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Chapter 1381: Rules: The Fruit of Dao's Rule Qian Xing looks around fifteen or sixteen years old, with short white hair, a face still tinged with childlike innocence, dressed in ordinary shorts and a T-shirt, resembling a homebound internet-addicted teenager.

But facing him, the five Nascent Soul Superiors from the Immortal Gate who wield authority over their respective domains on Gathering-Immortals Peak, all wear expressions of respectful homage.

“Great Ancestor, this year is when the Immortal Gate undergoes its change of term.”

One of them, a tall and upright old cultivator clad in a wide silvery-white robe, responded.

He is the Head of Immortal Affairs, an elderly individual with the countenance of a child yet white hair, named Lin Daoming.

Among the six people present, he was the sole one whose appearance betrayed his age, with hands like withered branches, yet with a voice as clear and deep as a babbling brook.

Lin Daoming has governed over Immortal Gate for just eight sixty-year cycles.

From the beginning of his reign, he was determined to create a more prosperous Immortal Gate. Over the years, he diligently attended to state affairs, toiling day and night, keeping his mind clear, his insights sharp, and his decisions decisive—all by upholding the Guidance Book. He maintained control over every aspect of Immortal Gate.

Under his governance of nearly five centuries, social order was well organized. He also greatly developed fields such as agriculture, handicraft, and commerce, resulting in an unprecedented leap in the Immortal Gate's economy, allowing the populace to live in peace and prosperity, with a rich quality of life.

Even the Four Great Daoist Sects and Ten Great Academies, under his leadership, lifted recruitment restrictions. With the support of Immortal Gate's resources, these top-ranking academies cultivated a vast number of outstanding talents over the years.

Among them, he takes the greatest pride in Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei, both possessing the Qualification of Deification.

After the passing away in meditation of both Qian Xing and Bai Guang, it is very likely that these two will be the next ones to achieve the deified state of Divinity Transformation.

Overall, Lin Daoming's four hundred eighty years at the helm of Immortal Gate are widely acknowledged as a time of exceptional governance. Even when measured against all of Immortal Gate's history, his tenure could be hailed as "A time of clear seas and tranquil rivers, with governance harmonious and the people content."

If Lin Daoming were to retire in this manner, his great achievements would be eternally inscribed in the annals of Immortal Gate's history, revered and extolled by future generations.

"Oh? Does this matter concern me?"

Upon hearing this, Qian Xing furrowed his brows slightly, his face filled with confusion.

The succession of the Three Great Halls in Immortal Gate, and the replacement of the Sect Master, might seem like earth-shaking events to the three billion beings of Immortal Gate, but for an ancestor who has achieved the Asura Dharma Aspect like Qian Xing, they are not so significant.

"Ancestor, may I now refine 'Rules'?"

Lin Daoming hesitated before voicing his own thoughts.

"Hmm?"

Upon hearing this, Qian Xing, who initially had a somewhat lazy gaze, swiftly sharpened his look, focusing on Lin Daoming who was seated to his left. His eyes seemed to transform into cosmic starfields, twinkling with tiny, brilliant stardust.

This was the symbol of the ultimate realm of Guidance Book cultivation.

Within an inch, an unlimited galaxy!

Roughly half a quarter of an hour later, the resplendent starfield in Qian Xing's eyes vanished, reverting to normal black pupils.

He shook his head and uttered a sentence that drove Lin Daoming to despair.

"You can't refine it."

Rules are an unconscious "Fruit of Dao's Rule," amassed over thousands of years from teaching billions of people on Di Yuan Star, an embodiment of the moral force ensuring orderly life with contentment, national tranquility, harmony between the young and the old, and distinction between the high and low.

Nascent Soul Complete cultivators with sufficiently strong willpower can refine this mass of Rules, thus achieving the Spirit Transformation Stage.

Out of the thirteen Huashen ancestors throughout Immortal Gate's history, two attained Divinity Transformation through refining Rules.

After governing for four hundred eighty years, by the regulations of Immortal Gate, Lin Daoming could apply to refine "Rules" in an attempt at Divinity Transformation.

But Qian Xing, using the Guidance Book for his calculations, informed him that he could not refine "Rules."

Failure to refine would result in cultivators completely losing their self-consciousness, becoming a part of the Rules.

In over six thousand years of Immortal Gate's history, there have been at least twenty attempts from the Three Great Halls' Masters.

However, only two succeeded.

One can imagine just how difficult it was.

Lin Daoming had asked the same question thrice. Except for the last time when Qian Xing predicted a 1.37% chance of success, all other times, he was simply met with a shaking head, not a glimmer of possibility.

"Thank you for your efforts, venerable Ancestor!"

Lin Daoming sighed deeply, expressing his gratitude to Qian Xing, who waved his hand dismissively.

"Now that everyone is here, just give me a summary of recent affairs in Immortal Gate, so I can catch up and not become a relic of a bygone era."

Qian Xing summoned a chair from the void, seated himself upon it, and then inquired to the gathering of the Heaven-Repairing Lineage.

"The Immortal Gate succession is due at the end of this year. Elder Lin Daoming is set to retire officially. I will rise from Righteous Law Hall Master to take the position of Head of Immortal Affairs, with Righteous Law Hall changing hands to Narcissus, with Kaiyuan Hall Master remaining unchanged..."

After Lin Daoming finished speaking about his own affairs, it was Ying Guanghua's turn, the Righteous Law Hall Master. He briefly talked about the changes in positions in the upcoming Immortal Gate succession meeting.

Actually, it's mainly about the exchange of interests between the four big factions. As long as they, the Heaven-Repairing Lineage, who have been at the helm of Immortal Gate for such a long time, could balance the interests properly, they could smoothly transition through the succession.

“Mhm, proceed as you all have discussed.”

After listening, Qian Xing expressed no objections. He was not keen on managing state affairs. If it weren't for the need to procure Foundation Establishment Resources from the Three Great Halls, he wouldn't have even bothered to take the civil service exams.

Following the Head of Righteous Law, Elder Yuanxu was next.

He merely briefed on the two matters currently under his responsibility.

The two great Secret Techniques: “Asura Dharma Aspect” and “Blooming Moment!”

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“In the virtual simulation, all progress has been completed; the only thing left is to find someone to put it into practice in reality.”

“I remember that Cheng Xuan from Dance Tool Dao Academy tried Blooming Moment himself, didn't he?”

Qian Xing had an impression of the Blooming Moment, a Forbidden Technique from the Antiquity Daoist System; after all, it was the matter he personally took care of not long ago, when he set aside games and left Gathering-Immortals Peak.

“Yes, but the results have not come out yet. Moreover, Cheng Xuan chose the Fire Spirit Tree, but Blooming Moment can actually try different types of Spirit Plants. For example, senior Lin Daoming practices Earth Attribute cultivation techniques, so the Qingxuan Dao Pine from Qingcheng Grotto Heaven would be more suitable.”

Yuan Xu answered, which was also a part of the exchange between him and Lin Daoming before he went up the mountain.

“Qingxuan Dao Pine, huh...”

After hearing this, Qian Xing's eyes once again transformed into a brilliant starry galaxy, but it didn't take long for him to shake his head.

"At most it would allow him to grasp some of the mysteries of Divinity Transformation, but it wouldn't enable him to truly complete the Primordial Spirit; it's not worth wasting such a precious Fourth Grade Superior Spirit Plant."

Hearing this, Yuan Xu could only make a helpless expression towards Lin Daoming.

Now, it was time for Elder Qingping and Meihua Superior to seek help.

They both had some accumulated doubts about their cultivation and took this opportunity to consult Qian Xing, who answered them one by one, and then looked at Elder Qingping with some surprise.

"Nascent Soul Fifth Level, not bad at all. If you can break through to the Nascent Soul Seventh Layer, I will help you deduce if you can Refine Rules."

After hearing this, Elder Qingping immediately performed a grand salutation to thank Qian Xing.

Last time, while helping Chen Mobai and others to open the Portal, he made his breakthrough to the Nascent Soul Fourth Layer right here.

Now, thirty-four years later, he has advanced to the Nascent Soul Fifth Level, and is even on the verge of reaching the bottleneck of the Sixth. This speed is neither fast nor slow within the Immortal Gate.

Theoretically, only the Three Hall Masters have the qualifications to Refine the "Rules," the fruit of Dao Law.

But as long as Elder Qingping could break through to the Nascent Soul Seventh Layer, given the power of the Heaven-Repairing Lineage, arranging for him to become one of the Three Hall Masters would be an easy task.

What follows is whether he can cultivate to Nascent Soul Complete.

Among the five present, Yuan Xu has the highest potential to Refine Rules. When he just completed his Nascent Soul Formation, Qian Xing, with the help of the Guidance Book and the Heavenly Calculation Bead, deduced that his success rate for refinement was an astounding 13.78%!

However, Yuan Xu felt it was too low and didn't want to gamble on this possibility since failing the refinement would mean losing himself completely. He preferred to rely on his own efforts to achieve Divinity Transformation.

Moreover, after successfully Refining Rules, he would be bound by the laws of Immortal Gate and could not do anything against its laws, so Yuan Xu has already clearly refused.

Qian Xing was fine with that; disciples always have a rebellious phase!

When they grow older and becoming hopeless for Divinity Transformation, they would naturally come back to him for help.

After the business of the five Nascent Soul Superiors was dealt with, Qian Xing stood up from his chair, ready to go back to his games.

"Ancestor, I'm not content to just grow old and decay into nothingness in this life; I want to make one last attempt!"

But at this moment, Lin Daoming spoke up, uttering a statement that silenced everyone.

"What sort of gamble do you want to take, Practice Forbidden Technique?"

Upon hearing this, Qian Xing revealed a smile that wasn't quite a smile and uttered a sentence that made Lin Daoming slightly tremble.

“Please grant permission, Ancestor, to unlock the Shocking God Sonata!”

This was one of the Immortal Gate’s routes to Divinity Transformation. Unfortunately, to this day, there has not been a cultivator of the Mystic Sound Method who completed Core Formation, which has caused the Shocking God Sonata to remain unplayed.

However, during the years of Lin Daoming’s governance, there have already been three Golden Core Cultivators gathered!

If those three were sacrificed, the Shocking God Sonata could be played with great difficulty.

“The effect of the Shocking God Sonata on you is less than that of Blooming Moment. Keep those people; perhaps in the future, one of them will achieve Core Formation and can truly play the complete Shocking God Sonata. Therefore, I disagree.”

Qian Xing flatly refused without even lifting his head.

Without any Nascent Soul Cultivators, playing the Shocking God Sonata would not only mean sacrificing those three Golden Core Cultivators but even those Foundation Establishment Practitioners who had been accumulated over hundreds of years would have to be used.

For the possible Divinity Transformation of just one person, Lin Daoming, it was impossible to make such a gamble that would stake all their accumulated resources.

“Yes, Ancestor!”

With Qian Xing’s words carrying the weight of nine sacred cauldrons, once he disagreed, there would be no change in his decision.

Lin Daoming could only forcefully suppress the bitterness in his heart and decided to do one last thing for his own Divinity Transformation.

“Then, please allow me to leave the Immortal Gate, Ancestor.”

Upon hearing this, Qian Xing narrowed his eyes, taking a deep look at Lin Daoming. After a long while, he took out a jade token and threw it to him.

“From now on, you are no longer a disciple of the Heaven-Repairing Lineage.”

“Thank you for your mercy, Ancestor!”

After getting back his identity token, Lin Daoming felt an indescribable sensation surge up in his heart. It seemed like liberation, but also as if he had jumped from solid ground into the sea, where his firm footing gave way to a gradual sinking.

[Is it truly from light to darkness?]

Lin Daoming thought to himself, and upon raising his head, he found Qian Xing had already disappeared.

The Righteous Law Hall Master and the other three stood together, yelling “senior brother” towards him for one last time, before descending the mountain together.

From now on, they were strangers.

Lin Daoming looked around and saw Chen Chun was still there, to whom he nodded slightly.

“Master is waiting for you!”

Just as Lin Daoming was about to descend the mountain, Chen Chun suddenly called out to stop him. Taken aback for a moment, Lin Daoming’s expression then turned slightly joyful, and he followed Chen Chun to meet Qian Xing again.

“I know you have colluded with the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor from the Ascension Sect, but after you go there, keep an eye on someone for me.”

In the void living room, Qian Xing played with his game and spoke to Lin Daoming without turning back, brought in by Chen Chun. Lin Daoming trembled.

After listening to Qian Xing's instructions, Lin Daoming left Gathering-Immortals Peak with a heavy heart.

Chen Chun saw him off the mountain and then returned to the summit.

"Master, according to destiny, Lin Daoming has no hope of Divinity Transformation, so why still let him leave the Immortal Gate?"

Chen Chun didn't understand, so she asked once Qian Xing finished a game.

"Destiny is impermanent. Your cultivation level is not high enough; you can only be limited to this person. Just like how I initially thought Yu Baiguang could not achieve Divinity Transformation, didn't she also cleave through her own destiny and host her Primordial Spirit in her sword!"

Hearing this, Chen Chun almost retorted—Ancestor Baiguang is an exception.

But this exception indeed proved that there were flaws in the prophetic techniques of The Divine Machine Mansion.

"Master, why did Ancestor Baiguang choose to undergo reincarnation?"

It just so happened they were talking about Baiguang, and Chen Chun asked another question that had always puzzled her.

Baiguang achieved Divinity Transformation later than Qian Xing. Even Qian Xing hasn't reached the ultimate in Divinity Transformation, consuming Sixth-Order Spiritual Energy and condensing Heaven-repairing Celestial Light every day in pursuit of a realm beyond Divinity Transformation.

Logically, Baiguang should also concentrate all her efforts on cultivating her fundamental realm atop the only Sixth Grade Spirit Vein in the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains, instead of being distracted by reincarnation and wasting time.

“That’s because she saw the threads wrapped around her sword; her sword may have cleaved her own destiny and housed the Primordial Spirit, but it has not yet cut through the entanglements of Yu Baiguang as a person in the mortal world.”

Qian Xing’s words made Chen Chun thoughtful, but this was a realm of the highest order in The Divine Machine Mansion’s prophecy arts, and with her current mere Golden Core cultivation, she couldn’t comprehend it at all.

She wanted to ask further, but Qian Xing, already impatient, waved his hand, urging her to leave quickly.

He had already started another game and was fully engaged in battle.

Chen Chun could only bow and depart from Qian Xing’s Void Domain.

No one knew that this was the very place where Qian Xing’s Sword had once cleaved open a star!

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Chen Mobai took Shi Wanyu and her daughter to stay for two days in Red Sandstone City.

Her daughter had to go to work on Monday.

And after returning to Yu Wood City, he received an email from the Kaiyuan Hall Rotational Committee, inviting him to attend the Immortal Gate’s transition conference at the end of the year.

As a member of the Immortal Gate, it was both his right and his duty.

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After receiving the email from Kaiyuan Hall, Chen Mobai obtained the authority to head to Wangwu Cave Heaven.

At the Immortal Sect, they imposed many restrictions on these official Golden Core Masters.

However, the corresponding benefits were also quite good. At least in Red Sandstone City, resources like Rank-4 Superior Spirit Veins and Spirit Rice were supplied by the Immortal Sect for free.

Half an hour after he received the email, Che Yucheng made a call.

The master and apprentice mainly discussed the transition of power at the Immortal Sect.

Since the Weapon Dancing Sect was currently weak among the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect, these matters had little to do with them.

This power transition at the Immortal Sect was primarily between Patching Heaven and Kunpeng.

Among the Three Hall Masters, one from Patching Heaven, Lin Daoming, was missing, and one with Kunpeng and Sea Territory background, Narcissus, was added.

In recent centuries, Dance Tool Dao Academy and Jumang Academy have been mostly sidelined.

All thanks to Ancestor Baiguang, otherwise Patching Heaven and Kunpeng might have long devoured most of their interests within the Three Great Halls.

“Let’s just watch them construct high towers and perform on stage; right now, our two sects just need to wait.”

“Once you and Wen Ren undergo Nascent Soul Formation, we’ll exert our strength to push you to the position of one of the Three Hall Masters.”

“Then, the power of the Immortal Sect will once again rotate into our two sects’ hands...”

Over the phone, Che Yucheng’s words were calm yet filled with confidence.

The summary was: we can’t compete now, so endure a bit, our future is promising.

Originally, before Chen Mobai’s meteoric rise, their reliance within the two sects was on Wen Ren Xuewei, who had cultivated the Lasting Spring Cultivation.

After Chen Mobai appeared, with an astonishing compatibility with the Pure Yang Scroll and the Qualification of Deification, their Weapon Dancing Sect was even more delighted.

After all, Wen Ren Xuewei belonged to Jumang, not their own.

Also, due to the nature of the Lasting Spring Cultivation, she had no ambitions of entering public service before Nascent Soul Formation, and had not even tested to enter Kaiyuan Hall, which was why.

“This Immortal Sect transition, you heading to Wangwu Cave Heaven in advance, Wang Shuye will introduce you to some people, these are all our Weapon Dancing Sect’s foundation, which will all be passed to your hands in the future.”

Che Yucheng’s words indeed stirred Chen Mobai’s interest, as becoming the Sect Master of the Immortal Sect had always been his dream since childhood.

However, he still felt it might be better to network in the Immortal Sect after his own Nascent Soul Formation.

“Teacher, Wang Shuye is in the prime of his life, and besides, I’m taciturn by nature and only versed in cultivation, not good at networking...”

Chen Mobai had ambitions, but was also very pragmatic.

At the Three Great Halls of the Immortal Sect, the most useful thing for him was the Infant Binding Three Spirits Medicine.

But in Tianhe Realm, he could gather resources for Infant-Feeding Elixir under the name of Five Elements Sect and even establish the Five Elements Commerce Association to see if they could get Coagulation Infant Pills or even Three Lights Divine Water through the connection with Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

Additionally, with his nearly perfected Primordial True Qi, he basically didn't need to strive for resources for Nascent Soul Formation at the Immortal Sect.

So, networking was something he was not very interested in.

"This Immortal Gate transition is also when resources are allocated; Wang Shuye will be able to get an Infant-Feeding Elixir."

"He entered Kaiyuan Hall just for this purpose, now that he's achieved his goals, he's planning to retire and prepare for Nascent Soul Formation."

"When he retires, our lineage within the The Three Great Halls will need to push for another spokesperson, among all Golden Core Masters, you are the best qualified. If you don't step up, there will first be a fierce internal strife within our Weapon Dancing Sect for this spokesperson's position."

"Now only if you come forward and take over the Daoist Academy's network within the Three Great Halls will everyone be without complaints..."

Che Yucheng stated the main purpose he made the call for today, and Chen Mobai felt a headache.

Sometimes being too outstanding was problematic; in the Immortal Sect Weapon Dancing Sect lineage, apart from him, the rest of the Golden Core Masters were evenly matched, and no one accepted the others.

Only with Chen Mobai succeeding was there unanimous approval.

Che Yucheng had spoken to this extent; if he refused further, it would be somewhat ungrateful for the many years of cultivation by the Weapon Dancing Sect.

Especially now, when Master Chengxuan was in seclusion testing Blooming Moment, it was even more necessary for him to step forward.

Thus, Chen Mobai could only nod in agreement.

“When you reach Wangwu Cave Heaven, also make more connections with the Jumang Academy; our two sects have been allies for thousands of years, at least until Patching Heaven and Kunpeng decline, we will always be allies.”

Che Yucheng was satisfied but still gave a very discreet reminder at the end.

Chen Mobai understood his meaning.

Due to Patching Heaven and Kunpeng’s large influence, their Weapon Dancing and Jumang had always supported each other.

But in the future, if Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei, both with Qualification of Deification, grew up and held the power of the Immortal Sect, in a situation where one mountain can’t accommodate two tigers, there was a high probability of political strife between Weapon Dancing and Jumang.

Just like currently with Patching Heaven and Kunpeng, but since Patching Heaven had Qian Xing, they had consistently suppressed Kunpeng.

The rise of Narcissus this time was also due to the face of Spiritual Venerable behind him.

Righteous Law Hall Master Ying Guanghua originally studied in the Sea Territory where he secured an unparalleled foundation with Heavenly Realm Pure Water, so it was also to repay a favor.

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“After this leadership change, the influence of Patching Heaven and Kunpeng will be not much different. In the future, there will likely be some competition and conflicts over higher-level resources.

However, Chen Mobai had already thought of a way to avoid such a scenario.

He was not interested in the resources on the Immortal Gate’s side, and he could simply retire if necessary.

Moreover, with Wen Ren Xuewei mastering the Lasting Spring Cultivation and possessing the Sixth Rank Fairy Plant Great Chun Tree, which allows for unlimited trial and error, she probably wouldn’t compete with him to the end over the trivial resources of the Immortal Gate.

As long as the two leaders restrain each other in the future, internal consumption can be avoided.

But these matters still need to be discussed in person with Wen Ren Xuewei.

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai made a phone call to her.

“Alright, once you arrive at Wangwu Cave Heaven, I’ll invite you for tea.”

Wen Ren Xuewei, clever as snow, grasped the meaning behind his mere hint and invited him with a smile.

After hanging up the phone, the sounds of footsteps descending the stairs arose; his daughter, dressed in the black suit skirt from earlier, came down to eat breakfast before going to work.

“During work, it’s better to wear more formal clothing, go change into some trousers after eating.”

Chen Mobai had just recognized his daughter recently and found it somewhat difficult to comment at first, but now that the family was harmonious, he felt it necessary as the head of the family to make a suggestion.

Chen Xiaohei, upon hearing this, puffed her cheeks while eating breakfast, and ultimately responded reluctantly.

“Dad, I heard you talking on the phone upstairs. Are you going to Wangwu Cave Heaven?”

After changing into trousers that matched the suit, Chen Xiaohei, seeing there was still some time, couldn't help but ask.

“Indeed, the Immortal Gate leadership change is at the end of the year, at which time Committee member Wang Shuye will prepare to step down. The talent at the Daoist Academy is dwindling, and only I can take over, so the teacher called me to head to the Imperial City earlier to take over the leadership of our lineage.”

Chen Xiaohei also graduated from the Dance Tool Dao Academy and as his daughter with Five Peaks Immortal Mountains behind her, she would definitely be a significant figure in their lineage in the future. Thus, Chen Mobai had no intention of hiding these matters from her, adopting her grandfather's educational methods to start inculcating in her various facets of governance.

In this way, once she formed her Core, he could retire early and hand over the administration of the Dance Tool Dao Academy lineage to her.

“Dad, could you also make a trip to Immortal Peak by any chance? I left some things there in a rush last time.”

Chen Xiaohei mentioned her intentions, and Chen Mobai nodded upon hearing them, as he also planned to meet Zhongli Tianyu at the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains around that time.

Just wondering if he could see Ancestor Baiguang during his visit to Immortal Peak?

“Dad, this is grandma’s number; when you want to go, just contact her. I’ll speak to grandma about it in advance.”

Chen Xiaohei sent Yu Huiping’s phone card to Chen Mobai via a text message, and he added it immediately to his contacts list.

Then, in front of Chen Mobai, Chen Xiaohei called Yu Huiping to inform her, and the latter said to let her know before coming.

“I’m heading to work now, goodbye Dad and Mom!”

Watching his daughter dash downstairs, Chen Mobai couldn’t help but reveal a smile that even he did not notice.

After the family of three had finished breakfast, Shi Wanyu started cleaning up.

“On the Immortal Gate Network, I can reserve one of the Foundation Establishment Trithings every month. If you’re interested in trying Foundation Establishment, I can prepare one for you.”

Chen Mobai broached a topic he had been meaning to discuss when he saw Shi Wanyu.

With his daughter’s talent and his support, she was bound to achieve Core Formation in the future.

If Shi Wanyu were to pass away early, leaving only him as her father, his daughter would certainly be heartbroken, so Chen Mobai wanted to help Shi Wanyu attempt Foundation Establishment within his capacities.

Hearing this, Shi Wanyu trembled involuntarily.

She lifted her attractive face to meet Chen Mobai’s earnest gaze, visibly moved, but ultimately she shook her head in refusal.

“My talent is average, and having already passed the age of sixty, even if I take a complete set of Foundation Establishment Trithings, the probability of success is not high. Let’s forget about it.”

Shi Wanyu was clearly very aware of her own situation and didn’t believe she could succeed in Foundation Establishment at her age.

“Our daughter has grown up without a father’s love, and now that our family of three is finally reunited, I don’t wish for just the two of us to be left after a few decades. I will still prepare the Foundation Establishment Trithings for you; please consider it.”

Chen Mobai expressed his thoughts, knowing full well that the possibility of Shi Wanyu succeeding in Foundation Establishment was extremely slim, just like his late father Chen Xinglan.

But he would still prepare them as possible because, for him as a Golden Core Master, the rights to reserve each month were mostly going to waste anyway. Preparing the Trithings for Shi Wanyu could also be seen as making the best use of them.

“Um...”

Shi Wanyu replied quietly after hearing this.

At night,
after the family of three had dinner, Chen Mobai coughed lightly.

“Dad, what’s wrong?”

Chen Xiaohei, who was picking her teeth, asked seeing his action.

“Today, since we have some free time, let me give you some guidance on cultivation.”

Chen Mobai used to enjoy teaching others back in the Tianhe Realm. Now, with his own daughter, he was even more inclined to do so, believing she could try to comprehend the path of Core Formation.”)

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After all, she is equivalent to the female version of the Yuanyang Ancestor.

If she could condense a Gold Core without relying on the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, just like her father, it would certainly become a splendid tale within the Immortal Gate.

For this reason, Chen Mobai had intensively studied Five Elements Cultivation and even re-watched the lecture videos of Elder Qingping under the status of the Guidance Book.

Considering that Five Elements Cultivation is only the most basic technique within the Immortal Gate, and that those who cultivate it to the Foundation Building Realm are few and far between, Chen Mobai could now say that he was second only to Elder Qingping as an expert in Five Elements Cultivation.

However, to his surprise, Chen Xiaohei's understanding of Five Elements Cultivation was no less than his own.

Upon inquiry, he learned that when she was young, Elder Qingping had been invited by Yu Huiping to give her private lessons on Wangxian Peak.

The two of them had even kept in contact, and whenever Chen Xiaohei encountered any confusions in her Five Elements Cultivation, she could always consult Elder Qingping, who typically replied at the first instance.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai broke out in a cold sweat.

Even if he were to cheat, his understanding of Five Elements Cultivation could never surpass that of Elder Qingping, but seeing his daughter's expectant eyes, he could only rummage through his own knowledge pool to figure out how to "instruct" her properly.

In the end, he thought of the supreme divine skill of the Five Elements Sect, the Primordial Dao Fruit.

This was left by True Lord Yuan and could only be cultivated on the basis of unifying the Five Elements – a perfect match for the Five Elements Cultivation.

Nevertheless, Chen Mobai was still concerned; after all, one was the basic cultivation technique of the Immortal Gate, while the other was the Ascension Secret Method of the Tianhe Realm. He was unsure if the Formless Puppet could deduce how to bridge the two.

“When I was young, I was also a playful type. It was only in my senior year of high school that I realized that I couldn’t go on like that, so I started to study hard and, in the end, I was admitted to the Daoist Academy.”

“Before I entered the Daoist Academy, I practiced this Five Elements Cultivation. Back then, I had an idea: what would be the result if the Five Elements Spiritual Power were cultivated separately and then fused together again?”

“After I formed my Core, I remembered this childhood idea, and during my daily cultivation, I also began to experiment with this using the Guidance Book, and indeed I made some headway.”

As he spoke, Chen Mobai raised his right hand, and the brilliant multicolored Primordial True Qi lit up from his palm. In front of Chen Xiaohei’s widened eyes, it turned into a glowing and colorful orb, changing luminance like a constantly revolving lantern.

“Dad, what spell is this?”

Chen Xiaohei asked in surprise, not yet realizing the formidable essence of Primordial True Qi.

“I call it ‘Yuan-Qi’!”

Chen Mobai hesitated, then gave Primordial True Qi a new name within the Immortal Gate, still naming it after True Lord Yuan, as it was the creation of a predecessor.

“Dad, apart from looking pretty, what use is this Yuan-Qi?”

Chen Xiaohei's question almost choked Chen Mobai. How could this top-secret method of the Tianhe Realm be seen as just a pretty sight?

"Cast a spell at me."

Chen Mobai's words made Chen Xiaohei hesitate, and then she carefully cast a Water Sword Technique.

Suddenly, the invisible currents in the room condensed into a sword, but without forming an edge, it looked like a long, cylindrical column of water rushing towards Chen Mobai.

He lifted the Primordial True Qi in his palm, perfectly blocking the Water Sword Technique and transforming it into the purest form of Water Spirit Qi.

"Huh?"

Chen Xiaohei's eyes widened in surprise at this spectacle.

Chen Mobai gestured for her to continue using Five Elements Spells.

Since she had cultivated Five Elements Cultivation, she was capable of casting spells from all Five Elements.

In no time, one Five Elements Spell after another, under the influence of Chen Mobai's palm-held Primordial True Qi, turned into pure clumps of Five Elements Spiritual Energy.

"Dad, teach me, teach me! I want to learn this!"

Chen Xiaohei, as the top graduate of the Dance Tool Dao Academy and with first-class talents and intelligence, immediately recognized the might of the Yuan-Qi.

Once mastered, all Five Elements Spells would become useless to her.

“This Yuan-Qi has taken me decades to barely master. Today, as I pass it on to you, you must remember not to be greedily overambitious...”

Chen Mobai had salvaged his pride in front of his daughter and breathed a sigh of relief. Recalling that Zhou Ye had instructed him to only teach this technique to those with the Five Elements Meridians, he asked Chen Xiaohei to formally acknowledge him as her master.

“Take you as my master?”

Though Chen Xiaohei was somewhat surprised, since Chen Mobai had said so, she did not ponder further and directly performed the Immortal Gate’s gesture of discipleship towards him.

“This technique is still in its infancy, so you can practice it on your own. Without my permission, you must never teach it to others.”

While imparting the Primordial Dao Fruit, Chen Mobai earnestly cautioned her, and Chen Xiaohei immediately nodded, her heart and mind completely captivated by the Primordial Dao Fruit.

“Dad, this seems a bit difficult to cultivate.”

Chen Xiaohei tried it and immediately showed a look of difficulty.

She now possessed the Heavenly Water Spirit Root, and according to the cultivation method of Primordial True Qi, she needed to cultivate the Water Attribute to its ultimate state before using the order of the Five Elements generating cycle to derive and transform, eventually unifying the Five Elements.

However, Chen Mobai felt that with her Five Elements Cultivation, there might be another way—that is, to cultivate all Five Elements simultaneously.

“When you cultivate, try to cultivate balanced Five Elements Spiritual Power, and then convert that power into Yuan-Qi. It may be that due to your lower realm, you won’t be able to achieve this at the Foundation Building Realm, but with persistent cultivation, one day you will succeed.”

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This was also a method that Chen Mobai came up with after hanging the Crown of Heaven and Earth on the Primordial Dao Fruit and combining the knowledge from the Guidance Book with that of the Immortal Gate.

Because the Five Elements Spiritual Power cultivated through the teachings of the Immortal Gate is adapted to the attributes of the Five Elements Spiritual Root.

Theoretically, cultivators of the Immortal Gate could use the Art of Spiritual Root to cultivate their Five Elements Spiritual Root values to an identical state.

Having Innate Five Elements Spiritual Roots all at 20 might be even rarer than possessing a Heavenly Spiritual Root, but randomly picking someone with four false spirit root attributes is a common occurrence.

For cultivators with a False Spiritual Root, they take the highest value of their Five Elements Spiritual Root as the standard and cultivate the arts of the other four elements’ spiritual roots, potentially completing this step before Foundation Establishment due to only needing to increase a single-digit value.

For example, a cultivator with Five Elements Spiritual Roots all at 30 points would cultivate Five Elements Cultivation and achieve the most balanced Five Elements Spiritual Power.

According to the theory of the Primordial Dao Fruit, this is the perfect state of simultaneous Five Elements cultivation!

The cultivated Spiritual Power could then be easily converted into Primordial True Qi.

However, to refine Spiritual Power into True Qi requires at least the Cultivation Level of Core Formation Late Stage, so although Chen Mobai has imparted the Primordial Dao Fruit to Chen Xiaohei, he does not expect her to achieve it during the Foundation Building Realm.

Just lay the foundation for now, and let her understand the concept; when her Primordial True Qi is greatly accomplished and after Nascent Soul Formation, then find a way to infuse her with a complete “Yuan-Qi.”

Originally, Chen Mobai hadn’t planned to impart this so soon, but today, he had backed himself into a corner, so to avoid dealing with the consequences, he had no choice but to reveal the Primordial Dao Fruit to her beforehand.

“Dad, let me try.”

After hearing about the cultivation method of the Primordial Dao Fruit, Chen Xiaohei was full of interest. For her, the challenge was to cultivate Five Elements Spiritual Power that was balanced.

With unbalanced Five Elements Spiritual Roots, this would require her to control the intake of Five Element Spiritual Energy, which is a real test of Divine Sense and willpower.

But, anyway, she’s decades away from obtaining the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, so she could spend the time after reaching perfection in Foundation Establishment trying to cultivate this.

As Chen Xiaohei attempted the cultivation, Chen Mobai watched over her intently to prevent any mistakes in her refinement of the Five Elements Spiritual Power.

Soon, Chen Xiaohei cultivated her first strand of Spiritual Power that she thought was balanced across the Five Elements, but after Chen Mobai checked it, he found it was quite a bit off.

He directly used his Primordial True Qi to dissolve the imperfect Spiritual Power and had Chen Xiaohei start over again.

Shi Wanyu, who was on the side with a lower realm, did not realize the formidable aspect of this “Yuan-Qi,” but seeing the father and daughter, one teaching diligently and the other learning earnestly, couldn’t help but reveal a happy smile on her face.

For her, this was the most fulfilling moment.

“Alright, let’s stop here for today. Tomorrow, I will continue guiding your cultivation.”

After dispersing his daughter’s improperly balanced Five Elements Spiritual Power and seeing the sky getting dark, Chen Mobai told her to go upstairs to rest.

“Okay, Dad. You and Mom should rest early, too.”

Chen Xiaohei wiped the sweat from her forehead, as controlling the intake of the Five Elements Spiritual Energy she was refining required a lot of Divine Sense, indeed making her somewhat fatigued.

After she went upstairs, only Chen Mobai and Shi Wanyu remained on the second floor.

Over these days, both had grown accustomed to each other’s presence.

In the beginning, Shi Wanyu would sleep still clothed, but now she naturally went to the bathroom to wash up and change into her pajamas before coming out.

Chen Mobai decided to continue consolidating his realm by meditating on the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun diagram each day and then using the Flame Lighting Technique to refine his Pure Yang Spiritual Power.

This way, his Golden Core at the Seventh Layer, which he had forcibly broken through using the Pure Yang Purple Qi, was quickly stabilized. The Gold Core in his Dantian Qi Sea shrank significantly after the refinement of the Flame Lighting Technique, but it became even more dazzling and eye-catching.

This signified that the foundation was now stable and no further condensing was required.

Chen Mobai was elated and opened his eyes.

Little did he know he would see Shi Wanyu, who had just come out of the bathroom.

Her long hair was wet and draped softly over her shoulders, her fair skin had a fresh and moist sheen, as if gently touched by the steam, making it even more delicate and smooth.

Her soft pajamas clung to her body, the loose fit unable to conceal her graceful body curves, the slender waist, the upright torso, and the pair of bare, pale legs made up her even more enchanting figure as she matured.

When she stepped out, her face carried a relaxed and comfortable aura, her smile bright and warm, which made Chen Mobai feel a sense of warmth and comfort.

“Ah...”

At this moment, Shi Wanyu also saw Chen Mobai, who had opened his eyes and was looking at her, and she couldn't help but widen her eyes, lifting her hand in shock and gently covering her delicate lips.

Previously, after Chen Mobai entered the room, he would typically meditate with his eyes closed until dawn.

“I had a breakthrough in cultivation, so I finished earlier today.”

Chen Mobai gave his reason, and after hearing it, Shi Wanyu gently nodded.

A silence fell between the two.

After a few breaths, Shi Wanyu bit her moist lips, her cheeks flushing pink as she suddenly asked:

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“Shall we rest earlier together?”

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai’s expression hesitated.

He wanted to refuse, but seeing Shi Wanyu trembling as if her entire body was shaking, he sighed in his heart and ended up nodding.

“You go to bed first, I’ll go wash up.”

Hearing his words, a glow suddenly blossomed across Shi Wanyu’s gently flushed cheeks, and her eyes brightened as she nodded.

Chen Mobai hadn’t bathed for a long time, and after he entered the bathroom, he couldn’t help but slap his own forehead.

He was somewhat surprised at himself for nodding earlier.

Perhaps it was because it had been too long since he last did that kind of thing, and he couldn’t bear to refuse Shi Wanyu...

After thinking of several reasons, Chen Mobai quickly finished showering, gathered the water droplets from his body into a water sphere, and placed it into the water bucket, then left the bathroom.

The room’s lighting had changed to a warm, pale yellow. Chen Mobai saw that Shi Wanyu had already curled up under the quilt. Although cultivators no longer feared cold, the blanket was merely a thin one, revealing more clearly her mature, feminine allure.

Chen Mobai didn’t realize when he got into the bed, gently lifted the quilt, and saw Shi Wanyu turned sideways, slightly trembling in a light black nightgown.

The nightgown covered most of her body curves, but the full, rounded legs under the dress were directly and plainly visible to him.

Just then, Shi Wanyu turned around, her cheeks blushing and her eyes shy yet bright, like stars in the dim light.

“Turn off the light!”

She said, somewhat flushed and embarrassed. Chen Mobai gently nodded and soon, the room was enveloped in complete darkness.

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The next morning, as usual, Chen Xiaohei went downstairs, but unexpectedly it was Chen Mobai making breakfast.

“Your mom isn’t feeling well, I let her rest...”

It took a moment for Chen Xiaohei to realize after she left the house that although her mom wasn’t highly advanced in cultivation, being a ninth layer Qi Cultivator, she had always been healthy.

Although she and her mother hadn’t spent much time together, she had never seen Shi Wanyu sick.

Could it be a serious illness?

Worried, Chen Xiaohei was about to go back and ask.

But soon, she realized something, at the flower shop’s entrance she listened intently for a while and couldn’t help but blush and embarrassedly turned and left.

In the evening when Xiaohei returned, seeing Shi Wanyu's rosy complexion and a nurtured look, she felt secretly happy.

After breaking down the barriers between the parents, this family became even sweeter and warmer for Chen Xiaohei.

Chen Mobai also rarely relaxed a bit himself.

He began to follow Che Yucheng's instructions, contacting Wang Shuye, and from him obtained the list of public officials from all the Immortal Gates in the Dance Tool Dao Academy lineage, across all the Three Great Halls and Grotto Heaven Blessed Lands.

This list, Wang Shuye had actually prepared for him a long time ago.

Chen Mobai contacted them, starting from the Golden Core Masters one by one.

Fortunately, his name was globally recognized; over the phone, they were all very courteous.

Chen Mobai didn't converse deeply, just got acquainted and arranged a meeting during the Immortal Gate transition at the end of the year at Wangwu Cave Heaven.

To that extent, basically everyone understood the implications and promised to attend.

Time gradually passed, and one morning Chen Mobai woke up and let go of the quivering, voluptuous beauty in his arms and booked a flight ticket to Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Since he had to transfer in Red Sandstone City, he had to leave a day earlier.

Both mother and daughter were naturally reluctant to see him go.

But they understood that their man was off to handle major affairs, so they could only watch him leave.

Honestly, Chen Mobai almost indulged himself in this Land of Tender Love.

In this three-story small building, he experienced an unprecedented satisfaction and warmth, pleasure, and happiness.

This sense of being completely filled, both physically and mentally, made him feel that living like this his entire life wouldn't be a bad idea.

Had it not been for Wang Shuye calling to urge him, he might not have decided to go to Wangwu Cave Heaven so soon.

In the VIP waiting hall of Yu Wood City, Chen Mobai was sitting with his eyes closed, reminiscing about the beautiful moments he had experienced recently, when suddenly his brows furrowed and he opened his eyes.

He looked towards the door, where an invisible black insect was flying towards him.

It was a mechanical puppet bug.

As a Rank-3 Puppet Master of the Immortal Gate, Chen Mobai knew at first glance that even he couldn't create such a finely crafted puppet bug with his own skills.

With Chen Mobai's cultivation level, he naturally captured the puppet bug with ease.

However, he knew that it was the puppet's master who had intentionally allowed him to discover it.

The puppet bug carried a piece of information. After connecting it to his Heavenly Calculation Bead, Chen Mobai quickly deciphered it.

It recorded a place name.

Upon seeing it, Chen Mobai's pupils couldn't help but tighten.

That place was...

There were two locations in Yu Wood City that Chen Mobai had always forbidden himself to visit or delve into, given their profound implications.

One was the prison previously guarded by Miao Wanliang, but Chen Mobai had already broken that rule because of Chen Xiaohei.

And the other was the facility where Qing Nu and others were raised as part of the Immortal Sprout nurturing program during their childhood.

Although Lan Haitian had said that the facility had been dealt with by the relevant authorities and that there would no longer be any clues,

Chen Mobai always felt that there were still many secrets hidden there.

And now, the place recorded on this puppet bug was that location.

Chen Mobai thought for a long time, tempted to ignore it.

But from this puppet bug, he guessed who the person inviting him was.

Within the Immortal Gate, the only ones superior to him in Puppetry Technique, besides Che Yucheng, was the mysterious middle-aged puppeteer he had encountered at Guda Courtyard.

It was also he who had informed Chen Mobai that Shi Qing was the reincarnation of the Soldier resolved by Master Huakai.

That person was almost certainly the legendary Master Xin Ji.

Chen Mobai had thought that after the puppet's self-destruction last time, he had completely disappeared from Yu Wood City.

It turned out he had a backup plan.

After a moment's thought, Chen Mobai decided to get up and meet this person.

After all, he needed to ensure that no force capable of threatening his daughter remained.

While pondering, he stood up, entered the restroom, and then left the waiting hall through the Underworld Array with a series of teleportations.

After several teleportations, he approached the sealed experimental base for the Immortal Sprout nurturing program.

However, being a cautious person by nature, Chen Mobai did not enter with his true body but instead controlled a Formless Puppet to go in his stead.

As Lan Haitian had said, the experimental base was indeed empty and desolate, with all devices and tools removed, leaving only open rooms, boxy and stacked against a wall without windows, only doors, resembling prison cells.

Chen Mobai's Formless Puppet utilized its scanning function to check all enclosed hidden spaces here, confirming there was no one around.

Just as he was about to leave, an old-fashioned LCD screen embedded in the wall suddenly lit up with electricity.

"Representative Chen is quite overly cautious, to meet using a puppet!"

From within the LCD screen, this person with his back to Chen Mobai spoke with a synthesized electronic voice.

“I am Yi Yuan, just speak directly, I need to catch a transport.”

Facing a stranger, Chen Mobai naturally did not admit his identity, and this time he did not simulate his own face with the Formless Puppet, instead randomly using the face of a cultivator from the Tianhe Realm.

“If that’s the case, then we can’t proceed with the discussion. The secrets I’m about to share can only be heard by Representative Chen.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai didn’t entertain him further and directly commanded the Formless Puppet to turn around and leave.

Just as he was about to fly out of the experimental base, the screen suddenly flickered a few times, as if it was glitching.

“Ah, ah, ah, wait...”

But Chen Mobai turned a deaf ear and swiftly flew out.

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“Qing Nu is in danger, I hope you can help her?”

Chen Mobai, just having flown out of the laboratory, heard these words synthesized by the electronic voice on the screen.

He couldn’t help but stop mid-air.

Turning his head, he saw the figure on the old-style liquid crystal display screen had also turned around, it was the marionette middle-aged man he had met at Guda Courtyard.

“Are you really Xin Ji?”

Chen Mobai's question made the marionette middle-aged man hesitate for a moment, but at this point, there was no need to hide anymore, so he nodded.

"I am Yan Xinji."

Hearing this, Chen Mobai couldn't help but nod.

So Qing Nu's last name is Yan!

I wonder if she would be willing to take on this surname?

"What danger is Qing Nu in?"

Chen Mobai asked again. Within the Immortal Gate, he didn't regard many as friends, but without a doubt, Qing Nu was one of them.

If it was about her, he was willing to delay here for some time.

"Lin Daoming is going to retire after this term changeover, and in order to grasp the last chance of Divinity Transformation, he has decided to comprehend an ancient Forbidden Technique."

"Qing Nu is the most excellent Tao Seed from the Immortal Sprout cultivation project he once led, even having a strand of essence energy from the ancient Supreme Treasure, Furnace of Life, refined into her genes, which will merge at the moment of her Core Formation."

"If Lin Daoming takes Qing Nu's Gold Core for Refining and combines it with the ancient Forbidden Technique, he may possibly rejuvenate and live another life."

After listening to Yan Xinji's words, Chen Mobai immediately furrowed his brows.

“What is the Furnace of Life?”

This was a term he had never heard of within Immortal Gate.

“It is said that millions of years ago, before humans existed on Di Yuan Star, the Furnace of Life was a naturally occurring mysterious basin on the land, containing the profound mysteries of Creation. One day, a bolt of heavenly lightning fell into it, bringing with it the Mystery of life that fused into a colorful stone within the basin, after which the first human was born.”

“The Furnace of Life is one of Di Yuan Star’s Supreme Treasure artifacts that create life. In ancient times, cultivators discovered that condensing a Gold Core or a Nascent Soul inside it naturally enhanced the success rate by thirty percent.”

“At first, as a sacred ground for cultivators from the Antiquity Daoist System, anyone trying to make a breakthrough could enter it. But as time went on, a group of cultivators started to gather and attempted to seize the Furnace of Life, forbidding others from entering.”

“This led to dissatisfaction among all cultivators across the world, and of course, a great war ensued. Ultimately, the group that had taken early possession of the Furnace of Life won; they called themselves ‘Divine Sect.’”

When Yan Xinji reached this part, Chen Mobai finally heard a familiar term.

Divine Sect!

Isn’t that the most powerful lineage of the Antiquity Daoist System?

After developing on Di Yuan Star for over three thousand years, Immortal Gate had only just managed to completely annihilate the Divine Sect and had branded them as the “heretical sect.”

At least when Chen Mobai was young, he had often seen TV dramas where the villains received the heretical sect’s legacy from the Divine Sect and suddenly increased their powers.

“Is the Divine Sect considered the strongest lineage in the Antiquity Daoist System because they had the Furnace of Life?”

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai couldn't help but ask again, but Yan Xinji on the electronic screen shook his head and continued.

“The cultivators of Divine Sect believed they had received an enlightenment from the Earth Mother Goddess; each time a cultivator entered the Furnace of Life, they were extracting the essence of Di Yuan Star, and over time, the land would slowly disappear, eventually turning into cosmic dust.”

“Therefore, after the war, several of the highest Cultivation Level members of Divine Sect joined forces to seal the Furnace of Life, forbidding anyone from using it.”

“When Divine Sect perished at the hands of Immortal Gate, they used their last strength to shatter the Furnace of Life. The Five Ancestors of Xianmen made a desperate effort but only managed to collect some fragments. Accordingly, a void appeared on the planet, and the essence of the Earth continued to flow out unchecked, turning the area surrounding the Furnace of Life into a desert spanning thousands of miles.”

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai suddenly frowned as if something had occurred to him.

“Could the location of the Furnace of Life be... Jumang Academy!?”

Yan Xinji couldn't help but nod, impressed that Chen Mobai was indeed worthy of being the strongest genius of Immortal Gate in a millennium—he had just started discussing the topic and had already pinpointed the critical issue.

“When the Five Ancestors of Xianmen first arrived on Di Yuan Star, they discovered the Profound Mystery of the Furnace of Life, so they directly took action to demand that Divine Sect give it up. Naturally, Divine Sect wasn't willing, and after a fierce fight, most of the higher-ups of Divine Sect were decimated. However, at that time, since the Five Ancestors had not yet begun preaching here, many Divine Sect disciples escaped with their legacies.”

“Later, due to the shattering of the Furnace of Life, Changchun Ancestor planted his Destiny Spirit Plant, the Great Chun Tree Seed, plugging the void in the Earth and preventing the essence from leaking out. This proved to be a move that killed two birds with one stone, as the Great Chun Tree took root deep into the planet, benefiting from the best Spiritual Energy nourishment.”

“Later, the Five Ancestors occupied Di Yuan Star and began to widely spread the Great Tao. Chang Chun Ancestor was in charge of sitting at the original location of the Furnace of Life, which was where the Great Chun Tree took root, and slowly adjusted the ley lines of the entire Di Yuan Star while also healing the desolate land. It was through this that the Great Chun Tree became Sixth Rank.”

“What followed were the oppositional actions of Divine Sect, which was from the Antiquity Daoist System against Immortal Gate. Eventually, though, Immortal Gate prevailed. Over three thousand years ago, when the last nine Elders of the Divine Sect were exterminated, this once foremost ancient Daoist lineage faded away like stars in the morning clouds.”

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“Lin Daoming, when he achieved Taoist pill formation, he stumbled upon some fragments of the Furnace of Life and extracted the Fetal Transformation Essence from them. Heartbroken by the death of my daughter, I agreed to his invitation to lead this Immortal Sprout cultivation project.”

Chen Mobai felt an immense shock in his heart upon hearing this.

Although he had long known that the mastermind behind the Immortal Sprout cultivation project was the Head of Immortal Affairs, Lin Daoming, the truth from Yan Xinji’s own mouth was still somewhat unbelievable.

That’s the Sect Master!

Since the founding of the Immortal Gate, he was counted among the few truly capable individuals.

“Why didn’t he just directly absorb and refine the Fetal Transformation Essence?”

But Chen Mobai remained extremely cautious, still not entirely trusting what Yan Xinji had said, and continued to probe for the crux of the matter.

“The quality of the Fetal Transformation Essence is extremely high, it’s akin to the Planet’s Original Power, nearly of the Seventh Order, which even a God-Transcending cultivator would find challenging to refine, requiring extensive preparation and utmost caution.”

“Although Lin Daoming is the Head of Immortal Affairs, he is still only at the Nascent Soul realm, so he thought of a way, utilizing the profound mystery of the similarity between a mother’s placenta and the Furnace of Life, to inject the Fetal Transformation Essence into a baby’s body.”

“After this transformation, as long as the baby grows up and has successes in cultivation, he can take their essence, whether it be their Gold Core or Nascent Soul, to refine for himself. But even so, it was a very challenging task. After countless experiments of mine, only three Immortal Sprouts successfully integrated the Fetal Transformation Essence.”

“These three people are Qing Women, Kong Feichen, and Yang Jing, and because of this, their relationship is so close, just like real siblings.”

Listening to Yan Xinji’s explanation, Chen Mobai’s eyes suddenly turned sharp, his gaze cold as he looked at him on the screen.

“Knowing this, why then did you experiment with Qing Women!”

Yan Xinji, after hearing this, showed a look of guilt but still revealed the reason behind his actions.

“Because that was the only way to resurrect my daughter!”

But Chen Mobai didn’t believe it at all because the Immortal Gate education he had received since childhood had always included one point:

“Impossible, the dead cannot be brought back to life!”

Yan Xinji offered no further explanation; his figure in the liquid crystal display suddenly began to blur, gradually transforming into a map and a handprint!

“I’ve left a Big Transfer Talisman here; after using this handprint to verify, you can retrieve it. After finding Qing Women, have her activate this Big Transfer Talisman, and I will be waiting for her at the destination.”

Chen Mobai memorized this, and looking at the gradually dimming, about to disappear Yan Xinji, he frowned slightly and asked.

“Why seek me out?”

“My true body can’t enter Di Yuan Star, and being a traitor of the Immortal Gate, Kong Feichen and the others are also the targets of the Immortal Gate’s attention. So after much thought, in the end, I could only turn to you – a person who is innocent and will not harm Qing Women. Remember, you mustn’t reveal to anyone that Qing Women possesses the Fetal Transformation Essence, a temptation not even the Huashen Ancestors can resist.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai fell silent.

And at this moment, the liquid crystal screen went completely dark.

Chen Mobai re-checked the experimental base to make sure he hadn’t left any trace and then left the place.

After retracting the Formless Puppet, Chen Mobai shimmered with a silver light, quickly returning to the waiting hall before the train entered the station.

Soon after, he entered his private compartment without inspection.

He reviewed all the conversations he had had with Yan Xinji in the Heavenly Calculation Bead, then fell deep into thought.

He had never imagined that behind the initial Immortal Sprout cultivation project there were such profound hidden agendas.

Now the question is, besides Lin Daoming, did other people in the Immortal Gate who knew about this matter delve into the aspect of the Fetal Transformation Essence?

Should he ask Lan Haitian?

This was the person Chen Mobai thought might know.

But after giving it some thought, he still felt it was too risky.

Lan Haitian, who had decades of experience in officialdom, was a cunning fox among men; if he gave away even the slightest hint, it might backfire and lead him to re-investigate the Immortal Sprout cultivation project all over again.

What should he do?

Chen Mobai was lost in deep contemplation.

Qing Women is his friend; he definitely hoped she could live a safe and peaceful life. Although aware of the Fetal Transformation Essence within her, he had no desire to covet it.

But if what Yan Xinji said was true, then he would have to always guard against Lin Daoming, this retired Nascent Soul Superior, from now on.

That's Nascent Soul!

The thought of this realm made Chen Mobai involuntarily clench his fists.

Even though he had fought a battle against Bing Yun Hermit in the Tianhe Realm with the aid of the Five Elements Sect's Taoist Soldier, he didn't believe he had the ability to fight against a Nascent Soul.

Especially against the The Three Hall Masters of the Immortal Gate, all of whom were of the Nascent Soul Ninth Layer's Peak!

Even during the peaceful years with few battles on the Immortal Gate's side, just the vast difference in realms alone was enough to crush dozens of Chen Mobais.

At this moment, Chen Mobai suddenly remembered Qing Women's rarity in leaving the Imperial City within the Sky-Mending Group.

Initially, he thought it was because of the renegade Kong Feichen and Yang Jing, but now it seemed possible that Lin Daoming was interfering, not wanting to let her, the only remaining Immortal Sprout Tao Seed, out of his sight.

There was also a time when Qing Women suddenly decided to begin her own Core Formation process.

Chen Mobai felt that behind this, there might also be someone sent by Lin Daoming to manipulate the situation!

Chapter 1390: Furnace of Life (7K)_3

Facing Lin Daoming's covetousness for Qing Nu, he really couldn't think of any way to break the deadlock.

Tell the higher-ups of the Dance Tool Dao Academy?

Master Chengxuan is in seclusion, Yuxiao Superior is not close to him, so the only one left is Ancestor Baiguang!

But even with his status, it's still uncertain whether he could meet Baiguang, and according to what Yan Xinji said, if this Fetal Transformation Essence is truly so precious, might Ancestor Baiguang also be tempted by greed?

The more Chen Mobai pondered, the tighter his brows furrowed!

This must be the most difficult situation he has faced in his life!

Not allow Qing Nu to proceed with Core Formation? But what reason could he have?

Chen Mobai did the math, it seems that for their cohort of Daoist Academy graduates, there are only the last 16 years left to reach the 60-year tenure.

By then, Lin Daoming would likely immediately arrange for Qing Nu to take a Liquid Gold Jade Pill, what reason would he have to prevent Qing Nu's Core Formation?

Tell her the truth?

Would she accept all of this?

Even if she heeded his advice, would Lin Daoming stand by and watch all of this happen?

It seems there's really only Yan Xinji's way, to have Qing Nu leave Di Yuan Star and go to her father's side.

But by doing so, Qing Nu would become a defector of the Immortal Gate.

Chen Mobai was acutely aware of how much loneliness and pain she endured to stay within the Immortal Gate. Sending her away now, even if for her own good, would likely break her heart.

Similarly, if Qing Nu were to leave, Chen Mobai—her only friend within the Immortal Gate—would be equally distressed.

However, this is the only way to save her life.

Throughout the journey, Chen Mobai's mind was in unprecedented disarray.

After arriving at Yu Wood City, he stayed in the waiting room for an entire night, deeply contemplating this issue.

Finally, at the break of dawn, he opened his eyes and exhaled deeply.

If it really doesn't work out, there's one last resort!

At this moment, the phone rang.

He glanced at it and couldn't help but reveal a gentle smile.

It was a call from his daughter.

After speaking with her for a while, it was time for Chen Mobai to board the flight.

On the plane.

As he got closer and closer to Wangwu Cave Heaven, Chen Mobai stripped away all the complex emotions inside his heart.

At this moment, he had to become the successor that the entire Weapon Dancing Sect had been eagerly awaiting.

Only by doing this could he find a way out for Qing Nu amid the chaotic situation.

"Long time no see, Junior Brother Chen!"

At the airport, Wang Shuye personally came to pick him up. Beside him, there were five other people.

Among them, three were representatives of the Dance Tool Dao Academy in the Kaiyuan Hall, and the other two were department directors with real power in Xianwu Hall and the Hall of Orthodox Law, respectively.

These five people, together with Wang Shuye, were the core circle among the masters of The Three Great Halls of the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Their simultaneous arrival to pick him up showed the importance they placed on Chen Mobai.

It was also a message to the other three sects proclaiming the future of the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Chen Mobai was somewhat overwhelmed by the honor.

The group of seven people split into two cars and arrived at Wang Shuye's home in the Imperial City.

And soon, this news spread to the other three sects' leaders.

Lin Daoming, who still held the position of the Head of Immortal Affairs, had a slight flicker in his eyes, but for him, who was about to retire, even turning the world upside down in the power struggles of the four sects was now irrelevant to him.

Righteous Law Hall Master Ying Guanghua called Lan Haitian over and asked him to extend an invitation to Chen Mobai once again.

This time, Ying Guanghua planned to meet Chen Mobai, the future leader of the Weapon Dancing Sect, in person.

The soon-to-be Superior Narcissus, who had a good impression of Chen Mobai, also intended to draw him into the Hall of Orthodox Law, and had Lan Haitian pass on a message as well.

Among The Three Great Halls, only the Kaiyuan Hall remained calm and restrained about Chen Mobai's arrival.

This was because Chen Mobai was already a council member of the Kaiyuan Hall.

After Wang Shuye's retirement, him taking over was just a change of spokesperson, having no real impact on Kaiyuan Hall.

If Chen Mobai accepted invitations from Xianwu Hall and the Hall of Orthodox Law, it might even be good for Kaiyuan Hall.

Because by doing so, the next Infant Binding Three Spirits Medicine quota would definitely not come from Kaiyuan Hall's share but would instead be obtained from the other two halls.

After Chen Mobai arrived at Wangwu Cave Heaven, for the first time he felt the demands of social interaction.

He couldn't even find time for an invitation from Meng Huang.

On the first day, under the arrangements of Wang Shuye, he met the core members of the Dance Tool Dao Academy within Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Following that was meeting other public officials aligned with the Weapon Dancing Sect, under the introduction of these core members.

For instance, a deputy director from the Weapon Lineage of Bai Er Shi Fu, who graduated from Qing Sang Academy, even though just a Foundation Establishment Practitioner, was someone Chen Mobai had to remember everyone's identity, to promptly address them by name during encounters, to avoid making anyone feel neglected.

Being in Wangwu Cave Heaven, they couldn't organize large-scale banquets, so they could only meet privately in small groups, gathering modestly at a Golden Core Master's house.

Thus, Chen Mobai spent nearly half a month to meet with all the people associated with the Weapon Lineage in Wangwu Cave Heaven.

After finishing all this, he had to go and fulfill his appointments.