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After Chen Mobai finished explaining the origins and effects of Green Charm Spiritual Tea, she downed the remaining half-cup of tea and then closed her eyes, savoring the flavors finely.

“Can you give me a tea branch? My Enlightenment Tea has not absorbed this new tea before.”

After finishing savoring, Wen Ren Xuewei spoke to Chen Mobai, who naturally nodded in agreement. He then opened his own Domain and took out a Rank-1 Green Charm tea plant that he had prepared earlier, specially re-cultivated in the environment of Danxia Mountain.

“Thank you!”

Seeing this, Wen Ren Xuewei was somewhat moved.

“Why need we be so formal between us? The millennium ahead for Immortal Gate will require both of us to join hands, leading the Dance Instruments and Jumang lineages together.”

Chen Mobai spoke with a smile. Wen Ren Xuewei always used “we” when speaking with him, clearly intending to continue and even strengthen the friendship of their ancestors, and he naturally gave a clear signal.

With both sides willing, Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei, the future leaders of Daoist Academies, easily reached a consensus.

“I won’t disturb you further then. I’ll also take this opportunity to transplant this new tea plant into my Domain.”

After taking the tea plant and speaking her farewell, Wen Ren Xuewei smiled, waved at Qing Nu who blushed with embarrassment, cheeks flushing white as she hurriedly stood up.

“I should be leaving as well...”

The two women unexpectedly reached the door at the same time.

“Then let me see you out.”

Chen Mobai also stood up, primarily concerned about Qing Nu.

Wen Ren Xuewei lived on the floor above, and the three parted ways at the staircase. Chen Mobai personally saw Qing Nu out, handing her a talisman along the way to Five Peaks Immortal Mountains, saying,

“Here there is a route marker I set. Activate it if you need me. If you’re close, I can teleport directly; if far, I’ll still sense it and arrive by your side as quickly as possible.”

Qing Nu happily accepted after hearing this.

After seeing Qing Nu off, Chen Mobai returned to his room.

Soon, there was a knock on the door again.

Wen Ren Xuewei appeared by his door, her elegant and delicate face exhibiting some embarrassment.

She came to consult about the cultivation problem of the Green Charm tea plant, as she found its leaves had wilted after transplanting it into her own Domain.

As an outstanding Spirit Plant Master, she had identified a few issues, but since Chen Mobai was just downstairs, she came to consult him personally.

“I think it might be due to the incompatibility of the Spirit Soil...”

Chen Mobai immediately gave his opinion upon hearing this, and under Wen Ren Xuewei’s invitation, entered her Domain. The two began discussing around the newly planted tea, starting a debate.

“Just as I thought, it appears that Spirit Soil containing the properties of fire and earth is necessary. I hadn’t noticed this problem before.”

Chen Mobai took a clump of Spirit Soil from his own Domain, swapped it with the one in Wen Ren Xuewei’s Domain, and upon replanting the tea plant, its leaves indeed began to stretch again.

This Green Charm Spiritual Tea was improved by Chen Mobai to survive without the Qi of Dragon Vein at a low-level, but to upgrade to Rank-3, it would require the supply of Dragon Vein Qi.

If what Yan Xinji said was correct, then Jumang Academy, home to the source of Spirit Vein on Di Yuan Star, would certainly allow the tea to grow well once Wen Ren Xuewei plants it there after her return.

“Thank you, it was really a lot of trouble.”

Wen Ren Xuewei saw the problem solved and squinted, smiling in appreciation.

Chen Mobai then saw her take out a tube of Spiritual Water and drip it onto the tea plant, after which the originally hand-sized tea seedling visibly sprouted a few more leaves.

“Is this... Water of Ten Thousand Transformations?”

Seeing this scene, Chen Mobai asked in surprise.

“It’s a nurturing solution I made by diluting the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations one hundred times. It saves a lot of effort when cultivating Rank-1 and Rank-2 Spirit Plants.”

Wen Ren Xuewei explained with a smile, causing Chen Mobai to reflect.

“It’s a shame I used up all my Water of Ten Thousand Transformations; I don’t know when I’ll be able to queue up to buy another batch.”

“That might not be impossible...”

After hearing Chen Mobai’s words, Wen Ren Xuewei hesitantly began.

“Oh, has your academy recently refined more Water of Ten Thousand Transformations?”

Chen Mobai asked in surprise. Wen Ren Xuewei shook her head, then elaborated on the reasons.

“The principal last time used your Water Spirit Pearl to refine into an Appearance-fixing Pearl, and Cui used it to commune with the Qing Shuang Sword, but it seems one wasn’t enough. So, although Cui obtained the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, because she couldn’t commune with the Qing Shuang Sword, she still hasn’t taken that step...”

Upon hearing Wen Ren Xuewei’s explanation, Chen Mobai immediately understood; this was good news for him.

Initially, Nu Jiang had given him eighty-eight pearls, and since he had been gifting them away to people, he still had sixty-four pearls on him.

If Peach Blossom Sage was willing to exchange the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations, he could even go back to Water Vein, seek Nu Jiang, and get another few dozen or a hundred pearls.

“I actually still have some left over. When I was at the Mountain and Sea Academy, Elder Sister Pei hosted me, and this pearl you can take back for her when you return. I really hope she achieves Core Formation; after all, as the Cultivation Realm advances, old acquaintances become fewer.”

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During the conversation, Chen Mobai also went all out and directly took out a Water Spirit Pearl for Wen Ren Xuewei to help transfer. Seeing his generosity in giving away a hundred million just like that, she was also stunned in shock.

“Alright, I will definitely convey this to the headmaster.”

Wen Ren Xuwei also understood what Chen Mobai meant; he wanted to exchange the pearl for the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations. However, it was the first time she had heard of someone opening up relations with a hundred million upfront before doing business.

The two then talked about some matters regarding the turnover period of the Immortal Gate. The main point for both their lines was to support each other, ensuring that their own people are not excluded during this power transition by Kunpeng and Patching Heaven looking for excuses.

However, this time because Ying Guanghua was taking over as the Head of Immortal Affairs, a group of direct descendants from Hall of Orthodox Law will inevitably be taken with him. Consequently, positions must be cleared in Xianwu Hall for these direct descendants to take over.

The individuals that were to be cleared out were a source of friction among the four lineages.

Naturally, Ying Guanghua wanted to clear out people not from Patching Heaven’s lineage and negotiate with the other three lineages by asking their people to step down voluntarily and then vacate positions within Hall of Orthodox Law or Kaiyuan Hall as compensation.

Amongst them, Kunpeng was powerful, so the positions and seats offered by Patching Heaven were somewhat better. Dance Tool Dao Academy and Jumang were weaker and might be at a disadvantage.

But that was still nothing compared to the public officers not among the four lineages, who felt this turnover conference was like a storm; if they were not mindful, they would already be dispatched outside of Imperial City, forced to vacate their positions.

These people naturally wanted to struggle, so they would turn to the four lineages to seek protection and so on.

And Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuwei, the ones in charge, would choose people who were useful to themselves, weigh the pros and cons, and consider whether they needed to accept their allegiances, using their lineage’s interests to exchange with Patching Heaven, to protect these people.

Every personnel change nearly set off a chain reaction, which is exactly why Chen Mobai needed to come early, to start sorting and weighing the overall situation under the guidance of Wang Shuye.

Compared to him, Wen Ren Xuewei was a bit lazier, believing that whatever was lost would eventually return once she achieved Nascent Soul Formation. Therefore, the Jumang Lineage only planned to protect their own people.

In discussing these matters with her, while being open yet concealing certain things, Chen Mobai also made deductions on the future structure of The Three Great Halls, ensuring their two lineages wouldn't suffer too great of losses during this turnover period.

Time quickly reached the day of the turnover.

In the great hall of Kaiyuan Hall, more than three hundred council members eligible to attend the conference entered one by one and took their designated seats.

Soon, except for the seating for the main and deputy heads representing The Three Great Halls and a few front row seats, almost everyone had arrived.

Shortly after, the deputy heads of Immortal Affairs and Kaiyuan Hall also emerged from a side door and took their seats on the farthest left and right sides of the podium.

Following Gongye Zhixu and Ye Yun'e, a flash of silver light, and the white-haired and white-eyebrowed Narcissus sage appeared out of thin air, taking a seat next to Ye Yun'e.

After the three deputy heads on the podium, the crowd's gaze then turned to the first row.

Quickly, flashes of silver light sparkled, and Yuan Xu, Qing Ping, and Mei Hua, the three Nascent Soul Cultivators from Patching Heaven lineage, appeared and took their seats in the front row.

Following these three, two more flashes of silver light shone, and the headmaster of Kunpeng Daoist Institute, Beiming Ascendant, along with Yunhai Shangren from Nature Studies Academy, appeared soon

after. The latter also had studied at Kunpeng Daoist Institute and had even been to the Sea Territory for cultivation, so he was considered part of the Kunpeng lineage.

After the Nascent Soul Superiors appeared, the members of the Kaiyuan Hall Rotating Committee sharing the row with them all rose to greet them.

Included among them was Wang Shuye.

“It seems Cheng Xuan and the others couldn’t make it. It looks like it’s just us four this time.”

The speaker was Beiming Ascendant, a formidable middle-aged man with a broad shoulder and deep-set eyes, his entire demeanor stern and serious. Clearly, he was a highly rule-abiding and awe-inspiring powerful figure.

Among the headmasters of the Four Great Daoist Sects, he was the youngest and also had the highest level of cultivation.

“The master is in seclusion and can’t be cloned, and Yuxiao Superior doesn’t like to leave home, so neither came.”

Wang Shuye explained, and Beiming Ascendant nodded in response, accepting this explanation, then turned his gaze towards Nie Tinglan, the official from Jumang Academy.

“Peach Blossom Sage and Sanjue also didn’t attend; it seems Dance Instruments and Jumang have no plans to make a move this time.”

Hearing this, Nie Tinglan responded with a light smile and offered a similar excuse of being busy with seclusion.

Nascent Soul Superiors in Immortal Gate held a transcendent status; even for such a conference, their attendance depended on their mood.

Under the circumstances of being without desires or needs, the Nascent Soul Superiors from both lineages did not appear at this turnover conference, signaling they were leaving Patching Heaven and Kunpeng to fuss by themselves.

They were waiting for the millennium when their own two candidates for Divinity Transformation would emerge!

“Sometimes, placing hopes in the future is a lack of confidence in one’s current strength. Without a firm grasp on the present, Cheng Xuan’s breakthrough this time might not necessarily be successful!”

Beiming Ascendant suddenly uttered these words, causing Wang Shuye’s face to change color. Still, faced with the questioning of a Nascent Soul Superior, he could only pretend he hadn’t heard and chuckled awkwardly before preparing to return to his seat.

“That Chen Mobai from your Dance Tool Dao Academy has come this time, right? Which one is he?”

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But Beiming Ascendant suddenly spoke, addressing Wang Shuye with a question.

“Should be arriving soon, there might be some traffic on the way.”

Wang Shuye had already looked around and noticed that Chen Mobai was not present, hence when confronted with Beiming Ascendant’s question, that was all he could say.

“Emerging from a hundred-year retreat, I didn’t expect that there would still be someone in the Immortal Gate daring to claim the Qualification of Deification. The one from Lasting Spring Cultivation is passable, having at least secured their Nascent Soul, but the other, highly praised as god-like, I truly want to see with my own eyes...”

Beiming Ascendant continued speaking, his words full of targeted implications.

Upon hearing this, Wang Shuye also slightly furrowed his brow.

Meanwhile, Beiming Ascendant's expression suddenly changed—not just his, but also the other four Nascent Soul Superiors sensed fluctuations in the void, and couldn't help but stand up and turn their heads towards the entrance.

Every action of a Nascent Soul Superior was noticed by over three hundred Golden Core Members, so when they saw their reaction, everyone also followed their gaze.

Subsequently, atop the two empty seats in the middle of the great hall, two spots of silver brilliance suddenly lit up from nothingness, quickly expanding to form two human figures.

The silver light reached its peak brightness in an instant, and the figures shifted from the void to reality, materializing as a handsome young man in a Dancing Device Red and Black Robe and an elegant young woman in a Sentence Mang Fairy Green Shirt.

Upon emerging from the void, the young man gently reached out to support the slightly trembling figure of the young woman.

Wen Ren Xuewei's Void Walk utilizes the power of the Great Chun Tree, and because she has not fully grasped the true principle behind it, her physical body endures considerable strain each time it's used.

This time it was merely Void Walking, so it was relatively manageable, but her more delicate internal organs still suffered some painful splitting.

However, Chen Mobai noticed this and offered her a helping hand with some concern.

“Thank you!”

Under the effect of Lasting Spring Cultivation, the originally slightly pale complexion of Wen Ren Xuewei had regained its rosiness, completely concealing the fact that her internal organs had ruptured during the teleportation.

“Take a seat, the conference is going to start in a few minutes...”

Seeing this, Chen Mobai also smiled gently, let go of her hand, and was about to sit down, but he realized that all eyes in the conference hall were on them.

Especially the few gazes at the front, filled with shock and amazement.

Chen Mobai felt puzzled, checked the time, and confirmed they were not late.

Then he saw Wang Shuye and gestured a greeting from afar.

Prior to the change of term, he was just an ordinary member of the Kaiyuan Hall Council, so his seat was in a less noticeable area.

Beside Wang Shuye, Chen Mobai also noticed Elder Yuanxu and Elder Qingping he had met before, and after a thought, decided to go greet them.

“Should we go over and greet the Nascent Soul Superiors?”

Chen Mobai asked Wen Ren Xuewei, who smiled charmingly and nodded, following him toward the first row.

As they walked past, all the members stood up, their faces filled with respect.

Soon, they reached the front.

All Nascent Soul Superiors of the Immortal Gate had their images on the internet, so Chen Mobai recognized each one.

However, he still pretended not to know them and had Wang Shuye help introduce them.

Wen Ren Xuewei did the same, having Nie Tinglan introduce them.

“Every generation has new talents that surpass the previous ones!”

After the greetings, Elder Yuanxu suddenly spoke, which made Beiming Ascendant glance at him.

“Hahaha, when you two first opened the Golden Core Domain, it was I who opened the Portal, who would have thought, I never imagined that both of you could master Void Walking while in the Golden Core Realm, truly worthy successors of the two old ancestors, possessing the most outstanding Qualifications of Deification.”

During the greeting with Elder Qingping, he was clearly very pleased, after all, having opened the Portal numerous times, only during his did two such brilliant talents in the Path of Void emerge.

Perhaps millions of years from now, Elder Qingping might be forever commemorated in history because of this.

“Not at all, we have not yet undergone Nascent Soul Formation, our achievements are far inferior to those of all the superiors, we dare not claim the Qualification of Deification!”

Chen Mobai was always very modest in front of others.

Since a consensus had been reached before, Dance Instruments and Jumang got advanced and retreated together in The Three Great Halls, so when he mentioned ‘us’, Wen Ren Xuewei smiled lightly and expressed the same self-deprecating sentiment.

“This one is Beiming Ascendant, this one is Yunhai Ascendant...”

After greeting the three Nascent Soul Superiors from the Patching Heaven lineage, they quickly moved to the two from the Kungpeng Lineage.

Beiming Ascendant, in public, could only stand up, shook hands with Chen Mobai, nodded his head, and then sat down without saying a word.

In contrast, Yunhai Ascendant wore a friendly smile and even chatted with Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei for a long time.

“After the conference, we could have tea together, Qiong Zhi often talks to me about you guys.”

During Yunhai Ascendant’s invitation, Yan Qiongzhi, also a member of the Kaiyuan Hall Council, came over at his call.

Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei naturally would not refuse, and immediately nodded in agreement.

Although Yunhai Ascendant belonged to the Kunpeng Lineage in political terms, he generally had good relations with the other three lineages and managed to maintain peace with everyone.

Yan Qiongzhi could become friends with Wen Ren Xuewei because he had brought her along on a visit to Jumang Academy back then.

“The time is almost up, let’s head back to our seats.”

At this point, Chen Mobai glanced at the clock above the conference hall and spoke, Yunhai Ascendant laughed and nodded in affirmation.

Then, along with Yan Qiongzhi, the three of them left the front row.

And on their way back, Chen Mobai noticed that all the Golden Core Members in the conference hall were looking at him with respect.

He knew it was not just because he was destined to be the head of the Dance Tool Dao Academy for the next few hundred years, but also because of the formidable talent he had demonstrated earlier.

Among those in the Golden Core Realm who had mastered Void Walking in the history of the Immortal Gate, other than that Void Spirit Body, it was only a practitioner from the Lasting Spring Cultivation.

That was also why Chen Mobai was truly the only one who, relying on his own formidable talent, had mastered this skill.

Qualification of Deification, indeed worthy of the name!

One might even say, the Qualification of Deification was insufficient to describe his monstrous ability.

Because before passing away in meditation, Zhongli laozu had left behind notes which mentioned that above Deification lay the relation with the Void.

If Chen Mobai's talent was indeed so defying, he might become the first in the history of the Immortal Gate to potentially breakthrough the Spirit Transformation Stage!

Realizing this, everyone stood up and expressed their respect towards him!

Chapter 1404: Knowing the 'Rules The Immortal Gate Succession Conference began and ended as scheduled.

The Head of Immortal Affairs Lin Daoming, Vice Hall Master Gongye Zhixu, members of the Kaiyuan Hall Rotating Committee such as Wang Shuye, and other senior figures with great age and experience all announced their retirement at this conference.

After the vote by more than three hundred members of the Kaiyuan Hall, Ying Guanghua was elected as the new Head of Immortal Affairs.

The former Deputy Hall Master of the Righteous Law Hall, Narcissus, was promoted to become the new Master of the Righteous Law Hall.

Qi Yuheng, the Hall Master of the Kaiyuan Hall, was once again elected and maintained his position. These three outcomes were all decided by unanimous vote.

After the Three Great Hall Masters, it was the turn for the three Vice Hall Masters.

Bo Xiangqian, the Director of the Finance Department, owing to his background from the Repairing Heaven Institute and his substantial experience, defeated three competitors and became the Vice Hall Master of Immortal Affairs with 86% of the votes.

The former Director of the Enforcement Department, Gongsun Jielu, was promoted to become the Vice Hall Master of the Dharma Hall, receiving 76% of the favorable votes.

Ye Yune, the Vice Hall Master of the Kaiyuan Hall, was also re-elected.

The positions of the Masters and Vice Hall Masters of the Three Great Halls are of great importance, thus they require the vote of all members of the Kaiyuan Hall.

However, all these position changes had already been discussed before the conference, and the conference was merely an announcement of the results.

Next would be a new round of personnel shifts within the Three Great Halls.

These were the prerogatives of the Three Great Hall Masters themselves.

The exchanges of interests had already been fully arranged.

Nevertheless, superficial protocols still had to be observed; in the week following the Immortal Gate Succession Conference, some department heads were removed from their positions, some were retired, some were laterally moved to other departments...

In the past, these changes would have caused significant public reaction, as everyone possesses a political mind.

But this time, the wider community of the Immortal Gate was drawn to an entirely different matter.

That is, Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei, within the Golden Core Realm, had mastered Void Walking!

It was this incident that educated the three billion cultivators of the Immortal Gate about the term “Void Walking.”

After understanding the significance of mastering Void Walking within the Golden Core Realm, discussions and speculations about the two’s talents became the most heated topics on the internet recently.

Most people no longer doubted their Qualification of Deification, but there were still a few “sober” pessimists who suggested that Chen Mobai should concentrate on Nascent Soul Formation first, after all.

Since Wen Ren Xuewei had mastered the Lasting Spring Cultivation, there was no issue with her forming her Nascent Soul.

But it was still not certain for Chen Mobai!

Talent is one thing, but without realization, it ends up as just a pile of bones in a grave.

In the history of the Immortal Gate, there was a Void Spirit Body who likewise mastered Void Walking in the Golden Core Realm but got stuck at the stage of Perfect Core Formation and never formed a Nascent Soul, dying in dejection.

These “sober” voices used this case to express their pessimism for Chen Mobai’s future.

Although they were quickly criticized by the masses in thousands of comments, it also made the people of Immortal Gate aware of the genius who failed to realize his Void Spirit Body talent and perished.

This person was a graduate of the Kunpeng Daoist Institute named Lan Ding.

He was also proclaimed a talent with the Qualification of Deification in the history of the Immortal Gate.

Once considered to be the next Yuanyang Ancestor.

Unfortunately, he fell by the wayside and stopped short of the Nascent Soul stage.

Chen Mobai himself did not take this to heart, but his daughter Chen Xiaohei was not happy and was surfing the net every day, anonymously arguing with these so-called “sober” netizens.

“Dad, you don’t know how disgusting these people are. They keep bringing up Lan Ding’s end and wish the same for you. They must be from the Kunpeng Daoist Academy...”

In the Welcoming Immortals Hotel, Chen Mobai was on the phone with his daughter, chatting about family matters.

“There’s no need to pay attention to these things. You can’t shut everyone’s mouth. Even if I form my Nascent Soul, these people will say that just being a Nascent Soul doesn’t compare to the Yuanyang Ancestor...”

When he was young, Chen Mobai was also a member of the online surfing community and knew the nature of these people well. In any case, there are always some people who like to be contrarian to demonstrate their uniqueness and worldly sobriety.

“Hmph, let’s see who else dares to say that when you become one of the Three Great Hall Masters!”

Chen Xiaohei said something that caused Chen Mobai to respond with a wry smile.

On the internet, if one were to look for something without a single negative comment, it would be the recently announced succession results on the official Immortal Gate website.

Below the announcement of Ying Guanghua becoming the new Head of Immortal Affairs, there was nothing but positive comments, wishing the Immortal Gate ever-increasing strength and more.

No one dared to be dissatisfied as it could indeed lead to a proverbial “water meter check.”

“Alright, don’t dwell on these things anymore. I’ll be back soon. Let’s visit your grandparents this New Year...”

“Okay, Dad, Mom will be very happy.”

After talking to his daughter, Chen Mobai tenderly put down the phone. Then he checked the time, changed into a new outfit, and waited to meet Wen Ren Xuewei.

Yunhai Shangren was leaving Wangwu Cave Heaven tomorrow and had invited them to dine before departure.

Yan Qiongzhi personally came to pick them up.

The dinner was enjoyable for both guests and hosts. No agreements were reached, but at least in the future, members of the Nature Studies Academy holding public office within the Three Great Halls, who wanted to join their two factions, would not be outright rejected by Wen Ren Xuewei as before.

“Sometimes power is important, but in the end, what rules the Immortal Gate is the Huashen Ancestor. It is only because of the need for rules that the Immortal Gate has its current peace and prosperity. So, in the future, you two should not indulge in the game of power, and instead, prioritize improving yourselves.”

Chapter 1405: Knowing the ‘Rules’ _2

Yunhai Shangren appeared as a very refined and amiable middle-aged man. To Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei, he offered a few words filled with wisdom, rarely heard from him.

“Your Excellency’s words hold great truth, it’s just that within the Weapon Lineage, I am now the only one who can step forward. Thus, I have no choice but to leave my retreat,” replied Chen Mobai with a deep sigh.

Chen Mobai was known in the Immortal Gate as a figure dedicated to bitter cultivation. After completing his studies, he returned to his hometown where he cultivated above a Spirit Vein, only stirring once every ten years for his duty reporting.

“Alas, that may be the case. Perhaps the Heaven-Repairing and Kunpeng Lineages have seen this, which is why they’ve schemed to compel you into official service. After all, you cultivate too swiftly, and they fear that you might suddenly achieve Nascent Soul Formation, disrupting the current state of affairs,” Yunhai Shangren said, his words somewhat misaligned with his allegiance to the Kunpeng camp. However, having reached his level of cultivation, he was indeed one of the covert leaders within the Immortal Gate, genuinely needing not to care for such concerns.

“The Nascent Soul Formation is by no means an easy feat. If only I were cultivating the Lasting Spring Technique,” Chen Mobai sighed once more. Wen Ren Xuwei, who stood beside him, heard this and gave a slight smile. Without a word, she handed over the freshly brewed tea to Yan Qiongzhi by her side, who in turn offered it to both Yunhai Shangren and Chen Mobai.

“However, it’s also good for you to take office early. After all, you are cultivating the Pure Yang Scroll, and only the Three Spirit Medicines of Nascent Soul Formation from the Three Great Halls are of use to you, requiring accumulation of tenure through secular political service. Moreover, if you truly form your Nascent Soul while in office, your alignment with ‘the Rules’ might be high, giving you more hope for your future Divinity Transformation.”

On Di Yuan Star, aside from the Infant Binding Three Spirits Medicine, there are also some precious heavenly and earthly treasures within the Sea Territory that can be refined into Spiritual Water beneficial for Nascent Soul Formation. However, these are basically only consumable by cultivators associated with a Water Spirit Root.

Yunhai Shangren himself had obtained the opportunity to form his Nascent Soul within the Sea Territory, and so had Beiming Ascendant of the Kunpeng Academy.

That’s why, historically, the Kunpeng Academy had the most Nascent Soul Cultivators.

It was only in the last thousand years, due to the influence of the Leading Star Ancestor, that the Heaven-Repairing Lineage saw a rise in fortune. Assisted by the Leading Star's Guidance Book, they produced five Nascent Souls, forcing the Kunpeng Lineage to cede place to the Kaiyuan Hall.

"What are 'the Rules'?"

Chen Mobai, upon hearing something unfathomable in Yunhai's words, couldn't help but ask.

"This knowledge is exclusive to the Immortal Sect Nascent Souls. However, considering your distinct identities, I may inform you both in advance..."

As he spoke, Yunhai gestured to Yan Qiongzhi, who immediately withdrew with good sense.

Chen Mobai noticed that Wen Ren Xuwei remained composed, suspecting that she likely knew what "the Rules" referred to.

"The Rules are a 'Fruit of Dao's Rule'..."

When Yunhai Shangren finished explaining, Chen Mobai couldn't conceal his astonishment.

He had never imagined that the Immortal Gate possessed such profound legacies.

No wonder, even on the barren lands of Di Yuan Star, they could endlessly achieve Divinity Transformation!

"May I inquire which two ancestors refined 'the Rules' before?" asked Chen Mobai, driven by curiosity.

"One is Taiyuan True Monarch, and the other is The True Monarch of Xuanwu!"

Yunhai Shangren didn't withhold any information and answered directly.

The True Monarch of Xuanwu belonged to their Weapon Dancing Sect, a genius who, apart from Ancestor Yunya, was the second person to achieve Divinity Transformation through “The Union of Differences.”

“Lasting Spring Technique allows for unlimited attempts, could it not be used to try and refine ‘the Rules’?”

A thought struck Chen Mobai, prompting him to turn to Wen Ren Xuewei with a question.

“The strength of the Lasting Spring Technique lies in our ability to borrow the power of the Great Chun Divine Tree. However, the infinite trials of the physical body do not mean that the spirit can do likewise. In fact, it is precisely because of the body’s eternal immortality that our spirit becomes relatively the flaw and weakness,” Wen Ren Xuewei explained the underlying reason. To refine the Rules, one must rely on spirit and will; failing to refine would mean complete assimilation, loss of self, and consequently becoming a part of the Rules.

Under such circumstances, cultivators of the Lasting Spring Cultivation are, in essence, with bodies still present but spirits already dead!

There was once a cultivator of Lasting Spring Cultivation who was also the Head of Immortal Affairs before Lin Daoming; he attempted to refine the Dao Law, and now his body is still preserved within Jumang Academy, in accordance with his will, for medical researchers to dissect and experiment on.

The contribution of this body, which can be used for unlimited experiments, to Three Extremes Sage becoming the foremost expert in medical techniques of Immortal Sect, is immeasurable.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai appeared to have a sudden realization.

He also admired the honesty of the Immortal Sect, realizing that in the Tianhe Realm, the Taoist Child and Saintess of all the holy lands would definitely not reveal the vulnerabilities of their cultivation techniques like this.

However, it is precisely because of this that Lasting Spring Cultivation can only assure a firm foothold at the Nascent Soul Realm, never reaching Divinity Transformation!

“Among the fourteen ascendants of Immortal Sect today, is there nobody who can refine ‘Dao Law’?”

Chen Mobai asked again.

“The probabilities for Yuan Xu and Qi Yuheng are roughly the same, but both are too proud and ambitious, both wanting to surpass the barrier of Divinity Transformation with their own talents,” said Yunhai Shangren, sharing secrets only known to those at the Nascent Soul Superior level.

“What a pity, who knows when I will be able to reach Nascent Soul Formation and come into contact with the Dao Law?” lamented Chen Mobai. If the cultivators of the Tianhe Realm knew of the existence of Dao Law, even the holy lands would go mad trying to seize it.

As for the side effects of Dao Law, when compared to the peak realm of Divinity Transformation, which stands supreme in both worlds, they are entirely acceptable.

Right, Yunhai Shangren just said that the existence of Immortal Sect is to cultivate the Dao Law.

Could it be possible!

If he implemented the system and laws of the Immortal Sect in the Eastern Wilderness, could he cultivate the same “Dao Law”?

“I wonder, where is this ‘Dao Law’ currently kept? After hearing what Senior has said, I can’t wait to see it firsthand.”

Chen Mobai’s remark was met with a shake of the head from Yunhai Shangren, indicating that he should not entertain that thought.

“Dao Law is of paramount importance, being the foundation of Immortal Sect, and is, of course, kept by the hands of the two Ancestors of the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains. Ever since Ancestor Baiguang from your Weapon Dancing Sect entered seclusion, it has always been with the Leading Star Ancestor at Gathering-Immortal Peak.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai was not disappointed; after all, he was not coveting the Dao Law of the Immortal Sect, but rather wanting to understand how to create “Dao Law.”

He posed another question to Yunhai Shangren.

“I haven’t looked into this since I don’t have a karmic connection with that ‘Dao Law’; I haven’t put effort into this matter. However, I know that the Head of Immortal Affairs, who governs lands and rivers, is the constant and strong foundation that fortifies the ‘Dao Law’. You can inquire with Ying Guanghua or the recently retired Lin Daoming, they definitely know.”

At this, Chen Mobai felt a slight headache.

He had only met Ying Guanghua once, and because he had accepted the recruitment of the Hall of Orthodox Law, he had effectively refused the new Head of Immortal Affairs.

Lin Daoming was an even less likely source, being the biggest hypothetical enemy in the Immortal Sect from his perspective.

However, investigating the methods of Dao Law was not urgent. When he officially joined the Hall of Orthodox Law next year and took charge of the Sky-Mending Group, he could use the pretext of exchanging knowledge with Lan Haitian to see if he could pry some information from him.

Although Lan Haitian did not rise directly to high rank during the tenure change and become the Vice Hall Master of Immortal Affairs, he was still appointed by Ying Guanghua as the Permanent Secretary.

Every previous Vice Head of Immortal Affairs has held this position.

The implication here is clear.

Moreover, since Lan Haitian graduated from Kunpeng, his rise is also pleasing to the Kunpeng Lineage.

Compared to Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei, Lan Haitian's start at The Three Great Halls is unprecedentedly favorable.

Chapter 1406: The Immortal Sprout Cultivation Project Files

After meeting with Yunhai Shangren, Chen Mobai also awaited the latest appointment concerning himself.

Once the appointment notification from the Hall of Orthodox Law was issued, it caused quite a stir within the Immortal Gate.

Within the Immortal Gate, it was rare to see such a transfer from a local realm to the Imperial City, from an ordinary Kaiyuan Hall Councilor, to becoming the fourth-ranking individual in the Hall of Orthodox Law—an almost meteoric rise.

If it were someone else, it would certainly have caused a huge uproar and intense discussion.

But placed upon Chen Mobai's head, what everyone noticed was why he was going to the Hall of Orthodox Law?

Everyone believed that he deserved this appointment.

Amidst external discussions, the power of the Weapon Dancing Sect was also, following this appointment, beginning to transfer from Wang Shuye's hands into Chen Mobai's.

“From now on, the burden will be on you.”

That day, Wang Shuye also completed his retirement procedures, officially ending his 240-year tenure as a Kaiyuan Hall Councilor.

“I will return the Weapon Dancing Sect to the peak it rightfully belongs.”

Facing Wang Shuye, Chen Mobai spoke, uttering words that slightly excited the former.

Initially, when he first achieved Core Formation, he felt the same way, believing that the Weapon Dancing Sect would reach its peak under his leadership.

However, in reality, he exhausted his energy to merely stabilize the Weapon Dancing Sect without letting the Patching Heaven and Kunpeng factions take too much advantage.

After enduring so many years, Wang Shuye finally awaited a universally accepted successor in Chen Mobai, who could take over everything and peacefully try for Nascent Soul Formation.

“Having struggled in Wangwu Cave Heaven for half a lifetime, I can finally return home without any distractions.”

Wang Shuye’s hometown was in the Snow Sea Cave Heaven in the north, very close to the far north. His last direct relative had died a hundred years ago, but even so, it still remained the haven of his soul.

However, considering that Chen Mobai had just assumed his duties in Wangwu Cave Heaven and some unforeseen circumstances might occur, Wang Shuye would stay in the Imperial City for another year, also taking this time to collect some final data and Spiritual Objects related to Nascent Soul Formation.

After a year, Wang Shuye would choose to return to Snow Sea Cave Heaven, to the home of his deepest childhood memories, to attempt Nascent Soul Formation.

That day, Chen Mobai bid farewell to Wen Ren Xuwei.

Originally, according to the Jumang Academy’s plans, she was to be groomed as the head of the financial department, but with Chen Mobai emerging from seclusion, Wen Ren Xuwei felt that with such an ally, there was no need to be too high-profile, so she simply took over the role of Nie Tinglan as part of the Kaiyuan Hall Rotating Committee.

Aside from the general assembly for each term change, being a Kaiyuan Hall Councilor was actually very laid-back, with Rotating Committee members being the busiest, but under Wen Ren Xuewei's deliberate low-key approach, Ye Yun'e did not assign her any tasks.

Also, after taking up her position, Wen Ren Xuewei operated to become the head of the Inspection Group of Immortal Gate Spirit Plant Resources, a role that represents Kaiyuan Hall in inspecting forestry, medicinal herbs, and Spirit Plants across the Immortal Gate realms.

This position allowed her a reason to travel across various realms within the Immortal Gate. She previously had a similar function, overseeing the protection of all types of precious Tea Tree resources within the Immortal Gate; this time her role expanded from Tea Tree to all Spirit Plants within the Immortal Gate.

After gaining this position, Wen Ren Xuewei immediately applied to Ye Yun'e for a business trip to inspect various locales within the Immortal Gate.

Within The Three Great Halls, Kaiyuan Hall's primary power was this inspection duty, ensuring that the other two halls' public officials did not abuse their power, and acted within the rules and laws established by Kaiyuan Hall.

This was also one of the exchange conditions for Wen Ren Xuewei gaining her position. As one of the members of the Rotating Committee, as long as she was not in Wangwu Cave Heaven, then from Kaiyuan Hall's end, there was one less person for Ye Yun'e to confront.

In theory, Kaiyuan Hall holds the largest power among The Three Great Halls, and it had always been controlled by the Kunpeng Lineage, but combined, the Patching Heaven, Weapon Dancing, and Jumang Lineages hold nearly half the seats.

With Wen Ren Xuewei being outside for long-term inspections, Ye Yun'e's constraints were reduced by a third.

When Chen Mobai learned of this, he could only sigh.

He hadn't expected Wen Ren Xuewei to use his exit to slack off.

However, it was also a good thing, because when Wen Ren Xuewei left, she had already instructed the people of the Jumang Lineage to follow Chen Mobai's lead in Wangwu Cave Heaven.

After sending Wen Ren Xuewei off, Chen Mobai immediately began taking over the Sky-Mending Group without stopping.

The Sky-Mending Group, as a secret department of the Immortal Gate, primarily dealt with groups like the Ascension Sect from the Ancient Evil Path Union, ensuring that on the Di Yuan Star, no civilians fell into demonic ways or practiced Forbidden Techniques.

In addition, if convenient, they also handled some issues that could not be exposed in public.

For instance, the original Immortal Sprout cultivation project, because it involved Lin Daoming, the Head of Immortal Affairs, the Sky-Mending Group quickly intervened and resolved the issue once they were informed.

Because of this, as the chief of the Sky-Mending Group, Chen Mobai also possessed similar rights to freely travel across all the realms of the Immortal Gate, one of the few positions allowing a Golden Core Master such unrestricted movement.

Of course, before each journey, he still needed to report to the Department of Law Enforcement.

After all, another of Chen Mobai's roles was as the Deputy Minister of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Chapter 1407: The Immortal Sprout Cultivation Project Files_2

The previous leader of the Sky-Mending Group was Wen Lianshan, who naturally was promoted to the Director of the Enforcement Department. He very decisively handed over everything related to the Sky-Mending Group that was in his possession.

However, after Lan Haitian's Core Formation, he had practically already transferred all authority over the Sky-Mending Group to Lan Haitian, so a lot of secretive matters still needed to be inquired about through Lan Haitian.

Fortunately, Chen Mobai had considerable influence; after his appointment was announced, Lan Haitian also made a point of calling him, stating that whenever he was needed, just give a shout.

The Sky-Mending Group is divided into nine teams, with Team One being responsible for overseeing the operations of the other eight teams, and Chen Mobai, as the group leader, also serves as Team One's leader.

Qing Nu was in Team Four, the medical team, and on Chen Mobai's first day in office, he transferred her to his own Team One to become his personal secretary.

The position of deputy leader of Team One, Chen Mobai offered to Lin Yin, the only person he knew.

The two, who had both been in Red Sandstone City, could be considered to have battled side by side and shared camaraderie as comrades-in-arms.

Lin Yin had long worked with Lan Haitian and was very clear about everything regarding the Sky-Mending Group.

Originally, Lan Haitian had thought that after a few more years, once he had secured his position in Xianwu Hall, he would find a way to bring Lin Yin to his side.

Naturally, Lin Yin accepted this appointment, as it was essentially a promotion.

"Deputy Leader Lin, I would like to see all the documentation on the Immortal Sprout cultivation project."

After getting the whole nine teams of the Sky-Mending Group in order, Chen Mobai issued his first command to Lin Yin in his office.

Upon hearing this, Qing Nu, who was standing beside Chen Mobai, trembled slightly, and Lin Yin couldn't help but lift his head, glance at her, then nodded slightly before bowing and leaving the room.

After a short while, Lin Yin and another ordinary-looking middle-aged man came in. He was Mo Huaixian, the leader of Team Three, the intelligence team; all the archival documentation for the Sky-Mending Group was in his possession.

"Group Leader Chen, here are the documents you requested!"

Mo Huaixian passed over a large box of documents he was holding, which Qing Nu immediately took, and then, with excitement, handed them to Chen Mobai.

"Alright, I'll have a look first, and if there's anything I don't understand, I'll ask you later on."

As soon as Chen Mobai finished speaking, both Lin Yin and Mo Huaixian took their leave from the office.

"Have you seen these before?"

Chen Mobai pointed to the documents in his hand and asked Qing Nu beside him. She shook her head.

"Being here, I feel like someone is watching me every moment, I wouldn't dare to probe into matters like this."

After hearing Qing Nu's words, Chen Mobai opened the documents and laid them on the table for Qing Nu to come over as well.

"Then let's look at them together. You must be very curious about the truth behind this as well."

Qing Nu nodded and, filled with excitement, her eyes fixated on the text and images of the documents.

The Immortal Sprout cultivation project, an artificial embryo optimization project overseen by Yan Xinji from Jumang Academy, under the direction of the Head of Immortal Affairs, Lin Daoming.

The project's aim, while the embryo was still developing, was to use medical methods to alter the Spirit Root Attributes, so that when the baby takes shape and is born, the parents could artificially create Heavenly Spiritual Root, Different Spiritual Root, and other excellent Spiritual Roots according to their needs for the child.

If this project were completed, then in the future, everyone in the Immortal Gate might possess a Heavenly Spiritual Root, with no more False Spirit Root or True Spirit Root necessary.

A world where everyone is like a dragon would no longer be a dream.

After reading the start of the document, both Chen Mobai and Qing Nu were so shocked they couldn't speak.

They had never imagined that the initial intention of the Immortal Sprout cultivation project could be this.

However, it might also be a noble cover-up, a verbal beautification for the project.

They continued reading.

The initial purpose of the Immortal Sprout cultivation project was to enable every parent to choose the Spirit Root Attributes for their child at birth, and then from infancy, allow them to be raised and developed according to the most suitable Spirit Root Attributes for themselves, striving for everyone in the Immortal Gate to grow up with at least a Core Formation as their foundation.

However, this would inevitably lead to huge social problems.

The issue is that the Immortal Gate doesn't have enough resources!

The Immortal Gate has a population of three hundred million. If they were all Golden Core Masters, just the daily absorption of nature's spiritual energy would probably drain the Spiritual Veins of the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains.

Moreover, with a base of three hundred million Golden Core Masters, even without Infant Forming Spirit Medicine, the chance of one in a thousand, or even one in ten thousand, managing to successfully form a Nascent Soul on their own, would far exceed the limits that Di Yuan Star could withstand.

In such a scenario, if there were no wars to venture into, it's likely the Immortal Gate would perish from severe internal competition.

Therefore, even if the intent behind this plan is good, those with brains within the Immortal Gate would never allow it to come to fruition.

As the Head of Immortals Affairs, Lin Daoming must also understand this logic.

So why did he still suggest to Yan Xinji to go forward with this Immortal Sprout cultivation plan?

Chen Mobai held onto this doubt as he flipped to the very end, looking for the Sky-Mending Group's concluding remarks and approval of the project, but found the page to be completely blank.

He couldn't help but frown slightly; could it be that the entire archive of the Immortal Sprout cultivation plan wasn't kept with the Sky-Mending Group?

However, he quickly thought that, after all, this involved the dark secrets of Lin Daoming, the Head of Immortal Affairs; it would be normal for a minor group like the Sky-Mending Group not to keep a record.

Just as he was about to close the file, his fingers touched the blank page and he noticed something unusual.

"What's wrong?"

Qing Nu, who was beside him, noticed Chen Mobai lifting the document and stroking the last page back and forth. She couldn't help but ask curiously.

"There is a restriction on this; it seems that the contents of this page have been hidden by the restriction."

While speaking, Chen Mobai began to listen with the technique Echoes in the Void. Unfortunately, the content of the writing did not fluctuate, and the restriction applied was extremely intricate. With his barely third-tier talisman maker skills, he was simply unable to break it.

"Should we ask Lin Yin and the others?"

Qing Nu proposed an idea, and Chen Mobai nodded in agreement. Just as he intended to call Lin Yin and Mo Huaixian in, he suddenly thought of something.

"Wait a moment, let me give Lan Haitian a call."

The Immortal Sprout cultivation project clearly touched on many deep levels. Chen Mobai felt that Lin Yin and others at their stage of Foundation Establishment would likely not be privy to this knowledge.

Moreover, since Lin Yin was Lan Haitian's man, even if he asked him, Lan Haitian would be immediately informed, so it might as well be more straightforward to ask him directly.

"The Sky-Mending Group has many dark secrets; if any were to be leaked, each one could cause a great uproar among the Immortal Gate population, hence only the head of the group can know about these. This way, if a leak were to occur in the future, questions would be directed solely at the head."

As expected, Lan Haitian knew. When asked by Chen Mobai, he identified the crux of the matter and also disclosed how to view the content that had been hidden.

But his last words also served as a discreet warning to Chen Mobai.

In truth, besides the Sky-Mending Group, other high-level individuals were aware of these dark secrets, but typically if a leak occurred, the blame would fall upon the Sky-Mending Group.

“Uh-huh, I was just curious and wanted to take a look.”

After saying this, Qing Nu standing beside Chen Mobai felt an overwhelming sweetness in her heart, believing that Chen Mobai was doing this for her.

After ending the call with Lan Haitian, Chen Mobai used a key to unlock a safe in his office, from which he took out a seal.

This was the seal of the head of the Sky-Mending Group. By stamping it on the page with the applied restriction, the hidden contents would reveal themselves.

Once viewed, stamping it again would cause the contents to vanish once more.

Under Qing Nu’s expectant gaze, Chen Mobai pressed the seal onto the last page of the document.

In no time, a long string of dark text came into view.

After the conclusion of the Immortal Sprout cultivation project, given that it involved Lin Daoming, handling this matter required a very high level of authority.

The conclusion and approval on this last page were personally written by Ying Guanghua, the Righteous Law Hall Master.

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Ying Guanghua: [According to the intact records, the so-called ‘Immortal Seed’ seems to be used to tailor-make new bodies for those reincarnating via the Soldier Rebirth Technique!]

After seeing this sentence, Chen Mobai was shocked.

The Soldier Rebirth Technique of the Immortal Gate is quite like a lottery since one cannot carry over their cultivation from this life to the next.

Furthermore, even if one transcends the mystery of the womb, they might still need to tread a different path in cultivation due to the differing Spirit Root Attributes of this life, wasting much of the foundation laid in their previous life.

However, with this tailor-made “Immortal Seed”, that issue could be avoided.

If that’s the case, then whose Immortal Seed is Qing Nu?

With this question in mind, Chen Mobai read on.

Ying Guanghua also speculated that the tailor-made Immortal Seed likely has a method to let the reincarnated person directly transcend the womb’s mystery.

Unfortunately, Yan Xinji, who was in charge of this project, had gotten wind of it and defected to the Ascension Sect and thus, couldn’t be apprehended.

In the end, Ying Guanghua gave his own directive: [All ‘Immortal Seeds’ should be located in welfare institutions for proper placement, with regular checks to see if they are like normal humans. If there are any non-human signs, deal with them immediately.]

After reading all the content, Qing Nu’s expression was extremely complex as she furrowed her brows.

Chen Mobai then took out another document from the archives and, as expected, it was the personal profiles of all Immortal Seeds.

Included were the profiles of Qing Nu, Kong Feichen, and Yang Jing.

Hesitating, Chen Mobai first handed it to Qing Nu.

“Take a look, if there’s anything you don’t want me to know, I won’t read it.”

However, Qing Nu just shook her head, indicating she had no secrets from him, and directly unfolded her own profile in front of Chen Mobai.

It documented Qing Nu's life, her time as an Immortal Seed subject, her subsequent life in the welfare institution, and her schooling in Red Sandstone City under Master Gu Changfeng.

The initial few years were recorded in detail, seemingly placing great importance on her as a Heavenly Spiritual Root.

However, once she had been booked by the Jumang Academy, the details became scarce.

Her university life was summed up in just two or three sentences, one of which read: Deeply connected with Chen Mobai of the Weapon Dancing Sect, suspected lovers.

At this, Qing Nu's tender cheeks suddenly turned crimson, seemingly embarrassed.

Chen Mobai internally cursed at Division Three for their faulty intelligence work and decided to rectify it later.

As both fell silent, Qing Nu's profile had been reviewed completely.

Since she joined the Sky-Mending Group during her later university years, that part of her life was filed separately and not included.

The only thing that caught both of their attention was in the year Chen Mobai began his Foundation Establishment; in Red Sandstone City, Kong Feichen and Yang Jing were forcibly taken away by a Great Ability from the Ascension Sect.

However, this event was only briefly mentioned in Qing Nu's file and not detailed.

After getting Qing Nu's consent, Chen Mobai immediately opened the profiles of Kong Feichen and Yang Jing.

After flipping through experiences similar to Qing Nu's, they reached the crucial year.

[There was a Golden Core Master who acted and under the protection of the Sky-Mending Group, abducted Kong Feichen and Yang Jing. Suspected undercover agents in Immortal Gate for the Ascension Sect, subsequently confirmed to be Master Shi Qing (subject to doubt?).]

At this, Chen Mobai paused.

The Golden Core Master who acted in Red Sandstone City, was it not Shi Qing?

He glanced over this content, noticing it was written by Lan Haitian. He thought about calling to ask but decided to finish reading all the related archival content first.

Lan Haitian: [The abducted Kong Feichen is of no concern, but Yang Jing, having a Dark Spiritual Root, is suspected to be the third reincarnated body prepared by Yan Xinji for the Ascension Sect Master.]

Upon reading this, Qing Nu became overtly agitated, her body trembling uncontrollably, eventually rendering her unable to stand properly.

Chen Mobai immediately reached out to support her limp body.

"Little Scenery... she's in danger... I have to save her..."

Qing Nu babbled incomprehensibly, struggling in Chen Mobai's embrace as if she wanted to rush out of the office.

"It's been decades; if they were going to perform a body seizing, it would have happened already. Are you still in touch with Kong Feichen?"

Chen Mobai held Qing Nu firmly, preventing her from acting rashly, then posed her with a question.

“Yes, he occasionally writes emails to me, containing codes that only I can understand.”

“Can you write to him?”

“There’s a website where I can leave a message, then I get a new registered email account each time, always different but they all reach Little Dust.”

After hearing this, Chen Mobai remembered the contact method Kong Feichen had left him and found out it was the same address.

“Tell him about this. Now only he’s beside Yang Jing, he’s the only one who can rely on.”

Although Chen Mobai said so, he had little confidence in Kong Feichen, feeling the guy lacked capabilities and was unreliable.

After all, it was he who insisted on taking Yang Jing to the Ascension Sect to deal with the aftermath of the Soul Splitting Technique.

But now, looking at this confidential information from the Sky-Mending Group, it seemed that he might have been manipulated by the Ascension Sect, sending Yang Jing, the Immortal Seed, right into their hands.

Chen Mobai only hoped that after learning of this, Kong Feichen would not break down.

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“Um... I will immediately...”

Qing Nu heard Chen Mobai’s reminder, and finally reacted, immediately taking out a spare mobile phone to make contact.

“Do not contact here in the Sky-Mending Group, go find a spot outside; also, I have a few things I need to ask Lan Haitian about.”

Using the Guidance Book, Chen Mobai memorized all the file contents in his mind, then informed Lin Yin and Mo Huaixian outside to bring over the Ascension Sect's data as well.

"Head of the group, the Ascension Sect's data fills three room's worth of archives, are you sure you want it all brought over?"

However, upon receiving the message, Lin Yin found it a bit difficult and asked.

Chen Mobai thought for a moment, then first asked Lin Yin to bring over the data concerning Dragon and Tiger Ancestor and Ascension Sect Master.

Soon, Lin Yin and Mo Huaixian came in, carrying two life-sized stacks of data.

At this time, Qing Nu had also calmed down emotionally, standing beside Chen Mobai.

"Head of the group, this is just a part, after you finish, we'll go get the rest."

During his speech, Lin Yin placed the documents on the table.

Both the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor and Ascension Sect Master were part of the Antiquity Daoist System, having inherited several generations of teachings, and they brought over several generations worth of data from the creation of the Immortal Gate.

Chen Mobai nodded, imprinting this data into his mind with the Guidance Book while he contacted Lan Haitian, to see when he would be available and invite him for a meal.

"It might be after midnight, Palace Master Ying has just taken his post recently, and as his personal secretary, I've been quite busy."

Lan Haitian greatly respected Chen Mobai, and even though he was truly busy, he still made time for a meeting.

“Then I’ll trouble you, I have some issues regarding the Ascension Sect I want to inquire about, let’s meet at that same place from last time, I’ll have Lin Yin arrange it.”

This statement from Chen Mobai made Lin Yin look up at him oddly.

Last time it was Lan Haitian who had her arrange the venue to meet Chen Mobai, but now it was the other way around.

The reversal in their positions lent a dramatic feeling to her life.

Night.

In a secluded clubhouse at the outskirts of Wangwu Cave Heaven, Chen Mobai was waiting with Qing Nu, who looked worried; she had already contacted Kong Feichen and obtained a new email, just waiting to meet with Lan Haitian before sending out the content she needed to edit.

After waiting for half an hour, Lin Yin walked in with a road-weary Lan Haitian.

It had been only half a month since they last met, but Lan Haitian looked somewhat haggard, apparently finding his new position by the Head of Immortal Affairs very taxing.

“This is Rank-3 Spiritual Tea, it can eliminate fatigue and clear the Heart and Mind.”

Since he was asking for a favor, Chen Mobai naturally brought out something good. He handed over the brewed Snow Needle Immortal Bud to Lan Haitian, who after sipping it, his eyes brightened instantly as he felt his exhaustion dissipate.

“Such excellent tea!”

Hearing Lan Haitian’s exclamation, Chen Mobai immediately took out a small box he had prepared and handed it to him.

“This tea is the king of teas from my Danxia Mountain Tea Garden, not much yield. Take this and try it, next year when we harvest the tea, I’ll prepare some more for you.”

Lan Haitian looked at the palm-sized small box being passed to him, feeling somewhat embarrassed to decline.

Even in Wangwu Cave Heaven, Rank-3 Spiritual Tea was exceptionally precious.

Especially this Snow Needle Immortal Bud, which seemed particularly rich in Elemental Energy, very beneficial for someone like Lan Haitian who worked late into the night.

Lan Haitian intended to befriend Chen Mobai and deepen their friendship, so after a bit of polite refusal, he laughed and placed the small box of tea leaves into his Domain.

“Is this generation’s Dragon and Tiger Ancestor named Yan Xinji?”

Chen Mobai asked the first question on his mind.

The files of the Sky-Mending Group suggested that the most recent Dragon and Tiger Ancestor was likely Yan Xinji who had defected from the Immortal Gate, but had made no definite conclusion.

Upon hearing this, Lan Haitian looked at Qing Nu beside Chen Mobai out of the corner of his eye.

But seeing no reaction from Chen Mobai, he hesitated, then said to Lin Yin standing by the door, “I have some private matters to discuss with the head of the group, please enjoy a few drinks with Qing Nu.”

Hearing this, Lin Yin slightly struggled as she looked at Chen Mobai.

She now served him.

“Listen to Secretary Lan.”

Chen Mobai did not intend to keep it from Qing Nu, but obviously, what Lan Haitian was about to discuss might involve her, or maybe he did not want her to know, so he could not make it hard for Lan Haitian.

After all, he was the one seeking Lan Haitian’s help now.

“Yes, head of the group!”

Lin Yin, after hearing Chen Mobai’s words, breathed a sigh of relief while Qing Nu tactfully got up and walked out with her, even closing the door behind them.

Even Lan Haitian had not expected that his own former direct subordinate would become so compliant towards Chen Mobai in just half a month.

Though he knew such a day would come eventually, when it actually arrived, he couldn’t help but feel a sense of loss.

But having spent over a hundred years refining himself in the Sky-Mending Group, such emotions were merely fleeting, and his face remained composed as he continued with the topic raised by Chen Mobai.

“You’ve probably seen the complete files of the original Immortal Sprout cultivation plan, there was also another Heavenly Earth Spirit Root Immortal Sprout back then, but it was taken away when Yan Xinji defected. I suspect it’s being cultivated for Lin Daoming’s Reincarnated Body.”

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“I cannot be certain whether the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor of this generation is really Yan Xinji, as all the information I can access from the Sky-Mending Group is now also available to you.”

“However, I can tell you one thing: Elder Yuanxu once had a secret exchange with this generation’s Dragon and Tiger Ancestor, a matter not recorded in the archives of the Sky-Mending Group. So, if you want to determine whether the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor is Yan Xinji, you might ask Elder Yuanxu.”

“From my mouth to your ears, if you tell a third person, I’ll deny that I was the one who told you.”

No wonder Lan Haitian is only willing to share this with Chen Mobai, as it involves the Nascent Soul Superiors from the Immortal Gate; indeed, this requires utmost discretion.

“Why would Elder Yuanxu have exchanges with the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor? Did it happen before or after Yan Xinji’s defection?”

Chen Mobai inquired further. Lan Haitian replied “after,” and, hesitating for a moment, he revealed another secret.

“I heard this from Palace Master Ying; it seems that Elder Yuanxu wanted to verify something – I suspect it was to confirm if Lin Daoming colluded with the Ascension Sect. Whether Leading Star Ancestor knows about this, I am not sure.”

At this point, Chen Mobai felt it was absolutely necessary that Lan Haitian had sent Qing Nu and Lin Yin away.

The content of their current conversation, if leaked, would cause a huge upheaval within The Three Great Halls.

It is only because Chen Mobai has now formally taken over the Weapon Dancing Sect that his status has changed, which is why Lan Haitian would disclose such information to him.

“What’s the relation between Yang Jing’s Dark Spiritual Root and the Ascension Sect Master?”

Chen Mobai posed the second question of the day.

At this point, Lan Haitian’s face showed a look of regret.

After much hesitation, he finally sighed and gave a reluctance answer.

“The Ascension Sect Master, during his first soldier resolution and reincarnation, was admitted to the Kunpeng Daoist Institute because of his exceptional talents, and he inherited the Liu Yu Scripture.”

“With incredible wisdom, he devised a way to fully cultivate the Liu Yu Scripture—soldier resolution and reincarnation.”

“Each life practicing a different section, and upon the culmination, when he integrates all six sections, he might become another person like Zhongli Laozu—who practiced Liu Yu Scripture to completion, turning into the Candle Dragon who brings daylight with open eyes and night when they close, possessing boundless divine skills.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai’s pupils dilated, his face filled with shock.

Although he had long suspected that the Ascension Sect had an unusual relationship with the Immortal Gate, he did not expect the leader of this heretical cult to have such a background.

No wonder the archives of the Sky-Mending Group contained very little about the current Ascension Sect Master.

It is probable that the Kunpeng Lineage felt humiliated and thus expunged the records.

“The Dark Spiritual Root corresponds to the obscure part of the Liu Yu Scripture, representing eternal night and twilight, and only a cultivator with the Dark Spiritual Root can fully cultivate this section.”

Therefore, after Yang Jing was taken away, Lan Haitian combined what he knew about the Ascension Sect Master and came to this conclusion, which he recorded.

“Is Kong Feichen, being of the Wind Spiritual Root, also one of the backup Immortal Sprouts for the Ascension Sect Master?”

Chen Mobai considered this as well, since the Liu Yu Scripture contains a section on wind.

“That’s unlikely because during the Ascension Sect Master’s first soldier resolution, he already reached completion with the Liu Yu Scripture’s wind section.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai wasn’t sure whether to feel relieved or worried.

How much better it would have been if Yang Jing and Kong Feichen could have swapped places!

Why must all the suffering befall Yang Jing!

“Given this, why hasn’t your Kunpeng Lineage taken action to eliminate the Ascension Sect Master? Keeping him around does no favors to your reputation, does it?”

Lan Haitian laughed bitterly upon hearing this and disclosed yet another secret.

“Three hundred years ago, the Kaiyuan Hall Master, endorsed by two ancestors, led Immortal Gate’s elites away from Di Yuan Star to personally eradicate the Ancient Evil Path Union.”

“The result of this battle was significant: the Ascension Sect Master’s soldiery resolved self was exterminated, Master Huakai was beheaded, and the spirit and soul of that generation’s Dragon and Tiger Ancestor were completely obliterated; others like the Gold Stone Nunnery Head, and True Yang Daoist also perished under the coordinated attack of the Immortal Gate’s forces.”

“Of the Antiquity Daoist System, only Shenyu Xuanzhu (Divine Control Pavilion Master) and the Life and Death Hall Master remained intact, with the latter not participating and hiding as soon as he heard the news. Shenyu Xuanzhu, on the other hand, managed to escape by detonating seventy-two avatars in a suicide attack.”

“After this battle, all the remnants of the Ancient Evil Path Union truly banded together. The Ascension Sect Master returned from his second soldier resolution and quickly regained strength, managing to subdue the rest; thus, the united Ancient Evil Path is now known as the Ascension Sect.”

Chen Mobai knew this history: the predecessor of the Ascension Sect was the Ascension Gate, an ancient sect in pursuit of feathery ascendance and transcendence.

When the Evil Paths united later, the leader of Ascension Gate, being the strongest in cultivation, was elected as the Sect Hierarchy.

“Three hundred years ago, the Ancient Evil Path suffered such huge losses. It seems that our Immortal Gate’s Nascent Soul Superiors are quite a bit more powerful than those of the Evil Path, aren’t they?”

In the past millennium, two Nascent Souls of the Immortal Gate passed away in meditation: one of them was a previous Head of Immortal Affairs who sought to refine the rules, and the other was a predecessor headmaster of the Kunpeng Daoist Institute.

Judging by their age, they both died a natural death, indicating that not a single Nascent Soul Superior was lost in the battle against the Ancient Evil Path.

“Brother Chen, that’s because Ancestor Baiguang was commanding the Immortal Gate’s side during the encounter.”