

## World 1341

Chapter 1341: Crown of Heaven and Earth (7k) The reason for choosing Zhou Bingyan was mainly because Chen Mobai knew her a little better, in addition to her being part of the Zhou family.

In order to construct Xiao County, the Zhou family had invested a lot over the years. Now, King Zhou had to resign his position as the town guard of Xiao County because of the matter concerning the Five Elements Essence, and Chen Mobai, wanting to ease his mind, naturally needed to promote someone from the Zhou family to take over.

Half a day later, Zhou Shengqing also arrived in Northern Abyss City.

After Chen Mobai discussed this matter with him, he agreed as well.

Though the Zhou family, as his blood descendants, had many Foundation Establishment cultivators, there was only one Core Formation cultivator—King Zhou was the most likely candidate. Resigning from the town guard position might even turn out to be a good thing.

“Brother, do you want to meet King Zhou? The day after tomorrow, he will lead my orders and select disciples from the Five Elements Meridians.”

Chen Mobai asked this because he was just a step away from the Golden Core Seventh Layer. After the breakthrough, he could start preparing the resources for “Nascent Soul Formation.”

Among these resources, the Primordial Dao Fruit was of utmost importance. Thus, once King Zhou suggested a good solution, Chen Mobai quickly agreed to let him begin as soon as possible.

“If he knows I’ve achieved ‘Nascent Soul Formation’, his fighting spirit will no longer be as intense. These years, he has carried the Zhou family on his shoulders and striven tirelessly. Perhaps this is the key to his Core Formation in the future. Let’s continue to temper him for a bit longer.”

Upon hearing what Zhou Shengqing said, Chen Mobai went along with his decision.

Although King Zhou's talent was considered quite good, the success of Core Formation still relied on luck. If he could develop the Second Level of the Longevity Dao Body as planned and coupled with Zhou Shengqing's tempering, the hopes for Core Formation would actually increase greatly.

"This Northern Abyss City only has a Rank-3 Large Formation. If we fought with Bing Yun Hermit here, I fear that this Immortal City would be destroyed."

After finishing their talk about King Zhou, the two started discussing the greatest threat this time.

"Then continue to block her at the ruins. Junior Brother, how many people did you call?"

Zhou Shengqing thought of the battlefield originally set up to deal with the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace's army. If rearranged, it could still be used.

"I've called all the Golden Core cultivators within our sect. Xuan's abilities shouldn't be disclosed to outsiders, so she'll just sit tight in Northern Abyss City when the time comes."

Aside from Zhou Shengqing, who was a Legal Body Nascent Soul, the Five Elements Sect included six Golden Core Cultivators: Chen Mobai, Fu Zongjue, Yin Qingmei, Meng Hong, Sheng Zhaoxi, and Mo Douguang.

"Junior Brother Mo should still be in seclusion and might not be able to come."

Zhou Shengqing, however, brought some rather unwelcome news. But Chen Mobai wasn't upset; after all, facing Bing Yun Hermit, the main goal was to negotiate and turn hostility into peace.

If they really couldn't negotiate, then they would fight.

Zhou Shengqing was a key force, and besides him, there were also the Five Elements Dao Soldiers, the trump card of the Five Elements Sect.

By now, Chen Mobai was quite familiar with this war formation. Although they couldn't form ten thousand cultivators formation yet, the Five Elements Dao Soldiers combined could still match the power of ten thousand cultivators.

Chen Mobai and Zhou Shengqing decided that the latter would negotiate with Bing Yun Hermit first, and if they couldn't reach an agreement, Chen Mobai would then deploy the Five Elements Dao Soldiers.

Since he had cultivated the Primordial True Qi, he could absorb the power of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers into his body, and he estimated he could be considered half a Nascent Soul Cultivator by then.

It was also a good opportunity for him to experience the Perfection of Primordial True Qi.

As the two were discussing, Fu Zongjue also arrived.

After confirming all the details, they didn't waste any time. Zhou Shengqing went to the ruins to see if he could have a rational negotiation with Bing Yun Hermit on the way.

Chen Mobai and Fu Zongjue began to mobilize troops and commanders, drawing the elite cultivators from the Five Elements Meridians to the Eastern Desolation Plateau to prepare for the large-scale practice of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers.

Since they had previously entered the ruins with Ye Qing and the others, the core foundation of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers this time was based on that previous group.

Before long, Foundation Establishment Qi Practitioners from the Five Elements Meridians began to gather continuously toward Northern Abyss City.

However, due to the large numbers, gathering them required some time.

And since Chen Mobai didn't directly control the other Four Veins, even after emphasizing the seriousness of the matter, they couldn't respond as swiftly as the Wood Vein did.

Since most of the Wood Vein cultivators were already on the Eastern Desolation Plateau, within a single day of Chen Mobai issuing the order, three thousand cultivators had already been mobilized.

Among them, there were fifty Foundation Establishment practitioners.

Fu Zongjue first took this group of people to the battlefield at the ruins.

Chen Mobai stayed behind, waiting for the arrival of the cultivators from the other four veins.

The Metal Vein was the second to arrive, and to Chen Mobai's surprise, Mo Douguang had also come.

"Brother Mo, has your cultivation level broken through?"

Chen Mobai didn't use the Art of Spiritual Eyes to check but asked with genuine delight.

"I'm just a line away, but the realm is established. The rest is just about accumulating Spiritual Power, and fulfillment is only a matter of time."

Mo Douguang shook his head, not hiding his current situation.

Under other circumstances, he would definitely be in seclusion at Jinguang Cliff until he achieved Perfect Core Formation before coming out. But since a Nascent Soul was invading, he had to come over to support no matter what.

"Brother Mo, your generosity is boundless!"

Chen Mobai said, thanking Mo Douguang with a serious expression on his face.

With Mo Douguang's support, practicing the Five Elements Dao Soldiers battle formation would be more powerful, and Chen Mobai felt even more confident about facing Bing Yun Hermit.

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After the Metal Vein, the might of the Water Vein Cultivators also arrived.

However, due to Wind Rain Hamlet also resisting the onslaught of demonic beasts, the manpower that came was not much—only a thousand cultivators.

Chen Mobai expressed his understanding of this.

In fact, he even had the Wood Vein cultivators, who were to be mobilized next, provide support to Wind Rain Hamlet under E Yun's leadership.

Following the Water Vein, were the Fire Vein and Earth Vein, which were the farthest away.

Zhou Ye still had not shown up, Sheng Zhaoxi, having heard about the severity of the situation, personally led a team over.

"Xuan, I'll leave Northern Abyss City in your hands."

After leaving Luo Yixuan behind, Chen Mobai immediately led the cultivator armies of the other four veins towards the ruins.

The sight of dozens of Flying Boats soaring up into the sky caused the colors of the Loose Cultivators in Northern Abyss City to dramatically change.

The last time such a disturbance occurred was when they annihilated the Nanxuan sect, preparing to battle with Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Could it be that a Nascent Soul Major Faction from the Eastern Wilderness was about to attack?

With such doubts,

Chen Mobai had already led the cultivator army to the ruins; Fu Zongjue and Meng Hong, leading the Wood Vein Cultivators, had already set up camp there, mobilizing Spirit Veins.

Though the number of cultivators in the Five Elements Meridians was unequal, Chen Mobai, who possessed Primordial True Qi, could mediate from the center.

The method was similar to those who cultivated all Five Elements together, which was precisely what convinced Chen Mobai that True Lord Yuan must have obtained the inheritance of the Longevity Sect to have created the Primordial Dao Fruit.

Different from before, when in the ruins controlling the Five Elements Dao Soldiers, this time, because there were Golden Core Cultivators leading the formations, the Dao Soldiers' power was unimaginably strong. Chen Mobai found it extremely exhausting to control them fully.

Additionally, with no Golden Core Cultivators leading formations in the Water and Earth Veins, the difficulty increased even further.

But with the help of Fu Zongjue, Mo Douguang, and Sheng Zhaoxi adjusting, he barely managed to absorb the power of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers into his body.

Above the ruins, Chen Mobai stood in the center, as the five giant Dao Soldiers transformed into a torrential flood, surging into the External Incarnation that emerged behind him.

Under the torrential essence of the Five Elements, the External Incarnation instantly revealed a complete, gigantic human skeleton. Then, with Spiritual Light mingling around the organs and spreading throughout the body, a cloak of Five-Colored Light materialized all over, and with a clench of its right hand, a Five-Colored Light Sword condensed into form.

Chen Mobai, using his External Incarnation to stimulate Primordial True Qi and absorb the Five Elements Dao Soldiers, achieved unexpectedly good results.

A heavenly godly shadow, flickering with five-colored lights, now stood tall in the sky above the ruins, like a giant overlooking the vastness below.

After absorbing the power of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers, Chen Mobai felt the strength of his External Incarnation had reached the realm of the Nascent Soul.

However, he certainly wouldn't be a match if it came down to a face-to-face battle with a Nascent Soul.

For his power was derived from the cultivators of the Five Elements Veins below, he estimated that at most he could only unleash a few moves before needing to re-gather and dissipate.

He hoped that if it really came down to a fight, he could coordinate with Zhou Shengqing and pose enough of a threat to Bing Yun Hermit.

While Chen Mobai was pondering this, he took out the Purple Electric Sword.

As the right hand of the External Incarnation already held a light sword condensed by the Five Elements Sword Sha, it grasped the sword with the left hand.

"Master, I feel you can barely satisfy me now."

The Purple Electric Sword conveyed such a notion.

Chen Mobai couldn't help but smile wryly.

With the Purple Electric Sword being a fourth-grade superior sword artifact, accompanying him, indeed, was somewhat an embarrassment.

"This opponent seems quite formidable, and you will need to give it your all when the time comes. Could you gauge how many swords I might be able to strike with you in the External Incarnation's hand?" Chen Mobai began to mobilize the Purple Electric Sword, which after contemplating momentarily, gave an uncertain answer.

"Ordinary Rank-4 Sword Light, I could strike out thirty; but if I must exert my full power, I could barely slash out one at the fourth stage pinnacle!"

Once Chen Mobai heard this, he finally understood what the Purple Electric Sword meant by just barely being satisfied.

It turned out the sword had simply been accommodating him, never having fully stretched its capabilities.

“Then we’ll see when the time comes.”

Not knowing what the outcome of the negotiations with the Bing Yun Hermit would be, Chen Mobai simply offered the Purple Electric Sword a price of five top-grade Spirit Stones for action, with a promise to increase the reward depending on how the battle unfolded.

Upon hearing this unprecedented high price, the Purple Electric Sword became filled with fighting spirit.

But over the years, having absorbed a good amount of Spiritual Stone Spiritual Qi, it boasted even more spirit, so it posed another question to Chen Mobai.

“Master, is this opponent very frightening, and why must you fight head-on? After all, this is a different world, wouldn’t it be better to retreat directly back to the Immortal Gate?”

Chen Mobai tricked the Purple Electric Sword, saying he was undercover within a minor power in a different world, instigating a war, which it naively believed.

Yet, such undercover missions, in the face of danger, could be abandoned and one could retreat at any moment depending on the situation.

Because the original owner of the Purple Electric Sword had gone through this himself.

“Retreat, huh...”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai turned to look behind him. Though hidden by mountain ranges, the sky of the Eastern Wilderness still entered his vision.

He had been in this world for nearly sixty years.

He could even say that he had spent more time in the Eastern Wilderness than at the Immortal Gate.

And over these years, unbeknownst to himself, he had come to consider himself the Sect Leader of the Five Elements Sect, even viewing the entire Eastern Wilderness as his own backyard.

This place was his territory!

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Without my permission, no one is allowed to step foot here!

Chen Mobai's thoughts suddenly became incredibly clear at this moment.

This Eastern Wilderness was not only the domain of the Five Elements Sect, but it was also his, Chen Mobai's, Eastern Wilderness.

He had declared that he would bring eternal peace to this territory!

Any person or force capable of threatening his dominion over this land was an enemy he sought to expel!

Just then, Chen Mobai suddenly felt an indiscernible force of collective willpower emanating from not far behind him in the Eastern Wilderness, flowing ceaselessly towards his external incarnation.

Above the head of the external incarnation, this collective willpower found its anchor and began to condense slowly, taking the shape of a jade crown.

The moment the Jade Crown was adorned, the originally nebulous face of the external incarnation shone with a crystalline light, its facial features faintly emerging.

What's this...?

Chen Mobai looked on in slight surprise at this scene, but a moment of enlightenment soon surged in his mind.

He felt that once the Jade Crown was placed upon his head, if he operated his Divine Sense, he could penetrate the essence of his being, achieving clarity of mind and insight into his true nature.

And by introspecting his own body, if he used even more Divine Sense, it seemed possible to observe the very nature of the Eastern Wilderness, comprehending all beings and phenomena!

Crown of Heaven and Earth!

This was the crown bestowed upon him by all the beings of the Eastern Wilderness.

It was also the reward of merit and virtue Chen Mobai received after unifying the Eastern Wilderness.

If he had not yet reached Core Formation, he could use this Crown of Heaven and Earth to introspect and observe the world around him, and achieve Enlightenment Core Formation!

It was at this time that Chen Mobai knew that Enlightenment Core Formation was not solely about merit, but even more so, it required a clear understanding of one's own Dao Heart.

His Dao Heart was his appreciation for, or rather his greed for, the Eastern Wilderness territory.

Once the Dao Heart was established, merit had a carrier to adhere to.

Just like Mo Douguang, the realm had to be accomplished before one could reach Perfection Core Formation.

It was in this instant that Chen Mobai's Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram suddenly advanced to the second level of mastery!

His Divine Sense doubled in an instant, and within his Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Palace, the Phoenix Phantom perched atop the Paulownia shone with greater sacred and auspicious radiance, filling everything and causing the Green Paulownia Seedlings to burst forth into growth.

Chen Mobai sensed immediately which parts of his body retained the residue of Dan Poison from taking elixirs.

Accompanied by dry retching, he spat out a glob of dark red phlegm.

This was all the harmful substances within his body.

With the second layer of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun completed, and bolstered by an Immune to All Poisons state, all were expelled from his body.

Chen Mobai was also very particular about hygiene; with a snap of his fingers, he used Green-sun Fire to incinerate the phlegm completely.

He had yet to fully experience the other wonders of this Crown of Heaven and Earth when he already felt two immensely powerful energies colliding and roaring in the distance!

One of them was Zhou Shengqing, whom he was very familiar with!

The other, naturally, needed no introduction – it was the Bing Yun Hermit.

It seemed the two had not come to an agreement!

“Please lend me your strength!”

Chen Mobai knew it was time for him to act, and he called down to the disciples of the Five Elements Sect within the five major formations below.

Golden Core Cultivators like Mo Douguang immediately mobilized the power of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers, surging forth endlessly.

Within the formations, all the Foundation Establishment and Qi Cultivation disciples sat down cross-legged at this moment, holding Spirit Stones in their hands, striving to channel their Spiritual Power as quickly as possible.

Chen Mobai’s True Body remained here, but under his control, his external incarnation rode upon colorful clouds and rushed towards Zhou Shengqing and Bing Yun Hermit, who were engaged in combat.

After the breakthrough of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram, Chen Mobai’s Divine Sense became even stronger and the formidable forces that he had struggled to control previously were now being channeled by him, pouring unceasingly into the Purple Electric Sword.

A thunderous sword move ready to strike at any time!

Ruins!

Zhou Shengqing employed Domain Expansion, setting up three Golden Sun Spirit Trees to form the Three Talents Large Formation, releasing countless Spirit Leaves to create a potent defense, blocking the flurry of snowflakes from the sky.

According to Zhou Shengqing’s current realm, only when a Rank-4 Everlife Wood was refined into a Tree Seed would it truly complement him.

Unfortunately, there were no Rank-4 Spirit Plant Masters in the Wood Vein, so there was no way to refine the Everlife Wood into the Tree Seed, forcing Zhou Shengqing to make up for quality with quantity.

Initially, he had deployed six Golden Sun Spirit Trees, creating a Hexagram Large Formation.

However, after several rounds of combat with the Bing Yun Hermit, three of them had been penetrated by the Cold Ice Sword Light, turning into icy fragments scattered across the mountains.

If not for Zhou Shengqing's Rank-4 Golden Mirage Pearl protecting his body, he probably would have been unable to hold on and started to retreat by now.

"A mere Legal Body Nascent Soul dares to stand in my way, I'll give you a chance, surrender now, otherwise, after I slay you, I will flatten the entire Five Elements Sect!"

Bing Yun Hermit had an aloof and beautiful countenance, though her tone was haughty, there was no fluctuation in her emotions.

Her skin was as pale as snow, her eyes icy and indifferent, emanating a chill that warned others not to come close.

As she spoke, she maneuvered her Snow White Flying Sword, slashing fiercely around Zhou Shengqing, resembling a bright white dragon that, dodging the Golden Mirage Pearl, brought white ice lightning to once again slash and freeze another Golden Sun Spirit Tree.

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"Fellow Daoist, our sect has already reported to the Jiutian Dangmo Sect regarding Kong Lingling from Snow-blowing Palace practicing Demonic Cultivation Techniques. If you continue to cause trouble, once the disciples from the Holy Land arrive, the crime of harboring a Magic Daoist Monk may very well fall upon your head," Zhou Shengqing said after exchanging two moves, knowing he was no match for Bing Yun Hermit. Relying on the Golden Mirage Pearl, he could manage to drag out the fight, and thus he attempted to persuade her again.

"Hmph, if Kong Lingling practices demonic cultivation, I will personally eradicate the lineage of Snow-blowing Palace myself. But her practicing demonic cultivation and making my Ice Palace and your Five Elements Sect enemies are not necessarily related."

Although Bing Yun Hermit was cold and arrogant, she knew well that the Jiutian Dangmo Sect was not a force she could afford to offend, even in the Eastern Wilderness she didn't want to give others a pretext.

Therefore, she directly used the quest for vengeance as a reason to oppose the Five Elements Sect!

Moreover, the allure of Zhou Shengqing's Nascent Soul also tempted her.

A Rank-5 Soul Nourishing Wood, even a treasure in the East Land.

If she could obtain it, Ice Palace might gain an additional Nascent Soul.

Originally, she just planned to take back a disciple who was fostered here after Kong Lingling's death, never expecting this additional gain.

"Tell me, where did you get this Rank-5 Soul Nourishing Wood?"

Bing Yun Hermit questioned again, but how could Zhou Shengqing possibly disclose that, simply shaking his head and more intensely stimulating the power of the Golden Mirage Pearl.

"Then perish. After killing you, I will go to the Five Elements Sect and ask each Golden Core Cultivator one by one. I do not believe they all have a backbone like yours."

At this moment, Bing Yun Hermit no longer intended to negotiate with Zhou Shengqing.

She planned to take down the entire Five Elements Sect with absolute strength.

"As the Sect Leader of the Five Elements Sect, Chen Guixian, you need not bother coming yourself, I am already here!"

But just then, a commanding and profound voice erupted, followed by a colossal figure with a jade crown and vague features, stepping on a colorful auspicious cloud and draped in a robe of five-colored rosy light, appearing before the two battling cultivators.

“Junior brother, you have finally arrived!”

Although Zhou Shengqing had never seen such an external incarnation before, he immediately recognized Chen Mobai’s divine consciousness fluctuations, along with the immense Primordial True Qi, at the very first moment.

“Please forgive me, senior brother, for arriving a bit late.”

The gigantic figure of Chen Mobai bowed to Zhou Shengqing, but at that moment, Bing Yun Hermit waved her hand, and myriad snowflakes with extremely cold chillness enveloped the external incarnation.

However, the robe of five-colored rosy light gently undulated, releasing a rainbow glow created by the massive condensed Primordial True Qi. As long as it was within the scope of the Five Elements Spells, it was invulnerable to all techniques!

Soon, the snowflakes that blanketed everything in white melt upon touching the robe of five-colored rosy light, turning instantly into droplets of water, merging into the icy vast land.

“Primordial True Qi!”

Bing Yun Hermit, also a cultivator with some Holy Land inheritances, recognized immediately what divine skill Chen Mobai was employing upon seeing this scene, her eyes sharpening and brows furrowing!

“If you really intend to fight to the end, Fellow Daoist, then do not blame me and senior brother for outnumbering you!”

Even as he spoke, Chen Mobai unleashed his colorful light sword like a startling spear, instantly sweeping up all the spiritual energy in the sky, targeting Bing Yun Hermit's glabella.

A transparent ice wall appeared midair, precisely blocking Chen Mobai's Five Elements Sword Sha.

But with a crack!

The Five Elements Sword Sha, injected with some of Chen Mobai's Primordial True Qi, penetrated the ice wall formed by Ice Spirit Power, creating a crack that then spread like a spider web in all directions.

Eventually, it shattered completely into pieces of ice!

Yet, by this time, Bing Yun Hermit had already left her original position.

Her form, ghost-like, suddenly emerged in front of Chen Mobai.

With her keen sight, she immediately recognized that Chen Mobai's capability was merely at the Golden Core level, merely using a Secret Technique to temporarily possess the power of a Nascent Soul.

Such power, full of flaws!

Under her divine sense's drive, the white Flying Sword burst out bright white light, like an ice attribute Extreme Sun Slash, directly stabbing into the five-colored rosy light robe.

Primordial True Qi had played the role it was supposed to, melting all the Ice Spirit Power attached to the flying sword, but the might of this powerful Rank-4 flying sword itself penetrated without hindrance.

This was also how the Eastern Lands dealt with Primordial True Qi.

After all, as one of the Four Great Holy Lands, the First Origin Dao Palace was the center of attention across the world.

Primordial True Qi could neutralize the Five Elements Spells of the world, but it had no effect on physical Magic Artifacts.

Although Chen Mobai's External Incarnation had the power of a Nascent Soul, it was not cultivated by himself and was rather cumbersome.

Without the Five-Colored Dawn Robe, he probably would have been frozen by Bing Yun Hermit at the first move.

Facing the thrust of the Snow White Flying Sword now, Chen Mobai did not dare to be careless.

Purple Thunder Sword Roaring!

A deep purple Sword Light, brimming with sharp brilliance, burst forth from the palm of his left hand, stabbing fiercely towards Bing Yun Hermit.

Bing Yun Hermit naturally did not wish to perish together with an incarnation!

She snorted coldly, maneuvering the Snow White Longsword to fly back and shield her, clashing with the Purple Lightning Sword.

Bang!

The two swords collided, igniting huge sparks that shook the frozen ground, trees, and mountains around them, releasing a surge of cold air.

Both wielders unleashed true Nascent Soul strength with this sword strike; Chen Mobai knew that this incarnation's strength couldn't last long, and it had significant flaws, so he resolved to decide the outcome with one strike.

As a Nascent Soul Cultivator, Bing Yun Hermit was also very confident in her strength.

She believed that Chen Mobai's Nascent Soul incarnation, enhanced by an Array, could at best block her attack, but not injure her.

But at the moment of the swords' clash, her expression suddenly changed!

Her pride, her Lifebound Flying Sword, had unexpectedly developed a tiny nick!

This indicated that her Flying Sword's quality was actually inferior to Chen Mobai's.

Impossible!

How could such a high-quality, powerful Flying Sword possibly exist in the humble East Wasteland Village?

In disbelief, Bing Yun Hermit immediately executed a Sword Technique to avoid a hard clash, trying to dissolve the power of the Purple Lightning Sword, which continued to emit arcs of electricity, and evade it!

But at that moment, a golden storm descended from the sky, forming a strong binding force that seized her figure, freezing her in place!

Zhou Shengqing had timed it perfectly, striking at the critical moment!

This forced Bing Yun Hermit to endure Chen Mobai's full-powered strike from the Purple Lightning Peak!

"Is this your strongest move?"

Though bound, Bing Yun Hermit's face showed no change; she opened her mouth to spit out Essence Blood onto her Flying Sword.

In an instant, the Snow White Flying Sword's brilliance flickered to its utmost, resembling a rising snow-white sun amidst the ruins!

Chen Mobai hadn't expected Bing Yun to still possess such strength; it could only be said that the cultivators of the Tianhe Realm each had unexpected desperation moves meant for protecting or gambling their lives.

But by this time, they were already on a path of no return!

Chen Mobai roared loudly, and the Five-Colored Dawn Robe flew out from his incarnation's body, suddenly enveloping the Snow White Flying Sword.

The Primordial True Qi erupted, annihilating itself together with the sword's brilliance!

Then, the blade of the Purple Lightning Sword chopped down; Bing Yun Hermit could only forcefully maneuver her Flying Sword to block.

The two swords clashed again, and the already slightly nicked Snow White Flying Sword, hit again by the blade of the Purple Lightning Sword, cracked with a crisp snap.

Bing Yun Hermit's face turned deathly pale!

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The lifebound flying sword was on the verge of shattering, a serious injury that made the Bing Yun Hermit experience a level of intense pain she had not felt in over a hundred years.

And this long-lost agony ignited her survival instincts, which had been honed through her cultivation, to fully erupt!

A lustrous white sphere formed in her palm and in an instant, burst forth with a blindingly bright and piercing cold light.

Feeling the formidable power of the ice thunder, Chen Mobai, having exhausted his Primordial True Qi, could only throw out a Spirit Leaf Talisman given to him by Zhou Shengqing.

At the same time, he maneuvered his all-out Purple Electric Sword in a desperate slash, hoping to take this opportunity to fell the Bing Yun Hermit, a Nascent Soul from the Eastland, in the ruins.

However, a sudden appearance of a snowflake in mid-air blocked the oncoming Purple Electric Sword.

The snowflake was cold and white, flickering with a pure frosty light, seemingly possessing the power to freeze the void. The previously unstoppable Purple Electric Sword was abruptly stalled before the neck of the Bing Yun Hermit.

Then, the power of the ice thunder reached its peak in an explosion of energy, silent as a breathless cold tide, spreading out in all directions and forcing Zhou Shengqing, who had intended to surround and attack, to retreat.

The Spirit Leaf Talisman in front of Chen Mobai dimmed under the onslaught of the cold tide, on the brink of being completely shattered.

A golden whirlwind fell from the sky, protecting this external incarnation of Chen Mobai within it.

“Thank you, Senior Brother, for lending a hand.”

If this external incarnation had been lost, Chen Mobai estimated that, given sufficient resources, it would take him another ten to twenty years to coalesce a new one.

“What a pity, the Bing Yun Hermit got away.”

Zhou Shengqing shook his head, controlling the Golden Mirage Pearl to protect both himself and Chen Mobai, keeping the relentless cold tide at bay.

Chen Mobai, deeply connected with the Purple Electric Sword, through the perspective of the sword artifact, also saw the Bing Yun Hermit freeze the void with a snowflake-like talisman, then retract her nearly broken lifebound flying sword, transform into a snow-white Escaping Light, and rapidly vanish on the spot.

“Nascent Soul Cultivators are indeed hard to kill!”

Chen Mobai sighed; even if the Bing Yun Hermit hadn't fled, he would not have had any means to deal with her next.

At best, Zhou Shengqing could rely on the Golden Mirage Pearl to put up a resistance.

At that moment, the cold tide erupted to such an extent that dark clouds gathered in the sky, thunder rolling ominously.

It seemed like the extreme cold here had triggered a change in the weather!

After a series of thunderous roars, Chen Mobai and his ally finally overcame the ice thunder cold tide unleashed by the Bing Yun Hermit before her departure.

Looking around, the former wilderness of verdant mountains and rivers was now a vast expanse of white. Everything was frozen, covered with a thick layer of frost and snow.

Seeing this, Chen Mobai couldn't help but marvel at the immense power of Primordial True Qi.

With Primordial True Qi, he could ignore all of this.

Even the wide array of ice attribute grand spells that the Bing Yun Hermit excelled in were no match for him, forcing her to resort to a pure contest of flying swords.

Without Primordial True Qi, the cold tide triggered by the ice thunder nearly caused his external incarnation to freeze solid.

Zhou Shengqing retracted the Golden Mirage Pearl.

This exchange with the Bing Yun Hermit had also cost him greatly; he had been on the defensive for most of the battle, and if it hadn't been for Chen Mobai's timely support, he would probably be retreating by now.

The two arrived at the place where the Bing Yun Hermit had disappeared. The Purple Electric Sword was frozen mid-air, and a layer of frost had formed on the surface of the blade.

"The talisman she used just now was likely the Frost Flower Talisman from the Ice Palace. It is said that upon its activation, it can freeze a part of the void, and only someone of Rank-5 can break it."

Zhou Shengqing recalled the scene and couldn't help but speak out.

The Ice Palace was once a Holy Land, and although it had now fallen into ruin, some treasures must have remained.

The Frost Flower Talisman was one of them.

It was a top-tier Fourth Order Talisman with both offensive and defensive capabilities. If a cultivator was hit, they would be instantly frozen, left completely at the mercy of others.

Chen Mobai immediately called out to the sword spirit of the Purple Electric Sword, who responded with a slight tremble.

"Master, I'm a bit too cold."

Hearing this, Chen Mobai was distressed; since acquiring this sword artifact, he had never seen it in such a state.

He quickly offered ten top-grade Spirit Stones as compensation.

As soon as the Spirit Stones were placed on the blade, they dissolved into streams of pure luminous light, like smoke dissipating, continuously absorbed by Purple Electric Sword.

After about a quarter of an hour, the Frost Flower Talisman's efficacy began to fade, and the layer of frost on the blade slowly melted away, turning into droplets of clear water that dripped from the tip of the sword.

As each droplet hit the ground, it instantly turned into a towering pillar of ice rise from the earth.

One could only imagine how terrifying the ice elemental power of the Frost Flower Talisman was for the Purple Electric Sword to withstand it head-on!

Chen Mobai tenderly covered the Purple Electric Sword with top-grade Spirit Stones and then put it back into the Storage Bag to let it recuperate slowly.

The Bing Yun Hermit had learned her lesson from this ordeal and would surely not make such an unrestrained appearance again.

Moreover, the crack in her lifebound flying sword would cause her to suffer severe damage to her vital energy, possibly even affecting the essence of her being.

According to Chen Mobai's understanding of the cultivators in the Tianhe Realm, until her injuries healed, the Bing Yun Hermit probably would not reappear.

She might even choose to return and recuperate in the Dongtu Ice Heaven Palace.

However, Chen Mobai also considered the possibility that the Hermit was vindictive. She might stealthily hide and seek to cause trouble for the Five Elements Sect.

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With her Nascent Soul Realm, even now, with severe damage to her vital energy, she was indeed capable of traversing the Eastern Wilderness.

Thus, Chen Mobai and Zhou Shengqing discussed it briefly, and the latter still stayed within the ruins to see if he could find the injured Bing Yun Hermit.

Chen Mobai, on the other hand, returned to continue leading the cultivators of the Five Elements Meridians, blocking the entrance to the ruins.

Once they discovered Bing Yun Hermit, launching the Five Elements Dao Soldiers would also be able to hold them off for a while.

However, this method was not omnipotent.

After all, the so-called entrance to the ruins was only for ordinary cultivators, because that path had been most developed by the cultivators of the Eastern Wilderness and the East Barbarians, and powerful demonic beasts had long been cleared away.

But for Nascent Soul Cultivators, any ruins bordering the Eastern Wilderness were as flat as a road.

However, there were also Rank-3 demonic beast clans in those areas.

If Bing Yun Hermit decided to break through, he would definitely make a noise.

By then, they would be able to perceive it immediately.

Whether to continue fighting or to avoid battle, they would be able to act according to the situation at the time.

After the discussion, Chen Mobai's external incarnation transformed into a streak of flowing light, heading towards the camp of the Five Elements army.

“Junior Brother, I felt intense fluctuations in nature’s spiritual energy. Did you engage with that scoundrel?” Mo Douguang, the highest cultivator in the camp, flew in mid-air, saw the external incarnation return and merge back into Chen Mobai’s body, and couldn’t help but ask.

“Yes, after a tough fight, I damaged her lifebound flying sword and temporarily forced her to retreat.” Chen Mobai also told the truth. Bing Yun Hermit was indeed the most formidable opponent he had encountered since his cultivation began. Although the previous Master Huakai was also of Nascent Soul Nature, she was still in the Golden Core Realm.

Hearing this, the surrounding Golden Core Cultivators of the Five Elements Sect all gasped in shock.

That was a Nascent Soul Cultivator!

Defeated?!

Yin Qingmei, who had just reached Core Formation, was somewhat dazzled upon hearing this news.

Is this truly the extent of my foster father’s power!

Mo Douguang and others knew Zhou Shengqing was also there, but even so, they were still shocked by Chen Mobai’s achievement.

“The enemy might not give up. I ask for everyone’s continued support.” Chen Mobai briefly explained the battle situation, primarily that Bing Yun Hermit was seriously injured and it would be best for them if she chose to retreat knowing the difficulty.

But they couldn’t bet on that, only assuming that Bing Yun Hermit would not give up.

After all, the Eastern Wilderness was now the domain of the Five Elements Sect. If a Nascent Soul Cultivator invaded and wreaked havoc, it would surely shake their foundation.

Especially since Chen Mobai had just received the “Crown of Heaven and Earth” granted by the beings of the Eastern Wilderness.

He now regarded the Eastern Wilderness as his home and wouldn’t allow anyone to come in and cause destruction.

Hearing Chen Mobai’s words, Mo Douguang and others nodded.

It was at this moment that Sheng Zhaoxi suddenly had a thought coursing through his mind!

[This Sect Leader’s junior brother might indeed be able to form his “Nascent Soul Formation”.]

Under Chen Mobai’s lead, everyone flew down, and many Qi Practitioners, pale-faced, were holding spirit stones, recovering the spiritual power drained by the Five Elements Dao Soldiers.

The Foundation Establishment Practitioners, especially those weaker, did the same.

In fact, Mo Douguang and the others also expended a lot, but being Golden Core Cultivators, even though six or seven tenths of their spiritual power was drawn out, what remained could still suppress the Foundation Establishments, so it was not apparent from their appearances.

[It seems that assembling five ten thousand cultivators formations would truly unleash the power of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers.] Chen Mobai thought to himself, although achieving this would still be an arduous task.

All the Five Elements Meridians together didn’t even reach twenty thousand cultivators.

He only hoped that after dealing with Bing Yun Hermit’s situation, they could gradually develop the entire human race of the Eastern Wilderness. Through the Spirit Rice already being planted across the Eastern Desolation Plateau, they could nurture a better next generation.

Thinking this, Chen Mobai also started holding a spirit stone, closing his eyes to recover his essence, Qi, and spirit.

Although he had absorbed the Five Elements Dao Soldiers into his external incarnation during his encounter with Bing Yun Hermit, his own power was also a critical part, especially the consumption of his Divine Sense, which was extremely severe.

However, this time controlling the power of the Nascent Soul was also greatly beneficial to him.

Although he couldn't yet fully comprehend the mysteries of the Nascent Soul Realm, at the very least, he had a more direct understanding and experience of this realm's power.

Next, he just needed to gradually transform this understanding into insight, which would be extremely beneficial for his eventual "Nascent Soul Formation."

Time quickly passed, seven days went by.

Bing Yun Hermit was even more cautious than Chen Mobai anticipated, not showing up at all.

The same went for Zhou Shengqing.

A Nascent Soul Superior intent on hiding was hard to track unless they deployed the vast army of the Five Elements Meridians, making it very difficult just by his lonesome presence.

Chen Mobai, however, showed no change in his approach, still letting the five major formations conserve their strength. Periodically, he drilled the Five Elements Dao Soldiers, enhancing their proficiency while also experiencing the strength of the Nascent Soul Realm.

Although having so many cultivators from the Five Elements Meridians assembled here meant consuming a massive amount of spirit stones daily, resources could be earned back, but if Bing Yun Hermit exploited a weakness by surprise, the loss of any Golden Core would be irreplaceable.

To this end, Mo Douguang and the others agreed.

However, good news arrived swiftly.

On their eighth day of readiness, a message talisman from Yuan Zhen fell into Chen Mobai's hands, indicating she had reached the Golden Crow Immortal City and would soon come to the Eastern Wilderness.

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Chen Mobai received the message and, while he breathed a sigh of relief, he quickly took out the Message Talisman she had given him before, writing about the situation of his battle with Bing Yun Hermit.

In the content, he naturally emphasized how Bing Yun Hermit had disregarded the authority of Jiutian Dangmo Sect and even though she knew her disciple was involved in the Demon Path's practices, she had been overbearing and unreasonable, wanting to use her overwhelming power to force Five Elements Sect to submit, among other things...

Although he had embellished the story slightly, Chen Mobai assured himself that everything he wrote was based on fact.

Next, it was just a matter of waiting for Yuan Zhen's arrival.

He hoped that no unforeseen incidents would occur in the meantime.

Chen Mobai thought this, and his nerves became even more strung tight. He even sent this news to Zhou Shengqing, instructing him to come back immediately and guard the vicinity.

After all, the current Five Elements Formation was the cream of the crop of the Five Elements Sect, and if anything were to go wrong, he reckoned it would take nearly a year to recover.

As the time drew closer, Chen Mobai became increasingly nervous.

That day, a brilliant golden Flying Boat descended above the Five Elements Sect's camp.

Chen Mobai immediately absorbed the Five Elements Dao Soldiers into his body, his vast incarnation like that of a Heavenly God, made the Flying Boat tremble unsteadily, as if it could barely withstand his terrifying pressure.

“Sect Master Chen, what impressive prestige!” Yuan Zhen teased with a slightly joking tone, then she emerged with two female disciples and two cultivators wearing the Sun Bathing Sea Vestment robes.

“True Person Yuan, please forgive me, the enemy is simply too formidable, and our humble sect dared not make any mistakes,” Chen Mobai modestly replied, then he dismissed his External Incarnation and paid his respects to Yuan Zhen and her company.

“Yu Hai you know. This is Zhu Jun from the Sun Bathing Sea. Knowing I was in a hurry to come to the Eastern Wilderness, she kindly brought me here with her Golden Boat,” Yuan Zhen said with a smile as she introduced the two Sun Bathing Sea cultivators to Chen Mobai.

Zhu Jun was a female cultivator with an ethereal quality, her appearance delicate and beautiful, as if sculpted from jade, wearing a pale golden Sunbathing Immortal Robe, adorned with ornate hair accessories. With a presence as calm as a deep pool, she stood midair exuding a distinctive charm, no less formidable than Jiutian Dangmo Sect’s Yuan Zhen.

“So it’s the esteemed True Person Zhu, I’ve long admired your great name.”

Aside from the Nascent Soul Cultivator Baiwu Ancestor, the Sun Bathing Sea also had ten Golden Core Cultivators.

Renowned as the “Sun Bathing Ten True Ones.”

Among them, Zhu Jun, the leading figure, who already attained Perfection in her Golden Core Realm early on, was regarded at the same status as Xuan Shu of Xuan Xiao Dao Palace, and also a genius of the level of a Taoist Saintess.

However, Zhu Jun had risen to prominence earlier than Xuan Shu. During the last Beidou Conference, Baiwu Ancestor had spent a significant sum to secure a portion of Three Lights Divine Water, supposedly for her.

Since then, she remained in seclusion, clearly in preparation for “Nascent Soul Formation.”

But now, she had suddenly appeared here, clearly still in the Golden Core Realm.

It seemed that “Nascent Soul Formation” had failed for her!

Chen Mobai’s mind flickered with this thought, and he couldn’t help feeling a secret delight.

Baiwu Ancestor of the Sun Bathing Sea had once coveted the Primordial Dao Fruit of the Five Elements sect during a split in the sects, and they were nothing if not enemies. If there were one more Nascent Soul, it spelled nothing but bad news for them.

“Greetings to Sect Master Chen!”

Zhu Jun spoke with a somewhat cool demeanor, but a trace of surprise could be seen in her eyes.

The presence Chen Mobai exuded as he absorbed the Five Elements Dao Soldiers reminded her of the past.

She had once accompanied Baiwu Ancestor when the three Nascent Soul Cultivators joined forces to suppress the Poisonous Dragon Demon Beast, witnessing Ancestor Hunyuan perform a similar manoeuvre.

She had thought that only Nascent Soul Cultivators could achieve such a feat.

However, to her surprise, here was Chen Mobai, a Golden Core Realm cultivator, doing the same.

Truly worthy of being a legacy of a Holy Land!

Remembering the origins of the Five Elements Sect, Zhu Jun assumed it was the might of the Five Elements Dao Soldiers that allowed a Golden Core Cultivator to unleash the power of a Nascent Soul.

“I’ve already used the name of Jiutian Dangmo Sect to issue an order to Ice Heaven Palace, telling Bing Yun Hermit to come to the Eastern Wilderness immediately.”

Now, having finished introductions, Yuan Zhen revealed to Chen Mobai the reason for her late arrival.

Upon receiving the Message Talisman, she felt a nameless fury swell in her heart.

That run-down Ice Heaven Palace actually dared to disregard their Jiutian Dangmo Sect!

Did they really still consider themselves a Holy Land of the past?

She didn’t bother seeking out Bing Yun Hermit, but instead, acting in the name of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect’s powers, she sent a harsh letter of demand to Dongtu Ice Heaven Palace.

The palace surely had a way to contact Bing Yun Hermit, as Jiutian Dangmo Sect often used this tactic when dealing with cultivators who still had ties to a sect.

I’ll bypass you and pressure the sect!

If you don’t come forward to explain yourself, it’s as good as admitting to it.

Over ten thousand years of inheritance, Jiutian Dangmo Sect had extinguished more than a few sects, its infamy echoing throughout the East Land, and even across the Tianhe Realm’s Five Continents and Four Seas.

Therefore, in the current Six Domains of the Eastern Wilderness, aside from East Li which was too far-reaching, the sects from the other five domains, upon receiving a demand from Jiutian Dangmo Sect, would respond at once to explain themselves.

If a low-level disciple was involved, it was often the ancestors themselves who would personally arrest them and deliver them to Jiutian Dangmo Sect for judgment, praying only that the sect itself would not suffer collateral damage.

If it were a matter concerning the sect's ancestors, then the disciples below would also plead bitterly: Elder, please, just go and explain! Or at least respond so that we can divide what's left of our heritage and prepare to disband and flee in advance.

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Chen Mobai listened to what Yuan Zhen said and could only marvel at the supreme status of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect!

When Ye Qing went to the Kong Sang Valley, with his Golden Core cultivation level, he was able to compel the Golden Core Cultivators Mu Qin and Ku Zhu to bow their heads and even give up resistance voluntarily, enduring the punishment of seven swords piercing through their bodies.

And now, Yuan Zhen was in a similar position, but Chen Mobai wondered whether the Bing Yun Hermit would submit.

However, Chen Mobai soon realized he had overthought the matter and underestimated the notorious reputation of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect in the East Land.

Shortly after he had returned to Northern Abyss City with Yuan Zhen, a snow-white message talisman like goose feathers landed in the hands of a female disciple beside Yuan Zhen.

"It's an explanation from the Bing Yun Hermit, she's currently outside the Immortal City!"

After reading the content, the female disciple held it with both hands and presented it to Yuan Zhen.

“Then let her come in. Considering she is a Nascent Soul Cultivator, I’ll give her a chance to explain.”

Yuan Zhen’s calm words made even Chen Mobai glance sideward.

When Yuan Zhen first came to Northern Abyss City, she was just as proud, which left a deep impression on him.

He hadn’t expected that in front of him she was no longer arrogant, but with other cultivators, she still was.

Perhaps having become the Saintess she had regained some of her original demeanor.

Soon enough, a snow-white trail of ice light descended from the sky and landed in the great hall of Northern Abyss City.

With pale skin and a frosty countenance, dressed in white, it was the Bing Yun Hermit.

“Greetings to the Saintess!”

As soon as she entered, she greeted Yuan Zhen with a bow.

Aside from Yuan Zhen, neither Chen Mobai nor Zhu Jun, who was sitting to one side, caused any fluctuation in her gaze.

“Sect Master Chen has accused your Ice Palace of having Golden Core Cultivators in the branch of the East Land that practice Demonic Cultivation by absorbing the essence blood and spiritual power of our Five Elements Sect’s Foundation Establishment Practitioners for cultivation. As the head of the Ice Palace, he had already informed you of this matter when you were coming over and also mentioned that our Jiutian Dangmo Sect would be arriving, but you still fought against them. Why is that? Explain yourself.”

Yuan Zhen took out Chen Mobai’s report letter and coldly questioned the Bing Yun Hermit.

The Bing Yun Hermit frowned, after all, she was a Nascent Soul Cultivator, and being questioned like this by Yuan Zhen in front of these juniors, including Chen Mobai, made her rather displeased.

Even if you are the Saintess of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, you are still just a Golden Core Cultivator. The last Saintess failed at Nascent Soul Formation and passed away in meditation. You should have some fear for me as a Nascent Soul Cultivator...

While the Bing Yun Hermit was thinking this, Yuan Zhen took a Green Jade Vial out of her sleeve and placed it on the table beside her.

The Bing Yun Hermit saw the Green Mirage Bottle and her pupils suddenly constricted.

Fifth-Level Magical Treasure!

After the dispersal of the Ice Heaven Snow Land Star Flow Cloud, it turned into three lineages, with the strongest one inheriting a fifth-level magical treasure. Following her Nascent Soul Formation, the Bing Yun Hermit had the fortune to comprehend it once.

She wouldn't mistake the fifth-order fluctuation.

This Saintess of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect is truly favored!

Thinking this, the Bing Yun Hermit clenched her teeth and had to bow her head.

"Please forgive me, Saintess. The news of the death of the Golden Core Cultivator from our branch sect clouded my mind, so after leaving the East Land, all I could think about was seeking revenge. But truly, I didn't know she was cultivating Demonic Cultivation Techniques, and after all, this is just one person's side of the story. We are enemies, so how can I believe whatever he says?"

The Bing Yun Hermit pointed to Chen Mobai as she spoke, suggesting that in a hostile situation, Chen Mobai's words could all be lies to her.

Her reasoning was somewhat passable to Yuan Zhen.

After all, the Bing Yun Hermit was also a Nascent Soul Cultivator, and although Yuan Zhen had the Green Mirage Bottle in hand, she could only protect herself against a Nascent Soul Cultivator and should not oppress her too harshly.

“The truth of the matter will be clear with a single investigation.”

The method of handling matters at the Jiutian Dangmo Sect has always been a direct confrontation between both parties, each presenting evidence to prove their case.

This time, Chen Mobai’s complaint was straightforward.

There was the scene of the crime, with a large number of bodies as evidence.

“True Person Yuan, please!”

Chen Mobai immediately invited everyone present to head towards the cave.

“Let’s take my Bathing Day Golden Boat; it’s a bit faster!”

Zhu Jun, who had been silent all along, finally spoke up, and Yuan Zhen immediately nodded in agreement.

The Flying Boat of the Five Elements Sect was at most Rank-2, and indeed it was not very fast. If Chen Mobai were to carry everyone over with the “Red Misty Cloud Silk,” the long journey would consume too much spiritual power to be sustainable.

So, he didn’t oppose the idea and even thanked Zhu Jun.

In the Tianhe Realm, the price of magical artifacts capable of flight was extremely high, for there were times when they could help cultivators escape a calamity.

This Bathing Day Golden Boat was a third Rank Peak flying artifact, previously used by the Baiwu Ancestor. Later, as he remained stationed in the Golden Crow Immortal City for a long time, and Zhu Jun was hopeful of “Nascent Soul Formation,” he bestowed this artifact upon her.

Chen Mobai and his group all boarded the boat, but the Ice Cloud Hermit refused.

She insisted that her own flying speed could keep up!

Yuan Zhen let her be.

Indeed, the Bathing Day Golden Boat was swift; starting from above Northern Abyss City, in less than a day’s time, they arrived at the mysterious cave located between Frost County and Snow County.

And here, Fu Zongjue, who had returned ahead of time to prepare, was already waiting with the Demonic Sacred Embryo.

Besides him, Mo Douguang was also present.

Sheng Zhaoxi had left with most of the disciples of the Fire Vein after Yuan Zhen’s arrival, as she needed to upgrade Nu Jiang’s magical artifact. Had it not been for the urgency, she would not have come at all.

“There does seem to be a tinge of Demonic Cultivation Technique!”

Upon seeing the Demonic Sacred Embryo, Yuan Zhen couldn’t help but frown slightly.

However, it was still too early to jump to conclusions.

Soon, they made their way to the deepest part of the cave.

“This is...”

The Ice Cloud Hermit saw the wall of ice blocking their way and couldn't help but widen her eyes in disbelief.

“This should be formed by a Rank-5 ice spell of Ice Heaven Cultivation, I was able to break into the ice wall with a Void Law Body, and it was precisely because of this that I was able to save my disciple.”

Chen Mobai casually executed a 'Flame Sun Slash' against the ice wall, demonstrating its durability.

“Oh, Sect Master Chen has actually cultivated the True Void Law Body, which is the Body Refining Technique used by Taixu Piaomiao Palace to select its disciples.”

However, Yuan Zhen responded, somewhat surprised by a different matter.

True Void Law Body is from Taixu Piaomiao Palace?

Chen Mobai truly didn't know about this!

But now was not the time to explore this detail, and besides, what he possessed was not the True Void Law Body but the Underworld Array, so he immediately steered the conversation back on track.

“Kong Lingling can freely enter and exit this ice wall, even carrying the Demonic Sacred Embryo with her. She practices Ice Heaven Cultivation, so I presume the Ice Cloud Hermit should be able to do the same.”

Sure enough, as soon as he finished speaking, the gazes of Yuan Zhen and others turned towards the Ice Cloud Hermit.

“This is the Rank-5 'Silver Packaging Jade Paving Technique,' indeed it is the inheritance of our sect's Holy Land!”

The Ice Cloud Hermit exhaled a breath, nodded in acknowledgment, and then formed a seal with her hands. A piercingly cold stream diffused from her palm, making contact with the ice wall.

In the blink of an eye, a portal that one could pass through, identical to the seal on her palm, appeared on the ice wall.

“Who goes there!”

The vigilant voice of Yu Lian echoed from beyond the portal.

“Do not be alarmed, Niece Yu, it’s me.”

As he spoke, Chen Mobai invited Yuan Zhen to step in together.

Out of concern for not raising suspicion of tampering with evidence, the Ice Cloud Hermit was the last to enter.

As soon as she entered, she saw the scene inside and widened her eyes, her face full of disbelief!

Chapter 1349: Rank-5 Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu Bing Yun Hermit had just crossed the ice wall when she saw the scattered remains all over the ground.

But to someone like her, a Nascent Soul Superior, these were but trivial matters.

What really made her eyes widen was the husk of the Mother Locust at the very center.

Within Bing Yun Hermit’s vision, which was imperceptible to Chen Mobai and the others, countless transparent chains of ice extended from the walls in all directions, locking onto the joints of the Mother Locust.

Bing Yun Hermit had heard of this Magic Artifact, it was one of Snow-blowing Palace's Fifth-Level Magical Treasures, the Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu.

Back in the grand days when Ice was still a Holy Land, this Fifth-Level Magical Treasure was wielded by the Saintess, Hermit Qingyao.

During the pioneering of the Eastern Wilderness, Pioneer Cultivators encountered the Mother Locust and could not advance, so they had to seek help from the Holy Land.

The Spirit Transformation of Holy Land Ice led the Taoist Saintess personally to the Eastern Wilderness, where they suppressed the Rank-5 Mother Locust queen and seventeen Rank-4 Mother Locusts.

After dealing with these strongest Demonic beasts, the Spirit Transformation and the Taoist returned to the East Land, leaving Hermit Qingyao behind to tackle the remaining Locust Monster Beasts.

Hermit Qingyao was the founder of Snow-blowing Palace.

At this thought, Bing Yun Hermit figured out why this Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu ended up here.

It must have been that Hermit Qingyao encountered a powerful Mother Locust afterwards and could not penetrate its tough flesh, so she had no choice but to use this Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu to seal it here, waiting for a future solution.

Unfortunately, after Hermit Qingyao returned to the Central State Holy Land, she thought she had the merit of opening up the Eastern Wilderness and tried to break through to Spirit Transformation, but failed and passed away in meditation.

After her death, when the Holy Land took inventory of her Storage Bag, this Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu was nowhere to be found.

Despite questioning her several disciples and using the Daoist Heart Oath for verification, it left no trace.

The disappearance of this Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu thus became a major regret for Ice.

After all, it was a Fifth-Level Magical Treasure!

Bing Yun Hermit did not expect to see this Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu here in the Eastern Wilderness.

It was said that during the refinement of this treasure, Invisible Spirit Crystal was added to it, rendering it invisible when not in use, becoming intangible. If Bing Yun Hermit had not cultivated the Ice Heaven Cultivation which was passed down directly from Hermit Qingyao, she likely wouldn't have been able to see this Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu.

"True Person Yuan, this corpse here is Fu Xingzhou from our sect, who had disappeared for decades. He was also a remarkable genius, known to have Golden Core potential. Had he not been captured and killed by Kong Lingling, his achievements would probably not be inferior to mine now..."

Chen Mobai's words made Fu Zongjue on the side a bit embarrassed.

He was overpraising him.

In the entire history of the Five Elements Sect, aside from Ancestor Hunyuan, no one else's talent could compare with Chen Mobai.

"Since we are now at the scene of the crime, we will proceed according to the rules. Sect Master Chen, are you willing to take a Daoist Heart Oath for what you are about to say?"

Yuan Zhen, seeing the corpses strewn about and the emaciated Yu Lian who had not yet recovered, was already convinced of Chen Mobai's words. But the proper procedures still needed to be followed.

"Naturally, I am willing!"

Chen Mobai nodded with assurance.

"Please, Bing Yun Hermit, come over. If you have any questions, confront Sect Master Chen directly."

Yuan Zhen nodded and called out to Bing Yun Hermit, who was still looking at the huge husk of the Mother Locust, but to his surprise, she simply shook her head.

“There’s no need to confront. Let’s just assume that Kong Lingling engaged in Demon Path practices.”

Bing Yun Hermit’s statement surprised everyone present; she was conceding so quickly.

One must know, Kong Lingling was a Golden Core Cultivator of Snow-blowing Palace and also registered under Ice Palace, so being proven to have cultivated through Demon Path would be a huge blow to the reputation of Ice Palace.

According to the rules of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, Ice Palace would have to shut its doors for a while, not allowed to recruit disciples from East Land.

However, Chen Mobai noticed that Bing Yun Hermit only mentioned Demon Path practices and did not acknowledge that Kong Lingling cultivated Demon Path techniques.

Practicing Demonic Cultivation Techniques and engaging in Demon Path actions would solidify the charges.

At the very least, it would mean a penalty of piercing by seven swords.

“True Person Yuan, I believe that Kong Lingling also practiced Demonic Cultivation Techniques. This Demonic Sacred Embryo is the most direct evidence.”

Chen Mobai, of course, wanted to knock down Ice Palace and even Bing Yun Hermit in one fell swoop. After all, they had already clashed fiercely, so seeing Bing Yun Hermit yield, he immediately launched a counterattack.

After hearing this, Yuan Zhen looked at the Demonic Sacred Embryo, which Fu Zongjue was restraining with wooden sticks, noticed its peculiar appearance, and frowned slightly.

“Bing Yun Hermit, what do you think about this matter?”

The Technique of Demon Foetus Transformation was in a gray area because it originally came from the Central State Sacred Land Ten Thousand Spirit Sect, and Jiutian Dangmo Sect did not dare to outright classify it as a Demonic Cultivation Technique.

So while it was also officially banned in East Continent, it would only be recognized by Jiutian Dangmo Sect as a Demonic Cultivation when practiced by members of the Demon Sect of Beast Gathering.

“Although Kong Lingling has fallen to the Demon Path, she has not joined a Demon Sect. This matter still requires the distinguished judgement of the Saintess.”

To this, Bing Yun Hermit naturally wouldn't admit anything.

She did not wish to endure the punishment of seven swords piercing the body.

“If Sect Master Chen has no objections, I am also willing to give you some face on this matter.”

After pondering for a moment, Yuan Zhen straightforwardly said something that made Bing Yun Hermit tighten her brows.

This was for her to negotiate with Chen Mobai.

As long as the two of them reached an agreement, then the investigation would only pursue Kong Lingling for her Demon Path practices.

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If it were any other time, having Bing Yun Hermit bow down to Chen Mobai, a Golden Core Cultivator, would be absolutely impossible.

But given the current situation...

Bing Yun Hermit glanced at the Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu that others couldn't see and could only calm herself, squeezing out a smile and performing a salutation towards Chen Mobai.

"Sect Master Chen, please state any demands you have, I am willing to offer compensation for the mistake Kong Lingling committed."

Chen Mobai, having listened to Yuan Zhen and Bing Yun Hermit, was also deep in thought, pondering how this matter should be resolved.

Clearly, going head-to-head with Bing Yun Hermit was not a good thing for their Five Elements Sect.

Without the Jiutian Dangmo Sect intervening, they would not be able to suppress a true Nascent Soul Cultivator.

Even now, with Kong Lingling confirmed to have practiced Demonic Cultivation Techniques and Bing Yun Hermit having suffered the punishment of the Seven Swords, the Jiutian Dangmo Sect would not let Bing Yun Hermit die here, as it would make the Holy Land feel used and greatly annoyed.

Without the power of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, the Five Elements Sect had no way to deal with Bing Yun Hermit.

Hence, reconciliation became the final answer.

It all depended on how much Chen Mobai could gain from this reconciliation.

This was also Yuan Zhen's final help.

Realizing this, Chen Mobai returned the gesture to Bing Yun Hermit and then started stating his conditions.

“The Snow-blowing Palace has been governed by Kong Lingling for over a hundred years, and it likely harbors demonic influences. Keeping it in the Eastern Wilderness will pose a hidden threat; it might even taint the pure Eastern Wilderness with Demonic Qi.”

Chen Mobai’s words were intended to make the existence of Snow-blowing Palace in the Eastern Wilderness disappear, clearing any obstacles for the complete unification by their Five Elements Sect.

“I shall issue an announcement under the name of Ice Palace when I return to East Land, expelling Snow-blowing Palace from the divisions of our sects. Then, whether to kill or slash, Sect Master Chen’s Five Elements Sect may act as they please.”

However, the response from Bing Yun Hermit gave Chen Mobai some headaches.

His favorite outcome would be for the entire force of the Ice Palace to take away Snow-blowing Palace, thus allowing their Five Elements Sect to take over the territory without resorting to war.

But upon further consideration, without Kong Lingling and after being expelled by the Ice Palace, Snow-blowing Palace wouldn’t be able to hold onto its vast Spirit Veins and mineral resources either. It would just be a matter of wasting some time, they should proceed gradually.

“My Five Elements Sect humbly inherits from the Holy Land and shall not actively engage in destroying sects. Our sect will only execute Cultivators associated with the Demon Path within Snow-blowing Palace, not exterminate them completely. After clearing the demonic influence, we will then have Snow-blowing Palace seal its mountain for sixty years, forbidding them from recruiting disciples in the Eastern Wilderness as a disciplinary measure.”

Chen Mobai spoke righteously, but inside, he had already planned to deploy Five Elements Sect Disciples during the sixty years of Snow-blowing Palace’s seclusion to manage their external Spirit Veins, Spirit Fields, and mines.

After all, leaving these assets idle would be a tremendous waste, and Chen Mobai, coming from the Immortal Gate, found waste most distressing.

“All industries of Snow-blowing Palace in the Eastern Wilderness can be discarded by my Ice Palace, but I will send someone from the East Land to manage that medium-sized Spirit Stone Mine.”

At this time, however, Bing Yun Hermit said something that made Chen Mobai frown.

Besides the Fourth-order Water Vein located where their palace gates stood, that medium-sized Spirit Stone Mine was the most valuable asset of Snow-blowing Palace.

Chen Mobai didn't really want the Spirit Stone Mine, but his goal was to ensure that apart from the Five Elements Sect, no other force would be stationed in the Eastern Wilderness.

If the Ice Palace were to send people over, wouldn't it be like the Ten Thousand Acres of Coiling Dragon Spirit Rice?

By then, there would be two thorns in the side of the entire Eastern Wilderness.

This was unacceptable to him.

“Why don't we discuss the Demonic Sacred Embryo again?”

Chen Mobai tactfully expressed his disagreement.

“That medium-sized Spirit Stone Mine can still yield tens of millions of Spirit Stones. You can compensate me with three thousand Superior Quality Spirit Stones at once, and then it wouldn't be unreasonable to give it to you.”

Bing Yun Hermit's words made Chen Mobai scoff, not wanting to give up even one.

“Then please have the fellows from the Ice Palace come to the Eastern Wilderness.”

With this statement, Bing Yun Hermit slightly frowned, not expecting Chen Mobai, merely a Golden Core Cultivator, to be so defiant.

[Sect Master Chen, if you agree to one thing for me, I can ensure that the secret of your Five Elements Sect possessing an Embodiment Nascent Soul is not revealed to others.]

Suddenly, Chen Mobai's ears were filled with a transmission from Bing Yun Hermit.

Yuan Zhen pretended to be unaware of this.

Chen Mobai frowned slightly, knowing that the matter of Zhou Shengqing's Embodiment Nascent Soul would be exposed sooner or later, but delaying it was obviously better for their Five Elements Sect.

After all, it represented that they had once obtained the Rank-5 Soul Nourishing Wood, a supreme treasure cherished even in the East Land.

Their small Five Elements Sect in the Barren would likely attract the attention of those major forces in the East Land, probably leading to no peace afterward.

After all, Jiutian Dangmo Sect would only support them in matters related to the Demon Path.

As for the nominal supporter, the First Origin Dao Palace, nearly ousted from the Holy Land rankings since that shameful incident a hundred years ago, no one knew when they would again send out missionaries.

[The matter Bing Yun Hermit spoke of, is it about the Spirit Stone Mine?]

Chen Mobai's tone softened a bit as he started exchanging transmissions with Bing Yun Hermit.