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Chapter 1251: Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder Han Zhiling, the third-generation disciple, had excellent Spiritual Root Talent and was willing to endure hardships and labor, which was very suitable for the style of the Xiao Nanshan Lineage.

Chen Mobai calculated and felt that Han Zhiling had been cultivated enough and could be entrusted with important tasks.

Just as Xiao Nanshan had been neglected for a long time due to the absence of people, Chen Mobai discussed with Zhuo Ming and then let her come here for Foundation Establishment.

“Thank you, Ancestor.”

At the peak of Xiao Nanshan, Han Zhiling, who had just returned from the Eastern Desolation Plateau, respectfully performed a grand salutation to Chen Mobai.

“Your foundation is solid, and your talent is outstanding. In addition, with the help of the Fourth Grade Spirit Vein here, Foundation Establishment should pose no problem.”

Chen Mobai used a Formless Puppet to simulate Han Zhiling’s Foundation Establishment process, which predicted a very smooth success, and he also helped to clear up her accumulated confusion during her daily cultivation, and he spoke to instill confidence in her.

After listening to Chen Mobai, Han Zhiling’s expression indeed relaxed slightly.

Because she knew that the Ancestor before her was hailed as a Great Sage and Good Teacher in the Eastern Wilderness, and he had claimed that cultivators he said could succeed in Foundation Establishment had never failed.

When Chen Mobai left, he gave her a Taoist Talisman Paper, which was for controlling parts of the Cloud Mist Array of Xiao Nanshan. However, with her current cultivation level, she could only manipulate some of its functions.

“If there’s anything, you can look for Gu Yan.”

Chen Mobai thought of the possibility that he might enter seclusion for a long time or go to Northern Abyss City and not be at Giant Tree Ridge, so he added Gu Yan’s contact to Han Zhiling’s Heavenly Communication Device.

After Chen Mobai arranged for Han Zhiling, the third-generation disciple, he returned to his Longevity Wood Dojo.

He replaced the Formless Puppet’s energy source with a Top-grade Spirit Stone, setting it aside for automatic simulation.

After Han Zhiling’s Foundation Establishment was confirmed, her cultivation would focus on the Red Flame Sword Jue.

As for this, Chen Mobai naturally had no objections. It was also the best choice because, with him, an Ancestor who reached the peak, Han Zhiling could receive the most accurate answers to any difficulties encountered.

The only problem now was to deduce a segment of cultivation technique that would bridge and convert between the Melting Fire Technique and the Red Flame Sword Jue.

This task was very difficult for others, but for Chen Mobai, it was just a matter of using more Spirit Stones.

As all of Han Zhiling’s related data had already been entered into the Formless Puppet, what followed just required him to wait for the simulation to finish.

Time quickly passed, half a month later.

One day, Zhou Shengqing and Mo Douguang returned with somewhat awkward expressions.

“Eh? What happened to you two senior brothers...?”

Chen Mobai asked with a surprise, as Zhou Shengqing had left with great ambition, yet returned silent and without words.

“Alas, who knew that Master, before his passing in meditation, condensed a ‘Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder’ for Zhou Ye. No wonder that little fellow hardly ever leaves the Hunyuan Immortal City...”

Zhou Shengqing spoke somewhat helplessly. At this time, Fu Zongjue also came over, and upon hearing this unfamiliar term, he too was full of confusion.

“This Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder is a secret Thunder method of the First Origin Dao Palace. The one that Zhou Ye has is even refined together with the Fourth Grade Spirit Vein of Hunyuan Immortal City, bound to his life. Once activated, it draws upon the Five Element Spiritual Energy of heaven and earth, causing Spirit Veins to explode, mountains to collapse, earth to crack, and it is estimated that half of the Ming Nation would sink into the land, all living beings extinguished, and everything falling into deathly silence!”

After listening to Zhou Shengqing’s explanation, both Chen Mobai and Fu Zongjue inhaled sharply in shock.

They had never imagined that Ancestor Hunyuan would possess such a terrifying method!

At this point, Zhou Shengqing also began detailing the specifics of their mission.

The four of them had smoothly entered Hunyuan Immortal City through the Medium Transporting Formation at Wind Rain Hamlet and then stopped the operation of the Mysterious Five Elements Array.

Zhou Shengqing then confidently, together with Mo Douguang, confronted Zhou Ye, aspiring to prove himself as Ancestor Hunyuan’s most outstanding disciple.

Zhou Ye, being rather straightforward, revealed the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder directly upon realizing he was no match, without engagement in battle.

Should this Divine Thunder explode, perhaps Zhou Shengqing may barely cling to life due to a Rank-4 Magic Artifact, but Mo Douguang, Nu Jiang, and Sheng Zhaoxi would undoubtedly be reduced to ashes.

After weighing the pros and cons, Zhou Shengqing naturally did not wish for them to die for Zhou Ye, so he had no choice but to retreat unwillingly.

“Brother, did you not try to talk with Zhou Ye?”

After hearing the story, Chen Mobai asked Zhou Shengqing in surprise.

“Talk about what? I just wanted to slaughter him!”

Zhou Shengqing’s response was very much in line with the character of the natives of the Eastern Wilderness, prompting Chen Mobai to raise his thumb in approval.

“Now that Zhou Ye possesses the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, it means we cannot resolve this by force. We need to address the dispute between us in a peaceful manner through negotiation, to see what conditions Zhou Ye needs in order to give up control of the Five Elements Sect and Hunyuan Immortal City.”

“He would negotiate?” When Zhou Shengqing heard Chen Mobai’s words, he was visibly shocked.

Not just him, both Mo Douguang and Fu Zongjue were equally astonished.

In their view, the Five Elements Sect and Hunyuan Immortal City were Zhou Ye’s lifelines. Since Ancestor Hunyuan had entrusted these to him, he would surely choose death over relinquishment.

To them, negotiating over these things with Zhou Ye was tantamount to an outright humiliation.

“How do you know it won’t work if you don’t talk about it? Perhaps Zhou Ye is just waiting for you brothers to negotiate. If he really were so uncompromising, why didn’t he use the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder the moment he saw you?”

Upon hearing Chen Mobai’s words, Zhou Shengqing, and Mo Douguang fell into contemplation.

They had returned to Hunyuan Immortal City with agitated hearts and had truly not considered this possibility.

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“Shall I... make another trip there?”

Zhou Shengqing said hesitantly.

“Absolutely not.” But Chen Mobai immediately shook his head, “Zhou Ye is only possibly willing to negotiate—it’s just a hypothetical. He possesses the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, and if he truly decides to, he might consider taking his senior brother with him to death.”

Chen Mobai had always been prudent in his actions. Had this been facing Zhou Ye directly before, in a predicament with no other options, using negotiation might have been a viable solution.

But now that they were back and knowing the power of the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, it was downright impossible to allow the Divine Wood Sect’s top-ranked cultivators to step into the Ming Nation’s territory again.

Even if there’s only a one percent chance, Chen Mobai wouldn’t risk putting Zhou Shengqing, a strategic-level Embodiment Nascent Soul, in danger.

“What does junior brother think we should do then about reclaiming the Five Elements Sect? Or should we put it on hold and first seize Back to Sky Valley and Snow-blowing Palace?”

Zhou Shengqing sincerely asked for advice.

“The power of the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, as senior brother mentioned, centers around the Hunyuan Immortal City. Once activated, it shouldn’t exceed the boundaries of Ming Nation, right?”

Chen Mobai inquired with even more care. Zhou Shengqing immediately nodded, being the disciple who followed Ancestor Hunyuan the longest and was most familiar with this thunder method.

“In truth, it is the territory that the Fourth Grade Spirit Vein of the Hunyuan Immortal City can influence, covering most of Ming Nation. The Divine Thunder’s power is strongest at the center. Even I might struggle to withstand it, but at the edges, I should be able to block it with the Golden Mirage Pearl.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai felt reassured, but he asked Zhou Shengqing another question, “Does senior brother absolutely want Zhou Ye dead?”

Zhou Shengqing appeared perplexed upon hearing this, “What do you mean by that, junior brother?”

Chen Mobai made an assumption, “If Zhou Ye is willing to surrender, hand over the Primordial Dao Fruit, acknowledge that Wood Vein’s orthodoxy in Five Elements Sect, and wants only to save his life, would senior brother be willing to spare him?”

Zhou Shengqing couldn’t imagine such good fortune and immediately nodded, “As long as he acknowledges that Master chose me to inherit the Five Elements Sect before passing away in meditation, not only will I spare his life, but I might even allow him to continue being my loyal junior brother, managing the Earth Vein.”

With these words, Chen Mobai felt assured.

He produced a sand table map of the Eastern Desolation, circled the Ming Nation where Hunyuan Immortal City was located, and then pointed to the other territories belonging to the Five Elements Sect—Mist Country, Fire Country, Ji Country, Hao Country, Spring Country, Sunny Country.

“The biggest problem with Zhou Ye’s Divine Thunder is that it cannot be moved. We first conquer the Five Elements Sect territories surrounding Ming Nation, let him see the overall situation is gone, then I

will use a Puppet Body to enter Hunyuan Immortal City and negotiate with him. If he is willing to deactivate the Divine Thunder, hand over the Primordial Dao Fruit and Five Elements Sect, we will give him a chance to repent and correct his ways.”

Hearing Chen Mobai’s words, Zhou Shengqing and the others all looked perplexed.

“Can the fall of merely six mundane nations shake Zhou Ye’s Dao Heart?”

The cultivators of Eastern Desolation generally regarded commoners as weeds, especially these Golden Core cultivators standing at the pinnacle, all of whom had witnessed mountains of corpses and seas of blood, their Dao Hearts unwavering.

“Three senior brothers just wait and see. Also, conquering these countries one by one also allows Nu Jiang’s senior brother and Sheng Shijie to legitimately defect to us.”

Chen Mobai said with a smile, prompting Zhou Shengqing to immediately ask for advice.

Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi didn’t hold any particular views towards the orthodoxy of the Five Elements Sect. Whether Zhou Ye continued to firmly hold Hunyuan Immortal City or Zhou Shengqing, the Dragon King returned, either was acceptable to them.

Originally, they didn’t split because, besides Ancestor Hunyuan’s order, they also didn’t want to bear the infamy of splitting the Sect.

For them, who valued their reputations so dearly, Chen Mobai had also arranged a grand defection package if Zhou Shengqing’s plan didn’t proceed smoothly.

When the time came, in front of the grand army, Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi would personally go to battle against the Divine Wood Sect’s Golden Core cultivators to protect the Five Elements Sect, and finally, due to being outnumbered, they would suffer a terrible defeat.

Then, either Zhou Shengqing or Mo Douguang, as a senior brother, would appear before the formations to persuade them to surrender.

Initially, Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi would definitely sternly refuse, but because Earth Vein's Zhou Ye delayed providing support, they would struggle bitterly for a while before their nation was destroyed and their formations broken. They would then cover for their disciples of Water Vein and Fire Vein to retreat, and finally be captured by the cultivators of Divine Wood Sect.

In such a case, Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi's decision to surrender to the Divine Wood Sect, whether from the perspective of the Sect's greater good or personal righteousness, was faultless.

After hearing about it, people would only marvel at their loyalty and unyielding integrity!

"Junior brother's plan is excellent. I will go and talk to them right now."

Upon hearing Chen Mobai's arranged plan for Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi's defection, Zhou Shengqing's face lit up with happiness.

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When the Mysterious Five Elements Array ceased to operate in Hunyuan Immortal City, although Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi did not show themselves, Zhou Ye was certainly aware of this fact.

Thus, under the threat of the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, when they disgracefully left Hunyuan Immortal City, Zhou Shengqing found it difficult to save face.

After all, before the operation commenced, he had confidently declared that there would absolutely be no problems.

When Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi left, although they didn't say anything, Zhou Shengqing was deeply ashamed.

Now that Chen Mobai had presented them with the role of loyal and righteous, Zhou Shengqing felt it was a perfect opportunity to make up for this failure.

Therefore, after hearing it, he could no longer sit still.

After Zhou Shengqing left, Mo Douguang also didn't stay in Giant Tree Ridge. However, before taking the teleportation array, the usually silent Mo Douguang said to Chen Mobai, "The matters henceforth shall trouble junior brother."

Chen Mobai was slightly surprised when he heard this, but still nodded with a smile to Mo Douguang.

In the year 6525 of the First Epoch.

The second prince of Jian Country led a massive army of two hundred thousand, stepping onto the Eastern Desolation Plateau, with their blades directly pointing at Rock Country.

King Zhao himself led a hundred thousand troops and set up their formation in White Flame Valley, confronting the Jian Country army head-on.

The battlefield saw a battle fierce and unparalleled!

Yet beneath the brave and vital essence, Rock Country's hundred thousand troops stoutly defended the line. King Zhao stood like a solitary gatekeeper, invincible, showcasing his profound and tyrannical martial cultivation.

After six months of battle with countless casualties, even though the Jian Country's army was superior, they encountered a situation similar to their invasion into Lei Nation and could not advance even a step further.

However, Jian Country repeated their old tactics: the third prince led the naval forces and landed in Sky Country.

Here, however, they encountered Duan Shuyu, who had surrendered to King Zhao. The latter, leading the Rock Country army, had been waiting in Sky Country. After the Jian Country naval forces had rushed a hundred miles upon landing, Duan Shuyu, who was well-prepared, encircled this naval force.

On land, the naval forces naturally suffered a significant defeat against a great general like Duan Shuyu.

The third prince led the naval forces in a desperate escape back to their ships.

However, after finally breaking through the heavy encirclement to the shore, the third prince saw only the remnants of their ships burned to ashes and Duan Shuyu himself waiting there.

In this battle, Jian Country's sixty thousand naval troops, including the third prince, were completely annihilated.

Duan Shuyu avenged the great injustice of King Sheng's annihilation by the third prince.

The morale in Rock Country was tremendously boosted!

The news returned to Jian Country, and the aged King Han, overcome with grief, blacked out and fell into a coma.

As Jiang Zongheng, who observed the overall situation, felt his judgment might be mistaken and that King Zhao could be the universal ruler, King Han regained consciousness.

He left his eldest prince in charge of the nation and mobilized all able-bodied men from Jian Country and Yun Country, which he had ruled for five years, assembling an army of three hundred thousand to lead the battle personally to the frontlines!

Faced with the grand force of five hundred thousand, even King Zhao, with his innate martial prowess, was helpless to turn the tides.

White Flame Valley fell, and Rock Country's hundred thousand troops were routed!

If it was not for Duan Shuyu leading his elite troops for support, King Zhao might have already fallen in battle.

After this battle, Jian Country's army advanced unstoppably!

Within just a month, they captured twelve cities of Rock Country, and the army directly advanced to the capital of King Zhao.

Yet in this dire situation, King Zhao did not surrender. On one hand, he lit beacon fires calling for all lords to aid him, while on the other hand, he placed complete trust in Duan Shuyu, handing over all military power to him, allowing this unparalleled general of the Eastern Desolation to defend the city!

The five hundred thousand strong army of Jian Country fiercely attacked for three months but could not breach the city!

Chapter 1253: Gold Core Level 6 In the year 6526 of the Yuan era,
Crown Prince of Jianguo's forces conquered Sky Country and Rainbow Country.

Aside from a small region centered around the Imperial City of Rock Country, the entirety of Divine Wood Sect's domain had fallen into King Han's grasp.

Despite Duan Shuyu's unparalleled defense facing the relentless assault of a several hundred thousand strong army, over time, he began to show a decline.

Just as Jiang Zongheng believed victory was within reach, King Han passed away.

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"So the Heavens decree!"

After hearing about the events from Jiang Zongheng, Chen Mobai sighed and spoke four words.

"Master, after King Han's death, a battle for the throne is likely to ensue between the crown prince and the second prince of Jianguo."

Jiang Zongheng too wore an expression of regret; King Han had been just one step away from becoming the supreme ruler of all lands.

Following King Han's death, Jiang Zongheng personally inspected the body to confirm that the death was neither accidental nor a dark maneuver by Rock Country.

Instead, it was due to the end of his lifespan—his heart and flesh had decayed and failed.

King Han, in theory, should have had several more years to live, but the death of his son had agitated his heart and mind. He had forced on by leading the charge into battle, exhausting his vitality.

In such cases, no medicine could heal, and Jiang Zongheng was without means to intervene.

“You take care of it.”

Chen Mobai, however, left these worldly affairs entirely to Jiang Zongheng, for he had more important matters to attend to.

After a year of uninterrupted use of the Lamp Technique, his Golden Core Fifth Layer cultivation level was thoroughly consolidated, ready to pick and consume the Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit.

Chen Mobai, riding the “Red Misty Cloud Silk,” arrived at Xiao Nanshan.

Before he even touched down, he saw surging Yin Yun Spiritual Qi at the mountain's peak, with a slender figure at the center from which a faint red light shone out, resembling a blooming red flower.

Seeing this scene, Chen Mobai paused, careful not to disturb Han Zhiling's Foundation Establishment with his arrival.

He closed his eyes and employed the Echoes in the Void, listening to the melody of the spiritual-power conglomerate's metamorphosis atop the peak.

About three days later, accompanied by the final strand of Spiritual Energy being refined, the stringed melody also approached its end, quieting down completely.

The Spiritual Energy dispersed, and the light faded.

With a face full of joy, Han Zhiling opened her eyes, feeling the liquid Spiritual Power in her Dantian Qi Sea, which was now many times stronger, ready to test her new capabilities.

Then she saw the youth sitting drinking tea under the Immortal Peach Tree not far away.

“Greetings to the Ancestor Master!”

Startled, Han Zhiling quickly got up and came over to Chen Mobai, bowing to him with reverence.

“Stand up. As the first third-generation disciple under Xiao Nanshan to achieve Foundation Establishment, as your Ancestor Master, I have prepared three gifts for you.”

Chen Mobai said with a smile. With a light wave of his sleeve, three items had already landed on the tea table.

They were a Qingyang Fire Seed, two Jade Slips, and a branch!

“Ancestor Master, aren’t these too precious?”

Han Zhiling didn’t know what the jade slips and branch were but recognized the Qingyang Fire Seed.

In Divine Wood Sect’s market, such an item would fetch at least ten thousand Spirit Stones.

And it was priceless.

“If you want to practice Cultivating Crimson Flame Sword Decree, this wood fire is the foundation. Actually, I considered directly providing you with a completely refined flame, but then your starting point would be too high. Without having to harmonize with the Qingyang fire, reaching higher realms later on might become an obstacle.”

Chen Mobai pointed at the purple Qingyang Fire Seed before him, which he had originally produced from the Magic Treasure Tree. By cultivating with pure effort, he had grown and ascended alongside the fire seed, laying a solid foundation for the cultivation of the Green Flames Sword Slaughter.

“The Ancestor Master’s arrangements must be correct!”

Han Zhiling took every word Chen Mobai said as profound truth. After hearing his words, she began to imagine her invincible elegance after mastering the Sword Sha.

“These two Jade Slips, one contains the Crimson Flame Sword Decree that I deduced to suit you, which can be cultivated to Perfection in Core Formation.”

“The other slip contains my insights into this sword technique over the years, with accompanying Sword Dao Realm and related Sword Talisman making techniques for you to consider which path to take.”

“As for this last branch, it is from Everlife Wood that I trimmed when I perfected the Extreme Sun Slash. Previously, Brother Mo Douguang obtained something similar in the Divine Tree Secret Realm. Now it has become the famous Longevity Sword, so consider it a reflection of my expectations for you.”

These three gifts from Chen Mobai could support Han Zhiling until she reached the Golden Core Realm.

In all of Eastern Wilderness, only he could offer such a generous gesture.

After hearing this, Han Zhiling’s excited face flushed red, unable to utter a word; she could only kowtow repeatedly to the youth, majestic and refined, sitting under the Immortal Peach Tree as her Ancestor Master.

“Now I will teach you the Purification Technique for refining Qingyang fire...”

Chen Mobai provided Han Zhiling with various commonly needed pieces of knowledge after her breakthrough, imparted some minor spells, and then sent her to find Gu Yan.

Following the breakthrough, Han Zhiling's status within Divine Wood Sect needed to be re-registered and amended, collecting her range of benefits, and she also had to apply for entry to the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

Considering there was much to handle, Chen Mobai summoned Gu Yan and had her take Han Zhiling to sort out these trivial matters.

After the two women had left, Chen Mobai looked up at the Immortal Peach Tree, where five lustrous and plump peaches hung ripe.

These Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruits had ripened easily, thanks to the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations.

However, at that time, Chen Mobai had just reached Golden Core Fifth Layer, so he stabilized for a while, waited until now, making sure his realm was completely solidified and his foundations secure before coming to harvest.

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Chen Mobai utilized the Listening with Empty Valley Echo and chose one that was relatively the fullest.

In reality, each fruit contained nearly the same amount of energy.

After plucking it, he directly bit into it.

The taste was no different from that of a Rank-3, melting instantly upon entering his mouth. It felt like a gentle stream of Pure Yang Spiritual Liquid flowing through the twelve-story building, seamlessly merging into every part of his body, refined by Chen Mobai into vast Spiritual Power using the Pure Yang Scroll.

Under his Divine Sense, the Rank-4 Spiritual Energy on the mountaintop seemed like streams of air rushing towards him, and in an instant, its momentum surpassed that of Han Zhiling's Foundation Establishment by dozens of times.

Soon, the entire mountaintop was enveloped by Yin Yun Spiritual Qi, resembling a Fairy Mountain amidst clouds and mist.

With the influx and refinement of Spiritual Energy, Chen Mobai quickly noticed a substantial increase in his Pure Yang Spiritual Power.

In just a few breaths, it was equivalent to a month or two of his meditative breathing.

Yet, the effect of the Immortal Peach Fruit had only been utilized by about one percent.

Suppressing the joy in his heart, Chen Mobai began to focus on absorbing and refining the Peach Fruit with Spiritual Energy.

However, he soon encountered a problem.

That was, there seemed to be insufficient Spiritual Energy.

Because Chen Mobai had just broken through at the Immortal Gate, he did not go to Danxia Mountain this time to avoid any signs of another breakthrough.

After all, one year was too short a time, which even the Qualification of Deification couldn't explain—wasn't it blatantly showing the Immortal Gate that he had an incredible opportunity!

Although Chen Mobai liked to show off, this was a bit too high-profile.

In fact, the fourth-grade lower class Spirit Vein of Xiao Nanshan would have been fine for a normal, gradual breakthrough.

But after consuming this Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit, Chen Mobai refined a year or even years' worth of Spiritual Energy in an extremely short amount of time.

This led to a supply shortage of Spiritual Energy in Xiao Nanshan.

However, Chen Mobai was experienced.

Two methods immediately flashed through his mind.

One was to seal the potency of the Immortal Peach Fruit within his body and slowly refine it over time.

The other was to use Spirit Stones to make up for the lacking Spiritual Energy!

Generally, cultivators would choose the first method as it stabilizes the foundation, prevents any superficial expansion of Spiritual Power, and the physical body wouldn't be able to withstand the rapid refinement of Spiritual Energy during a brief period, leading to injuries.

Yet, Chen Mobai chose the second method.

He had the Flame Lighting Technique and the Longevity Dao Body, which meant he could remedy these issues later.

The Sect of Realms definitely had to seize any opportunity that could rapidly enhance their realm.

But just as he was about to pour out a pile of Superior Quality Spirit Stones from his domain, he remembered the Supreme-grade Spirit Stone he had placed here a year ago.

With a thought of Divine Sense, Chen Mobai had already drawn it into his palm.

With his current realm, a Superior Quality Spirit Stone certainly wouldn't be sufficient.

Using this half-charged Supreme-grade Spirit Stone would avoid the hassle of changing stones.

Plus, after using it, he could recharge it again—saving and environmentally friendly.

Chen Mobai didn't hesitate any longer and started to absorb the vast Spiritual Energy from this Supreme-grade Spirit Stone.

In the blink of an eye, a month had passed.

Seated atop Xiao Nanshan, Chen Mobai, relying on his Longevity Dao Body, worked tirelessly day and night and finally refined the entire Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit.

At this moment, his Pure Yang Spiritual Power inside him surged to its peak and could no longer be enhanced.

This was a sign of encountering another bottleneck!

Feeling his current realm, a slight smile appeared on Chen Mobai's face.

He hadn't expected that a Rank-4 Immortal Peach could directly perfect his recently broken through Golden Core Fifth Layer.

Even with the utmost resources and the addition of the elixir "Golden Crow Bearing The Sun," it would normally take at least ten years to reach this level.

One peach had saved him ten years of hard work. This made Chen Mobai even more convinced that his path was the correct one.

He looked up at the other four Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruits still hanging on the branch, his smile growing wider.

With a thought, Pure Yang Purple Qi and Blood Spirit Pills emerged from the Void.

Because this time the perimeter was perfected through external means at the Golden Core Fifth Layer, he couldn't naturally initiate a breakthrough and had to use Elixirs to overcome it.

Among these, the Blood Spirit Pills were used in the Tianhe Realm to enhance early to mid phase, and mid to late phase.

But compared to the Pure Yang Purple Qi, Chen Mobai would rather use this Elixir.

Because the chances of the Blood Spirit Pill aiding in breaking through the mid Foundation Establishment stage bottleneck weren't high, it was said to be only about ten to twenty percent.

Using it here might just be appropriate.

However, Chen Mobai had already prepared himself to use up the Pure Yang Purple Qi as well.

After all, once external substances are used up, one could always find ways to accumulate them again.

But if one's realm got stuck, then too much time would be wasted.

Chen Mobai wouldn't allow himself to be trapped by the mere bottleneck of the Golden Core Fifth Layer, especially with so many resources at his disposal.

With that thought, Chen Mobai hesitated no longer and swallowed the last Blood Spirit Pill.

Time quickly passed by another month.

The light from the Supreme-grade Spirit Stone in Chen Mobai's hand had dimmed significantly, looking as though it would be completely exhausted soon, two bright beams of light cut through the clouds at the mountain summit.

Feeling the Pure Yang Spiritual Power in his Dantian Qi Sea breaking through the bottleneck under the influence of the last trace of the Blood Spirit Pill's power, a look of fortune crossed Chen Mobai's face.

He had already taken the glass tube containing the Pure Yang Purple Qi in his palm, ready to open it.

Luckily, it was ultimately conserved.

Golden Core Sixth Layer!

Soon, the joy of breaking through his realm surged in his heart, and Chen Mobai couldn't help laughing out loud.

He stood up, looked towards the horizon where clouds drifted leisurely, and the rice fields below resembled a sea, then took out his mobile phone.

He checked the biography of the Yuanyang Ancestor.

When Chen Mobai saw that Yuanyang Ancestor had broken through to the Golden Core Sixth Layer at the age of 66, the proud expression on his face immediately faded.

He was also 66 this year.

To think that after using so many resources, he was only on par with the Yuanyang Ancestor; it seemed he still needed to push himself even harder.

Thinking this, Chen Mobai looked up at the remaining four Immortal Peach Fruits.

With the consumption of the second peach fruit, the effect was only half of the first one, and the third one half of the second...

This meant that even if Chen Mobai consumed all four remaining fruits, their combined effect would only be ninety-four percent as effective as the first one.

But even though it was less, it could still save him nine and a half years of arduous cultivation.

Chen Mobai hesitated no longer and directly plucked all four peach fruits, planning to stabilize his realm and detoxify the Blood Spirit Pill's poison before consuming and refining all of them.

After sealing the peach fruits, Chen Mobai placed the much-dimmed Supreme-grade Spirit Stone back at its original charging spot.

He then activated the Cloud Mist Array.

Han Zhiling and Gu Yan had been waiting in the mid-mountain tea garden for a long time.

Seeing the mist dissipate from the mountaintop, the two women waited a bit longer until Chen Mobai's Divine Sense transmitted a summoning message before they dared to ascend.

Gu Yan, "Greetings, Sect Leader!"

Han Zhiling, "Greetings, Grandmaster!"

Chen Mobai had already reseated himself under the Immortal Peach Tree, he gestured for them to rise.

After Gu Yan stood, she immediately came to his side to help condense water for brewing tea.

Meanwhile, Han Zhiling began recounting the events she encountered in Divine Wood City after her Foundation Establishment.

As a third-generation disciple of the Xiao Nanshan lineage, and with Gu Yan accompanying her, she had received the finest courtyard and storefront in Divine Wood City.

The Spirit Vein Division even planned to give her a Cave Dwelling for cultivation that contained a Third Rank Superior Grade Spirit Vein, although the spot was somewhat small, and she needed to tend to the nearby hundred acres of medicine fields.

However, with Xiao Nanshan behind her and feeling that she lacked the energy for such care, Han Zhiling tactfully declined.

After obtaining the courtyard and storefront, Yue Zutao and Quan Shanlin both personally made an appearance, inviting her to join the two main divisions of Rewarding Virtue and Punishing Vice.

Besides them, other leaders from the Twelve Divisions also stepped forward.

These previously aloof high-ranking sect cultivators expressed an unprecedentedly warm and enthusiastic attitude toward her.

This deeply made her realize the class leap brought by the advancement in cultivation level!

Although she had been a third-generation disciple of Xiao Nanshan before, she hadn't established her foundation, and all was in vain.

Now, after her Foundation Establishment, she was finally recognized by everyone as a true core disciple of the Xiao Nanshan lineage.

Chen Mobai, "The Three Halls and Twelve Divisions, where would you like to go?"

Chapter 1255: Military Manifestation Sutra, Water Vein and Fire Vein Submission

"Master, I wish to join the Alchemy Department."

Facing Chen Mobai's question, Han Zhiling thought for a moment and expressed her most sincere desire.

"To follow in your father's footsteps, eh? Good, the Xiao Nanshan Lineage just so happens to be lacking a skilled alchemist."

Chen Mobai responded with approval upon hearing this.

The Divine Wood Sect's only shortcoming right now is the absence of a Rank-4 alchemist.

Zeng Woyou's potential had been exhausted; this was his life's limit.

Yan Jinye had been nurtured for a long time, but according to Chen Mobai's observation, he was likely only going to reach Foundation Establishment.

Now that the Divine Wood Sect had acquired the Mysterious Arcane Elixir Scripture, which included Rank-4 alchemy techniques, it was time to focus on training someone.

It so happened that Han Zhiling had an exceptional Fire Spirit Root and was also his own disciple. If successfully trained, there would no longer be a need to seek outsiders to refine items such as Golden Liquid Jade Pills.

Not long after, Zeng Woyou, having been notified by Gu Yan, arrived at Xiao Nanshan.

Over the years, Yan Jinye had successfully refined several batches of legitimate Foundation Building Pills. As Zeng Woyou aged, the head of the Alchemy Department planned to entrust the refining of the batches required for the upcoming major sect competition to this disciple.

Zeng Woyou intended to fight for advancement in his cultivation in the last years of his life, striving to experience the realm of Core Formation.

He had shared this aspiration several times with Yue Zutao, the sect manager, and even thought that Chen Mobai had summoned him because of this.

When he learned that Han Zhiling wanted to enter the Alchemy Department, and that he, as the head of the department, was to mentor her, Zeng Woyou naturally nodded in agreement, "Sect Leader has obtained the Longevity Sect's Elixir Scripture; your alchemy skills are the best in the sect. It is indeed a joyous occasion that sister Han wishes to inherit your mantle."

Although Chen Mobai had never personally demonstrated his alchemy prowess within the sect, Zeng Woyou knew well that ten of himself put together would still not match him in alchemy; thus, his words came from the heart.

After arranging things for Han Zhiling, Chen Mobai dealt with other accumulated miscellaneous matters within the sect, then proceeded to Northern Abyss City to preside over the major affairs.

Jiang Zongheng happened to be in Rock Country at the time. Hearing of Chen Mobai's arrival, he immediately reported the progress of the unification effort of the mortal realm.

After the death of King Han, the eldest and second princes had begun fighting over the throne, causing previously reclaimed areas like Yun Country, Rain Country, and Lei Nation to fall into rebellion once again, tearing the vast Jian Country apart in an instant.

King Zhao of Rock Country escaped the disaster of national annihilation and immediately showcased the demeanor of a sovereign ruler!

He took advantage of the second prince's retreat with King Han's body to reclaim the strategically lost territories of his country.

Afterwards, King Zhao originally planned to regain Xiao Country and Rainbow Country, but Duan Shuyu suggested focusing the military forces on seizing Lei Nation instead.

Because Lei Nation controlled the pass between the plateau and the plains, Duan Shuyu had managed to defend impeccably against an army several times larger than his own, thanks to this advantage. If it weren't for the surprise attack from behind, Jian Country's forces might still be stuck outside the walls of Lei Nation.

Once Lei Nation was secured and the pass controlled, it would be easier to recover and watch the internal strife of Jian Country unfold.

Xiao Country and Rainbow Country would inevitably fall into Rock Country's hands as well.

King Zhao accepted the advice and appointed Duan Shuyu as the Great General.

During the time Chen Mobai was secluded for refining the Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit, Rock Country had already conquered the entire Eastern Desolation Plateau and was recuperating and preparing the military for a unified grand battle.

"The very image of a ruler!"

After finishing his briefing, Chen Mobai commented on King Zhao, then inquired about this Duan Shuyu.

"Master, I was just about to discuss this matter with you. Not long ago, King Zhao sent someone to invite me out of seclusion to lead a team, and that person was Duan Shuyu. I found out that he possesses an Innate Spirit Body."

This intrigued Chen Mobai immediately.

Having been in the Eastern Wilderness for nearly fifty years, he had never encountered someone with an Innate Spirit Body.

"Can you confirm which type?"

"Gold!"

The Longevity Academy, just outside Northern Abyss City, had all the necessary magic artifacts to test various Spiritual Roots and Spirit Bodies. When Jiang Zongheng noticed Duan Shuyu's brilliant Spiritual Light and intense vitality, he immediately took him to verify his suspicions.

As expected, it turned out that Duan Shuyu possessed an Innate Golden Spirit Body.

“What do you think of this person?” Chen Mobai asked.

Jiang Zongheng, knowing his master’s character, did not hesitate and immediately spoke his mind.

“Disciple wishes to take him as a student.”

Given the current state of the mortal realm, the vigorous and young King Zhao was bound to become a ruler.

Although Jiang Zongheng was full of strategies, his main focus in the future would definitely be on battles among cultivators. The mortal realm’s army still needed a reliable confidant.

Duan Shuyu had emerged as the indisputable top general in the wars of the past years in the Eastern Wilderness.

Although not young, his Innate Spirit Body meant that, once the mortal ordeal was over, with the support of the Xiao Nanshan Lineage, reaching Foundation Establishment shouldn’t be an issue.

Moreover, if Duan Shuyu were successfully trained, the Divine Wood Sect wouldn’t have to worry about leadership issues when contending with other major sects in the future.

“He can start as a nominal disciple, similar to Wen Bo.”

“This is the Qi Cultivation chapter of the White Emperor Military Formation Scripture; take it and teach it to that Duan Shuyu.”

“If he can master it and achieve Foundation Establishment, he might very well be the one to take charge of offensive operations within the Xiao Nanshan Lineage in the future.”

Chen Mobai's admiration for talent was well-known; during these years of unifying the mortal realm, the name he heard most was that of Duan Shuyu, leaving a deeper impression than those princes exhibiting the manner of rulers.

Chapter 1256: The Art Of War Manifestation, Water Vein and Fire Vein Submit (2)

Upon hearing the mention of Innate Gold Spirit Body, he immediately thought of the Gold Immortal Scripture from the Longevity Sect that lay at the bottom of his storage bag.

Before the Heavenly Sovereign had ascended to his Dao, he was merely a spirit plant.

The most profound and terrifying memory he had was of each autumn.

Autumn represents the executioner, associated with Yin; it also symbolizes armies, where metal is utilized, considered the righteous qi of heaven and earth, always signifying a grim and killing intent at its heart.

The White Emperor Military Formation Scripture was created by the Heavenly Sovereign to overcome his weakness, condensing an aura of heaven and earth's grim killing intent, to temper himself.

It was said that the Heavenly Sovereign was able to detach from his spirit plant form and take on an incarnation for travel, thanks to the fully developed aura of heaven and earth's grim killing intent which allowed him to sever a branch from his own body.

Jiang Zongheng respectfully took the White Emperor Military Formation Scripture and departed.

With Chen Mobai's approval, the third generation of disciples in Xiao Nanshan gained another member.

The year 6527 of the Yuan era!

The internal strife within Jian Country ended, the Second Prince rebelled, stormed into the royal capital, and killed the Crown Prince.

Just as the Second Prince was preparing to ascend the throne, the fully recovered army of Rock Country emerged from Lei Nation. Under the leadership of Duan Shuyu, they captured twenty-seven cities within merely three months and advanced directly into Jian Country's territory.

The valiant Second Prince, facing domestic and foreign troubles, had no choice but to carry out a large-scale purge, slaughtering all who did not submit to him, and forcibly suppressing all dissenting voices within. He led the remaining forces of Jian Country to the wilderness for a final decisive battle against Duan Shuyu.

One battle would determine the fate of Qiankun—Jian Country suffered a great defeat.

The Second Prince was forcefully taken by his subordinates to flee back to the capital, but that very night, he took his own life with a sword beside the unburied coffin of King Han.

Seven days later, Jian Country opened its gates to surrender!

The year 6528 of the Yuan era!

King Zhao dispatched Duan Shuyu to quell the rebels in Yun Country and Rain Country. After six months, he officially incorporated the territories of these two countries into his domain.

Thenceforth, the seven nations under the Divine Wood Sect were united!

Afterward, King Zhao personally arrived outside Beiyuan Immortal City, requesting the Immortal Master to come down from the mountain!

A month later, Jiang Zongheng took over the position of Grand Tutor.

During his tenure, the Grand Tutor focused on agriculture and sericulture, rewarded military achievements, standardized measurements, established the county system, and governed the nation by law. He quickly stabilized Rock Country's rule and established an unprecedentedly large empire in the Eastern Wilderness.

The year 6530 of the Yuan era!

The recuperating Rock Country sent troops against Mist Country and Fire Country.

During the chaos of war, the monarchs of these two countries saw an opportunity and occupied much of Rain Country's plentiful lands. Despite Rock Country's repeated demands, they had not returned the territories.

Per the Grand Tutor's orders, Duan Shuyu led the troops on campaign; within a month, he broke through the allied forces of the two countries and even penetrated into the homelands of Mist Country and Fire Country.

In a critical moment, the monarchs of both countries had no choice but to seek help from the Five Elements Sect.

What followed was a premeditated battle among cultivators.

First, the Qi Cultivating disciples of the water and fire veins were defeated by the Cultivator Families from Rain Country summoned by Grand Tutor Jiang. Then came the Foundation Establishment, followed by the arrival of the two mightiest.

Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi.

Facing the Golden Core Cultivators, the Righteous Cultivators from Rock Country were beaten back step by step.

Grand Tutor Jiang had no choice but to turn to the Shenmu Immortal Sect, seeking assistance from his own Master, who was also the foremost leader of the Righteous Path in the Eastern Wilderness, Immortal Venerate Chen!

At this time, Chen Mobai had just refined the remaining four Immortal Peaches, his cultivation level approaching the perfection of the Jindan Sixth Layer.

You must understand, both Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi had undergone two hundred years of bitter cultivation to reach this very realm.

It's worth mentioning that the Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit had increased Chen Mobai's wood, water, and earth spirit roots by 8 points each—a doubling of the effects of the Rank-3 Immortal Peach Fruit.

He didn't pay much attention to the wood and water spirit roots, but used this opportunity to boost his earth spirit root to 60 points.

Of course, he did not forget to enter the Divine Tree Secret Realm to obtain four new grand spells.

The history books recorded that for the sake of the common people, to eradicate warfare, Immortal Venerate Chen, alongside the three Golden Core Cultivators, Meng Luo, descended from Immortal City to the plateau!

He also invited the sword dao grandmaster of Golden Cliff, True Person Mo, to assist in breaking the Water and Fire Array.

True Persons Nu and Sheng fought to cover the retreat of their disciples, were defeated and captured but did not submit.

Immortal Venerate Chen ordered their release and challenged them to a duel on the expanse of Yunmeng Great Marsh. Single-handedly with his sword, he defeated them again.

In the end, the Five Elements Sect's two Golden Core Cultivators from the water and fire veins graciously accepted defeat, pledged allegiance, recognizing the wood vein as the main vein of the Five Elements.

Without the support of the Five Elements Sect, the six nations—Mist, Fire, Clear, Bright, Spring, Sunny—although they organized a coalition in resistance, crumbled at a single blow when faced with Duan Shuyu's army.

“After a single battle, six nations fell.

Now, of the original nineteen nations of the Eastern Wilderness, Divine Wood Sect had already occupied the territories of thirteen nations.

The cultivators from Back to Sky Valley and Snow-blowing Palace, upon hearing of the great defeat of the Five Elements Sect, were all feeling a sense of personal danger.

They were deeply afraid that Divine Wood Sect's next target would be their own sects.

"What a useless guy Zhou Ye is, Ancestor Hun Yuan left behind such a rich legacy, and he's managed to squander it until only Ming Nation remains..."

In Back to Sky Valley, Yan Shaoyin, amid worries, lamented Ancestor Hun Yuan's lifetime of glory, yet his choice in a successor had been so poor.

"Master, after Duan Shuyu conquered six nations, aside from the main force besieging Ming Nation, he also dispatched an army opposite Flower Country's border near our sect for training."

He Jintong reported news that made Yan Shaoyin's eyebrows knit tightly together, yet he didn't believe Divine Wood Sect would dare to make a move on Flower Country.

Because although this place was nominally theirs, Back to Sky Valley, in reality, it was used by Star Heaven Dao Sect for planting Coiling Dragon Spiritual Rice.

Even when Ancestor Hun Yuan was alive, they had to give face to Back to Sky Valley because of this.

"Tell this to the people from the Starry Sky Commerce Guild, let them question Divine Wood Sect."

He Jintong immediately obeyed and went down.

When left alone, Yan Shaoyin sighed, and his entire being seemed to have aged considerably.

After Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi submitted to Divine Wood Sect, the number of Golden Core Cultivators in Divine Wood Sect even exceeded that of Five Elements Sect at its peak.

And their Back to Sky Valley, even with him, an Alchemy Grandmaster supporting them, to this day, the second Golden Core Cultivator still showed no sign of emerging.

If they wanted to preserve the heritage of Back to Sky Valley, it seemed that only I could take that step!

Thinking of this, Yan Shaoyin's expression solidified.

This was also the only solution to break the situation that he could think of, and if successful, he could even counter and swallow up Divine Wood Sect to create a superpower that would surpass the three major sects of the East Barbarians.

He wasn't the only one with such thoughts.

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Kong Lingling, within the forbidden ground of the cave, endured the excruciating pain of her belly being ripped open, her eyes burning as she watched the monster crawl out from the wound under her ribs.

This infant was greenish-yellow all over, with transparent wings on its back, bulging eyes like rubies, and transverse teeth that stuck out from its lips.

Neither human nor ghost!

Seeing the appearance of the monster, Kong Lingling felt disgusted, but upon feeling the strong Earth Fire spiritual power contained within it, she immediately suppressed her feeling of revulsion and gently called out.

"Child, come here, I am your mother..."

The monster looked up at Kong Lingling and instinctively began to crawl toward her, following the sense of connection through their blood.

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Northern Abyss City!

Chen Mobai was receiving someone from the Starry Sky Commerce Guild.

“Sect Master Chen, it took our sect a thousand years of hard work and bitter effort to cultivate ten thousand acres of Coiling Dragon Spiritual Rice in Flower Country. Several Supreme Elders also often inquire about this matter...”

Lou Xuelong wasn't very interested in the internal strife of the Five Elements Sect.

He also didn't believe Divine Wood Sect would dare invade Flower Country, but since Back to Sky Valley had come to complain, as the current person in charge of this side of the Eastern Wilderness, it was a good time to emphasize Star Heaven Dao Sect's importance on the Coiling Dragon Spiritual Rice when visiting to inspect the spiking of Dari Purple Rice in Rainbow Country.

“This is a misunderstanding, aside from reclaiming the Five Elements Sect, our sect will absolutely not initiate an attack on the other paths of Eastern Wilderness.”

Of course, Chen Mobai denied it, confronting Star Heaven Dao Sect at the least had to wait until after he achieved “Nascent Soul Formation”.

The main point now was to make a display of power, to press Yan Shaoyin, and speed things up a little.

“That's good, Divine Wood Sect and Back to Sky Valley are both good partners of our commerce guild, and I do not wish to see conflict arise between you two.”

With the assurance from Chen Mobai, Lou Xuelong didn't linger on the topic.

After having tea for a while, Zhuo Ming arrived through the Teleportation Array.

Chen Mobai: “Ming’er, True Person Lou has specially come to check on the situation of the Dari Purple Rice, and as your master has other urgent matters, could you please accompany him to Rainbow Country to take a look?”

Zhuo Ming: “Yes, Master!”

Lou Xuelong didn’t come alone this time but brought a team of Spirit Plant Masters from Star Heaven Dao Sect who would comprehensively evaluate the cultivation situation of the Dari Purple Rice.

After this group of people left, the long-awaited Jiang Zongheng came in.”

Chapter 1257: Nirvana Dan, Golden Liquid Jade Pill After the Water and Fire Veins of the Five Elements Sect surrendered, the previously unstoppable army of Rock Country found themselves unexpectedly halted at the border of Ming Nation.

In an instant, Duan Shuyu, whose fame shone as bright as the sun, suffered a blow to his reputation and was even impeached in the Imperial Court.

However, this was mainly because negotiations between Divine Wood Sect and the Five Elements Sect had not yet concluded.

Jiang Zongheng personally went to the front line to represent Chen Mobai in negotiations with Chun Yusu, the Sect Leader of the Five Elements Sect.

At first, Chun Yusu was unyielding, stating that unless Divine Wood Sect returned the territories of the six nations and also released the two elders from Nu Jiang captured by Divine Wood Sect, all negotiations were off the table.

With such terms, Jiang Zongheng did not respond.

Since the Five Elements Sect could not let go of their pride and recognize the reality, it was decided to fight first.

No mortal army, even if Ming Nation's power was multiplied by tenfold, could block Duan Shuyu, a peerless great general.

With orders from Jiang Zongheng, Duan Shuyu, like a tiger released from its cage, quickly conquered most of Ming Nation's territory, advancing to the Royal Capital of Ming Nation within just a month.

There, the army was stopped.

Because Cultivators of the Earth Vein from the Five Elements Sect had intervened.

Under these circumstances, Jiang Zongheng also personally arrived on the frontline battlefield, summoning cultivators from the mountains and peaks that had surrendered to Divine Wood Sect to ignite another great war among cultivators.

Although Zhou Ye possessed the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, this was now the only concern for Divine Wood Sect.

And to maintain this deterrent, Zhou Ye inevitably could not leave Hunyuan Immortal City.

Not engaging in battle with even Core Formation cultivators, the quantity and strength of Earth Vein cultivators from the Five Elements Sect were slightly inferior to Grand Tutor Jiang's side.

This was because Chen Mobai's heart was not so ruthless; he didn't want to give Zhou Ye a chance to take away decades of his accumulated effort, hence he didn't send Foundation Establishment Practitioners from Divine Wood Sect.

Except for Jiang Zongheng.

Because this disciple was the key link at the frontline; without him, it was impossible to summon so many cultivators willing to help Divine Wood Sect.

Jiang Zongheng volunteered for this role, and Chen Mobai could have stopped him, but he knew this was where his disciple's Dao Heart lay, and if not fulfilled, he could not pass the Heart Demon stage of Core Formation.

After agreeing, Chen Mobai gave Jiang Zongheng a Short Teleportation Talisman and a Rank-4 Spirit Leaf Talisman infused with his own Spiritual Power.

Chen Mobai had only heard of the power of the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, so he didn't know if these talismans would be effective, but they were the best lifesaving items he could provide.

The reason Jiang Zongheng decided to risk himself was because he saw very clearly.

He knew that Ming Nation was the only, and the largest obstacle to uniting the Eastern Wilderness, and the sooner it was dealt with, the better.

And the key to Ming Nation was Zhou Ye.

As long as he remained in Hunyuan Immortal City, no Divine Wood Sect Core Formation Cultivator dared to set foot in Ming Nation's territory.

If he could use his own life to exchange with Zhou Ye, a fellow Core Formation Cultivator, Jiang Zongheng was willing to sacrifice his life for an unprecedented great unification.

Clearly, Jiang Zongheng's actions were not enough.

Before the Royal Capital of Ming Nation, cultivators from both sides engaged in a massive battle without the support of Foundation Establishment Practitioners from Divine Wood Sect, and the difference in strength between the two sides was not very large.

But as time passed, with assistance coming more and more, an increasing number of cultivators from almost half of the Eastern Wilderness's Cultivator Families and Sects came under Grand Tutor Jiang's

command, even those from territories of Back to Sky Valley and Snow-blowing Palace who traveled thousands of miles to lend their aid.

Under these circumstances, the Large Formation jointly set up by the Earth Vein of the Five Elements Sect was only sustained for three months before it was completely shattered.

After the Royal Capital of Ming Nation was breached, Jiang Zongheng, seizing the opportunity, once again led his allied cultivator army and took possession of the most crucial Medium Spirit Stone Mine of the Five Elements Sect.

The Five Elements Sect had two Medium Spirit Stone Mines, one in Fire Country guarded by Sheng Zhaoxi.

And the other was here in Ming Nation, also the largest source of Spirit Stones for the entire Hunyuan Immortal City.

Although the Five Elements Sect had accumulated a considerable stock of Spirit Stones over the years, now, to prepare for the imminent great battle, a Rank-4 Large Formation needed to be constantly activated.

Such consumption could, at most, be maintained for about twenty years.

This situation made the Earth Vein of the Five Elements Sect realize one thing!

The momentum had passed!

But since they had already failed in direct combat, now only having the power to defend the city, Chun Yusu dared not lead the Earth Vein cultivators to that Spirit Stone Mine.

Unless Zhou Ye made a move!

But facing Jiang Zongheng's seemingly suicidal behavior, this Core Formation Cultivator of the Five Elements Sect was still indifferent, extremely cautious, and did not take a single step out of the city.

A month later, Jiang Zongheng sent another letter to negotiate with Chun Yusu.

This time, Chun Yusu's attitude was completely different.

He only requested to maintain Ming Nation's independence, conceding the six nations as well as the Water and Fire Veins, and even agreed to cede everything else as long as they could reclaim the Medium Spirit Stone Mine in Ming Nation's mainland.

But now it was Jiang Zongheng's turn.

He demanded the entirety of Hunyuan Immortal City and even the whole of Ming Nation from the Five Elements Sect's Earth Vein. In exchange, he would allow them to use the Teleportation Array to leave the Eastern Wilderness.

Which meant he wanted everything!

At this, Chun Yusu was so enraged that he flipped the table.

After another two months of stalemate, any cultivator who left Hunyuan Immortal City could not return.

Even though the Medium Transporting Formation within the Immortal City was still operational, since all the Fang Markets that could be accessed through it were under the control of Divine Wood Sect, they couldn't procure essentials like Spirit Rice needed by cultivators.

Chapter 1258: Nirvana Dan, Golden Liquid Jade Pill_2

Even without Spirit Rice, there were things like Fasting Pills, but at most, they could only last for a few years.

Chun Yusu had never regretted so much why he didn't stock up more Fasting Pills, as one could buy an entire bottle for a single Spirit Stone.

It was only that there were two secret Teleportation Arrays that served as escape routes, but the Divine Wood Sect had already taken over most of the Eastern Wilderness. Even if the Five Elements Sect's Earth Vein could leave the Hunyuan Immortal City, they would still end up in these areas.

Nevertheless, Chun Yusu still sent out people, hoping to escape the pursuit of the Divine Wood Sect and enter the territory of Back to Sky Valley to purchase enough Fasting Pills for a protracted battle.

But reality quickly dealt Chun Yusu a heavy blow.

One of the direct disciples he had sent out, Feng Zicheng, went straight to Jiang Zongheng and pledged his loyalty after using the Teleportation Array.

Subsequently, one of the two Teleportation Arrays from Hunyuan Immortal City that could lead outside was sealed off.

Under such circumstances, Chun Yusu dared not use the other Teleportation Array any longer.

For he felt that since Feng Zicheng could betray him, no one else could be trusted.

Trapped in a situation with nowhere to turn, he had no choice but to approach Zhou Ye again.

Did Chun Yusu not realize that facing Jiang Zongheng, he no longer had any bargaining chips?

But without Zhou Ye's approval, even if he agreed, it wouldn't count.

Three visits a day, and after half a month, Chun Yusu finally received a letter personally written by Zhou Ye.

Afterward, this letter was delivered to Northern Abyss City by Jiang Zongheng himself.

After Chen Mobai finished reading it, he casually handed it to the disciple beside him.

Jiang Zongheng received it respectfully and saw the content written on it.

[I invite Sect Master Chen to a meeting at Hunyuan Immortal City!]

After finishing reading, Jiang Zongheng said only one sentence, "Master's life is worth its weight in gold, and he must not risk his true body. Whatever demands there are, your disciple is willing to enter Hunyuan Immortal City and convey them on his behalf!"

After the Water and Fire Veins submitted to the Divine Wood Sect, Zhou Ye no longer had any means of turning the tables.

The only reason he could sit securely in Hunyuan Immortal City was due to the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder.

Jiang Zongheng felt that the huge disparity between the Five Elements Sect being completely taken over by the Divine Wood Sect could potentially prompt Zhou Ye to act irrationally.

Chen Mobai held a status that led the Divine Wood Sect to the peak, even potentially surpassing Ancestor Hunyuan.

Even if there was only a one in ten thousand chance, Jiang Zongheng could not risk his Master's life in Zhou Ye's hands.

"This is one of my Formless Puppet incarnations. I can divide my mind and thoughts to occupy it. Take it to Hunyuan Immortal City," Chen Mobai took out a well-prepared Formless Puppet and handed it to Jiang Zongheng, whose expression brightened. He had never expected the existence of such a mystical puppet.

In the Eastern Wilderness, the further the operator was from the puppet, the more rigid the puppet became. Therefore, when Puppet Masters dueled, if they wanted to exert their puppets' peak power, their true bodies were definitely hidden nearby.

That was precisely why, in the past, when Nan Shidao was on the battlefield, he was slain by a sword strike from Mo Douguang.

It was the first time Jiang Zongheng had heard about a Formless Puppet that could still operate normally despite being nearly the entire distance across the Eastern Wilderness.

After Jiang Zongheng left, Chen Mobai saw another visitor.

Ye Bopei from Back to Sky Valley had come to deliver Elixirs.

"Greetings, Sect Master Chen!"

Back when Chen Mobai had his Core Formation ceremony, Ye Bopei had represented Back to Sky Valley in the celebrations and had become quite familiar to Chen Mobai.

"After many years, Disciple Ye has also reached Foundation Establishment Completion; perhaps in a short time, he could become one of our fellow Daoists."

Little did Chen Mobai know, upon hearing his words, Ye Bopei smiled bitterly and shook his head as he recounted a personal story.

"I do not dare to hide it from Sect Master Chen. Ten years ago, I took the Golden Liquid Jade Return Pill, and my Core Formation failed, but fortunately, I didn't die."

Upon hearing this from Ye Bopei, Chen Mobai also recalled the batch of Golden Liquid Jade Pills that assisted his own Core Formation. Four pills were successful.

The Divine Wood Sect took two, which he and Chu Zuoshu consumed.

As for the two from Back to Sky Valley, it was only heard that He Jintong used one, while the whereabouts of the other were unknown.

As the number of Foundation Establishment Completion Cultivators in the Divine Wood Sect grew, Chen Mobai once thought of purchasing from Back to Sky Valley, not realizing they had already been used.

“Being alive means there’s still a chance. Perhaps you could be like two of our Sect’s Cultivators, Meng Luo, and cultivate a Heterodox Golden Core.”

Chen Mobai spoke casually to comfort him, but after hearing this, Ye Bopei’s mind was stirred, and he pondered deeply.

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But after all, Yan Shaoyin was still there, he suppressed the wild thoughts at the forefront of his mind and handed a bottle of elixir to Chen Mobai.

Inside were two Nirvana Dans, which was his overt reason for coming this time.

As per the oath between Chen Mobai and Yan Shaoyin, when the three alchemy recipes were initially obtained from the Longevity Elixir Scripture, both sides contributed half the materials, and upon successful alchemy would divide the results evenly.

The Nirvana Dan had been refined long ago, but the content of Dan poison exceeded the standard, and there were flaws when forming the elixir, so it required the secret Yun Dan Technique of Back to Sky Valley to seal the formula, and it only met Yan Shaoyin’s standards this year.

However, Chen Mobai felt that the Nirvana Dan should have been unsealed quite a while ago.

It was probably upon seeing the fate of the Five Elements Sect that Yan Shaoyin reluctantly dispatched Ye Bopei to deliver them.

“The poison content is a bit high, but it’s barely usable,” Chen Mobai commented with a bit of criticism after examining the Nirvana Dan.

The Nirvana Dan is used by the Immortal Gate to transform the bodies of cultivators, not only repairing bodily defects and purging impurities such as Dan poison, but also enhancing the Body Refining Technique by one level.

However, due to the grade of the elixir, at most, it can only enhance the body’s strength to the Third Rank Peak.

Moreover, it can only resolve the Dan poison that has accumulated in the body and is useless for impurities within Spiritual Power.

Chen Mobai also discovered another issue.

That was the Nirvana Dan refined by Yan Shaoyin, although considered quite pure by standards of the other alchemists in the Eastern Wilderness, still contained some Dan poison.

This meant that even if this elixir was used to resolve the Dan poison accumulated in the body, one would still be tainted by the poison of this elixir.

However, this wasn’t a big problem for Chen Mobai.

The poison of a Third Rank elixir fell just within the resolving range of the Green Charm Spiritual Tea. Moreover, he had the Flame Lighting Technique, and if push came to shove, he could wait until he reached the second layer of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun where he would be immune to all poisons before consuming it.

Chen Mobai’s Longevity Dao Body had been refined with the Longevity Dew for more than twenty years and had barely reached the intermediate grade Third Rank Peak level.

Since his body no longer contained any Wood Attribute Spiritual Power, the speed at which he could cultivate this Body Refining Technique couldn’t possibly be fast.

If he were to cultivate according to the standard process, even with an endless supply of Longevity Dew, it would probably take at least another thirty years to reach the Foundation Establishment Completion.

But by consuming this Nirvana Dan, he could directly save thirty years of time.

Because Chen Mobai's body had no defects or Dan poison, the medicinal power of the Nirvana Dan could be fully used to enhance bodily strength.

That's why he commented: barely usable!

Ye Bopei, upon hearing this, dared not argue, because he was one of those who had personally overheard Chen Mobai guiding Yan Shaoyin in alchemy and knew that the Sect Leader Chen before him had received the true alchemy transmission of the Longevity Sect and was a genuine Alchemy Grandmaster.

"Sect Master Chen, the Golden Liquid Jade Pills have also been refined. This time my master was lucky; out of the six pills, five are of perfect quality, and one slightly flawed, requiring sealing and nurturing for some time."

After delivering the Nirvana Dan, Ye Bopei spoke of the second matter concerning his visit.

"Master Yan has worked hard."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai also responded with calmness and a customary courteous remark.

According to the contract, their Divine Wood Sect could obtain three pills.

One was designated for Yin Qingmei, and if the remaining two were contended for by people like Xie Yuntian, it might provoke no small disturbance within the sect's hierarchy.

If all six were for their Divine Wood Sect, that would be ideal.

This is what Chen Mobai thought when Ye Bopei had already begun stating the real purpose of his visit.

“After the Golden Liquid Jade Pills are complete, my master plans to refine the Infant-Feeding Elixir and hopes that Sect Master Chen could help collect the other half of the ingredients that were previously agreed upon.”

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai’s eyes lit up.

Finally, things were moving at the pace he had wanted.

If Yan Shaoyin hadn’t begun preparing for “Nascent Soul Formation,” he would have almost lost his patience and asked Jiang Zongheng to take action.

“Obtaining the auxiliary herbs for the Infant-Feeding Elixir is feasible, but the main ingredients are too precious; failing even one batch is something we can’t afford...”

However, outwardly, Chen Mobai still spoke with a heavy tone, seemingly reluctant.

“Master said,” Ye Bopei replied, “that as long as Chen Mobai helps, he’s willing to offer one Golden Liquid Jade Elixir as compensation.”

Chen Mobai said, “If that’s the case, it’s not impossible to consider...”

Ye Bopei interjected, “Two pills.”

Chen Mobai fell silent.

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Chapter 1259: Confluence of Two Rivers Chen Mobai simply wanted to express how difficult it was to collect a batch of Infant-Feeding Elixir ingredients and to reinforce Yan Shaoyin's determination, never expecting an unexpected gain.

In fact, even if he had not produced the Golden Liquid Jade Pills, he would have agreed in the end.

But since they were offered willingly, how could he refuse them?

With these five Golden Liquid Jade Pills, it would be possible to somewhat balance out those cultivators in the Sect at the Foundation Establishment Completion stage.

Thinking this, Chen Mobai became increasingly fond of Ye Bopei.

He thought that once Yan Shaoyin died and Back to Sky Valley surrendered, this youngster could be put in charge.

After E Yun sent Ye Bopei away, Chen Mobai started instructing Yue Zutao at Giant Tree Ridge to begin collecting the medicinal ingredients for the Infant-Feeding Elixir.

The auxiliary medicines were easy to discuss, but each of the twelve main medicinal ingredients was a rare treasure of heaven and earth.

According to the contract, the Divine Wood Sect was responsible for six of them.

Because Chen Mobai had given early instructions, Yue Zutao had basically prepared everything, just waiting for his command to harvest.

However, only three types were available within the Sect, lacking the Rank-4 Tai Sui Flesh, Rank-4 Ice Heart Divine Lotus, and Rank-4 Sky Blue Silverlight Grass.

Of these, the Ice Heart Divine Lotus was a supreme treasure of the Snow-blowing Palace. Chen Mobai had instructed Yue Zutao to negotiate with them in advance. Initially, Zhu Jinyu disagreed, but after the

Divine Wood Sect secured the Water and Fire Veins of the Five Elements Sect, her attitude abruptly changed.

A contract was set last year, agreeing that they could take it when needed, without paying any Spirit Stones, and requiring only a promise from Chen Mobai, the Sect Leader of the Divine Wood Sect.

That promise was that the Divine Wood Sect Monks would not attack the Snow-blowing Palace.

In response, Chen Mobai readily promised that as long as the Snow-blowing Palace adhered to the righteous path and did not commit acts that harm heaven and reason, those under the Divine Wood Sect would definitely not invade the Snow-blowing Palace.

As for the Sky Blue Silverlight Grass, it was not to be found in the Eastern Wilderness, but the Sun family in Dongwu had it.

Chen Mobai wrote a letter and had Yu Lian make a trip to Wind Rain Hamlet to give it to Nu Jiang, hoping he would assist in negotiating with the Sun family there.

The only one left was the Rank-4 Tai Sui Flesh, and that Chen Mobai would have to figure out by himself.

However, the six main medicinal ingredients they were collecting were relatively easy to handle.

You must know, among Immortal Gates, the most critical ingredient for the Infant-Feeding Elixir was the Rank-5 Vermilion Fruit, which they did not have. Thus, after deliberating with Yan Shaoyin, they chose the Rank-5 Sun Holy Fruit from Sun Bathing Sea as a substitute.

This was the most precious among the twelve main ingredients and also the most difficult to obtain.

But Chen Mobai was very straightforward, stating that the Divine Wood Sect had an average relationship with Sun Bathing Sea and certainly wouldn't be able to request this ingredient. If Master Yan intended to refine the Infant-Feeding Elixir, then it was up to him to find a way to obtain the Sun Holy Fruit.

Initially, Yan Shaoyin did not agree, but later he realized that he needed the Infant-Feeding Elixir more desperately, so he had no choice but to consent.

Now, since Yan Shaoyin planned to refine the Infant-Feeding Elixir, it certainly meant that he had already found a way to obtain the Sun Holy Fruit from Sun Bathing Sea, or perhaps he had already acquired it.

It was unclear whether it was due to Yan Shaoyin's own connections or the clout of the Starry Sky Commerce Guild.

However, Chen Mobai swiftly put this matter aside because he needed to figure out a way to level up the Tai Sui Flesh he had on hand.

The Tai Sui was with Zhuo Ming, but she was currently entertaining people from the Starry Sky Commerce Guild and had no time to bring the Tai Sui over.

Chen Mobai had wanted to go to Rainbow Country personally, but considering he had just told Lou Xuelong how busy he was, going there now would be a bit like slapping his own face. He decided to wait until after they finished observing the Dari Purple Rice flowering.

He had no worries about Zhuo Ming's competency with Spirit Plants.

He remembered that at the start, when that Golden Core Cultivator from Star Heaven Dao Sect, Gu Zhiqin, came over to guide the planting of Dari Purple Rice, he was full of pride, thinking that the small sects and schools of East Wasteland Village, without their full process oversight and assistance, would never succeed in cultivating such precious Spirit Rice!

But later on, Zhuo Ming easily shocked Gu Zhiqin. She learned the entire procedure for planting Dari Purple Rice after only watching it once, and after practicing two or three times, she did it even better than the Sect Disciples brought by Gu Zhiqin from Star Heaven Dao Sect.

When Gu Zhiqin left after two years, he even asked Zhuo Ming if she wanted to switch allegiances.

This was, of course, firmly rejected by Zhuo Ming.

This matter was later recounted to Chen Mobai by Zhuo Ming herself, and after hearing it, while he took pride, he also noted the name Gu Zhiqin.

This was his first encounter with someone daring to poach from his Sect.

The Star Heaven Dao Sect was not someone they could afford to provoke at the moment; reckonings would be settled in the future.

For this reason, Chen Mobai did not wish to have too many interactions with people from the Star Heaven Dao Sect, to avoid difficulties when it came time to turn against them.

Since they had to wait for the news from Nu Jiang anyway and Yue Zutao needed time to collect the rest of the auxiliary medicines, the matter of leveling up the Tai Sui Flesh could wait.

It was during this time, coincidentally, that another event occurred which brought great joy.

That was the completion and convergence of the Two Rivers.

The super-project, originally planned to take twenty to thirty years, was surprisingly completed in nearly half the expected time.

Since the opening of the Two Rivers, it had been exactly sixteen years.

In the first five years, Zhuo Ming and the others were inexperienced, all exploring on their own. Though they hired Loose Cultivators from Northern Abyss City through E Yun, progress was slow.

In the subsequent five years, the harvest of Spirit Rice had grown massively, drawing in Disciples from the Divine Wood Sect and various Immortal Cultivation families. The project's pace finally caught up with the plan, booming with development.

Another five years passed, and Chen Mobai personally took charge, intervening decisively. He arranged for Divine Wood Sect Foundation Establishment and elite Qi Cultivating Disciples to stay on the Eastern Desolation Plateau. Together with Luo Xue'er refining Heterodox Golden Cores and Luo Yixuan no longer needing to conceal her Core Formation strength, the two, putting forth their full effort, made the excavation of the two great rivers progress more than threefold compared to before.

In this final year, preparations for the convergence of the Two Rivers were actually underway.

Today, at last, the work was complete!

As Sect Leader and the chief person in charge of this project, Chen Mobai naturally rushed to the site immediately.

The completion site of the Two Rivers convergence was precisely at the border of Sky Country, Rock Country, and Rainbow Country.

This was the most fulfilling project in a century for the Sect, aside from wars. Especially since it was personally directed by Chen Mobai, the Sect Leader, on this day, the Town Guards from all three countries brought their subordinates to attend.

It was a day with gentle breezes and bright sunshine, clear skies as far as the eye could see.

Chen Mobai stood on the banks of the convergence of the Two Rivers, looking down at the endless, surging streams below, and couldn't help but nod in satisfaction.

To his left and right stood Luo Yixuan and Luo Xue'er, the two Golden Core Female Cultivators of the Sect.

Since Luo Yixuan had condensed a Ghost Pill, to prevent Gu Zhiqin, sent by the Star Heaven Dao Sect, from detecting anything amiss, Chen Mobai used the excuse of being short on manpower to call this Disciple over to take Zhuo Ming's place in opening up the White River.

It was initially said to be a temporary measure for two years, until Gu Zhiqin left, after which she would return.

However, later on, Chen Mobai realized that with this Disciple present, he could worry less, and so he had her continue to oversee the opening of the Two Rivers.

Behind the two women stood the three Town Guards: E Yun, Zhou Wangshen, and Yan Yuanhao.

Further out were forty-six Foundation Establishment Disciples from the Divine Wood Sect who had devoted much effort to this grand project.

Initially, they had only wanted to please the Sect Leader's lineage and earn some Spirit Stones, but over the years, they forgot their original intentions. Witnessing the torrential convergence of the Two Rivers, their eyes began to shine with pride.

Furthest out were contractors from the major families and Sects. They had also made indelible, tremendous contributions to this monumental project, and were thus invited to witness the ceremony.

Chen Mobai delivered an impassioned speech that elicited waves of vigorous applause.

Then, eagerly, Zhou Wangshen brought out a massive stone and placed it at the bank, asking the Sect Leader to name the river that flowed towards Rainbow Country after the convergence.

Chen Mobai pondered for a moment.

He had previously considered "Xuanhe," but now felt it was somewhat lacking in grandeur.

He took up the Chasing Sun Pen that Zhou Shengqing had gifted him and began pacing back and forth in front of the stone.

No one dared to disturb him, all waiting for the Sect Leader to put pen to stone.

In short order, Chen Mobai stopped pacing, stood in front of the giant rock, and wrote down two characters.

“Dark Water”!

The crowd did not understand the meaning.

But they hadn’t understood the naming of Mo River and White River previously either; whatever the Sect Leader wished to call them, that’s what they would be called!

From that day forth, the river formed by the confluence of the Two Rivers, flowing towards Rainbow Country, was named “Dark Water”.

Only Luo Yixuan, standing at the side, felt a mix of excitement and disbelief upon seeing the characters for Dark Water: “Master couldn’t have named it after me, could he?”

On the return journey, Luo Yixuan rode on Chen Mobai’s “Red Misty Cloud Silk” back with him.

“Master, why is it called Dark Water?” she asked, holding a mixture of hope and fear of disappointment.

Chen Mobai, seeing his Disciple’s expression and carefully thinking, understood her feelings, and couldn’t help but smile slightly, continuing to speak in line with her hopes.

“Ming’er came to Eastern Desolation Plateau to open up the Two Rivers; it is with your escort that I rest assured. At the beginning, many of the perilous and critical waterways of White River were cleared only with your intervention.”

“Later, when Ming’er went to Rainbow Country to treat the sand and plant Spirit Rice, I was often in retreat and could not provide care, relying entirely on your diligent efforts to lead the Sect Disciples and contractors to successfully complete this project.”

“It can be said that in the convergence of the Two Rivers, your contribution is even greater than Ming’er’s, or Luo Xue’er’s.”

“Therefore, I hope that future generations will remember you, the behind-the-scenes hero, by the name of Dark Water!”

On hearing Chen Mobai’s words, Luo Yixuan was overcome with excitement, her fair melon-seed-shaped face couldn’t help but lift with pride yet retaining modesty, causing her cheeks to flush with color. The hardships of digging the river for many years were swept away at this moment, and she couldn’t help but volunteer herself eagerly!

“Master, let me take charge of opening up Dark Water. I guarantee that Senior Sister Zhuo will not lack a water source during her sand treatment project,” she declared.

Hearing this, Chen Mobai was overjoyed.

“Very good, Xuan’er, you indeed are the most considerate Disciple for your master. This grand task, I can only rest assured if it is in your hands!”

Chapter 1260: Mysterious Heavy Water, Negotiations in Immortal City

In fact, the reason Chen Mobai named it “Dark Water” was because he remembered a phrase he had seen at Immortal Gate:

“Dark waters surge, sweeping across the world!”

It felt very imposing, and he hoped that the Black Water River in Rainbow Country would also sweep away the Boundless Sand Sea in the future.

Luo Yixuan was still practicing the Blackwater Cultivation because once this Cultivation Technique was cultivated to the Golden Core Realm, one could choose to condense all their Spiritual Power into Mysterious Heavy Water.

This Mysterious Heavy Water, a single drop weighed thousands of pounds.

A unit weighed about 30 pounds, a thousand units were about 30,000 pounds, which, according to the Immortal Gate's accounts, is 15 tons!

Ordinary Magic Artifacts encountering this Mysterious Heavy Water were basically destined to be smashed to pieces, not to mention Defensive Magic Talismans and the like, which would collapse upon contact at the same rank.

It was precisely because of her aspiration towards the Mysterious Heavy Water that Luo Yixuan chose this Water Attribute Cultivation Technique when she was a child.

Therefore, after Chen Mobai transmitted the Sea-control Mysterious Cultivation he obtained from Xuan Shu to her, she still wanted to master the Mysterious Heavy Water of the Blackwater Cultivation before transforming her technique.

This was mainly because she was confident.

Although Luo Yixuan's path to the Golden Core Realm had also strayed into the Evil Path, unlike Meng Hong and Luo Xue'er, she was considered to have truly formed a core, with a lifespan of eight cycles of 60 years each, an External Incarnation with the strength of the Golden Core Realm, and a Rank-4 Magic Artifact, so she was not so urgent about advancing her realm.

"Master, after I developed the White River, I faintly felt that I was about to break through to the fourteenth level of Blackwater Cultivation, and I have some questions I would like to ask..."

After hearing this, Chen Mobai was slightly surprised.

The fourteenth level of Blackwater Cultivation was the Foundation Establishment Completion. Although Luo Yixuan, being at the Golden Core Realm, made the progress twice as effective with half the effort, the speed was still beyond his imagination.

After all, it had only been nineteen years since she formed the Ghost Pill.

Back then, she had just freed herself from the nuisance of Yellow Springs Spiritual Power, and her Blackwater Cultivation was only at the early Foundation stage.

According to Chen Mobai's estimation, although Luo Yixuan had no bottlenecks in upgrading her Spiritual Power, her Divine Sense could only be improved through her own diligent practice, and at this time, she should have just broken through to the late Foundation phase.

"Have there been any abnormalities during your recent cultivation?"

With a thought, Chen Mobai probably understood the reason, which was also why he had Luo Yixuan develop the Black Water.

Facing the caring inquiry of her Master, Luo Yixuan thought carefully but really could not figure out any abnormalities, and shook her head.

Chen Mobai immediately asked her to release Elder Ming, as there might be some things Luo Yixuan, with her lower realm, couldn't detect, but Elder Ming might have noticed something.

"Report to the Saint Child, since Miss Luo came to the Eastern Desolation Plateau, her cultivation speed has been faster day by day."

Elder Ming's consciousness resided within Luo Yixuan's shadow, lacking freedom on ordinary days, focusing solely on observing Luo Yixuan's cultivation and the people and events around her, so she really noticed some clues.

It really was due to the development of the White River!

After hearing this, Chen Mobai nodded slightly, as he had thought.

Although the merits from developing a great river in the Eastern Desolation Plateau definitely were not as massive as those from controlling the sand, it was still meritorious.

For these two rivers, he, as the chief engineer, had half the credit, and Luo Yixuan, as the cultivator who exerted the most effort in the actual execution, was second only to him.

This influence subtly caused Luo Yixuan's cultivation to begin improving rapidly.

However, because many cultivators were involved, the benefits were diluted after division, so it didn't lead to anyone directly achieving Enlightenment.

Moreover, besides developing the two great rivers, there were also accompanying endeavors like cultivating Spirit Fields and more Human Path works, which further diluted it.

However, the bulk of the reward was definitely still theirs, the master and disciple.

"Once you have completed developing the Black Water, you should be ready to truly form your core!"

After solving the problems Luo Yixuan encountered during her practice of Blackwater Cultivation, Chen Mobai confidently said to her.

"Yes, Master. Your disciple will not disappoint you!"

Upon hearing Chen Mobai's words, Luo Yixuan felt as if she was being praised, her face and eyes filled with joy.

After she led the Divine Wood Sect's army to annihilate the Nanxuan Sect, Luo Sancai of the Luo family, who was at the Foundation Establishment, traveled thousands of miles personally to relate to her. Despite being several generations older, he called her 'Old Ancestor' upon meeting her and expressed hopes that she would visit the Luo family more often when she had time.

Accompanying Luo Sancai was her brother, Luo Yixiu.

However, the once treasured scion of the Luo family, who had been doted on, was now completely aged. After failing to establish his foundation twice, he had become a butler within the Divine Wood Sect, managing the sect relations and aiding the Luo family's young talents.

If not for his own Level-9 Qi Cultivation, he would probably have been sent back to have children.

Luo Sancai still thought that since Luo Yixiu and Luo Yixuan entered the sect at the same time and were siblings, their relationship would be very good, so he specifically brought him to get closer.

Seeing Luo Yixiu in front of her being extremely cautious, afraid of saying a wrong word, Luo Yixuan remembered how before she joined her Master, she had been similarly cautious and meticulous when near this brother.

After the roles were reversed, Luo Yixuan initially felt a rush of exhilarating satisfaction, but as she savored the feeling, seeing the family Foundation Establisher, whom she once revered like a deity, also appearing jittery before her, she suddenly felt it mundane and dull.

After she stood on the highest point of the Eastern Desolation, she realized that the various grievances deeply ingrained in her childhood memories were just that.

At that moment, Luo Yixuan's mindset elevated!

Subsequently, the corner of her heart that once reserved a place for the Luo family began to fade, and Xiao Nanshan gradually occupied her entire heart and mind.