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Chen Mobai was not in a hurry either.

After all, Taixu MiaoMiao Palace was going to sell a hundred sets of Medium Transporting Formations this time.

Moreover, this time the Medium Transporting Formations are sold with installation included for a lump sum, but they only guarantee a usage period of twenty years. After twenty years, if any issue arises and they can't transport anymore, they will not be responsible.

However, compared to the Starry Sky Commerce Guild which offers no warranty, Taixu MiaoMiao Palace still provides a warranty period.

On the first day, he tentatively bid two million Spirit Stones, and nobody notified him the next day.

The next day he bid two million one hundred thousand, and the third day two million two hundred thousand...

When he increased his bid to two million five hundred thousand Spirit Stones, he finally won the auction.

After receiving the message, Chen Mobai immediately rushed to the store of the Taixu MiaoMiao Palace, where he also encountered another person who had successfully bid.

While waiting, the two compared their prices.

He found that his bid was slightly lower, the other party had bid two million five hundred and fifty thousand Spirit Stones.

However, the other person only bought two units, whereas Chen Mobai bought three.

While the two were discussing, a youth with a gentle expression, wearing a silver long robe, walked out.

“My name is Gong Yanqing...”

He briefly introduced himself, then brought out five packed Medium Transporting Formations.

Chen Mobai immediately took out the Superior Quality Spirit Stones he had prepared.

The transaction went very smoothly; after accepting the three Medium Transporting Formations, he also received a Message Talisman from Gong Yanqing.

“Gentlemen, after the Beidou Conference ends, I will personally come to help you install the Medium Transporting Formations. Please provide an address, and at that time, we will also need to check whether the Spirit Vein meets the requirements...”

Gong Yanqing reiterated the general installation requirements of the Medium Transporting Formations, and both Chen Mobai firmly memorized them, then also handed over their Message Talismans.

The other Golden Core Cultivator was named Long Ziyou, hailing from a Cultivator Family from East Land.

“The Barren”

However, Gong Yanqing seemed slightly troubled upon hearing the installation address Chen Mobai provided.

“What’s the matter, Daoist Brother?”

“It’s a bit far, going there might not be very convenient.”

“Please help me out, Daoist Brother. The vast terrain of The Barren has scarce resources, and urgently needs these Medium Transporting Formations for connectivity...”

Caught on immediately, Chen Mobai then handed over a small Storage Bag containing ten Superior Quality Spirit Stones.

Gong Yanqing took it discreetly and pretended to sigh, nodding his head.

“Then, Sect Master Chen, just wait for my message; I’ll come over as soon as possible.”

Dragon Son Yi, who had witnessed the entire scene, hesitated briefly, then after watching Chen Mobai say goodbye and leave, he was half a step slower and handed over a small Storage Bag to Gong Yanqing as well.

“Don’t worry, Dragon Brother, your family’s two Medium Transporting Formations will be my priority.”

After accepting it, Gong Yanqing weighed it a bit and burst out laughing.

After buying the three Medium Transporting Formations, Chen Mobai became even more eager to leave this place.

However, he heard yet another piece of news from He Sui.

“Dao Morale Sect has been invited too, and will put up a batch of precious Elixirs required by Nascent Soul Cultivators on the last few days of the Beidou Conference, and it’s even said that there will be Coagulation Infant Pills.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai could only suppress his desire to leave.

After all, no Golden Core Cultivator could hear about the Coagulation Infant Pill and still leave.

At least they would wait until the dust settles on the Coagulation Infant Pill before reluctantly leaving.

Soon, the fourth key item of the Beidou Conference appeared, it was a Coagulation Infant Pill!

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai didn't even wait for He Sui to call him, he directly went over himself.

By the time he arrived, hundreds of Golden Core Cultivators in the hall had their eyes burning with desire around that one Coagulation Infant Pill.

"Senior, this time Dao Morale Sect exchanged some Elixirs for the Three Lights Divine Water, and the Coagulation Infant Pill was among them..."

He Sui relayed the information he had gathered, which was probably deliberately released by the Star Heaven Dao Sect for them to know, considering that the Coagulation Infant Pills produced by Dao Morale Sect are regarded as the best quality in The Barren.

Sure enough, after the news spread, some Golden Core Cultivators who were originally waiting for the Three Lights Divine Water filled up their bids with various resources, minerals, and medicinal materials.

The function of the Three Lights Divine Water is to ensure that cultivators remain unscathed after a failed Nascent Soul Formation, but it doesn't significantly enhance the success rate of Nascent Soul Formation, at most it makes the cultivator more at ease psychologically.

But the Coagulation Infant Pill is different; it genuinely enhances the efficiency of Nascent Soul Formation.

Therefore, after weighing their options, most Golden Core Cultivators were determined and made the choice of the Coagulation Infant Pill.

After all, for most Golden Core Cultivators with limited financial resources, they could only afford one of the two.

Plus, Three Lights Divine Water, being a lifeline, is always targeted by the Holy Land Major Sects. This item is particularly valued by higher-status cultivators.

And those Golden Core Cultivators from Loose Cultivator backgrounds, or small sects and families, who basically can only attempt Nascent Soul Formation once in their lifetime, would rather put all their hopes on the Coagulation Infant Pill.

Chen Mobai thought for a while and decided to compete as well, then filled up his form with the amount of Spirit Stones and Return to True Elixirs he had left.

Unfortunately, against competitors from the entire East Continent, his offerings weren't nearly enough.

When the fifth key item, the Three Lights Divine Water, appeared, Chen Mobai learned from He Sui that the Coagulation Infant Pill had already been sold.

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As for who the buyer was, he had not managed to find out.

However, this was related to the fundamental integrity of the Star Heaven Dao Sect organizing the Beidou Conference. If He Sui could find this out, Chen Mobai felt that he could leave right then.

For the fifth item, the Three Lights Divine Water, Chen Mobai also symbolically entered a bid.

Soon, forty-two days had already passed since the Beidou Conference began.

Chen Mobai had followed Elder Muqin to Stone City for fifty-seven days now, nearly two months.

When the sixth auction item, a Fifth Order Jiaolong's Dragon Horn, was displayed, Chen Mobai had already informed Yan Shaoyin that he was preparing to leave.

Of course, before leaving, he would certainly have to bid farewell to Elder Muqin and his apprentice.

“After the sale of Coagulation Infant Pill and Three Lights Divine Water, I definitely have no hope for the subsequent precious items. I might as well take this rare opportunity to visit the East Land, to broaden my horizons.”

Upon hearing Chen Mobai’s words, Elder Muqin nodded in understanding.

“If that’s the case, Sect Master Chen, please feel free to proceed. I was actually about to discuss this with you. My apprentice and I are also preparing to leave.”

Chen Mobai did not know Elder Muqin’s reason for coming to the Beidou Conference, but he could guess that it likely concerned extending life or purchasing elixirs to help Ku Zhu restore his elemental energy.

“Being able to attend the Beidou Conference and broaden my horizons, I have to thank you, senior.”

After expressing his gratitude again, Chen Mobai parted ways with Elder Muqin.

He then went to visit the cave dwelling of Jiutian Dangmo Sect to say farewell to Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen.

However, when he arrived, it seemed a bit inconvenient, as Ye Qing was not present.

Yuan Zhen was there, but he had other guests.

“True Person Zhu, long time no see.”

Yuan Zhen’s guest, whom Chen Mobai also recognized, was none other than Zhu Jun from Sun Bathing Sea, the top Golden Core under Baiwu Ancestor. She was undoubtedly here for the Three Lights Divine Water as well.

It was just unclear if she had obtained it.

“Sect Master Chen.”

When Zhu Jun saw him, she was somewhat surprised, but still nodded slightly in response.

“Saintess, I came here to say goodbye...”

After greeting her, Chen Mobai immediately communicated his intention to Yuan Zhen, who nodded understanding his sentiments.

“When the senior brother returns, I will speak to him, and he will definitely be regretful that he couldn’t say goodbye to you in person.”

Yuan Zhen’s words left the nearby Zhu Jun slightly astonished.

Who is Ye Qing!

He is the Taoist Child of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect; would he say farewell to a mere Golden Core Cultivator from the East Wasteland Village?

Zhu Jun thought Yuan Zhen’s words were merely polite.

After Chen Mobai finished speaking, he did not linger any longer and directly took his leave.

Zhu Jun stayed to continue drinking tea.

“Oh, Sect Master Chen left already? That’s really a pity...”

Soon after, Ye Qing returned and upon hearing what Yuan Zhen said, he expressed mild regret with a few words, then nodded gently at Zhu Jun before going back to his own room.

Seeing this scene, Zhu Jun forcibly suppressed the shock in her heart.

This Sect Master Chen of the Eastern Wasteland Five Elements Sect, to have such a good relationship with Ye Qing.

Zhu Jun recalled the origin of the Five Elements Sect, as well as a piece of sensational news from some time ago, and suddenly, a bold conjecture emerged in her mind.

“Saintess, it’s also getting late today...”

Thinking this, Zhu Jun could not sit still any longer and spoke up to say goodbye.

“Leaving already...”

Yuan Zhen was a bit surprised; she had just obtained an Appearance-fixing Pearl that could keep one forever young and beautiful.

But since Zhu Jun announced her departure, she had no choice but to suppress her urge to boast and walked her to the exit.

After Zhu Jun left, she looked for Chen Mobai’s figure, but he had already utilized the Underworld Array and vanished.

She could only frown slightly, then returned to her own cave dwelling.

“You help me inquire about someone.”

Zhu Jun called over a disciple of Star Heaven Dao Sect who was employed during the Beidou Conference, using flames to create an illusion of Chen Mobai's face.

"Divulging a guest's privacy is not the style of our sect."

After hearing this, the disciple of Star Heaven Dao Sect appeared troubled.

"Here are ten Superior Quality Spirit Stones; if you bring back accurate information, I will give you another ten."

Zhu Jun directly placed several sparkling, translucent Spirit Stones on the table. Seeing this, the eyes of the Star Heaven Dao Sect disciple lit up, and his demeanor changed immediately.

"It seems that Senior Brother He Sui is following this guest; I will go ask, senior, please wait a moment..."

After the person from Star Heaven Dao Sect left, Zhu Jun immediately called over the two apprentices who accompanied her, then sent them to the hall where the large-scale transmission array was located.

"Junior Brother Liu, go back to Golden Crow Immortal City first. If he intends to return to the Eastern Wilderness, our large-scale transmission array there is a necessary path. Junior Brother Zhou, stay there and keep an eye out to see if he leaves."

The two Golden Core Cultivators, upon hearing this, hesitated a bit, unsure why Zhu Jun was doing this.

But as Zhu Jun's authority in Sun Bathing Sea is second only to Nascent Soul Cultivators, they nodded in agreement.

However, they were still a step too late; Chen Mobai had already gone to the transmission array of Star Heaven Dao Sect after bidding farewell to Yuan Zhen, spending a Superior Quality Spirit Stone to teleport to Golden Crow Immortal City.

Initially, he planned to bring Yan Shaoyin with him, but due to some negotiated auxiliary medicine not being delivered yet, he had to leave him behind.

Amidst flashes of silver light, Chen Mobai had already left East Yu.

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Amidst the flickering silver light, Chen Mobai had already arrived at the Golden Crow Immortal City.

This Immortal City, established by the seashore, was once the domain of the Mysterious Sea, formerly the territory of the Demon Tribe's Xuanjiao Royal Court. Guarded by a Divinity Transformation Mysterious Jiao, the abundant resources it had were coveted, yet the East Barbarians only dared to gather near the coastal edges of the land.

To the East Barbarians' Cultivators, the Mysterious Sea bears similarity to Yun Meng Ze to those in the Eastern Wilderness.

Should a cultivator find life unbearable on land, they would venture deep into the Mysterious Sea to hunt demonic beasts, gather pearls, and harvest sea-grown Spiritual Medicine and the like.

During nearly ten thousand years of pioneering, many East Barbarian Cultivators have thus dramatically changed their fates.

The most famed of these is the ancestor of the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Initially but a disciple of a minor sect, he was schemed against and cast into the deep sea during a voyage with a Commerce Association. Against all odds, he entered a mysterious Undersea Cave Mansion where he obtained a Nascent Soul Cultivation Method, Alchemy Jade Manual, and countless Thousand Year Medicine Herbs.

Leveraging the gains of that cave dwelling, the Xuan Xiao Dao Palace silently developed and eventually became the sect with the highest alchemy proficiency among the East Barbarians. They even cultivated

a Nascent Soul Cultivator like Golden Wind Ancestor, who was mentioned in the same breath as those from Kong Sang Valley and Bather of The Sea Cultivator.

Regrettably, after thousands of years of depletion, the legacy left by the sea-bottom cave dwelling was nearly exhausted.

Till this day, signs of decline are visible in the Xuan Xiao Dao Palace.

Within Golden Crow Immortal City, Chen Mobai found Chu Zuoshu, who had been here for a while, running a rented shop by the dock, selling specialties from the Eastern Wilderness. While making a profit in Spirit Stones, he was also gathering and reporting information for the Five Elements Sect.

“Sect Leader, at regular intervals, fleets will set sail from this Golden Crow Immortal City to venture into the deepest parts of the Tianhe Realm’s Mysterious Sea, hoping to change their destiny.”

The two were conversing on the third-floor balcony of the shop, overlooking the vast Mysterious Sea outside, with Chu Zuoshu’s words seemingly filled with yearning.

“Yet another untapped treasure trove,” said Chen Mobai upon hearing this.

The oceans always contain the most resources and treasures.

Regrettably, similar to Di Yuan Star, due to the vast Sea Territory, it is also like a private garden for those Divinity Transformation beings.

“If you, Sect Leader, achieve Divinity Transformation one day and unite the East Barren East Yi regions, our Five Elements Sect might just be able to take possession of the endless resources of this span of Mysterious Sea.”

Expressing his innermost thoughts, Chu Zuoshu received a slight head shake from Chen Mobai in response.

“I have not even undergone Nascent Soul Formation, and yet you’re already looking so far ahead,” Chen Mobai remarked.

Having said this, he took his leave.

The purpose of his visit to Golden Crow Immortal City, through the Large-scale Transmission Array of the Star Heaven Dao Sect, was merely a detour.

Thinking of Chu Zuoshu who had led faithfully for over twenty years here, Chen Mobai felt it was only proper to meet him since he was in the vicinity.

Having now paid his visit and reminisced, it was time to depart.

“Won’t you stay a couple more days, Sect Leader? Golden Crow Immortal City has many attractions to offer,” Chu Zuoshu couldn’t believe that Chen Mobai planned to stay not even a single day.

As the foremost Immortal City of the East Barbarians, even considered the gateway of commerce between the Three Regions of the Dongzhou Frontier and the East Land, the splendor of Golden Crow Immortal City and its wealth of resources were rival to those of the great sects’ cities.

Here, with the right connections and sufficient Spirit Stones, nearly all the major resources produced above East Continent could be purchased.

Several furnaces of elixirs concocted by Yan Shaoyin were composed of numerous expensive Thousand Year Medicine Herbs, all of which were exchanged and purchased here.

“No need, I’ve been away too long, and I am beginning to miss the Eastern Wilderness,” Chen Mobai replied with a smile. As he was leaving, he also mentioned to Chu Zuoshu about the final ingredient needed for the Lingyuan Pill, the Wind Spirit Vine.

“As you wish, Sect Leader. However, the Wind Spirit Vine Sunbathing Sea is usually supplied directly to Dao Morale Sect, it may be difficult to acquire,” Chu Zuoshu agreed immediately but also mentioned the difficulty.

“Do the best you can. And by the way, you have been here for quite some time. If you wish to return to the sect, I can arrange for someone to take your place once I’m back,” Chen Mobai reminded him of this matter, sparking a flicker of interest in Chu Zuoshu.

Chu Zuoshu had come to this place to achieve Core Formation and had stayed after failing, mending his wounds. He then, as per Chen Mobai’s orders, established a shop to gather the necessary resources and information for the sect up to now.

Last year, Chu Zuoshu saw Yue Zutao leading the Five Elements Commerce Association to the East Land.

It was bittersweet to watch his former disciple surpass and outdo him by successfully undertaking Core Formation.

Both were given the same condition – a single dose of the Jade Return Pill.

Yet he had failed, while his disciple had succeeded.

This sparked in Chu Zuoshu a sense of poignancy and desolation.

After learning of Meng Hong’s failure to achieve Core Formation despite using the Golden Liquid Jade Pill in conjunction with a Heterodox Golden Core, Chu Zuoshu felt even more that the era no longer belonged to them old-timers.

“Sect Leader, if the sect intends to train disciples, you can send people here. If manpower is scarce, I can carry on for another decade or more,” Chu Zuoshu then spoke up.

With a slight smile, Chen Mobai finished his drink and disappeared in a flash of silver light.

Half a day after his departure,

Zhu Jun walked out from the Large-scale Transmission Array with a dark expression, accompanied by two junior Disciples.

“Summon the disciples responsible for this month’s rotation at the Transmission Array to see me,” she instructed immediately upon arrival, delegating tasks to the two junior disciples then turning to address the Sect Guarding Cultivators stationed there.

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Before long, an elder in the late phase of Foundation Establishment came over, and his pace quickened upon seeing Zhu Jun.

“Greetings to Master Uncle Zhu...”

“Have any of you seen this person before?”

Zhu Jun immediately conjured up a flaming illusion of Chen Mobai’s portrait, and the latter promptly called over all disciples who were on duty these past few days, as the Large-scale Transmission Array had its guards changed every other double hour.

Soon, a batch of disciples recognized him.

“This morning, I saw this senior coming out from the Teleportation Array. According to the records, he was transmitted here from East Yu.”

A female disciple with a good memory immediately reported this to Zhu Jun.

Zhu Jun waved his large sleeve and took her away immediately.

Before long, they arrived at the grand hall of Sun Bathing Sea in Golden Crow Immortal City.

After a tea-time, Liu Nan Sheng and Zhou Zhenhai, who had left earlier, returned.

Among them, Liu Nan Sheng brought another person with him.

It was Chu Zuoshu.

“Senior sister, Sect Master Chen must have left already; he was alone when he departed.”

Liu Nan Sheng is also one of the Ten True of the Sun Bathing Sea. Under his move, Chu Zuoshu had no power to resist.

Zhu Jun waved her robe sleeve, releasing the restrictions on Chu Zuoshu, and inquired about Chen Mobai. Unfortunately, the latter remained silent without saying a word.

“How is Junior Brother Zhou doing?”

Normally, Zhu Jun has a myriad of ways to make Chu Zuoshu speak, but given the limited time, she immediately asked another junior, Zhou Zhenghai.

“The disciples at the gate of Immortal City didn’t find any record of his departure. Either he’s still inside the Immortal City, or he has left through another Teleportation Array.”

Golden Crow Immortal City, as the foremost in the East Barbarians, had its Large Formation configured with a no-fly feature. Thus, normally, entrance and exit are through only the city’s main gate.

But if someone were to leave via the Teleportation Array, they would be unable to do anything about it.

“There are only a few powers within the city that have set up Teleportation Arrays, and all those Teleportation Arrays are linked to the Large-scale Transmission Array in the center of the Immortal City. Go check the records to see if there are any powers activated today.”

Zhu Jun just said that, which made Liu Nan Sheng and Zhou Zhenghai startled in realization.

“Senior sister, this might not be appropriate.”

As the master of the Immortal City, it's natural to want to completely control everything within the city. Therefore, Sun Bathing Sea fundamentally does not allow other immortal cultivation forces to set up their own Teleportation Arrays.

This is also why, within Golden Crow Immortal City, only super major sects can independently own their Teleportation Arrays.

The Four Great Holy Lands, with Star Heaven Dao Sect among them, have this capacity.

Among these, the Transmission Array of First Origin Dao Palace had been locked out by Sun Bathing Sea due to mountain closure.

These Transmission Arrays are subarrays of the Large-scale Transmission Array, so every time they are activated, Sun Bathing Sea can find out who is using them through their own sect's records.

However, if the Holy Lands were to know about this, they would certainly not be pleased.

Since when has Sun Bathing Sea dared to pry into the affairs of the Holy Lands!

“Do as I say, I will take responsibility for any consequences.”

Zhu Jun spoke without a hint of hesitation. If her speculation matched the reality, this could be her greatest chance for Nascent Soul Formation, something she absolutely could not miss.

Furthermore, as long as things are handled cleanly, once she achieves Nascent Soul Formation, this issue can be completely glossed over. At worst, she could leave the East Barbarians like Ku Zhu, to avoid the limelight.

Regarding Nascent Soul Formation, Zhu Jun was extraordinarily decisive.

Liu Nan Sheng and Zhou Zhenghai looked at each other, left with no choice but to carry out the task.

Very soon, an elder responsible for the Transmission Array, Ran Zhaoming, also came.

After the investigation, Zhu Jun discovered some good news.

Within this day, the Transmission Arrays not under their control of Sun Bathing Sea had no records of activation.

That meant, Sect Master Chen of the Eastern Wasteland Five Elements Sect was still within Golden Crow Immortal City.

Thinking of this, Zhu Jun felt a slight thrill.

But the more critical the moment, the cooler she needed to be.

“Seal off the Immortal City, claiming that a Rogue Cultivator has stolen a valuable treasure from our Sun Bathing Sea, and simultaneously shut down the spirit vein source of the Teleportation Array, ensuring that the Rogue Cultivator cannot escape.”

Upon hearing her words, the three Golden Core Cultivators from Sun Bathing Sea were each greatly alarmed.

“Senior sister, this matter is significant; this might be difficult to explain to those large commerce guilds.”

If they were to lock down Golden Crow Immortal City, it would definitely disrupt the order within the city, affecting the normal operations of commerce association shops. Those powers backed by Holy Land Major Sects are not easy to negotiate with.

“It won’t be for long; I will personally go to them.”

After making up her mind, Zhu Jun would no longer hesitate or back down.

“Do we need to report this matter to Master?”

Liu Nan Sheng hesitated and asked.

“Before Master left, he said I was in full charge of all matters concerning the Immortal City. Junior brother, are you dissatisfied with me as your senior sister?”

Zhu Jun’s gaze turned ice-cold as she looked at Liu Nan Sheng, who immediately smiled sheepishly and said no more.

Soon, the entire Mountain Protection Array of Golden Crow Immortal City began to operate, simultaneously cutting off all connections between the Teleportation Arrays and the spirit veins.

Afterward, Zhu Jun personally led a team to search every corner of the Immortal City.

During this, conflicts naturally arose with those large commerce guilds.

But under Zhu Jun’s stern attitude, those commerce guilds, operating under her roof, could only note down the issue and unseal their shops to let her inspect.

“True Person Zhu, our Starry Sky Commerce Guild will remember this incident. It seems that in future Beidou Conferences, your Sun Bathing Sea might no longer receive invitations.”

Chapter 1555: Ninth Layer of Golden Core_3

Zhu Jun investigated the Starry Sky Commerce Guild’s warehouse. Although she was the only one who entered, Yu Shuji’s complexion still looked very unpleasant.

“Please forgive my intrusion, Master Yu. After apprehending the rogue cultivator, I will personally visit to offer my apologies,” Zhu Jun said as she concealed the disappointment on her face and apologized to Yu Shuji, who responded with a cold snort, indicating that the matter was not resolved.

He was resolute in his decision to report the incident to the Nascent Soul Ancestor of his sect as soon as the lockdown ended.

After leaving the Starry Sky Commerce Guild, Zhu Jun’s brows were tightly knit. She had already searched every nook and cranny of the Immortal City in the shortest time possible, and now after leaving Yu Shuji’s place, only the commerce associations of the Three Great Sacred Lands remained.

But since things had come to this point, she could only follow the path to the end in the dark.

After all, if that Sect Master Chen was truly the Primordial Taoist Child, the likelihood of him hiding in a commerce association of a Holy Land would be the greatest.

Approaching the Nine Heavens Merchant Association store, which had the greatest enmity, Zhu Jun braced herself and went up to communicate with the person in charge, who had a face cold as frost.

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Chen Mobai, who had already entered the Ruins, naturally did not know about this incident.

After leaving the Golden Crow Immortal City using the Underworld Array, he steered the upgraded “Red Misty Cloud Silk” towards the direction of the Eastern Wilderness.

With his realm, he basically remained undetected by any cultivators on the way, concealing his presence.

Chen Mobai also did not use the teleportation arrays in the various Fang Markets of Dongyi to save time; his main strategy was to leave no traces behind.

In this manner, two months later, he flew beyond the borders of Dongyi and entered the Ruins.

Although this section of the journey was dangerous, for a Golden Core Cultivator, it was almost as if treading flat ground.

All Rank-4 demonic beasts in this area had been cleared out, the closest being the Golden-eyes Azure Toad that Chen Mobai had encountered when he accompanied Ye Qing and others to delve deep in order to slay devil cultivators.

Even though there were still numerous Rank-3 demonic beasts and ghost creatures, and even hidden rogue or devil cultivators, with Chen Mobai's cultivation level, it was already good enough that he didn't bother them.

Even so, Chen Mobai remained extremely cautious.

Whenever he sensed the approach of a Rank-3 aura, he would conceal himself or change direction with the "Red Misty Cloud Silk", supplemented by the instant Underworld Array for teleportation, he traveled through the Ruins without having to make a single move.

Another two months passed, and Chen Mobai finally saw the familiar contours of the Eastern Desolation Plateau.

He sighed a breath of relief and arrived at the nearest Xiao County aboard the "Red Misty Cloud Silk".

Since King Zhou departed, it had been Zhou Bingyan who took over the town guard duties here.

Now back on his own turf, Chen Mobai no longer needed to be so cautious.

"Greetings, Sect Leader!"

Zhou Bingyan, who received the news, quickly came over and saluted Chen Mobai who suddenly appeared.

“I have returned from The Barren and happened to pass by here, I’d like to use the teleportation array here,” said Chen Mobai as a Golden Core Cultivator, using the teleportation array would consume a substantial amount of Spiritual Stone Spiritual Qi, impossible to hide from the town guard of the Five Elements Sect, so he made his presence known unabashedly.

After exchanging a few words with Zhou Bingyan, Chen Mobai did not linger and went straight into the teleportation array.

After traveling through several Fang Markets, he soon arrived at Northern Abyss City.

The speed of travel could not help but make Chen Mobai marvel at the convenience and swiftness of the teleportation array.

On his side in Dongyi, he had nearly spent half a year to cross the distance inconspicuously, flying back to the Eastern Wilderness.

Now, all it took was waiting for the teleportation array to charge and change Spiritual Stones, not even half an hour was required.

If he were to set up all three of the medium-sized teleportation arrays he purchased from Taixu MiaoMiao Palace, once the Eastern Wilderness was united, the biggest challenge of resource distribution would be solved directly by transportation.

Thinking so, Chen Mobai immediately called over Yi Shaoqing, the head of the Formation Division.

In recent years, Yi Shaoqing led the Array Masters of the Five Elements Sect to upgrade the Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation of Northern Abyss City, which was almost completed, with just the final run and adjustment left.

“I purchased three medium-sized teleportation arrays at the Beidou Conference for deployment across various parts of the Eastern Wilderness; you go pick the appropriate Spirit Veins and locations for installation. At that time, cultivators from Piaomiao Palace will come to install them,” Chen Mobai said, and as soon as he finished, Yi Shaoqing’s face lit up with surprise.

As the head of the Formation Division, no one understood the importance of the three medium-sized teleportation arrays to the Five Elements Sect better than he did.

“Sect Leader, I’ve already thought about this. With Giant Tree Ridge being the location of our Wood Veil and the center of the Eastern Wilderness, that’s definitely a place to set up one.”

“The second one surely belongs in Northern Abyss City, because according to your plans, this will eventually be the headquarters for the Five Elements Meridians. Whether it’s transporting the Spiritual Rice and Meat from the Eastern Desolation Plateau or responding at the first opportunity when demonic beasts emerge from the Ruins, it’s very important.”

“For the third choice, there are arguments both official and personal,” he added.

Chen Mobai listened to Yi Shaoqing’s analysis and nodded frequently, letting him continue.

“Officially speaking, considering geographical location and the range covered by a medium-sized teleportation array, Xia County is naturally most suitable. But after all, there’s Back to Sky Valley in the way, and with the Starry Sky Commerce Guild behind them, if we place it there, it could be a future risk.”

“Personally, Feng County, where our Metal Vein is located and guarded by them, would be absolutely safe. However, this would mean that the southernmost part of Qing County and Hua County would be out of coverage,” he said.

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After Yi Shaoqing finished speaking, Chen Mobai immediately chose Yu Gong’s plan.

“Let’s choose Xia Jun. Go find Town Guard Han Zhiling and look for a suitable location for the construction of the Medium Transporting Formation together.”

By the time Yan Shaoyin returns, Back to Sky Valley will have pledged its allegiance, so there won’t be any need to worry about this issue anymore—it will all be our territory.

Upon hearing this, Yi Shaoqing immediately accepted the task with enthusiasm.

Of course, he still needs to first complete the adjustments to the Rank-4 Large Formation in Northern Abyss City. Moreover, he needs to select where within the Immortal City to set up the Medium Transporting Formation.

Chen Mobai already had a complete plan for this.

On the side of the Immortal Gate, the large transport hubs are going to be moved outside of the city. Apart from the city center where land resources have been fully developed—either as cave dwellings or shops, which are expensive and tedious to demolish—it’s also because it can drive the development of the city on that side using the transport hubs.

Chen Mobai immediately displayed the plan of Northern Abyss City in mid-air and then chose a large plain on the outskirts of the city.

“Sect Leader, the level of the Spirit Vein here may not be sufficient.”

However, after looking, Yi Shaoqing proposed this concern with some difficulty.

At the very least, a Medium Transporting Formation requires a Rank-3 Spirit Vein. Although the center of the Immortal City has been upgraded to Rank-4, the place Chen Mobai chose is some distance away from Northern Abyss City, and there are only Rank-2 Spirit Veins there.

“Then let’s use Spirit Stones to upgrade it, sparing no expense. This investment will easily be earned back later when the land appreciates in value.”

Chen Mobai made this generous statement, which prompted Yi Shaoqing to have a sudden realization.

The locals are simply not sensitive enough to business matters.

The real estate in Northern Abyss City has already reached its peak, because the Five Elements Sect has become the overlord of the Eastern Wilderness. Therefore, the school district houses that allow children to attend the Longevity Academy trade hands every once in a while.

But the price has already become stable.

Under these circumstances, continuing to develop other land and cave dwelling resources can bring greater revenue to the sect.

If they can use the Medium Transporting Formation to develop that area as well, they could earn tens of millions of Spirit Stones just by selling the cave dwellings, not to mention the subsequent income.

Thinking like this, the million Spirit Stones spent on upgrading the Spirit Vein to Rank-3 seemed insignificant.

After Yi Shaoqing left, Chen Mobai went to the mountain peak to see Zhou Shengqing.

“Junior Brother has truly gained a lot this time.”

Chen Mobai omitted some details, as the less people knew about impersonating the Primordial Taoist Child, the better. He only mentioned that he obtained precious resources such as the Three Lights Divine Water by leveraging the Jiutian Dangmo Sect. Zhou Shengqing was very happy to hear this.

“In the following period, I might need Elder Brother to take care of the Sect for me, as I’ll probably be in closed-door cultivation until I attempt Nascent Soul Formation.”

If Chen Mobai were to attempt Nascent Soul Formation, it would undoubtedly be in the Immortal Gate.

Moreover, since almost everything has been taken care of on both sides now, he can confidently focus on advancing his own cultivation in seclusion.

“Don’t worry, Junior Brother, leave it to me.”

Zhou Shengqing had a lot of confidence in Chen Mobai’s Nascent Soul Formation.

He was just waiting for the Five Elements Sect to produce a genuine Nascent Soul Cultivator.

“By the way, Junior Brother, you’re also cultivating Primordial True Qi now, and my Spiritual Power can’t increase further. Do you want me to bestow some to you? It could save you some time.”

Zhou Shengqing suddenly volunteered this, surprising Chen Mobai.

“I appreciate your kind offer, Elder Brother, but I’ve already arranged Zhou Wangshen. Once the mass refinement of the Foundation Establishment Trithings is successful and distributed, more Foundation Establishment Practitioners will mean that Primordial True Qi will likely be completed in about thirty years...”

Zhou Shengqing interrupted Chen Mobai before he could finish speaking.

“Junior Brother, you can use that time to condense Fire essence. Why waste it on this? The Five Elements Essence technique that you obtained from the Longevity Sect is excellent, but even the efforts of the Foundation Establishment Practitioners with the five Five Elements properties for a whole year could only help you condense a tenth of the Primordial True Qi.”

“Even if that group of former core disciples at the Flying Dragon Pool are all cultivated into Foundation Establishment, ten years of hard work would not compare to a year’s worth of Wood Element Essence Qi that I could condense.”

“I can arrange this matter. Once Jiang Shidi and Sheng Shi sister break through to the late stage of Core Formation in the next two years, I will persuade them to help you condense the Water and Fire Element Essence Qi. Junior Brother Mo will surely not oppose it.”

“We just lack the Earth Element Essence Qi. The method of the Five Elements Essence Qi must absolutely not be known to that youngster Zhou Ye. However, we can also focus on cultivating Foundation Establishment Practitioners with Earth Veins.”

“Moreover, I remember you, Junior Brother, also have an Earth Spirit Fruit and an Earth Attribute Heterodox Golden Core. All these together should nearly suffice to bring your Primordial True Qi cultivation to completion.”

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai felt very moved.

If things go as Zhou Shengqing said, with Golden Core Cultivators sacrificing their own cultivation time to help him condense the Five Elements Essence Qi, then the efficiency would definitely far surpass the petty efforts from King Zhou’s side.

If Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi break through to the late stage of Core Formation, plus Mo Douguang with Perfect Core Formation and Zhou Shengqing in the Nascent Soul Realm, the Five Elements Essence Qi condensed each year would at least enable him to achieve four or five strands of Primordial True Qi.

In that case, he could bring his Primordial True Qi to completion in roughly ten years’ time.

“Many thanks, Senior Brother!”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai didn’t make any more fuss and directly expressed his sincere gratitude to Zhou Shengqing.

After all, this would greatly shorten the time needed for him to prepare for Nascent Soul Formation.

Afterward, Zhou Shengqing shared his experience of Nascent Soul Formation with Chen Mobai. Although these were almost of no use to the latter, he still listened respectfully.

In Northern Abyss City, Chen Mobai stayed for another half a month, taking part in the inspection of the Rank-4 Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation. After confirming that it operated without any issues, he tasked Yi Shaoqing with completing the setup of the Medium Transporting Formation.

It's worth mentioning that when he was leaving, he happened to meet Zhuo Ming.

This treasured disciple had come to examine the Golden Sun Spirit Tree at the top of North Abyss Mountain; after being nurtured by the myriad thunder water, its spiritual nature grew increasingly abundant. Zhuo Ming was certain it had the potential to level up.

Chen Mobai was very pleased with this, and after exchanging a few words with this disciple, he didn't stay any longer and returned to Mount Tianpeng via the teleportation formation.

Seeing Qing Nu again naturally filled him with joy.

That night, he spoke to Qing Nu, who was nestled in his arms, about the various events he encountered at the Beidou Conference.

"To think that this world possesses so many God-Transcending cultivators!"

Upon hearing about the Five Continents and Four Seas, and all the Holy Lands, Qing Nu too was filled with sentiment.

"It won't be long before the two of us are among their ranks."

Chen Mobai said these words full of confidence.

"With your talent, achieving Divinity Transformation is definitely not a problem, whereas I, with merely my Heavenly Spiritual Root, may face a barrier before reaching that threshold."

Qing Nu had blind trust in Chen Mobai but harbored some insecurities about herself.

After all, there were too many examples of Heavenly Spiritual Root cultivators failing to achieve Divinity Transformation at the Immortal Gate.

“In this world, only you can accompany me until the very end, so I believe you will definitely be able to do it as well.”

Chen Mobai said to the girl in his embrace. After hearing this, Qing Nu nodded seriously, her eyes full of tender affection, and the silhouettes of the two merged again intimately.

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Time flies, and another year passes quickly.

Chen Mobai used the function of Inner Observation of the Crown of Heaven and Earth to check on his Cultivation Progress.

He was quite fortunate, having consumed and refined the True Blood Pill, which just happened to help him break through to the Ninth Layer of the Golden Core.

Needless to say, it was definitely due to the Auspicious Blessing from the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram. Ever since he started cultivating this Divine Consciousness Technique, Chen Mobai's luck had been consistently good.

Also, his Pure Yang Daoist Body improved, and his Nine Suns physique underwent its second transformation.

Perhaps because there was no need to further enhance his Spiritual Root, he found cultivation much more effortless.

He also felt that the final transformation would not be too far away.

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Because his Fire Spirit Root had reached its limit without any change, Chen Mobai did not go to the Divine Tree Secret Realm to acquire the Longevity Sect's Grand Spells during this metamorphosis of the Nine Suns body.

He simply made a trip back to the Immortal Gate and communicated with Zhuang Jialan at the Northernmost Grotto Heaven, learning that the excavation of the ruins of Purple Cloud Palace was proceeding in an orderly fashion and felt reassured.

Of course, he did not forget to call Shi Wanyu and her daughter.

"Daddy, when are you coming back?"

Compared to Shi Wanyu's reserved emotions, Chen Xiaohei was much more straightforward.

"Soon, after I deal with some matters here..."

Chen Mobai could only say that, as he hadn't attended this year's Immortal Gate convention due to the fact that, during this convention, Nangong Xuanyu formally received recognition from Kaiyuan Hall and took control of the privileges of the Military Department.

Moreover, at this convention, Gongye Zhixu also revealed his Nascent Soul Realm. Originally a Vice Hall Master of the Xianwu Hall, if he returned, he would only be able to take over after Ying Guanghua retired, which certainly would not align with the interests of the Heaven-Repairing Lineage.

Therefore, at this convention, the Heaven-Repairing Lineage exerted its power and directly pushed him to become one of the members of the Kaiyuan Hall Rotating Committee.

Although Ye Yun'e tried her best to stop it, without the support of the Weapon Dancing Sect and the Jumang Lineage, adding on the strength of Gongye Zhixu as a Nascent Soul Cultivator and his networking behind the scenes, a grand momentum had already formed, making it impossible to stop.

If things continue this way, it is very likely that the Three Great Halls of Xianmen will all be controlled by the Heaven-Repairing Lineage in the future.

For this, Ye Yun'e was extremely angry, thinking that the Weapon Dancing and Jumang lineages were very short-sighted.

Because as long as the three lineages worked together, they could have at least stopped Gongye Zhixu.

But the Weapon Dancing and Jumang lineages had already decided on their main policies very early on, which was to wait for the growth of their own future Qualification of Deification.

As long as Chen Mobai and Wen Ren Xuewei can achieve Nascent Soul Formation, in the future their two sects will have the opportunity to compete with them in the Three Great Halls.

So now, with the power struggle in the Three Great Halls, they are taking a step back and watching from the sidelines.

This is also the time they are vying for their future Qualification of Deification to grow.

For this reason, after Chen Mobai left Wangwu Cave Heaven and focused on closing up for cultivation in the Northernmost Grotto Heaven, they all agreed.

"Elder Sister Pei seems to be doing very well."

After finishing the call with Shi Wanyu and her daughter, Chen Mobai remotely held a meeting with the people of the Weapon Dancing Sect and learned that after his departure, Pei Qingshuang had carried the banner for their two lineages in Wangwu Cave Heaven, contending with Bu Tian Kun Peng, and he couldn't help but praise her greatly.

However, there was also bad news. During this year's end convention, their Weapon Dancing Sect had lost two more members from Kaiyuan Hall, due to reaching the legal retirement age.

One of them was fine, but the other was the deputy director in charge of a real power department in the Xianwu Hall.

Once they retired, naturally, the Heaven-Repairing Lineage would not give them a chance to replace their own people, and had already arranged another Golden Core Member to take over this real power vacuum.

If Chen Mobai was there, a deal might have been made, and maybe it could have been taken back.

But now, they could only give up.

Another example is the Jumang Academy.

They also had a member who was a department leader retire, but because during the vote for Nangong Xuanyu to head the Hall of Orthodox Law, they voted for the Heaven-Repairing Lineage, and with Pei Qingshuang coming over, Ying Guanghua gave them face and let the Jumang Lineage choose their own replacement.

In the current Three Great Halls, the power of the Weapon Dancing Sect is shrinking year by year, while the Jumang Lineage is trying not to lose too much power but can only hold on to some core positions; for many peripheral positions, they no longer have the power to install their own people to take over.

In contrast, the Heaven-Repairing Lineage is greatly expanding, constantly encroaching on the positions of the other three lineages.

The Kunpeng Lineage is just barely able to protect itself.

However, the only consolation is that the Heaven-Repairing Lineage is doing all this within the rules.

They will wait until the key figures of the other three lineages complete their terms before making a move. Of course, if there is misconduct during the term, the Heaven-Repairing Lineage would not be polite and would directly remove them, replacing them with their own people for legitimate reasons.

In response to this, after Chen Mobai finished the internal meeting of the Weapon Dancing Sect, he also issued instructions for the coming years.

He advised all of his people to maintain clean reputations and not give the Heaven-Repairing Lineage any opportunity to take action.

And then wait patiently...

After the meeting, Chen Mobai called Wen Ren Xuewei, originally planning to consult her about the affairs of the Three Great Halls.

However, Wen Ren Xuewei said that she had already entrusted these matters to Pei Qingshuang.

She is now focused on cultivation, and under the assistance of the Great Chun Tree and the Rank-5 Water Pulse Spirit Qi, she will probably breakthrough to the Golden Core Eighth Layer in another two to three years.

She is a true genius, even if placed in the Tianhe Realm, she would still be able to compete with those Saint Land Taoist Children and Saintesses.

With earnest effort, her cultivation progress is almost catching up with Chen Mobai, who is taking shortcut drugs.

“I hope by the next time we meet, we both have already formed our Nascent Souls.”

Chen Mobai thought for a while and laid some groundwork.

So as not to surprise her if he suddenly achieved Nascent Soul Formation and returned, and she couldn't accept it.

“Let's hope your words bring luck,”

Wen Ren Xuewei indeed took Chen Mobai's words as polite remarks and responded with a laugh.

After ending the conversation, Chen Mobai then called Pei Qingshuang, with the first sentence being an apology.

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“Sister Pei, I might need to borrow the Qing Shuang Sword for a few more years...”

This past year, in the Tianhe Realm, I carried nothing with me; only when the Purple and Green Double Swords are sufficiently restored, will I ascend to the Nine Heavens Firmament to condense the Tuśita Fire.

Thanks to the full cooperation of the Purple and Green Double Swords, within this year, I have condensed twenty strands of Nine Heavens Pure Spirit Purple Splendor Qi, sublimating into one-fifth of a Tuśita Fire.

Now, every seven days of cultivation, I am able to condense a complete strand of Pure Yang True Qi.

Five days to condense True Qi, two days to recover Pure Yang Spiritual Power.

This is possible only because I spare no expense, using superior and supreme-grade Spirit Stones.

Otherwise, the recovery would take even longer.

After having Qing Nu as my Daoist couple, Chen Mobai doesn't need to oversee the charging of Spirit Stones himself; he can just place them at Mount Tianpeng.

In about two more years, I could condense Pure Yang True Qi to eighty-one strands.

This is the limit for a Pure Yang Scroll cultivator at the Golden Core Realm.

However, since Chen Mobai's Pure Yang True Qi is more fast-tracked and not painstakingly condensed by himself, it will still need refinement through the Flame Lighting Technique when the time comes.

But either way, waiting for the Primordial True Qi to mature fully, this time frame had already been anticipated.

Even though there's the Three Lights Divine Water as insurance, Chen Mobai definitely hopes to succeed on the first try, thus he will surely prepare himself to the best when attempting Nascent Soul Formation.

At the very least, he hopes the three aspects of Essence, Qi, and Spirit are flawless.

Although Sister Pei Qingshuang also misses the Qing Shuang Sword greatly, since Chen Mobai has asked, she could only continue to lend it, after all, they are very good friends.

After talking for a while longer, Chen Mobai ended the call.

He pulled out his contact list again, then made calls to Meng Huang and Yan Bingxuan respectively.

Meng Huang, upon receiving his call, naturally sounded very thrilled.

"Mm, don't worry, I will take good care of myself. I believe you will then return triumphant from Nascent Soul Formation, even if it's decades or centuries, I will wait for you..."

Chen Mobai was somewhat moved by the first part of Meng Huang's words.

But the latter half made him somewhat dissatisfied.

What does that mean?

Do I need decades to form my Nascent Soul?

At most ten to a dozen years, definitely not more than twenty years, I'll be ready to attempt forming my Nascent Soul.

Given the robust foundation I possess, the possibility of success is very high.

The way Meng Huang put it seemed somewhat inauspicious, as if I'm doomed to fail on my first attempt.

"Mm, let's leave it at that then, I might need to go into deep seclusion for the next decade, so we might be in contact less..."

Chen Mobai spoke with a slightly subdued tone.

"Alright, you go ahead, cultivation is important."

After Meng Huang finished speaking, Chen Mobai acknowledged with a hum and hung up the phone.

Did he seem a bit upset?

Meng Huang sensitively noted the change in Chen Mobai's tone towards the end and was somewhat puzzled; she felt that her words should have perfectly hit a sensitive spot of a man down on his luck in official circles, the emotional value of which should have made him cherish her more...

Just as Meng Huang was summarizing every word of her conversation with Chen Mobai and thinking how she might improve it next time, Chen Mobai was already calling Yan Bingxuan.

"My teacher called me to invite me back to school to teach the Yuanqi system courses, and after sixty years of service, Nature Studies Academy will grant me a Water Primordial Golden Core Pill."

Yan Bingxuan relayed this to Chen Mobai, who felt it was a good option after hearing it.

His original plan was to have Yan Bingxuan come to Wangwu Cave Heaven, under his patronage, to expand Mysterious Frost Company and then exchange it for a quota of Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine designated for outstanding societal members within the Immortal Gate.

With his help, it would certainly pose no problem.

But now he is quite fallen.

To others in the Immortal Gate, he appears to have been driven from the centers of power, relegated to idly fishing in the far north.

With the loss of his protective umbrella, Mysterious Frost Company's growth had also been greatly limited over the past two years.

If not for the assistance of the Weapon Dancing Sect, it might even have faced losses.

After all, in mastery over the Yuanqi system, the Heaven-Repairing Lineage is undeniably the foremost in the Immortal Gate.

All of Mysterious Frost Company's technologies are licensed from Heaven-Repairing.

Even without resorting to dishonest tactics, just from the perspective of honest business competition, Mysterious Frost Company is heavily constrained within Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Under such circumstances, if Yan Bingxuan continues to exhaust herself here, it would be somewhat a waste of her youth.

Yan Qiongzhi, knowing this, arranged for her junior and disciple, Yan Bingxuan, her own path to Core Formation.

“I think you should go. Although I probably can return in about a decade, you really don’t need to endure hardship in Wangwu Cave Heaven during this time. Going to Nature Studies Academy to teach students might also be good for you to relax a bit.”

As Chen Mobai finished speaking, Yan Bingxuan let out a somewhat dejected ‘oh.’”

In her view, Mysterious Frost Company was the combined effort and dedication of herself and Chen Mobai.

She had put her all into it, aiming to expand and strengthen the company, to make it known to everyone in the Immortal Gate.

Now, if she were to move to Nature Studies Academy, that would be akin to closing down the company.

This sentiment felt very ominous to her.

But given the circumstance of Chen Mobai being “expelled” from the Hall of Orthodox Law and sent to the far north to idly fish, indeed, this was the best choice for her.

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“Don’t worry, when I return, you and I together will develop the Mysterious Frost Company into the number one Killing Qi Essence Liquid energy company of the Immortal Gate.”

Chen Mobai roughly understood Yan Bingxuan’s dejected tone and immediately said something that uplifted her spirits with a smile.

“Mmm, every once in a while, the Nature Studies Academy leads new students with the Ice Spiritual Root to come to the far north Grotto Heaven to experience the purest natural Ice Spiritual Qi. By then, I’ll see if I can become the teacher leading the group and come over to see you.”

Yan Bingxuan’s words made Chen Mobai even happier.

“Then before you come, let me know in advance. I should be in deep closure for cultivation for the next few years.”

It was strange to say, but Yan Bingxuan was usually a woman of few words, whose communications with others were also brief and concise. Yet when talking with Chen Mobai, she always managed to open up more.

By the time the communication ended, Chen Mobai looked at the time, and it was already the following morning.

He stretched and clicked on the Turtle Treasure to return to the Eastern Wilderness.

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Mount Tianpeng had been transformed by Qing Nu into an alchemy base, complete with routine alchemy equipment, and she had also directed disciples from the Five Elements Sect to dig a medicine pool.

That day, Qing Nu had just directed Yan Jinye to produce a batch of Vein Protection Pills, and she herself had refined another batch of Return to True Elixirs.

At the Beidou Conference, Chen Mobai had learned the value of this elixir.

So upon returning, he had the Five Elements Sect collect materials at all costs, and with the “help” of Back to Sky Valley, they finally gathered enough for another batch by the end of the year.

This elixir didn’t even require Chen Mobai’s Tusita Fire; with Qing Nu’s Rank-4 Alchemist skills honed after refining a heterodox Golden Core, she could produce ten perfect pills blindfolded.

“It’s a pity that the main ingredient for the Lingyuan Pill is still missing.”

When handing over the Return to True Elixirs to Chen Mobai, Qing Nu spoke with a hint of regret.

Chen Mobai may be at the Ninth Level of the Golden Core, but his Spiritual Power could still be improved, so she had always wanted to refine the Lingyuan Pill.

The higher the cultivation level, the faster the recovery rate of Spiritual Power.

However, Chen Mobai wasn't too concerned about it; after all, his cultivation level had been rising fast, and he was still refining and polishing with the Flame Lighting Technique. A delay in the Lingyuan Pill didn't matter much to him.

After all, the completion of Primordial True Qi still required ten years.

According to his estimates, without relying on elixirs and only on bitter cultivation with Spiritual Energy and Spirit Stones, by that time, he would also achieve Perfection in the Pure Yang Scroll Core Formation.

It might even render his Pure Yang True Qi flawless and supreme.

“Coincidentally, the person sent to Golden Crow Immortal City to fetch Yan Shaoyin has returned. Perhaps the Wind Spirit Vine has already arrived at Northern Abyss City.”

When Qing Nu mentioned this, Chen Mobai also remembered the matter.

After the end of the Beidou Conference, Yan Shaoyin stayed at the Star Heaven Dao Sect for a while as if held up by some matters and only sent word a few days ago through the Starry Sky Commerce Guild that he was already in Golden Crow Immortal City.

Since his cultivation level was virtually wasted, there might be danger traversing The Barren, so Chen Mobai sent people from the Five Elements Sect to fetch him.

Actually, it was fine to be a bit late; he could have followed the large entourage of the Starry Sky Commerce Guild or wait for the people from the Five Elements Commerce Association like Yue Zutao to return together.

But Yan Shaoyin's message was urgent, saying there was something important and he needed to return quickly.

Although Chen Mobai was curious, considering that Luo Xue'er of the sect was free, he assigned her to fetch Yan Shaoyin.

After arriving at Northern Abyss City, before Chen Mobai met with Yan Shaoyin, he heard from Luo Xue'er something that chilled his expression.

"Sect Leader, Elder Chu suddenly disappeared without leaving any trace. I've inquired around some of the sect's shops, but there's no news, they just say one day he was gone."

Since Luo Xue'er would be going to Golden Crow Immortal City, naturally, Chen Mobai also asked her to meet with Chu Zuoshu and see if he had obtained the Wind Spirit Vine.

Chu Zuoshu would not disappear without reason.

It must be someone's doing.

But who could it be?

Rogue Cultivator? Devil Cultivator?

Or...

Chen Mobai, who had been in a rather cheerful mood, now found it shadowed by this news. However, as Chu Zuoshu was his old superior, who had taken care of him back in the Divine Wood Sect, his disappearance warranted a thorough investigation, it couldn't just be left unresolved.

The one thing that was certain was that Chu Zuoshu had not died.

Because at Giant Tree Ridge, someone was tasked with watching the Soul Lantern, and if Chu Zuoshu's lantern had shattered, it would have been reported long ago.

Nevertheless, this matter made Chen Mobai think of Fu Xingzhou who had also disappeared in the past and ended up dead at the hands of Kong Lingling, becoming the sacrifice for the emergence of the Demonic Sacred Embryo.

"Please invite Chef Shen of the Sky Meal Building for a discussion."

Having little to no intelligence network outside the Eastern Wilderness, Chen Mobai could only invite Shen Shanqing of the Sky Meal Building to see if he could find Chu Zuoshu through his channels.

"Sect Leader, you're unaware, but something major happened after the Beidou Conference."

While Luo Xue'er invited Shen Shanqing, Chen Mobai met with Yan Shaoyin who had been waiting for a long time. Upon seeing him, Yan Shaoyin, somewhat agitatedly, performed a salute and then couldn't help but start talking.

"The Taoist Child and Saintess from the Taixu MiaoMiao Palace also came this time, and after taking the Three Lights Divine Water, they successfully performed Nascent Soul Formation right within the Star Heaven Dao Sect."

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"The final highlight item turned out to be a Minggu Grass, a spiritual medicine nearly at the sixth rank and tens of thousands of years old, which was collected by Star Heaven Dao Sect from the depths of the ruins within a Ground Evil Spirit Cave. It is the most important main ingredient for refining the Rejuvenation Pill. In the end, it was said that the Saintess of Dao Morale Sect took it away."

“Another major incident involves the Sand-handling Officer from the Flying Sand Sect. After obtaining the Three Lights Divine Water and leaving, he was pursued by a mysterious cultivator. The two fought a fierce battle, and ultimately Zuo Dongdu died tragically. The Flying Sand Sect was extremely enraged; the Great Elder, a Nascent Soul Complete cultivator, personally visited the Star Heaven Dao Sect. Later on, Xing Yun Shang Ren from the Dao Sect sought the cooperation of Nascent Soul Cultivators from the Three Great Sacred Lands to investigate the battlefield where Zuo Dongdu perished. The result concluded that it was the work of a Demon Cultivator Nascent Soul Great Cultivator.”

“The East Dawn Demon Dao are so brazen; I wonder which branch of the Eighteen Demon Sects they belong to...”

Chen Mobai was also extremely surprised when he heard what Yan Shaoyin had said.

He didn't expect to have missed so many important events by leaving so early.

It can only be said that this generation's Saint Land Taoist Child and Taoist Saintess are indeed of a Golden Age – those two from Taixu MiaoMiao Palace will likely be able to undergo Nascent Soul Formation very soon. However, to be cautious, they decided to wait until after obtaining the Three Lights Divine Water before attempting it.

In that case, Yuan Zhen, as the Saintess of Jiutian Dangmo Sect, should also be able to succeed in forming her Nascent Soul in one try, right?

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai's thoughts turned to Dao Morale Sect.

The Taoist Child of this Sacred Land was the first to undergo Nascent Soul Formation, said to have a talent and intelligence not inferior to Ye Qing.

And the Saintess of the Dao Morale Sect is even hailed as the future number one Alchemist in East Continent.

It's said that even during her Foundation Establishment phase, she had already deduced an unprecedented alchemy recipe from the immortal book jade slips inherited from the Dao Morale Sect.

All three Great Sacred Lands are producing remarkable figures, except for the First Origin Dao Palace which has fallen behind for a hundred years since being sealed by Ming Zun.

It seems that it would only be possible to wait for me to go and save them.

With that thought in mind, Chen Mobai also considered the death of Zuo Dongdu, the Sand-handling Officer, at the hands of a Demon Path cultivator, feeling that if he truly takes on the title of Taoist Child at the First Origin Dao Palace, although he would instantly become a prominent figure in East Continent, he would certainly draw the attention of the Demon Path.

It seems a bit too dangerous.

Perhaps, it's better not to go to the First Origin Dao Palace for now and just earnestly farm and develop my sect's power in Eastern Wilderness.

After reaching Divinity Transformation with the Pure Yang Scroll, then accepting the Ascension Secret Method inheritance from True Lord Yuan – that would be more secure.

Having made up his mind, Chen Mobai gave up his initial idea of going to the East Land to find the First Origin Dao Palace immediately after Nascent Soul Formation.

Although the resources in Eastern Wilderness are somewhat sparse, there is also Yun Meng Ze and the Ruins nearby, and even the East Barbarians next door. Unifying and collecting a bit of everything should also support my cultivation until reaching Divinity Transformation.

While he was contemplating, Luo Xue'er had already brought Shen Shanqing of the Sky Meal Building in.

“Chef Shen, there's something I would like to ask for your help with...”

Chen Mobai immediately brought up the disappearance of Chu Zuoshu.

“Since Sect Master Chen has mentioned it, I will do my utmost.”

After hearing this, Shen Shanqing nodded, indicating there was no problem, but he also couldn't guarantee results since his connections in East Barbarians were also limited.

"By the way, since we've talked about the incidents at the Beidou Conference, I wonder if your Sky Meal Building knows any details about them?"

Having invited Shen Shanqing over just to mention this and letting him go seemed a bit impolite, so Chen Mobai brought up the three major events he had just heard from Yan Shaoyin.

"After forming their Nascent Souls, these two from Taixu MiaoMiao Palace would go to Central State to receive the baptism of the Great Void True King's Dharma Aspect, and if they could inherit the Daofruit of Taixu, it's imaginable that they could hope to achieve Divinity Transformation in the future."

As expected, Shen Shanqing, who came from the East Land, indeed knew some secrets that people from the East Wasteland Village, like Chen Mobai, were not privy to.

"Great Void True King?"

Chen Mobai immediately humbly sought instruction upon encountering this unfamiliar term.

"He is one of the great powers who, along with Mother of Water, pioneered the Tianhe Realm. It is said that the very void that is the foundation of this realm was formed by him, and only after that were all things born. The Taixu MiaoMiao Palace was established to worship him. In our territory above East Continent, there are also some temples enshrining his statues."

Hearing this, Chen Mobai's respect was further heightened.

It sounded even more impressive than the Heavenly Sovereign of the Longevity Sect.

No wonder it's a major sect from Central State; they even have branches of their holy lands in East Continent. Tianhe Realm's top-tiered superpower indeed.

But this also reminded Chen Mobai of something.

His Turtle Treasure seemed to have been obtained by the previous owner, Liu Yanpei, from a statue of a deity known as Taixu True God. Could there be any connection to this Taixu True King?

Could it be that it's actually him?

Wouldn't that mean, the Turtle Treasure might belong to Taixu MiaoMiao Palace?

With this in mind, Chen Mobai decided that he should keep a respectful distance from Taixu MiaoMiao Palace in the future, best to stay out of their line of sight.

“The Saintess of Dao Morale Sect has inherited an alchemy recipe from the Immortal book jade slip, which is the Rejuvenation Pill. It's said to extend life by several generations, so the upper echelons of the holy lands are all gathering ingredients for this recipe, hoping to refine it.”

A new type of Longevity Elixir, alluring to any cultivator, particularly the old ancestors of major sects.

After all, even Deity-Transcending True Monarchs are afraid of aging and death.

However, for Chen Mobai, this was merely entertaining gossip to listen to and he did not take it to heart.

After all, he was still young, with plenty of lifespan ahead.

If he could accomplish Divinity Transformation in the future, the Large Chinese Toon Fruit, which is the number one property of the Immortal Gate, would also be within his reach.

The only thing Chen Mobai cared about regarding Dao Morale Sect was when they would refine the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill that could assist with Divinity Transformation and whether he could get his hands on it.

However, to be involved in the distribution of such elixirs, it seemed being the Sect Leader of Five Elements Sect would not suffice.

One would need the saintly brand of the First Origin Dao Palace instead.

With that in mind, Chen Mobai found himself in a dilemma.

“As for Zuo Dongdu’s death, although it was publicly declared as the work of a Magic Daoist Monk, the truth uncovered by the investigation was not so.”

At this moment, Shen Shanqing said something that made Chen Mobai very curious.

“Oh? What is the real truth that would cause the Three Great Sacred Lands and Star Heaven Dao Sect to jointly conceal it?”

“Basically, all the major powers in East Land are aware of it because the place where Zuo Dong was found dead was covered in quicksand and extremely chaotic Five Element Spiritual Energy. Many cultivators who stepped into it felt their Five Elements Spiritual Powers begin to disorder and spiral out of control, and in the entire East Continent, there is only one Divine Skill that can do that.”

Having said this, Shen Shanqing didn’t continue but just glanced at Chen Mobai.

He knew well that this Sect Leader Chen of the Five Elements Sect had also cultivated the Primordial True Qi.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai was indeed startled!

“Is this matter indeed true?”