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Chapter 1291: Five Elements Spirit Soil_2

Chen Mobai, because he had Spirit Stones, only ever purchased the most basic Spiritual Energy package each year.

And he hardly ever left home, spending most of his time cultivating on Danxia Mountain. The fourth order Fire Spiritual Vein here was provided each year by Xianmen for free for him to use as a Kaiyuan Hall Councilor.

Even though Xianmen was short of resources, it could basically ensure the supply of cultivation Spiritual Energy for the higher-ranking cultivators.

This fourth-order Fire Vein in Red Sandstone City would downgrade to third-order if Chen Mobai were not present to oversee it, after Shi Qing and Yu Tianguang had left. Aside from maintaining the basic inhaling and exhaling functions of the Biyu Wutong tree, the rest would be downgraded because the two institutions, Red Mist Crimson Bead, only needed this level of Spirit Vein.

Having him, a Golden Core Master, present allowed the teachers and some students who were a focus of cultivation from both academies to occasionally leech off the lower grade fourth-order Spiritual Qi from the Cave Dwellings halfway up the mountain.

It was for this reason that cities among the Seventy-Two Blessed Lands of Xianmen all hoped to have a Golden Core Master in residence.

The Golden Core Domain would continuously move with the cultivators, so if one wanted to develop beyond the basic storage functions, they would need to purchase an expensive Void Spiritual Energy Package. The better the development, the more Spiritual Energy was needed, and the more Good Deed Points had to be paid each year.

For instance, Chen Mobai had once consulted Lan Haitian about his Yuan Magnet Domain because the latter was now the strongest force in the Sky-Mending Group. Therefore, his Void Spiritual Energy Package was top-ranked, drawing power not only from the Five Element Spiritual Energies but also the Power of Bipolar Magnetism, at a cost of two billion Good Deed Points each year.

This price left Chen Mobai speechless. However, this was how Xianmen charged for Spiritual Energy—the lower the level, the cheaper it was, aimed at being affordable for the majority.

However, if one wanted high-level services, they needed not only Good Deed Points but also the corresponding status and permissions to unlock.

For example, the Power of Bipolar Magnetism, something Chen Mobai wouldn't even know existed if Lan Haitian hadn't mentioned it—a special kind of Void Elemental Energy Package.

But since Lan Haitian served Xianmen, he could claim these substantial expenses every year from the Hall of Orthodox Law.

There were other examples, though.

For instance, owning an Exotic Treasure that contained vast amounts of Spiritual Qi, equivalent to an entire Spirit Vein, and placing it within one's Domain meant no need for a Void Spiritual Energy Package as the internal source was self-sufficient.

Even a Nascent Soul Superior might not have such a treasure.

But each of the Four Great Daost Academies did have this kind of foundation.

Take for example Chen Mobai's friend, Wen Ren Xuwei. She could divert a tiny amount of the vast Spiritual Qi absorbed by the Great Chun tree into her Domain's tea garden.

And for the Great Chun Tree, this amount of Spiritual Qi was just a drop in the bucket, so it remained indifferent to the Lasting Spring Cultivation masters doing this throughout the ages.

Then, there was their Dance Tool Academy, which had in the depths of the Treasure Trove a Red Lotus formed from the essence of fire sources. Placed within the Domain, it could exude a lower grade fourth-order Fire Spiritual Vein.

However, this was only allowed for the dean of the academy, and one had to be in the Nascent Soul Realm to get permission from Xianmen to refine and place it in the Domain.

After some inquiries, Chen Mobai abandoned the idea of using Xianmen's resources to develop his own Domain.

However, after charging the Supreme-grade Spirit Stones to full, he placed the two he had in his Domain. One of them was intended to cultivate into a fourth-grade Spirit Vein within the Domain, and that process was now underway.

The key to the Five Elements Spirit Soil was to follow the way Xianmen created man-made Spirit Veins.

After reading all the books and papers provided by Jin Shanshi, Chen Mobai chose the simplest method to try.

He purchased five rank-1 Void Elemental Energy Packages.

Soon, seated on the mountaintop of Red Sandstone City, Chen Mobai's Divine Sense left his body and after a special frequency check, he synchronized with the Sky-covering Formation high above.

Then, five openings suddenly broke open in the void above his head, and the pure but slender Five Element Spiritual Energies overflowed from these openings.

This was after verification that the Sky-covering Formation had gathered first-order Five Element Spiritual Energies from the nearby Spirit Vein network of the Earth Network.

Chen Mobai could feel that the Fire Spirit Qi was being drawn from his own Danxia Mountain Spirit Vein, and the other four Elements must have also been diverted from the nearest location.

This was the Celestial Canopy and Earthly Network of Xianmen.

Complete control over all the Spiritual Energy between heaven and earth of Di Yuan Star.

Now wasn't the time to marvel at this, Chen Mobai used his newly acquired knowledge to pour this Five Element Spiritual Energy into the prepared Inorganic Soil.

Inorganic soil is the most common type of soil found within the Immortal Gate sects, containing no spiritual energy and being the easiest to transform and cultivate.

As long as the Five Elements Spiritual Energy is injected evenly and then sealed with a special cultivation technique, after waiting for a period of time, it will become the Five Elements Spiritual Land that Chen Mobai requires.

The technical key here lies in how to ensure that the amount of spiritual energy injected is exactly the same, without the slightest deviation.

Although Chen Mobai felt that the Five Elements Spirit Tree probably wouldn't be so sensitive, and a slight difference shouldn't matter, he did have a very simple method to achieve this.

Since the five Void Spiritual Energy Packages that Chen Mobai purchased were all of the same price, as soon as they were depleted, the Celestial Canopy and Earthly Network immediately recognized that he was overdue in payments and closed the connection.

Spiritual energy is the foundation of countless cultivators within the Immortal Gate, so the Void Spiritual Energy Packages provided wouldn't include even an extra thread of energy.

Of course, they wouldn't have one less thread either.

After all, concerning the lives of billions, whether it's one thread more or one less, when multiplied by a billion, those are shockingly vast numbers.

Chen Mobai used the Immortal Gate's Celestial Canopy and Earthly Network to precisely control the balanced usage of the Five Elements Spiritual Energy.

Seven days later.

He released the sealed inorganic soil and checked the spiritual energy content within the soil with a “Soil-Testing Instrument,” which had similar properties to the Spirit-Testing Instruments.

Many spirit plants within the Immortal Gate are particularly sensitive to spiritual energy, so the precision of this Soil-Testing Instrument is quite good.

Chen Mobai inserted it into the soil for a while, then pulled it out to look, and the percentages on the screen—18%, 19%, 20%, 21%—made his brows furrow slightly.

The Five Elements Spiritual Energy that had been injected was even, so why wasn’t the result successful?

Chen Mobai felt inclined to go ask Jin Shanshi again, but thinking that as someone with the Qualification of Deification, he couldn’t solve such a small problem on the first try, that would damage his own reputation.

So, he decided to ask a different professional.

He resolved inwardly to only ask each professional once.

This time, he asked his good friend, Wen Ren Xuewei.

As a Three-Element Heavenly Spiritual Root, and also the first teacher of spirit plant cultivation at Jumang Academy, she had indeed diligently studied the related soil specialties for quite some time to improve her own Earth Spirit Root.

Chen Mobai really asked the right person.

“To ensure the spiritual energy content while cultivating Spirit Soil, it’s best done in a specialized laboratory devoid of spiritual energy interference. Attempting this on Danxia Mountain introduces Fire Spiritual Energy into the mixture. When Fire Spiritual Energy is present in excess, it will correspondingly

weaken Gold Spiritual Qi and increase Earth Spiritual Qi, triggering a series of changes according to the generation and inhibition of the Five Elements.”

“So, when cultivating Spirit Soil with the Five Elements properties, in addition to affirming the amount of spiritual energy injected, you also need to use a technique to isolate the Five Elements Spiritual Energy, allowing them to quietly and naturally react and merge with the inorganic soil.”

“After the merging is complete and the spiritual energy content is confirmed to meet the requirements, you can plant the spirit plants. This step is critical and is also a test of the Spirit Plant Master’s skill. As long as the plants take root, the following processes need not be so detailed, because once the spirit plants have survived, they will automatically adjust any discrepancies, just like humans, who only eat what they can digest.”

“Moreover, spirit plants also have the ability to improve the nearby soil and air environment, adapting it to their own growth needs. You just need to infuse the Spirit Soil with the Five Elements Spiritual Energy periodically as required, and they will absorb and refine it according to their own level.”

“Of course, your attention to this aspect should not be too excessive; the general ratio of the Five Elements Spiritual Energy supplied still cannot be too far off.”

After listening to Wen Ren Xuewei’s explanation, Chen Mobai had an epiphany and felt that he understood completely.

Truly worthy of being a teacher at the number one spirit plant academy of the Immortal Gate, and the future headmaster of the Jumang Academy—her level indeed seemed a cut above their Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Chen Mobai sincerely thanked her, then promptly hung up the phone and tried what Wen Ren Xuewei had suggested.

The Red Dawn Institution happened to have a laboratory without spiritual energy, although it was only of Rank-2 quality.

But for Chen Mobai, that was sufficient. After all, the branch of the Five Elements Spirit Tree only needed Rank-1 Spirit Soil to be planted, so Rank-2 was already above standard.

As for whether it could survive after being planted, the most crucial step, Chen Mobai expressed full confidence in Zhuo Ming.

Chapter 1292: Improved Version of the Underworld Array Following the guidance of Wen Ren Xuewei, Chen Mobai easily cultivated the Rank-2 Five Elements Spirit Soil after several attempts.

Afterward, he filled a basin with the Five Elements Spirit Soil and returned to the Tianhe Realm, bringing it to Rainbow Country.

Zhuo Ming carefully planted a branch of the Five Elements Spirit Tree, and after half a month of meticulous care from both teacher and disciple, the jade branch finally emitted a growth aura and sprouted its first roots within the soil.

Following this step, everything else became rather simple.

All that was needed was sufficient Five Elements Spirit Soil. Once the tree was fully rooted and sprouted, it would absorb the Five Elements Spiritual Energy and flower into fruits.

However, to complete this step, at least a hundred years were required.

Even if the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations was used to speed up the process, Rank-4 or higher Five Elements Spirit Soil was needed, along with a vast supply of Five Elements Spiritual Energy.

As for these, Chen Mobai took note of them, planning to implement them one by one later.

After all, whether it was the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations or Five Elements Spirit Soil, the technology obtained from the Immortal Gate was very mature; the only step left was to implement them in Tianhe Realm.

As for resources like Spiritual Energy, they were even easier to obtain.

After all, Tianhe Realm was abundant in resources, especially items like Golden Crystal and Life Stone, which are essences of the Five Elements.

Once the branches of the Five Elements Spirit Tree had sprouted roots, Chen Mobai was reassured. He instructed Zhuo Ming to take good care of it while he returned to Immortal Gate.

In the lab at Red Dawn Institution, he continued to cultivate a sufficient amount of Five Elements Spirit Soil based on his successful experience.

Although the Five Elements Spirit Tree branch was currently just a potted plant, it was bound to grow into a towering tree, so Chen Mobai decided to prepare enough Five Elements Spirit Soil in advance.

Fortunately, once the Five Elements Spiritual Energy was infused into the Inorganic Soil, he only needed to check on it occasionally, otherwise, Chen Mobai really wouldn't have had the time.

At the summit of Danxia Mountain.

Under a towering Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, Chen Mobai opened his eyes and looked at the Supreme-grade Spirit Stone in his hands, showing a satisfied smile.

The cultivation speed had indeed increased after using the Supreme-grade Spirit Stone with his Pure Yang Daoist Body.

And it wasn't just a slight increase but a significant boost of five to six times.

What he had initially estimated to take about ten years to achieve a perfected state of the body of eight Yangs, now could be accomplished in less than two years.

It just so happened that his cultivation level of the Jindan Sixth Layer would reach its peak by next year. Adding on the time to cleanse his essence, Qi, spirit, and neutralize any risks from Dan Poison using the

Flame Lighting Technique, it aligned perfectly without delaying his breakthrough to the later stages of the Gold Core.

After completing his daily basic cultivation practices, Chen Mobai put back the almost unspent Supreme-grade Spirit Stone.

He then took out a silver-white Array Plate with a corner missing.

This was something he had obtained from Lonely Spirit Ridge previously, and it was part of the core of the Underworld Array.

Chen Mobai had already consulted Elder Ming about this formation, but it turned out not to be a Heavenly Sovereign Technique, it was a technique of the Netherworld's Ghost Mother.

Before the Heavenly Sovereign ventured into the Netherworld, the supreme ruler of the Underworld was known as Ghost Mother, a Great Divine Power Wielder.

The Ghost Mother and Water Mother jointly oversaw the Underworld and the Living World respectively, the former regarding the Underworld as her residence, thus in the ancient times, the Underworld was also known as Netherworld Mansion.

As the lord of the Netherworld Mansion, Ghost Mother was inherently immensely powerful in her divine skills, yet she still sought to further her power, to control life and death, to Refine the Void and Merge the Paths.

Therefore, she wanted to expand the Netherworld Mansion to eventually engulf the entire Living World!

But in comparison to the Mother of Water, Ghost Mother's divine capabilities were still slightly inferior. After the great battle, she was defeated and perished, and since then, the Netherworld Mansion had no ruler.

The Underworld Array was originally developed by Ghost Mother to expand the Underworld by transforming her divine powers.

Because as the lord of the Netherworld Mansion, Ghost Mother could teleport to any part of the Underworld at will. If she could expand the Netherworld Mansion to cover the entire Tianhe Realm, then all of the Nine Heavens and Ten Worlds would be within her domain.

After Ghost Mother's demise, the Netherworld Mansion was breached by the Mother of Water, releasing many unique treasures of extreme Yin, including various Ghost Cultivator divine skills.

Among the eighteen sects of the Demon Sect, the Spirit Capturing Demon Sect originated from a junior cultivator who had been entrusted with the remnant soul of Ghost Mother in Bone Jade.

He was misled by the Bone Jade acting under the remnant soul of Ghost Mother, practicing ghost techniques in the form of a human, wandering endlessly between the Underworld and Living World, gathering the scattered divine soul of Ghost Mother that had been shattered by the Mother of Water.

Generation after generation passed on the teachings until the ancient times, when the Summoning Souls and Capturing Spirits Large Array was completed, gathering parts of Ghost Mother's True Spirit scattered across Bi Luo and Huangquan, causing the lord of the Netherworld Mansion to descend once again into Tianhe Realm.

Fortunately, at that time, the Eastern Emperor Court of the East Land was at its peak.

The Human Emperor, leading the Hall of Ten Directions with the aid of the Holy Land, defeated the combined forces of the Demon Sect, dismantled the Capturing Spirits Large Array, and scattered Ghost Mother's True Spirit again, suppressing this great calamity with overwhelming power.

However, after this catastrophe, the Human Emperor had to ascend, leading the Eastern Emperor Court from prosperity to decline, laying the groundwork for its eventual disintegration.

Following the calamity of Ghost Mother, as the instigator, the Spirit Capturing Demon Sect was naturally annihilated by the Eastern Emperor Court and the Righteous Path factions, at that time, any text related to Ghost Cultivation in the East Land had to be completely eradicated.

Should it be discovered that anyone, even a disciple from a Holy Land, was secretly harboring such texts, they would be brutally executed.

Once, a Taoist Child from a Holy Land, out of curiosity to study the difference between ghost techniques and the laws of the Living World, secretly kept a copy of the Ghost Mother Scripture. This was discovered by a jealous junior and reported.

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On that day, the Eastern Emperor Court dispatched the Hall of Ten Directions to demand the handover of a person by force.

The God-Transcending True Monarch of that Holy Land was furious, but for the sake of inheritance, he did not dare challenge the Eastern Emperor Court of that time. He had intended to draw his sword in front of everyone and sever that direct descendant Taoist Child.

However, at that time, the Eastern Emperor Court wanted to set an example and further suppress all the major Holy Lands, so the imperial envoy stopped the God-Transcending True Monarch, insisting on escorting the Saint Land Taoist Child back to the capital to announce to all the major Immortal Cultivation sects before beheading him publicly!

Faced with the most powerful force in the entire East Land, this Taoist Child had no room for resistance.

However, before he was beheaded, he left his insights into the Ghost Mother Scripture and the Holy Land's Great Method within a hidden layer of the prison cell's floor tiles.

Ten years later, a prince who had committed a grave crime was also thrown into this Sky Prison.

He found this inheritance and was allowed to leave the Sky Prison after giving up his claim to the throne and having his cultivation level abolished.

This deposed prince became the founder of the Tongyou Demon Sect, one of the eighteen sects of the demon path, merging the Ghost Mother Scripture with the Holy Land Great Method to create the Netherworld Scripture.

Four hundred years ago, Ming Zun of the Tongyou Demon Sect cultivated the Netherworld Scripture to the peak of perfection, Ascended to become an Immortal, and almost single-handedly broke through the Eastern Wilderness.

This Underworld Array is also considered a signature technique of the Tongyou Demon Sect and the Spirit Capturing Demon Sect, belonging to the Great Methods of the Demon Path.

The trick lies within the range covered by the Large Formation; as long as the body can withstand it, the Array Master can move freely within it.

It's like the authority of the Ghost Mother in the Underworld, recreated in the Mortal Realm through the form of an array.

Though there are many limitations and the range is fixed, once the Array is set up, it's akin to possessing a domain that allows for instantaneous movement at will, standing on an invincible footing.

Opponents of the same realm or lower who enter can only be slaughtered by the Array Master, unable to even escape. Even if faced with an opponent one realm higher, the Array Master can easily dodge and escape using the Instantaneous Technique.

Compared to the Underworld Array, Void Walking comes without these restrictions.

Once mastered, at the mere thought, one can move to any desired location, and the speed and range of Teleportation depend on the cultivator's own realm.

For instance, Ren Xuwei, with the aid of the Great Chun Tree, can even use Great Void Transference, which in theory, only God-Transcending cultivators can activate, reaching most domains of the Immortal Gates in an instant.

Of course, there are also Restriction Arrays specifically designed against Teleportation. In these places, Void Walk is ineffective.

Another similar technique is the Void Law Body.

This is more domineering.

It involves breaking through space directly with the physical body, and compared to the finesse of Void Walking, it is simply brute force like a forceful brick through a wall.

For the same distance of instantaneous movement, if Void Walking only requires a thread of Pure Yang Spiritual Power, then the Void Law Body would require ten times as much.

Moreover, the Void Law Body demands a much higher standard for the physical body, while Void Walking, since it's activating through the omnipresent Power of Space between heaven and earth, doesn't need any special Body Refining Technique.

In order to traverse the True Void, the physical body of a Void Law Body practitioner needs to be exceptionally strong, which is why it's known as the strongest Body Refining Technique in the Eastern Wilderness.

Of course, the Void Law Body is not without its uses.

Compared to Void Walking, since it forcefully traverses through space with the body, it can ignore restrictions and, given enough strength, even step into the deepest parts of the Underworld mentioned in legends.

Chen Mobai too spent much time pondering over these three techniques.

Naturally, the best is Void Walking, but this requires incredibly high Divine Sense and Spiritual Power, needing at least the Nascent Soul Realm, or a special body like the Void Spirit Body or affinity with Space Power, and an exceptional innate talent for enlightenment.

The one with the highest potential is the Void Law Body, but aside from that potential, it is of no use.

The Underworld Array, on the other hand, is notable for its low threshold. Even a Foundation Establishment Practitioner, once the Large Formation is set up and the Array Refining into Body is completed, can achieve instantaneous movement within a specified domain. The downside is that it cannot move, has a low limit, and as a Demon Path Formation, it carries hidden dangers.

After all, in the Tianhe Realm, there is a Holy Land that specifically targets the Demon Path.

But after Chen Mobai carefully studied the Underworld Array, he found that he could completely alter it, even integrating parts of the features of Immortal Gate's Void Walking and Void Law Body, erasing all traces of the Demon Path.

With his insights and talents, it was, of course, impossible to combine all three and discard the dregs to create a new Instantaneous Technique suitable for himself.

But with Enlightenment Tea.

For this purpose, Chen Mobai drank another pot of tea.

In a state of epiphany, he even exceeded his intended goal, combining his cultivations, integrating the Void Walk, the True Void Law Body, and the Netherworld Array, he successfully created a new technique.

This new instantaneous movement technique could be as low threshold as the Netherworld Array, yet it overcame the immobility issue, and still retained the technicality of Void Walk and the upper limit of the True Void Law Body.

When it was time to use it in the Tianhe Realm, he would call it the True Void Law Body, in the Immortal Gates, it would be known as Void Walking.

Anyway, he couldn't admit it was the Netherworld Array.

With the aid of the Enlightenment Tea, Chen Mobai understood all the key points.

He took out the key Array Plate of the Netherworld Array, although it was missing a corner, it did not affect its use.

A huge External Incarnation emerged from the void behind him, and soon a blurry head protruded, aligning with Chen Mobai, who was sitting under the Biyu Wutong tree, at the same height as the semi-transparent skull's teeth.

From a distance, it looked as if he was sitting in the middle of a ghostly face's mouth, incredibly eerie.

If it were not for the Large Formation concealing the mountaintop, the sheer momentum might have startled the teachers and students down below.

Chen Mobai stretched out his hand and threw the Array Plate into the brow of his External Incarnation.

Since all the bones of this External Incarnation were condensed from the Power of the Void, the skull seamlessly merged with the Array Plate under his manipulation, and the subsequent Array Refining into Body was also effortlessly completed.

After these procedures, Chen Mobai let his hands spread out to the sides.

After breaking through to the Jindan Sixth Layer and reaching a Domain of 20480 cubic meters, it spread out from his hands into the surroundings.

Soon, the entire mountaintop of Danxia Mountain was enveloped within his Domain.

Chen Mobai took a deep breath, the Array Plate in the brow of his External Incarnation flickered with silvery-white brilliance.

Suddenly, his form vanished from where he was and reappeared ten meters away.

Feeling the slight strain on his Longevity Dao Body, Chen Mobai's face broke into a delighted smile.

After that, he attempted again.

This time, he teleported a hundred meters away and, opening his eyes, found himself in the center of a wooden hut on the mountaintop.

Amidst his hearty laughter, the silvery-white brilliance flashed again, and Chen Mobai's form teleported from inside the hut to the doorway.

After several such teleports, his form appeared at the very edge of his Domain's reach.

But that was not the limit of his Domain. Amidst Chen Mobai's laughter, the previously static expansion of his Domain once again diffused into the exterior.

He did not spread downward toward the foot of the mountain but instead controlled the Domain to expand horizontally, spreading toward the adjacent two mountain peaks.

Finally, after encompassing three mountain peaks, Chen Mobai's Domain had expanded to its utmost extent.

Next, the Array Plate above Chen Mobai's head burst into a silvery-white glow, and in an instant, he teleported from the peak of Danxia Mountain to another mountain's summit.

This was his improved version of the Netherworld Array.

Refining the Array Plate within his External Incarnation, integrating it with the Array Refining into Body technique, then merging the Netherworld Array with his own Domain. The area his Domain could cover would become his teleportation territory.

The so-called Netherworld Array used the potent Spirit Vein Aura as an energy source, powering the Array Plate, then transforming the space encompassed by the Large Formation into a domain suitable for the array master's Instantaneous Technique.

The key was to find a suitable Spiritual Land; other than the Spirit Veins, the most crucial aspect was the active Power of the Void.

Lonely Spirit Ridge, with its Void Mysterious Stone Mine, met the requirements for setting up the Netherworld Array.

As for Chen Mobai's Domain, it was just purely created from the Power of the Void, making it exceedingly suitable for establishing the Netherworld Array.

From now on, he just needed to continuously expand his Domain until it could cover the entire Eastern Wilderness, which would probably be equivalent to Wen Ren Xuewei's Great Void Transference.

Chapter 1294: Another Spring Unaware, another spring had passed.

Chen Mobai opened his eyes at the top of Danxia Mountain, feeling the peak of the sixth layer of his Golden Core realm, and inevitably let out a sigh.

71 years old and having reached such a realm, he was without precedent.

Although this was mainly due to the consumption of Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit, at least in fact, he had surpassed the Yuanyang Ancestor, who was historically recognized as the number one talent of the Immortal Gate.

If he could resolve the Dan poison a bit more, by this time next year, Chen Mobai felt that he could attempt to breakthrough to the seventh layer of the Golden Core.

Because the increase in spiritual power for the fifth and sixth layers of the Golden Core was not attained through his own bitter cultivation, he knew that there was an eight or nine out of ten chance that the breakthrough would fail.

However, that was not a problem.

The accumulation of Pure Yang Purple Qi over many years was meant to be used at this time.

With the help of supreme-grade spirit stones, triggering the breakthrough should pose no problem.

After completing his cultivation, Chen Mobai also practiced his other cultivation techniques.

He took out a piece of Golden Crystal and with Primordial True Qi, he effortlessly melted it into the purest Gold Spiritual Qi, and then refined it into Precious Golden Light, enhancing his long-practiced secret technique.

This secret technique from the Xuan Xiao Dao Palace, Chen Mobai had already practiced to the realm of Precious Treasure.

Whenever he had a sliver of spare time, he would mostly spend it on refining Golden Crystals.

The realm of Refine Treasure was indeed too enticing.

According to his previous pace, Chen Mobai might need decades to master it.

But now, having cultivated Primordial True Qi, the speed had greatly increased.

All the quintessences of the Five Elements, when encountering Primordial True Qi, would be broken down into the purest Five Element Spiritual Energy, which was very easy for cultivators to absorb.

Previously, when Chen Mobai absorbed and refined a Golden Crystal, he needed to spend his own painstaking effort to purify it.

But now, with a rush of Primordial True Qi, it could be done in the blink of an eye, leaving only the absorption of Gold Spiritual Qi to be refined into Precious Golden Light.

According to his current realm of spiritual consciousness, it would probably take three to four days to cultivate a strand of Precious Golden Light.

The realm of Refine Treasure needed 729 strands of Precious Golden Light. Of these, Chen Mobai had already cultivated 89 strands previously, meaning he actually needed to condense only 640 more strands.

This means that now, he only needed around six years of spare time to cultivate this secret technique to the highest realm.

Since cultivating Primordial True Qi, Chen Mobai felt this was the most significant thing he had done.

However, if his realm of spiritual consciousness could be elevated once more, the speed of cultivating Precious Golden Light could be even shorter.

But while Pure Yang Spiritual Power could be elevated with Immortal Peach Fruit, Divine Sense had no way to do the same.

Originally, according to his estimates, when he was at the sixth layer of the Golden Core realm with his Pure Yang Scroll, he should have been able to cultivate to the second layer of the Danfeng Chaoyang Diagram's Quality of Food and receive the boon of being Immune to All Poisons.

But now, because the Immortal Peach Fruit directly shortened nearly twenty years of meditation and bitter cultivation, Chen Mobai, even with the most advantageous conditions like the Biyu Wutong, couldn't keep up with the advancement of the Pure Yang Scroll.

Regarding this, Chen Mobai had also thought of some solutions.

For instance, during the Foundation Establishment Realm, he had tried Dual Cultivation with Meng Huang, using her Mystic Sound Method to listen to the echoes of the Great Dao to enhance spiritual consciousness.

Chen Mobai took advantage of his trip to Wangwu Cave Heaven for an official visit, or when Meng Huang had an opportunity to pass by Danxia and Yu Wood Cities during a performance, to rekindle the past with her.

Unfortunately, his realm was simply too high.

Although the two reunited like newlyweds after a long separation, reaching a delightful realm both physically and spiritually, it had a negligible effect on the elevation of Chen Mobai's Divine Sense.

On the contrary, Meng Huang, with the help of this Golden Core Master and Chen Mobai's intentional or unintentional guidance with Echoes in the Void at the moment of spiritual resonance, heard the sound of the Great Dao, deepening her understanding of the Mystic Sound Method.

That was when Chen Mobai was at Wangwu Cave Heaven for his official visit.

Meng Huang, who reaped massive benefits, would find ways to sneak over and reminisce with Chen Mobai whenever she had a performance in the southeastern regions of the Immortal Gate, near Danxia City and Yu Wood City.

Fortunately, such opportunities were not frequent; otherwise, Chen Mobai's resolute will might have been corroded.

After Dual Cultivation, Chen Mobai also considered consuming elixirs from the Immortal Gate that could enhance Divine Sense.

But such elixirs were all extremely precious, and the ones useful to him were those that needed to be listed by the higher-ups, at most, he could only reserve one or two.

If he purchased more, it would definitely attract the attention of the concerned individuals of the Immortal Gate.

After all, even cultivators of the Sect of Realms within the Immortal Gate did not advocate for using elixirs to improve ordinary realms.

Moreover, Chen Mobai was a person of repute as having the Qualifications for Deity Transformation; if people found out he needed to take medicines to improve his realm, wouldn't that be the collapse of his persona?

He also considered taking the alchemy recipes of the Immortal Gate to the Five Elements Sect to help gather main and subsidiary ingredients for refinement.

But the elixirs that were useful to him were at least Rank-3, and with Yan Shaoyin already closed off refining Infant-Feeding Elixir, his only option was Zeng Woyou, the head of the Alchemy Department.

But Chen Mobai did not quite trust the skills of this Alchemy Department head.

He estimated that at least two or three furnaces would need to be wasted for trial and refinement before finding a successful path.

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As every batch of Rank-3 elixirs required materials that even a major sect like the Five Elements Sect would find painfully expensive upon a single failure, and considering that it's not an essential item like the Foundation Building Pill, Chen Mobai didn't feel it was necessary to forcefully produce them.

He would rather invest his time and materials into the Five Elements Golden Core Pill.

This elixir, second only to the Gold Liquid Jade Pill among the Immortal Gate's elixirs, was a perfect match for the Five Elements Sect.

However, like the Gold Liquid Jade Pill, many of the materials didn't exist in the Tianhe Realm, necessitating experimentation with various medicinal herb substitutes.

Even though Chen Mobai boasted a wealth of theoretical knowledge, without a master alchemist like Yan Shaoyin actually conducting the procedure, the likelihood of success was extremely low.

With Zeng Woyou's skill level, he might waste ten batches without being able to successfully substitute the materials from the Tianhe Realm and refine a single Five Elements Golden Core Pill.

It was due to this concern that Chen Mobai only handed over the materials for the Wood Element Golden Core Pill to the Alchemy Department for Zeng Woyou and Yan Jinye to ponder over.

After all, their Wood Vein had a greater need for this particular elixir.

Among the current Foundation Establishment Completion practitioners in the sect, Meng Hong, Yin Qingmei, Quan Shanlin, and Yue Zutao practiced Wood Attribute Cultivation Techniques; if they could research and successfully substitute the pill recipe, then their Wood Vein could maintain its leading position among the Five Elements for at least a few hundred years.

Unable to enhance his Spiritual Consciousness Realm through elixir techniques, Chen Mobai's only alternative was the Devour God Technique.

However, he was rather wary of forbidden techniques.

After all, with a promising future ahead, if exposed, he feared that within the Immortal Gate, he would inevitably become nothing more than a prisoner.

If only he could modify it like the Underworld Array, ensuring no trace of the forbidden technique remained after cultivation, that would be ideal.

Unfortunately, repurposing the Devour God Technique would be much more difficult than modifying the Underworld Array.

With samples such as Void Walk and the Void Law Body for reference, and his external incarnation being formed from the Power of Void, he naturally had an advantage when practicing Teleportation.

But there was no such remedy for the Devour God Technique.

Moreover, the version of the Devour God Technique that Chen Mobai possessed was incomplete.

Modifying it would be extremely challenging; he might have to finish every last drop of the Enlightenment Tea given to him by Wen Ren Xuewei.

Chen Mobai decided to set this matter aside for now.

He would give it careful consideration once his Pure Yang Scroll had broken through to the Golden Core Seventh Layer.

Having refined today's Golden Crystals, Chen Mobai once again reviewed the various Grand Spells and the Dao of the Five Elements stored within the Heavenly Calculation Bead.

Most of these, he had already comprehended.

Only the "Longevity Sword Intent of Sky Severing," which he had acquired in the Great Dao Tree, remained elusive without any progress whatsoever.

To this, Chen Mobai didn't give much thought.

After all, even if he mastered true Sword Intent at this stage, it likely wouldn't significantly enhance his combat strength.

With the Extreme Sun Slash, the Purple Electric Sword, Primordial True Qi, and the Underworld Array, he believed he could, if necessary, engage in a couple of exchanges with a Nascent Soul Cultivator and then escape.

After completing a cycle of cultivation, Chen Mobai looked up at the moon that had turned night black, and suddenly thought of his family.

Earlier this year during the New Year festivities, he noticed his parents had grown much older.

Though still agile due to their status as Cultivators, their lifespans were approaching their end.

They, however, took this in stride.

After all, having Chen Mobai as their son—the most astonishing talent the Immortal Gate had seen in a millennium—their lives had been sufficiently glorious.

Their only regret was probably not having lived to see their grandchildren.

As for Chen Mobai, there was little he could do; he couldn't just capture a woman for the sake of marriage and childbirth.

Partly for this reason, since last year, Chen Mobai had mostly been in Red Sandstone City. Once his cultivation period at Danxia Mountain was over, he would use the Short Teleportation Talisman to return home and accompany his parents.

As darkness fell, Chen Mobai was preparing to stop his cultivation and return, when he suddenly received a notification from the Formless Puppet left in Northern Abyss City.

This meant there was important business that needed to be reported, requiring the presence of the Sect Leader himself.

Frowning, Chen Mobai made a phone call to his parents and then activated the Turtle Treasure to arrive at Northern Abyss City.

"Sect Leader, these are messages from Jiang Shidi and Yue Shidi," E Yun said, handing over two freshly received Jade Slips to Chen Mobai, who had just emerged from seclusion atop the highest mountain in Northern Abyss City.

The latter took them and nodded slightly after a glance.

This spring, Jiang Zongheng and his disciple Duan Shuyu once again led the armies of Rock Country, commencing the final stages of unifying the Eastern Wilderness.

Resistance was particularly fierce in the Frost Country, and with covert support from the Snow-blowing Palace, they managed to hold off Rock Country's army.

Jiang Zongheng had no choice but to issue a widespread call for heroes, simultaneously sending word to Yue Zutao.

For previously, when Chen Mobai and the four other True Persons had broken the Water and Fire Array, he had claimed that aiding the unification of the Eastern Wilderness was a meritorious deed for the Five Elements Sect, deserving of a reward for their contribution.

In that battle against the Water and Fire Veins, merely following the script in a performance had earned the four True Persons an award of ten thousand contribution points, and the practitioners of Foundation Establishment who came along had each accrued one thousand contribution points.

Now that the unification of the Eastern Wilderness faced obstacles once more, Yue Zutao had immediately instructed the Spirit Treasure Pavilion to list this mission according to the previous rules.

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Chapter 1295: Saint Land Taoist Child As soon as the task was posted, Yue Zutao, with the advantage of proximity, immediately took it on.

The others, such as Xie Yuntian and the like, had already accepted tasks from the Spirit Treasure Pavilion and were not at Giant Tree Ridge.

In Yue Zutao's view, as a cultivator who had reached the Completion of Foundation Establishment, plus the group of Righteous Cultivators from Four Seas under Jiang Zongheng's command, taking down Frost Country and Snow Country should be as easy as reaching out to grab it.

Yue Zutao didn't believe that Snow-blowing Palace would dare to fight back against such a majestic force of the Five Elements Sect.

However, they were stopped right in front of the snowy mountains of Frost Country.

Relying on the geographical advantage, Snow-blowing Palace had set up the Large Formation of Wind, Frost, Rain, and Snow early on, preventing the Rock Country's army and the accompanying cultivators from making any progress.

Encountering this problem, Jiang Zongheng's first reaction was to report to Chen Mobai.

But Yue Zutao saw much more in the attitude of Snow-blowing Palace.

Now in the entire Eastern Wilderness, who didn't know that the Five Elements Sect wanted to unify the mundane world and create an unprecedented era of peace? Even Zhou Ye, who presided over Hunyuan Immortal City, had succumbed.

Why would Snow-blowing Palace dare to stand in the way?

Could it be that powers from beyond the Eastern Wilderness wanted to interfere and hinder the unification momentum of the Five Elements Sect?

The naturally cautious Yue Zutao also wrote his suspicions in a letter and, together with Jiang Zongheng, submitted it to Northern Abyss City.

"Snow-blowing Palace doesn't recognize the will of heaven, ah... But after all, they are also a neighbor of many years. Use my name to draft a document to Kong Lingling, and let's try reasoning with them..."

Chen Mobai also felt very strange, Back to Sky Valley dared to resist because they had Star Heaven Dao Sect, the overlord of East Yu, behind them, and Yan Shaoyin had the chance of "Nascent Soul Formation."

But what about you, Kong Lingling?

E Yun drafted a fiercely worded document, and after Chen Mobai read it, he made it even more intense. Then he called over Yu Lian and asked him to make a trip to Snow-blowing Palace.

“Yes, Sect Leader!”

After Yu Lian left, Chen Mobai inquired of E Yun about any important matters that had occurred in the past year.

And just as they were talking.

An old man, with a pair of young male and female apprentices, stepped into Northern Abyss City.

“Although this rural Fang Market is not large in scale, its planning is very distinctive; I’ve never seen such a form before.”

A girl with bright eyes and white teeth, fair skin wearing a blue tight-fitting long gown, and carrying a longsword, walked on the bustling but orderly commercial street and couldn’t help but click her tongue in wonder.

“This place is called Northern Abyss, originally built by the largest local sect of the Eastern Wilderness, the Five Elements Sect, to maintain their rule over this plateau. It is said that the person who designed this city is the current Sect Leader of the Five Elements Sect, Chen Guixian, who is also known as the most outstanding talent in the Eastern Wilderness for a thousand years, unbeaten since he started his journey.”

The leader among the three was an old man with a weathered appearance, standing tall and upright, but his eyes betrayed a respectful demeanor towards the young man and woman beside him.

“A talent? That’s only in such a small backwater area.”

Hearing the old man's narrative, the girl casually dismissed it with a sharp comment.

At her words, many nearby cultivators turned their gaze her way, including some wearing the attire of the Divine Wood Sect, looking unfriendly.

"Let's go to the Sky Meal Building!"

At that moment, the silent young man spoke. He had a handsome face with sword-like eyebrows and starry eyes; his fair complexion was as pristine as jade, and his simple black clothes fluttered in the wind, his longsword on his back.

The cultivators nearby who met his calm eyes, deep as a serene pond, felt a chill rising from the depths of their hearts and shivered.

"Yes, True Person Ye."

The old cultivator nodded; he had led his sect's Commerce Association here several times. Although he could not claim to know Northern Abyss City like the back of his hand, he at least was aware of where the major landmark shops were located.

As for Sky Meal Building, being part of a force widespread in the Eastern Region, it was almost always in the best location in the center of the Fang Market.

Soon, the trio arrived at a five-story wooden pavilion, and on the highest floor hung a board with the three big characters of Sky Meal Building, sparkling with brilliant Spiritual Light.

"May I ask if Chef Shen is in?"

After entering, the old cultivator asked a Qi Cultivation lad who received them; the boy's expression changed slightly upon hearing this and he respectfully replied, "I will go call the Shopkeeper."

Sky Meal Building valued culinary skills above all else, hence the chef held the highest status; the lad was not entitled to directly go backstage to contact the chef, so he needed to request his superior, the Shopkeeper.

In a short while, a middle-aged man wearing a square hat came over, greeting the old cultivator very politely: "Brother Yu, I didn't expect it to be you, ah... But right now is peak dining time; Chef Shen is really unable to spare a moment..."

The old cultivator, Yu Hai from Sun Bathing Sea, coughed lightly upon hearing this and pointed towards the junior brother and sister behind him: "Manager Lan, it is these two who wish to meet Chef Shen."

The middle-aged man named Lan Youxiang, upon hearing Yu Hai's words, turned to look over.

He was initially puzzled, but then suddenly caught sight of the wave symbol on the cuffs of the young man and woman, his eyes widened dramatically, and now bent his body, smiled most cordially as he approached the young man and woman.

"Who would have thought that in the humble Eastern Wilderness, we would be graced with the presence of distinguished individuals from the Holy Land, may I ask how to address you both?"

The young man: "Ye Qing."

The young woman: "Yuan Zhen."

Upon hearing the young man's name, Lan Youxiang's mouth dropped open in disbelief.

"Please wait a moment; I will immediately notify Chef Shen to come here."

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Watching Lan Youxiang leave in a hurry, Yu Hai also felt a sense of empathy.

When he first met these two at the entrance of the Large-scale Transmission Array in Golden Crow Immortal City, he was equally astonished.

Ye Qing's name was well known throughout the East Land.

At his birth, the Pure Bamboo Corn of the Demon Slaying Sect shone up to the heavens, eliciting the esteemed Huashen Zhenjun (Deity-Transcending True Monarch) to descend from the mountain.

At the age of eight, he was taken to the Holy Land, began his Food Cultivation immortal pursuit, and by eighteen had reached Qi Cultivation Perfection and established his foundation upon hearing the path. Afterwards, he travelled down the mountain, slayed twenty-four Devil Cultivators with his sword, and destroyed countless wicked demon sects.

In his fiftieth year, he encountered a Golden Core Demon Cultivator massacring mortals to refine the Myriad Souls Flag and resolutely drew his sword to intervene.

In the midst of the battle, he comprehended the pill formation, utilized his Flying Sword to draw down the Heavenly Tribulation to slay the devil cultivator, and was heralded as the first in swordsmanship talent in a thousand years of the East Land.

After forming his Gold Core, Ye Qing assumed the role of the Taoist Child of Jiutian Dangmo Sect, and before the age of one hundred, had already reached Perfect Core Formation. He once challenged the Saint Heir of Tongyou Demon Sect at Tianzhu Peak, defeating him within a hundred moves. If not for the blasphemous intervention by a Nascent Soul Elder from the Tongyou Demon Sect, the latter would likely have perished by Ye Qing's sword.

Those in the Eastern Region who knew of Ye Qing believed that his "Nascent Soul Formation" was merely a matter of time.

Some even exclaimed that he possessed the "Qualification of Deification".

Such a person, why would he come to the rural Eastern Wilderness?

Shen Shanqing heard from Lan Youxiang that Ye Qing had arrived here and was also shocked to the core. He immediately put down his pan without even changing his clothes, and went right out to the main hall.

“True Monarch Ye gracing our North Abyss branch of the Sky Meal Building truly brings honor to our humble establishment. Come, come, to the fifth floor. I’ll prepare a fine table for you.”

As a True Disciple of the Sky Meal Building, even though Shen Shanqing was no longer favored due to his master’s Passing Away in Meditation, having been kicked to start the expansion in the Eastern Wilderness, he had seen the world on the other side and warmly greeted them as they headed for the topmost level.

Ye Qing preferred not to be the center of attention in public and thus nodded his head, following Shen Shanqing upstairs.

After the group had gone up, Qi Rui, who was dining at the Sky Meal Building, put down his wine glass and frowned slightly.

Others might not know Shen Shanqing’s status, but how could he be unaware?

In all of Northern Abyss City, probably only if the Sect Leader arrived would he personally come out to receive them.

Previously, when Chen Mobai visited, he had accompanied him here to entertain guests at the Sky Meal Building, and it was on that occasion that Qi Rui learned Shen Shanqing was the true person in charge of the establishment.

Yet even then, Shen Shanqing had not displayed such eagerness to please.

Who was this youth, and where did he come from?

Was he a Golden Core Cultivator from a major sect in the East Land?

Qi Rui recalled sitting on the third floor just moments before, looking towards Ye Qing in the center of the main hall, and the very instant their gazes met, he felt a chilling, hair-raising sensation, knowing this person's cultivation level far exceeded his own.

A new Golden Core could have no small impact on the situation in the Eastern Wilderness.

Could he be an ancestral elder invited from the East Land by the Snow-blowing Palace?

With this thought in mind, Qi Rui could no longer eat. He immediately settled the bill and left Sky Meal Building, heading straight for the grand hall of Northern Abyss City.

At this time, Chen Mobai was conversing with E Yun.

After hearing Qi Rui's report, Chen Mobai's brows slightly raised.

"It's just about mealtime, let's dine at the Sky Meal Building today."

As the lord of Northern Abyss City, it was necessary for Chen Mobai to investigate the origins of an unknown high-order cultivator.

Having constructed the Underworld Array, even if he encountered Nascent Soul Cultivators, he was confident he could escape, so he directly made his way to the Sky Meal Building.

The Sky Meal Building had a total of five floors, with the fifth floor reserved for the most esteemed guests who could enjoy the view of most of Northern Abyss City.

With Chen Mobai's status, a visit would certainly mean ascending to the fifth floor.

Seeing Chen Mobai, Lan Youxiang could only wipe the sweat from his forehead and lead them up to another private room on the fifth floor.

There were four private rooms on the fifth floor named after the plum, orchid, bamboo, and chrysanthemum flowers, each overlooking different views of Northern Abyss City.

“The bamboo room is the Sect Leader’s favorite.”

E Yun, seeing the word ‘mei’ (plum) at the entrance, frowned and looked at Lan Youxiang, indicating that they should change rooms, but Chen Mobai raised his hand to stop him.

“Just this room.”

Although the Five Elements Sect is now the dominator of the Eastern Wilderness, and they have Zhou Shengqing, a Nascent Soul Cultivator, Chen Mobai did not become arrogant. He knew that on the East Land side, there were hidden dragons and crouching tigers. Aside from the Holy Lands, there were over a hundred forces that had produced Nascent Soul cultivators, many of which they, the Five Elements Sect, could not afford to provoke.

“Is Chef Shen not here today?”

Within the private room, Lan Youxiang, acting as the shopkeeper, personally attended to Chen Mobai, who smiled and asked.

“He’s here, he’s here, he’s here, but there are guests next door who need attending to. I’ll go inform him in a moment, so that when he’s free, he can come and drink a couple of glasses with Sect Master Chen.”

Lan Youxiang was aware of Ye Qing’s identity and knew that the Saint Land Taoist Child coming to the backcountry of the Eastern Wilderness must signify a grand affair, so he did not dare to disclose any information.

Chen Mobai’s specifically choosing this time to come here was quite obviously aimed at Ye Qing.

However, Sky Meal Building was a power with Nascent Soul cultivators stationed in the East Land and thus was not very afraid of the East Wilderness Major Sect. Comparing the two, Lan Youxiang became increasingly poised when facing Chen Mobai.

Before long, a series of grand dishes began being served by beautiful female cultivators.

Although limited by various seasonings, the culinary level of Sky Meal Building was, in Chen Mobai's view, just so-so. However, their carefully selected meat, spiritual vegetables, melons, and fruits, many of which were unique to the Tianhe Realm, meant that whenever Chen Mobai had the time, he would still enjoy coming here for a taste.

Of course, he liked to bring his own drinks whenever he ate out.

After all the dishes were served, Chen Mobai took out a jug of Zhuo Ming's elaborately brewed Spiritual Wine from his Storage Bag. It was made using Rank-3 Pure Bamboo Corn as the raw material and was the first Rank-3 Spiritual Wine ever brewed in the Eastern Wilderness.

After brewing, it had been cellared for twelve years and had reached maturity last year.

After the cask was opened, Chen Mobai naturally was the first to taste it. He found this Rank-3 Spiritual Wine had a crisp taste with a hint of bamboo dew fragrance and also could enhance Divine Sense.

After partaking in six jugs, Chen Mobai had barely managed to increase the intensity of his Divine Consciousness to that of the Jindan Sixth Layer, but afterwards, even more drinking ceased to be effective.

Now, for Chen Mobai, this wine could only satisfy his taste buds.

However, for E Yun and Qi Rui, it was an unparalleled treasure.

Considering their cultivation level was merely at Foundation Establishment, Chen Mobai only poured them each a glass.

Yet even so, after they drank it, they both had to close their eyes to savor the refreshing qi emerging from the Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion and began to sit in meditation to refine it.

After a short while, Shen Shanqing arrived, and the first thing he did was apologize.

“Sect Master Chen, please don’t be offended. A good friend of my master from the East Land came over... I’ll punish myself with three drinks...”

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai smiled and poured him a glass first. Shen Shanqing knew that the brew from the Xiao Nanshan Lineage was the first in the Eastern Wilderness, even their Sky Meal Building would go to purchase it.

Thinking the Spiritual Wine was a new variety, Shen Shanqing also took a sniff and then drank it down boldly.

After finishing the drink, his face did not change as he put down the cup, and Chen Mobai smiled and refilled it for him.

After three consecutive glasses, Shen Shanqing’s expression changed slightly. He then directly sat cross-legged on the ground and, like E Yun and Qi Rui before him, began to process the strength of the liquor.

Although Sky Meal Building practices the art of Food Cultivation, consuming all kinds of spiritual delicacies, melting them into a Great Method.

But three full glasses of Rank-3 Spiritual Wine for someone merely at Foundation Establishment like Shen Shanqing was a bit too much.

After the time of an incense stick had passed.

Chen Mobai could feel a Divine Sense probing over from the next bamboo room, clearly curious why Shen Shanqing had not returned for so long.

However, that Divine Sense was only at the Foundation Establishment level.

Chen Mobai dipped his finger in the wine and casually drew a Restriction to isolate Divine Sense, blocking it from coming through.

Not long after, there was a knock at the door.

“Please come in!”

Chen Mobai’s voice sounded, followed by Lan Youxiang and an elderly cultivator entering.

Seeing Shen Shanqing seated with a flushed face, their expressions changed slightly, thinking that Chen Mobai was taking his anger out on Shen Shanqing due to the matter with the private room.

Yu Hai saw this scene and immediately sent a message to Ye Qing next door.

Then, a bone-piercingly chill Sword Intent surged out from the bamboo room...

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Chen Mobai felt the piercing cold of the sword intent and couldn’t help but feel slightly astonished.

With his experience in magical duels, he determined in an instant that there were only a handful of ways he could counter this sword intent.

But a few did not mean none. Chen Mobai’s eyes lit up, and he raised his right hand, a brilliant five-colored stream of energy swirling in his palm, ready to unleash his Primordial True Qi.

However, at that moment, Shen Shanqing, who had been sitting with eyes closed, suddenly stood up.

As the piercing cold sword intent had just entered the room and reached behind him, it halted in an instant and then dissipated into nothingness.

Seeing this, Chen Mobai also lowered his right hand, and the brilliant five-colored Primordial True Qi vanished from his palm.

“Thank you, Sect Master Chen, for the wine. May I know its name and whether it’s possible to purchase it for our Sky Meal Building?” Shen Shanqing asked with a face full of respect, bowing to Chen Mobai. His divine sense had broken through the long-standing shackles with the help of these three cups of wine, reaching the late phase of Foundation Establishment.

It is worth noting, he had been stuck at this bottleneck for nearly thirty years.

“Lucky for us that Chef Shen woke up, otherwise, it would have been difficult to explain to the True Person next door,” Chen Mobai said with a smile.

Shen Shanqing and the others didn’t dare respond to that remark, causing a somewhat awkward silence.

“Forgive the misunderstanding.”

After a while, Ye Qing’s voice sounded, and then the door to the bamboo room opened, and he came out, bowing to Chen Mobai with his hands cupped.

“It was just a misunderstanding. May I know how this Daoist Brother is called?”

Although Chen Mobai had not probed Ye Qing’s cultivation level, the piercing cold sword intent had already shown that the latter’s cultivation was above his own, so he was very polite in his demeanor.

“Jiutian Dangmo Sect, Ye Qing!” Ye Qing revealed his name without hesitation.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai showed a look of shock.

The reputation of the Saint Land Taoist Child was something even he had heard thunderously, despite being from the remote Eastern Wasteland.

After all, the Eastern Wasteland was not lacking in resources, and there were quite a few powers like the Sky Meal Building that had set up branch commerce associations here. While conducting business here, they also brought information about the major forces of the six realms of the Eastern Region.

Since taking over control of the Divine Wood Sect and devising a plan to unify the Eastern Wasteland, Chen Mobai had also set his sights on the entire Eastern Region.

Among them, the most crucial information about the Four Great Holy Lands, Huashen Zhenjun, Nascent Soul Superiors, Taoist Saintesses, and the like had been collected by those he sent out.

Chen Mobai was deeply impressed with the name of Ye Qing.

After all, among the Four Great Holy Lands, the Profound Heaven True Monarch of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect was known as the number one person in the Eastern Region. As his personally raised disciple, Ye Qing boasted the Qualification of Deification.

This had left a strong memory in Chen Mobai, who also possessed the Qualification of Deification.

To think that such a person would come to the Eastern Wasteland.

“I’ve long admired your great name!”

Chen Mobai stood up and returned the salute to Ye Qing, who nodded his head and then turned back into his bamboo room.

“Sect Master Chen, I’ll go greet True Person Ye. Put today’s meal on my tab, and please take good care of everything here,” Shen Shanqing said, although he was eager to inquire about Chen Mobai’s Rank-3 Spiritual Wine. Clearly, the matter concerning Ye Qing was of greater importance, so he had no choice but to apologize and call Lan Youxiang in to take over the hosting duties.

“Chef Shen, please do as you wish, I’ll be on my way after I finish eating.” Chen Mobai’s main purpose for this visit was to find out who the new Golden Core Cultivator entering the city was. Now that he knew it was the Saint Heir from the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, his objective was achieved.

Although he was very curious, he didn't inquire further about Ye Qing's reasons for visiting.

However, thinking carefully about the reputation of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, he could guess a thing or two.

Were there Devil Cultivators in the Eastern Wasteland?

Realizing this, Chen Mobai thought of Hong He, who had left the sect a long time ago, wondering how he was doing now.

He was a good fellow sect member; had he not practiced demonic techniques, he might already be a sect cultivator at the completion of Foundation Establishment, ready to exchange for the Golden Liquid Jade Pill for Nascent Soul Formation.

Besides Hong He, there was also Tu Daohua, whom Elder Ming had mentioned before—a confirmed Golden Core Stage cultivator and a ghost-route Devil Cultivator. Perhaps Ye Qing was here to slay him?

When Chen Mobai left the Sky Meal Building, his thoughts were racing, and he then thought of his disciple, Luo Yixuan.

Although she had not practiced demonic techniques, her Core Formation with Yellow Springs Spiritual Power classified her as part of a Side Sect or Evil Path. To avoid drawing Ye Qing's attention, Chen Mobai immediately issued a command for her to hand over the task of opening up Dark Water to Yin Qingmei.

The reason was the resurgence of the Demonic Beasts in Cloud Dream Swamp, with numerous Rank-3 Demonic Beasts making their presence known. To prevent Wind Rain Hamlet from falling, Luo Yixuan was instructed to go over and provide support immediately.

Luo Yixuan always treated Chen Mobai's words as if they were divine commands, directing her to the east without ever questioning whether she should go west instead.

So upon receiving the order, without a second word, he immediately transferred the task of pioneering Dark Water and prepared to set out that very night after packing his things.

According to the original route, it would have been fastest for Luo Yixuan to travel from Rainbow Country, pass through Eastern Desolation Plateau, and use the teleportation arrays in the various fang markets via Northern Abyss City.

But Chen Mobai also instructed her to return to Giant Tree Ridge first and then lead ten Foundation Establishment Practitioners and eight hundred Qi Practitioners to provide support.

To ensure Luo Yixuan understood the seriousness of the matter, Chen Mobai had Qi Rui, who relayed the message, tell her about the presence of Ye Qing from the Jiutian Dangmo Sect in Northern Abyss City. He advised her to request Zhou Shengqing's presence in Northern Abyss City once she reached Wind Rain Hamlet.

Upon hearing this, Luo Yixuan, who originally wanted to take a detour to Northern Abyss City to see her beloved master, had to painfully give up on the idea.

Her Dan Forming with Yellow Springs Spiritual Power, although not enough to make her a target for condemnation by everyone in the Demon Path, still made her somewhat unwelcome in the eyes of the Righteous Path.

The last time Gu Zhiqin, a Golden Core Cultivator from the Star Heaven Dao Sect, came visiting, Chen Mobai had also asked her, who was then in Rainbow Country, to avoid him.

Because of Ye Qing's unexpected arrival in Northern Abyss City, Chen Mobai had no choice but to stay put and take charge again.

At the same time, the older cultivator who came with Brother and Sister Ye Qing was investigated by E Yun and had his background uncovered.

He was a deacon in charge of commercial affairs in the Eastern Wasteland for Sun Bathing Sea, named Yu Hai, with cultivation at the late stage of Foundation Establishment.

The East Barbarians bordered the East Land, possessing a large-scale transmission array that directly connects the two domains. For this reason, Sun Bathing Sea's Wu Immortal City, rich with Eastern Land unique elixirs, magic artifacts, spirit materials, medicinal herbs, and even lineages of cultivation techniques, is deservedly the number one immortal city in the East Barbarians.

Although it was unclear why they came from East Land to the Eastern Wilderness, Ye Qing definitely wasn't familiar with the area, which is why he brought Yu Hai along.

"Sect Master, do we need to invite Yu Hai for a meeting?" asked E Yun.

Chen Mobai shook his head.

Wouldn't that clearly be an attempt to find out the purpose of Ye Qing's visit? If he meets with Yu Hai, surely he wouldn't keep it a secret from Ye Qing. Best not do anything that might cause misunderstandings.

"Sect Master, if we could establish relations with the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, it would definitely be more convenient to expand the market in East Land after unifying the Eastern Wasteland in the future," suggested E Yun, who had never before encountered an heir of such a legendary holy land, the famous Taoist Child, and was somewhat getting carried away.

"Some things are a blessing, not a disaster," Chen Mobai commented.

If possible, Chen Mobai wished that forces from East Barbarians and East Land would stay away from the Eastern Wasteland, allowing him to focus on unifying it and developing in secret for a while. It would be best if they could wait until after his "Nascent Soul Formation" before they have dealings with the outside world.

The arrival of Jiutian Dangmo Sect was surely connected to Devil Cultivators, and it must be no ordinary character to warrant the personal attention of Taoist Child Ye Qing.

That is why Chen Mobai wanted Zhou Shengqing to come.

Before Ye Qing had the intention to explain, Chen Mobai decided to maintain a cautious stillness, handling another matter first.

“Xie Yuntian and Quan Shanlin should have completed their tasks, have them go to the battlefields of Frost Country.”

“And Zheng Deming, after Xuan gets there, with the Five Elements Sect’s strength already sufficient in Cloud Dream Marsh, have him go support Zong Heng as well.”

“To prevent Kong Lingling from acting dishonorably, please also ask Fu Shixiong to leave his retreat and help oversee the army.”

The stirring letter Chen Mobai had sent to Snow-blowing Palace had not elicited any response, which left him feeling quite slighted.

What irritated him even more was that the messenger Yu Lian had also disappeared.

This prompted an immediate reaction from Chen Mobai, who had originally planned to take things slowly.

Yu Lian, talented and already at the middle stage of Foundation Establishment, could only have been silently taken by either Snow-blowing Palace or Back to Sky Valley in the whole of the Eastern Wasteland.

Right now, the main suspect was Snow-blowing Palace.

Under these circumstances, if it weren’t for Ye Qing in Northern Abyss City, Chen Mobai would have considered going to confront Kong Lingling himself.

But unable to leave, he could easily muster a formidable army capable of annihilating Snow-blowing Palace, through his authority as the Sect Master.

On the day he received the news of Yu Lian's disappearance, he had already sent Meng Hong to the front lines.

It was just unfortunate that Mo Douguang was in seclusion, aiming for the realm of Perfection in Core Formation; otherwise, the strength of his sword alone would have been enough to destroy all of Snow-blowing Palace's resistance on the battlefield.

Following Chen Mobai's orders, the Five Elements Sect's Wood Vein swiftly mobilized.

Within the short span of half a month, Fu Zongjue, Meng Hong, Xie Yuntian, Quan Shanlin, and Zheng Deming had all flocked to Jiang Zongheng's command.

By this time, the army had gathered two Golden Core Cultivators, four at the Completion of Foundation Establishment, twenty-seven ordinary Foundation Establishment Practitioners, and several hundred Qi Practitioners.

The Rank-3 Great Formation set up by Snow-blowing Palace, taking advantage of the terrain, endured with difficulty for one and a half months before finally collapsing under the onslaught of Jiang Zongheng's cultivator army.

With the formation broken, Frost Country fell to the advancing forces of Rock Country, led by Duan Shuyu. In just two months, they conquered twelve cities and made a beeline for the royal capital.

After Frost Country, Jiang Zongheng led his troops southward again.

The cultivators of Snow-blowing Palace, under the leadership of Sect Master Zhu Jinyu, took twenty-four Foundation Establishment Practitioners and eight hundred Qi Practitioners to occupy the medium-sized Spirit Stone Mine at the border, setting up the Ice Snow Formation, determined to fight a decisive battle with the Five Elements Sect.

"True Person Fu, our Snow-blowing Palace is inherited from Dongtu Ice Heaven Palace. Aren't you afraid that Elder Bingyun will be furious when he learns of this?" Zhu Jinyu stood fierce and erect, her willowy eyebrows raised as she loudly reprimanded Fu Zongjue before the Great Formation.

Chapter 1298: Ruins of the Silver Sky Sect The Huashen Zhenjun of the Ice Palace perished amidst the great calamity, and from then on, the Eastern Earth Holy Land crumbled and fell apart.

But even a dying camel is larger than a horse, and there were still a few Elders who, after leaving the Fifth Grade Spirit Vein of the Holy Land, founded anew the Ice Palace. Even until today, they remain a Nascent Soul Force.

Among the Elders who founded the Ice Palace was an Ancestor from the Snow-blowing Palace, the current Nascent Soul Bing Yun Hermit, whose lineage if traced, is precisely that of this Ancestor.

Thus, the lineage of the Snow-blowing Palace has always flaunted this Ancestor's prestige around the Eastern Wilderness.

Fu Zongjue might have been wary before, but ever since Zhou Shengqing's "Nascent Soul Formation," his visions too have expanded.

Even a powerful dragon does not suppress the local snakes—Fu Zongjue did not believe that Bing Yun Hermit would truly dare to step into the Eastern Wilderness.

Facing Zhu Jinyu's questioning, Fu Zongjue couldn't be bothered to deal with a minor character at the Foundation Establishment level. Jiang Zongheng promptly stood out and flew to the front of the Formation with all due propriety and protocol.

"Sect Master Zhu, we have no covetous intentions toward the Spirit Stone Mine, we merely wish to help unify the mortal world and usher in an era of peace and prosperity," he said.

"This is fated, and it's also the trend of the times. As long as you open the Large Formation and let us through, I can make a Daoist Heart Oath that I will not encroach upon any of Snow-blowing Palace's mines or Spirit Fields."

"But if you insist on defying fate," he continued, "then don't blame us for resorting to forceful measures and reducing your sect's inheritance to ashes."

Jiang Zongheng's words, a mix of civility followed by threats, left Zhu Jinyu with an expression of shocked suspicion.

She did not believe that the Five Elements Sect had mobilized such a show of force just to help Rock Country unify the Eastern Wasteland and suspected it was a pretext to seize their Spirit Vein Mines.

But the prospect of a Daoist Heart Oath lent some credibility to the claim.

However, Jiang Zongheng was just a Foundation Establishment cultivator, albeit a disciple of Xiao Nanshan, and still lacked adequate stature.

"Can either True Monarch Fu or Sect Master Chen make this Daoist Heart Oath instead?" Zhu Jinyu asked a bit greedily, drawing an angry huff from Fu Zongjue.

"Don't push your luck. If you continue to obstruct us, not even Kong Lingling will be able to save you."

After carefully weighing her own sect's strength against that of the Five Elements Sect, Zhu Jinyu felt she had no choice but to grit her teeth. But this was too momentous a decision for her to make on her own.

"Master, what do you think?"

She took two steps back and respectfully inquired of the shadowy figure concealed within a cluster of ice mist.

Only with Kong Lingling anchoring their forces did she dare to bring out the elite cultivators of the Snow-blowing Palace, relying on the Large Formation laid out within the Spirit Stone Mine, ready to engage in a life-or-death battle with the cultivators of the Wood Vein of the Five Elements Sect.

"Agree to their terms."

Kong Lingling's cold voice rose from within the ice mist, and then the mist dispersed, but she had already vanished from her spot.

Empowered by her Master's consent, Zhu Jinyu approached the Formation to negotiate terms with Jiang Zongheng, and both sides made their Daoist Heart Oaths.

The agreement stipulated that the Snow-blowing Palace wouldn't hinder the unification of the Eastern Wasteland, and the cultivators of the Five Elements Sect wouldn't encroach upon the Spirit Fields and the mines of the Snow-blowing Palace.

"Grand Tutor Jiang, once the mortal world is unified, our Sect must also be allowed to accept disciples as we see fit, and you must not obstruct this," she added.

Jiang Zongheng nodded, agreeing not to strip away this right from Snow-blowing Palace but imposed a condition.

"It's limited to Frost Country and Snow Country, and furthermore, if mortal individuals with a Spiritual Root wish to join our Five Elements Sect, you of Snow-blowing Palace must not obstruct them. To do so would be to breach the contract, nullifying the previously made Daoist Heart Oaths," he declared.

Naturally, Zhu Jinyu disagreed with this statement.

But Jiang Zongheng would not budge on this point. If the Snow-blowing Palace was unwilling, then henceforth across the Eastern Wasteland, they wouldn't be allowed to recruit any new disciples.

After all, the Daoist Heart Oath stated that the Five Elements Sect wouldn't seize the Spirit Fields and mines of Snow-blowing Palace, but they could still effectively blockade them, preventing them from stepping beyond their sect's gate.

Facing the resolute stance of Jiang Zongheng, Zhu Jinyu clenched her teeth, knowing her Master needed more time and could only pretend to agree for now.

[Just a few more years, once the Holy Son has grown...]

With that thought, Zhu Jinyu accepted Jiang Zongheng's condition.

“Sect Master Zhu, from now on, the land of the Eastern Wasteland shall follow the principles of Dao Morale Sect. In the mortal realm, there will be dynasties, and we cultivators shall cultivate in solitude amidst Spirit Veins, hidden from the world,” Jiang Zongheng said, invoking the doctrine of Dao Morale Sect, and Zhu Jinyu actually believed that the Five Elements Sect wished to emulate the governance of this Holy Land to accumulate virtue.

It is said that Dao Morale Sect has had successive Deities because the Sage Ancestor set down the rule that as long as mortal dynasties are at peace, with clear rivers and calm seas, they will continuously be blessed by the five virtues, untouched by calamities, making cultivation breakthroughs almost inevitable.

However, aside from Dao Morale Sect, other forces that have tried this found that despite having exerted a great deal of effort to support a dynasty, none have seen as much success as Dao Morale Sect, feeling the investment unrewarding.

Thus, over time, other than Dao Morale Sect, few in the Tianhe Realm have attempted this path.

“Sect Master Chen has grand ambitions, hoping that our Eastern Wasteland may also bring forth its own Daoist Sage,” Zhu Jinyu said, forcing a smile. The Ancestor of Dao Morale Sect was the first Human Race cultivator to achieve Ascension, revered as a Sage.

In the entire Eastern Region, Dao Morale Sect has produced the most Ascended Monks and boasts the most ancient pedigree, a supreme Holy Land that has never once broken its lineage from ancient times until now.

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“I’ll extend my master’s thanks to Sect Leader Zhu for his auspicious words.”

Jiang Zongheng readily agreed, which inwardly made Zhu Jinyu sneer disdainfully.

He, Chen Guixian, really wanted to be seen as a Sage!

He should take a look at what kind of place the Eastern Wilderness is, it’s laughable to think such a person could come from here!

If here could produce a Sage, it would be more believable for the Five Elements Sect to achieve Divinity Transformation and become a Holy Land!

Zhu Jinyu's thoughts were, of course, unknown to Jiang Zongheng. After the contract was reached, the Large Formation blocking their way dissipated, and he immediately commanded Duan Shuyu to lead the army through.

This Spirit Stone Mine was blocking the advance of the army. Although the cultivators could fly over it, the two hundred thousand-strong force had no such means and could only travel through the mountains, so it was imperative to clear the way.

This was why Jiang Zongheng was willing to patiently negotiate terms with Zhu Jinyu.

After all, if they really wanted to attack the Rank-3 Large Formation that the Snow-blowing Palace was guarding with full force, the people here might not be able to break through it.

Even if they could capture it, they would likely lose a third of their cultivators.

For Jiang Zongheng, this was an extremely unprofitable matter, since many of these people were pillars of their respective major families and Foundation Establishment Practitioners.

If they died, a cultivator family would basically decline and perish.

This would greatly increase Jiang Zongheng's karmic burden.

Moreover, there were several Foundation Establishment Completion Practitioners from the sect accompanying the army, and the death of any one of them would be an irreplaceable loss for their Wood Vein.

Thus, reaching an agreement with Zhu Jinyu and resolving the issue without bloodshed was a significant success for Jiang Zongheng.

“Grand Tutor Jiang, let me leave Sister Xue Ting here to coordinate the following matters with you, while I take the rest of the sect disciples back to the sect,” said Zhu Jinyu to the elegantly bearing Foundation Establishment female cultivator not far away. Then she cupped her fists towards Jiang Zongheng.

Standing by her side, Xue Ting blinked, clearly not expecting this.

“Sect Leader Zhu, there’s another matter. Our sect’s Yu Lian brother sent a letter from our master to your sect but has lost contact. If you have detained him, please release him immediately,” Jiang Zongheng interrupted Zhu Jinyu with another concern.

“Grand Tutor Jiang, I’m not aware of such matter. After Brother Yu from your sect delivered the letter, I personally saw him off from the Snow-blowing Palace. I swear I did not detain him,” Zhu Jinyu replied, furrowing her brow. Since she hadn’t done such a thing, she boldly took the Daoist Heart Oath, which left Jiang Zongheng no choice but to sigh and nod in acceptance.

“Please forgive me, Sect Leader Zhu. Brother Yu Lian is a fellow disciple who joined the sect with our master. His disappearance is of great concern to our master.”

At this moment, Zhu Jinyu’s ears twitched slightly, as if she heard something. The flying Ice Boats that belonged to the Snow-blowing Palace within the Spirit Stone Mine started to activate, as she began commanding the Foundation Establishment and Qi Practitioners who previously guarded the Spirit Stone Mine to board the ships.

“Xue Ting, I’ll leave this place in your hands.”

Xue Ting could only gently nod, accepting the responsibility.

She guessed that Zhu Jinyu valued her former connection with the Divine Wood Sect and the Xiao Nanshan Lineage; maybe having her mediate would reduce friction between the two sides.

“Sect Leader, do you require me to cooperate with the Five Elements Sect and persuade Snow Country’s royal family to surrender?”

Xue Ting asked, believing that since the Snow-blowing Palace had already yielded, it would only make sense to avoid further bloodshed by doing so.

“No, try to stall the Five Elements Sect and Rock Country’s armies as much as possible to gain some time,”

Zhu Jinyu, however, gave Xue Ting an instruction that made her frown in concern.

By this time, the Snow-blowing Palace’s cultivating army had already boarded the Ice Boats, each lifting into the sky, leaving the area.

Only the disciples who previously guarded the Spirit Stone Mine remained, now circling around Xue Ting, the Foundation Establishment Elder, bowing respectfully.

The continuous clip-clop of horse hooves resounded.

The Rock Country army, led by Duan Shuyu, began to pass through the Spirit Stone Mine in troops.

Only after the entire two hundred thousand-strong army passed through and entered the territory of Snow Country did Jiang Zongheng finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Although he had made a Daoist Heart Oath with Zhu Jinyu, the two were not the highest-ranking figures in their sects, and Golden Core Cultivators could renege at any time.

At most, it would mean the sacrifice of the two individuals who had made the agreement.

After the army’s safe passage, Fu Zongjue, floating mid-air, also nodded lightly and was able to relax.

Xie Yuntian and the others around him felt somewhat regretful not to have clashed with the Snow-blowing Palace.

It seems that from this mission, they could only earn the most basic contributions.

“Should we go look for Yu Lian? Before he joined the sect, he was a disciple of the Silver Sky Sect. If we investigate the ruins in Snow Country, perhaps we could discover some clues,” said Yue Zutao suddenly.

Although the mission posted by Spirit Treasure Pavilion was initiated by him, after the Snow-blowing Palace made its move and the army was intercepted, the follow-up had been modified by Chen Mobai, the Sect Leader.

The mission had turned into assisting Rock Country in unifying the Eastern Wilderness.

They needed to conquer Snow Country, Wind Country, and the Summer Country and Flower Country under the control of Back to Sky Valley. Only then would the mission be considered complete, and the contributions tallied.

Apart from that mission, Chen Mobai had also posted the task of finding the missing Yu Lian.

Since the Snow-blowing Palace had retreated and there wouldn't be any assurance in taking down Snow Country, Yue Zutao thought of investigating while still within Snow Country.

Originally according to his plan, he would have exclusively taken on the mission.

But the matter of him taking on missions alone had already caused minor complaints from Xie Yuntian and others, and since it hadn't been completed, Yue Zutao felt it was better to share the task of finding Yu Lian with his fellow disciples.

Mainly because he had estimated that his sect contributions should be exactly fifth place, enough to exchange for a Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

As long as he maintained the same pace as the others present, such as Xie Yuntian, he could wait for the result he desired.

“That’s a good idea, but I fear that when we leave, the Rock Country’s army will be blocked by cultivators, won’t they?” Quan Shanlin hesitated, but Fu Zongjue simply waved his hand, indicating he would keep an eye on the army.

“Thank you, Master,” said Quan Shanlin, immediately delighted. He bowed to Fu Zongjue, and the others like Xie Yuntian did the same.

Then, the four Foundation Establishment Completion Cultivators transformed into Escaping Light, vanishing into the sky.

Although they were down by four, with Fu Zongjue and Meng Hong there to back them up, the Cultivator Families within Snow Country did not dare to make a move.

However, what surprised Jiang Zongheng a bit was that the resistance from Snow Country was somewhat fierce.

But, with Duan Shuyu’s unmatched military tactics, and without interference from cultivators, the army he led was like a hot knife through butter, quickly capturing the three most crucial cities.

In just a month, they arrived at the walls of the Snow Country’s Royal Capital.

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The ruins of the Silver Sky Sect.

Atop a snow-covered mountain in Snow Country, there lay a Second Order High Grade Spirit Vein.

Unfortunately, after the annihilation of the Silver Sky Sect, it had been deemed an ominous place. To this day, only a group of Loose Cultivators, unaware of the details, resided here.

When Yue Zutao and the others arrived, the powerful Spiritual Power Fluctuations instantaneously made these few Loose Cultivators tremble with fear. They hopped onto their extremely crude bamboo-horse Magic Artifacts, trying to sneak away down the mountain.

But they were stopped.

Soon, six Loose Cultivators with the highest Cultivation Level at the fifth layer of Qi Cultivation were bound by Yue Zutao using wooden sticks and captured together.

“Have you seen this person?”

Yue Zutao took out a portrait of Yu Lian, and quickly the Loose Cultivators all nodded.

“Some days ago, those Immortal Masters came to this place. He was on the highest mountain peak for three incense sticks’ time, then warned us not to go there.”

“And then?”

“Then he flew away.”

“Did you see which direction he went to?”

“The east.”

After asking these questions, Yue Zutao and his group went to the mountain peak.

They soon discovered traces left by Yu Lian, indicating that Zhu Jinyu hadn’t lied.

After delivering the message, he indeed completely left the Snow-blowing Palace and then came here to offer sacrifices to his deceased Silver Sky Sect fellow disciples.

The four then flew eastward.

It didn't take them long to discover a battlefield.

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"Yu Lian's resistance doesn't seem too intense."

Xie Yuntian, who served as the head of the Sword Training division, had extensive experience in Magic Duels. After inspecting the battlefield, he quickly identified a doubtful point.

"No, it's just that the opponent's strength is far too great, making his resistance seem feeble."

However, Zheng Deming presented a different opinion.

Having killed for nearly a century in the Cloud Dream Ze, he was even more familiar with various traces of battle.

"Could it be Kong Lingling?!"

Upon hearing his words, the name surfaced in the minds of the remaining three.

The only one they could think of, who could render Yu Lian — a cultivator in the midst of Foundation Establishment, who had been by Chen Mobai's side for many years and received Sword Dao teachings — unable to resist, was none other than this Golden Core Cultivator from the Snow-blowing Palace.

"There's a demonic qi of Earth and Fire Spiritual Power at the scene. It must be a top-ranked demonic beast."

But after Zheng Deming employed a secret technique and re-examined the traces of battle, he came to another astonishing conclusion.

“The top-ranked demon beasts in the Eastern Wilderness should have been cleared out by our major factions. Could it be one that slipped over from the Land of Ruins?”

Quan Shanlin furrowed his brows. Although the Snow-blowing Palace wasn't as strong as their own factions, they had been operating on this territory for thousands of years; it seemed impossible for high-tier demon beasts to still exist.

“Let's search the vicinity. Junior Brother Yu Lian's Soul Lantern hasn't shattered yet. We hope to rescue him before the demonic beast consumes him.”

Yue Zutao made a suggestion, which none of the other three opposed.

Soon, Zheng Deming discovered traces of demonic qi that hadn't yet dissipated in the snow, indicating that the beast had captured Yu Lian and fled in a certain direction.

Could it be the beast's hidden lair?

After realizing this, Zheng Deming didn't act rashly; instead, he immediately called the other three over.

“If it's a third-order demonic beast, the four of us might not be able to take it down.”

Although Xie Yuntian was very confident in his combat abilities, he knew that the gap in major realms could not be bridged simply by numbers.

“It could also be a second-order demonic beast at perfection. After all, Junior Brother Yu Lian is only in the middle stage of Foundation Establishment. He couldn't handle such a demonic beast.”

Hoping for the best, Quan Shanlin proposed a possibility. However, the others, being cautious, no longer planned to charge in undeterred, knowing the enemy might be a third-order demonic beast.

“We should notify True Person Fu and Elder Brother Meng.”

The only plan now was to gather nearby Golden Core forces.

Once Xie Yuntian spoke, his suggestion was unanimously approved.

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Northern Abyss City.

Chen Mobai had waited a long time and finally received a visit from Ye Qing!

“Oh, to think that there’s a Devil Cultivator from the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering hidden in the Land of Ruins!”

Chen Mobai couldn’t help but feel shocked upon hearing Ye Qing state the purpose of his visit.

The Demon Sect of Beast Gathering was also one of the eighteen sects of the Demon Path, initially composed of cultivators who betrayed the Human Race and served the demonic beasts.

This lineage, which began as ordinary, had at its highest a Nascent Soul old demon until they took in a half-demon.

The half-demon was born accidentally; his father was an elder from a Human Cultivator family, and his mother was a demon race concubine captured by his father.

The existence of the half-demon was initially disguised, but as he grew, his half-human, half-demon traits became impossible to hide.

After the Eastern Emperor Court became aware of this, they immediately sent experts from the Hall of Ten Directions to annihilate his entire family.

Yet, they allowed the half-demon to escape.

Rejected by the Human Race, the half-demon fled East Land, journeying to East Li, where he was discovered by an elder of the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering and taken in as a disciple.

The motivations of a Magic Daoist Monk were naturally nefarious.

The half-demon endured all manner of experiments; potent bloodlines from various demonic tribes were infused into him to see if his human body could endure and refine them. The aim was to allow Human Race cultivators to maintain their rapid cultivation speeds while also harnessing the Demon Tribe's Innate Divine Abilities.

Finally, after surviving repeated near-death transformations, a peculiar balance was established in the half-demon's body between the eight royal demon beast bloodlines infused and his own mother's tribe's blood. He then evolved into a nine-headed, nine-tailed Demon God Body.

After the metamorphosis, the half-demon immediately devoured his own master.

Three hundred years later, the half-demon's Demon God Body reached perfection, and he also cultivated the Demonic Cultivation of the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering to the unprecedented Spirit Transformation Stage. Combined with nine different Innate Abilities, he possessed extensive Divine Skills and boundless Mana!

Upon achieving perfection in his cultivation, he proclaimed himself the Nine-Headed Great Saint, united the Demon Path with the Eight Great Demon Royal Courts, and began a protracted war with the Eastern Emperor Court.

The Human Emperor led the charge in person, and both sides faced off at the border for eight hundred years.

In the final epic battle, the Nine-Headed Great Saint unleashed all nine Great Divine Powers. Although he killed the current Human Emperor, he was also beheaded by Huashen Zhenjun of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect with the Tai Peacekeeping Sword and fell into the vast unknown.

This battle was also the most ferocious decisive battle between the Human Race and the Demon Race!

Aside from the death in battle of that generation's Human Emperor, the Eastern Emperor Court also lost two Hall Masters of Divinity Transformation from the Hall of Ten Directions and a Huashen Zhenjun (Deity-Transcending True Monarch) of a Holy Land fell.

On the side of the Demon Race, three of the Eight Great Demon Royal Courts vanished forever, and two Demon Dao Gods perished in this battle. Almost half of the top-ranked cultivators in the Eastern Region died on this frontier battlefield.

That was why the heritage of the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering, even on the side of East Li and the Demon Race Royal Courts, caused those who heard of it to pale in fear.

No one wanted to experience such a dreadful war ever again.

However, the Nine-Headed Great Saint of that time was unanimously acknowledged as first in Divine Powers, first in physical strength, and first in the robustness of Mana.

Everyone desired the inheritance he left behind.

Every time it emerged, it stirred up a storm of blood and gore in the Tianhe Realm.

Although it was uncertain if the Devil Cultivator from the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering had the inheritance of the Nine Dragons Great Saint, Jiutian Dangmo Sect always adopted the policy of better to kill wrongfully than to let go.

After all, the Nine-Headed Great Saint had been slain by their ancestors, and if another Nine-Headed Great Saint were to emerge in the situation where the Eastern Emperor Court had already scattered like stars and clouds, they, Jiutian Dangmo Sect, would certainly be the first to be targeted for revenge.

"Do we know the cultivation level of this devil cultivator from the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering?" Chen Mobai asked immediately after realizing the gravity of the situation.

“He used to be a Nascent Soul, but Elder from our sect had slain his original body. Now hiding in the Land of Ruins, is his pre-refined Heavenly Demon Avatar; his true body awoke and was reborn after death. It’s not clear what tail he is following, but after chopping off ninety percent of his Essence, Divine Sense, and True Spirit, it’s impossible for him to re-condense a Nascent Soul.”

After hearing Ye Qing’s explanation, Chen Mobai was slightly surprised.

He had not expected that on this side of the Tianhe Realm, there would also be something akin to transmigration and reincarnation techniques similar to those of dismemberment.

However, it seemed not as precise and perfect as the Antiquity Daoist System from the Immortal Gates, as the reborn Nascent Soul Devil Cultivator from the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering could only cultivate up to Perfect Core Formation.

No wonder Jiutian Dangmo Sect had sent out Ye Qing.

To someone like him, hailed as a prodigy, there were no longer any enemies in the Golden Core Realm.

Indeed, only a Devil Cultivator who once was a Nascent Soul could make him feel pressure on his sword.

This mission might just be his last tempering before Nascent Soul Formation.

Realizing this, Chen Mobai’s expression grew solemn, and he spoke righteously, “If there is anything I can help with, please just ask, True Person Ye. Our Five Elements Sect may not be very powerful, but here in the Eastern Wilderness, our words still carry weight.”

“I was about to ask for Sect Master Chen’s help. The Land of Ruins is vast, with many places even retaining ancient topographies and home to many groups of Demonic Beasts. Although I fear not, I would rather not waste too much Spiritual Power before I confront the Devil Cultivator, so I hope Sect Master Chen can lead the cultivators of the Five Elements Sect to escort me for part of the journey.”

Ye Qing came today precisely to seek help, and with Chen Mobai speaking, he seized the opportunity to lay out his request.

“I will issue a decree to gather an army of cultivators from the Five Elements Sect to escort True Person Ye.”

Chen Mobai inwardly sighed, knowing he couldn't avoid this request. When Jiutian Dangmo Sect asks for assistance, no sect in the entire Tianhe Realm would dare decline.

After all, this was a task of demon eradication.

If declined, who knows if this Holy Land might use that refusal as an excuse to teach a harsh lesson later.

“Sect Master Chen, may I know how many cultivators your sect can dispatch? I will bear the cost of the Spirit Stones.”

Fortunately, Ye Qing also knew the rules well. Hearing Chen Mobai's straightforward agreement, he immediately showed a slight smile, indicating he would sponsor all expenses of this escort mission.

“I need to preside over Northern Abyss City, and recently there's been a surge of Demonic Beasts in Cloud Dream Marsh, so Disciple Nu Jiang and two Golden Core powerhouses of my Wood Vein can't leave either. Brother Mo is in seclusion, and Fu Shixiong is also in Snow Country overseeing the unification of the Mortal World...”

Chen Mobai immediately laid out the facts for Ye Qing, and after calculating, realized that only Zhou Ye and Sheng Zhaoxi of the Earth Vein could act.

“Isn't there also True Person Zhou Shengqing in your sect?”

Ye Qing suddenly interjected with a question.

“Brother Zhou attempted to expedite his Nascent Soul breakthrough last time and rushed too eagerly; he's still recovering and truly unable to make a move.”

Chen Mobai immediately offered the excuse he had ready.

Considering Ye Qing's status, he definitely wouldn't know Zhou Shengqing's situation. It was probably Yu Hai from Sun Bathing Sea who had informed him, possibly to use Ye Qing's mouth to probe whether Zhou Shengqing was dead or alive.

After all, Zhou Shengqing had previously made a show of Golden Core-strength with his reverse Longevity Technique.

But it had been many years, and he had always been in seclusion without showing his face, which had started to arouse the suspicions of the neighboring great powers paying attention to the Five Elements Sect.

It was convenient now to use Ye Qing to probe the situation.

Chen Mobai's response was meticulous, expressing that Zhou Shengqing was still alive but injured; if he showed Nascent Soul strength after coming out of seclusion, it meant he had recovered.

Ye Qing didn't mind, as in his view, it was practically impossible for Zhou Shengqing, a Golden Core Cultivator who grew up in the Eastern Wilderness, to achieve Nascent Soul.

"After the army is prepared, please notify me, Sect Master Chen. I am staying at Wu Business Pavilion."

After saying these words, Ye Qing turned around to leave.

"True Person Ye, I greatly admire East Land and wonder if I could have the honor to ask you about the local customs and culture of East Land."

Chen Mobai immediately called out to him; this was a genuine core figure from the central regions of the Eastern Region, a cultivator from the Eastern Earth Holy Land.

He just so happened to want to inquire about the "First Origin Dao Palace!"