

## World 1411

Chapter 1411: The Origins of the Ascension Sect Master (7K) – Part 4 Lan Haitian smiled as he explained why the Immortal Gate had not suffered much loss, whereas the Ancient Evil Path Union had faced utter defeat, and nearly half of their elite had been slain.

“So that’s what happened.”

Having heard this, Chen Mobai’s expression showed sudden realization.

“It is said that the Ascension Sect Master was quite confident initially, wanting to lead the coalition of the Ancient Evil Path Union to confront the Immortal Gate, proving his formidable strength and even hoping to break through his bottleneck during the battle to cultivate his Primordial Spirit and return to Di Yuan Star.”

“But then, Ancestor Baiguang struck with a single sword. With that strike, the Ascension Sect Master was already decapitated. If it weren’t for an ancient secret treasure blocking it momentarily, I fear even his Heart and Mind would have been annihilated, leaving no possibility for his soldier resolution and reincarnation.”

“With the death of the Ascension Sect Master, the Ancient Evil Path Union crumbled like a fallen tree scattering monkeys, chased down by the likes of Kaiyuan Hall Master, eventually leading to such a great triumph.”

It seems it was all due to the awe-inspiring might of Ancestor Baiguang of the Weapon Dancing Sect, leaving them no room to resist!

Upon hearing this, a sense of indescribable pride surged in Chen Mobai’s heart.

It was probably because of this that Lan Haitian would share such confidential matters with him without reservation.

After all, Chen Mobai is now representing the Weapon Dancing Sect within the Immortal Gate and can also represent Ancestor Baiguang.

“Lan brother, I have one last question—Is Qing Nu the resurrected daughter of Yan Xinji?”

Chen Mobai had examined the Sky-Mending Group’s documents, found no mention of Fetal Transformation Essence, and thus didn’t dare to directly ask Lan Haitian about it, so he simply approached the subject this way.

“I have also inquired about this with the Three Extremes Sage. He believes that with the techniques of the Immortal Gate, it is impossible to fully resurrect a person. Though Yan Xinji is a prodigious talent, at most they could only use his daughter’s genes to engineer a new infant.”

“Qing Nu’s appearance and genes are indeed identical to Yan Xinji’s deceased daughter, but her soul is entirely new. Yan Xinji created her, so one could say he is Qing Nu’s father, but she is definitely not that same daughter who died.”

“Perhaps Yan Xinji believes Qing Nu is his daughter, but from the viewpoint of the Immortal Gate, she is merely an orphan who grew up in an orphanage, parentless.”

Hearing Lan Haitian’s explanation, Chen Mobai felt at ease.

“Thank you, Lan Brother, for coming so late to clarify my doubts.”

Chen Mobai raised the tea cup in his hand, offering a toast to Lan Haitian.

After discussing these secrets, the two of them also talked about the recent turmoil among the upper echelons of the Three Great Halls.

The matters concerning Xianwu Hall were even more complex, as it oversaw thousands of departments, encompassing various industries and aspects across the Immortal Gate.

Since Lan Haitian had newly transferred there, even with the help of the Patching Heaven and Kunpeng sects, it felt quite strenuous.

Yet, he enjoyed it.

Because as long as things continued in this manner, after a hundred years, he would surely have a share in the Immortal Gate's refined Infant Binding Three Spirits Medicine.

And whether he successfully achieves Nascent Soul Formation a hundred years later, he would naturally take over the position of Vice Hall Master of Xianwu Hall.

If he does not achieve Nascent Soul Formation, he could wait another hundred years and obtain another batch of Infant Forming Spirit Medicine.

Within the Immortal Gate, this was considered a path to the heavens.

At 3 am, Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian reluctantly ended their conversation.

"Lan Brother, take care!"

Chen Mobai personally escorted Lan Haitian out, where Lin Yin was waiting to drive.

"Brother Chen, we'll chat again when there's time."

After bidding a spirited farewell, Lan Haitian got into the car and left.

Watching him leave, Chen Mobai then returned with Qing Nu.

Along the way, he shared some of the content he discussed with Lan Haitian with Qing Nu. Among them, the fact that the Ascension Sect Master had cultivated the Liu Yu Scripture greatly shocked Qing Nu.

“Yang Jing is indeed likely in danger. Report this matter to Kong Feichen. Now that the trouble of the Twofold Divine Technique has been resolved, see when is suitable, and I’ll arrange for him to renounce darkness for light.”

Chen Mobai’s words touched Qing Nu deeply, yet she worried those words might bring trouble to him.

“If Yang Jing is really going to be seized by the Ascension Sect Master, his chances of mastering the Liu Yu Scripture would increase, which is not good for the Immortal Gate.”

“If Kong Feichen listens to our advice and brings Yang Jing back to the Immortal Gate, that would be a great achievement. I’ll work on it, and he should be able to avoid the death penalty, at most he would be imprisoned for life. I can arrange the prison, ensuring he will be comfortable, and he might even be able to continue his cultivation.”

“Moreover, if he behaves well and divulges some information about the Ascension Sect that the Immortal Gate doesn’t know, there might be a possibility of reducing his sentence, allowing him to come out early and enjoy the beautiful and free air of Di Yuan Star.”

Chen Mobai’s words filled Qing Nu with hopes.

She was already imagining the beautiful life after Kong Feichen and Yang Jing returned and attended her wedding with the people around her.

“Mm, I’ve already sent the email to him, and I hope he contacts us immediately after seeing it.”

In her excitement, Qing Nu typed quickly. After Chen Mobai reviewed and found no issues, she clicked send successfully.

The two walked in the suburban area at three in the morning, and by the time they returned to the apartment Qing Nu rented, an hour had already passed.

This was also Chen Mobai’s residence.

Because he was worried about Qing Nu being taken away by Lin Daoming, after confirming his join in the Hall of Orthodox Law, he also found an apartment here.

This place was a public rent apartment belonging to the Immortal Gate, other public officials looking to reside here would definitely need to queue.

But Chen Mobai's identity was different. The public official who lived above Qing Nu got promoted on the second day, from being a minor clerk at the Ministry of Mining, elevated to Vice Director of the Mining Bureau in an outside Blessed Earth City.

Although switching from a Capital Official to a local one, the lure of governing a place made him joyfully accept the appointment, finishing the handover at the fastest speed and heading off to his new role far from Wangwu Cave Heaven.

"Good night!"

At the stairwell, Chen Mobai smiled and bid farewell to Qing Nu, who, watching his ascending figure, hesitated for a long time, too embarrassed to invite, could only blushing, entered her own room.

In a blink, another half-month passed.

Since they lived at the same place, Chen Mobai and Qing Nu went to and from work together every day. To outsiders, the two seemed almost officially together.

"For the new year holiday, do you want to visit Jumang Academy again, and help me with something as well?"

That day, Chen Mobai spoke to Qing Nu with a suggestion.

Because in Red Sandstone City he still had a family, it wasn't suitable to bring Qing Nu there, but he was also worried that during this time, Qing Nu might be taken away by Lin Daoming.

As he was worried, Wen Ren Xuewei called.

She talked to Peach Blossom Sage about the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations. The latter said she would be willing to trade if there was a Water Spirit Pearl.

Chen Mobai thought it was an opportunity to let Qing Nu take the pearls back to Jumang Academy, allowing her to revisit her alma mater after more than forty years and have a good new year there.

He didn't believe Lin Daoming would dare to kidnap someone from Jumang Academy.

“Oh... Alright! What is it?”

After listening, Qing Nu's face showed a bit of disappointment, but she still obediently nodded.

She had hoped to spend the new year with him.

After hearing her response, Chen Mobai breathed a sigh of relief and handed her ten pearls.

“Such precious things, and you want me to handle it?”

Qing Nu was astonished to hear it was a matter worth ten billion.

“The only person I trust by my side is you, I don't feel secure with anyone else.”

Hearing Chen Mobai's words, the feeling of loss in Qing Nu's heart disappeared, she nodded solemnly, indicating she would not let him down.

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Qing Nu was given an early vacation by Chen Mobai, and with ten Water Spirit Pearls, she headed to Linwu Cave Haven.

Of course, before she left, Chen Mobai had already informed Wen Ren Xuewei, who would arrange the handover matters later.

After Qing Nu left, Chen Mobai began to bid farewell to his friends in Wangwu Cave Heaven one by one.

He also went to the Portal Administration Bureau and bought two more Void Blind Boxes.

One of them turned out to be empty, but the other did contain something.

Thanks to the Auspicious Blessing, the outcome was quite decent, yielding some Rank-3 talisman paper and talisman ink, along with several well-preserved talismans of various grades.

Among these, what surprised Chen Mobai the most was a Heaven Heart Sword Talisman.

After inspecting the talisman paper and ink, he indeed found Rank-3 Azure Sky Talisman Paper and Flying Rainbow Ink Talisman. However, Chen Mobai's own talisman workshop had already replicated these.

But he could still take them back to compare and see if there were any differences from the past reproductions.

Chen Mobai stored the loot from the blind box opening in his Domain, pondering what he should claim to have opened to the public.

He was definitely not going to mention the Heaven Heart Sword Talisman, since even without the blind box and with the Inner Observation of the Crown of Heaven and Earth, he could manage to master it given some time.

After considering for a while, Chen Mobai soon thought of something and decided on it.

After opening the blind box, Chen Mobai arranged the duty roster for the Sky-Mending Group's holiday staff, then announced a holiday three days in advance.

However, as a leader, he definitely had to stick it out until the last shift.

In the last three days, he took the time to visit Meng Huang.

Having been in Wangwu Cave Heaven for so long and only now visiting her, a good friend, Chen Mobai felt somewhat embarrassed.

But he had indeed been very busy before.

Meng Huang was very delighted by his visit, showing not the slightest bit of discontent.

After all, during this time, the appointment notifications from the Three Great Halls of Xianmen kept coming. As an official staff member on the roster, she was well aware of the enormous pressure and power one must shoulder after taking charge of one of the four branches of the Immortal Gate.

Chen Mobai's visit to her was already more than satisfactory.

She just feared that Chen Mobai, being in a high position, might cut ties with her, an actress, to maintain his own reputation.

That day, the alarm clock rang in the morning.

Chen Mobai, who had spent a wonderful night, opened his eyes and released the delicate body in his arms. Meng Huang, who was exhausted from toiling all night, was immediately jolted awake by this movement.

"Rest well."

Chen Mobai's flight was this morning. After using the Underworld Array, his visit to Meng Huang's couldn't be detected by anyone, so she didn't need to help him leave.

"Mm, see you next year!"

Wrapped lazily in the quilt, Meng Huang waved weakly at Chen Mobai, who was picking up and putting on clothes by the bedside floor, and then fell deeply asleep again.

After dressing, Chen Mobai vanished with a flash of silver light from the room he had stayed in for three nights.

For these three days, having finished his work at night, he would stay over here.

Meng Huang was extremely delighted by his visits, staying indoors for three days and three nights without stepping out.

Especially last night, knowing that he was leaving, she was passionately fervent.

It was a pity that after Chen Mobai's Core Formation, she was no longer his match, not to mention his Longevity Dao Body, which was skilled in recovery, with Meng Huang tenderly begging for mercy every time.

At the airport lounge, Chen Mobai was somewhat nostalgic for the past few days.

Fortunately, his will was firm and upon arriving at Red Sandstone City, he had returned to his usual calm Dao Heart.

In the airport, the City Lord of Red Sandstone City, Sui Shanfu, personally led the heads of various departments waiting for his arrival.

"There's no need for this in the future; I'm just going home for the New Year."

Chen Mobai said to Sui Shanfu, as he has always been modest and disliked such fanfare.

“Yes, yes, Commissioner Chen!”

After hearing this, Sui Shanfu immediately nodded in agreement. However, unless Chen Mobai said no, he would have definitely arranged it.

That’s just how it is in these circles; you have to do your best before the leader says otherwise.

After all, Chen Mobai’s identity was now different.

He was not only a member of the Rotating Committee of Kaiyuan Hall, but also the Deputy Director of the Department of Law Enforcement, and Major General in the Military Department, ranked among the top twenty influential figures on the Immortal Gate’s side.

Not to mention, nominally, Red Sandstone City was still under his jurisdiction, making it his direct power base.

On the way, Chen Mobai chatted with Sui Shanfu about this year’s state affairs and people’s livelihood in Red Sandstone City. Although he didn’t manage affairs directly, he would still get informed every year, as in the end, he needed to sign and approve the summary report submitted to Wangwu Cave Heaven.

“Oh, Mysterious Frost Company’s annual turnover has reached three hundred million, not bad at all.”

Among the topics, Sui Shanfu mentioned something that made Chen Mobai very happy, which was that Yan Bingxuan’s Killing Qi Energy Company, with continuous policy support and endless graduates from the three major academies joining, was starting to thrive and had become one of the top three taxpayers in Red Sandstone City.

The Killing Qi energy market of both Danxia and Red Sandstone Cities was basically dominated by Mysterious Frost Company.

However, Yan Bingxuan did not blindly expand after opening the market. Instead, she began to strive for perfection, planning to create higher-grade Killing Qi Essence Liquid with the help of the advanced technology of Five Elements Essence Puppets.

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Recently, she has been synthesizing Rank-3 Spiritual Liquids. If she really succeeds in one, she can leave Red Sandstone City and start advancing into the markets of the great Grotto Heavens.

By then, with Chen Mobai's support, she will definitely not lack for business.

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai immediately sent Yan Bingxuan a text message. As she often led her team in the lab to artificially synthesize Evil Qi, he was deeply afraid of disturbing her.

Half an hour later, Yan Bingxuan called back.

Chen Mobai had just finished overseeing this year's government report for Red Sandstone City and immediately activated the Underworld Array, teleporting straight to Mysterious Frost Company.

"Eh, are you about to make a breakthrough in your cultivation? Congratulations!"

Inside the office of Mysterious Frost Company, Chen Mobai saw the cold and beautiful woman sitting on the office chair and noticed her somewhat uncontrollable Spiritual Power Fluctuations, smiling slightly with happiness.

When he was at the Golden Core Fifth Layer, Yan Bingxuan was just at the Foundation Building Seventh Layer. After she broke through this later-stage bottleneck, although her Ice Spirit Root value still needed to be improved, her progress was not slow.

Now, seven years later, not only had she broken through to the Foundation Building Eighth Layer, but her Spiritual Power was also brimming and overflowing, clearly on the verge of breaking through to Foundation Building Ninth Layer at any moment.

Perhaps she could even try opening a Domain with Chen Xiaohei in the same batch.

“Compared to you, I’m far behind.”

Yan Bingxuan looked at Chen Mobai who appeared out of thin air in her office, her face revealing a warm smile like melting ice and snow.

Every time he saw her smile, Chen Mobai always felt a sense of warmth.

After all, this beautiful scene was something only he could witness.

“When you reach the Foundation Building Ninth Layer, I’ll see if I can arrange the opening of a Portal. Elder Yan Qiongzhi was able to successfully open a Domain at the Foundation Building Realm, maybe you can too.”

Chen Mobai’s words caused Yan Bingxuan to shake her head with a lack of confidence.

“Great-aunt was born with an Innate Ice Spirit Root and had peerless talent, that’s why she was able to do that. I definitely can’t.”

Yan Bingxuan spoke the truth. By common sense, the probability of her opening a Domain in the Foundation Building Realm was extremely slim, but it might be possible with Chen Mobai’s help.

“This is a Void Stone I obtained from a blind box; take it and try to comprehend it.”

Thinking of his daughter about to attempt opening a Domain while realizing it would take him more time to achieve the third layer of Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun, he decided to ‘whitewash’ the Void Stone through the Immortal Gate.

It was a pity that Qing Nu and Meng Huang had already been at Foundation Building Ninth Layer and had attempted to open a Domain. After failing, they could only wait for Core Formation.

Otherwise, Chen Mobai would certainly arrange for them as well.

“This is too precious, I can’t take it!”

Yan Bingxuan was shocked to receive a Void Stone from Chen Mobai and quickly stood up to refuse.

Void Stone was one of the nine greatest rarities at the Immortal Gate, a top-tier ore among the most precious nine types of mineral stones.

At the auction held every eighty years, a Void Stone of clear origin was acquired by Elder Yuanxu for 1.3 billion Good Deed Points.

Yan Bingxuan, who studied at the Repairing Heaven Institute, had also heard about this. It was said that Elder Yuanxu treasured the Void Stone, using just a little powdered stone each time for experiments, valuing it immensely.

“Take it, do we still need to be so formal with each other? More than half of the Good Deed Points I’ve used to open that Void Blind Box were earned by you.”

Chen Mobai’s account had nearly seventy million Good Deed Points, which were the earnings of Mysterious Frost Company over the years.

Although the Talisman Factory he ran at the Immortal Gate also generated profits of over ten million Good Deed Points each year, it was mostly just a facade, supplying most of the Talisman Paper and talisman ink for the Little Nan Mountain Shop.

If he needed to use more funds to buy blind boxes at the Immortal Gate in the future, he would likely need to expand Mysterious Frost Company significantly.

Previously to avoid drawing attention, and now that he held a high position with considerable authority, he could cover for it.

Yan Bingxuan still tried to refuse, but Chen Mobai placed it directly into her hands.

“You’ve worked hard to cultivate Ice Soul Divine Light. I want to see your efforts not go to waste. Take it. I hope you can successfully open a Domain because then you can go further with me in the future. I don’t want to find myself without you as a friend a hundred years from now.”

Chen Mobai’s words made Yan Bingxuan, who was about to refuse again, stop in her tracks. She looked up, met his sincere gaze, and clutching the Void Stone tightly in her hand, nodded firmly.

“I understand, I won’t let you down!”

Seeing that Yan Bingxuan had accepted the Void Stone, Chen Mobai also smiled.

“Shall we go out for a walk?”

Yan Bingxuan asked in a gentle tone that others couldn’t hear. In the past, whenever Chen Mobai emerged from seclusion at the top of Danxia Mountain to see her, they would walk together to admire the scenery of the Parasol Tree Forest.

“Perhaps not. Given my current sensitive status, I don’t want to be seen and photographed by students. Let’s just talk together; it feels like it’s been a long time since we’ve chatted.”

Chen Mobai thought about his current status and shook his head, fearing he might be seen and photographed by students.

Yan Bingxuan nodded in agreement and then took a seat opposite Chen Mobai on the sofa.

Their conversation mainly revolved around the matters of opening a Domain.

Ice Soul Divine Light could help stabilize the Power of Void, increasing the hope of Cultivators successfully opening a Domain.

That was Elder Yan Qiongzhi's method, and as a cultivator focusing on resource methods, Chen Mobai naturally had his own methodologies.

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He conveyed the fluctuations of the Void he had heard to Yan Bingxuan, guiding her to feel the Power of Void within the Void Stone.

This process was extremely difficult.

After all, Yan Bingxuan was merely a Foundation Establishment Practitioner.

However, since she had the successful approach of Yan Qiongzhi to follow, her starting conditions were far superior to other cultivators of her Realm who could not break through the initial threshold.

Chen Mobai instructed for a long time and finally, using the Ice Soul Divine Light, she captured the first strand of Power of Void.

Regrettably, her Realm was not sufficient, and the strand of Power of Void was not frozen by her and dissipated into the air.

A look of heartache and frustration appeared on Yan Bingxuan's face.

"Practice slowly. Once you use up this piece of Void Stone, let me know. There are a few more in the blind boxes I opened."

"This one is enough; I will treasure it," she said, shaking her head to show that she would redouble her efforts to master the knack of freezing the Power of Void before the stone in her hand was used up.

"Also, remember to balance work and rest. Take a good break during the holidays."

Chen Mobai said with a smile to Yan Bingxuan, who looked exhausted but held on to the Void Stone tightly.

“This year I’ll be on duty at the company, I don’t feel at ease leaving those Rank-3 Killing Qi Essence Liquids in the hands of others.”

Yan Bingxuan shook her head, indicating that she would not take a holiday this year.

Chen Mobai listened and said no more; after all, it was her company.

As the sky began to darken.

Chen Mobai also took his leave and returned to his home in Red Sandstone City.

Chen Xinglan and Tang Panchui were preparing dinner. After this meal, he left Red Sandstone City early the next day, heading for Yu Wood City.

The warm Fuxia Flower Shop had not changed since he had left.

The crisp sound of the wind chimes rang as he stepped through the door.

Shi Wanyu, who was arranging various fresh flowers, looked up at the sound, and her face showed an unprecedented joy when she saw him.

Not long after, Chen Xiaohei also came downstairs, cheerfully calling out as soon as he saw Chen Mobai.

“Take your parents here tomorrow.”

At night, Chen Mobai said to Shi Wanyu in his arms, and she suddenly trembled, raising her head with touch.

Shi Wanyu’s parents were also ordinary Qi Practitioners.

Her mother was from the Yu family and had only her as a daughter.

Initially, Shi Wanyu returned home pregnant after graduation, which made her parents so angry they even declared to cut off relations.

But after all, she was their flesh and blood. When Xiao Hei was born, the elders rushed to the hospital upon hearing the news.

Later on, it was Shi Wanyu's mother who sought help from the Yu family; eventually, Yu Huiping personally came over from the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains and took away Xiao Hei, who had the Nine Yin Meridian.

After Xiao Hei's birth, the relationship between Shi Wanyu and her parents had eased somewhat, especially in recent years as the elders approached the end of their lifespan and moved into a nursing home.

Perhaps as death approaches, one tends to care less about face.

Having an unmarried daughter is just that; after all, it is the continuation of their bloodline.

After Chen Mobai recognized Chen Xiaohei as his daughter, Shi Wanyu also informed her parents about it and explained the reasons for her past actions.

Knowing it was their daughter's mistake, the elders understood why, no matter how they pressured her, Shi Wanyu refused to disclose Xiao Hei's father's identity for so many years.

After learning the truth, the elders also felt apologetic towards Chen Mobai.

After all, their son-in-law had quite the reputation in Immortal Gate.

Had it not been for Shi Wanyu's certain methods, it would have been impossible for her to bear him a daughter.

Hence, both elders wished to apologize to Chen Mobai on behalf of Shi Wanyu.

However, this was something that Shi Wanyu was reluctant to mention to Chen Mobai, so the daughter, understanding her mother's difficulty, secretly informed Chen Mobai.

Now that they were family, during the New Year, Chen Mobai, as the son-in-law, should definitely pay a visit to his father-in-law and mother-in-law.

"Very well, truly handsome and extraordinary."

After getting Chen Mobai's approval, Shi Wanyu fetched her parents from the nursing home. Seeing Chen Mobai standing with Chen Xiaohei, the old couple sitting in wheelchairs nodded in approval.

"Tomorrow, my parents will also come over, and I've bought a house in the suburbs. Let's spend the New Year together as one big family."

Chen Mobai spoke about his plans; Chen Xinglan and Tang Panchui had come over by train today as well.

"You make the arrangements; we have no objections!"

The mother-in-law said kindly.

They knew of Chen Mobai's status in Immortal Gate and that his daughter's existence could not be made public. Still, both families having a meal together symbolized his recognition of Shi Wanyu as his Daoist couple, and to the elders, that was enough.

On New Year's Day, Chen Xiaohei spent time with her grandparents and maternal grandparents, playing a card game.

Chen Mobai, on the other hand, went upstairs to rest early with Shi Wanyu.

In this suburban house in Yu Wood City, the big family enjoyed the New Year together.

Although the tender familial love was intoxicating, Chen Mobai did not forget about cultivation.

Since the Spirit Vein here was only of a Rank-3 level, it was not suitable for his cultivation.

Apart from practicing the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram, he was refining a secret technique he had been advancing for a long time, the Precious Golden Light.

He had already cultivated this technique to the “Precious” Realm, and it would probably take another six years of Refining the Golden Crystal to reach the highest Realm, “Refine Treasure.”

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“””Under the Inner Observation bestowed by the Crown of Heaven and Earth, he managed to decipher all the profound mysteries of this secret technique. Within merely a half year, he accomplished what would normally take two to three years of cultivation.

It would probably take about another half a year to completely master the technique.

Having realized this, Chen Mobai hung the Crown’s Inner Observation above the Precious Golden Light, aiming to reach completion in the shortest time.

After perfecting it, he would use his Refining Treasure Realm to investigate the origin of that piece of black cloth he acquired from Yan Fusheng.

Based on his conjecture, this cloth could at least be a fourth-grade Magical Weapon, otherwise, it couldn’t have withstood the edge of the Purple Electric Sword.

He also considered whether to bleach it with the Void Blind Box, then have a Treasure Appraiser from the Immortal Gate evaluate it.

But since the Precious Golden Light was soon to be greatly accomplished, he decided not to take such a risk.

After all, the black cloth was thoroughly imbued with traces of the Tianhe Realm; it might expose clues to the Immortal Gate.

Apart from practicing the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram and Precious Golden Light, Chen Mobai also guided his daughter in comprehending the Power of Void.

Choosing to bleach Void Stones with the Void Blind Box was originally for his daughter.

Yan Bingxuan has it, and naturally, Chen Xiaohei does as well.

However, the cultivators on this side of the Immortal Gate seem to have always been impoverished. Although Chen Mobai stated that he still had “some”, both Yan Bingxuan and Chen Xiaohei were extremely cautious when using Void Stones, fearing to waste even a shred of the Void Power.

Beautiful times are always fleeting.

After the holiday, Chen Mobai, now a rank four figure of the Hall of Orthodox Law, had to return to Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Chen Xinglan even proposed that Shi Wanyu and Chen Xiaohei should go to the Imperial City with Chen Mobai.

After all, it's not always good for a family to be separated for long.

However, the Immortal Gate has a 'ten-year locality rule' for public servants.

That is, after an official's transfer, they must serve at least ten years before they can be transferred again.

Chen Xiaohei had just been transferred from Wangwu Cave Heaven; even now that Chen Mobai is of high rank and power, he could not breach this rule to transfer her back.

“Let’s just stay here; after all, we need to look after mom and dad too.”

Though Shi Wanyu also wanted to go with Chen Mobai, she did not want to part with her daughter. Moreover, considering her parents might only have a couple years left, she decided to stay in Yu Wood City.

“Then the matters at home will be hard on you.”

While Chen Mobai regretted that the family couldn’t go to Wangwu Cave Heaven, he also felt relieved.

On the last day of the holiday, Chen Mobai took Chen Xinglan and Tang Panchui back to Red Sandstone City.

He also visited Chixia and Dan Zhu, two major academic institutions, because he would be spending a long time in Wangwu Cave Heaven, thus appointed two capable teachers as acting principals.

After settling this matter, Yan Bingxuan who knew of his return came over.

Both of them faced the morning glow at the top of Danxia Mountain and spent the remaining time of the holiday.

After Yan Bingxuan left the mountain, Chen Mobai stood under a giant Biyu Wutong tree, testing out the outer Heaven and Earth functions of the Crown of Heaven and Earth in the dark of night.

As he anticipated, strands of threads extended from various parts of the Immortal Gate and linked to his White Jade Crown.

The end of the thread closest to him was none other than Yan Bingxuan, who had just walked down the mountain.

During these days, he had also tried several times at the Immortal Gate.

He discovered that every thread linked by the Crown of Heaven and Earth was connected to someone he knew.

Before he joined the Hall of Orthodox Law, although there were quite a few threads from the Immortal Gate side, they were clearly visible.

However, after the assembly, when he took over various positions of the Immortal Gate, the number of these threads exploded a hundredfold, nearly obfuscating the Crown of Heaven and Earth and turning it into a dense white fog."''''

Chen Mobai knew that this was because all the personnel related to his position at the Immortal Gate were connected.

Although the speed of cultivation had not changed, Chen Mobai inexplicably felt the pressure on his heart increasing. It seemed that each additional thread added a little more weight to the Crown of Heaven and Earth. After multiplying by a hundred, every time he observed the heaven and earth externally, he felt his Divine Sense was being consumed intensely.

In just half an hour, he felt his Divine Sense was completely exhausted.

Chen Mobai could only discipline himself to observe only one thread at a time using the external view of heaven and earth, gradually finding some clues under the influence of the Guidance Book.

The importance of these threads, he still did not know till now.

But he knew that the closer the relationship and the more important they were, the brighter and thicker the threads.

For example, his wife in name, Shi Wanyu, as the first legal heir to Chen Mobai. Under his observation, the thread linked to his Crown of Heaven and Earth was as thick as a finger and bright as the aurora.

For his daughter, Chen Xiaohei, it was only one tenth of Shi Wanyu's.

And for his parents, Chen Xinglan and Tang Panchui, perhaps because their lifespans were nearing their end, the threads were also large but like a candle flickering in the wind, seemingly about to break any moment.

Chen Mobai did not know whether having more of these threads was good or bad.

However, he guessed that these might be the cause and effect inherent within the mortal coil.

If he severed them all, according to the ancient texts from the Tianhe Realm, could he directly ascend in place?

Unfortunately, within the Immortal Gate, they did not care about these superstitious things, and there were very few books about cause and effect and the mortal coil.

However, Chen Mobai remembered Chen Chun whom he had met this time in the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains.

Back then, in the alleys of Red City Cave Heaven, she had said that fortune-telling was tying up cause and effect.

The cultivation of The Divine Machine Mansion, an Antiquity Daoist System, involved the Tao of cause and effect.

Should he consult her?

Towards Chen Chun, Chen Mobai instinctively felt repelled, having been schemed against by her once.

But now that he had recognized his daughter and was considered Daoist partners with Shi Wanyu, this matter could be overlooked.

However, even if he was willing to consult, Chen Chun might not be willing to answer his doubts.

And she was at the Gathering-Immortals Peak with the Leading Star Ancestor, so unless she came down, he had no way to meet her accidentally again.

When he returned to Wangwu Cave Heaven, he should first check the information about The Divine Machine Mansion in the Sky-Mending Group.

Chen Mobai thought in this way, seeing that it was still early before dawn, he simply returned to Giant Tree Ridge.

“Greetings, Sect Leader!”

Gu Yan, upon hearing of his “exit from closed-door cultivation,” immediately rushed back.

“Has there been anything noteworthy recently in the sect or in the Eastern Wilderness?”

The Formless Puppet left by Chen Mobai here would only show up to meet someone if the outer Formation was disturbed; only for emergencies.

“Reporting to the Sect Leader, an alchemy anomaly occurred at Back to Sky Valley. Master Yan Shaoyin seems to have produced a high-grade elixir.”

Since Yan Shaoyin was now the only one in the Eastern Wilderness that Chen Mobai needed to look after, he had specifically instructed Gu Yan to keep an eye on Back to Sky Valley when he left.

“He succeeded?” Chen Mobai was surprised that Yan Shaoyin could actually replace Tianhe Realm’s materials to successfully create the Infant-Feeding Elixir, but immediately he smiled warmly, deciding to

finally accelerate things, “This batch of elixir will have half belonging to our Five Elements Sect, I will write a letter later, you personally deliver it to Back to Sky Valley.”

After hearing this, Gu Yan immediately nodded.

Besides this, she continued speaking, bringing good news.

Liu Wenbo had returned from Dongwu earlier in the year, bringing the first successfully cultivated Heterodox Golden Core of Earth Attribute.

After hearing this, Chen Mobai nodded, then asked another question that concerned him: “How is the Core Formation going for the other cultivators in the sect who have taken the Golden Liquid Jade Pill?”

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There is good news and there is bad news.

The good news is that Yue Zutao has succeeded in Core Formation and has also passed the Heavenly Tribulation. He is currently stabilizing his realm.

Besides that, it’s all bad news.

Both Meng Hong and Xie Yuntian have failed.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai couldn’t help but show a sorrowful expression.

Meng Hong had refined a Heterodox Golden Core. Once the attempt to breakthrough with the Golden Core swap technique fails, without the Three Lights Divine Water and similar spiritual objects, death is inevitable.

Thinking back to when the two first met, at that time Chen Mobai was just a common Foundation Establishment Practitioner, whereas Meng Hong was the Sect Leader. Even though there was a huge difference in their status, Meng Hong recognized his peerless talent at first glance...

“Sect Leader, although Brother Meng has failed in Core Formation, thanks to the Golden Liquid Jade Pill and Elder Fu Zongjue’s intervention, his life was saved.”

Chen Mobai’s sorrow had just surfaced when he heard Gu Yan’s words.

“That’s good, that’s very good...”

While feeling relieved, Chen Mobai had not expected that the Golden Liquid Jade Pill could also counteract the deadly outcome of failing in Core Formation with a Heterodox Golden Core.

It truly lives up to its reputation, being the masterpiece synthesized by an Alchemy Dao master after summarizing hundreds of Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicines.

Apart from aiding cultivators in Core Formation, the Golden Liquid Jade Pill also allows cultivators who have failed the process to keep their lives and preserve their Essence, Qi, and Spirit as much as possible, avoiding severe damage to their vital energy.

If Meng Hong didn’t die, there was even less to worry about Xie Yuntian.

It was just a Core Formation failure, resulting in the loss of some vital energy.

Chen Mobai thought for a moment and decided to personally visit Meng Hong.

Meng Hong attempted Core Formation at Zhou Shengqing’s Longevity Wood Dojo and is still there now.

When Chen Mobai arrived, Zhou Shengqing was also there. Only after asking did he learn that it was him, a Nascent Soul Cultivator, who had given a hand to Meng Hong. After Meng Hong’s failure in Core Formation, he forcibly dispersed Meng Hong’s spiritual power.

Together with the remnants of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill’s medicinal power, Meng Hong’s life was barely saved.

However, because Zhou Shengqing's presence needed to be concealed, it was publicly declared that it was Fu Zongjue who intervened.

"Cough cough, I am sorry to have disappointed you, Sect Leader..."

Upon seeing Chen Mobai come over, Meng Hong got up from the bed but started coughing with the effort.

"No need for formalities, just rest properly."

Chen Mobai immediately moved to the bedside and took Meng Hong's pulse, only to find that many of his meridians were severed. The abundant spiritual power that once rivaled a Core Formation cultivator had now dissipated by ninety-nine percent. Only a small amount was silently lingering in his body.

With his current situation, even if he recovered, advancing further would definitely be out of the question.

"Do you have any unfulfilled wishes?"

Chen Mobai asked Meng Hong, who shook his head with a wry smile.

"I'm grateful that the Sect did not abandon me and gave me two opportunities to try Core Formation. Wasting a lot of resources, I hope in the coming decades I can utilize what remains of my abilities to guide the newly initiated disciples in their cultivation."

Meng Hong's words made Chen Mobai shake his head.

"The resources for your Core Formation were earned through your own contributions over time; you don't need to worry about that. In the second half of your life, do whatever you wish."

At these words from Chen Mobai, Zhou Shengqing, who was nearby, also nodded slightly.

Meng Hong was his direct disciple, and although his failure in Core Formation was deeply saddening, since he could live, he should embrace what life had to offer from now on.

“Yes, thank you, Sect Leader, thank you, Master!”

Chen Mobai then inquired about Meng Hong’s situation during Core Formation. In theory, using both a Heterodox Golden Core and the Golden Liquid Jade Pill should have brought the success rate of Core Formation up to fifty percent.

The fundamental reason for failure resided in the incompatibility of the properties of the Heterodox Golden Core.

While the attributes of wind and wood are related, the fit with the Longevity Scripture can’t reach one hundred percent.

Moreover, Meng Hong was a bit too old, and he had relied on numerous elixirs to raise his Cultivation Realm when he was young. Even though he tried to compensate for it over the years, it still impacted the success rate of Core Formation.

This resulted in yet another near-success but ultimate failure.

Hearing this, Chen Mobai could only sigh again, then recorded all these experiences for future generations of disciples in the Five Elements Sect to consult.

After ensuring Meng Hong rested properly, Chen Mobai had another chat with Zhou Shengqing outside.

Soon, Fu Zongjue also arrived.

Chen Mobai mentioned the matter of forcing Yan Shaoyin to attempt Core Formation. Both patted their hands in approval, as neither believed Yan Shaoyin would succeed.

Finally, the matter of establishing the Five Elements Commerce Association was discussed. As Yue Zutao had successfully formed his core, he naturally became the prime candidate to preside over the Commerce Association.

“I have also had the idea for a while, but not as clear as yours, Junior Brother.”

After listening, Zhou Shengqing also showed a look of approval.

Resources in the Eastern Wilderness are still insufficient. If one wants to go further in the future, one still needs to head to the East Land at the center of the East Continent.

For example, if Chen Mobai wanted to embark on Nascent Soul Formation, the elixirs like the Coagulation Infant Pill can only be obtained in the East Land.

Although Yue Zutao is currently in seclusion to consolidate his realm, the arrangements for this matter can already be started.

After all, the staff for the Five Elements Commerce Association will nominally be drawn from among the Five Elements Meridians, and it also requires the preparation of unique resources from the Eastern Wilderness to gradually tap into markets outside the Barren.

Chen Mobai issued the orders in his name, conveying them throughout the various veins of the Five Elements Sect.

However, he didn't insist on it, as the primary purpose of establishing this Commerce Association was to serve the elders of their Sect. Sometimes, they would prefer to operate at a loss to acquire the elixirs and resources they needed.

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So whether the other four veins want to participate in the shares, it all depends on them.

After discussing the draft of the Five Elements Commerce Association, Chen Mobai then asked Fu Zongjue if Little Azure Dragon was sent from the Earth Vein, and received an affirmative reply.

The fact is, Zhou Ye now indeed sets his heart on Nascent Soul Formation; aside from that, everything else can be put aside!

The remains of the Little Azure Dragon had been in his hands for nearly a hundred years, merely kept as a souvenir.

Zhou Ye didn't believe that, after handing it over to the Wood Vein, the mere Rank-3 Puppet Master like Fu Zongjue could repair it.

If the Wood Vein's development could be delayed by Little Azure Dragon, buying more time for his own Nascent Soul Formation, it would be a very worthwhile deal for Zhou Ye.

"The Perennial Wood Dragon truly lives up to being a Rank-4, to repair it might require hundreds of years given my ability."

However, Fu Zongjue indeed had genuine skills, plus he had plenty of precious Rank-4 Everlife Wood and a complete set of The Art of Longevity Puppetry's Rank-4 blueprints, he roughly figured out a method of repair, albeit a slower one.

"Senior brother should prioritize his cultivation and not delay too much time on Little Azure Dragon."

When the three parted ways, Chen Mobai offered a piece of advice. However, Fu Zongjue shook his head, indicating that he had no hope of achieving Nascent Soul Formation in this lifetime, and would rather use his remaining more than two hundred years of lifespan to repair this highest puppet of the Five Elements Sect and leave a Rank-4 legacy for the sect.

Chen Mobai could not say much more to that.

After returning to his Longevity Wood Dojo, Chen Mobai found that his eldest disciple, Liu Wenbo, was already waiting.

"Master, this is a Heterodox Golden Core refined by Master Zhang from Dongwu."

Liu Wenbo handed over a sealed jade box with both hands, Chen Mobai opened it and checked, finding the refining of this Heterodox Golden Core to be even better than the one done by Yan Shaoyin; truly worthy of an alchemist specialized in this field.

“Go inform Zheng Deming, as soon as he accumulates three hundred thousand sect contributions, I will let Spirit Treasure Pavilion list this Heterodox Golden Core.”

Upon hearing these words from Chen Mobai, Liu Wenbo nodded gently.

After slaying Du Feng, the two had maintained contact and were now considered good friends.

Seeing that there was still some time before dawn, Chen Mobai finished the letter to Yan Shaoyin and asked Liu Wenbo if he had any problems with his cultivation.

Indeed there were.

Thanks to Fairy Peach Wine, Liu Wenbo had cultivated the Water-Wood techniques to the peak of the Foundation Establishment Middle Stage, but was then stuck at a bottleneck and had failed to breakthrough in two attempts, so he sought advice from Chen Mobai.

“If it were other Foundation Establishment practitioners, I would suggest them to use elixirs to break through the bottleneck, but since you are my disciple, I hope you can break through with your own bitter cultivation. That way, when you later consume the Golden Liquid Jade Pill coupled with the Dual Phase Technique, forming a Core is basically guaranteed.”

Among Chen Mobai’s four disciples, Liu Wenbo, the eldest disciple, had the most mediocre talent. If he now needed elixirs just for the bottleneck at the late phase of Foundation Establishment, then the probability of overcoming Core Formation later on would not be very high.

“Yes, Master.”

The four disciples on the Tianhe Realm side were all very obedient.

With Chen Mobai saying this, Liu Wenbo naturally did as instructed, and his heart was also filled with hope for forming his Nascent Soul in the future.

Next, Chen Mobai used the Formless Puppet to help Liu Wenbo deduce a method on how to break through at the fastest speed.

If he didn't rely on external forces like elixirs for breaking through, he would need to deepen his internal training, repeatedly cultivating and solidifying his foundation.

After instructing, Chen Mobai then took some talisman paper and talisman ink produced by the puppet factory this year and handed them over to Liu Wenbo.

After unifying the Eastern Wilderness, Little Nan Mountain Shop was now able to provide him with nearly three million Spirit Stones in revenue each year, the previous staple products of talisman paper and talisman ink now only accounted for about one-third.

Chen Mobai planned to optimize further by upgrading Little Nan Mountain Shop into a Cultivation Supermarket with a full range of materials.

Under his guiding ideology, Liu Wenbo had always been working towards this goal.

And when the Five Elements Commerce Association later intends to open markets outside the Eastern Wilderness, Chen Mobai plans to follow Little Nan Mountain Shop's method, starting by opening the low-end market with industrialized talisman paper and ink, stabilize the foothold, and then gradually upgrade to a supermarket.

While the master and disciple were conversing, Wang Tingbo, the head of the Artifact Refining Department, arrived.

He had processed a Third-Order Demon Beast material that Chen Mobai had previously obtained in the ruins.

Since Yue Zutao had successfully formed his core, and as his direct disciple, who will also be advancing into the markets outside the Eastern Wilderness, Chen Mobai planned to give him an embryo of a Lifebound Magic Artifact as a reward.

So these materials were needed.

He examined Wang Tingbo's manual processing, which, though purely handmade, because it was a task commissioned by him, the Sect Leader, the Artifact Refining Department devoted utmost efforts. Coupled with the strong Divine Sense of the cultivator, it was almost as good as the machines used by the Immortal Gate.

This saved Chen Mobai a lot of time.

After receiving these Third-Order materials, Chen Mobai once again announced he was going into seclusion.

When left with no one else around, he took out an Earth Veins Elixir and swallowed it, then after a moment, opened his eyes, took out a Spirit-Testing Instrument to check his Spiritual Root Value.

[Gold 23, Wood 49, Water 39, Fire 99, Earth 73].

Seeing the soaring value of his Earth Spirit Root, Chen Mobai nodded in satisfaction.

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After the second layer of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram, he no longer had to worry about Dan Poison.

Besides the Golden Crow's Sun Carrying Pill, he also took an Earth Veins Elixir every month, waiting until his Spiritual Root Value increased and was completely assimilated before continuing to take them.

Of course, after each change in his Spiritual Roots, he would also habitually go to the Divine Tree Secret Realm to acquire a Grand Spell from the Longevity Sect.

The pill he took today was the fourth after his breakthrough with the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram.

He could still take two more, and if these two could provide a 7-point increase in Earth Spirit Root, then aside from his Heavenly Fire Spiritual Root, he would also have a Heavenly Earth Spirit Root.

He wondered if there would be any bonuses when cultivating the Hun Yuan Dao Fruit then?

However, this made Chen Mobai think of a possibility.

If he brought Qing Nu over to this side in the future, could she also gain a Heavenly Earth Spirit Root by taking Earth Veins Elixir?

Having seen the profound mystery of the Lasting Spring Cultivation, he felt it would be wonderful if Qing Nu could master it.

That way, even if they really faced targeting from Lin Daoming or the Ascension Sect, they wouldn't need to be afraid.

But upon further thought, he still shook his head.

Because Qing Nu was of the Heavenly Water Spirit Root, the values of her other four attributes were extremely low, and even after taking nine Earth Veils Elixirs, without his kind of Fate with an Auspicious Blessing, at best, she might only increase her Earth Spirit Root by twenty to thirty points.

Besides, besides Earth Spirit Root, she would also need to enhance her Wood Spirit Root.

The thought of attaining a Three-Element Heavenly Spiritual Root itself felt nearly impossible.

Even he, with the vast resources of the Tianhe Realm, only had a Heavenly Fire Spiritual Root.

But after returning to the Immortal Gate, Chen Mobai still called Qing Nu and asked her to download the Lasting Spring Cultivation.

Qing Nu was a bit confused, but still applied for the complete Divinity Transformation Technique at the Jumang Academy's library.

At the Immortal Gate, they were relatively lenient with the inheritance of Cultivation Techniques.

And besides, even if the Lasting Spring Cultivation was spread, the entry requirement of having a Three-Element Heavenly Spiritual Root would make everyone despair.

So Qing Nu's application, although strange, was still approved.

However, because she applied for the original version left by the Changchun Ancestor, she needed to wait for the consent of the Peach Blossom Sage, the headmaster.

Originally, Qing Nu had already exchanged for the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations and was ready to return to Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Because of this, she could only delay for a few more days.

Upon obtaining ten Water Spirit Pearls, Pei Qingshuang finally opened up the heart of Qing Shuang Sword, and although she had not yet reached the state of Clear Heart of Sword, she could finally sense the true nature of the Artifact Spirit.

Thanks to this, her Qingxiao Sword Canon finally entered the crucial Core Formation chapter.

After hearing the news, Peach Blossom Sage did not hesitate to protect and support Pei Qingshuang to start Core Formation.

The outcome is not yet clear.

However, according to Chen Mobai's estimation, Pei Qingshuang should be successful in forming her Core.

After all, she had a deep foundation, plus a Nascent Soul Level mother like Peach Blossom Sage, she probably had other Core Formation resources besides the Jade Return Pill, and possibly even more than Chen Mobai.

Of course, Chen Mobai hoped for Pei Qingshuang's successful Core Formation.

After all, they were friends.

For this, Qing Nu felt it was a bit of a delay, as she had obtained a photocopied version of Lasting Spring Cultivation and wanted to return to Wangwu Cave Heaven first, waiting to come back to her alma mater when Peach Blossom Sage was available.

Yet Chen Mobai, in the waiting lounge at Red Sandstone City, granted Qing Nu another holiday, asking her to rest well at Jumang Academy, and only return after that matter was settled.

The two also discussed Kong Feichen's response; he was also shocked about the possibility that Yang Jing might be the Ascension Sect Master's Immortal Sprout.

However, since he was on a different external domain star from Yang Jing, to see her would require the intervention of a Great Ability from the Ascension Sect, using a powerful Magic Artifact to traverse.

But he indicated in the email that when he last met Yang Jing, she seemed normal.

This last meeting was twelve years ago, though.

Kong Feichen said he would try to verify this matter, and if it turned out that Yang Jing was indeed body-snatched by the Ascension Sect Master, he would spend the rest of his life in regret.

In the end, he spoke heroically, saying that if he died, please do not seek revenge for such a fool as himself and to have Qing Nu and Chen Mobai continue living well.

After reading the forwarded email content, Chen Mobai became even more determined to have Qing Nu stay at Jumang Academy for now.

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After landing in Wangwu Cave Heaven on a flight, Chen Mobai went immediately to the Sky-Mending Group.

First, he checked the information related to The Divine Machine Mansion.

But because it involved Leading Star Ancestor, much of the content was lacking; it was merely a brief record of the origin of The Divine Machine Mansion.

As one of the ancient Daoist Systems, it was known to be on friendly terms with the Immortal Gate.

The expertise of this lineage was divining the mysteries of heaven, helping Cultivators make the right choices at life's crossroads.

Aside from Leading Star Ancestor, the ancient Zhongli Ancestor was also advised by the master of The Divine Machine Mansion.

Moreover, the Sky-Mending Group records revealed a very secretive matter related to The Divine Machine Mansion.

A thousand years ago, the master of the True Sun Sect achieved Primordial Spirit in Zixiao Palace and is suspected to have been guided by Zhai Zhaoyi of The Divine Machine Mansion.

After the Dual Sages of the Immortal Gate slew the master of the True Sun Sect, Zhai Zhaoyi also suddenly passed away in meditation mysteriously, and the leader of that generation's Sky-Mending

Group suspected that Leading Star Ancestor might have personally acted, killing this nominally junior brother.

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Chen Mobai felt that he had heard the name Zhai Zhaoyi before.

He immediately used his Guidance Book to search through his memories and soon discovered it was mentioned during his conversation with Ding Chundzhi about The Divine Machine Mansion back at the Astral Observation Academy.

The current headmaster of the Astral Observation Academy, Meihua Superior, is nominally a disciple of Zhai Zhaoyi.

However, Meihua Superior never acknowledged this, claiming to be a disciple of the Immortal Gate instead.

At that time, Chen Mobai thought that Meihua Superior wanted to closely follow the Leading Star Ancestor. If the content recorded by the Sky-Mending Group is true, and if there is indeed something wrong with Zhai Zhaoyi, then he has taken the wrong path.

If Chen Mobai were Meihua Superior, he wouldn't dare admit to being a disciple of Zhai Zhaoyi either!

After noting down this part of the content, Chen Mobai started to look into the hidden information of the Antiquity Daoist System recorded in the Sky-Mending Group.

This time he didn't have Lin Yin move it for him, but instead went directly to the third group and looked through it one by one.

With the help of the Guidance Book, he swiftly stored all this information in his Fourth-grade Heavenly Calculation Bead. When needed, he could retrieve and consult it at any time.

In the evening, he originally returned to his apartment planning to review the Antiquity Daoist System materials recorded during the day. However, Meng Huang suddenly called him.

She asked if he was coming over tonight?

Chen Mobai originally hadn't planned to go, but since she had asked, it would have been rude to refuse.

Another night passed.

In the following days, Chen Mobai started to become busy.

After all, he had just taken over the Sky-Mending Group, and there were many things to coordinate and adjust, which took quite some time. Fortunately, Lan Haitian had previously organized everything effectively, and Chen Mobai didn't intend to show off. He continued to follow the order established during Lan Haitian's management.

After two to three months of adjustments, Chen Mobai, with the help of Lin Yin, finally managed to straighten out the affairs of the Sky-Mending Group.

Then he again began governing effortlessly.

He delegated most matters to Lin Yin, the deputy head, except for some issues that definitely required his attention, such as communicating with the Department of Law Enforcement and requesting funds from the financial department.

Although Lin Yin was promoted to deputy head, he was only a Foundation Establishment Practitioner.

These matters required the presence of Chen Mobai, the boss, for others to show respect.

Even so, Chen Mobai finally had some free time of his own.

These days, he had been immersed in the second group, which was the equipment group that possessed the most cutting-edge Artifact Refining equipment and workshops of the entire Immortal Gate.

Chen Mobai directly commandeered the best one.

Then he began to refine magic artifacts for Yin Qingmei, Luo Yixuan, and Yue Zutao.

Conveniently there were three Third-Order Yin Void Bamboo available. With the state of Inner Observation conferred by the Crown of Heaven and Earth, it was easy for him to design nearly perfect Flying Sword blueprints according to the material properties.

Next came the refining.

While in the state of the Guidance Book, he progressively advanced the process of the Flying Sword, and finally after one and a half months, he refined the first “Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian.”

This sword was at the peak of the second grade, reserved for Luo Yixuan, to level up with her during her Core Formation, making it very easy to achieve Unity of Man and Sword, and also to assist the Cultivator in comprehending the Sword Dao Realm.

As Yin Qingmei and Yue Zutao had already achieved Core Formation, Chen Mobai directly refined Third-Order ones for them.

They might need to spend a decade or two to fully transform it into their Lifebound Flying Sword.

In the “Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian,” Chen Mobai fully utilized the material’s properties and engraved a “Sword Shadow Becomes Void” Technique.

This technique allows each Sword Light slashed by this Flying Sword to be followed by an invisible shadow Sword Light.

Although the accompanying shadow Sword Light only has half the strength of the real Sword Light.

But if an opponent encounters this kind of technique for the first time and Divine Sense is slightly inattentive, it is very easy to be sneak attacked by this hidden Sword Shadow.

After refining three “Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian,” Chen Mobai took out the hides, Ox Horns, and other materials of the Third-Order Demonic Beasts.

The ox horn, he thought for a moment, was carved into a horn.

The rest of the hide was made into leather armor mantles, all engraved with a protective spell that would automatically be triggered when encountering a shock of foreign spiritual power.

Chen Mobai crafted two sets of the leather armor.

He planned to give one set to Yue Zutao, who was about to go beyond the Eastern Wilderness, and the other set to Liu Wenbo, his eldest disciple.

Three fur mantles were prepared for Zhuo Ming, Yin Qingmei, and Luo Yixuan.

In this way, that horn could be given to Jiang Zongheng. Not only could it boost morale, but it could also shake the qi and blood, helping cultivators in their Body Forging. If filled with spiritual power, it could even directly assault the opponent’s Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion with sound waves. It was considered Chen Mobai’s most satisfying piece of work.

After completing these Artifact Refining works, half a year had unconsciously gone by.

If it were not for Qing Nu phoning him saying she would be back the day after tomorrow, he would probably still be immersed in it.

“You wait for me at Jumang Academy, I’ll come to pick you up.”

Long-term work in the underground Artifact Refining studio of the Sky-Mending Group had made Chen Mobai feel that he hadn’t seen the sunlight in a long time, so he planned to take a trip outside.

Just in time, Pei Qingshuang had successfully reached the Core Formation and could join him in attempting to utilize the Purple and Green Double Swords, jointly cultivating to extract the Nine Heavens Pure Spirit Purple Brilliance Energy that would aid in Nascent Soul Formation.

Chen Mobai was quite curious about this as well.

After all, he had now reached the seventh layer of Core Formation and could begin preparing for the various resources related to Nascent Soul Formation.

Upon hearing that he was coming to pick her up, Qing Nu immediately canceled the flight ticket she had just booked.

Chen Mobai reported his travel plans at the Department of Law Enforcement, then had Lin Yin book a train ticket for him; he liked the leisurely feeling.

On the night before his departure, he spent it with Meng Huang.

In the secluded private room, Chen Mobai looked at the black cloth in his hand and slowly infused the Refining Treasure Golden Light he had recently mastered into it.

This secret technique, from the heritage of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, had finally reached mastery after his decades of hard work.

However, at this moment, his mood was very calm.

Perhaps it was because of his age; his mentality had matured even more.

As the Refining Treasure Golden Light covered the entire piece of black cloth, a flood of inexplicable information suddenly entered his Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion.

After a long while, he looked at the black cloth on the table somewhat oddly.

This was actually a fragment of a Fifth-Rank Magic Weapon.

Named the "Mysterious Light Soap Carved Flag."

It was the Supreme Treasure of Fanhai Sect within the Hall of Ten Directions of the Eastern Emperor Court in the past, only to shatter during a clash with another equally powerful fifth-rank offensive Supreme Treasure.

Chen Mobai was relieved that the Magic Weapon was broken; otherwise, if it had been a complete Fifth-Rank Magic Weapon, his Refining Treasure Golden Light might not necessarily have been able to refine it.

But why did this fragment of the Magic Weapon fall into Yan Fusheng's hands?

Chen Mobai wondered.

He began to search through the knowledge within his Sea of Consciousness with the Guidance Book.

Soon, he remembered that the inheritance of Liu Jia Mountain came from the Six Ding Six Jia Puppet Technique of the Eastern Emperor Court!

Perhaps the ancestor of Liu Jia Mountain had obtained a bit of legacy after the disintegration of the Eastern Emperor Court.

Then Chen Mobai searched within his own body of knowledge for content related to Fanhai Sect.

Apart from the written records from the Five Elements Sect's scriptures, he also recalled the conversations he had when he clashed with Xuan Shu.

The Fourth-grade Magical Weapon, the Golden Mirage Pearl that Xuan Shu possessed, was obtained from the ruins of Fanhai Sect.

After Xuan Shu was slain by him, he left behind a blue token!

Chapter 1420: Borrowing the Sword (7K) Xuan Shu had mentioned that it was in the Wandering Mountain of Dongyi where he entered the ruins of the Turning Sea Gate and obtained the Golden Mirage Pearl.

It seems that when Yue Zutao sets up the Five Elements Commerce Association and leaves Eastern Desolation, he should pay special attention to this place.

However, since Xuan Shu told him about it, obviously, the ruins of the Turning Sea Gate in Wandering Mountain must be a place known to everyone in Dongyi.

Chen Mobai thought this as he took out a mineral containing Earth Spirit Qi, prepared for the practice of the "Earth Gathering Art."

This is a technique from the Immortal Gate to enhance the Earth Spirit Root. After consuming nine Earth Veins Elixirs, Chen Mobai's Earth Spirit Root has precisely risen to 80 points.

The coincidence must surely be due to the blessing of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun.

After achieving the Heavenly Earth Spirit Root, Chen Mobai did not slack off and continued to bravely forge ahead, trying to raise his Earth Spirit Root to 100 points.

Thus, he downloaded the Earth Gathering Art.

Wen Ren Xuewei managed to elevate her Earth Spirit Root to 80 points by relying on Earth Veins Elixirs and the Earth Gathering Art.

This Earth Gathering Art from the Immortal Gate is the most balanced and peaceful technique for enhancing Spirit Roots, consisting of forty-nine levels, each of which can increase the Earth Spirit Root by 2 points.

During cultivation, one can absorb Earth Spirit Qi naturally or utilize various mineral Spirit Stones containing Earth Spirit Qi.

The entry level of Earth Gathering Art is extremely simple; almost every cultivator can achieve it, but the difficulty increases with each level.

For instance, the first level, even without resources, as long as one consistently meditates daily, it can generally be achieved within one year.

The second level, on the other hand, takes two years; the third level, three years...

Each level requires one more year than the previous one.

This technique for enhancing Spiritual Roots does not focus on comprehension but on perseverance; it embodies the essence of moving mountains and the spirit of perseverance—this also is the essence of the Earth Element Great Dao.

However, if one has sufficient mineral Spirit Stone resources, the time for cultivation can be halved.

Most of the Spirit Root enhancement techniques of the Immortal Gate follow this pattern: simple at the beginning but increasingly difficult later. Thus, cultivators naturally endowed with high Spiritual Root Values can more easily advance to the level of Heavenly Spirit Root.

Therefore, Immortal Gate cultivators generally only enhance their Spirit Roots to 80 points, as advancing further requires an enormous amount of effort and energy.

It may take years or even decades to see an increase of 1 point.

For this reason, those resources that can enhance Spiritual Root Values simply through consumption and refining are extremely precious.

Among the many techniques for enhancing the Earth Spirit Root, Chen Mobai carefully selected the Earth Gathering Art because it allows the use of resources to speed up the process.

After all, the Eastern Desolation Plateau has an abundance of various minerals with Earth attributes.

Based on his current Earth Spirit Root of 80 points, he only needs to cultivate the Earth Gathering Art to the tenth level to reach the 100 points of the Immortal Earth Spiritual Root.

Even without resources, he feels that he can afford the time investment of fifty-five years.

However, Chen Mobai is quite clear-headed, still using only fragmented time for practicing the Earth Gathering Art. Previously, he used this time to practice the Precious Golden Light technique, which having perfected, he can now allocate to the Earth Gathering Art.

The main time is still to be invested in the Pure Yang Scroll and the Pure Yang Daoist Body.

On the train, relying on the Inner Observation provided by the Crown of Heaven and Earth, he easily mastered the entry level of the Earth Gathering Art.

Seeing the progress bar, now half a year away from completion due to the addition of the mineral condition, Chen Mobai couldn't help but reveal a satisfied smile.

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Although it has been nearly fifty years since he last visited Linwu Cave Haven, the fresh air here remains as ever, unchanged.

Chen Mobai watched Qing Nu waiting for him at the train station and waved to her.

At the thousands of mountains and rivers, Wen Ren Xuewei, dressed in a Fairy Qing Shan, was already by the lake.

“Didn’t expect such a busy person like you to actually come in person?”

Wen Ren Xuewei smiled and personally cast the water bridge technique, escorting Chen Mobai towards Wood God Island where the Great Chun Tree is located.

Now Chen Mobai knows that this place is the core of Di Yuan Star, where all life of the earth originates.

He glanced at Qing Nu next to him, not sure if it’s an illusion or not, her naturally beautiful face seemed even more radiant here, her skin gleaming like jade, and her overall state surprisingly good.

This could also be because she didn’t need to worry about the matters of Sky-Mending Group or fear someone lurking in the dark, owing to the diminished pressure.

However, regardless of the reason, Chen Mobai leans more towards believing what Yan Xinji said about Qing Nu having the Fetal Transformation Essence within her.

“Has Elder Sister Pei emerged yet?”

Chen Mobai briefly discussed some matters about The Three Great Halls with Wen Ren Xuewei before inquiring about his main purpose for today.

“Knowing you were coming, the headmaster and Cui both emerged a day early and have been waiting for you.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai realized his current standing within the Immortal Gate.

Which Golden Core Master could make a Nascent Soul Superior wait!

“Making Peach Blossom Sage wait long, I feel deeply ashamed.”

But of course, on the surface, one mustn’t appear proud and should remain humble.

“Here we are, let’s go.”

Upon reaching Wood God Island, it seemed to be class time; not many students were at the shore, but seeing Wen Ren Xuwei personally escorting someone, all their faces showed surprise.