

## World 1731

### Chapter 1731: Hexagonal Development

After listening to the advice from Master Chengxuan, Chen Mobai became fascinated by the Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation.

After all, because of the Spirit Vein resources on the Earth Element Star, even the Sect Master, using this as the foundation for the Ultimate Dao Array, is unable to cultivate the void, but what if it were placed in the Tianhe Realm?

Just the East Continent alone has surpassed the Immortal Gate. If Chen Mobai could one day cover the entire Tianhe Realm with the Sky Curtain Ground Network, he might truly achieve what even the Immortal Gate Sect Master could not.

Yet, since he was not well acquainted with the Ancestor Qian Xing, and had just obtained the Seed of Dao Law, Chen Mobai planned to wait for some time until he mastered all Fifth Rank Formation knowledge from the Immortal Gate Daoist Academy before mentioning this matter to him.

Then, he would also get a certificate as a Fifth Rank Formation Master; by that time, Chen Mobai wouldn't even need to ask, as Ancestor Qian Xing would likely be eager to summon him for impartation.

After organizing his plan, Chen Mobai also consulted Master Chengxuan about the Artifact Refining Technique.

Although he benefited from the "The Union of Differences," making him nearly the top-tier Artifact Refiner for his own Magic Artifact, he could only rely on his true skill when creating and refining a new Magic Artifact from scratch.

As a result, the Rank-5 Taiyuan Blue Pearl he possessed had been idle for a long time.

Lacking technique, he was at a loss on how to start.

Moreover, such precious materials weren't available in the Immortal Gate, and he dared not show them to Master Chengxuan to seek help.

He simply had to find a way to strengthen his weak foundation in Artifact Refining Technique.

This was his initial plan. After Nascent Soul Formation, advancement is no longer achieved overnight; breakthroughs in small realms could take decades. Thus, it was time to refine himself into a perfectly rounded cultivator.

Since Qing Nu handled Alchemy, and Chen Mobai couldn't cheat in that area, he temporarily set it aside, planning to elevate Formation and Artifact Refining to the Immortal Gate's Fifth Rank level first.

Among them, Chen Mobai mainly focused his efforts on Artifact Refining Technique.

In Formation—thanks to the blessings of "Heavenly Blessing" and "Response Earth Spirit"—he found mastering it effortless. No matter how obscure the knowledge, he could easily get a thorough understanding.

It was the rapid progress in learning Formation that convinced Chen Mobai that enhancing his realm first and then covering Immortal Cultivation arts from the top down was an exceptionally correct decision.

As for the Artifact Refining Technique, though it wasn't as effortless as learning Formation, it was advancing rapidly because of Stat Fire and the various states of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram.

At least, the luck from Auspicious Qi ensured that in material refinement and Magic Artifact synthesis, unless overly ambitious, the results would lean toward success.

Time quietly flowed by.

One day, while Chen Mobai was consulting Master Yuan Xu about the Array Master knowledge at Repairing Heaven Institute, Meng Huang called but found the line busy, so she quickly hung up and sent a text.

Meng Huang: [I am out of seclusion.]

Seeing this, Chen Mobai immediately ended the call with Master Yuan Xu.

He used Void Teleportation to arrive at Danxia Mountain.

Meng Huang was wearing a white long dress today; her ample bosom stretched the fabric into perfect curves. Her raven locks fluttered in the wind, strands dancing intricately on her pretty face and delicate collarbones, complemented by long, exposed white legs below the hem, enhancing the woman's charm.

"Thank you, Master, for guiding me in Core Formation!"

As Chen Mobai stepped out from the void, Meng Huang immediately paid her respects in mid-air.

"Between us, there's no need to be so formal."

With a wave of his hand, Chen Mobai released gentle True Qi, making Meng Huang rise involuntarily.

"Is your realm stabilized? Show me your hand."

As soon as Chen Mobai finished speaking, Meng Huang immediately came to his side, gracefully extending her snowy and delicate right hand.

"Not bad, a solid foundation; just continue cultivating steadily and with the resources I provide, achieving Golden Core Perfection is no issue."

Chen Mobai satisfactorily lifted his fingers from Meng Huang's wrist; breaking through Great Realms mostly depends on the cultivator's foundation, and he mostly provides some elixirs as assistance.

But for minor realms, one can forcibly push through with elixir resources; however, given the conditions at the Immortal Gate, few choose this method.

"Thank you, Master, for your immense kindness and virtue, which I can't repay..."

Upon hearing this, Meng Huang's already charming eyes grew even more seductive, subconsciously leaning closer.

"You've just stabilized your realm; best not to exert yourself or experience emotional ups and downs."

Chen Mobai intended to focus, so even when faced with the tempting figure of this superstar leaning in, he politely declined with a serious tone.

"Yes... as Master advises..."

Meng Huang'er stopped awkwardly, starting to speak, but suddenly seemed to remember something, her jade-like face turned pale: "Master, are you going to abandon me!"

Hearing Meng Huang'er's seemingly baseless, tearful comment, Chen Mobai was full of confusion: "Why would I abandon you?"

At this moment, tears were already streaming down Meng Huang'er's white cheeks as she began to sob softly: "Master, I know for the Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine for my Core Formation, you must have owed a lot of favors. The kindness I showed you in helping your Core Formation is long spent. I won't entangle you in the future, just hope you remember someone like me once accompanied you."

After listening, Chen Mobai was at a loss for words at Meng Huang'er's irrational thoughts. He genuinely planned to settle his heart and let her enjoy a life of freedom in the future.

How could that be considered abandonment?

"Don't overthink it. From now on, we will maintain a normal friend relationship. If you need any resources during your cultivation in the Arts Department, just let me know, and I'll arrange them for you."

Chen Mobai sternly admonished, but after hearing this, Meng Huang'er cried even harder, convinced these resources were a breakup gift from him, not loudly crying but with a sorrowful and pitiful expression.

"Come here!"

Chen Mobai couldn't take it anymore and planned to reprimand her, for she was always overthinking!

Choking back sobs, Meng Huang'er quickly approached him.

A moment later, the white long dress was already on the grass, and her sobs intermittently began to sound...

After Chen Mobai's deep reprimand, Meng Huang'er finally stopped overthinking. Her jade-like cheeks were slightly flushed, seemingly shy over her misunderstanding just now.

"Our relationship has been detected by Ye Yune, but she isn't clean herself, as she's about to marry Jiang Yuyuan..."

Upon hearing this, Meng Huang'er looked surprised, apparently unaware that Jiang Yuyuan had clung to Ye Yune. No wonder he had so easily achieved Foundation Establishment during university, while she had to struggle immensely, and eventually, it was Chen Mobai who sacrificed himself to guide her in mastering the Jade Lock Golden Barrier Secret to break through the realm.

"I am now the Vice Hall Master of the Hall of Orthodox Law, and you, after Core Formation, are a member of the Kaiyuan Hall. If our relationship gets out, it won't look good. So I plan to maintain a normal friendship with you in the future to avoid being detected by Ye Yune again, though I didn't expect you'd think so far ahead."

Hearing Chen Mobai's words, Meng Huang'er blushed. She thought he despised her low aptitude and wanted to end their relationship after assisting her Core Formation due to bygone emotional ties.

But the facts proved she overthought.

Chen Mobai wasn't such a callous man.

"Master, I misunderstood you, punish me if you will."

Meng Huang'er's cheeks flushed as she spoke. After achieving Core Formation, her recovery ability improved significantly, her recently weak and trembling legs suddenly became strong again...

"If I don't contact you in the future, don't actively reach out to me either, to avoid being traced by Ye Yune. Cultivate diligently, and if you reach Golden Core Perfection, I will seek out Infant Forming Spirit Medicine for you. With your identity as the Seed of the Mysterious Sound Wonderful Method, and my support, acquiring a single one shouldn't be a problem."

Preparing to leave Danxia Mountain, Chen Mobai spoke to Meng Huang'er, who had changed into another skirt.

"I'm so useless, and yet you're willing to help me with the Infant Forming Spirit Medicine..."

Hearing this, Meng Huang'er was deeply moved, once again crying uncontrollably, but this time with tears of joy.

According to the Immortal Gate standards, her three-times-success-for-a-Core-Formation aptitude would directly exclude her from the Infant Forming Spirit Medicine candidate list.

But only the two of them knew this fact.

In the eyes of the vast majority in the Immortal Gate, she was seen as the darling of heaven.

As the top idol of the Immortal Gate for decades, she's always been diligent in performing throughout the Thirty-Six Heavenly Caves and Seventy-Two Blessed Lands, helping the public with spiritual awakening using the Mystic Sound Method. Her one-time perfect success in forming her Core with a single Golden Liquid Jade Pill further cemented her position.

The vision of her Core Formation at Danxia Mountain was widely spread half a year ago, making her symbolize the ideal idol.

Not only of stunning beauty and exceptional demeanor, now with a successful single-instance Core Formation, her scores were nearly maxed.

But Meng Huang'er knew her circumstances. Without Chen Mobai's support, she might have long fallen from grace, from top idol to a third-rate one, perhaps even being kicked out of Wangwu Cave Heaven's headquarters by the Arts Department.

After all, in the eyes of Ye Yune and the upper echelons of the Immortal Gate, only those at the Gold Core Realm or those with the potential to form a Golden Core, like the Seed of the Mysterious Sound Wonderful Method, are worth cultivating.

With limited resources in the Immortal Gate, if you don't show superior talent and potential, there are plenty of others ready to replace you.

In the Immortal Gate, the least lacking is people.

"I want you to always remember, you are my woman. As long as I'm in the Immortal Gate, everything you need will be arranged for you."

Chen Mobai said this final sentence.

In this moment, Meng Huang'er's heart was entirely filled with his commanding figure stepping into the void.

Chapter 1732: Meeting Yan Bingxuan

After Chen Mobai returned to Wangwu Cave Heaven, he explained Meng Huan'er's situation to Zhuang Jialan. After she succeeds in reaching the Gold Core stage, she will enter Kaiyuan Hall and become a new member of the council.

Although under the current conditions at the Dance Tool Dao Academy, she likely won't be troubled, Chen Mobai still instructed Zhuang Jialan to ensure she goes through the procedures then.

"Alright, Master, there is another matter: the Water Element Golden Core Pill has been successfully refined, and the list might need to be confirmed by the end of the year."

After noting down the matter regarding Meng Huan'er, Zhuang Jialan also brought up another issue that Chen Mobai had previously asked her to pay attention to.

"I understand, first have Zijing internally draft a list, and then I'll discuss it with Ying Guanghua and others."

Chen Mobai spoke, but this batch of Water Element Golden Core Pills was mainly to help Yan Bingxuan acquire one.

Thinking of this, he called Yunhai Master again.

Of course, he couldn't open by directly stating it was for Yan Bingxuan, as Yunhai Master would surely speculate about their relationship.

Chen Mobai first sought Yunhai Master's advice on Fifth Rank Formation knowledge since he is the only Nascent Soul Realm Fifth Rank Array Master in the Immortal Gate.

He is also the current president of the Array Masters Association.

"Are you planning to take the Fifth Rank Array Master exam? You're from the Nature Studies Academy; let me explain how to take the exam in detail."

Unexpectedly, upon hearing Chen Mobai's background, Yunhai Master warmly invited him over as a guest.

Previously, Chen Mobai could have used the excuse of a long journey, but now the entire Immortal Gate knows he has mastered the Void Teleportation.

He couldn't claim he was too busy with official duties.

Chen Mobai felt somewhat conflicted, fearing that visiting the Nature Studies Academy might lead to an awkward encounter with Yan Bingxuan.

However, considering Yunhai Master's fervent invitation and the need to discuss the Water Element Golden Core Pill with Yan Bingxuan, he decided to go.

"This Fifth Rank career test always has Qian Xing Ancestral Patriarch personally setting the questions..."

"However, the scope of the questions will undoubtedly be within the knowledge framework of the Fifth Rank Formations in the Immortal Gate. The challenge lies in creating a new Fifth Rank Formation using the Immortal Sect's knowledge system."

"Back then, I lost some points in this big question because although the newly created Fifth Rank Formation was theoretically perfect, it couldn't be implemented in the Immortal Gate, so it couldn't be verified whether it was feasible."

After listening to Yunhai Master, Chen Mobai suddenly felt a bit of sweat on his back.

Are the Fifth Rank requirements in the Immortal Gate this challenging?

Mere knowledge of all the Fifth Rank material isn't enough; one must integrate and innovate.

His Heavenly Blessing and Response Earth Spirit have no utility in this area.

But soon, Yunhai Master stated something that made Chen Mobai breathe a sigh of relief.

The last big question, though it has many points, isn't crucial, since completing all the previous questions correctly is enough to pass.

Mastering all the Fifth Rank knowledge of the Immortal Gate alone is already the standard for a Fifth Rank Array Master.

Subsequently, Yunhai Master imparted his own insights into the Formation arts to Chen Mobai.

Chen Mobai's accomplishment of Heavenly Blessing and Response Earth Spirit had long reached Yunhai Master's ears, so he had been waiting for Chen Mobai to come seek advice.

"After I achieved the Fifth Rank Array Master, Qian Xing Ancestral Patriarch imparted the Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation to me. Unfortunately, after so many years, I have comprehended only a third of its essence."

"Within the Immortal Gate, while knowledge isn't lacking, there are few peers for discussion, and among those like us at the peak, the only one to converse with is Qian Xing Ancestral Patriarch, but as you know, the Patriarch would rather play a few more games given the time."

"If you can pass the Fifth Rank Array Master exam, I'll have someone to discuss with, and maybe I can truthfully comprehend the Sky Curtain and Ground Network through that."

After imparting his Fifth Rank Formation insights, Yunhai Master expressed some heartfelt words, hoping Chen Mobai could grow rapidly.

"Thank you for your guidance, Master. I will do my best."

Chen Mobai dared not make any promises since as the pinnacle of the Immortal Gate Formations, he was unsure if the Heavenly Blessing and Response Earth Spirit of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun map would aid his comprehension.

"Still planning to return for the night or stay here for a while? Shall I arrange lodging for you?"

After the conversation, Yunhai Master asked in satisfaction. The art of Formations is vast and profound, easy to learn yet challenging to master, especially the knowledge of the Fifth Rank, which requires a thorough understanding of all basics first. Even if taught personally, it could take a year and a half to cover everything.

So for Chen Mobai to advance in his Formation path, he would need continuous discussions and learning at the Nature Studies Academy with Yunhai Master.

Given his ability to use Void Teleportation, Yunhai Master asked this question.

“I’ll trouble you to arrange any dormitory, Master; judging by the situation, I should stay here whenever things aren’t busy at Wangwu Cave Heaven.”

After thinking it over, Chen Mobai chose this option, as using Void Teleportation requires exhausting considerable True Qi and Divine Sense.

“I’ll have Qiong Zhi arrange it; you’re familiar with her, so if you encounter any issues at the Nature Studies Academy, you can always find her.”

After Yunhai Master finished the call to Yan Qiongzhi, he spoke to Chen Mobai.

“Then I’ll excuse myself for now. I have an old friend I haven’t seen for a long time at the Nature Studies Academy, so I should pay a visit.”

Speaking these words, Chen Mobai subtly reminded Yunhai Master not to forget to submit Yan Bingxuan’s name for consideration.

“Are you talking about Teacher Yan? By the way, when will this batch of Water Element Golden Core Pills be refined? I should prepare to inform Kunpeng Daoist Institute.”

As expected, upon hearing Chen Mobai speak, Yunhai Master understood his meaning immediately and recalled the promise he had made.

The Nature Studies Academy is a subordinate academy of the Kunpeng Daoist Institute, so if Yan Bingxuan's name was to be submitted, it needed to go through them.

"It has already been refined; the list should be internally finalized before the end-of-year Kaiyuan Hall conference."

Chen Mobai immediately followed up with his words, and Yunhai Master nodded after listening, indicating that he would arrange this matter.

At this time, Yan Qiongzhi also came over. She happened to hear the latter half of the conversation and looked at Chen Mobai with a peculiar gaze.

"Thank you very much for your efforts regarding Xuan'er, Pure Yang Master."

After the two left the principal's office, Yan Qiongzhi lowered her head and thanked Chen Mobai.

"It's nothing; between her and me, there's no need for thanks."

Chen Mobai didn't know if Yan Qiongzhi was aware of his relationship with Yan Bingxuan, so he only dared to respond with some polite words.

"Back then, the place of Qing Shi and Qing Jing Masters, can I stay there?"

When arranging accommodation, Chen Mobai suddenly recalled his first arrival scene at Nature Studies Academy. It was here that he obtained the Purple Green Demon Refining Heavenly Book, though back then he could only gaze at the sword marks left by the two Masters with no understanding.

Chen Mobai felt that, given his current realm, he should be able to comprehend them now, so he wished to go and settle this matter of the heart.

"For a Pure Yang Master, naturally, there is no problem."

Yan Qiongzhi nodded gently. That place was one of the famous historical sites of the Nature Studies Academy, and over the years, only Chen Mobai had ever stayed there.

Others, even those talented students practicing the Sword Manual of the Masters, could at most go there with approval and contemplate for half a day.

“Does Bing Xuan have classes today?”

On the way to the Huagai Mountain Mirror House, Chen Mobai asked about Yan Bingxuan.

“No classes tonight. Do you need me to inform her?”

Yan Qiongzhi replied and then asked.

“I’ll tell her myself.”

Chen Mobai shook his head; it would be too careless if Yan Bingxuan learned about his arrival from others.

Yan Qiongzhi thought Chen Mobai wanted to surprise Yan Bingxuan and nodded after hearing.

After retrieving the key, she led Chen Mobai to the foot of Huagai Mountain and then said her farewells.

“Master, feel free to reach out if you need anything.”

After Yan Qiongzhi left, Chen Mobai walked up to the mountain top with a face full of hesitation. His fingers pressed several times upon Yan Bingxuan’s number before finally, under a frosty sword intent, he made his decision.

It’s something that must be faced.

Initially, he wanted to go find Yan Bingxuan in person, but due to his fame, he feared being recognized and therefore could only have Yan Bingxuan come to him.

In less than a quarter of an hour after the call, the elegantly cool Yan Bingxuan had arrived at Huagai Mountain.

“Why are you here?”

Seeing Chen Mobai waiting on the Huagai Mountain stone pathway, Yan Bingxuan gave a delighted smile and blurted out.

“The Water Element Golden Core Pill from the Immortal Gate has been refined...”

Just as Chen Mobai began to explain his prepared excuse, Yan Bingxuan’s soft and luscious body already rushed into his arms.

He couldn’t utter another word because his lips were sealed by hers.

After the bloom of ice flowers, they are more direct and beautiful than any other blossom.

The words Chen Mobai had prepared to say at this moment would not come out.

Besides, considering her upcoming Core Formation, if this matter disturbed her mind, it might give rise to a Heart Demon during her Core Formation, leading to failure.

[Forget it, better wait until she’s formed her core to talk about it!]

After this thought flashed through his mind, Chen Mobai, feeling the impressive size and elasticity pressing against his chest, no longer resisted his inner feelings and raised his hands...

Unbeknownst to him, the sky had become densely clouded with stars.

Chen Mobai lay inside the newly placed Wooden House Talisman, wrapped around the blushing Yan Bingxuan who had shed all constraints, listening to her speak about the longing she had endured all these years.

The more she spoke, the harder it was for Chen Mobai to speak his mind.

“I thought that once you mastered Void Teleportation, you’d come to see me first thing?”

In the end, Yan Bingxuan said a bit wistfully.

“Every time the Void Teleportation is used, positioning needs to be applied to the Sky Curtain Ground Network Management Bureau. You know I represent the Weapon Dancing Sect, treading on thin ice in the Three Great Halls. Many political enemies are watching my every move. If they knew I came to see you, I fear it might cause you harm, disrupting your peaceful life.”

Chapter 1733: Large and Small Meetings

Chen Mobai spoke the truth.

Every time he performed the Void Transference positioning, it would leave a record over at the Sky Curtain Ground Network Management Bureau. However, at his level, no one was foolish enough to investigate these matters.

Moreover, with Yunyang Bing watching over things, Chen Mobai would be the first to know no matter who accessed these records.

Since these matters also involved Qi Yuheng and Master Chengxuan, the Sky Curtain Ground Network Management Bureau was extremely cautious. Rashly viewing these records would basically be akin to going against the Three Nascent Souls.

Despite this, Chen Mobai was extremely cautious.

He went to Danxia Mountain to see Meng Huang because it was his hometown. Near the end of the year, it was only natural for him to visit his sister.

Before meeting Meng Huang, Chen Mobai did indeed visit Wang Xinying and gave her four loquat fruits, saying they were the latest research from a secret department of the Immortal Gate—spirit fruits that could enhance the Gold Wood Spiritual Roots. However, as they were still in the experimental phase, it needed to be kept confidential, so she shouldn't publicize it after consuming them.

Wang Xinying naturally understood how precious items that could enhance spiritual roots were within the Immortal Gate and was grateful to Chen Mobai, her only remaining brother.

Besides Wang Xinying, Chen Mobai also prepared four for Meng Huang, as both were practicing the Technique of Turning into Gold. The enhancement of 4 points in Gold Spirit Root could save them a lot of time.

Meng Huang was even more grateful, feeling deep down that she had chosen the right man for this life.

This time, Chen Mobai didn't forget to bring four for Yan Bingxuan either, as her Ice Spirit Root was transformed from Gold Water Spiritual Roots. Besides enhancing spiritual roots, these fruits could also increase comprehension. Although it wasn't much for Qing Nu, Chen Mobai thought it would be somewhat useful for the three women.

Especially for his sister, Wang Xinying, whose talent was merely above average.

Yan Bingxuan, upon seeing the loquat fruits in Chen Mobai's hand, didn't ask any questions, promptly taking a bite and quickly finishing all four.

"Delicious, are there any more?"

Yan Bingxuan had a hidden gluttonous trait. These loquat fruits, being natural spirit fruits from the Eastern Wilderness, had been nurtured for years in the abundant Fourth Rank Spirit Vein, resulting in rich juice, smooth flesh, and a taste that was sweet but not cloying—simply exquisite.

"This item is quite precious and belongs to a project of the Immortal Gate that can't be made public..."

After consuming four loquat fruits, there was no further effect on spiritual root enhancement. Initially, Chen Mobai obtained twenty-four from Loquat Valley, tried some with Qing Nu, and then gave four to Mo Douguang, ensuring each of the three women received four.

"Such a precious thing, giving it to me, you must have done something wrong, right?"

Yan Bingxuan was astonished to hear that the loquat fruit could enhance Gold Spirit Roots and comprehension, swiftly rising from Chen Mobai's embrace, her movements causing a ripple that dazzled his eyes.

"How could that be? Rest assured, as long as you don't speak of this, nothing will happen to me."

Chen Mobai, fearing Yan Bingxuan's persistent inquiry, had merely come up with an excuse offhand. To avoid inconsistencies in explanation, he promptly distracted her with more pleasant matters.

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In the subsequent days, Chen Mobai immersed himself in the joy of learning.

By day, he consulted Yunhai Master on the principles of formation, and by night, he would meticulously meditate on what he had learned.

One thing that bothered him was that Yan Bingxuan would come and accompany him whenever she was free, greatly reducing his study efficiency.

However, this was another kind of joy.

At the Nature Studies Academy, Chen Mobai experienced the most fulfilling period since forming his Nascent Soul.

Until Zhuang Jialan sent a message indicating that Xianwu Hall had invited him to attend an internal meeting of the financial department to decide on the allocation for the Water Element Golden Core Pill.

Only then did Chen Mobai somewhat reluctantly bid farewell to Yan Bingxuan.

Before leaving, he naturally took leave from Yunhai Master. With several matters requiring his presence at the end of the year among the Three Great Halls, he had to pause his learning, planning to return after the New Year.

"No rush; with your Void Transference, you can come at any time."

Yunhai Master wasn't bothered in the slightest.

After returning, Chen Mobai first attended the internal meeting for the Water Element Golden Core Pill. This time, everyone was quite rational, fully exchanging opinions and eventually reaching a consensus through repeated consultations.

Seeing Yan Bingxuan on the list of ten, Chen Mobai nodded secretly.

This time, with Yunhai Master's favor, he personally called Ye Yune. Additionally, Chen Mobai ensured support from the Weapon Dancing Sect, which, with the backing of two factions, allowed Yan Bingxuan an easy entry.

After concluding this internal meeting, the next was the official audit meeting of the financial department.

This time, there were no surprises; everything proceeded according to the list from the internal meeting.

Weapon Dancing Sect received one pill, which Chen Mobai allocated to Gong Ranran, who was Wang Xingyu's wife and a former member of the Metaphysical Class.

Since this was a Water Element Golden Core Pill suitable for her attributes, they naturally strived to secure it, hence Wang Xingyu personally called, and Chen Mobai gave him face.

With Wang Xinfu's influence added in, Gong Ranran became the sole protected candidate for the Weapon Dancing Sect.

Originally, there was another slot for the Weapon Dancing Sect, but considering that last time Master Cheng Xuan left seclusion, Master Yuxiao also waited for quite a while, so Chen Mobai gave this one to the Lingbao Study Palace, symbolizing that everyone has a chance.

This time, the competition is primarily between the Patching Heaven and Kunpeng factions, as the Weapon Dancing Sect had already acquired enough of the previous two batches of Golden Liquid Jade Pills.

After the distribution of the Water Element Golden Core Pills was complete, the Kaiyuan Hall Councilor Meeting was convened immediately.

Chen Mobai accompanied the Narcissus and sat at the front, sitting idly for half a day.

The main uproar at this meeting was the confirmation that the war was about to begin, with Nangong Xuanyu being commissioned to lead a small team from the Immortal Gate to explore intelligence in the Different World.

After the meeting, Chen Mobai held a Law Hall meeting, dragging the lazy fish Narcissus along.

In previous sessions, the Vice Hall Master usually presided over the meeting.

During the meeting, by referencing the content of the just-concluded Kaiyuan Hall Councilor Meeting, it was announced that during Nangong Xuanyu's expedition to the Different World, to prevent the Military Department from being unmanaged and undisciplined, the Vice Hall Master Chen Mobai would oversee management during this period.

Moreover, the Military Department, throughout this year, had been well organized by the Weapon Dancing Sect, and everyone unanimously agreed.

This meeting also announced that Chen Mobai had completely taken charge of the Law Hall.

The reason both Patching Heaven and Kunpeng factions were watching, besides Chen Mobai truly having the capability, was because if the war broke out, the Law Hall, which oversaw the Military Department, would need to lead by example.

Regarding this, Qi Yuheng also expressed that if the responsibility felt too heavy, he was willing to oversee the Military Department as the Kaiyuan Hall Master.

Although Chen Mobai had a stable personality, given his current leadership role in the Weapon Dancing Sect, he couldn't nod to this proposal.

He stated that as long as there were Nascent Soul Cultivators in the Law Hall, there would be no need to trouble the Kaiyuan Hall Master.

This was also the dialogue in the final meeting of the year, belonging to a small meeting among all the Nascent Soul Cultivators of the Three Great Halls.

However, it wasn't held annually; this year, it was Guanghua who proactively invited them because the Different World was about to connect with the Immortal Gate, requiring a prior division of the regions for which the Three Great Halls were responsible.

The content of this small meeting would also be reported to Ancestor Qian Xing.

Thus Chen Mobai and Qi Yuheng attended.

After this small meeting ended, the heavy political affairs finally reached a halt.

At this point, Chen Mobai nostalgically recalled the days in Red Sandstone City, where there weren't so many matters, and his letting things run naturally allowed everything to be done well below.

After all the meetings ended, Chen Mobai also gave his two secretaries a holiday.

However, only Zhuang Jialan returned home, as Hua Zijing stayed in Wangwu Cave Heaven to ensure someone could assist Chen Mobai with any matters.

Originally, Zhuang Jialan wanted to stay out of gratitude for Hua Zijing's prior help during her Core Formation, but the latter suggested that having successfully formed her core, she ought to return home triumphantly.

They both didn't expect to achieve Nascent Soul Formation; Core Formation was already the pinnacle, deserving a celebratory homecoming.

Agreeing, Zhuang Jialan booked a ticket back to her hometown, Wunai City.

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During the New Year, when Chen Mobai and Shi Wanyu's mother and daughter were celebrating, visitors came with gifts.

After receiving visits from his acquaintances like Wang Shuye, Zhongli Tianyu, Chen Mobai was about to use closed-door cultivation as an excuse to avoid further guests when Pei Qingshuang arrived.

As the most important ally of the Weapon Dancing Sect in the Three Great Halls, she had to be seen.

Pei Qingshuang sent gifts every year because she felt that the Stat Fire Chen Mobai gave her was exceedingly precious, and not sending gifts for decades would seem ungrateful.

Additionally, she came each year to check on her Qing Shuang Sword.

After Chen Mobai had achieved Nascent Soul Formation, despite being capable on his own of condensing the Nine Heavens Pure Spirit Purple Brilliance Energy into Stat Fire, the Qing Shuang Sword had become optional for him; he was considering returning it voluntarily.

But Pei Qingshuang and Qing Shuang Sword were both anxious at the suggestion.

The Qing Shuang Sword dreaded returning to the days of hunger and deprivation.

Pei Qingshuang knew that with Chen Mobai advancing the Purple Electric Sword to the Rank-5 level, her Qing Shuang Sword had more promising prospects in his hands, so she proactively requested that Chen Mobai keep the Qing Shuang Sword for the sake of the sword's future.

Having said that, Chen Mobai couldn't just hand the Qing Shuang Sword back to her.

So, with no alternative, he had to continue fostering the Qing Shuang Sword.

Fortunately, he now had plenty of Spirit Stones.

Although the Qing Shuang Sword couldn't ascend to Rank-5 like the Purple Electric Sword did last time with the help of a Heavenly Tribulation, its spirituality had much improved, and with Chen Mobai's Union of Differences enhancement, it lacked only a Heavenly Tribulation-like moment, preferably with a frost attribute, to advance to the next rank.

Such an opportunity could only be found by staying near Chen Mobai, so as long as he didn't dismiss it, the sword planned on staying indefinitely.

Chapter 1734: Small Inverse Xumi 9 Palaces Formation

As Zhuang Jialan stepped off the plane, she found that all the officials of the Immortal Gate in Wunai City were waiting for her at the airport.

Not far away, a huge banner was floating: [Welcome Secretary-General Zhuang back home]!

All around, many people noticed this scene, raising their phones, and many media with long lenses and cameras were present.

Zhuang Jialan felt an indescribable feeling, perhaps a bit of embarrassment, yet inside, there was also a sense of pride.

She was quickly surrounded by the crowd, with the City Lord of Wunai City, Nie Mengyan, expressing his honor and asking if she had plans to return and govern, to develop her hometown.

To this, Zhuang Jialan naturally shook her head and refused. Although she was just an ordinary secretary and Kaiyuan Hall councilor in Wangwu Cave Heaven, even the Three Great Hall Masters would politely nod to her.

Having witnessed the prosperity at the center of the Immortal Gate's capital, she wouldn't let herself be confined in the small shallow waters of Wunai City again.

At this moment, another person approached Zhuang Jialan with the brightest smile to greet her.

It was Guo Shaocan, who was an upper-level director from Huayang Cave Heaven during Zhuang Jialan's tenure as the president of the Wunai City Talisman Maker Association.

During work, the two often had some discord.

This time he personally came to apologize, as he almost hindered Zhuang Jialan's records, preventing her from going to Wangwu Cave Heaven.

After Guo Shaocan finished speaking, he was slightly sweating on his forehead.

He was given a dire order by the president of the Huayang Cave Heaven Talisman Maker Association, that if Zhuang Jialan did not express forgiveness, he should prepare for retirement.

After all, Zhuang Jialan was currently following the Vice Hall Master of the Hall of Orthodox Law, and judging by the current political situation, it wouldn't be long before she could become the actual Hall Master.

As Chen Mobai's closest secretary at work, Zhuang Jialan could easily find an excuse, and even the president of the Huayang Cave Heaven Talisman Maker could be implicated and "retired".

Upon hearing about Zhuang Jialan's return home, Guo Shaocan was sent over immediately.

Guo Shaocan had even prepared to resign voluntarily after apologizing, but to his surprise, Zhuang Jialan responded lightly, "It's all just for work."

After speaking, Zhuang Jialan left the airport surrounded by the crowd.

At Zhuang Jialan's level, such small grievances had long been overlooked.

However, if she didn't say this line, those below would remember it for life, living in fear every day.

Is this what power is?

Zhuang Jialan suddenly had a profound realization.

Upon returning home, since her parents and relatives had already passed away, only a few cousins brought their families to visit.

And facing Zhuang Jialan, they were visibly nervous.

"Study hard, strive to get into the Daoist Academy, a good university can change your life!"

Zhuang Jialan said softly and kindly to a seven or eight-year-old niece with the best talent, who nodded in daze under her parents' guidance.

This was also Zhuang Jialan's deepest understanding in this lifetime.

Her achievements today were solely because she got into the Dance Tool Dao Academy, coincidentally being in the same class as Chen Mobai.

Because of this, she believed the Immortal Gate's promotion that education transforms fate was the ultimate truth.

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"Why did you come back so quickly?"

While flipping through the formation textbooks of the Kunpeng Daoist Institute at home, Chen Mobai was a bit surprised to see Zhuang Jialan reporting back so soon, and asked.

"My hometown is small, and there aren't many relatives, three days were enough."

Zhuang Jialan replied with a smile and handed over a box of specialties she brought from home to Chen Mobai.

"Why be so polite..."

Chen Mobai said, but he had already taken the box and opened it. His grandfather had taught him since childhood that receiving gifts could make alliances more intimate.

"These are talisman paper and talisman ink special to Wunai City..."

Zhuang Jialan majored in talisman making at the Dance Tool Dao Academy because her hometown had a strong talisman-making culture. Her parents worked at a talisman factory, much like Chen Mobai, but she had been practicing talisman making with defective talisman paper and ink since childhood.

"In a while, I have a friend coming to Wangwu Cave Heaven to exchange for the Water Element Golden Core Pill. I have a special status and it's inconvenient to appear in public, could you please go and meet her for me then?"

Chen Mobai was referring to Yan Bingxuan, and since Zhuang Jialan was meticulous, he was reassured.

After Zhuang Jialan left.

Chen Mobai also went to the Nature Studies Academy mainly, under the guise of consulting Yunhai Master on the Kunpeng Daoist Institute's Fifth Rank Formation, to inform Yan Bingxuan about this matter, who also understood.

"Do you think I will succeed in core formation this time?"

After a night of turbulent waves, Yan Bingxuan lay in Chen Mobai's arms, somewhat anxious.

"I believe you can definitely do it."

Chen Mobai held her hand and said with a determined face.

"Yes, with the Water Element Golden Core Pill, plus those Water Spirit Pearls and Heavenly blue ice jade you gave me before, if I still can't succeed, I'd be wasting your efforts."

Yan Bingxuan also felt asking this question was somewhat inappropriate and was cheering for herself.

Speaking, as her divine sense moved, the Ice Marrow Pure Jade that Chen Mobai had given to her before fell from her domain.

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This can increase the probability of cultivators with Ice Spirit Root forming their Core; the Immortal Gate also has it. It's a specialty of the sea territory's depths, called Heavenly Blue Ice Jade.

Chen Mobai gave it to Yan Bingxuan a long time ago. Over the years, she has nurtured it with her spiritual power, just waiting to refine it into her body during Core Formation.

"I have prepared another gift for you. After you get the Water Element Golden Core Pill, I'll give it to you."

Chen Mobai took the Ice Marrow Pure Jade from Yan Bingxuan's hand. As he spoke, it suddenly slipped from his hand. The beautiful jade fell along the smooth ice-like skin, disappearing into a deep crevice, vanishing in an instant.

With a startled exclamation, Chen Mobai reached in, laboriously groping, and finally managed to retrieve that piece of Ice Marrow Pure Jade.

At this moment, Yan Bingxuan's snow-white cheeks were already flushed with embarrassment.

After a year passed, the Three Great Halls of the Immortal Gate suddenly shifted from their previous leisurely state to a tense and busy one.

After announcing the opening of a war last year, regardless of the situation in the neighboring different world, the Immortal Gate needed to be prepared for wartime.

Among them, the Orthodox Law Hall's Military Department was especially so.

After Chen Mobai inspected the Ten Great Military Regions, which are also the ten pivotal nodes of the Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation, they are of utmost importance. After close observation, the fifth rank formation knowledge of the Immortal Gate in his mind began to come together.

At this time, he could already be said to be the formation master second only to Patriarch Qian Xing and Yunhai Master in the Immortal Gate; even if he went to take the Fifth Rank Formation Master exam, he might only stumble on the final major question, but he was confident in scoring full marks on the rest.

Of course, even though he had learned it, whenever he had time, he would still go to the Nature Studies Academy to solidify his knowledge with Yunhai Master.

After perfecting the formation, Chen Mobai immediately returned to the Eastern Wilderness.

First, he rebuilt the large formation of Northern Abyss City.

He didn't dismantle everything because the Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation had consumed many resources of the Five Elements Sect.

An excellent array master needs to adapt formations according to the environment rather than changing the world at great expense just to arrange formations as prescribed.

Only after becoming a fifth-rank formation master did Chen Mobai realize that the Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation, which reassured all cultivators of Northern Abyss City, had so many flaws and vulnerabilities.

He remodeled and upgraded it with the Immortal Gate's fifth rank direct and inverse Nine Palaces Formation concept, combined with the topography of Northern Abyss City. Due to the limitation of spiritual veins and the lack of core fifth-rank spiritual objects, Chen Mobai only completed an upgrade to a fourth-rank superior grade blueprint.

This upgraded city-protecting formation, based on the original Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation and infused with the Immortal Gate's fifth rank direct and inverse Nine Palaces Formation, was named "Small Direct and Inverse Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation."

When conditions permit in the future, upgrading to a fifth rank array can transform it from small to large.

After completing the design and theory of the "Small Direct and Inverse Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation," it still needed practical operation.

It also served as an opportunity to determine if the sect's formation masters were worth nurturing.

With this in mind, Chen Mobai immediately called over Yi Shaoqing from the Formation Division. Over the years, Yi Shaoqing had shown the highest talent in the Dao of formations, working diligently and reliably.

Upon seeing the formation, Yi Shaoqing's eyes widened. Having studied formations all his life, he had never seen such exquisite and detailed blueprints.

Some characters and marks in it were beyond his comprehension, but they must be profound formation inheritances, the sect's top secrets, so Chen Mobai didn't explain, and Yi Shaoqing dared not ask.

"This is the city-protecting formation I remodeled. Take a look, and if there's anything you don't understand, ask quickly. After explaining this, we'll go check the formations of the other Immortal Cities and Scholarly Mansions in the Eastern Wilderness to get those blueprints created as soon as possible."

Upon saying this, Yi Shaoqing could no longer hold back his pent-up questions and blurted them out one after another.

After studying the "Small Direct and Inverse Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation" blueprint thoroughly, Yi Shaoqing actually entered a state of sudden enlightenment. Sitting atop North Abyss Mountain, he gazed down at the luminous Immortal City below. The blueprints in his mind materialized in his pupils, as if virtual lines descended upon various parts of the Immortal City, where lines intersect, there lay spiritual pivots, the sites for array flag placements.

And all the lines ultimately converged at the center, where he sat atop North Abyss Mountain.

But Yi Shaoqing knew this formation had both a direct and inverse core.

They overlapped now, which was why only one could be seen.

He couldn't help but rise, requesting the core array plate of the Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation from Chen Mobai, who smiled and handed it to him, whereupon Yi Shaoqing left Northern Abyss City with the array plate.

At this moment, the previously overlapping direct and inverse cores began to shift.

The direct core's fourth rank Longevity Wood remained suppressing the peak of North Abyss Mountain.

The inverse core's array plate, held by Yi Shaoqing, moved along with him.

In this dynamic process, the lines extending between the direct and inverse cores constantly changed, rendering the "Small Direct and Inverse Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation" equally changeable and unpredictable.

This meant that even if the complete blueprints of the formation fell into the hands of the Five Elements Sect's enemies, they couldn't follow the blueprint to resolve the "Small Direct and Inverse Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation."

Could the Dao of formations be this exquisite and mysterious!?

Yi Shaoqing was thoroughly opened to a new world.

Returning to the peak of North Abyss Mountain with the array plate, Yi Shaoqing paid great respect to Chen Mobai.

"Thank you, Sect Leader, for leading me into the true realm of the Dao of formations."

It was at this moment that Yi Shaoqing realized how brief and crude his previous formation knowledge was.

"Stand up, you were able to become a third-rank array master in an environment like the Eastern Wilderness, your talent is indeed impressive."

Chen Mobai was gratified to see Yi Shaoqing's ability to adapt and master the rudimentary elements of the Immortal Gate's Formation Dao after just one lecture.

He couldn't teach the Immortal Gate's formations, but he could touch upon basic knowledge during the blueprint explanations.

Still, Yi Shaoqing's comprehension was surprising to Chen Mobai, as it required high aptitude and insight.

The lack of knowledge in the Eastern Wilderness had buried many talents.

If it were the Immortal Gate, Yi Shaoqing's achievements would not pale compared to Yunyang Bing.

"Sect Leader, I have come up with some new questions to ask you."

Having been immersed in his newfound understanding of the Dao of formations, Yi Shaoqing pulled out a pen and paper. He began to describe the problem he encountered during his realization process while integrating the "Small Direct and Inverse Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation" with Northern Abyss City, questioning why certain lines twisted and turned in their paths.

"Aren't there many houses built there? If we don't circumvent them, we'd have to demolish them, and the owners probably wouldn't agree; that would definitely cost a lot of spirit stones."

Chen Mobai explained it, still unable to shake off the perspective from the Immortal Gate.

It's well-known that in the Immortal Gate, land acquisition challenges lie in demolition. If the people are unwilling, not even the Three Hall Masters can proceed with the demolitions.

"Sect Leader, who would dare object if our Five Elements Sect wants to demolish anything in Northern Abyss City?"

Yi Shaoqing remarked, puzzled. He felt the circuitous paths of the formation lines only added unnecessary difficulty to the layout.

In his view, it wasn't necessary.

"It seems you are right."

Prompted by Yi Shaoqing, Chen Mobai realized.

This isn't the Immortal Gate. Why should he be so considerate of the people here?

Were he to order demolition, even if it meant tearing down Northern Abyss City entirely, no one in the Eastern Wilderness would dare utter a word against it.

Nevertheless, this couldn't be entirely blamed on him, for the Immortal Gate's formation knowledge emphasized a people-centered approach, explicitly stated in their standards.

But here in the Eastern Wilderness, Chen Mobai held the ultimate authority!

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Once the ideas were clear, Chen Mobai immediately revised the blueprint of the small Reversible Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation.

In order to train Yi Shaoqing, while modifying the blueprint, Chen Mobai also took him for some field investigation.

This moment of enlightenment in formations allowed Yi Shaoqing to break through the bottleneck he had faced for decades, achieving the realm of Foundation Establishment Completion. He cultivated the Longevity Scripture, and Qing Nu was preparing to refine a batch of Wood Origin Golden Core Pills. Chen Mobai had already reserved one for him in his heart.

Chen Mobai also directly told Yi Shaoqing about this, and the latter was ecstatic but very apprehensive, deeply fearing a failure in Core Formation would waste resources.

Since Yi Shaoqing could be considered an elder Foundation Establishment practitioner, when Chen Mobai had just established his foundation, he was already at the late stage of Foundation Establishment, and most of his cultivation level had been enhanced by elixirs.

Because of this, he was stuck at the late stage of Foundation Establishment for nearly sixty years, even feeling hopeless himself, thinking he would spend the rest of his life like this.

Unexpectedly, under the impact of the Immortal Gate's formation path, he fell into a state of enlightenment and forcibly broke through the bottleneck with a significant enhancement of his mental state.

"You have the talent enough to achieve Core Formation, though your foundation has flaws, you must have confidence to overcome them."

Chen Mobai encouraged Yi Shaoqing, although through the Formless Puppet's simulation, he found the latter's success rate in Core Formation was indeed not high.

In this case, if Yi Shaoqing failed, it would be necessary to cultivate the next successor for the Formation Division.

This didn't worry Chen Mobai, since with Zhuo Ming present, her talent above that of an Earth Master meant with some training, she would soon reach Rank-4 in ground arrays.

However, if everything pressed on Zhuo Ming, Chen Mobai worried about overburdening this beloved disciple, so he also thought of his grand-disciple Song Huangdae.

Song Huangdae also had decent talent in terms of Earth Master skills; Chen Mobai had planned to train him as an Array Master and was curious about how his studies were going over the years.

Thinking about it, Chen Mobai immediately called over his grand-disciple.

Since E Yun became the acting sect leader, the connectivity project was officially handed over to Song Huangdae. He led a special batch of disciples drawn from the Five Elements Sect, setting up the Heavenly Communication Device throughout the Eastern Wilderness.

In Yunmeng Immortal City, the moment Song Huangdae heard Chen Mobai summoned him, he entrusted his matters to others then took the quickest way by Teleportation Array to Northern Abyss City.

“I want to upgrade the city-protecting great formation, so I called you to come and learn together...”

After Chen Mobai briefly explained, Song Huangdae immediately followed Yi Shaoqing to conduct a field investigation. Although encountering obstacles mainly involved demolition, they tried to minimize it, as Chen Mobai intended to follow the Immortal Gate’s rules, providing demolition funds and new houses as compensation.

The spirit stones of the Five Elements Sect were hard-earned, saving as much as possible was desired.

Once the new blueprints were finalized, Chen Mobai immediately called E Yun up and informed him about this matter.

“Sect Leader, isn’t it a bit too much to offer 1.2 times the market price for compensation?”

After listening, E Yun checked the blueprints, roughly calculated the houses needing demolition, and considering the high property prices in the center of Northern Abyss City, couldn’t help but feel distressed.

“There has to be some premium, plus this sum of spirit stones includes their interim financial needs after losing their homes. The resettlement houses in the new area must also be promptly arranged for them, which is counted as compensation.”

“Every time a new policy is implemented, initially we have to establish trust. This way, the enthusiasm for future demolitions will be higher among the populace.”

“Don’t feel sorry for the spirit stones; just consider Northern Abyss City’s current rise in housing prices, these losses will be recouped in a few years.”

From Chen Mobai’s perspective with the Immortal Gate’s vision, this was a sure-profit venture for the Five Elements Sect. Although initially it required a significant outlay of spirit stones, this batch of suddenly-rich cultivators from the demolition would in turn promote further surges in property prices in Northern Abyss City.

After a few years, once the new district near the location of the large-scale Transmission Array was planned and all houses completed, and when the news of the city-protecting great formation being upgraded to Fourth Rank Superior Grade spread, E Yun would realize that the mere rise in property prices not only offset the demolition losses but also drove up the overall value of all property in Northern Abyss City.

According to Chen Mobai’s rough estimates, this could add several billion spirit stones in net worth to Northern Abyss City at the very least.

Once reaching that stage, controlling the entire Northern Abyss City, the Five Elements Sect could claim nearly ten billion worth of assets even with only tens of millions of spirit stones in reserves.

Outsiders might even think the Five Elements Sect was being modest since they could roughly estimate Northern Abyss City’s property prices close to a ten billion spirit stone scale.

It was also at this moment that Chen Mobai suddenly realized being a rogue cultivator wasn’t very promising.

After all, even having seized the entire Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, including the Dove Mound Mountain’s Spirit Stone Mine, actually meant only grabbing two to three billion spirit stones.

Yet his straightforward capital maneuvering and new demolition policies in Northern Abyss could effortlessly foster an increase in property asset value worth several billion spirit stones.

Compared to this, robbery was thoroughly outclassed in terms of style and reputation.

Chen Mobai dared say that after this round of demolitions, those who received a resettlement house and got rich would at least erect a Longevity Plaque in his honor.

Compared to destroying sects and exterminating clans, manipulating housing prices not only wouldn't breed enmity, but might even inspire gratitude and praise.

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Could it be there's merit to be gained here?

Chen Mobai thought that with the Heavenly Heart in the Eastern Wilderness, this wasn't impossible.

After E Yun listened to Chen Mobai's economics lesson, he suddenly realized something and hurriedly went down the mountain to start arranging the relocation work.

After E Yun left, only Chen Mobai and Qing Nu remained at the top of North Abyss Mountain, with the latter holding a jade box with a curious look on her face.

Qing Nu: "How do you use this Seed of Dao Law?"

This time Chen Mobai came to the Eastern Wilderness not only to upgrade the large formations of the immortal cities here but also to sow this Seed of Dao Law, which requires the nourishment of civilization to grow and sprout.

"Although the core of the Eastern Wilderness is this Northern Abyss City, the Seed of Dao Law requires the thoughts of all living beings. Therefore, I think the most suitable place should be the capital of the Great Zhao Dynasty, Zheng City."

After gaining insight into the Taoist Laws Sure-book, Chen Mobai's understanding of the Fruit of Dao's Rule was at an expert level.

The Fruit of Dao's Rule at the Immortal Gate was already mature, so there was no problem within any range of the Immortal Gate.

But all the Seeds of Dao Law that hadn't grown and sprouted yet were generally carried by the Three Hall Masters, receiving the nourishment of Earth's civilization at the center of the Immortal Gate, Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Although the Northern Abyss City gathered nearly half of the cultivators of the Eastern Wilderness, compared to the millions of ordinary people, it was still just a drop in the ocean.

The birth of civilization requires generations of reproduction and development. Cultivators might not even have one generation in a hundred years, playing almost no role in nurturing the Seed of Dao Law.

"This matter is very important. Will you personally arrange it?"

As Qing Nu spoke, she handed back the Seed of Dao Law to Chen Mobai, who shook his head.

"This Seed of Dao Law is also a path to Divinity Transformation, but for me, it's merely an experiment for the External Incarnation, leaving a Dao Fruit for the Five Elements Sect to prevent our sect from deteriorating after the two of us ascend."

Chen Mobai was always very confident in front of Qing Nu, speaking as if Divinity Transformation was not even a challenge.

"I don't even know if I can reach Divinity Transformation."

Though Qing Nu was happy after hearing this, she also held some worries. With her Heavenly Spiritual Root's foundation and the resources from the Eastern Wilderness, she was confident of reaching the Nascent Soul stage, but she had no confidence regarding Divinity Transformation.

After all, she couldn't feel anything about the so-called Fetal Transformation Essence and didn't know whether she could use it in the future. The alchemy recipe from the Jellyfish Palace might not even be complete with the resources from the East Continent.

"Don't worry, the upper limit of this world is the Perfection of Spirit Transmutation. Once I reach Divinity Transformation, I believe that the Jellyfish Palace will respect me. I might even take you back to the Immortal Gate to seek guidance from the Spiritual Venerable on the Water Great Dao."

Chen Mobai naturally tried to relieve Qing Nu's pressure, but according to his plan, if he truly achieved Divinity Transformation, he could at least develop the Five Elements Sect into a Holy Land of the East Continent. By that time, he would have a firm grip on the Immortal Gate, combining resources from both realms. With Qing Nu's talent, he believed her Divinity Transformation would be assured.

"If you're busy going back and forth between the two realms, should I take this Seed of Dao Law to arrange it at Zheng City, the capital of the Great Zhao Dynasty?"

After listening to Chen Mobai, Qing Nu smiled, her anxiety fading away, and she even volunteered to plant it.

"No need, this thing requires the right person to react. I had you play with the Seed of Dao Law for so long, but there was no reaction at all, which shows you're not suitable."

Chen Mobai shook his head, took the Seed of Dao Law out of the jade box, where a deep-green line seed in his palm suddenly began to extend a line, like a seed sprouting, gently swaying.

"Master, the disciple requests an audience!"

At this moment, a clear voice came, and Chen Mobai smiled slightly, lifting the restriction on the door.

Not long after, Jiang Zongheng, full of spirit and with eyes like lightning, walked in.

Qing Nu saw at a glance that Chen Mobai's young disciple had already succeeded in Core Formation.

"You've come, have you stabilized your realm?"

When Chen Mobai returned to the Eastern Wilderness, he received a message talisman from Jiang Zongheng, saying he had succeeded in Core Formation.

This disciple could be said to be even more suitable than Chen Mobai for cultivating the rule in the Eastern Wilderness. Although the Seed of Dao Law requires a civilization in its lineage to grow and sprout, each world's customs are different, so each Seed of Dao Law derived from the source Dao Fruit needs some localized adaptation to grow.

For instance, the mature Fruit of Dao's Rule from the Immortal Gate followed the path of a techno-cultivation civilization featuring the Earth Element Star.

Though the main focus is still the cultivator, it inevitably gets assimilated by the civilization of the Earth Element Star.

Chen Mobai understood from the Taoist Laws Sure-book that the core of Earth's civilization's lineage is "humans" and those fundamental moral concepts, humanism, etc.

As long as these concepts are instilled in the ordinary people of the Eastern Wilderness, allowing them to genuinely embrace ideas that center on humanity, mutual respect, equality, self-confidence, and striving forward, a minor immortal sect civilization characteristic of the Eastern Wilderness would form. Within such a coherent civilization, the Seed of Dao Law will sprout and grow, gradually becoming a Dao Fruit.

Chen Mobai had the basic moral concepts of the Immortal Gate but had never understood the local thinking and concepts, especially those of the ordinary people in the Eastern Wilderness.

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Therefore, if one wishes to nurture the Seed of Dao Law in the Eastern Wilderness to grow, Jiang Zongheng is the most suitable candidate to execute this task.

"To nurture this Seed from nothing to a Dao Fruit in the Eastern Wilderness, I, as your master, find it difficult to accomplish. I must trouble you to undertake it."

Though Chen Mobai had integrated into the Immortal Cultivation World in the Eastern Wilderness, he was still somewhat disconnected from the mundane world, hence his words.

If he forcibly implemented everything from the Immortal Gate into the mundane aspects of the Eastern Wilderness, it would only lead to incompatibility. The conflict between lofty ideals and local customs would result in disasters greater than war.

"Thank you, Master, for imparting the Great Tao. Becoming your acting agent is a great honor for me as a disciple!"

Yet, after hearing everything about the Seed of Dao Law, Jiang Zongheng felt that Chen Mobai had truly imparted the Great Tao to him.

The core concept contained in this Seed of Dao Law, in his view, if everyone could adhere to it, would undoubtedly solve the problem that had perplexed him since childhood.

Moreover, once the Dao Seed becomes a Dao Fruit, refining this Dao Fruit will sustain the civilization of the Eastern Wilderness, and with the assurance of the Spirit Transformation Stage's power, peace can exist for a long time without a doubt.

And because the Fruit of Dao's Rule will evolve along with the development and progress of the civilization of the Eastern Wilderness, it can also prevent the Eastern Wilderness from stagnating into a dead pool.

This is the answer to everlasting peace!

At this moment, Jiang Zongheng was utterly convinced that he had received the supreme Great Tao!

"Do your best, and if it doesn't work out, it's fine as this is merely one alternative path of cultivation."

However, Chen Mobai cautioned Jiang Zongheng in advance, as the Fruit of Dao's Rule is not easy to achieve. Even if it succeeds, the limitations are substantial.

If possible, he hoped that Jiang Zongheng would not use this method to achieve Divinity Transformation.

"Having this Great Tao is already a great honor for this disciple."

Yet Jiang Zongheng felt that his birth in the Eastern Wilderness was to follow this Great Tao, especially after forming his Core, he felt even more strongly that establishing the foundation for eternal peace in the Eastern Wilderness was his destiny.

"If that's the case, you should re-walk among the mundane world. Meanwhile, I will be leading Yi Shaoqing and Song Huangdae to visit the major Immortal Cities in the Eastern Wilderness. By the time I have completed designing all the Formation diagrams, you would have almost finished your tasks, and we can compile and organize a scripture from the contents of the Northern Abyss City Library that can be passed down for eternity!"

Chen Mobai simply explained the work arrangements for the upcoming years, even decades.

Compiling the scripture was something Jiang Zongheng already knew before his Core Formation. This time, in connection with the Seed of Dao Law, he felt even more that unifying ideological and moral concepts was the key to bringing everlasting peace to the Eastern Wilderness.

Jiang Zongheng: "Then this disciple will take my leave."

After noting down all the rules related to nurturing that Chen Mobai taught, Jiang Zongheng respectfully accepted the Seed of Dao Law with both hands.

Before leaving, he took out a Green-skinned Gourd from his Storage Bag and handed it to Chen Mobai.

The Yi Wood Spiritual Liquid and Yi Wood Divine Thunder inside had already been fully refined during his Core Formation, which made him, despite just forming his core, have a vitality more abundant than that of Ning Leshan, Luo Xue'er, and others, even mastering the Yi Wood Divine Thunder Spell to a Rank-3 Perfection level.

Although he couldn't compare to Chen Mobai, within the Eastern Wilderness or even the East Continent, among those who had just formed their core, Jiang Zongheng could already be considered among the top.

And although the Green-skinned Gourd no longer contained the Yi Wood Spiritual Liquid and Divine Thunder, it still remained a Rank-4 Spirit Material.

Coincidentally, Chen Mobai's Primordial Yang Sword Evil was always kept in a Sword Box, which was somewhat inconvenient. The Green-skinned Gourd, being of the Wood element, could naturally absorb nature's spiritual energy and convert it into Yi Wood Spiritual Energy when placed in a place rich in spiritual energy. The Primordial Yang Sword Evil could enhance itself by absorbing Wood Element Spiritual Energy, making it very suitable for nurturing within it.

However, Chen Mobai had decided to give this Green-skinned Gourd to Jiang Zongheng and had no intention of taking it back.

But Jiang Zongheng learned from Liu Wenbo and the other senior brothers and sisters that Chen Mobai had always been nostalgic for the Yellow Skin Gourd used to nurture the Primordial Yang Sword Evil in the past, so after his Core Formation, he returned the Green-skinned Gourd.

To this, Chen Mobai accepted it with a smile, without any formality.

Qing Nu: "The disciples you've taken are all very good."

As Chen Mobai and his disciple were conversing, Qing Nu had been serving tea at the side, and after Jiang Zongheng went down the mountain, she sincerely praised.

Liu Wenbo was honest, Zhuo Ming diligent, Luo Yixuan beautiful and obedient, and Jiang Zongheng resolute and open-minded.

If they were in the Immortal Gate's side, their achievements might have been even higher, especially Zhuo Ming and Jiang Zongheng; Qing Nu thought it wouldn't be too difficult for them to reach Nascent Soul Formation.

"The main reason is that they're all willing to strive. Even if I help, it's no use if they're not self-motivated."

Chen Mobai's biggest impression of the people in the Eastern Wilderness was that they were very ambitious. As long as they were given the opportunity, they would seize it with all their might.

In contrast, the people on the Immortal Gate's side were a bit more leisurely.

Take Zhongli Tianyu, Narcissus, and so forth for example.

It could only be said that their conditions were too favorable, with nothing to drive their pursuit.

"I've finished improving the Alchemy Recipe for the Wood Origin Golden Core Pill. When you have time, would you assist with burning the Stat Fire?"

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At this time, Qing Nu began to schedule Chen Mobai's availability.

"Are the main and auxiliary medicines all ready?"

As Chen Mobai spoke, he held the green-skinned gourd in his hand, dispersing his Primordial Yang Sword Evil into strands and slowly injecting it into the gourd, showcasing the artifact refining techniques he had recently learned.

Now, even without "The Union of Differences," he was an outright Fourth Rank Artifact Refiner in the Immortal Gate.

"The main medicine is all set, and the auxiliary medicines have been instructed to be prepared. Given the influence of the Five Elements Sect, it will take at most half a month to gather and deliver them here."

Qing Nu said, with the ten thousand acres of medicinal fields under her command in the Eastern Wilderness, along with the broader medicinal market on the side of the East Barbarians, the main and auxiliary medicines, which even the Divine Wood Sect and Back to Sky Valley combined would take a long time to gather, could now be quickly assembled with just an order.

This swiftness was mainly due to the large-scale teleportation arrays established on the Eastern Wilderness and East Barbarians, especially those of the East Barbarians, directly connected to the core East Land of the East Continent. Even the materials for the Infant-Feeding Elixir were seventy to eighty percent complete, lacking only a few rare main ingredients.

“Then let me first complete the formation of those formations in the Immortal Cities. Once these projects are done, only this will be left.”

Chen Mobai thought it over and decided to postpone the refining of the Wood Origin Golden Core Pill, which Qing Nu also agreed with understandingly.

After all, the Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine only concerned a few individuals.

However, each new Immortal City and Scholarly Mansion established in the Nineteen Prefectures of the Eastern Wilderness affects the future of tens of thousands of cultivators and holds great significance.

Additionally, with these projects progressing daily, the Five Elements Sect saves substantial Spirit Stone wages and sect contributions, making it crucial to complete them as soon as possible and reducing unnecessary expenditure.

Chen Mobai spent three days perfectly combining the Primordial Yang Sword Evil and the green-skinned gourd to refine a Fourth Rank Sword Gourd.

He then placed this Sword Gourd on the Heavenly Bead of the Domain, where the spiritual energy of a Fifth Rank Spirit Vein imbued and maximized its ability to convert to Yimu Qi.

If Chen Mobai is to make a move in the Immortal Gate in the future, he'll definitely continue to use this Primordial Yang Sword Evil. The last encounter, where he stumbled a bit against an opponent, taught him the importance of enhancing it.

Coincidentally, there is a perfect Fifth Rank Fire Yang Sha nurtured in the depths of the Dance Tool Dao Academy Myriad Treasures Cave, and Master Chengxuan has already vouched that once necessary, it can be readily refined.

However, refining Fifth Rank resources in the Immortal Gate requires not only the formal procedures from the departments of the Three Great Halls but also the agreement of the Double Saints of the Immortal Gate.

Patriarch Bai Guang has been secluded for a long time without appearing, so Chen Mobai didn't consider applying to her and instead went to Patriarch Qian Xing with the matter.

Back at the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains, he brought it up indirectly, but Patriarch Qian Xing stated that the Fifth Rank Fire Yang Sha was a core of the Red City Mountain's Spirit Vein. If Chen Mobai refined it, it would cause a slight decline in the Spirit Vein, potentially slowing the servers of Little Red Sky and even causing fluctuations in the Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation connected to it.

Though not explicitly stated, it was a clear refusal.

No matter, resources of the Immortal Gate are this precious, especially those at the Fifth Rank, which are virtually unique.

Nonetheless, Patriarch Qian Xing left room in his words, suggesting that if a future war breaks out and they encounter a different world like Ming Wang Star with Chen Mobai's cultivation at the Nascent Soul Peak, he would reconsider.

Chen Mobai accepted with humility, stating that everything would be at the ancestor's discretion.

After refining the Fourth Rank Sword Gourd, Chen Mobai immediately wrote to Yue Zutao, who was responsible for the Five Elements Commerce Association in the East Land.

He asked Yue Zutao to investigate if there's any news of a Fifth Rank Fire Yang Sha in the East Land.

Besides coordinating with Yue Zutao, Chen Mobai also inquired at Sky Meal Building, receiving an answer that was unsure of being good or bad.

It turns out that the core of the Fifth Rank Spirit Vein of Golden Crow Immortal City, where the Sun God Tree is rooted, was a Fifth Rank Fire Yang Sha Cave. But that cave's Fire Yang Sha was essentially the sustenance of the Sun God Tree, crucial for nurturing the Sun Holy Fruit.

Without the supply of the Fifth Rank Fire Yang Sha, the Sun Holy Fruit cannot even mature.

From another perspective, it suggests that the Sun Holy Fruit can substitute for a Fifth Rank Fire Yang Sha.

Qing Nu checked and indeed found it true.

However, Chen Mobai definitely wouldn't waste such a treasure because the value of the Infant-Feeding Elixir far exceeds that of the Fifth Rank Primordial Yang Sword Evil.

Qing Nu, having improved the alchemy recipe for the Infant-Feeding Elixir based on Yan Shaoyin's foundation, believed that using a Sun Holy Fruit, with her and Chen Mobai working together, they should be able to refine four Infant-Feeding Elixirs.

If either Mo Douguang or Zhou Ye could achieve Nascent Soul Formation using the Infant-Feeding Elixir, it would make the Five Elements Sect an upper sect even if relocated to East Land.

Chen Mobai stayed for another two days in Northern Abyss City during which E Yun started the compensation and relocation process smoothly. The locals reacted positively to the compensation terms, and even those not initially affected demanded inclusion, reassuring Chen Mobai that the measures were successful.

He then informed Qing Nu and, together with Yi Shaoqing and Song Huangdae, left Northern Abyss City via teleportation array to inspect the various Immortal Cities in the Eastern Wilderness.

The first stop naturally was at Giant Tree Ridge.

Chen Mobai had heard of the Array of Ten Thousand Woods here before joining the sect, once thinking it was miraculous.

But now, with his proficiency as a Fifth Rank Formation Master, he found it merely commonplace.

However, the cultivator who set up this formation still had unique insights, utilizing the abundant local spirit trees of Giant Tree Ridge to tailor the Array of Ten Thousand Woods, marking a peak in his formation career.

Chen Mobai had met this person, an ancestor named Qi Guzi of the Wanggu Faction, one of the sixteen Golden Core forces in the East Barbarians, and he was a renowned Fourth Rank Formation Master.

Qi Guzi was initially a registered disciple of Kong Sang Valley but later gained an opportunity in East Land, establishing his foundation and core formation before returning to the East Barbarians to establish his own sect.

He still recognized Kong Sang Valley as his upper sect, especially during the time when Ku Zhu was expelled, and Mu Qin was seriously injured, leading the Core Formation cultivators of Kong Sang Valley to leave him unchecked.

In Chen Mobai's view, Qi Guzi's formation skills held genuine substance, leaving little room for improvement.

However, because Zhou Shengqing had previously told Chen Mobai he intended to refine one of the Everlife Woods into a tree seed, this Array of Ten Thousand Woods would require significant modifications.

Originally centered on three Fourth Rank Spirit Plants, it would lose much of its power with only two remaining as its core.

Nevertheless, Chen Mobai was not concerned, as Northern Abyss City's newly established Immortal Cities and Scholarly Mansion in the Nineteen Prefectures of the Eastern Wilderness were of significant importance. As long as Eastern Wilderness didn't fall, attacks were unlikely.

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Chen Mobai stayed at Giant Tree Ridge for ten days. Thanks to the high efficiency of the Guidance Book, he easily completed the design blueprint for the transformation of the Array of Ten Thousand Woods.

He unbound the original three Everlife Wood cores of the Array of Ten Thousand Woods and changed it so that when the Formation is activated, any number of Everlife Woods can be designated as the core.

The reason for doing this, besides allowing Zhou Shengqing to condense the Everlife Wood into a tree seed, was also because Chen Mobai unlocked all the fruits of the Magic Treasure Tree in the Divine Tree Secret Realm after forming his Nascent Soul, and brought out all the Everlife Soil. Therefore, under the grand spell of Origin Field Nourishing Fertility, three Golden Sun Spirit Trees were selected at Giant Tree Ridge, and it can be expected that in the near future, there will be even more Fourth Rank Longevity Wood here.

After transforming the Array of Ten Thousand Woods, in daily life, only one Everlife Wood is used to regulate the earth veins, distributing the spiritual energy to the various Cave Dwellings in the Immortal City. And if a strong enemy attacks, the Everlife Woods outside the Formation can also be linked together to increase its power.

Chen Mobai's thought process and solution for this transformation amazed Yi Shaoqing and Song Huangdae.

Everyone has ingenious ideas, but turning those ideas into reality requires overcoming great obstacles. At least for Yi Shaoqing and Song Huangdae, just the step of unbinding the three Everlife Wood cores of the Array of Ten Thousand Woods was beyond their capability.

When Chen Mobai independently completed the entire set of Formation designs, Yi Shaoqing and Song Huangdae felt as if they were witnessing a Tian Shu taking shape. Fortunately, both of them have talent in formations, and during this process, with Chen Mobai's careful guidance, although they still didn't fully understand all the knowledge behind it, they at least knew how to follow the diagrams to transform the Array of Ten Thousand Woods.

After completing the blueprint and explanations, Chen Mobai let Yi Shaoqing and Song Huangdae digest and understand it, while he made a trip to the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

There, he once again cast the Devour God Technique on the Great Dao Tree.

After the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram breakthrough to the Response Earth Spirit realm, as per Tianhe Realm's terms, his Divine Consciousness Intensity had reached the Nascent Soul Middle Stage, thus the efficiency of devouring the floating Spiritual Sense of the Great Dao Tree was greater than before.

However, Chen Mobai knew that the core of the Great Dao Tree was the Celestial Venerate Dao Fruits, so he was very cautious during the use of the Devour God Technique, avoiding any accidental contamination.

Fortunately, the Celestial Venerate Dao Fruits seemed to be in a dormant state, and as long as Chen Mobai didn't actively contact them, they wouldn't emanate Dao Rhythm automatically.

After the bell rang in the Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion, Chen Mobai stopped using the Devour God Technique.

He felt that his Divine Consciousness Intensity had increased by another one percent. Considering the time needed for purifying and refining it with the Flame Lighting Technique, it would take about thirty years to cultivate the Response Earth Spirit realm to perfection and begin attempting to break through to the sixth layer of the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram, "Law of the Five Tones."

It can only be said that if not for the Forbidden Technique, the cultivation efficiency is indeed too fast.

Of course, if other cultivators practiced like him, they would likely soon lose themselves due to the rapid increase in Divine Sense, or even have their Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion explode directly.

Chen Mobai was also lucky, easily breaking through the bottleneck of the Sea of Knowledge with the Great Dao Mystic Sound from Meng Huang's Core Formation breakthrough, coupled with the profound mystery of the Flame Lighting Technique, and a deep accumulation, he achieved such success.

However, during this cultivation process of the Devour God Technique, Chen Mobai also sensed the limits of this Great Dao Tree.

He felt that by the time he achieved a Nascent Soul Late Stage Divine Consciousness Realm, using the Great Dao Tree as an object for the Devour God Technique would have negligible effect.

Because the Great Dao Tree was, after all, only at the Fourth Rank Peak.

At that time, if he wanted to maintain such rapid progress, he would likely need to find higher-level Spirit Plants, or think of a way to filter and try absorbing the Celestial Venerate Dao Fruits!

But now it's too early to consider this. Perhaps before he reaches the Nascent Soul Late Stage in Divine Sense, he might find other solutions.

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai stood up and saluted the Great Dao Tree with one hand, acknowledging that the achievements he had today owed much to this Spirit Plant.

After leaving the Divine Tree Secret Realm, Chen Mobai took Yi Shaoqing and Song Huangdae to inspect the remaining Immortal Cities on site.

Now, in the Eastern Wilderness Nineteen Prefectures, there are a total of six Immortal Cities.

They are the Northern Abyss, Divine Wood, Golden Light, Cloud Dream, Fire Truth, and Primordial!

According to the distances, they visited each one in turn. Among them, the Golden Light, Cloud Dream, and Fire Truth cities were newly built, so they were the simplest, requiring only a Rank-4 Formation adapted to local conditions.

But at the final stop, Primordial Immortal City, he encountered an unexpected gain.

Here, there were actually Mysterious Five Elements Array blueprints left by the old ancestor of Primordial, whose origin, whether from the Yi Yuan Dao Palace or inherited from the Yi Yuan True Monarch, was unclear. Nevertheless, it was a boon for Chen Mobai.

Because the Mysterious Five Elements Array was actually at a Rank-5 level.

However, due to the Primordial ancestor's formation skill only reaching Rank-4, and lacking a Rank-5 Spirit Vein, the Mysterious Five Elements Array at Primordial Immortal City was only at Rank-4.

Moreover, upon inspecting the site, Chen Mobai found that the Formation had been set up in the typical manner of altering the surrounding environment forcefully, establishing five core Spiritual Pivots of metal, wood, water, fire, and earth, and connecting them with the earth veins to activate the great array.