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Chapter 1861: The Might of the Xuanwu Dao Palace (Part 3)

“Hoo...”

Chen Mobai heard Ying Guanghua breathing heavily beside him, because every time the Star Space Battleship fired the Frozen Extinction Divine Light, it required consuming a thousand Spirit Stones.

The sixteen beams just released, when converted into Good Deed Points, amounted to 1.6 billion.

The Narcissus was pleased, but Ying Guanghua’s fists were clenched tight.

He couldn’t bring himself to stop it because if those sixteen spider-like insects were not eliminated, the Immortal Gate would lose even more cultivators to achieve such results.

Spirit Stones, weapons, and such were meant to be used at times like these!

Though he understood, it still pained Ying Guanghua.

On the Immortal Gate’s side, the military department cultivators, led by their respective Foundation Establishment captains, stood atop the glazed auspicious clouds deriving from the Northern Heavenly Gate, forming battle arrays that seemed like a thousand flexible and powerful long whips, striking into the swarming Purple-striped Silver Black Winged Insects.

Spells erupted one after another in the cultivators’ hands, assaulting the Purple-striped Silver Black Winged Insects in midair with alternating cover.

Yet the hard exoskeleton deflected most of the spell attacks; only the Foundation Establishment practitioners could break through the shells.

A Foundation Establishment captain condensed his spiritual power into a thunderbolt, blasting a Purple-striped Silver Black Winged Insect in two before him. He then applied to his superiors to activate the battle array, seeing his team somewhat flustered behind him.

The Purple-striped Silver Black Winged Insects, not large in size, flew extremely fast, their insect legs like sharp long blades, enough to cut through gold and jade. If not for each military department cultivator being equipped with defensive battle armor, the initial clash would likely have sent many falling from the auspicious clouds.

“Activate the Xuanwu Formation and slaughter all these insects!”

The application was quickly approved, and each Foundation Establishment captain issued the latest commands to their team members.

With a series of swishing sounds, sword lights illuminated the sky; then, the Xuanwu Dao Palace radiated ink-black luminescence. The virtually endless Water Spirit Qi of this Different World was incessantly absorbed and refined by this Dao Palace.

The group led by Nangong Xuanyu that entered had already transmitted the spirit energy of the Different World to the Immortal Gate. Under Yuan Xu’s lead, the elite team of the Immortal Gate simulated and researched how to refine this explosive spirit energy into the latest energy reactor.

The Xuanwu Dao Palace was currently equipped with these.

So despite the explosive nature of the Different World’s spiritual energy, it was still absorbed and refined by this powerful war artifact, transformed into spiritual power that the Immortal Sect disciples could wield and continuously injected through the Northern Heavenly Gate into the small reactors within each military department cultivator’s battle armor.

With the energy infusion, the cultivators at Qi Cultivation Perfection instantly unleashed Foundation Establishment power, banding into teams to form massive light swords as dazzling as pillars. Under the sway of the auspicious clouds from the Northern Heavenly Gate beneath their feet, they surged into the insect swarm like long whips.

Wherever they passed, even the hardest exoskeletons were sliced into two.

The corpses of insects plummeted from the sky, only to be devoured by insects emerging from underground burrows, then transformed into a purple-black insect cloud, sweeping towards the Immortal Gate Army in midair.

“Just how many insects are there underground, anyway?”

Wenren Xuewei, standing behind Chen Mobai, couldn't help but speak. She was now the most outstanding Spirit Plant Master of the Immortal Gate and also the person who most detested insects.

Seeing this scene, even having achieved Nascent Soul, she instinctively felt discomfort.

“Perhaps only by cutting open this planet will we know.”

Chen Mobai murmured such a sentence.

This Different World's underground situation was clearly more dangerous than imagined, but the Immortal Gate's power was still capable of suppressing it at the moment.

As he finished speaking, an Immortal Sect Gold Core at the very front of the Northern Heavenly Gate, clad in black Taoist robes, lifted a gear-like artifact in his palm and gave it a gentle turn.

In an instant, the thousand massive light swords extending from the Northern Heavenly Gate rotated as if driven by some mechanism, revolving ceaselessly with the Xuanwu Dao Palace as their center, in all directions.

In the sky, it seemed as if a vortex of light swords appeared, mincing all the encroaching insects into countless chunks of flesh.

The Narcissus maneuvered the Xuanwu Dao Palace towards the yellow sandy ground, with the Northern Heavenly Gate always at the forefront, maintaining the first defensive line.

Around the Xuanwu Dao Palace, four star space battleships guarded closely, the foreparts of the battleships glowing with gleaming light, as the Frozen Extinction Divine Light was fully charged and ready for launch at any time.

As the Xuanwu Dao Palace descended, the vortex of light swords covering half the sky also lowered, finally blockading the entrance of the underground passage. No matter how many insects came out, all were mercilessly reduced to fragments.

A full half hour passed, and as Ying Guanghua's lips were trembling pale, the number of Purple-striped Silver Black Winged Insects began to dwindle, seemingly nearing extermination.

Though the activation of the Xuanwu Dao Palace could refine the explosive Water Spirit Qi of the Different World as reactor energy, half of it still came from the Immortal Gate's own reserves of Void Spiritual Energy Packages, Spirit Stone resources, and so on.

The wave of attack commanded by the Narcissus from the Xuanwu Dao Palace consumed even more resources than the previous Frozen Extinction Divine Light, costing at least several billion in Good Deed Points.

Fortunately, the Narcissus remained clear-headed; upon seeing that the trend of Purple-striped Silver Black Winged Insects flying out from the underground burrows was less than a third of what it initially was, she ceased the Spirit Stone-consuming offensive.

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The cultivators of the Immortal Gate's military department began to be arranged in regular battle formation at the cave entrance, slaughtering one demonic beast after another.

Quickly, another half hour passed.

Boom!

Accompanied by a thunderous roar of earth-shaking fury, a terrifying and overwhelming aura suddenly emanated from deep underground, and in Chen Mobai's Echoes in the Void Listening, it was already at the Yuan Ying level.

Narcissus immediately commanded the Northern Heavenly Gate to retreat all military cultivators, then personally flew out of the Xuanwu Dao Palace.

With a wave of her jade-like right hand, the power of the Rank-5 array of the Northern Xuanwu Seven Lodges gathered in her palm, forming a massive black sword over a kilometer long.

Then it swung heavily towards the entrance of the underground cave!

A demonic insect beast, covered in dark purple, with six legs and two hands, had just charged out, facing the kilometer-long sword forged with the power of the Xuanwu Dao Palace by Narcissus.

Accompanied by another earth-shaking roar, the dark purple insect beast spat out a purple-black energy ball that collided with the kilometer-long sword, instantly erupting into an earth-shattering and dazzling brilliance.

In the rumbling sound, the ground was directly overturned.

The original few dozen meters directly, leading into the depths of the dark underground passage, was suddenly pierced at this moment, transforming into a massive deep pit with a diameter of several kilometers!

Ssssss!

A painful insect cry was heard in Chen Mobai's ears after the sand mist dispersed. With his Void Spirit Eye, he quickly saw that the dark purple insect beast had a bone-deep sword mark from its face to its chest.

Within the sword mark, streams of green blood oozed out, falling onto the gravel like strong acid, corroding a large area.

Narcissus, with a stoic expression, once again gathered the kilometer-long sword with the power of the Xuanwu Dao Palace and casually swung it down.

The dark purple insect beast tried to escape, but as soon as its six legs moved, a penetrating chill erupted from the sword mark, freezing its blood.

It roared in fury, black patterns lit up all over its shell, and in that instant, the entire planet trembled faintly. Soon, a mighty energy torrent from deep in the earth surged into its body, suppressing the frozen power within the sword mark.

But by this time, the kilometer-long sword had already descended on its head.

The dark purple insect beast could only raise its slightly stiff arms to try to block!

Yet, before the kilometer-long sword fell, four ghostly beams pierced through it, and under the Frozen Extinction Divine Light, the borrowed power was instantly dissolved.

Then it was cleaved in two by the kilometer-long sword.

Narcissus somewhat overestimated her opponent's strength with this sword strike, and after slaying the dark purple insect beast, the residual force further cut open a giant kilometer-long ice canyon on the earth.

Roar!

After slaying this insect beast, it seemed to trigger another powerful presence, and shortly thereafter, another identical dark purple insect beast charged out.

Narcissus tried another method of the Xuanwu Dao Palace; she lightly tapped her bare foot, the massive turtle shadow beneath her suddenly disappeared, and then stepped out from the void, heavily stomping on the newly charged dark purple insect beast.

With a snap!

The mighty Nascent Soul Realm insect beast was directly crushed to pieces by the turtle's stomp.

"After all is said, Narcissus truly suits controlling the Xuanwu Dao Palace better than any Yuan Ying of our Daoist Academy's lineage."

Beiming Master squinted with a smile as he spoke, observing this scene.

As a cultivator from the Sea Territory, Narcissus is naturally very sensitive to the spiritual energy of the water attribute. When the Kunpeng lineage elites designed and refined this Xuanwu Dao Palace, they considered those sea kings as well. If the Northern Seven Lodges were seven sea kings, then this Dao Palace could even unleash Divinity Transformation level power!

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While the Immortal Gate was vigorously exterminating the insect beasts, from the outer space of this different world, several figures hidden in the darkness stood coldly observing atop the meteors.

"After finally making some discoveries, as soon as the Immortal Gate arrived, almost everything was destroyed."

The Sect Master of Divine Control spoke, his tone full of dissatisfaction.

They had secretly infiltrated this different world to gather some resources that could elevate themselves to another level. However, due to the eerie and powerful insect beasts underground, even with their realm, they couldn't say for sure they'd win, so they could only explore step by step slowly.

Among them, the Sect Master of Divine Control used his Devouring Divine Art to possess many insect beasts, gradually deconstructing and approaching the core of the nest.

Yet in the underground nest world, the hierarchy of the insect beasts was strict, so most of the insect beasts he possessed had to emerge in this war against the Immortal Gate and turned into insect corpses.

"Let's take it slow; the Matriarch who slumbers at the heart of the earth, just in terms of power, is already a top contender among Divinity Transformation. Just relying on us, I'm afraid we can't deal with it, so let's have the Immortal Gate clear the obstacles for us."

The person in the middle of the meteor opened his mouth, his voice hoarse. He stood there, covered in a dark aura, his silhouette barely visible, with no telling if he was male or female.

This person was the Sect Hierarch of the Ascension Sect, the most wanted by the Immortal Gate in nearly a millennium.

"Yes, Sect Hierarch!"

Everyone on the meteors nodded.

"After the Immortal Gate enters, let's hide ourselves, but let's not make things too easy for them. See if we can awaken the Matriarch deep within the Earth. I'll leave this task to you."

The Ascension Sect Hierarch spoke to the Sect Master of Divine Control and the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor on either side, both of whom nodded lightly.

Among them, the Sect Master of Divine Control relied on the Devour God Technique to possess and infiltrate.

The Dragon and Tiger Ancestor excelled at the Beast Taming Art, and with the cooperation of the Sect Master of Divine Control, contracted quite a few potential insect beasts.

Previously, due to the stable societal structure and hierarchy of the insect beast underground nests, they didn't dare go too far. But now, with war coming, they could train a few potential insect beasts. As they grew stronger, they could get closer to the Matriarch at the Spirit Transformation Stage.

Especially now, the Immortal Gate, with the Xuanwu Dao Palace, had exterminated two leaders equivalent to the Nascent Soul Realm.

"Has there been any movement from Lin Daoming?"

Finally, the Ascension Sect Hierarch asked the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor, who closed his eyes to perceive, then shook his head, indicating everything was normal.

"Let's see if he can pass this test. If he is willing to give up all emotions, it's fine to show him the Purple Cloud Dao Scripture."

Hearing this from the Ascension Sect Hierarch, the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor nodded lightly.

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"What's wrong!"

In a certain underground cave of the different world, Lin Daoming turned to see Yan Xinji staring at the wall where a golden-red ant, thin as a grain of rice, was eyeing it and not moving forward, furrowing his brows and questioning.

"These ants are very interesting."

Yan Xinji replied, then reached out and placed this group of ants into a glass tube.

"Let's move quickly, I feel the essence of creation from this planet is not far ahead."

After Yan Xinji was done, Lin Daoming urged.

As a cultivator with a Comprehension Path Golden Core in the Immortal Gate, Lin Daoming had the ability to sense the earth's Spiritual Pivot of All Phenomena, which he called "Spiritual Pivot."

Relying on this ability, he could not only perceive the vast energy flowing deep within the earth but also comprehend the marvels of creation over countless years. He could even replace himself with the earth's Spiritual Pivot, honing his own body to rapidly enhance his cultivation level.

Because of this, he was able to find fragments of the Furnace of Life.

He even, at the moment of his successful Nascent Soul Formation, captured the essence that emerged at the Heavenly Institute's Spirit Vein's birth, envisioning himself with the Fifth Rank Spirit Vein as a pivot, transforming all phenomena in the world, discerning the creation vitality of the Earth Element Star, glimpsing a future corner of Spirit Transformation.

Unfortunately, Qian Xing Ancestor said it was most likely a Heart Demon that, even if it really allowed him Spirit Transformation, sacrificing the Fifth Rank Spirit Vein of the Repairing Heaven Institute would not be permitted.

The thing that disappointed Lin Daoming the most was that all the earth's Spiritual Pivots of the Immortal Gate had already been unified by the Earth Network Great Formation, so his ability was essentially useless within the Immortal Gate.

Moreover, there was another matter.

Besides his Enlightenment Core Formation, Lin Daoming once underwent Immortal Spirit Root Enlightenment, during which his Spiritual Pivot of All Phenomena led him to penetrate the deepest part of the Earth Element Star.

He saw the planet's greatest secret, which was also the real reason the Five Ancestors of Xianmen came here from the distant depths of the universe.

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Above the different world, Chen Mobai and sixteen other Nascent Soul cultivators from the Immortal Gate were already standing together in threes and fours, chatting within their respective circles.

Not far away, after Narcissus successively exterminated two insect beasts of Nascent Soul Level, the giant opening that originally surged with a terrifying aura began to settle down.

Though occasionally, some grotesque insect beasts emerged, with the Northern Heavenly Gate of Xuanwu Dao Palace hovering above to suppress them, all those surpassing Foundation Establishment level were slaughtered.

During the conversations, the Three Extremes Sage beside Chen Mobai flashed with a silver light, holding several insect beasts bound and immobilized by a gas prison in his hands, along with some corpse fragments from high-ranked insect beasts.

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“I’ll take it back for some research first.”

The Three Extremes Sage said this, then promptly left this Different World.

With this movement, the Peach Blossom Sage, who already wanted to leave, immediately made an excuse to help and withdrew as well.

Of the Jumang Lineage present, only Wenren Xuwei remained, and she awkwardly smiled.

“Quickly send all the pre-arranged people and equipment over here. There’s a lot worth studying.”

While some left, others stayed. Master Yuan Xu spoke to Ying Guanghua, then promptly performed Void Walk, heading towards the mineral vein that Nangong Xuanyu and the vanguard army had previously surveyed.

“I’ll go check out the underwater ruins. Perhaps I can unravel the buried history and civilization of this planet.”

Master Mei Hua from the Astral Observation Academy said this. Though the ruins maps and patterns sent by Nangong Xuanyu and others looked clear, nothing beats a firsthand experience.

“I can join, right?”

Master Yu Yi was very interested; Master Mei Hua was naturally happy to have company. Finally, Yunhai Master also wanted to explore the landscapes of the Different World. The three departed together.

“Then I’ll wander around as well, maybe I’ll stumble upon an opportunity for Divinity Transformation.”

Master Chengxuan spoke. His lifespan was running out, and if this Different World didn’t have resources to allow him Divinity Transformation, he’d have to risk that step once the portal closed.

Afterwards, Chen Mobai and others lingered for several more days. Once confirming the situation was settled, they returned to the Immortal Gate.

Time slipped by slowly!

Soon, a year had passed.

First, Master Mei Hua made a significant breakthrough discovery in the underwater ruins.

Around the ruins, they found many bones that belonged to half-human, half-fish creatures. Comparing various findings and murals, it was confirmed these were the planet’s original rulers.

However, these merfolk were not always this way.

According to research from the ruins, they were initially land-based overlords who ruled the heavens and earth of this planet, including the underwater Sea Territory—everywhere they could tread was their domain.

They claimed to be descendants of the Three Dragon Gods and established the dynasty called the Dragon God Dynasty.

The Three Dragon Gods were the Celestial Dragon God, Earth Dragon God, and Sea Dragon God!

Each controlled the sky, the land, and the ocean, respectively.

This planet was also known as the Dragon God Star!

Yet, countless ages ago, a massive meteor fell from the sky, piercing the Heaven and Earth Placenta, and struck the ground, creating an unbelievably deep crater.

According to underwater murals, Yunhai Master located the spot where the meteor fell, confirming it was right where the Xuanwu Dao Palace currently held dominance.

It was also the passageway into the underground of the Dragon God Star.

Initially, the beings of the Dragon God Dynasty approached the meteor with a research attitude. Among them, the most powerful priests even took materials from the meteor to refine crowns and other divine treasures for the emperors of the Dragon God Dynasty.

Unfortunately, they didn't notice that this extraterrestrial meteor also brought a terrifying cosmic creature known as Insect Beasts. Before the beings of the Dragon God Dynasty arrived, the Matriarch of the Insect Beasts hid away and began absorbing planetary energy, laying an immense number of eggs.

Hundreds of years later, as the number of Insect Beasts grew too overwhelming and their underground nest became overburdened, they surged out under the Matriarch's lead, starting to devour the surface world's beings.

The Dragon God Dynasty initially managed to organize forces to suppress the Insect Beasts.

However, as time went by, the experts of the Dragon God Dynasty fell one by one under the unceasing flood of Insect Beasts. Finally, the long-dormant Three Dragon Gods were awakened. Under their lead, the priests of the Dragon God Dynasty even fought their way into the depths of the underground.

The specifics of the underground battle were not depicted on the murals.

However, including the Three Dragon Gods, all the priests of the Dragon God Dynasty never returned. But for decades, the Insect Beasts also disappeared. Just when the beings of the Dragon God Dynasty thought it was all over, more Insect Beasts began emerging from underground, swallowing all living beings.

This time, the Three Dragon Gods never reappeared.

Eventually, all beings of the Dragon God Dynasty were forced to abandon the land and flee to the Sea Territory.

Although the Insect Beasts were incredibly powerful, capable of devouring various metals, trees, and minerals, they uniquely disliked water.

The beings of the Dragon God Dynasty used the Sea Territory to barely survive. Over tens of thousands of years, they even evolved into forms that were half-human, half-dragon, and half-fish.

Another century passed. During this time, the emperors of the Dragon God Dynasty did not give up hope and sent newly born priests to the land to search for traces of the Three Dragon Gods.

Perseverance paid off, and they found a blood message from the ancients in the underground nest.

However, the contents recorded on it were despair-inducing.

The Matriarch had devoured the core energy of the planet, growing powerful beyond imagination. Although the Three Dragon Gods severely injured it in battle, they couldn't completely obliterate its form and spirit. Ultimately, the Three Dragon Gods were exhausted and got devoured by the Matriarch.

The remaining priests of the Dragon God Dynasty were hunted down and killed by endless Insect Beasts in the underground nest.

This blood message was left by one of the strongest priests who had cultivated to the Dragon King Realm before his death.

Learning all this, the Dragon God Dynasty never had any plans to reclaim the land again.

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They also gave the Matriarch a name—"Star Devourer"!

The remnants of the Dragon God Dynasty sought to eke out survival in the Sea Territory. However, the evolution speed of the Insect Beasts far exceeded their imagination, and soon the Matriarch produced a type of Insect Beast unafraid of seawater.

Another hundred years passed, and the living beings that fled to the Sea Territory from the Dragon God Dynasty, along with the original inhabitants of the Sea Territory, were all devoured by this batch of evolved Insect Beasts.

Fortunately, the Insect Beasts were only interested in living beings and metallic minerals, so these stone relics and murals were preserved, providing the Immortal Gate with an opportunity to decipher them.

With these interpretations, the Immortal Gate began to pay more attention to this Dragon God Star.

According to the descriptions in these relic murals, this planet had clearly become a nest of insects, with swarms of Insect Beasts deep underground.

And the Matriarch revered as the Star Devourer was the entity with Spirit Transformation Stage traces, as mentioned by Ancestor Qian Xing.

If the opponent was indeed in the Spirit Transformation Stage, according to the rules of the Immortal Gate, this would confirm the highest level of warfare initiation called "World Conceiving".

Thus, the Three Great Halls of the Immortal Gate began a full mobilization.

The proposal to unseal the other Three Great Dao Palaces passed quickly in the Three Great Halls after the murals had been deciphered.

Additionally, there was the Lingxiao Palace.

However, this required a Deity Transformation True Monarch to start and command it, so even though the proposal was approved, it could only be retrieved from the warehouse as Ancestor Qian Xing had not returned, and Ancestor Bai Guang had not yet awakened.

Among the Three Great Dao Palaces, the Head of Immortal Affairs, Ying Guanghua, attained control of the White Tiger Dao Palace. However, he was mainly responsible for guarding the Immortal Gate and the Earth Element Star, focusing on a defensive strategy.

Naturally, the Vermilion Dao Palace fell into the hands of Chen Mobai, because the Hall of Orthodox Law was in charge of warfare. Thus, if the battle on the Dragon God Star went unfavorably, Chen Mobai would lead the army to provide support.

Apart from the Vermilion Dao Palace, the Southern Heavenly Gate and the Southern Seven-Star Immortal Armor, along with seven Star Space Battleships, all came under his command.

Aside from the insufficient allocation of Spirit Stones, this was almost a full set.

The allocation and leadership of the White Tiger and Vermilion Dao Palaces passed almost unanimously.

Yet, concerning the Azure Dragon Dao Palace, some contention arose.

According to the unwritten rules of the Immortal Gate, it belonged to Jumang Academy.

However, Jumang Academy currently lacked a strong leader.

The Three Extremes Sage, being a researcher, would only take the battlefield if all Nascent Souls of the Immortal Gate perished; otherwise, he was the last to go.

Though the Peach Blossom Sage had the qualifications, she was unwilling to undertake the task, and her command skills in warfare were considered inferior to those of Wenren Xuewei.

However, Wenren Xuewei had just recently formed her Nascent Soul, with shallow experience and an untested track record in capability.

Unlike Chen Mobai, from the time he aced the entrance exams with Qi Cultivation to reaching his Nascent Soul, he had dominated through Magic Duels, suppressing opponents of the same realm.

Thus, although Chen Mobai also recently formed his Nascent Soul, everyone in the Immortal Gate had full confidence in him, believing someone so strong in Magic Duels would surely excel in warfare as well.

Though Wenren Xuewei was extraordinarily talented, widely acknowledged as only second to Chen Mobai of her generation, warfare was no child's play, and many doubted her ability to lead the Azure Dragon Dao Palace.

At this critical juncture, Qi Yuheng, the first Nascent Soul of the Immortal Gate, was available, so the Immortal Gate populace generally hoped for this strong figure to take the final Azure Dragon Dao Palace.

However, Chen Mobai realized that this was all orchestrated by the Kunpeng Daoist Institute, using its media to create momentum, attempting to pressure Wenren Xuewei to back down and to convince numerous neutral Golden Core Masters within the Three Great Halls to cast their valuable votes for Qi Yuheng.

"What do you think?"

In the office of the Hall of Orthodox Law, Chen Mobai asked Wenren Xuewei in front of him, while besides the two of them, Pei Qingshuang walked anxiously to and fro by the window.

"I have to try, don't I? I managed to form my Nascent Soul and slightly boosted morale. Even knowing I might not win against the Grand Hall Master Qian, if I don't try at all, the morale below will scatter."

Wenren Xuewei had a clear perspective.

"Okay, if you want to fight, I'll certainly support you."

Hearing her words, Chen Mobai nodded, intending to call Hua Zijing and Zhuang Jialan from the next office over, but Wenren Xuewei stopped him.

"I said, I'll try, just me..."

Upon hearing Wenren Xuewei's words, Chen Mobai was slightly taken aback before letting out a light laugh.

"Alright, I understand your meaning."

Soon after, during a meeting at the Three Great Halls, a vote on the leadership of the Azure Dragon Dao Palace was held again, and the members of Patching Heaven and Dance Instruments abstained from voting.

In the final vote count, Qi Yuheng was elected with over eighty percent of the vote.

Wenren Xuewei merely made a symbolic fight, indicating Jumang Academy now had her, a Nascent Soul.

For her, time was her greatest capital. Jumang Academy had long been weak within the Three Great Halls, and to rise, unless a formidable figure like Chen Mobai appeared, would require slow and steady progress.

Moreover, she practiced Lasting Spring Cultivation, with promising future prospects, as long as she survived, there would surely be opportunities.

It was clear Qi Yuheng intended to seize this World Conceiving War to attempt Divinity Transformation.

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Wenren Xuewei's casual attitude of contention actually earned a great favor from Qi Yuheng.

After the ownership of the Three Great Dao Palaces was established, the most important person was still needed.

The Immortal Gate has ten great military regions and a million cultivators.

Narcissus dispatched two hundred thousand, but at that time, she only launched four Star Space Battleships, whereas this time, Azure Dragon, Vermilion Bird, and White Tiger directly set out with seven full ships, thus understandably desiring more military cultivators.

Chen Mobai, utilizing his position as the leader of the Hall of Orthodox Law, argued that the military cultivators should be under his command to ensure the utmost effectiveness and requested forty thousand cultivators.

This demand was naturally rejected in concert by Xianwu Hall and Kaiyuan Hall.

After some debate among the three, they ended in discord.

Following the conclusion of the conference, the three gathered once more during the Nascent Soul minor meeting, ultimately determining the numbers for the cultivator armies of the Three Great Dao Palaces.

Chen Mobai and Qi Yuheng each took twenty-five thousand while the remaining thirty thousand were assigned to Ying Guanghua for home defense.

Yet after this decision, Chen Mobai immediately called the various factions of the Military Department, requesting the most elite soldiers from their military sectors be transferred first to him.

The Orthodox Law Hall Master indeed holds such authority, and even if Ying Guanghua and Qi Yuheng became aware, nothing could be said, for these individuals are regularly trained by the Hall of Orthodox Law.

Once the Three Great Dao Palaces were activated, Chen Mobai frequently led Vermilion Dao Palace in maneuvers beyond the Earth Element Star, perpetually stationed outside the portal, to ensure swift response to any occurrences from the Dragon God Star.

However, he soon realized that his military leadership, compared to his magic duel skills, was not particularly outstanding.

Under the Immortal Gate's system, he only needed to know how to utilize people.

It happened that he discovered Zhongli Tianyu had some talent in military command; upon hearing about the upcoming war, the latter voluntarily abandoned his position as Enforcement Department Director to join the ranks of the Vermilion Dao Palace's cultivator army.

Regarding this, the clan leader of the Zhongli Family, one of the military department's factions, Zhongli Zheng, was vigorously supportive.

After all, it's widely known how difficult it is to acquire resources within the Immortal Gate. If one can perform exceptionally in the war, then after it's over, with Chen Mobai promoted to Orthodox Law Hall Master based on military merit, wouldn't Zhongli Tianyu's position be Vice Hall Master?

Thus, Zhongli Tianyu enlisted not only due to personal preference but also for familial reasons.

Chen Mobai naturally did not object; after all, the more Golden Core Masters within the army, the better.

Moreover, he quickly discovered that Zhongli Tianyu, worthy of his lineage in a military family, was adept in deploying troops and formations, rehearsing formations, commanding Star Space Battleships, even versed in the Southern Heavenly Gate's Flame of Ten Thousand Ravens, Vermilion Bird Immortal Armor, and others.

His claim was that the Bagua Mirror has memories of these things.

Later, Chen Mobai learned that the Four Symbols Dao Palace was only perfected under the hands of Zhongli Ancestral Patriarch; previously, they were merely war artifacts cloned from Lingxiao Palace by the Immortal Gate.

Zhongli Ancestral Patriarch laid the foundation on the Four Symbols and Twenty-Eight Lodgings, configured Star Space Battleships, and the Four Great Heavenly Gates, researching Star Constellation Immortal Armor when Nascent Soul cultivators were in short supply.

Thus, when Zhongli Tianyu encountered these things, a familiar sensation instinctively surfaced in his mind.

"In that case, I'll give you a chance. If Vermilion Dao Palace goes to battle, I'll entrust it to your command. If victory continues to be yours, command will remain yours; should there be a single defeat, I shall personally lead."

On this day, after rehearsing with Zhongli Tianyu, Chen Mobai expressed optimism and spoke these words.

"Thank you for your kind favor, Master!"

The Zhongli clan leader immediately expressed gratitude.

If Zhongli Tianyu could command, even if the majority of military merits post-war belonged to Chen Mobai, Zhongli Tianyu would undoubtedly receive his share.

It was practically grooming Zhongli Tianyu as the future Vice Hall Master of the Orthodox Law Hall.

At this moment, the Zhongli clan leader felt immensely fortunate for directing Zhongli Tianyu to the Dance Tool Dao Academy instead of Kunpeng; otherwise, how could he have joined forces with the Pure Yang Master?

"As long as I'm here, you will never have the opportunity to act!"

Zhongli Tianyu, however, declared confidently.

[Good, what's wanted is for no need to act!] Chen Mobai secretly acclaimed in his heart, yet outwardly displayed an encouraging demeanor towards the younger generation.

Time passed, another two years went by.

Under the guidance of various Nascent Souls, the Immortal Gate has already established several bases on the Dragon God Star, some for mining, some for collecting specimens, others for uncovering and translating the civilization and history of Dragon God Star.

During this process, at bases across the Immortal Gate, it was frequent for the sandy earth to crack open with emerging insect beast assaults.

Xuanwu Dao Palace guards the meteor crater, Narcissus dispatches Star Space Battleships to shield various bases, securing the Immortal Gate's acquisition of resources from this planet.

Among these, the remaining three Star Space Battleships from Xuanwu Dao Palace have also been sent to Narcissus, and thanks to Yuan Xu and other Nascent Soul cultivators, while the Immortal Gate's development of the Dragon God Star occasionally experiences setbacks, it remains within control.

Throughout the developmental process, it was found that the metal veins underground have largely been devoured by insect beasts; even those present are fragmented and hollow.

Instead, the earth attribute minerals mostly remained preserved.

Moreover, that which delighted the Immortal Gate was the sea territory of Dragon God Star; though its life forms were extinct, the ocean resources were largely intact.

The Immortal Gate excavated minerals similar to Spirit Stones, which contained earth and water spiritual energy, translated from Dragon God Star's murals, they termed them as Elemental Crystals, possessing various types.

Only after the Star Devourer descended, there remained only earth and water attribute Elemental Crystals.

With this information, the Three Extremes Sage of the Immortal Gate researched the insect beasts from a different world, achieving significant discoveries.

These insect beasts' genes stem from a single source, indeed indicating a single origin and were born from the same matriarch body, with abundant inner gold and fire energy, which clearly inclines them to devour metal veins. Within the core deepest, there exists limitless Yuan Magnetic Force and Earth-Core True Fire, under which the Matriarch advanced and developed such vast nests.

The Three Extremes Sage suspects that the Matriarch has consumed the planet's core thoroughly. If so, it might exceed even the Divinity Transformation Realm.

Upon discovering this, the Immortal Gate became further apprehensive.

If it surpasses Divinity Transformation, can Lingxiao Palace even resolve it?

Shortly thereafter, the Three Extremes Sage analyzed the genome arrangements and comparisons of various insect beasts at the Immortal Gate, pinpointing the closest primitive form to the Star Devourer insect beasts.

It was a type of ant.

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Gnawing Gold Fire Ants!

Within the Hall of Orthodox Law, Chen Mobai finished reading the research material uploaded by the Three Extremes Sage, pondering the name the latter had chosen and feeling as though he'd heard it somewhere before.

He searched with the Guidance Book through the Immortal Gate Network and his Heavenly Calculation Bead but found nothing.

It could possibly be some obscure ancient texts that haven't been uploaded online.

Chen Mobai didn't waste more time and directly called the Three Extremes Sage to inquire about this matter.

"Oh, you little rascal actually have heard of this." The Three Extremes Sage spoke with some surprise, then set a time for Chen Mobai to meet him, "Coincidentally, Tao Hua also wants to know. Come to the Jumang Academy."

Wenren Xuewei happened to be overseeing the situation at Wangwu Cave Heaven, so Chen Mobai informed her, and the two of them then performed Void Teleportation together, arriving at the Jumang Academy.

Peach Blossom Sage and the Three Extremes Sage were already drinking tea in the pavilion, the former frowning slightly, a hint of worry in her expression.

"If I'm not mistaken, these Gnawing Gold Fire Ants should be one of the Six Ancient Insects mentioned in the Daoist scriptures left by the Evergreen Ancestor."

Sitting down, Chen Mobai heard Wenren Xuewei speak first.

"Indeed, and I'm eighty to ninety percent sure that the Matriarch that devoured the Dragon God Star is a Gnawing Gold Fire Ant." The Three Extremes Sage stated confidently.

"It's actually one of the Six Ancient Insects!"

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai finally understood why he felt a familiarity.

Because these Six Ancient Insects were also recorded in the notes of Ancestor Yun Ya at the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

It is said that within the universe, six powerful insects were born, bound by the Innate Yuan Qi: Six-Winged Golden Cicada, Gnawing Gold Fire Ant, Taiyin Celestial Centipede, Green Jade Sword Butterfly, Wutu True Locust, and Bloodchanging Demon Mosquito.

In the past, Ancestor Yun Ya had refined a set of Flying Swords using Green Jade Sword Butterfly for their Daoist companion, paired with the Mingxiao Sword, which rivaled the Sea-settling Sword in power.

Chen Mobai knew of this matter because the Pure Yang Master had taken this set of Flying Swords.

After they assisted Master Chengxuan when leaving seclusion, Pure Yang Master took a Device Nurturing Sphere and left. Out of curiosity, Chen Mobai inquired about it, and Master Chengxuan informed him of this matter.

“These Gnawing Gold Fire Ants consume gold and fire, favoring the devouring of planetary cores as they contain the most potent, unrefined high-temperature energy, as well as Innate Creation Essence Qi. This not only aids the Matriarch’s evolution but also allows its species to reproduce limitlessly.”

“Based on Dragon God Star’s current situation, the Matriarch is likely already at the Spirit Transformation Stage, harboring two innate attribute inner cores of gold and fire.”

“If the Matriarch merges these two inner cores, it can fully evolve to its most powerful form, nearly reaching an innate demon god state, or as we call it, the Void Refining Realm.”

After hearing the Three Extremes Sage’s words, Chen Mobai’s expression became serious.

The power of the Void Refining Realm is evident, given that throughout the Immortal Gate’s history of thousands of years, no one has ever achieved it.

Even in the Tianhe Realm, the Void Refining Realm allows for direct daytime ascendance, dominating an entire realm as invincible.

“We have to kill the Matriarch before its evolution completes; should we inform the two ancestors about this?”

Chen Mobai spoke up, as if the research by the Three Extremes Sage holds true, the Immortal Gate’s current situation is extremely perilous.

“Ancestor Qian Xing has been made aware long ago; otherwise, why would I dare to use the name Gnawing Gold Fire Ant?”

This statement from the Three Extremes Sage clarified the expressions of Chen Mobai and Wenren Xuewei.

No wonder Ancestor Qian Xing entered Dragon God Star with orders to activate the strongest war artifact of the Immortal Gate, the Lingxiao Palace.

If that Matriarch has indeed evolved to its complete form, the Immortal Gate would have no choice but to use the Lingxiao Palace to turn the Dragon God Star and it into cosmic dust.

“Even so, the Matriarch’s power is probably not to be underestimated, and one wonders whether the two ancestors are capable of dealing with it...”

Chen Mobai expressed his concern, and Wenren Xuewei nodded in agreement.

The Three Extremes Sage and Peach Blossom Sage exchanged a peculiar look at Chen Mobai, and then the latter lightly coughed and mentioned another matter.

“The Gnawing Gold Fire Ant can easily destroy wood attribute materials, so if faced directly, it’s best to use war artifacts with earth and water attributes. Later, when the Pure Yang Master’s Vermilion Dao Palace intervenes, it should primarily support and, along with the Azure Dragon Dao Palace, protect the Xuanwu Dao Palace.”

No wonder this time the Water Goddess and Xuanwu Dao Palace were chosen to lead; it seems Ancestor Qian Xing is orchestrating this from behind the scenes.

However, this also means within the Four Symbols Dao Palace, the Azure Dragon, Vermilion, and White Tiger are all countered by the Gnawing Gold Fire Ant. If they truly wish to win in battle, they must call upon the Lingxiao Palace, which encompasses all attributes.

“Thank you, Peach Blossom Sage, for the reminder!” Chen Mobai nodded, expressing his gratitude to Peach Blossom Sage, “I’ll return to Wangwu Cave Heaven now. Please notify me immediately if there are further updates.”

Chen Mobai stood, ready to leave, and Wenren Xuewei also paid her respects to the Three Extremes and Peach Blossom as she prepared to depart.

During wartime, if none of the Three Great Halls possess a Nascent Soul stationed, Jumang’s people would likely be dispatched to various dangerous missions, thus she couldn’t neglect residing at Wangwu Cave Heaven despite her laziness.

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“Xuewei, stay for a moment, I have something to discuss with you.”

However, Peach Blossom Sage suddenly called out to Wenren Xuewei. Although puzzled, she nodded and sat down.

“I’ll be leaving first.”

After bidding farewell to the three, Chen Mobai directly used Void Teleportation to leave.

“Principal, is there something you need?”

Once Chen Mobai left, Wenren Xuwei saw Three Extremes and Peach Blossom both relax, sipped their tea, and asked somewhat confusedly.

“Previously, you were busy with your Nascent Soul Formation, so as not to distract you, we didn’t mention this matter...”

Peach Blossom Sage began to explain the matter about Bai Guang’s reincarnated body being Chen Mobai’s wife in full detail.

Upon hearing this, Wenren Xuwei’s eyes widened, recalling how she often went to Chen Mobai’s house in Wangwu Cave Heaven for meals, breathing sharply in shock: “Why didn’t you tell me sooner?”

“I thought Cui would tell you.”

Seeing Wenren Xuwei’s expression, Peach Blossom Sage instinctively tried to pass the blame.

“Cui knew too?”

“Yes, she was probably the first to know, back when the Purple Electric Sword was choosing its master...”

After hearing this, the usually gentle and quiet Wenren Xuwei crushed her teacup directly.

[She knew, yet watched me eat Bai Guang’s cooking every day!]

After taking several deep breaths, Wenren Xuwei immediately took out her phone, sent a message to Chen Mobai, and then directly used Void Teleportation to go back and reprimand Pei Qingshuang, her insincere best friend.

“Why does she seem a bit angry?”

Peach Blossom Sage said uncertainly.

“I’d be angry too if I were the last to find out!”

Three Extremes Sage glanced at her, then also took his leave.

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“Wasn’t Wenren supposed to come for dinner tonight?”

In the evening, as Shi Wanyu finished preparing a table of dishes, she saw Chen Mobai teleport by himself to the table and asked with curiosity.

“She got held up by Peach Blossom Sage at Jumang Academy due to an urgent matter...”

Chen Mobai explained the content of the message Wenren Xuewei had sent him, then took the chopsticks handed over by his daughter, invited Shi Wanyu to sit, and the family of three began to eat.

After dinner, Chen Mobai returned to the Cultivation Room in his courtyard and took a Pure Yang Condensation Pill.

Over the years, the Nascent Soul Cultivators of the Immortal Gate had been mostly preoccupied with Dragon God Star, but Chen Mobai’s cultivation progress remained swift.

After all, he relied on taking elixirs to improve his cultivation level, rather than bitter cultivation and meditation.

And in the spare moments he had, Chen Mobai refined and purified his True Qi and Divine Sense with the Flame Lighting Technique.

Time flowed by slowly like this.

One day, while Chen Mobai was patrolling the Vermilion Dao Palace in Outer Space, he suddenly received an urgent call from Shi Wanyu.

His last elder relative, Chen Baolan, had reached the end of his life and was lying in the first hospital of Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Upon receiving the news, Chen Mobai immediately used Void Teleportation to return.

When he arrived, Shi Wanyu and their son, as well as Zhuang Jialan, their personal secretary, were already in the hospital room.

“Xinying booked the earliest flight here; she should arrive by the afternoon, if there are no delays.”

Shi Wanyu approached and informed Chen Mobai.

Chen Baolan never married, leaving only Chen Mobai and Wang Xinying as his younger relatives.

“Sister Zijing is already waiting at the airport.”

Zhuang Jialan nodded at Chen Mobai’s expression, indicating that everything was arranged.

Chen Mobai nodded, walked to the bedside, and saw that the thoroughly aged Chen Baolan lay there unconscious, barely breathing.

“Esteemed one...”

By the bedside, there was also a doctor operating a device, who respectfully nodded to Chen Mobai and briefly explained the situation.

No illness, just natural passing; in a way, it was good news.

“Thank you, doctor!”

Chen Mobai said, and the doctor immediately left him some time alone.

Shi Wanyu and the others followed the doctor out of the room.

“Is that Mobai...”

In a moment, Chen Baolan awoke. Though his vision was blurred, he could faintly make out someone sitting by the bed.

“It’s me, Uncle!”

Chen Mobai immediately reached out, took Chen Baolan’s hand, and slowly channeled his True Qi, diluted to Pure Yang Spiritual Power, into him to warm his body.

“I’ve finally come to this point too, but I’ve traveled across the Ten Thousand Waters of the Immortal Gate in my lifetime, and now have you, an outstanding nephew, to see me off at the end. There are no regrets...”

Chen Baolan held Chen Mobai’s hand, a faint smile appearing at his lips, speaking in a light tone.

“Uncle, I have a Lifespan Extension Pill on hand. If I feed it to you, it might extend your life by a few years...”

Chen Mobai took out the Profound Heaven Crow Golden Pill. He had secretly had Chen Baolan take two pills before. While the average lifespan of Qi Practitioners at the Immortal Gate is around 120 years, living a few extra decades isn’t unheard of, considering some people naturally live longer.

But now, Chen Baolan was beyond saving, with less than a fifty percent chance to refine the elixir, and it might even harm him more.

"No need, big brother, second sister, they probably have been waiting for me for a long time. I don't want to keep them waiting..."

Chen Baolan shook his head. He lived a life of clarity, never marrying or having children, free and unburdened, living for himself, following his desires, carefree and at ease.

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Lying on the hospital bed now, he had no intention of forcibly staying in this world any longer, only to trouble others.

His life was already complete!

"Uncle, when you get down there, don't forget to tell them how impressive I am at the Immortal Gate..."

Chen Mobai also spoke with a teasing tone, causing Chen Baolan to burst into laughter.

"If elder brother and sister-in-law knew you succeeded in Nascent Soul Formation, they would throw a three-day and night feast in the Underworld, but second sister must have already told them..."

Chen Baolan held Chen Mobai's hand, imagining the scene of meeting Chen Xinglan and Chen Yulan.

As uncle and nephew chatted, a knock on the door sounded.

With red eyes, Wang Xinying entered, led by Shi Wanyu.

"Uncle, Xinying is here too..."

Chen Mobai said to Chen Baolan, while Wang Xinying, slightly sobbing, walked to the other side of the bed and grasped Chen Baolan's other hand.

"Xinying, if I tell your second sister and brother-in-law down there that you're still single, they might blame me for not fulfilling my duty as an uncle..."

Chen Baolan still spoke with a slight smile, easing the sorrowful atmosphere in the hospital room.

"Uncle..."

Wang Xinying was at a loss for words and could only hold his hand, standing by the bedside.

Chen Mobai started narrating an event from his childhood when Chen Baolan took the two of them to visit a museum.

Amidst constant memories, Chen Baolan's complexion became rosier, and his eyes brighter, but it was evident that this was his final radiance.

"It's a pity I have traveled all over the Immortal Gate, yet never been to a Different World..."

Finally, after saying this, Chen Baolan's hands stiffened slightly, his eyes closed gradually, and he stopped breathing on the hospital bed.

Wang Xinying could no longer hold back and burst into tears!

Chen Mobai held back his sorrow, reaching out to gently close Chen Baolan's eyes.

Because of his uncle's passing, Chen Mobai took a leave of absence, carrying Chen Baolan's ashes back to Red Sandstone City with the family.

Chen Baolan's grave was naturally next to that of Chen Xinglan and the others.

"How's your cultivation going recently? Are you confident in Core Formation?"

As they left the mountain, Chen Mobai asked Wang Xinying. The latter had already accumulated sixty years of job tenure, but her Technique of Turning into Gold was not fully mastered, so she was not confident in her Core Formation and thus hadn't let Chen Mobai arrange for the Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine.

"Thanks to the Spirit Fruit you sent, brother, my insight has improved a lot, and my Metal Spirit Root Value has now reached 66..."

Wang Xinying explained her cultivation status in detail.

Her talent was only above average, and nearly a century of bitter cultivation, coupled with consuming Loquat Fruit, had merely increased her Metal Spirit Root Value by 34 points.

This is the normal pace of improving Spiritual Root Value through pure bitter cultivation in the Immortal Gate without resources.

Precisely because of this, many cultivators in the Immortal Gate cannot endure such loneliness and solitude, opting to give up early and start enjoying life.

If it weren't for Wang Xinying having Chen Mobai as a brother, knowing there was hope for Core Formation, she might have abandoned cultivating the Technique of Turning into Gold long ago.

"After all, your job tenure and experience were gained here in Red Sandstone City. Simply getting you a Golden Liquid Jade Pill after sixty years would definitely cause an uproar when announced..."

Chen Mobai mentioned the arrangements for Wang Xinying's Gold Core Spiritual Material. This sister didn't have much confidence in her Core Formation anyway, so he intended to reserve a Golden Core when the next batch was refined by the Immortal Gate, and have Qing Nu blaze a trail in the Eastern Wilderness to refine the Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

However, opening a war offers a great chance to improve one's resume and merit.

"At the end of this year, there will be a batch of new personnel sent to Dragon God Star from the Immortal Gate, some are required to be Talisman Makers and Artifact Refiners, mainly to help repair various restrictions and talismans on the military side. I will arrange for you to train for a while in the relevant department at Wangwu Cave Heaven before joining the main group there..."

As Chen Mobai shared his plan, Wang Xinying kept nodding, indicating she would follow all his instructions.

Time flew by, and soon four years had passed!

In Dragon God Star, Yuan Xu took local materials and researched Elemental Crystals, soon teaming up with Yunhai Master to jointly improve a Ninth Level Filtering Array, capable of converting the explosive energy within them into Spiritual Energy that Immortal Gate cultivators could absorb.

But since over ninety percent of the Elemental Crystals were Earth and Water attributes, only cultivators practicing these two Cultivation Techniques could benefit.

The greatest beneficiary of this research, however, was the Xuanwu Dao Palace.

Incorporating these filtering arrays into the energy furnaces of the Dao Palace and Star Space Battleship allowed for maximizing their war artifact's power by just inserting water attribute Elemental Crystals, without the need for Spirit Stones and Void Spiritual Energy Package from the Immortal Gate.

Thanks to this research, Narcissus even piloted the Xuanwu Dao Palace and North Heavenly Gate, venturing into the depths of the earth several times.

However, the closer they got inside, the more Insect Beasts emerged, and these Beasts, exploding into Gold and Fire energies in large numbers, could also erode the Xuanwu Dao Palace and North Heavenly Gate.

Especially approaching the Star Core, the Ancient Poisonous Fire surging deep within the earth grew fiercer and contained innate variations of immense power, colliding with the Nine Heavens Water Mansion Void Realm evolved by Xuanwu Dao Palace. Even with ample energy, the latter seemed to be barely hanging on.

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After several attempts, Narcissus could only hold back and wait for Patriarch Qian Xing's orders.

However, the Nascent Soul Superiors from the Immortal Gate, including Yuan Xu, took advantage of the Xuanwu Dao Palace's protection to achieve more research breakthroughs deep within the earth.

Among them, Master Mei Hua and Master Yu Yi, using the cultivation techniques translated from the Dragon God's Dynasty relics, sensed many Dragon Artifacts left behind after the death of the Dragon Priests.

Many Dragon Artifacts contained the final words of these priests from the Dragon God's Dynasty, and some were even legendary Magic Artifacts.

Most importantly, there was the cultivation method of Dragon God Star.

The priests of Dragon God Star cultivated mainly by evolving towards the Three Dragon Gods, starting with the awakening of Dragon Blood, then developing Dragon Scale protection, and finally soaring with Dragon Wings—a step-by-step transformation into a dragon.

Upon achieving dragon transformation, they must then receive the Dragon Soul Imprint in the temples of the Three Dragon Gods.

However, after the Three Dragon Gods were killed, the descendants who fled to the Sea Territory never received the Dragon Soul Imprint again.

The final step of the Dragon God's Dynasty priest cultivation is called Dragon King Rebirth.

Upon becoming a Dragon King, one can enter the Divine Domain of the Three Dragon Gods and serve the Dragon God.

It's said that upon entering the Divine Domain, one achieves immortality.

Regarding this, the Immortal Gate held a skeptical view.

After all, even Deity Transformation True Monarchs must eventually meet the end of their lifespan.

Since the Three Dragon Gods could be killed by the Matriarch, it's evident that their power does not surpass the Spirit Transformation Stage.

Nevertheless, Dragon God Star is a Different World, so perhaps it possesses gods beyond the Immortal Gate's knowledge or rules that grant immortality, which is why they still have hope and continue their research.

If they can unravel the secret of immortality within the Divine Domain, it would undoubtedly be the most groundbreaking research in the Immortal Gate's history!

Upon receiving this news, the Three Extremes Sage entered Dragon God Star without regard for opposition from the Three Great Halls and joined several Nascent Soul Superiors to research the project together.

"If they really discover the secret to immortality, then the next Flying Immortal Award is surely theirs..."

In the Hall of Orthodox Law's office, Wenren Xuewei mentioned this while sipping tea with Chen Mobai.

However, Pei Qingshuang, who usually liked to join them, was absent. Chen Mobai heard that the sisters had fallen out, but he wasn't the type to pry.

Regardless, his relationship with the two was still fine.

"If they win, so be it. Discovering the secret to immortality in Dragon God Star's Divine Domain would be a great boon for all top cultivators of the Immortal Gate."

Chen Mobai seemed indifferent, as the Flying Immortal Award had initially been expected to be given for his Sutra of Void.

Yet with the start of World Opening Wars, many Nascent Soul Cultivators of the Immortal Gate have produced astounding research projects one after another.

Elemental Crystal Filtration, Dragon Priest Cultivation Methods, Secret of Immortality in the Divine Domain.

Yunhai Master is even researching the Heaven and Earth Placenta of Dragon God Star, vaguely perceiving its concealed Divine Domain of the Three Dragon Gods.

Likewise, Master Cheng Xuan has taken an interest in the Heaven and Earth Placenta, planning to integrate it into his Soulful Mirror and mirror an entire world with his Lifespan Artifact to Ascend to become Immortals!

At this time, Chen Mobai realized that the systems of the Immortal Gate were shackling these Nascent Soul Cultivators.

Any one of Yuan Xu and others would be a peerless genius in the Tianhe Realm comparable to Ye Qing. Unfortunately, in the Immortal Gate, their brilliance was all restricted for the sake of maintaining overall stability.

Those with good fortune catch the rise of world-opening wars and can unleash their talents.

Those less fortunate, without achieving Divinity Transformation, can only sit in obscurity until they end.

Upon realizing Lin Daoming's betrayal, Chen Mobai suddenly found some understanding.

"Impressive how open-minded you are, but to you, the Flying Immortal Award is merely icing on the cake."

Wenren Xuewei admired Chen Mobai's calm demeanor even more.

If it were her, faced with the Immortal Gate's highest award presented only nine times ever, she would be anxious.

After all, the Flying Immortal Award has been given fewer times than the number of Deity Transformation True Monarchs in the Immortal Gate.

The prestige is evident!

In the Immortal Gate, some might forget the Deity Transformation True Monarchs, but the nine Flying Immortal Award winners and their achievements are written in textbooks and admired through time.

"Titles and awards are illusory; only cultivation level is substantial!"

With a calm demeanor, Chen Mobai remarked, making Wenren Xuewei inwardly praise him further, understanding why Bai Guang Old Patriarch regarded him highly despite their vast age difference.

With such talent and mindset, he's rightly the Immortal Gate's top individual.

In the future, he might truly become the first practitioner of Cultivating Void!

This time Chen Mobai spoke honestly. He genuinely didn't care for the Flying Immortal Award, understanding his own capabilities well.

In research, he surely couldn't compete with Yuan Xu, Three Extremes, or Yunhai and others.

If Chen Mobai lives long enough, the two-thousand-year lifespan after Divinity Transformation, he could easily find time to arrange a Flying Immortal Award for himself.

No point in wasting precious cultivation time on such trivial matters.

Firmly holding this belief, Chen Mobai's cultivation has also rapidly progressed over the years.

After reaching the third realm of Nascent Soul, he took advantage of his spare time to refine five Pure Yang Condensation Pills, reaching the peak of Nascent Soul third realm.

Currently, he is using the Flame Lighting Technique to refine and purify his essence, qi, and spirit, planning to break through first with his own abilities.

However, he's not placing all hope on himself, and has already sent Yue Zutao to the East Land to gather the main ingredients for the Barrier Breaking Pill. If he is still stuck when the herbs are ready, he'll push through with elixirs rather than wasting more time.

"Wanna come over to my place for dinner? Wanyu said she hasn't seen you in a while."

Checking the time and seeing it was close to the end of the day, Chen Mobai put down his teacup and spoke to Wenren Xuewei, who had come to drink tea and relax.

"No, no. I made plans with Cui to try out a newly opened grilled fish restaurant."

Wenren Xuewei repeatedly declined.

Joking aside, now knowing it's Bai Guang Old Patriarch cooking, she dares not partake.

Moreover, recalling Patriarch Qian Xing's words before entering the earth's core, calculating Shi Wanyu's reincarnated body's lifespan, she understands why Bai Guang Old Patriarch's return aligns with that timing.

She only hopes the Old Patriarch heads straight to join the World Opening Wars once out.