the contents inside, which indeed were "Other Shore Flowers."

He should have thought of it earlier. Yan Fusheng had a Method, was a Ghost Cultivator, and had Rank-5 Soul Nourishing Wood. All that was missing was Return to the Sun Spirit Water to refine a Legal Body Nascent Soul.

Anyone would try to collect the needed medical materials, even if they didn't have an Alchemist, to prepare in advance.

Chen Mobai was so excited that he stopped absorbing Spiritual Energy from the Spirit Stone.

He held the two Black Jade Boxes in his palm, ready to use the operational pattern of the Restriction as heard through the Echoes in the Void to break it open and retrieve their contents.

But all of a sudden, Chen Mobai stopped his actions.

Even if he opened the boxes and obtained the two main ingredients, he still wouldn't be able to refine Return to the Sun Spirit Water.

Yan Shaoyin was absolutely untrustworthy when it came to matters concerning Zhou Shengqing's Legal Body Nascent Soul, and even if Chen Mobai was confident that he could persuade him with more Alchemy Recipes, it was likely to result in failure nine out of ten times.

After all, Return to the Sun Spirit Water was a Fourth Grade Superior Alchemy Recipe.

In the vicinity of the Eastern Wilderness, the one capable of refining this recipe was the Golden Wind Ancestor from Xuan Xiao Dao Palace.

And he was even less likely to hope for help.

So after much thought, he could only rely on the power of the Immortal Gate.

Chen Mobai put the branch of the Golden Yang Wood, which he had cut with his Blade of the Void, into his Storage Bag, then immediately returned to Danxia Mountain and opened the website of the Alchemist Association that Qing Nu had told him about.

On the page of the association's members, he saw many illuminated avatars!

These indicated they were available, and various big drug factories and companies could book them to refine Elixirs.

The icon for Peach Blossom Sage was dim; he must have gone to oversee the important task of refining the Infant-Feeding Elixir.

As for Peach Blossom Sage and Elder Yuanxu, Chen Mobai naturally did not dare to harbor any hopes for them; he could only look further down and noticed that there were thirteen Rank-4 alchemists with lit-up portraits.

Chen Mobai did not recognize any of these individuals.

However, among them, there was a profile page of a Golden Core Master who graduated from the Dance Tool Dao Academy, named Chu Chuanhua. Chen Mobai wondered if he could have Che Yucheng help make an introduction.

But he wasn't in a hurry, as the Divine Wood Sect had not yet completed the collection of all other auxiliary medicines for the Return to the Sun Spirit Water.

Moreover, if he were to truly ask an alchemist from an Immortal Gate to assist in refinement, the origins of these main and auxiliary ingredients must be crystal clear; this was also one of the Immortal Gate's rules, that practitioners need to verify the materials supplied by the employer before accepting a task.

Of course, in practice, this might be a mere formality, but that would only extend to common auxiliary materials.

For Rank-4 medicinal ingredients, a thorough check was mandatory, no matter what.

The only method Chen Mobai could think of was the Void Blind Box.

However, only five years had passed since the last time he opened a Void Blind Box, and there were only a little over seventy million Good Deed Points in his Immortal Gate account, still shy of one billion.

Chen Mobai even considered whether he should exchange the Pearls that Nu Jiang had given him at a bank.

The Immortal Gate's bank was always buying up Spirit Stones, and these Pearls were equivalent to Top-grade Spirit Stones. Although their application was limited due to containing only Water Spirit Qi, he was willing to accept a discounted rate.

Moreover, if he put them on the civilian market for professionals to auction, Chen Mobai estimated that they could easily fetch more than a billion Good Deed Points.

However, doing so would be rather too ostentatious.

It did not fit with Chen Mobai's public persona.

But on further thought, if Zhou Shengqing could transform into a Legal Body Nascent Soul, it would kickstart the unification of the Eastern Wilderness. He would no longer need to worry about the threats from Cloud Dream's Poisonous Dragon and the Xuan Xiao Dao Palace, and it would also make it easier for him to collect the resources of the Eastern Wilderness, ensuring he had no further worries.

After weighing the options, Chen Mobai felt he might need to be somewhat more aggressive in his approach within the Immortal Gate for the sake of the Return to the Sun Spirit Water.

Having thought it through, he immediately called Wen Ping, the City Lord of Yu Wood City, inquiring about professional auction companies.

The City Lord of Red Sandstone City, Sui Shanfu, was a graduate of the Repairing Heaven Institute, and Chen Mobai could not fully control him, so he chose the locally unaffiliated Wen Ping instead.

While Wen Ping did not know why Chen Mobai was asking these questions, he tactfully did not pry and informed him that there was a semi-private company responsible for auctioning Spirit Wood in Yu Wood City, which had collaboration ties with big auction houses in different Blessed Lands. If Councilor Chen needed it, he could have the legal representative of the company personally come to Danxia Mountain to clarify any doubts.

Were it not for the fact that leaving his jurisdiction as the City Lord of Yu Wood City would require reporting and leaving a record with his superiors, Wen Ping would have liked to personally bring people over.

Even though his superior was Chen Mobai, to stay low-key, Chen Mobai still declined.

As it had been over two years since he last visited Yu Wood City, and as another jurisdiction under his command, it was time for him to make an inspection visit.

As soon as Chen Mobai made a move, Sui Shanfu, the City Lord of Red Sandstone City, received the news. Although he was surprised by the sudden visit of his typically hands-off superior to Yu Wood City, he did not delve deeper into it but simply recorded it as per routine.

After arriving in Yu Wood City, Chen Mobai met with representatives from the Immortal Gate bank and the auction house under Wen Ping's arrangement.

Under a confidentiality agreement, the bank's staff appraised the "Pearls" that he had opened from the Void Blind Boxes and offered him a buy-back price at a 4% discount, based on the Immortal Gate's price list that had been in place for two thousand years.

After assessing the number of Pearls he had left, Chen Mobai felt confident.

If he wasn't worried about being high-profile, he could exchange all his Pearls with the bank and instantly gain nearly seven billion Good Deed Points.

He could save some for retirement, and with the rest, he could open fifty Void Blind Boxes, laying the most lasting foundation for whitewashing the resources of the Tianhe Realm for his future.

After getting an evaluation from the bank's personnel, Chen Mobai met with the legal person of the auction house, a middle-aged man with a dignified appearance named Bao Zhiyong.

However, when Chen Mobai took out the Pearls to hand over to him, Bao Zhiyong shivered all over and didn't dare to reach out to take them.

The items were too precious, and he was afraid that his hands would not be steady.

If he damaged them even slightly, selling his entire company would not cover the loss.

Chapter 1184: Appearance-Fixing Pearl

Bao Zhiyong estimated the value of the pearls through remote appraisal and gave an evaluation of 1.2 to 1.5 billion Good Deed Points.

"Why can they sell for so much?"

After hearing this, Chen Mobai was quite surprised.

“Councilor, it’s like this, the price of an item depends on demand. These pearls contain pure Water Spirit Qi, and if ground into powder, they become Appearance-Fixing Powder that can preserve one’s youthful appearance. Furthermore, if an outstanding Alchemist and Artifact Refiner work together, they can refine it into a Face-Preserving Water Spirit Pearl. To female cultivators, these pearls are priceless treasures.”

Bao Zhiyong’s words made Chen Mobai’s expression clear with realization; in the Immortal Sect, “preserving one’s appearance” meant everlasting youth.

The effects of Appearance-Fixing Powder are temporary, but wearing a Face-Preserving Water Spirit Pearl provides a permanent blessing.

To male cultivators, this item may be optional, but to female cultivators, it’s a treasure they’d spend all their fortunes to acquire.

Chen Mobai previously didn’t know that pearls imbued with Water Spirit Qi could be used for retaining one’s appearance.

It’s a pity the Face-Preserving Water Spirit Pearl is a Rank-4 item; otherwise, he could have tried to refine some himself, as their price could at least be ten times higher than that of the pearls.

At this moment, Chen Mobai had come to understand the value of the batch of pearls he had on hand.

“Councilor Chen, if you need to auction this pearl, I suggest going to Wangwu Cave Heaven, where there are wealthier individuals who can compete for it.”

Bao Zhiyong spoke again. The Rank-4 Blue Elm in Yu Wood City would shed some Lingye leaves every few years. The high-quality ones would be taken by the Immortal Sect, and the rest would be left to the locals for fiscal support.

And these Lingye leaves were auctioned by Bao Zhiyong at Wangwu Cave Heaven. How much they sold for was his expertise; Wen Ping only took care of receiving the guaranteed Good Deed Points he promised.

Hearing that Bao Zhiyong had connections, Chen Mobai no longer hesitated and directly let him take full charge of the matter.

“Councilor Chen, for a high selling price, you would need to spend on advertising. The bigger the splash, the more female cultivators it can attract...”

“I’ve always preferred not to trouble myself with such matters. Just proceed with the normal auction process; whoever can buy it is the destined one.”

Chen Mobai couldn’t be bothered with these arrangements, as, after all, he only wanted to purchase Void Blind Boxes with Good Deed Points, so he urged Bao Zhiyong to sell them as quickly as possible.

“Yes, Councilor Chen, we might need a professional company to package the item.”

Bao Zhiyong, of course, didn’t dare refuse Chen Mobai’s request.

Nevertheless, he still dared not touch the pearl worth over a hundred million Good Deed Points.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai took out a wooden box directly from his Domain and placed the pearl inside.

“This will do. I’ve set a restriction on it. You can use this Taoist talisman paper to open it.”

In Bao Zhiyong’s eyes, this item was exceedingly precious, but to Chen Mobai, it was no different from a roadside stone.

The security within the Immortal Sect was still trustworthy. Half a month later, this item was successfully exhibited at the Wangwu Cave Heaven Spirit Immortal Auction, and it sold for the astonishing price of 163 million Good Deed Points.

This was only because Chen Mobai was in a hurry for Good Deed Points; otherwise, with more marketing by Bao Zhiyong, it could have fetched another ten million.

After deducting various fees such as handling and labor charges, the final amount that entered Chen Mobai's account was 160 million Good Deed Points. But this was not the final income, for he still needed to pay taxes to the relevant departments at year-end.

But at least for now, this sum of Good Deed Points, in addition to what he already had in his account, was more than enough to purchase two Void Blind Boxes.

Chen Mobai did not hesitate and immediately used his privileges to make a reservation on the Immortal Gate Network.

And while he was awaiting the arrival of the Void Blind Boxes, the Water Spirit Pearl he auctioned had already caused a sensation among the upper echelons of female cultivators in the Immortal Sect.

Because the Gold Core female cultivator who won the pearl hadn't even had the chance to flaunt it for two days before another prominent figure bought it from her for double the price.

Knowing that someone could outbid other female cultivators at a place like Wangwu Cave Heaven demonstrated substantial background and strength.

Yet, even such a figure could only accommodate with a smile and hand over the item when faced with a personal visit from Peach Blossom Sage.

As a result of this act, many criticized Peach Blossom Sage, accusing her of bullying with her influence.

Discourse within the Immortal Sect was fairly open; except for the two Huashen Ancestors, whom no one dared to criticize, there was a fair amount of fault-finding directed at Nascent Soul Superiors and even The Three Great Halls.

Being a transformed species, Peach Blossom Sage had a controversial reputation due to her stunning appearance, premarital pregnancy, direct emotional intelligence, and thus, she wasn't well-regarded among the general public of the Immortal Sect. This incident only exacerbated the uproar.

Therefore, Jumang Academy had no choice but to issue a statement, stating that this was a normal transaction between their headmaster and the other party, and that a formal purchase contract had been signed, and so on.

Yet such a statement was still incapable of silencing the multitude of voices.

In the Immortal Sect, criticizing Peach Blossom Sage suddenly became politically correct.

“Mom, why did you suddenly call me back?”

Having received the news, Pei Qingshuang was also worried about her mother. Fortunately, Peach Blossom Sage had called her home, so she directly went to Jumang Academy.

“Come, I have a great item for you.”

Peach Blossom Sage smiled and handed her the newly refined Face-Preserving Water Spirit Pearl, but Pei Qingshuang frowned, shook her head, and refused.

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“Mom, if you’re doing that kind of thing for my sake, I think it’s unnecessary. I’m still in my juvenile phase; my appearance hasn’t fully developed, and it’s not yet time for me to need eternal youth.”

Pei Qingshuang felt that compared to herself, Peach Blossom Sage needed it more. She was already at the most mature age of full bloom, and using it to preserve her appearance would allow her to be forever beautiful and charming.

“The face-preserving ability of this bead is just the most basic effect; what’s more important is the rich Water Spirit Qi contained within. If you use this to communicate with the Qing Shuang Sword, you should be able to overcome the final barrier and achieve unity with the sword heart of this Fourth Grade Superior Sword Artifact.”

Peach Blossom Sage, not above using her power to bully others, had bought this pearl not just for face-preserving, but mainly to help her daughter’s cultivation level rise another notch.

Pei Qingshuang had long acquired the Qing Shuang Sword, but over the years, she had never been able to fully commune with the spirit of this sword artifact, and this was the final barrier troubling her Core Formation.

As long as she could accomplish this step, she had confidence that she could take the Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

Peach Blossom Sage knew about this as well, so when she found out about this pearl, equivalent to a top-grade spirit stone in Water Spirit Qi, she felt obliged to edge out the younger generation for her daughter's Core Formation.

However, in her heart, she also blamed the person who auctioned the pearl for not displaying it for a longer time. By the time she found out about it, the auction had already ended.

"Mom, isn't this too wasteful?"

Without realizing it, Pei Qingshuang had already taken the Face-preserving Water Spirit Pearl, and the thought of using something bought for over three hundred million Good Deed Points to nurture the Qing Shuang Sword made her feel a pang of distress.

"I've already modified it. When you have used half of the Water Spirit Qi in this pearl, bring it back and place it at the center of the Rank-5 Water Vein in Jumang Academy, and it can be recharged. Although each recharge will reduce the maximum charge by one percent, it should be no problem to use it until you reach Perfect Core Formation," said Peach Blossom Sage, having spared no effort for her daughter.

But within the entire Immortal Gate, only she and Elder Yuanxu were capable of refining such a Face-preserving Water Spirit Pearl.

"Mom, you've worked hard."

With a face full of gratitude, Pei Qingshuang spoke, and at the same time, a strong desire for Core Formation surged in her heart.

She hadn't considered the possibility that the Qing Shuang Sword still would not commune with her.

Carefully hanging the Face-preserving Water Spirit Pearl around her snow-white, elegant neck, Pei Qingshuang prepared to enter the Rank-5 Cultivation Room that Peach Blossom Sage had arranged for her to go into seclusion.

However, before she secluded herself, she couldn't help but visit a dear friend she hadn't seen in a long time.

"Cui, when did you come? Why didn't you let me know in advance?"

In the pavilion, Wen Ren Xuewei was surprised to see the spirited Pei Qingshuang and immediately took out a new cup to rinse.

"My mother refined this Face-preserving Water Spirit Pearl to help me commune with the Qing Shuang Sword..."

As Pei Qingshuang spoke, she couldn't help but show off, pulling the red ribbon from around her neck, revealing the round and lustrous pearl with a faint blue gleam from within her towering neckline.

"The sage is so kind to you; she's a good mother!"

Wen Ren Xuewei looked at the pearl that her friend was flaunting, and her mouth twitched slightly, but in the end, she could only echo the sentiment.

Recently, Jumang Academy had been criticized by the public of the Immortal Gate for this matter, and she, the future head of the academy, was naturally aware of it.

Nevertheless, Peach Blossom Sage didn't mention buying the pearl to her; otherwise, Wen Ren Xuewei would have definitely given her the one she had.

With that thought, the image of a clear-boned and incredibly talented young man flashed in her mind.

That pearl must have been auctioned by him.

She had not expected it to be so precious.

Because Wen Ren Xuewei had completed her Lasting Spring Cultivation, not only was she eternally youthful, but her body was also locked in its peak state forever, so she had never bothered to learn about things like Appearance-fixing Pearls.

However, through this auction, she had come to understand the value of the pearl Chen Mobai had given her and felt that this friend wasn't so bad, considering the Enlightenment Tea she had sent him, which was Third Rank.

With this thought, Wen Ren Xuewei watched Pei Qingshuang, who was still showing off her pearl, and casually, with the pretense of an unintentional gesture, she lifted the thin jade-green sleeve to reveal a similarly round and lustrous pearl on her snow-white wrist.

She had strung the pearl on a bracelet, giving it a distinct flair.

Pei Qingshuang, who had been observing Wen Ren Xuewei's expression, immediately noticed the pearl on her wrist and opened her eyes wide, incredulous.

"You have one too?"

"Last time I gave Junior Brother Chen a jar of fine tea, and as a return gift, he gave me this. I initially refused, but he insisted on giving it, and I couldn't decline..."

Wen Ren Xuewei sighed, seemingly somewhat troubled as she spoke.

Pei Qingshuang fell silent immediately.

After a long while, she said she was going to retreat and commune with the Qing Shuang Sword.

She didn't even drink the tea she had poured, quickly disappearing into the pavilion.

This matter caused Pei Qingshuang, who had planned to start her retreat in a good mood, to feel a knot of frustration, but she quickly adjusted herself.

Thinking that she could take the Golden Liquid Jade Pill and enhance the stagnant Qingxiao Sword Canon once she communed with the Qing Shuang Sword, she was slightly invigorated!

Once she achieved Core Formation, she would be able to unleash the true power of the Qing Shuang Sword, absorb the Nine Heavens Pure Spirit Purple Brilliance Energy, and awaken her bloodline's divine skills.

But what drove Pei Qingshuang to despair happened!

She provided the Water Spirit Qi from the pearls to the Qing Shuang Sword during her retreat, but still couldn't access its most sealed core.

How exactly could she achieve a Clear Heart of Sword?

Looking at the plain and tranquil sword artifact in her hands, Pei Qingshuang thought of that extraordinarily brilliant and handsome young man.

Unlike herself, he did not have a Nascent Soul mother, nor did he have spirit stones to nurture a sword artifact, yet he gained the favor of the Purple Electric Sword in the Foundation Building Realm, and after Core Formation, he displayed the ultimate state of Clear Heart of Sword in the battle where he defeated Master Huakai.

Was the gap between her and him truly so vast?

This was the first time Pei Qingshuang felt an awe-stricken reverence for Chen Mobai's talent, as if looking up at a high mountain.

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Chen Mobai, who just finished practicing the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun diagram on the peak of Danxia Mountain, suddenly felt an itch in his nose and nearly couldn't resist sneezing.

He suppressed the urge and picked up his cellphone that was set aside.

He found several missed calls and messages.

The majority of them were naturally from Qing Nu, Meng Huang, and Yan Bingxuan.

When they couldn't reach him by phone, they sent text messages.

The content was roughly the same.

[The pearls are actually so precious!]

Qing Nu and Meng Huang had never encountered top-grade spirit stones, and only knew about the Water Spirit Qi equivalent to a top-grade spirit stone from what Chen Mobai had said.

But it's one thing to hear about it from a man; when they truly understood the value of this object, which was far more precious than what the man had described, they couldn't help but shudder all over.

Qing Nu regretted why she had used three beads to replenish Spiritual Energy during her attempt at Core Formation and wanted to return the remaining five to Chen Mobai.

But what Chen Mobai gifted, how could there be a reason to take it back?

First, he called Qing Nu and told her to use them at ease; as a cultivator who went through bitter cultivation, he didn't care about such external possessions.

Qing Nu was, of course, very touched after hearing this.

She called from noon until evening, reluctantly hanging up the phone.

Chen Mobai then immediately called Meng Huang, who was much more casual, asking when he was free as she wanted to request a half-month leave to come over for a good rest and relaxation.

"I'm at a critical moment in my cultivation, preparing to gather energy and conserve strength, so I'm afraid I can't entertain you..."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai immediately stopped Meng Huang's idea of coming over. Disappointed, she stated before hanging up that he must notify her the moment he became available.

After making two calls, Chen Mobai couldn't help but take a deep breath, feeling that even cultivation wasn't as tiring.

Eventually, he called Yan Bingxuan.

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Yan Bingxuan was extremely shocked upon finding out that the pearl she had given to Wen Ren Xuewei was such a precious treasure.

She worked hard every year to manage the Evil Qi energy company, and because of her association with Chen Mobai, her profits were only at the level of millions.

"It's fine. For me, it's just an item to appreciate and enjoy..."

Chen Mobai said to Yan Bingxuan, trying his best to make her feel that the item was not very valuable, so as to avoid any psychological burden on her.

However, even so, after the incident with the Peach Blossom Sage forcing a purchase came to light, all the female cultivators in the Immortal Gate knew the value of the pearl, and Yan Bingxuan felt extremely guilty for having made Chen Mobai lose a billion or two.

Having just managed to calm the emotionally turbulent Yan Bingxuan and hung up the phone, Chen Mobai received a call from another party involved.

Wen Ren Xuewei.

“It’s a rarity. How come you thought of calling me today?”

It should be noted that the communication between the two was almost always initiated by Chen Mobai, who would call to inquire about certain matters.

“I’m calling to thank you. I didn’t expect the gift you sent me to be so precious.”

Wen Ren Xuewei’s lighthearted words resounded, and Chen Mobai immediately started to play along again.

He expressed that the item was just a slightly nicer looking accessory for him, and as a cultivator of the Pure Yang Scroll, water Spirit Qi was of no use to him. Giving it to her, on the other hand, would ensure it was put to good use.

For Chen Mobai, Wen Ren Xuewei was a purely platonic close female friend. Conversing with her was the most relaxing and comfortable among all his female friends. He only needed to maintain the persona of a talent of the same caliber as her.

As they spoke, Chen Mobai also learned about the true purpose of the Peach Blossom Sage forcing the purchase of the pearl, which was to aid her daughter Pei Qingshuang in her Core Formation.

“I hope Cui can seize this opportunity to reach the realm of Clear Heart of Sword...”

Wen Ren Xuewei still very much hoped that her close friend would succeed, as both she and Yan Qiongzhi had already formed their cores, and she didn’t want Pei Qingshuang to fall too far behind.

“Clear Heart of Sword? Is there a problem with that realm?”

Chen Mobai’s words led Wen Ren Xuewei to misunderstand, believing that he, renowned as the greatest sword talent of the century, sought to impart some successful experiences to Pei Qingshuang through her.

She expressed Pei Qingshuang’s gratitude on her behalf, but also mentioned that the latter had already started her retreat and couldn’t convey it herself.

“No, what I mean is, is there any difficulty with achieving that realm?”

Chen Mobai was genuinely puzzled, for he attained the state of Clear Heart of Sword right after the Purple Electric Sword acknowledged him as its master.

In fact, it wasn’t even his doing; after the Purple Electric Sword gave him a hint, he reluctantly let down his guard and achieved Unity of Man and Sword.

“That... Cui simply can’t compare with a genuine, unparalleled genius of the Sword Dao like you.”

After hearing this, Wen Ren Xuewei could only say so.

“Alright then, I hope she forms her core soon. Oh, and I’m planning on purchasing two more Void Blind Boxes...”

Chen Mobai didn’t want to get too entangled with the Nascent Soul superiors from the Immortal Gate, so he quickly changed the topic from Pei Qingshuang to a hobby he shared with Wen Ren Xuewei.

“Two? You might want to try buying a set of blind boxes. You could pull out even better things.”

A set of blind boxes?

Chen Mobai was surprised and immediately asked Wen Ren Xuewei for more information.

As it turned out, some of the Void Blind Boxes from the Immortal Gate came from Golden Core Masters who had passed away in meditation on Di Yuan Star, but many others were retrieved from the domain battlefields during world-founding wars.

Since the establishment of order on Di Yuan Star by the Immortal Gate, a total of thirteen world-founding level wars had been waged, the kind that mobilizes all cultivators in a brutal conflict.

During these, even Deified Nascent Souls perished, let alone Golden Core Masters.

Before they died, these Golden Core Masters would place all their lifelong possessions into their domains and leave a mark, waiting for Immortal Sect Disciples to recover them.

The so-called set of blind boxes were left by Golden Core Masters who perished at the same place and at the same time on a battlefield.

And these sets had a high potential for containing extraordinary items, of course, it was also very probable that the Golden Core Masters exhausted everything during the battle, leaving the boxes empty.

After hearing this, Chen Mobai found it very interesting. He felt that opening these could provide a pretext for the extraordinary items he brought from the Barren, and immediately inquired, "Are these sets of blind boxes also available for rush purchase on the Immortal Gate Network?"

"Not quite. These are so risky that hardly anyone buys them, so they just pile up at the Portal Management Bureau. Those who buy these mostly do so for the increased Power of Void after breaking them apart. If you're interested, I can inquire for you. These are typically put up for sale directly at the flagship store after the price is negotiated."

Upon hearing Wen Ren Xuewei's words, Chen Mobai, without any hesitation, immediately asked her to help inquire.

“To be honest, I’ve mastered the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun diagram and received an Auspicious Blessing. I feel like it would be profitable to use it to open blind boxes, so I sold the pearls to raise Good Deed Points to buy them.”

Chen Mobai first laid the groundwork with Wen Ren Xuewei to avoid too much commotion in the Immortal Gate later when he would possibly open a vast array of exceptional items.

“You’ve mastered it already? Truly worthy of having the Qualification of Deification. You should know that the Yuanyang Ancestor switched to cultivating the Sun Golden Crow Method because he felt he couldn’t reach Perfection with the former...”

Wen Ren Xuewei, upon learning that Chen Mobai was favored with an Auspicious Blessing, was slightly taken aback.

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This “Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun” diagram is considered to be the spiritual consciousness technique with the slowest cultivation progress in the Immortal Gate. Without the help of a top-ranked Phoenix Tree Spirit Tree, it’s as slow as a snail.

Chen Mobai really didn’t know that the Yuanyang Ancestor had cultivated this technique, so he immediately humbly gave credit to the Biyu Wutong tree.

After all, when the Yuanyang Ancestor first appeared, the Biyu Wutong tree in Red Sandstone City had not yet grown into the Rank-4 pinnacle that it is today.

So when Chen Mobai said this, Wen Ren Xuewei found it very easy to accept.

However, as a friend, she still reminded Chen Mobai that the “Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun” diagram was a consciousness technique decoded from the Phoenix Seal Scripture, and that he must apply to study it at the Heavenly Book Academy when he had time.

She now had immense confidence in Chen Mobai’s talent and believed he would definitely be able to discern something useful from the Tian Shu.

Chen Mobai, however, was well aware of his own limitations and readily agreed, although internally he thought it best to avoid going if possible, to prevent showing up empty-handed and ruining the persona he had built as a God-Transcending cultivator in the Immortal Gate.

After hanging up the call, Wen Ren Xuewei went to activate her connections within the Jumang Academy.

Ten minutes later, she sent a contact to Chen Mobai.

It was from the Portal Management Bureau, specifically a person in charge of dispatching Void Blind Boxes, named Lin Dongsong, a graduate of the Jumang Academy.

Each Void Blind Box listed on the Immortal Gate Network was chosen and placed by him.

“Greetings, Councilor Chen...”

Lin Dongsong had not yet reached Core Formation, so he was very polite in dealing with Chen Mobai, and thanks to Wen Ren Xuewei’s prior communication, their conversation went very smoothly.

However, the blind boxes that were retrieved from the battlefield beyond their domain were much cheaper: one for 10% off, two for 20% off, three for 30% off, and five or more at a minimum dumping price of 40% off.

Chen Mobai was unaware of this pricing system and, after checking his account, found he could just afford three of them.

Lin Dongsong sent him a form detailing the current inventory of Void Blind Boxes stored by the Portal Management Bureau, including the names, biographies, Cultivation Realms, and locations of passing away for Golden Core Masters who had passed away in meditation.

Of course, many pages in the data were blank, indicating they were retrieved from the battlefield beyond the domain and the details of the domain owners such as life history were unknown!

“Councilor Chen, because these might contain objects unique to the realms beyond and have never appeared in the Immortal Gate, there might be some risks associated with the blind boxes.”

“And to prevent impacts on Di Yuan Star’s environment, you must sign a contract when purchasing, ensuring that the blind box is opened within your own domain.”

“This way, even if something potentially hazardous to the environment appears, at most your domain will be the only area that is sealed off and no harm will come to the entirety of Di Yuan Star.”

Lin Dongsong’s words made Chen Mobai understand why these blind boxes retrieved from beyond their domain were cheaper.

But for him, this was actually just right.

He possessed many items that were not available in the Immortal Gate.

As for the danger...

He could simply avoid opening them if need be.

Chen Mobai was quite fond of his domain and was planning to transplant Red Sandstone City’s Biyu Wutong tree into it after his “Nascent Soul Formation” in the future.

It took two days for Chen Mobai to review the list of Void Blind Boxes. In the end, he chose three that had been retrieved from the battlefield of Ming Wang Star.

Ming Wang Star was considered to be the site of the most tragic battle in the history of the Immortal Gate.

The talents of the Underworld Race residing there were unique, with the most powerful Death God even stronger than the Immortal Gate’s God-Transcending cultivators. At one point during the clash of worlds, the Immortal Gate was even counter-attacked.

In the end, it was only with difficulty that the Yuanyang Ancestor managed to repel the King of the Underworld and close the portal between the two realms using the attribute suppression from the Pure Yang Scroll.

Chen Mobai, after consulting the relevant information, found Ming Wang Star to be very suitable for purifying the Asura Dharma Aspect and Return to the Sun Spirit Water, so he chose it.

“Councilor Chen, I’ve canceled the orders for the two blind boxes you previously placed. Just click the link I sent you, which takes you to the set of three blind boxes from Ming Wang Star, and place a new order for payment.”

Chen Mobai followed Lin Dongsong’s instructions and quickly received a simplistically packaged metal box. After using a special technique to break the seal, he saw three fist-sized spheres of light shimmering with silver radiance.

He hesitated for a moment but couldn’t repress his curiosity.

But because he had to abide by the rules, he used Turtle Treasure to transport himself into the Divine Tree Secret Realm, arriving at the periphery of the Great Dao Tree.

He controlled the Formless Puppet to enter his own Domain, then connected the Domain to the outside of the Divine Tree Secret Realm. If anything unexpected came out of the boxes, he was ready to immediately command the Formless Puppet to send the items over to the Great Dao Tree.

However, it turned out that his worries were unfounded.

After opening the three Void Blind Boxes.

One contained only a change of clothes, some Fasting Pills, and a notebook.

Another produced a pale jade section resembling bone and a bottle of pitch-black liquid, somewhat like blood.

The last one held a bag of Spirit Stones, a Rank-3 Flying Sword missing quite a few chunks, and a tattered set of Taoist Robes.

Chen Mobai opened the bag of Spirit Stones and saw that it contained three intermediate-grade Spirit Stones and twenty-seven Lower-grade Spirit Stones.

After some thought, he took out twenty-seven intermediate-grade Spirit Stones and three hundred Low-grade Spirit Stones from his Storage Bag and put them in.

To play it safe, he didn't launder too much. These Spirit Stones could be openly used in the Five Elements Essence Puppets that Chai Lun created, legitimately aiding the development of Yan Bingxuan's company.

Even though Chen Mobai had an Auspicious Blessing, ensuring that his gains would at least be above average, compared to the value of Good Deed Points he had spent, these three blind boxes were a loss.

This also confirmed one thing—opening these extraterrestrial blind boxes generally wouldn't be profitable.

No wonder they were so cheap, even the Golden Core Masters of Immortal Gate were reluctant to buy them.

Chen Mobai used the Formless Puppet to scan the notebook from the first blind box, converted it to an electronic version, and then began reading it on his phone.

The beginning of the notes detailed the owner's name and origin. His name was Yu Jirong, a Golden Core Master from the Repairing Heaven Institute who had formed a small team with two other Golden Core Masters and entered Ming Wang Star through the Portal to gather intelligence.

Yu Jirong was also a cultivator who had mastered the Guidance Book, allowing him to easily gather a good deal of information about the Underworld Race on Ming Wang Star.

For instance, the highest ruler of the Underworld Race was the King of the Underworld, created by the Death God, and the ultimate goal of all the Kings of the Underworld was to venture into the deepest part of the River of Death that flowed on Ming Wang Star, to follow the vanishing trails of the Death God.

The cultivation method of the Underworld Race was unique. They were dedicated to cultivating the Asura Dharma Aspect, ultimately transforming into a being beyond the heavens and acquiring power nearly equivalent to that of the Death God.

However, not even the King of the Underworld could achieve this step. Only by entering the River of Death could one transform into the ultimate Asura...

After reading through the notebook, Chen Mobai slightly nodded his approval, then manipulated the Formless Puppet to pick up the bone-like pale jade.

He felt a faintly cold energy circulating within it and, after some consideration, abandoned the idea of inscribing on it.

He took out the Soul Nourishing Wood he frequently used from his Storage Bag, directed the puppet to inscribe the cultivation techniques for the Legal Body Nascent Soul using the script of the Immortal Gate.

After Elder Ming had become the External Incarnation of Luo Yixuan, her piece of Fourth Stage Soul Nourishing Wood became redundant, so it became part of Chen Mobai's collection.

After having used the Fourth Stage wood, Chen Mobai could no longer appreciate his original Third Stage piece, and decided it was perfectly suited for use here.

After completing the inscription, he changed the name of the Legal Body Nascent Soul.

To "Asura Dharma Aspect".

He then inscribed the prescription for the Return to the Sun Spirit Water on the other side of the Soul Nourishing Wood and finally took out two Black Jade Boxes, both sealed with the flowers of the other shore and the horns of a nine-dragons hornbeam.

These were his gains from opening Yu Jirong's blind box.

With the Danfeng Chaoyang Diagram as a cover, his incredible luck should be acceptable to the people of the Immortal Gate, right?

Chen Mobai hesitated with the thought.

But soon, considering that this matter concerned Zhou Shengqing's Legal Body Nascent Soul, he decided to err on the side of being slightly more aggressive.

Chapter 1188: Causing a Sensation Guangbai Pharmaceutical Factory, Chu Chuanhua had just completed the analysis of a new material's properties and stepped out of the laboratory. He picked up his phone and habitually checked for any missed calls and text messages.

Scrolling down, he suddenly noticed a very unfamiliar number.

He subconsciously ignored it and began to check the text messages.

With the keen eyesight of a Golden Core Master, he read through them in a flash.

Then, Chu Chuanhua saw the text message sent from the unfamiliar number.

"Senior Chu, hello, I am Chen Mobai from the 5012 class of the Dance Tool Dao Academy. I took the liberty of getting your contact details from Che Laoshi, mainly because I obtained an interesting alchemy recipe when I was opening a Void Blind Box..."

Chu Chuanhua was naturally aware of the name Chen Mobai, and could even say it was renowned.

After all, not just anyone is deserving of the title “Qualification of Deification.”

Chu Chuanhua, who managed to reach Core Formation, was also among the top talents of his class.

But even for him, the prospect of subsequently achieving Nascent Soul Formation was doubtful, let alone Divinity Transformation.

As Chu Chuanhua thought of Chen Mobai’s life, he glanced over the electronic version of the alchemy recipe absentmindedly, generally uninterested in items unveiled from blind boxes.

With the knowledge that after thousands of years of development, Immortal Gate’s current medical theoretical knowledge was at its peak, he did not believe that an alchemy recipe from hundreds of years ago could intrigue him.

Thinking this way, Chu Chuanhua read the beginning of the recipe.

Then, his eyes widened in shock.

What kind of alchemy recipe is this?

How had he never seen it before?

Are there really Spirit Plants called Other Shore Flower and Nine Dragons Sophora in the Immortal Gate?

Could it be that a Golden Core senior played a prank by purposely leaving a messy alchemy recipe in their Domain?

Initially, that’s what Chu Chuanhua thought, but as he read on with his professional expertise, he grew more and more astonished.

Because the system of this alchemy recipe was completely different from that of Immortal Gate.

He could only vaguely discern that this might bring a significant impact to the Alchemy System of Immortal Gate.

“Junior Chen, from which senior’s Domain did you obtain this alchemy recipe?”

After reading, Chu Chuanhua couldn’t wait to make a call. Most Void Blind Boxes listed on the Immortal Gate Network could be traced back to their origins.

“Senior Chu, hello, this blind box was recovered from the battlefield of Ming Wang Star. Fortunately, the original owner of the blind box left behind a notebook...”

Chen Mobai did not conceal anything and recounted the story of Yu Jirong.

When Chu Chuanhua heard that it was an Underworld Race alchemy recipe tied to the Underworld Race cultivation method, he immediately understood its value.

“Junior Chen, with the current technology of the Immortal Gate, it would probably take thousands of trials to find a substitute method for this alchemy recipe...”

Chu Chuanhua expressed his opinion from a professional standpoint, because among the ingredients of Return to the Sun Spirit Water, there were some herbs that Immortal Gate did not possess, and even their peak mastery of alchemy techniques could only resort to a grinding approach.

“I see, I’m actually mainly curious about the Asura Dharma Aspect, so I was wondering if I could refine the Return to the Sun Spirit Water, which would allow me to attempt an alternative path to Nascent Soul Formation,” Chen Mobai said with some regret. When Chu Chuanhua heard this, his eyes widened in surprise.

What Asura Dharma Aspect?

An alternative path to Nascent Soul Formation?

Is it the cultivation method of the Underworld Race mentioned in the alchemy recipe?

Chu Chuanhua immediately continued to inquire, and Chen Mobai pretended to hesitate for a moment before revealing the details related to the Asura Dharma Aspect.

“Junior Chen, the Asura Dharma Aspect is extremely valuable. Have you reported this to the headmaster?”

After hearing this, Chu Chuanhua immediately spoke up with a serious expression.

Even though all cultivation techniques in Immortal Gate were openly available, to this day, an alternative approach to Nascent Soul Formation like the Legal Body Nascent Soul was unheard of.

Perhaps it was precisely because of the openness that everyone had access to the most orthodox experiences and methods of Nascent Soul Formation, so there was no further exploration of other paths.

“I’ve mentioned it to Che Laoshi, and he should have reported it to the headmaster. I also registered the items I obtained with the Portal Management Bureau.”

Chen Mobai told the truth. Since he had decided to use the power of the Immortal Gate to refine the Return to the Sun Spirit Water, he naturally could not hide what he found in the Void Blind Box.

Of course, he also couldn’t be too deliberate in publicizing these things.

For Chen Mobai, this was very simple.

He just needed to follow the most orthodox two channels.

When opening blind boxes recovered from outside the Domain, one had to register the contents with the Portal Management Bureau since no one could guarantee whether there might be substances harmful to the environment of Di Yuan Star Circle within.

As a member of the Immortal Gate parliament, Chen Mobai always abided by the law. Thus, he added a list of Tianhe Realm specialties to his inventory and reported it to his contact, Lin Dongsong.

However, as Lin Dongsong was only a Foundation Establishment Practitioner, he did not fully grasp the importance of the Asura Dharma Aspect. He still had to report this matter to his superiors.

On the other hand, inside the Dance Tool Dao Academy, due to Chen Mobai's own status as one of the upper echelons, feedback was much more immediate.

After Chen Mobai informed Che Yucheng about the matter, the latter immediately gave him Chu Chuanhua's phone number and went straight to Master Chengxuan.

While Chen Mobai was on the phone with Chu Chuanhua, a call from Che Yucheng suddenly interrupted them.

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Chen Mobai could only apologize to Chu Chuanhua and then picked up the call from his teacher.

"The Asura Dharma Aspect has been reviewed by the principal, and it's confirmed that it's not from the Immortal Gate's system. However, whether it's practicable still needs to be verified by various experts,"

Che Yucheng described their situation, and Chen Mobai nodded; this was within his expectations.

"Because of the importance of the matter, everything you obtained from the blind box might be taken by the relevant departments of the Immortal Gate for analysis. But rest assured, since all the departments with authority will want to get involved, there will be a period of bureaucratic wrangling. It'll be quite easy for Wang Shuye to place our own people in there to ensure that your contribution is not overlooked."

Chen Mobai hadn't really considered the things Che Yucheng mentioned, as he always kept a low profile within the Immortal Gate. Even the greatest of achievements couldn't compel him to step out of Red Sandstone City.

Chen Mobai had already decided that after the "Nascent Soul Formation," once he could transplant the Biyu Wutong into his own realm, he would emerge from his seclusion.

By that time, with the support of the Dance Tool Dao Academy behind him, plus being a Nascent Soul Superior, he would at least be given the position of Vice Hall Master of the Three Great Halls of Xianmen.

It's even possible that upon emergence, he would reach the peak, becoming one of the Three Great Hall Masters.

That was how steady he was!

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai immediately declared to Che Yucheng with righteous words that he would willingly donate anything he opened from the blind box as long as it could be useful to the Immortal Gate and the Daoist Academy.

His only request was that once the Immortal Gate finished researching the Asura Dharma Aspect, they would provide him with a copy of how to practice it and the necessary resources for its cultivation.

Chen Mobai's words touched Che Yucheng, who praised his noble character and felt proud of his disciple.

After hanging up the phone, Chen Mobai waited another day.

Eventually, the jurisdiction managing the portals realized the value of the "Asura Dharma Aspect," and the director Xue Yuzhu personally called Chen Mobai.

"Councilor Chen, please ensure that there are no omissions on the inventory from the items obtained from the blind box. The Xianwu Hall is currently in a meeting and is about to send a joint expert group to

Red Sandstone City to inspect the items on the inventory. Each item will be examined by three experts, and an omission would necessitate reconvening additional personnel for another meeting, which would be quite troublesome.”

Xue Yuzhu first conveyed the highest orders from the Immortal Gate, then mentioned something that greatly surprised Chen Mobai.

“The head of the expert group, the Xianwu Hall, is inviting a Nascent Soul Superior to join. Since it involves an alchemy recipe, it might be one of those three, but Daoist Yu Yi is very interested in the Asura Dharma Aspect and has volunteered...”

Generally, when a Nascent Soul Superior speaks up, even the Hall Masters of the Three Great Halls of Xianmen would show respect, let alone the soon-to-be-retiring Head of Immortal Affairs who would certainly not offend a peer.

Chen Mobai knew Daoist Yu Yi only as the principal of the Heavenly Book Academy and a Fifth Order Rune Master of the Immortal Gate.

Despite the deep influence, the possibility of his added ingredients in the blind box being exposed made Chen Mobai nervous upon hearing that a Nascent Soul Superior would lead the team.

After his chat with Xue Yuzhu, Chen Mobai shared the conversation with Che Yucheng, hoping to obtain more detailed information from the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

“Don’t worry, Daoist Yu Yi is a very nice person. She’s only interested in knowledge, and that’s exactly why she volunteered to go to the Heavenly Book Academy, to comprehend those Tian Shu.”

Chen Mobai felt slightly relieved after hearing Che Yucheng’s words.

Three days later, all the major departments of the Xianwu Hall had reached a consensus, forming a rather luxurious expert group that set out for Red Sandstone City.

Of course, before this expert group arrived, Ye Yune had already notified Chen Mobai on behalf of the Kaiyuan Hall, advising him to prepare for cooperation.

After all, as a Golden Core Master, unless there was an official hierarchy, only orders from the Kaiyuan Hall could have jurisdiction over Chen Mobai.

Daoist Yu Yi was a bespectacled female cultivator clad in simple elegant attire, with delicate manners, fair skin, and a gentle nod to Chen Mobai, affirming his contribution to the Immortal Gate. After the expert group confirmed the precise value of the items from the blind box, she promised that a generous reward would follow.

Chen Mobai had no expectations for the reward from the Immortal Gate, guessing it probably wouldn't even match his Little Nan Mountain Shop's annual income in the Eastern Wilderness.

So he calmly nodded and pointed to a long table on top of Danxia Mountain, displaying all the items he had spiked and then listed as from three Void Blind Boxes.

Daoist Yu Yi was slightly surprised by his calm response, but soon got down to business.

The expert group each had a copy of the list and, after Daoist Yu Yi verified the numbers were correct, they approached the long table in groups of three. They all donned gloves and began examining the items with great care.

Among them, one of the experts evaluating the Return to the Sun Spirit Water alchemy recipe was Chu Chuanhua.

Clearly, he had been placed there by the Dance Tool Dao Academy. Besides him, there were two other experts graduated from the academy greeting Chen Mobai openly.

In addition to people from the Dance Tool Dao Academy, Chen Mobai also exchanged warm greetings with experts from the Repairing Heaven Institute.

At this time, Yu Yi had already picked up the piece of Soul Nourishing Wood that was engraved with the Asura Dharma Aspect and Return to the Sun Spirit Water and began to examine it.

After she finished, it was Chu Chuanhua's turn to look at the alchemy recipe, followed by a Fourth Order Spiritual Plant Master from the Jumang Academy named Zhuang Wei, who took over to identify the origin of the Soul Nourishing Wood.

Zhuang Wei quickly confirmed that it was not from Di Yuan Star.

Meanwhile, the three experts had used special instruments and cultivation techniques to peer through the restrictions and examine what was sealed inside the Black Jade Box.

Chen Mobai saw on the instrument screen the clear contours of the flowers from the other shore and the nine dragons' sophora pods taking shape.

But he was the only one who knew about these two items, although they were mentioned in the Return to the Sun Spirit Water, they were only briefly described in terms of their medicinal properties and effects.

"Superior, the restrictions on the surface of these two boxes are indeed drastically different from the system of Immortal Gate, but quite crude. We can attempt to open them," the expert in charge of the Black Jade Box, Yi Shao, said as he reported to Daoist Yu Yi, who glanced at the screen before asking a question.

"What are the chances?"

"Ninety percent!"

Yu Yi shook her head immediately after hearing this.

"When you are one hundred percent sure, go and open these two boxes."

After hearing this, Yi Shao's face showed some difficulty. He went back to discuss with the other two experts, and then they came back to report.

"Superior, the equipment in Red Sandstone City is insufficient. If we transport the boxes to the laboratory in Wangwu Cave Heaven, we can ensure a one hundred percent chance of success," they said.

"Hmm, then arrange the fastest flight, the three of you escort these two boxes back, and inform me of the result of opening the boxes first," Yu Yi instructed.

After hearing this, Yi Shao nodded excitedly.

Chen Mobai watched as they took the two Black Jade Boxes away. With the full support of the Immortal Gate's mechanisms, news of a successful box opening came seven days later.

Full, high-definition videos and photos of the flowers from the other shore and the nine dragons' sophora pods reached the hands of the team of experts present.

"Eh, these two items feel somehow connected to this Return to the Sun Spirit Water..."

Chu Chuanhua, as a Fourth Order Alchemist, grasped the key point with his professional expertise.

He quickly realized that these might be the two main ingredients for the Return to the Sun Spirit Water, the flowers from the other shore and the nine dragons' sophora pods.

Upon hearing this, Yu Yi's eyes lit up, and she made a call to Yi Shao, instructing him to preserve the two ingredients that were taken out from the Black Jade Box and to send them over.

But three days later, when the experts arrived at Danxia Mountain, there was an additional person.

Yi Shao and his two colleagues respectfully followed a middle-aged man with a slightly balding head.

Upon seeing him, Chen Mobai's expression showed surprise.

All the experts present put down what they were doing and respectfully saluted him.

"Elder Yuanxu is seen!"

Yu Yi's delicate brows furrowed slightly in confusion as she looked at Yuan Xu, who had appeared unexpectedly.

"With the two main ingredients now available, we can almost try to refine the Return to the Sun Spirit Water. I just finished a project and have some spare time, so I came over to resolve this matter," Elder Yuanxu calmly told Daoist Yu Yi.

Chen Mobai hadn't expected that he would be able to draw out this person!

But soon, a surge of exhilaration rose in his heart.

Because within the Immortal Gate, it was said.

There was nothing that Elder Yuanxu couldn't do, only things he didn't want to do.

Chapter 1190: The Agreement with Yuan Xu Elder Yuanxu made his move, and Chen Mobai finally felt at ease.

This signified that the Return to the Sun Spirit Water was definitely going to be refined; it was just a matter of how much time it would take to test those alternative medicinal ingredients.

"Since these items were left behind by the predecessors of the Repairing Heaven Institute after their exploration of Ming Wang Star, perhaps some information can only be deciphered with the Guidance Book. I'll take them all with me," he declared.

Although Elder Yuanxu appeared to have an ordinary appearance, his way of doing things was extremely domineering. Upon arriving, he directly intended to take control of this group of experts and all the items that had come out of the blind box.

Everyone looked towards Daoist Yu Yi, as she was the nominal leader sent by the Immortal Gate.

“I disagree!”

Daoist Yu Yi’s four simple words filled the entire room with a tension as taut as a drawn sword ready to strike.

All being Nascent Souls, the sudden arrival of another wanting to claim all the credit was bound to lead to a conflict with no one accepting the other.

At this time, many were already regretting their decision to join this expert group. No one wanted to be caught up in the competition between two Nascent Souls.

“If I recall, all these items belong to Councilman Chen.”

Chen Mobai, who had been watching the proceedings from the sidelines, was suddenly startled when he heard what Elder Yuanxu said.

What does he mean?

Is he asking me to offend people?

“Indeed, but according to the law, these items are critical to whether the entire Immortal Gate can leap forward, and thus the Gate has the authority to decide upon their use. If you wish to take them away, you must at the very least call a vote in the Kaiyuan Hall.”

As Chen Mobai was sweating bullets and wondering how to voice his thoughts, Daoist Yu Yi had already taken over the conversation, confronting Elder Yuanxu directly.

This Elder is indeed a good person.

Chen Mobai remembered what Che Yucheng said and nodded in agreement internally.

But soon, he had another realization.

How come it sounds like, even though these items are still mine, I no longer have the right to decide their fate?

This isn't right!

"Then let us take the matter to the Kaiyuan Hall for discussion," Elder Yuanxu replied, having heard this, and offered no further objections, simply nodding along with what Daoist Yu Yi said.

Within the entire Immortal Gate, the Repairing Heaven Institute held the greatest power. As the headmaster of Patching Heaven, as long as he did his utmost, he was bound to accomplish what he set out to do.

Daoist Yu Yi had also considered this and was slightly troubled, though she spoke with certainty. Her initial intention was to stall for time, considering Elder Yuanxu might not want to go through the trouble.

"Let's discuss Yu Jirong's items at the Kaiyuan Hall then, and keep the rest here," she suggested.

Elder Yuanxu paused for a moment after hearing her words, not expecting Daoist Yu Yi to so blatantly disregard his wishes.

"This Bone Jade and Black Liquid, I suspect they are from top-ranked members of the Underworld Race, and they also need to be taken for the Asura Dharma Aspect experiments," he insisted.

But now that he had resolved to intervene, Elder Yuanxu naturally wanted to do his best. Aside from a bag of Spirit Stones, a damaged Rank-3 Flying Sword, and Taoist Robes, he wanted everything else.

“Then you can come and take them after the results of the Kaiyuan Hall meeting are out,” Daoist Yu Yi replied calmly. Then she gestured to Yi Shao to bring over the two items from the Black Jade Box, allowing the experts, Zhuang Wei and Chu Chuanhua, to begin their appraisal.

Yi Shao glanced at Elder Yuanxu, but according to the laws of the Immortal Gate, he still had to listen to Daoist Yu Yi. Regretting his decision to have publicized the opening of the box, he now found himself caught between the disputes of two Nascent Souls.

With a bitter smile, he placed the carefully preserved Other Shore Flowers and the Nine Dragons Cassia on the table, not even daring to look at Elder Yuanxu again.

“Little Chen, this is your territory, isn’t it? Won’t you invite me for a cup of tea?” Elder Yuanxu, however, no longer argued and walked directly to Chen Mobai to speak.

“Headmaster, this way please,” Chen Mobai responded. Having studied at the Repairing Heaven Institute and even assisted Elder Yuanxu in repairing puppets, he had to treat him with the respect due from a student.

Under the strange gazes of everyone in the expert group, the two made their way to the Biyu Wutong tree.

Chen Mobai hesitated, then took out his most precious possession, the Rank-3 Enlightenment Tea given to him by Wen Ren Xuewei, and steeped a pot with a pang of heartache.

“Eh, this tea...” Elder Yuanxu exclaimed in surprise after tasting it. He closed his eyes and pondered for about ten seconds, then nodded slightly.

“Wen Ren Xuewei gifted it to me...” Chen Mobai tactfully indicated that this was the best tea he had to offer.

“Though the effect doesn’t last long for me, it has helped me resolve a minor issue,” Elder Yuanxu conveyed, causing Chen Mobai to marvel. He instantly remembered those ten seconds and was shocked at the realization.

This tea only lasted such a short while for a Nascent Soul Superior?

“Do you have any requests?” Elder Yuanxu suddenly asked, catching Chen Mobai off guard with his inquiry. But Chen Mobai quickly grasped that Elder Yuanxu likely wanted the items from the blind box.

After all, he had legitimately purchased them from the Portal Management Bureau, and even if the Immortal Gate wanted to requisition them, they had to offer a price that would satisfy him, as stipulated in the law.

“I... I don't want to spend over a hundred years mired in bureaucracy before I can acquire the Infant Forming Spirit Medicine. So, if this Asura Dharma Aspect truly offers another pathway to 'Nascent Soul Formation', I hope the Immortal Gate can provide me with a copy once it's researched,” Chen Mobai carefully phrased his request, trying to avoid exposing any flaws to Elder Yuanxu.

“No problem, if this progression method of the Underworld Race can be deciphered, according to the law of the Immortal Gate, it will naturally become public, and all qualifying citizens will have access to download and read it,” Elder Yuanxu affirmed.