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Chapter 1631: The 5th Extreme Heavenly Heart Pendant

Zhou Ye's face alternated between green and pale upon hearing Chen Mobai's words.

If it were under normal circumstances, he certainly would not have endured such humiliation.

But within Chen Mobai's Primordial True Qi, he perceived another unbelievable possibility.

"You... you've achieved Nascent Soul Formation?"

Zhou Ye's voice trembled, his eyes filled with fear and unwillingness.

It must be understood that even with his years of bitter cultivation, he could not wield Primordial True Qi to envelop five individuals with such ease and grace as Chen Mobai just had.

"That's correct. This is truly a momentous event for our Five Elements Sect, so I specially came to Hunyuan Immortal City to inform Brother Zhou of this good news,"

Chen Mobai said with a smile.

Zhou Ye's face, initially shocked, turned pale in an instant. At that moment, he finally understood why these people dared to come together to Hunyuan Immortal City.

After Chen Mobai achieved Nascent Soul Formation, the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder was no longer worth mentioning.

"Junior Brother Chen, I recently failed a breakthrough in secluded cultivation, and my emotions were somewhat volatile. My words earlier were overly harsh; please do not take offense."

After his expression changed, Zhou Ye quickly adjusted his demeanor, first apologizing to Chen Mobai, then immediately removing the Earth Vein jade pendant from his waist and presenting it along with the method to activate the Secret Realm.

“This is one of the keys to unlocking the Yiyuan Secret Realm. I have always believed that such an important item should be in the Sect Leader’s care. Today, consider it a gift to celebrate Junior Brother’s Nascent Soul Formation.”

Seeing Zhou Ye’s attitude, Zhou Shengqing and the others were all astonished.

Though they had expected that Zhou Ye would neither dare nor qualify to confront Chen Mobai after his Nascent Soul Formation, they hadn’t anticipated him to be so servile and ingratiating.

“Junior Brother Zhou, your earlier fiery determination to unleash the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder was rather impressive to me...”

Zhou Shengqing couldn’t resist uttering a mocking remark.

“It was all a misunderstanding. As an elder of the Earth Vein within the Five Elements Sect, sharing the same lineage with my fellow brothers and sisters, how could I ever commit such fratricidal acts?”

In response to Zhou Shengqing’s mockery about his opportunism, Zhou Ye endured it without resistance.

“Junior Brother Zhou’s actions moments ago didn’t quite look like mere misunderstandings.”

Zhou Shengqing smirked coldly, continuing to ridicule him.

“I was merely demonstrating the prologue of the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder to Junior Brother Chen. After all, this supreme divine skill of the Five Elements Sect will undoubtedly shine anew in Junior Brother Chen’s capable hands following his Nascent Soul Formation.”

Zhou Ye directly echoed Chen Mobai's words from earlier. His ability to endure humiliation and disgrace momentarily earned him the discreet admiration of onlookers.

Zhou Shengqing couldn't help but think that it was likely Zhou Ye's flexibility in adversity that led him to ultimately acquire the full inheritance and recognition of the Primordial Ancestral Master, despite being the last to join the sect.

If it were himself, he might not have been able to endure.

"Since Brother Zhou insists it was a misunderstanding, let's treat it as such."

Seeing that Zhou Ye had submitted entirely, Chen Mobai had no intention of humiliating him further. Reaching out, he employed the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo technique to take the Earth Vein jade pendant from Zhou Ye's palm.

"As the supreme inheritance site of our Five Elements Sect, the Yiyuan Secret Realm should indeed be overseen by the Sect Leader. From now on, Golden Core cultivators within the sect who make significant contributions may be appropriately rewarded with an opportunity to enter and receive guidance from the Grand Ancestor Yiyuan."

As Chen Mobai spoke, he also accepted the jade pendants from Zhou Shengqing and the others, to which they all readily agreed.

Now, even if Chen Mobai intended to destroy the Yiyuan Secret Realm, they wouldn't object in the slightest.

Seeing Nu Jiang and the others fully compliant, Chen Mobai nodded in satisfaction. Aside from them, all other Golden Core cultivators of the Five Elements Sect belonged to the Wood Vein.

They were his people.

Though they wouldn't dare resist even if directly ordered, Chen Mobai preferred a more democratic approach, so before implementing this new policy, he symbolically sought the opinions of the leaders of the Five Elements Meridians.

"Brother Zhou, why don't you come inside and take a look as well."

Holding the five jade pendants in his palm, Chen Mobai enveloped them with his Primordial True Qi. Following the method imparted by Zhou Ye, he merged the Five Elements, unlocking the Yiyuan Secret Realm.

"Yes, I shall comply with the Sect Leader's decree."

Zhou Ye replied respectfully, then instructed Green Pearl with a few words before riding a spiritual light to join Chen Mobai's side.

[Huh?]

At this moment, Chen Mobai stared blankly at the five jade pendants in his palm, his heart filled with doubt and astonishment.

He discovered that the five jade pendants had merged into a large, pentagon-shaped jade ornament with a circular hole at its center.

On the large jade ornament, faint traces representing the Five Elements could be discerned, such as water ripples and a forest of wood.

Curious, Chen Mobai used the Refining Treasure Golden Light to appraise it and found that the merged large jade ornament turned out to be a Magic Artifact. However, it was incomplete, though he couldn't determine whether it had been forcibly divided or intentionally made so by True Lord Yuan. Currently, it could only serve as a key to open the Yiyuan Secret Realm.

Chen Mobai considered testing it with “The Union of Differences,” but realizing Zhou Shengqing and the others were waiting, he put the idea aside for the moment and focused on opening the Yiyuan Secret Realm’s gateway.

Soon, a point in the void began to dissolve, expanding into a rectangular door large enough for people to pass through.

Seeing how effortlessly Chen Mobai had opened the Secret Realm, Zhou Ye confirmed once more that he had indeed achieved Nascent Soul Formation. After all, Zhou Ye had nearly exhausted his spiritual power the last time he performed the same task.

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“Junior Brother Chen, shall I go in first to scout the way for you?”

Zhou Ye no longer had any other thoughts in his mind at this moment and proactively asked.

Chen Mobai nodded lightly and made a gesture of invitation.

Zhou Ye immediately stepped into the Yiyuan Mijing.

When Chen Mobai led Zhou Shengqing and the others to follow him in, Turtle Treasure began to continuously send notification prompts.

“Junior Brother Zhou, you take the senior brothers and sisters towards the Five-Colored Altar of State to receive the Five Elements Dao inheritance from Grand Ancestor Yiyuan. I’ll go to survey the Five Elements Spirit Tree and think about how to transplant it most conveniently.”

After entering, Chen Mobai immediately handed Zhou Shengqing and the others over to Zhou Ye. The latter naturally nodded, indicating that he would take good care of them.

Walking through the void, Chen Mobai quickly arrived at the very center of Yiyuan Mijing.

First, he took out Turtle Treasure and set this place as the new coordinate for the Minor Realm before meticulously observing his surroundings.

The last time he had come here, he had been cautious and had not come in his true body but simply used a Formless Puppet to do a cursory exploration.

Now, however, with his Nascent Soul Realm utilizing Echoes in the Void, he discovered the true nature of this Secret Realm.

At the center of the Secret Realm lay a Fifth Grade Spirit Vein.

Moreover, this Spirit Vein maintained a natural balance of Five Element Spiritual Energy. It was precisely this balance that allowed it to nurture and sustain the Five Elements Spirit Tree, a treasure of heaven and earth.

As Chen Mobai continued to listen to the Fifth Grade Spirit Vein using Echoes in the Void, he gradually discovered traces of artificial influence within.

The Five Element Spiritual Energy only completely melded and harmonized at the Five Elements Spirit Tree but remained distinctly separate and uninfluenced beyond the tree.

Taking a deep breath, Chen Mobai activated the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram and entered the realm of Heavenly Blessing.

After Nascent Soul Formation, he had completely mastered the use of Heavenly Blessing, enabling him to enter and exit freely and avoid assimilation by the Heavenly Heart.

This realm, aside from offering an ability to foretell calamities or avert disasters, also allowed its user to delve into the profound mysteries and wonders hidden within a particular world.

As the Yiyuan Mijing was, after all, left behind by an Ascended Monk, Chen Mobai remained cautious. Before employing Heavenly Blessing, he purposefully set his Lifespan Artifact, the Morning Bell, to sound a single chime after one minute.

His caution proved warranted.

Just as Heavenly Blessing illuminated the Heavenly Heart of the Yiyuan Mijing, Chen Mobai felt an omnipresent and awe-inspiring will suffused throughout.

This will was as vast and powerful as the Five Elements Spirit Tree, serving as the foundational pillar supporting the existence of this Minor Realm.

In comparison, Chen Mobai felt like nothing more than a glimmering leaf upon this mighty tree.

Fortunately, this will lacked active consciousness, functioning solely according to predetermined rules and order, diligently maintaining this Minor Realm's cyclical balance.

When Chen Mobai connected with the vast will, all the rules contained within were completely revealed to him.

Soon, he understood all the secrets of the Yiyuan Mijing.

The nexus of Five Element Spiritual Energy in the Secret Realm was the five Altar of State platforms, created by True Monarch Yiyuan to revive the Spirit Vein of this realm.

This Spiritual Land was originally naturally formed, but after being discovered by the Longevity Sect, it was transformed and preserved as a Secret Realm. Over tens of thousands of years, it eventually nurtured a Fifth Grade Five Elements Spirit Tree.

Regrettably, the Longevity Sect suddenly disappeared overnight. Thankfully, their legacy landed in the hands of True Monarch Yiyuan, who discovered this place.

After entering the realm, True Monarch Yiyuan utilized the Five Elements Spirit Tree as a central pivot to draw out ninety percent of the realm's Five Element Spiritual Energy. While this act forged an earth-shattering Great Divine Power, it also severely depleted the Spirit Vein of the Secret Realm.

Nonetheless, upon achieving mastery over his Divine Skills, True Monarch Yiyuan made efforts to re-gather the essence of the Five Elements. By dispersing them into Five Element Spiritual Energy through a large formation, he replenished and reshaped the balance. He also crafted the five Altar of State platforms to stabilize and guide the balance, nurturing the Five Elements Spirit Tree.

After over six thousand years, the Spirit Vein of the Yiyuan Mijing had barely recovered to the Fifth Grade level.

At that moment, the Morning Bell chimed.

Chen Mobai instantly woke up from his introspection. But after conducting his experiments, he determined that the Heavenly Heart of the Yiyuan Mijing lacked autonomous awareness, so he quickly re-entered the Heavenly Blessing realm to continue probing the Secret Realm's mysteries.

Soon, through the Heavenly Heart of the realm, he saw Zhou Shengqing and the others atop the Five-Colored Altar of State, each receiving the Five Elements Dao inheritance.

They were all deeply immersed, not only comprehending True Monarch Yiyuan's Intent of the Dao but also absorbing the realm's Spiritual Energy, practically grasping and verifying the inheritance through real-world practice.

Even Zhou Ye, after arranging matters for Zhou Shengqing and the others, returned to the Altar of State of the Earth Spirit Vein, once more accepting the inheritance to possibly further explore his Nascent Soul Formation.

Using the Heavenly Heart, Chen Mobai immediately ventured into the core of the Five-Colored Altar of State, where the Spiritual Pivot left behind by True Monarch Yiyuan was located.

He discovered that the Spirit Veins guided and suppressed by the five Altar of State platforms were individually at the Fourth Grade Superior level. However, when merged at the center of the Five Elements Spirit Tree's domain, they coalesced into the Fifth Grade Spirit Vein.

How could five Fourth Grade Superior Spirit Veins possibly compare to one Fifth Grade Spirit Vein? What was the underlying principle here?

Filled with curiosity, Chen Mobai continued his exploration through Heavenly Blessing. Before long, he pinpointed the root cause as being tied to the Five Elements Spirit Tree.

He approached the tree.

Compared to other high-grade Spiritual Plants, the Five Elements Spirit Tree exuded a refined elegance. Its trunk resembled jade, surrounded by colorful radiance. Each leaf was crisp and crystalline, brimming with immense Power of the Five Elements.

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Chen Mobai even felt that the energy contained within this Five Elements Spirit Tree far surpassed his own as a Nascent Soul Cultivator.

But this was to be expected, as it was originally a Fifth-Order Spiritual Plant, equivalent to the energy of Divinity Transformation, though it had been drained of its essence by True Lord Yuan.

At this moment, Chen Mobai sighed at the misfortune of the Primordial Ancestral Master. If True Lord Yuan hadn't been so ruthless, he might have been able to utilize this Five Elements Spirit Tree to perfect the Primordial Dao Fruit and attempt Divinity Transformation.

However, to Chen Mobai, this was a blessing in disguise.

Because he possessed the Longevity Sect's method of "Pulling Seedlings to Promote Growth," he could reawaken this degraded Five Elements Spirit Tree to its Fifth-Order by leveraging the Fifth-Grade Spirit Veins here, if he desired.

Although once subjected to this method, the Five Elements Spirit Tree wouldn't be able to advance any further, the Longevity Sect had nurtured it for tens of thousands of years, only ever cultivating it to the Fifth-Order anyway.

Moreover, True Lord Yuan had already perfected the Primordial Dao Fruit with a Fifth-Order Five Elements Spirit Tree, so Chen Mobai felt he could draw from the Grandmaster's successful experience and once again tread the path of ascension.

Chen Mobai also thought of the secret technique "Blooming Moment" from the Flower Bloom Courtyard of the Immortal Gate.

After perfecting the Primordial Dao Fruit using a Fifth-Order Five Elements Spirit Tree, could it possibly be further converted into resources for his own Divinity Transformation?

At this thought, Chen Mobai's gaze toward the Five Elements Spirit Tree grew even more fervent.

Of course, uprooting the tree was not an option.

He had long prepared for this—saplings of the Five Elements Spirit Tree that he had taken from here in the past had already been successfully cultivated. By the time he reached Divinity Transformation, they would also be ready for use.

This way, future disciples of the Five Elements Sect would not lack Five Elements Spirit Fruits for refining the Five Elements Golden Core Pill.

After considering everything carefully, Chen Mobai immediately began communicating with the Five Elements Spirit Tree, wondering if he could transplant it into his own Domain.

If successful, he could carry a Fifth-Grade Spirit Vein with him, ensuring his cultivation acceleration irrespective of location.

But he quickly discovered a problem. The root system of the Five Elements Spirit Tree was deeply entrenched in the Yiyuan Mijing, tightly interconnected with the Five Elements Spiritual Energy surrounding the Secret Realm's central Spirit Vein. To transplant it entirely, the entire Secret Realm would have to be moved into his Domain.

Based on his Tongtian Zhi Realm calculations, Chen Mobai estimated that he would need to reach the Nascent Soul Seventh Layer for his Domain to be able to hold the entirety of the Secret Realm.

At that stage, his Domain would have a capacity of 53,687,091,200 cubic meters.

But achieving that would take perhaps another hundred years.

Chen Mobai was unwilling to wait.

He used the Crown of Heaven and Earth to introspect, while referring to the Guidance Book to leverage the Immortal Gate's knowledge for an alternative solution.

After his Nascent Soul Formation, he had downloaded everything legally accessible from the Immortal Gate, filling his Fourth-Order Heavenly Calculation Bead to the brim.

This preparation was precisely for such moments.

Soon, under the functionality of the Guidance Book, he unraveled the core mysteries of this Secret Realm.

By substituting the vast external Five Element Spiritual Energy of the Secret Realm with other sources of Five Elements Essence, it was theoretically possible to isolate only the Secret Realm's center—the section containing the Five Elements Spirit Tree.

But that scale of Five Elements Essence was beyond Chen Mobai's possession.

After all, it had taken True Lord Yuan's Divinity Transformation to rebuild the Five Elements Spirit Veins in this Secret Realm. Even if Chen Mobai scoured the entire Eastern Wilderness, it was unachievable at this time.

With a slight frown, Chen Mobai had no choice but to shelve the plan of transplanting the Five Elements Spirit Tree for now.

Next, he took out the Five Elements Unite Dayupei.

Using "The Union of Differences," he consecrated it as his Lifespan Artifact and gradually became attuned to its origin and potency.

Surprisingly, it turned out to be a Fifth-Rank Magic Weapon!

But it was only one-third complete!

The weapon's full name was "Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament."

The "Five Extremes" referred to five jade pendants like the one in Chen Mobai's hand, "Heaven" referred to a "Heavenly Bead," and "Heart" referred to a "Pure Heart Red Rope."

The circular opening at the center of the jade pendant was reserved for the Heavenly Bead, while the Pure Heart Red Rope was the key to string the Five Extremes Jade Pendants and the Heavenly Bead together.

This magic weapon was another ingenious creation of True Lord Yuan.

While in the Nascent Soul Realm, he combined these elements to nurture the weapon's spirit and successfully refined his first Fifth-Rank Magic Weapon.

This artifact was primarily defensive, capable of nullifying all Five Elements Spells below the Fifth-Order, while partially offsetting those at the Fifth-Order level.

In essence, it functioned as the Magic Artifact version of Primordial True Qi.

Cultivators wearing it would be immune to Five Elements Spells below Rank-5 and partially resistant to Rank-5 attacks.

Upon reflection, however, Chen Mobai felt it was somewhat redundant.

After all, with his mastery of Primordial True Qi, his cultivation progression would naturally render him immune to Five Elements Spells.

Nonetheless, owning his first Fifth-Rank Magic Weapon was still a source of joy for him.

With this in mind, Chen Mobai used “The Union of Differences” to delve deeper into the Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament, tracing its refinement process and eventual dispersion.

Gradually, Chen Mobai’s expression grew increasingly peculiar.

By the time he fully unraveled the artifact’s history, Chen Mobai abruptly stood up and returned to the Five Elements Spirit Tree.

The Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament’s main utility, apart from defense, was to aid the cultivation of Primordial True Qi.

The Five Extremes Jade Pendants filtered nature’s spiritual energy by attribute, absorbing only their corresponding element’s spiritual essence before channeling it into the Heavenly Bead, where it was fused into a balanced Five Elements Spiritual Liquid.

Cultivators could absorb this Five Elements Spiritual Liquid to accelerate their training in Primordial True Qi significantly.

While less effective than directly absorbing the Five Elements' pure Essence, the principle was essentially the same.

It was a testament to True Lord Yuan's genius as an Ascended Monk. In the Tianhe Realm, with its less-than-ideal immortal cultivation environment, he had conceived of such a method.

This realization triggered a memory in Chen Mobai, solving a question that had been lingering in his mind.

Specifically, how the center of the Yiyuan Mijing—the region containing the Five Elements Spirit Tree—had managed to harmonize the expansive external Five Element Spiritual Energy and condense it into this Fifth-Grade Five Elements Spirit Vein.

After studying the Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament, he finally understood.

True Lord Yuan had buried the Heavenly Bead at the core of this site.

Chen Mobai restrained his excitement and immediately activated "Echoes in the Void," listening to the Five Elements Spirit Tree.

As the Grand Spell operated, he finally heard it—from nearly a kilometer below ground, at the deepest part of the tree's roots: a perfectly round, transparent bead radiating dazzling multicolored spiritual light.

Indeed, his hypothesis had been correct.

Unable to contain his joy, Chen Mobai burst into laughter.

He immediately used the Earth Escape Technique he had learned from the Divine Tree Secret Realm. After cultivating with Zhuo Ming and being empowered by the Great Dao Tree, this technique had already reached the Fourth-Order.

Even so, traversing through earth imbued with a Fifth-Grade Spirit Vein, Chen Mobai felt immense pressure.

Fortunately, the massive spiritual energy here lacked sentience.

Guided by Echoes in the Void, he navigated through twists and turns until he reached the subterranean depths. There, peeling back soil and the roots of the Five Elements Spirit Tree, he finally laid eyes on the brilliant Five-Colored Treasure Bead.

As Chen Mobai reached out to touch it, an invisible barrier of radiant Five-Colored Spiritual Light repelled him.

He promptly enveloped his right hand in Primordial True Qi and touched the bead again.

The Five-Colored Spiritual Light intertwined with the Primordial True Qi, merging seamlessly and even conveying a sense of joy.

This was the artifact's spirit, exulting in its rediscovery after millennia underground.

Chen Mobai firmly grasped the bead, then aligned the central opening of the Dayupei with the Heavenly Bead, slotting it into place.

Finally, he activated "The Union of Differences" once more.

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After the Heavenly Bead and the Five Extremes Pendant fused together, the seams originally connecting the five Jade Pendants began to slowly heal under the glow of the five-colored Spiritual Light.

Of course, this was primarily due to the effect of "The Union of Differences."

Having bonded this Magic Artifact as his personal domain, Chen Mobai's understanding of it reached the level of its original refiner.

Once True Lord Yuan achieved perfection with his Primordial Dao Fruit, the Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament became practically useless to him, whether for defense or cultivation.

So he simply dismantled it, extracted the core Heavenly Bead, and buried it at the very center of this Secret Realm as the centerpiece to merge and transform Five Element Spiritual Energy, nourishing the severely damaged Five Elements Spirit Tree.

The Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament was originally a Rank-5 Magic Weapon only after combining three pieces. However, after True Lord Yuan mastered Artifact Refining Techniques and reforged it, the core Heavenly Bead alone reached Rank-5 level.

It was precisely because of this that the Heavenly Bead could convert into a Fifth-Grade Spirit Vein within the Yiyuan Mijing.

Or perhaps, the bead itself was already a Fifth-Grade Spirit Vein.

When Chen Mobai realized this through "The Union of Differences," he couldn't help but feel overjoyed.

The essence of the Five Elements collected by True Lord Yuan had, over thousands of years, continuously transformed into Five Element Spiritual Energy, flowing through the Spirit Gathering Array he had set and concentrated into the Heavenly Bead. The richness of the Five Element Spiritual Energy contained within it was equivalent to the amount in over a thousand Supreme-grade Spirit Stones.

According to True Lord Yuan's original design, this abundant Five Element Spiritual Energy should have been freely supplied to the Five Elements Spirit Tree.

Unfortunately, since the Five Elements Spirit Tree had fallen down the rankings to Fourth Grade, it could only absorb and refine less than one percent of this energy.

As a result, over the centuries, the accumulation of Five Element Spiritual Liquid within the Heavenly Bead increased steadily. By now, it was equivalent to a complete Fifth-order Lower Grade Spirit Vein.

What delighted Chen Mobai the most was that the Five Element Spiritual Liquid stored within the Heavenly Bead was perfectly balanced, allowing him to easily refine it into Primordial True Qi.

If he were to take this Heavenly Bead and place it within his personal Domain, Chen Mobai would essentially be carrying a Fifth-Grade Spirit Vein with him.

Chen Mobai continued parsing the operational rules of the Yiyuan Mijing using the Guidance Book, wanting to see whether removing the Heavenly Bead would affect the Secret Realm itself.

Meanwhile, after obtaining the Heavenly Bead, True Lord Yuan's original arrangement of the Spirit Gathering Array around the Five Elements Spirit Tree had also fully revealed its mysteries to him.

The Spirit Gathering Array, named the "Five Elements Yuan-One Array," was primarily designed to create a balanced environment of Spiritual Energy suitable for the growth of the Five Elements Spirit Tree.

If the Heavenly Bead were removed, it would need to be replaced with a Magic Artifact that could similarly ensure the balance of the Five Elements as the array's core.

Fortunately, Chen Mobai owned such an artifact.

It was the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo. However, this artifact had only recently been refined into Fourth-Grade Superior quality, and leaving it in the Yiyuan Mijing left him feeling somewhat reluctant.

Despite this sentiment, Chen Mobai quickly made up his mind.

After all, the Heavenly Bead was a Fifth-Rank Magic Weapon and a mobile Fifth-Grade Spirit Vein. Using the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo in exchange was undoubtedly a bargain.

Moreover, if the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo replaced the Heavenly Bead as the core of the Secret Realm, continuously absorbing Five Element Spiritual Energy to grow, it might eventually level up to Rank-5.

The only concern was that without the Heavenly Bead, the central Spirit Vein of the Secret Realm would directly drop to Fourth Grade.

Still, since the Five Elements Spirit Tree had already regressed to Fourth Grade, absorbing Fourth-Grade Spiritual Energy was just right.

This did mean, however, that plans to hasten its cultivation to Rank-5 via “Pulling Seedlings to Promote Growth” would have to be delayed.

After all, if the Five Elements Spirit Tree reached Rank-5, a Fourth-Grade Spirit Vein would undoubtedly be insufficient.

Once again, Chen Mobai used the Guidance Book to simulate the process and explored the “Five Elements Yuan-One Array” using Immortal Gate knowledge to ensure there were no theoretical issues before he finally took out his Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo.

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On the Five-Colored Platform, Zhou Shengqing and the others, who were receiving the great teachings of True Lord Yuan’s Dao, suddenly felt the entire Secret Realm tremble twice. They all opened their eyes in amazement and looked toward the center.

Soon, they heard Chen Mobai’s voice, explaining that he was practicing a great method and that fluctuations in Five Element Spiritual Energy within the Secret Realm might occur, advising them not to pay it any mind.

[After forming his Nascent Soul, Junior Brother’s mastery of Divine Skills has become immeasurably profound.]

As a fellow Nascent Soul cultivator, Zhou Shengqing hadn't even noticed how Chen Mobai managed to speak directly into his ear. Reflecting on the act of stirring the entire Secret Realm during his technique, Zhou Shengqing couldn't help but feel a pang of self-reproach.

The others, including Zhou Ye, were even more shaken.

The fluctuations within the Yiyuan Mijing lasted for three straight days and nights.

Ultimately, Chen Mobai emerged from underground using Earth Escape, holding the Heavenly Bead and the Five Extremes Pendant in his palm, laughing out loud.

However, as he placed the Heavenly Bead into his personal Domain, the Spiritual Energy concentration in the area surrounding the Five Elements Spirit Tree abruptly dropped by an entire level.

Chen Mobai stepped into the center of his Domain, where he had already incorporated a large amount of Immortal Gate Inorganic Soil, which had lacked sufficient Five Element Spiritual Energy and thus only produced Rank-1 Five Element Spirit Soil.

He selected a spot and placed the Heavenly Bead and Five Extremes Pendant atop it.

The Magic Artifact could fuse and balance Five Element Spiritual Energy into Five Element Spiritual Liquid, and conversely disperse the liquid back into pure Five Element Spiritual Energy.

The process was quite simple, either by reversing the setup of the Five Elements Yuan-One Array or by utilizing the Five Extremes Pendant directly.

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Chen Mobai used "The Union of Differences" to methodically channel balanced Five Element Spiritual Energy into the Inorganic Soil within the domain.

With sufficient nourishment from the Five Element Spiritual Energy, it wouldn't take long before this place transforms into high-grade Five Element Spirit Soil.

Chen Mobai planned that after leaving, he would transplant the Five Elements Spirit Tree sapling, currently being cared for by Zhuo Ming, into his own domain and cultivate it to maturity in the shortest time possible.

When the time comes, he could use the same method to replace the Five Elements Spirit Tree within the Yiyuan Mijing.

After completing these arrangements, Chen Mobai left his domain.

If not for the Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament being the key to entering the Yiyuan Mijing, Chen Mobai even considered that this Magic Artifact could potentially serve as the spiritual vein center of a Secret Realm, akin to the Heavenly Bead.

However, considering that other Golden Core Cultivators in the Five Elements Sect could not walk the void as he did—or tread through with Turtle Treasure—he opted for the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo.

That said, Chen Mobai was also somewhat curious about the complete state of the Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament.

At present, he already possessed two-thirds of it. If he could obtain the Pure Heart Red Ribbon, he would be able to neutralize any Five Elements Spell below Rank-5. Within the Nascent Soul Realm, he would essentially be invincible.

The only question was whether the Pure Heart Red Ribbon could be found in the First Origin Dao Palace.

As he pondered this, Chen Mobai's yearning for the Eastern Earth Holy Land only deepened.

One could only wonder how many treasures True Lord Yuan had left behind.

The Primordial Dao Fruit Chen Mobai obtained from Zhou Ye only contained the mantra for cultivation to Fourth Level Perfection; it wasn't that Zhou Ye had concealed anything, as he had also only acquired this from the Primordial Ancestral Master.

Back then, the Primordial Ancestral Master had himself received this inheritance from the Altar of State. It was said that the higher one's cultivation level, the more segments could be unlocked.

Chen Mobai had come to the Yiyuan Mijing this time to accomplish a second matter: this very inheritance.

He activated Void Walk and approached the Altar of State where Zhou Ye was located.

The cultivation of the Primordial Dao Fruit required a Heavenly Earth Spirit Root, so its inheritance lay within the Earth Element's Altar of State.

"Junior Brother Chen, you're here. Please."

Upon seeing Chen Mobai step out of the void, Zhou Ye promptly stood up and yielded his position.

"Judging from Brother Zhou's appearance, the Primordial True Qi must have been successfully cultivated. When do you plan to attempt Nascent Soul Formation?"

Chen Mobai did not step onto the Altar of State immediately but instead chose to chat with Zhou Ye. After all, in the Five Elements Sect, Zhou Ye was the most likely to achieve Nascent Soul Formation after him.

Chen Mobai intended to give him a chance.

"I still lack the final strand of Primordial True Qi. Once that's completed, I can begin accumulating Five Elements True Qi. With the Five Element Essences here, I estimate that I can attempt Nascent Soul Formation within twenty years."

Zhou Ye hesitated for a moment before speaking honestly.

He had already achieved Perfect Core Formation long ago, but in recent years, most of his effort had been dedicated to cultivating Primordial True Qi, so his accumulation of Five Elements True Qi remained insufficient.

“How many strands of Five Elements True Qi does Brother Zhou plan to accumulate?”

Chen Mobai inquired further. Zhou Ye’s cultivation was rooted in the Earth Wuxu True Method, which was passed down from the Primordial Ancestral Master, and for the cultivation of Primordial True Qi, he had also practiced the other four elements’ techniques. For Nascent Soul Formation, this required condensing Five Elements True Qi—a hallmark of the orthodox First Origin Dao Palace lineage.

When forming a Nascent Soul with Five Elements True Qi, it could link with Primordial True Qi to elevate the latter to an even higher realm during Core Formation and Nascent Soul Emergence.

The number of Five Elements True Qi strands used as a base was typically five. It was recorded in the history of the First Origin Dao Palace that aside from True Lord Yuan, the highest number reportedly condensed was twenty strands per element, totaling a perfect hundred.

“I’m planning to condense five strands for each element—for a total of twenty-five strands of Five Elements True Qi—before attempting Nascent Soul Formation.”

Had it not been for the Five Element Essences in the Yiyuan Mijing, Zhou Ye would have settled for fifteen strands, but now, with the available resources, he naturally wished to aim for a better result.

Twenty-five strands represented what he estimated to be his limit. Any more, combined with forty-nine strands of Primordial True Qi, would likely become unmanageable for his Divine Sense during Nascent Soul Formation, creating unnecessary risks.

“When I formed my Nascent Soul, I gleaned some personal insights. As cultivators of Primordial True Qi, I believe they would be beneficial to you. When the time comes for Brother Zhou to attempt Nascent Soul Formation, I will share them with you.”

Chen Mobai said this with a smile, instantly capturing Zhou Ye's interest.

Although Zhou Ye possessed the Primordial Ancestral Master's Infant Formation Experience, even the Master himself had considered his Nascent Soul Formation process to be somewhat of a fortunate fluke, presenting vague insights. For Zhou Ye, it merely outlined the procedure.

Judging by Chen Mobai's demeanor, however, he clearly displayed a deeper foundation and extraordinary talent.

If he could acquire Chen Mobai's formation insights, Zhou Ye believed his chances of success would significantly increase.

Upon this realization, Zhou Ye's earlier thoughts of fleeing with the Green Pearl as soon as Chen Mobai's group left abruptly diminished.

After all, if he wanted to form his Nascent Soul, his best option was to remain within the Yiyuan Mijing.

And if he could also obtain Chen Mobai's insights...

Zhou Ye felt that with all of these conditions fulfilled, his success rate would be over fifty percent.

"The Sect Leader's favor humbles me greatly. Should there be any commands in the future, I dare not disobey."

After reflecting on Chen Mobai's well-regarded reputation in the Eastern Wilderness, Zhou Ye decided to place his trust in him and respectfully bowed in submission.

"Before long, I will lead the Five Elements Sect in undertaking an important task. I will require the cooperation of five Golden Core Cultivators from the Five Elements Meridians to mobilize the Five Elements Dao Soldiers and assist me. Would Brother Zhou be willing to leave the Hunyuan Immortal City for this?"

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Chen Mobai listened and immediately asked a question.

Zhou Ye's face showed hesitation. Although he felt Chen Mobai could be trusted, his heart was still filled with suspicion.

He was pondering whether Chen Mobai intended to lure him out of Hunyuan Immortal City and then kill him.

After all, while Zhou Ye's Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder might no longer pose a threat to Chen Mobai, if activated, it could obliterate the surrounding mountains, rivers, and forests with Hunyuan Immortal City at its center. Furthermore, it would unleash the Ancient Poisonous Fire, causing the earth to sink and possibly even breaking the connections between spirit veins, which would destroy the Yiyuan Mijing.

At that point, although Zhou Ye would be the one who initiated it, Chen Mobai and others involved would bear some of the karmic backlash, earning the displeasure of the Eastern Wilderness Heavenly Heart and becoming plagued with bad luck for a significant period.

Amid his doubts, Zhou Ye met Chen Mobai's faintly smiling gaze, eliciting a shudder through his heart.

He knew the answer he was about to give would determine his fate.

The choice was his.

Would he truly pledge allegiance to Chen Mobai as the Sect Leader, treating himself as a genuine Elder of the Five Elements Sect, or would he continue to follow instructions without complete obedience?

The terms and benefits had already been offered, including Chen Mobai's Infant Formation Experience.

And there was also the Five Elements essence and spiritual veins of the Yiyuan Mijing.

Zhou Ye deliberated over these matters, but giving his reply took only an instant.

“It’s up to the Sect Leader’s instructions, though I do have one matter I’d like assistance with, if possible.”

Zhou Ye’s words made Chen Mobai slightly furrow his brows, suspecting Zhou Ye of greed, seeking more benefits beyond the Infant Formation Experience.

“Go ahead. If it’s within my capability, I will assist you.”

But Chen Mobai decided to listen first. If the request was outrageous, he would have no choice but to harden his heart.

“It’s this: My master refined the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder into my body. While it serves as my protective charm, it also causes me endless anxiety day and night, fearful that closing my eyes might lead to the annihilation of countless lives. Junior Brother Chen has successfully formed his Nascent Soul—might I request your help in removing this Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder? That way, I might finally sleep peacefully.”

Upon hearing Zhou Ye’s words, Chen Mobai regarded him with greater respect.

Although the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder posed no fatal threat to Chen Mobai, it remained a means of restraint. As someone originating from an Immortal Gate, Chen Mobai did not share the local cultivators’ indifference toward the masses.

Now that Zhou Ye had voluntarily sought to rid himself of the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, it was evident he intended to fully submit and offer sincere loyalty.

“I agree to this matter. However, I have yet to fully master the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, so Senior Brother Zhou may need to wait for some time,”

Chen Mobai nodded and responded in an approving tone. Upon hearing this, Zhou Ye immediately replied humbly, stating that the Sect Leader Junior Brother could arrange it whenever convenient, as he would be ready at any time.

Afterward, Zhou Ye shared the techniques related to the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder with Chen Mobai. These were passed down to Zhou Ye by the Primordial Ancestral Master before his passing and were not contained within the cultivation mantra of the Primordial Dao Fruit, which was why he hadn't shared them earlier.

Chen Mobai listened intently, recording everything in his mind.

The Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder was the most formidable offensive method in the entirety of the Primordial Dao Fruit inherited by the Five Elements Sect.

Furthermore, the Primordial True Qi could also freely transform into Five Elements Divine Light.

For example, the Sacred Tree Divine Light from the Longevity Scripture and the Sky Waterfall Divine Light from the Heavenly Waterfall Cultivation method.

Now that Chen Mobai had formed his Nascent Soul, he could transform and unleash them using his Primordial True Qi.

However, as Chen Mobai's Primordial True Qi was not derived from the cyclical unity of the Five Elements Spiritual Power like Zhou Ye's was—and since Chen Mobai primarily cultivated the Pure Yang Scroll—his transformation into Divine Lights of the other four elements might be somewhat clumsy.

Regardless, Chen Mobai had achieved his realm, and with diligent practice from the top down, he simply needed to enhance his proficiency.

The truly challenging task remained the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder.

It required perfect mastery of the Five Elements Divine Light, followed by using the secret technique of merging the Primordial into one to condense an apocalyptic Divine Thunder capable of world-destruction.

Chen Mobai planned to dedicate his upcoming sessions of inner observation to focusing on this, hoping to perfect it before his magic duel with the Golden Wind Ancestor.

With such mastery, he would add another powerful trump card to his arsenal.

After his conversation with Zhou Ye, Chen Mobai arrived at the Altar of State of the Earth Element. There, he utilized his Primordial True Qi to begin receiving the inheritance of True Lord Yuan.

Soon, he discovered that more in-depth knowledge of the Five Elements Divine Light and Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder began to imprint itself within his Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion.

It seemed that only cultivators who had successfully formed their Nascent Soul could truly access the inheritance left behind by True Lord Yuan in this place.

The profound intricacies of the Primordial True Qi unfolded from True Lord Yuan's Great Tao, merging into Chen Mobai's heart and mind.

Some of it Chen Mobai understood, while other parts puzzled him. However, he immediately erased some stored data from the Heavenly Calculation Bead and transferred these insights into it, intending to revisit and comprehend them slowly over time.

It was unclear how much time passed, but eventually, True Lord Yuan's Great Tao inheritance reached its conclusion.

Yet, at that moment, Chen Mobai discovered that there existed an even more powerful application of the Primordial True Qi beyond the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder.

It was named the Great Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Light Beam!

This technique involved condensing the Extinction Divine Thunder into an exceedingly fine thread, its power formidable enough to annihilate any life or substance encapsulated within the Five Elements properties—even capable of obliterating the foundations of the world itself.

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This seems to be the highest level of utilization of Primordial True Qi!

Chen Mobai didn't know whether the Primordial Ancestral Master had received this inheritance, but undoubtedly, Zhou Ye did not know about it.

He slowly opened his eyes on the Altar of State. Zhou Ye, observing this scene from below, immediately saluted.

“Junior Brother Chen, how was it?”

“It seems I've glimpsed all the mysteries of Primordial True Qi...”

Chen Mobai spoke, and Zhou Ye, hearing this, showed a face full of envy. This Altar of State was a legacy left by True Lord Yuan; the higher the cultivation level, the more one could gain.

Back then, the Primordial Ancestral Master acquired the Chaotic Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder here.

“Senior Brother Zhou, do you still need to meditate further?”

Chen Mobai flew down from the Altar of State and asked. Zhou Ye immediately shook his head. He had already spent considerable time here; limited by his realm, the insights he gained remained at the Golden Core level. Staying any longer would yield minimal improvement.

“Let's find the other senior brothers and sisters. We should leave now.”

Chen Mobai nodded and led Zhou Ye to find Zhou Shengqing and the others.

Before departing, upon seeking Chen Mobai's consent, they took a portion of the Five Elements Essence from the site.

These items were of Rank-4 quality. Some could be incorporated into their magic artifacts, while others could assist in cultivation—extremely valuable.

Seeing this, Chen Mobai thought that future disciples of the Five Elements Sect must be restricted when entering this place.

They couldn't let the successors hollow the place out.

In such a case, nurturing the Five Elements Spirit Tree would also be negatively impacted.

Decision made in his heart, Chen Mobai used the Five-Chamber Pendant to reopen the Void Gate, leading Zhou Shengqing and the others out of the Yiyuan Secret Realm.

Outside, Green Pearl was still waiting and hadn't left. Seeing Zhou Ye exit safely, she appeared very emotional, yet restrained herself upon noticing Chen Mobai and the others.

“Junior Brother Chen, and senior brothers and sisters, would you like to join me at my place for some tea?”

Zhou Ye immediately invited them. Zhou Shengqing and the others looked toward Chen Mobai, who smiled and nodded.

Since they intended to accept Zhou Ye, they had time for a cup of tea.

In Zhou Ye's courtyard, Chen Mobai also brought up the topic of preparing for a battle against Xuan Xiao Dao Palace shortly. Zhou Ye had no objections to this, though he did raise another issue.

“The Baiwu Ancestor of the Sun Bathing Sea has long had his eye on our Five Elements Sect. If we act against Xuan Xiao Dao Palace this time, we must guard against them making a move against us.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai nodded. Baiwu Ancestor’s Sun Bathing Sea would be his next target.

The ancestral divide of the past, after all, was long ago. Moreover, he wasn’t present back then, unlike Xuan Xiao Dao Palace—their feud was deep and recent.

“If Baiwu Ancestor doesn’t know his place and insists on intervening, after dealing with Golden Wind Ancestor, I wouldn’t mind allying with Kong Sang Valley to eliminate him as well.”

Chen Mobai spoke flatly, his remark garnering admiration from those present.

“Junior Brother Chen, if the goal is to kill Baiwu Ancestor, we must do it outside of Golden Crow Immortal City. If he escapes into the city, which is the Eastern Wilderness’s foremost Immortal City safeguarded by a Rank-5 Formation, even multiple Nascent Soul cultivators would struggle to take him down.”

In his youth, Zhou Shengqing had represented the Five Elements Sect and resided within Golden Crow Immortal City for a time. Extremely familiar with the location, he offered a reminder.

In Golden Crow Immortal City, the Rank-5 Sun God Tree served as its core, essentially the nucleus of half the Eastern Wilderness’s Spirit Veins. Initially, it was established as a branch courtyard of Fen Tianjing Di. After successfully founding Eastern Wilderness, the Holy Land expended significant effort to establish this Immortal City.

Following the eventual disintegration of Fen Tianjing Di, the lineage of Sun Bathing Sea inherited and carried on within the Eastern Wilderness, continuing to this day.

The group next discussed the scale of forces they would deploy.

This would undoubtedly be the most formidable gathering of Five Elements Dao Soldiers in the sect's history.

Chen Mobai would certainly serve as the master of formations. Before acting, he planned to integrate the power of Five Elements Dao Soldiers into his body to test how much it could elevate his realm.

Beyond the five Golden Core cultivators of the Five Elements Meridians, they needed two hundred Foundation Establishment cultivators and ten thousand Qi practitioners.

This represented nearly all the elite forces of the Five Elements Sect.

Chen Mobai also intended to use this opportunity to allow Foundation Establishment cultivators nearing completion to experience the power of the Golden Core Realm through the Five Elements Dao Soldiers.

For instance, Zheng Deming, whom he greatly favored, and his two disciples who hadn't yet reached the Golden Core stage.

Of course, besides those of the Wood Vein, the Foundation Establishment Completion cultivators of the other four veins could also participate.

Mo Douguang and the others didn't hold back either, swiftly filling the list with disciples they regarded highly from their respective veins.

"Should we deal with Chun Yusu?"

After finalizing the main roster for the Five Elements Dao Soldiers, Zhou Ye posed this question.

Chun Yusu, the former Sect Leader of the Earth Vein, was an agent of Sun Bathing Sea, planted in Hunyuan Immortal City by Baiwu Ancestor a century ago.

"Leave him for now. Find an excuse to place him under confinement and ensure he doesn't discover our specific plans."

Chen Mobai responded. Killing Chun Yusu now would openly antagonize Sun Bathing Sea. Their critical enemy at this juncture remained Xuan Xiao Dao Palace.

Zhou Ye nodded immediately upon hearing this.

After addressing these matters, Zhou Shengqing and the others returned to reflect on their former residences in Hunyuan Immortal City before joining Chen Mobai in departing.

Mo Douguang and the others proceeded to mobilize their respective forces, aiming to assemble the Five Elements Dao Soldiers as swiftly as possible.

With the medium-sized teleportation array now connecting the entire Eastern Wilderness, things were far faster than before.

At least they no longer needed to traverse half the Eastern Wilderness aboard flying boats.

Meanwhile, as Mo Douguang and the others busied themselves, Chen Mobai returned to Northern Abyss City.

To his surprise, Kong Sang Valley still hadn't sent anyone.

Could Elder Muqin have died?

Chen Mobai had reason to suspect this, but regardless of Kong Sang Valley's involvement, he was determined to take action and annihilate Xuan Xiao Dao Palace.

Of course, intelligence was the priority before battle.

Chen Mobai summoned Shen Shanqing of Sky Meal Building, without revealing his progress towards Nascent Soul formation, to inquire about the situation of the three major factions in the Eastern Wilderness.

“Sect Master Chen, we’ve just received news—two Nascent Soul cultivators from Kong Sang Valley forced back the allied forces of Sun Bathing Sea and Xuan Xiao Dao Palace. Reportedly, Elder Muqin, previously thought near the end of her lifespan and unable to fight, showcased her peak strength. She and Ku Zhu jointly broke the allied formation of those two factions.”

Listening to Shen Shanqing’s account, Chen Mobai stood dumbstruck.

Muqin!?

She could still fight?

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The condition of Elder Muqin was something Chen Mobai understood very well—she was essentially at the brink of exhaustion.

If it weren’t so dire back then, she wouldn’t have swallowed her pride in Northern Abyss City and offered the Fourth Grade Superior Pure Bamboo to make amends.

During their journey to Star Heaven Dao Sect, Chen Mobai had secretly used Echoes in the Void to investigate and discovered that, although her body still contained the immense energy of the Nascent Soul, it was nearly uncontrollable, signaling that her physical body had already entered the stage of decline.

For a cultivator, once decline begins, it is an irreversible path to death.

In that condition, even if Elder Muqin fought desperately, it would be hard for her to inflict meaningful harm on a true Nascent Soul cultivator.

“Chef Shen, what’s the current situation with the three major factions of East Barbarians after the recent battle?”

Chen Mobai asked with concern; this involved the Five Elements Sect's next decisions.

"After the large formations of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace and Sun Bathing Sea were broken, they retreated a hundred miles to regroup. The key lies with the four Nascent Soul cultivators..."

Shen Shanqing didn't hold anything back and shared the intelligence he had.

Since Elder Muqin and Ku Zhu had made their move, they were clearly intent on delivering a decisive blow. Baiwu Ancestor and Golden Wind Ancestor, on the other hand, would undoubtedly not retreat now after years of bloody rivalry.

In the Tianhe Realm, cultivators, faced with an uncertain victor, tend to become gamblers, convinced of their ability to triumph.

If they just win this fight, they believe they can win it all!

The four East Barbarian Nascent Soul cultivators have thus gone all out, deploying lifespan artifacts, valuable talismans, and even various powerful desperate secret techniques.

The battle has raged for several days now. All four are utterly consumed with rage, fighting with unyielding determination. The battlefield has shifted drastically, wreaking havoc as mountains collapse and rivers are severed. Currently, they have entered the Mysterious Sea.

The intelligence from Sky Meal Building stops here.

After hearing this, Chen Mobai fell into deep thought.

He wondered whether Elder Muqin and Ku Zhu might resolve Golden Wind Ancestor on their own, rendering his involvement unnecessary.

Regardless, this was undoubtedly good news for the Five Elements Sect.

After such a battle, Golden Wind Ancestor's foundation would undoubtedly suffer some damage, given the desperate measures being undertaken.

The Five Elements Sect would continue preparations as planned, waiting for the result of the conflict between the four Nascent Soul cultivators to determine their next move.

After thanking Shen Shengqing, Chen Mobai personally escorted him out.

Soon after, Zhou Shengqing arrived, summoned by Chen Mobai. Upon learning the situation of the three East Barbarian factions, he was elated.

"Junior Brother, should we seize this opportunity to lead our army into the East Barbarians and crush Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace?"

Zhou Shengqing's suggestion was tempting, but Chen Mobai contemplated and decided to refuse.

"Senior Brother, traveling from Eastern Wilderness to the East Barbarians is far too lengthy without a teleportation array. Additionally, encountering demonic beasts or other dangers in the ruins could result in heavy casualties. We should wait and observe for now."

Chen Mobai had personally traversed the ruins between Eastern Wilderness and East Barbarians. Though cultivators from both regions had worked on clearing it for millennia, reducing the risks significantly, the area still remained the domain of demonic beasts. If their immense Five Elements Sect army passed through, it would undoubtedly alarm the local demonic beasts.

This route was both perilous and narrow. Even with Chen Mobai and others ensuring security during the journey, the resources and spirit stones consumed would be astronomical. Once in the East Barbarians, engaging in foreign battles would be even harder. Should Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace activate their Rank-4 Large Formation in time, breaking through promptly might be impossible. Such aggressive behavior could provoke resistance among all East Barbarian factions.

Moreover, should major Commerce Associations from East Land, which had footholds in the East Barbarians, intervene, the situation could escalate uncontrollably.

If Golden Wind Ancestor returned triumphantly, their foreign-invading Five Elements Sect could suffer disastrous losses.

Zhou Shengqing, after hearing Chen Mobai's analysis, found it quite reasonable.

Their major concern remained Golden Wind Ancestor.

"Junior Brother, the lack of spies and intelligence channels in the East Barbarians is a disadvantage for the sect. How about I take a few disciples there myself?"

Zhou Shengqing made his suggestion, seeing that he was the most qualified to handle such a task within the sect.

As a Nascent Soul cultivator, his presence in the East Barbarians essentially granted him immunity to restrictions.

"I'll have to trouble you, Senior Brother."

Chen Mobai nodded and then asked which disciples Zhou Shengqing intended to bring along.

"Whom do you think is suitable? You've been managing the sect these years, so I don't know much about the disciples anymore."

After hearing Zhou Shengqing, Chen Mobai deliberated and suggested a few promising candidates.

"My Primordial True Qi has now reached completion; I can set aside the Five Elements Essence cultivation for now. How about letting Zhou Wangshen accompany you, Senior Brother? He's nearing Foundation Establishment Completion. Once the surrounding environment stabilizes, he can attempt Core Formation."

During Qing Nu's crafting of that batch of Golden Liquid Jade Pills, ten were successfully refined. Two have already been used, one is reserved for Zheng Deming, leaving Chen Mobai with seven pills.

Of course, these pills would first be distributed among his close associates.

Among these, E Yun and Zhou Wangshen, having labored diligently and contributed significantly over the years, were guaranteed their shares.

As for his own disciples, Liu Wenbo, still a fair amount of time away from Foundation Establishment Completion, wouldn't receive one from this batch.

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Instead, it is his young disciple Jiang Zongheng, who due to his specialization in the Longevity Scripture and his years of training among the mundane world, has reached a deep realm. Moreover, he lacks no Spirit Stone resources and is already close to reaching Foundation Establishment Completion.

Aside from him, there's Zhuo Ming.

With her current foundation, consuming the Golden Liquid Jade Pill would certainly guarantee a successful Core Formation.

However, Chen Mobai had planned the Comprehension Path Golden Core route for her, so he didn't intend to reserve it for her this time. If by the next batch of Golden Liquid Jade Pills she still hadn't gained enlightenment, he would have her take it then.

In the Wood Vein, he temporarily arranged for these three pills.

The remaining four pills, Chen Mobai planned to allocate based on the merits of the upcoming battle with the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, leaving them for the other four veins.

After all, he had painstakingly merged the Five Elements Meridians into a complete sect, and at least had to present the appearance of the Five Veins being one family.

Besides the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, Qing Nu was also preparing to refine the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill. She had already modified the alchemy recipe, with that Water Spirit Fruit as the main ingredient, confident in her ability to succeed in refining it.

At that time, this Water Primordial Golden Core Pill could be given to Luo Xue'er, and the Water Vein could also receive one or two pills.

However, in that case, the Water Vein would somewhat benefit disproportionately, so Chen Mobai thought it over and decided to withhold the Golden Liquid Jade Pill originally intended for them.

This pill, Chen Mobai planned to keep, to see if anyone on the Immortal Gate's side needed it.

Meng Huang already had a Golden Liquid Jade Pill; his remaining concern was Yan Bingxuan.

Besides the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, he could also prepare a Water Primordial Golden Core Pill for Yan Bingxuan. Given his current status and realm, even without explanation, Yan Bingxuan would see it as a result of his negotiation with the upper echelons on her behalf.

"That's fine, but if he's the only one there, it might not be convenient to gather information on the East Barbarians' side. Perhaps you should give me a few more people."

Pointing to his own Zhou family's descendants, Zhou Shengqing naturally had no objections.

The Five Elements Sect was thriving now, and it was time for the Zhou family to produce another Golden Core Cultivator.

"I have a disciple grandson named Song Huangdae, who's now working with E Yun on a liaison project; he's sharp-witted. Then there's Yu Lian, who narrowly escaped death by Kong Lingling at that time; Meng Hong's disciple Mu Yuan is also promising..."

Since Zhou Shengqing had said so, Chen Mobai immediately arranged for those Foundation Establishment Practitioners he favored to be assigned to him. After all, not everyone has the opportunity to serve under a Nascent Soul Cultivator.

“Fine, gather all these disciples, and once we’re all here, I’ll take them to the East Barbarians.”

Zhou Shengqing was well aware of these individuals and felt quite satisfied that Chen Mobai chose elites for him.

“Senior Brother, there’s one more thing...”

Chen Mobai immediately brought up the missing Chu Zuoshu, hoping that if Zhou Shengqing went to the East Barbarians, he could also investigate his whereabouts.

“He’s considered my disciple too. Even if you hadn’t asked, I would give it my all. However, he went missing in Golden Crow Immortal City. To get detailed information, we’ll probably have to go there...”

Both men were prepared to accept the possibility that his Soul Lantern might have been extinguished. In places like the Tianhe Realm, most cultivators missing for so long end up like that.

Nonetheless, they decided to make an attempt.

“By the way, Junior Brother, when do you plan to undergo your Nascent Soul Tribulation?”

After discussing the main issues, Zhou Shengqing raised his concern about this.

He knew that Chen Mobai had mastered the One-Leaf Blindness technique, concealing his aura and delaying his tribulation.

But if he were to face off against Ancestor Jin Feng, he would need to go all out, which would certainly trigger the tribulation.

To avoid that situation, it might be better to undergo the tribulation beforehand.

However, the Nascent Soul Tribulation is quite overwhelming. In that case, it would easily become known that Chen Mobai had already formed his Nascent Soul, possibly alerting Ancestor Jin Feng.

“The Golden Sun Spirit Tree at the top of North Abyss Mountain looks like it’s about to level up. Once it does, I’ll trigger my tribulation along with it and afterward claim it was the Spirit Plant advancing. If I can’t wait for that, I’ll find a secluded place in the ruins to undergo the tribulation. At that time, I might need your help to keep watch.”

Chen Mobai shared his plan. If his Nascent Soul realm were exposed, Ancestor Jin Feng would definitely not contemplate coming to the Eastern Wilderness.

Given the current strength of the Five Elements Sect, fighting a cross-territorial war might drain the sect’s finances for over a decade, which would not sit well with Chen Mobai, who prioritizes people’s livelihood and basic welfare.

“It’s best to resolve this before I head to the East Barbarians.”

Zhou Shengqing understood Chen Mobai’s concerns and nodded in agreement after hearing them.

“Then I will notify Ming’er to come over. If the Golden Sun Spirit Tree hasn’t advanced before you leave, I’ll resort to Pulling Seedlings to Promote Growth.”

Chen Mobai thought it over and felt it best to maintain steadiness.

If he ventured to the ruins for the tribulation and it attracted high-ranking demonic beasts residing there, even with Zhou Shengqing’s assistance and armed with the Rank-5 Heavenly Bead and Purple and Green Double Swords, unexpected situations might arise.

In the Northern Abyss City, with the presence of a Rank-4 Large Formation and the Five Elements Sect’s dominance over the Eastern Wilderness ensuring no external interference, undergoing the tribulation here would certainly be a breeze.

Cautious throughout his life, Chen Mobai decided not to take any risks.

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Moreover, he intended to test whether he could use this heavenly tribulation to temper his magic artifact.

The Purple Electric Sword had long awaited this opportunity; perhaps it could leverage the power of tribulation thunder to greatly increase its spiritual nature, break through its shackles, and ascend to Rank-5.

“Junior Brother, do as you please. I have no objections.”

Zhou Shengqing now supported any decision made by Chen Mobai.

In the days that followed, the teleportation array in Northern Abyss City began lighting up consecutively.

The first to arrive, naturally, was Zhuo Ming from the neighboring Rainbow County.

“Master, this is your Five Elements Spirit Tree seedling!”

When Zhuo Ming arrived, she brought along the Five Elements Spirit Tree, planted in a clay pot, standing half as tall as a person, glimmering like jade.

Under her meticulous care, this spirit plant had already reached Rank-1.

Visible on its surface were emerald green sprouts faintly budding, and the promising appearance of yet-to-bloom Five Elements Spirit Flowers.

“Ming’er, you’ve worked hard.”

Chen Mobai happily accepted the gift and instructed Zhuo Ming to visit the Golden Sun Spirit Tree on the mountain. Meanwhile, he transplanted the Rank-1 Five Elements Spirit Tree from the pot into the center of his domain.

With his current proficiency as a Spirit Plant Master, and the Five Elements Spirit Soil prepared within his domain, the transplantation process naturally succeeded with ease.

After completing the transplant, Chen Mobai used Void Walk to ascend to the peak of North Abyss Mountain.

“Master, it’s about ready. If I condense the earth’s energy of North Abyss Mountain to assist it, its level-up process can be triggered.”

By this time, Zhuo Ming had already finished communicating with the Golden Sun Spirit Tree and reported something that delighted Chen Mobai immensely.

Ming’er indeed proved exceptional; during his own listening practice of Echoes in the Void, he could only sense the spirit plant teetering on the edge of leveling up but couldn’t discern the reason behind its delay.

“Wait a half day while I arrange for the activation of Northern Abyss City’s large formation. This will prevent collateral damage during the tribulation.”

Chen Mobai addressed Zhuo Ming, who appeared puzzled. The tribulation for the Golden Sun Spirit Tree’s ascension, given her master’s strength and the presence of Zhou Shengqing within the city, seemed effortless to halt entirely.

“It’s not the tribulation of the Golden Sun Spirit Tree; it’s my own Nascent Soul Heavenly Tribulation.”

Chen Mobai smiled and gave her the news in response to her inquiry.

“Congratulations, Master!”

Upon hearing this, Zhuo Ming’s face lit up with joy.

For her, Chen Mobai’s journey to Nascent Soul Formation had always been inevitable, but the actual announcement still elicited shock and awe in her heart.

“Hahaha, Xuan’er has already reached Core Formation, and you all are close as well. If I were to remain in the Golden Core Realm, it wouldn’t be proper of me to set an example for you as your master. Therefore, I devoted myself to bitter cultivation for a period and achieved Nascent Soul Formation.”

In front of his disciple, Chen Mobai revealed his true self as he spoke.

After exchanging words for a while, Chen Mobai instructed Zhuo Ming to rest for a moment and went to notify Yuan Chiye.

Soon after, nature’s spiritual energy began rising steadily, forming a massive Nine Palaces pattern in the center of Northern Abyss City, only to vanish into the void instantly.

The Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation had been activated. However, since Yuan Chiye wasn’t professionally skilled to act as the principal array master, Chen Mobai felt uneasy. Thus, he summoned Yi Shaoqing from the Formation Division via the teleportation array.

Upon receiving the command, Yi Shaoqing immediately brought all Foundation Establishment practitioners from the Formation Division to Northern Abyss City and began overseeing the Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation.

The activation of such a large formation naturally didn’t go unnoticed by cultivators within the city.

Shortly after, following Chen Mobai’s instructions, Yuan Chiye announced the impending tribulation for the Golden Sun Spirit Tree’s ascension.

The Five Elements Sect even issued a formal notice detailing precautions to be taken during the tribulation to prevent situations similar to Zhou Shengqing's tribulation, where many cultivators from the Divine Wood Sect suffered injuries due to spiritual power fluctuations.

This was unprecedented in the entire Eastern Wilderness.

The loose cultivators of bygone days had never encountered such consideration.

When cultivators or high-grade spirit plants from other sects faced their tribulations, the typical practice was to clear the area and restrict entry for miles around, often enforcing compliance with flying swords.

The Five Elements Sect's generous gesture left the cultivators residing in Northern Abyss City in admiration, deeming the sect worthy of its title as the number one sect in the Eastern Wilderness.

"Junior Brother, are you sure there's no need to expel them?"

Despite this, Zhou Shengqing voiced his surprise. As a local, he held the more conventional view that, at a moment like this, it was perfectly reasonable—even shamelessly so—to expel non-Five Elements Sect cultivators from Northern Abyss City.

"Henceforth, tribulations involving Five Elements Sect disciples and spirit plants will become commonplace. If we expel cultivators every time, it will be an unnecessary hassle. Let's let this become the new convention."

Chen Mobai shook his head. After all, even though loose cultivators were numerous in Northern Abyss City, the strength of Five Elements Sect's disciples was more than enough to suppress any situation.

Moreover, apart from him and Zhou Shengqing as Nascent Soul cultivators, others like Mo Douguang, upon hearing about his impending tribulation, rushed over to witness it firsthand.

Since that was the case, Chen Mobai decided to also summon Luo Yixuan and Yin Qingmei.

“Master!”

“Sect Leader!”

The two women were delighted upon receiving Chen Mobai’s command. However, upon arriving and realizing the gathering of so many Golden Core cultivators from the Five Elements Sect—along with Zhou Ye traveling all the way from Hunyuan Immortal City—their expressions turned solemn, sensing the gravity of the occasion. They immediately adhered to protocol, offering formal salutes to Chen Mobai and greeting Zhou Shengqing and the others.

“The Wood Vein truly produces outstanding talents and blessed lands. Aside from Junior Brother Sect Leader, there are also so many promising rising stars.”

Zhou Ye couldn’t help but marvel upon seeing the two women.

After all, despite himself being endowed with a Heavenly Earth Spirit Root, at their current age, he had merely achieved Foundation Establishment.