

## World 1321

Chapter 1321: Killing Kong Lingling The Hair-thin Slash descended!

But a wave of chilling Spiritual Power suddenly erupted, forming an Ice Wall, blocking the Primordial Yang Sword Evil.

“Sect Master Chen taking advantage at a moment of weakness, hardly the action of an honorable man.”

Kong Lingling, enveloped within the Ice Wall, slowly rose from within the massive locust skeleton, and as she spoke, the creature also retreated to her side.

“When dealing with a Magic Daoist Monk, there’s no need for courtesy.”

Chen Mobai felt Kong Lingling’s aura and couldn’t help but frown slightly, as she had already reached the Core Formation Late Stage. Moreover, her Spiritual Power was even more potent and concentrated than typical for that stage, seemingly originating from the same source as the Fifth-Order Restriction here.

In that moment, Chen Mobai recollected the early days of the Eastern Wilderness, when Pioneer Cultivators encountered overwhelming swarms of locusts here, which were eventually dealt with by the holy land of Ice and Snow.

Could it be that this was left by the Divinity Transformation of that Holy Land?

After this thought flashed through his mind, Chen Mobai then turned to the humanoid yet unhumanlike little creature by Kong Lingling, as well as the giant locust Mother transformed into a skeleton.

His speculation was largely confirmed.

“I have merely nurtured a Spirit Beast which looks a bit terrifying; Sect Master Chen should not wrongfully label me as a practitioner of the Demon Path.”

Naturally, Kong Lingling would not admit to this, as the Jiutian Dangmo Sect held dominion over the six realms of the Eastern Region. Although she knew her Cultivation was likely of the Demon Path, she would stubbornly deny it.

“Whether it is true or not, our sect’s cultivator’s life hangs in the balance here, and True Person Kong must provide me an explanation.”

As he spoke, Chen Mobai’s figure flickered, appearing in front of Yu Lian, and after checking his condition and finding he still had signs of life, he breathed a sigh of relief.

“Our Sect’s cultivator was injured and unconscious outside; my Spirit Beast kindly saved him and brought him back. Is Sect Master Chen blaming me for this wrong?”

Kong Lingling’s words caused Chen Mobai to frown slightly; he had never encountered such shamelessness.

“If that is the case, then please, True Person Kong, open the gate so I can take this disciple out.”

Chen Mobai could leave at any time, but since Yu Lian had not refined the Array into his body and couldn’t use the Underworld Array for Teleportation, Kong Lingling pretended, so he played along.

“Sect Master Chen took advantage of me while I was meditating and tried to kill me; shouldn’t you explain this?”

Kong Lingling coldly retorted.

“Then let’s wait for people from the Jiutian Dangmo Sect to come. I just visited the Ruins with Taoist Ye Qing, and we separated not long ago; they should still be in the East Barbarians. I will send a message. If the Jiutian Dangmo Sect confirms that True Person Kong has not practiced Demonic Cultivation, I will naturally apologize.”

Upon hearing this, Kong Lingling’s expression changed, and a murderous intent flashed in her eyes.

Once people from the Jiutian Dangmo Sect arrived, she presumed she wouldn't even have a chance to explain.

"Kill him!"

At this point, Kong Lingling finally dropped her disguise and coldly shouted.

Upon her command, the small creature by her side let out a hoarse scream, transforming into a yellow-green shadow, charging towards Chen Mobai.

But at that moment, Chen Mobai cast out a green leaf.

It was a Rank-4 Spirit Leaf Talisman that Zhou Shengqing had once given him.

Once activated, it immediately formed a green protective dome. No matter from which direction the creature attacked, it was blocked by distinct green leaves, unable to break through.

"I hope this works!"

Chen Mobai looked at the unconscious Yu Lian, murmuring to himself.

Then his body shimmered with silver light as he began breaking through the Void, vanishing from the spot.

"An Escape Sky Talisman? No, it's the True Void Law Body!"

Kong Lingling witnessed this scene, her expression drastically changing as she lightly waved her hand, Coagulating Water into Sword, drawing the potent Ice Spiritual Qi from the cave, jointly attacking with the demonic creature.

However, the defensive power of the Rank-4 Spirit Leaf Talisman was strong, only a Rank-4 attack could break it.

Although she was already at the Core Formation Late Stage, even benefited by the nourishment from the Demonic Sacred Embryo growing stronger by the moment, she was, after all, a mere Golden Core Cultivator without any Rank-4 techniques.

On the other hand, the Demonic Sacred Embryo was inherently a Rank-4 entity, but being newly born, it required some time to absorb earth and fire Spiritual Energies to grow into a Rank-4 entity.

Seeing she couldn't break through the Spirit Leaf Talisman's defense and Chen Mobai had deployed the True Void Law Body to escape, Kong Lingling became anxious.

If the Taoists from the Jiutian Dangmo Sect really were called over, even the Ice Palace from the East Land would have to yield.

Let alone her, a Core Formation cultivator from a remote part of the Eastern Wilderness.

She must kill him to prevent any leaks.

With this thought, she saw the Demonic Sacred Embryo still attacking the Spirit Leaf Talisman and immediately yelled to stop.

Although the strength of the Talisman was limited and could be broken shortly with continuous attacks, the life and death of the mere Yu Lian wasn't as critical as stopping Chen Mobai.

Besides, Yu Lian couldn't escape from here, perhaps after killing Chen Mobai and returning, the power of the Spirit Leaf Talisman would have already been exhausted.

Thinking this, the anxious Kong Lingling immediately took the Demonic Sacred Embryo with her, deploying her Ice Heaven Cultivation, and passed through the Ice Wall at the entrance of the cave!

It seemed she was in luck; as she stepped out of the Ice Wall, Chen Mobai also just stepped out from the Void.

Seeing her, Chen Mobai's expression shifted, seemingly not expecting her to follow so quickly, and immediately turned to run out of the cave.

Chapter 1322: Slay Kong Lingling\_2

"Child, he is your mother's enemy, kill him quickly."

Kong Lingling saw Chen Mobai turn and run without giving it much thought and immediately commanded the Demonic Sacred Embryo to pursue him, while she herself executed the Ice Heaven Cultivation, intending to activate the array prohibition set up in the cave, hoping to slay Chen Mobai in the shortest time possible.

However, just as she started to mobilize her spiritual power, she discovered that the prohibition she set up had been almost completely destroyed.

What's going on?

Had Chen Guixian discovered this place and directly led the Five Elements Sect's army here?

And used the number of cultivators to flatten the prohibitions of this forbidden area?

Because this cave had always been protected by the Rank-5 power of ice and snow, it had never faced danger, so Kong Lingling had been somewhat relaxed here.

But at this moment, a sense of ominous premonition flashed through her heart.

At the same time, Chen Mobai had already drawn out the Purple Electric Sword, unleashed the Roaring Sword Light to repel the Demonic Sacred Embryo, and his whole figure flashed with silver light again, seemingly about to teleport away with the True Void Law Body.

Seeing this scene, Kong Lingling suppressed all the distractions in her mind. She knew that if this man in front of her escaped, the exposure of her practice of demonic cultivation would mean she and the entire Snow-blowing Palace would likely be exterminated by the Jiutian Dangmo Sect!

“Sect Master Chen, you must die here today!”

With a stern shout, Kong Lingling took out her Lifespan Artifact, the Cold Moon Twin Hooks, and executed the Art of Ice Evasion, slashing at Chen Mobai.

But another Rank-4 Spirit Leaf Talisman was activated, firmly protecting Chen Mobai within it, blocking the Cold Moon Twin Hooks and the physical assault of the Demonic Sacred Embryo.

Chen Mobai fought as he retreated, relying on the Spirit Leaf Talisman to fly towards the ground.

Kong Lingling, filled with urgency, immediately followed.

The two of them and the demon, like three spheres of light, burst forth with tremendous spiritual power fluctuations, constantly flashing and clashing. In the blink of an eye, they had already left the vicinity of the ice wall.

Watching Chen Mobai’s figure turn a corner, Kong Lingling first commanded the Demonic Sacred Embryo to follow, then pursued herself.

But just as the Demonic Sacred Embryo rushed past the corner and disappeared, it let out an anxious roar, causing her whole body to tremble.

This meant danger!

Kong Lingling immediately stopped her escape skill, but as she turned around, a figure shrouded in purple light flames suddenly rushed out from another corner, wielding a wooden knife, and blocked her way.

“Fu Zongjue, you actually came too!”

The Cold Moon Twin Hooks clashed with the Purple Sun Puppet in one exchange. With the powerful ice spiritual qi here and her profound cultivation level, Kong Lingling gained the upper hand slightly, pushing Fu Zongjue’s puppet body back.

“If Kong True Person surrenders willingly, when Taoist Ye Qing of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect arrives, I might still be able to plead on your behalf, spare a few innocent people of the Snow-blowing Palace, and preserve your lineage.”

Amidst flickering flames, Chen Mobai, wielding the Purple Electric Sword, had already flashed behind Kong Lingling, blocking her path back to the ice wall.

“Pompous words! Even if you two join forces, you will not be a match for my child!”

At this time, Kong Lingling’s face began to contort fiercely. She was ready to disregard everything and let the Demonic Sacred Embryo burn its essence blood to unleash Rank-4 power.

Although this meant that the growth of the sacred embryo to Rank-4 would be greatly slowed down, in the current situation, she could not care about that anymore.

“Just fine, both of you are here. Once I slaughter you both, the Five Elements Sect will crumble again, and when I advance to the Nascent Soul, the entire Eastern Wilderness will be mine.”

As Kong Lingling spoke, a chilling and eerie blue light began to shine in her eyes, starting to remotely stimulate the original power of the Demonic Sacred Embryo.

Immediately, a terrifying demonic aura erupted from the corner of the cave tunnel, drawing a surprised shout.

“Since Kong True Person refuses to see reason, then it’s no wonder we resort to the many against the few. Dying at the hands of we three brothers of the Wood Vein, you can consider yourself fortunate.”

Chen Mobai currently shared the same thought as Kong Lingling had just now, to deal with her quickly to prevent any further complications.

“Three people?”

Kong Lingling’s face first showed confusion, then suddenly changed.

“Zhou Shengqing is here too? Impossible, didn’t he die from a failed Nascent Soul Formation?”

For over twenty years, there had been no news of Zhou Shengqing. Although, at Giant Tree Ridge, the power he wielded with the reverse Longevity Technique was indeed the strength of the Nascent Soul Realm. However, after such a long time without a trace, practically everyone thought he was dead.

Even within the Divine Wood Sect, King Zhou Wangshen believed that his venerable ancestor had employed a forbidden technique, using “Nascent Soul Formation” to lure out all Golden Core Cultivators in the Eastern Wilderness who bore hostility towards the Sect, burning his last essence, qi, and spirit to clear the Sect’s obstacles.

“I’m still alive, much to True Person Kong’s disappointment.”

Zhou Shengqing’s voice arose from around the corner of the passageway as his figure walked out slowly.

Kong Lingling’s pupils couldn’t help but constrict upon seeing him.

But then, an even more despairing scene unfolded before her.

She saw Zhou Shengqing’s left palm holding a deep green cage fashioned from electric light. Her trump card, the Demonic Sacred Embryo, was trapped within this cage, unable to break free.

Kong Lingling could sense that the Demonic Sacred Embryo had, following her instructions, ignited its foundational essence blood and unleashed a fourth-order demonic aura.

With every roaring collision, the deep green electric light that made up the cage would twist and dim.

Yet under the never-ending infusion of Zhou Shengqing's incredibly profound Longevity True Qi, the cage would restore itself in an instant, its light even brighter than before.

"This demon is somewhat powerful indeed; had it not been trapped in advance, it might not have been so easy to capture given the strength it has unleashed."

Although Zhou Shengqing said this, his demeanor was as casual as an old man strolling with a bird, entirely at ease.

"You've reached Nascent Soul! This is impossible!"

Kong Lingling's eyes went wide in disbelief at this realization.

But the ease with which Zhou Shengqing suppressed the Demonic Sacred Embryo, even as it burned its source, indicated to her that this was the only answer.

Without being a Nascent Soul Cultivator, this feat simply wouldn't be possible.

"True Person Kong, do you have any last words?"

Chen Mobai held the Purple Electric Sword towards Kong Lingling, ready to dispatch her.

"Aren't you going to hand me over to the Jiutian Dangmo Sect?"

After Zhou Shengqing entered the fray with Nascent Soul Realm strength, Kong Lingling knew she had no chance of turning the tables and couldn't help but show a bitter smile.

"If the Jiutian Dangmo Sect were to arrive, your life and death would be in their hands. I think it would be better to eliminate the demon here and now, to avenge our Sect's disciples."

Although Chen Mobai's relations with Ye Qing and the others were decent, since he had the chance to slay Kong Lingling within this cave, he couldn't let this opportunity slip by.

After all, the Snow-blowing Palace was a force that could ascend to the East Land; to prevent any complications, it might be better to execute her on the spot.

While they spoke, Zhou Shengqing and the Purple Sun Puppet of Fu Zongjue closed in from both sides.

"Could you perhaps give me a chance to live? I can submit to the Five Elements Sect, and even hand over the Demonic Sacred Embryo to you. It is still young; with careful cultivation and feeding of sufficient spiritual objects, it can easily grow into a fourth-order being, with a long lifespan capable of protecting a Sect for a thousand years."

At this critical moment, Kong Lingling still wanted to cling to life, her slightly frail voice addressing the three.

On hearing this, the trio was indeed surprised.

They all looked toward the beast encased within the cage in Zhou Shengqing's palm.

"True Person Kong must die here today, but if you divulge something of interest to us, my previous promise still stands: I won't exterminate the entire Snow-blowing Palace lineage."

After seeking the opinions of Zhou Shengqing and Fu Zongjue, all agreed that if they could control a fourth-order demon beast, it would be a significant boon for their Sect.

"Truly, you can't spare me!"

For Kong Lingling, even the combined value of everyone in the Snow-blowing Palace wasn't as important as her own life.

Hearing this, Chen Mobai knew there was no need to continue the negotiation.

Fierce light flickered in Zhou Shengqing's eyes as he made his move with the Heavenly Wood God Needle.

Kong Lingling's ice wall, conjured with all her might, shattered at the touch of the azure Light Needle. Instantly, her Dantian Qi Sea was breached, her cultivation obliterated, and her once smooth and jade-like skin instantly crinkled, turning her into a decrepit old crone.

Chen Mobai swung his sword, severing her head.

Chapter 1323: Ten-thousand-year Warm Jade After Kong Lingling's head had fallen, the Demonic Sacred Embryo that had been struggling ceased its movements.

However, Zhou Shengqing did not relax his vigilance—the Wood Cage Prison still bound it tightly, allowing no chance for escape.

“I'll go inside and check on Yu Lian's condition; as for Kong Lingling's storage bag, I'll trouble Shixiong to examine it.”

Chen Mobai, concerned for what was behind the ice wall, obtained some elixirs from Zhou Shengqing and Fu Zongjue that a Foundation Establishment practitioner could use to recover Elemental Energy, and promptly cast the Underworld Array.

The Rank-4 Spirit Leaf Talisman continued to work.

It was like a green light shield wrapping the unconscious Yu Lian.

Unless someone actively dispelled it, Chen Mobai estimated it would take about half a month to dissipate.

Such was the power of a Nascent Soul.

A hastily conjured Defensive Magic Talisman, which would require full effort and even sustained attacks for a Golden Core Cultivator to potentially break through, was to them a mere flick of the wrist.

Chen Mobai removed the Spirit Leaf Talisman, took Yu Lian's pulse, and found his Spiritual Power was nearly drained, his vitality severely depleted, as if he had been regularly bled.

Fortunately, a faint, enduring warmth in his heart kept his life force stable.

Chen Mobai recalled Yu Lian once mentioned he took a Fire Lotus as a child; unexpectedly, its medicinal power lingered to this day.

Selecting an elixir to restore Elemental Energy, Chen Mobai placed it in Yu Lian's mouth, then drew a Rank-2 Resurrection Talisman on the spot and slapped it onto his body.

Lastly, he infused a strand of his Spiritual Power into Yu Lian, using the Flame Lighting Technique to aid Yu Lian in refining and absorbing the elixir's potency.

Under his careful attention, Yu Lian finally awoke.

"Sect Leader..."

Yu Lian opened his eyes and saw Chen Mobai in front of him; he struggled to rise and pay his respects but was immediately stopped by Chen Mobai.

"Rest well. Kong Lingling has been slain by us—the place is now safe."

Upon hearing this, Yu Lian's tense body immediately relaxed.

Perhaps another quarter of an hour passed, and the elixir's effects were fully absorbed, bringing a slight flush of color to his pale and thin cheeks. Chen Mobai then fed him a Fasting Pill.

Though tasteless, the pill could provide all the nutrients necessary for bodily functions.

“Sect Leader, Kong Lingling raised a man-eating demonic beast.”

Having regained some vigor, Yu Lian rose and reported to Chen Mobai, who nodded, indicating he already knew.

“These corpses must be what Kong Lingling fed to the demonic beast—truly an act of utter depravity.”

Chen Mobai’s expression grew colder as he gazed upon the plethora of bones strewn about the cave.

Even if one did not practice Demonic Cultivation Techniques, such conduct was indistinguishable from the Demon Path.

“Sect Leader, there is something else. Among these skeletons is one of the Sect’s long missing Shixiong, Fu.”

Yu Lian disclosed another piece of news that shocked Chen Mobai. Following Yu Lian’s indication, he approached one of the skeletons.

It was a dry skeleton, clothed in the dark silver Dao robes of a past elder from the Penalty Evil Hall of the Divine Wood Sect—garb that only a Foundation Establishment Elder had the right to wear. Hanging on the skeleton’s waist was a jade token engraved with the character “Fu.”

It was given to Fu Xingzhou when he had just begun Qi Cultivation, a token of Fu Zongjue’s happiness.

Fu Zongjue had circulated the matter of the missing Fu Xingzhou throughout the Sect to assist in the search.

After being captured here, Yu Lian remained bound, able to do nothing but be periodically bled.

Kong Lingling did not expect him to escape, knowing his connection to Fu Xingzhou, deliberately mentioned the matter after a cultivation session.

Perhaps she had suppressed it for too long.

After all, cultivating Demonic Cultivation Techniques, she did not dare reveal everything even to her Direct Disciples. She only told them that she had nurtured a Saint Embryo capable of Nascent Soul Formation; whenever the Heavenly Demon Avatar was around, it was veiled in a mist of ice.

So, when confronted with Yu Lian who was fated to be drained of Spiritual Power and Essence Blood to death, she couldn't help but reveal many deep-seated secrets.

She even disclosed to Yu Lian that the Demonic Sacred Embryo was conceived from the combination of Fu Xingzhou's Yuan Yang and her Original Yin.

Another secret that caused Yu Lian much pain was that the swift downfall of the Silver Sky Sect after they moved to Snow Country was due to her machinations.

Apart from coveting the legacy of Eternal Sect, she found the Silver Sky Sect, located not far from this cave, an eyesore.

The more Yu Lian knew, the more he despaired.

For that meant his death was ever nearer—he had never imagined he would be rescued by Chen Mobai.

“Alas, I should go out and inform Fu Shixiong.”

Chen Mobai, upon hearing this, was also stunned. Remembering the monster's form, he sighed before speaking.

The news that Fu Zongjue had come to his rescue moved Yu Lian profoundly, his sense of belonging to the Sect reaching its peak at this moment.

Outside the ice wall!

When Fu Zongjue heard of Fu Xingzhou's death, his face etched with grief, he turned to smash Kong Lingling's corpse into bits, venting his inner fury.

Chen Mobai promptly shared another piece of news with him.

When Fu Zongjue heard that the Demonic Sacred Embryo was the child of Fu Xingzhou and Kong Lingling, he stood there, stunned.

Even Zhou Shengqing's eyes widened, disbelieving.

Chapter 1324: Ten-thousand-year Warm Jade\_2

"In that case, should we not notify the Jiutian Dangmo Sect?"

Originally, according to their plan, after killing Kong Lingling, they would try to control the demonic beast, and if they couldn't, they would report the matter to the Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

Because the evidence was conclusive, the Snow-blowing Palace definitely could not dissociate itself from the matter.

Once the Snow-blowing Palace was eradicated, their Fourth Grade Spirit Vein and medium-sized spirit stone mine would have to be taken over by the Five Elements Sect.

But once the Jiutian Dangmo Sect got involved, the Demonic Sacred Embryo would certainly not survive.

"Senior brother, junior brother, why not let me take care of it for a few years first? If it's truly wild and untamable, then we can report the matter."

Fu Zongjue hesitated for a moment, looking at the Demonic Sacred Embryo inside the Yimu Prison, watching Kong Lingling's corpse in a daze, and, thinking about how it was related to the Fu family's bloodline, he gritted his teeth and spoke.

"Since junior brother has requested it, there are naturally no problems."

Zhou Shengqing nodded, and Chen Mobai had no objections.

After all, if they could really tame it, a fourth-rank demonic beast could allow the Five Elements Sect to dominate the Eastern Wilderness for hundreds of years.

Considering Fu Zongjue's capabilities, Zhou Shengqing deployed a talisman that sealed both the demonic qi and spiritual power of the Demonic Sacred Embryo. The latter did not resist and continued to gaze dazedly at Kong Lingling's corpse, allowing him to do as he wished.

After completing all these tasks, Zhou Shengqing then emptied out the contents of Kong Lingling's storage bag.

A large pile of crystalline, translucent spirit stones.

Many books and jade slips.

About a dozen jade boxes sealed with spirit talismans.

Two large bags of Rank-3 Spirit Rice, which Zhou Shengqing recognized as both Coiling Dragon Spirit Rice and Fire Crystal Rice from the Sun Bathing Sea—Kong Lingling's usual meals.

And various other miscellaneous items of women's clothes and skirts, which occupied most of the storage bag's space.

The spirit stones were mostly superior quality ones; Zhou Shengqing had scanned them with his divine sense and had already counted the quantity.

Over 1,300 pieces, of which Zhou Shengqing, finding little use for the spirit stones himself, only took a small portion, leaving a thousand to be divided equally between Chen Mobai and Fu Zongjue.

The spirit rice was also divided equally; although Chen Mobai did not need it, he could still bestow it upon his disciples, which was a polite gesture.

After examining the books and jade slips, the three discovered that they were the complete inheritance of the Snow-blowing Palace for Rank-3 and above.

There were also some spells and secret techniques that Kong Lingling had collected herself, which were useful to her.

Among these, what shocked them the most was a sinister cultivation technique called "The Technique of Demon Foetus Transformation"!

After finishing reading, they finally understood where this Demonic Sacred Embryo came from.

"It seems somewhat similar to the path of the Beast Commanding Sect."

After finishing reading, Zhou Shengqing said with some uncertainty.

The Beast Commanding Sect was a major sect in the East Land, requiring a cultivator to grow and cultivate together with a companion beast, reportedly tracing its inheritance back to the Holy Land of the Ten Thousand Spirits Sect in Central State.

But Chen Mobai thought of the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering.

It was said that both the Beast Commanding Sect and the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering were inheritances of the Ten Thousand Spirits Sect, only that the latter had deviated and, because it bred the

monster known as the Nine-Headed Great Saint, causing havoc among living beings, it was forever categorized under the Demon Path, unable to redeem itself.

Not long ago, Chen Mobai had just entered the Ruins with Ye Qing to help the latter slay a devil cultivator from the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering.

Perhaps this “The Technique of Demon Foetus Transformation” that Kong Lingling practiced was taught by that devil cultivator?

Zhou Shengqing might have thought of this as well, but East Continent still held the Jiutian Dangmo Sect as a Holy Land, and any words related to the Demon Path were better left unspoken, so he mentioned the Beast Commanding Sect instead.

Mainly, there was no way to verify this now since that devil cultivator had already been slain by Ye Qing.

“We three know about this matter, and that should suffice.”

At this time, Zhou Shengqing spoke again, then ground the “The Technique of Demon Foetus Transformation” into dust.

Fu Zongjue was not interested in the inheritance of the Snow-blowing Palace, but Chen Mobai had copied a portion for himself.

Finally, there were the thirteen sealed jade boxes.

With a wave of his sleeve, Zhou Shengqing directly peeled off all the spirit talismans attached, which were set by Kong Lingling and would self-destruct if a Golden Core cultivator handled them.

But for Zhou Shengqing, a Fourth-Rank Talisman Master and a Nascent Soul Cultivator, these were mere minor challenges.

Chen Mobai was actually capable of achieving the same using the methods of the Immortal Gate; however, Zhou Shengqing had already handled it, so he directly started examining the treasures collected and cherished by Kong Lingling.

“This is Ten-thousand-year Warm Jade, rank-4 Water Mist Ice Crystal, and also Ice Marrow Pure Jade, and there’s even an Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone...”

Even for someone of Zhou Shengqing’s stature, the sight of the items within the jade box made his eyes widen in astonishment.

Among them, there were three pieces of rank-4 Water Mist Ice Crystal and two pieces of Ice Marrow Pure Jade. These were spiritual objects used in the Core Formation at the Snow-blowing Palace and were also extremely beneficial for cultivators practicing Water Vein cultivation techniques.

Besides these, there were many rank-3 and rank-4 medicinal herbs, two of which were even as precious as the Void-filling Ganoderma from their Wood Vein.

This must have been the accumulation of centuries at the Snow-blowing Palace.

Yet, the item Zhou Shengqing could not bear to part with was that “Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone.”

Like the Mother Earth Stone at Mountain Shaker Peak, it was a mutated supreme-grade spirit stone. If he had had it earlier, he could have achieved Perfect Core Formation thirty years earlier and attempted “Nascent Soul Formation.”

However, in Chen Mobai’s view, the greatest use of the Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone was that it could disperse and form a Fourth-order Water Vein.

Placed in Rainbow Country, it could perfectly create a vast oasis lake at the end of Dark Water.

In the future, whether for desert reclamation, sustenance for Luo Yixuan, or cultivation for Yin Qingmei, it presented multiple benefits.

“There’s also a piece of Ten-thousand-year Warm Jade here.”

At that moment, Fu Zongjue, who was leading the Demonic Sacred Embryo with a wooden stick, gathered Kong Lingling’s corpse to cremate it, but noticed a red ribbon tied around her neck and discovered it was Ten-thousand-year Warm Jade.

The old ancestors of the Eastern Wilderness were indeed wealthy!

At this time, this was the only thought in Chen Mobai’s mind.

“I have no use for these. You two junior brothers can divide them.”

Although Zhou Shengqing was captivated by the Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone, he eventually let out a sigh.

Neither Chen Mobai nor Fu Zongjue hesitated.

“I want to use this Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone to create a Fourth-order Water Vein in Rainbow Country.”

Chen Mobai mentioned his idea, and neither Zhou Shengqing nor Fu Zongjue objected, directly yielding the Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone to him.

However, they also reached an agreement that if Fu Zongjue’s Longevity Scripture advanced to Core Formation Late Stage in the future, he would take the Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone for cultivation.

Chen Mobai naturally agreed.

Having taken the Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone, Fu Zongjue picked an extra piece of Water Mist Ice Crystal.

Both the Ten-thousand-year Warm Jade and the Ice Marrow Pure Jade were divided, each receiving one piece.

After the distribution, Chen Mobai remembered Yu Lian, who was trapped behind the ice wall.

According to their conjecture, he might need to cultivate the Ice Heaven Cultivation to the Golden Core Realm to freely enter and exit.

“We can only let him stay inside and cultivate well for now. Junior brother, please deliver some necessities and cultivation resources to him first. Later on, you might need to make trips every once in a while.”

Chen Mobai nodded; this was a minor issue for him as the cold climate here would not spoil the food if he sent more.

By preparing more Fasting Pills, it would even be possible to visit only every few years.

In fact, Chen Mobai had another method, which was to use the Turtle Treasure to take Yu Lian to the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

However, considering the importance of the Turtle Treasure, he decided against it.

“It is hard on you, Sect Leader. I will definitely cultivate diligently here.”

Yu Lian, who was very frail and skinny, was quite philosophical about his fate. Surviving was already a stroke of luck.

“I will keep an eye on the Snow-blowing Palace. If anyone achieves Core Formation, I will immediately have her bring you out. Also, here is the technique for cultivating the Void Law Body. I will send over some Void Stones later; if you manage to master this, you might even be able to break out on your own.”

Chen Mobai took out a blank jade slip, engraved it with the True Void cultivation technique, and alongside a storage bag filled with Spirit Rice, Fasting Pills, and other resources, handed them to Yu Lian.

“Thank you, Sect Leader!”

The frail and weak Yu Lian rose to pay his respects to Chen Mobai but was stopped.

“You are weak in body, focus on recuperating. Given the abundance of time here, I will bring some books the next time I visit. Is there anything in particular you would like?”

Chapter 1325: Dividing the Dan (7k)

Yu Lian hesitated after hearing this but still voiced the dream he had harbored since childhood.

“Sect Leader, I want to become a swordsmith.”

A swordsmith?

Chen Mobai was somewhat surprised.

This was one type of Artifact Refiner, but because Flying Swords are most needed by Cultivators among all artifacts, in the Tianhe Realm, the profession of a swordsmith was specifically distinguished.

“Alright, next time I will bring over all the materials related to Artifact Refining from the sect, and you can choose the content related to swordsmithing to study.”

After Chen Mobai finished speaking, he thought that if Yu Lian were to stay here for a long time, he needed to ensure that his Cultivation Technique was maintained.

So, he asked about Yu Lian’s Cultivation progress.

Yu Lian, with his exceptional Metal Spirit Root, was cultivating the Silver Sky Thousand Absoluteness Sword Scripture.

This technique was previously considered one of the signature techniques of the Wangu Sect, capable of being cultivated up to the Core Formation Late Stage.

Chen Mobai had once helped him deduce the realm of Foundation Establishment and was familiar with it, so it did not take long for him to guide Yu Lian through the pathway to Foundation Establishment Completion using a Formless Puppet.

Although Yu Lian's body was very weak, he still mustered his energy and eagerly noted down every word Chen Mobai spoke.

This was an opportunity that all the Eastern Wasteland Cultivators dreamed of.

After listening, Yu Lian's understanding of the Silver Sky Thousand Absoluteness Sword Scripture jumped up a level, and at least he had no doubts about how to cultivate to the Foundation Establishment Late Phase.

"This is the original scripture of the All Laws Persona, one of the Twenty-Four Great Dao Techniques of the Longevity Sect, named 'External Incarnation.' I will also pass this on to you. If you can cultivate it successfully, I will present you with Creation upon your emergence."

Afraid that Yu Lian would be bored, Chen Mobai assigned him another task.

After all, it was Yu Lian who had gifted him the All Laws Persona, so this was somewhat of a repayment of karma.

"Thank you, Sect Leader, for bestowing the technique upon me!"

After inscribing the External Incarnation on the Jade Slip, Chen Mobai also left Yu Lian with fifty Top-grade Spirit Stones, which were enough for him to cultivate to Foundation Establishment Completion.

“Sect Leader, there’s one more thing. I don’t know if it’s true, but Kong Lingling said that after her Core Formation, she went to the Dongtu Ice Heaven Palace and left a Soul Lantern there.”

Upon hearing Yu Lian’s words, Chen Mobai’s expression became slightly grave.

The reason why the Ancestor Hunyuan had maintained the Snow-blowing Palace was precisely because they had the support of the Ice Palace in the background.

This power was established from the remnants of a Holy Land. Although there was now only a single Nascent Soul overseeing it, no one knew whether there was still some legacy from the Holy Land remaining.

It was common knowledge in the Eastern Wilderness that after Core Formation, each generation of Snow-blowing Palace Cultivators would make a trip to the East Land.

If everything Kong Lingling had confided to Yu Lian were true, then her death should already be known to the Ice Palace by now.

Within the entire Eastern Wilderness, only their Five Elements Sect could have killed Kong Lingling silently and without a trace.

Unable to conceal the matter, Chen Mobai quickly thought of the best solution.

“It seems we inevitably need to report this after all.”

Although in the Eastern Wilderness they were not overly fearful of the Ice Palace, Chen Mobai, upon holding the moral high ground, was not inclined to engage in a major conflict with the Ice Palace.

After making Yu Lian recall everything Kong Lingling had said in full detail, Chen Mobai left the place.

Outside the ice wall, upon hearing about Kong Lingling’s Soul Lantern in the Ice Palace, both Zhou Shengqing and Fu Zongjue also showed a subtle change in their expressions.

After the great calamity, the Holy Land of ice and snow had fractured, splitting into several Nascent Soul Major Factions.

The Ice Heaven Palace was one of them, and due to their ancestral mentor's connection to the Snow-blowing Palace, they found the news to be credible.

"Junior Brother, what do you think?"

Zhou Shengqing asked directly for Chen Mobai's opinion.

If it came to a fight, with their home advantage, they certainly would not fear the Ice Palace.

But if they could avoid a confrontation, it would be best.

After all, the Ice Palace had some influence in the East Land; if they called upon a few Nascent Soul friends, they might only be able to defend their Main Camp at Giant Tree Ridge.

"What about reporting to the Jiutian Dangmo Sect?"

Chen Mobai voiced his idea.

This?

Zhou Shengqing hesitated, glancing at Fu Zongjue beside him. The latter, frowning and looking at the Demonic Sacred Embryo in his care, finally gritted his teeth and nodded.

"Once the Jiutian Dangmo Sect arrives, we will all need to swear on our Dao Heart, so let's align our statements first."

Chen Mobai saw that Zhou Shengqing and Fu Zongjue agreed, and nodded as he began to outline his plan.

They did not need to lie, just tell the truth: they had been searching for a missing disciple and found this mysterious Cave, where they discovered Kong Lingling engaging in demonic practices.

Since they could not confirm whether the Technique of Demon Foetus Transformation was a Demonic Cultivation Technique, they needed a consistent story: that Kong Lingling brutally murdered their sect's Disciple Fu Xingzhou and even imprisoned Yu Lian, extracting his Essence Blood and Spiritual Power daily.

With this ample reason, their suspicion of Kong Lingling practicing a Demonic Cultivation Technique, coupled with concern for their disciples' safety, justified their action in executing her.

By the time the Jiutian Dangmo Sect and Ice Palace representatives arrived, all they needed to do was bring them here to see the scattered corpses beyond the ice wall and the imprisoned Yu Lian as the most convincing evidence.

"Let's just follow what Junior Brother has suggested."

After hearing the plan, Zhou Shengqing nodded in agreement. With this arrangement, it was estimated that they would have to hand over the Demonic Sacred Embryo.

Only, there was one issue.

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"How to contact the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect was the issue—if someone were sent from the Eastern Wilderness to the East Land, it would take too long. And even after reporting, without solid evidence, the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect might not be willing to send someone over.

After all, in the Tianhe Realm, luring opposing sect members into practicing demonic cultivation and then reporting them to the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect was a common occurrence.

Therefore, the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect had become extremely cautious regarding dispatching their members.

“When Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen left, they each gave me a Message Talisman. Our cooperation in the ruins was quite pleasant, so they ought to give me this face; even if they are busy, they should send someone to make the trip. And if luck would have it that they’re still in the East Barbarians, perhaps they might even come in person.”

Chen Mobai’s words made Zhou Shengqing nod in relief.

Having someone from the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect involved, the efficiency of handling matters would be entirely different.

The three of them discussed their testimonies carefully, for when the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect arrived, it was mandatory to issue a Daoist Heart Oath to ensure truthfulness and accuracy.

They needed to ensure that there were no traces of contamination with the Demon Path.

For them, this wasn’t considered difficult.

After all, The Technique of Demon Foetus Transformation was not on the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect’s list of recognized demonic cultivation techniques, but one couldn’t be sure if the name of the technique had been changed, so careful consideration was needed in case they were questioned about it.

However, the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect also had its own bottom line when it came to demonic cultivation techniques.

That was to make a Daoist Heart Oath and refrain from practicing them.

Because thousands of years ago, within the East Land, a small sect had reported that disciples of a Nascent Soul Major Faction were practicing demonic cultivation.

After verification, the truth of the matter was confirmed.

However, the real cause that came to light afterward dumbfounded the itinerant enforcers of the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect.

The demonic cultivation technique in question was a Dual Cultivation method from the Summon Cloud Demon Sect, and a Female Cultivator of the small sect, who had been deceived and abandoned by a True Disciple of the Nascent Soul Major Faction, found this technique in a fit of rage and seduced the male disciples of the Major Faction.

The Female Cultivator was beautiful and alluring, with a skin like creamy jade, and having practiced the Dual Cultivation technique, she naturally caused those weak-willed Major Faction male disciples to loosen their belts.

During this process, the Female Cultivator claimed that the men's skills were lacking and, to prolong their pleasure, she had them practice the Summon Cloud Demon Sect's Dual Cultivation technique.

Until she had enticed all the male disciples of the Nascent Soul Major Faction, she then reported them to the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect.

After the investigation, according to the rules of the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect, they were destined to be killed.

But these male disciples were very clearly framed.

It would be too heartless to kill them all.

Yet, the rules set by the ancestors couldn't be broken.

So, the then Taoist Child of the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect could only make the tough decision, executing both the reporting Female Cultivator and those weak-willed male disciples who had been seduced into practicing the Dual Cultivation demonic technique.

However, after returning, several high-ranking members of the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect immediately petitioned Huashen Zhenjun (Deity-Transcending True Monarch) and discussed through the night to add a new annotation to this rule, to avoid having someone else in the East Continent exploit this rule to use the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect as a blade in the future.

From now on, if someone is deceived into practicing a demonic cultivation technique, by forsaking the technique and issuing a Daoist Heart Oath to never practice it again or teach it to others, they can avoid death.

If one merely knows of a demonic cultivation technique but hasn't practiced it, then it's even simpler—just take the aforementioned steps.

Chen Mobai and the others had seen The Technique of Demon Foetus Transformation but never practiced it.

Even if asked by the Nine Heavens Daomo Sect, they would just need to swear not to practice or teach it.

After arranging all the details concerning the Demon Path, Chen Mobai and Fu Zongjue left the cave.

Outside, some people from the Five Elements Sect under Chen Mobai's lead returned to Northern Abyss City. Some followed Fu Zongjue back to Giant Tree Ridge.

After everyone had left, Zhou Shengqing came out and set up a Formation that enveloped the area.

Back in Northern Abyss City, Chen Mobai took out the Message Talisman Ye Qing had given him, wrote down the matter concerning Kong Lingling, and then activated it.

After writing, Chen Mobai looked at the other Message Talisman from Yuan Zhen and decided not to waste it after some thought.

Watching as the Message Talisman turned into a stream of clear Sword Light shooting into the sky, Chen Mobai felt at ease.

However, he remained very concerned about the reaction from the Ice Palace.

Regrettably, their Five Elements Sect could only dominate in the Eastern Wilderness—in leaving it, even in the East Barbarians where they had a shop run by Chu Zuoshu, they were virtually powerless.

Even more so in the East Land.

Just as he was considering whether to send Liu Wenbo, the Eldest Disciple, to spread the Little Nan Mountain Shop throughout the entire Eastern Region and its six domains, E Yun came in with Shen Shanqing asking for an audience.

At this, Chen Mobai's eyes lit up.

He was just the person he was looking to meet.

“Sect Master Chen, this is a reply from Master Zhang Zibo of Dongwu, please take a look.”

Shen Shanqing had come for the matter of the Heterodox Golden Core, and upon reading it, Chen Mobai couldn't help but frown.

Zhang Zibo's conditions were slightly better than those of the Star Heaven Dao Sect but only by a limited margin.

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The cost to refine a single Heterodox Golden Core is one hundred thousand Spirit Stones, with all materials provided by Chen Mobai, and the success rate is not guaranteed.

But if the refinement fails, the fee of one hundred thousand Spirit Stones won't be charged.

That is to say, if successful, the charge is one hundred thousand.

It's not that it's considered expensive, Chen Mobai was just a bit worried about the success rate.

"Sect Master Chen, please rest assured, Master Zhang is most skilled in refining Heterodox Golden Cores, and all the Third-Order Demon Beast Inner Pills hunted in Dongwu are handled by him."

Upon hearing Chen Mobai's concerns, Shen Shanqing immediately assured him, slapping his chest in guarantee.

Zhang Zibo's level in refining Heterodox Golden Cores, nourished by successive Third-Order Monster Beast Inner Pills provided by the Dongwu Sun Family, is top-notch; even if taken to the East Land, his skill stands out.

"Since that's the case, I might need to trouble Chef Shen several times."

Chen Mobai's statement left Shen Shanqing a bit puzzled. Why several times?

"After all, it's our first cooperation and the materials for the Heterodox Golden Core are precious, so I plan to send them one by one, asking Master Zhang to help with the refining."

Chen Mobai, now half a local, didn't have much confidence in the backstabbing culture of the Tianhe Realm.

Refining them one by one, even if one gets stolen, would be acceptable.

"In that case, why doesn't Sect Master Chen send a trusted person? I can introduce them the first time, and for the subsequent times, your sect can liaise directly with Master Zhang—how about that?"

After hearing this, Shen Shanqing also gave a suggestion, to which Chen Mobai naturally nodded in agreement.

No need to choose a trusted person—it would be Liu Wenbo.

He and Shen Shanqing had met during their time in the Ruins.

“Chef Shen, there’s one more thing...”

After discussing the Heterodox Golden Cores, Chen Mobai brought up the matter of the Ice Palace.

“Ah, I didn’t expect True Person Kong of the Snow-blowing Palace to engage in such demonic practices!”

Shen Shanqing was greatly surprised when he heard this.

He had no doubts about what Chen Mobai said, as the latter had also reported the matter to the Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

In the Six Realms of the Eastern Region, no one dared to deceive the Holy Land.

“I’m worried that before the emissaries from the Jiutian Dangmo Sect arrive, the Ice Palace might come first to seek retribution. Thus, I would like to request your faction to keep an eye on Bing Yun Hermit’s whereabouts.”

If the Nascent Soul Bing Yun Hermit does not come from the Ice Palace, their Five Elements Sect would not fear anyone.

But if a Nascent Soul were to come, then they must prepare for a large battle that would last until the Jiutian Dangmo Sect arrives.

At that time, it will be impossible to conceal Zhou Shengqing’s Legal Body Nascent Soul.

The cultivators from the Eastern Wilderness haven’t seen much and would treat Zhou Shengqing as a real Nascent Soul Cultivator, but those from the East Land would definitely recognize him.

Although a Legal Body Nascent Soul is still a Nascent Soul, once exposed, future concealment against an opponent would be impossible.

So, Chen Mobai thought to keep it hidden as long as possible.

Isn't this an example!

If Kong Lingling knew Zhou Shengqing was a Nascent Soul, she probably wouldn't come out from behind the ice wall even if it killed her.

"That's simple. To come to the Eastern Wilderness, one must pass through the large-scale Transmission Array at Dongyi's Golden Crow Immortal City. If it's a Nascent Soul Cultivator, because of the powerful Spiritual Power, the large-scale Transmission Array can only transport that individual alone."

Sky Meal Building is massive in Dongyi, with Golden Core Cultivators stationed in all three major Immortal Cities. Shen Shanqing often needs to go there for supplies, so he also has some connections.

However, upon hearing this, Chen Mobai also made arrangements to have Chu Zuoshu from Golden Crow Immortal City keep an eye on the large-scale Transmission Array.

If it activates one day and someone comes out alone, they could be identified as Bing Yun Hermit.

Thinking this, Chen Mobai felt relieved.

Everything is ready; only the arrival of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect members is awaited.

"I wonder if True Person Ye and True Person Yuan are still in Dongyi?"

Just when Shen Shanqing had access to information, Chen Mobai asked again.

“It’s unfortunate, but I just received news from the main store of Pure Immortal City that True Person Ye and True Person Yuan left Kong Sang Valley three days ago and should have already traveled back to the East Land using a large-scale Transmission Array.”

Pure Immortal City, which is operated by the Nascent Soul Major Faction in Kong Sang Valley, naturally has a branch there doing business. Since Shen Shanqing had been led into the Ruins by Ye Qing earlier, the store manager from that side had sent him the news.

“Is that Corpse Cultivator related to Kong Sang Valley?”

After hearing this, Chen Mobai recalled the suspected female Corpse Cultivator from Kong Sang Valley he encountered in the Ruins and couldn’t help asking.

Because the method of Corpse Cultivation is one of the demonic cultivation techniques expressly forbidden by the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, confirming this connection could potentially cripple the Kong Sang Valley, which had been thriving since Ku Zhu’s return.

“Related.”

Chen Mobai, who owed Shen Shanqing a life-saving debt in the Ruins, did not hide anything and spoke directly.

“Oh, then how is Kong Sang Valley now?”

After hearing this, Chen Mobai’s mood became somewhat heavy as he spoke.

Kong Sang Valley, bearing the brunt of their formidable enemy, the Xuan Xiao Daoist Palace, counted as the best ally of their Five Elements Sect, and he was very reluctant to see them implicated by the Demon Path and run into troubles.

“Elder Muqin admitted that the female Corpse Cultivator was her disciple, Yu Lantian. She also knew that Yu Lantian had obtained the Soul Summoning Lamp and the method of Corpse Cultivation from a black market trade, but she strictly commanded her not to engage in the cultivation of demonic

techniques. Yu Lantian promised Elder Muqin to her face, but she suddenly disappeared one day as she aged.”

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his discourse was the explanation from Kong Sang Valley, and though it was the truth under the Daoist Heart Oath, details were surely omitted.

“How were Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen dealt with?”

Chen Mobai was very curious about this, as he was also about to face the Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

“True Person Ye believed that Elder Muqin, fully aware that his disciple had acquired a Demonic Cultivation Technique, yet failed to take proper measures to prevent him from becoming a Corpse Cultivator, was guilty of dereliction of duty and should suffer the punishment of Seven Swords Piercing the Body.”

“But Elder Muqin was already nearing the end of his lifespan, and if he were to undergo the Seven Swords Piercing the Body by Jiutian Dangmo Sect, his life would certainly come to an end.”

“Fortunately, Ku Zhu ascended at the last moment, took the punishment on behalf of his master, and was subjected to the Seven Swords Piercing the Body by True Person Ye Qing, his blood nearly dyeing the bamboo forest red at the entrance of Kong Sang Valley!”

At this point, Shen Shanqing also showed admiration.

He knew he couldn't do the same.

The Seven Swords Piercing the Body from Jiutian Dangmo Sect was torture that crushed a cultivator's bones, muscles, organs, and marrow into pieces, and intense pain that, it was said, even a Huashen Zhenjun (Deity-Transcending True Monarch) could not bear. The higher the cultivation level, the greater the pain.

“Ku Zhu, a True Cultivator as well!”

Chen Mobai remarked admiringly.

“However, after this event, I’ve heard that there’s brewing a major change within Kong Sang Valley. After all, Elder Muqin shielded his disciple who fell into the Demon Path, and although Jiutian Dangmo Sect has already made its judgment, Xuan Xiao Dao Palace pressed down by the affair will certainly not miss this opportunity to unite with other major sects to reclaim their position.”

Shen Shanqing, aware of the feud between the Five Elements Sect and Xuan Xiao Dao Palace, shared the news without needing Mobai to ask.

“Looks like I need to take action myself to break through Xuan Xiao Dao Palace!”

Chen Mobai declared, leaving Shen Shanqing stunned by his words.

He felt that with Chen Mobai’s talent, Nascent Soul Formation was highly likely in the future, but Xuan Xiao Dao Palace was a millennial sect, and Golden Wind Ancestor was strong enough to stand up to someone like Ku Zhu, a Nascent Soul Sword Cultivator. With the current strength of the Five Elements Sect, claiming to break through Xuan Xiao Dao Palace might be overly confident!

For that, Shen Shanqing just chuckled dryly, offering no reply.

Chen Mobai then chatted with him a bit longer and learned more specific information from the East Barbarian lands, such as the fact that Baiwu Ancestor of Sun Bathing Sea seemed persuaded by the people of Xuan Xiao Dao Palace, preparing to use the cause provided by Jiutian Dangmo Sect and join hands with Golden Wind Ancestor to suppress Ku Zhu.

If they could eliminate this promising Nascent Soul Sword Cultivator while he was severely weakened from the Seven Swords Piercing the Body, it would be an enormous boon for Sun Bathing Sea.

Chen Mobai also found this predictable.

Cultivators of the Tianhe Realm always fostered a survival of the fittest style.

Chen Mobai felt a great pity that he himself had yet to achieve Nascent Soul Formation, otherwise, he would not stand by and watch Sun Bathing Sea and Xuan Xiao Dao Palace oppress Kong Sang Valley.

He hoped Ku Zhu could hold on for a few more decades.

While Chen Mobai was thinking this, Liu Wenbo, who had received his message, came in with two jars of wine.

The wine was a thank-you gift for Shen Shanqing, as both the Heterodox Golden Core and the information from East Land were very important to Chen Mobai.

Moreover, he needed Wenbo's help to facilitate and introduce Zhang Zibo of East Land to Wenbo.

Shen Shanqing initially refused but accepted with glee the two jars of Rank-3 Spiritual Wine.

After the two departed, Chen Mobai called in Yue Zutao and Zheng Deming, who had followed him back to Northern Abyss City.

He first inquired about their sect contributions.

He found that Yue Zutao's contributions should place him fifth, while Zheng Deming's points were likely the lowest.

On inquiry, he learned that Zheng had already spent all his contribution points because he had no faction backing and had to rely on himself for cultivation resources, using them as soon as he received them.

When Zheng Deming learned of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, he tried to make amends, but it was already too late.

Naturally, this left Zheng quite disappointed.

“I slew four Rank-3 Demonic Beasts in the ruins, among which, there were two Earth Attribute Rank-3 Inner Cores. Let’s see if we can refine a Heterodox Golden Core. If possible, you would be the most suitable candidate.”

However, Zheng Deming had once helped Chen Mobai with tasks, and Chen now considered him his man. Chen Mobai decided to set an example of him for other Loose Cultivators, so he brought up the matter of the Heterodox Golden Core.

“Disciple thanks the Sect Leader for his great kindness!”

Zheng Deming was overjoyed, having not expected such good fortune, and immediately paid his respects to Chen Mobai.

Yue Zutao, who was listening, was also filled with envy.

After all, compared to the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, a Heterodox Golden Core could give a practitioner at the Foundation Establishment Completion stage the power equivalent to the Golden Core Stage immediately.

“Exchanging for a Heterodox Golden Core requires 300,000 Contribution Points. In the absence of external wars and major enemies, I cannot give you credit like I did for Luo Xue’er. You need to work hard and earn Sect Contributions on your own from now on.”

Chen Mobai added another line and Zheng Deming nodded immediately, indicating that from now on, the Spirit Treasure Pavilion was his home. As long as there were tasks available, he would not rest.

After instructing Zheng Deming, Chen Mobai did not forget Yue Zutao, who was of his direct lineage.

Now that Eastern Wilderness had been united, and only awaiting Yan Shaoyin’s step into “Nascent Soul Formation” and subsequent demise at Back to Sky Valley, Chen felt it was time to pacify with quietude, letting the disciples return to the mountains for secluded cultivation.

It was time to open up the exchange for the Golden Liquid Jade Pill so that Yue Zutao and the others could prepare for their Golden Core Formation.

Chen Mobai's expectations were not high—two successes would be enough to be worthwhile.

In order to gradually shift the sect's center to Northern Abyss City, Chen Mobai decided to announce the exchange of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill there.

Taking this opportunity, he also relocated the Spirit Treasure Pavilion to Northern Abyss City.

Of course, the one at Giant Tree Ridge was not closed.

But from now on, there would be more and more tasks at the Spirit Treasure Pavilion in Northern Abyss City. Chen Mobai even planned to open it to the Loose Cultivators in Immortal City, allowing them to spend Spirit Stones to post tasks.

When the situation seemed right, he would consider broadening the criteria for those who could take these tasks. Even if they were not from the Five Elements Sect, as long as they registered with his sect, they could also accept tasks.

He aimed to make this Spirit Treasure Pavilion in Northern Abyss City the task center for all Eastern Wilderness Cultivators.

In this way, he could gradually get his hands on all the precious resources of the Eastern Wilderness.

The inaugural offering at this Northern Abyss City's Spirit Treasure Pavilion was the exchange for Golden Liquid Jade Pills.

The Foundation Establishment Completion practitioners who qualified had already received the news.

In the end, the highest contributors were Meng Hong, Yin Qingmei, Xie Yuntian, Quan Shanlin, and Yue Zutao.

When each of them paid 100,000 Sect Contribution Points and received a Golden Liquid Jade Pill from Chen Mobai, all the Foundation Establishment Practitioners were filled with envy and jealousy.

Although Chen Mobai did not specify the chances of advancing to Golden Core Formation, such Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine had never been seen before in Eastern Wilderness.

All the Foundation Establishment practitioners wished they could have one.

Xie Yuntian and the others were peak practitioners at the Foundation Establishment Completion stage. But faced with the intensely heated gazes around them, they too felt somewhat uneasy.

“Meng Hong, escort those three back to Giant Tree Ridge, while Qing Mei will stay here, and I will personally guide her in Core Formation,” Chen Mobai directed Meng Hong. Having refined the Heterodox Golden Core and received a Golden Liquid Jade Pill, he was also preparing for his final chance at Golden Core Formation back at Giant Tree Ridge.

“Yes, Sect Leader!”

The four who obtained the Golden Liquid Jade Pills had no desire to delay. They left the scene immediately via the Teleportation Array.

#### Chapter 1329: Yin Qingmei's Core Formation

The Jiutian Dangmo Sect was located on the highest peak of the East Land, Tongtian Peak.

This place was also one of the few Sixth Grade Spirit Veins in the East Continent, and at the summit stood the Tongtian Refining Road Tower, a renowned Sixth-Level Spiritual Treasure, as famous as the Tai Peacekeeping Sword.

The number one Divinity Transformation cultivator in the East Continent, Profound Heaven True Monarch Yuan Qingque, had long been cultivating at Tongtian Peak.

After Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen returned, they reported the completion of their mission to the Sect Leader and claimed their rewards before coming to Tongtian Peak.

“Greetings, Master!”

The two landed at the summit, standing in front of a seven-layer high tower, and gave their salutes towards the top level of the tower.

“Qing’er, you can begin your ‘Nascent Soul Formation’. Are the Coagulation Infant Pill and Three Lights Divine Water ready?”

A deep and forceful voice rang from the top of the tower, clearly reaching the ears of Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen.

“Reporting to Master, the Sect Leader has already handed them to me.”

Ye Qing nodded respectfully, taking out two items from his Storage Bag. A vast Divine Sense descended from the top of the tower to check them and after confirming there were no issues, it transformed into a youthful figure with white hair and a childlike appearance.

“Did you gain anything from slaying that Demon Cultivator?”

“Full You Daoist indeed had a scale from the Nine-Headed Great Saint; this is his Storage Bag.”

Ye Qing presented the items, and the youthful figure with white hair and a childlike face took them, only taking out the multicolored scale to inspect.

“How is the Mirage Dragon Essence?”

Upon hearing this, Yuan Zhen immediately took out the Green Mirage Bottle from her Storage Bag.

“Reporting to Elder Ancestor, I have absorbed all of the Mirage Dragon Essence according to your plan.”

Yuan Qingque hooked his finger slightly, and the Green Mirage Bottle fell into his palm. Then, with a couple of shakes, the jade vial, which initially had a mix of auras, became as clear and verdant as a slate of Qing stone after the rain.

Ye Qing couldn't help but marvel at his master's profound power.

In just a matter of moments, he had refined all of the Mirage Dragon Essence into the Green Mirage Bottle and even melted all the Demonic beasts of Rank-3 and above that had been absorbed alongside the Mirage Fog.

The essence that could be refined would turn into a type of elixir called the True Blood Pill, capable of enhancing a cultivator's Cultivation Level.

The rest, seen as impurities, had been dissipated above Tongtian Peak under the light flicks from Yuan Qingque's hands.

“Stretch out your hand?”

Hearing this, Yuan Zhen obediently spread out her pale hands in front of her.

Yuan Qingque tilted the now-refined bottle towards Yuan Zhen's palms, and gently, three bright red pills fell out, emitting a faint fragrant scent.

“Swallow these three True Blood Pills, and you will achieve Perfect Core Formation and can take the position of the Saintess.”

Upon hearing Yuan Qingque's words, Yuan Zhen paid her respects with great excitement.

“However, your talent, after all, is still lacking some. During Qing’er’s Nascent Soul Formation period, you will act as the Saintess of our Jiutian Dangmo Sect and walk among the people. If you embarrass us in front of the First Origin Dao Palace, it won’t reflect well on me...”

Yuan Qingque knew Yuan Zhen’s talent well. Although she was outstanding compared to other disciples of Jiutian Dangmo Sect,

As a Saintess, she had to measure up to Ye Qing and other holy lands’ saintly Taoist Child.

She was somewhat lacking in this comparison.

However, Jiutian Dangmo Sect indeed hadn’t had any remarkable female cultivators in recent centuries. Among the several excellent candidates, since there was Yuan Zhen as a descendant, it was only right to choose her.

After pondering for a while, Yuan Qingque also placed the jade bottle he had refined into Yuan Zhen’s hands.

“You can use this Green Mirage Bottle for now.”

At this, Yuan Zhen’s face showed even more surprise.

After Yuan Qingque’s refinement, this Green Mirage Bottle had become a genuine Fifth-Level Magical Treasure.

Furthermore, as she possessed Yuan Qingque’s bloodline, by burning her essence blood without reserve, she could unleash the power of this magical treasure.

With this magical treasure, even Nascent Soul Cultivators without methods to counter Fifth-Level artifacts wouldn’t dare to act recklessly in front of Yuan Zhen.

“Go now. Qing’er will stay here for Nascent Soul Formation.”

Yuan Qingque waved his hand, and Yuan Zhen immediately retreated.

Not long afterwards.

Jiutian Dangmo Sect announced that Yuan Zhen had become the current Saintess. She would replace the Holy Land, traverse the world, and inspect all directions.

And at the same time.

Inside the Ice Palace, a cold-faced beautiful woman stepped out of the sect, heading furiously towards the East Barbarians.

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In the Eastern Wilderness, Northern Abyss City.

Chen Mobai finished distributing the five Golden Liquid Jade Return Pills and felt that all his mundane matters were cleared.

The cabinet he had established over the years had been trained to be competent in handling various political affairs.

Very little could trouble him now.

After reiterating the various details and points of caution regarding Yin Qingmei's Core Formation, Chen Mobai personally escorted her to Liu Jia Mountain in Rainbow County.

This was because her Destiny Spirit Plant was here, and moreover, Yin Qingmei had cultivated near the Biyu Wutong for nearly twenty years, familiarizing herself with the air, earth, and Spiritual Energy of Liu Jia Mountain.

According to the theories of Immortal Gates, she was more likely to break through on Liu Jia Mountain.

Yin Qingmei had extraordinary trust in Chen Mobai. Having heard his advice, she abandoned the idea of returning to Giant Tree Ridge.

Moreover, by attempting her breakthrough on Liu Jia Mountain and with Chen Mobai's protection, he could support her.

That was the reason for personally escorting her this time.

Yin Qingmei had been perfecting her Foundation Establishment Completion state for quite some time and had already experienced the insights of advancing from Rank-2 to Rank-3 through her Destiny Spirit Plant. If not for waiting on the Golden Liquid Jade Return Pills, she could induce a breakthrough at any moment.

This time, Chen Mobai's main purpose in escorting Yin Qingmei was also for another matter.

Chapter 1330: Yin Qingmei's Core Formation \_2 That was to try the simultaneous cultivation of the Five Elements and cultivate the Primordial True Qi once more.

Of course, the simultaneous cultivation of the Five Elements would need to wait until after Yin Qingmei achieved Core Formation.

Since Yin Qingmei had mastered One-Leaf Blindness, there was no need to worry about the Heavenly Tribulation; she only needed to break through her realm, just as Chen Mobai had done in the Immortal Gate.

After receiving his orders, Luo Yixuan had already returned from Yun Meng Ze, where the frenzy of demonic beasts had recently subsided. However, to be cautious, Chen Mobai still asked Zhou Shengqing to go there to act as town guard.

Atop Liu Jia Mountain, Chen Mobai gave Yin Qingmei her final instructions.

For cultivators in the Eastern Wilderness, reaching Core Formation was akin to a natural moat—among loose cultivators, it was unheard of to cross this significant realm.

Even within the great sects, only a few could achieve it.

Even though Yin Qingmei, with her Heavenly Spiritual Root, was almost certain to succeed in forming her core, she was extremely nervous about this challenge.

“Qingmei, just normally consume the pill for your breakthrough, and if there’s any issue, I will guide you through Divine Sense transmission,” Chen Mobai said, easing the nervousness in Yin Qingmei’s heart, who noticeably relaxed after hearing his words.

“Thank you, Sect Leader!”

Because Luo Yixuan and Zhuo Ming were nearby, she refrained from using another form of address.

After taking a deep breath, Yin Qingmei took out a Golden Liquid Jade Pill, covered her face with her sleeve, and swallowed it in one gulp.

In an instant, the Longevity Spiritual Power from the Blue Emperor’s Longevity Scripture within her Dantian Qi Sea, which had already reached its limit, surged dramatically. The immense and vast Spiritual Power impacted the solid bottleneck, causing the once tightened edges of the Dantian Qi Sea to start expanding.

This expansion indicated a crack in the bottleneck, and soon a chain reaction occurred. Within a few breaths, the entire Dantian Qi Sea could no longer hold tight and burst forth in expansion!

At this moment, Yin Qingmei’s Blue Emperor’s Longevity Scripture had stepped into the level of Core Formation.

But the true test was just beginning.

Yin Qingmei felt her body becoming heavy, as if the Spiritual Power, which was once as easy to control as her own limbs, suddenly became sluggish.

She needed to expend significant effort just to manipulate a fraction of her Spiritual Power.

This was because her physical body and Divine Sense hadn't yet transformed and were somewhat unable to bear and manipulate the Gold Core Spiritual Power.

Yin Qingmei recalled the details of Core Formation that Chen Mobai had explained and immediately began to enhance her Divine Sense. Initially, she wanted to rely on her own strength.

However, she quickly realized that whether it was her physical strength or Divine Sense, both seemed to be stuck just short of the final step.

She felt that she could break through using her own accumulated strength.

But remembering Chen Mobai's instructions, she immediately split the medicinal power of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill in two, sending one portion surging into her Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion and the other flowing from the Dantian Qi Sea through the twelve meridians across her body.

Soon, her Divine Sense also crossed the bottleneck.

Yin Qingmei then felt that she could manipulate Spiritual Power effortlessly again, although achieving the intuitive ease she had during Foundation Establishment would require some readjustment.

Following the Divine Sense and Spiritual Power, it wasn't long before her physical body also began its slow transformation under the influence of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

Yin Qingmei cultivated the simplest form of Wood Spirit Body because for her, as long as she mastered the Longevity Technique, she would automatically have a Body Forging Realm akin to the perfection of a Longevity Dao Body, thus there was no need to waste resources and time.

The Wood Spirit Body was famously easy to cultivate, and she had chosen this path after consulting Chen Mobai and confirming it would aid in her breakthrough.

Sure enough, her Wood Spirit Body, which had already been at the peak of Rank-2, ascended to Rank-3 within half an hour thanks to the enhancement from the Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

The power of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill hadn't even run out yet, indicating that Yin Qingmei's daily cultivation was indeed diligent and solidly built. Moreover, following Chen Mobai's advice, she had not consumed many pills, and there were few deficiencies that needed to be compensated for by the pills.

After breaking through all three barriers of essence, qi, and spirit, Yin Qingmei began circulating the Core Formation stage's mantra of the Blue Emperor's Longevity Scripture.

Amidst the rustling sounds, the Azure Jadeite Parasol Tree, connected with Yin Qingmei's essence, qi, and spirit, also sensed this change and immediately began to gather the surrounding nature's spiritual energy to imbue into her.

At this time, all the spiritual energy of Liu Jia Mountain's entire spirit vein was slowly flowing towards this location, being absorbed and transformed by the Azure Jadeite Parasol Tree into strands of pure, brilliant spiritual light, which then slowly flowed into Yin Qingmei's body.

This was also the purest longevity spiritual power, although the quality of the spiritual power was not as high as that cultivated by Yin Qingmei herself, but it saved her the effort of refining and absorbing spirit qi herself.

She only needed to run the Qing Emperor's Longevity Scripture to easily absorb the longevity spiritual power transformed from the Azure Jadeite Parasol Tree.

At this time, the remaining medicinal power of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill also began to play a role.

The elixir combined with the spiritual power, rapidly catalyzing the condensation of spiritual power towards a higher level of energy evolution.

Soon, the full hundred drops of Qing Emperor's longevity spiritual power were catalyzed and condensed by the elixir, and a point of extremely brilliant brightness shone forth.

Yin Qingmei was constantly focusing on her Dantian Qi Sea's divine sense at this time and was unable to see clearly.

But her heart surged with an unprecedented joy.

Quickly, the brightness dissipated, and a grain of rice-sized gold and blue gold core appeared within her divine sense.

The gold core was formed!

But quickly, this grain-sized gold core suddenly became somewhat illusory, as if it was congenitally deficient and about to start dissipating soon after its birth.

Yin Qingmei immediately poured the remaining liquid spiritual power in her Dantian Qi Sea over it, and the last bit of medicinal power of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill also surged up to help her consolidate this hard-won gold core.

Meanwhile, Chen Mobai, who was watching closely from the outside, immediately flicked his finger.

At the mountaintop, a spirit gathering array, composed of twenty-four top-grade spirit stones, was instantly activated by him.

In that instant, the concentration of spiritual energy at the peak of Liu Jia Mountain was almost comparable to a Rank-4 top-tier spirit vein.

Under Chen Mobai's control, the overwhelming, vast spiritual energy swirled around the Azure Jadeite Parasol Tree.

With this Destiny Spirit Plant assisting her, Yin Qingmei only needed to focus entirely on stabilizing the newly formed gold core, which was a huge advantage compared to other golden core cultivators.

Quickly, under the unending supply of spiritual energy, the originally rice-sized gold core began to expand.

Eventually, Yin Qingmei felt like she could not control her divine sense anymore and stopped.

This indicated that she had pushed the step of core formation to the limit of her abilities.

Boom!

At this time, clouds gathered in the sky, and the terrifying nature's spiritual energy poured crazily, turning into flashes of lightning and thunder, like arcs of brilliant light exploding in the air with great booming sounds.

The heavenly tribulation was here!

If it were before, this naturally needed to be taken seriously.

But now, as the overlord of the Eastern Wilderness, Five Elements Sect had no adversaries in this domain.

This time Yin Qingmei formed her core, besides Chen Mobai personally overseeing by her side, Yan Yuanhao, the town guard of Rainbow County, also led the monks of Wood Vein and formed the Alpha Wood Soldiers at the foot of the mountain, setting up the first line of defense.

Moreover, before this, Yan Yuanhao had already visited the major cultivators nearby, notifying them to leave the area within three hundred miles of Liu Jia Mountain during this time.

Some cultivators guessed that Fairy Qingmei on Liu Jia Mountain might be forming her core, and they packed up first thing.

And to compensate these cultivators, Yan Yuanhao even offered the teleportation array between Rainbow County and Northern Abyss City for free, which allowed them a rare opportunity to see the first Immortal City of the Eastern Wilderness; thus, most people agreed.

The heavenly tribulation appeared for just a moment, boomed a few times, and just as it seemed about to explode onto the land, it suddenly fizzled out like a dud, fading away slowly.

At the peak of Liu Jia Mountain!

Under the Azure Jadeite Parasol Tree, a girl with a countenance as exquisite as jade and skin as white as snow slowly opened her clear, sparkling eyes.

Yin Qingmei, feeling the starkly different, powerful strength after forming her core, inadvertently broke into joy on her face.