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Chapter 1701:

"Indeed, it's the first time I've seen such shameless people!"

Chen Mobai immediately chimed in with Qing Nu's comment, holding deep disdain for Zhu Jun in his heart. Although he is a Golden Core cultivator who has achieved perfect core formation, in the end, resorting to seduction with beauty — doesn't he know that he is renowned as a gentleman here?

"I will go and check the people inside the palace."

To avoid giving Qing Nu any thoughts, Chen Mobai immediately pointed to the golden palace not far away.

However, the restrictions here were left by three Nascent Soul cultivators, and even with his strength, he couldn't unravel them.

Chen Mobai carefully investigated and found that all these restrictions were attributes of the Five Elements. He only needed to use Primordial True Qi to dissolve them.

But because the amount of Primordial True Qi the Formless Puppet could mobilize was limited, it might take some time.

Inside the palace.

The Foundation Establishment Practitioners deceived by Yuji Hermit were bound by crimson chains, confined at nine different positions.

Their wrists were slit open, and blood continuously dripped onto the ground, being drawn by a formation already arranged to seep into a Red Jade Monument.

By this time, they all understood they were used as sacrifices for breaking the seal by Yuji Hermit.

Some wailed and cursed in anger, others felt utterly defeated, and more had already closed their eyes in despair, waiting for death.

"Fellow Daoists, please save your strength. Perhaps righteous cultivators will discover this place and save us soon,"

The lone Eastern Wasteland cultivator, Xiang Xieyuan, still harbored a sliver of hope, persuading the four who were cursing in anger.

"This isn't the East Land, where would righteous cultivators come from?"

The Foundation Establishment Practitioner named Miao Yibao from Dongwu spoke with a sneer after hearing this.

"The Five Elements Sect is the righteous path of the Eastern Wasteland!"

Xiang Xieyuan said with a serious expression, his words immediately making four or five despairing people lift their heads, a hint of hope appearing in their eyes.

But at that moment, a mocking laughter rang out: "Outside, there are at least two Rank-3 demonic beasts. Unless Sect Leader Immortal Venerate Chen personally arrives, relying on the power of this Cave Dwelling, even if Eastern Wasteland Golden Core cultivators all came, before we bleed to death, they wouldn't be able to break through. Moreover, do you think we are worth Immortal Venerate Chen personally intervening?"

The speaker was still Miao Yibao; as an East Wu cultivator, even though he lived in Northern Abyss City these years, he firmly believed the world was dark.

The Five Elements Sect merely aims for greater benefits, which is why they established rules in the Eastern Wasteland.

Not to mention how the Five Elements Sect would even know they are trapped here, even if they did, a hard-shelled Nascent Soul cultivator wouldn't act for a few people not from the Five Elements Sect!

Once Miao Yibao's words fell, the little hope the few Foundation Establishment Practitioners had immediately turned to utter hopelessness.

Even Xiang Xieyuan felt the same and had only said that to give himself a ray of hope.

The brutally clear-minded Miao Yibao wouldn't even allow him that thin thread of hope.

In his despair and anger, Xiang Xieyuan harbors deep resentment towards Miao Yibao.

Despite being the oldest among these Foundation Establishment Practitioners and growing weaker with the loss of essence blood, at this critical moment, the fear of death suddenly inspired a sense of unwillingness, prompting him to angrily rebuke.

"It's all because of that bastard spawn Yu Ji, back then, Immortal Venerate Chen didn't dare let you Dongwu dogs enter Northern Abyss City..."

In extreme anger, Xiang Xieyuan began to curse at different regions. All present were Dongwu cultivators, and hearing it made them glare furiously at him,

"It's her fault alone, how can it be blamed on all of Dongwu!"

"Indeed, you can know someone's face but not their heart; her wickedness doesn't mean there aren't good people among Dongwu cultivators!"

"Even we, her fellow countrymen, were tricked by her..."

"If I weren't immobilized, I'd definitely show you this Dongwu cultivator's might..."

At the final moment of death, these Foundation Establishment Practitioners all expressed their inner fear through words.

Just as they prepared to descend into hysteria, a loud rumbling suddenly sounded.

Their gazes immediately turned toward the direction of the rumbling, discovering it was the palace's door!

Under their hopeful gazes, the doors swung open.

As Chen Mobai stepped inside, he saw the nine individuals pierced through the shoulder blades by chains.

Upon seeing him, the nine immediately struggled, their eyes wide in disbelief!

"The thieves of the Sun Bathing Sea have been vanquished, you are all safe now. Do not get agitated to avoid triggering stronger restrictions, damaging your essence!"

Chen Mobai spoke with a smile, then came to stand before Xiang Xieyuan, reaching out to touch the crimson chains.

He discovered that this was likely arranged by Zhu Jun, using materials and restrictions of Rank-3 level only.

Even without activating the Extreme Sun Slash and Primordial True Qi, a ball of golden flame ignited in his palm, transforming into a Flame Sun Slash that cut through all the chains in an instant.

Then, the chains sliced by the Flame Sun Slash seemed to melt like iron bars under high temperatures, breaking apart with red-hot iron liquid!

The nine Foundation Establishment practitioners originally bound in mid-air suddenly fell down, but their bodies' pain could not conceal the joy in their hearts.

They endured the severe pain, simply stopped the bleeding, and all performed a grand courtesy to Chen Mobai!

"Thank you, Senior, for your help. Please leave your name so we can worship your Longevity Plaque for generations to come."

After the ceremony, Miao Yibao hurriedly spoke up with these words.

"No need for such courtesy. Since you are residents of my Northern Abyss City, encountering such a matter gives me no reason to stand idly by."

Chen Mobai spoke up, then waved his hand to let them rise, removing the chains from their shoulder blades simultaneously.

"Is Senior... the Immortal Venerate Chen of the Five Elements Sect!?"

Miao Yibao's mouth gaped in disbelief.

These Foundation Establishment practitioners were not members of the Five Elements Sect and had never met Chen Mobai.

"I dare not claim the title of Immortal Venerate, merely having walked a few steps ahead of you in cultivation."

Chen Mobai smiled and admitted his identity.

Xiang Xieyuan and others immediately turned their gaze to Miao Yibao, who hesitated not in the slightest and slapped himself before performing another grand courtesy to Chen Mobai.

Hearing Miao Yibao apologizing while slapping, Chen Mobai finally understood why he did so and promptly stopped him.

"It was but a thoughtless remark, no need to mind it."

Then, Chen Mobai led them away from this palace.

Outside, Qing Nu had already cleaned up the corpse of the demonic beast, taking away everything that could be useful.

"This person is Zhu Jun of the Sun Bathing Sea, also the main culprit who harmed you..."

Chen Mobai pointed to Zhu Jun, whom he had decapitated, and Xiang Xieyuan and the nine Foundation Establishment practitioners bared their teeth and angrily scolded her corpse.

"There's also a teleportation array here, laid out by Yuji Hermit, you all come with me, and later, I'll need you to testify against Yuji Hermit's crimes."

Chen Mobai spoke, and Xiang Xieyuan and others immediately nodded, indicating they would follow the orders of Immortal Venerate Chen.

The ancient teleportation arrays allowing entry and exit were the handiwork of Yuji Hermit, as the location was not far from Wind Rain Hamlet. If entering directly and sensing Rank-5 spiritual energy, perhaps careful individuals might suspect it was the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion.

By detouring far and entering through the ancient teleportation array, Xiang Xieyuan and others would believe they were exploring an ancient cave dwelling.

Two ancient teleportation arrays were laid out: one for entrance and one for exit.

After the Formless Puppet led the nine out, Chen Mobai himself performed Void Walk to enter here.

After confirming there were no Rank-4 Poisonous Dragons, he no longer needed to be so cautious.

Once entering the palace, Chen Mobai added a seal outside, then destroyed both ancient teleportation arrays to prevent future practitioners from accidentally entering here.

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A surface of water in Yun Meng Ze.

Yuji Hermit and Hong He emerged after leaving the cave dwelling through an ancient teleportation array.

"Junior Brother, you should hide for a while after this. When things settle down, I'll take you to see Master!"

Having obtained the Core Formation spiritual liquid, Yuji Hermit's face was overwhelmingly excited, but she didn't forget the powerful Hong He beside her, immediately sending him off.

"Senior Sister, where do you plan to form your core, by Master's side? Why not take me with you?"

Hong He tentatively asked.

But Yuji Hermit looked at him warily and shook her head.

"Master is recently in secluded cultivation learning a great method, and I dare not disturb him. Northern Abyss City isn't bad; I'll pretend that when exploring the cave with Xiang Xieyuan and them, I encountered a crisis, and only I escaped alive."

Hong He's mouth twitched slightly upon hearing this.

"Senior Sister, isn't that leaving too many traces?"

Teaming up to explore a cave dwelling but only one survived; anyone using their brain would find it suspicious.

"Northern Abyss City is Immortal Venerate Chen's territory, and as long as there's no definite evidence, no one can catch me!"

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"Don't worry, Junior Brother; once Master comes out of seclusion, I'll take you to meet him right away."

Yuji Hermit still thought Hong He was concerned about the Demonic Dao Dafa he had promised before, and earnestly spoke up.

"Then at that time, I'll have to trouble Senior Sister to put in a good word for me in front of Master."

Hong He could only nod helplessly, and then the two parted ways.

But little did they know, their conversation on the water surface was completely reflected in Qing Nu's Water Mirror Reflection.

Chen Mobai was watching the round light of the water mirror from the side, using the lip-reading skill from the Guidance Book to decipher their dialogue.

"Do you know this person?"

Qing Nu, seeing Chen Mobai focusing on Hong He, couldn't help but ask.

"He was formerly a disciple of the Five Elements Sect, but unfortunately, he strayed from the righteous path..."

Chen Mobai briefly explained Hong He's background, and Qing Nu also showed a face full of regret upon hearing it.

Chen Mobai: "You go catch that female devil cultivator; I'll go meet him."

Qing Nu nodded and executed her Water Escape, pursuing Yuji Hermit.

Chen Mobai, meanwhile, flashed silver light in place and directly Void Walked to appear in front of Hong He, who was flying above Yun Meng Ze towards Dongwu.

"Greetings, Sect... Immortal Venerate Chen!"

Hong He, upon seeing Chen Mobai, instinctively wanted to call out Sect Leader, but quickly remembered the latter's statement that he was no longer a disciple of the Five Elements Sect, and could only change his wording with gloom.

"This time, because of your warning, the Five Elements Sect and the Eastern Wilderness avoided a great calamity, which can be considered as commendable merit."

Chen Mobai nodded to Hong He, mentioning Zhu Jun's attempted actions and acknowledged his contribution.

"Though I took the wrong path, I will never forget the sect's guidance."

Hearing this, Hong He was also very pleased, though Yuji Hermit hadn't told him about the matter of unsealing the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion, he had guessed most of it during the process.

He was also very fortunate that Chen Mobai understood his hints and resolved the matter by following the clues.

"Here is a Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine, during my battle with a demonic beast in Yun Meng Ze, it accidentally fell and you picked it up."

Chen Mobai has always been clear in rewards and punishments; Hong He's warning prevented the emergence of the Poisonous Dragon, and he felt he should reward him with a Water Primordial Golden Core Pill.

He still had six of these on him.

However, considering the presence of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, Chen Mobai still wanted to find an excuse.

"Indeed. I picked up this elixir!"

Hong He, being a clever person, quickly understood Chen Mobai's meaning.

Chen Mobai slightly nodded upon hearing this, then released the jade vial containing the Water Primordial Golden Core Pill from his hand.

The jade vial fell toward the water surface, and Hong He immediately flew over to catch it.

With a face full of joy, he held the elixir and was about to thank Chen Mobai, only to discover there was no one in mid-air anymore.

Hong He, with a solemn expression, stood on the water surface and paid respects to the direction of the Eastern Wilderness.

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Yuji Hermit was dumbfounded when Qing Nu caught her, not knowing how she had offended this mysterious Core Formation cultivator.

Soon, Chen Mobai also arrived.

Yuji Hermit hadn't seen Chen Mobai's true face before and didn't know that the clean and graceful youth in front of her was the master of the Eastern Wilderness.

"Thanks for your hard work!"

Chen Mobai smiled at Qing Nu, then sealed Yuji Hermit's cultivation level.

At this moment, Yuji Hermit realized that the youth's cultivation was even more formidable than Qing Nu's.

She imagined that powerful cultivators were often capricious, and even thought it was an enemy of her master coming for revenge, or believed it was Zhu Jun's backup plan to deal with her to prevent future leaks, so she obediently followed them without any resistance.

Then, the three of them arrived at Wind Rain Hamlet, where Nu Jiang was already waiting at the Teleportation Array's entrance and signaled for the disciples nearby to take Yuji Hermit away.

"I am a resident of Northern Abyss City, what reason do you have to capture me..."

By this time, Yuji Hermit roughly guessed the reason internally, but she still shouted loudly, claiming to be a law-abiding and good resident.

She even claimed that she was quite famous among the East Wu cultivators, and if she wasn't given an explanation, the impression of the Eastern Wilderness and even the Five Elements Sect on the East Wu side would worsen.

"Immortal Venerate Chen's rules, don't you adhere to them in the water vein of the Five Elements Sect..."

In the end, Yuji Hermit even invoked Chen Mobai's name.

“Wretch, still trying to stir trouble at this point!”

At this moment, nine pallid-looking Foundation Establishment practitioners entered from outside; it was Xiang Xieyuan’s nine people who had stepped out of the Teleportation Array earlier.

Having not gone far, they heard Yuji Hermit’s shouting and immediately returned to see their foe as a prisoner.

“Impossible, how are you still alive!”

Seeing Xiang Xieyuan’s nine alive in front of her, Yuji Hermit widened her eyes with disbelief.

She couldn’t fathom how these nine Foundation Establishment practitioners escaped from Zhu Jun and that formidable Third-Order Demon Beast’s hands.

“Thanks to Immortal Venerate Chen, the demonic harpy from Sun Bathing Sea and that demonic beast have already been executed; the Eastern Wilderness is the territory of the Five Elements Upper Sect, your vile plot is utterly doomed...”

Miao Yibao first saluted Chen Mobai, then turned to Yuji Hermit and viciously cursed her.

At this moment, Yuji Hermit realized that the clear and graceful youth beside her was actually the supreme master of the Eastern Wilderness!

Her face immediately turned pale.

“Immortal Venerate, it was but a moment of folly, lured by Zhu Jun with a Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine, which led me to commit such a rogue cultivator’s deed. The real culprit is that Sun Bathing Sea. I plead for you to spare my life.”

Yuji Hermit immediately showed remorse before Chen Mobai and began to argue.

“North Abyss City has rules; should rogue cultivations result in the death of a cultivator, it requires a life in return.”

Chen Mobai said, and Yuji Hermit quickly pointed at the still-living Xiang Xieyuan and the others.

“Immortal Venerate Chen, they’re all still alive; hence my crime isn’t worth death.”

After hearing this, Chen Mobai nodded: “Indeed, nobody died, but your intention to place them in mortal peril calls for severe punishment.”

“I’m willing to mine, farm, and reclaim the desert...”

Yuji Hermit saw a glimmer of hope, admitting guilt and willing to accept any punishment as long as she doesn’t die.

“Then let’s pursue another charge against you.”

Chen Mobai said with a smile, causing Yuji Hermit’s heart to suddenly grow cold, yet she held onto the hope asking: “What crime?”

“Practicing demonic cultivation!”

The moment these four characters were uttered, Yuji Hermit’s face showed not a trace of blood!

“Lock her up and keep a close watch; don’t let her die, as I still need her testimony before the Jiutian Dangmo Sect.”

After saying this, Chen Mobai gave orders to Nu Jiang, who immediately nodded.

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A month later, people from Jiutian Dangmo Sect arrived at North Abyss City.

Because the matter involved Baiwu Ancestor, Chen Mobai directly contacted Ye Qing.

Unexpectedly, Ye Qing not only came personally but also brought Yuan Zhen along. Upon inquiry, it turned out Yuan Zhen had insisted on coming along.

“Greetings, Qing Emperor Daozi!”

Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen beamed as they raised their hands in greeting upon seeing Chen Mobai.

Chen Mobai: “No need for jokes between us.”

Though there were rumors in East Land that Chen Mobai was the Qing Emperor Daozi of the First Origin Dao Palace, Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen knew the truth, it was merely a fabricated identity for the Three Lights Divine Water.

“Sect Master Chen is indeed a prodigious talent, successfully forming a Nascent Soul with just one portion of the Three Lights Divine Water.”

Yuan Zhen looked at the now entirely different demeanor of Chen Mobai, full of envy. A few years prior, she had also attempted Nascent Soul Formation but fell short at the Nurturing Infant stage due to insufficient foundation.

Thankfully, the Three Lights Divine Water ensured there were no hidden dangers upon failure.

However, after one failure, any future attempt at Nascent Soul formation would require self-collected resources. Of course, as a cultivator from the Yuan family, while she couldn't receive assistance from the sect, her family would grant her one more chance.

This failure allowed Yuan Zhen to see the disparity between herself and true Daozi-level geniuses like Ye Qing and Chen Mobai from East Continent.

“Oh, I just leveraged some of the sect’s resources and took a spirit pill that aids in Nascent Soul formation.”

Chen Mobai, while in Tianhe Realm, wanted to keep a low profile; the Three Lights Divine Water merely offered another chance, with no effect on Nascent Soul formation.

If word spread that he succeeded without any elixirs or spiritual objects, it would bring great fame but unquestionably attract attention from the demon path sects of East Li.

With the prior example of the former First Origin Dao Palace’s Taoist Saintess, Chen Mobai, though having succeeded in Nascent Soul Formation, wished to avoid unnecessary trouble.

Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen nodded at his statement.

They knew that when Ancestor Hunyuan Yi left East Land, First Origin Dao Palace had gathered materials for a batch of Coagulation Infant Pills and sought Dao Morale Sect’s help for refinement.

Presumably, Chen Mobai must have taken a Coagulation Infant Pill to succeed in forming a Nascent Soul.

“I wonder if your sect might have extra Coagulation Infant Pills...”

Yuan Zhen asked expectantly, as while the Three Lights Divine Water could wait for the next Beidou Conference, there was no source for Coagulation Infant Pills. The Yuan family wouldn’t gather materials for a batch solely for her.

Chen Mobai immediately shook his head, indicating he had no Coagulation Infant Pills at hand.

Though Zhou Ye possessed one pill, he certainly wouldn’t warm the hearts of outsiders over his own kin.

Yuan Zhen listened and lowered her head in disappointment.

But this was to be expected; after all, when Li Zhongji's batch of Coagulation Infant Pills was refined by Dao Morale Sect, they retained half as a fee.

"Sect Master Chen, you mentioned capturing a cultivator practicing demonic cultivation and linking it to Sun Bathing Sea."

This brought Ye Qing to broach the main topic.

"Indeed, I initially thought it was merely a misguided cultivator. Unexpectedly, upon capturing her and delving deeper, I uncovered this shocking matter..."

Chen Mobai narrated with premeditated words he had planned.

While apprehending the demon path cultivator, he found Yuji Hermit was instructed by Zhu Jun, who, as a Golden Core Cultivator from Sun Bathing Sea, schemed to unseal Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion and release the Rank-4 Poisonous Dragon, which had been arduously sealed to wreak havoc upon the mortal realm.

"Is there evidence?"

Ye Qing asked as per procedure after hearing this.

"Certainly. The witness is in North Abyss City; for material evidence, I can take you to the seal location."

Before informing Jiutian Dangmo Sect, Chen Mobai had already arranged everything.

Xiang Xieyuan and eight other Foundation Establishment Practitioners could testify against Yuji Hermit, and the fact that she practiced demonic cultivation was indeed true.

Yuji Hermit had previously admitted in front of everyone she was under Zhu Jun's command, following which Chen Mobai took Ye Qing to the seal's location, where Xiang Xieyuan and others described the scene of sacrificial blood binding, clearly demonstrating it as a rite-utilizing method to break the seal.

Thus, evidence of Zhu Jun conspiring with demon path cultivators to release the Poisonous Dragon formed a closed loop.

"The only pity is Zhu Jun is dead; otherwise, I could have brought her to Golden Crow Immortal City as well."

After inspecting the seal site and Zhu Jun's corpse, Ye Qing remarked regretfully.

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"When I entered here, I saw Zhu Jun and that demonic beast were unsealing, deeply fearing that the Poisonous Dragon would wreak havoc in the Mortal Realm, and worrying for the safety of the nine fellow daoists, in my haste, I directly got rid of her and the beast..."

Chen Mobai explained to Ye Qing, while Xiang Xieyuan and the others beside him listened with faces of gratitude, thankful for having bought a house in Northern Abyss City.

"Sect Leader Chen, this matter also requires you to accompany them on a trip with me."

After collecting the relevant evidence, Ye Qing did not linger in the Eastern Wilderness, intending to go directly to the Golden Crow Immortal City, and have Chen Mobai confront Baiwu Ancestor with everyone.

The Nine Heavens Demon Slaying Sect usually allows both sides to explain their side of things when dealing with matters related to devil cultivators.

Chen Mobai understood this and nodded without hesitation.

With Ye Qing accompanying him, he didn't believe that Baiwu Ancestor would dare to make a move.

If Baiwu Ancestor really had such courage, Chen Mobai would have to admire him.

Soon, the Five Elements Sect prepared a flying boat, and this group set off from Northern Abyss City, heading towards the Eastern Barbarians.

"If only there was a large-scale transmission array."

On the flying boat, Yuan Zhen looked outside at the ruins' environment, and unintentionally voiced a heartfelt wish.

"This is also what troubles me. The Eastern Wilderness, as one of the borders of the East Continent and adjacent to the ruins, holds quite an important strategic position. If the several Holy Lands plan to open up the wilderness in the future, without a large-scale transmission array in the Eastern Wilderness, moving resources and cultivators will be inconvenient."

For the Five Elements Sect, the most important thing right now is having a large-scale transmission array.

This way, the Eastern Barbarians and Eastern Wilderness can be completely connected.

For Chen Mobai, the focus will definitely still be on the Eastern Wilderness in the future, needing to utilize the resources originally from Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace to enhance the local strength of the Five Elements Sect in Eastern Wilderness, but the ruins between the two areas are a great hindrance to this.

Even cultivators like Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen find the journey from the Eastern Barbarians to the Eastern Wilderness somewhat lengthy.

Let alone ordinary cultivators.

Fortunately, the Five Elements Sect is now powerful enough to ensure safe passage through the ruins.

Even so, transporting resources from the Eastern Barbarians to Northern Abyss City, unless a Golden Core Cultivator makes a direct run, typically takes half a year on average.

The solution to this, aside from a large-scale transmission array, is to develop and open a passage through the ruins between the Eastern Barbarians and the Eastern Wilderness.

Chen Mobai has always been advancing the latter, and as for the former, with the Five Elements Sect now having two Nascent Soul cultivators, it is qualified to purchase a large-scale transmission array from Taixu Miaomiao Palace.

Unfortunately, there's no connection.

Chen Mobai doesn't want to owe a favor to the Star Heaven Dao Sect, so he could only send Yue Zutao from the East Land to Taixu Immortal City to find the shop set up by Taixu Miaomiao Palace, but was told that only medium and small transmission arrays are sold there.

Large-scale transmission arrays, as strategic resources, can only be sold through introductions by acquaintances or guarantees by major forces, according to Taixu Miaomiao Palace.

Chen Mobai only knows Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen from the East Land, so when Yuan Zhen mentioned this matter, he naturally spoke up.

"Sect Leader Chen speaks rightly, I'll check with Taixu Miaomiao Palace when I return."

Ye Qing nodded. The Five Elements Sect, now a Nascent Soul major faction, meets the requirements for setting up a large-scale transmission array.

Hearing this, Chen Mobai gratefully thanked Ye Qing with a face full of joy.

He was very clear that with Ye Qing intervening, this matter was pretty much settled.

Next, the three of them talked about matters related to opening the wilderness.

The Golden Flame Manticore, located deep in the ruins, besides its powerful cultivation level, also possesses the true spirit bloodline of the Golden Lion Royal Court of the Demon Tribe.

Back when the Eastern Emperor Court fought fiercely against the Eight Great Demon Royal Courts led by the Nine-Headed Great Saint, three royal courts, including this Golden Lion Royal Court, were destroyed.

Though it was destroyed, many still fled into the vast ruins; this Golden Flame Manticore is one of them. By today, its bloodline has revived, capable of contending with Huashen Zhenjun.

The choice to open up the ruins where the Golden Flame Manticore resides was made with this in mind.

Because, in the ruins, this true spirit-blooded demonic beast loves preying on human cultivators, actively hunting them.

The event began when a Nascent Soul cultivator from the Dao Morale Sect went herb collecting in the ruins and was discovered and killed by the Golden Flame Manticore.

The Dao Morale Sect couldn't tolerate this, so they, along with the Nine Heavens Demon Slaying Sect and Taixu Miaomiao Palace, launched a reclamation order under the pretext of refining the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill, determined to skin and draw out the sinews of the Golden Flame Manticore.

"In the Lands of East Continent, the human race has two major threats: one is devil cultivators, and the other is the Demon Tribe."

"Previously, our Nine Heavens Demon Slaying Sect was renowned for both slaying demons and devils, but after the tragic battle between the East Land's Human Emperor and the Nine Great Saints, both sides needed time to recuperate, so our Holy Lands and the Imperial Court signed a non-aggression agreement with the remaining five major royal courts of the Demon Tribe."

"Since then, our sect has been famous for slaying devils mostly, with seldom mention of demon-slaying."

Upon hearing Ye Qing's explanation, Chen Mobai couldn't help but nod repeatedly. These are things only known to the major factions and Holy Lands of the East Land, such as the fact that the five major royal courts of the Demon Tribe each have a living true spirit bloodline, equivalent to the human race's Huashen Zhenjun.

It's precisely because of this that Eastern Barbarian cultivators dare venture beyond the Mysterious Sea.

In name, the Mysterious Sea beyond the Eastern Barbarians belongs to the Xuanjiao Royal Court's territory, but due to the agreement, as long as human cultivators aren't too excessive, gathering herbs, pearls, and minerals from the seabed doesn't bother the Xuanjiao Royal Court.

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The power that mutually intimidates is the premise of peace.

And because the Golden Lion Royal Court had already perished, it wasn't part of the agreement. Additionally, since the Golden Flame Manticore offended the Dao Morale Sect, the Reclamation Order directly fell upon it.

After a discussion with Ye Qing, Chen Mobai roughly understood the top forces on the East Continent.

On the Human Race side, the Three Great Sacred Lands each have a Divinity Transformation presence, while the situation of the First Origin Dao Palace is unknown due to its mountain-sealing.

On the Demon Path side, there are many old monsters who use all kinds of strange secret techniques to hide, but the only clearly identified Spirit Transformation Stage is a Ghost God from the Qu Shen Demon Sect!

Before Ming Zun appeared, the Qu Shen Demon Sect was undoubtedly the leader of the East Dawn Demon Dao.

"I heard that when Ming Zun's demonic cultivation reached great success, he personally went to the Qu Shen Demon Sect to challenge the Ghost God Technique. The specific outcome is unknown, but since

then, the Qu Shen Demon Sect began to hide in the shadows, and the Tongyou Demon Sect became the leader of the Demon Path."

"After Ming Zun and True Lord Yuan's clone clashed and disappeared, the Tongyou Demon Sect also began to hide."

"Currently, it's the Qi Tian Demon Sect and Jade Mirror Demon Sect that are in control of the East Dawn Demon Dao. Though these two sects lack demonic lords at the Spirit Transformation Stage, they both have Magic Daoist Monks whose Nascent Souls are at completion. Using their inherent secret techniques, they can also temporarily unleash the power of Divine Transformation."

"The remaining major Demon Sects, though only having Nascent Soul Cultivators, are bizarrely formidable. If Sect Master Chen encounters them, he must be careful."

"The most bizarre is a sect called the Hua Shen Demon Sect. Its legacy is the most mysterious, practicing the technique of divine thought clone. By possessing a cultivator with a Heart Demon and playing with the human mind, once mastered, thousands of clones unite into one, knowing everything. But precisely because of this, the sect is suppressed even within the Demon Path, and should it be discovered, the righteous, demonic, and monster paths will all seek to eradicate it."

Ye Qing explained each of the eighteen sects of East Dawn Demon Dao to Chen Mobai.

When hearing about the Hua Shen Demon Sect, Chen Mobai suddenly thought of the Devour God Technique.

It seemed to follow the same path.

This cultivation method would indeed be a concern for all factions.

No one wishes for their disciples to be possessed.

After all, people tend to be less vigilant around their close ones, possibly revealing something important unwittingly.

If a cultivator has to be wary of even those around them daily, it would be too taxing.

"Is there any way to identify a person of the Hua Shen Demon Sect?"

Chen Mobai couldn't help but ask, to which Ye Qing nodded.

"The Hua Shen Demon Sect's soul possession technique merges with the demonic thoughts in your heart, so it can be detected using Pure Qi. Many sects in the East Land like to plant Pure Bamboo for this reason. This method was developed by the Pure Palace of the Holy Land in the West Continent. The Grandmaster of the Kong Sang Valley lineage initially obtained the legacy of the Pure Palace after traveling from Eastern Yi across the Mysterious Sea to the West Continent before returning to establish a dao lineage."

Hearing this, Chen Mobai's face suddenly showed enlightenment.

No wonder the people of Kong Sang Valley like to plant Pure Bamboo wherever they go.

After discussing the eighteen sects of the Demon Path, Chen Mobai asked about the Hall of Ten Directions.

Ye Qing knew quite a bit about this too. After the Eastern Emperor Court collapsed, many of the Hall of Ten Directions left the East Continent, some going overseas, others to the remaining four continents. For example, the Heavenly Thunder Seon Sect of the Sacred Land in the West Continent was originally a part of the Hall of Ten Directions known as the Heavenly Thunder Temple.

The cultivators of this sect practice in the extreme western heights, using the Mysterious Technique Great Method to absorb the Heavenly Thunder Force, and their combat power is astounding.

However, the Heavenly Thunder Sect only recruits cultivators with Thunder Spiritual Roots, and their numbers, at most, do not exceed ten, yet each has achieved great accomplishments. Through the generations, only a few have stopped at Core Formation, with the rest typically reaching Nascent Soul, and those with extraordinary talent have even achieved Divinity Transformation.

The Heavenly Thunder Sect and the Pure Palace are considered equals in the West Continent, akin to the Jiutian Dangmo Sect and Dao Morale Sect of the East Continent.

Certainly, above the West Continent is the Taixu MiaoMiao Palace as well.

After hearing this, Chen Mobai inquired about other Holy Land Major Sects across the Five Continents and Four Seas.

Ye Qing spoke of them one by one.

On the journey, they talked and discussed at length, unknowingly arriving at the Eastern Yi Territory.

Golden Crow Immortal City!

When Baiwu Ancestor received word from his disciple that Ye Qing was bringing people to their doorstep, he was a bit uneasy, wondering if the grievance from Zhu Jun shutting down the Teleportation Array had not yet been resolved, and whether this Dao Child from the Jiutian Dangmo Sect had come to stand up for their Commerce Association.

However, when he heard his disciple say that the accompanying group included Emperor Chen Qing of the Five Elements Sect, his heart skipped a beat.

He realized something was amiss.

But Ye Qing was already at the door, so hiding wasn't an option.

"Hahaha, to what do I owe the pleasure of seeing Dao Child Ye, Saintess Yuan, and Sect Master Chen today? This humble place is truly honored by your presence."

When Baiwu Ancestor arrived at the hall, he greeted Ye Qing, Yuan Zhen, and Chen Mobai very familiarly, showing no hint that he secretly wished for Chen Mobai's demise.

"Venerable Baiwu, I won't waste words. You should recognize this corpse."

Ye Qing nodded in response, then got straight to the point, directly presenting the lifeless body of Zhu Jun.

"Jun'er... Who killed her... I am irreconcilable with them!"

Seeing Zhu Jun, Baiwu Ancestor knew that the matter was exposed, but he showed no signs of panic and immediately began his performance, rushing to Zhu Jun's corpse with clenched fists and an angry expression.

"I did it."

Chen Mobai casually said, making Baiwu Ancestor look up at him with bloodshot eyes.

As their eyes met, the temperature in the hall suddenly began to heat up, causing even foundational establishment practitioners like Xiang Xieyuan and others to break into a sweat.

"What does Dao Child Ye mean by coming here today? Does he plan to kill me together with Sect Master Chen?"

Baiwu Ancestor did not act but instead asked Ye Qing coldly.

He also had a background, and with the Burning Heaven Meridians cooperating, he did not believe Ye Qing would risk failing the Reclamation to kill him.

"I am merely accompanying Sect Master Chen to confront Venerable Baiwu."

Ye Qing responded calmly, then pointed to Xiang Xieyuan, Yu Ji, and others, recounting the events that occurred in the Eastern Wilderness.

"Yu Ji practiced demonic cultivation and has already confessed, and your disciple Zhu Jun colluded with her to kill these nine individuals, open the seal of the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion, and release the Poisonous Dragon. How do you explain this?"

While speaking, Ye Qing merely relayed the findings of the investigation without any embellishment, offering Baiwu Ancestor a chance to explain.

"What, this treacherous disciple actually colluded with Demon Path cultivators? I was truly blinded!"

Upon seeing Chen Mobai and Ye Qing, Baiwu Ancestor had roughly guessed the situation, but he hadn't anticipated Zhu Jun being so careless, failing the task and being caught with all the blame falling upon him.

"However, I can say with a clear conscience that I never instructed Zhu Jun to cooperate with the Demon Path. I had no knowledge of his collusion with the Demon Path!"

Even with the Burning Heaven Meridians backing, Baiwu Ancestor was in no position to bear the stigma of colluding with the Demon Path, so he outright denied it!

Ye Qing nodded lightly, then asked, "Would you dare to swear a Daoist Heart Oath?"

Upon hearing this, Baiwu Ancestor frowned, as he knew that the more Dao Heart Oaths one made, the less clear the Dao heart would be.

But under Ye Qing's pressing gaze, he had no other choice.

"Of course, I can swear it!"

Baiwu Ancestor gritted his teeth and agreed, for in this situation, swearing a Dao Heart Oath was the only way to clear the suspicion of his involvement with the Demon Path.

After he raised his hand and finished swearing, Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen exchanged glances and nodded.

"Then, would Venerable Baiwu also be willing to swear that you did not instruct Zhu Jun to unseal the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion?"

At this moment, Chen Mobai asked.

Chapter 1705: Obtaining the Sun Holy Fruit, 5th Tier Cave Dwelling

"This matter has nothing to do with the Demon Path, please forgive me for not being able to swear!"

Baiwu Ancestor straightforwardly refused, as if joking; after all, he was the one behind this affair, so he dared not swear.

Upon hearing this, Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen's eyes flickered slightly.

The meaning of not daring to swear was quite obvious.

"In that case, it seems we need to invite Brother Xuande and Sister Qi Jiannu from the Dao Morale Sect to make a trip."

Ye Qing spoke, and upon hearing this, Baiwu Ancestor's expression changed slightly.

Above East Continent, the Jiutian Dangmo Sect focused on demon slaying and typically attacked the Demon Path without hesitation.

Meanwhile, the Dao Morale Sect had always emphasized societal order, promoting governance with a hands-off approach, in harmony with nature. This didn't mean they were indifferent, but rather that people should follow natural law and allow society's natural evolution without interference.

Under this philosophy, if a cultivator caused significant mortal human deaths, the Dao Morale Sect considered it a disruption of the order they vowed to protect.

Although Baiwu Ancestor's release of the Poisonous Dragon hadn't succeeded, his intent to harm millions in the Eastern Wilderness was enough, prompting likely discipline from the Dao Morale Sect.

The critical point was that the Burning Heaven Meridians were negotiating with the Dao Morale Sect for a Communicating Holy Spirit Pill. If Baiwu Ancestor ruined this effort, it could turn the Sun Bathing Sea and Fire Cloud Palace into enemies on the spot.

"Dao Child Ye, it's all a misunderstanding. I was deceived by an unruly disciple. Originally, it was she who sought to seize the Three Lights Divine Water from the Qing Emperor Daozi, which led to the closure of the Golden Crow Immortal City."

"Ever since the news of Qing Emperor Daozi's Nascent Soul Formation came, she feared that he would discover her actions. Thus, she plotted to release the Poisonous Dragon to stall Qing Emperor Daozi's cultivation progress."

"To be honest, aside from being my disciple, she is also my concubine. Over hundreds of years, I've developed feelings for her. Therefore, I merely persuaded her and didn't have the heart to punish her severely, despite knowing her schemes."

"I was aware of the Poisonous Dragon incident and did chastise her harshly back then."

"Recently, I've been busy practicing the Forbidden Fire Array with other Burning Heaven inheritors and hadn't been watching her closely. Upon returning, I discovered she disobeyed my confinement order and left the Golden Crow Immortal City. I assumed she went out to relax after feeling agitated due to my previous punishment, never imagining she intended something so malicious in the Eastern Wilderness!"

Baiwu Ancestor sighed, revealing the "truth." The implication was that he indeed knew but blamed Zhu Jun for being the mastermind. His fondness for his concubine led to lax supervision, almost causing a major disaster. Currently, he was deeply remorseful.

"I'll still inform Brother Xuande and the others; by then, Baiwu Elder can explain to them."

After listening, Ye Qing only said this.

In East Continent, he didn't believe a mere concubine like Zhu Jun would defy Baiwu Ancestor, a Nascent Soul cultivator.

"Everyone, let's have some tea. This is White Dew Sparrow Tongue from my Sun Bathing Sea, which helps break through bottlenecks. It works even for Nascent Soul cultivators if consumed in quantity."

Baiwu Ancestor immediately took out his treasured Fourth-Grade Spirit Tea, personally boiled water for brewing, and offered it to the three present.

"After all, the Poisonous Dragon wasn't released; even if the Taoist Saintess from the Dao Morale Sect came, the worst would be a punishment to seclude myself and pay a hefty Spirit Stone fine. However, avoiding their knowledge would be ideal."

After distributing the White Dew Sparrow Tongue, Baiwu Ancestor sincerely requested in a somewhat pleading tone.

These Holy Lands in East Continent, the Dao Morale Sect, unlike the Jiutian Dangmo Sect's aggressive approach, wouldn't resort to extreme measures unless a crime incites public fury, causing numerous mortal deaths.

The vital issue at hand was Fire Cloud Palace, head of the Burning Heaven Meridians, currently placating the Dao Morale Sect and already advanced substantial benefits to Sun Bathing Sea for support in exchange.

Baiwu Ancestor dared not hinder these efforts; if they failed due to him, Baiwu feared that Great Elder Hong Yun might come and tear him apart directly!

"Sect Master Chen, what do you think?"

Ye Qing accepted the tea without drinking it, instead asking Chen Mobai's opinion.

“I’ve heard that above the Spiritual Vein Core of Golden Crow Immortal City, there stands a Fifth-Order Sun God Tree bearing excellent Sun Holy Fruits.”

Chen Mobai immediately followed Ye Qing’s lead, hinting directly, causing Baiwu Ancestor’s eyelids to twitch.

The Sun Holy Fruit matures only once every 333 years, containing the purest essence of Heavenly Yang Fire. It can be used as the main ingredient to refine a Fourth-Grade Heaven Fire Dan, essential for Baiwu Ancestor’s cultivation advancement.

The Heaven Fire Dan is collectively sought by the Burning Heaven Meridians and is the best elixir for Nascent Soul cultivators with fire-based cultivation techniques to enhance their cultivation level and train Fire Attribute Spell Divine Skills.

Baiwu Ancestor had acquired countless resources using this.

Originally, Zhu Jun’s Three Lights Divine Water was exchanged for three Sun Holy Fruits from the Star Heaven Dao Sect. With this, Elder Xinghuo from Star Heaven Dao Sect successfully condensed the Star Divine Fire.

It could be said that Baiwu Ancestor’s position in East Continent fundamentally relied on the Sun God Tree.

Golden Crow Immortal City was built solely to guard this Divine Tree.

“Esteemed guests, a rare visit to my place deserves a taste of the Sun Holy Fruit. Please wait a moment!”

However, after much consideration, Baiwu Ancestor reluctantly squeezed out a smile and said these words.

Shortly, he returned with a stone plate, covered by a red silk cloth.

When Baiwu Ancestor lifted the cloth, revealing three golden, flame-flowing fruits, both Chen Mobai and Yuan Zhen involuntarily showed slight surprise.

They had expected Baiwu Ancestor would offer two fruits as compensation, one for Ye Qing and one for Chen Mobai.

A trade between Nascent Souls.

Who would have thought that Baiwu Ancestor would go to such lengths, even giving a Sun Holy Fruit to Yuan Zhen, a Golden Core Cultivator.

Ye Qing remained calm, as he wasn't interested in the Sun Holy Fruit. His piece was merely for Yuan Zhen.

With this, at the Beidou Conference, she could add some Rank-5 Spiritual Objects to trade for the Three Lights Divine Water. Having an extra one was a good thing.

"When cultivators who do not practice Fire Attribute Techniques take this fruit, they need to use cold water to neutralize it. If they are not consuming it immediately, it must be stored in stone vessels..."

Baiwu Ancestor pointed at the three Sun Holy Fruits on a stone tray, suppressing his pain as he introduced them.

"Such fine fruits, I truly hope one day I can cultivate beneath the Sun God Tree."

Chen Mobai listened to the Sun Holy Fruit with Echoes in the Void and felt the immense fire essence energy within, speaking with admiration.

"If Sect Master Chen wishes, I can arrange a Fifth-Order Abode beside the Divine Tree for you."

Baiwu Ancestor pretended to speak with great generosity.

“Thank you very much.”

Chen Mobai nodded with pleasure upon hearing it.

Baiwu Ancestor’s mouth twitched slightly; he had spoken courteously, not expecting Chen Mobai to take him seriously.

But having said those words, he couldn’t contradict himself.

He had to call in a Golden Core disciple, transferring one vacant Fifth-Order Abode to Chen Mobai.

“There are two more right next to them. I’ll register them under Dao Child Ye and Saintess Yuan’s names. When you come to do business in the East Barbarians, you’ll have a place to stay.”

After giving one to Chen Mobai, Baiwu Ancestor generously transferred two more to Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen so as not to favor one over the others.

Ye Qing was slightly surprised, but Yuan Zhen agreed directly.

Thus, in the midst of Baiwu Ancestor’s flamboyance, the matter was settled.

Everyone drank their spiritual tea and then got up to take their leave.

After seeing Chen Mobai and others off, Baiwu Ancestor looked at Zhu Jun’s corpse lying in the main hall and shouted angrily, spewing True Fire.

After incinerating this disciple who was more trouble than he was worth, Baiwu Ancestor immediately activated a Message Talisman to call Xu Yingsheng back.

Now that Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen knew about this matter, if the Poisonous Dragon was really born, he would certainly be regarded as the culprit.

In the face of Dao Morale Sect's Taoist Child and Saintess, he would certainly face consequences.

He hoped Xu Yingsheng wouldn't act too quickly.

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After leaving the main hall of Sun Bathing Sea, Chen Mobai and the other two went to see the Fifth-Order Abode they had just acquired.

It was on the east side of the Sun God Tree, but this Fifth-Rank Divine Tree was the core of the Fifth-Rank Great Formation, making it inaccessible.

This was Chen Mobai's first time seeing the legendary Fifth-Order Spiritual Plant.

It soared three hundred zhang high, its lush branches resembling a ginkgo tree, grand and majestic. The trunk was pure white as jade, gleaming under the sunlight. The canopy was a rich golden color, exuding a strong fragrance that was noticeable from afar. Amidst the jade-like branches and leaves were specks of golden light constantly flickering in and out of existence.

These were the Sun Holy Fruits, but they were shrouded in restrictions, making them hard to view.

The locals were too cautious.

Thinking this, Chen Mobai followed Ye Qing to his cave dwelling.

"Thank you, both, for your help this time."

Chen Mobai thanked Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen, but they simply waved it off, indicating that encountering devil cultivators meant their Jiutian Dangmo Sect must send people to intervene.

However, Chen Mobai understood that for someone like Yuji Hermit, Jiutian Dangmo Sect's Taoist Child and Saintess wouldn't personally intervene, clearly giving him significant face.

"It's a pity the devil cultivator couldn't reveal her inheritance source."

Ye Qing shook his head with some regret.

When Yuji Hermit was imparted the demonic cultivation, she also took a Daoist Heart Oath, prohibiting her from revealing anything about the technique or the Magic Daoist Monk behind it.

"She fled from Dongwu. I'll send someone to Dongwu to investigate after returning, and notify you both as soon as I have news."

Chen Mobai's words prompted Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen to nod.

Chapter 1706: Betrothal Gift for Qing Nu (20,000 Monthly Tickets Bonus)

After talking about the Devil Cultivators, Ye Qing mentioned the Foundation Establishment Trithings.

"Sect Master Chen, this alchemy recipe has been refined by our Sect's Alchemists over the years. After being distributed to various Immortal Cities in the East Land, the effect is indeed as described in the recipe. Now, our sect plans to sell it in various places in the East Continent through Nine Heavens Merchant Association as preparation for pioneering a hundred years later."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai was also filled with joy.

Because as long as the Jiutian Dangmo Sect starts selling, he can openly bring out his own Foundation Establishment Trithings in the Eastern Wilderness, and even among the East Barbarians.

At that time, he can just say that there is cooperation with Nine Heavens Merchant Association, directly obtaining first-hand goods.

Ye Qing also nodded in agreement, saying that if anything arises, just blame him.

“Star Heaven Dao Sect actually completed it years ago, but out of concern for Jiutian Dangmo Sect, they’ve only distributed it within their own sect. Once we lay the groundwork, they probably will use the commerce association to start selling as well.”

Ye Qing mentioned another thing, making Chen Mobai marvel at the renown of Jiutian Dangmo Sect.

Even a powerful force like Star Heaven Dao Sect, almost a Holy Land, has to be so wary of them.

“By the way, Yu Shuji came to me earlier...”

Chen Mobai mentioned how Star Heaven Dao Sect wanted him to help communicate with First Origin Dao Palace, and Ye Qing smiled, approving his decision to refuse.

“It’s right that you didn’t get involved in this. This time, among the four Great Sacred Lands pioneering the East Land, three have participated. Sometimes, if First Origin Dao Palace wants to maintain its position as a Holy Land, it needs to show something.”

Although Ye Qing did not speak directly, his words made Chen Mobai understand.

If First Origin Dao Palace doesn’t show its Divinity Transformation Level strength during this pioneering effort, it might very likely fall out of the ranks of the Holy Lands.

This left him with a complicated feeling.

Worried, yet full of anticipation.

The worry naturally pertains to First Origin Dao Palace, as it is nominally the main branch of his Five Elements Sect. The expectation is that after First Origin Dao Palace falls, acquiring the Ascension Secret Method from True Lord Yuan might become much easier.

Perhaps in the future, if the Five Elements Sect develops well in the Eastern Wilderness, it could replace First Origin Dao Palace and become a Holy Land.

“However, our Jiutian Dangmo Sect still hopes that First Origin Dao Palace can restore its prestige, after all, blocking Ming Zun back then was a favor owed by my master.”

Ye Qing shared his lineage’s attitude, and upon hearing this, Chen Mobai’s expression became clear.

Profound Heaven True Monarch is hailed as the top in East Land, but Ming Zun, as the most extraordinary person of the Demon Path, also boasts considerable strength, equally matched against the avatar left by Ascended Monk, imagining if faced with Yuan Qingque, it would surely be a battle of giants.

First Origin Dao Palace helped Profound Heaven True Monarch fend off Ming Zun, and if this kindness isn’t repaid, Yuan Qingque might not even be able to ascend.

However, among the major sects in the Tianhe Realm, there is a saying that disciples assist their elders.

Any unresolved line before the master’s ascension is passed on to the disciples below.

Precisely due to this, Ye Qing has always looked after Chen Mobai.

In his view, if he can help First Origin Dao Palace through its most difficult times now, when Chen Mobai grows up, even reaches Divinity Transformation, this favor could be considered repaid for his master.

“Regarding the Teleportation Array matter, I plan to return to Taixu Immortal City. But before that, Sect Master Chen should host a Nascent Soul Formation Grand Ceremony to formally announce that your Five Elements Sect is a Nascent Soul Major Faction in the East Continent.”

Ye Qing brought up this matter again, and Chen Mobai thanked him once more.

“After returning, I will host the Nascent Soul Formation Grand Ceremony with my Daoist couple.”

Chen Mobai’s words surprised Yuan Zhen slightly.

“Sect Master Chen has a Daoist couple?”

“Yes, her name is Qing Nu, an Alchemist.”

Chen Mobai mentioned Qing Nu with a warm smile on his face, and Yuan Zhen, upon hearing this, nodded lightly and couldn’t help but ask again, “Is she from a major faction’s direct line? I wonder if I know her?”

“Saintess Yuan probably doesn’t know her. She had been cultivating in the Ruins with an Abnormality elder. After that elder left the East Continent, she was entrusted to me, and over time, our feelings developed, mutually expressing our intentions and setting the ceremony of becoming Daoist couple. This time at my Nascent Soul Formation Grand Ceremony, I will also handle this matter with her.”

Chen Mobai had mentioned marrying Qing Nu before, but after forming his Nascent Soul, matters followed one after another, delaying the occasion until now.

Fortunately, Qing Nu didn’t mind; as long as she could be with Chen Mobai, she was content.

But Chen Mobai felt that, with her alone in the Tianhe Realm, he must give her proper recognition.

“This Fellow Daoist Qing Nu is truly fortunate. Sect Master Chen, you have no idea how many female cultivators from major factions in the East Land asked me about you, wanting to walk the immortal cultivation path with you for half a lifetime.”

Yuan Zhen spoke with a tinge of envy; not only her friends, even she had thought about this.

Back then, she pondered that if Chen Mobai could form his Nascent Soul, she would drop hints. The Yuan family certainly wouldn't reject such a talent.

Later, Chen Mobai succeeded in forming his Nascent Soul, while Yuan Zhen failed, and she decided to wait until she succeeded before hinting again.

But this wait led to the news that saddened her.

"I wish you both happiness."

Forcing a smile, Yuan Zhen said this.

"If possible, I hope both of you can come to the Eastern Wilderness to participate."

After thanking them, Chen Mobai extended an invitation, Ye Qing nodded, but Yuan Zhen remained silent.

The next day.

Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen took the large-scale Transmission Array of Golden Crow Immortal City back to the East Land, and they also took Yuji Hermit with them when they left.

After Chen Mobai saw off the two people, fearing that the Baiwu Ancestor would become envious, he left immediately.

Since he had come to the land of the East Barbarians, he definitely wanted to visit Bright Mirror Mountain.

"Junior Brother, you came at just the right time."

When Zhou Shengqing found out that Chen Mobai had arrived, he happily took him to the warehouse where the Spirit Stones were stored. The room was almost filled with uncut raw ores.

Half of these were mined by the Five Elements Sect in recent years, and the other half had been dug out since Zhuo Ming arrived.

The Spirit Stone mine at Dove Mound Mountain was completely exposed as soon as Zhuo Ming set foot on it.

Under Zhuo Ming's command, they didn't even need a specialist like an Earth Master. Simply digging in the directions she indicated guaranteed a yield.

Knowing this, Zhou Shengqing personally led Mo Douguang, Zhou Ye, and other Golden Core Cultivators to mine, which is how they managed to extract so much in such a short time.

Chen Mobai used his Divine Sense to sweep over the room and roughly estimated that the raw Spirit Stones here were worth about a billion.

Truly worthy of being a large-scale Spirit Stone mine.

Besides these, there was even one and a half pieces of Supreme-grade Spirit Stones.

Zhou Shengqing planned to give one piece to Mo Douguang in the future, while the other half was rewarded to Zhuo Ming on the spot once it was dug out.

"Thank you, Senior Brother, for your kindness to Ming'er."

Chen Mobai, knowing about this, expressed his gratitude.

"She is like a student to me, and I believe she is the most likely to inherit the teachings of Master Hun Yuan."

Zhou Shengqing had always been very fond of Zhuo Ming. When he was in the Soul Nourishing Wood, she had taken meticulous care of him. Her character and talent had been evident to him, and he believed she would achieve great things.

“Since Senior Brother has said so, I’ll pass on the Primordial Dao Fruit to her in the future.”

Chen Mobai had long had this thought. However, since the Primordial Dao Fruit was the highest inheritance of the Five Elements Sect, to pass it on here to a sect disciple, he certainly needed Zhou Shengqing’s consent.

“This matter can be decided by you, Junior Brother. I have no objections.”

Zhou Shengqing nodded. Just then, Chen Mobai remembered something else.

When they had destroyed the Mountain Shaker Peak, they obtained a Mother Earth Stone, which Zhou Shengqing used when forming his Nascent Soul. He wondered if the shell still existed.

“It’s still here, as it’s my first Supreme-grade Spirit Stone, I’ve kept it all along.”

Although Zhou Shengqing felt it was odd, he still took it out of his Storage Bag for Chen Mobai.

“In the Longevity Sect, there is a secret technique using this as a core to absorb earth energy. I plan to bury this inside the Tai Sui and see if it can help it level up.”

Chen Mobai shared his thoughts.

In fact, he planned to use the Divine Consciousness Laser Cutter to inscribe the Immortal Gate’s Spirit Stone charging array onto it, which, when swallowed by the Tai Sui, would become like an empty shell of the Mother Earth Stone, constantly absorbing earth energy from beneath the ground.

This was also the method used by the Immortal Gate to cultivate Tai Sui, which he had quickly learned from guidance books after researching it a bit.

When refining the Infant-Feeding Elixir, he had mentioned that after forming his Nascent Soul, he would help the Tai Sui level up.

Upon obtaining the Sun Holy Fruit, he remembered the Tai Sui, the primary herb for making the Infant-Feeding Elixir, and began planning for this.

“You’ve worked hard, Junior Brother. I hope Junior Brother Mo successfully forms his Nascent Soul.”

Zhou Shengqing had deep feelings for Mo Douguang, who had followed him all this time. As for Zhou Ye, he didn’t mention him at all.

Next, Chen Mobai spoke about holding both the Nascent Soul Formation Ceremony and Daoist couple ceremony together.

“I’ve wanted to say this for a long time. I’ve prepared dowry gifts for Fellow Daoist Qing Nu; have a look to see if they’re suitable.”

Hearing this, Zhou Shengqing’s face lit up with joy, then he took out a list he had prepared long ago.

“Senior Brother, isn’t this too extravagant!”

Chen Mobai took it, opened it, and was taken aback.

The main dowry consisted of three items.

The first being the simplest: ten thousand acres of medicine fields!

It came with a map of the Eastern Wilderness, indicating which the ten thousand acres of medicine fields were.

Eight thousand acres in Back to Sky Valley, plus two thousand acres in Giant Tree Ridge.

It should be known that these two places are the first and second most valuable medicine fields in the Eastern Wilderness. Combined, they represent the essence of the entire region's medicinal herbs.

With Qing Nu marrying in, she would instantly become the largest landlord in the Eastern Wilderness.

The second gift was the whole of Cloud County.

Qing Nu was currently staying at Mount Tianpeng in Cloud County. Zhou Shengqing thought she would have an emotional connection to that place, so he simply bestowed the entire Cloud County to her, also planning to allocate the still-under-construction Yunmeng Immortal City and Dreamcatcher Academy under her name.

The first two items were already extremely lavish, but the third item left Chen Mobai truly astonished.

Zhou Shengqing directly allocated the Fifth Order Yellow Dragon Cave Abode in Yun Meng Ze to Qing Nu!

And this wasn't even the territory of the Five Elements Sect!

Chapter 1707: Giving the Stage to the Young People

"I was able to achieve the Legal Body Nascent Soul thanks to the intervention of Fellow Daoist Qing Nu's Master. I feel that even these betrothal gifts are not grand enough."

Zhou Shengqing still felt it was inadequate. It was a lifesaving grace and could even be considered the key to the rise of the Five Elements Sect.

So he added the Rank-5 Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion.

In his view, once Mo Douguang achieves Nascent Soul Formation, the Five Elements Sect will have enough strength to suppress and slay the Poisonous Dragon, thereby seizing that Rank-5 Spiritual Land.

It's just right that Qing Nu has the Heavenly Water Spirit Root, so the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion is most suitable for her.

"Then let's go according to Senior Brother's idea."

Chen Mobai, after hearing this, also felt it made sense.

In his heart, he had long regarded the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion as the property of the Five Elements Sect.

The Spirit Vein Level over at Mount Tianpeng was still somewhat low; it wasn't ideal for Qing Nu to live there permanently. When they become Daoist couples, they could assign the care of the Five-Cornered Ancient Maple to Han Zhiling, a disciple of the third generation.

"Junior Brother, regarding the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion, you should inform Fellow Daoist Qing Nu in advance. Sooner or later, our Five Elements Sect will secure that place."

Though promised in the betrothal gifts yet unfulfilled, Zhou Shengqing felt somewhat embarrassed and had to let Chen Mobai explain it.

"You're too kind, Senior Brother. Qing Nu won't mind. Moreover, the ten thousand mu medicine field is already very precious!"

Chen Mobai nodded with a smile. Though this ten thousand mu medicine field was under the name of his Five Elements Sect, what belonged to Qing Nu was his, and only in her hands as an Alchemist could these resources be used to their full potential.

"I originally wanted to include the entire Yun Meng Ze, but half of it belongs to Dongwu. If the Sun family knew, it might cause misunderstandings..."

Zhou Shengqing's words left Chen Mobai unsure of how to respond.

The vast expanse of Yun Meng Ze was equivalent to the combined areas of Eastern Wilderness and Dongwu. If it were granted to Qing Nu, she would undoubtedly be the undisputed landlady.

"That's overdoing it; the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion will be sufficient."

Chen Mobai insisted repeatedly. Besides separating Dongwu and Eastern Wilderness, Yun Meng Ze was a treasury for cultivators from both domains hoping to change their fate. If it were really sealed for Qing Nu, it should at least wait until her Nascent Soul Formation.

Zhou Shengqing then talked about the situation in East Barbarians over the recent years.

The Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace had completely dispersed, and the remaining disciples didn't even need the Five Elements Sect's intervention. The local cultivator families and small sect forces slaughtered them more ruthlessly.

Aside from expressing submission to the Five Elements Sect in this way, it was also for the objects those Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace disciples carried.

Zhou Shengqing was also pleased to see this outcome.

"Over these four years, our sect's rule in this area has basically stabilized. Next, I plan to let Junior Brother Mo return to prepare for Nascent Soul Formation. Although Bright Mirror Mountain is quite suitable, he feels more familiar with the Golden Cliff, especially with the Supreme-grade Spirit Stone; the fourth-grade Spirit Vein is also adequate."

Chen Mobai nodded after hearing this.

Whether Mo Douguang could attain Nascent Soul Formation was crucial for the Five Elements Sect to progress further, and focusing on retreat was beneficial.

Baiwu Ancestor, after learning about their connection with the Jiutian Dangmo Sect, would at least be quite restrained for the next several years.

With the two Nascent Souls from Kong Sang Valley not yet back, it seemed the Five Elements Sect was dominant in East Barbarians, and there was no need to station so many high-order cultivators.

Chen Mobai: "With the Sun Holy Fruit, we can get started on refining the Infant-Feeding Elixir."

Although Mo Douguang was provided with Three Lights Divine Water, it was for survival. To enhance the success rate of Nascent Soul Formation, elixirs were still necessary.

"Most of the medicinal materials are in the thirty thousand mu medicine fields in East Barbarians, with only a few primary herbs needing collection."

Zhou Shengqing had previously noted this but didn't give it much thought because the Sun Holy Fruit was unavailable. Now that the most challenging primary herb was settled, he compared the list and showed a smile.

Chen Mobai: "Yan Shaoyin previously collected a furnace worth, I'll ask him when I return."

In the Five Elements Sect, besides Mo Douguang, Zhou Ye only needed to condense True Qi to achieve Nascent Soul Formation.

Thus, refining a furnace of Infant-Feeding Elixir yields significant benefits.

After discussing these matters, Zhuo Ming, who received Chen Mobai's notice first, arrived at Bright Mirror Mountain.

"Master!"

Chen Mobai was very pleased to see her and invited her over to talk.

Subsequently, the other Golden Core cultivators from the Five Elements Sect who remained in East Barbarians also arrived one by one.

Mo Douguang, Zhou Ye, Fu Zongjue, and Zhou Wangshen and E Yun, who escorted Zhuo Ming.

The Five Elements Sect now had two Nascent Soul cultivators and thirteen Golden Core cultivators, with roughly half of their strength situated in East Barbarians.

However, with the situation now stabilized, there was no longer a need for so many people there.

Zhuo Ming had completed the survey of the Spirit Stone mine at Dove Mound Mountain and had drawn detailed maps. Now the Earth Master of the Five Elements Sect only needed to excavate according to the map to extract the entire original ore of the Spirit Stone mine, leaving the fine fragmented Spirit Stone debris not worth the major effort.

So Chen Mobai planned to bring Zhuo Ming back as the great agricultural reform of a billion mu of fertile fields in Eastern Wilderness awaited her management.

Zhuo Ming always allowed her Master to arrange things and nodded obediently upon hearing this.

Zhou Shengqing was somewhat reluctant. He originally planned to have Zhuo Ming take a look at the dozens of mines owned by the Xuan Xiao Dao Palace after the Spirit Stone Mine was surveyed.

However, these mines are undisputed, and they would eventually be fully exploited sooner or later, so Zhou Shengqing didn't say anything more.

In addition to Zhuo Ming, E Yun and Chen Mobai were also planning to bring them back.

After his Nascent Soul Formation, he intended to put aside all sect matters and let E Yun essentially take over the various affairs of the Five Elements Sect leader.

In the future, only major events such as battles with the Xuan Xiao Dao Palace and the opening of the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion would see Chen Mobai stepping in as the leader.

After Zhuo Ming and E Yun, Mo Douguang also took the opportunity to propose returning to the Golden Cliff. Naturally, Chen Mobai, who had already been informed by Zhou Shengqing, nodded in agreement.

Zhou Ye heard this and hesitated to speak, clearly wanting to return as well, but having previously spoken with Chen Mobai, he ultimately did not voice his desire.

"Then I shall return too; I'm still accustomed to the Giant Tree Ridge area."

Fu Zongjue, seeing the sect now with so many promising young disciples, also spoke. With the current strength of the Five Elements Sect, he saw the possibility of achieving Nascent Soul himself, so he intended to return and cultivate diligently, aspiring to reach Perfect Core Formation soon.

With two Golden Cores leaving, someone certainly had to step up.

Zhou Shengqing intended to leave Zhou Wangshen behind, being someone from his own family, he planned to mentor him carefully for a while.

"After the grand ceremony, I'll have the nephews Ning and Luo come over to the Eastern Wilderness as well."

The news of Ning Leshan's Golden Core had been known for a long time. It was only after Chen Mobai mentioned Luo Xue'er's successful Core Formation that the others found out, greeted with smiles of happiness.

This signified the increasing strength of the Five Elements Sect.

Especially for Zhou Shengqing, as Luo Xue'er was also his registered disciple.

After organizing the personnel matters on the Eastern Wilderness side, Chen Mobai didn't linger longer and left with the group the next day.

Besides Mo Douguang and other Golden Core disciples, there was also a group of Five Elements Sect disciples who missed the Eastern Wilderness, whom Chen Mobai escorted back on the flying boat.

"Once you return, you will act as the temporary leader, drawing a new group of people from the sect to the Eastern Wilderness. Earth Masters and Spirit Plant Masters are prioritized. Afterward, rotate them every few years, establishing a routine."

On the flying boat, Chen Mobai said these words to E Yun, leaving him visibly delighted.

He never expected that what he anticipated for most of his life would finally materialize like this.

Considering Chen Mobai's increasingly high cultivation level, E Yun and Zhou Wangshen had even accepted their roles, believing that being able to assist the leader during this lifetime would suffice.

Even Zhou Wangshen, upon learning that Zhou Shengqing was also a Nascent Soul, had decisively adjusted his own goals towards Nascent Soul Formation, thus choosing without hesitation to stay by Zhou Shengqing's side to receive guidance.

"Yes, Sect Leader!"

E Yun spoke with an unstoppable smile on his face.

The group quickly returned to the Eastern Wilderness.

Mo Douguang was the first to bid farewell, and upon hearing this, Ning Leshan in Northern Abyss City also followed him back to the Golden Cliff.

"Brother Mo, don't rush about the Nascent Soul Formation. First, nourish your True Qi..."

Chen Mobai mentioned the Infant-Feeding Elixir to Mo Douguang, whose eyes flickered slightly, and he solemnly thanked him.

After sending them off, Chen Mobai ordered the Five Elements Meridians at Northern Abyss City, announcing that E Yun would act as the temporary sect leader from now on.

This was something the Five Elements Meridians had already anticipated since Nascent Soul cultivators in the Tianhe Realm generally did not like to manage affairs.

With E Yun as the acting leader, Chen Mobai felt much more at ease.

He planned to officially step down a few years later once E Yun was well-adjusted, leaving the stage to the younger generation so he could pursue his own interests.

On this day, Chen Mobai used the Divine Consciousness Laser Cutter to complete the transformation of the Mother Earth Stone, then took Zhuo Ming and Luo Yixuan to Liu Jia Mountain.

When Tai Sui met with Chen Mobai, it showed signs of fear.

Its spirituality was similar to the Purple Electric Sword, but growing up in the Ruins, it was extremely sensitive to dangerous auras. Even with Chen Mobai restraining his aura, it still felt as if it were facing a high-temperature energy mass that could reduce it to ashes at any moment.

"Over these years, following Ming'er to aid in desert reclamation has earned you considerable merit; in the future, you might even upgrade to Rank-5."

Chen Mobai gently petted the trembling Tai Sui in his hand, and after listening with Echoes in the Void, he precisely performed surgery to implant the Mother Earth Stone into its core.

The entire process was so smooth that Tai Sui did not even sense it.

After the procedure concluded, Chen Mobai waved over to Zhuo Ming, who immediately approached to communicate with Tai Sui using All Things Spiritual Communication, advising it on utilizing the Mother Earth Stone to harness and refine ground energy to enhance itself.

Once Tai Sui heard this, it immediately exhibited great joy.

Then it instantly started its first absorption of ground energy, naturally resulting in over-absorption.

Teaching something like Tai Sui to cultivate is like instructing an uninformed child. Chen Mobai naturally didn't have time for this, thus he left the task to Zhuo Ming.

"Ming'er, from now on, you shall take care of it. If it advances to a Rank-4, even a Nascent Soul cultivator would find it challenging to counter, making it an ideal protector for your path of cultivation."

Chapter 1708: Resolving Past Misunderstandings

"Thank you, Master!"

Zhuo Ming also thanked Chen Mobai after hearing this.

For her, communicating with spirit beasts and spiritual objects was practically second nature.

Previously, during her time at Xiao Nanshan, because she raised a Green Cow, Qinghong Bird, Mountain Civet Cat, and others, she had also learned some Beast Tamer techniques. Though not as astonishing as an Earth Master or Spirit Plant Master, she had naturally advanced to Rank-3 with her Core Formation.

If other Beast Tamers from the Five Elements Sect found out that with simple care she could exchange for a Rank-4 Tai Sui, they would probably be red with envy.

"The coming decades, possibly even a century, will be peaceful years before the Eastern Earth Holy Land begins its expansion."

"After the ceremony, I will enter seclusion with Qing Nu to cultivate to a higher realm."

"You three all have a chance at Nascent Soul Formation, so you must cultivate diligently; the future of the sect depends on you."

Around Chen Mobai were Yin Qingmei, Zhuo Ming, and Luo Yixuan, so he openly shared his plans for the coming decades.

"Master, what did you just say..."

But as soon as he finished speaking, Luo Yixuan looked shocked.

Yin Qingmei also widened her eyes in disbelief.

"I will be in seclusion for quite a long time, what's the matter?"

Chen Mobai thought that the long separation made them a bit sad, and was about to tell them to be independent when Luo Yixuan trembled as she spoke, "Master just said you'd be with Qing Nu..."

"Oh, you mean this. Qing Nu and I have agreed to become Daoist couples, and the ceremony will be held during the Nascent Soul Formation celebration, after which she will be your teacher's wife."

As soon as Chen Mobai finished speaking, Luo Yixuan and Yin Qingmei exchanged a glance filled with bitterness.

"Congratulations to Master."

As for Zhuo Ming, she had a very good impression of the graceful and elegant Qing Nu. Although her cultivation level was a bit low, as a Rank-4 Alchemist, she was indeed a match for Chen Mobai, so she joyfully congratulated him.

"After the ceremony, Ming'er, you will begin the reform of the farmlands in the Eastern Wilderness."

"Jianjun will serve as the center of the Eastern Wilderness. Xiao Nanshan will be your cultivation arena, where there's a medium teleportation formation, making it convenient for your travels throughout the Eastern Wilderness."

"And the Tianpeng Mountain Sub courtyard in Cloud County belongs to the Fire Vein primarily, after Qing Nu and I become Daoist partners, we will leave that place. Han Zhiling can go there to cultivate; if she succeeds in Core Formation, the Tianpeng Mountain Sub courtyard can be bestowed upon her as a cultivation arena."

After Zhuo Ming achieved Core Formation, Chen Mobai rightfully bestowed the land at Xiao Nanshan, where their lineage thrived, to her.

This act also acknowledged Zhuo Ming as his legitimate successor.

Hearing this, Luo Yixuan looked even more disheartened.

However, Luo Yixuan was very aware that although she was the first of the second-generation disciples of the Xiao Nanshan lineage to achieve Core Formation, in terms of foundational skills, talent, and even experience, she was far inferior to Zhuo Ming, so she had long anticipated this.

"Congratulations to Master, and congratulations to Senior Zhuo Ming!"

After she collected herself, Luo Yixuan forced a smile and spoke.

Yin Qingmei did the same.

After implanting the Mother Earth Stone into Tai Sui, Chen Mobai didn't linger at Liu Jia Mountain and planned to return to Mount Tianpeng to discuss the Daoist couple's ceremony with Qing Nu.

Zhuo Ming decided to return with him and immediately placed Tai Sui into the Spirit Beast Bag.

In addition, she planned to take the Green Cow, Qinghong Bird, and Mountain Civet Cat raised here back to Xiao Nanshan with her.

"Senior Sister Yin, thank you for taking care of them these years."

As Zhuo Ming packed away her spirit beasts, she didn't forget to thank Yin Qingmei, who gently shook her head, indicating it was her duty.

"Master, I just remembered I have something to attend to at Cold Jade Lake, so I won't be returning with you."

At this point, Luo Yixuan suddenly spoke, and Chen Mobai nodded.

Soon after, he disappeared into the horizon with Zhuo Ming.

"Care for a drink together?"

Looking at Luo Yixuan, who she usually didn't see eye to eye with, Yin Qingmei suddenly had the urge to invite her for tea.

"Got any wine?"

But Luo Yixuan wasn't in the mood for tea.

"The spirit wines in Zhuo Shimei's cellar are all left to me, which one would you like?"

"The strongest one!"

Under the swaying branches of the Biyu Wutong, Yin Qingmei and Luo Yixuan quickly downed two jars together.

They didn't bother using spiritual power to remain sober, allowing the alcohol to seep into their blood, wanting to get drunk.

"I've decided!"

After finishing the third jar, Luo Yixuan suddenly smashed the jar in her hand heavily and shouted loudly.

"Decided what?"

Yin Qingmei's snow-white face flushed red, her eyes slightly dazed, and she asked.

"I will cultivate."

Luo Yixuan said firmly with determined eyes.

"Did you not cultivate before?"

Yin Qingmei asked with a face full of confusion.

"I want to keep pace with Master and also cultivate to the Nascent Soul Realm. As long as I live as long as Master, I can definitely outlast that Master's wife!"

Hearing Luo Yixuan's words, Yin Qingmei couldn't help but burst into laughter. She had never expected that this was the final realization of the person in front of her.

"What if the Sect Master's Wife is also a prodigy and reaches the Nascent Soul as well?"

"Then I'll cultivate to Divinity Transformation. With Master's talent, he will definitely reach Divinity Transformation. I don't believe that this Master's wife who appeared out of nowhere can reach Divinity Transformation."

Yin Qingmei laughed again, but as she laughed, she suddenly couldn't anymore. She gazed at Luo Yixuan and asked, "Are you serious!"

"The one who will accompany Master to the end will definitely be me." Luo Yixuan blushed, but her eyes remained firm as she spoke these words.

Hearing this, Yin Qingmei fell silent, then she looked up at the Biyu Wutong.

"With the Sect Leader's guidance and this Heaven and Earth Spiritual Root, I'm sure I can achieve Nascent Soul Formation, and Divinity Transformation is hopeful too. I hope when I am by the Sect Leader's side, you won't be withering due to being unable to break through to a further realm."

Yin Qingmei's words stirred Luo Yixuan's competitive spirit.

"Hmph, don't forget, I have Master's guidance. Just a Heavenly Spiritual Root, you just wait for me to catch up to you."

Faced with Luo Yixuan's words, Yin Qingmei wasn't angry, but smiled sweetly and reminded her.

"The Qing Emperor's Longevity Scripture I cultivate includes the Divinity Transformation realm, but your Sea-control Mysterious Cultivation doesn't!"

Hearing this, Luo Yixuan frowned, although she knew that she was only at the Core Formation realm now and her first consideration should be Nascent Soul Formation, but after boasting about Divinity Transformation, she began to worry about the cultivation technique.

"The Sea-control Mysterious Cultivation comes from one of the halls of Fanhai Sect in the Hall of Ten Directions and also has the Divinity Transformation inheritance. In the future, pay more attention to this aspect."

Yin Qingmei's words left Luo Yixuan puzzled as she looked up.

"You're helping me?"

"After all, we are sisters. The feelings we've built over the years have to be deeper than those for that Sect Master's Wife who appeared out of thin air."

Upon hearing these words from Yin Qingmei, Luo Yixuan lifted the wine jar in her hand and handed it to her.

Yin Qingmei took it with a smile.

On this day, under the Biyu Wutong, the two women reconciled and drank the strong wine together.

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After Chen Mobai returned to Northern Abyss City, he assigned the matters of the grand ceremony to E Yun, who immediately dropped everything he was doing and began leading the cultivators of the Five Elements Meridians to prepare with full force.

The location for the grand ceremony was set in Northern Abyss City.

Because in the Eastern Wilderness, no Nascent Soul cultivator had ever held a Daoist couple ceremony, E Yun also needed to consult ancient texts for the rules and content of such a ceremony.

Chen Mobai didn't bother with these matters, as he intended for everything to be kept simple.

After all, the main purpose was to announce to the East Continent that the Five Elements Sect had become a major Nascent Soul faction and that he and Qing Nu were becoming a Daoist couple.

Once the name is set, the rest, the unnecessary details, can be avoided as much as possible.

However, the entire Five Elements Sect took it very seriously, and E Yun even sent a message to Yue Zutao in East Land. For a Nascent Soul cultivator's Daoist couple ceremony, East Land must have one, so he asked Yue Zutao to check how the ceremony and process should proceed.

At this time, Chen Mobai had already returned to Mount Tianpeng.

When he landed, Qing Nu was already waiting at the mountaintop.

Their eyes met, and sweetness filled their hearts.

"How was it in the East Barbarians' side this time?"

Qing Nu asked after they both sent a message to Golden Crow Immortal City before Chen Mobai left.

"The harvest was abundant. Look!"

Chen Mobai smiled and took out a stone box. Inside was the Sun Holy Fruit once he opened it.

"This kind of spiritual object, it's the first time I've seen it."

Qing Nu was dazzled as she gazed at this fruit, resembling solidified golden flames. As an alchemist, the attraction of such an item was immense to her.

"You will see it often in the future."

Chen Mobai smiled and handed the stone box and Sun Holy Fruit to Qing Nu, who accepted it unceremoniously and began exploring it using methods to identify spirit fruits from the Immortal Gate.

"I also reviewed the Infant-Feeding Elixir recipe that Yan Shaoyin improved. The materials are somewhat wasteful. For the same batch, if I were to make it, I could at least double the pill success rate."

Qing Nu commented while examining the Sun Holy Fruit,

"He certainly can't be compared to you."

Chen Mobai naturally stated.

"He is quite capable. If given proper education and supplemented the basics, reaching Rank-4 as an alchemist would certainly not be an issue."

To achieve recognition as an alchemy master within such an environment like the Eastern Wilderness, Yan Shaoyin's talent and understanding were undoubtedly top-notch, and Qing Nu acknowledged him.

"By the way, I also have something to tell you."

At this moment, Chen Mobai moved closer to Qing Nu, naturally embracing her slender waist, and she leaned over very compliantly.

"What is it?"

Qing Nu turned her head with curiosity to look at Chen Mobai.

"I've already instructed the Five Elements Sect to arrange the ceremony for us to become Daoist partners. I want to announce to the entire East Continent that you are my Daoist partner!"

Upon hearing these words from Chen Mobai, Qing Nu's entire body froze instantly, eyes wide open.

Never before had she felt such immense joy, almost making her heart explode!

Chapter 1709: Before the Grand Ceremony

When Qing Nu first arrived in the Tianhe Realm, she already felt it was the happiest moment of her life.

Because she could be with Chen Mobai, without worrying that she would affect his future in the Immortal Gate.

Although Chen Mobai had promised to give her a status, hearing these words still filled her eyes with surprise and disbelief.

At this moment, she felt that all the resilience and pain in the first half of her life were so insignificant.

In her heart, there was only sweetness and happiness!

“Life is unpredictable, and the path of cultivation is filled with unknowns and dangers. But no matter if the future brings wind or rain, in this world, I wish to have you by my side, to walk through life together.”

Chen Mobai’s voice was deep and firm, more certain of his heart than ever before.

He looked at Qing Nu in his arms, her excited and trembling reflection in his eyes, and said the words all the female cultivators in the Immortal Gate had longed to hear.

“Will you marry me?”

“I will!”

Without a hint of hesitation, Qing Nu spoke, her lips trembling slightly and tears welling in her eyes, her tone gentle yet as unwavering as iron.

Their gazes met in the air, and for that moment, time seemed to stand still.

Chen Mobai leaned down to kiss Qing Nu’s forehead, their silhouettes gradually merging together under the glow of the sunset.

“It’s just a pity that our families couldn’t be here.”

Qing Nu nestled in Chen Mobai’s embrace, speaking with a tinge of regret.

“If you wish, I can take you back to the Immortal Gate now, and you can share the good news with them.”

Chen Mobai held his Daoist couple in his arms, his voice gentle.

“Let’s save it for the future when we have the chance. Besides, if the Ascension Sect has any way of detecting me, you might be in danger.”

Qing Nu shook her head. After arriving in the Tianhe Realm, Chen Mobai told her about the Fetal Transformation Essence. Qing Nu feared that Yan Xinji or Lin Daoming might have methods to track her, so even though Chen Mobai mentioned occasionally taking her back to the Immortal Gate for visits, she always refused.

“Humph, I only wish they would dare to come.”

Chen Mobai was quite confident now, with a set of Fourth and Fifth Rank magic artifacts in hand, just looking for someone significant to test his limits.

“Let’s forget about it. Being with you is happiness enough for me.”

Qing Nu didn’t want anything that might ruin her happy life to happen. Since she was so insistent, Chen Mobai did not press further.

“Then when our cultivation levels are complete, we can go back to the Immortal Gate to make up for it.”

Hearing him say that, Qing Nu nodded with a smile, then took out a box from the storage bag.

When opened, it revealed a pair of white jade bells strung with red thread.

“Oh, isn’t this...”

Chen Mobai recognized at a glance that this was the first magic artifact he acquired in the Eastern Wilderness, which he gave to Qing Nu as a gift.

“I’ve kept this treasured all along.”

Qing Nu gently picked up the white jade bell, handing it to Chen Mobai with a hopeful expression.

“When I was in the Immortal Gate, I fantasized that if this could be the engagement gift you gave me, now my dream has finally come true. Can you help me wear it?”

Listening to Qing Nu’s words, Chen Mobai took the white jade bell, then lifted her snowy white wrist, carefully placing it on.

Jingle, jingle!

The clear and melodious sound of the bell was pleasing, like a fresh wind in a valley, or the trickling of a stream.

“No matter how thorny and difficult the future path might be, I will walk hand in hand with you, lifelong and generation after generation.”

Qing Nu raised her hand, with a face full of determination, holding onto Chen Mobai’s hand tightly.

“This heart is steadfast as a rock, never to waver.”

Chen Mobai also responded, placing Qing Nu’s hand against his heart.

In the clear bell's sound, the surrounding mountains, the sky, and even the distant stars seemed to witness this moment for them.

The gentle breeze carried their happiness, drifting towards the distance.

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Soon, the news of the Five Elements Sect's grand ceremony spread throughout the Eastern Wilderness.

The Nascent Soul Formation ceremony was expected by everyone, but Immortal Venerate Chen announcing his Daoist couple at the same time stirred up excitement in the Eastern Wilderness cultivation world.

Everyone was discussing, who exactly was this female cultivator named Qing Nu?

Soon, some reports emerged.

It was said that Qing Nu was a Rank-4 Alchemist with a Golden Core Realm cultivation level, reportedly breathtakingly beautiful, exuding an elegant immortal aura.

As for her origins, no one could say for sure.

Some speculated she was a loose cultivator who was noticed by Immortal Venerate Chen for her remarkable alchemy skills and celestial beauty.

However, this was quickly refuted; how could a loose cultivator in the Eastern Wilderness reach the Core Formation stage? Moreover, achieving the status of a Rank-4 Alchemist could only be cultivated by large sects and great sects.

In the last thousand years in the Eastern Wilderness, Yan Shaoyin is the only Rank-4 Alchemist to have emerged.

Consequently, some speculate that Qing Nu is the direct descendant of a major sect in the East Land, and this sect is impressed with Immortal Venerate Chen's exceptional talent, dispatching her here for a political marriage.

Some claim with certainty that Qing Nu is the Saintess of the Five Elements Sect Main Lineage's First Origin Dao Palace, because they discovered Immortal Venerate Chen's true identity, as the current Daozi of the First Origin Dao Palace, Chen Qingdi.

In the sacred sites of the Tianhe Realm, it is not uncommon for Daozi and Saintess to end up together.

This theory has gained considerable acceptance.

As the person involved, Qing Nu has already arrived in Northern Abyss City.

To prepare for the grand ceremony, E Yun instructed the Spirit Plant Department of the Five Elements Sect to plant flourishing flower trees along the streets, ensuring that the entire Northern Abyss City is filled with floral fragrance before the ceremony.

Naturally, upon hearing this, Liu Wenbo emerged from his closed cultivation to assist immediately.

He was the first among the disciples to know of this event, as he frequently delivered Azure Blood Carp to Mount Tianpeng. Chen Mobai entrusted him greatly and did not conceal his intimate relationship with Qing Nu from him.

However, Liu Wenbo kept this secret, not even informing his fellow disciples.

Now, with Chen Mobai openly announcing it, Liu Wenbo zealously offered his assistance.

To Chen Mobai's surprise, Yue Zutao also showed up, bringing along Zhang Wancai, a cultivator from the Fengtian Sect, specialized in organizing various ceremonies from the East Lands.

The Fengtian Sect, with a thousand-year heritage, excels in hosting ceremonies, festivals, and rites.

With Zhang Wancai's arrival, the preparation for the grand ceremony progressed even more smoothly.

Chen Mobai's main duty was inviting the guests.

He need not worry about the Eastern Wilderness side, as seating could be arranged based on influence and status. Liu Wenbo, having expanded the Little Nan Mountain Shop throughout the Eastern Wilderness, had connections with almost every family and force, so Chen Mobai entrusted him with this task.

For Dongwu, Chen Mobai wrote an invitation to the Sun family and asked Nu Jiang to deliver it.

After all, for hundreds of years, the two major forces have watched over each other, defending against the demonic beasts of Yun Meng Ze, forming an alliance.

As for the East Barbarians, Chen Mobai instructed Luo Xue'er, who had consolidated her realm, to run an errand, delivering invitations to the sixteen Golden Core forces, as well as Golden Crow Immortal City and Kong Sang Valley.

For the Dongyue Astral Heavenly Path Sect, Chen Mobai handed the invitation to Qu XiuXian in Northern Abyss City to pass it on to Yu Shuji.

Lastly, it was the East Land.

Chen Mobai only knew Ye Qing and Yuan Zhen.

After sending invitations to all the intended guests, Chen Mobai returned to his cave dwelling, located at the summit of North Abyss Mountain. Qing Nu, accompanied by Gu Yan, was selecting dresses for the ceremony, with Zhuo Ming offering advice.

"Help me choose which one fits best."

Upon seeing Chen Mobai enter, Qing Nu promptly lifted the six ceremonial gowns and various accessories hurriedly crafted by representatives of the Five Elements Sect under guidance from Fengtian Sect cultivators.

After she tried them all on, Chen Mobai selected the most suitable set.

As time passed.

The day of the grand ceremony drew ever nearer.

The Golden Core cultivators from the East Barbarians had all returned, but Zhou Shengqing expressed concern over being recognized as a Legal Body Nascent Soul during the gathering, hence declining to attend.

Of course, the official reason was maintaining guard over Bright Mirror Mountain.

After all, since Zhou Ye and others returned to the Eastern Wilderness, a high-order cultivator was needed in the East Barbarians.

Soon after, Nu Jiang arrived at Northern Abyss City with an imposing cultivator in dark yellow robes.

“Greetings, Sect Master Chen, I am Sun Huanglong!”

The visitor was the current patriarch of the Dongwu Sun family and indisputably the leading figure in Dongwu.

“It’s an honor to have Patriarch Sun here in person.”

Although Chen Mobai anticipated the Sun family valuing the goodwill he extended, he hadn’t imagined Sun Huanglong himself would come.

Hosted by Nu Jiang, Chen Mobai had an in-depth conversation with Sun Huanglong.

Despite being a Nascent Soul cultivator, Sun Huanglong was neither servile nor overbearing, carrying himself with poise, which left a favorable impression on Chen Mobai.

After Sun Huanglong, the sixteen Golden Core forces from the East Barbarians arrived collectively.

After meeting with Chen Mobai, he assigned Zhou Ye, who had returned, to entertain them.

They were all remarkably surprised by Northern Abyss City, the foremost Immortal City of the Eastern Wilderness, citing it exceeded Golden Crow Immortal City in all respects from planning to layout.

Even Sun Huanglong, upon arriving, was captivated by Northern Abyss City's grandeur and modernity, daily requesting Nu Jiang to accompany him on tours, considering constructing a similar city in Dongwu upon returning.

"Sect Master Chen, my master is busy rehearsing arrays with the Burning Heaven Meridians, so he simply cannot make time. Here is the gift he entrusted me to deliver to you."

Liu Nan Sheng from Sun Bathing Sea came in place of Baiwu Ancestor, respectfully handing over a box after explaining.

Since returning with Chu Zuoshu, Liu Nan Sheng became the designated liaison between Sun Bathing Sea and the Five Elements Sect.

"Much appreciated."

Chen Mobai opened the jade box to find a bundle of strung together azure golden leaves, vibrant and bright, resembling a folding fan.

These are leaves from the Sun God Tree, usable as Fifth-Grade Talisman Paper or medicinal materials.

That Baiwu Ancestor wasn't coming was anticipated, but the absence from Kong Sang Valley puzzled Chen Mobai.

Chapter 1710: The Theory of Dao Fruit

Ku Zhu used his Divine Sense to control the Sword, and after slaying the last illusory water demon, he stood at the end of the trial ground on Submerged Abyss Island.

He exhaled lightly and retrieved his Lifebound Flying Sword.

A mysterious black Spiritual Light flickered, and the Black-Robed Cultivator of Submerged Abyss Island appeared before him.

"Congratulations, you have passed the trial and can now accept the Dao Fruit inheritance of Submerged Abyss Island."

Upon hearing this, Ku Zhu's face remained calm, but a hint of joy flashed in his eyes.

Ever since being brought here to recover his injuries, he had entered the path of trials without hesitation. Every step was fraught with difficulties and obstacles, drenching him in sweat and blood, and now, he could finally reap the rewards.

Dao Fruit is the supreme inheritance available only in the Holy Land of Tianhe Realm!

The so-called Dao Fruit is the transformation of a cultivator's Nascent Soul into a Primordial Spirit!

But not all Primordial Spirits can be called "Dao Fruit"!

Only those who can go further, to transcend beyond Divinity Transformation, and ascend, can be considered Dao Fruit!

In Tianhe Realm, many cultivation techniques can lead to the Spirit Transformation Stage, but very few have Dao Fruit inheritance. Only Ascended Monks can leave behind Dao Fruit.

After receiving the Dao Fruit inheritance, talented Taoist Saintesses can subtly and perfectly integrate with the Ascension Secret Method. The transformation of their Nascent Soul into a Primordial Spirit will be much easier than for ordinary Nascent Soul Cultivators.

The strength of the Jiutian Dangmo Sect and Dao Morale Sect comes from not just one ascended cultivator leaving behind a Dao Fruit over thousands of years.

Even if the current generation's Taoist Saintess is not promising and cannot cultivate a Primordial Spirit, as long as there is the foundation of a Dao Fruit, they can wait for the next one.

The Black-Robed Cultivator lifted his hand, and the flowing water at this trial ground deep in the sea suddenly rotated in his palm. A deep blue Jade Vial appeared out of nowhere.

"This is our Submerged Abyss Island's inheritance artifact, the Four Seas Bottle, containing the Tianyuan Dao Fruit."

Upon hearing this, Ku Zhu stared fixedly at the Jade Vial.

The bottle of the Four Seas Bottle had smooth lines, and its entire body was as blue as the deep sea. One could vaguely see a deep and secluded light flickering within, seemingly containing endless power. This must be the "Tianyuan Dao Fruit."

"But before that, you have one final challenge to pass."

The Black-Robed Cultivator spoke these words in a calm tone while holding the Four Seas Bottle.

"What challenge?"

Ku Zhu asked confidently, having become fearless through years of trial honing.

The Black-Robed Cultivator smiled slightly, and then the water stream beside him formed a vortex, from which a kindly old man came out, none other than Ku Zhu's Master, Mu Qin.

Mu Qin looked at Ku Zhu with a face full of relief.

"Master."

Seeing Mu Qin, Ku Zhu also respectfully saluted.

He was one of the rare people in the East Continent who respected his teachers.

"To refine the Tianyuan Dao Fruit, your heart must be as still as water and cold as frost. You have many distractions in your mind that need to be cut off." At this moment, the Black-Robed Cultivator spoke words that made Ku Zhu widen his eyes, "Kill her, and your mindset will barely meet the standard to accept the Dao Fruit inheritance."

"I'm sorry, I can't do that!"

Ku Zhu refused without thinking.

If the inheritance of Submerged Abyss Island required committing regicide to obtain, he would rather not have it.

The Black-Robed Cultivator did not speak, but Mu Qin sighed, her gaze filled with both joy and regret, as if she had known this long ago. She spoke slowly, her voice quivering slightly.

"Zhu, my lifespan is almost at its end. Even if you don't kill me, I might pass away in meditation in a few years. It's better to use this life to fulfill your Great Tao."

“Master, I can’t do it!”

But Ku Zhu still shook his head and refused. Even though he knew Mu Qin was speaking the truth, if he used this as an excuse to act, he would never forgive himself for the rest of his life. Even if he could achieve Divinity Transformation, his Dao Heart would have a huge flaw.

“You’ve passed all the trials, with only the final step remaining. After receiving the Tianyuan Dao Fruit’s inheritance, if you find the Huangquan Dao Fruit circulated in the Demon Path, you can achieve the supreme Nine Abysses Nine Springs Dao Fruit, and ascension will be effortless. This is an opportunity not found even in the Holy Land. Are you really willing to give it up?”

At this moment, the Black-Robed Cultivator spoke again.

Conflicted and struggling, Ku Zhu knew this was undoubtedly the most top-notch opportunity in Tianhe Realm, and obtaining this could make Divinity Transformation and Void Refining Ascension no longer a dream.

But if it required him to kill his Master as the price, he still couldn’t accept it.

Taking a deep breath, Ku Zhu calmed the waves in his heart and made a decision.

“I choose to give up!”

Upon hearing this sentence, a look of surprise flashed in the Black-Robed Cultivator’s eyes.

On the other side, Mu Qin was filled with both sadness and joy.

In this world, having such a disciple made her feel that her life was worth it.

She made a decision in her heart!

“Are you sure you don’t want to consider it again?”

At this moment, the Black-Robed Cultivator spoke again, and Ku Zhu nodded.

“Let us, master and disciple, leave. You can find another suitable heir.”

Upon hearing this, Mu Qin’s eyes became firm, and at this moment, a loud laugh rang out.

“Hahaha, very good, very good. You are the first person in the past millennia to truly pass all the trials.”

The Black-Robed Cultivator, with laughter, no longer played any tricks and directly handed the Four Seas Bottle to Ku Zhu.

“What is going on?”

Ku Zhu was full of confusion, and the Black-Robed Cultivator explained:

“Although our Submerged Abyss Island inherits from the Nine Abyss Demon Sect, it requires a Dao Heart that can restrain one’s desires. If you cannot resist the greed for Dao Fruit, you will be devoured and reduced to nihility when accepting the Tianyuan Inheritance.”

“A heart as still as water and cold as frost can indeed refine the Tianyuan Dao Fruit, but that is merely the lowest level, and one would never truly and perfectly control the power of Tianyuan for a lifetime.”

“Only those like you, who transcend desire, hold true to their heart, and possess unwavering will, are the most suitable inheritors of the Tianyuan Dao Fruit.”

Ku Zhu’s expression was solemn as he took over the Four Seas Bottle, discovering that the entire bottle was surrounded by a faint blue light, and the bottle’s mouth was adorned with a circle of golden dragon scales, adding a touch of majesty.

“How to refine it?”

He asked impatiently.

“Listen carefully...”

The Black-Robed Cultivator imparted a mantra of over ten thousand words, which comprised the supreme cultivation technique of Submerged Abyss Island, known as the Heavenly Pool Dao Technique.

Ku Zhu memorized every word and sentence, then sat cross-legged and began to comprehend immediately.

Three days and nights later, he opened his eyes, which glinted with a deep blue light, indicating a great harvest.

He raised the Four Seas Bottle in his hand, attempting to refine it using the Heavenly Pool Dao Technique, but found that the circle of dragon scales at the bottle’s mouth glowed with golden light, blocking his divine sense from entering and interacting with the Tianyuan Dao Fruit.

“What’s going on?”

Ku Zhu frowned and asked the Black-Robed Cultivator before him.

“Back when the humans and demons of East Continent waged war, the Profound Abyss True Monarch of our Submerged Abyss Island and the True Spirit Golden Jiao of Xuanjiao Royal Court perished together, and this Four Seas Bottle was also sealed by the Golden Jiao.”

The words of the Black-Robed Cultivator plunged Ku Zhu’s mood from the heavens to the abyss.

“How can it be opened?”

“By either finding a Huashen Zhenjun with unrivaled power to break it open, or by hunting a Golden Jiao deep within the Mysterious Sea, extracting its heart’s blood to unseal it.”

The Black-Robed Cultivator’s words made Ku Zhu frown.

Above East State, only the Three Great Sacred Lands have Huashen Zhenjun, but how could Ku Zhu dare to take such a precious item as the Tianyuan Dao Fruit to the Sacred Land for help.

If he really did that, he reckoned that upon taking out the Four Seas Bottle, he would be killed by the Sacred Land.

The Dao Fruit’s value, he believed even the Sacred Land would set aside its dignity.

But hunting a Golden Jiao is even harder.

That is the True Spirit Bloodline of the Xuanjiao Royal Court, upon maturity reaching the Spirit Transformation Stage, anyone who hunts a Golden Jiao will be marked by bloodline, attracting relentless pursuit from the Xuanjiao Royal Court.

“Isn’t there a third way?”

Having achieved so much, missing only the final step, Ku Zhu was unwilling for the opportunity of divinity transformation to be within reach yet unattainable.

“There is.”

The word from the Black-Robed Cultivator sparked an expectation in Ku Zhu’s eyes.

“The blood sacrifice technique can erode the seal’s power.”

This sentence caused Ku Zhu’s expression to change drastically.

A blood sacrifice is an indisputable demon path spell; is it worth falling into the demon path for this?

The five words Jiutian Dangmo Sect emerged in Ku Zhu's mind, making his eyes hesitant.

"How many people are needed for the blood sacrifice?"

He asked, and the Black-Robed Cultivator smiled slightly.

When he asked this question, it was clear Ku Zhu was tempted.

"Approximately twenty Nascent Soul Cultivators' blood sacrifices can completely open the seal!"

Upon hearing this, Ku Zhu's face was filled with despair.

Given East Continent's circumstances, he could only go to East Land to find twenty Nascent Soul Cultivators, but Jiutian Dangmo Sect is there.

"However, your current cultivation level is too weak to accept the Dao Fruit's full inheritance, so you can proceed step by step. As long as a single Nascent Soul Cultivator's blood sacrifice is performed, a gap in the seal can be opened, allowing you to feel the power of the Tianyuan."

Hearing this, Ku Zhu finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Use me for the blood sacrifice."

At this moment, Mu Qin beside him spoke.

"Master, haven't I said..."

Ku Zhu frowned, beginning to speak, but noticed Mu Qin had already taken out a bamboo sword aimed at his own heart.

“Master, don’t!”

Ku Zhu tried to stop it, but Mu Qin, being a Nascent Soul, only briefly resisted before the bamboo sword pierced through.

“No!!!”

Ku Zhu rushed over, but it was already too late.

Mu Qin extended his hand, extracted the essence blood from his heart, condensed it into a beam of blood, which landed on the dragon scales at the Four Seas Bottle’s mouth.

“You are the Sect Leader of Kong Sang Valley, I do not wish you to be tainted by the demon path. Now I have used the power of blood sacrifice to help you open the Four Seas Bottle; you can return to East Continent with dignity.”

After offering all the heart’s essence blood, Mu Qin’s face rapidly aged, becoming filled with wrinkles. Using the last of his strength, he raised his hand to stroke Ku Zhu’s head.

“Master!!!”

Ku Zhu’s loud cry pierced Mu Qin’s ears in his final moments, he felt continuous spiritual power injection into his back, his eyes beginning to blur, suddenly recalling the past.

Approximately over three hundred years ago, Ku Zhu was still a child. At that time, he was very mischievous and foolish, dozing off after hearing the beginning of his lessons.

After punishments with bamboo sticks, Mu Qin felt heartache in return.

Every time applying medicine for Ku Zhu, Mu Qin liked to stroke his head this way, advising him to cultivate diligently next time.

Every time Ku Zhu verbally agreed, but the next time he behaved just the same...