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Chapter 841: Two Years_2 “`

“Master, I will manage the Little Nan Mountain Shop with peace of mind from now on, hoping to stay by your side forever.”

Liu Wenbo had grown up in the Eastern Wilderness since he was a child. Although he was simple by nature, he had grown accustomed to seeing disciples who failed to break through their realm being dismissed by their masters, with the bond between them gradually fading until they never met again.

His decade on Little Nan Mountain had been the most carefree time of his life. Now, after failing at Foundation Establishment, he deeply feared that his relationship with Chen Mobai would fade away, which made him somewhat anxious.

“You’re not even forty years old yet, and this attempt at Foundation Establishment didn’t diminish your lifespan. You still have at least two more chances, so why be so disheartened? Just rest for a while, and wait until the next batch of Jade Marrow Golden Mushrooms is ready.”

Chen Mobai actually still had a Foundation Building Pill. He had bought two from the South Profound Sect’s Treasure-Colored Market in the past, originally intended for Chen Xinglan, but after his father failed the Foundation Establishment again, he had simply given up.

The remaining pill had been planned for his cousin to use if she failed at Foundation Establishment.

But upon reflection, he thought it better to avoid leaving any traces with the Immortal Gate, so he kept it with him all this time.

Chen Mobai had also considered that if any of his three disciples failed at Foundation Establishment, he could give it to them, but observing Liu Wenbo’s state of mind, he felt that even if he were given ten Foundation Building Pills, the result would likely be the same. Therefore, he decided to first temper his eldest disciple.

“Yes, Master!”

Having heard this, Liu Wenbo's expression slightly eased.

Chen Mobai asked him to stretch out his hand and took his pulse to ensure that there were no lingering issues after the failed Foundation Establishment before nodding and confidently returning to the wooden house in the tree.

About three days later, Liu Wenbo's strength had recovered, and he sent a message to Chen Mobai, suggesting that he was considering leaving.

"Although you didn't harm your lifespan with the failed Foundation Establishment, it still affected your essence. After returning, rest well for two years. If you really get bored, go help Zhuo Ming with farming, and make sure to not engage in magic duels or overexert yourself in these next few years."

Chen Mobai came down to send off his eldest disciple, giving him a few personal words of advice. Liu Wenbo nodded, his face showing a hint of shame as he left the Longevity Wood Dojo.

Chen Mobai was also disheartened for a couple of days over this matter.

However, he was not the same person who once became mentally obstructed when Meng Huang failed at Core Formation or Chansi departed. Now more mature, he was able to accept reality amidst his sadness.

A person's life is mostly filled with disappointments.

Only by extending one's life can one find those precious successes amidst many failures.

Therefore, Chen Mobai's motivation to cultivate the Longevity Dao Body was stronger than ever.

In the meantime, he made a trip back to the Repairing Heaven Institute because he had largely finished his academic career there, having graduated with full marks from his main courses in governance and warfare.

He still hadn't grasped the Guidance Book, but he wasn't concerned about it.

The Repairing Heaven Institute, following Elder Yuanxu's wishes, would naturally prefer Chen Mobai to stay, especially since they needed his help to repair the Formless Puppets.

For this reason, Fu Borong personally sought out Chen Mobai for a discussion, mentioning the possibility of arranging for him to join the official ranks of the Three Great Halls of Xianmen. Such a position, with enough tenure, would ensure receipt of the Golden Liquid Jade Pill — as long as he was willing to stay in the Repairing Heaven Institute.

But Chen Mobai couldn't wait that long, and with too many secrets to guard, he feared revealing anything to Elder Yuanxu, whose intellect was approaching the Transformation God Level.

Thus, he tactfully declined, stating that his five years of study at the Repairing Heaven Institute had broadened his horizons and that he had vaguely captured the inspiration to form his Golden Core.

Precisely because of this, he did not have the mental capacity to ponder the Divinity Transformation Technique of the Guidance Book and now wished to focus exclusively on cultivation. In the most tender part of his heart, on that pure land within, he aimed to touch the Golden Core Dao.

Upon hearing Chen Mobai's words, not only Fu Borong but also Elder Yuanxu were stunned.

Fearing they might actually hinder a potential master of Divinity Transformation from the Immortal Gate, they immediately granted his graduation certificate.

"If you had decided to stay, the elder was planning to personally open a portal for you once..."

On the day he received his graduation certificate, Fu Borong spoke with a look of regret.

Chen Mobai was somewhat surprised to hear this.

Opening a Golden Core Domain within the Immortal Gate requires the assistance of the supreme treasure known as a portal, and using such a treasure would typically require a Nascent Soul Superior at the very least.

After reaching the ninth layer of Foundation Establishment, Chen Mobai had applied for the opening of a Golden Core Domain through the official network of Xianmen.

However, as the two new Golden Core Masters in recent years had successfully opened their domains during their Foundation Establishment, no Nascent Soul Superior was inclined to expend elemental energy on such a trivial matter, hence he remained in the queue.

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Chen Mobai had never expected that Elder Yuanxu would actually be willing to take action for his sake.

Nevertheless, even so, Chen Mobai's determination to leave the Patching Heaven Daoist Academy remained unwavering.

With resources from two worlds at his disposal, as long as he could successfully reach Core Formation, his future would be bright anywhere he went.

The Golden Core Domain was indeed excellent, but compared to Core Formation, it could be set aside.

And even if he hadn't successfully established a domain during his Foundation Establishment, there would still be chances after Core Formation.

Therefore, as soon as his period of study came to an end, Chen Mobai decisively chose to graduate.

The only thing he regretted was having to part with Yan Bingxuan. Although she had entered the threshold of studying the Yuanqi system, synthesizing the Ice Soul Divine Light would still require her to learn more and attempt a multitude of experiments.

The Patching Heaven Institute had the best experimental conditions for this, so staying was her best choice.

"I can apply for graduation next year too," Yan Bingxuan said as she and Chen Mobai walked down the streets of Xixuan Dongtian the night he left the Patching Heaven Daoist Academy.

"What do you plan to do after you graduate?" he asked.

"The Red Dawn Institution has the backing of the Nature Studies Academy; I'll become a teacher there. After serving for enough years, I'll exchange for a Water Primordial Golden Core Pill. I hope that I'll be successful in reaching Core Formation," Yan Bingxuan said, looking straight into Chen Mobai's eyes. She had more to say but held it back.

She wanted to catch up to his pace and accompany him on his journey.

Chen Mobai was slightly taken aback when he heard this and instinctively tried to persuade her.

"After I return, I might enter closed-door cultivation for a decade or two, so there's no need for you to follow me back. Take this rare opportunity to enrich and improve yourself within the Patching Heaven Institute," he said.

Yan Bingxuan frowned slightly upon hearing this and wanted to express her feelings, but she also felt Chen Mobai made a lot of sense.

If he really were to go into deep closed-door cultivation for many years upon his return, being by herself in Red Sandstone City wouldn't make much sense.

"Then, when you come out of seclusion, remember to call me," she said.

Ultimately, Yan Bingxuan followed Chen Mobai's advice and stayed at the Patching Heaven Institute to synthesize the Ice Soul Divine Light before making any further decisions.

"Yes, I'll call you first after I form my core!" Chen Mobai confidently stated. Anyone else saying this might have been dismissed by Yan Bingxuan as boasting, but when it came from Mobai, she felt nothing but pride.

“After you form your core, I hope you can wait for me, not advancing too quickly,” Yan Bingxuan suddenly said before they parted.

Chen Mobai didn't grasp her meaning and shook his head to indicate that as a follower of the Sect of Realms, he would never stop pursuing higher realms with the greatest speed.

Yan Bingxuan, wearing an expression of speechlessness, sent Chen Mobai off to the airport.

Upon returning to Red Sandstone City, Chen Mobai nominally rented a Rank-3 Spiritual Energy Cultivation Room from Cinnabarite Institute, left a puppet there to show he was cultivating.

In truth, his true body had returned to the Tianhe Realm and, taking advantage of the Fourth Grade Superior spirit vein of the Everlife Wood, he continued his cultivation of the Longevity Dao Body.

Another year quickly passed by.

On this day, Chen Mobai finished refining the last drop of the Longevity Tree Sap and stepped outside to have a chat with Meng Hong, wanting to know if there were any new Foundation Establishment cultivators in the sect who had opened the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

It wouldn't be polite to go empty-handed, so Chen Mobai planned to make a trip to Little Nan Mountain first to get a couple of jars of wine brewed by Zhuo Ming.

Just as he flew over Little Nan Mountain, his expression suddenly turned to one of surprise and confusion.

He activated his Void Spirit Eye and peered towards the thousand-acre Spirit Field below, only to see the immense earth seemingly come to life at this very moment, as an endless stream of earth vein spiritual energy surged towards a certain spot at the base of Little Nan Mountain.

What was going on?

Chapter 842: Chen Mobai was first puzzled, then seemed to think of something, and was suddenly pleasantly surprised.

Fearing that his aura would disturb the now seamlessly integrated spiritual energy of the earth vein below, he carefully halted his progress and observed the core of the disturbance from afar in the sky with his Void Spirit Eye.

It was at the edge of the two acres of Rank-3 Spirit Field in Little South Mountain Territory. Previously, Chen Mobai had exchanged for five Life Stones from the Spirit Treasure Pavilion, and, together with one purchased from Sect Disciples, he buried them all in the Rank-2 top-grade Spirit Field, hoping to level them up to Rank-3 Spirit Fields.

And the one tending to these Spirit Fields could only be Zhuo Ming, for only she understood the intricacies involved.

Through the vision of the Void Spirit Eye, Chen Mobai saw the earth's energy at the core of Little South Mountain's Rank-3 Spirit Vein awakening from a long slumber, as if streams of extremely pure Mother Qi of All Things surged from the vast land, rushing toward the ground at Zhuo Ming's feet at the edge of the Rank-3 Spirit Field.

Soon it emerged from the ground, transforming into streams of yellowish light, almost forming a cocoon that resembled a mother's womb, enveloping Zhuo Ming within it.

This cocoon was like an embryo nurtured by the earth, sealing all the Mother Qi of vitality within it, even continuously drawing the spirit Essence from the thousand-acre Spirit Fields around Little South Mountain and injecting it into Zhuo Ming's body.

Was this the scene of Foundation Establishment using Mother Earth Cultivation Technique?

Upon seeing this with the Void Spirit Eye, Chen Mobai couldn't help but marvel. However, he soon remembered that Zhuo Ming seemed not to have exchanged for a Foundation Building Pill!

That is to say, she was now undergoing Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment!

Only under such a state could such a magnificent scene of Foundation Establishment be triggered. If it were any other Divine Wood Sect disciple practicing the Mother Earth Cultivation Technique, even if they succeeded with the aid of a Foundation Building Pill, they would probably only manage to draw a few strands of Earth Mother Air.

Unlike Zhuo Ming, all the Spirit Fields within the Little South Mountain Territory seemed to be eagerly offering their intrinsic vitality, wishing her success in her path.

Chen Mobai watched as a blade of grass broke through the soil at Zhuo Ming's feet, sprouted, and grew, and also observed numerous flowers of various colors blooming, even several Green Jade and Fire Spirit Rice panicles matured, soon transforming into a sea of flowers and verdant growth at the foot of Little South Mountain.

This indicated that Zhuo Ming's body was already filled with Mother Qi of vitality to the brim, unable to absorb even a bit more; thus, all the surplus swept to the Spirit Fields under her feet were absorbed by them, and the seeds of plants and Spirit Rice enshrouded within began to bloom in response to this infusion of vitality, each presenting its most beautiful aspect.

Chen Mobai noticed his first disciple, Liu Wenbo, with a look of astonishment on his face, speeding toward Little South Mountain, so to prevent him from affecting Zhuo Ming, Chen Mobai pulled him over to his side.

"Greetings, Master, what is this...?"

Liu Wenbo had been cultivating and resting on his own Wing Mountain, but today, during meditation, he felt a disturbance in the spirit vein's energy and thought something had gone wrong. His sense of duty immediately made him stop circulating power and rush toward Little South Mountain.

"Ming'er is undergoing Foundation Establishment, and the nearby earth veins of Little South Mountain are assisting her in condensing the 'Mother Qi of All Things'."

Chen Mobai simply explained, and at first, Liu Wenbo was merely pleasantly surprised and happy for Zhuo Ming, but soon he too realized the gravity and couldn't help but show a look of shock.

“Shimei is... Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment!”

“Yes, although I knew that among the three of you, Ming’er had the deepest foundation and the highest probability of successful Foundation Establishment, I never imagined she could achieve such a feat.”

Chen Mobai was full of emotion.

Even he had relied on the Spiritual Artifact Cultivation Method and the Six Yang Celestial Fire Mirror to achieve Foundation Establishment through Hearing the Path after the Longevity Scripture, a process filled with the hand of craft.

Compared to his second disciple, who achieved Foundation Establishment with the assistance of the natural mountains and earth veins, Chen Mobai suddenly felt a bit embarrassed.

“Shimei is truly...”

Liu Wenbo was at a loss for words to praise her at this moment. Although he had mentally prepared to accept being the weakest elder brother on Little South Mountain after his failure in Foundation Establishment, Zhuo Ming’s successful Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment still deeply shocked him.

In the Eastern Wilderness, other than those with a Heavenly Spiritual Root, only immortals like his Master could achieve this.

As a disciple who entered Chen Mobai’s tutelage alongside Zhuo Ming, Liu Wenbo suddenly felt as if he were an extraneous addition.

“There’s no need to be discouraged, just do your best.”

Chen Mobai knew that his first disciple had been in a state of mental flux since his failed Foundation Establishment. Seeing his sorrowful expression, he couldn’t help but speak words of comfort.

And just at that moment, the earth mother cocoon enveloping Zhuo Ming also began to crack open.

With a cracking sound, a rich life essence aura wafted through the air, the accumulated energy within the cocoon slowly returning to the heavens and earth following Zhuo Ming's emergence.

A pair of hands, like yellow jade, reached out from within the cocoon, tearing it apart, revealing a woman in a plain yellow robe, looking somewhat bewildered.

Zhuo Ming's appearance was merely passable, but after this transformation from Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment, she exuded an unfolding purity, her sweet, round face filled with joy and uncertainty, eyes reflecting an innate freshness and natural beauty, like a peony in early spring blooming resplendently without limit.

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"Hahaha, indeed, among my disciples, Ming'er, you are most like me."

Chen Mobai laughed heartily as he descended from the sky with Liu Wenbo. Zhuo Ming, who had just undergone the body transformation that follows Foundation Establishment, immediately greeted him with a bow.

"Master, I achieved Foundation Establishment without taking a Foundation Building Pill. Will this cause any problems for my future cultivation advancement?"

Zhuo Ming came from the background of a Loose Cultivator, and had spent over a decade at Xiao Nanshan, deeply engrossed in farming and talisman drawing, thus truly unaware of the concept of Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment.

Her success in Foundation Establishment this time was also a bit bewildering.

While she was taking care of the six-mu Spirit Field embedded with Life Stones, she had inadvertently absorbed the Life Stone given to her by Chen Mobai. Today, she had just finished refining all the Earth

Spirit Energy within it, when suddenly, the Spiritual Power of the Mother Earth Cultivation in her Dantian Qi Sea started operating on its own, drawing on the vitality of the earth beneath her feet.

In this process, Zhuo Ming's heart and mind once again merged with the Earth Spirit, entering the process of Enlightenment and feeling the pulse of the thousand-acre Spirit Field centered on Xiao Nanshan, as well as the breathing of all living things rooted in the earth.

Not knowing how much time had passed, Zhuo Ming awoke naturally as if from a sleep.

She found herself seemingly within a ball of earth and couldn't resist stretching out her hands to break the shell. However, she hadn't expected she had already broken through in her cultivation, tearing it open easily.

Although she was confused, the breakthrough to the tenth layer of the Mother Earth Cultivation Technique, the Foundation Establishment Realm, made Zhuo Ming extremely happy.

But her happiness was followed by uncertainty about her inexplicable Foundation Establishment process, worried that she might have strayed into the Evil Path.

Seeing Chen Mobai appear, she greeted him and couldn't help but ask.

"This is the highest form of Foundation Establishment. In the past, I too gained the opportunity to comprehend Foundation Establishment while traveling through mountains and rivers..."

Chen Mobai explained the concept of Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment to Zhuo Ming with a hearty laugh, taking the chance to polish his own reputation in front of his disciple, since his persona as an unrivaled genius was well established.

"So that's how it is, Master. Then I won't need that Foundation Building Pill, and it can be given to the eldest senior brother."

After listening to the explanation, Zhuo Ming uttered a sentence that filled Liu Wenbo with excited tears.

“Zhuo Shimei, this this this...”

Liu Wenbo’s eyes brimmed with tears, and he became somewhat stammering. He then eagerly looked at Chen Mobai, as in the end, this matter would require the teacher’s approval, even if Zhuo Ming was willing.

“That Foundation Building Pill is Ming’er’s possession. Since she wishes to give it to you, her senior brother, it shows her respect and affection for you. You should accept it.”

Chen Mobai had originally planned to temper Liu Wenbo for a few more years before giving him his Foundation Building Pill. Now that Zhuo Ming had achieved Foundation Establishment through Enlightenment and had already offered it, he would naturally not disrupt the affectionate atmosphere among his disciples.

“Thank you, Master, thank you Zhuo Shimei!”

Liu Wenbo felt as though he had seen a light in the darkness. He had thought he would be sent to the margins after his first failure at Foundation Establishment, yet not only did Chen Mobai comfort him, but Zhuo Ming was also willing to give him the Foundation Building Pill. This kind of relationship between master and disciple, and among sect members, was simply unimaginable in the Eastern Wilderness.

“If it hadn’t been for following you to become a disciple back then, there wouldn’t be a me today. Perhaps that cause from that day was meant for today’s result.”

After her Foundation Establishment, Zhuo Ming’s entire demeanor and spirituality seemed renewed, uttering words that even surprised Chen Mobai.

“Wen Bo, go and fetch two jars of wine from the cellar. Ming’er, you will come with me to see the Sect Leader shortly, and it’s also a good time to collect the post-Foundation Establishment techniques for the Mother Earth Cultivation.”

No sooner had Chen Mobai finished speaking than Liu Wenbo excitedly headed to the nearby wine cellar.

Seizing the opportunity, Chen Mobai had Zhuo Ming channel some Spiritual Power to him.

[Metal 3, Wood 20, Water 21, Fire 9, Earth 50].

Observing Zhuo Ming's Spiritual Root Value displayed on the screen of the Spirit-Testing Instrument in his palm, Chen Mobai couldn't help but nod slightly.

Compared to before refining the Life Stone, Zhuo Ming's Earth Spirit Root had increased by 3 points, previously being only 47 points.

This indicated that Life Stones, a precious type of ore, could enhance one's Spiritual Root.

But it was unclear whether a single Life Stone could only increase the Earth Spirit Root by 3 points, or whether the reduction in effect was due to the part of the stone's energy previously absorbed by the Divine Wood Sect's Qi Cultivating Disciples.

Proving this was simple, as Chen Mobai had acquired another Life Stone from the Spirit Treasure Pavilion over the past two years. He took it out from his Storage Bag and handed it to Zhuo Ming.

"Since you've achieved Foundation Establishment with it, it seems you are fated to be with this Life Stone. Absorb another one, and then channel Spiritual Power to me again."

Although Zhuo Ming was unaware of his reasons, she never questioned Chen Mobai's orders, nodding earnestly as she took the Life Stone.

By this time, Liu Wenbo had also brought over two jars of Jade Spirit Wine. Chen Mobai asked him to handle the affairs following Zhuo Ming's Foundation Establishment, while he took Zhuo Ming to Divine Wood City.

They visited Sect Leader Chu Zuoshu first. Chu, upon hearing of Zhuo Ming's Foundation Establishment through Enlightenment, marveled and scrutinized this niece who had previously gone unnoticed.

“Little brother, not only is your cultivation talent outstanding, but your teaching skills are also top-notch. If I had been born a hundred years later, I would definitely have wished to become your disciple.”

Chen Mobai simply smiled in response to Chu Zuoshu’s comment.

After updating Zhuo Ming’s sect nameplate, she became recognized as a Foundation Establishment Elder of the Divine Wood Sect.

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After completing the identity change, Chen Mobai took her to various departments to collect their courtyard, shop, and the Spiritual Vein Cave Dwelling.

Previously, Luo Yixuan had also used his influence to easily secure a location in the best position.

Zhuo Ming, however, did not choose one of the vacant Rank-3 Spiritual Vein Cave Dwellings, but instead picked one near Xiao Nanshan named Tangerine Mountain, a Rank-2 Spiritual Vein Cave Dwelling.

She had grown accustomed to using Court Mountain as her dwelling and, since Chen Mobai acquired the Longevity Wood Dojo, the Rank-3 Spirit Vein on Xiao Nanshan belonged to her as well, ensuring she wouldn’t lack Spiritual Energy after Foundation Establishment.

Although Tangerine Mountain only had a Rank-2 Spirit Vein, it was covered in a type of Spiritual Tangerine Tree. The tangerines were quite bitter, but their rinds were a type of Spiritual Medicine frequently purchased by the Alchemy Department and even other sect disciples.

Zhuo Ming chose it because she intended to incorporate the hundred acres of barren land that came with Tangerine Mountain into the Xiao Nanshan system and further expand her farming scale.

Her Mother Earth Cultivation involved achieving Foundation Establishment through the prolonged farming, and she felt that if she wanted to make further progress, she had to return to her roots.

Chen Mobai respected her choice but still helped her select a set of Spirit Gathering Array from the Formation Division, so at least she could enjoy the Spiritual Energy of a lower-grade Rank-3 on her own Court Mountain.

By the time Chen Mobai left with Zhuo Ming to go drink with Meng Hong, essentially half of the Divine Wood Sect knew about his second disciple's achievement of Foundation Establishment without a pill.

"You're saying, that Zhuo Ming, was once rejected when she applied to join my Talisman Making Department!"

The head of the Talisman Making Department was named Cao Lian, and upon hearing what the Inspection Envoy Wang Zhang said, her beautiful eyes widened in disbelief.

"Why would I lie to you, I, together with Junior Brother Chen, am an Inspection Envoy of the Reward Virtue Hall. We learned about it on the way to Lei Nation when we accompanied the Sect Leader to confront Shake Mountain Peak, he mentioned it offhandedly knowing that I was from the Talisman Making Department." Wang Zhang said.

After he finished, Cao Lian immediately called for Ding Ying to locate the applications of disciples who joined the sect from Yun Country over a decade ago.

Ding Ying didn't understand why, but apart from her behavior, her outstanding operational ability allowed her to become a true inheritor in the Talisman Making Department.

Even though it was an old record, she managed to find it within an hour from the sect's library.

Cao Lian flipped through and indeed found Zhuo Ming's application, which had been rejected by true inheritor Ding Ying.

This sort of minor issue was something their rank of Foundation Establishment did not bother with anymore, so they left it to the capable disciples of the department.

"Why did you reject Zhuo Ming when she applied to join the department?"

Upon hearing Cao Lian's emotionless question, Ding Ying's heart suddenly skipped a beat; she had been worried about this ever since Zhuo Ming became the top true inheritor.

However, at that time, her actions weren't against the rules because Zhuo Ming's talisman-making skills and talent were mediocre coming out of Bud Hall. She couldn't compete with the other disciples who applied at the same time, which is why she was rejected by Ding Ying.

"Did you know that she has already succeeded in Foundation Establishment!"

After hearing the reply, Cao Lian's finger stopped on the phrase "ordinary talent" written in the comments and coldly uttered a sentence.

"That's impossible, she gave her Foundation Building Pill to Liu Wenbo and had to wait for the next batch." Ding Ying could hardly believe it, as Zeng Woyou's refining of Foundation Building Pills was closely watched by the entire Divine Wood Sect. Could it be that Chen Mobai obtained one from outside?

"She achieved it through Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment!"

Upon hearing Cao Lian's words, Ding Ying was so shocked she froze on the spot.

Chapter 845: All Things Spiritual Communication In front of the gateway to the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

Chen Mobai and Meng Hong Lu Yi were drinking Spiritual Wine and eating Spirit Rice, thoroughly reveling in the moment, oblivious to the fact that half of the Divine Wood Sect was bustling with excitement over Zhuo Ming's Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment.

"You lucky lad, how do you always have such good luck? You randomly pick up a disciple and she can establish her foundation by hearing the path."

Meng Hong was quite direct in his speech. After taking a sip of the wine and smacking his lips twice, he spoke with a hint of envy.

He could be said to have the most disciples in the Divine Wood Sect, just considering those at the Foundation Establishment level, there were Luo Xue'er, Zhou Wangshen, E Yun, and Mu Yuan, four people.

But no matter which one you compared, they fell short when compared to establishing a foundation by hearing the path.

"I realized her extraordinary talent from the beginning, which is why I took her as my disciple. It's a testament to my discerning eye, not simply good luck."

Chen Mobai shook his head, dissatisfied with Meng Hong's words.

"Alright, let's just say you have a good eye."

Meng Hong was too lazy to argue with Chen Mobai any longer and picked up his cup of wine; the three of them clinked their glasses and drank it all in one gulp.

"In the entire Eastern Wilderness, only your wine is strong enough."

Lu Yi commented with a satisfied expression, savoring the flavor.

After Zhuo Ming's Foundation Establishment, naturally she would seek her fortune within the Divine Tree Secret Realm. Chen Mobai could only invite Lu Yi over to open the gateway once again.

This time, however, was quite fortunate, as last year two other True Disciples, Jiang Zongheng, had also succeeded in their Foundation Establishment. He had already applied to enter the Divine Tree Secret Realm, but Lu Yi found it troublesome and intended to wait for this batch of disciples to take their Foundation Building Pills before opening the realm for everyone all at once.

But with Zhuo Ming's Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment and Chen Mobai personally extending an invitation, it became a different matter.

Considering the fine wine, Lu Yi gave in and came over to do the cumbersome task.

Jiang Zongheng also got to join in and, together with Zhuo Ming, entered the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

When the two of them came out, Jiang Zongheng once again thanked Chen Mobai.

Unfortunately, since he was practicing the Longevity Scripture, he didn't acquire any Longevity Tree Sap from the Magic Treasure Tree.

As for Zhuo Ming, there was even less need to mention her. She only got a handful of dark soil, which upon inspection by Chen Mobai and the others, was confirmed to likely be "Everlife Soil."

For a Third-Rank Golden Sun Spirit Tree to advance to a Fourth Order Longevity Wood, besides needing to reach the Third Rank Peak itself, it also requires to be rooted in "Everlife Soil."

Chen Mobai initially thought that all the soil around his new dojo was Everlife Soil and felt that Zhuo Ming's opportunity went to waste.

However, Meng Hong explained that once the Golden Sun Spirit Tree grew into a Fourth Order Longevity Wood, its roots would merge into the earth's veins and the Everlife Soil would be completely absorbed, disappearing without a trace.

Ever since the True Lord Yuan had moved the three Longevity Woods to Giant Tree Ridge, there was no Everlife Soil left.

"Could this handful of soil nurture a new Longevity Wood?"

Chen Mobai asked curiously.

"It's unlikely that just a handful will suffice; at minimum, you'd probably need to surround the entire root area with it."

Neither Meng Hong nor Lu Yi was familiar with such matters, for after all, Longevity Woods were the treasures of the Divine Wood Sect, scarce even in the Eastern Wilderness.

It wasn't just them; even their ancestor Ancestor Hunyuan had never witnessed a Golden Sun Spirit Tree upgrading into a Longevity Wood.

"It's barely useful, I suppose. But compared to planting a tree, I think it would be better to incorporate this Everlife Soil into the Spirit Field. Who knows, it might yield an acre of Third Rank Superior Grade Spirit Field."

Chen Mobai looked at the handful of dark soil in Zhuo Ming's hand, shook his head and expressed his opinion. To upgrade a Longevity Wood, they might need a hundred disciples like Zhuo Ming entering the Secret Realm and plucking from the Magic Treasure Tree to gather enough resources.

He estimated that even if he succeeded in forming his Nascent Soul and extended his lifespan, he couldn't wait that long... Ah... was there a possibility...

As Chen Mobai's thoughts began to wander, an idea abruptly occurred to him.

Currently, the Divine Wood Sect allowed only the talents who had successfully established their foundation on the first try to enter the Divine Tree Secret Realm for a chance to gain resources from the Magic Treasure Tree and the Talent Tree.

If he were to take charge and let all Foundation Establishment Practitioners enter and pluck once, would it then be possible to gather enough soil resources to upgrade a Golden Sun Spirit Tree into a Longevity Wood?

The key to this problem was whether Chen Mobai could persuade the two Nascent Soul Ancestors, Zhou Fu.

He believed that if he formed his Nascent Soul, he could do it.

After all, instead of hoarding the treasures of the Divine Tree Secret Realm, it was better to generously offer them up to all Divine Wood Sect Foundation Establishment Practitioners for their chance.

This would not only increase the loyalty of the sect's Cultivators but also strengthen their power and streamline tasks. This way, both the Everlife Soil and Longevity Tree Sap could be quickly gathered for one person per tree, nurturing talents on par with Chen Mobai.

The overall strength of the sect would grow, which could lead to the birth of more high-order Cultivators.

However, Chen Mobai also considered the existing mentality of treasure hoarding in the Eastern Wilderness, which might hinder his grand plan.

If he proposed this plan, those Foundation Establishment Practitioners who had already entered the Divine Tree Secret Realm might feel imbalanced and oppose it.

Therefore, a long-term strategy was needed.

When Chen Mobai said goodbye to Zhuo Ming, Meng Hong, and Lu Yi, he hesitated but still didn't share his thoughts with them.

He decided it was better to wait until he formed his Nascent Soul and had the power to manage the overall situation of the sect before broaching the subject.

"Master, in the Talent Tree, I got a method for refining Legal Treasures called Earth Wood Crystal Sand..."

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When only the two of them were left, Zhuo Ming began to chatter about her gains within the Divine Tree Secret Realm.

This Earth Wood Crystal Sand is a kind of sand-like magic artifact, made from Everlife Soil and Everlife Wood, coupled with the Earthly Fiendish Qi of the Earth and Wood attributes. Once completed, each

grain of crystal sand contains supreme power. The collision of just two grains can trigger a chain of explosions, earth-shattering and sky-shocking.

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai couldn't help but feel a jolt of excitement. Wasn't this just Divine Thunder!

But clearly this is a more powerful version. According to Zhuo Ming's description, up to twelve types of Earthly Fiendish Qi can be incorporated into this Earth Wood Crystal Sand, requiring a balance of two types mixed in during the refining process.

The power could reach up to Rank-3.

At that time, the might of a single quake would extinguish all living creatures within a thousand li radius, the land would crack, and the magmatic fires would reach the sky. Even if it could kill the opponent, the user would be left with a deep karmic burden.

This kind of description nearly matched those doomsday weapons advertised on the military programs of the Immortal Gates.

Although Chen Mobai was a peace lover, he still thought that it would be good for the Divine Wood Sect to store some of these.

In case there was a war with Xuan Xiao Dao Palace in the future, this item could instantly change the battle situation!

Thinking this, Chen Mobai took Zhuo Ming to see Ancestor Fu, and mentioned the Earth Wood Crystal Sand to him, which certainly brightened his eyes.

"This thing can't be entrusted to others. I happen to be good at artifact refining, and we have an abundance of Everlife Wood. But as for the Everlife Soil..."

Hearing what Fu Zongjue said, Chen Mobai introduced Zhuo Ming to him.

Upon hearing that she was capable of Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment, Fu Zongjue was slightly surprised.

“I see. Since she is the future pillar of our sect, I can’t be stingy.”

As Fu Zongjue spoke, he took out a cyan-gray stone from his storage bag with a somewhat reluctant expression and handed it to Zhuo Ming.

“This is a Refining God Stone, its effects similar to that of a Green Jade Spirit Rice. Infused into the body, it can slowly enhance Divine Sense and expand the Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion. I originally bought it from the East Barbarians, intending to use it for Xingzhou...”

Fu Xingzhou had gone missing during the first great battle between Divine Wood Sect and Mountain Shaker Peak and hasn’t been found to this day. Fu Zongjue’s puppet body, previously hidden in Rock Country, was mainly operating in the northern part of the Eastern Wilderness looking for him.

Unfortunately, there has still been no news.

Years went by, and if it weren’t for the confirmation that he was not dead yet, Fu Zongjue would have given up hope.

“Thank you, Ancestor Fu.”

After Chen Mobai spoke, he signaled Zhuo Ming to accept the gift. However, when she handed over the black soil in her hands, she showed some reluctance.

It seemed that in her eyes, this piece of Refining God Stone was not as important as the soil.

“Since Niece-Apprentice Zhuo is a promising disciple capable of Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment, it seems that you are quite compatible with the Mother Earth Cultivation. Here, let me write a note for you; take it to Lu Yi, and have him give you the complete Mother Earth Cultivation and all related inheritances for the Spirit Plant Master from the Department of Transmission.”

Fu Zongjue continued his generosity.

Mainly because Chen Mobai's lineage was now the legitimate and direct line of the Divine Wood Sect and a future pillar of the sect, he decided to open the door wide for her in the realm of cultivation techniques.

Chen Mobai was surprised to hear this.

He felt that Fu Zongjue's thinking was not at all conservative and that opening the Divine Tree Secret Realm to all Foundation Establishment Practitioners of the sect could easily persuade him.

However, Chen Mobai still held back.

After expressing their thanks to Ancestor Fu, they went to the Department of Transmission. Unfortunately, Lu Yi was drunk and not on duty, but with Ancestor Fu's note, the deputy head directly handed over everything listed to Zhuo Ming.

The Mother Earth Cultivation Technique within the Divine Wood Sect was actually a supplementary cultivation technique, mainly used to aid in improving the skills of a Spirit Plant Master.

But it was a technique Ancestor Hunyuan had exchanged with another cultivator of the same level, at a great cost.

This technique could be practiced up to the late Gold Core stage, and at least Zhuo Ming, now possessing the complete version, had a look of excitement and satisfaction on her face that Chen Mobai had never seen before.

Zhuo Ming remembered the days when she was a Loose Cultivator, her father had worked hard his entire life and had only managed to acquire a cultivation technique that could be practiced up to the Eighth Layer of Qi Cultivation. Even then, the part about the Seventh Layer was missing by half.

Yet even so, they were considered wealthy among the Loose Cultivators.

At that time, Zhuo Ming never imagined that she would join the Divine Wood Sect, achieve Foundation Establishment successfully, or even obtain a Gold Core-level cultivation technique.

And besides the Mother Earth Cultivation, books on the Spirit Plant Master inheritance from Rank-1 to Rank-3 in the Department of Transmission were also all given to Zhuo Ming.

With these, Zhuo Ming felt that she could cultivate on the fields of Little Nan Mountain until the end of time without ever leaving.

“By the way, following the Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment, cultivators are generally endowed with divine skills from heaven and earth. Have you felt anything different?”

Chen Mobai asked Zhuo Ming about the gains from her Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment as she returned through the air, her face unable to hide her smiling expression.

He had obtained the “Fire Spirit Body,” and by virtue of this, he was able to effortlessly master the Green Flames Sword Slaughter and Primordial Yang Sword Slaughter. Also, the implicit benefits of practicing fire attribute spells and cultivation techniques were too numerous to count.

“Master, I haven’t noticed anything different... Just that my strength has increased greatly, and my divine sense and spiritual power have increased several times over—are these considered?”

Zhuo Ming, after hearing Chen Mobai’s words, was still a bit confused, but the latter knew his disciple’s character and did not continue to inquire.

Perhaps in the years to come, Zhuo Ming would discover what made her different from the times of her Qi Cultivation.

Consider it a little Easter egg to look forward to.

Thinking this way, Chen Mobai had already flown to the skies above Little Nan Mountain and saw Liu Wenbo earnestly directing the commoners at the foot of the mountain in farming tasks and so on.

“Senior Brother!”

After landing, Zhuo Ming called out as usual, and upon hearing her, Liu Wenbo felt a mix of sentiment and excitement.

It was because within the lineage of Xiao Nanshan, seniority wasn't determined by cultivation level.

Zhuo Ming believed her ability to achieve Foundation Establishment was entirely owed to her perfect alignment with farming and the Mother Earth Cultivation, so immediately after landing, she took over command from Liu Wenbo and began directing the commoners.

So engrossed in her tasks, Zhuo Ming even forgot her original plan to enter seclusion upon her return to review the Mother Earth Cultivation and the inheritance of the Spirit Plant Master.

Seeing her love for farming, Chen Mobai couldn't help but sigh that he had taken on the right disciple.

He also did not interfere, but rather shared a leisurely time with Liu Wenbo, cooking spirit rice and roasting spirit fish on the side.

Liu Wenbo, due to his years managing the Little Nan Mountain Shop outside, had not fully mastered Chen Mobai's cooking skills and could only manage to make the food barely palatable.

Suddenly, he found himself missing his little disciple and wondered how her search for the Guiyuan Sect in the Ming Nation had gone?

As Chen Mobai pondered this, the sun had set, and after Zhuo Ming had sent the commoners away, she came over with a somewhat strange expression, holding a seedling of the Green Jade Spirit Rice.

“Master, I think I may know what's different about me.”

“Eh, so soon!”

Chen Mobai had initially thought this little Easter egg would remain hidden for a few years, but Zhuo Ming had already figured it out after just one day.

“Standing upon the spirit field, when my hand touched this seedling, my heart and mind were flooded with information about the kind of moist spirit soil it needs, how deeply it should be planted, and when it should next be fertilized, and so on.”

What kind of divine skill is this?

After hearing this, Chen Mobai was a bit puzzled—is this specialized for farming?

After Zhuo Ming explained, she realized her description was unclear and looked around. Her eyes then fell upon several peach trees that had been grown from the cores of Immortal Peaches.

Although these peach trees were not as remarkable as the one from Black Cloud Mountain, under the careful nurturing of the master and disciple, they had managed to bear Rank-1 Spiritual Peaches.

Zhuo Ming walked up to one of the peach trees and touched it. Then, opening her eyes, she said,

“If no external forces interfere, this Spiritual Peach tree will bloom its first flower on the seventeenth day of the third month next year, and will bear its first fruit on the twenty-ninth day of the eighth month.”

Upon hearing this, both Chen Mobai and Liu Wenbo were taken aback with a look of shock.

“Can you communicate with spirit plants?”

“Mhm, I need to be standing on the ground to do it. It’s not that I communicate with the spirit plants, but rather I become the soil that nourishes them. The spirit plants rooted in me will tell me the conditions that are best for their growth. I’m essentially like their Earth Mother who nurtures them.”

Zhuo Ming nodded and then touched the tea tree that Chen Mobai had grafted, sharing its habits and the ideal conditions for its level up.

This was the divine skill bestowed by heaven and earth for her Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment of Mother Earth Cultivation!

All Things Spiritual Communication!

Chapter 847: Preaching Chen Mobai once cherished high hopes for this tea tree, not only leveraging connections to obtain a Rank-3 Snow Needle Immortal Bud branch from the Bai family but also personally grafting it into the Great Dao Tree, wishing to use the abundant vitality of the Everlife Wood to change the tea tree's habits, making it possible for it to survive in Giant Tree Ridge.

Regrettably, although the graft was successful, it was only Rank-1.

A Rank-1 tea tree, even for his three disciples, was of little use.

Nevertheless, as it was a tea tree he had grafted and planted himself, Chen Mobai still checked on it from time to time and even thought about cultivating and leveling it up should the opportunity arise.

Now, with Zhuo Ming's Ten Thousand Spirit Rhinoceros Abilities, Chen Mobai felt that this extravagant hope seemed to have a chance of coming true.

"These tea trees won't do, it's already quite difficult for them to survive here."

There was a small tea garden on the mid-slopes of Xiao Nanshan, planting not only Chen Mobai's grafted tea tree but also twenty other tea trees gifted by Bai Dingxian in the past.

But these tea trees were still better suited for slightly colder, shadier climates. Zhuo Ming felt regret as she touched a few of the plants and couldn't help but shake her head.

"I recall that Giant Tree Ridge also has many wild tea trees; the Spirit Plant Department should have records. I'll go find Shi Fengping later to see if we can transplant some of those wild tea trees here. When the time comes, you'll have to work hard to find suitable varieties for grafting and leveling up."

Chen Mobai's love for farming was deeply ingrained, and drinking tea for long periods could enhance comprehension and thinking ability. What a pity the Bai family's Snow Needle Immortal Buds were not plentiful, so he had always been considering whether it was possible to cultivate a unique Rank-3 tea variety suited to the local climate.

Zhuo Ming had the talent for it and could easily become a top-tier Spirit Plant Master.

However, knowledge of tea tree-related spirit plants was scarce within the Divine Wood Sect; it was still necessary for her to systematically study at the Immortal Gate before coming back to teach.

"Yes, Master."

With years of farming experience, Zhuo Ming might be simple and slow in other aspects, but she was very keenly aware of the power of her Ten Thousand Spirit Rhinoceros Abilities.

With these abilities, she could quickly integrate the sect's spirit plant heritage and become a Rank-3 Spirit Plant Master in the shortest time possible.

She might even cultivate Rank-3 Spirit Rice or tea varieties.

Thinking about this made her extremely excited.

That evening, the master and disciples had another drink together, and the dishes Zhuo Ming cooked tasted different; she had inherited Chen Mobai's teachings and even surpassed the teacher.

Chen Mobai ate to his satisfaction and stayed in Xiao Nanshan for a while longer.

It wasn't out of gluttony but because Zhuo Ming had just completed her Foundation Establishment and had many questions about her subsequent cultivation that needed her teacher's instruction.

On the first day, Zhuo Ming contemplated the complete texts of Mother Earth Cultivation and the Spirit Plant Master's inheritance on her own.

The next day, she brought her doubts and notes to Xiao Nanshan.

The knowledge needed after Foundation Establishment, compared to during Qi Cultivation, was deeper and more obscure. If Chen Mobai hadn't had the knowledge system of the Immortal Gate as support, he wouldn't have dared to take on the role of a teacher.

Fortunately, although Zhuo Ming's comprehension was average, it matched perfectly with the cultivation of Mother Earth Cultivation. Plus, having attained Ten Thousand Spirit Rhinoceros Abilities after Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment, she had her own path to the heavens.

Chen Mobai spent three days guiding her through the full text of Mother Earth Cultivation.

There were parts Zhuo Ming didn't understand, but that was okay. The earth would gradually enlighten her during the process of farming.

After discussing the contents of Foundation Establishment cultivation, Chen Mobai also took her for a visit to the Spirit Plant Department.

Ever since Fu Zongjue had Shi Fengping start planting Green Jade Spirit Rice, the head of the Spirit Plant Department had wisely understood that Chen Mobai's status in the hearts of the two old ancestors would certainly surpass his, unless Chen Mobai continuously failed at Core Formation.

So when Chen Mobai came to him, Shi Fengping personally helped him to look up all the materials related to spiritual tea trees in Giant Tree Ridge.

"Junior Brother Chen, these are all the spiritual tea trees recorded by the Spirit Plant Department. Some of the more precious ones are guarded by disciples, but many others are just inspected by our department's disciples every once in a while, ensuring the tea trees are still there," Shi Fengping said warmly, showing Chen Mobai and his disciple the distribution maps of the tea trees. He then took the opportunity to ask some questions about planting Green Jade Spirit Rice, which he had been hesitant to ask Chen Mobai about before.

Chen Mobai wasn't one to turn away anyone seeking help, and he answered each question.

"Ming'er has received my true teachings. If there are any issues with the spirit rice in the future, Brother Shi can ask her directly."

Before leaving, Chen Mobai introduced Zhuo Ming to Shi Fengping, considering that his disciple would certainly become the number one in Spirit Plants within the Divine Wood Sect and she would need to deal a lot with the Spirit Plant Department after her Foundation Establishment.

"It's been my wish to meet Junior Sister Zhuo since Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment. Her future achievements are boundless," Shi Fengping said, his words pleasing like a breath of spring air once he had set aside his pride.

Chen Mobai laughed heartily and then took Zhuo Ming to meet friends like Sun Gaochang. Everyone praised his suddenly famous second disciple.

Two of his three disciples succeeded in their first Foundation Establishment, and disciples like Yu Lian, Mu Yuan, and Li Yixian had also succeeded in Foundation Establishment thanks to his guidance. These achievements earned Chen Mobai a reputation as a Great Sage and Good Teacher within the sect.

Now, many True Disciples who had yet to take the Foundation Building Pill were seeking connections, wishing to receive guidance from Chen Mobai.

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Regarding this, Lu Yi personally made a phone call to Chen Mobai, asking him if he had time to preach and teach the true disciples of the sect.

The Divine Wood Sect's Transmission Department, besides preserving the sect's cultivation techniques and lineage, has another major task, which is to give lectures to the sect's disciples.

In the largest center square of Divine Wood City, there is a different Qi-Completing cultivator lecturing every day.

These lecturers are all former true disciples of the Divine Wood Sect who, having failed at Foundation Establishment and grown old, make use of their experience to clarify doubts for the Qi Cultivating disciples of the sect's lower tiers.

Although these cultivators are only at the Qi Cultivation Perfection level and many of them specialize in just one area, there are many of them, and the Transmission Department has assembled a group from the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions to ensure all areas of knowledge are covered.

The sect's Qi Cultivating disciples also have the option to select and attend the lectures that interest them.

Before Zhuo Ming became Chen Mobai's disciple, he used to attend classes in the square of Divine Wood City every day, hoping to learn some real skills.

Unfortunately, although these people were willing to explain specifics of spell cultivation and the like, they were ambiguous when it came to the skills of Talisman Making, Alchemy, and Artifact Refining that could earn Spirit Stones.

At most, they talked about basics or general principles, never revealing the tricks and experience they had amassed over the years.

This was not only due to the prevailing culture, but also because of intervention from other departments; after all, drawing a Talisman or refining an Alchemy Recipe is crucial to the livelihood of the Talisman Making Department and the Alchemy Department, and they had monopolized these skills.

If you want to learn, you have to apply to join the relevant department, ensuring that even if there are pearls missed within the gate, the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions can secure them through this order.

Thus, after listening for a year and desiring to advance further, Zhuo Ming wanted to delve deeper into the Talisman Making Department but was turned down.

In addition to the former true disciples, Foundation Establishment Elders from the sect also come over to lecture.

However, since Foundation Establishment Practitioners are busy with their own matters, the timing of the lectures is not fixed, but the Transmission Department generally ensures there is a Foundation Establishment lecture every month.

These are also something one can get for contributing to the sect.

This time, all the true disciples wanted Chen Mobai to give them guidance, the calls for him were simply too high, so their elders sought out Chu Zuoshu and Lu Yi.

Chen Mobai naturally wanted to give face to these two, as they had helped him a lot. Reciprocity was a matter of human relations, and he also wanted to take this opportunity to promote some good practices from the Immortal Gate side.

The day of his lecture arrived quickly.

Before dawn, the square in Divine Wood City was already densely packed with Qi Cultivating disciples.

Many people had come the previous night to claim spots, and had it not been for the Transmission Department maintaining order, the scramble for spots alone would have led to several conflicts.

Almost all the Qi Cultivating disciples who heard the news within the sect had arrived, and even some Foundation Establishment Elders found private rooms in wine houses and other places around the square, wanting to listen in.

When the first rays of sunlight appeared on the horizon, a slender figure riding mist and colorful clouds glided in the light towards the center of the square and slowly landed on the high platform.

After Chen Mobai took his seat, he glanced at the eager crowd below, noticing many familiar faces in the front, such as Qi Rui, Qi Hou, Xi Jinghuo, and other good friends who were the current true disciples of the Divine Wood Sect.

Among them, he also saw Ding Ying.

However, since they had reconciled under the intervention of E Yun, and now there was a world of difference between them, to Chen Mobai, Ding Ying was just an ordinary true disciple.

After surveying the crowd, Chen Mobai also took note of the familiar presences of other Foundation Establishment peers, but he simply smiled subtly and acted as if he didn't know.

Ding Ying was relieved to see that Chen Mobai's gaze merely glanced over her without lingering.

For the sake of Foundation Establishment, she was prepared to put her pride aside.

When coming here, she had even braced for being driven away. But just as the rumors suggested, Uncle-Master Chen was a man of his word, broad-minded and magnanimous.

"Time is limited, today I will not talk about the content of cultivation. Instead, I will focus on how to improve the success rate of Foundation Establishment."

As the corona of sunlight reached that moment, Chen Mobai got straight to the point and started on the topic of the day.

At his words, the attendees, who were already eagerly waiting, perked up, eager to memorize every word he was about to say.

"Foundation Establishment has three stages, broadly summarized as the transformation of Essence, Qi, and Spirit. If any one of these stages does not meet the standard of qualitative change, Foundation Establishment cannot be successful."

"Many true disciples, when they take elixirs to initiate Foundation Establishment, in reality, only have their Spiritual Power up to standard. While Foundation Building Pills can act on all three stages of Essence, Qi, and Spirit, many fail because their physical Vital Essence is lacking, or because they have accumulated a lot of elixir toxins within their bodies after taking elixirs to improve their Cultivation Level, thereby using up most, or even all, of the pill's power during the first stage of physical transformation."

“Consequently, in the second stage of Condensing Qi into Liquid, even if your Spiritual Power is up to standard, the failure of Foundation Establishment occurs because the pill’s power has been expended in the prior stage. I dare say that more than half of the true disciples in the sect have been halted at this point.”

“A cultivator whose Essence, Qi, and Spirit have all reached Perfection, such as my disciple Zhuo Ming, doesn’t actually need a Foundation Building Pill to successfully establish his foundation with ease.”

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“So, if you wish to successfully achieve Foundation Establishment, aside from having perfect Spiritual Power, your body must also be flawless and well-tempered. Those who are able can practice a simple Body Refining Technique that suits their Spirit Root Attributes. It doesn’t need to be a technique with immense combat power, just one that strengthens and invigorates the body will suffice.”

“Those who can’t do that can consume Spirit Rice and pure water, along with some meat from Spirit Beasts and vegetables they like. Continuation of this practice for five to six years should suffice to condition the body well. However, if one attempts Foundation Establishment in such a manner, a portion of the Foundation Building Pill’s efficacy will still be consumed during the transformation.”

Chen Mobai started advocating the consumption of Spirit Rice as the simplest method to enhance one’s physique.

The Qi Cultivating Disciples below all listened with shining eyes, and even those who were less financially capable decided that they would have at least one meal of Spirit Rice a day from now on.

“If the practice of a Body Refining Technique has been successful, during the transformation, there will be no consumption of the Foundation Building Pill’s efficacy, safeguarding the following two challenges. My second disciple, when she first joined me, was a frail young girl as well, but after continuous consumption of Spirit Rice to enhance her Vital Essence, she eventually forged a Ninefold Law Body...”

When he reached this point, Chen Mobai took Zhuo Ming as an example again, and afterward, he also advised against frequently using elixirs to increase one’s Cultivation Level.

A rapid increase certainly feels great in the short term, but the backlash of Dan Poison takes a very long time to eliminate.

“I would suggest that one should only take elixirs and such Spiritual Objects to aid in breakthroughs at critical moments. On regular days, meditation and absorbing Spiritual Energy is recommended for Cultivation.”

This concerned the purity of Spiritual Power, which Chen Mobai began to elaborate upon, also mentioning the harm excessive Dan Poison could do during the breakthrough.

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On this day, Chen Mobai started from sunrise and continued till sunset.

He finally gave a general overview of the content related to Foundation Establishment, of course, he definitely didn't reveal any key techniques such as the critical method of the Spiritual Power Vortex.

After all, within the Divine Wood Sect, there were certainly spies from other Sects.

And the content he shared was also known to the upper echelons of other major Sects of the Eastern Wilderness; they just hadn't systematized it into a coherent and complete system like the Immortal Gate had.

After Chen Mobai's lecture, not to mention the Qi Cultivating Disciples, even the True Disciples gained a thorough and novel understanding of the process of Foundation Establishment, with comprehensive plans beginning to form in their minds.

Many who were preparing to consume Foundation Building Pills decided to halt.

These folks had scarcely refrained from using elixirs to increase their Cultivation Levels. Those asking Medicine Way experts to examine their bodies and Spiritual Power indeed found many traces of Dan Poison residue.

Moreover, many were deficient in Vital Essence and had depleted Essence, and it was estimated that they wouldn't even pass the first challenge if they took the Foundation Building Pill.

Consequently, after Chen Mobai's lecture, the price of Spirit Rice, which was just an ordinary commodity, skyrocketed tenfold overnight, bought out by the Sect's Qi Cultivating Disciples.

Among these, Chen Mobai's Little Nan Mountain Shop was naturally the most frequented.

All Green Jade Spirit Rice in the stockpile sold out, and Liu Wenbo began to transport batches of Spirit Rice from the foot of the Little Nan Mountain to Divine Wood City's Little Nan Mountain Shop.

But no matter how much he brought, it would always sell out the next day.

Because Chen Mobai didn't allow Liu Wenbo to raise prices, he insisted on selling his Spirit Rice at the normal market rate.

Having decided on a policy of fair pricing, Chen Mobai firmly took the first step towards his goal of making Spirit Rice available to everyone in the Divine Wood Sect.

In such circumstances, Liu Wenbo suddenly rushed over to the Longevity Wood Dojo in a hurry.

Chen Mobai thought it had something to do with the Spirit Rice, but it turned out to be about his little disciple.

"Master, this is a letter sent from little junior sister."

Before his Foundation Establishment, Liu Wenbo expanded the Little Nan Mountain Shop to various locations across the Eastern Wilderness. After Luo Yixuan took over, she often sent letters through the shops.

Chen Mobai thought it would be the usual greetings, but upon opening the letter, he found that it contained the third level of the Returning Essence Secret Technique.

Even though he was eager to get his hands on the technique, Chen Mobai felt something amiss.

Aside from the method of Cultivation, Luo Yixuan hadn't written a single additional word.

This was unlike her usual style of including at least a sentence or two!

Moreover, he had told her that once she obtained the Returning Essence Secret Technique, her mission would be complete. With her home-loving nature, it was unlikely for her to send the Technique over while still remaining outside the Sect.

She should have been energetically taking the Teleportation Array back, then appearing before him with a face eager for praise, as she handed over the Technique.

"Wen Bo, go to Ming Nation and bring Xuan back, do it discreetly."

After much contemplation, Chen Mobai decided to send his eldest disciple to find out what was happening, fearing that his little disciple might have run into trouble.

Given that she had no major enemies outside the Sect, it was very possible that someone wanted to target him through her.

Realizing this possibility, Chen Mobai felt it was best not to leave the Sect lightly.

However, at this moment, he also began to feel a sense of urgency about his own Core Formation.

Chapter 850: Portal Management Bureau After Liu Wenbo left, Chen Mobai began reading the Full Volume of Guiyuan Secret Technique that Luo Yixuan had sent over.

There was no difference in the first two layers, but on the most critical third layer, there finally came a detailed Cultivation Method.

“So, it’s using Void Stones!”

After reading it, Chen Mobai couldn’t help but be slightly surprised.

According to his understanding, the difficulty of the third layer was how to create a small external world without the aid of a Portal, a Supreme Treasure that could open up the Void. The method used by the Guiyuan Sect was to extract the Power of Void from within the Void Stones.

This was something inconceivable to the Immortal Gates.

The Void Dark Stone Vein on Di Yuan Star had already run out. Each remaining piece was treasured by the Immortal Gate, and even Nascent Soul Superiors had to apply for permission if they wanted to use it for research purposes.

If they knew you planned to extract the Power of Void from Void Stones to cultivate a secret technique, the Immortal Gate would arrest you on the spot.

However, even in the Eastern Wilderness, Void Stones were extremely precious minerals, eagerly acquired by all the major sects at any cost.

The founder of the Guiyuan Secret Technique was inspired by the Storage Bag and the Spirit Beast Bag.

If Void Stones could be refined into objects that stored items and even living creatures, then could they not also be used to refine something that could store Spiritual Power?

After extensive research, the third layer of the Guiyuan Secret Technique was developed.

Utilizing one’s strong Divine Sense to capture and extract the Power of Void from within the Void Stones, condensing and creating a small world for storing Spiritual Power.

With the sound of rushing water, Chen Mobai poured out the bag of Void Stones he had obtained during the battle at Mountain Shaker Peak, spreading out a total of 38 silvery-gray stones across his wooden cabin.

“Could it be that the Void Law Body of Shake Mountain also requires the Power of Void from these Void Stones to cultivate?”

At that moment, Chen Mobai thought of something and murmured to himself.

The more he thought about it, the more he felt that it must be so. After all, the Void Law Body was incredibly mysterious, capable of traversing through the Void. With only the Cultivation Level of Foundation Establishment Completion like Ji Dingjin, it would be impossible to succeed without the aid of heavenly and earthly treasures.

Chen Mobai, having obtained this powerful Body Refining Technique, also spent a lot of time pondering and aiming to cultivate it.

With his intelligence, he understood most of it and even tried the beginning steps of “Drawing in the Void, Testing the Body with the Body,” but was immediately stuck, completely unable to perceive the so-called Power of Void.

Now, he realized that perhaps one needed to use Void Stones to get started.

Even though he had figured this out, Chen Mobai would definitely not waste time practicing the Void Law Body in the short term since he had already cultivated the Longevity Dao Body.

What was most important now was to master the third layer of the Guiyuan Secret Technique and see if he could use this method to sense the Power of Void.

However, Chen Mobai was always cautious. Before beginning his cultivation, he specifically went to consult Weng Chuanyou from the Spirit Vein Division. The Teleportation Arrays of the Sect were mostly set up by him, and during the battle at Mountain Shaker Peak, Chen Mobai had also been battle comrades with him.

Within the Divine Wood Sect, Weng Chuanyou's knowledge of Void Stones was among the best.

"Using the Power of Void within the Void Stones to cultivate? There have been such claims. The Guiyuan Sect once had a Nascent Soul Ancestor and was considered a major sect of the Eastern Wilderness. They occupied a part of the Void Mysterious Stone Mine in Ming Nation, perhaps they developed it then..."

Since Chen Mobai was seeking advice, he naturally didn't conceal anything and spoke of the Guiyuan Secret Technique. In the Eastern Wilderness, many Cultivators cultivated a Spell to hide their cultivation level, as the world was fraught with dangers. Among Loose Cultivators especially, many used this to pretend to be of a lower realm to lure and rob others.

Weng Chuanyou took Chen Mobai's intent to cultivate such a Technique as quite ordinary.

After confirming that cultivating with Void Stones was safe, Chen Mobai began his preparation.

Returning to his wooden hut on his own Dao Ground, he reached into his Storage Bag and took out a fist-sized silvery-gray Void Stone. Then, following the recorded methods, he slowly extended a wisp of his Divine Sense into it.

In that instant, Chen Mobai felt as if he had fallen into a place of unknown darkness.

In this place, he could see no light at all, only darkness and silence, and there were no sensory feelings whatsoever.

If it were an ordinary person, they might be overcome with fear at this point, worrying whether the darkness concealed unknown dangers and formidable forces, or Cultivation Paths and strange creatures beyond a Cultivator's imagination.

But Chen Mobai knew that this was the nature of the Power of Void, giving a sense of vastness and mystery to the Divine Sense.

The Power of Void within the Void Stone did indeed exist. Chen Mobai didn't need to understand what kind of power it was exactly. Following the method recorded in the Guiyuan Secret Technique, he drew it out bit by bit.

This Power of Void needed an object to attach to after leaving the Void Stone.

The Guiyuan Sect would choose small items like rings, bracelets, and earrings, allowing for rapid extraction of Spiritual Power when needed.

Chen Mobai pondered for a moment and then activated his All Laws Persona.

Previously, he had used the Five Elements Sword Light as a foundation to refine an arm, and now he planned to use the Power of Void to condense a backbone dragon!

However, it seemed that the Power of Void was of a higher level. Even with Chen Mobai's Divine Sense Realm at the Ninth Layer of Foundation Establishment, after transporting a tenth of it from the Void Stone, his mental faculties felt fatigued.

He didn't force himself to continue the arduous cultivation. As with all things, one should not overexert themselves in cultivation.