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Chapter 1831: Little Red Sky Collapses, Sea-settling Pearl Completed

The news of Chen Mobai's breakthrough to a minor realm quickly spread.

After all, he had no intention of hiding it.

Even though it was known that he was the most talented person in the history of the Immortal Gate, such rapid breakthroughs still shocked many people.

"It seems that in my lifetime, I will be able to witness the appearance of a new Deity Transformation True Monarch in the Immortal Gate."

On the phone, Master Chengxuan said with great emotion, while Chen Mobai humbly expressed that his rapid cultivation speed was mainly due to the paths paved by predecessors like the Yuan Yang Ancestor.

Subsequently, Chen Mobai consulted Master Chengxuan about some artifact refining matters.

Having broken through to the third level of Nascent Soul using the Pure Yang Condensation Pill, he needed some time to refine his True Qi with the Flame Lighting Technique, so he planned to focus on artifact refining next, aligning with his role as the head of the Dance Tool Dao Academy. Meanwhile, he intended to complete some long-standing artifact refining tasks he had.

Coincidentally, on the other side of the Different World, many ores were discovered that were not found in the Immortal Gate.

Once it was confirmed that there were no dangers on the other side, the Immortal Gate would fully open the portal, allowing Chen Mobai, given his status, to effortlessly acquire a piece each.

Previously, he had handed over thousands of ores obtained from the Immortal Gate side to Zhuo Ming, considering it was her Lifespan Artifact, allowing her to condense them herself. However, it turned out that the number of ores that this Lifespan Artifact could condense depended on the artifact owner's cultivation level.

In the Golden Core Realm, one could only condense up to 999 types of ores.

Helplessly, Chen Mobai had to intervene again.

Since he was involved in refining this artifact initially, the All-things Altruistic Cauldron still recognized him. After integrating the four thousand types of ores from the Immortal Gate into it, the artifact was upgraded to the intermediate grade of the Fourth Rank.

Chen Mobai's interest in the ores from the Different World extended beyond the All-things Altruistic Cauldron because the Earth Gathering Art was also useful for cultivation.

Ores like the Life Stone, which contained earth element spiritual energy, could accelerate the cultivation of the Earth Gathering Art.

Chen Mobai himself wasn't in a rush, as his original Earth Spirit Root value was already very high, and the ores from the Immortal Gate and Tianhe Realm were sufficient for practicing up to 100 points.

For example, his Earth Spirit Root had already reached 96 points.

Only the last two layers of the Earth Gathering Art remained before he could become an Immortal Earth Spiritual Root.

But for Qing Nu, it was extremely useful. After all, if she wanted to cultivate the Lasting Spring Cultivation in the future, she would need a Three Attribute Heavenly Spiritual Root.

What he could think of, the smart people at Jumang Academy naturally could too.

Wenren Xuewei specifically dispatched a team to the Different World to collect various ores and spirit plants.

After finishing the call with Master Chengxuan, Chen Mobai returned to contact several other Nascent Soul Superiors.

Qi Yuheng, upon hearing of his breakthrough, immediately invited him to Little Red Sky for a spar, under the pretext of helping Chen Mobai get used to the power after the realm breakthrough.

Chen Mobai couldn't really refuse this offer.

He also needed Qi Yuheng's help to refine the "Sword Intent" he had just realized after his breakthrough.

In Little Red Sky.

Qi Yuheng suppressed his cultivation to the third realm of the Nascent Soul, practicing the Six Imperial Scripture as he cautiously looked on.

Previously, whenever he executed this move, regardless of how strong Chen Mobai's sword light or sword intent was, he couldn't do anything against him.

But today, as the orange-red sword glow slashed swiftly and fiercely, Qi Yuheng's solid body appeared with faint red marks.

The combination of the matured Fourth Rank Primordial Yang Sword Evil and the faintly present Primordial Yang Sword Intent was incredibly powerful, reaching the peak of the Fourth Rank.

If not for Qi Yuheng's Rank-5 essence in body refining techniques, he might have had his defenses broken in just one encounter.

However, as time passed, Qi Yuheng found Chen Mobai's Primordial Yang Sword Evil growing even stronger and more fierce.

Not only had Chen Mobai become more adept at harnessing the power of the third level of the Nascent Soul, but the once faint Primordial Yang Sword Intent started to become more substantial.

With the Sword Intent's empowerment, the Sword Evil's strength increased further, almost reaching the demeanor of Rank-5.

Nevertheless, Qi Yuheng was not one to be easily defeated. Cultivating the foundational Six Imperial Scriptures, known for its superior Deity Transformation Technique among the Immortal Gate, six strands of energy appeared at a thought. Though the orange-red sword glow intensified under the Sword Intent's power, it could never pierce his body's defense.

In Little Red Sky, neither had to worry about their origin energy, fully unleashing their respective Deity Transformation Techniques to the maximum.

As Chen Mobai controlled the sword with his Divine Sense, bursting out with all his Pure Yang True Qi, the Primordial Yang Sword Intent, which was previously just in its infancy, finally solidified.

The instant the orange-red sword glow slashed, a pitch-black crack split open in the void of Little Red Sky, extending right to Qi Yuheng.

This was because Little Red Sky's current limit was only at the Fourth Rank Peak.

If power exceeding the Fourth Rank emerged, it would cause the void to shatter.

Seeing this, six rings of colored light appeared in Qi Yuheng's pupils. Without moving, without shifting his feet, he extended his right index finger toward the orange-red sword glow ahead.

Six energies condensed at his fingertip, four of which were more vivid, while the other two were slightly dim, evidently due to his incomplete mastery of the Six Imperial Scripture.

Even so, his fingertip had gathered Qi Yuheng's entire domain, the silver light coating his index finger like a glove, making it appear molded from silver. It collided with the sword glow of Chen Mobai, who had pushed it forcefully to the Rank-5 level with all his Pure Yang True Qi and Sword Intent.

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One attack, one defense, in that instant, both reached Rank-5!

With a loud crash!

Little Red Sky couldn't withstand it anymore, and their rooms turned into chaotic void.

Chen Mobai and Qi Yuheng, at that moment, their consciousness returned to reality.

Both shook their heads in regret.

Because they couldn't see who won between the attack and defense.

However, in a certain sense, Chen Mobai had already won.

Because when Qi Yuheng was at the third level of the Nascent Soul, he definitely couldn't use the Rank-5 methods that he displayed in Little Red Sky.

"Master, Little Red Sky's server suddenly crashed. Everyone was forcibly kicked offline. Xianwu Hall is investigating it, but there are no detailed reports of the failure yet."

Chen Mobai was reminiscing about the spar with Qi Yuheng in his office when Zhuang Jialan knocked and hurriedly came in to inform him of the news.

"Hmm, it was me and Qi Yuheng who did it."

Chen Mobai nodded and then, under Zhuang Jialan's shocked gaze, called Ying Guanghua to tell him about this incident.

"During the spar, when facing the Kaiyuan Hall Master's Six Imperial Scripture, my competitiveness kicked in, and I accidentally used more power than the limit of Little Red Sky..."

"The main responsibility is mine. Had I not used Rank-5 power, the Hall Master wouldn't have followed. I'm genuinely sorry for causing the server crash of Little Red Sky..."

"Let's not waste public resources on an investigation. I'll issue an announcement shortly, and then I'll make a public apology..."

After speaking with Ying Guanghua, Chen Mobai then called Qi Yuheng, and shortly after, the latter teleported to his office.

Qi Yuheng stated that the crash of Little Red Sky was caused by both of them, and the apology should be made together. However, Chen Mobai felt embarrassed. After some discussion, the announcement drafted by Lan Haitian had already been sent.

In the Immortal Gate, the crash of Little Red Sky had shot to the number one trending topic.

This was an unprecedented event.

The last time, when Master Chengxuan attempted to transform into Divinity, although Little Red Sky was closed as well, at least they notified every user, unlike today, where everyone was kicked offline at the same time.

For a time, there were numerous rumors.

Some even fearmongered, claiming that they had encountered a powerful opponent in the Different World, and the elite of the Three Great Halls had gone to support and couldn't oversee Little Red Sky anymore.

No matter what was said, there were those who believed it.

Soon, an atmosphere of panic spread online, as if the Immortal Gate would start conscripting cultivators for battle at any moment.

During the long years of peace, many cultivators of the Immortal Gate were resistant to war.

Of course, due to the system of the Immortal Gate, almost ninety percent of male cultivators had served in the Military Department, so while there was panic, there wasn't complete chaos, yet there was unrest.

And at that point, it had only been half an hour since the crash of Little Red Sky.

The existence of the internet allowed bad information to ferment at an unprecedented speed.

In this situation, the Three Great Halls released an announcement.

[We deeply apologize for the sudden crash of the Little Red Sky server. The main cause was due to Pure Yang Master and the Kaiyuan Hall Master sparring, using Rank-5 power levels, which exceeded Little Red Sky's current settings, leading to a server processing failure. Little Red Sky will soon be restored from a backup, rolling back to the time before the crash. Please do not worry...]

At the end of the announcement was the apology statement from Chen Mobai and Qi Yuheng, promising not to use power exceeding the limits within Little Red Sky next time.

Once this announcement was out, most people believed it, and the previously panicked atmosphere began to calm down.

However, there were still a few who believed it was just a cover-up of the true situation in the Different World by the Immortal Gate.

The true reason for the crash of Little Red Sky wasn't this.

Facing these truth-seekers, Chen Mobai instructed the Department of Law Enforcement to step in, arresting the few who stirred up trouble, under the pretext of inciting trouble and inviting them to have tea in jail.

Subsequently, they released the video evidence from the backup of Little Red Sky, showing the duel between him and Qi Yuheng.

This video showed both of them using Rank-5 methods, just up until the moment the void cracks appeared.

Seeing this footage of the top Nascent Soul cultivators of the Immortal Gate in a magic duel amazed everyone with Chen Mobai's extraordinary swordsmanship talent.

At just the third level of the Nascent Soul Realm, he had already comprehended the Primordial Yang Sword Secret to a Rank-5 level and could even perform it, although it was in Little Red Sky where he didn't fear depletion of the source. Yet, his title as the foremost talent in Sword Dao began to spread from a small circle to the entire Immortal Gate.

Previously, Chen Mobai's cultivation talent as the number one in the Immortal Gate was widely acknowledged.

But on swordsmanship talent, most believed he was inferior to Ancestor Bai Guang. Even those with the utmost confidence in Chen Mobai only thought they were about the same.

However, with this video, die-hard fans, led by Xiao Hei, proclaimed that Pure Yang Master was the greatest in both cultivation and swordsmanship talent in the history of the Immortal Gate.

Ancestor Bai Guang was only considered the greatest because he cultivated in an era without Pure Yang Master.

Lucky for Chen Mobai that he didn't know about this, otherwise, he might just be scared to death.

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His swordsmanship talent could never compare to that of Bai Guang Laozu; he merely cheated by using the Longevity Sword Intent of Heaven Cutting to seize Yuan Yang Laozu's sword intent as his own.

However, after this incident, his genius persona at the Immortal Gate has been solidified beyond question.

In the future, even if he suddenly became mediocre, people would likely think he had passed the age of showing off and was beginning to conceal his brilliance and hide himself. Perhaps he was nurturing his sword, preparing for a stunning comeback.

After dealing with this matter, Chen Mobai continued to refine his Artifact Refining Technique while perusing materials from the Different World.

Over the years, the Immortal Gate has delved deep into the underground of the Different World.

The demonic beasts encountered there have become increasingly powerful, to the point where there have even been casualties.

In the situation where the two realms haven't fully engaged, and the Immortal Gate Army cannot go across, Qian Xing Laozu gave the order to stabilize the defense line and stop the exploration.

Meanwhile, Nangong Xuanyu, while tracking the Ascension Sect, discovered a place under the sea akin to ruins, where a chilling energy lingered, along with numerous ancient inscriptions and murals.

Qian Xing Laozu sent a puppet into the ruins, attempting to decipher the writings and diagrams from the Different World, though the progress has been less than ideal.

As for the Immortal Gate, the Orthodox Law Hall Military Department has already assembled, just waiting for the portal to open, to then be led personally by Shuixian, the Orthodox Law Hall Master, into the Different World.

Regarding this, Chen Mobai initially considered leading the team; however, by the rules of the Immortal Gate, the Military Department is directly supervised by the Hall Master. In the presence of the Hall Master, his position as Vice Hall Master places him further down the line.

Chen Mobai casually mentioned to Shuixian that if she didn't want to lead the Military Department to battle in the Different World, he could take the lead.

But, contrary to her usual laid-back self, Shuixian was particularly enthusiastic this time.

Especially after learning about the situation in the Different World, she believed that the underwater ruins might very well be the Divinity Transformation opportunity that the Spiritual Venerable had mentioned for her.

Since she had said so, it would be quite overbearing for Chen Mobai to vie for the position of leadership.

Coincidentally, he wasn't that keen on going.

Thus, while the Immortal Gate was diligently preparing for war, Chen Mobai found himself with some leisure time.

Apart from using the Flame Lighting Technique to refine his cultivation level enhanced by elixirs, he studied the Artifact Refining Technique and, in the meantime, integrated all the Immortal Gate's knowledge related to the Space Path to compose the Sutra of Void.

During this process, he discovered that he seemed to have a real talent for spatial topics; these contents were easily assimilated upon careful consideration.

In particular, the Returning Essence Secret Technique was modified by him, using the knowledge of the Immortal Gate, into the Small Void Technique.

It enables Foundation Establishment Practitioners at the Immortal Gate to succeed in cultivation using the Small Void Talisman.

This Small Void Technique could only store spiritual power, so he combined it with a Domain and further upgraded it to a Mustard Seed Void Technique, capable of storing tangible items, leading upward toward the Domain of the Immortal Gate.

Upon completing this section of the Sutra of Void, the originally very high-threshold Golden Core Domain of the Immortal Gate seemed to have a feasible path to cultivation success at the Foundation Building Realm under his writing.

And if one does not upgrade to a Domain, then perfecting the Small Void Technique to the utmost would be akin to Chen Mobai's initial All Laws Persona's external void dantian, providing an additional True Qi foundation during Nascent Soul Formation.

If in the Tianhe Realm, this part would be a closely guarded secret, only taught to direct lineage.

But at the Immortal Gate, Chen Mobai organized all these into a thesis and uploaded it to the Immortal Gate National Library.

After passing the review, the thesis titled "The Research and Discussion of Void Domain and External Dantian, Two Branch Routes of Small Void Technique!" immediately caused a massive stir within the Immortal Gate.

If the previous thesis "On the Feasibility of Disassembling and Practicing Void Walking" had earned him a nomination for the Flying Immortal Award, then this new thesis, as long as it was proven a successful cultivation, was practically destined to win this supreme honor of the Immortal Gate.

People once again marveled at Chen Mobai's unparalleled wisdom, believing he might be the ultimate fusion version of Bai Guang and Qian Xing, possessing both Qian Xing's intellect and Bai Guang's bravery!

At the Kunpeng Daoist Institute, Beiming Master promptly spearheaded a space-path researcher from their branch to establish a new Void Class, solely for studying Chen Mobai's two theses.

Especially the second one; if it could indeed allow cultivators to form a Domain during Foundation Establishment en masse, their Kunpeng Daoist Institute could cultivate more Dao Seeds practicing the Six Imperial Scripture and in the foreseeable future, surpass the other Three Great Daoist Academies in the number of Nascent Soul Cultivators.

However, the fastest to verify the completion of the second Chapter of the Sutra of Void was Wenren Xuewei.

By leveraging the Great Chun Tree, her perception of the Power of Void was almost equal to the Echoes in the Void, and she was fearless.

Additionally, she had great financial resources, and after using many Small Void Talismans, she easily mastered the Small Void Technique, then upgraded it to the external void dantian.

"I originally was short of twelve pathways of Evergreen Qi, calculating that I would just have enough by the time the portal opens. Now, with your Small Void Technique and the Stat Fire, I can have True Qi Perfection next year and form a Nascent Soul."

After mastering it, Wenren Xuewei specifically called Chen Mobai to express her gratitude.

"When you use the True Qi stored in the external Small Void for Nascent Soul Formation, remember to record your experiences and share them with me..."

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With the mindset of a researcher, Chen Mobai instructed Wenren Xuewei. Back when he was focused on Nascent Soul Formation, he didn't deeply delve into the process or feel it thoroughly.

If the Sutra of Void is to be published in the future, it certainly needs to be accompanied by some successful examples and experiences.

"Absolutely, wait for my good news."

Wenren Xuewei confidently said, relying on Lasting Spring Cultivation, she could have successfully formed a Nascent Soul long ago.

By this time next year, the Immortal Gate will have another Nascent Soul Superior.

Chen Mobai was also happy for her.

The success of Wenren Xuewei also validated the feasibility of Chen Mobai's second Sutra of Void paper. For a time, all Foundation Establishment Practitioners in the Immortal Gate who had their own pursuits began to download and discuss the insights of cultivating the Small Void Technique on various major forums, sharing the glory of successfully opening a domain at the ninth layer of Foundation Establishment.

Even Beiming Master personally called Chen Mobai, wanting him, as the honorary principal of Kunpeng Daoist Institute, to come and teach the newly established void course to teachers and students, to talk about the Sutra of Void.

To this end, Chen Mobai expressed that his papers and understanding of the void were still in the formative stage, with many imperfections, and to avoid misleading students, he would not be giving lectures.

Regarding Chen Mobai's rigorous and serious attitude, Beiming Master also held great admiration.

After the Sutra of Void paper appeared, Chen Mobai had already become an undisputed grand master on the Path of Space within the Immortal Gate, unmatched by anyone, and yet he remained so humble.

However, this careful approach was also the consistent attitude of scholarship within the Immortal Gate. Because once their knowledge is published, it is aimed at billions of cultivators, and any errors or omissions can have unimaginable consequences.

As for papers, at least downloading them requires some permissions, avoiding unqualified individuals from practicing recklessly.

After uploading the paper, Chen Mobai occasionally checked the comments and feedback while also teaching his daughter to practice the external Small Void.

According to his ideas, Chen Xiaohei could condense five external Small Voids to store the Five Elements Spiritual Power, thus achieving even perfection when combining into One Qi of True Essence.

To this, Chen Xiaohei thought her father was simply a genius to come up with this method.

In fact, it was Chen Mobai's experience from initially purchasing the Void Spiritual Energy Package.

Time slowly passed in this way.

This day, Chen Mobai finally completed the design of the three Magic Artifacts for Qing Nu.

He enhanced his Artifact Refining Technique and wrote the Sutra of Void primarily in preparation for this.

Two of them were gourds obtained from Loquat Valley, and the other was the Taiyuan Blue Pearl that extracted Innate Water Element Essence Qi.

He modified the two gourds according to the requirements proposed by Qing Nu back then.

Among them, the Blue Skinned Gourd contained mist, which, when released, could transform into a natural illusion formation. Chen Mobai preserved this and integrated the "As You Wish Water Mist" Grand Spell of the Longevity Sect, allowing Qing Nu to effortlessly amplify the power of this Grand Spell to the Rank-4 level by merely infusing Abyss True Water, even if the Divine Sense of Nascent Soul Cultivators fell in, they couldn't see through.

The other Red Skinned Gourd perfectly demonstrated Chen Mobai's Artifact Refining skills.

Everything Qing Nu mentioned back then, he accomplished. First, isolating a Small Void separately for the Hearth Spirit Flame within the gourd, and then constructing several spaces inside the gourd using the Power of Void, allowing not only the storage of elixirs, minerals, and other inanimate objects but also for spirit plants and spirit beasts to survive.

This Rank-4 Red Skinned Gourd is a top-tier storage artifact even in the Tianhe Realm, causing immense competition.

Finally, there is the Rank-5 Taiyuan Blue Pearl.

At Chen Mobai's current level, it was evident that he could not refine a Rank-5 Magic Artifact, but he imitated a Sea-settling Pearl based on the Sea-settling Sword, a creation of Ancestor Yun Ya.

Similar to the effect of the millennium pearls on the sword hilt, Qing Nu can store the Abyss True Water she has condensed within, to be taken out and refined during a Magic Duel or Realm Breakthrough.

However, due to the high grade of the Taiyuan Blue Pearl, if Qing Nu wants to fill it with her Abyss True Water, she would need spiritual power several hundred times her current realm.

Besides storing spiritual power, Chen Mobai also inscribed the Water Droplet Sword and Azure Water Sky Net, two Grand Spells of attack and defense, within it.

When Qing Nu faces an enemy, as long as this Sea-settling Pearl is suspended overhead, she not only possesses nearly infinite spiritual power but can also at any time condense the Abyss True Water within the Pearl into a sword to attack the enemy or form a water curtain for defense, etc.

Moreover, due to the Taiyuan Blue Pearl being infused with Innate Dao Rhythm, Chen Mobai also referenced Primordial Yang Treasure Beads and incorporated transformations that can evolve into a Second Nascent Soul or even Second Primeval Spirit.

This Sea-settling Pearl, although not a Rank-5 Magic Artifact, already has the essence of Rank-5. It only needs to be refined and nurtured for a long time by Qing Nu until spiritual nature is born, then it will be a true Rank-5.

"You're really amazing; with your Artifact Refining skill, I estimate you are already on par with Master Chengxuan and Ancestor Qian Xing."

Qing Nu, after receiving the three Magic Artifacts refined by Chen Mobai for her and listening to the mysteries of each, sincerely expressed her feelings of admiration.

The Five Rank Artifact Refining Technique of the Immortal Gate, restricted by resource conditions, relies on opportunity to pass the assessment.

Ancestor Qian Xing, achieving Rank-5, made a Rank-5 Heavenly Calculation Bead, accommodating all the transformations of the Sky Curtain Ground Network Great Formation.

As for Master Chengxuan, achieving Rank-5 as an Artifact Refiner was due to encountering Ancestor Bai Guang needing a Rank-5 Flying Sword to be refined. The materials and such were already gathered by Ancestor Bai Guang. After Chengxuan completed the task, he smoothly obtained the Rank-5 certificate.

Of course, before that, Master Chengxuan had already passed all the written exams for Rank-5 Artifact Refining knowledge at the Immortal Gate, personally set by Ancestor Qian Xing.

If Chen Mobai wants to obtain a Rank-5 Artifact Refiner certificate from the Immortal Gate, he will need to take these two steps.

First pass the exam, then wait for an opportunity for practical assessment.

So when Qing Nu saw the Taiyuan Blue Pearl, she believed that even in the Immortal Gate, Chen Mobai's Artifact Refining skill was already at the Rank-5 level.

"Not at all, compared to the principal, I'm somewhat inferior, and completely incomparable to Ancestor Qian Xing."

To this, Chen Mobai was still very conscious. The reason he could help Qing Nu refine these three outstanding Magic Artifacts that meet her desires was that he had devoted himself entirely to them.

From conceptualization to practice, he had pondered for over ten years, having every requirement and every step well in mind, resulting in the quality of these Magic Artifacts.

If it were to refine some other thematic Magic Artifact, he would certainly not match Master Chengxuan and Ancestor Qian Xing.

“This pearl is called ‘Sea-settling,’ then what should these two gourds be called? We can’t keep calling them Blue Skinned and Red Skinned, right?”

Qing Nu was extremely satisfied with the “Sea-settling Pearl” refined from the Taiyuan Blue Pearl, and it just so happened that Chen Mobai had a “Sea-settling Sword,” making them a pair of Magic Artifacts.

“Do you have any ideas? The items are already yours; you can name them.”

Chen Mobai smiled and said to Qing Nu, who, after some thought, pointed at the Blue Skinned Gourd and said, “Ruyi!”

And then pointed at the Red Skinned Gourd and said, “Wanhua!”

Chapter 1835: Five Element Coins

“Fellow Daoist, need a ride?”

As Xiao Yuli stepped out of the teleportation array in Northern Abyss City, a cultivator with a kind face approached and asked her.

What is a ride?

Xiao Yuli looked confused, and seeing her expression, the cultivator quickly pointed to a notice board nearby.

[The ferry flying boat to the main city departs every hour, ten Five Element coins per ticket.]

“The last ferry flying boat just departed. Fellow Daoist, if you’re in a hurry to go to the main city, you might consider our ox cart. It’s spacious and fast, with only three seats left, and will leave when it’s full...”

Listening to the long explanation from the cultivator, Xiao Yuli finally understood what a ride was.

With her status as a Golden Core Cultivator, she should have flown directly, but being in an unfamiliar environment and mainly here to inquire about Emperor Chen Qing, she didn't plan to be so ostentatious.

"If I were to charter a ride, what would the price be?"

However, Xiao Yuli had no intention of squeezing into the ox cart with loose cultivators, and her question made the cultivator who was touting customers show a look of delight, thinking this was a major client from some Immortal Cultivation Family.

"My name is Niu Jingfa. Our ox cart has twelve seats in total, and the price is the same as the official ferry flying boat, but it's a private delivery service to your doorstep. If you charter the whole thing, I'll give you a discount, just a flat rate of one hundred Five Element coins."

Niu Jingfa spoke heartily. Their Niu family had recently risen as a cultivator family, primarily prospering during the pioneering of the Eastern Wilderness Plateau, specializing in herding cattle and sheep for the Five Elements Sect, accumulating their first Spirit Stone.

The ancestor of the Niu family discovered a business opportunity while taking a teleportation array and waiting for a ferry flying boat, and after establishing connections with the Five Elements Sect, they filled the gaps between flying boat departures and earned quite a bit.

"What is a Five Element coin?" Xiao Yuli asked with confusion after listening.

"Fellow Daoist is from an outer region. The Five Element coin is a currency issued by the Five Elements Sect in various immortal cities in the Eastern Wilderness. Every one hundred Five Element coins can be exchanged for a piece of Low Grade Spirit Stone at the Five Elements Sect Spirit Stone Shop. Because this is a low-profit business, we basically settle in Five Element coins. If you don't have any, just give me a Low Grade Spirit Stone directly."

Upon hearing Xiao Yuli's question, Niu Jingfa knew she wasn't a cultivator from the Eastern Wilderness. While he spoke, he took a round coin with a square hole from his storage bag, engraved with intricate Five Element patterns, smooth and hard around the edges, yet shining with a layer of spiritual light.

"Exchange a hundred for me."

Xiao Yuli took out two Low Grade Spirit Stones, one for chartering the ride and one for the exchange.

Niu Jingfa immediately responded enthusiastically, taking out a string of Five Element coins tied with a rope and handed them to Xiao Yuli: "Please wait a moment, customer. The parking fee here is quite high, I'll dispatch your exclusive vehicle right away."

After speaking, Niu Jingfa was about to leave, and Xiao Yuli instinctively wanted to stop him.

After all, according to the customs of the Tianhe Realm, saying such words usually meant a scam; they would definitely take the Spirit Stone and run.

But then she thought it was only two Low Grade Spirit Stones, and didn't mind too much.

What surprised her, however, was that after a moment, Niu Jingfa did return with a spacious six-wheeled ox cart, but riding the ox was a girl who looked thirteen or fourteen years old, with two high pigtails.

"Customer, this is my daughter, Niu Manfeng. She just got into the Longevity Academy last year, and now during summer break, she's here to earn some tuition..."

After Niu Jingfa's introduction, Xiao Yuli nodded, then boarded the ox cart that Niu Manfeng was riding.

As Niu Manfeng waved the whip in her hand, the ox cart began heading toward the main city.

Guan Xiaolong, who was responsible for this teleportation array, immediately picked up his Heavenly Communication Device to report the news after seeing Xiao Yuli leave.

Although Xiao Yuli was trying her best to conceal it, different realms of cultivators required different amounts of Spirit Stones when using the teleportation array, so as soon as she appeared, Guan Xiaolong knew she was a Golden Core Cultivator.

While the Five Elements Sect adheres to the principle of treating guests kindly and doesn't specifically detain or interrogate, paying attention to high-ranking cultivators is unavoidable.

After all, if a Golden Core Cultivator went berserk, it could cause massive destruction in Northern Abyss City.

Song Huangdae, who was in charge of the liaison project, reported the news from Guan Xiaolong to E Yun immediately.

"Find out where this Fellow Daoist is staying, and then send a visiting card, explaining the rules here in the Eastern Wilderness."

Facing an unfamiliar Golden Core Cultivator, E Yun was certainly full of vigilance, planning to personally meet them.

"Yes."

After receiving the instruction, Song Huangdae left to handle this matter.

Meanwhile, Xiao Yuli, still on the ox cart, was unaware she had been targeted by the Five Elements Sect before even reaching the main city.

She sat in the window seat with the best view, observing the rows of independent small courtyards along the way and the more towering skyscrapers, while playing with the Five Element coins in her palm.

In the Tianhe Realm, there hadn't been a sect force that thought to implement a smaller unit of payment than the Low Grade Spirit Stone. For example, during the period of the Eastern Emperor Court,

there was a complete set of Emperor's Coins, which, relying on coercion, even replaced Spirit Stones altogether.

At that time, even the Great Holy Lands were forced to use Emperor's Coins.

However, where there are people, there's corruption. The Eastern Emperor Court exploited the authority of the Human Emperor, massively over-issuing Emperor's Coins to amass wealth, resulting in a situation where, in the later period of the court, cultivators from top to bottom preferred bartering over using Emperor's Coins for transactions.

Chapter 1836: Five Elements Coin 2

After the Imperial Court disappeared, some Holy Lands also issued similar currency within their own territories. However, since Spirit Stones can be directly used by cultivators, they inherently have value, whereas the issued currency needs to be backed by the authority of the Holy Lands.

Even during the time when the Human Emperor of the Eastern Emperor Court ruled the world, there were those unafraid of privately minting coins, let alone in the Holy Lands.

Everything becomes vulnerable to determined individuals, even if the currency is engraved with anti-counterfeit restrictions unique to the Holy Land. Under the temptation of huge profits, there will be individuals within the Holy Land who sell these restrictions, or they are deciphered by array masters and artifact refiners. Consequently, counterfeit currency spreads widely.

To maintain their currency, the Holy Lands have to exchange even counterfeit currency.

No matter how many individuals are killed, the rogue cultivators have always lived with their heads on the line, and soon, a new batch continues to mint counterfeit coins.

Many would disappear immediately after making a fortune and leave the Holy Land's territory.

After repeated instances, the Holy Lands realized that without the suppressive power to control the entire East Continent, like the Eastern Emperor Court, maintaining such a currency is not worth the cost, and they quickly abandoned this effort.

As the Saintess of the Yi Yuan Dao Palace, Xiao Yuli had heard of these secrets from Great Elder Wuming.

So, she found it inconceivable when she saw that the mere Five Elements Sect dared to issue new currency.

This Five Elements Sect was indeed a rural sect; surely it was an impulsive decision by the upper echelon, and probably in a short time, individuals unafraid of death would begin to mint counterfeit coins.

Thinking along these lines, Xiao Yuli picked up a Wuxing coin. As a disciple of Yi Yuan Dao Palace, her artifact refining skills were also top-notch. She quickly discovered the extraordinary nature of the Wuxing coin.

It was made using several different mineral alloy compositions, and surprisingly, it even contained fragmented Spirit Stones.

She attempted to absorb the Wuxing coin like a Spirit Stone, and quickly, a wisp of spiritual energy emerged and was refined into her body.

As the spiritual energy within the Wuxing coin was absorbed, the spiritual light on its surface vanished, and it cracked with fine lines.

Seeing this scene, Xiao Yuli's face showed an expression of shock.

Because she discovered that the problem that generations of Holy Lands couldn't solve seemed to have been resolved by the Five Elements Sect.

The spiritual energy contained in this Wuxing coin was exactly equivalent to one percent of a low-grade Spirit Stone.

Is this a coincidence, or does every Wuxing coin contain such precise spiritual energy quantity?

With doubt in her heart, Xiao Yuli picked up ten Wuxing coins and absorbed them all again, discovering that each coin indeed contained the exact same amount of spiritual energy, not differing in the slightest.

How was such precision achieved?

Xiao Yuli was full of doubts. She knew that the Wuxing coins contained fragmented Spirit Stones, and when these fragmented Spirit Stones are mined from a Spirit Stone Mine, since the outer shells are broken, the spiritual energy inside quickly dissipates. Although this process can be stopped using restrictions, it at least requires a Foundation Establishment Practitioner to achieve this.

To evenly distribute these fragmented Spirit Stones with such precision into the cast Wuxing coins, it at least requires a Rank-3 Artifact Refiner.

A small Wuxing coin, according to Xiao Yuli's understanding, has a refinement difficulty equivalent to a Rank-3 magic artifact.

With such skills and time, directly refining a Rank-3 magic artifact, even just for the starting fee, would be worth hundreds of millions of Wuxing coins.

Why waste such craftsmanship!

In her confusion, Xiao Yuli tossed a handful of Wuxing coins, which had lost their spiritual energy and cracked, out the carriage window.

"If you collect a hundred defunct Wuxing coins, you can exchange them for one new Wuxing coin at the Five Elements Sect's Spirit Stone Shop."

Niu Manfeng, who was driving the ox cart ahead, couldn't help but remind her upon seeing her wastage.

"Is that so? This is my first time in Northern Abyss City, so I didn't know."

After listening, Xiao Yuli gently nodded and asked why the Five Elements Sect wanted to collect discarded Wuxing coins.

"These Wuxing coins are made from a special alloy developed by Immortal Venerate Chen. Once recollected by the Five Elements Sect, they can be remelted and recast into new coins, just by reintegrating the fragmented Spirit Stones."

After hearing Niu Manfeng's explanation, Xiao Yuli found it even stranger: "Is casting Wuxing coins so simple?"

"I don't know about that, but I heard from my teacher that in the south of Eastern Wilderness's Huozhen Immortal City, there's a factory dedicated to minting Wuxing coins. Only the artifact refiners of the Five Elements Sect with clean backgrounds are allowed inside. There are many ultra-large equipment magic devices refined by Immortal Venerate Chen specifically for minting Wuxing coins."

Under Chen Mobai's policy, students from various academies in Eastern Wilderness conduct an annual Array Master competition, leading to frequent exchanges. This is how Niu Manfeng got to know about Huozhen Immortal City's situation.

At Huozhen Academy, because Tan Rong, Sheng Zhaoxi's disciple, is in charge, they excel in artifact refiner training.

After developing the Wuxing coin, Chen Mobai assessed various academies, and considering the number of artifact refiners there, decided to set up the minting factory there.

Of course, since minting is a significant affair, he still sent his trusted subordinate, Yu Lian, to supervise the factory.

Minting technology in the Tianhe Realm requires the level of a Rank-3 Artifact Refiner, but at the Immortal Gate, it's just a matter of a production line and equipment machinery.

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However, the Five Element Coins are somewhat unique, especially with the characteristic of needing to merge fragmented Spirit Stones with metal coins, so the equipment needs to be custom-made according to this requirement.

In the past, Chen Mobai would naturally have had some concerns, but now his status is different.

He gave Zhou Tiangong at the Tiangong Instrument Factory a call, and the latter didn't even ask the Nascent Soul, showing him the design the very next day. After Chen Mobai revised several versions to finalize it, this batch of equipment was delivered in half a month.

Chen Mobai was very grateful, and then used a slot from the Dance Tool Dao Academy to reserve one Golden Liquid Jade Pill from this batch for Zhou Tiangong.

After the mint factory was established in Huozhen Immortal City, if the machines were running at full capacity, they could mint over a billion Five Element Coins in a month.

However, considering the market acceptance, Chen Mobai only issued ten billion Five Element Coins temporarily. He first distributed them as a monthly allowance to sect disciples, then encouraged them to set an example by using them in various Immortal Cities, gradually promoting them throughout the Eastern Wilderness over the years.

With the endorsement of the Five Elements Sect, plus the fact that these Five Element Coins possess spiritual energy and can be used for cultivation, they were easily accepted by the cultivators of the Eastern Wilderness.

There were those who contemplated minting counterfeit coins, but the superb minting skills directly deterred them from the idea.

An Artifact Refiner of such caliber could easily take an order and secure years' worth of cultivation resources. Why risk offending the Five Elements Sect to do this?

The emergence of the Five Element Coins directly stimulated the commercial development of the entire Eastern Wilderness.

In the past, many transactions were limited by the payment methods and could only be conducted in bulk. Loose cultivators wanting to buy some elixirs from the pharmacy could only afford to buy in quantities worth at least one Spirit Stone, which was not at all friendly to those with low cultivation levels, who could only earn a few Spirit Stones a year.

Now, with the introduction of the Five Element Coins, they have more options.

Some shops initially worried that the Five Element Coins would eliminate their bulk transactions and that the scattered trades by loose cultivators would not sustain their high store rents in the Immortal City.

But soon, they discovered that the market exploded with surprising vitality once Five Element Coins were introduced.

Stores that were previously desolate now swarmed with a hundred times more customers. Although profits were smaller, the increased volume led to even greater earnings. Moreover, with more customers using them, reputable shops gradually outshone unscrupulous merchants and stood out.

With the lower market economy becoming active, it also boosted the upper market. As goods were sold, restocking naturally followed, leading the forces behind these shops to purchase larger quantities of raw materials. Some savvy families and sects even used teleportation arrays to travel outside the Eastern Wilderness, comparing prices to buy cheaper resources.

Xiao Yuli sat on the ox cart, watching the bustling streets and packed shops full of people shopping. She was deeply moved.

She had been away from Mount Wudi for more than two years, traveling all over the East Land, but even in the most prosperous Taixu Immortal City, she hadn't seen such a lively scene.

“Senior, we’re about to enter the main city. If you’re an outsider cultivator, you’ll need to report to the Five Elements Sect to get an outsider’s visa-like documentation to shop and stay at various stores.”

Niu Manfeng's words reached Xiao Yuli's ears, and she did not understand the new term. After the former explained, she realized that the so-called visa document was equivalent to temporary Northern Abyss City residency.

Without it, you'd essentially be a black-market customer, and legitimate stores wouldn't dare to sell anything to you.

Street vendors didn't care about this, and the stall owner wouldn't ask for it.

"But this visa document doesn't allow you to participate in the lottery..."

What on earth is a lottery?

Xiao Yuli felt like a country girl entering a city. Northern Abyss City had all sorts of intriguing things she didn't understand.

"The lottery is for purchasing eligibility for the Danxia Pavilion's Foundation Establishment Trithings. My father just got a loan to buy a house in the suburbs where you were teleported so he could enter the lottery, saying it's to secure a Foundation Establishment Trithings for me. But I'm definitely going to be a genius joining the Five Elements Sect in the future, and the sect will provide if I excel..."

Niu Manfeng answered every question and drove the ox cart directly to the certification place as they spoke.

Xiao Yuli hesitated for a moment but decided to follow local customs.

She was here to find Emperor Chen Qing, so she might as well announce her presence here.

Song Huangdae looked at Xiao Yuli as she walked in, smiling.

The task of registering outsider cultivators usually didn't require a Foundation Establishment Practitioner like him, but since the person before him was a Golden Core Cultivator, Niu Manfeng had notified him in advance to bring her here.

Song Huangdae: "Where do you come from, Daoist?"

Xiao Yuli: "The East Land!"

Song Huangdae: "Could you be more specific?"

Xiao Yuli was silent for a moment before speaking three words, "Mount Wudi!"

The right hand that Song Huangdae was about to write with slightly trembled. He looked up in shock at the female cultivator before him. After completing the form, he swallowed and pointed to the next line, which asked for 'sect/family,' and asked to confirm again.

Xiao Yuli frowned at the seemingly honest Song Huangdae, thinking he was really uninformed. There's only one sect on Mount Wudi, yet he still needed to ask.

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"Yi Yuan Dao Palace." But she remembered that this was the territory of Emperor Chen Qing, and since she had only just reached the Golden Core stage, she still spoke.

Hearing this, Song Huangdae thought to himself, "Just as expected," while Niu Manfeng, who followed in, had her mouth wide open, looking incredulous.

The name of the Eastern Earth Holy Land, she had heard from her teachers in her first year at the Longevity Academy.

At the same time, there were rumors that Chen Immortal Venerate of their Five Elements Sect was a Taoist Child from Yi Yuan Dao Palace, nurtured in the Eastern Wilderness.

Song Huangdae: “May I ask the honorable senior’s name?”

Upon hearing that it was Yi Yuan Dao Palace, Song Huangdae didn’t keep up any pretenses and immediately adopted a respectful attitude, addressing her as senior.

After filling out all the information, Song Huangdae handed the sealed visa document to Xiao Yuli with both hands.

“Does senior have a place to stay? Would you require our Five Elements Sect to make arrangements?”

“That would be fine.”

Xiao Yuli came this time specifically to meet Emperor Chen Qing; since she revealed her identity, she definitely intended to make contact with the Five Elements Sect.

Song Huangdae immediately got up and took her to the North Abyss Mountain Peak.

There were some vacant Fourth Rank Cave Abodes there. After notifying E Yun with the Heavenly Communication Device, he arranged for Xiao Yuli to stay in one of them.

“Senior, the highest point over there is the Sect Leader’s private courtyard. Occasionally, he and his wife will stay there for a while, and it’s also a key formation point with many restrictions—it’s rather dangerous...”

Song Huangdae pointed to the courtyard underneath the Fourth Rank Longevity Wood and reminded Xiao Yuli to avoid wandering off.

The small Reversible Mount Meru Nine Palaces Formation of Northern Abyss City has been renovated over the years, personally arranged by Song Huangdae and his team, but the Earth Network Great Formation and Fifth Rank Spirit Vein are still in progress. After Yi Shaoqing failed to reach the Golden Core stage, he led the elite of the Formation Division of the Five Elements Sect, primarily in charge of this.

Xiao Yuli also naturally sensed the intricate and dense restrictions beneath the Longevity Wood, feeling that it was a very formidable formation, one that she would be powerless against even if she got trapped inside.

At this moment, she felt a bit regretful for coming directly to Northern Abyss City.

If Emperor Chen Qing had any negative feelings towards Yi Yuan Dao Palace, wouldn't she be stepping into a trap?

Boom!

Just as Xiao Yuli was preparing to enter her Cave Abode, a rumble of thunder suddenly echoed in the sky.

Not long after, dark clouds began to gather from all directions, accompanied by bursts of explosive nature's spiritual energy, creating a scene that all cultivators in the Tianhe Realm feared like a fierce tiger.

Heavenly Tribulation!

Xiao Yuli frowned, looking at the center of the tribulation clouds, surprisingly located right next to a Fourth Rank Cave Abode at the center of the Longevity Wood.

Who is undergoing the tribulation?

Just as this doubt arose in her heart, a middle-aged cultivator donned in a red-black long robe flew out of the Cave Abode. His entire body was adorned with scales, blue like crystal, forming a barrier, while on his head, a flying sword resembled a hairpin, glinting brightly.

What caught Xiao Yuli's attention, however, was the flying sword surrounded by a water-wood spirit light, floating beside the middle-aged cultivator.

With her Artifact Refiner skills, she naturally recognized that this flying sword was actually the middle-aged cultivator's Lifespan Artifact.

But only Golden Core Cultivators could refine a Lifespan Artifact, so how could someone who hadn't even undergone the tribulation possess one, and already wield it with such mastery, not appearing to have taken it from someone else?

"Master!"

At this moment, Song Huangdae beside Xiao Yuli exclaimed in alarm, looking tensely at Liu Wenbo, who was facing the Heavenly Tribulation mid-air.

"Is he your master?"

Xiao Yuli politely asked, and Song Huangdae nodded. Before he could say more, two beams of spiritual light flew up, revealing the two Golden Core cultivators from the Five Elements Sect stationed in Northern Abyss City.

E Yun and Luo Yixuan.

"Greetings, fellow Taoist. I am E Yun, acting Sect Master of the Five Elements Sect."

After flying over, Luo Yixuan went to assist Liu Wenbo, who was undergoing the tribulation, while E Yun approached Xiao Yuli, courteously greeting her.

"Greetings, Taoist E."

Xiao Yuli calmly returned the greeting after hearing this.

And not far away, the heavenly tribulation had already been triggered.

Bolts of thunder flashed relentlessly, striking down on Liu Wenbo.

The Green Scale Arm Guard, powered by Liu Wenbo's Golden Core Stage spiritual energy, unleashed its full power, consecutively blocking six Third-Fire Heavenly Thunders, only then did all the blue scales on it shatter.

As the seventh heavenly thunder descended, Liu Wenbo raised his hand to touch the Flying Sparrow Hairpin atop his head, but after hesitating, he still did not use it.

He focused his upgraded Rank-3 Lifespan Scepter of Azure Ripples, the blade flowing like water, yet carrying the bright Sacred Tree Divine Light, executing the sword technique from the Longevity Scripture, dispelling each wave of fire attribute heavenly thunder.

However, Liu Wenbo soon felt the Scepter of Azure Ripples emitting a mournful sound, indicating that the lower-grade Rank-3 flying sword was struggling under the heavenly tribulation.

He sighed and took out a piece of black cloth from his storage bag.

For his eldest disciple's tribulation, Chen Mobai naturally had arranged for him a Xuan Guang Soap Carving Flag Fragment from Qing Nu.

But Liu Wenbo, being kind-hearted, thought that the tribulation might damage the elemental energy of his master's artifact, so he first used his own artifact to withstand it. However, being the symbol of the eldest disciple of the Xiao Nanshan lineage, he was reluctant to use the Flying Sparrow Hairpin.

Once the black cloth was summoned, Luo Yixuan, who had been frowning at the side, immediately relaxed.

She knew the tribulation was now stabilized.

After all, back then, her own formidable heavenly tribulation couldn't even shake this black cloth, let alone Liu Wenbo's tribulation, which was nearly over.

Soon, after the black cloth blocked the last two waves of tribulation thunder, the dark clouds in the sky dispersed.

Liu Wenbo's face revealed a relieved expression.

This year, he was exactly one hundred and twenty years old.

Detected with a spiritual root at five, began Qi Cultivation at eight, entered the Divine Wood Sect at twenty-five, became Chen Mobai's disciple at thirty, and became the eldest disciple of the Xiao Nanshan lineage, diligently and cautiously cultivating to this day.

Looking back on this life, when he first set foot on the cultivation path, he was but an innocent child; his dream was merely to become a Foundation Establishment Practitioner like his family's ancestor Liu Jingxian.

As for forming a Golden Core, that was only something he dared imagine in dreams. And with age, Liu Wenbo increasingly understood that with his talent, even reaching Foundation Establishment would require great fortune.

But now, under Chen Mobai's careful guidance, after eighty-five years of arduous cultivation, he finally achieved the Golden Core stage, realizing his dream.

All the hardships now felt like the most delicious memories for Liu Wenbo.

"Congratulations, Senior Brother!"

At this moment, Luo Yixuan flew over, smiling brightly and congratulating Liu Wenbo.

"Thank you, Junior Sister Luo, for protecting."

Seeing her, Liu Wenbo also raised his hand in gratitude.

Though their relationship wasn't deep over the decades, they were each other's most trustworthy companions.

As they exchanged a few words, a familiar five-colored auspicious cloud rose from the direction of the Teleportation Array, and soon it arrived close by.

"Hahaha..."

The person hadn't arrived yet, but Chen Mobai's hearty laughter already reached everyone's ears at the mountain peak.

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"Greetings, Master!"

As soon as Chen Mobai landed, both Liu Wenbo and Luo Yixuan immediately saluted him.

"Master, when I transcended the tribulation, I destroyed the Green Scale Arm Guard you gifted me, and I feel very guilty."

Liu Wenbo reached out to gather the shattered fish scale fragments from the ground, speaking apologetically.

"This Green Scale Arm Guard was only Rank-2 anyway. It was just the right time for it to break during the tribulation. I previously slew that Poisonous Dragon and have some Rank-5 scales. I'll refine and renew one for you."

Chen Mobai, however, did not mind at all. Among his four disciples, although each was pre-arranged with a Lifebound Artifact Embryo, and they each had at least one Rank-3 artifact after Core Formation, being disciples of a master in the art of artifact refining and living in the dangerous world of the Tianhe Realm, they needed to carry at least two or three artifacts to feel secure.

It was just as well; now that he had accomplished proficiency in Artifact Refining Technique, and held many precious materials in hand, he intended to upgrade his disciples' artifacts.

"Disciple gratefully thanks Master's grace!"

Liu Wenbo was very pleased to hear this.

An artifact refined from Rank-5 materials? It could probably hold its own even against a Nascent Soul master.

"Greetings, Sect Leader!"

At this moment, E Yun and Song Huangdae also arrived. After saluting, they reported on the situation with Xiao Yuli.

Chen Mobai looked over and saw the beautiful female cultivator standing not far away, her eyebrows like new moons and features exquisite.

"Please come promptly."

Chen Mobai immediately invited her. No matter what, the Primordial Ancestral Master of their Five Elements Sect came from Yi Yuan Dao Palace, and the respect due must be shown.

Furthermore, it was also a good opportunity to address his identity issue.

"Xiao Yuli from Yi Yuan Dao Palace, greets Senior Chen."

Xiao Yuli followed E Yun over, also very polite.

"Taoist friend, please have a seat."

In the small courtyard atop Chen Mobai's mountain, there was a tea table beneath Everlife Wood, accompanied by several wooden stools. Usually, Zhou Shengqing and others would sit here drinking tea and chatting.

After they sat down, Liu Wenbo returned to his cave dwelling to consolidate his realm, while E Yun and Song Huangdae took their leave.

Only Luo Yixuan stayed behind under the pretense of assisting with the tea, and Chen Mobai allowed her to do so.

Xiao Yuli: "Senior, I came this time mainly to inquire about something."

Chen Mobai: "Please speak."

Xiao Yuli: "My senior brother Chen Lingming parted ways with me two years ago, saying he was coming to the Eastern Wilderness to speak with Senior. I wonder if you have seen my senior brother."

Chen Mobai: "I have not!"

On this point, Chen Mobai was very certain because, after returning from the East Land, he and Qing Nu spent a year in Wanhua Immortal City refining the Pure Yang Condensation Pill. Then, he returned to the Immortal Gate to consume the elixir and enhance his cultivation level for another year, after which he learned Artifact Refining Technique and refined three artifacts for Qing Nu for another half a year.

During these nearly three years, at least in the Eastern Wilderness, he hadn't seen any outsiders.

"In that case, it seems my senior brother may have met with trouble."

Xiao Yuli sighed upon hearing Chen Mobai's response.

"Oh, what makes you say that?"

Chen Mobai looked puzzled. How did the absence of him seeing the person translate to trouble?

Xiao Yuli: "It's like this, more than two years ago, he and I descended the mountain, splitting our paths. I went to Star Heaven Dao Sect in the name of Dao Palace to exchange for Three Lights Divine Water, while he came to the Eastern Wilderness to discuss the Reclamation Order with you, Senior."

Xiao Yuli: "Star Heaven Dao Sect said they had no stock of the Three Lights Divine Water and needed to gather materials anew for refining. So, I traveled through every Immortal City in the East Land to broaden my knowledge."

Xiao Yuli: "Six months ago, Star Heaven Dao Sect sent word that the Three Lights Divine Water was ready and even offered to deliver it to Mount Wudi. When I returned after receiving the news, I learned that my senior brother had never come back, though his Soul Lantern still burns bright, so the Dao Palace elders sent me here to inquire from you, Senior."

After listening, Chen Mobai nodded gently, yet another matter surfaced in his mind.

"Star Heaven Dao Sect previously always mistook me as a Taoist Child from Yi Yuan Dao Palace. Now that you've been there, I suppose this matter should be clarified, correct?"

Star Heaven Dao Sect had been striving to contact Yi Yuan Dao Palace for the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill, and with Xiao Yuli voluntarily approaching them, there was no reason not to address this. However, Chen Mobai didn't want to get involved, so he didn't ask further, primarily wishing to clarify his identity.

"Reporting to Senior, since the Dao Palace's Taoist Child and Saintess previously encountered incidents, during our descent my fellow senior and I did not disclose our identities to outsiders. Although Star Heaven Dao Sect inquired, I only stated I was following orders from the sect elders to exchange for Three Lights Divine Water. Later, when Xing Ji Elder delivered the Water to Mount Wudi, I heard there were exchanges with several mountain lords, yet I, being outside, could not learn the specifics."

After hearing Xiao Yuli's words, Chen Mobai nodded slightly. At this point, Luo Yixuan had prepared Green Charm Spiritual Tea and handed each of them a cup.

"I will notify my subordinates to inform me immediately if they uncover news about your sect's fellow Taoist Chen Lingming in the Eastern Wilderness."

Chen Mobai had interests in the Ascension Secret Method and other treasures within Yi Yuan Dao Palace, thus extending goodwill.

"Thank you, Senior. Actually, there is another matter for which I came."

Xiao Yuli's words caused a pause in Chen Mobai's tea-drinking motion.

This must be the main matter!

"About one and a half 'jiazi' of time from now, Dao Morale Sect will initiate the Reclamation Order, and at that time, the Four Great Sacred Lands of the East Land must send representatives. However, as Yi Yuan Dao Palace is still sealed off due to severe damage to Ming Zun's vital energy while defending, we may be unable to dispatch sufficient resources. Conveniently, the Eastern Wilderness is near the frontier of reclamation, and I wonder if you, Senior, are willing to lead the Five Elements Sect to accept this Reclamation Order on behalf of Yi Yuan Dao Palace."

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After listening, Chen Mobai put down the teacup and directly refused: "Our Five Elements Sect is weak and cannot undertake such a great responsibility. I'm afraid this matter still needs your sect to handle it on your own."

He had spent his whole life walking on thin ice in the Eastern Wilderness. If it weren't for refining the Pure Yang Condensation Pill, he wouldn't even venture to the East Land, let alone undertake such a risky task as land reclamation.

With the construction of the Eastern Wilderness swallowing the resources of the Three Regions of the Eastern Continent Frontier, along with the knowledge of the Immortal Gate, Chen Mobai felt that before reaching Divinity Transformation, there wouldn't be any bottleneck, so he had long decided not to take unnecessary risks.

"Senior, please don't be quick to refuse. The Palace Masters of the Dao Palace have said that if you are willing to take this responsibility, upon completion, they are willing to allow your Five Elements Sect to return to the main lineage of Mount Wudi, and even the Ascension Secret Method left by the Ancestor can be taught."

Xiao Yuli revealed the conditions of the Yi Yuan Dao Palace, a temptation that would have already excited others upon hearing the words "Ascension Secret Method".

But Chen Mobai remained very calm. The threshold for practicing the Ascension Secret Method was at least at the Spirit Transformation Stage.

He was still a long way from the Deity Transformation Level, so there was no need to rush.

Besides, although there was no successful example of Cultivating Void in the Immortal Gate, several Deity Transformation Techniques, along with the Seven Great Heavenly Books, all guided the way to Cultivating Void. Even if the Ascension Secret Method left by Yi Yuan True Monarch had indeed been successful before, there was no need to worry about it now.

"I appreciate the kind offer, but our Five Elements Sect is too small to be involved in such major affairs as pioneering new lands."

Chen Mobai still refused. After nearly a hundred years of effort and cultivation in the Eastern Wilderness, he had gathered this manpower, and he did not intend to serve as a vanguard for the Holy Land.

"Will you not reconsider? If you agree, the several Palace Masters are willing to welcome you as a brother, making you the Taoist Child of our Yi Yuan Dao Palace in name and truth. If you make great contributions during the reclamation, securing a Communicating Holy Spirit Pill for the Dao Palace, the position of Palace Master, Ascension Secret Method, it's all yours."

Xiao Yuli, seeing that Chen Mobai was unmoved, directly stated the bottom line given by the Dao Palace's several Palace Masters.

"This tea is not bad, daoist friend, you can drink a few more cups."

Chen Mobai smiled as he raised the teacup that Luo Yixuan had refilled, and seeing his unwavering stance, Xiao Yuli knew it was impossible to change his mind.

"In that case, please keep this matter confidential, Senior."

"Today, you just came to have tea with me, daoist friend."

After Chen Mobai said this, Xiao Yuli did not stay any longer. After drinking the tea in her hand, she excused herself.

"Since you've come, why not stay in Northern Abyss City for a few more days? Although the things here can't compare to those in the Immortal City of East Land, they have their unique features."

Chen Mobai politely extended an invitation, and to his surprise, Xiao Yuli hesitated and agreed.

"Xuan is quite familiar with this place. If you need anything, daoist friend, you can find her."

Certainly, Chen Mobai would not take her on a tour himself, so he assigned her to his disciple.

Luo Yixuan nodded immediately upon hearing this, then led Xiao Yuli out.

Watching the backs of the two women leaving, Chen Mobai placed the teacup down and carefully considered the conditions proposed by the Yi Yuan Dao Palace.

It seemed that the impact of Ming Zun's mountain assault was even more serious than the world imagined.

The once grand Holy Land dared not even open its mountain gate now.

Besides lacking the foundation of a Deity Transformation Level, the high-rank cultivator strength of the Yi Yuan Dao Palace had also suffered considerable loss.

However, the Dao Palace high hierarchy guarding the mountain gate were somewhat incompetent, wanting the Five Elements Sect as pawns without offering real benefits, and still bickering over seniority. Clearly, the peaceful days of seclusion have left them unable to keep up with the times.

If they simply handed over the Ascension Secret Method to Chen Mobai while acknowledging his status as the Yi Yuan True Monarch's grand-disciple, or gave the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill quota to the Five Elements Sect, perhaps he would consider it.

Now they're only drawing big promises, and nobody would fall for it.

The descendants of ascended cultivators have fallen to such a state, which deeply pained Chen Mobai.

He had a good impression of the Yi Yuan Dao Palace before, even thinking of honoring Li Zhongji's memorial tablet in Mount Wudi when the time was right.

Now it seems he can only wait until he reaches Divinity Transformation, then send it in with full respect.

While Chen Mobai was considering the current power of Yi Yuan Dao Palace, Luo Yixuan returned.

"Master, I briefly explained some of the rules here in the Eastern Wilderness to her, and then she said she wanted to explore on her own, so I came back."

Listening to her words, Chen Mobai nodded.

As long as he's in Northern Abyss City, a mere cultivator at the Perfect Core Formation stage can't cause much trouble.

"Go call up E Yun. Since we promised her, we should look for her. She might really be in our Eastern Wilderness."

After Chen Mobai spoke, Luo Yixuan immediately took out the Heavenly Communication Device and called E Yun.

Soon after, E Yun and Song Huangdae arrived in the courtyard.

After discussing Chen Lingming's matter, the two nodded immediately.

With the small Heavenly Curtain Beidou Star Array constructed, and the efforts of the Five Elements Sect disciples, the signal now covers the entire Eastern Wilderness, part of Yun Meng Ze and the Ruins, as well as Bright Mirror Mountain.

Song Huangdae is the main person in charge, while E Yun is his superior. For any major information, E Yun directly informs Chen Mobai.