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Next, E Yun reported on the situation of the Five Elements Sect in recent years.

After Chen Mobai slew the Poisonous Dragon Ancestor, the Five Elements Sect no longer had any enemies and entered a period of rapid development.

Various Immortal Cities, the Six Great Academies, Earth Network Great Formation, Fifth Rank Spirit Vein, land reclamation of Yun Meng Ze, agricultural reform, Five Elements Currency...

Among these, the issuance of the Five Elements Currency has achieved great success. It has completely activated the previously stagnant lower market. Previously, the Five Elements Sect's vigorous infrastructure development, due to its scale, mainly enriched the cultivator families and sect powers, while loose cultivators earned at most some Spirit Stones through hard labor.

Moreover, because Chen Mobai developed real estate in the Eastern Wilderness, the Spirit Stones earned by these loose cultivators were quickly absorbed back by the Five Elements Sect. Although the upper economy was flourishing, the lower economy was only slightly better.

Now, however, the appearance of the Five Elements Currency directly solved the biggest currency problem in the lower economy.

The economic growth created more employment opportunities, especially in various shops that needed more service staff. The economic prosperity also raised the level of consumption, spreading the enjoyment of clothing, food, housing, and transportation, once exclusive to upper-level cultivators, to more cultivators.

"There is, however, one issue. Because hiring a cultivator is quite expensive, many shops have begun to train commoners themselves..."

E Yun mentioned a situation that has arisen in recent years. Because the Five Elements Sect's various Immortal Cities do not forbid the locals from the Eastern Wilderness to enter and exit, many commoners without Spiritual Roots have come in search of a living, harboring dreams.

These people include secular nobles, martial arts masters among commoners, and even descendants of cultivators.

Although these individuals have no Spiritual Roots, doing simple jobs like service work is not a problem for them.

This has led the lower-level cultivators, who just enjoyed a few years of good life, to once again fall into the predicament of competing with commoners.

It's mainly because Zhuo Ming, following Chen Mobai's instructions, completed the significant agricultural reform in the Eastern Wilderness, so now any willing commoner can eat their fill.

Once their stomachs are full, people's thoughts turn to other pursuits.

The desire for immortality and seeking the Way surfaces in their hearts.

E Yun expressed his thoughts, leaning towards protecting the cultivators and wanting to set entry thresholds into the Immortal Cities, at least ensuring that the jobs that have arisen over the past few years go to cultivators.

After all, the major infrastructure projects of the Five Elements Sect are mainly heavy labor and technical positions, which can only be filled by cultivators.

So, in his view, training cultivators benefits the sect more.

"Currently, in the Eastern Wilderness, because the number of cultivators is limited, the major Immortal Cities need to fill with elites among the commoners. There's no need to set thresholds, as the social structure will naturally eliminate those unqualified. Letting cultivators and commoners compete a bit is also good to cultivate their sense of concern."

"If cultivators can't outcompete those commoners, then our Five Elements Sect's infrastructure projects can provide a fallback for them, making it more advantageous for us in recruiting personnel."

“Later, a library spreading basic knowledge of cultivation should be established around the major Immortal Cities. The descendants of commoners living in the Immortal Cities could have a higher chance of being born with Spiritual Roots. If the parents have this knowledge, it will save us time and effort when training them in the future at the Five Elements Sect.”

“Don’t keep these libraries open for free. Set a fee, let’s say ten Five Element Coins per hour, to motivate these commoners to work and earn in the Immortal Cities. They need to know that even if they have no hope themselves, their efforts can create a better starting point for the next generation.”

After Chen Mobai finished speaking, E Yun was in complete admiration.

Initially, he thought the experience he gained over a dozen years was more than enough to become a sect leader, but today E Yun realized he still had much to learn, whether in terms of vision, insight, or broad-mindedness.

Next, he spoke about the Five Elements Sect’s future infrastructure projects.

Among them, Yun Meng Ze, thanks to Zhou Ye’s hard work, formed enough land for the construction of the Stormy Immortal City last year, and Zhou Ye continues to oversee the project. In a few years, this city connecting the Eastern Wilderness and East Wu will likely be completed.

However, even now, Zhou Ye has already opened a street dedicated to trade between the two regions, with stores from many sect families and powers in the Eastern Wilderness, including the Five Elements Sect, setting up shops and profiting greatly.

Of course, East Wu also used the vast market of the Eastern Wilderness to exchange various resources they had accumulated, including many years’ worth of demonic beast materials.

In fact, since Sun Huanglong began to withdraw from public life, the other families of East Wu, feeling backed by the Five Elements Sect, were not afraid of being wiped out. Therefore, one family, Lu, even brought out a treasured Heterodox Golden Core for sale, attracting significant attention from all major powers in the Eastern Wilderness outside of the Five Elements Sect.

“Who obtained it?”

Chen Mobai asked curiously. After all, refining the Heterodox Golden Core not only provided Golden Core Realm combat power but was also the method with the highest success rate for forming the Golden Core in the Tianhe Realm, making it highly coveted.

“It’s still under competitive bidding. Because the Heterodox Golden Core is precious and requires the purchase of a corresponding refining method, the Eastern Wilderness family and sect powers are jointly purchasing it by counties. Several closely related families have also inquired with me...”

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A Golden Core Realm combat power appeared within the territory of the Five Elements Sect, and it’s definitely necessary to inform them first. Otherwise, after painstakingly acquiring it at great cost, they might reverse course and suppress you.

However, in this aspect, E Yun upheld Chen Mobai’s philosophy. Within the Eastern Wilderness, any new Golden Core forces were warmly welcomed.

"In terms of commerce, we’ll simply collect taxes, try not to intervene, but if anyone dares to evade taxes, you don’t need to be polite. No matter who it is, even if it’s my disciple’s family, feel free to handle it harshly."

Chen Mobai’s words made E Yun’s expression serious, as Song Huangdae behind him glanced secretly at Luo Yixuan, who was serving tea beside Chen Mobai.

Among the four major disciples of Xiao Nanshan, only Liu Wenbo and Luo Yixuan came from cultivator families.

However, Luo Yixuan had a faint sentiment towards her family. After her mother’s death, she never returned home. A few years ago, when the old ancestor of the Luo family passed away, he wanted Luo Yixuan to help the family youngsters purchase a Foundation Building Pill, but they couldn’t even make it through the gates of Cold Jade Lake.

Ultimately, the Luo family had to spend heavily to buy several properties in Northern Abyss City, luckily drawing for a set of Foundation Establishment Trithings at Danxia Pavilion, thus continuing their Foundation Establishment practitioners.

After discussing these matters, Chen Mobai asked about the Earth Network Great Formation and the Fifth Rank Spirit Vein.

E Yun was not very clear about this, so Song Huangdae immediately stood up to report.

The two cores of the Earth Network Great Formation, Mysterious Five Elements and Reversible Nine Palaces, currently focus on the Mysterious Five Elements Array above the Eastern Wilderness Plateau. Yi Shaoqing leads the elite of the Formation Division of the Five Elements Meridians, along with sixth-year interns from various scholarly mansions, having completed the wood and earth formations.

Since Yi Shaoqing is proficient in the wood element, and Chun Yusu of the Earth Vein is proficient in the earth element, these two were completed relatively quickly.

However, the progress is slow for the remaining gold, water, and fire elements.

Nonetheless, with the efforts of so many people from the Five Elements Meridians, it could be completed within ten years at the latest.

Just that the activation of the Fifth Rank Great Formation requires Chen Mobai, the Array Master, especially for the Fifth Rank Spirit Vein.

"Well, notify me at that time."

After hearing this, Chen Mobai nodded. However, he thought to himself that the progress was somewhat slow. It seems Zhuo Ming has nothing much to do; it's time to cultivate her into an outstanding array master.

After these major issues, the rest were all trivial details.

For example, on the Eastern Wilderness Plateau, the yield of Spirit Rice per acre in various spirit fields set new records. The sect's granaries everywhere were filled, and the price of Spirit Rice had dropped to an unprecedented low. Even the most basic loose cultivators in the Eastern Wilderness could afford to eat Spirit Rice daily.

Internal consumption in the Eastern Wilderness had failed to absorb this much for years, so the Five Elements Sect turned their gaze to the outer regions.

Previously, they mainly sold to East Wu.

They've long been at war with the Cloud Dream Marsh Monster, relying on external commerce associations to buy essentials like Spirit Rice, even the Sun family.

While the Star Heaven Commerce Guild only sells Rank-3 and above Spirit Rice, the market for low-rank Spirit Rice has always been blank.

The Spirit Rice sent from the Eastern Wilderness was readily accepted there, as it was incredibly cheap.

And besides East Wu, sales to East Barbarians began even earlier.

After the Five Elements Sect obliterated Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace, they legitimately obtained Rank-3 Golden Cloud Rice. Zhuo Ming improved it, and it matured in three years, increasing the yield more than twofold.

Chen Mobai sold this Golden Cloud Rice to various Golden Core forces in East Barbarians at a 30% discount compared to its original price, with the sole condition that they bundle sales of their own low-rank Spirit Rice, essentially giving them away.

At first, the people over at Sun Bathing Sea thought Chen Mobai was crazy, questioning such business practices.

But after a decade, the Five Elements Sect had already occupied 90% of the low-rank Spirit Rice market in East Barbarians, even impacting the Rank-3 Spirit Rice market, pushing Sun Bathing Sea's Fire Crystal Rice into a corner.

Currently, in East Barbarians, apart from the Sun Bathing Sea's own territory, all other Golden Core forces, even Kong Sang Valley, purchase Golden Cloud Rice.

Because at the same price, they not only get Rank-3 Spirit Rice, but also more low-rank Spirit Rice.

Recent years have seen even subordinate forces of the Sun Bathing Sea begin purchasing secretly from the Five Elements Sect. Spirit Stones are hard to earn, saving a bit wherever possible.

Thanks to the markets of East Wu and East Barbarians, the Five Elements Sect's Spirit Rice didn't rot.

Every year, the Five Elements Sect earns over twenty million in Spirit Stones from Spirit Rice alone. This is due to the high-ranked Spirit Rice being primarily consumed internally, like Purple Jade Rice, Clear Bamboo Spirit Rice, which are benefits for sect disciples and not sold externally.

Besides Spirit Rice, there are Spirit Cows, Spirit Sheep, various herbs, elixirs, and the most critical pillar: real estate, along with various taxes.

After Chen Mobai's Nascent Soul Formation, the wealth of the Reward Virtue Hall has been increasing day by day. After deducting disciples' salaries and operating costs each year, they can settle accounts exceeding fifty million Spirit Stones.

Previously, Zhou Shengqing, as the revered Nascent Soul Cultivator, personally led various Golden Core cultivators of the Five Elements Sect to mine at Dove Mound Mountain due to being stimulated by seeing a billion Spirit Stones. He had never seen so many in his lifetime.

And now, the Five Elements Sect can earn a billion Spirit Stones in just two years.

"Spirit Stones have value only when spent. Starting next year, construct seven Immortal Cities in these places, open more schools. Ensure even the mundane world can read, as at the very least being literate

can enlighten minds. When ordinary people are well-fed, their essence strengthens, increasing the likelihood that their children possess Spiritual Roots, thus preparing for our sect's future."

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Chen Mobai spoke while taking out a three-dimensional map of the Eastern Wilderness, and then he began talking about the planning of the Direct and Inverse Nine Palaces Formation.

This is the core of the Earth Network Great Formation on the Eastern Wilderness Plateau, and it is also the key for upgrading Northern Abyss City to a Fifth Rank Spirit Vein in the future.

Nine Immortal Cities and nine Spiritual Pivots are needed.

The head and tail are Northern Abyss City and Wanhua Immortal City.

The other seven Immortal Cities, Chen Mobai only planned them roughly at that time, feeling the conditions were not mature, so he did not bring them out. Now is the time.

Although the number of Array Masters is still insufficient, the Immortal Cities can be constructed first.

"Yes, Sect Leader!"

E Yun and Song Huangdae, after listening, were also attracted by Chen Mobai's grand plan, and took the planning map of the Nine Palaces Immortal City on the Eastern Wilderness Plateau and went down to make arrangements.

"Master, Junior Brother Jiang is quite familiar among the mundane. Should we call him over?"

Luo Yixuan asked, and Chen Mobai thought about it and agreed. Although E Yun was well-versed in the Immortal Cultivation World of the Eastern Wilderness, he was definitely not as knowledgeable about the mundane as Jiang Zongheng was.

"Greetings, Master!"

Half a day later, Jiang Zongheng, having received the notification, also came over. He had spent most of these years in the Northern Abyss City Library, reading various books, and assisting Chen Mobai with the preliminary preparation of codifying the law, while spending a small amount of time observing the Seed of Dao Law planted over at the Great Zhao Dynasty.

Jiang Zongheng was also very happy to hear about Liu Wenbo's success in Core Formation.

After Chen Mobai spoke to him about establishing schools among the mundane to eradicate illiteracy, he was very supportive and then reported on the work of codifying the law.

"You've worked hard." Chen Mobai nodded in satisfaction towards Jiang Zongheng. The codification he intended to compile was a systematic guideline, from top to bottom, on how a major power could develop and thrive, basically equivalent to the laws of the Immortal Gate.

And these are also the key to the robust growth of the Seed of Dao Law here.

However, local adaptations would certainly have to be made, so Jiang Zongheng was the most suitable person for this task.

"By the way, I've recently had some success with Artifact Refining Technique, and I also happen to have some good materials on hand. I plan to upgrade your Lifespan Artifacts, or refine another one. Do you have any ideas?"

Chen Mobai asked his two disciples beside him. Luo Yixuan's eyes lit up. Although she had the most Magic Artifacts among the four disciples, these were personally refined by her master.

"Master, just refine as you see fit, I like them all."

Hearing Luo Yixuan's words, Chen Mobai's face turned stern. Previously, Qing Nu had no requirements for the Taiyuan Blue Pearl and that had delayed him for more than ten years before he successfully refined the satisfactory Sea-settling Pearl.

This time, he did not intend to rack his brain at all.

"Think carefully. If you don't have a clear goal for your Magic Artifact, how will you improve swiftly in the future!"

After reprimanding Luo Yixuan, Jiang Zongheng had already made up his mind. He took out his Lifespan Artifact, the Tao Walker's Ruler, along with a horn that was refined from the Ox Horn of a Ruin Monster by Chen Mobai back then, indicating that it was enough to upgrade these two Magic Artifacts.

"This Tao Walker's Ruler was originally made from the finest section of Rank-3 Pure Bamboo, which belongs to the Wood element. I happen to have some Rank-5 Mysterious Nether Cold Iron, which belongs to the Metal-Water elements. I can use Artifact Refining Technique to refine it into the Tao Walker's Ruler, using Metal and Water to enhance Wood, thereby improving the essence of this Magic Artifact."

"However, since it's your Lifespan Artifact, you'll need to refine it using your Spiritual Power, to catalyze the process of Metal and Water enhancing Wood. After the artifact ascends, it will then function smoothly."

"As for the horn, I, as your master, will later affix a ring of black scales from the Rank-5 Poisonous Dragon. I will inscribe a defensive formation akin to the Green Scale Arm Guard on it. In the future, it can also be used as a Defensive Magic Weapon."

After explaining his upgrading plan, Jiang Zongheng expressed no objections.

Given Chen Mobai's current Artifact Refining skill, upgrading two Rank-3 Magic Artifacts was practically effortless.

He first utilized the Sea-settling Sword to cut a thumb-length piece of Cold Iron from the chains of the young Yellow Dragon Girl, then melted it using Stat Fire, carefully and evenly coating five sides of the Tao Walker's Ruler, leaving only the top end as wood, which was where Jiang Zongheng would infuse his Spiritual Power to refine it.

Chen Mobai also inscribed three Grand Spells from the Longevity Sect: Echoes in the Void, One-Leaf Blindness, and Water Droplet Sword!

The first two Grand Spells were attached to the Tao Walker's Ruler and therefore could only reach Rank-3, but for Jiang Zongheng, they were already more than enough.

The Water Droplet Sword was inscribed on the Mysterious Nether Cold Iron. Although it was Rank-4, if the day came that the Tao Walker's Ruler completely integrated with the Mysterious Nether Cold Iron, then this Grand Spell would also disappear.

Moreover, due to the mismatched Spiritual Power attributes, if Jiang Zongheng activated the Water Droplet Sword, he would also suffer backlash.

This was Chen Mobai's last-resort move meant for him. It couldn't be used unless it was a life-and-death situation.

"Thank you for your consideration, Master."

Upon receiving his upgraded Magic Artifacts, Jiang Zongheng felt the powerful vibrations and bowed deeply to express his gratitude to Chen Mobai.

"The Tao Walker's Ruler is your Lifespan Artifact, nurture it well, and in the future, it might give birth to Spirituality. As for the horn, just practice it proficiently; there's no need to invest too much effort."

Chen Mobai instructed his young disciple on the new mantra for nurturing the artifact. Although he had good talent, it was impossible for him to have multiple Lifespan Artifacts like Chen Mobai, so he advised him to focus on the Tao Walker's Ruler.

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"Yes, Master!"

Jiang Zongheng naturally nodded.

After helping him complete the upgrade, Chen Mobai waved to Luo Yixuan, who was in self-reflection nearby, and she obediently approached, handing over the Rank-4 Moonlight Blade.

“Master, I think I should fully leverage my strengths; my magic artifact is the most powerful one. Let’s see if it can be further enhanced!”

Luo Yixuan’s lifebound magic artifact is the Fire Jade Heart Lotus, which guards her Purple Palace and was refined initially based on her special circumstances, yet its utility is vast. Among the four disciples, her mental state is the poorest, and without the Fire Jade Heart Lotus to suppress her Heart Demon, she might have succumbed to it during her Core Formation tribulation.

Besides the Fire Jade Heart Lotus, Chen Mobai also granted her the Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian and the cloak refined from monster beast fur, perfectly complimenting one offensive and one defensive tactic for her regular magic duels.

The Rank-4 Moonlight Blade is for desperate situations, used by Elder Ming when controlling her body.

Chen Mobai took the Moonlight Blade and examined it thoroughly.

When he initially acquired this artifact, his Artifact Refining Technique hadn’t started, but now, many details were apparent.

According to Elder Ming, this magic artifact was traded at a wicked convention, exchanged with a cultivator from the Jade Mirror Demon Sect for Rank-4 Soul Nourishing Wood.

It is said to be refined by the Devil Cultivator himself.

The Moonlight Blade’s refinement is such that, even Chen Mobai, a Rank-4 Artifact Refiner from the Immortal Gate, could only spot a few issues, indicating the refiner’s high skill level.

This artifact was refined into a Rank-4 piece from Rank-4 materials.

In the Tianhe Realm, this is considered being a master of artifact refining.

Chen Mobai sliced off a piece of Mysterious Nether Iron and incorporated it into the Moonlight Blade, upgrading this Rank-4 lower-grade magic artifact to Rank-4 superior grade.

“If it can cultivate spirituality, it might even become Rank-5.”

Luo Yixuan took the Moonlight Blade and, upon hearing this, her face was filled with joy.

If she had a Rank-5 artifact, even Nascent Soul Cultivators might hesitate to attack her.

The shadow of Luo Yixuan also manifested Elder Ming, who slightly bowed to Chen Mobai in gratitude.

“Give me your Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian.”

Chen Mobai spoke to Luo Yixuan again, and she handed it over from her storage bag without asking.

On the tea table, the Sea-settling Sword transformed into a blue-cyan cold light, cutting off a branch from the Everlife Wood overhead.

With the Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian in Chen Mobai’s hands, it merged with the Rank-4 Everlife Wood branch from above, radiating a brilliant divine light.

He brought out the Divine Consciousness Laser Cutter, inscribing the Sacred Tree Divine Light and Heavenly Wood God Needle spells in an extremely precise manner, subsequently allowing divine light around the flying sword to be absorbed as if water streams were reversing, seamlessly integrating into the blade and dissolving within.

“The Rank-4 flying sword requires significant effort for you to wield with your current cultivation level, so I’ll temporarily upgrade it to Third Rank Peak.”

After completing the upgrade, Chen Mobai handed the new Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian to Luo Yixuan, who was exceptionally delighted. The Moonlight Blade was a desperate weapon, rarely used, but the flying sword was her most frequently utilized item.

Next, Chen Mobai also refined her cloak with Twelve Rank-5 Black Scales, each inscribed with the “Azure Water Sky Net,” equivalent to having twelve Rank-4 defensive spirit talismans.

However, with her cultivation level, she could only activate at most three before exhausting her spiritual power.

After upgrading all of Luo Yixuan’s artifacts, while she was overjoyed, Chen Mobai cut another piece of Chained Cold Iron with the Sea-settling Sword.

Then, using Stat Fire, he refined it into a sword embryo.

“Considering your cultivation is based on Water Attribute Techniques, while the Fire Jade Heart Lotus is useful, its enhancement is challenging due to attribute differences. This Mysterious Nether Iron Sword Embryo is most compatible with your attribute, but due to its Rank-5 material essence, it requires nurturing until Nascent Soul Formation to wield.”

“After refining this sword embryo, it equates to your second lifebound magic artifact, compatible with your attribute but slowing your cultivation progress. You can also ignore its existence until post-Nascent Soul Formation, then begin nurturing and cultivating it with True Qi.”

“However, doing so, the probability of the sword embryo developing spirituality is considerably lower.”

“Integrating the lifebound artifact embryo with your progress from low rank gives a symbiotic feel, making the artifact akin to another self. But this only increases probability, not guaranteeing spirituality.”

“In any case, this sword embryo has been refined by me, how you choose is up to you.”

After finishing speaking, Chen Mobai handed the refined Mysterious Nether Iron Sword Embryo to Luo Yixuan, who solemnly accepted it.

She felt that her Master granting this sword embryo was bestowing upon her the Xiao Nanshan sword dao inheritance.

“Disciple will not fail Master’s expectations!”

Seeing Luo Yixuan’s determined gaze upon accepting the sword, Chen Mobai was a bit puzzled.

Did he mention any expectations for her?

At that time, Luo Yixuan already began refining the Mysterious Nether Iron Sword Embryo based on the sword practice incantation he taught.

Given it’s her lifebound artifact and due to the high essence of the sword embryo, she even sliced her fingertip, dripping a drop of essence blood onto it to complete the refining process.

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"Take good care of yourself."

The loss of a drop of essence blood made Luo Yixuan’s fair face slightly pale. Chen Mobai gave her a bottle of elixir refined by Qing Nu, waving his hand to signal that she could leave.

"Disciple also takes leave."

Jiang Zongheng, who was on the side, also spoke up.

"Go check on Wenbo, and let him come over. I will help upgrade his magic artifact."

After hearing Chen Mobai's words, Jiang Zongheng immediately nodded.

Before long, Liu Wenbo arrived.

Chen Mobai used Rank-5 Black Scales to repair his arm guard, which now consisted of twelve pieces of black scales. However, it no longer activated the internal engraved Azure Water Sky Net Grand Spell and purely relied on the hard nature of the black scales to resist attacks.

This was originally the function of the arm guard magic artifact, but from now on, it needs to be renamed as the Black Scale Arm Guard.

Next came Liu Wenbo's lifebound flying sword. The Scepter of Azure Ripples was also refined by Chen Mobai with a piece of Rank-5 Mysterious Nether Cold Iron. As Liu Wenbo's cultivation level increased, the flying sword would completely refine and fuse the cold iron, supporting the flying sword's upgrade to Rank-4.

After Liu Wenbo left, besides consolidating his realm every day, he diligently practiced with his lifebound flying sword.

That day, Xiao Yuli, who had just returned from a trip in Northern Abyss City, happened to see Liu Wenbo in the courtyard, holding his flying sword and inhaling spiritual energy, which left her looking surprised and puzzled.

She clearly remembered that this flying sword previously suffered severe damage to vital energy because it was resisting the heavenly tribulation and its spiritual light was dim.

But now not only was the spiritual light more radiant, even the dark sword scar on the sword body felt threatening to her. It seemed that once this flying sword's power erupted, even she, a cultivator at Perfect Core Formation, would be unable to stop it.

How could this be?!

As the Saintess of Yi Yuan Dao Palace, Xiao Yuli inherited the strongest artifact refining techniques in this holy land and was already a Fourth Rank Artifact Refiner at a young age, one of the authorities in identifying various magic artifacts.

She observed for a long time to suppress the shock in her heart.

She discovered that in just three days, Liu Wenbo's third-rank lower-grade flying sword suddenly leapt to third-rank superior-grade, even giving the impression of being able to upgrade to Rank-4 at any time.

To achieve this in such a short time could only be the work of a Rank-5 Artifact Refiner Grandmaster!

"Xiao Daoist Friend, what a coincidence!"

At this moment, Liu Wenbo, having completed his sword training for the day, stood up and saw Xiao Yuli standing not far on the road, and greeted her courteously.

"I'm really sorry, I didn't mean to spy, I just got fascinated by Liu Daoist Friend's flying sword." Xiao Yuli apologized somewhat embarrassedly, as in the Tianhe Realm, it's easy to cause misunderstandings by watching someone cultivate and practice their magic artifact.

But really, if one delves into it, it was Liu Wenbo's fault, as Xiao Yuli had never seen a cultivator practice so openly in a courtyard.

"No, not at all, it's my oversight."

Liu Wenbo also realized this point and apologized in return. In his impression, only members of their Five Elements Sect resided at the North Abyss Mountain Peak, so he always felt very at ease.

"This flying sword of Liu Daoist Friend, may I ask which artifact refining grandmaster repaired it, and could you introduce me?"

Xiao Yuli hesitated but eventually asked.

Rank-5 Artifact Refiners; even in the East Continent, there are only a handful.

Previously Yi Yuan Dao Palace had two, the Great Elder Wu Ming and the Mountain Lord of Fire De.

After the Great Elder Wu Ming ascended to immortality, only the Mountain Lord of Fire De was left, but the latter's Rank-5 Artifact Refiner status was achieved by partnering to refine a Rank-5 Artifact with the former, and his real level was just around the quasi-Rank-5.

And Xiao Yuli, while standing outside the courtyard earlier, carefully appraised Liu Wenbo's Scepter of Azure Ripples and found the refining technique of this flying sword far exceeded her imagination. How could a fifth-rank material perfectly integrate with a third-rank flying sword?

Moreover, the third-rank flying sword could also dominate, letting the fifth-rank material act as an auxiliary. Using the Five Elements' biochemistry method, Liu Wenbo, as the Sword Master, refined it, slowly elevating the essence of the Scepter of Azure Ripples.

She could understand this concept, but couldn't conceive how to achieve it.

She even felt that even her deceased master, the Great Elder Wu Ming, wouldn't have such artifact refining skills. Even if informed of the same method, at most he would use materials of the same rank to assist in the flying sword's enhancement.

On this Scepter of Azure Ripples, Xiao Yuli saw many techniques she couldn't fathom, but they manifested perfectly in front of her.

Since entering Yi Yuan Dao Palace, besides cultivating Primordial True Qi, she aspired to master artifact refining techniques.

Therefore, she presumptuously asked to meet this mysterious Rank-5 Artifact Refiner.

"It was refined by my master. If Xiao Daoist Friend wishes to see him, I can ask for you."

Liu Wenbo said a statement that made Xiao Yuli's eyes widen.

Could it be Emperor Chen Qing crafted it?

Did the Five Elements Sect have Rank-5 Artifact Refining techniques heritage?

Xiao Yuli remembered clearly that the Great Elder Wu Ming had mentioned that during the sect's division, only some fourth rank artifact refining techniques were shown to Li Zhongji.

Could it be from the Longevity Sect?

The inheritance of Emperor Chen Qing in the East Continent couldn't escape the keen insights of those interested. Besides the Yi Yuan True Monarch inheritance obtained by Li Zhongji, there was also the legendary Longevity Sect inheritance.

And as the Saintess of Yi Yuan Dao Palace, Xiao Yuli was even clearer that the reason Yi Yuan True Monarch could establish a holy land and ascend to become immortals was because he acquired the foundation of the Longevity Sect.

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Their Yi Yuan Dao Palace's artifact refining technique is considered to be inherited from the same lineage as the Longevity Sect.

That's why she feels that even if the artifact refining technique of the Longevity Sect is more powerful, at most it's about the same as what Yi Yuan True Monarch left behind.

"My Master is free right now, I can take Taoist Friend Xiao over."

At this time, Liu Wenbo had already called Chen Mobai using the Heavenly Communication Device. After hanging up, he politely invited Xiao Yuli.

“What kind of magic artifact is this? I think I heard Senior Chen’s voice?”

When Liu Wenbo and Chen Mobai were talking, with Xiao Yuli’s cultivation level, she could naturally hear it clearly. As she followed Liu Wenbo towards the villa at the mountain top, she asked curiously.

“This is the Heavenly Communication Device, also invented by my Master...”

Liu Wenbo began to explain, and then took an unused Heavenly Communication Device from his storage bag and handed it to Xiao Yuli.

“Without the Heavenly Communication Device, it’s a bit inconvenient here in the Eastern Wilderness. Taoist Friend, you can take it, I’ve saved my number inside, you can call me if you need anything.”

After some refusing, under Liu Wenbo’s enthusiasm, Xiao Yuli accepted it. Under his guidance, she tried it on the spot. The novel communication experience made her even more curious about Chen Mobai.

Could this person be a genius artifact refiner more powerful than Yi Yuan Ancestral Master, able to create such a sophisticated and magical artifact?

And at this time, the two of them had reached the top of the mountain. The wooden door of the courtyard was already open, and Chen Mobai, sitting by the Everlife Wood tea table, waved to them, signaling them to come in.

After greeting Chen Mobai, Liu Wenbo skillfully helped to make tea.

“I have met Senior, I saw Taoist Friend Liu’s flying sword...”

After paying her respects and sitting down, Xiao Yuli spoke about her reason for wanting to meet him.

“Taoist friend is too kind. At most, I am a fourth-ranked artifact refiner, not worthy of being called a master.”

Chen Mobai always set high standards for himself according to Immortal Gate’s criteria and would not dare to call himself a master unless he passed the fifth-rank artifact refiner assessment there.

“Senior is being modest. I have many doubts about Taoist Friend Liu’s flying sword. I wonder if I can seek guidance from Senior. If it’s presumptuous, Senior can just refuse.”

Xiao Yuli’s words made Chen Mobai feel speechless internally, thinking this girl could be sent by Yi Yuan Dao Palace to handle matters; it seems the Eastern Earth Holy Land truly has no one left.

The Saint Land Taoist Child, even at their worst like Yuan Zhen, might have weaker cultivation talent, but their conduct and communication were not so naive.

“Taoist friend, feel free to ask. If I can say, I definitely will.”

Chen Mobai could only say this politely. The artifact refining techniques of Immortal Gate surpass here by at least one or two levels, so he certainly wouldn’t reveal content that is too profound.

Luckily, Xiao Yuli’s artifact refining level was limited, and the issues she could see were quite superficial. Chen Mobai, after a brief thought, explained them using the rudimentary knowledge available here.

Chen Mobai: “This issue is very simple... Just apply a restriction to the fifth-rank materials, making each part refined by the flying sword body weaker than Rank-3...”

Xiao Yuli: “May I ask how to restrain it?”

Chen Mobai: “I can think of six methods of restraint. I’ll just simply talk about the one on the Scepter of Azure Ripples, you can listen first, ask questions when I’m done...”

During the exchange, Chen Mobai found that Xiao Yuli had quite a decent level in artifact refining. Even compared to the Immortal Gate, she was an outstanding Rank-3 artifact refiner.

It's just that she asked too many questions and often interrupted him in the middle of his explanations.

This annoyed him a bit, but his good manners prevailed, and Chen Mobai held the Scepter of Azure Ripples and gave her a basic lesson.

"Thank you, Senior, for imparting the Great Way of artifact refining. This junior is immensely grateful!"

After this lesson, Xiao Yuli felt that her artifact refining technique, which had been at a bottleneck for a long time, had opened up many directions for breakthroughs. She stood up and paid deep respects to Chen Mobai.

"You're welcome, I just enjoy teaching others."

Chen Mobai did not let her perform the ceremony since there was no mentoring relation between them.

"Senior's great kindness, I have nothing to repay. Here are some artifact refining techniques I summarized myself. If Senior does not mind, you may take a look."

Xiao Yuli took out several thick booklets from her storage bag and handed them to Chen Mobai. Upon receiving them, he discovered they were various notes hand-written by her.

Using his divine sense, Chen Mobai scanned them, roughly understanding the artifact refining techniques of Tianhe Realm, from Rank-1 to Rank-5.

After all, the person in front of him is the Saintess of Yi Yuan Dao Palace, representing the strongest artifact refining technique inheritance of the East Continent.

"I heard that before Yi Yuan True Monarch ascended, he refined a sixth-rank Primordial Clock. I suppose there should be a sixth-rank artifact refining technique inheritance in your sect?"

As Chen Mobai's words fell, Xiao Yuli gently nodded.

"Sixth-rank artifact refining techniques are considered one of the highest inheritances of our Dao Palace, which also notes the sacramental refinement mantra for the Primordial Clock. But after the Great Elder of Five Brights passed away, I'm not sure if this part of the content has been passed down; maybe the Mountain Lord of Fire Virtue has it."

Hearing her words, Chen Mobai couldn't help but shake his head.

If Yi Yuan Dao Palace's sixth-rank artifact refining techniques and the sacramental refinement mantra of the Primordial Clock were lost, even if there emerged a Deity Transformation True Monarch in the future, it would probably be impossible to restore its former glory.

"I've always been very curious about the Eastern Earth Holy Land. Just so happens I've cultivated Primordial True Qi and achieved some accomplishments. Would it be possible to exchange some insights with Taoist Friend Xiao on this?"

At this point, Chen Mobai asked again. If it was the past, Xiao Yuli would have surely refused without thinking.

After all, in the Tianhe Realm, everyone knows the importance of sect cultivation techniques, and before dissemination, one even has to make a Daoist Heart Oath.

"Regarding specific cultivation, I might not be able to answer."

Xiao Yuli considered her phrasing before speaking.

"It's just a simple exchange."

Although Chen Mobai practiced Primordial True Qi, he actually used this divine skill very few times because his Sword Dao is unparalleled in the world, and most adversaries couldn't force him to use Primordial True Qi.

Also, because his usage of Primordial True Qi is limited to the most basic form: breaking through all Five Elements.

Other things like the Five Elements Divine Light, the Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder, and the Great Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Light Beam, although obtained the inheritance in the Yi Yuan Secret Realm, he hasn't mastered them.

Chen Mobai inquired precisely about how Yi Yuan Dao Palace employs Primordial True Qi.

"We mainly practice the Yi Yuan Dao Scripture, constructing a balance of Five Elements Spiritual Power in the Dantian Qi Sea right from the start of cultivation. After reaching the Core Formation stage, the Great Elder would infuse a strand of Primordial True Qi into our bodies. If we can follow this to integrate our own Five Elements Spiritual Power into Primordial True Qi, then we'd be a candidate for the Taoist Child and the Saintess."

"After cultivating Primordial True Qi, we can use this divine skill to reverse engineer the Five Elements Divine Light, achieving twice the result with half the effort. With Primordial True Qi, one can truly enter the realm of the Yi Yuan Dao Scripture. After selecting the Taoist Child and the Saintess, the five Mountain Lords would channel their pure Five Elements True Qi into us."

"By using Primordial True Qi, these external Five Elements True Qi can be refined into Five Elements Spiritual Power that we can absorb and refine ourselves. This enables us to complete the Five Elements True Qi in the shortest time possible. Once Five Elements True Qi is complete, the divine skill of Five Elements Divine Light also completes. With Five Elements True Qi as the foundation, Primordial True Qi can naturally be achieved with ease."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai also had an epiphany.

No wonder before Hun Yuan Ancestor sat down, he asked Zhou Shengqing to sacrifice their Spiritual Power to help Zhou Ye cultivate Primordial True Qi; the origin was in Yi Yuan Dao Palace.

It's just that the Holy Land has five Nascent Soul cultivators providing Spiritual Power, so even if they exhaust their True Qi, it wouldn't matter much.

If Zhou Shengqing's group had actually done this back then, the four of them wouldn't even have achieved Perfect Core Formation, let alone Nascent Soul Formation.

"So, how do you cultivate the Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder and the Great Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Light Beam?"

Chen Mobai asked further.

"Well..." Xiao Yuli hesitated slightly before answering, "Before we achieve Nascent Soul Formation, we were never taught these two divine skills!"

"How about I teach you? Use your century-long experience in practice at the Holy Land to see how it's most convenient to cultivate them."

Chen Mobai's words stunned Xiao Yuli, causing her eyes to widen and her entire body to tremble with excitement as she stood up.

Chapter 1847:

Although the Yi Yuan Dao Palace is a Holy Land, the transmission of cultivation techniques and divine powers is no different from other sects in the Tianhe Realm.

The Five Elements Divine Light is granted at the Golden Core Realm, while the Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder is bestowed post "Nascent Soul Formation." The most powerful, the Great Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Light Beam, can only be cultivated by the Palace Master and the Great Elder.

Although Xiao Yuli is the Saintess, if she wants to obtain these two divine powers from the Dao Palace, it would probably take at least a hundred years.

"This... would it violate the rules of the Five Elements Sect?"

Of course, Xiao Yuli very much desired it, because after Chen Lingming was confirmed missing, she had already deduced some things, realizing that she might be quite an eyesore to some people in the Dao Palace. It was even possible that, beyond the Heavenly Tribulation, there could also be a human tribulation during her "Nascent Soul Formation."

In this case, her hopes of obtaining these two divine skills from Yi Yuan Dao Palace were bleak.

So now that Chen Mobai mentioned it, she was somewhat excited.

"No, here I make the rules."

Chen Mobai smiled and said something that made Xiao Yuli feel extremely admired; this air of authority over life and death was something she had only seen in the Five Virtues Great Elder before.

At this moment, Xiao Yuli thought that it would be great if this Chen Qing Emperor before her truly was the Taoist Child of the Yi Yuan Dao Palace. In that case, with him shielding her from the wind and rain, she, the Saintess, would surely have time to grow stronger.

Following this, Chen Mobai recited the Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder and the Great Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Light Beam.

Xiao Yuli memorized every word and sentence, then began to interpret them carefully based on her years of cultivation experience in the Dao Palace.

In the following period, Chen Mobai stayed in Northern Abyss City to exchange insights and interpretations with Xiao Yuli.

During this process, Chen Mobai also learned more about the affairs of the Yi Yuan Dao Palace.

For instance, in the current Dao Palace, apart from the Masters of the Five Virtues Mountain, there are also four Nascent Soul Elders from the Outer Sect, making a total of nine Nascent Soul cultivators.

Previously, during Ming Zun's attack on the mountain, the Palace Master of Yi Yuan Dao Palace utilized the Dao fruit to summon the soul incarnation of Yi Yuan True Monarch. Although Ming Zun was repelled, the Palace Master was exhausted and soon passed away.

That Palace Master was the Saintess from two generations ago. If she had enough time to refine the Dao fruit, Spirit Transformation would not have been impossible.

The Five Virtues Great Elder, on the other hand, was the Taoist Child from two generations ago. After the Palace Master passed, he took over the Dao fruit left by Yi Yuan True Monarch. Under the mountain-sealing circumstances, he guided the previous Taoist Child and Saintess, trying to nurture new blood for the Dao Palace.

The previous generation of Yi Yuan Dao Palace's Taoist Child and Saintess were not less talented than the current Ye Qing, Zhang Pankong, and others. Under such circumstances, when Li Zhongji, the disciple of Yi Yuan True Monarch, arrived, the Five Virtues Great Elder chose to drive the latter away, ensuring the orthodoxy of the Taoist Child and Saintess.

Unfortunately, they were outmaneuvered by the Demon Path, leading to the Taoist Child's death in battle and the Saintess's disappearance.

Subsequently, in the circumstance where the Yi Yuan Dao Palace was yellow with neither green nor ripe, the Five Virtues Great Elder probably had not much lifespan left, so he attempted to break through to the Spirit Transformation Stage, yet still failed and passed away.

"Who holds the Dao fruit now?"

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai couldn't help but ask.

As an Ascended Monk, Yi Yuan True Monarch, who founded the Holy Land Dao Palace, must have left a Dao fruit as a legacy to ensure the continuity of Spirit Transformation cultivators.

Second and fourth-generation Palace Masters of Dao Palace were Spirit Transformers, which is why the Yi Yuan Dao Palace could maintain its holy position after Yi Yuan True Monarch's ascendance to this day.

"After the Great Elder passed away, it was the Five Mountain Masters who handled his remains. Although nominally we are his disciples, we were not qualified to approach. Among the Five Mountain Masters, only the Master of Earth Virtue Mountain could cultivate Primordial True Qi. Until I and Senior Brother Chen achieve "Nascent Soul Formation," he is the custodian of the Dao fruit."

Upon saying this, Xiao Yuli also sighed.

Back then, she suspected that when Chen Lingming was undergoing "Nascent Soul Formation," he might have detected some danger, so he deliberately failed.

Considering that the Master of Earth Virtue Mountain did not show up at that time, and the Primordial Dao fruit was in his hands, she guessed that it might have been because the Master of Earth Virtue Mountain wanted to seize the Dao fruit, hiding in the shadows ready to act, or had already made a move.

And now, Chen Lingming's disappearance only made her more convinced of this suspicion.

"In that case, isn't the fellow Daoist in great danger?"

Although Xiao Yuli did not state it explicitly, Chen Mobai also realized this from her words and the current situation of Yi Yuan Dao Palace, prompting him to ask.

"I plan to obtain the Three Lights Divine Water upon returning to the Dao Palace, then find an opportunity to leave. As long as I succeed in 'Nascent Soul Formation,' I can rightfully inherit the position of Palace Master or Great Elder to inherit the Dao fruit. I believe some of the Mountain Masters and Elders in the Dao Palace would support me."

Xiao Yuli shared her thoughts. Although her talent was exceptional, and she had mastered Primordial True Qi, many talented individuals had historically perished before "Nascent Soul Formation," so she still hoped to attempt a breakthrough with the help of the Three Lights Divine Water.

This was why she was willing to descend the mountain initially.

Unfortunately, the Star Heaven Dao Sect, to bypass her, directly sent the items to Mount Wudi for dialogue with Yi Yuan Dao Palace.

Nevertheless, within the Dao Palace, although undercurrents abound, most Nascent Soul cultivators uphold the rules, so her hope of acquiring the Three Lights Divine Water and the Coagulation Infant Pill is not small.

As long as she successfully completes the "Nascent Soul Formation," relying on the Primordial True Qi's restraint over the Five Elements cultivation techniques, none of the other Nascent Soul cultivators in the Dao Palace would be her match in single combat.

Chapter 1848: (Part 2)

"Is that so? Then let me wish you success in your Nascent Soul Formation in advance, friend."

Chen Mobai, upon hearing this, understood the situation of the Yi Yuan Dao Palace. He couldn't help but think that even in decline, the camel is still larger than a horse. Even after being sealed for a hundred years and losing the Palace Master and the Great Elder, the number of Nascent Soul Cultivators still exceeds that of the Star Heaven Dao Sect.

"Thank you, senior. If I indeed leave the Dao Palace to form my Nascent Soul, I might come to the Eastern Wilderness to use the Spirit Veins here."

Xiao Yuli tentatively said, thinking that if she were to undergo her Nascent Soul Formation in Northern Abyss City, it might, at the very least, cause damage due to the Heavenly Tribulation.

"I established Northern Abyss City to provide a safe haven for cultivators from all around. As long as you purchase a house here and do not engage in demonic actions like a rogue cultivator, even if all nine Nascent Soul Cultivators from Yi Yuan Dao Palace come knocking, I will protect you during your Nascent Soul Formation."

Chen Mobai spoke solemnly, even considering that if Xiao Yuli successfully formed her Nascent Soul in Northern Abyss City, it would serve as sensational advertisement for their Five Elements Sect.

If the news of providing sanctuary for other sects' cultivators to successfully form a Nascent Soul spreads, at least in the East Continent, all loose cultivators hoping to form a Nascent Soul would flock to Northern Abyss City to buy a house.

And what these people would need are undoubtedly the most expensive Fourth Rank Cave Abodes, and Chen Mobai was already considering whether to price them in the millions or tens of millions of Spirit Stones.

Hearing this, Xiao Yuli went off with satisfaction, bidding farewell. She had been in the Eastern Wilderness for quite some time and it was time to return to Mount Wudi.

Chen Mobai personally maneuvered the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, sending her off to the large-scale Teleportation Array on the outskirts.

On the way, he pretended to inadvertently ask about the Pure Heart Red Rope. With two parts of the Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament left by Yi Yuan True Monarch in hand, he was just short of this to complete it.

Since it wasn't in the Yi Yuan Secret Realm, the greatest possibility was that it was in the Yi Yuan Dao Palace.

If he had the Five Extremes Heavenly Heart Ornament, Chen Mobai felt that even the Nascent Soul Cultivators from Mount Wudi who cultivated Five Elements Techniques would be unable to break his defense.

"I've heard that past Saintesses had a red rope Magic Artifact that cleared the heart and mind and stabilized the Purple Palace, but it disappeared along with the last Saintess, Su Ziluo..."

Xiao Yuli spoke with a sense of regret, knowing that if the Pure Heart Red Rope still existed, it would have belonged to her.

"Take care, friend, I won't see you off!"

Chen Mobai waved his hand in farewell as Xiao Yuli descended from the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo into the large-scale Teleportation Array, and she respectfully saluted him in return before transforming into a silver light and disappearing.

During this time, the two exchanged ideas amicably. Although Xiao Yuli could not discuss the methods obtained from Yi Yuan Dao Palace, since the Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder and the Great Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Light Beam were taught by Chen Mobai, she could practice without concern.

Among these, the Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder relies on condensing the Five Elements Divine Light with the Five Elements to form the ten types of thunder.

Jia Wood Thunder, Yi Wood Thunder, Bing Fire Thunder, Ding Fire Thunder, Wu Earth Thunder, Ji Earth Thunder, Geng Metal Thunder, Xin Metal Thunder, Ren Water Thunder, Gui Water Thunder!

These ten kinds of Five Elements Thunder Methods can be successfully condensed by any cultivator practicing the corresponding attribute's Five Elements Techniques. Chen Mobai, with a little time, could cultivate the corresponding Five Elements Spiritual Power to accomplish this easily.

But the key lay in the Five Elements Divine Light transformed from Primordial True Qi, without which it was impossible to merge into one and transform into Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder.

For cultivators of orthodox Primordial Dao Fruit, this is straightforward, like Zhou Ye and Xiao Yuli, who already have a seamlessly balanced cycle of Five Elements True Qi within, allowing the Five Elements Divine Light to flow freely.

However, for Chen Mobai, it's a challenge.

Because he is not orthodox at all.

Apart from the Fire Godlight, even if he can transform the remaining Four Elements using Primordial True Qi, they are mere facades incapable of condensing Extinction Divine Thunder.

To solve this, one would need to condense the other four types of True Qi equivalent to the Pure Yang True Qi he currently possesses.

Chen Mobai certainly wouldn't waste time on this.

This Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder is not absolutely necessary to cultivate.

Yet he quickly thought of his External Incarnation, which he hadn't used in a long time. As one of the Longevity Sect's Twenty-four Great Techniques, there is a realm known as "Heavenly Viscus", which involves gathering the Five Elements Essence between heaven and earth to establish a Five Elements cycle.

This realm is also called Five Qi toward Unity!

Could he condense the Five Elements Divine Light using the External Incarnation, and then evolve the ten thunders of the Five Elements into the Primordial Five Elements Extinguishing Divine Thunder?

This grand spell had already been comprehended by him to a fourth-rank level using the Great Dao Tree, but he had set it aside due to being occupied with advancing his own realm and engaging in Artifact Refining, Formation, and other arts of Immortal Cultivation.

Moreover, even if he had the Five Elements Essence, it had all been condensed into Primordial True Qi by him.

However, the situation has now changed a bit.

The Five Elements Sect is now indisputably the leading power in the Three Regions of the Eastern Continent Frontier, so he can completely pass down the method of condensing Five Elements Essence from the Immortal Gate.

Previously, he hadn't passed it on because he didn't want Zhou Ye and Yi Yuan Dao Palace to know, because this method is incredibly useful for those cultivating Primordial True Qi.

But now Zhou Ye is on his side, and on the side of Yi Yuan Dao Palace, there are no longer any Nascent Soul Cultivators with orthodox Primordial True Qi.

And even if this method is leaked, Chen Mobai doesn't believe Yi Yuan Dao Palace can rally more followers than he can.

Chapter 1849:

He was confident that with a single command, hundreds of thousands of cultivators in the Eastern Wilderness would believe in him.

Just as the lower-level cultivators were also struggling, he was giving them another path to earn Spirit Stones.

Especially for many who were trapped at a bottleneck, unable to progress despite meditating for a long time, they could completely condense the spiritual power dissipated after refining Spirit Qi into Five Elements Essence and exchange it for Spirit Stones.

However, this method could potentially be exploited by those with malicious intents in the future, so it's necessary to think of a good excuse. Even if bad examples appear later, he could say that his original intent was good, only people are not as virtuous as before.

Thinking of this, Chen Mobai immediately called Zhou Wangshen over from the East Barbarians' side.

In matters of condensing Five Elements Essence, he was well-versed and experienced.

"Sect Leader, you called for me!"

After returning, Zhou Wangshen saluted Chen Mobai.

“Yes, I need a large amount of Five Elements Essence. Select some personnel from within the sect and form a department specifically responsible for this. Here’s ten million Spirit Stones, take them first to use...”

Since it was Chen Mobai himself who needed the Five Elements Essence, he didn’t allocate funds from the sect’s Reward Virtue Hall.

Besides helping him cultivate Primordial True Qi Five Elements Divine Light, the Five Elements Essence could also be used to artificially synthesize seventy-two strands of Terrestrial Evil Qi, which were needed for the next level of Heavenly Star Realm for his External Incarnation, so the more the better.

For this reason, Chen Mobai planned to directly establish a department.

“Yes, Sect Leader, shall I call back the disciples from the Flying Dragon Pool who were condensing Five Elements Essence earlier? They are already familiar with this method, and many have successfully reached Foundation Establishment and are quite useful.”

Having heard this, Zhou Wangshen did not ask why and immediately outlined a tentative personnel arrangement.

Chen Mobai nodded, then wrote a decree for him, allowing him to recruit people from the Five Elements Meridians.

“Sect Leader, what should the new department be called?”

Chen Mobai inexplicably thought of the scene of blood donation from his childhood, hesitated for a moment, then spoke: “Let’s call it ‘Spirit Vault’. Externally, don’t say that it’s for my use; just claim that the sect is trying to revive an ancient withered Five Elements Spirit Tree and requires a vast amount of Five Elements Essence for infusion. There’s no need to rush it; start with a pilot test within the sect, then expand it to other Immortal Cities and the entire Eastern Wilderness...”

Although he wanted the hundred thousand cultivators in the Eastern Wilderness to immediately start condensing Five Elements Essence, gathering the Five Essences towards one source, Chen Mobai maintained a clear mind.

He could achieve his current foundation by advancing steadily, one step at a time.

“Yes, Sect Leader!”

After Zhou Wangshen left, Chen Mobai didn't linger in Northern Abyss City.

After all, he had come because Liu Wenbo successfully reached Core Formation, and he happened to upgrade the magic artifacts for a few disciples. With Xiao Yuli, the Saintess of Yi Yuan Dao Palace there, no one else could hold the place except him.

Now that both tasks were completed, it was time to return to Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion.

Just right, among the four disciples, Zhuo Ming's magic artifact also needed upgrading.

“Thank you, Master, but with the All-things Altruistic Cauldron, it's already quite sufficient for me; wielding this magic artifact, I already feel a bit overwhelmed.”

After listening, Zhuo Ming felt he hadn't fully mastered the All-things Altruistic Cauldron yet and was embarrassed to upgrade other magic artifacts.

“This All-things Altruistic Cauldron is your Lifespan Artifact, and if you're facing an enemy, unless it's a matter of life and death, you shouldn't bring it out. So, as your master, I'll enhance other everyday usage artifacts for you...”

Upon hearing Chen Mobai's words, Zhuo Ming found them reasonable and retrieved three other magic artifacts from his Storage Bag.

They were the Golden Jade Axe, a cloak, and the Five Transformations Umbrella.

When Chen Mobai saw the last piece, the Five Transformations Umbrella, a nostalgic expression appeared on his face.

This was the magic artifact he rose with in the Eastern Wilderness, using it in Yun Meng Ze to earn commissions from the Divine Wood Sect, and it was partly why he joined the Divine Wood Sect later.

Unexpectedly, Zhuo Ming still kept it after all these years.

“Let me upgrade this umbrella for you,”

Chen Mobai said, and of course, Zhuo Ming agreed. The Five Transformations Umbrella had been upgraded once before to Rank-2 quality, but due to the inherent insufficiency of the materials, it was already at its limit.

During the upgrade, Chen Mobai retained the shape and outline but a major upgrade was done on other aspects.

The umbrella’s skeleton was directly made from Rank-5 Mysterious Nether Iron. The previous chains were no longer sufficient, so Chen Mobai cut a piece from a Trident.

The surface of the umbrella was replaced with talisman paper made from Fourth Rank Longevity Wood pulp. After inscribing the original restrictions, Chen Mobai added a ring of Rank-5 Black Scales.

Finally, he remembered the Five-Colored Poison Gas he had collected in the past. Conveniently, the scales of the Poisonous Dragon Ancestor could contain the poison gas, so Chen Mobai refined it into the umbrella.

Now, the Five Transformations Umbrella could both attack and defend.

Even a Nascent Soul cultivator, if carelessly corroded by the Five-Colored Poison Gas, would suffer severe damage to vital energy.

However, after being reforged, the Five Transformations Umbrella was extraordinarily heavy, such that an ordinary Rank-3 Body Refining Cultivator might not be able to lift it.

But for Zhuo Ming, this was effortless, as her Ninefold Law Body was originally a top-tier Earth Attribute cultivation technique, known for its strength.

Thud thud thud!

After grasping the new Five Transformations Umbrella, Zhuo Ming's step on the ground of Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion produced a series of dull thuds, indicating its weight.

Chapter 1850:

After playing with it for a while, the Earth Mother Seal appeared on Zhuo Ming's brow, and the Yuan Magnetic Force covered the Five Transformations Umbrella. Then, in Chen Mobai's surprised gaze, this very heavy umbrella suddenly became as light as a feather in her palm.

"Ming'er, you truly have exceptional talent in earth attribute cultivation techniques!"

Chen Mobai couldn't help but exclaim in amazement at the sight.

It's important to know that this is the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion, where the authority of the earth is in the hands of the Little Yellow Dragon Girl. When Zhuo Ming first arrived, even All Things Spiritual Communication couldn't do anything.

But after staying here for two or three years, she managed to overcome this restriction.

"It's still necessary to rely on the Earth Mother Seal..."

Zhuo Ming shook her head, indicating it wasn't her skill. The Earth Mother Seal she condensed with her Comprehension Path Golden Core contains endless profound mystery. As her cultivation level increases, it will gradually merge with her, guiding her to comprehend even more advanced Earth Element Great Dao.

Although this Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion belongs to the Yellow Dragon, the Little Yellow Dragon Girl, being Chen Mobai's contracted spirit beast, wouldn't prevent Zhuo Ming from communicating with the Earth Pulse Spirit here. Despite this, Zhuo Ming still needed to use the Earth Mother Seal.

Next, Chen Mobai upgraded the Golden Jade Axe to Third Rank Peak. He even inscribed nine Magnetic Prohibitions according to Zhuo Ming's characteristics. Each time Zhuo Ming activates one, it can enhance her power to shatter a mountain.

Finally, there was the cloak made from monster beast fur, which was also a defensive magic weapon. Previously, Chen Mobai refined three pieces and gave them to his two disciples and Yin Qingmei.

"Master, having the Five Transformations Umbrella and Golden Jade Axe is enough for me; it's better to give the cloak to Zhi Ling."

Zhuo Ming spoke up, saying that as a Rank-3 Body Forging cultivator, the cloak's defensive properties had little impact on her. If given to Han Zhiling instead, she would be invincible in the Foundation Building Realm.

"It's up to you."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai didn't insist and simply returned the cloak to Zhuo Ming.

Then he mentioned the Earth Network Great Formation and Fifth Rank Spirit Vein. Zhuo Ming didn't hesitate, expressing that she would follow his instructions, but she confessed her limited understanding of formations and was afraid of making mistakes.

"Everything starts from ignorance. You are intelligent and, in terms of talent for ground arrays, second only to me. Under my careful guidance, you'll soon become a Rank-4 Array Master."

Zhuo Ming's Earth Mother Seal was akin to Chen Mobai's Earth Spirit Realm and would even surpass the Earth Spirit Realm as her cultivation advances, making her progress in studying ground arrays no slower than Chen Mobai.

The best method for teaching formations is to combine with practice.

Chen Mobai spent a whole year and a half leading Zhuo Ming across the Eastern Wilderness plain and plateau, covering the Mysterious Five Elements Array and Direct and Inverse Nine Palaces Formation planned on his map.

Their final stop was Yin Qingmei's arena at Liu Jia Mountain.

There was also a planned Jiugong Immortal City here, and Chen Mobai happened to visit to upgrade the magic artifacts for Yin Qingmei, his foster daughter.

"Greetings, Sect Leader!"

Yin Qingmei greeted Chen Mobai with a face full of joy, but because Zhuo Ming was present, she dared not call him 'Foster Father.'

"Good, your cultivation has advanced quickly and with solid foundations."

Seeing Yin Qingmei had already broken through to the Core Formation Middle Stage, Chen Mobai was very pleased. Practicing the Deity Transformation Technique and nourishing the Lifebound Spirit Plant accelerated her speed impressively.

"It's mainly due to the Sect Leader's Haotian Mirror shining its light."

Yin Qingmei spoke with a smile. The Haotian Mirror gathered Solar Essence, condensing Pure Yang Purple Qi, and accelerating the growth of spirit plants. Her Azure Jade Phoenix Tree thrived, thanks in part to this.

"In that case, I'll upgrade your magic artifacts as a reward..."

As he spoke, Chen Mobai took the Haotian Mirror and extracted a full Pure Yang Purple Qi from inside, sealing it into a glass tube.

Because Yin Qingmei wasn't a disciple of the Xiao Nanshan lineage, her magic artifacts were relatively humble.

The Haotian Mirror wasn't hers, and her remaining monster beast cloak and Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian were granted by Chen Mobai.

Her Lifespan Artifact was the Azure Jade Phoenix Tree, which even the most skilled artifact refiner couldn't upgrade.

After upgrading the Qingzhu Yin Xu Jian and cloak to Luo Yixuan's standard, Chen Mobai inquired about her cultivation over the years.

Although Chen Mobai hadn't practiced the Qing Emperor's Longevity Scripture, he was at Nascent Soul Realm and many cultivation issues were universal. If he wasn't sure, he could search the Guidance Book and check the Heavenly Calculation Bead for answers.

Among the next generation of disciples in the Five Elements Sect, Yin Qingmei and Zhuo Ming were the most likely to achieve Nascent Soul Formation, so Chen Mobai's rare visit was naturally filled with concern.

"Sect Leader, I still have an Azure Wood Elemental Pearl..."

After solving Yin Qingmei's cultivation doubts, as she saw Chen Mobai and Zhuo Ming planning to leave, she hesitated for a moment and then presented a glowing azure treasure bead.

She received this when she was in Foundation Establishment at the Magic Treasure Tree in the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

It was a crystal formed from pure Wood Spirit Qi, which, upon refining within oneself, enhanced vitality, assisted body forging, and enlivened divine sense.

Initially, to express gratitude, she intended to give it to Chen Mobai, but he declined to accept.

"This pearl is used by the Longevity Sect to condense the Wood Spirit Body External Incarnation. Over the years, it has already integrated with your essence, qi, and spirit. I'll impart this grand spell to you. If you achieve Nascent Soul Formation in the future, this Azure Wood Elemental Pearl can evolve into your External Incarnation, equivalent to a Second Nascent Soul."

At the time, Chen Mobai hadn't fully received the Longevity Sect's legacy, resulting in his limited understanding of the Azure Wood Elemental Pearl. Now he immediately recognized its true purpose.

The first realm of External Incarnation, Heavenly Marrow, requires energy from heaven and earth to condense the root-bone. For example, Chen Mobai accidentally drew Power of Void from the Void Stone to refine it, resulting in a Void Spirit Body.

Cultivators of Five Elements Immortal Scripture from the Longevity Sect would condense the corresponding attribute Five Element Spiritual Energy, and if they had a core reliance item, we can say that the process in the Heavenly Marrow Realm was much more efficient.

The Azure Wood Elemental Pearl is a crystal formed by Everlife Wood absorbing Wood Spirit Qi for a millennium, fit just for such purposes.

However, only those who cultivate the Qing Emperor's Longevity Scripture can refine it to foster an External Incarnation.

If External Incarnation is cultivated to the extreme, it's equivalent to the Soul Incarnation.

Chen Mobai suspected that the Yi Yuan True Monarch's Soul Incarnation left behind was actually an External Incarnation.

"Thank you for granting the technique, Sect Leader!"

After listening to Chen Mobai's detailed explanation of cultivating an External Incarnation and its five great realms, Yin Qingmei paid deep respects with a demeanor full of gratitude.

She felt fortunate she recognized the extraordinariness of her foster father decades ago and knelt in prostration. Otherwise, the Deity Transformation Immortal Scripture and mystical grand spells like External Incarnation might not have been so easily imparted to her.

After leaving Liu Jia Mountain, Chen Mobai and Zhuo Ming passed through Northern Abyss City, where the five disciples were rarely gathered together.

"Soon, I will need to seclude myself for a long period. The Five Elements Sect will rely on you for protection."

Chen Mobai spoke to his four disciples, and Liu Wenbo and the others nodded respectfully.

The decade is nearly here, and the portal must be fully opened!