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Chapter 1201: Blooming Moment_2

“Hmm? Done pretending now?”

Chen Mobai witnessed the scene with some surprise.

He had thought that Chansi would stubbornly resist until Lan Haitian arrived, but this was good too; at least it spared his record from being tarnished.

After all, he had illegally detained an Immortal Gate citizen without authority, and even if it was later proven that Chansi was indeed possessed by Shi Qing, he had still violated procedural justice, which was considered a serious misconduct.

But now that Chansi had admitted it prematurely, he could claim he discovered that she was possessed by remnants of the Ascension Sect and took swift action to control her in order to prevent injuries to ordinary citizens before the relevant personnel arrived.

In this way, he was not only faultless but actually meritorious.

“Does this Biyu Wutong relate to an opportunity for Divinity Transformation? Do you want it?”

Just as Chen Mobai was considering how to fabricate charges against Chansi to secure her guilt, she said something that sent a shiver through his body.

An opportunity for Divinity Transformation!

If it were true, he would certainly want it!

However, the person before him was a titan of the Evil Path, and his words could not be fully trusted, so further probing was needed.

With this thought, Chen Mobai's face showed a proud expression as he said something that Chansi didn't know how to respond to, "With my talent, I can achieve Divinity Transformation on my own; I don't need so-called opportunities."

Chen Mobai's qualification for Divinity Transformation was renowned even within the Ascension Sect.

The Courtyard Head of Flower Bloom initially thought it was an exaggeration, but after being slain by him, she knew it was well-deserved.

But his statement was still a bit too arrogant!

"I recognize your extraordinary talent, but the chasm to Divinity Transformation is not something that can be crossed with talent alone. Throughout the history of the Immortal Gate, more than a dozen have been called qualified for Divinity Transformation, but only the Yuanyang Ancestor has ever achieved it in the end. You wouldn't want your talent to be wasted, confined to the Nascent Soul Realm, only to fade away in meditation, would you?"

Many of the Immortal Gate's Huashen Ancestors went unnoticed at first; some even achieved Divinity Transformation in their second life.

The most famous one who was stunning from the beginning to the end was the Yuanyang Ancestor.

After hearing Chansi's words, Chen Mobai pretended to be moved, pondered for a moment, and then spoke again.

"Go on."

"The secret technique passed down in our lineage of the Flower Bloom Courtyard—the 'Blooming Moment'—can condense the essence, Qi, and spirit of a spirit plant, making it bloom and bear fruit. When cultivators consume it, they can comprehend the Dao rhythm and vitality imprinted by the plant over hundreds of years and experience its profound mystery. This is why I chose this Biyu Wutong."

Chansi was very clear that this was her last chance to seize a new body.

Falling into the hands of the Sky-Mending Group would leave her no chance of escape.

So she directly revealed her true purpose hidden in Red Sandstone City, hoping to entice the young man before her into not handing her over.

After listening to this, Chen Mobai recalled Lan Haitian, who had told him that when the Peach Blossom Sage had examined the Biyu Wutong, he found signs that it had leveled up but hadn't consumed a large amount of nature's spiritual energy.

At this time, he was three parts convinced of what Chansi had said.

However, what he thought was whether he could apply this secret technique in the Eastern Wilderness.

After all, every spirit plant in the Immortal Gate was accounted for and there was little room for use.

But it was different in the Eastern Wilderness, where under the command of the Divine Wood Sect alone, there were many Rank-4 spirit plants.

The Great Dao Tree left behind by the Longevity Sect in the Divine Tree Secret Realm, Chen Mobai felt, was no less significant than the Biyu Wutong.

When his cultivation level reached the Peak of the Nascent Soul in the future, he felt that for his own path to Divinity Transformation, using this Great Dao Tree as the fruit to level up was an acceptable choice.

"Tell me the mantra of the Blooming Moment."

Thus, Chen Mobai directly inquired about the content of this secret technique.

"This is a forbidden technique among forbidden techniques; are you sure you want to hear it?"

Chansi asked in return, and Chen Mobai nodded. After all, he wasn't planning on using the Blooming Moment within the Immortal Gate.

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“So, should we properly discuss the conditions between us?”

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At this point, Chansi's face suddenly revealed a smile, and then she twisted her body, pointing to the five-colored mist that bound her.

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Chen Mobai hesitated. In the Immortal Gate, making deals with the remnants of the Ascension Sect was a grave sin.

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But this was a chance related to Divinity Transformation; weighing the situation, he felt the gains far outweighed the risks, so he reached out and retracted the “Red Misty Cloud Silk” that bound Chansi.

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Still, Chen Mobai placed a restriction, sealing her Dantian Qi Sea to prevent this person from the Ancient Evil Path Union from using any strange techniques.

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Chansi didn't say much else. After being released, she moved her body around and also thought about how she would speak with the stunning young man before her.

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Though she used the chance of Divinity Transformation to turn her nearly certain demise around,

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she had laid down her biggest bargaining chip and had no more room to maneuver.

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“May I ask, how was I exposed?”

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Hearing Chansi’s question, Chen Mobai turned his head to glance at the Biyu Wutong not far away, then remained silent, letting her guess for herself.

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“You set up surveillance spells where you reside? Saw me touching it?”

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Chansi looked at Chen Mobai with disbelief, now regretting how she couldn’t restrain herself despite having endured for fifteen long years.

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“You hand over the Blooming Moment to me, we make reciprocal Dao Heart oaths to not harm each other, and then you leave Di Yuan Star to return to the Ascension Sect, how about that?”

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Chen Mobai was the first to share his thoughts, but Chansi immediately shook her head upon hearing them.

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“The Ascension Sect may not be as safe as the Immortal Gate, and moreover, the Forbidden Technique Blooming Moment requires the cultivation techniques of the Flower Bloom Courtyard to be executed; at minimum, you need to ensure my cultivation until Core Formation.”

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“You’ll give me all the cultivation techniques and secret techniques of the Flower Bloom Courtyard, whether I can cultivate them or not is my concern.”

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While Chen Mobai himself had the foundation of the Pure Yang Scroll, as the Sect Leader of the Divine Wood Sect, he had many talented individuals under his command; he refused to believe he couldn’t find someone capable of practicing them.

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Chansi: “I need more assurance.”

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Chen Mobai: “Speak.”

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Chansi: “You ensuring my cultivation until Core Formation is the bottom line, without the realm of Core Formation, I have no sense of security.”

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After hearing this, Chen Mobai shook his head again, and he informed her that the Immortal Gate already knew she wasn't completely dead.

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“Your tricks didn’t fool Elder Yuanxu. Now, all cultivators in the Immortal Gate who have reached Core Formation will undergo the strictest scrutiny. Even with my protection, you have too many flaws, and if you attempt Core Formation, you’ll immediately be discovered by the Sky-Mending Group.”

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Having been an exchange student of Red Sandstone City, Chansi was bound to face meticulous checks when obtaining the Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine.

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And if she succeeded in Core Formation, she would be even more conspicuous. The Hall of Orthodox Law would surely use various means to confirm her identity.

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Under the investigation of the Immortal Gate’s most powerful law enforcement, Chansi, marked with traces of the Devour God Technique, simply couldn’t avoid detection.

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“I need you to give me a sense of security before I can hand over Blooming Moment and the cultivation techniques of the Flower Bloom Courtyard, otherwise, I prefer to die.”

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Chansi said this with a look of determination.

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Having already died twice, this was her last chance to return to her peak.

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It was also her last bargaining chip.

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“Then let’s do this, we each take a step back. You hand over Blooming Moment first, and then we make reciprocal Dao Heart oaths to ensure no harm to each other. In about sixty years, war will break out; by then, I’ll find a way to get you into a Different World to undergo Core Formation, how’s that?”

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With these words, Chen Mobai made Chansi nod slightly, showing she could accept the proposal.

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“Once I’ve achieved Perfect Core Formation, with your talent, you should be at Nascent Soul by then. At that time, bring this Biyu Wutong into your Domain, and I’ll apply Blooming Moment. Then we can share the harvested flower fruit equally.”

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Chansi’s proposal made Chen Mobai frown slightly.

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What right do you have to share half?

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Chapter 1202: Hand Over to the State “The risk is all mine, and you want half? Isn’t that a bit excessive?”

Chen Mobai couldn’t accept it and directly voiced his thoughts.

Chansi: "If I hadn't told you, you would never have obtained this opportunity for Divinity Transformation."

Chen Mobai: "But you should be clear, your life and death are in my hands now."

Chansi: "Everyone can only perform Body Seizing once. When I chose to seize a body instead of reincarnating, I had already decided to bet my last chance for enlightenment in this life. This is the biggest bargaining chip I hold in my hands. Since I've revealed it, I certainly need to secure the greatest opportunity for myself."

Chen Mobai: "If that's the case, I feel that our transaction isn't very profitable for me. After all, the Biyu Wutong will definitely be mine in the future. Giving you half is like getting sold out by you and then helping you count the money."

Chansi: "But you should know that there are only two or three types of opportunities for Transformation in the entire Immortal Sect. Even if you really become the Sect Master, it's not certain that it would be your turn. Besides, none of those opportunities compare to the secret technique of Flower Bloom Courtyard. You should feel fortunate that I am willing to cooperate with you. If it were any other Nascent Soul Superior, even if I asked for seventy percent, they would nod in agreement."

Chansi spoke with great confidence because the Transformation of the sect mostly relied on one's own talent and serendipitous opportunities to achieve such a Realm.

The only technique that could reliably allow someone to experience the Spirit Transformation Stage, apart from the Shocking God Sonata, was this secret technique from Flower Bloom Courtyard.

Chen Mobai: "Since you say so, maybe I should just hand you over to the Immortal Sect."

As these words fell, Chansi's gaze grew sharp. She felt that she couldn't back down at this moment and, to express her determination, she uttered what seemed to be a threatening sentence.

"I have surveyed most of the Spirit Plants of the Immortal Sect. This Fourth Grade Superior Biyu Wutong is most suitable for Blooming Moment. If you hand me over to the sect, not only will you lose this

opportunity, but even this Spirit Plant that originally belongs to you will be snatched away by those in the upper echelons.”

This made Chen Mobai fall silent. Given the scarce resources of the Immortal Sect, if the other Nascent Soul Superiors learned that the Biyu Wutong could produce an opportunity for Transformation, they would definitely not let it go.

“Half won’t work, at most I will give you ten percent!”

Chen Mobai tried to bargain. Although he valued the Biyu Wutong, he had never been taken advantage of so greatly since he started his cultivation.

“I’ve said it, this is my last chance at enlightenment. I won’t back down a step. Half is already my bottom line.”

Chansi’s expression was firm. She firmly believed that in the resource-scarce environment of the Immortal Sect, no one would give up a genuine opportunity for Transformation.

Especially this person, who really has the potential for Transformation, would feel the same.

“Is there really no room for discussion?”

Chen Mobai furrowed his brows and spoke gravely.

“No!”

Chansi decisively uttered two words.

The two stared at each other for a long time, as if waiting for the other to yield.

It was probably three minutes later when Chen Mobai sighed.

Just when Chansi thought he was going to relent, Five-Colored Light shone from his sleeves again, promptly binding her.

“If that’s the case, then there’s nothing left to discuss between us.”

While speaking, Chen Mobai took out his phone and called Lan Haitian.

Hearing the sound of his phone call, Chansi’s eyes widened dramatically, wanting to say something, but this time “Red Misty Cloud Silk” even sealed her mouth, not allowing her to make a sound.

“Mmm, I’ve caught the Master of Flower Bloom Courtyard... Speaking of which, you might not believe it, but she came to me willingly...”

While Chen Mobai was talking to Lan Haitian, Chansi’s heart was filled with disbelief.

[That’s it? We’re not discussing any further?]

[Just hold on a bit longer! I’m willing to step back!]

[Give me another chance, I can accept thirty percent, no, ten percent... I’ll even give you everything!]

But by this time, Chen Mobai had already finished his call. Everything was settled.

It was too late for Chansi to regret.

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That night, Lan Haitian, who had come over directly on a special flight, watched the bound Chansi wrapped in “Red Misty Cloud Silk,” and couldn’t help showing a dawning realization.

“So it was Body Seizing and not reincarnation. No wonder after investigating all the infants of the sect a year after you killed her, I found no anomalies.”

Soldier resolution and reincarnation, as long as one is within the bounds of fate and possesses a sufficiently strong spirit, is not limited in the number of times.

But Body Seizing can only be done once.

Techniques like Devour God Technique are simply possession.

Chen Mobai really didn't know this since, in the Tianhe Realm, the Ghost Cultivators' number of Body Seizings seemed unlimited.

"I've already handed her over to you. To find out why she risked coming back, I played along with her earlier and discussed some things..."

As he spoke, Chen Mobai told Lan Haitian about their conversation regarding Blooming Moment. Upon hearing it, the latter's pupils constricted and his mouth fell open in shock!

"An opportunity for Transformation! You actually refused it!"

Although Lan Haitian was the most loyal weapon of the Immortal Sect, he admitted that faced with the bait thrown by Chansi, he might not have been able to maintain his stance and could have likely defected.

"With my talent, why would I need these external things?"

Yet, Chen Mobai said calmly.

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Following Lan Haitian, Lin Yin heard these words, and amidst the long periods of slaughter and missions, her cold self felt a surge of admiration for the first time.

This was a yearning for the strong!

And Lan Haitian, upon hearing it, simply gave Chen Mobai a thumbs-up.

Knowing the “Blooming Moment” secret technique, he didn’t dare to delay any longer and escorted Chansi to Wangwu Cave Heaven overnight.

Of course, Chen Mobai also informed both the Dance Tool Dao Academy and the Repairing Heaven Institute.

After all, these two were considered his support and backing, and it was certainly necessary to inform them of such news.

Moreover, it was Elder Yuanxu who had discovered the signs that Master Huakai was not completely dead, so Chen Mobai felt that if Xianmen were to study Blooming Moment, it would ultimately be handled by this individual as well.

So he informed him in advance as a favor.

If there were any results in the future, he would be able to inquire from Elder Yuanxu first.

Because he had been in frequent contact with Elder Yuanxu lately, after hanging up the phone with Che Yucheng, Chen Mobai directly informed him about the matter via text message.

But obviously, to any Nascent Soul Superior, the Blooming Moment secret technique was of great importance.

No sooner had he sent the text than Elder Yuanxu called him right back.

And while the two were in the midst of their conversation, Master Chengxuan’s call came through.

After apologizing, Chen Mobai ended the call with Elder Yuanxu.

Both Nascent Soul Superiors attached great importance to Blooming Moment and asked about all the actions taken by Master Huakai at Danxia Mountain after his body seizing, in exhaustive detail.

“You have done a great service with this matter!”

After asking, Master Chengxuan said with heartfelt gravity.

“It is my duty to do so, but Principal, I have also informed Elder Yuanxu about this matter...”

Chen Mobai took the initiative to come clean, and Master Chengxuan nodded in response, indicating that he did the right thing.

“This is a major matter, and the Three Hall Masters of Xianmen will surely try to conceal it to prevent more people from sharing this opportunity. It was correct for you to tell him; being a direct disciple of Leading Star Ancestor, knowing this, he can actively involve himself in the matter and the Three Halls cannot block it. With him taking the lead, I can follow suit and participate.”

Master Chengxuan, though he was the head of the Dance Tool Dao Academy, could not represent Ancestor Baiguang, so in the eyes of the Three Hall Masters of Xianmen, his weight was not equal to Yuanxu’s.

After speaking, Master Chengxuan also proactively reminded Chen Mobai to inform another person.

“Although it was Elder Yuanxu who forcibly took over the matter of the Asura Dharma Aspect last time, it did, after all, cause a loss of face for Daoist Yu Yi. You should tell her about this as well, especially since she is the authority in Xianmen on the study of forbidden techniques. If research is indeed needed, her joining forces with Elder Yuanxu would make for greater certainty.”

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai’s expression brightened, and he immediately thanked Master Chengxuan.

Just as when the expert group had come before, Daoist Yu Yi, who had been the group leader, had taken the initiative to contact Chen Mobai once, and he had saved her number.

He also sent her a message, but got no response for half a day.

Just as Chen Mobai wondered whether Daoist Yu Yi had blocked his number, she suddenly called him.

“I’ve made some inquiries, and the Sky-Mending Group has indeed captured a remnant of the Ascension Sect...”

Her first sentence made Chen Mobai feel somewhat embarrassed, as it seemed he was not very trusted in her eyes.

“I will remember this favor; in the future, you may come directly to me if you have any matters.”

After saying this, Daoist Yu Yi did not give Chen Mobai the chance to reply, and quickly hung up.

After making contact with the three Nascent Soul Superiors, Chen Mobai turned his gaze toward the Biyu Wutong tree.

He sighed softly.

Although he had resolved a major hidden danger, there was also the possibility that this Fourth Grade Superior spiritual plant would be directly reclaimed by Xianmen under the pretext of a chance at Divinity Transformation.

He had mentioned this during his calls with Cheng Xuan and Yuanxu, and both could only promise that if Xianmen really reclaimed the Biyu Wutong tree, when he achieved Golden Core Perfection, and if the Infant Binding Three Spirits Medicine was available in Xianmen’s vault, they would strive to get him the first qualification to exchange for it.

Chen Mobai also expressed his acceptance.

Three days later, two unexpected people arrived at Danxia Mountain.

Yuan Xu and Yu Yi!

These two Nascent Soul Superiors from the Immortal Gate nodded to Chen Mobai and walked up to the Biyu Wutong.

“Peach Blossom Sage might have left her research material on this Spirit Plant here.”

Elder Yuanxu spoke up, and Chen Mobai immediately nodded. Knowing how important the Biyu Wutong was, he had already prepared this material.

The formidable Divine Senses of the two Nascent Soul Superiors projected out, quickly imprinting the thick stacks of research into their minds. After an on-site inspection, they each took a branch of the Biyu Wutong for preservation.

“How?”

Yuan Xu asked Yu Yi, who nodded in agreement. According to the material from the Peach Blossom Sage’s research, she confirmed that the technique Blooming Moment likely truly existed.

“The secret technique probably does exist, but its effects and range of application have certainly been exaggerated.”

Yuan Xu shared his view, and after some thought, Yu Yi nodded her head in agreement as well.

“May I ask the Elders, what is the current status of the interrogation results for Master Huakai?”

Chen Mobai couldn’t contain his curiosity and inquired.

If it had been anyone else from the Immortal Gate, Yuan Xu and Yu Yi would certainly not have responded, but since Chen Mobai asked, they did share some insider information.

“This Biyu Wutong is only suited for her opportunity for Divinity Transformation, had you not been firm in your convictions and been beguiled by her, then when the tree bore fruit, only she would have been able to devour and refine it.”

Hearing Elder Yuanxu’s words, Chen Mobai couldn’t help but inwardly curse Master Huakai. Lucky for him, he had been faithfully loyal to the Immortal Gate and firm-willed; otherwise, he truly would have been sold out and even helped her count her money.

While he was feeling fortunate about his good luck, Daoist Yu Yi also shared her discovery: “The Spirit Plants affected by Blooming Moment are only useful to cultivators if their properties match. For instance, the Fifth-Rank Zhu Fruit Tree from the Dance Instruments Dao Academy—if subjected to this Forbidden Technique—would provide an opportunity for Divinity Transformation to Cheng Xuan, but for us, it would be a poison contaminating our Essence, Qi, and Spirit.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai immediately sensed the critical point: “Then if one’s Cultivation of Five Elements Cultivation reaches ‘Nascent Soul Formation’ Perfection, wouldn’t various attributes of Spirit Plants all be compatible?”

The various Spirit Plants of the Immortal Gate essentially all have Five Elements properties, and Five Elements Cultivation encompasses all Five Elements.

“In theory, it’s feasible, but because there has not been actual verification, I cannot be certain.”

Daoist Yu Yi was still very meticulous.

“It’s just a pity that within the Immortal Gate, these Spirit Plants’ preciousness sometimes even exceeds that of us Nascent Souls. Unless it’s the final moment of extinction, the Ancestors would not agree to use Fourth and Fifth Rank Spirit Plants as sustenance for our Ascendance!”

Elder Yuanxu said with a sigh.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai immediately understood.

For instance, as long as the Fifth-Rank Zhu Fruit Tree from the Dance Instruments Dao Academy was alive, it could continuously provide the main medicine for Infant Binding Three Spirits Medicine. Compared to a one-off deal, with no reserve, the style of the Immortal Gate would certainly favor sustainable development.

Unless, it was the situation described by Elder Yuanxu of Di Yuan Star facing extinction, or... the Divinity Transformation of the Immortal Gate being cut off!

“Have the Elders already finished researching the Blooming Moment technique?”

Chen Mobai asked again, and Yuan Xu and Yu Yi did not hide it from him, nodding their heads.

“Although Master Huakai is of strong mind and extremely cunning, after Teacher Qianxing personally met and spoke with her, she divulged all the Cultivation Techniques and secret techniques of Flower Bloom Courtyard.”

Elder Yuanxu mentioned this matter lightly, but Chen Mobai felt a palpable shock.

Even the Leading Star Ancestor had made an appearance!

Thankfully, he had resolutely handed the matter over...

As Chen Mobai was feeling relieved, he suddenly remembered another point.

He had once looked up the Devour God Technique in the Immortal Gate National Library and discovered that there really was a remnant of this Forbidden Technique, but it required a user of Fourth Grade Superior to download it.

So, would the Cultivation Techniques and secret techniques of Flower Bloom Courtyard also be listed?

Chapter 1204: Promotion in Status Regarding this matter, he couldn't exactly ask the two Nascent Soul Superiors, it being a secret technique after all. He couldn't appear too concerned.

Still, he took note of it and planned to consult the Immortal Gate National Library for more information when his realm was higher and he needed to use the "Blooming Moment" secret technique.

Elder Yuanxu and Daoist Yu Yi spent three days on the summit of Danxia Mountain. They experimented together on the Biyu Wutong and, obtaining the data they wanted, bid farewell and left.

Chen Mobai had wanted to see them off personally but they simply shook their heads and stepped into the void, vanishing before his eyes.

That was "Void Walking"!

Witnessing this scene, Chen Mobai couldn't help but feel envious.

After the two Nascent Soul Superiors left, he immediately informed Master Chengxuan.

"Ah, what a pity..."

Upon hearing the news, Master Chengxuan also couldn't help but sigh.

A Fifth-Rank Vermillion Fruit Tree—just thinking about it, one would know it was impossible to use for a chance at Divinity Transformation just for him.

However, whatsoever, it did give Master Chengxuan a bit more desire.

If not a Fifth-Rank Vermillion Fruit Tree, what about a Rank-4?

Moreover, apart from the Vermillion Fruit Tree, there were some Fire Spirit Trees planted in Crimson Mountain. These trees, primarily used to regulate Fire Veins, were of lower value. With his status and a bit of maneuvering, he might be able to procure a Rank-4 Fire Spirit Tree for experimentation.

For this matter, both Elder Yuanxu and Daoist Yu Yi were supportive.

They had already begun jointly studying “Blooming Moment,” but discussing strategies on paper is ultimately inferior to a real trial.

Should Master Chengxuan be willing to be the first to attempt it, it would be beneficial not only for them but the entire Immortal Gate as well.

However, there was a twist—the soon-to-retire Head of Immortal Affairs also expressed a desire to participate.

With his lifespan dwindling, his plan had been to try the Shocking God Sonata after retirement.

With the “Blooming Moment” now an option, he naturally wouldn’t want to miss out.

The Head of Immortal Affairs was also a graduate of the Patching Heaven Institute and had a better relationship with Elder Yuanxuan. After he initiated contact, Elder Yuanxuan couldn’t help but take a neutral stance.

But both parties were very restrained and kept their competition within a small range to avoid alerting others.

After all, there were quite a few Nascent Souls in the Immortal Gate.

By the time Chen Mobai received the news, the competition between the two had already settled, and surprisingly, Master Chengxuan had prevailed over the Head of Immortal Affairs, securing the opportunity.

“I’ll be in seclusion for a long time and might need you to hold the fort at the Daoist Academy,”
Master Chengxuan had called Chen Mobai before going into seclusion.

The experiment with “Blooming Moment” was chosen to use a Fourth Grade Superior Fire Spirit Tree; Master Chengxuan had exhausted all his connections and savings within the Immortal Gate to secure this chance.

The location for the experiment was chosen deep within the Treasure Trove, in a minor realm, as it was a Fifth-Order Fire Vein area with Fire Spirit Trees. If Master Chengxuan could indeed make a breakthrough, the spiritual energy would be sufficient.

This time the experiment was presided over by Daoist Yu Yi, with Elder Yuanxu assisting, because the latter was also engaged in researching the Asura Dharma Aspect. Although multitasking was not an issue for him, having Yu Yi to fully concentrate meant she would take the lead.

“Principal, you are too polite. With Vice Principal Duanmu and Che Laoshi, there’s hardly a need for me to hold the fort...”

Chen Mobai remained humble in front of the Nascent Soul Superiors.

“Duanmu ingested a Vermillion Fruit and Infant-Feeding Elixir last year. She emerged from seclusion a few days ago and her attempt at Nascent Soul Formation failed, causing severe damage to her vital energy. She just submitted a resignation letter, wanting to retire back home for recuperation.”

But Master Chengxuan revealed news that Chen Mobai had not known. Hearing this, his face turned gloomy, and he sighed repeatedly.

He hadn’t expected that even Duanmu Longrong would fail!

The “Nascent Soul Formation” stage was truly challenging!

“Your teacher also wanted to retire and return to his hometown, but after Duanmu’s failure, he felt obliged to stay and keep things stable.”

“There is also another matter, concerning the opportunity to guard that Fifth-Rank Vermillion Fruit Tree. If you had wanted it, no one within the Daoist Academy could have contested you for it.”

“But since you are not interested, all those who are qualified will be eager to compete for it.”

Master Chengxuan seemed to genuinely view Chen Mobai as the future master of the Dance Tool Dao Academy, informing him of these matters one by one.

However, this wasn't Chen Mobai's fault. After all, a mere Fifth-Rank Vermillion Fruit Tree was not enough to bind him for three hundred years.

And without him, the most universally esteemed individual, the younger Golden Core Cultivators in the Dance Tool Dao Academy naturally wanted to compete for the chance at Nascent Soul Formation.

“I think True Person Shaoyang is good.”

Chen Mobai directly expressed his opinion.

He always remembered those who did him good deeds. Qin Beichen had given him a strand of Pure Yang Purple Qi during his Core Formation, which he had always remembered.

Although later on, it seemed that he might have succeeded in Core Formation without the Pure Yang Purple Qi, given all his preparations at the time, it was still a critical aid—an act of kindness.

Now that Master Chengxuan had brought it up, Chen Mobai was definitely supportive of his former mentor.

“This matter calls for a vote from all the Golden Core Masters of the Daoist Academy; if you express your support for Little Qin, it will influence many to vote for him.”

Master Chengxuan made the key point; he was transcendent and did not express his opinion on this matter.

Fifty-seven Golden Core Masters had graduated from the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Among them, those who were over three JiZi in age no longer had the qualifications to guard the Treasure Trove and the Fifth-Rank Vermilion Fruit Tree, leaving sixteen eligible candidates.

Not counting Chen Mobai, that was fifteen.

Excluding the special case of Yu Tianguang, there were fourteen.

Among them, True Person Shaoyang, Qin Beichen, also had a notable reputation.

However, those who had achieved Golden Core status, due to their connections, background, and talent, were all top-notch; about five or six were not inferior to Qin Beichen, even surpassing him.

As Master Chengxuan had said, without Chen Mobai, who was the widely anticipated future leader, every remaining candidate had an opportunity.

Currently, the news of Duanmu's failure had not yet spread, so things were still calm.

Once Duanmu returned home to recuperate, Chen Mobai would instantly become the most coveted among all the Golden Core Masters at Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Because his qualifications for Divinity Transformation had essentially confirmed him as one of the future leaders of the Dance Tool Dao Academy, his support would almost certainly secure the position.

“Why don't you come back for a while?”

Master Chengxuan suddenly made this remark.

“As a council member of the Kaiyuan Hall, it’s not advisable for me to leave lightly...”

Chen Mobai instinctively began to speak but was immediately interrupted by Master Chengxuan.

“It can be arranged. I’ll help you with the procedure, it’ll be quick.”

If a Nascent Soul Superior intervened, the procedures at the Kaiyuan Hall would indeed be expedited since Elder Yuanxu had previously helped Chen Mobai in this matter.

“Alright then, it’s been a long time since I’ve seen my master.”

Chen Mobai no longer hesitated, nodding his approval right away. Furthermore, with Duanmu Longrong’s failure in “Nascent Soul Formation”, he was bound both by sentiment and reason to pay a visit.

It was also a good opportunity to help Qin Beichen gain some support.

Master Chengxuan took care of the arrangements, which indeed proved incredibly swift.

The next day, Chen Mobai received notice from the Kaiyuan Hall Rotational Committee stating that in addition to the Repairing Heaven Institute, he could now also visit the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Of course, this permission had a validity of ten years.

However, as long as the two Nascent Soul Superiors who applied for him were still present, his pass would continuously be automatically renewed at the Kaiyuan Hall.

This was essentially a guarantee from Elder Yuanxu and Chengxuan for his behalf.

After obtaining the pass, Chen Mobai informed a few people close to him in Red Sandstone City, then booked a ticket to Red City Cave Heaven.

“Teacher, it’s been a long time.”

In the office of building one, Che Yucheng, who seemed much older, looked at Chen Mobai carrying a basket of fruits and tea, and a happy smile appeared on his face.

“Come in, have a seat.”

The two talked for a long time, mainly with Che Yucheng asking questions and Chen Mobai answering.

It seemed that with age, one tends to become more talkative. Chen Mobai noticed that Che Yucheng talked much more than during his time studying at the academy.

If Cheng Xuan hadn’t called them up, perhaps Che Yucheng might have kept talking.

In the president’s office, the pale-looking Duanmu Longrong was also present.

Compared to their last meeting, the vice-president seemed ravaged by time, her previously smooth, elastic skin now saggy and even slightly spotted with age spots, her hair also white and dry.

Seeing the youthful, handsome Chen Mobai walk in, Duanmu Longrong looked envious and sighed softly.

“Duanmu teacher...”

After presenting his prepared gifts to her, Chen Mobai also did not know how to comfort her, standing by, hesitating to speak.

“It’s a laughing matter; this is how it turns out when the Hugging Elixir Technique fails to breach the Nascent Soul stage, revealing one’s true, aged self.”

Instead, Duanmu Longrong was the one who initiated the conversation. Downstairs in the office, Chen Mobai had also learned all the details from Che Yucheng.

The so-called Hugging Elixir Technique was a secret technique developed by practitioners of the Lasting Spring Cultivation at Jumang Academy. Inspired by the characteristics of the Lasting Spring Cultivation, it aimed to lock all inner Essence, Qi, and Spirit to form an impervious domain.

But once you unleash your domain and burst forth with all your power, this characteristic will become ineffective, and the traces of years that had previously been paused will all erode you simultaneously.

Later at the Repairing Heaven Institute, a Golden Core Master used the Hugging Elixir Technique to lock his youth, and only when it was time for “Nascent Soul Formation” did he burst forth in strength, and using that brief peak, he overcame the bottleneck.

Since then, the Hugging Elixir Technique had become standard for all Golden Core Masters in the Immortal Gate who wished to undergo “Nascent Soul Formation” but were nearing the end of their prime.

“If it were you, you would definitely succeed...”

Duanmu Longrong had great expectations for Chen Mobai. Seeing his excessively youthful face, which did not require the Hugging Elixir Technique, she wanted to persuade him once again to accept the path of “Nascent Soul Formation” of the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

“Thank you, Teacher Duanmu, but I personally do not like constraints.”

Chen Mobai spoke frankly, leading Duanmu Longrong to sigh once again.

Soon, Qin Beichen also arrived and was shocked to see the aged Duanmu Longrong.

Clearly, the news of Duanmu Longrong's failed "Nascent Soul Formation" was only known to those present.

"Little Qin, after Duanmu, would you be willing to take her place in guarding the deepest part of the Treasure Trove, overseeing the fifth-rank Vermillion Fruit Tree?"

Master Chengxuan asked. Upon hearing this, Qin Beichen's eyes brightened, and he was visibly excited.

However, after glancing at Chen Mobai, he hesitated and did not immediately agree.

"It was Little Chen who recommended you, and I also think that three hundred years for him would be too much of a waste. Given his talents, he might become the next Yuanyang Ancestor, not needing external resources and just relying on his profound foundation to cross this great realm."

Master Chengxuan's words made Chen Mobai feel somewhat embarrassed; he didn't expect the casual boastful claims used to maintain his public image were actually taken seriously by the dean.

But at that moment, he could not jump out and argue but had to modestly and self-assuredly wave his hands with a smile.

"Thank you."

Upon hearing this, Qin Beichen understood the reason he could get this opportunity.

In addition to Chen Mobai's renunciation, it was also because the choice had landed on him.

"Afterwards, Little Chen, you and Little Qin should have a meal together in a public setting. Express your stance to let others see."

Master Chengxuan's words made Chen Mobai nod lightly. It was better to settle this matter sooner rather than later, as delaying could lead to complications.

Particularly as Master Chengxuan was about to go into seclusion.

“Take me to the fifth-rank Vermillion Fruit Tree, and I will explain what you need to pay attention to...”

Duanmu Longrong spoke to Qin Beichen, who immediately came over respectfully, supporting her trembling form.

After the two left, only three people remained in the dean’s office.

But soon there was another.

A virtual silhouette projected from the Soulful Mirror emerged; it was Wang Shuye, the highest-ranking person in the Dance Tool Dao Academy within the Immortal Gate.

“Ah, did senior sister still fail?”

Wang Shuye was still wondering why Master Chengxuan had summoned his spirit to the meeting. Upon hearing the news, his face turned gloomy.

After Duanmu Longrong, it would be his turn.

Compared to Duanmu Longrong, he only had one Infant-Feeding Elixir, and the chances of success were even more remote.

“I’m going into seclusion to comprehend a higher realm. If there’s any major issue in the academy in the future, the three of you should discuss and resolve it.”

With this declaration from Master Chengxuan, Chen Mobai suddenly realized.

He had indeed become one of the three highest-ranked Golden Cores in the Dance Tool Dao Academy, right after the Nascent Souls.

“Dean, I’m still too young..”

“Just consider it helping me.”

Before Chen Mobai could finish his modest words, Master Chengxuan’s statement made him hold back, and he eventually nodded, happily accepting his current status.

Exiting from building one, Chen Mobai felt his heart pounding fiercely and let out a long sigh.

Although he was already the leader of one sect in the Eastern Wilderness, suddenly being elevated to such a position in the Immortal Gate still put a tremendous pressure on him.

“Eh, uncle, what are you doing here?”

Chapter 1206: Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo Chen Mobai heard the words and looked up, his eyes instantly brightening.

He saw a girl with a slender figure and delicate waist, pure and youthful, holding a stack of documents and walking up the steps from the mountainside. She was wearing a black, sheer blouse and a knee-length black skirt, which highlighted her skin as white and smooth as jade. Upon seeing Chen Mobai, her face revealed a genuinely amazed and joyful smile.

With light steps, her beautifully curved legs clad in black stockings and her petite leather boots barely touched the steps as she instantly leaped in front of Chen Mobai.

Seeing the vibrant young girl land in front of him, Chen Mobai’s gaze became a little dazed.

It was as if he saw an old friend whom he hadn’t seen for a long time.

But Chen Mobai was certain that this girl was not that person.

He asked hesitantly, "You are...?"

"Uncle, I'm Xiao Hei! When I was little, I got lost in the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains, and you were the one who saved me."

Hearing this, Chen Mobai suddenly realized, remembering her as the likely descendant of Ancestor Baiguang's lineage and was naturally impressed.

A young girl can change tremendously as she turns eighteen. The timid little girl from the past had now completely transformed.

Her brows and facial features fully matured, standing gracefully and beautifully.

"You've become so beautiful, I certainly couldn't recognize you."

This remark of Chen Mobai made her gleam with a smile, seemingly very pleased.

"Uncle, why did you come to the Daoist Academy?"

"The principal needed me for something; I had no choice but to come over."

Chen Mobai shook his head, implying that he originally wanted to stay peacefully in Red Sandstone City, but Master Chengxuan's summon left him no choice but to come.

"The principal can be quite nagging and bothersome at times, lecturing me often."

Chen Mobai's words, unexpectedly, touched on Xiao Hei's grievances, and she suddenly began to complain about Master Chengxuan.

After hearing this, the corner of Chen Mobai's eye twitched slightly, and he kept silent, not daring to agree.

Chen Mobai had heard about Xiao Hei's background from Che Yucheng. She dared to criticize Nascent Souls because she came from a profound background. Although Chen Mobai was praised for having the Qualification of Deification, he truly did not dare to speak ill of Nascent Souls behind their backs.

"Little Chen, bring her up."

Clearly, Xiao Hei's words at the entrance of Building One were heard word for word by Master Chengxuan above, and soon Chen Mobai and Xiao Hei both heard his resigned reply.

"Yes, Principal!"

Chen Mobai, who was all set to leave, could only turn around and, with the youthful girl who cheerfully followed, re-enter the principal's office.

Che Yucheng was also still there.

"Here, this is the final match schedule!"

Upon entering, Xiao Hei was not the least bit shy. She directly handed the documents she was holding onto Master Chengxuan's desk.

Under the principal's suggestive glance, Che Yucheng picked it up, glanced through, and indicated there was no problem.

"What's this schedule about?"

Chen Mobai didn't know what this was and couldn't help but be curious.

“This time, our Daoist Academy is hosting an offline exchange and sparring event, and it’s Crimson Mountain’s turn to serve as the home field. The final eight contestants will determine their rankings...”

Xiao Hei, upon hearing Chen Mobai’s question, immediately jumped in to answer before Master Chengxuan and Che Yucheng could speak.

“Oh, I see, how is our Daoist Academy ranked?”

Chen Mobai asked again. Xiao Hei immediately puffed out her chest, but this time she didn’t answer. Instead, she looked towards Master Chengxuan and Che Yucheng with her gaze, hinting continuously.

“Ahem, it’s quite good. The chair of this year’s student council shares some of your flair; she occupies one of the eight spots—the classmate here beside you.”

Che Yucheng’s words made Xiao Hei’s face reveal an undeniable smile, and she looked at Chen Mobai with a bit of modesty.

“Only one? The Daoist Academy is far from its past glory.”

Chen Mobai slightly frowned and made a remark that kept the other three from maintaining their composure.

“There’s a number of talents in this year’s Scholarly Mansion, and it’s already very difficult for Xiao Hei to have secured one of the spots.”

Che Yucheng spoke up, in an uncharacteristically praising tone for Xiao Hei.

Chen Mobai: “Who are these talents?”

Che Yucheng: “Among the eight, Jumang Academy only has one, with a Heavenly Earth Spirit Root, and her ranking is even lower than hers.”

This was meant to show Xiao Hei's exceptional talent, but upon hearing it, Chen Mobai just shook his head, reminiscing about the past.

"Merely a Heavenly Spirit Root. In my time, if one hadn't mastered the Lasting Spring Cultivation, they wouldn't even qualify to stand before me."

Xiao Hei, who was continuously nodding along with Che Yucheng's words, heard what Chen Mobai said and couldn't help but pout, wanting to say something. However, recalling Chen Mobai's record of single-handedly crushing all Foundation Establishment geniuses of the Immortal Gate during his time at the academy, she could only lower her head.

Che Yucheng: "Ban Rui from the Repairing Heaven Institute is a talent personally mentored by Elder Yuanxu. In terms of accomplishments within the Guidance Book, he's no less than senior figures like Lou Fengcheng and Ling Daoshi."

Chen Mobai: "Lou Fengcheng and Ling Daoshi combined didn't last ten moves against me."

This statement made Xiao Hei, who was just about to raise her head to suggest she was on par with Ban Rui, lower it again.

Che Yucheng: "Bai Guang and Crystal from the Kunpeng Daoist Institute; the former has mastered the wind and rain sections of the Six Dominions Scripture, and the latter, the Darkness and Light Sections, neither inferior to Lan Haitian of the past."

Only then did Chen Mobai seem a bit surprised.

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The Liu Yu Scripture is said to be the most extensive and profound Divine Transformation Technique of the Immortal Gate, so mysterious and unfathomable. To master even one part of it marks one as a genius among geniuses.

At any ordinary time, such an individual could suppress all peers of the same age.

And to master two parts would put one in the same league as Lan Haitian, who dominated the ranks for sixty years above and below. If it were not for Chen Mobai's dramatic emergence, Lan Haitian would likely still be considered the highest talent of the Immortal Gate.

Now, Roc Academy has produced two at once.

"Such geniuses, if there were no one like me as the chief, might indeed be insuppressible."

Chen Mobai nodded and voiced his inner thoughts.

Upon hearing this, all three people in the room fell silent.

This was the truth!

But such a qualification for deification was only a handful since the inception of Dance Tool Dao Academy.

"Those two students from Kunpeng Daoist Institute couldn't possibly be human, could they?"

Chen Mobai remembered something Wen Ren Xuewei once mentioned and couldn't help but ask.

"Yes, they are beings from the Sea Territory, and their true identities have not been revealed because no one has yet managed to force them to show their true bodies in a spar."

Master Chengxuan spoke, indicating that the Sea Territory was under the jurisdiction of that Spiritual Venerable; even they, as Nascent Soul Superiors, would not dare to scrutinize.

Among the other eight students, those able to compete with the talents of the Four Great Daoist Sects were not ordinary mortals.

Some were born with Sword Hearts, had a Spiritual Body suited for the Tao, or a Mysterious Yang Spirit Body, etc., which, combined with the corresponding cultivation techniques, ensured they were not inferior in combat to those with Heavenly Spiritual Roots.

“Indeed, this batch almost measures up to mine.”

Having reviewed the list, Chen Mobai nodded in agreement.

“Apart from you, what quality did your batch have? You must know that the ones you competed against at Jumang Academy were the most outstanding Foundation Establishment geniuses accumulated by the Scholarly Mansion over nearly a hundred years, not counting your own batch!”

Che Yucheng corrected him, keen to avoid disheartening Xiao Hei, who was becoming increasingly discouraged beside them.

“That’s true, aside from myself, there didn’t seem to be anyone particularly notable in my batch.”

Chen Mobai continued to nod, the only one who had caught his eye being Zhongli Tianyu from his own Daoist Academy.

The other opponents who had made an impression on him were just Wen Ren Xuewei, the cultivator of the Lasting Spring Cultivation.

The rest were all defeated rivals!

And Chen Mobai had no interest in paying attention to those whom he had already bested.

“So our goal this time is to strive for the third place position.”

As Che Yucheng spoke, he pointed at Xiao Hei beside Chen Mobai, dejected from feeling overshadowed. She was the chief disciple of Dance Tool Dao Academy and the hope of the entire academy.

“What a pity, I have already reached Core Formation...”

Chen Mobai looked regretful, wishing he were still at the Foundation Establishment stage, ready to adopt the shameless stance the Daoist Academies used back then, taking advantage of the young.

“Now that you’re here, and since voting will take place after this semester, in the meantime, you might as well give her some guidance. When it comes to Magic Duels, no one in the Immortal Gate is your equal.”

Master Chengxuan finally spoke. It seemed that when he summoned Chen Mobai, he had already considered this use, making the most of the resources at hand.

“I’m quite strict, you know.”

Chen Mobai naturally wouldn’t refuse, but he had always held high expectations for his disciples. He wasn’t sure if the proud talents of the Immortal Gate could withstand them.

After all, in the Eastern Wilderness, due to cultural customs, all disciples were exceedingly respectful and obedient to their teachers.

No matter how challenging the demands, disciples like Liu Wenbo and the other four would give their all to fulfill them.

“Don’t worry, Uncle Chen, I can endure hardships.”

Xiao Hei immediately straightened up upon hearing this and said, patting her chest.

“Since I’ll be teaching you, you should call me Teacher.”

“Okay, Teacher Chen!”

“Just call me teacher, no need for a surname; it makes things feel closer.”

“Okay, Teacher!”

When Chen Mobai left with Xiao Hei, Che Yucheng also took his leave. Master Chengxuan came to the window, watching as the young boy and girl departed, and he let out a slight sigh of relief.

“Now, tell me about the cultivation technique you practice, and what you excel in.”

Chen Mobai took Xiao Hei to a quiet place in the Treasure Trove, ready to start advising her on her magic duel skills.

“Teacher, I practice the Five Elements Cultivation and use the Five Elements Spells, and I also have a protective magic artifact that came from a ‘Device Nurturing Sphere.’”

Xiao Hei looked up at the young man before her with bright eyes, sharing her foundation.

“When it comes to magic duels, the most important thing is the foundation. If you want to improve, you need persistent effort and dedication. With only half a month left until the final practice sessions at the Daoist Academy, I will first help you solidify your foundation.”

Chen Mobai had a strong sense of responsibility when it came to teaching. Although he was confident that he could greatly improve Xiao Hei’s magic duel skills in a short time, this would not be beneficial for her future cultivation. It was better to start from the basics, with the aim of achieving greater success in the future.

Moreover, the main focus of the Five Elements Cultivation Technique was to establish a strong foundation.

He knew Xiao Hei had a Pure Yin Body, but her Fire Spirit Root was the most outstanding. Therefore, until her Water Spirit Root reached a sufficient level, it was best not to practice other cultivation techniques.

Next, Xiao Hei demonstrated the Five Elements Spells she mastered. To Chen Mobai, naturally, they were all full of flaws.

In terms of the Five Elements Spells, her control over the Fire Attribute was the most proficient, followed by the Water Attribute. Her mastery of the other three elements lagged far behind.

Chen Mobai immediately began to advise, teaching her the transformations between the Five Elements Spells, the quick changes that came with the cycle of generation among the elements, and how to use the strengths unique to her Five Elements abilities to suppress and overcome her opponents in a fluid and responsive manner.

He had thought that in just half a month, Xiao Hei would at most learn a bit of the basics, but he discovered that her talent for magic duels was actually quite extraordinary, almost grasping his points immediately.

However, she could only understand the transformations of the Five Elements Spells he spoke of and could not yet operate them as smoothly as he could.

The reason Chen Mobai could do this effortlessly was that he was in the Golden Core Realm and had cultivated the Dual-phase Rotation Practice Together Technique of the Longevity Sect for many years.

“This will rely on prolonged practice and attempts. Later, when you have time, you can go to the Little Red Sky and choose some opponents of similar strength. Back in my day, that’s how I honed my unparalleled Sword Dao Realm!”

Chen Mobai spoke out. Unwittingly, he had been teaching for half a month, and tomorrow was the day of the final eight contestants’ battles at the Scholarly Mansion of the Daoist Academy.

“Teacher, isn’t there a shortcut? I want to take first place!”

At the time of their parting, Xiao Hei hesitated and then suddenly spoke up.

“I’ve said from the beginning, the path of persistent effort is the righteous one.”

Chen Mobai's face became serious. He naturally knew there were other methods, but he did not want Xiao Hei to win easily this way. Otherwise, her future would be like his, trapped in the emptiness of having no worthy opponents.

For this reason, after achieving Foundation Establishment, Chen Mobai spent most of his time in the Eastern Wilderness, as no one within the Immortal Gate dared to challenge him.

As soon as he logged onto the Little Red Sky, his friends would immediately log off.

Knowing they could not win, who would wish to be defeated?

Even Zhongli Tianyu, that proud individual, would straight-up refuse and lay down flat in the face of his challenge, which greatly disappointed Chen Mobai.

He could only then turn to breaking sects and destroying gates in the Barren to temper his post-advancement realm and strength!

"Oh, alright then."

After hearing this, Xiao Hei showed a disappointed expression. She then politely bid farewell to Chen Mobai. Suddenly, under her feet, her little round-toed shoes emitted a dazzling array of five-colored clouds, lifting her up and preparing to leave the Treasure Trove.

"Huh, your 'Red Misty Cloud Silk' seems to be of a pretty high grade."

Chen Mobai was slightly surprised when he noticed it. Although snooping was not allowed in the Immortal Gate, his exceptional eyesight and years of experience told him it was extraordinary.

"Teacher, this is the protective magic artifact I got from the 'Device Nurturing Sphere,' called the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo. With this protection, I was able to break into the final round."

Hearing Xiao Hei's words, Chen Mobai's eyes widened in shock.

In the entire Dance Tool Dao Academy, there was only one Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo!

"You got this thing from a 'Device Nurturing Sphere'?"

"Yes, the principal personally helped me get it!"

Chapter 1208: Treating Her as One's Own Daughter "Oh, if the principal took you to open it, then there's nothing to worry about."

Chen Mobai, upon hearing this, showed a look of realization on his face.

After all, his Six Yang Divine Fire Mirror had also been opened with the help of Che Yucheng.

The principal was a rank higher than Che Yucheng, so the guaranteed grade of the "Device Nurturing Sphere" must also be higher.

Even so, Chen Mobai, looking at the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo under Xiao Hei's feet, still felt a pang of envy.

Because of the scarcity of resources, only Ancestor Yunya of the Dance Tool Dao Academy had succeeded in creating the complete form of this magic artifact, which was at the Fourth Stage Pinnacle.

If combined with a formation and sufficient spiritual energy, it could even exert the power of Rank-5.

According to Chen Mobai's understanding, such an item should not possibly come from a "Device Nurturing Sphere".

However, thinking about Xiao Hei's background, he came to terms with it.

The Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, lying idle in the Treasure Trove, might as well be given to her. Not only would it find a master for this powerful magic artifact, but it could also protect her.

In terms of defensive capabilities, this magic artifact ranked at the peak among Fourth-grade Magical Weapons.

Although there were basically no dangers within the Immortal Gate, it was at least a token of concern from Master Chengxuan.

Chen Mobai felt that Ancestor Baiguang of Wangxian Peak would definitely know about this.

“With the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, nobody among the rank of Foundation Establishment within the Immortal Gate should be able to break your defense.”

Chen Mobai knew well the strength of a Fourth-grade Magical Weapon, as he had experienced during the Magic Duel in Jumang Academy; it was only with a Fourth Order Sword that Pei Qingshuang was able to battle him to a draw, forcing him to give it his all to narrowly claim victory.

“My cultivation level is insufficient; this magic artifact can only exert the power of a Lower-grade Rank-3 at most.”

Xiao Hei stopped midair and spoke to Chen Mobai, saying that Master Chengxuan had even imposed a restriction to prevent her from being drained of spiritual power and unable to sustain the magic artifact.

“Actually, if a cultivator has a spiritual connection with a magic artifact, even without providing it with spiritual power, the artifact will automatically exhibit its power to help you overcome the enemy and win.”

Chen Mobai felt an inexplicable affinity towards the girl before him and couldn't help but start to share his own story with the Purple Electric Sword.

“Teacher, you are a once-in-a-millennium unparalleled Sword Cultivation Genius of the Immortal Gate; I definitely can't compare to you.”

Xiao Hei was self-aware and didn't dare to compare herself to him.

"You and I are also fated; I'll help you out..."

Chen Mobai thought about it; as the future leader of Dance Tool Dao Academy, it was very important to cultivate a good relationship with Wangxian Peak, so he decided to make a sacrifice.

He used Echoes in the Void to communicate with the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, and at first the Artifact Spirit was somewhat aloof.

Then, Chen Mobai reached out to touch the Five-Colored Light in front of him, stealthily retrieved a Water Spirit Pearl from his Domain, and inserted it into the artifact.

In an instant, the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo burst out with unprecedented magnificent light, erupting from beneath Xiao Hei and spontaneously encircling Chen Mobai, lifting him up from his seated position.

"Take this pearl to nourish yourself, and if danger arises, remember to protect her."

As a Five Elements property artifact, Chen Mobai gave the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo a Water Spirit Pearl, equivalent to a Superior Quality Spirit Stone to refine, with only one condition.

"Don't worry, where she resides, I reside."

Through the communication of Echoes in the Void, Chen Mobai saw that the Artifact Spirit was a colorful orb of light, which conveyed a rather bold statement.

Xiao Hei, seeing this scene, couldn't help but open her mouth wide.

She had had this magic artifact for nearly ten years but had never entered the innermost heart of the artifact, let alone communicated with the Artifact Spirit, which she had never even seen.

Yet, with just a light movement of Chen Mobai's Divine Sense and a touch, he had already communicated his intentions with the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo.

She even felt that, if Chen Mobai wished it, her magic artifact would immediately recognize him as its master.

"I've already communicated with the Artifact Spirit..."

Chen Mobai withdrew the hand that caressed the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo and shared that he had arranged for this magic artifact to intervene and protect Xiao Hei in the most dangerous of times.

At the same time, the Five-Colored Light also reluctantly returned to Xiao Hei's side.

Hearing his words, Xiao Hei's face showed even greater shock.

Is this the talent of the highest caliber in the Immortal Gate for a millennium?

Even his technique in mastering artifacts is so impressive.

Xiao Hei had not witnessed Chen Mobai inserting the pearl and internally compared her ten years of no progress with his achievements, feeling a profound respect and aspiration.

Chen Mobai gestured with his hand, indicating that the time was almost up, and Xiao Hei should go prepare for tomorrow's Daoist Academy rankings.

"Thank you, teacher!"

As Xiao Hei thanked him and left, she looked at the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo under her feet and suddenly had a bold idea.

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Three days later, Chen Mobai, who was meditating in the Treasure Trove, was called to the principal's office by Che Yucheng.

As soon as he entered, he saw Xiao Hei with a dissatisfied look on her face. However, when she saw him, she immediately looked down in embarrassment.

"What's going on?"

Chen Mobai looked at Master Chengxuan and Che Yucheng with furrowed brows and a difficult expression on their faces, suddenly feeling as though he had done something wrong.

"This child took advantage of the pact you set with the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo during your communication. She deliberately put herself in mortal danger during the Magic Duel, fought consecutive battles victoriously, defeated all her opponents, and won the championship!"

Chen Mobai, upon hearing what Che Yucheng said, was stunned and couldn't believe it.

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He immediately glowered at Xiao Hei, who instantaneously shifted her feet and hid behind Master Cheng Xuan's table. Throughout her movement, she kept her head down, not daring to look at him.

"Ah, it's my fault!"

Chen Mobai felt an impulse to scold someone, but seeing the little girl with her head down in a meek and pitiable state, he found he couldn't bring himself to do it. After brewing for a long time, he could only come out with this sentence.

"You were well-intentioned; how can I blame you? It is only this child whose desire to win is too strong."

Master Cheng Xuan spoke up, thus characterizing the incident.

“Such an approach is absolutely unacceptable; the good swimmer drowns...”

After finishing his words, Master Cheng Xuan began to teach Xiao Hei, who stood behind him. As soon as he started, Xiao Hei seemed a bit resentful and wanted to retort.

Chen Mobai did not know what was happening but could not help glaring at her.

As soon as she raised her head, Xiao Hei saw his gaze and immediately ducked down again, obediently listening to the lecture.

Master Cheng Xuan talked and talked, and Che Yucheng also chimed in with his teachings, eventually Chen Mobai couldn't help it either. All three of them started at the same time, giving Xiao Hei a stern reprimand.

They stopped only when Xiao Hei's eyes welled up with tears, on the verge of weeping.

“Alas, we still have to tie up loose ends for you.”

“What, I can't take first place now?”

Chen Mobai found Master Cheng Xuan's words somewhat strange.

“It's not that you can't take it, but before this offline exchange, Kunpeng Daoist Institute had some communication with us. We agreed to offer a Rank-4 Vermillion Fruit to the first placer. Although we don't know why Bai Lang needs it, Nan Dou was willing to exchange an Azure Dragon Carp for it, so we agreed.”

Che Yucheng revealed the details.

“Isn't the Azure Dragon Carp a protective spirit beast?”

Chen Mobai asked with some surprise after hearing this.

“In the Immortal Gate, it is protected, but within the domain of the Spiritual Venerable in the Sea Territory, it is still edible. If Bai Lang gets the Vermillion Fruit, she will earn a spot in the exchange program next year that Kunpeng Daoist Institute sends to the Sea Territory. If she’s lucky, she can find enough Azure Dragon Carp to consume in the Sea Territory and raise her Water Spirit Root to over 80 points in less time.”

Che Yucheng’s words caused Xiao Hei on the side to raise her head involuntarily.

“Why didn’t you tell me about this?”

“How would I know you’d use the Evil Path to take first place?”

In the eyes of Master Cheng Xuan and Che Yucheng, Xiao Hei was definitely not a match for Bai Lang, and they fully expected everything to go according to plan.

But now that she suddenly swept all competitors with the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, in the eyes of the other Daoist Academy’s Scholarly Mansions, it seemed as if Dance Tool Dao Academy had reneged on their word, not sticking to the agreement.

This could be very serious for the Daoist Academies, which always maintain trust through unspoken understanding, if not handled properly.

“What should we do?”

Xiao Hei also became a bit anxious at this point. The Rank-4 Vermillion Fruit was of no use to her.

The Azure Dragon Carps that could enhance her Water Spirit Root were what she needed most urgently.

“Why can’t we just exchange the Vermillion Fruit for the Azure Dragon Carp directly?”

Chen Mobai interjected.

“This creature has been designated as a protected spirit beast within the Immortal Gate, and it’s illegal to eat it here. If you want to eat it to enhance the Water Spirit Root, you can only go to the Sea Territory. But what you said reminded me, as long as the final result is the same as planned, everything can still continue.”

While Che Yucheng was speaking, he went out to call Nan Dou, a True Person from Kunpeng Daoist Institute.

This matter wasn’t huge, but it wasn’t trivial either; however, it wasn’t something that Master Cheng Xuan needed to deal with personally.

It was only when these Golden Core Masters couldn’t handle it that the Nascent Soul Superiors would communicate directly.

In no time at all, Che Yucheng returned, indicating everything had been sorted out.

Next year, Xiao Hei would study at Kunpeng Daoist Institute, then go to the Sea Territory as an exchange student for further cultivation.

There, she would use the Vermillion Fruit she had won this time to exchange with Bai Lang for the Azure Dragon Carp.

“The Azure Dragon Carp is quite valuable, and we can only arrange three for you, the rest you will need to strive for yourself. If you can manage to use the water of the Heavenly Realm Pure Water for refinement, you won’t have to go through the hard times at Jumang Academy.”

The most famous Spiritual Objects that can enhance a Water Spirit Root in the Immortal Gate are the Azure Dragon Carp and the Heavenly Spiritual Water.

But even combined, they don't compare with the Heavenly Realm Pure Water, a supreme Spiritual Object condensed by the Spiritual Venerable, capable of directly creating a Heavenly Water Spirit Root.

If Xiao Hei had started at Kunpeng Daoist Institute according to Yu Huiping's plan, she would have already been in the Sea Territory by now.

"Once there, without our protection, you must keep a low profile and control your temper..."

After the offline sparring and exchange had ended, it signified Xiao Hei's graduation from the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Time flew by so quickly, the last time Chen Mobai heard Che Yucheng mention her was ten years ago.

Xiao Hei also turned somewhat sentimental upon hearing this. Over these ten years in the Daoist Academy, everything had gone smoothly for her, with the protection of Master Chengxuan and Che Yucheng, she felt the care of her elders. To suddenly leave now was too hard to bear.

After discussing this matter, Master Chengxuan and Che Yucheng had other issues to attend to, so Chen Mobai took Xiao Hei and left Building One.

He walked her down the mountain steps, both unsure how to start a conversation, silent and speechless.

"I'm sorry!"

"Take out the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo."

Suddenly, they both spoke at the same time. Xiao Hei's apology took Chen Mobai by slight surprise.

He smiled lightly. He had already lectured her, so he didn't say much more.

Chen Mobai was somewhat worried that, after the energy consumption from this round of sparring, the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo might not protect her in the face of danger in the future, so he wanted to communicate with the Artifact Spirit again.

Although Xiao Hei didn't understand why, she obediently handed over the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo to him.

“What's up?”

With Listening with Empty Valley Echo, Chen Mobai heard the Artifact Spirit's query.

Chen Mobai: “You must have used quite a bit of energy protecting this child, right?”

Artifact Spirit: “Indeed, those three opponents were quite formidable. I'll need about one-tenth of that Pearl's Water Spirit Qi to replenish. Continuing like this won't do...”

The Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo Artifact Spirit had only conveyed half its thought when Chen Mobai stuffed another five Pearls into it.

Chen Mobai: “This child is about to head to the Sea Territory, and I don't know much about the situation there. You'll be the only one by her side, I hope you can take good care of her.”

Artifact Spirit: “True Person, rest assured, from now on I'll protect her as if she were my own daughter.”

Feeling the five Pearls loaded with pure and vast Water Spirit Qi entering its core, the Artifact Spirit immediately modified its words, which somewhat reassured Chen Mobai.

For some reason, whenever he saw Xiao Hei, he felt a sense of intimacy, probably because he had held her as a child.

Or maybe knowing she came from Wangxian Peak, and as a teacher of the Dance Tool Dao Academy, it was his duty to take good care of her. That way, when he later visited Ancestor Baiguang, he could earn some favor.

Perhaps Ancestor Baiguang would see this favor and reveal the mysteries and intricacies of One Sword Births Ten Thousand Laws.

Both emotionally and rationally, Chen Mobai felt he should take good care of Xiao Hei.

After “communicating” with the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, the Magic Artifact suddenly opened its core to Xiao Hei, allowing her Divine Sense to enter and start communicating with the Artifact Spirit.

“Teacher, you’ve been so good to me!”

Xiao Hei knew all of this was thanks to Chen Mobai, and her pure and lovely face couldn’t help but show excitement.

“Since you call me ‘Teacher,’ you are considered my disciple. Before you go to the Sea Territory, let me, as your teacher, give you two more pieces of advice. Do not try to stand out in unfamiliar places; the path of cultivation is about who lives the longest, who travels the farthest...”

Chen Mobai spoke some heartfelt words of advice, drawing from his own experience.

“Teacher, didn’t you use to sweep through the Immortal Gate with your sword when you were young?”

Xiao Hei didn’t quite understand. Looking back at Chen Mobai’s nearly four decades from Foundation Establishment to the present, the words ‘low-profile’ seemed utterly unconnected to him.

“Actually, that was always my true nature. I just wanted to farm and protect my hometown. It’s just that there was no one else in the academy who could stand up, which forced me to draw my sword and restore the past glory!”

Chen Mobai’s wistful words significantly increased Xiao Hei’s admiration for him.

Chapter 1210: Another Nascent Soul with a Dance Instruments Background Before graduation approached, the Dance Tool Dao Academy hosted a seminar.

Qin Beichen, a teacher within the academy, invited the well-known alumnus Chen Mobai to give a talk on the Divine Transformation Technique "Pure Yang Volume."

As it happened, a hands-on exchange had just concluded, and most people had not yet left. When they heard that Chen Mobai, with his qualifications for Deification, was actually coming, they all hurriedly used their connections to reserve tickets for the seminar.

Particularly, Pang Yingru, the genius with a Mysterious Yang Spirit Body from the Pure Yang Academy.

During Chen Mobai and Qin Beichen's seminar, this person was listening with the utmost seriousness and attentiveness.

His Mysterious Yang Spirit Body was a weakened version of the Pure Yang Body, but even so, his cultivation of the Pure Yang Scroll benefited from an exceptional natural advantage, as starting with the Mysterious Yang Spirit Body was equivalent to having already attained the Four Yang Realm of the Pure Yang Daoist Body.

This could save at least a decade or two of time compared to an average student.

Moreover, the most important aspect was that this type of Spirit Body inherently contained a strand of Xuan Yang Qi, which, though not as good as the Heavenly Spiritual Root, would still be beneficial when forming a Gold Core in the future.

After the seminar ended, Pang Yingru still had many questions accumulated from his daily practice that he wanted to consult with Chen Mobai about. However, just as he was about to raise his hand to ask, he was stopped by Xiao Hei, who was in charge of managing the event.

"The teacher is very busy, do not disturb his time."

As someone with a Pure Yin Body, Xiao Hei naturally didn't get along with Pang Yingru, who had a Mysterious Yang Spirit Body, finding him disagreeable in every way.

Moreover, combined with the historical issues between Pure Yang Academy and Dance Tool Dao Academy, their sparring could only be described as bringing out the True Fire in them.

Xiao Hei's opponent in the quarterfinals was him, and that was exactly why she fought so desperately to win, eventually unleashing the power of Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo. In the end, unable to control her desire for victory, she claimed the championship all the way...

"Let him come over."

However, Chen Mobai noticed this and, though he had his share of disputes with Pure Yang Academy in his youth, now that he was a Golden Core Master, his perspective had broadened. Seeing a talented successor eager to progress, he couldn't help wanting to offer some guidance.

Xiao Hei had no choice but to let Pang Yingru through, who, as Chen Mobai and Qin Beichen were preparing to leave the venue, bowed respectfully and began to nervously ask about the dilemmas he encountered in his practice.

Pure Yang Academy, although it claimed to be the direct lineage of the Yuanyang Ancestor, had very few individuals who truly practiced the Pure Yang Scroll within the entire academy.

After all, the Pure Yang Scroll was easy to learn but hard to master. The further one progressed, the more time and energy one needed to invest. Without resources, just perfecting the Pure Yang Daoist Body could exhaust all the devotion a cultivator had.

Even a Core Formation genius like Qin Beichen eventually gave up in disappointment, to say nothing of the people from Pure Yang Academy.

Because it had almost no barrier to entry, the Pure Yang Scroll was considered to have the largest number of practitioners among all the Immortal Gate, providing the most extensive sample size for the Divine Transformation Technique.

Furthermore, with well-developed channels for seeking advice within the Immortal Gate, cultivators of the Pure Yang Scroll only needed to compare their progress to understand whether they could complete the Pure Yang Scroll within their lifetime.

This Cultivation Technique, during the stages of Qi Cultivation and Foundation Establishment, didn't require an exceedingly long time. Any genius could perfect it.

But after Core Formation, if one lacked resources like Spirit Stones for assistance—apart from those with a Heavenly Fire Spiritual Root, who could focus most of their energy on refining a single breath of Pure Yang and cut the time in half—the rest of the cultivators, faced with their snail's pace progress, would typically succumb to despair.

The headmaster of Pure Yang Academy, Nangong Xuanyu, touted as the number one Golden Core of the Immortal Gate, possessed a Heavenly Fire Spiritual Root.

It was precisely for this reason he could cultivate both the Pure Yang Scroll and the Primordial Yang Sword Secret to Golden Core Perfection, yet even so, it was said that his Pure Yang Daoist Body had not yet reached Perfection, only the Nine Suns Realm.

And Pang Yingru was currently grappling with this issue.

His Mysterious Yang Spirit Body saved him at least ten years before Foundation Establishment.

But after Foundation Establishment, as he tried practicing the Pure Yang Daoist Body, he found that he would need at least fifty or sixty years to reach the Six Yang Realm.

Had it just been this amount of time, he would have been able to afford the investment.

But the problem was the realms from Seven Yang to Nine Yang after forming the Core.

The fastest in recorded history of the Immortal Gate took 86 years, and even with his Mysterious Yang Spirit Body, Pang Yingru still doubted whether he could complete the Pure Yang Scroll.

After all, in addition to the Pure Yang Daoist Body, the Spiritual Power Realm of the Pure Yang Scroll itself demanded even more time.

“If after forming the Core, you need to switch cultivation techniques, I think it might even be better to switch now. The time saved could be used to further enhance your Essence, Qi, and Spirit, or other skills. With your talent, you might even have a chance to attempt ‘Nascent Soul Formation’ one day.”

Qin Beichen, who was by his side, spoke first. Although he had switched to Scorching Heaven Cultivation, he had wasted at least twenty years. Had he switched before forming his Core, or had he not practiced the Pure Yang Scroll from the start, he even confidently believed that he could now have broken through to the Golden Core Seventh Layer.

If he had reached the Golden Core Seventh Layer, he wouldn’t need Chen Mobai’s help; he could have secured the guardianship qualifications for the Fifth-Rank Zhu Fruit Tree all on his own.

“With your Mysterious Yang Spirit Body, practicing methods like the Heavenly Sun Great Method or True Yang Cultivation, there’s no difference between reaching the Nascent Soul Realm and the Pure Yang Scroll. In fact, without the encumbrance of the Pure Yang Daoist Body, it might even be faster.”

“The only difference is that it can only go as far as the Nascent Soul.”

“But in the entire Immortal Gate, probably only Mobai might have a chance to reach divinity using the Pure Yang Scroll. From my own experience, I advise you to seize the current opportunities rather than to aim too high and end up missing out.”