

## World 1331

Chapter 1331: After All, They Are Outsiders When Yin Qingmei was undergoing Core Formation, Chen Mobai, along with Luo Yixuan and Zhuo Ming, retreated to the mountainside.

Although according to his estimation, the success of Core Formation was almost a sure thing, when he actually saw the Heavenly Tribulation dissipate and Yin Qingmei rise radiantly from beneath the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, he still let out a slight sigh of relief.

“Thank you, Sect Leader, for your protection. I have formed my core.”

After standing up, Yin Qingmei naturally sought out Chen Mobai first, bowing slightly to him from the mountainside.

For some reason, she seemed even more beautiful after forming her core.

Today, she donned a silver-white long gown, pristine and flawless, her long hair tied back, her waist slender.

When she flew from the mountaintop toward Chen Mobai, her figure was graceful and her expression jubilant, as if dancing elegantly, dazzlingly beautiful.

In that instant, even the usually proud Luo Yixuan felt a tinge of astonishment, only feeling that Yin Qingmei was as beautiful as a celestial maiden.

“You just had your breakthrough, and your realm still needs to be solidified further...”

Chen Mobai, seeing Yin Qingmei rush to meet him so soon after her Core Formation, couldn't help but shake his head, advising her not to overly concern herself with formalities.

“Yes, but I feel drained today, and cultivating further might not yield good results. Let's continue solidifying my realm tomorrow.”

Yin Qingmei, having just formed her core, spoke much more boldly than before.

Normally, facing Chen Mobai's words, she would've just nodded without any comment.

But what she said made sense, as consolidating one's cultivation indeed requires a balance between effort and rest.

Moreover, because Yin Qingmei possessed a Destiny Spirit Plant, she didn't need to expend any effort in refining Spirit Qi for integration, which is typically the most challenging part for ordinary cultivators forming their core—she simply needed to incorporate the Longevity Spiritual Power infused from the refined Azure Jadeite Sycamore into the formed Gold Core.

What impeded her progress was only the realm of Divine Sense.

“Stretch out your hand!”

Despite his assurance, Chen Mobai habitually wanted to check her pulse.

Upon hearing this, Yin Qingmei softly nodded, lifted her wide, thin sleeve, and extended her arm, pale and lustrous like jade.

After inspecting her, Chen Mobai found her realm was quite stable.

The Golden Liquid Jade Pill was perfectly utilized by her, with her essence, qi, and spirit fully transformed; a regression was almost impossible.

“Well done, from today onward, our Five Elements Sect's Wood Vein has one more Golden Core Cultivator.”

Chen Mobai's words brought an uncontrollable surge of excitement and joy to Yin Qingmei's face, as she looked at the Sect Leader with hesitation, seemingly wanting to say something.

“What is it?”

After checking her, Chen Mobai noticed her expression and curiously asked.

“Going forward, should I address you as ‘Senior Brother,’ Sect Leader?”

This question from Yin Qingmei was something Chen Mobai had not anticipated. In the Eastern Wilderness, one’s seniority in a sect is traditionally determined by Cultivation Realm; technically, after forming her core, Yin Qingmei was indeed eligible to advance in seniority.

However, from the perspective of someone from the Immortal Gate, this wasn’t ideal.

“Being a righteous and prestigious sect originating from Grand Ancestor Yiyuan, our Five Elements Sect has always ranked by seniority. Qing Mei, although you have formed your core, you’re ultimately Senior Brother Fu’s disciple. Since I am of equal standing with him, you’re still of a younger generation.”

Chen Mobai intended to change this tradition, and Zhou Shengqing and others agreed; hence, even after her Core Formation, Yin Qingmei remained a fourth-generation disciple of the Five Elements Sect.

Ancestor Hunyuan, while alive, had celebrated the position of True Lord Yuan in Hunyuan Immortal City.

So, according to tradition, the founders were first-generation.

Li Zhongji alone was the second generation.

The third generation included Zhou Shengqing and six others, and later, after their Core Formation, Fu Zongjue and Chen Mobai were also elevated to this generation, totaling eight individuals.

This was why Chen Mobai hadn’t taken Zhou Shengqing as his mentor; otherwise, he would have been classified as fourth generation.

Now, with Yin Qingmei forming her core, she belonged to the fourth generation of the Five Elements Sect.

However, she could only be ranked second in this generation, with Luo Yixuan—the illegitimate core former—being first. Despite the irregularity of her Core Formation, Divine Wood Sect had already declared it throughout the Eastern Wilderness. Even if something unexpected removed her now, her status as the main disciple and as the first of the Wood Vein’s fourth generation was set in stone.

If Zhuo Ming and others formed their core in the future, starting from Chen Mobai’s status, they would also be of the fourth generation.

“Yes, Sect Leader Uncle!”

Yin Qingmei, slightly disappointed after learning about the seniority from Chen Mobai, responded.

Hearing this, Luo Yixuan felt smug and looked at Yin Qingmei with a hint of malice.

Chen Mobai might not have understood, but how could she not? This fellow had impure motives.

It was undeniable that Senior Sister Yin, with her Heavenly Spiritual Root and immortal-like beauty, now added immense pressure on Luo Yixuan, sparking an urgent desire within her to form her core soon.

“Just call me Sect Leader.”

Chen Mobai waved his hand, indicating that in front of others, Yin Qingmei need not change the way she addressed him.

“Yes, Sect Leader. During my Core Formation, I encountered some difficulties and gained some insights. Let me share them with you so that you can guide the other cultivators of our sect.”

Yin Qingmei’s words made Chen Mobai nod. The depth of a sect’s heritage in the Tianhe Realm was measured by the quantity of insights gathered during major realm breakthroughs.

As a dominant force in the Eastern Wilderness, the Five Elements Sect had quite a few insights on Core Formation, but to Chen Mobai, it still seemed insufficient.

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At a minimum, there must be double digits in one's Core Formation Insights regarding the Five Elements properties to barely meet the goals he had in mind.

As Yin Qingmei and Chen Mobai were discussing the recent Core Formation matters, Zhuo Ming listened on with a face full of envy, as she was the one with the slowest progress among all those present.

Yin Qingmei quickly finished sharing her Core Formation Insights, which were not much different from what Chen Mobai had estimated. It could only be said that the Divinity Transformation Technique and the assistance of her Destiny Spirit Plant had, at the very least, added thirty percent to her probability of successfully forming her core.

In addition, the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, along with her own solid foundation, allowed her to smoothly and logically succeed in forming her core.

"After Qing Mei, it's Xuan's turn. I have an Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone here. Later, we'll go to the end of the Dark Water to find a suitable place for a Spirit Vein and put it in. Once the Dark Water expands to that point and connects with Yun Meng Ze and the Frost Country snowy mountains, we can transform it into a fourth-order Water Vein."

At this time, Chen Mobai had finished speaking with Yin Qingmei and said something that made Luo Yixuan jump for joy.

Her joy wasn't because she was going to have a fourth-order Water Vein; rather, it was because Chen Mobai had thought of her.

"Master, since Senior Sister Yin has just formed her core, why not give her some time to consolidate and recuperate. Let's go ahead and settle the matter of the fourth-order Water Vein first."

Luo Yixuan immediately spoke up, and Chen Mobai thought about it and felt it made sense, so he didn't delay Yin Qingmei further.

“Then I will await the Sect Leader’s arrival.”

Yin Qingmei could only say disappointedly in response.

Chen Mobai nodded and immediately took his two apprentices, Zhuo Ming and Luo Yixuan, leaving Liu Jia Mountain to her.

Finding a location for a fourth-order Water Vein was not an easy task.

First and foremost, it had to be a place with a Spirit Vein, and it would be best if it were along the path of where the Dark Water was to expand. That way, it would be easier to reroute later, and one must also consider the future possibility of expansion towards the Endless Sand Sea.

Even a very skilled Earth Master would have to spend a great deal of time to accomplish this.

However, with the strength of the entire Five Elements Sect at his disposal, it was not difficult for Chen Mobai.

He had already notified Yan Yuanhao in advance. As the Town Guard of Rainbow County, he immediately mobilized the cultivators of the county to start checking various oasis water veins and Spiritual Lands along the Dark Water.

Aside from himself, he also gave orders to all the Cultivator Families within Rainbow County and even assigned tasks to Loose Cultivators.

Whoever presented a suitable land with Water Veins would be rewarded with Spirit Stones, and if it was ultimately chosen by the Sect Leader, they would even be offered a second-order Cave Dwelling in Northern Abyss City.

With such generous terms announced, it immediately sent the Loose Cultivators across the entire Rainbow Country into a frenzy.

The strength of the masses was the most powerful. When Chen Mobai escorted Yin Qingmei to Core Formation, Yan Yuanhao at the foot of the mountain also presented his own drawn map of the water veins and Earth Spirits of Rainbow County.

With the map in hand, it became much simpler.

Chen Mobai took Zhuo Ming, the most outstanding Earth Master, and started scouting along the course of the Dark Water, one by one.

Among them, first-order and most second-order Spirit Veins were directly abandoned by them because upgrading them to fourth-order would be too costly in terms of labor and resources.

What remained were five second-order high-grade Spirit Veins and two third-order Spirit Veins.

Seeing this, Chen Mobai truly marveled at the vastness and abundance of the Tianhe Realm.

If these Spirit Veins were in the Immortal Gate area, they would have already been teeming with people.

They went on to check each one along the way.

Among the two third-order Spirit Veins, both were occupied by cultivators.

One was the residence of the Wen family, a Cultivator Family from Rainbow County, and the other was an annexe of the Cultivator Family Deng family, where many medicinal herbs and Spirit Rice were planted.

However, if Chen Mobai were to make a request, they would certainly not dare to refuse.

After looking at everything, Chen Mobai found that the best location was an oasis called Cold Jade Lake, situated eight hundred li away from Liu Jia Mountain.

It was a second-order high-grade Water Vein, inhabited by a dozen Loose Cultivators, the highest in Cultivation Level being a Qi Cultivation Ninth Layer Female Cultivator named Li Lanting.

Cold Jade Lake was on the edge of Rainbow County's territory, and eighty li further was the Boundless Sand Sea.

Chen Mobai envisioned that the expansion needed for Dark Water was to reach the border of Rainbow County and the Boundless Sand Sea. Once Zhuo Ming's cultivation level became high enough, he would then expand the oasis outward and manage this desert, which had been reduced to a wasteland after a locust plague.

Although establishing a Rank-4 Water Vein would require more resources compared to the foundation of a Rank-3, Chen Mobai felt it was worth the investment as the core of the major project after opening up the Eastern Desolation Plateau.

Moreover, those two Rank-3 Water Veins had been operated by Cultivator Families for a long time, and it wouldn't be quite appropriate for him to just take them by force.

There were only sixteen Loose Cultivators around Cold Jade Lake, making them easier to settle.

Chen Mobai didn't make the offer himself; Luo Yixuan took the initiative. After gathering all the Loose Cultivators, she presented them with an offer they couldn't refuse: one, each person would receive a set of Rank-2 Cave Dwellings in Northern Abyss City; two, each would be supplemented with five hundred Spirit Stones; three, if they chose to live in Northern Abyss City, they would be given priority in recruitment for projects like planting trees and sand control at Dark Water.

Under these three conditions, all the Loose Cultivators immediately nodded their heads at Luo Yixuan, fearing she would change her mind if she thought twice about the generosity of her offer.

Leaving everything else aside, a single Rank-2 property in Northern Abyss City was beyond their reach even with a lifetime of effort.

Who would have thought that they could exchange their modest oasis for such assets? It was as though pies were falling from the sky.

After settling this matter, Chen Mobai appeared out of the blue. The Loose Cultivator with the highest cultivation level seemed to recognize him and immediately knelt to perform a grand salutation.

Li Lanting: "Greetings, Immortal Venerate Chen!"

Chen Mobai: "Oh, you know me?"

Li Lanting: "Reporting to Immortal Venerate Chen, during the battle at Water-Fire Pass, I assisted Grand Tutor Jiang alongside Daoist Bamboo Flower. When Grand Tutor Jiang summoned Immortal Venerate Chen, I happened to be in his tent, and it is for this reason that I could recognize True Person Luo."

Daoist Bamboo Flower was a Foundation Establishment Loose Cultivator from Rainbow County, with a decent reputation.

When the Five Elements Sect was unified, Chen Mobai provided an impressive stage for Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi, leading Luo Yixuan and others to Water-Fire Pass.

"What a coincidence indeed."

After hearing this, Chen Mobai also nodded lightly towards the Female Cultivator, and seeing that she was familiar with the place, decided to keep her there to aid in the transformation of the Rank-4 Water Vein.

Half a month later, the directors of the Formation Division and the Spirit Vein Division arrived here according to his orders.

Chen Mobai and Zhuo Ming had already surveyed the area, producing a plan for upgrading the Spirit Vein.

Since it was the foundation of his disciple, Luo Yixuan's future cultivation, Chen Mobai spared no expense.

In addition to an Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone used as the core of the Spirit Vein, he invested a thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones. It was fortunate that he had received a substantial amount from Kong Lingling; otherwise, the funds might not have sufficed.

Watching Chen Mobai's expenditure, Luo Yixuan was deeply moved, feeling that her master was truly good to her.

On this day, Chen Mobai was discussing with Zhuo Ming about how to divert Dark Water and eventually merge it into Cold Jade Lake, and she promptly brewed a pot of hot tea and delivered it with eager attentiveness.

"Master, it has cooled just right. Please drink."

After hearing this, Chen Mobai casually picked it up and drank it down in one gulp, then continued discussing with Zhuo Ming about establishing a network of water channels touching the entirety of the Eastern Desolation with Cold Jade Lake as its hub.

In the network of Immortal Gate's Earth, the part that belongs to the water sources and rivers is particularly referred to as the Water Networks.

These imply that the major water systems above the earth's surface are like the meridians of the land, and the water sources are the lifeblood of the earth, critically important.

When Chen Mobai initially opened up the Eastern Desolation Plateau, he had already considered this place.

After the successful opening of the Mo River, White River, and Dark Water, they would eventually converge at Cold Jade Lake, and their sources—Cloud Dream and Frost Country Snowy Mountains—were the nurturing cradle for the entire civilization of the Eastern Desolation.

If Luo Yixuan's cultivation reached a sufficient level, she could preside here, using Cold Jade Lake to absorb the vast water veins of the Eastern Desolation for her cultivation of the Sea-control Mysterious Technique, which would be apt.

Listening to her master and senior sister's discussion, although Luo Yixuan didn't understand the technicalities, she grasped what Chen Mobai meant.

At that moment, she felt that her status in her master's heart must be the highest.

Otherwise, why would he arrange such an ideal cultivation place for her?

The more Luo Yixuan thought about it, the happier she became. In that instant, her spirits soared, and joy and delight couldn't help but dance in her eyes and lift the corners of her eyebrows.

[Scoff, Yin Qingmei, after all, is an outsider...]

Chapter 1333: Cultivating Primordial True Qi Again (7k)

Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

Yuan Zhen, who had just become a Saintess, felt extremely pleased.

As a genius of the Yuan family, she had been instilled from a young age with the idea of becoming a Saintess.

After all, the old ancestor was Huashen Zhenjun, the foremost figure in the East Continent. As his descendant, she, at the very least, had to be a Taoist Saintess so that the Sect could prioritize her access to Foundation Establishment Resources within the Holy Land.

And once she established her foundation, even if Yuan Qingque ascended or something unexpected occurred, the Yuan family would still be able to secure their base within Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

Yuan Qingque was the third Nascent Soul Seed cultivated by the Yuan family.

However, for the Yuan family, and even for the entirety of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, all attention was on Ye Qing.

After all, in a force at the level of a Holy Land, although Nascent Souls were among the higher-ups, only a Huashen Zhenjun could decide the main course and distribute the structure.

Since Yuan Qingque's Divinity Transformation twenty generations ago, Jiutian Dangmo Sect had suppressed six regions in the Eastern Region, unchallenged.

However, over the past century, there had always been an anxious mood internally.

Because Yuan Qingque, the top Divine Transformation cultivator in the East Continent, didn't have much lifespan left, at most another 300 years. If she wanted to live on, she would have to force an Ascendance.

Among the next generation of Jiutian Dangmo Sect, although there were three cultivators at Nascent Soul Complete, none had been able to break through to the Spirit Transformation Stage—either their talent was slightly lacking, their comprehension was just short of a line, or they couldn't find the right opportunity.

This was why Ye Qing's emergence carried the great hopes of Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

And he had not disappointed, just awaiting Nascent Soul Formation before he would be taught the Dao Fruit of the Way of God Transformation and then given the Sixth-Order Treasure, Tai Peacekeeping Sword, to execute the way of slaying across the land.

When Yuan Zhen was young, she was somewhat ambitious, thinking she could wield the Tai Peacekeeping Sword and become the second Huashen Zhenjun of the Yuan family.

But after a hundred years of cultivation, she completely understood herself.

It wasn't just about comparing herself to a rare genius like Ye Qing; within her own Sect, there were many geniuses far more outstanding and brilliant than her.

Fortunately, those clearly more outstanding than her were male cultivators.

Among female cultivators, she was still considered a leader.

Even though becoming this leader had cost the Yuan family a massive amount of resources, the investment had paid off, and she had become the Saintess of Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

Just waiting for Ye Qing to establish his foundation, she too could leverage the Sect for access to Coagulation Infant Pill and Three Lights Divine Water.

Yuan Zhen could accept failing her Nascent Soul Formation once because there was Three Lights Divine Water.

But she couldn't accept failing a second time.

Because after two failures, not to mention Jiutian Dangmo Sect, even the Yuan family would abandon her.

The previous Saintess had failed once, and on the second try, she had to gather resources on her own. Eventually, without the aid of Three Lights Divine Water, she forcefully attempted Nascent Soul Formation, which resulted in her Taoist Body collapsing and Purple Palace shattering, leading to her death.

Being in the Holy Land, even as a descendant of the Yuan family, the competitive pressure was immense.

Especially as a benchmark disciple like a Taoist Saintess, if one couldn't succeed in Nascent Soul Formation on the first attempt, to all cultivators in the East Land, it would be deemed insufficient.

Thus, after obtaining the True Blood Pill, Yuan Zhen did not consume them all immediately but took one first, preparing to familiarize herself with the enhanced Spiritual Power and stabilize her foundation before continuing with the other two.

The True Blood Pill had been refined by Yuan Qingque, so after meditating for three days, Yuan Zhen had completely refined it.

Feeling her Spiritual Power nearly at Perfect Core Formation, Yuan Zhen exited seclusion, ready to exercise her authority as the Saintess of Jiutian Dangmo Sect and her right to travel across the land.

Soon, disciples brought up the accumulated complaint letters from recent times.

There was a huge box, with thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of letters.

“Senior Brother, did you use to handle these yourself before?”

Seeing the letters spilled out, filling a large table, Yuan Zhen was somewhat dumbfounded.

“Yes, Taoist Child personally reviews each complaint letter to avoid wrongful cases. He then orders the disciples below to investigate and handle them. Some urgent ones, he even attends to personally.”

With such a large Sect as Jiutian Dangmo Sect, it was naturally impossible for all matters to be handled by Ye Qing personally, and the Sect had specially designated experienced elder cultivators.

However, Ye Qing was a workaholic who believed in hands-on involvement, and even so, he had never neglected his cultivation.

Previously, Yuan Zhen used to wait for instructions because Ye Qing would handle matters personally and always call her along to gain some experience.

On the first day, Yuan Zhen could still force herself to be as diligent and hands-on as Ye Qing.

But after three days, she couldn't stand it anymore.

"Let the disciples stationed in different regions handle these little demons, don't send them to me anymore."

"And these, lacking evidence—just writing a small article saying Jinghua Sect is harboring demons and practicing Demonic Cultivation because they want to use our Jiutian Dangmo Sect as a tool. Capture those who wrote these complaint letters and take them to confront Jinghua Sect directly."

"And this one, claiming there's a large-scale slaughter of creatures near Eastern Thousand Sacred Lake, practicing bloodthirsty Demonic Cultivation—is this even something to be reported? That place is the Demon Ancestral Ground, where accomplished demon descendents like to make pilgrimages and incidentally kill a few. Isn't that normal? Aren't we supposed to be hands-off about matters in the Eastern Li Region? Doesn't he know that?"

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Yuan Zhen couldn't understand how Ye Qing could have endured reviewing such foolish whistleblowing letters in the past.

"From now on, you all will review these letters first, and only bring them to me, the Saintess, if my personal intervention is needed."

Yuan Zhen felt that her valuable time should not be wasted on these trivial matters, so she gave the latest directive to the disciples below.

"Yes, Saintess!"

Hearing her say this, a female cultivator in a blue dress closed the chest that had just been opened, containing hundreds of whistleblowing letters received that day.

After Yuan Zhen gave her instructions, she immediately left the grand hall.

The seven disciples inside the hall looked at each other, then skillfully divided all the whistleblowing letters and began their long-awaited busy work.

Actually, this was the usual state of affairs for the Jiutian Dangmo Sect. Previously, because Ye Qing had been so energetic, the few assisting disciples had been quite leisurely.

Now, Yuan Zhen was simply returning everything to the state before Ye Qing became Taoist Child.

By midnight, one of the disciples came across a whistleblowing letter from the Eastern Wasteland. He glimpsed at it, found it incomprehensible and without evidence, and noted that it was anonymous.

After reading it, he immediately put it into the box for letters that didn't need to be processed.

The next day, when Yuan Zhen arrived, she only needed to look at the thirteen whistleblowing letters that the seven disciples had selected, which all complied with the Jiutian Dangmo Sect's criteria for deploying disciples.

They were all rational and formally registered, from individuals willing to confront the accused face to face.

Yuan Zhen spent only an hour reviewing these thirteen whistleblowing letters.

Two of them might require her, the Saintess, to handle personally; the rest would be managed by other disciples from the Tianxia Walking Hall.

However, she could only attend to one person, and since both cases mentioned in the whistleblowing letters were quite severe, Yuan Zhen had to make a choice.

She hesitated, as this was her first official task in the Tianxia Walking Hall since becoming the Saintess, and she couldn't afford to mess it up.

Thus, she decided to return and consult her elders.

The Yuan family's clan lands were located north of the Demon Slaying Mountain Range, only a dozen or so miles from Tongtian Peak, where Yuan Qingque was in seclusion.

After landing at her family's doorstep, two disciples standing with swords immediately paid their respects to her, the Saintess.

She nodded and was just about to step through the gate when she saw the head of the family, also her great-uncle, Yuan Huanghu, a Great Cultivator in the late Nascent Soul stage.

"Greetings to the family head."

Yuan Zhen immediately bowed to him. The Yuan family had rules, forbidding flight within the clan lands, so they all had to walk outside the main gate before they could fly.

That was also why the two of them happened to meet at the gate.

"Why are you not accumulating merit for the sect in the Tianxia Walking Hall since becoming the Saintess, and how come you have time to come back?"

Yuan Huanghu, seeing Yuan Zhen, started to reprimand her with a stern face.

"Reporting to the family head..."

Yuan Zhen explained her reason for returning and then took out the two whistleblowing letters. After Yuan Huanghu swept through them with his Divine Sense, he immediately handed her a Storage Bag.

"Taoist Child is about to begin seclusion for 'Nascent Soul Formation.' The ancestor instructed us to send some fasting items to him. You might as well consult him about this matter while delivering these items for me."

Upon hearing this, Yuan Zhen respectfully took the Storage Bag, and only after Yuan Huanghu turned and entered the family gate did she fly towards Tongtian Peak.

“Sister, you’re just in time.”

At Tongtian Peak, Ye Qing, after receiving the Storage Bag sent by Yuan Zhen, handed her a Message Talisman.

“Brother, what is this?”

Yuan Zhen, somewhat surprised, took it and couldn’t help but raise her eyebrows.

“Chen Mobai, Sect Leader of the Five Elements Sect in the Eastern Wasteland, has sent a letter saying that a Golden Core Cultivator from the Snow-blowing Palace, Kong Lingling, has killed one of their Foundation Establishment Practitioners...”

Ye Qing briefly described the situation, which he had received the night before. Unfortunately for him, ‘Nascent Soul Formation’ was now the most important.

Chen Mobai mentioned on the Message Talisman that he had already dealt with Kong Lingling, so Ye Qing thought he would handle this matter after he came out of seclusion.

But since Yuan Zhen had come up, it was a perfect opportunity to hand this task to her, the Saintess.

“I’ll handle it personally!”

Yuan Zhen, who had initially been worried about which task to choose as her first assignment for the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, suddenly found herself free of worry upon seeing Chen Mobai’s Message Talisman.

She wouldn’t participate in either of the two original tasks, but would go to the Eastern Wasteland!

“Sister, this is just one side of the story from Sect Leader Chen. According to procedure, we need to first send someone to thoroughly investigate...”

Ye Qing reminded her upon hearing this, somewhat unexpectedly.

“Tianxia Walking is also responsible for investigation. I find that I still enjoy the feeling of roaming outside. I just took a True Blood Pill, and after a trip to the Eastern Wasteland, I should be able to completely refine it.”

Upon hearing Yuan Zhen’s words, Ye Qing didn’t say much more.

“Sect Leader Chen is quite a decent person, it’s just unfortunate that he is cultivating in the Eastern Wasteland. If he were in the First Origin Dao Palace, perhaps we could discuss the path together.”

Ye Qing had a fine impression of Chen Mobai. After all, he had cultivated Primordial True Qi and, despite being at the mid Foundation Establishment stage, was considered a genius even within the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, second only to himself.

“Brother, you go into seclusion, and leave the tasks of the Tianxia Walking to me.”

Yuan Zhen handed the Storage Bag back to Ye Qing and hastily descended the mountain.

Back at the Tianxia Walking Hall, she instructed the disciples to sort out all the whistleblowing letters related to the East Barren East Yi and prepared to deal with them all at once during this trip.

The Jiutian Dangmo Sect had its own Flying Artifact. Yuan Zhen took two female disciples at the Foundation Establishment stage and left the Demon Slaying Mountain Range for Guangwu Immortal City.

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The large-scale teleportation array there could directly link to the Golden Crow Immortal City of the Eastern Yi.

Eastern Yi!

When Bing Yun Hermit stepped out alone from the large-scale teleportation array, the shock on the faces of people from all directions could not be concealed.

In the territory of Eastern Yi, Nascent Soul Cultivators were undoubtedly akin to the heavens!

“Bai Wu, have him come see me!”

As soon as Bing Yun Hermit exited the teleportation array, she called out to a young disciple who wore a golden law robe embroidered with cycles of the great sun.

“Senior, the ancestor left some days ago with several elders,” the young disciple had not yet replied when a brilliant golden light shone down in front of Bing Yun Hermit, and a True Person who was clearly at Core Formation spoke respectfully.

“He’s not here? Then forget it, I’ll go to the Eastern Wilderness myself; send someone who knows the way to go with me!”

Bing Yun Hermit instructed the Core Formation Cultivator with a majestic face, and he immediately nodded in agreement. In no time, the cultivators in the Golden Crow Immortal City who were most familiar with the Eastern Wilderness were summoned over by Sun Bathing Sea.

“I’m in a hurry, everyone follow!”

Bing Yun Hermit waved her sleeve, producing an ice boat, and then a cold wind blew, gathering up all the cultivators present onto the ice boat, flying towards the Eastern Wilderness.

At the same time, people from the Sky Meal Building had already begun to spread this news towards Northern Abyss City using their own channels.

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Chen Mobai was unaware that Bing Yun Hermit was already furiously heading towards the Eastern Wilderness.

He was feeling delighted that the water vein of Cold Jade Lake had been upgraded to Rank-3.

With him and Zhuo Ming in control of the big picture, the Spirit Vein Division and Formation Division of the sect had undergone numerous spirit vein upgrades in recent years, making the construction of the spirit vein here a well-worn path.

After reaching Rank-3, it involved continuously dispersing superior quality spirit stones that had been buried and integrating them with the original spirit veins. One could even connect several nearby spirit veins to enhance the main vein of Cold Jade Lake.

This was the grinding process because upgrading a fourth-grade lower class to Rank-4 was not something that could be accomplished in one go.

Moreover, when designing the upgrade, Chen Mobai and Zhuo Ming had already reserved the possibility that Cold Jade Lake might one day assimilate all the water veins of the Eastern Wilderness, and these contingencies had to be pre-emptively set up during the upgrade.

Although the design was now complete, turning it into reality was much more difficult and time-consuming.

Chen Mobai did not make things difficult for the Spirit Vein Division and the Formation Division, asking them only to finish before the development of Dark Water was completed.

He assigned the project to Luo Yixuan to oversee.

After all, this would be her future arena, and since she was also in charge of Dark Water, it was convenient to handle both matters together.

Luo Yixuan was also bubbling with enthusiasm, eager for a Rank-4 water vein arena to cultivate in right away.

But at this time, Chen Mobai estimated that Yin Qingmei's realm had consolidated enough, and he planned to bring them back to try the co-cultivation method of the Five Elements again.

Before Luo Yixuan left, in order to ensure constant updates on the progress at Cold Jade Lake, she left behind Han Lanting, a loose cultivator, who agreed to caretake for a yearly price of one hundred low-grade spirit stones.

Han Lanting was naturally overjoyed to agree.

Back at Liu Jia Mountain.

Before Chen Mobai's multicolored clouds had even touched down, Yin Qingmei had already flown up to greet them.

Soon, around the Biyu Wutong at the peak of Liu Jia Mountain, the four of them and one ghost sat in a circle, commencing the Five Elements co-cultivation under Chen Mobai's guidance.

This time, it was indeed different from before.

With Primordial True Qi as the foundation, Chen Mobai found that his cultivation of the Primordial Dao Fruit seemed to have a backbone. Using it as a reference, he absorbed and refined the Five Elements spiritual power strand by strand.

Gradually, that thread of Primordial True Qi began to grow slightly.

As the Five Elements spiritual power flowed ceaselessly under the method of co-cultivation, the second thread of Primordial True Qi began to take shape inside Chen Mobai's middle dantian.

Just as Chen Mobai decided to push on and condense a complete thread of it, he found that the spiritual power of the water and earth elements started to weaken, as the supply couldn't keep up.

Under the method of co-cultivation, with a thought, he discovered the reason.

Zhuo Ming and Luo Yixuan, after all, had not truly reached Core Formation, so their spiritual power was insufficient while cultivating the Primordial True Qi.

Even Yin Qingmei, who had just formed her Gold Core, seemed a bit dimmed by the extraction of his Primordial True Qi.

Meanwhile, Elder Ming, an old ghost of many years, had no such issues.

After Chen Mobai realized this, he immediately stopped the Five Elements co-cultivation method.

The second thread of Primordial True Qi was roughly one-tenth condensed, and Chen Mobai fused it into the first thread.

When he opened his eyes, Zhuo Ming and Luo Yixuan both looked somewhat pale.

They were clearly strained from helping Chen Mobai cultivate Primordial True Qi with their Foundation Building realm power.

Yin Qingmei looked normal, but Chen Mobai could feel the Biyu Wutong tree beside her constantly refining nature's spiritual energy into Longevity Spiritual Power and infusing it into her to replenish her energy.

"The Dao Fruit that the Saint Heir cultivates, one run of Five Elements co-cultivation by five just-formed Golden Core Cultivators should be just right to help you condense one thread of True Qi!"

Elder Ming had a clear perspective; as Chen Mobai needed to focus on cultivation and couldn't be distracted, he asked her to observe. After ending the practice, she shared her judgement.

“I see...”

#### Chapter 1336: Cultivating Primordial True Qi Again (7k)\_4

This was Chen Mobai’s first complete attempt at cultivating Primordial True Qi, and it was successful. This also made him understand why Zhou Shengqing and others were unwilling to assist Zhou Ye in cultivation.

If the cultivation was overdone, it would not only hinder their own increase in Spiritual Power but might also damage their very origins.

Under the circumstances of Zhou Shengqing and the others, as long as they helped Zhou Ye cultivate, there basically would be no chance for them to achieve “Nascent Soul Formation.”

After understanding this, Chen Mobai also decided that in the future, it would be better not to use the Co-cultivation Method to let Luo Yixuan and the others help cultivate Primordial True Qi.

Once the hidden dangers of the Snow-blowing Palace were completely resolved, he planned to promote the Five Elements Essence Condensing Method on a large scale in the Eastern Wilderness.

However, before that, he could start small-scale pilot testing in some areas.

Where should this matter start? Who should be sent to handle it?

The personnel in Northern Abyss City were too complicated.

As for Giant Tree Ridge, the direct descendant Yue Zutao was definitely busy with Core Formation.

Perhaps, should he give King Zhou an opportunity?

Chen Mobai thought of this very capable sect’s Foundation Establishment disciple.

Through the years of training, King Zhou's capability and temperament had been unanimously recognized by the sect, and with Zhou Shengqing now having formed a Nascent Soul, although it was a Legal Body Nascent Soul, he definitely needed support for his descendants within the higher echelons of the sect.

Chen Mobai might as well take the initiative to nurture him.

Thinking this, Chen Mobai had already planned to delegate the task of piloting the Five Elements Essence to King Zhou.

If this matter was handled well, since he no longer needed Longevity Tree Sap and Longevity Dew, he could transfer these resources to him, sponsoring his cultivation of the Longevity Dao Body.

If King Zhou could cultivate a Rank-3 Longevity Dao Body at the Foundation Establishment realm, then combining it with a Golden Liquid Jade Pill in the future, his chances of Core Formation were hopeful.

Thinking this, Chen Mobai wrote a Message Talisman to King Zhou, instructing him to wait for orders in Northern Abyss City.

After concluding the Co-cultivation.

Chen Mobai gave Zhuo Ming and Luo Yixuan a top-grade Spirit Stone each to recover their Spiritual Power.

However, Zhuo Ming shook her head, indicating she had something better.

She dug out a jar of Spiritual Wine buried under the roots of a Biyu Wutong tree, first scooped a cup for Chen Mobai, then used a small spoon to scoop some for herself and Luo Yixuan.

Chen Mobai smelled the fragrance of peach fruit and instantly understood the origin of this Spiritual Wine.

At this time, Luo Yixuan and Zhuo Ming had already drunk it and sat cross-legged on the ground, beginning to circulate power and refine.

About after the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, both women opened their eyes, their cheeks slightly rosy, appearing somewhat intoxicated.

But the Spiritual Power that had been absorbed by Chen Mobai's cultivation of Primordial True Qi during the previous Co-cultivation session was fully restored.

"Master, this is the Spiritual Wine I brewed using the Rank-4 Immortal Peach, one spoonful a day, equivalent to ten days of seated meditation cultivation."

While Zhuo Ming spoke, Chen Mobai had already finished the cup she had scooped for him.

Seeing the Spiritual Wine ingested, it transformed into a stream of pure and powerful energy that spread easily, quickly refined by him into a uniquely owned Pure Yang Spiritual Power.

Previously in cultivating Primordial True Qi, being the main cultivator, he had, in fact, consumed the most, but this cup of Spiritual Wine not only completely replenished him but even showed signs of overflowing.

"With this Spiritual Wine, Ming'er seems likely to achieve Foundation Establishment Completion in a few years."

For Chen Mobai, this was also good news.

Depending on this Spiritual Wine, the disciples under him could shorten the time needed to accumulate Spiritual Power.

Unfortunately, having consumed a Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit, this Spiritual Wine could only replenish his Spiritual Power, and he could not think about further advancement.

“Thanks also to the Master for bestowing such Immortal Fruit.”

Zhuo Ming thanked Chen Mobai.

On the side, Luo Yixuan, knowing how powerful this Spiritual Wine was, felt somewhat itchy to request a jar, but in front of Chen Mobai, she was always obedient, so she did not want to speak up.

“Qing Mei, you also take half a cup, then rest for half a day before we can induce the Heavenly Tribulation for this Biyu Wutong.”

While Chen Mobai spoke, Zhuo Ming obediently scooped half a cup for Yin Qingmei.

In the Tianhe Realm, undergoing Core Formation inevitably brings Heavenly Tribulation.

One-Leaf Blindness was excessively contrary to heaven’s will, and if word got out, even the Holy Land might be tempted, causing Chen Mobai to devise a plan.

Previously, during the upgrade of the Biyu Wutong, the Heavenly Tribulation was obscured.

Now, as Yin Qingmei formed her core, her tribulation was used instead, posing as the Building Dan Heaven Tribulation.

With Yin Qingmei’s current genuine Core Formation strength supporting, Biyu Wutong had nearly a nine out of ten chance of overcoming the tribulation, especially since Chen Mobai had lent her the Haotian Mirror.

In the future, whether Biyu Wutong advanced a level or Yin Qingmei reached “Nascent Soul Formation,” her Building Dan Heaven Tribulation would be used again.

In any case, they'd continue this cycle until their Five Elements Sect possessed the power to subdue the entire East Continent and even the Tianhe Realm, whereupon the technique of One-Leaf Blindness would no longer need to be concealed.

Yin Qingmei had pretty much recovered with the help of her Destiny Spirit Plant, but she was also very curious about the Spiritual Wine brewed from Rank-4 Immortal Peach Fruit.

So, when she took a drink, a blush seemed to suffuse her pale cheeks, and her drunken demeanor was even more pronounced than Luo Yixuan's and Zhuo Ming's.

She originally planned to rest for half a day, but she ended up sobering up only the next day.

Chen Mobai hadn't expected Yin Qingmei's body to be so sensitive to Spiritual Wine.

Luckily, it hadn't interfered with important matters.

Above Liu Jia Mountain,

Amidst the rumbling sounds, the momentum of the Heavenly Tribulation reappeared.

Some nearby Loose Cultivators who hadn't yet relocated, upon seeing this scene and recalling legends of Core Formation Tribulation, couldn't help but long to be in that position.

If only they were the ones undergoing the tribulation.

At the foot of Liu Jia Mountain, Yan Yuanhao and the disciples of the Five Elements Sect were extremely tense. They deployed the Alpha Wood Soldiers, fearing that a heedless cultivator might disturb them.

But the renown of the Five Elements Sect was enough to subdue any cultivator in the Eastern Wilderness.

Suddenly, the sky darkened, the clouds looming ominously.

Chilling golden winds like fierce sword lights sliced down from the black-clouded heavens filled with Heavenly Firmament Atmosphere.

The Golden Wind Tribulation, commonly seen during the level-up of Spirit Wood or Core Formation with Wood Attribute Techniques, manifested above Liu Jia Mountain.

Like icy winds bearing blinding golden light, they slashed across the bark of Biyu Wutong, leaving marks that quickly healed as flashes of green Spiritual Light flickered and neutralized the golden brightness.

However, under the relentless assault of the Golden Wind's chilling gale, leaves and some tender branches of Biyu Wutong were chopped off one by one.

Seeing this, Yin Qingmei, seated beneath Biyu Wutong, immediately closed her eyes and began circulating the Qing Emperor's Longevity Scripture, using her own Spiritual Power to replenish her Destiny Spirit Plant.

Quickly, the radiant Spiritual Light of Biyu Wutong flourished, keeping the Golden Wind Tribulation at bay from the trunk.

A day and a night passed.

The Golden Wind Tribulation began to subside, but arcs of bright lightning audibly flickered and struck towards the peak of Liu Jia Mountain.

One, two, three...

After three strikes, Biyu Wutong seemed unable to withstand any more. Yin Qingmei, feeling her Spiritual Power greatly depleted, looked towards Chen Mobai not far off and received his nod.

Soon, Yin Qingmei held the Haotian Mirror in her hands. Her graceful, fairy-like figure crossed over Biyu Wutong and soared up to meet the lightning from the Heavenly Tribulation.

Boom, boom!

The fourth brilliant lightning strike descended but was effortlessly blocked by the Haotian Mirror. The mirror even seemed to purify its impurities by harnessing the power of the tribulation thunder. As successive bolts fell, it became increasingly radiant.

A sun lit up in the sky!

To Yan Yuanhao and others at the foot of the mountain, it seemed as though a fairy holding up the sun had dispelled the dark clouds and scattered the lightning.

As the sun ascended, the biting cold wind vanished, replaced by a warm and soothing soft glow that bathed the earth.

Had the Heavenly Tribulation passed?

Seeing this scene, that thought emerged in the minds of those at the foot of the mountain.

In a moment, the joy of having another Golden Core Cultivator in the sect invigorated their spirits!

Chapter 1337: Magic Artifact Spirituality (7k)

On the summit of Liu Jia Mountain, Yin Qingmei activated the Haotian Mirror to shatter the Heavenly Tribulation, signifying that the Biyu Wutong had crossed the tribulation.

Then, Chen Mobai saw the spiritual energy of nature that had formed the tribulation mostly dissipate between heaven and earth, while the most refined part surged towards the Biyu Wutong at the mountain's peak.

Where the branches of this spirit plant had been struck by the tribulation and broken, a dense and pure light immediately coiled around the wounds, gradually sprouting new growth with a vivacious flourish.

“So, there are such benefits after transcending the tribulation.”

Upon seeing this scene, Chen Mobai couldn't help but mutter to himself, but he didn't know if this was unique to spirit plants or also applicable when cultivators transcended the tribulation?

It seemed he needed to observe again when someone within the sect faced a tribulation next time.

He then recalled his own Core Formation tribulation, which seemed to have been entirely devoured by the Purple Electric Sword?

Chen Mobai made a mental note of this matter and, seeing Yin Qingmei still in midair, immediately sent her a message asking her to descend and perform the Qing Emperor's Longevity Scripture in tandem with the Biyu Wutong to share the refined spiritual energy of the tribulation.

Yin Qingmei hurriedly flew down after hearing this.

Chen Mobai immediately took her place, controlling the Haotian Mirror from afar, capturing the spiritual energy that was about to dissipate, and then with a powerful Divine Sense, slowly refined all of it into the Haotian Mirror.

Since its creation, his lifespan Artifact had mostly been in the hands of Yin Qingmei, casting its light over the spirit plants and condensing Purple Qi.

Three years prior, thanks to the endless Solar Essence here, and the profound mystery of the Haotian Mirror, a complete strand had already been condensed.

Chen Mobai planned to use it for his breakthrough to the Golden Core Seventh Layer, because his ascent from the Golden Core Fifth Layer to the Sixth Layer, and the fullness of Pure Yang Spiritual Power at the Sixth Layer, had all been enhanced by consuming Immortal Peach Fruits, which was not very foundational. If he tried to cause a breakthrough on his own, the success rate wouldn't be very high.

Resources should be used at critical points, which was the most profound understanding Chen Mobai had reached over the years.

It took nearly thirty years to accumulate this strand of Pure Yang Purple Qi, and if it could help him break through to the Golden Core Seventh Layer, it would be a perfect utilization.

Three days later, the Haotian Mirror had absorbed and refined all the spiritual energy of the tribulation, and the originally bright and brilliant mirror surface began to withdraw its radiance.

As if a great sun had turned into a moon in the blink of an eye.

Chen Mobai waved his hand, and the Haotian Mirror immediately flew down from the sky, floating in front of him.

Gently touching the mirror surface with the palm of his right hand, Chen Mobai sensed the power of his lifespan Artifact.

After a while, he withdrew his hand, both pleased and regretful.

Following the tempering by the tribulation, the Haotian Mirror had become a Third Rank Peak Magic Artifact.

It was just unfortunate that the mirror's original form was the Six-Yang Divine Fire Mirror of the Immortal Gate, made with only Rank-3 materials and even some corner pieces from Rank-2, showcasing the Immortal Gate's frugal style of being just enough.

It was still thanks to Chen Mobai, who during the creation of the Haotian Mirror, used Everlife Wood of Rank-4 to craft the mirror frame and forcefully elevated it to Third Rank Peak.

That is to say, the lifespan Artifact had now reached its limit.

Next, if he wanted to upgrade it further, he could only slowly nourish it with spiritual power over many years to cultivate an Artifact Spirit.

Or use higher-grade materials and a profound refinement technique to replace the low-level materials of the original mirror surface.

Chen Mobai wanted to try both methods.

However, because the Haotian Mirror was to be wielded by Yin Qingmei to condense Pure Yang Purple Qi, Chen Mobai thought, perhaps this foster daughter could help with the nurturing process.

After all, he was so busy, with not enough time for cultivation and handling various state affairs.

The second method, however, required at least a Fourth-order Refiner to step in.

Not the insubstantial kind from the Tianhe Realm, but the real deal from the Immortal Gate.

That was not a difficult task for Chen Mobai.

Because the school he graduated from, Dance Tool Dao Academy, was the cradle of all Artifact Refining in the Immortal Gate.

Master Chengxuan, a Fifth-order Refiner, was his principal, and the previous head of the Refining Implement Department was also his nominal teacher.

There was just one problem, which was that he had discussed the Haotian Mirror with Hong Mengkui before, and now Chen Mobai needed to find a way, an Immortal Gate jargon and excuse, to explain why his lifespan Artifact had suddenly upgraded to Third Rank Peak.

Fortunately, he had considered this point from the beginning, making two mirror frames.

Besides the Rank-4 Everlife Wood, there was also the Rank-3 Spirit Wood from Yu Wood City.

But if he genuinely wished for Hong Mengkui's help in upgrading the Haotian Mirror, he would need to prepare Rank-4 materials, which could only come from a clear origin within the Immortal Gate.

Because inside the Immortal Gate, every Rank-4 item was accounted for, with a specific place for each.

You can't just open another Void Blind Box, can you?

While Chen Mobai was pondering this, Yin Qingmei had already opened her beautiful eyes atop the mountain, her entire being shining with a radiant, fair complexion, appearing spirited and vigorous.

"Thank you for the reminder, Sect Leader."

After concluding her cultivation, Yin Qingmei immediately flew in front of Chen Mobai and thanked him with a slight bow.

After absorbing the purely refined spiritual energy of the tribulation together with her Destiny Spirit Plant, her Golden Core had thoroughly stabilized, even subtly increasing in size.

"Cultivate well, and when the time is right, I will hold a grand Core Formation ceremony for you."

Chen Mobai was very satisfied with Yin Qingmei; after all, even during the peak times of the Ancient Longevity Sect, the numbers of those who could practice the Qing Emperor's Longevity Scripture were scarce, possibly emerging once every several generations.

Chapter 1338:: Magic Artifact Spirituality (7k)\_2

If she had not practiced this Divine Transformation Technique, Chen Mobai would have only been able to watch the many Grand Spells of the Longevity Sect obtained from the Divine Tree Secret Realm and been unable to cultivate them.

"The fact that this disciple has successfully formed her core is established, whether we hold the Core Formation ceremony or not isn't important."

Yin Qingmei felt that Chen Mobai might be waiting for Luo Yixuan to form her core, to confirm her status as the foremost of the fourth generation in the Five Elements Sect before holding a makeup ceremony for her. Thus, she spoke up dutifully, not wishing to make things difficult for Chen Mobai.

Upon hearing this, Luo Yixuan at the side slightly furrowed her brows. Being cute was her forte, and she could easily see through the current demeanor of Yin Qingmei.

“Let’s talk about this when the time comes. By the way, Qingmei, now that you’ve formed your core, you can refine your Lifebound Magic Artefact. Do you have any ideas?”

Chen Mobai purely felt that it was not the right time to hold a ceremony given the unresolved issues between Snow-blowing Palace and Back to Sky Valley, and the Eastern Wilderness not yet being completely united. However, he thought if he was going to refine a Lifebound Magic Artefact Embryo for Luo Yixuan, he could also refine one for Yin Qingmei if she needed it.

Now that Yin Qingmei has formed her core, nurturing a Rank-2 embryo into Rank-3 would waste some cultivation time.

But Chen Mobai’s role for her was never that of a combatant.

“The Sect Leader may decide as he pleases, but if I could choose, I would like a Flying Sword!”

Yin Qingmei’s words made Chen Mobai nod in approval, after which he turned to Luo Yixuan beside him.

“Master, I would also like a Flying Sword!”

Luo Yixuan said this as she stared at Yin Qingmei.

“Both of you want Flying Swords?”

Chen Mobai hadn’t expected this but it wasn’t impossible either; it was just that he always promoted diversification.

“Master, as your direct disciple, I naturally aspire to follow in the path of your Flying Sword!”

Luo Yixuan was the first to speak, sharing her thoughts.

“The Sect Leader’s prestigiously used a sword to suppress the nineteen nations of the Eastern Wilderness, I’ve admired it since my Foundation Establishment, hence I see your Supreme Sword Path as my goal.”

Although Yin Qingmei’s words were different, the underlying sentiment was almost the same as Luo Yixuan’s.

[So they both admire my Sword Path!]

Hearing this, Chen Mobai couldn’t help but smile, and he thought of the three stalks of Yin Void Bamboo he had acquired from the Ruins, nodding in agreement.

“Alright, I understand. I’ll let you know when I’ve refined the Sword Artifact Embryo.”

Zhuo Ming felt envious upon hearing this.

However, her All-things Altruistic Cauldron was already enough for her to work on for a lifetime, and Chen Mobai didn’t plan on giving her a second Lifebound Magic Artefact Embryo to avoid adding to her burdens.

“Qingmei, this Haotian Mirror has grown much more powerful after surviving the Heavenly Tribulation, so take it and use it as your own Magic Artifact for now. Later, I’ll teach you a mantra for nurturing Magic Artifacts; if you can cultivate an Artifact Spirit from it, you can treat my Lifespan Artifact as your own Lifebound Magic Artifact.”

At the fall of Chen Mobai’s words, Yin Qingmei’s eyes shone brightly, and she joyfully extended her hand to receive the Haotian Mirror.

This Rank-3 Magic Artifact had been with her for twenty years and she was already familiar with it. In the two decades she had spent condensing Pure Yang Purple Qi, she felt that the Magic Artifact was like a part of her, with her Essence, Qi, and Spirit resonating with it.

That's why she could easily harness the power of the Haotian Mirror, scattering the Heavenly Tribulation with the strength of someone who had just formed their core.

Chen Mobai's instructions for her to nurture the Magic Artifact made Yin Qingmei all the more elated.

She felt valued by the Sect Leader; after all, even Luo Yixuan, his own disciple, hadn't been given a third-grade Magic Artifact.

"Thank you, Sect Leader, I will not let you down."

Fifth Rank Magic Artifacts have a spirituality that is no less formidable than that of Nascent Soul Cultivators. It is for this reason that before reaching Rank-5, the Immortal Gate would start nurturing the spirituality of Magic Artifacts, with the Purple Electric Sword serving as a prime example.

The spirituality of the Purple Electric Sword, a Fourth Grade Superior quality Artifact, is akin to a child.

Once it upgrades to a Fifth Rank Sword, its spirituality will be like that of a teenager.

The Tianhe Realm is slightly behind in this aspect, where most are using materials to refine Fifth-Rank Magic Artifacts, but these materials inherently have powerful spiritual traits. Thus, if the refinement succeeds, the cultivator can easily develop spirituality in the Artifact after nurturing it for a while.

On the Immortal Gate side, due to the scarcity of such materials, they usually nurtured spirituality first and then allowed the Artifact Spirit to lead the transformation.

Chen Mobai imparted to Yin Qingmei the methods and key points for nurturing the spirituality of a Magic Artifact; this knowledge, which was quite basic in the Immortal Gate, wasn't covered by proprietary laws, so teaching it to her didn't violate his Daoist Heart Oath.

That's because many cultivators on the Immortal Gate side would try time-consuming things when they saw no hope in advancing their cultivation.

Like nurturing an Artifact Spirit.

There was once a Foundation Establishment Practitioner who nurtured spirituality in his Rank-2 Flying Sword, but due to material limitations, the Flying Sword cracked the moment it developed spirituality, as it could not sustain it.

However, Rank-3 materials can generally withstand the spirituality of a Magic Artifact.

Especially since the Haotian Mirror also had Grade-4 Everlife Wood for its frame, Chen Mobai was even less worried.

“You can work on this in your spare time—do not spend too much time on it, as your own cultivation should come first.”

Chen Mobai worried that Yin Qingmei might take his instructions as a task, so after handing her the Haotian Mirror, he emphasized his point.

“Yes, Sect Leader!”

Chapter 1339: Magic Artifact Spiritual Nature (7k)\_3

Since the Haotian Mirror was still tasked with uniformly illuminating the Dari Purple Rice, Chen Mobai also gave Zhuo Ming a couple of instructions.

After all, the upgrade in grade of the Haotian Mirror might cause its regular illuminating radiance to become even more intense, so he warned her to be cautious the next time they tried it.

Of course, Chen Mobai didn't forget to extract the Pure Yang Purple Qi that was stored inside, approximately one-sixth of a strand.

With the increase in power of the Haotian Mirror, the progress of condensing Pure Yang Purple Qi should also accelerate somewhat.

According to Chen Mobai's recent trials, it might be possible to condense a complete strand in about fifteen years.

This pleased him greatly.

Because the Yuanyang View of the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains' Fourth Rank Superior Pure Yang Treasure Realm could only condense a complete strand every ten years.

This was also because the Pure Yang Treasure Realm didn't have a cultivator's guidance, functioning independently, and moreover, the Immortal Gate was covered by the Heavenly Curtain, limiting the Solar Essence that fell upon the Yuanyang View.

Unlike here, as long as his appetite was large enough, the entirety of the sun and moon's essence in the Eastern Wilderness belonged to Chen Mobai.

It was just a pity that he didn't have the time to condense it.

Chen Mobai stayed three more days on Liu Jia Mountain; he gave some of the Coiling Dragon Spiritual Rice and Fire Crystal Rice he had acquired to Zhuo Ming—these two types of Spirit Rice could help her swiftly refine the Nirvana Dan and elevate her Ninefold Law Body to Rank-3.

That day, after confirming that Yin Qingmei had mastered the method of nurturing spirits within magic artifacts, Chen Mobai left contentedly with Luo Yixuan.

Of course, before leaving, he had not forgotten to inform Yan Yuanhao at the foot of the mountain.

Upon learning from Chen Mobai of Yin Qingmei's successful Core Formation and her overcoming the Heavenly Tribulation while stabilizing her realm, he was extremely thrilled.

Because this signified that the Golden Liquid Jade Pill was indeed as described, a precious Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine beyond compare.

Though for Yin Qingmei, with her Heavenly Spiritual Root, succeeding in Core Formation was to be expected.

But she had just formed her core and was able to crush the Heavenly Tribulation, indicating she had energy to spare during Core Formation, which could only mean it was the effect of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

The Foundation Establishment practitioners within the Five Elements Sect, upon hearing this successful news, felt an empathetic sense of vicarious satisfaction, hoping to also obtain a Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

This naturally included King Zhou Shen.

He was practicing diligently in Xiao County, hoping to reach Foundation Establishment Completion as soon as possible. At the same time, he was silently cultivating his influence, often undertaking missions from the Spirit Treasure Pavilion to accumulate contributions, striving at the next Sect-supplied offering to acquire a Golden Liquid Jade Pill, so as not to miss out like Zheng Deming and Luo Xue'er did this time.

After receiving the message from Chen Mobai, Zhou Wangshen didn't dare delay for an instant, even abandoning a nearly completed mission from the Spirit Treasure Pavilion.

By the time Chen Mobai returned to Northern Abyss City, Zhou Wangshen had already been waiting there for seven days.

This was mainly because when Chen Mobai left Liu Jia Mountain, he had taken Luo Yixuan to visit Cold Jade Lake and after their stroll, they also inspected the development progress of Dark Water.

Previously, due to overseeing Yin Qingmei's Core Formation, the work had been paused for a while.

Now that Luo Yixuan had returned, she could once again lead the Sect cultivators and external laborers to rush the work, avoiding a situation where the Fourth Grade Spirit Vein of Cold Jade Lake was upgraded successfully while Dark Water had not.

“Apologies for making Zhou Shizhi wait.”

After returning, Chen Mobai immediately met with Zhou Wangshen in the main hall, speaking to him in a warm tone. Zhou Wangshen, a bit overwhelmed by the kindness, bowed respectfully, saying it was proper for him to wait for the Sect Leader.

“This time I’ve asked you to come...”

Just as Chen Mobai was about to speak about the Five Elements Essence, he suddenly sensed someone waiting at the entrance. With a move of his Divine Sense, he knew it was E Yun and immediately had Gu Yan bring him in.

If E Yun was coming over without notice when Chen Mobai was busy, it definitely wouldn’t be a trivial matter.

“Sect Leader, this was hurried over from the East Barbarians.”

True to that, upon entering, E Yun handed over an envelope with a grave expression.

Chen Mobai glanced at the cover and saw it was from the Sky Meal Building, immediately realizing the matter at hand.

Although Shen Shanqing had taken Liu Wenbo off to the Dongwu side, he had instructed the Shopkeeper of Sky Meal Building in advance that if any message was sent over from the Dongyi’s Golden Crow Immortal City branch, it should be forwarded to the Five Elements Sect immediately.

Upon receiving it, E Yun didn’t dare delay at all.

“Here it is...”

Upon seeing the message from Sky Meal Building, Chen Mobai couldn't help but nod slightly.

Facing the pressure from a Nascent Soul Superior, a fighting spirit naturally arose within him, curious to see if with the current strength of the Five Elements Sect, they could arm-wrestle with a Nascent Soul.

After reading it, he folded the Sky Meal Building letter, placing it back inside.

“Have Qi Rui travel day and night to get this to Nu Jiang True Person at Wind Rain Hamlet.”

Chen Mobai had a Message Talisman from Zhou Shengqing, but such talismans also needed to fly; short distances were not an issue, but over longer distances, they could fail to be delivered or become intercepted.

For this reason, large Sects maintained their special message delivery systems to ensure the messages reached their intended recipients.

Among them, the talismans from Holy Lands were instantly recognizable, untouchable by most, and they were the fastest.

The Five Elements Sect's talismans were somewhat average, thus Chen Mobai tasked Qi Rui with the errand.

From Northern Abyss City to Wind Rain Hamlet, it would just take a series of over a dozen Teleportation Array transitions; Qi Rui, despite some hardship, could arrive within half an hour.

Upon reading this letter, Nu Jiang would naturally forward it to Zhou Shengqing.

Only a Nascent Soul could wrestle with another Nascent Soul.

While it was still uncertain if the Jiutian Dangmo Sect would come and when they would arrive, Chen Mobai needed Zhou Shengqing to come and fortify their position.

Chapter 1340: Magic Artifact Spiritual Nature (7k)\_4

After notifying Zhou Shengqing, Chen Mobai wrote three more letters, sending them to Fu Zongjue, Mo Douguang, and Sheng Zhaoxi.

He just didn't know if Mo Douguang had left seclusion.

But he notified all the forces he could assemble, one by one.

Moreover, regarding Meng Hong, who was in seclusion at Giant Tree Ridge, he also asked Fu Zongjue to bring him along.

As for Luo Xue'er, it was better to have her stay at Wind Rain Hamlet. After all, if Zhou Shengqing left, with only Nu Jiang there, Chen Mobai feared they wouldn't withstand a sudden tide of demonic beasts.

Yin Qingmei and Luo Yixuan, though the former had just achieved Core Formation, at this time, were also a force to reckon with.

E Yun took a bunch of letters and hurried down to distribute them.

Zhou Wangshen watched from the side with a puzzled face, but since Chen Mobai didn't speak, he didn't ask, just standing there like a statue.

"Zhou Shizhi, have you encountered any difficulties in your recent cultivation?"

After dealing with the military mobilization, Chen Mobai sat down with his usual calm expression and asked Zhou Wangshen kindly.

"Reporting to Sect Leader, disciple's progress on the Longevity Scripture and the Longevity Dao Body has slowed down considerably..."

Since Chen Mobai had initiated the conversation, Zhou Shengqing naturally would not miss this rare opportunity to seek advice and promptly shared all the doubts he had accumulated in his cultivation.

Among them, the slowing of the Longevity Scripture is normal; this cultivation technique is like this, easy to learn but hard to master. It gets slower as one progresses, and its combat ability is not strong. If it weren't for the fact that breaking through each major realm could extend one's lifespan by sixty years, Ancestor Hunyuan would not have made it the primary cultivation technique for the Wood Vein.

It can only be said to cover a multitude of sins.

Chen Mobai used a Formless Puppet to help Zhou Wangshen deduce the process of his cultivation up to Foundation Establishment Completion, answering all his doubts about cultivation.

“For the Longevity Dao Body, the cultivation of the second level requires Longevity Dew, but since you have only completed the first level, the potency of the Longevity Dew is a bit too strong for you. You can dilute one drop of Longevity Dew with ten drops of Longevity Tree Sap, refining it every month...”

As Chen Mobai spoke, he nodded toward Gu Yan, who immediately took out a Jade Vial from her sleeve.

“This is the Longevity Dew left over from when I previously cultivated the Longevity Dao Body. There should still be dozens of drops left. Take it, Zhou Shizhi.”

Since Chen Mobai reached the third rank Perfection of the Longevity Dao Body, he had all the accumulated Longevity Tree Sap that Gu Yan had extracted listed for sale at the Spirit Treasure Pavilion to avoid wasting resources.

Moreover, with the opening of the Divine Tree Secret Realm, many Foundation Establishment Practitioners had also obtained Longevity Tree Sap, so the Five Elements Sect currently still treasured Longevity Tree Sap, but it was no longer a case of being unable to buy it even with Spirit Stones.

Zhou Wangshen was the Foundation Establishment Practitioner who bought the most Longevity Tree Sap. Relying on sufficient resources and diligent cultivation over the years, he barely managed to cultivate to the Second Order High Grade of the Body Refining Realm.

But at this step, he felt he had reached his limit.

That's because the next step would be the third rank of the Body Refining, a realm only achievable at Core Formation.

He had already given up hope, but today, Chen Mobai had given him a secret technique to cultivate the second level of the Longevity Dao Body at the Foundation Building Realm.

"Many thanks to Sect Leader for bestowing such a divine dew."

Zhou Wangshen thanked him excitedly. He knew that Chen Mobai was a man of his word; since it was gifted to him, there was no need to refuse any further.

"Remember never to exceed your body's limits in absorbing the Longevity Dew. I will also impart to you a Precious Fire Body Forging Technique..."

Since Chen Mobai was imparting it, he would certainly not teach only half of it. He hoped that Zhou Wangshen could, like Zhuo Ming, cultivate to the third rank of Body Forging before Core Formation, which would greatly raise the hopes of achieving Core Formation with the Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

"Yes, Sect Leader. Disciple will definitely not teach it to others."

After receiving the secret technique, Zhou Wangshen habitually made a Daoist Heart Oath, and Chen Mobai let him.

"Zhou Shizhi, I have a very important task at hand, and after considering all the Foundation Establishment practitioners within our sect, I've concluded that you are the most suitable,"

Chen Mobai finished speaking, and Zhou Wangshen immediately nodded solemnly, indicating that as long as the Sect Leader commanded, he was willing to go through fire and water without hesitation.

“This involves the technique of the Five Elements Essence. It’s crucial to my cultivation of the Primordial Dao Fruit...”

Chen Mobai explained the matter to Zhou Wangshen. Because the technique of the Five Elements Essence could significantly increase the cultivation progress of Primordial True Qi, it was best to attempt it covertly—at the very least, it should not be disclosed to the world.

After all, although the Five Elements Sect had already subdued the Eastern Wilderness, over in the East Land, there was still the First Origin Dao Palace, a holy land.

Once they learned of the technique of the Five Elements Essence, they surely wouldn’t sit still.

“The Sect Leader trusts me so much; your disciple will certainly not let you down.”

Upon hearing that it was a secret technique related to the Primordial Dao Fruit, Zhou Wangshen’s face showed shock, feeling that Chen Mobai truly saw him as a confidant to be cultivated, and his heart was deeply excited.

If he was similarly a confidant of the Sect Leader, then when it came time to compete for the next generation Sect Leader, he felt he might have a chance to surpass E Yun.

“I need an immense amount of Five Elements Essence for my cultivation of the Primordial Dao Fruit, but this matter should best remain hidden and not widely known; these two requirements are quite contradictory, so it will be a hard task for you.”

Chen Mobai said to Zhou Wangshen, who had already thought of a good solution and took the initiative to suggest,

“Sect Leader, among the five veins of our Five Elements Sect, there are many former True Disciples who have failed at Foundation Establishment. They have all reached Qi Cultivation Perfection, and their prospects have been cut off. I think we can summon this group of people in the name of the sect and then select a hidden place to teach them the technique of the Five Elements Essence.”

Zhou Wangshen’s words struck Chen Mobai as very sensible. Condensing the Five Elements Essence could delay cultivation, so the cultivators who were on the rise generally wouldn’t be willing.

But it was different for these former True Disciples who had failed at Foundation Establishment.

They were perfect!

If they were also given hope for Foundation Establishment, they might all be highly motivated.

Moreover, controlling these cultivators of the Five Elements Meridians was relatively easy. With a Daoist Heart Oath given, it was basically ensured that the matter of the Five Elements Essence wouldn't be leaked.

Giving them Foundation Building Pills would be somewhat wasteful.

Furthermore, there was bound to be a considerable number of cultivators condensing the Five Elements Essence; to achieve fairness and have periodic motivation and goals, Chen Mobai thought of the Immortal Gate's Foundation Establishment Trithings.

"I leave this matter in your hands; after its completion, the next time the Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine is refined successfully, as long as your contribution is sufficient, I guarantee that one pill will be yours."

The more he thought about it, the more Chen Mobai felt Zhou Wangshen's idea was right, so he immediately started to entice him with a grand promise.

"The Sect Leader's kindness to me is heavier than mountains; I will surely not let you down with this matter."

Hearing this, Zhou Wangshen was indeed filled with motivation.

Chen Mobai had Gu Yan bring out writing materials, and then he personally wrote a letter granting Zhou Wangshen the authority to select former True Disciple practitioners from among the Five Elements Meridians to complete a significant task.

To motivate these former True Disciples, Chen Mobai directly allowed Zhou Wangshen to take an advance from the Spirit Treasure Pavilion for five legitimate Foundation Building Pills.