

## World 1921

### Chapter 1921: Human Puppet

When Chen Mobai saw Che Yucheng, the latter was sitting by the window of his dormitory room, his face full of wrinkles, breathing faintly. Across from him sat Hong Mengkui, who seemed much more spirited.

As a Golden Core Cultivator, Che Yucheng's aged appearance indicated that he could no longer control his essence, spirit, and vitality, walking toward death.

"You've come!"

When he saw Chen Mobai entering together with Master Chengxuan, Che Yucheng's eyes slightly brightened, and he displayed a very pleased smile.

"Then I'll take my leave first and come back tomorrow to keep you company."

Seeing Chen Mobai, Hong Mengkui also stood up to bid farewell and left with Master Chengxuan, leaving teacher and student alone.

"Teacher..."

Chen Mobai's voice trembled slightly, but Che Yucheng smiled and motioned for him to sit down.

"I still have a decent foundation, probably have a little over half a year left."

As he spoke, Che Yucheng pointed to the teapot on the table, indicating for Chen Mobai to pour himself some tea.

"Teacher, Master Yuan Xu has already completed the Asura Dharma Aspect. I'll go and plead with the two ancestors to grant you a slot."

Chen Mobai recalled what Ancestor Qian Xing once mentioned—that because of the insufficient Spiritual Energy of the Immortal Gate, Yuan Xu’s research was sealed after completion.

“No need. Today you have secured the Asura Dharma Aspect for me, and by tomorrow, Ying Guanghua will use this as a pretext to have two more Nascent Souls for the Patching Heaven Lineage. The Kunpeng Lineage’s Nan Dou will certainly demand as well. Even if you become a Divinity Transformation ancestor, you cannot break the rules for your own, as breaking the rules will disorder the thousands of years of Immortal Gate’s order...”

Che Yucheng initially refused but halfway through, he started rambling as if educating.

Chen Mobai furrowed his brows, wanting to retort, but Che Yucheng said something that made his eyes widen.

“Moreover, if I form a Nascent Soul, I would have to face the two ancestors, and I wouldn’t be able to pass their scrutiny.”

“Teacher, what do you mean by this?”

Che Yucheng smiled slightly and then lifted his right hand. It was unknown which switch he activated, but the skin on his right hand parted, revealing blood vessels and veins that were alien to humans, and the blood that should have flowed out became a deep blue liquid instead.

Seeing this scene, Chen Mobai was first slightly stunned. Then, as if realizing something, he was shocked: “Human Puppet!”

“Xin Ji said that his lair in Yu Wood City was taken down by you, so I knew you must know about this.”

As he was close to death, Che Yucheng also opened up, revealing secrets hidden in his heart for many years.

“Teacher, you researched Forbidden Techniques!”

Chen Mobai looked at the elderly figure before him with disbelief. In his mind, Che Yucheng was highly respected, someone who would absolutely never engage in such activities.

“Not only did I research, but I also tried experimenting practically. According to the Immortal Gate’s standards, I’ve also practiced a Forbidden Technique and should be imprisoned for it.”

While speaking, Che Yucheng took a thick bundle of books from his Domain and placed it on the table.

“I’ve never asked you for anything in my life. Before I die, I want to ask you for one thing, and I don’t know if you can agree.”

Hearing Che Yucheng’s words, Chen Mobai frowned deeply. The two locked eyes for a long time, and then he took a deep breath and shook his head, refusing.

“Teacher, I will not do anything that violates the rules of the Immortal Gate!”

Although Chen Mobai wanted to rely on himself for Divinity Transformation, in case of failure, refining the Fruit of Dao’s Rule wasn’t inconceivable, and thus, he absolutely couldn’t commit a grave mistake.

“Rest assured, on the Immortal Gate’s side, I’ve only experimented with the Human Puppet technique on myself.”

Hearing these words from Che Yucheng, Chen Mobai relaxed a bit. Earlier, he had already been considering whether to take action.

“In that case, Teacher, you can go in peace. I will help cover up your affairs.”

For the years of teacher-student relationship, Chen Mobai still didn’t want Che Yucheng to lose reputation posthumously. As long as he confirmed Che Yucheng hadn’t experimented on others, he was willing to conceal it for him.

“This is the Human Puppet data Xin Ji and I researched together. With your talent, after reading, you’ll easily understand it completely...”

“Teacher, after your death, I will burn these things for you, to protect your name!”

Before Che Yucheng could finish his words, Chen Mobai interrupted bluntly.

In the Immortal Gate, as a disciple, this was all he could do.

“Not even for the many years of teacher-student relationship?”

Che Yucheng pleaded somewhat, and Chen Mobai thought of how he had been able to establish himself in the Immortal Gate and become the head of the Weapon Dancing Sect largely thanks to the old man before him, causing his heart to soften slightly.

“Tell me first, let me listen.”

“I’ve already refined myself into a Human Puppet. After my death, follow the recorded methods and activate me to help verify whether this path works.”

As he spoke, Che Yucheng handed the bundle of books on the table to Chen Mobai.

“Forgive me, but I cannot.”

Chen Mobai didn’t accept it and directly shook his head in refusal.

“Then how about you take my body off the Earth Element Star and give it to Yan Xin Ji?”

Che Yucheng posed another request, and Chen Mobai remained silent, saying nothing.

“Do you want to hear my story?” Che Yucheng suddenly asked this question.

“Please go ahead!” Chen Mobai nodded.

“Xin Ji and I were best friends, together researching puppets, and we developed the Formless Puppet, the pinnacle of Immortal Gate’s techniques. But no matter how we improved, we couldn’t break through the shackles to produce a Rank-4 puppet with ordinary materials, as it’s almost impossible for common materials to withstand and manifest Rank-4 spell power.”

#### Chapter 1922: Human Puppet (Part 2)

“And if one were to use a human puppet as a foundation, it could be achieved because the human body possesses unlimited potential for evolution, but many lack a proper direction for cultivation. Once refined into a puppet, it can endlessly improve, even break through to Rank-4, nearly reaching Divinity Transformation.”

“However, within the Immortal Gate, human puppet experiments are absolutely forbidden. Even the two of us dared not overstep this taboo. Yet, I didn’t expect that after Yan Xinji abandoned the path of puppetry, he secretly collaborated with Lin Daoming, experimenting on humans from the embryo stage, all while conducting covert human puppet experiments.”

“When the Immortal Sprout of Yu Wood City was discovered back then, Yan Xinji sent me his years of research on human puppets. After reading it, I was quite tempted, but I adhered to my principles until you achieved Nascent Soul Formation, at which point I was in my last years, and only then did I begin experimenting on my own body.”

“Now, I’m just one step away from completing this experiment. If I succeed, you can seal me away again, or even destroy me. I just want to know the result.”

Hearing this, Chen Mobai let out a long sigh and nodded.

“Teacher, I agree, but I need to report this to the two patriarchs.”

Upon hearing this, Che Yucheng's eyes flickered, then he gently nodded and pointed to the pile of books.

After leaving the room, the first thing Chen Mobai did was inform Master Chengxuan of the matter, and the latter was also greatly shocked upon hearing it.

"I didn't expect that his connection with Yan Xinji hadn't been severed..."

Master Chengxuan murmured to himself.

Due to old age, Che Yucheng had retired from his position at the Daoist Academy when the war began, yet he hadn't left Crimson Mountain after retirement. However, no one anticipated he would undertake such actions at the end of his life.

After discussing for a while, they decided to inform the White Light Ancestor about the matter, as family scandals shouldn't be publicized.

However, when reporting, the two began to shirk the responsibility.

"Pure Yang, you're in charge of the Weapon Dancing Sect now, you should report this to the patriarch."

"Principal, you're still hale and hearty, you should report it..."

However, Master Chengxuan was thick-skinned, so Chen Mobai had to call White Light Ancestor. He had already asked for contact information while at Lingxiao Palace.

"To think there is such a thing..."

Yu Baiguang frowned slightly upon hearing, and then he immediately hurried over from Dragon God Star.

But by the time they arrived in Che Yucheng's room, they were surprised to find that he had already lost all signs of life.

Master Chengxuan immediately went to the window where Che Yucheng lay with eyes closed, checked his body: "Dead!"

Chen Mobai's pupils constricted upon hearing this.

Yu Baiguang also used his divine sense to probe, discovering Che Yucheng had been refined into a human puppet's structure. After scanning it, he sent it to the expert Qian Xing.

"Junior Sister, if it's convenient, can you bring him over for me to see?"

After reading it, Qian Xing made a call.

Lingxiao Palace needed a God-Transcending cultivator to preside, so when Yu Baiguang returned to the Immortal Gate, he could not leave.

"Do you want to come with me?"

Seeing Chen Mobai standing dazed in front of Che Yucheng's body, Yu Baiguang asked with some concern.

Seeing one's respected teacher ultimately disgraced would be a severe blow to one's Dao heart.

"Mm... alright..."

Chen Mobai, snapping out of the reality of Che Yucheng's death, replied.

His heart was filled with grief and doubt.

It shouldn't have happened so quickly!

"I'll stay behind to handle the aftermath."

Master Chengxuan spoke, secretly transmitting to Chen Mobai that he would not let this spread.

"Thank you, Principal!"

Chen Mobai expressed his gratitude, then took Che Yucheng's body to Lingxiao Palace with Yu Baiguang through the portal.

"Interesting..."

Qian Xing, after looking through the pile of books Chen Mobai submitted, injected spiritual power into thirteen key parts of Che Yucheng's body lying in front of the main hall.

Soon, the lifeless, shriveled, and aged skin of the body appeared almost transparent, revealing all its inner structures.

Qian Xing, after a thorough examination, slightly frowned, seemingly having noticed something.

"How odd!"

Hearing him say so, Chen Mobai dared not ask why it was odd.

"Don't keep us guessing."

Though he dared not, Yu Baiguang did, asking straight away.

“The human puppet technique actually succeeded.”

“What’s odd about success?”

“This forbidden technique should not have easily succeeded without thousands of trials and tests.”

Qian Xing glanced at Yu Baiguang and Chen Mobai, uttering something that sent a chill down their spines.

“So, Che Yucheng lied. He tested his experiments on other human puppets as well?”

“Not necessarily him; perhaps Yan Xinji conducted the trials and shared the data, enabling such a perfect and successful transformation!”

Qian Xing suggested another possibility.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai glanced at the pile of books Che Yucheng gave him, which he hadn’t yet read.

“Indeed, there is quite a bit of experimental data from the Dragon and Tiger Ancestor, but the quantity is still rather small...”

Recognizing Chen Mobai’s meaning, Qian Xing spoke, handing the pile of books back to him.

“With your talent, you’ll reach our realm eventually, and you can make your own decisions on such matters.”

Qian Xing’s words implied that as long as Chen Mobai didn’t violate the fundamental rules of the Immortal Gate, minor transgressions like reviewing forbidden techniques wouldn’t be pursued.

Chen Mobai respectfully accepted the pile of books with both hands, scanned its contents using the Heavenly Calculation Bead, and entered into the state of reading through the Guidance Book.

This human puppet technique, indeed a forbidden skill, required experimenting on human bodies, collecting data to ensure the gradual transformation of the living into puppets.

Yan Xinji even proposed another theory in it, suggesting that his cultivated Immortal Sprout would be the perfect human puppet.

Should it grow, it could mass-produce Nascent Soul cultivators.

Perhaps, even God-Transcending isn't impossible.

"Have him cremated, let this matter end here, and don't upload this forbidden technique to the national library."

Qian Xing pointed to Che Yucheng's body.

"Thank you, Patriarch!"

Chen Mobai gratefully said.

With his words, Che Yucheng could rest in peace.

After addressing the situation, Chen Mobai returned with Che Yucheng's body to the Immortal Gate, where, with Master Chengxuan's assistance, they conducted the funeral.

After the cremation, everything turned to dust.

The burial site was chosen in Che Yucheng's hometown, Qianshan City, where both Duanmu Longrong and Wang Shuye came, lighting incense.

“Our generation failed, without a single Nascent Soul, fortunately for Pure Yang’s generation!”

Before Che Yucheng’s tombstone, Hong Mengkui lamented, with only a few years of lifespan remaining.

“Indeed, thanks to Pure Yang!”

The similarly aged Duanmu Longrong nodded after hearing this, close to the end of her life, with her essence, qi, and spirit dissipating.

If not for Che Yucheng’s unforeseen death, they would’ve passed around the same time.

“The future is yours now!”

Hong Mengkui said to his disciple, Bian Jingchun, who also had potential for Nascent Soul Formation.

Watching them grieve, after lighting incense, Chen Mobai accompanied Che Yucheng’s grave for three days.

[Teacher, may you rest in peace!]

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Returning to Wangwu Cave Heaven, Chen Mobai received bad news: Duanmu Longrong had also passed after returning.

He could only sigh, then let Zhuang Jialan make a trip for him.

Che Yucheng’s passing left Chen Mobai in low spirits for a long time.

Moreover, he was at a loss on how to tell Qing Nu about Yang Jing being body-seized.

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Qianshan City.

Before Che Yucheng's grave, a puppet of Yan Xinji appeared, and after scanning the surroundings, it was somewhat incredulous.

"Cremated, did you actually just die like that?"

Chapter 1923:

The time quickly reached year-end.

During the Kaiyuan Hall meeting, Narcissus announced her resignation from all current positions due to personal reasons, intending to focus on cultivation.

However, the three great halls cannot go a day without a master, and after fair and just voting, the vice hall master of the Hall of Orthodox Law, Chen Mobai, was unanimously elected as the new hall master.

In a sense, the three hall masters equate to the master of the Immortal Gate.

After achieving the dream he had since childhood, Chen Mobai returned to his hometown and shared the news at his grandfather's grave.

As the relatives' graves were all together, after visiting his grandfather, Chen Mobai also paid respects to the surrounding ones.

Besides him, Shi Wanyu and her daughter also came along.

It was just the time of the year-end holiday, and Chen Xiaohei also had time.

However, after reaching Core Formation, Chen Xiaohei had been promoted to a member of the Kaiyuan Hall, and currently faces two paths: holding a position externally or waiting for a suitable vacancy at Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Since the positions suitable for her in the three great halls are already filled, Chen Mobai was reluctant to pull strings, so if she wants to stay, she has to wait.

If she takes an external position, she could accumulate more merits and it would be more convenient to acquire Infant Forming Spirit Medicine from the outside.

Currently, those who can acquire Infant Forming Spirit Medicine from the three great halls of the Immortal Gate mostly have achieved substantial deeds in their youth.

After careful consideration, Chen Xiaohei decided to stay at Wangwu Cave Heaven.

After all, Shi Wanyu's lifespan, though supplemented by Chen Mobai's elixirs, hasn't been extended much, and in the twilight of her life, she still wishes to be by her mother's side.

Chen Mobai was very pleased with this.

Since Wang Xinying was still at Dragon God Star, Chen Mobai also lit an incense on her behalf.

"This time, Aunt participated in the pioneering war; when she returns, she should be able to obtain the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, right?"

On the way down the mountain, Shi Wanyu asked about Wang Xinying, as they shared a rather good relationship.

"Everything has been arranged!"

Chen Mobai responded briefly, and Shi Wanyu didn't ask further, knowing her husband always followed through on his word.

Due to an extra amount of Divinity Transformation-level spiritual energy during this pioneering war, the Immortal Gate would refine more Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicines based on tenure and merits.

Since Chen Mobai and Wang Xinying are relatives, he arranged for the Primordial Elemental Academy to submit her name.

Just like when handling Yan Bingxuan's Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicine, Elder Qingping naturally assisted.

The only doubt was Wang Xinying's talent, which was merely average. Despite her persistent efforts to improve her Spiritual Root, she was still fundamentally different from geniuses of the Four Great Daoist Sects. Even with the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, achieving success wasn't assured.

However, Wang Xinying wasn't young anymore; half of her two hundred and forty-year Foundation Establishment lifespan had passed. Now was her peak in spirit, essence, and energy, and she should seize the moment to advance to Core Formation. With time, although her Spiritual Root Value would continually increase, her other aspects would decline yearly.

Chen Mobai had two types, Water Element Golden Core Pill and Wood Origin Golden Core Pill, but neither matched her attributes.

Years ago when he left Eastern Wilderness, he had already instructed Qing Nu to gather materials for a batch of Golden Liquid Jade Pill, but he wasn't sure if it was refined now.

At this thought, Chen Mobai realized it had been a long time since he returned to Eastern Wilderness. Now, having left Dragon God Star and no longer under the watchful eyes of the Double Saints of the Immortal Gate, it was time to visit.

"I'm going to check out Danxia Mountain near the Emerald Phoenix Tree..."

He suggested Shi Wanyu and her daughter return to their old home in Red Sandstone City first, then initiated Void Walk and teleported to the long-missed Danxia Mountain.

Everything at the mountain peak was identical to when he left, unchanged.

After he achieved Nascent Soul Formation, this place was designated a cultural landmark of Red Sandstone City, akin to Guda Courtyard in Yu Wood City.

However, since he wasn't stationed here at the time, this Rank-4 Superior Grade Spirit Vein's spiritual energy supply was controlled, only maintaining the normal growth needed for the Emerald Phoenix Tree.

After discovering this, Chen Mobai made a call to the Sky Curtain Ground Network Management Bureau, and soon, the mountain peak was replenished with Rank-4 Superior Grade spiritual energy again.

The Emerald Phoenix Tree, a bit dormant earlier, also sensed this change, releasing a fresher scent with its emerald leaves.

Chen Mobai approached under the Emerald Phoenix Tree and listened with Echoes in the Void for a while, confirming that since his departure, only officials from Red Sandstone City's Immortal Gate and staff from the two academies had visited, and nodded affirmatively.

Though he had erased all traces of his presence following his Nascent Soul Formation achievement, he still preferred not to have anyone probing or speculating about him.

Returning to the cabin, he took Turtle Treasure and headed to the Eastern Wilderness.

"Greetings, Master!"

Inside the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion, Zhuo Ming, accompanied by Tai Sui Child and the Little Yellow Dragon Girl, respectfully bowed to the "returning" Chen Mobai.

"It's been a long time, yet you've reached Core Formation Middle Stage; I'm pleasantly surprised,"

With a glance, Chen Mobai noticed Zhuo Ming's energy had reached new heights, making him smile.

"Not just me; Sister Luo and Brother Jiang have also advanced, along with Brother E Yun, Brother Zhou Wangshen..."

Zhuo Ming, happy with Chen Mobai's affirmation, shared the news of other Core Formation cultivators among their fellow disciples after mentioning his junior and senior siblings.

Chapter 1924:

The Five Elements Sect is now thriving, swallowing up various resources from the Eastern Wilderness Borderlands Three Domains. The cultivators within the sect lack no cultivation resources, and with the Barrier-breaking Elixir refined by Qing Nu and others, they have all broken through to the Core Formation Middle Stage within decades after Core Formation.

Among them, everyone else's breakthroughs were expected.

Only Jiang Zongheng was somewhat unexpected, having broken through despite having formed his core only thirty years ago.

However, considering that this disciple is cultivating the Longevity Scripture, it is understandable.

After all, all the major hurdles of this cultivation technique have been smoothed out by predecessors in the sect, especially after it was revised by Zhou Shengqing, with his Nascent Soul cultivator insights, Jiang Zongheng won't face confusion until Nascent Soul Formation.

Chen Mobai then inquired about Qing Nu and learned she was at Wanhua Immortal City, leading the pharmacists of Danxia Pavilion in refining elixirs.

"Master, the annual profits of Danxia Pavilion are almost catching up to one-third of the sect's..."

Zhuo Ming spoke of this with an expression full of envy.

Chen Mobai was slightly taken aback upon hearing this.

Before the expansion campaign, the Five Elements Sect accumulated fifty million Spirit Stones yearly, and over these years, this figure has only increased.

Meaning, Qing Nu's Danxia Pavilion is generating at least tens of millions of Spirit Stones in pure profit annually.

Even as a Nascent Soul Cultivator, hearing such figures, he could only marvel at how profitable the elixir business truly is here.

However, this success also owes to the Five Elements Sect's backing. Without this support, even a Holy Land would be plundered by rogue cultivators on the Eastern Wilderness Borderlands Three Domains.

After all, the county official is not as valuable as the local enforcer. The Holy Land is far in the East Land, while the Five Elements Sect, using a large-scale Transmission Array, has already united the lands of the Eastern Wilderness, East Wu, and Eastern Barbarians. If anyone dared to act, the Five Elements Sect disciples, led by Nascent Soul Sword Cultivator Mo Douguang, could reach Danxia Pavilion's various branches in the shortest possible time.

Even if rogue cultivators managed to steal from Danxia Pavilion, few could escape the sect's pursuit.

Some unbelieving outsiders have tried numerous times, but unless they hide deep within the ruins or escape overseas in time, if they're still alive within the Eastern Wilderness Borderlands Three Domains, they'll be tracked down by the Five Elements Sect, serving as warning.

Achieving this is clearly the result of Chen Mobai's painstaking efforts.

The Beidou Star Array maintains a heavenly presence, and the connection project overseen by Song Huangdae has completely expanded throughout the Eastern Wilderness Borderlands Three Domains. Danxia Pavilion's branches only open in various Immortal Cities, where signals are strongest.

If rogue cultivators rob them, unless they can vanish instantly like Chen Mobai, any attempt at escaping or using flying boats will leave traces.

Traces will lead the Five Elements Sect to them.

Chen Mobai returned mainly because he missed Qing Nu. He also wanted to inquire about the progress of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill's refinement. After sending Qing Nu a message, he waited in the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion.

His disciple, Zhuo Ming, accompanied him throughout.

Through her, Chen Mobai learned about events that had transpired in the Eastern Wilderness during his nearly twenty-year retreat.

First and foremost, the Rain Cavern outside the Yellow Dragon Cave Mansion had been transformed. With Zhou Ye's diligent efforts, it not only became a massive man-made island but also saw the completion of Stormy Immortal City.

Now, this Immortal City has become the bridgehead for exchanges between the Eastern Wilderness and East Wu.

The profits it generates annually are second only to the core city of Northern Abyss in the Three Domains.

"Zhou Ye has indeed worked hard..."

At this moment, Chen Mobai remembered that he still had the Infant-Feeding Elixir. They had agreed he would give it once the project was completed, and he wondered if Zhou Ye was anxious.

Thinking of this, he used the Heavenly Communication Device to send Zhou Ye a message.

Coincidentally, after completing the construction of Stormy Immortal City, Zhou Ye was stationed at that city, right next door.

Upon receiving the message, he immediately hurried over!

"Greetings, Sect Leader Junior Brother!"

Upon entering, Zhou Ye solemnly saluted Chen Mobai.

"I have made occasional progress in cultivation, extended my retreat time. I apologize for keeping Senior Brother Zhou waiting!"

Chen Mobai apologized to Zhou Ye first, who repeatedly stated it was nothing to worry about.

"How are Senior Brother Zhou's efforts in condensing the Five Elements True Qi and Primordial True Qi?"

"Reporting to Sect Leader Junior Brother, ten years ago, I achieved success and met the conditions for Nascent Soul Formation. Over the years, I've honed and added several more layers of True Qi..."

Zhou Ye understood Chen Mobai's intent upon hearing and, despite feeling slightly agitated, reported his cultivation status.

"That's good to hear. This is the Infant-Feeding Elixir. Senior Brother Mo used this to successfully form his Nascent Soul. I hope Senior Brother Zhou can also succeed and become the fourth Nascent Soul Cultivator of the Five Elements Sect!"

This was a promise made long ago, so Chen Mobai directly took out the bottled Infant-Feeding Elixir from his storage bag and handed it to Zhou Ye.

"Thank you, Sect Leader Junior Brother!"

Zhou Ye respectfully received the long-awaited Infant-Feeding Elixir.

The Five Elements Sect currently has three Nascent Soul cultivators; he was aware that both Chen Mobai and Mo Douguang used this elixir for their Nascent Soul Formation, and it originated from the Longevity Sect's ancient elixir.

With two living successful examples, Zhou Ye knew the Infant-Feeding Elixir was far superior to the Coagulation Infant Pill he had been saving.

Upon receiving the Infant-Feeding Elixir, Zhou Ye felt that all these years of effort for the Five Elements Sect had finally paid off, and it was all worth it.

Had he known following the Sect Leader Junior Brother would lead to such good fortune, he would've chosen sooner!

This was Zhou Ye's current thought.

"Where will Senior Brother Zhou choose for Nascent Soul Formation?"

Chen Mobai asked.

"Primordial Immortal City!"

Zhou Ye replied without hesitation, as that was the place he was most familiar with, and the Fourth Rank Superior Grade Spirit Vein there was quite sufficient for Nascent Soul Formation.

However, Chen Mobai thought adding another layer of security would be wise.

"The Yi Yuan Secret Realm balances the Five Element Spiritual Energy, and it is most suitable for you who have cultivated Five Elements True Qi. But the keys are with Qing Nu, so perhaps Senior Brother Zhou should wait half a day."

Chen Mobai planned to open the Yi Yuan Secret Realm for Zhou Ye's Nascent Soul Formation. Although he had taken the Fifth Rank Spirit Vein Core Heavenly Bead, this location was better for Zhou Ye, who practiced orthodox Primordial True Qi and Five Elements True Qi Circulation.

"If so, then thank you, Sect Leader Junior Brother!"

Zhou Ye was overjoyed upon hearing this.

He had considered this, but since the place fell under Chen Mobai's control, it hadn't been opened to others in the sect. Moreover, unlike Zhou Shengqing and Mo Douguang, he did not have intimate relations with Chen Mobai, so he hesitated to ask.

Then, Chen Mobai and Zhou Ye discussed the situation in East Wu.

"The Sun family has completely declined. Over the years, the Lu family relied on the Five Elements Sect's resources, acquired a Heterodox Golden Core cultivator, and a core-formed cultivator, already replacing the Sun family to become the first family in East Wu..."

Being stationed in Stormy Immortal City, constantly interacting with East Wu, Zhou Ye naturally sought vengeance in his birthplace.

However, he heeded Chen Mobai's words, as he hadn't received the Infant-Feeding Elixir yet. Thus, he remained prudent over the years, only secretly targeting the Sun family.

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Chapter 1925: Completion of the Five Elements and Nine Palaces Array

After meeting with Qing Nu, Chen Mobai hesitated for a moment, feeling that he could no longer hide it from her, and told her about Yang Jing being possessed by the Ascension Sect Hierarch.

Crack!

Upon hearing this, Qing Nu lost control of her emotions and crushed the wooden armrest of the chair.

This was also the first time Chen Mobai saw her exhibit a murderous aura, showing how much she valued Yang Jing, her non-blood-related sister.

“I’ve just taken the position of the Orthodox Law Hall Master. As soon as the expedition ends, I’ll personally lead the Patching Heaven Group to sweep through the Ascension Sect in the starry sky in hopes of rescuing Kong Feichen.”

Yang Jing had been taken away for too long, and there was nothing Chen Mobai could do after she was possessed. Now, he only hoped that Kong Feichen was still safe.

“It was all because Little Dust was bewitched. If he were a bit more mature...”

Qing Nu was even more agitated upon hearing the name Kong Feichen.

However, Chen Mobai knew that with so many top cultivators of the Ascension Sect eyeing them, even if Kong Feichen hadn’t fallen for it, someone else would have taken Yang Jing away.

At that time, Qing Nu could stay likely because of Yan Xinji and Lin Daoming, who was then the Head of Immortal Affairs.

“Let’s not talk about this now. After all, he’s our brother. If there’s a chance, we must try to save him.”

Chen Mobai could only console her this way. Although he didn't think highly of Kong Feichen, only Qing Nu should say such things. As the brother-in-law, he primarily needed to show his manly side at this moment.

"Sob...sob..." Hearing this, Qing Nu threw herself into Chen Mobai's arms, crying, "Fortunately, I have you. Unfortunately, my cultivation level is too weak, otherwise I could also go back to help..."

Upon hearing Qing Nu's words, Chen Mobai, on the contrary, was glad that her cultivation level was only at the Core Formation. If she had reached the Nascent Soul Formation, she definitely wouldn't be able to resist returning to the Immortal Gate.

At least the grudge against the Ascension Sect Hierarch was firmly remembered by Qing Nu.

"With your aptitude and the resources of the Eastern Wilderness, reaching Divinity Transformation in the future is possible. Don't leave a heart demon because of this. Leave the Ascension Sect to me."

Chen Mobai spoke confidently. After mastering the Rank-5 Primordial Yang Sword Evil, aside from the Deity Transformation True Monarch, he could already be considered invincible within the Immortal Sect.

The few evil path magnates of the Ascension Sect, though outstanding among the Nascent Soul, could easily be restrained by Qi Yuheng. He obviously would have no problem.

"You've always been the one to take action..."

Qing Nu said apologetically. Ever since they met, she and her siblings had been causing trouble for Chen Mobai. Thankfully, his foundation was solid; otherwise, any other Immortal Sect disciple wouldn't have been able to handle so many Nascent Souls of the Ascension Sect Hierarch.

"You're my wife, and they're my siblings. It's only natural to take action."

Hearing Chen Mobai's words, Qing Nu secretly resolved to improve her cultivation level quickly and not let him take the lead in everything.

After discussing this, the two talked about the newly refined Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

Because Chen Mobai knew that during the expedition, he might not return for a long time, he had previously told Qing Nu that once refined, save one for Wang Xinying, and the rest could be directly put on the shelves of the Spirit Treasure Pavilion.

Qing Nu had become quite adept at refining the Golden Liquid Jade Pill, successfully crafting ten pills, all devoid of Dan Poison.

Nevertheless, she entrusted this matter to E Yun for selection.

After all, since this Gold Core Spiritual Material would be snatched up immediately once on the market.

It was better to determine the recipients first and then display them for sale one by one, following the previous rules.

“Five pills have already been exchanged...”

Qing Nu mentioned the list, including Yuan Chiye, Yu Lian, Wan Dengyong, Ban Zhaodan.

Over the years, the rapid development of the Five Elements Sect caused the number of Foundation Establishment Completion cultivators to fall short.

After all, Qing Nu had already refined dozens of Golden Elixir Spiritual Medicines, and those meant to form their Gold Core had already done so. The remaining Foundation Establishment Completion cultivators had exhausted their chances.

Regarding the previous furnace of Wood Origin Golden Core Pill, apart from Chu Zuoshu and Liu Wenbo, Mu Yuan successfully formed his Gold Core, while Yan Yuanhao failed.

Among the four exchanging this time, Yuan Chiye and Yu Lian were Chen Mobai's direct lineage. After their cultivation reached the Foundation Establishment Completion, E Yun immediately arranged for them.

Ban Zhaodan was a sword cultivator of the Metal Vein, one of the original five-colored immortal seeds.

Wan Dengyong was previously promised by Chen Mobai to serve as a benchmark for outsiders. Following Chen Mobai's guidance, he had already taken both Water Element Golden Core Pill and Wood Origin Golden Core Pill, which mainly served to accumulate experience. Now, with this Golden Liquid Jade Pill, along with countless insights from the Northern Abyss City Library and the bonus of the Jade Crane Technique, if it still fails, Chen Mobai will have no solution.

"Give Yan Yuanhao another chance."

After listening, Chen Mobai thought of this sect cultivator who made great contributions in Rainbow County's sand control and spoke to Qing Nu.

Last time, Yan Yuanhao exchanged his sect contribution for a Wood Origin Golden Core Pill. After failing to form his Gold Core and recovering, he kept taking tasks in Northern Abyss City, hoping to accumulate enough contribution for a second exchange.

"Then I'll, on behalf of Danxia Pavilion, employ him to escort elixirs."

Qing Nu understood Chen Mobai's intention. They wouldn't break the sect's rules, and since Yan Yuanhao's contribution was insufficient, they decided to manage it in their own way.

After discussing this matter, Chen Mobai took a Golden Liquid Jade Pill and headed to the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

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This time, he brought Zhuo Ming along for the journey.

Because over the twenty years he was busy with the Immortal Gate's pioneering war, on this side of the Five Elements Sect, Zhuo Ming, following the instructions of his master, diligently completed the setup of the Five Elements Mystery Formation and the Direct and Inverse Nine Palaces Formation.

However, although the large formations were completed, the final step of integrating the Spirit Veins required the level of a Fifth Rank Formation Master, which Zhuo Ming could not achieve.

Chen Mobai returned just in time, as Zhuo Ming had only recently completed these tasks this year.

"Ming'er, you've worked hard!"

Riding the Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, Chen Mobai gazed down from the sky at the brilliance of the spiritual pivots in the two Fifth Rank Large Formations in the Eastern Wilderness, and couldn't help but commend his disciple by his side.

"Thanks to the united efforts of the sect's formation masters, coupled with the assistance of the Tai Sui Child and the Little Yellow Dragon Girl."

Zhuo Ming did not take full credit, pointing at the Tai Sui Child beside him, who immediately puffed out his chest towards Chen Mobai with pride.

The Little Yellow Dragon Girl did not leave home, after all, she is a True Spirit, and furthermore, she is nominally with Qing Nu, so unless there are important matters, she typically doesn't step out of the house.

The news of Yang Jing being possessed also deeply affected Qing Nu, prompting her to decide to change the faith of the Foundation Faction and start refining elixirs to enhance her cultivation level, hoping to achieve Perfect Core Formation and then Nascent Soul Formation in the shortest time possible.

Chen Mobai naturally supported this, and over the years, apart from managing the business of the Danxia Pavilion and refining Golden Liquid Jade Return Pills, Qing Nu did not forget about him as her husband, even commanding the Five Elements Sect to collect materials for a batch of Pure Yang Condensation Pills.

They are currently nurturing the elixirs, and it won't be long before they are completed.

Chen Mobai is also very grateful for this.

The effect of the Pure Yang Condensation Pills, which he has personally experienced, allows him to quickly pass through the stage of accumulating True Qi in the fourth layer of Nascent Soul. With ten more pills from this batch, plus one remaining from before, it might even allow him to reach the sixth layer of Nascent Soul.

During the twenty years of the pioneering war, under the watchful eyes of the Double Saints of the Immortal Gate, Chen Mobai only dared to steadily condense True Qi, which was somewhat uncomfortable for him, who was used to rapid progress.

However, with the departure of White Light Ancestor and the Spiritual Venerable, his restraints would lessen more and more. Knowing about the Purple Cloud Galaxy, Central Dojo, and realms beyond the Divinity Transformation, Chen Mobai also wished to grasp stronger power in the shortest time possible.

The resources available in the Eastern Wilderness are his greatest support for progress.

Therefore, the materials for the Pure Yang Condensation Pills still need to be continuously collected.

With these thoughts, Chen Mobai had already arrived at the Shenmu Immortal City with Zhuo Ming and the Tai Sui Child.

In charge here was Fu Zongjue, while Zhou Shengqing, during Chen Mobai's "retreat," had gone to oversee the Northern Abyss Immortal City.

"Junior Brother, long time no see!"

Seeing Chen Mobai, Fu Zongjue was also very delighted. He even showed off slightly, riding a grand and lifelike thousand-zhang Wooden Dragon to greet him in the air.

"I didn't expect Senior Brother actually managed to complete the restoration of the Little Azure Dragon, remarkable!"

Upon seeing the Wooden Dragon, Chen Mobai understood what was happening, and with the Echoes in the Void, discovered the fourth-rank power contained within, and couldn't help but greatly commend Fu Zongjue.

The fact that it could be fully restored meant Fu Zongjue had thoroughly understood the blueprint.

And the highest level of The Art of Longevity Puppetry, the Longevity Azure Dragon, held fifth-rank power.

As the current heir of the Longevity Sect, Chen Mobai felt that he should have the style of the Longevity Azure Dragon in the future.

"All thanks to your previous guidance, Junior Brother. However, activating this Little Azure Dragon requires Supreme Grade Spirit Stones, and one can only sustain it for a month..."

Even with Fu Zongjue's status, it was only Supreme Grade Spirit Stones that would give him a headache.

"Rest assured, Senior Brother, leave it to me."

Each Little Azure Dragon equates to fourth-rank power. By the time the Wood Vein's Golden Core Cultivators can each wield a Little Azure Dragon, besides the Holy Lands, the Five Elements Sect would truly have no feared rivals.

Chen Mobai naturally supported this with all his might; when the Five Elements Formation is completed, this place will become a Fifth Rank Spirit Vein, making spirit stone recharging much more efficient.

Hearing this, Fu Zongjue showed a face full of joy.

After the two drank tea and reminisced for a while, Chen Mobai first went to the Divine Tree Secret Realm to use the Devour God Technique to absorb the free Spiritual Sense from the Great Dao Tree.

After completing this task, Chen Mobai, along with Zhuo Ming, checked the last preparatory work of the Mysterious Five Elements Array.

During that time, Zhou Shengqing, who heard about his exit, also joined them. Mo Douguang accompanied Chu Zuoshu to the East Land, where Chu Zuoshu currently leads the Five Elements Commerce Association, expanding its operations beyond the native Borderland Three Regions to East Yu and East Land.

The reason this batch of Pure Yang Condensation Pill materials could be fully gathered was due to Chu Zuoshu's hard work.

However, he was able to bring all the precious main ingredients back to the Eastern Wilderness only with the protection of Mo Douguang, a Nascent Soul Sword Cultivator.

This time, Yue Zutao clinched a multimillion Spirit Stone deal in the East Land. Chu Zuoshu, leveraging the Five Elements Sect's influence in the Borderland Three Regions, painstakingly collected all the goods, and to ensure their safe delivery to the East Land, Mo Douguang was called upon once again.

"Senior Brother Mo is truly overworked."

Chen Mobai couldn't help but sigh upon hearing this.

"No worries, with the large-scale transmission array, a round trip doesn't waste much time."

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Zhou Shengqing waved his hand indifferently. In the Tianhe Realm, everyone understood that without a tough character to oversee, goods worth millions of Spirit Stones were prime targets for rogue cultivators.

It's even possible that during negotiations, you could be swallowed whole along with the goods. Only after Mo Douguang achieved Nascent Soul Formation did Chu Zuoshu and Yue Zutao dare to discuss such a significant deal.

"I gave a piece of Infant-Feeding Elixir to Zhou Ye. Once he completes his Nascent Soul Formation, we'll see if he can handle these matters."

As Chen Mobai spoke of this, Zhou Shengqing nodded in agreement.

"Then, at that time, let Zhou Ye oversee the East Barbarians' side. The large-scale transmission array there leads directly to the Nine Heavens Immortal City in the East Land, making it convenient for him to handle issues."

This had been planned for a long time between the two of them, but over the years, Zhou Ye had done well regarding Stormy Immortal City, so he hadn't been sent back to the East Barbarians.

Now that Stormy Immortal City has been completed, it was time, if Zhou Ye succeeded in his Nascent Soul Formation, to dispatch him and let him lead one side of the formation.

After discussing these matters, Chen Mobai also took Zhou Shengqing to see the Mysterious Five Elements Array that encompassed most of the Eastern Wilderness.

"I didn't expect that Junior Brother would have such profound attainments in formations!"

The cultivators in the Tianhe Realm valued versatility. Zhou Shengqing's achievements in formation were not low; he was even one of the original leaders of the Mysterious Five Elements Array. Now seeing Chen Mobai using this method to set up the Fifth Rank Formation, he couldn't help but admire him greatly.

"Not at all; the main reason is that the Patriarch left a complete blueprint. I've just made a few modifications."

Chen Mobai had always been very humble in the Tianhe Realm.

However, Zhou Shengqing was an expert. Knowing that being able to modify a Fifth Rank Array Master meant Chen Mobai's skill in formations was excellent, even among fifth rank array masters.

Because Zhou Shengqing also understood the Mysterious Five Elements Array and was a Nascent Soul cultivator, Chen Mobai had him oversee the most critical pivot in Shenmu Immortal City, while he guided the other four spiritual pivots, rotating the Five Elements Formation, controlling the major Spirit Veins laid with Array Flags and Plates across the Eastern Wilderness.

Previously, Chen Mobai had led elite array masters from the Immortal Gate on Dragon God Star to set up a complete Earth Network Great Formation, which made this Mysterious Five Elements Array seem less than a hundredth as difficult.

And now, with Zhou Shengqing's help, it was even easier.

Apart from the two Nascent Soul cultivators, Chen Mobai also summoned Luo Xue'er and Ning Leshan, along with Zhuo Ming, so that the five of them could control the five elements.

The key to this formation lay in the rotation of the five elements and the sequence of activation.

Since the Wood Spirit Pivot ultimately devoured everything, it needed to start at the Fire Spirit Pivot, followed by the sequence of fire creating earth, earth creating metal, metal creating water, and water creating wood, activating the Mysterious Five Elements Array through mutual generation.

Chen Mobai first activated the grand formation of Huozhen Immortal City, then used the small Heavenly Curtain Beidou Star Array to locate and, through Void Teleportation, arrive successively at other Immortal Cities, directing Zhuo Ming and others in the flow of the grand formation, connecting the Spirit Veins marked by the Five Elements Sect on the Eastern Wilderness.

Because the preliminary work had long been completed under the leadership of Zhuo Ming with the Five Elements Sect's array masters, activating the Fifth Rank Great Formation this time was also very simple.

"Junior Brother, the Spirit Vein in Giant Tree Ridge is booming with each passing day!"

After the Mysterious Five Elements Array enveloping the Eastern Wilderness was activated, Zhou Shengqing was the first to sense the continuous influx of Spirit Vein Qi from the vast land, injected into the depths of Giant Tree Ridge, then integrated and refined through the Wood Element Great Array here, and subsequently released to various mountain cave dwellings.

"The Spirit Vein in Giant Tree Ridge also requires some adaptation time. I estimate that in a few years, it will upgrade to a Fifth Rank Spirit Vein."

Using the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun illustration to perceive the Response Earth Spirit Realm, Chen Mobai confirmed that the Spirit Vein in Giant Tree Ridge was integrating at an ideal rate with the major Spirit Veins of the Eastern Wilderness, nodding approvingly.

"That's wonderful! This way, the Wood Vein disciples will have the best conditions for cultivation in the future."

Although Zhou Shengqing himself couldn't enjoy the fifth rank spiritual energy, he was still extremely pleased about it.

After all, this was a Fifth Rank Spirit Vein! Even the Star Heaven Dao Sect, which holds the entire East Yu, has only a Fifth Rank Spirit Vein.

Moreover, Zhou Shengqing, having seen Chen Mobai's plan for the Eastern Wilderness, knew that after the Mysterious Five Elements Array, there was the Direct and Inverse Nine Palaces Formation. Once these two large formations were completed, they could control the majority of the Spirit Veins in the Eastern Wilderness with the Five Elements Sect. And with territorial expansion to include Yun Meng Ze, East Wu, the East Barbarians, and even the Ruins, upgrading to a Sixth Rank Spirit Vein in the future wasn't impossible either!

The prospect of such a bright future made Zhou Shengqing increasingly hopeful.

He hoped to live to see the day when the Array Flags of the Five Elements Sect were planted throughout the Three Regions of the Eastern Continent Frontier.

After completing the Mysterious Five Elements Array, Chen Mobai went to Northern Abyss Immortal City.

Over the past twenty years, although he was in "seclusion," E Yun remembered his instructions well, converting most of the Spirit Stones that the Five Elements Sect earned into infrastructure.

Outside the two Immortal Cities of Northern Abyss and Wanhua, the remaining seven Immortal Cities have already been completed!

Although some Immortal Cities weren't yet fully staffed, the supporting facilities related to the Direct and Inverse Nine Palaces Formation had been entirely set up.

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"Once the Nine Palaces Formation is set up, we'll have Qing Nu move the Danxia Pavilion as well, and then ask Yue Zutao to contact Taixu Miaomiao Palace to set up medium-sized teleportation arrays in each Immortal City, redistributing the population from old cities like Northern Abyss to these new cities..."

Chen Mobai, leading a group of Golden Core cultivators from the Five Elements Sect, traveled through the Jiugong Immortal City, formulating a thirty-year plan for the development of new cities.

E Yun listened and nodded repeatedly.

As long as the Danxia Pavilion is present, ensuring that the new cities' residents can participate in the lottery to purchase Foundation Establishment Trithings, there will be no shortage of cultivators moving there.

After all, the real estate prices in Northern Abyss City have skyrocketed to the point that even Golden Core cultivators find them outrageous.

The cave dwellings on North Abyss Mountain allocated to Golden Core cultivators of the Five Elements Sect are priced at astronomical figures that would take them decades of work to earn based on current prices.

Not to mention the loose cultivators and Qi Practitioners at the bottom.

Northern Abyss City is quickly becoming untenable for them, so diverting them to new cities is the best option.

The only hesitation for these Qi Practitioners now is the difficulty in returning to Northern Abyss City once they leave.

However, once the transportation issue is resolved, their concerns will be alleviated.

With a medium-sized teleportation array, living in any of the Immortal Cities allows for easy travel to Northern Abyss City, requiring just a single transmission.

If the wages are high enough, they can even work in Northern Abyss City and reside in the new cities via the teleportation array.

The transfer capacity of the medium-sized teleportation array is incomparable to the small teleportation arrays. Although placing one in each new city is quite wasteful, Chen Mobai believes that the Spirit Stones will quickly be recouped.

After all, only with a large population can the real estate prices in these new cities be driven up.

Northern Abyss City has developed well enough; it's time for the prosperous to lead the less fortunate.

Chen Mobai explained the experience of urban development and population redistribution from the Immortal Gate, and the Five Elements Sect disciples around him, including E Yun, were enlightened as if receiving empowerment.

They felt their horizons broaden considerably!

Over the past twenty years, in order to construct each Immortal City, develop infrastructure in the Eastern Wasteland, and set up the Earth Network Great Formation, the Five Elements Sect has spent billions of Spirit Stones, enriching many cultivator families and factions in the Eastern Wasteland, and even local working cultivators and foreign loose cultivator workers have accumulated a significant amount of Spirit Stones in their accounts.

Having witnessed how easily Spirit Stones can be earned in the Eastern Wasteland without worrying about being robbed, these cultivators have mostly chosen to settle down.

Yet, due to the outrageous real estate prices in Northern Abyss City and the need to collect many infrastructure rewards from the Spirit Treasure Pavilion, they dare not leave and have no choice but to rent.

If Chen Mobai's plan is implemented, the Spirit Stones in the account of this group of cultivators will quickly flow into purchasing properties and buying Foundation Establishment Trithings in new cities, cycling back to the coffers of the Five Elements Sect.

"Junior Brother, you really manipulate the elements like clouds and rain,"

Zhou Shengqing couldn't help but praise. Within half a day, he had already envisioned that the Reward Virtue Hall would soon be piled with billions of Spirit Stones, a towering stash.

Moreover, their Spirit Stones will be earned with praise from Eastern Wasteland cultivators.

Compared to this, rogue cultivation truly lacks any technical skill.

"I'm just aiming to establish a peaceful era in the Eastern Wasteland!"

Chen Mobai responded with a smile. Jiang Zongheng, who listened all the way along, felt profoundly insightful as if a new system was forming in his mind.

After outlining the development plan for the Five Elements Sect's future decades, Chen Mobai led his accompanying cultivators to activate the Direct and Inverse Nine Palaces Formation.

Soon, the cultivators residing in Northern Abyss City felt the spiritual energy becoming denser.

They were all curious since Zhuo Ming led over a thousand array masters from the Five Elements Sect to carry out construction on the Eastern Wilderness Plateau for twenty years, and news of the Fifth Rank Great Formation had been leaked. Thus, once the Direct and Inverse Nine Palaces Formation was completed, informed individuals quickly found out.

Northern Abyss City was soon to be upgraded to a Fifth Rank Spirit Vein!

This news caused the already outrageous housing prices to skyrocket by another quarter, and the trend hadn't stopped.

"Junior Brother, now the housing prices in the entire Northern Abyss City can buy all of East Wu combined with East Barbarians!"

E Yun reported this to Chen Mobai and Zhou Shengqing, and the latter calculated it in his mind and was stunned.

"It's just an overinflated bubble. The higher the real estate prices, the lower the transaction volume. Now, what we need to do is, as Northern Abyss City's housing prices peak, use this opportunity to divert the compactly residing loose cultivators and lower-level Qi Practitioners to other Immortal Cities in the Eastern Wasteland."

Chen Mobai had seen the serious consequences caused by real estate bubbles in the Immortal Gate textbooks more than once. With this understanding, he immediately proceeded with the planned population redistribution and development of new cities.

To achieve this, he even personally communicated with Zhang Pankong of Taixu Miaomiao Palace. When the latter heard about the requirement for medium-sized teleportation arrays, although the quantity was quite large, he didn't mind and directly assigned personnel for the task.

In this part of the East Continent, large-scale transmission arrays are managed resources, but medium-sized teleportation arrays are not. As long as one has status and influence, Taixu Miaomiao Palace would generally give them face.

Currently, the Five Elements Sect, since Mo Douguang achieved Nascent Soul Formation, is unarguably the foremost power on the Eastern Continent Frontier, qualifying for this treatment.

Quickly, the Five Elements Sect posted an announcement that every new city being constructed would have a medium-sized teleportation array, solving the transportation problem.

This news immediately brought hope to those cultivators who had despaired of settling in Northern Abyss City due to the Spirit Vein upgrade and skyrocketing house prices!

However, some cultivators still hesitated; these were mostly those at the peak of Qi Cultivation, who were very eager for Foundation Establishment.

Thus, E Yun had the Five Elements Sect post a second announcement, revealing which of the new cities would have a Danxia Pavilion, and these new city residents would have the qualification to enter the lottery for purchasing Foundation Establishment Trithings.

Once these two announcements came out, no cultivators hesitated any longer. Fearing they would miss out on choosing prime locations, they flocked to the newly completed Immortal Cities to purchase homes and settle down!

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Chen Mobai stood in mid-air above Liu Jia Immortal City, looking down at the bustling crowd below, and couldn't help but nod slightly.

Among the newly built Jiugong Immortal Cities, apart from the densely populated Northern Abyss Wanhua, this Liu Jia Immortal City in Rainbow County was running quite well.

Since sand reclamation is a long-term commitment, although Zhuo Ming has already transformed Rainbow County into lush mountains and clear waters, the Boundless Sand Sea outside Rainbow County remains a massive challenge Five Elements Sect will need to overcome in the future. Therefore, Five

Elements Sect invests considerable Spirit Stones annually in Rainbow County, either dispatching sect cultivators or hiring local cultivators, gradually managing the desert and advancing toward the Sand Sea.

These cultivators working on sand reclamation, due to staying long-term in Rainbow County, have accumulated quite a few Spirit Stones. So once Liu Jia Immortal City was established, many people came to buy property to establish a cave dwelling for themselves.

After the announcement about the Danxia Pavilion and the medium-sized Teleportation Array, the housing prices in Liu Jia Immortal City have been climbing steadily. Although these sand reclamation cultivators earn the hardest Spirit Stones, Five Elements Sect's years of investment filled their Storage Bags.

For the Foundation Establishment Trithings, even the most thrifty cultivators gritted their teeth to get a set.

Chen Mobai also instructed Five Elements Sect's Spirit Stone Bank to go generous, allowing those long-term sand reclamation cultivators with good credit to advance their consumption, giving them the qualification to participate in the draw.

This deed made all the diligent loose cultivators working for Five Elements Sect deeply grateful, all thinking Immortal Venerate Chen was indeed a living deity.

"Greetings, Sect Leader!"

Shortly, Yin Qingmei, the manager of this Immortal City, flew over and saluted toward Chen Mobai on Tai Yi Wu Yan Luo, and because Zhuo Ming and others were present, she could only call him Sect Leader.

"Qingmei, well done."

Chen Mobai never refrained from praising her. Although Liu Jia Immortal City's success is mainly due to Five Elements Sect's long-term persistence in sand reclamation, retaining a large number of cultivators here, Yin Qingmei also played a crucial role in the initial effort to open rivers and reclaim sand.

So the rise of this new city fundamentally owes her contribution.

"It's all thanks to Yan doing the hard work, my management isn't much..."

Yin Qingmei spoke the truth. Over the years, she mainly sat at Liu Jia Mountain Spirit Vein focusing on cultivation, while all mundane affairs were handled by Yan Yuanhao, town guard of Rainbow County.

"Well, the sect won't neglect those who have contributed."

After listening, Chen Mobai spoke lightly. Beside him, E Yun nodded immediately, arranging for a Golden Liquid Jade Pill for Yan Yuanhao, which Chen Mobai had already hinted at him.

Finished here, Chen Mobai led a group to inspect the Boundless Sand Sea outside Rainbow County being managed.

Soon they landed above the expansive desert's edge, witnessing a vivid and resilient scene unfolding before their eyes.

Hundreds of cultivators clad in plain clothes were scattered at the boundary between desert and oasis, like resilient seeds, with clear division of labor: some wielded Spirit Shovels to dig tree pits and planted saplings, others employed techniques to consolidate soil and fertilize, followed by others conducting rainmaking.

Before the fierce sandstorms of the vast seas, they wove green barriers, advancing strenuously yet forcefully toward the Boundless Sand Sea.

These cultivators' faces were darkened by long exposure to the sun, but many eyes gleamed with hopeful anticipation for the future.

They did not know what their laborious work would lead to, but they knew planting more saplings, ensuring these rows of young plants survive, would earn them Spirit Stones, Five Elements currency, Spirit Rice, and other respective values from Five Elements Sect.

With aspirations for the future, they persevered arduously on the very edge of the Boundless Sand Sea, gradually reviving this once barren land.

Though it seemed like pushing against an immovable object, decades of hard work merely shifted the Sand Sea's boundary outward, yet to Chen Mobai and Zhuo Ming, it signified tremendous progress.

Because it represented that one day they will govern the Boundless Sand Sea.

Within Five Elements Sect, engaging in this laborious and costly affair of sand reclamation was not well understood. But Chen Mobai's prestige was overwhelming, and since he decided on this, no one argued otherwise. Hence, even requiring millions of Spirit Stones annually, and as the range expanded, they spent increasingly more Spirit Stones, Five Elements Sect persisted in sand reclamation.

This infrastructure project, too, became Eastern Wilderness many loose cultivators' guaranteed income.

Emerging from retreat, if they couldn't immediately find good work, they came here to plant trees and reclaim sand.

It's tough, but at least it requires little skill, and any cultivator can do it.

If unwilling to endure hardship, they might go farming or herd cattle and sheep instead.

Over the years, Five Elements Sect's sect disciples have reached eighty thousand in number; if considering those eliminated by various Scholarly Mansions, they already surpass one hundred thousand.

However, even with so many cultivators, trying to manage the vast Eastern Wilderness is like striking with insufficient force. Thus, Five Elements Sect released many job positions, like managing a thousand acres of Spirit Field—they assigned two or three disciples, then hired dozens of external cultivators.

Managing Spirit Field is viewed as a good job by many Eastern Wilderness cultivators.

There's little work and plenty of free time, allowing them to balance their jobs with cultivation. Still, it's the least paid, and in some competitive areas, compensation may be reduced to Spirit Rice alone, such as near Northern Abyss City, even then needing connections to qualify.

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Besides that, there's also mining, herb-picking, condensing Five Elements Essences, and so forth...

Anyway, as long as one is willing to work in the Eastern Wilderness Territory, there's no need to worry about a lack of work.

After the inspection was complete, Chen Mobai was very satisfied.

This Eastern Wilderness already has somewhat the air of a small Immortal Gate.

Finally, he flew up to the Tian Gang Atmosphere with Zhuo Ming, and before her, he merged the small Heavenly Curtain Beidou Star Array with the Five Elements and Nine Palaces on the earth.

Although the Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation here isn't even one percent of an Immortal Gate's, at least Chen Mobai has managed to build the framework with his own abilities.

"You are extraordinarily gifted in ground arrays, but with sky arrays, you still need to learn more..."

Chen Mobai taught Zhuo Ming the knowledge of formation, as this disciple's academic focus was somewhat unbalanced. With anything related to the Earth Spiritual Pivot, she comprehends instantly, but without the earth, she is at a common cultivator's level.

However, the basics of formations are common, and after improving her expertise in ground arrays, she can learn sky arrays and humanity arrays by analogy.

Zhuo Ming watched Chen Mobai effortlessly merge the small Heavenly Curtain with the Five Elements and Nine Palaces, and couldn't help but be filled with admiration.

She felt that her master's accomplishments in formations were something she could never hope to match in this lifetime.

"Eh!"

And just as Chen Mobai merged the small Heavenly Curtain with the Five Elements and Nine Palaces, he discovered an unexpected gain.

"Master, what's the matter?"

Zhuo Ming curiously asked.

"A Nascent Soul cultivator sneaked in, it can be counted as my good luck to discover it!"

After Chen Mobai merged the mini version of the Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation in the Eastern Wilderness, although he couldn't completely control all of nature's spiritual energy there, he could capture those traces that were especially apparent.

For instance, now, despite the Nascent Soul cultivator having sneaked into the Eastern Wilderness, bypassed the territory of the Five Elements Sect, and flown in a winding path, her vast energy fluctuations couldn't escape the merged Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation.

After discovering this, Chen Mobai mentioned the matter to Zhuo Ming, then transformed into a silver light and disappeared from the spot.

Since the one who sneaked in was merely a Nascent Soul cultivator, Chen Mobai didn't wait for Zhou Shengqing.

Nevertheless, he was curious about why there was the need for sneaking.

Thus, instead of immediately teleporting over to intercept, he used the Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation to capture the visitor's traces, staying at a distance where he wouldn't be detected.

Soon, he arrived at the route the Nascent Soul cultivator had taken flying in a winding path, and through Listening with Empty Valley Echo, quickly found a familiar feeling from the residual energy fluctuations in the air.

Although the visitor was doing their best to hide, that extreme cold aura brought Chen Mobai back to his first encounter with a Nascent Soul cultivator.

Bing Yun Master from Dongtu Ice Heaven Palace!

How quickly sixty years have passed!

Chen Mobai recalled the contract he had barely managed to reach with Bing Yun Master, relying on Yuan Zhen back then, and his pupils slightly brightened.

This thread, it's time to cut it.

But soon, a question surfaced in his mind.

Why would Bing Yun Master go through such trouble to infiltrate the Eastern Wilderness?

It should be known that the Five Elements Sect now isn't as it was before. Just visibly, there are three Nascent Soul cultivators. If Bing Yun Master had any wisdom, she should have stayed in the East Land, not entered the tiger's den alone.

What reason, then, could compel this Nascent Soul cultivator to risk danger?

While Chen Mobai was pondering, Bing Yun Master finally stopped the trajectory of her flying.

That place, Chen Mobai was very familiar with.

[Could it be that there are still remnants left uncleaned, which could identify Ice Heaven Palace as having ties with the Demon Path?]

Chen Mobai considered this aspect, and at that moment Bing Yun Master had already flown into a cave, easily passing through the ice wall with the magic of Ice Heaven Palace, to reach the location where Mother Locust was sealed.

Chen Mobai thought about it and decided that since below was a sealing place left by the Saintess of Ice, there might be powers unknown to him, so he didn't take the risk to Void Walk into the place again.

However, to prevent Bing Yun Master from fleeing, he had already maneuvered the mini Sky Curtain Ground Network Formation to seal the spiritual vein here.

Thus, even if there was a hidden teleportation array within, it would be unusable.

After completing these tasks, Chen Mobai excitedly took out his Sword Gourd.

He wondered how long Bing Yun Master could last against the formidable Primordial Yang Sword Evil?

Beyond the ice wall.

Seeing the Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu concealed in the void, Bing Yun Master, usually cold and aloof, couldn't help but laugh out loud.

Finally, it's not in vain for her sixty years of patience.

With this Five Rank Supreme Treasure of Ice, her Ice Heaven Cultivation could advance to another level. Through years of researching the legacy of Ice, she's also learned another usage of this Supreme Treasure, which can aid cultivators in absorbing and condensing cold ice essence, assisting in cultivation.

With this, and by collecting some ice attribute Spiritual Objects, she might even be able to cultivate to the Nascent Soul Late Stage!

If fortune smiles upon her, she could indeed make merits while pioneering territories, and by uniting the remaining lineages of Ice's legacy, it might not be impossible to negotiate for the Communicating Holy Spirit Pill with the Dao Morale Sect like Burning Heaven's Five Meridians did.

If that happens, Divinity Transformation...

The future appeared increasingly glorious, and in Bing Yun Master's eyes, the prospect of rebuilding Ice, becoming a True Monarch, unfolded.

After unstoppable laughter, she executed the Sacramental Refinement mantra she had already mastered.

The Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu, which had been silent for thousands of years, quickly emerged from the void with the infusion of familiar Ice Heaven True Qi.

Upon completing the sacramental refinement of this Five Rank Supreme Treasure, Bing Yun Master gained notable knowledge from the awakened Artifact Spirit.

Originally a Fifth Rank Intermediate Grade, it had dropped to Fifth Rank Lower Grade after thousands of years without sacramental refinement.

Fortunately, there was still an ice vein here; otherwise, it might not have even maintained the Fifth Rank.

"In the future, you won't suffer such hardships again. I will let you taste all kinds of ice attribute Spiritual Objects..."

Bing Yun Master communicated her ambitious plans to the Artifact Spirit, which responded with bewilderment, as Ice once had a Sixth Rank Ice Spirit Vein, which only needed placing it into the Spiritual Vein Core to recover Elemental Energy most quickly.

Refining other ice attribute Spiritual Objects would surely be less efficient than this.

"Ice has perished, and the Sixth Rank Spirit Vein has long been gone..."

Helpless, Bing Yun Master shared the sect's major upheaval truthfully—the Divine Transformation had perished after supporting it for a millennium, eventually unable to maintain the Sixth Rank Spirit Vein's consumption, and had to split the lineage.

"How could Jade Shatter True Monarch perish? She clearly had the qualifications for ascendance!"

The Artifact Spirit of Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu found it impossible to believe.

"Jade Shatter True Monarch battled the Divine Transformation of Fen Tianjing Di and suffered energy injuries; hence, the two Great Holy Lands declined..."

In days of yore, Ice and Fen Tianjing Di were both Holy Lands of the Eastern Continent, yet they couldn't coexist peacefully. Amid grudges and disputes, the two Great Holy Lands clashed, dragging their respective Divine Transformations into it.

"Surely, some other Holy Land must have sowed discord..."

The Artifact Spirit of Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu couldn't believe Jade Shatter True Monarch would be so unwise as to forsake the chance of ascendance and choose to contend with the Divine Transformation of Fen Tianjing Di.

"Once my cultivation succeeds, I must seek an explanation from the Eastern Land Four Great Sacred Lands!"

Gaining the Fifth Rank Supreme Treasure, Bing Yun Master was full of determination.

"Good, then you truly are worthy of our sect's legacy. With my assistance, should you find one of the Three Yin Dao Fruits, your future Divine Transformation might not be impossible!"

Upon hearing this, Bing Yun Master felt even more fervent.

Ice also had an orthodoxy left behind by ascended monks; the Grandmaster, named Extreme Yin, practiced Cultivating Void in the Tianhe Realm before ascendance, leaving a Dao Fruit legacy with profound strength.

Nonetheless, Extreme Yin's legacy of Dao Fruit was too powerful, so it was divided into three, inherited separately by three disciples, namely Taiyin, Mysterious Yin, and Shaoyin.

In the past, Jade Shatter True Monarch had refined both Taiyin and Shaoyin Dao Fruits, earning the renown for ascension qualifications.

Should Bing Yun Master acquire one of them, rebuilding Ice would be feasible.

Fueled by anticipation for a beautiful future, Bing Yun Master departed with the Blue Luminous Ice Heart Jutsu.

"Why so slow?"

Just as she stepped out of the cave entrance, she heard a familiar voice.

Seeing the youthful figure with a Sword Gourd hanging at the waist and draped in a Golden Immortal Robe standing in the snow, Bing Yun Master was overwhelmed by repressed vexation from her past expulsion from the Eastern Wilderness, but instead, she burst into laughter.

"Just right, I'll use your blood to refine my newly acquired Magical Artifact!"