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Chapter 1661: Baiwu Ancestor's Response

Golden Crow Immortal City!

Baiwu Ancestor sat inside the grand hall, holding a communication jade slip, his expression solemn.

The message within the jade slip exploded in his mind like a thunderclap — the Xuanyao Dao Palace was destroyed, and two Nascent Soul cultivators from the Five Elements Sect participated in this great battle.

There was no need to mention Golden Wind Ancestor; he was certainly killed by the Five Elements Sect as well.

His plan to drive wolves to swallow tigers actually brought upon a tiger crossing the hills.

This news, although not spread, would soon stir a bloody storm in Eastern Yi, as the destruction of Xuanyao Dao Palace meant a reshuffle in the power structure of Eastern Yi, both at the top and bottom levels.

Baiwu Ancestor took a deep breath, trying to calm his emotions.

Overall, the matter was both beneficial and detrimental to their Sun Bathing Sea.

After all, the previous landscape of Eastern Yi was equally divided among their three major factions, and now with the death of Golden Wind Ancestor, and not knowing whether Mu Qin and Ku Zhu would return, those large ore veins would be decided by Sun Bathing Sea.

For instance, in Dove Mound Mountain, which divided the three factions of Eastern Yi, there's a large spirit stone mine. In the core region of the ore vein, with a single shovel, you can excavate top-grade spirit stones, and occasionally supreme-grade spirit stones.

It originally belonged to Kong Sang Valley, but once Sun Bathing Sea and Xuanyao Dao Palace learned of this, they certainly wouldn't allow Kong Sang Valley to enjoy it alone. So when the large spirit stone mine was discovered, Golden Wind Ancestor and Baiwu Ancestor led their sect members to swoop down, forcibly pushed their territory into Dove Mound Mountain, demanding one-third forcibly.

Since then, Dove Mound Mountain has become the border center for the three factions.

"Inform Xu Yingsheng to collect all the spirit stones mined this month from Dove Mound Mountain and leave none for Xuanyao Dao Palace. Dispatch all Earth Masters from the sect to assist him, aiming to excavate the core mining area as quickly as possible."

Once Baiwu Ancestor finished speaking, Zhu Jun immediately nodded and sent out a message talisman.

In the grand hall, the Golden Core cultivators from Sun Bathing Sea in Golden Crow Immortal City were mostly present, with Xu Yingsheng being Baiwu Ancestor's second disciple, assigned to guard Dove Mound Mountain.

Previously, it was jointly managed by three factions; when Kong Sang Valley was besieged by Sun Bathing Sea and Xuanyao Dao Palace, it naturally lost its share rights, and now Xuanyao Dao Palace was gone too.

Baiwu Ancestor believed that once the Five Elements Sect learned of this, they would definitely send people to claim Xuanyao Dao Palace's share of the profit.

Facing a faction guarded by two Nascent Soul cultivators, Sun Bathing Sea would ultimately have to compromise.

However, before that happens, he could maximize his own interests.

After giving the orders, Baiwu Ancestor's mood returned to calm.

"Master, since that Chen Guixian successfully achieved Nascent Soul Formation, my suspicion seems correct."

At this time, Zhu Jun, who had also reviewed the intelligence in the jade slip, spoke.

Her suspicion was, of course, that Chen Guixian was Daoist Child Chen Qingdi from Yuan Dao Palace.

It turns out that he exposed his identity to achieve Nascent Soul Formation, using the Jiutian Dangmo Sect to obtain Three Lights Divine Water.

However, he successfully achieved Nascent Soul Formation!

Thinking of how she failed even with Three Lights Divine Water, Zhu Jun couldn't help but slightly frown her brows. This implied her talent and foundation weren't as good as Chen Qingdi's.

What a pity, if only she could have intercepted him in Golden Crow Immortal City back then, perhaps she could have achieved Nascent Soul Formation herself.

Thinking this way, Zhu Jun felt even more frustrated.

She just felt she missed the greatest opportunity to change her life.

Compared to her, Baiwu Ancestor thought further ahead.

More than a hundred years ago, Yuan Dao Palace lost great face, as the Daoist Child was killed before everyone, and the Saintess was abducted.

Apparently, they learned from past mistakes, and only revealed Chen Qingdi this time until the Daoist Child was about to achieve Nascent Soul Formation.

Moreover, they did so in the distant Eastern Wilderness where Five Elements Sect had a branch courtyard, avoiding disturbances from the East Land and Demon Path attention.

Now facts prove that Yuan Dao Palace's move was very correct.

It remains unknown whether Li Zhongji's expulsion from East Land was part of this plan.

Back when Baiwu Ancestor was befriending Ancestor Hunyuan, the latter confidently claimed that once cultivation level was completed, he would definitely return to East Land and smash the gate of Yuan Dao Palace!

But in any case, Five Elements Sect cannot be dealt with as merely the rural Nascent Soul major faction of East Wasteland Village; it must be regarded as the direct branch courtyard of the East Earth's Four Great Sacred Lands.

This news for Sun Bathing Sea is undoubtedly not a good thing.

After assessing the strength and background of Five Elements Sect, Baiwu Ancestor had settled on the tone of temporarily refraining from confrontation.

Precisely because of this, he instructed Xu Yingsheng to excavate as many large spirit stone mines as possible during the Five Elements Sect's transitional period of the Xuanyao Palace site.

"Master, there's one more thing..."

At this moment, Zhu Jun recalled a sect member of Five Elements Sect imprisoned in Sun Bathing Sea's dungeon, whom she had captured while searching for Chen Qingdi's trail—Chu Zuoshu.

"This matter will definitely offend Five Elements Sect, so to prevent any leakage of information, perhaps it's best to act and kill him."

After Zhu Jun said her piece, her expression turned cold, and she suggested.

After Baiwu Ancestor finished listening, a gleam of insight flashed in his eyes.

Now, with the information at hand, it can basically be concluded that the Sect Leader of the Five Elements Sect is Daozi Chen Qingdi from the First Origin Dao Palace. Given his displayed cultivation speed and fearsome achievements, he is likely no less formidable than Ye Qing.

After learning about Chu Zuoshu's incident, to preserve the Holy Land's face, he certainly won't let it go easily.

Thus, Zhu Jun's proposal, from this perspective, is very correct.

But Baiwu Ancestor thought even further ahead.

Chu Zuoshu disappeared in their Golden Crow Immortal City at Sun Bathing Sea. They were the prime suspects, and the timing of his disappearance coincided with Chen Qingdi getting the Three Lights Divine Water and passing through here after returning from the Star Heaven Dao Sect.

Chu Zuoshu definitely has a Soul Lantern at the Five Elements Sect. At this moment when the Five Elements Sect has just broken through the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, if the Soul Lantern shatters, it's too obvious to hide any traces of his death.

Additionally, Zhu Jun's earlier actions of blocking the Teleportation Array and searching major Commerce Associations couldn't be hidden from those with keen eyes.

All this information combined clearly indicates to Chen Qingdi that Chu Zuoshu died at the hands of those at Sun Bathing Sea!

"Release Chu Zuoshu, and send someone to personally deliver him to the Five Elements Sect. I will also write an apology letter to the Primordial Taoist Child."

Baiwu Ancestor pondered for a moment and then spoke words that made Zhu Jun's eyes widen.

However, even though she is the eldest disciple and a concubine, Baiwu Ancestor's authority at Sun Bathing Sea doesn't allow any questioning, so since he said so, she could only reluctantly nod in response.

“The rise of the Five Elements Sect is something we can no longer ignore. I suspect the reason the First Origin Dao Palace placed Chen Qingdi in the Eastern Wilderness was to seize the initiative when the major Eastern factions start to explore uncharted territories later.”

“The Golden Flame Manticore, as a fire attribute True Spirit, is a treasure of heaven and earth for our Burning Heaven Meridians, even if just a piece of its fur. When the Holy Land takes the inner core and Essence Blood to refine the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill, we must find a way to take advantage of our geographical benefits to share in the leftovers. Before that, Sun Bathing Sea needs to preserve its Force of Life, as many people will surely die during the exploration of the Ruins.”

“Although we have some misunderstandings with the Five Elements Sect, we haven’t acted as the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace did by sending people to the Eastern Wilderness, so there’s no irreconcilable hatred.”

“If we killed Chu Zuoshu, we would be actively forming a grudge, no matter how secretly it’s done, the countless secret techniques in the Tianhe Realm could always expose it.”

“Now, by sending Chu Zuoshu over, being friends with Ancestor Hunyuan gives us some goodwill. Besides, before the Five Elements Sect has absorbed the territory of the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace completely, they certainly won’t be willing to tear things apart with us.”

After listening to Baiwu Ancestor’s words, Zhu Jun and all the Golden Core Cultivators at Sun Bathing Sea were suddenly enlightened.

Indeed, the Master is the Master, with far-sighted vision.

“Then, who should be sent to the Five Elements Sect?”

Zhu Jun hesitated for a moment and then asked.

She was afraid Baiwu Ancestor would send her, after all, she started this matter.

Yet she certainly didn’t want to go, so she looked up pitifully at her Master.

Baiwu Ancestor was initially planning to appoint her but hesitated and then looked at the other Golden Core disciples nearby. Many of them lowered their heads, avoiding eye contact.

After all, even though it's unlikely to be life-threatening on this mission, there's a good chance of being blamed for holding the Five Elements Sect disciples captive for so long.

"Master, it was Junior Brother Liu Nansheng who captured him, so why not let him deliver Chu Zuoshu?"

At this moment, Zhu Jun suggested with a hint, and Liu Nansheng immediately cursed inwardly upon hearing it.

[I captured him under your orders.]

"Hmm, let's do it this way then. Nansheng, you'll have to endure some trouble."

Before Liu Nansheng could speak, Baiwu Ancestor already nodded in agreement.

In Sun Bathing Sea, a Nascent Soul Ancestor's words are definitive, so Liu Nansheng could only muster up a smile and reluctantly nod in acceptance.

"I'll go to the study to write a letter, you go and prepare the person first."

Baiwu Ancestor said another sentence to Liu Nansheng and then got up, with Zhu Jun immediately volunteering to assist her Master and following him.

Once the two left, Zhou Zhenghai immediately went to Liu Nansheng's side and sighed, "Junior Brother Liu, I told you so..."

[You knew, but didn't tell me sooner!]

Liu Nansheng clenched his fists, knowing that it must have been his tattling that earned Zhu Jun's resentment.

But since Baiwu Ancestor had commanded, he could only comply.

Soon, he brought the significantly thinner Chu Zuoshu back to the grand hall.

However, it wasn't until half a day later that the refreshed and rosy-cheeked Zhu Jun emerged from the study, handing him a letter.

"Junior Brother Liu, Master entrusted you with this task because he values you. You must not disappoint his expectations."

Hearing Zhu Jun's words, Liu Nansheng suppressed his inner anger, took the letter, and left with Chu Zuoshu.

Watching his departing back, Zhu Jun snorted coldly and returned to the study.

Baiwu Ancestor stood by the window, gazing solemnly at the breathtaking sea and sky view beyond the Golden Crow Immortal City. At that moment, the sunset was suddenly obscured by dark clouds.

Chapter 1662: Requirements of Submerged Abyss Island

Zhu Jun, who had just entered the study, was about to report when Bai Wu Ancestor raised his hand to stop her.

"I'm going out for a while, you wait here for me."

After saying this, Bai Wu Ancestor put on his robe, then transformed into a golden escaping light, leaving Golden Crow Immortal City, and flew toward Above Xuanhai.

Before long, he flew over a dark reef.

On the reef sat a cultivator in a black robe, his aura unfathomable, as steady as a solitary island.

Bai Wu Ancestor recognized him as the Submerged Abyss Island cultivator who had taken away Ku Zhu.

“Fellow Daoist, you have stirred me with your aura. Is there something you need?”

Bai Wu Ancestor hovered in the air and asked, the location just within the boundary of the large formation enveloping Golden Crow Immortal City.

By leveraging the power of the formation, he could contend even with a Nascent Soul Complete cultivator.

“Greetings, Fellow Daoist, there is something I would like to ask for your assistance with.”

The Submerged Abyss Island cultivator stood and bowed, then spoke calmly.

“What is it?”

Bai Wu Ancestor’s voice was calm, but a glimmer flashed in his eyes.

“According to Ku Zhu, his Kong Sang Valley is currently in conflict with your Sun Bathing Sea and Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace. He asked me to come and keep watch, to prevent you from eliminating them. I thought it would be more convenient to directly discuss with you, and happened to see Golden Crow Immortal City, so I invited you over.”

Indeed, it’s this matter!

Upon hearing this, Bai Wu Ancestor nodded lightly.

“I was also deceived by Jin Feng to join forces against Kong Sang Valley. Now I have severed ties with Jin Feng and have long withdrawn troops from Kong Sang Valley. Fellow Daoist, rest assured, when Ku Zhu returns, I will be willing to turn hostility into friendship.”

Jin Feng Ancestor is already dead, so Bai Wu Ancestor shifted all the blame onto him.

“Fellow Daoist misunderstands, this is Ku Zhu’s intention, not mine.”

At this moment, the Submerged Abyss Island cultivator shook his head with a smile, saying words that made Bai Wu Ancestor slightly puzzled.

“What do you mean by this, Fellow Daoist?”

“Ku Zhu’s talent and root bone are exceptionally suited for receiving our Submerged Abyss Island’s legacy, but to pass the test, he needs a mind as tranquil as still water, cold as ice. Kong Sang Valley holds too much weight in his heart, so I hope Fellow Daoist can help eliminate it as a major obstacle in his mind.”

Upon hearing the words of the Submerged Abyss Island cultivator, Bai Wu Ancestor’s lips twitched slightly.

He recalled the origins of Submerged Abyss Island, once part of the Nine Abyss Demon Sect’s legacy, but later aligned with the Eastern Emperor Court and was recruited to become one of the Hall of Ten Directions.

It seems that the demonic habits have not changed!

“As the righteous path, my Sun Bathing Sea will never do such a thing.”

Bai Wu Ancestor thought for a moment and directly refused.

However, he felt a faint regret; had he known this earlier, he shouldn't have withdrawn troops from Kong Sang Valley with Jin Feng Ancestor.

Capturing Kong Sang Valley would have kept Jin Feng Ancestor busy assimilating new territory and prevented him from going to the Eastern Wilderness to die, thus avoiding the Five Elements Sect, a formidable newcomer.

“Won't Fellow Daoist reconsider? Our Submerged Abyss Island legacy is long-standing, with a Big Yellow Elixir passed down from the Eastern Emperor Court in the treasury. If you take it, you might break through to Nascent Soul Late Stage.”

The Submerged Abyss Island cultivator smiled and proposed a tempting condition.

Upon hearing this, Bai Wu Ancestor did indeed hesitate.

The reputation of the Big Yellow Elixir was familiar to him.

But soon, he shook his head again.

If not for the unexpected presence of the Five Elements Sect, he might have considered it, but now, he decided not to open another battlefield while strong forces encroach.

Moreover, if Ku Zhu returns, even if the truth is revealed, his personality suggests he would still confront him for life and death.

Most importantly, if this act is committed and the Jiutian Dangmo Sect finds out, they might label him with the sin of a demonic act.

After all, Zhu Jun's previous actions have left Jiutian Dangmo Sect very dissatisfied.

If not for needing their Burning Heaven Meridians to deal with the Flame Suanni during pioneering efforts, the Commerce Association of Sun Bathing Sea would be struggling in the East Land.

Bai Wu Ancestor cultivated to this realm and controls Golden Crow Immortal City through a steady yet ruthlessly decisive mindset.

And now, after analyzing, he felt it was time to be steady.

Moreover, he wasn't bold enough to consume the Big Yellow Elixir without scrutiny.

Taking it to the Grass Hall for appraisal would leave traces, as the alchemy recipe for Big Yellow Elixir originally belonged to Dao Morale Sect, only later claimed by Eastern Emperor Court.

Under inspection, it's sure to be revealed that it wasn't refined by Dao Morale Sect, and questioning the source of the elixir would leave ambiguities.

After careful consideration, Baiwu Ancestor resisted the temptation and refused once again.

"Fellow Daoist, my promise still stands. No matter what method you use to bring about the destruction of Kong Sang Valley, I will give you a Big Yellow Elixir."

The cultivator from Submerged Abyss Island finally said this, then the reef underfoot descended toward the sea surface, and eventually, the seawater engulfed him, disappearing together from Baiwu Ancestor's sight.

Baiwu Ancestor watched the last ripples on the sea surface and fell into contemplation.

Finally, a hint of an imperceptible cold light flashed in his eyes, and he returned to the Golden Crow Immortal City.

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Bright Mirror Mountain.

Chen Mobai was busy handling the affair of taking over the territory of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

He sat within the grand hall of the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, with various account books piled on the table, and began to check them one by one using the Guidance Book.

As one of the Three Great of East Barbarians, the territory Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace possessed, though not as vast as the Five Elements Sect, was comparable to the Eastern Desolation Plateau.

Especially those thirty thousand acres of medicine fields, apart from the twelve thousand acres on the Bright Mirror Mountain side, the remaining eighteen thousand acres were scattered throughout the East Barbarians.

Some of these medicine fields were directly managed by Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, but more often, they cooperated with local Immortal cultivation forces, only sending disciples to harvest part of the fields when they matured.

Now that Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace was destroyed, the Five Elements Sect naturally had to send people to take over these.

Because, given the local temperament, they would certainly seize the opportunity during this chaos to devour Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace's assets, and then blame it on rogue cultivators or the like, and the Five Elements Sect wouldn't have much to say.

After all, in the Tianhe Realm, rogue cultivators indeed run rampant.

Especially after the Eastern Wilderness was unified by the Five Elements Sect, under Chen Mobai's new policies, those rogue cultivators had no room for survival. The more earnest ones directly abandoned their evil ways and started working to wash themselves clean. Meanwhile, those used to living off others' backs and living freely for years mostly fled to the East Barbarians to make a living.

Because the East Barbarians were relatively wealthy.

The greatest asset of the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace's three-thousand-year foundation was these thirty thousand acres of medicine fields. If the Five Elements Sect could absorb these, they wouldn't need to purchase herbs externally for refining items like the Golden Liquid Jade Rejuvenation Pill and Five Elements Golden Core Pill, as they could furnish themselves.

Therefore, after taking over Bright Mirror Mountain, the first thing Chen Mobai did was to organize all the medicine field account books using the Guidance Book, then dispatched Luo Yixuan, Yin Qingmei, and others to lead disciples of the Five Elements Sect to successively take over according to the rank and quality of the medicine fields and herbs.

"Junior Brother, you're looking for me!"

Just as all the medicine fields were dealt with, Zhou Shengqing arrived in the grand hall.

"Senior Brother, there is a matter that needs you to make a trip."

As Chen Mobai spoke, he took out a contract, which was originally signed by Nascent Soul cultivators of the Three Great of East Barbarians, concerning the division of rights for the large Spirit Stone Mine at Dove Mound Mountain.

Now Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace has been destroyed, it stands to reason that this right should be inherited by the Five Elements Sect.

"Leave it to me."

Upon hearing about this matter, Zhou Shengqing immediately rubbed his hands together eagerly.

With a Nascent Soul cultivator like him taking action, if Baiwu Ancestor doesn't come from the Sun Bathing Sea, they definitely wouldn't dare to refuse the Five Elements Sect inheriting the rights of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Zhou Shengqing went out, enlisted a hundred cultivators of the Five Elements Sect including Zhou Wangshen, and for safety, he also brought Mo Douguang, setting off in grandeur toward Dove Mound Mountain.

After arranging this matter, Chen Mobai was relieved as well.

It's important to remember that the highest-grade mine in the Eastern Wilderness is a medium-sized Spirit Stone Mine, and the four discovered were almost entirely mined out.

In the absence of the discovery of new veins, Spirit Stones would only become scarcer, eventually evolving into what happens in the Immortal Gates.

The solution adopted by the Immortal Gates is to collect Spirit Stones for safekeeping, then peg Good Deed Points paper currency to Spirit Stones to replace their market circulation.

Issuing paper currency in the Tianhe Realm is certainly unrealistic. Even if the Five Elements Sect is the supreme entity in the Eastern Wilderness, if they dared to issue paper currency today, countless people would venture their lives to counterfeit it tomorrow.

Chen Mobai pondered what could replace paper currency and still possess an unforgeable, Spirit Stone-like characteristic.

The solution still lies within Spirit Stone Mines. He had inspected abandoned veins on site before and found that the easily extracted Spirit Stone raw ores were depleted; however, some harder-to-extract Fragmented Spirit Stones were still hidden deep within the veins.

These Fragmented Spirit Stones, a few or even a dozen combined, only equate to one lower-grade Spirit Stone, meaning that only rogue cultivators with no other options resort to mining them, and major sects overlook them.

However, Chen Mobai contemplated implementing currency reform in the Eastern Wilderness, using these Fragmented Spirit Stones to create smaller unit monies, thereby facilitating commodity exchange.

For instance, before, a dozen sheets of talisman paper were priced at one-half of a Spirit Stone after years of sales at Little Nan Mountain Shop but because the smallest unit was a full stone, rogue cultivators had to purchase two.

However, with currency or spirit coins available, they could purchase individually.

After all, for many low-realm rogue cultivators, earning a single Spirit Stone requires a lot of work.

By introducing currency units smaller than a lower-grade Spirit Stone, these grassroots cultivators would have more opportunities.

Who knows, maybe some would emerge as talents, enriching the backup strength of the Five Elements Sect even more.

Moreover, if it controls the issuance of currency, the Five Elements Sect could completely dominate the economy of the Eastern Wilderness.

Chapter 1663: Jin Feng's Storage Bag

After Zhou Shengqing took people to the Tuosu Mountain Spirit Stone Mine, Chen Mobai called Zhou Ye in.

According to the roster checked by Chen Mobai recently, it was found that Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace actually had 30,000 disciples.

However, over the years, in the great wars, two to three thousand have been lost.

The Golden Wind Ancestor took away ten thousand elites, only to be ambushed by the pre-prepared Five Elements Sect, resulting in almost total annihilation.

However, some fortunate disciples of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace managed to avoid the Five Elements Sect cultivators' interception and fled into the ruins.

But their fate, for many, was to be eaten by the demonic beasts in the ruins. Even if they were lucky enough to escape from the ruins, they certainly wouldn't dare to return to the Eastern Yi territory.

Because Bright Mirror Mountain had already been occupied by the Five Elements Sect.

And here, despite the Five Elements Sect army's early siege, quite a few disciples of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace escaped.

Because there were simply too many people.

In this Bright Mirror Mountain, there were also over ten thousand disciples of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

At the moment of the formation's breach, many scattered in panic. After the Five Elements Sect charged in, they focused on seizing the key hubs like the Medicine Field, the Alchemy Room, and the Artifact Library, concentrating their efforts on capturing and killing primarily the Foundation Establishment level disciples of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

After these people escaped, according to the rules of the Tianhe Realm, the Five Elements Sect would certainly pursue them.

Chen Mobai assigned Zhou Ye to handle this matter.

However, according to his intention, as long as during the pursuit, if the disciples of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace were willing to surrender, they could be spared.

After all, they are all cultivators, who could be used in the future to develop the ruins between the Eastern Wilderness and the Eastern Yi territory.

"Sect Leader, I led people to track down three hundred and sixty-seven disciples of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, among them seven Foundation Establishment level, late-stage Qi Cultivation..."

After Zhou Ye came in, he reported his achievements over this period to Chen Mobai.

In fact, there were originally more people, but many cultivators of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace resisted fiercely, and he had to be heavy-handed, directly sending them to their deaths.

“Hard work. These are sixteen sects and families in the Eastern Yi territory that have friendly ties with Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace. Go and communicate with them to see if they’re willing to cooperate with our Five Elements Sect.”

Chen Mobai handed Zhou Ye a list.

Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, as the top Alchemy Major Sect of the Eastern Yi territory, aside from its three thousand acres of Medicine Field, also had quite a few long-term medicinal suppliers outside the sect.

These sixteen have Golden Core cultivators stationed within their forces in the Eastern Yi territory, and almost all have some ties with the previous Three Great Factions, thus enabling them to cooperate with Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Throughout the Eastern Yi territory, aside from the three major Nascent Soul factions, these sixteen are the most respected.

A total of nineteen forces occupy every aspect of the Eastern Yi territory, controlling various spirit veins.

Since the Five Elements Sect has occupied Bright Mirror Mountain, they are sure to be observing, so Chen Mobai sent Zhou Ye to first offer diplomacy before force.

“Yes, Sect Leader!”

After Zhou Ye left, the task of pursuing the cultivators of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace ceased, which was also Chen Mobai’s deliberate action.

The necessary killings have almost been completed; next, they must use gentle methods to gradually assimilate the territory of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Continuously killing, on the contrary, would not be conducive to future rule.

After all, this land is vast and rich, and the cultivators could easily find a spirit vein land to hide. With the mere thousands of people in the Five Elements Sect, it is impossible to find them all.

The pursuit was only a formality, with the main purpose being to proclaim to the entire Eastern Yi territory that from now on, the territory of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace is theirs, the Five Elements Sect's.

After handling everything in hand, Chen Mobai put down the accounts book and took out a storage bag.

This belonged to the Golden Wind Ancestor, which he had not had time to examine.

The main reason was that now Chen Mobai was wealthy and no longer had the initial enthusiasm for opening storage bags.

He took out talisman paper and a talisman brush, drawing a Rank-4 Space Talisman, and after activating it, he slapped it onto the storage bag.

After the bag opened, faint golden light beams floated out, accompanied by gusts of wind, akin to a gentle golden breeze and rain, making people feel warm and refreshed.

Chen Mobai was extremely curious and, upon inserting his divine sense, the first thing that caught his eye was a pile of supreme-grade spirit stones, counting seven pieces in total.

[Now I understand why Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace only had top-grade spirit stones; they were all taken by the Golden Wind Ancestor!]

Chen Mobai immediately took out these seven pieces of supreme-grade spirit stones and found that two were mutated with the metal attribute and two with the wind attribute. They were similar in nature to

the Mother Earth Stone and the Aqua Essence Mysterious Stone. Using them as the core, a corresponding attribute Rank-4 spirit vein could be established.

However, two of them showed signs of having been absorbed, evidently used by the Golden Wind Ancestor himself.

But nevertheless, for cultivators, they are still extremely precious.

Chen Mobai planned to give one piece to Mo Douguang for use during his Nascent Soul Formation in the future.

And the remaining three supreme-grade spirit stones were non-attribute, absorbable by all cultivators.

Aside from the supreme-grade spirit stones, the storage bag also contained a pile of top-grade spirit stones, which Chen Mobai counted to an astonishing number of eight thousand.

It could only be said that the Golden Wind Ancestor was extremely wealthy, truly worthy of being the Eastern Yi's top Alchemist.

His personal wealth almost matched the entire accumulation of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Gazing at the splendid glow of the Spirit Stones, Chen Mobai transferred them along with the ten thousand top-grade Spirit Stones he had collected earlier into another storage bag, and then placed it into his own domain.

He then eagerly checked the other contents of the storage bag from Golden Wind Ancestor.

There were over a dozen books, all the most precious inheritances of the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Among them, four books were their three-thousand-year interpretations of the contents from the Immortal book jade slip. Six others derived from it were related to the inheritance of Alchemy, and dozens of Rank-1 to Rank-3 alchemy recipes.

Some of these were supplemented by Xuan Xiao Dao Palace themselves because they had alchemy recipes from the Immortal Book Jade Slip, and according to Tianhe Realm's saying, they possessed the inheritance of Rank-1 to Rank-5 Alchemy.

For the Five Elements Sect, getting these would mean it could claim to be the first Alchemy Major Sect in Eastern Yi Territory, even without Qing Nu.

Apart from the Alchemy inheritance, there were also cultivation techniques.

The first book, "Heaven and Wind Dafa", had been obtained from Xuan Shu; he glanced at it and set it aside.

The second book was the Metal Attribute's "Xuanjin Body Method," capable of cultivation to the fourth stage pinnacle.

However, what surprised Chen Mobai most was a dual-attribute sword technique, named "Clear Mirror Calming Water Sword."

Needless to say, this sword technique must have belonged to the former owner of Bright Mirror Mountain, also the Guardian Technique of the Nascent Soul Major Faction, Mirror Blade Sect, in the Eastern Yi Territory.

Chen Mobai found it quite interesting after reading it through.

It's somewhat similar to the Guidance Book, reflecting the opponent's weaknesses with the Sword Heart of Clear Mirror Calming Water during combat, the longer the engagement, the higher the odds of victory.

It's not very useful for Chen Mobai, but he could let Mo Douguang and Nu Jiang see it. After all, it's a sword technique that can be cultivated to Nascent Soul Complete, which is only slightly inferior to the Primordial Dao Fruit in the Five Elements Sect.

The rest were some ordinary Rank-4 cultivation techniques, which Chen Mobai skimmed through without noticing anything remarkable, planning to supplement his sect's inheritance with them later.

Following this, there were bottles of elixirs.

Having known Qing Nu for so many years, Chen Mobai also understood some identification tricks. Upon opening and examining, he found that many of them were Rank-4 elixirs.

Each one contained astonishing medicinal power, evidently prepared by Golden Wind Ancestor for himself.

The only one he was familiar with was a bottle of Xu Tian Wu Jin Dan.

This longevity elixir could fetch an astronomical price when encountering the right buyer.

Chen Mobai put away all the elixirs, although equipped with the Danfeng Chaoyang Diagram and immune to all poisons, he waited for Qing Nu's appraisal before deciding if any were suitable for himself.

Apart from elixirs, what delighted him was the vast number of rare millennium medicinal herbs.

Evidently mature, and preserved with secret techniques, all were Rank-4.

He took them out one by one for a careful inspection.

There was a spiritual medicine looking like a dragon's body, rich in Wood Attribute Spiritual Energy, probably the legendary "Qinglong Ginseng," which could be refined into an elixir that enhances Wood Spirit Power.

Also, there was a fiery red flower, still ablaze with bright flames even when sealed, clearly an excellent material for refining Fire Attribute elixirs.

Additionally, items like “Nether Grass,” “Gold Silver Mushroom,” “Hundred Turns Vine,” etc.

He counted a total of forty-six types, evidently made from the mature Rank-4 medicinal herbs collected by Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace over the years, indispensable for refining high-level elixirs, yet all conveniently landed in Chen Mobai’s hands.

After categorizing these millennium medicinal herbs carefully and repacking them into a storage bag, Chen Mobai was already contemplating which elixirs to refine with them.

By this time, he finally understood why cultivators in the Tianhe Realm were so keen on being rogue cultivators.

The painstaking accumulation from cultivation and planting, which takes over a thousand years, was outweighed by the bounty from slaying a single Golden Wind Ancestor.

Nevertheless, restraint is needed, not dragging the Five Elements Sect into the quagmire of war.

Chen Mobai rang the Morning Bell several times, suppressing the sudden greed and heart demon within him.

The contents of the storage bag from Golden Wind Ancestor were truly precious.

There were also numerous Rank-4 ores, and even some scraps of Rank-5 Mysterious Gold, which Chen Mobai collected to promote his magic artifacts.

Finally, he poured out from the storage bag a square white jade box.

Curious, Chen Mobai opened it.

Soon, a deep blue gemstone, about the size of a fist, appeared in front of him, as if containing a sea within, with blue ripples undulating.

After sensing it, Chen Mobai's face showed shock.

This was material of Rank-5.

Golden Wind Ancestor was indeed wealthy!

Chen Mobai exclaimed again, then cautiously took out the deep blue gemstone, using the Guidance Book to search the knowledge stored in the Heavenly Calculation Bead to find its origins.

The Immortal Gate's knowledge base revealed several options, but after careful discernment, he shook his head at each.

He then searched the Tianhe Realm's knowledge base and quickly made a discovery, immediately retrieving the Daoist Scriptures Jade Scroll from the Jellyfish Palace, turning to the page with the alchemy recipe for the Taiyi Life Water Elixir.

Soon after, an unmistakable expression of joy spread across his face.

Indeed, it was the main ingredient of the Taiyi Life Water Elixir.

Chapter 1664: Taiyuan Blue Pearl

The deep blue gem glimmered softly in his palm, as if it contained a vast ocean, undulating with endless mysteries.

This is precisely the Rank-5 Spiritual Object—the Taiyuan Blue Pearl—that can be generated at the Four Seas Sea Eye of the Tianhe Realm.

It's said that at the deepest part of the Sea Eye, within the Returning Void Abyss, the purest Innate Water Spirit Qi, after eons of sea tides and refined by earth fire, has a minuscule chance of forming a Taiyuan Blue Pearl.

Rumor has it that the Mother of Water was originally a Taiyuan Blue Pearl that transformed, which is why she naturally commands the waters of the Four Seas, with boundless mana and divine skills.

This Taiyuan Blue Pearl possesses the magical powers of condensing, purifying, and perpetually sustaining water spirit qi and is an indispensable rare material for refining the Taiyi Life Water Elixir.

However, what delighted Chen Mobai the most was the complete strand of Innate Water Element Essence Qi contained within.

If he could absorb it into his body, he could elevate his Water Spiritual Root to Heavenly Water Spiritual Root.

In the future, with the Immortal Gate's Heavenly Realm Pure Water and similar Spiritual Objects, perhaps, like his Fire Spiritual Root, it could even reach the Realm of Immortal Spirit Root.

But this would disqualify it from meeting the requirements as the primary ingredient for the Taiyi Life Water Elixir.

Yet for Chen Mobai, having just reached Nascent Soul Formation and being far from Spirit Transformation Stage, enhancing his Water Spiritual Root with the Taiyuan Blue Pearl seemed prudent.

Although the Water Spiritual Root was of no use to the Pure Yang Scroll he practiced, it was beneficial for the Primordial Dao Fruit.

If he could elevate all Five Elements Spiritual Roots to Immortal Spirit Root level, even with lack of enlightenment, this supreme Divine Skill left by True Lord Yuan would undoubtedly resonate profoundly with him.

Perhaps even more than it did with True Lord Yuan.

Moreover, after absorbing the Innate Water Element Essence Qi, the Taiyuan Blue Pearl would still be a Rank-5 Spirit Material, retaining its Water Dao Path mysteries, and could be given to Qing Nu for refining a Lifespan Artifact.

Chen Mobai, always focused on the present, firmly embraced this idea after contemplating.

Still, absorbing the Innate Water Element Essence Qi required using the Guidance Book combined with knowledge from the Immortal Gate for simulation, since his Innate Fire-element Essence Qi was granted by the world during Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment, without him even feeling it.

Whether or not it could be absorbed and refined using the Acquired Method remains to be seen, necessitating consultation with experts.

Cautiously, Chen Mobai placed the Taiyuan Blue Pearl back into the White Jade Box and closed it, curious about how Golden Wind Ancestor had obtained such a treasure.

Maybe it was acquired together with that Daoist Scriptures Jade Scroll?

Thinking of this possibility, Chen Mobai took a deep breath to steady his emotions.

If this Taiyuan Blue Pearl really had such origins, then outsiders must never know, lest it attract the Sky Sea Jellyfish Palace, forcing even the Great Holy Land of East Continent to retreat.

During the refining into a Magic Artifact, it's best to alter its appearance.

With this thought, Chen Mobai felt an urge to return to Eastern Wilderness.

Both the Daoist Scriptures Jade Scroll and Taiyuan Blue Pearl were exceptionally beneficial to Qing Nu.

But it was only a thought, for the Five Elements Sect needed to establish agreements with Sun Bathing Sea and the sixteen Gold Core forces of the East Barbarians to stabilize and assimilate the territory from the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

The sixteen forces were simple enough, surely not daring to oppose blatantly.

But as for Sun Bathing Sea...

Just as Chen Mobai pondered negotiating with Bai Wu Ancestor, the latter dispatched someone ahead.

Inside the Bright Mirror Mountain Great Hall.

Liu Nan Sheng, internally anxious but outwardly composed, represented Sun Bathing Sea to hand over Chu Zuoshu.

“Sect Master Chen, a rogue cultivator had stolen a supreme treasure from our Golden Crow Immortal City and it vanished near your sect’s shop, hence I took your sect’s responsible Chushi Nephew for investigation.”

“Now, it’s been proven to be a misunderstanding. Master punished me harshly and sent me to bring Chushi Nephew to apologize.”

“Here is Master’s letter. It was indeed Sun Bathing Sea’s error, and we implore Sect Master Chen’s understanding.”

Liu Nan Sheng’s words were to align with Bai Wu Ancestor’s letter, insisting it was a misunderstanding, and not because of recognizing him as Emperor Chen Qing while capturing Chu Zuoshu.

“Do you think I will accept this explanation?”

Chen Mobai took the letter, yet before opening, coldly questioned Liu Nan Sheng.

A bead of cold sweat formed on Liu Nan Sheng’s forehead as he failed to respond awkwardly.

Yet he understood the crux of the matter rested on whether the Five Elements Sect desired to wage war against Sun Bathing Sea.

Bai Wu Ancestor analyzed it and concluded that the Five Elements Sect wouldn't act until they fully assimilated the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace territory. Moreover, such an act would benefit Sun Bathing Sea.

Because in that scenario, the remaining sixteen Core Formation forces of the East Barbarians would surely fear the Five Elements Sect's dominance and rally under Sun Bathing Sea for safety. They would heed Bai Wu Ancestor's call, united against the Five Elements Sect, a powerful force arriving from afar.

Guarded by the Fifth-Rank Great Formation of Golden Crow Immortal City, they feared no invasion.

Sun Bathing Sea could even use this to stall the Five Elements Sect's main forces, providing East Wilderness's remaining sixteen Gold Core forces a chance to counterattack.

Consequently, Liu Nan Sheng today is doomed to become a sacrifice.

Thus, Liu Nan Sheng hoped Chen Mobai would accept his explanation.

"Congratulations Sect Master, I didn't expect that after departing from Golden Crow Immortal City, Sect Master has already achieved Nascent Soul Formation and become one of the immortals."

At this point, Chu Zuoshu spoke.

He had been imprisoned for ten years, his entire body had become thinner, and because of the daily worry over life and death, his hair had turned gray, making him look much older.

When Liu Nan Sheng brought him out of Golden Crow Immortal City, Chu Zuoshu knew he had returned from the brink of the Underworld to the Mortal Realm, feeling a mix of surprise and bitterness from transitioning from death to life.

Especially now, seeing Chen Mobai, his heart was filled with gratitude.

He clearly understood that if the Five Elements Sect hadn't stormed through the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, displaying strength beyond what Sun Bathing Sea could imagine, he definitely wouldn't have been able to return.

At this moment, Chu Zuoshu felt fortunate to be part of the Five Elements Sect!

"These years have caused you much suffering."

Hearing Chu Zuoshu's words, Chen Mobai's originally cold expression softened slightly, and he called Luo Xue'er in to take Chu Zuoshu to rest.

The two came from Reward Virtue Hall, and were very close senior and junior disciples.

After watching them leave the great hall, Chen Mobai's gaze turned back to Liu Nan Sheng, becoming cold once again.

"Your Sun Bathing Sea should be thankful for returning Chu Zuoshu, otherwise the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace would serve as your precedent."

Chen Mobai's voice was calm, but the pressure contained within made Liu Nan Sheng feel a suffocating sensation.

Liu Nan Sheng swallowed and knew it was not the time to explain, he could only bow his head and apologize: "Sect Master Chen is wise, our Sun Bathing Sea is willing to compensate, and henceforth your sect's commerce association in our Golden Crow Immortal City will be exempt from taxation."

These were outlined in Baiwu Ancestor's letter, benefits only accorded to those commerce associations of major sects, which could save at least millions of spirit stones annually.

"Our Five Elements Sect requires two-thirds of Dove Mound Mountain's spirit stone mine."

Chen Mobai certainly saw through this offer, stating simply his condition.

“This... I need to inform my master, only he can make this decision.”

Liu Nan Sheng dared not agree to this compensation, as that large spirit stone mine annually outputs millions of combined high, medium, and low-grade spirit stones.

Even if previously divided amongst the three families, it would still exceed a million spirit stones.

If supreme-grade spirit stones were found by luck, it would even spark a small-scale dispute among the three families.

“You go back and inform Baiwu Ancestor, but if there is another instance of unjust delay in the Five Elements Sect’s sect members, it will mean war.”

Upon hearing this, Liu Nan Sheng felt relieved, eagerly nodding and agreeing, quickly taking his leave.

However, just after leaving the great hall, Liu Nan Sheng was already feeling troubled, for if he truthfully reported Chen Mobai’s words to Baiwu Ancestor, he would certainly face Baiwu Ancestor’s wrath.

Yet, at least he didn’t die at Bright Mirror Mountain, which was a fortunate misfortune.

Watching Liu Nan Sheng’s departure, the coldness in Chen Mobai’s eyes gradually faded, instantly teleporting to see Chu Zuoshu.

“I’m sorry for your hardships.”

Chen Mobai spoke with a sigh, Chu Zuoshu immediately shook his head, indicating that being able to survive was already enough.

On the side, Luo Xue’er immediately took out a tea set and started brewing tea for the two of them.

“It’s simply that our Five Elements Sect isn’t strong enough. If we were a Holy Land, even if given ten times the courage, Sun Bathing Sea wouldn’t dare imprison you.”

Chen Mobai’s words caused the expressions of Chu Zuoshu and Luo Xue’er to change dramatically.

Just having been promoted to a Nascent Soul Major Faction, the sect master is already thinking about Holy Land status!?

However, given the talent shown by the sect master, perhaps he might indeed reach Spirit Transformation in the future.

Thinking of this, their expressions grew even more respectful.

“Here are three Xu Tian Wu Jin Dan, which can extend your lifespan by forty to fifty years. Once we return to the Eastern Wilderness, I’ll ask Qing Nu to help refine a batch of Wood Essence Golden Core Pills, so you can restore your health; maybe you’ll be able to form a core.”

The bottle of Xu Tian Wu Jin Dan obtained from Golden Wind Ancestor’s storage bag contained a total of nine pills.

This kind of longevity elixir, taking the first pill can extend one’s life by twenty years, but the effect weakens with more consumption; three pills are considered the best value.

“Thank you, Sect Master, although I have not contributed anything, I truly feel undeserving.”

Chu Zuoshu felt somewhat embarrassed to decline, but Chen Mobai directly handed them over.

“The Five Elements Sect’s future path is long, although the younger generation is thriving, your experience as the elders is indispensable. Rest well, and let’s hope to see you form a core one day.”

Upon hearing this, Chu Zuoshu was deeply moved.

In Tianhe Realm, someone of his age who has repeatedly failed to break through is usually abandoned by their sect.

After all, the future belongs to the young.

But Chen Mobai is deeply nostalgic, granting both Chu Zuoshu and Meng Hong not just one, but multiple opportunities to form a core.

After thanking him once again, Chen Mobai advised him to rest and recover, gifting him a bottle of Longevity Tree Sap.

Upon leaving with Luo Xue'er, Chen Mobai noticed the immense envy on her face.

Only then did he remember that he had not yet told her the good news.

Chapter 1665: The Ambition of Zhou Ye

Chen Mobai handed a list to Luo Xue'er, who immediately took it.

She noticed they were all herbs and couldn't help but show a look of confusion.

"Qing Nu is preparing to refine the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill and needs these herbs. Gather them according to this list and send them over to Donghuang Tianpeng Mountain."

Then Chen Mobai explained the function of the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill, and Luo Xue'er listened with a face full of surprise.

She had never expected that the Sect Leader had already arranged a Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine for her.

"Thank you, Sect Leader, I'll go look for these herbs right now."

After thanking, Luo Xue'er hurried off to inspect the twelve thousand acres of medicine fields around Bright Mirror Mountain.

"Also, please take this Qinglong Ginseng for me."

Chen Mobai stopped her and then took out a superior-quality Rank-4 spiritual medicine from Golden Wind Ancestor's storage bag, which Luo Xue'er received respectfully with both hands.

Chen Mobai felt that this Qinglong Ginseng could act as the main herb for the Wood Essence Golden Core Pill, but whether it could be used, Qing Nu would need to determine.

Thinking about this, Chen Mobai asked Luo Xue'er to collect two sets of herbs according to the list.

For versatility, the Five Elements Golden Core Pill's auxiliary herbs are mostly the same, occasionally varying, and can also be found over in the Eastern Wilderness.

With high expectations, Luo Xue'er set off to accomplish her task.

Driven by motivation, she took just seven days to gather all the herbs and came back to bid farewell to Chen Mobai.

Even though the journey from East Barbarians to the Eastern Wilderness is the safest area in the ruins, just to be cautious, Chen Mobai personally drew a Fourth Grade "Great Sun Sword Talisman".

The Red Flame Sword Jue had long been practiced to the perfect realm by him.

The talisman paper and talisman ink needed for this talisman had also been refined over the years.

Entering the state of the Guidance Book, he completed it directly in one go, leaving behind a trace of spiritual power, which Luo Xue'er could activate with her divine sense.

After Luo Xue'er left, Chen Mobai was left without someone at hand, so he called Luo Yixuan back.

A month later, Zhou Shengqing returned.

“Junior Brother, you don't know how lucky we were to go in time. Those bastards from Sun Bathing Sea are shameless, with Golden Core Cultivators personally digging in the core area...”

Zhou Shengqing recounted his experiences at Dove Mound Mountain.

With the respect of a Nascent Soul Cultivator, he arrived there without anyone daring to block him.

However, upon entering, he found that the core vein had been dug violently by Sun Bathing Sea, and he learned from those remaining that it was Golden Core Cultivators leading over a hundred Earth Masters to dig.

Effectively, they had taken away the raw Spirit Stone deposits meant to be produced over several years.

Previously, due to supervision from other sects, Sun Bathing Sea didn't dare to do this.

Now that Kong Sang Valley avoided going out after being beaten, and the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace members at Dove Mound Mountain were all killed by Sun Bathing Sea, Xu Yingsheng could dig as much as he wanted.

But once Zhou Shengqing arrived with the Five Elements Sect army, Xu Yingsheng immediately took the extracted Spirit Stone raw ore and directly used the Teleportation Array to return to Golden Crow Immortal City.

Zhou Shengqing was furious but didn't dare to pursue through the Teleportation Array to Sun Bathing Sea's main camp.

The only option was to first send people to seize Dove Mound Mountain's Spirit Stone Mine.

“If that’s the case, we should also send the sect’s Earth Masters over.”

Mining such resources never involves sustainable development, as once mining starts, they’ll eventually be exhausted.

If Sun Bathing Sea could do it, then Five Elements Sect could too.

“Junior Brother, you don’t realize, that large Spirit Stone mine has been excavated for so many years, it’s almost hollowed out. Those bastards from Sun Bathing Sea took away the easily mined core areas, and even if mined afterward, there probably won’t be much left.”

Listening to Zhou Shengqing, Chen Mobai asked roughly how much could be mined.

“About a hundred million Spirit Stones.”

That’s called not much?

Hearing this, Chen Mobai didn’t know how to respond.

It could only be said that after capturing Bright Mirror Mountain, Zhou Shengqing’s understanding of resources had somewhat inflated.

A hundred million Spirit Stones seemed like not much.

“Let’s start mining, this Spirit Stone mine might still involve some disputes with Sun Bathing Sea.”

Upon hearing Chen Mobai’s words, Zhou Shengqing nodded immediately, then went out to rally disciples with Earth Master skills in the team to head to Dove Mound Mountain again.

Two more months passed, and Zhou Ye returned as well.

His mission was quite successful.

All sixteen Golden Core forces of East Barbarians greatly respected the Five Elements Sect and were willing to continue a friendly and stable relationship with them, following the previous collaboration with Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Additionally, five forces bordering them entrusted Zhou Ye to present grand gifts to both Chen Mobai and Zhou Shengqing, expressing that they had long awaited the arrival of the Five Elements Sect's army.

Chen Mobai checked and saw the gifts comprised various Rank-4 spiritual objects, including herbs and minerals.

One sect, Cloud Rain Sect, even gifted a pair of beautiful twin Foundation Establishment female cultivators.

It's said they were the direct disciples of Cloud Rain Sect's ancestor, possessing a unique physique that allows fire attribute cultivators to enjoy blissful harmony with them, making their heart and body feel at ease.

When Zhou Ye brought the twin female cultivators in, he suddenly saw Luo Yixuan, next to Sect Leader Junior Brother, gazing sharply as if like a knife.

"I appreciate the kind gesture; accept the items, but send the people back."

Chen Mobai was not that kind of person. After hearing the origins of these twin female cultivators, he remembered the name of the Cloud Rain Sect in his heart, but he waved his hand for Zhou Ye to send them back.

"Yes, Sect Leader!"

Zhou Ye, naturally, obeyed the order. At this moment, he noticed that Luo Yixuan's sharp gaze had slightly softened, and he roughly understood why in his heart.

"Sect Leader, representatives from several forces have come."

After presenting the gifts he had brought, Zhou Ye mentioned another matter.

Those who came were essentially the sect leaders or chief elders, but naturally, there were no Golden Core cultivators.

These people from the Tianhe Realm were quite cautious about preserving their lives.

With the situation unclear, the top-tier Golden Core ancestors certainly wouldn't come to take risks.

After all, the Five Elements Sect gave them only the impression of being "powerful" on the side of the East Barbarians.

Chen Mobai understood this. He believed that over time, his reputation as an honest and sincere gentleman would be recognized by the locals of the East Barbarians.

He personally received representatives from the seven forces who came over, all of whom were Foundation Establishment cultivators.

Surprisingly, the Cloud Rain Sect represented by those twin female cultivators.

Chen Mobai spoke to them about some of the Five Elements Sect's rules and the matters to be aware of during future cooperation.

These were essentially the basic business ethics from the Immortal Gate side, but to the cultivators on this side, they seemed to feel the Five Elements Sect was very sincere.

They all felt that the Five Elements Sect truly wished to establish and thrive in the East Barbarians, which is why they offered such favorable conditions.

The seven parties all nodded in agreement and signed the contracts.

The task of signing the contracts was handed over to Zhou Ye by Chen Mobai.

If Zhou Ye could achieve Nascent Soul Formation in the future, Chen Mobai planned to station him at Bright Mirror Mountain to guard.

After all, Zhou Shengqing was a Legal Body Nascent Soul; if confronted with Baiwu Ancestor, the truth would be easily revealed.

However, if Zhou Ye completed the Nascent Soul Formation, with the profound mystery of Primordial True Qi, even if they turned against Sun Bathing Sea, he would still be able to put up a fight.

Zhou Ye had, more or less, guessed this as well.

Internally, he was somewhat unwilling, but for the Infant Formation Experience, he nonetheless followed Chen Mobai's instructions to do his best.

"Sect Leader, my family was annihilated by the Dongwu Sun family. If I succeed in my cultivation level in the future, could I resolve this grudge?"

Zhou Ye was willing to submit to Chen Mobai, but after a day's work report, he voluntarily brought this matter up.

"How do you plan to resolve it?"

Chen Mobai asked.

“I would conceal my identity, go to Dongwu and kill all the Golden Core cultivators of the Sun family, and would definitely not expose the Five Elements Sect’s identity.”

After hearing Zhou Ye’s words, Chen Mobai couldn’t help but fall into thought.

After a long while, he shook his head.

“Dongwu has no grudge or enmity with our Five Elements Sect, and moreover, they have contributed to defending against the Cloud Dream Marsh monsters for the Eastern Wilderness coast. I will not allow the sect to do this. If you wish to seek revenge, then leave the Five Elements Sect and never return.”

Chen Mobai was a person of principle.

Even though he very much wanted to have Zhou Ye fully committed, he couldn’t use people from the unfamiliar Dongwu Sun family as a bargaining chip.

Besides, when he refined the Infant-Feeding Elixir and obtained Qing Nu’s Heterodox Golden Core, the Dongwu Sun family also gave him some face, and he remembered this favor.

“Yes, Sect Leader!”

Upon hearing this, Zhou Ye left somewhat disappointed.

Although Chen Mobai had not explicitly stated it, the implication was already clear.

If he wanted to stay in the Five Elements Sect and obtain the Infant Formation Experience, then he couldn’t seek revenge on the Sun family. If he wished for revenge, then Zhou Ye would have to rely on his own Nascent Soul Formation.

Weighing the options, he quickly made a decision.

Certainly, it's better to choose the Infant Formation Experience!

Although the grudge is important, achieving Nascent Soul Formation is even more crucial.

Moreover, if he achieved Nascent Soul Formation, even if he couldn't actively take action, there would be more methods in the future to suppress the Sun family without Chen Mobai knowing.

After all, Zhou Ye knew that the various immortal cultivation families in Dongwu held a deep-seated resentment toward the Sun family; they only lacked a leading figure.

Once he attained Nascent Soul Formation, with an extended lifespan, he could fully cultivate those families hostile to the Sun family until the day the Sun family completely collapses and falls.

After figuring it out, Zhou Ye told Chen Mobai the next day that his feelings for the Five Elements Sect had deepened and he didn't want to leave the sect.

Having said this, Chen Mobai naturally had to reciprocate.

He gave him a jade slip he had long prepared, containing insights from the Chaos True Qi Pill leading to Nascent Soul Emergence.

As Zhou Ye took it and viewed it with his Divine Sense, he was immediately moved by Chen Mobai's clear, detailed, and intricate language.

At this moment, he finally understood why this Sect Leader Junior Brother before him had the title of Great Sage and Good Teacher in the Eastern Wilderness.

Chapter 1666: The 5 Burning Heaven Meridians

After Zhou Ye received the Nascent Soul Formation experience, he hurried to find a cave dwelling with a Fourth Grade Spirit Vein at Bright Mirror Mountain to comprehend it.

Chen Mobai handed over his current responsibilities to Luo Yixuan first.

After handling the sixteen Core Formation forces of the Eastern Yi, the Five Elements Sect had only one last thing to do to establish its foothold in the Eastern Wilderness.

That was to negotiate with the Sun Bathing Sea.

Although both sides were exercising restraint now, both Chen Mobai and Baiwu Ancestor knew that only after having a face-to-face negotiation would the two sects truly feel at ease with each other.

However, there was still a lack of a trigger.

Or perhaps both sides just did not trust each other.

Baiwu Ancestor dared not leave Golden Crow Immortal City alone, fearing being ambushed by the two Nascent Souls of the Five Elements Sect upon arrival.

And the two Nascent Souls of the Five Elements Sect certainly would not go to Golden Crow Immortal City, where a Fifth-Rank Great Formation was set up, as even Chen Mobai could not guarantee free entry and exit through Void Walking.

The entire Eastern Yi was watching them, yet they were at an impasse.

This required another force, one that both sects trusted, to step in as a guarantor, bringing the Five Elements Sect and the Sun Bathing Sea to the negotiation table.

Chen Mobai was waiting, as the Sun Bathing Sea was certainly more anxious than him.

As long as no peace agreement was reached, Baiwu Ancestor would not dare to leave Golden Crow Immortal City in the future.

Who could it be?

Star Heaven Dao Sect? Or a major faction from the East Land? Or even... the Holy Land!

As Chen Mobai pondered this question, two unexpected visitors arrived at Bright Mirror Mountain.

True Person Mingwen from Kong Sang Valley and Yi Chenghan.

“Greetings to Sect Master Chen!”

After being brought up by Luo Yixuan, the two immediately paid deep respects to Chen Mobai with respectful expressions.

“No need for such formalities, please have a seat.”

Chen Mobai had a good impression of Kong Sang Valley, as if it weren't for them tying up Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, he wouldn't have had the leisurely time to complete his Nascent Soul Formation, nor would the Five Elements Sect have unified the Eastern Wilderness and developed to such a powerful state.

After the two took seats, Luo Yixuan immediately prepared tea.

The conversation revealed that they had come to express their gratitude.

“If it wasn't for Sect Master Chen leading the Five Elements Sect's army over, our Kong Sang Valley would have been eventually breached by Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace and the Sun Bathing Sea.”

These words from True Person Mingwen were to strengthen their relationship.

In reality, it was simply that the timing was right for the Five Elements Sect to destroy Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, having nothing much to do with Kong Sang Valley.

“Not at all. By the way, I wonder if there has been any news from Fellow Daoists Mu Qin and Ku Zhu.”

Now, regarding Kong Sang Valley, Chen Mobai was solely concerned about this.

If these two returned, the Eastern Yi landscape would certainly change once again.

“This time, we’re here precisely to discuss this matter. Some days ago, my master sent a talisman over, saying that Master Ku Zhu is currently undergoing the inheritance at Submerged Abyss Island. If she passes the test, the two of them will return immediately.”

Upon hearing True Person Mingwen’s words, Chen Mobai was slightly astonished.

Submerged Abyss Island!

Ku Zhu indeed had such a good fortune?

However, he quickly understood.

The two before him had proactively come to share this news, clearly to let him know.

Although Chen Mobai had a good reputation in the Eastern Wilderness, Kong Sang Valley still feared that, after the Five Elements Sect annexed Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace and with Golden Crow Immortal City being unbreachable, they would turn their attention towards them.

Seeing what the Five Elements Sect had done in the Eastern Wilderness, this Sect Master Chen seemed quite eager to unify the region.

However, this was them using a villain’s heart to measure a gentleman’s intentions.

Even if Chen Mobai was unaware of this news, he would not have proactively targeted Kong Sang Valley.

He was a peace-loving person.

“I have long admired Fellow Daoist Ku Zhu. I was previously worried he might have fallen victim to Golden Wind Ancestor and Baiwu Ancestor’s schemes, and now hearing he is safe, my heart is at ease.”

These were Chen Mobai’s heartfelt words. In the entire Eastern Yi territory, Ku Zhu was the only one who caught his eye.

“I’ve heard that Sect Master Chen loves collecting various Spirit Plants. These are our Kong Sang Valley’s Pure Bamboo seedlings from Rank-1 to Rank-4. Please accept them.”

True Person Mingwen took out the prepared gifts, and upon hearing this, Chen Mobai felt a twinge of emotion.

Previously, when the Five Elements Sect was still holed up in the Eastern Wilderness, just to buy a Rank-3 Pure Bamboo, Chu Zuoshu had to exhaust his wits, even risking his life when going out.

And now, Kong Sang Valley was offering it proactively.

Indeed, the correct path is to enhance and develop one’s own strength.

“I like these very much, thank you.”

Chen Mobai received them and saw that the Pure Bamboos all came with roots. The most precious one was a Rank-4, with ten Rank-3s, and a hundred of both Rank-2s and Rank-1s.

If all these were planted and thrived, it would create a forest of Pure Bamboo.

However, Chen Mobai and Zhuo Ming had long studied the Rank-3 and below Pure Bamboos at Xiao Nanshan, even developing the Rank-3 Pure Bamboo Spirit Rice.

Reflecting on this, Chen Mobai felt a small movement in his heart, believing he should offer a return gift since he accepted these. Just so happened that Kong Sang Valley lacked high-ranked Spirit Rice.

He immediately took out a Jade Slip and inscribed the cultivation method for Rank-3 Pure Bamboo Spirit Rice on it.

“This... Sect Master Chen... are you planning to trade this Spirit Rice for something from our sect?”

True Person Mingwen and Yi Chenghan were astonished when they saw it, a bit flustered as they spoke.

Anything that might catch the eye of a Nascent Soul Superior in Kong Sang Valley would likely only be the Rank-5 Pure Bamboo.

However, such a grade of Spirit Plant was beyond their means to offer; it was only previously that Mu Qin, for exchange with Su Ziluo, cut a section off.

“No need for exchange, consider it a return gift for these Pure Bamboos.”

As Chen Mobai finished speaking, the two people opposite him exchanged bewildered glances.

It was known that the enmity between Kong Sang Valley and Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace started over Rank-3 Spirit Rice. Who could have expected that now, they would so easily obtain the most suitable kind of Rank-3 Spirit Rice from Chen Mobai.

Such a windfall made them feel quite unreal.

“This method of Spirit Rice cultivation originally came from your Eastern Yi. Brother Zhou Shengqing acquired it at an auction during his youth and brought it back to the Eastern Wilderness.”

“By my generation, because of a fondness for agriculture, I took on a disciple skilled in spirit planting. Under my guidance, she developed many types of Spirit Rice using Spirit Bamboo. Clear Bamboo Spirit Rice is among them and considered the highest grade.”

“It’s just a pity that the Spiritual Rice Seeds suitable to put inside Pure Bamboo are all over there in the Eastern Wilderness. We can only bring them over when our Five Elements Commerce Association passes through next time.”

Aside from the bamboo, the Spirit Rice in Clear Bamboo Spirit Rice is also very important. Zhuo Ming conducted numerous hybridization studies before finding the most compatible type.

By passing on the cultivation methods to Kong Sang Valley, Chen Mobai was not only building good karma ahead of time but also laying the groundwork for future business dealings.

After all, he didn’t believe that Kong Sang Valley had a genius like Zhuo Ming who could hybridize the Spirit Rice adaptable to Pure Bamboo.

Of course, if Kong Sang Valley could afford the price, it wouldn’t be impossible to sell them the technology for hybridizing this Spirit Rice.

“Thank you, Sect Master Chen. Once my master returns, we will certainly present a great gift in return.”

True Person Mingwen said excitedly.

Chen Mobai nodded, then had Luo Yixuan escort the two of them out.

Then half a month passed.

Chen Mobai finally awaited the arrival of the guarantor from the Sun Bathing Sea.

It was someone he knew, Yu Shuji from Star Heaven Dao Sect. He also brought his two disciples, Lou Xuelong and Qu XiuXian, who were also acquaintances of Chen Mobai.

“It’s been a long time, you three.”

Chen Mobai courteously invited them to take seats, and Luo Yixuan, who led them in, immediately prepared tea.

“Seeing Sect Master Chen makes me truly feel old.”

Yu Shuji sighed. The first time he met Chen Mobai, the latter had just recently achieved Core Formation. He was patrolling the Eastern Wilderness then, helping him to slay the Earth Spirit Locusts at the site of the Coiling Dragon Spiritual Rice.

His initial impression of Chen Mobai was very favorable.

In just a few decades, Yu Shuji progressed from late Core Formation to Perfect Core Formation, while Chen Mobai had directly advanced from Core Formation to Nascent Soul.

This immense gap left Lou Xuelong and Qu XiuXian in utter shock.

Especially Lou Xuelong, who after refining a Heterodox Golden Core, was sent by Yu Shuji to the Eastern Wilderness and had many interactions with Chen Mobai. At that time, he thought, although Sect Master Chen had high talent, given the sparse resources of the Eastern Wilderness, he would unlikely achieve Nascent Soul in this lifetime.

Looking back now, that thought seemed rather laughable.

“I wonder how Baiwu Ancestor wishes to discuss matters?”

After some polite exchanges with Yu Shuji, Chen Mobai got straight to the point.

“If Sect Master Chen wishes to speak with Baiwu Ancestor in person, our sect would be pleased to invite both of you to East Yu.”

That's unnecessary; it's too far.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai shook his head immediately.

"Then perhaps Sect Master Chen could relay your terms to me. I will convey them to the Sun Bathing Sea. Making several trips, we might reach a consensus."

Yu Shuji's words made Chen Mobai nod slightly.

Half a month later.

Through Yu Shuji's mediation, the Five Elements Sect and the Sun Bathing Sea reached a temporary peace agreement.

Both parties agreed that the Five Elements Sect would inherit everything from Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace in the Eastern Yi Territory.

The key Tuosu Mountain Spirit Stone Mine would be exploited by the Five Elements Sect for five years, as Baiwu Ancestor was unwilling to let go of Xu Yingsheng's extraction. Afterward, Sun Bathing Sea would send people over, and the extracted Spirit Stones would be split fifty-fifty.

Considering that the surface Spirit Stone ores were already exhausted, Baiwu Ancestor believed that even given five years, the Five Elements Sect would at most unearth ten million Spirit Stones.

It was no loss to him anyway.

After the negotiations concluded and the agreement was signed, neither Chen Mobai nor Baiwu Ancestor made an appearance.

Representing the Five Elements Sect was Zhou Ye, while Zhu Jun represented the Sun Bathing Sea.

After signing, both parties left with their entourage back to their sects.

“Thank you, Master Yu, for your help this time.”

Yu Shuji returned alongside Zhou Ye. After reviewing the agreement, Chen Mobai expressed his gratitude to him.

“The character of Sect Master Chen is more trustworthy than that of Baiwu Ancestor.”

Yu Shuji made this remark.

“You flatter me, you flatter me...”

Chen Mobai invited Yu Shuji to drink tea. Seeing this, Yu Shuji dismissed his two disciples, and Chen Mobai also sent Luo Yixuan away.

“Sect Master Chen, are you aware of the Eastern Earth Holy Land’s plan to pioneer new territories?”

Once they were alone, Yu Shuji indeed brought up a confidential matter.

“I have some knowledge.”

“Earlier, when I was in Golden Crow Immortal City, I saw Elder Yan Yang from Fire Cloud Palace, the head of the Burning Heaven Meridians, which Baiwu Ancestor had invited for support.”

Yu Shuji mentioned something that made Chen Mobai frown.

The Burning Heaven Meridians are five Nascent Soul major factions that received the Fen Tianjing Di legacy. Four reside in the East Land, with only the Sun Bathing Sea in the Eastern Yi Territory.

Fire Cloud Palace is a major sect in the East Land, possessing three Nascent Soul Cultivators.

But wasn't it said that the relationships between the Burning Heaven Meridians were not good, each considering themselves the orthodox, having bitterly fought several times in earlier years?

Chapter 1667: Qing Emperor Daozi

"The Eastern Earth Holy Land wants to open up wasteland, and the Burning Heaven Five Meridians are useful to the Holy Land, so they have started to communicate again in recent years. Only when these five meridians unite do they have the qualification to negotiate with the Holy Land."

Yu Shuji briefly revealed the reason, and Chen Mobai couldn't help but appear enlightened after listening.

The opening of wasteland by several great holy lands in the Eastern Earth is no longer a secret for the Nascent Soul Major Factions.

And within the Ruins, there still exist many powerful demonic beasts that have survived since the primitive age. Even if the Holy Land manages to open it, the losses would be severe.

Therefore, it becomes natural to distribute a portion of the benefits from pioneering to attract other major factions in the East Continent to join and share the risks.

Although the Ruins are dangerous, they contain numerous untouched treasures by cultivators, and the Spirit Vein lands guarded by powerful demonic beasts are naturally formed, with core areas surely having naturally grown high-tier spirit materials.

Last time when the Dao Morale Sect opened the Ruins, they obtained a Ten Thousand Years Spirit Drug and refined a batch of Fifth-Rank Elixir, significantly enhancing the strength of the high-order cultivators in their sect.

It's said that the Dao's Sect Deity broke through a small realm with it.

The other ancestors who followed the Dao Morale Sect in opening the wasteland also obtained various elixirs they dreamed of.

Precisely because of this, the various forces here in the East Continent are very keen on opening the Ruins. After all, with the Holy Land leading the way, exploring unknown territories at most costs some disciples and sect members.

“The Grand Elder of the Fire Cloud Palace, Hong Yun, is also nearly at the Nascent Soul Late Stage completion. If able to negotiate successfully with the Dao Morale Sect, perhaps a Communicating Holy Spirit Pill can be reserved.”

Yu Shuji disclosed another piece of news, and Chen Mobai’s expression did not change, but his heart was already stirred.

Communicating Holy Spirit Pill!

The foremost spirit medicine in the East Continent capable of aiding cultivators in the Divinity Transformation.

“Haven’t the Communicating Holy Spirit Pills refined by the Dao Morale Sect only been traded between a few great holy lands in the past?”

Chen Mobai asked in shock and doubt; due to cultural reasons, even though the Eastern Continent Holy Lands claim to follow the righteous path, they remain relatively closed off, rejecting the emergence of new holy lands.

After all, the resources in the East Continent are limited, and each additional Divinity Transformation or new holy land means they have to yield some resources.

No one would willingly give up the meat that’s already in their mouth.

For this reason, the Communicating Holy Spirit Pills refined by the Dao Morale Sect have never been circulated to Nascent Soul cultivators outside the holy lands.

On this matter, several great holy lands have a tacit understanding.

How come this time, they are willing to give them out for wasteland development?

“Combining the Burning Heaven Five Meridians, they can barely count as a holy land. After all, the Burning Heaven Net Land had the qualifications to negotiate with the Dao Morale Sect for the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill, so Hong Yun is using this as leverage to persuade the Three Great Sacred Lands to ask for one. For this, the Fire Cloud Palace has also yielded considerable interests and holy land heritages to the other four meridians of the Burning Heaven to gain their support.”

Can it really be like this?

Chen Mobai was shocked after hearing this.

The Burning Heaven Net Lands have been divided for so many years, yet they can still be used as a name for a holy land.

“Some things are unknown to Sect Master Chen. Although, on the surface, the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill has never been consumed by cultivators outside the holy lands, if a sect’s power is strong enough to reach the threshold of a holy land and is willing to offer sufficient chips, the few great holy lands are still willing to relent.”

Yu Shuji said in a melancholic tone, and Chen Mobai immediately linked his origins based on his words.

The Star Heaven Dao Sect, isn’t it!

What does he mean by saying this?

“Could it be that your sect also intends to reserve a Communicating Holy Spirit Pill from the Dao Morale Sect?”

Following Yu Shuji’s words, Chen Mobai asked, besides the holy lands, in the entire Eastern Continent, the Star Heaven Dao Sect was the strongest; they lack just one Divinity Transformation to claim the title of a holy land.

“Star Yun Shizun has represented our sect in many rounds of talks with the Three Great Sacred Lands. It was for this reason that the Azure Fall Palace Master was invited to the Beidou Conference. If not for the overly harsh conditions set by the holy lands, the deal would’ve been settled long ago.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai realized that Yu Shuji was actually a disciple of Xing Yun Shang Ren from the Star Heaven Dao Sect, no wonder he could oversee the Starry Sky Commerce Guild of the Dongzhou Frontier.

“I wonder what the conditions are? I am merely curious, and if it’s inconvenient for Master Yu to divulge, you can take it as if I never asked.”

Chen Mobai had some vague guesses in his heart and couldn’t help but ask boldly.

“The Three Great Sacred Lands want the alchemy recipe for the Three Lights Divine Water!”

Yu Shuji did not conceal and directly told him.

Indeed!

Chen Mobai thought this was it.

The bargaining chip for the Star Heaven Dao Sect to get the Three Great Sacred Lands to break their rules and offer the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill was precisely this. Or the Immortal Book Jade Slip recording the Three Lights Divine Water.

But this is the foundation upon which the Star Heaven Dao Sect dominates East Yu and stands firm across the Five Continents and Four Seas in the Tianhe Realm. Exchanging it for a single Communicating Holy Spirit Pill is essentially betting their entire fortune on producing a Huashen Zhenjun.

If successful, the Star Heaven Dao Sect would be the fifth holy land of the East Continent, or it might directly replace the First Origin Dao Palace.

If we fail, there may not be any signs of immediate decline, but without the monopoly on the Three Lights Divine Water, gradual downfall is imaginable.

If it were Chen Mobai, he would definitely go all in!

But the cultivators in the Tianhe Realm place great importance on inherited alchemy recipes and the like, which is beyond the imagination of someone from the Immortal Gate like him.

“After hearing about this, the Great Elder has already set out from Central State, intending to personally return to negotiate a few more rounds with the Holy Land. He is willing. But led by my Master, several Elders firmly oppose it...”

Yu Shuji also spoke about the internal situation within the Star Heaven Dao Sect. It seemed that even among their Nascent Soul cultivators, opinions were not unified.

As Xing Ji had been the Great Elder at Nascent Soul Complete for a long time, he was certainly inclined to gamble given his dwindling lifespan.

But since there is only one Communicating Holy Spirit Pill, and people like Xing Yun will definitely not obtain it, it is understandable not to agree with Xing Ji’s proposal to go all in using the Grandmaster’s accumulated wealth.

“Because of this matter, the elders in the Sect have been arguing for a long time. If someone could help our Sect obtain the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill from the Holy Land without using the Three Lights Divine Water, they would certainly become our most esteemed guest.”

At this time, Yu Shuji suddenly said these words.

“Above East Continent, who could possibly make the Three Great Sacred Lands give such face? Could it be that Xing Ji has invited a big figure from Central State?”

After hearing this, Chen Mobai vaguely guessed why Yu Shuji wanted to have a private conversation with him today.

“Taixu MiaoMiao Palace is a major sect in Central State; if it could be managed, Xing Ji the Great Elder would have already managed it there.”

“I have heard that the Five Elements Sect is a branch of the First Origin Dao Palace. Sect Master Chen is a Taoist Child cultivated by the First Origin Dao Palace in the Eastern Wilderness. I wonder if he could help, using the name of the First Origin Dao Palace, to secure a Communicating Holy Spirit Pill from the Dao Morale Sect for us.”

“If this matter can be accomplished, our Sect would be willing to provide the Three Lights Divine Water at cost to the Five Elements Sect or First Origin Dao Palace, whenever needed in the future!”

After much groundwork, Yu Shuji finally revealed his true intention.

“Huh! Since when did I become a Taoist Child of the First Origin Dao Palace?”

Chen Mobai looked baffled, though he secretly desired this identity, he had not even been to the First Origin Dao Palace.

However, even if he went, Chen Mobai estimated he would hit a dead end.

After all, the Ancestor Hunyuan of the Five Elements Sect was chased out by the First Origin Dao Palace.

He inherited Li Zhongji’s teachings and was certainly viewed with hostility by those people as well.

“Indeed, the Qing Emperor Daozi is cautious, but your identity has already been revealed to us by the Baiwu Ancestor. It’s precisely because of this that the Fire Cloud Palace sent Elder Yan Yang to assist so that when the weight of the Sun Bathing Sea isn’t enough, negotiations with the Daozi’s Five Elements Sect would not fail.”

Listening to Yu Shuji, Chen Mobai’s earlier queries got answered.

No wonder the Star Heaven Dao Sect was so eager to facilitate communications with the Sun Bathing Sea, and promote negotiations.

Besides desiring benefits from the Burning Heaven Meridians, they wanted to show him favor, laying the groundwork for him to perhaps lend a hand in the future.

“Master Yu misunderstands, I am truly not a Taoist Child of the First Origin Dao Palace.”

Chen Mobai wondered how he could possibly help.

That’s the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill; even the First Origin Dao Palace’s eligibility to exchange it with the Dao Morale Sect remains uncertain.

He, as the Sect Master of the mere Five Elements Sect, a fake Longevity Sect Saint Son, a phony Taoist Child of the First Origin Dao Palace, is hardly likely to sway them.

“It seems my influence is not enough. However, the identity of the Qing Emperor Daozi, as proclaimed by the Baiwu Ancestor, is now known throughout the East Land. I expect it won’t be long before the First Origin Dao Palace sends someone over.”

“The Daozi has now reached Nascent Soul, no longer needing to conceal such an identity in these rural areas.”

“Once the Daozi returns to Mount Wudi and pays homage to the True Lord Yuan, recognizing ancestors, my Master will personally visit to discuss this matter.”

After hearing Yu Shuji's words, Chen Mobai felt somewhat numbed.

Though he is indeed Emperor Chen Qing, he truly isn't a Taoist Child of the First Origin Dao Palace.

He spent his whole life cautiously in the Eastern Wilderness, finally struggling to reach Nascent Soul, only to find that after stepping out of Eastern Wilderness and just beheading a Golden Wind Ancestor, he already made a name across East Continent dictated by Baiwu Ancestor!

Surely, any action leaves traces behind.

During the Beidou Conference, he shouldn't have listened to Ye Qing and impersonated that Taoist Child of the First Origin Dao Palace.

If he could obtain the Three Lights Divine Water under this false identity, could he also manage to get the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill?

Indeed, I regret the initial deceit!

What Chen Mobai enjoyed most was quietly using the knowledge of the Immortal Gate, enhancing himself through the Eastern Wilderness resources, cautiously farming to develop sect influence.

But now that the fake identity of "Yi Yuan Daozi Chen Qingdi" leaked out, there could be no more lurking.

When Yu Shuji left, he respectfully left two message talismans behind, one was his, mentioning that if Qing Emperor Daozi ever needed anything from the Starry Sky Commerce Guild, he could inform him at any time.

The other was from his Master, Xing Yun Shang Ren.

Chapter 1668: Return to the Eastern Wilderness

Golden Crow Immortal City.

The Baiwu Ancestor courteously escorted Elder Yan Yang of the Fire Cloud Palace to the large-scale Transmission Array.

“Junior Brother, we’ve settled the matter with the Primordial Taoist Child of the Five Elements Sect for you, so don’t cause us any more trouble in the future.”

Before leaving, Elder Yan Yang said earnestly.

“What are you saying, Senior Brother? I have no past grievances, nor recent animosity with Emperor Chen Qing. It was just a slight misunderstanding. Now that the peace talks are complete, my Golden Crow Immortal City will keep its doors open to his Five Elements Sect. Perhaps we might even cooperate in the future.”

With a smile, the Baiwu Ancestor said, after which Elder Yan Yang nodded, turned around, and teleported back to the East Land.

Once Elder Yan Yang vanished, the smile on Baiwu Ancestor’s face disappeared instantly.

He returned to the grand hall of the Sun Bathing Sea with no expression on his face.

All ten True Disciples from the Sun Bathing Sea followed suit, standing on either side.

Zhu Jun was at the forefront on the left.

On the right was a middle-aged cultivator wearing a fiery red robe with a golden sun leaping embroidered on his chest. He was Baiwu Ancestor’s second disciple, Xu Yingsheng.

“Liu Nan Sheng, you need to make another trip to Bright Mirror Mountain...”

The Baiwu Ancestor sat at the head of the discussion hall, his gaze sharp, calling Liu Nan Sheng, whom he had met with Chen Mobai before, to his side, and spoke of certain matters.

After listening, Liu Nan Sheng's eyes expressed bitterness, but outwardly, he respectfully nodded and then left the Golden Crow Immortal City once more.

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"Exterminate Empty Mulberry Valley!"

Upon hearing what Liu Nan Sheng said, Chen Mobai couldn't help but look surprised.

"Yes, Sect Master Chen, as my master said, resources are not particularly abundant here in the East Barbarians, and there are too many Nascent Soul Major Factions."

"Now that our two sides have reached a peace agreement and have a foundation of mutual trust, as long as we join forces to annihilate Empty Mulberry Valley, each of our territories could increase by at least one-third."

"As an expression of apology for the Tuosu Mountain Spirit Stone Mine, after the fall of Empty Mulberry Valley, our Sun Bathing Sea only wants the Fifth-Order Pure Bamboo. The Fifth Grade Spirit Vein can be given to your sect, and even the spiritual resources such as the medicine fields, spirit fields, and mines of Empty Mulberry Valley can be chosen by your sect first."

Liu Nan Sheng conveyed the conditions that Baiwu Ancestor had verbally informed him.

Baiwu Ancestor was somewhat tempted by the Big Yellow Elixir, so he wondered if he could drag the Five Elements Sect into the muddy waters.

However, these matters couldn't leave any written traces, lest in the future, Ku Zhu truly passed the trials of Submerged Abyss Island and came back to take revenge on him.

Thus, he sent Liu Nan Sheng, his disciple, to probe first. As long as Chen Mobai, a native of the Tianhe Realm, heard Baiwu Ancestor's conditions, he would surely be tempted.

By then, if Empty Mulberry Valley were destroyed and the Five Elements Sect occupied their Fifth Grade Spirit Vein, Ku Zhu would certainly regard Chen Mobai as an enemy.

In doing so, Baiwu Ancestor could achieve two goals with one move.

But unfortunately, Chen Mobai was an upright person!

"You can return. My leading the Five Elements Sect to annihilate the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace was solely because they courted death. I personally uphold the philosophy of harmony; as long as Empty Mulberry Valley behaves, I will never take the initiative against them."

Without hesitation, Chen Mobai refused.

After hearing this, Liu Nan Sheng, based on his position, should have tried to persuade a bit more to fulfill the mission Baiwu Ancestor had given him.

But he simply nodded and immediately left obediently, returning to the Golden Crow Immortal City.

"If he comes again in the future, direct him to see Zhou Ye and refrain from bringing him to me."

Seeing Liu Nan Sheng leave, Chen Mobai said to Luo Yixuan beside him. The latter nodded repeatedly, thinking that the master, as a Nascent Soul Superior, indeed stooped too low by meeting Golden Core Cultivators.

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Upon returning to the Golden Crow Immortal City, Liu Nan Sheng immediately reported the results of his mission to Bright Mirror Mountain to Baiwu Ancestor.

After listening, Baiwu Ancestor stayed silent for a moment.

Although he anticipated that Chen Mobai might refuse, he hadn't expected such a hypocritical rejection.

Harmony and peace?

There was no such word as peace in the Tianhe Realm!

However, since the Five Elements Sect wasn't taking action, their Sun Bathing Sea couldn't take action against Empty Mulberry Valley either.

But just watching the Five Elements Sect digest the territory of the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace was utterly discomfoting for Baiwu Ancestor.

After all, compared to Chen Mobai, he was already nearing the end of his journey.

As time passed, the Five Elements Sect would only grow stronger. If he didn't find a way to hinder them, once the Sun Bathing Sea lost a Nascent Soul, even with the Golden Crow Immortal City and the Fifth-Rank Great Formation, they likely could not resist the rising Emperor Chen Qing.

At this thought, Baiwu Ancestor made a firm decision.

He first dismissed Liu Nan Sheng, then summoned his eldest disciple Zhu Jun and second disciple Xu Yingsheng.

"Back then, I set a seal in the center of Yun Meng Ze. Now I intend to release that Poisonous Dragon Demon Beast. Let it act as my pawn, creating distractions for Emperor Chen Qing in the Eastern Wilderness."

Hearing Baiwu Ancestor's words, both Zhu Jun and Xu Yingsheng were startled and alarmed.

In the past, when sealing the Poisonous Dragon, both of them followed Baiwu Ancestor.

The might of that Poisonous Dragon is still vividly remembered.

If it weren't for the cooperation of the Three Great Nascent Souls, along with the Taoist Soldier War Array of the Three Great Influences, using numerical superiority to eliminate most Rank-1 to Rank-3 demonic beasts, the Poisonous Dragon Demon Beast couldn't have been sealed by them.

"Master, if we release that Poisonous Dragon, with its power, we're likely to be unable to escape."

Zhu Jun spoke, feeling a bit troubled.

Baiwu Ancestor called them both over, obviously to assign this task to them.

"I'll leave this matter to you two. Whoever does well, I'll exchange a portion of Three Lights Divine Water for them at the next Beidou Conference."

Baiwu Ancestor wasn't keen on saying more to the two disciples and directly mentioned the task's reward.

Although Zhu Jun had the closest relationship with him, she had previously offended various forces within Jinwu Immortal City because of him, nearly tearing apart the relationship with the Five Elements Sect. He was already having thoughts.

Moreover, the second disciple Xu Yingsheng also had Perfect Core Formation cultivation. Over the years, he had worked diligently, without complaint, and perfectly executed his orders during the Tuosu Mountain Spirit Stone Mine incident, bringing several million raw Spirit Stones to Sun Bathing Sea. He deserved a chance for Nascent Soul Formation.

"Yes, Master!"

Upon hearing Baiwu Ancestor's words, Xu Yingsheng immediately accepted the order.

Zhu Jun bit her silver teeth and nodded as well.

She knew her previous mistakes couldn't be erased by mere punishments; her master was already doubting her capabilities.

This task to release the Poisonous Dragon Demon Beast, if she didn't complete it, she might fall out of favor completely.

The other two junior sisters were always watching greedily.

“Here is the method to lift the Sun Seal; memorize it well.”

Baiwu Ancestor imparted a set of hand seals—only disciples who practiced his core cultivation technique and achieved Sun Bathing True Qi could accomplish the task.

In the entire Sun Bathing Sea, besides him, it was only these two.

Although Baiwu Ancestor knew that whoever released the Poisonous Dragon Demon Beast had a high chance of becoming its meal, great accomplishments require risks. His cultivation to this realm was also honed through countless magic duels and life-threatening adventures.

After the two disciples left Jinwu Immortal City, Baiwu Ancestor commanded Liu Nan Sheng to continuously monitor the situation with the Five Elements Sect.

After the Five Elements Sect completed negotiations with Sun Bathing Sea, other observing Golden Core forces from the East Barbarians sent their Sect Leaders to thank the Five Elements Sect for eradicating the evil forces of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace that plagued the East Barbarians for over three thousand years.

However, Chen Mobai did not meet these people again; he let Zhou Ye handle all these matters.

As a Nascent Soul cultivator, he was naturally seen as justified in doing so.

Over time, the chaotic period in the East Barbarians caused by the destruction of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace gradually settled back into order.

The Five Elements Sect began to replace Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, dominating one-third of the sky in the East Barbarians.

Under their powerful strength, even when some disciples from Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace escaped and created chaos, they were easily suppressed by Mobai Dou led by Golden Vein Sword Cultivators.

Chen Mobai, seeing the stabilized situation, considered returning to the Eastern Wilderness.

However, such a large territory in the East Barbarians without a Nascent Soul seated was not ideal, so after discussing with Zhou Shengqing, he let the latter guard first.

After all, post-negotiations with Sun Bathing Sea, Nascent Soul cultivators surely wouldn't fight anymore.

And to deal with those below Nascent Soul, Zhou Shengqing was invincible.

“Senior Brother, I'll leave this to you then.”

Besides Zhou Shengqing, Mobai Dou, Zhou Ye, and Fu Zongjue were also left by Chen Mobai there.

He only brought Luo Yixuan, Yin Qingmei, and Chu Zuoshu and a few others back.

“Rest assured, Sect Leader Junior Brother.”

Zhou Shengqing patted his chest, indicating everything would be fine with him.

On the way back to the Ruins of the Eastern Wilderness, Chen Mobai encountered some Five Elements Sect cultivators. It turned out Nu Jiang was still leading an army capturing fleeing disciples from the battlefields of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace.

Most of those captured were willing to surrender; after restrictive spells were placed in their Dantian Qi Sea, all were sent back to the Eastern Desolation Plateau, dispatched to mine, manage sand, do labor, and more.

Approaching the Ruins of the Eastern Wilderness, Chen Mobai met Nu Jiang, who received the news and rushed over, conversing with him for a while.

“Withdraw all our Five Elements Sect disciples; the war is over, and it’s time for them to enjoy the fruits of victory.”

Upon hearing his words, Nu Jiang’s face was filled with joy.

Only Chen Mobai or Zhou Shengqing could declare the end of the war, requiring massive Spirit Stone contributions, among other things, to compensate the disciples for the war efforts.

It was a huge expenditure.

Even for the wealth accumulated over the years by the Five Elements Sect, it pinched their heart.

However, obtaining all the territories of Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace through these wars, the following years would see the thirty thousand acres of medicine fields in the East Barbarians, if developed well, provide them yearly with at least ten million Spirit Stones.

Returning to Northern Abyss City, after delegating these affairs to the others, Chen Mobai directly took a medium teleportation array to Giant Tree Ridge.

Then he diverted his path and arrived at Mount Tianpeng in Cloud County.

Chapter 1669: Refining the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill

As soon as Chen Mobai's figure appeared above Mount Tianpeng, Qing Nu had already come to greet him.

Her eyes shimmered with joyful light, and the sorrow of waiting after their separation turned to nothing at this moment, leaving only the joy of reunion.

"You are back."

Qing Nu said softly, gently suppressing her inner excitement.

Chen Mobai smiled and nodded, maneuvering the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo to fly over, intertwining his fingers with Qing Nu's.

The colorful haze lightly swayed in the air, like an elegant brocade dancing with the wind, or a graceful boat gently rocking.

After expressing their mutual longing, the two of them arrived at the top of Mount Tianpeng.

The mountain breeze gently brushed their robes, accompanied by the bright red leaves of the Five-Cornered Ancient Maple, creating a picturesque scene full of artistry.

"This spirit plant is starting to rejuvenate."

Chen Mobai held Qing Nu in his arms, looking at the Five-Cornered Ancient Maple before them, with a face full of smiles.

"Yes, the effects of the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations have been gradually absorbed by it; I think reaching Rank-4 won't be an issue."

This Five-Cornered Ancient Maple's attributes align with Chen Mobai's Pure Yang Scroll, potentially serving as a carrier for the Blooming Moment in the future, providing him with a possibility for transformation to divinity.

So during the days when Chen Mobai was absent, Qing Nu had always been attentively caring for it.

Her skills as a Spirit Plant Master had tested to Rank-3 in the Immortal Gate. Now, after achieving Core Formation, she has gone a step further, probably second only to the exceptionally talented Zhuo Ming in the Eastern Wilderness.

"You've worked hard!"

Chen Mobai spoke tender words to Qing Nu, and then the two shared their respective experiences over this period.

"Everything went smoothly. The Golden Wind Ancestor is dead, and I have trampled over the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace..."

Listening to his words, Qing Nu understood that beneath these brief words lay a storm of blood and tears she couldn't imagine. Even though she knew Chen Mobai had a Fifth-Rank Magic Artifact for protection, she still couldn't help but feel worried and tense.

"With the thirty thousand acres of medicinal fields from the East Barbarians, you won't have to worry about a lack of materials for alchemy in the future. Right, there's also this..."

Qing Nu had heard from Luo Xue'er about this greatest harvest after the collapse of the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, but she did not know that Chen Mobai had looted so many Fourth-grade mature medicinal herbs from the Golden Wind Ancestor's storage bag.

"These medicinal herbs probably aren't any less than those stored at the Empty Green Pharmacy Factory of Jumang Academy."

After receiving the storage bag full of Fourth-grade medicinal herbs, Qing Nu was also amazed at the richness of resources in the Tianhe Realm. She had interned at the Empty Green Pharmacy Factory during her time at Jumang Academy, where she had watched over the warehouse storing mature medicinal herbs for a while.

After comparing, she couldn't help but be filled with emotion.

"The harvest of these medicinal herbs is just ordinary; look at this instead."

Chen Mobai smiled and brought out the Daoist Scriptures and Jade Scroll from the Sky Sea Jellyfish Palace. Qing Nu, filled with curiosity, began to read, and before long, she exclaimed in surprise.

"What a profound alchemy system, mainly using monster beast inner cores as the primary ingredients."

Qing Nu's focal points were a bit different from Chen Mobai's, but this was also because she had only read the first few Fourth-grade alchemy recipes.

"Look at the last three alchemy recipes."

Following Chen Mobai's words, Qing Nu quickly skimmed the Fourth-grade alchemy recipes in the Daoist Scriptures and then turned to the recipe page for the Taiyi Life Water Elixir.

Upon seeing it, her pupils narrowed sharply, and she gaped in astonishment.

"It's actually an elixir for divinity transformation... This realm truly has profound foundations!"

After a long while, Qing Nu finally said such a sentence.

The Immortal Gate does not have elixirs that can assist in divinity transformation; they only have the Shocking God Sonata, and the rest must rely on oneself.

But in the Tianhe Realm, not only does the Dao Morale Sect have the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill, but the Jellyfish Palace also has the Taiyi Three Pills.

Just from this aspect alone, their foundation exceeds that of the Immortal Gate.

“This Daoist Scriptures and Jade Scroll are for you to keep. You have a Heavenly Water Spirit Root, and these elixirs align with you perfectly. You might even surpass me and achieve divinity transformation first.”

Listening to Chen Mobai’s words, Qing Nu immediately shook her head, saying she belongs to the Foundation Faction and doesn’t particularly enjoy using elixirs to enhance herself. Moreover, the Spirit Transformation Stage is extremely profound, and even with elixir aid, if one’s foundation is inadequate, it would merely be a castle in the air, of little use.

“...My cultivation speed definitely won’t match yours.”

Finally, Qing Nu said this sentence, causing Chen Mobai to burst into laughter. Understanding her sentiments, he let it be.

“This Daoist Scriptures Jade Scroll is the second best find; the most precious thing is this.”

At this moment, Chen Mobai took out the White Jade Box containing the Taiyuan Blue Pearl, and upon opening it, Qing Nu saw it and instantly recalled the Taiyi Life Water Elixir recipe, recognizing it.

“A Fifth-Rank Treasure Bead, in the Immortal Gate, it would likely captivate even the Spiritual Venerable of the Sea Territory.”

Hearing Qing Nu’s words, Chen Mobai took the Taiyuan Blue Pearl from the box and then asked a question.

“What kind of Magic Artifact do you like? I’ll use this to refine one for you.”

Upon hearing this, Qing Nu's heart was filled with sweetness.

Using Fifth-Rank materials to refine a Magic Artifact for her showed Chen Mobai's deep affection for her.

"Anything will do; as long as it's made by you, I will love it."

The words of Qing Nu made Chen Mobai feel somewhat troubled. The most difficult work for an artifact refiner is a piece without any requirements.

"I'll go back and consult with the seniors at the Daoist Academy. Since it's your lifebound magic weapon, it can't be handled perfunctorily."

Qing Nu nodded sweetly.

Then, Chen Mobai mentioned that he would absorb the innate water element essence qi from the Taiyuan Blue Pearl to enhance his water spirit root, and asked for Qing Nu's opinion.

"This is quite similar to the effect of the Wood Spirit Talisman. Maybe consulting Senior Wen Ren would be good..."

Qing Nu spoke of something Chen Mobai didn't know. Apparently, the fifth-rank Wood Spirit Talisman from Jumang Academy contained a strand of innate wood element essence qi, which, once refined through secret technique, could bestow the Heavenly Wood Spirit Root upon a cultivator.

Since the Wood Spirit Talisman exists, could he possibly draw a Water Spirit Talisman?

This way, after cultivating the Primordial Dao Fruit, he could pass down this talisman, or even extract the strand of innate water element essence qi again to inject into the Taiyuan Blue Pearl.

Upon learning this, Chen Mobai's imagination began to expand.

But whether it was feasible still needed validation from the Immortal Gate.

Qing Nu mentioned the situation with the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill. She had already handled the medicinal herbs, but since she had never refined this kind of pill, she was waiting for him to return.

With Chen Mobai's Tusita Fire, she dared to let loose.

"Then when shall we refine it?"

After hearing this, Chen Mobai also recalled that the Five Elements Sect planned to reward merits, besides the Golden Liquid Jade Pill at hand, they needed to prepare Water Primordial Golden Core Pills for Luo Xue'er and the Water Vein, thinking it was better to refine them sooner.

"You just came back today; let's do it tomorrow!"

Qing Nu's cheeks reddened slightly, as she lightly bit her crimson lips and spoke these words.

Chen Mobai immediately understood her meaning, and he once again expressed his longing to her.

It wasn't until three days later that the two of them descended from the top of Mount Tianpeng.

Qing Nu called over Yan Shaoyin, Yan Jinye, and others who stayed here; although their alchemical skills were lacking, they could assist without issue.

When Yan Shaoyin and others came over and saw Chen Mobai, they were all greatly surprised, and they all saluted him as the sect leader.

"No need for formalities. Today, Qing Nu and I are teaming up to refine the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill; you observe and learn well..."

Chen Mobai indicated for Yan Shaoyin and others to follow Qing Nu's instructions.

Then everyone entered the alchemy chamber together.

With Chen Mobai's Tu'sita Fire assisting, Qing Nu cautiously introduced the medicinal herbs one by one in order into the second-hand equipment from the Immortal Gate.

Chen Mobai sensed Qing Nu's divine sense weaving through the cauldron like fine threads, reminding him to control the flame's heat, achieving a consistent melting and blending speed for the various herbs.

The two were perfectly attuned to each other's thoughts, working seamlessly together, and alongside several cooperating alchemists, whenever someone called, they would put corresponding herbs into different containers and equipment.

A month later, because Qing Nu's divine sense was greatly consumed, she was slightly fatigued, but Chen Mobai remained energetic.

But the results were delightful.

Ten pills, light blue like crystal, were cradled in Qing Nu's palm.

Chen Mobai perceived the potent water element within and couldn't help but beam with joy.

Ten pills formed, remarkably free of any dan poison.

Yan Shaoyin once again witnessed Qing Nu's marvelous alchemical skill, feeling his own Back to Sky Valley inheritance was simply rubbish.

"We've succeeded."

Qing Nu's voice was filled with joy and relief.

Chen Mobai nodded. With this experience, even without his Tuśita Fire, Qing Nu should be able to successfully refine in the future.

After the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill, there was still the Wood Essence Golden Core Pill.

As Chen Mobai anticipated, the Qinglong Ginseng could serve as the main herb for the Wood Essence Golden Core Pill, but some details of the alchemy recipe needed re-evaluation and improvement, Qing Nu still needed some time.

Regarding this, Chen Mobai was also not anxious, as a lack of preparation could lead to failure and significant losses.

On Mount Tianpeng, Chen Mobai set aside all thoughts, enjoying the joy of being reunited with Qing Nu without worry.

If not for Luo Xue'er coming over to remind Chen Mobai that he was needed at the Five Elements Sect to preside over things, he might still be indulging in the land of tender love.

Chen Mobai: "I'll go handle sect affairs first, afterward I might be held up at the Immortal Gate for a while..."

Upon hearing this, Qing Nu nodded gently.

The time spent together had already soothed her yearning heart, and with Chen Mobai now in the Eastern Wilderness, they could meet anytime, so this separation lacked any sorrowful parting.

After leaving Mount Tianpeng, Chen Mobai, accompanied by Luo Xue'er, headed to Northern Abyss City.

The main reason for his appearance this time was due to the distribution of golden elixir spiritual medicine following the war.

The rest of the spirit stones and cultivation technique contributions had been listed and arranged by Luo Xue'er, who, as the head of Reward Virtue Hall, had already completed the checklist. After reviewing it, Chen Mobai saw no issues and signed off for her to distribute them.

However, the allocation of Gold Core Spiritual Materials involved the fundamental roots of the five elements and five meridians, so Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi had also arrived, and Luo Xue'er had to invite Chen Mobai.

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After Chen Mobai arrived at Northern Abyss City, Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi came to pay their respects.

"Sect Leader Junior Brother, I heard that the Spirit Treasure Pavilion is going to put some Gold Core Spiritual Material on the shelves this time."

Upon arrival, Sheng Zhaoxi directly asked.

"That's right. After taking the territory of the Eastern Barbarian Profound Arrogance Dao Palace, I deeply felt the shortage of high-order cultivators in our sect, and just in time for this great victory in the war, we need to reward the disciples below. So I plan to release some of the Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine refined by Qing Nu, to see which disciples among the Five Meridians are worth nurturing."

Chen Mobai invited the two to sit down, and Luo Xue'er, who came along, thoughtfully brewed tea for the three.

"Sect Leader Junior Brother, my disciple Tan Rong killed three Foundation Establishment and over a hundred Qi Cultivation during the great battle with Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace. Her contributions are quite significant. I wonder if I could reserve a pill for her."

Sheng Zhaoxi, being straightforward, immediately stated his purpose for coming after hearing this.

The last time the Spirit Treasure Pavilion had the Golden Liquid Jade Pill on the shelves, the Five Meridians had not yet completely unified, and they all went to the people of the Wood Vein.

Although Xie Yuntian and Meng Hong failed, the success of Yin Qingmei and Yue Zutao was enough to make the remaining four veins envious.

Even excluding the Heavenly Spiritual Root sample of Yin Qingmei, a success rate of one-fourth still makes the remaining Foundation Establishment practitioners of the four meridians envious to this day.

This is almost comparable to a Five Elements Spiritual Fruit.

So once they heard that the Spirit Treasure Pavilion is going to put the Golden Liquid Jade Pill on shelves again, Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi had no choice but to come over for their own meridian.

“Nephew Tan Rong...”

Chen Mobai also had an impression of this favorite disciple of Sheng Zhaoxi because she was the one overseeing outside the Earthly Fiend Yin Hole when he was condensing the Primordial Yang Sword Evil in the Fire Truth Palace.

Later, she entered the Ruins with Ye Qing and the others, and she led the Fire Vein cultivators.

She is considered half one of our own.

“No problem, I will instruct the Spirit Treasure Pavilion later.”

Chen Mobai readily agreed because, in this war, Sheng Zhaoxi and Nu Jiang contributed Daoist Scriptures, and considering this merit, this face certainly needs to be given.

“Sect Leader Junior Brother, I also have a disciple...”

After Sheng Zhaoxi finished, it was Nu Jiang’s turn, and Chen Mobai nodded in agreement.

After all, with the concerted efforts of the Five Elements Five Meridians, the Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace was trampled, and it was necessary to take this opportunity to raise the cohesion of the Five Meridians within the sect to a higher level.

So when the Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine is put on shelves, he originally planned to share it with the other four meridians.

However, if he didn't propose this, Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi would also worry that it would be another internal division of the Wood Vein.

After all, the Wood Vein now has two Nascent Souls, Chen Mobai and Zhou Shengqing, and since the other four meridians did not contribute to the refining of Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine, they cannot do anything if they don't get any.

Hearing Chen Mobai's straightforward promise, Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi both breathed a sigh of relief and became increasingly respectful of Chen Mobai.

Sect Leader Junior Brother is not only sincere but also a fair and just person.

"Although Brother Mo and Brother Zhou Ye are not here, I also plan to give two pills to their two meridians. I already discussed this with them when I returned from the Eastern Barbarians..."

If it's about being fair then certainly the Metal and Earth Veins should also have some.

The Metal Vein has Ning Leshan, and the Earth Vein has Kong Shanxu.

They are both names that Chen Mobai knows.

“By the way, Brother Nu Jiang, there will be two kinds of Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine on the Spirit Treasure Pavilion shelves. One is the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, which is effective for cultivators with various cultivation techniques and spiritual power attributes.”

“The other is the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill, refined with the Five Elements Spirit Tree’s spirit fruit from the Yi Yuan Secret Realm as the main ingredient. As the name implies, it is most effective for the Foundation Establishment cultivators with water attribute cultivation techniques.”

“The Golden Liquid Jade Pill can increase the probability of a cultivator forming the core by 20%, while the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill is slightly inferior, mainly depending on the cultivator’s foundation, generally between 10% to 20%.”

“The Golden Liquid Jade Pill is limited in quantity, but the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill has just been refined, with ten pills. Besides the one reserved for Nephew Luo Xue’er, there are nine left. If there are other Foundation Establishment completion cultivators in your Water Vein, I can consider putting them on the Spirit Treasure Pavilion for exchange.”

Listening to Chen Mobai’s words, Nu Jiang felt as if a pie from the sky had hit him.

“Sect Leader Junior Brother, besides my disciple Ji Guanhai, there is also one other who is at Foundation Establishment Completion...”

In recent years, with the complete unification and mutual exchange of resources among the Five Elements Five Meridians, Water Vein cultivators have used the Spirit Treasure Pavilion to sell the resources from the demonic beasts killed in Yun Meng Ze, earning a lot of cultivation materials.

One person took advantage of this opportunity to elevate himself to the Foundation Establishment Completion realm.

At this time, Nu Jiang only regretted that they had too few Foundation Establishment Completion cultivators in Wind Rain Hamlet.

The opportunity to grow and expand was right in front of them, yet they could only exchange for two pills.

“Then I will have the Spirit Treasure Pavilion put three Water Primordial Golden Core Pills on the shelves.”

As soon as Chen Mobai said this, both Nu Jiang and Luo Xue'er beside him expressed their gratitude.

When Luo Xue'er was at Mount Tianpeng, although she had heard from Yan Jinye that Qing Nu had successfully refined the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill, only when she heard it from Chen Mobai himself did she feel relieved.

After Nu Jiang and Sheng Zhaoxi left, Chen Mobai had Luo Xue'er call over Zheng Deming, E Yun, Zhou Wangshen, and Jiang Zongheng.

If these four want to form a core, they can only exchange for the Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

After all, the alchemy recipe for the Wood Essence Golden Core Pill still requires some time for Qing Nu to modify.

After informing them about the Golden Liquid Jade Pill being put on the shelves, all four were visibly excited.

“Thank you, Sect Leader!”

“Thank you, Master!”

Chen Mobai waved his hand after hearing them.

“Go and prepare, Zongheng, stay behind.”

Upon hearing this, Zheng Deming and the others looked at Jiang Zongheng with envy.

After Chen Mobai’s Nascent Soul Formation, his personal disciple’s status naturally rose as well. Even the likes of Nu Jiang would treat him with respect within the Five Elements Sect.

“Master!”

Though only the two remained, Jiang Zongheng maintained his respect and decorum.

“How is your cultivation progressing? Any doubts about forming your Golden Core?”

Chen Mobai was very concerned about his disciple.

“Reporting to Master, the Longevity Scripture only needs a few more drops of liquid spiritual power to reach Foundation Establishment Completion. The Longevity Taoist Body is already at the peak of Rank-2, but I still can’t cross that final hurdle...”

Jiang Zongheng truthfully reported, discussing the issues he had encountered in his cultivation over the years.

Chen Mobai easily addressed these concerns, as Jiang Zongheng was undoubtedly the most talented among his four disciples. Often, just a hint from the Master would lead him to quickly comprehend and even extrapolate further.

Teaching a smart student brings great accomplishment to the teacher.

The more Chen Mobai taught, the happier he became. Unintentionally, a day and a night passed as the master and disciple engaged in questions and answers.

“Thank you, Master, for imparting wisdom. I now have no doubts about forming my Golden Core with the Longevity Scripture!”

As dawn broke and the first rays of sunlight came in, Jiang Zongheng bowed and thanked Chen Mobai.

Chen Mobai: “You may rise. Before forming your Golden Core, I have a word to impart.”

Jiang Zongheng listened attentively, while Chen Mobai’s face was filled with reminiscence.

He recalled that before his own Golden Core formation, Fu Zongjue shared his own story of forming a Golden Core, which was very insightful for cultivators in the Tianhe Realm.

“When forming your Golden Core, find a belief in yourself that you must succeed.”

Upon hearing this, Jiang Zongheng solemnly nodded, reasoning from this that when forming a Golden Core, one’s heart should be free of knots.

“Master, there’s something that has been weighing on my mind, and I hope to resolve it before forming my Golden Core so that I can be completely focused.”

“Speak!”

Chen Mobai nodded warmly.

“This matter was mentioned when I first became your disciple. It started when I was a child...”

When Jiang Zongheng was young, he was often sickly. Then, he inadvertently encountered two loquat trees in the valley of his hometown, and after eating the fruits, his health improved, his mind became sharp, and he excelled in studies and cultivation.

“So it’s about that!”

Chen Mobai nodded after listening.

When he accepted Jiang Zongheng as a disciple, he had tested his spiritual roots and found that the total of his Five Elements Spiritual Roots was 108. Upon inquiry, he learned of this incident.

Unfortunately, when he later took Jiang Zongheng to that valley, they found nothing.

As time passed, he almost forgot about it.

Looking back now, the place where the two loquat spirit plants were must have been covered by a naturally formed large formation that even his Nascent Soul level divine sense could not detect.

And it was at least Rank-4!

However, with his current Nascent Soul realm and the Echoes in the Void grand spell, unless it was a Rank-5 natural maze, he could detect hints.

Therefore, Chen Mobai confidently said, "Fortunately, I have some free time; I'll take you there, so you can resolve this century-long concern."

Upon hearing this, Jiang Zongheng immediately bowed, "Thank you for your trouble, Master!"

Chen Mobai waved his hand dismissively, then directly took Jiang Zongheng using the Medium Transporting Formation to Giant Tree Ridge.

Jiang Zongheng's hometown was in Jianjun. After exiting the formation, Chen Mobai used the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo to fly and soon reached that valley.

This time, the hidden valley finally unveiled its true appearance to him.

There was actually an intermediate grade fourth rank Spirit Vein here, which had merged with the land and mountains to form a natural four rank maze, confounding even Golden Core practitioners.

But under Chen Mobai's complete mastery of the Echoes in the Void at Rank-4, there was nowhere to hide.

He clearly sensed the powerful surges of the Spirit Vein.

"There's a maze here, and if I break it from the outside, it would damage the fundamental Spirit Vein..."

Chen Mobai explained to Jiang Zongheng, who gently nodded, with a slight hint of disappointment, thinking he might once again be unable to enter the valley.

However, confirming that his childhood experience was not an illusion was already a partial resolution of his inner concern.

"But if it's just the two of us entering, it's not difficult."