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Chapter 991: The Origin of Qing Nu For the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect, there weren't many things that could attract their attention anymore.

However, the Secret Technique of Divinity Transformation of the Blossom Yard Godmaker was undoubtedly one of them.

If this Biyu Wutong did indeed have something to do with it, then in the eyes of the people at the top of the Immortal Law, the status of this Spirit Plant would probably rise to a level not inferior to that of Rank-5.

Chen Mobai, "Did the Peach Blossom Sage come for this?"

Lan Haitian, "We can't speculate about the Sage's thoughts; we just need to cooperate with her actions."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai nodded; the sooner this matter was resolved, the better for him.

That way, Red Sandstone City could return to peace, and he could continue keeping a low profile in Yu Wood City, focusing on developing and exploring the Tianhe Realm.

Chen Mobai, "By the way, I have always heard that the Ancient Evil Path Union has the theory of the Soldier Rebirth Technique. What is the principle behind this? Why was Master Huakai able to reincarnate as Shi Qing?"

This was a question Chen Mobai had been curious about for a long time, but he had been unable to find any information related to the Forbidden Techniques of the Ancient Evil Path Union within the Immortal Sect. Encountering the example of Master Huakai presented a good opportunity to consult an expert.

Lan Haitian, "The so-called Soldier Rebirth Technique involves destroying one's original body, allowing the soul and Divine Sense to leave the body, free from physical constraints. Then, find a prepared pregnant woman in advance, and enter into her embryo, thus living anew."

Chen Mobai was taken aback after hearing this, “In that case, couldn’t the powerful beings of the Ancient Evil Path Union just use this Soldier Rebirth Technique to live eternally in the mortal world?”

“It’s not like that; the Soldier Rebirth Technique has many restrictions, and one can’t escape the cycles of heaven and earth.” Lan Haitian shook his head and began to explain in detail to Chen Mobai.

“A person’s lifespan depends on two factors: spirit and flesh. Although the body can return to its peak through reincarnation, the soul and Divine Sense can’t escape the innate limitations of lifespan and fate.”

“For example, Master Huakai lived for a thousand years, but at five hundred years old, she was caught by the Kaiyuan Hall Master, died with her body destroyed, and reincarnated as Shi Qing through the Soldier Rebirth Technique. But in this life, her lifespan is at most five hundred years.”

“When that time comes, even if Master Huakai’s body is still at its peak, her soul will have to enter the cycle of reincarnation due to reaching the limit of its lifespan.”

“This Soldier Rebirth Technique was originally just a technique of the Antiquity Daoist System for avoiding disaster when the Taoist Body collapsed. Over time, some discovered it could be used to reshape an originally imperfect foundation and began to gain widespread popularity.”

After listening to Lan Haitian’s detailed introduction to the Soldier Rebirth Technique, Chen Mobai showed a look of sudden realization.

So there were so many restrictions.

He thought that if one could reincarnate indefinitely, then those in the Immortal Sect who had cultivated to the Nascent Soul Realm over the past six thousand years and kept reincarnating, there would probably be at least a hundred Nascent Souls by now.

Let alone those at the Spirit Transformation Stage.

In that case, the resources of ten Di Yuan Stars would probably not suffice.

“Then, in the Immortal Sect, how often is this Soldier Rebirth Technique used?”

Chen Mobai hesitated but still asked this question.

Although the Soldier Rebirth Technique had many restrictions, it still represented a chance for cultivators with aging and decaying bodies.

After all, the probability of breakthroughs when the vitality and essence of the body are at their peak is much higher than when aged.

If Nascent Soul Cultivators reincarnate and can inherit the legacy of their past life, they are likely to quickly return to their original realm and even make up for the flaws in their previous foundation to attack the Spirit Transformation Stage, the success rate would definitely be higher.

“I can only say that it exists, but it’s not common.”

Chen Mobai had saved Lan Haitian’s life, so the latter was willing to share what he knew in response to his questions.

“After the Immortal Sect annihilated most of the Ancient Evil Path Union, they also obtained the complete Soldier Rebirth Technique. After detailed research, it was discovered that if one reincarnates into an embryo that has not yet formed, there would be the enigma of the embryo; but such a second-life body would have no barriers and could perfectly integrate with the soul and Spiritual Sense.”

“To avoid the enigma of the embryo, one would have to enter an already formed infant within the mother’s womb, but doing so is equivalent to stopping the birth of a new baby. Besides having the force of bad karma, there is a high probability of disharmony between the Spiritual Sense and the body.”

“The Immortal Sect forbids taking over infants through direct transmigration but allows reincarnation into an embryo. Many superiors who died in wars were given permission to reincarnate through the Soldier Rebirth Technique.”

“Among these, many superiors failed to break free from the enigma of the embryo, but with the guidance of the Immortal Sect, they could live safely to the end of their remaining lifespan.”

“Of course, there are also a few extraordinary individuals who, after reincarnation, ascend to an even higher level of talent and comprehension. Even without awakening their past life memories, they cultivate to a higher realm than their past life.”

Chen Mobai was astonished after hearing Lan Haitian’s words.

This Soldier Rebirth Technique could only be performed by Nascent Soul Superiors, and above the Nascent Soul, there was only the level of Divinity Transformation.

“Who is the illustrious elder?”

He was very curious and could not help but ask.

“It’s the Taiyuan True Monarch. But even with such an example, only in desperate situations would the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect choose the Soldier Rebirth Technique.”

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Chen Mobai also understood this principle very well.

After all, under the restrictions of the Immortal Sect, the mystery of the rebirth might very well hinder their achievements in their second life.

Even if they had the support of family, old friends, and disciples, if they started cultivating from scratch without their memories, whether they could achieve the Nascent Soul Realm for a second time was uncertain.

Moreover, acquiring resources for “Nascent Soul Formation” within the Immortal Sect was extremely difficult.

“Thank you, Brother Lan, for resolving my doubts.”

By now, Chen Mobai had understood all about the Soldier Rebirth Technique, and he couldn't help but thank Lan Haitian.

“If you were to join the Hall of Orthodox Law, this information would be open to you as well.”

Lan Haitian, however, said something that took Chen Mobai by surprise.

“The Hall of Orthodox Law shouldn't be short of people. Why is Brother Lan also recruiting?”

First it was Gongsun Jieli, and now Lan Haitian—Chen Mobai truly did not feel he was that popular.

“We're not lacking in mediocre personnel, but we are short of a combat genius like Brother Chen. Although Yu Tianguang's body is possessed by the Divine Control Pavilion Master, the Battle Law Victory evaluation he gave you was indeed well-deserved,” Lan Haitian candidly said. As the institution of the Immortal Sect in charge of its two great forces of violence, the Hall of Orthodox Law should, in theory, recruit all of the sect's combat geniuses.

About Chen Mobai, Lan Haitian had taken notice of him during the admission trials in Red Sandstone City.

After he had completed his “Taoist pill formation,” this information was submitted to Gongsun Jieli and the Nascent Soul Superior entitled Narcissus.

And after slaying Master Huakai, Chen Mobai's personal profile was upgraded again and had personally been inquired upon by the Righteous Law Hall Master.

The Righteous Law Hall Master said a lot after reading it.

His subordinates condensed it, turning it into a phrase that was passed on to Lan Haitian.

Why is such an impressive combat genius not in the Hall of Orthodox Law?

So Lan Haitian came.

“I still prefer the quiet.”

Chen Mobai naturally declined politely.

“With Brother Chen’s talent, if you were to join our Hall of Orthodox Law and become the Vice Hall Master, obtaining the baby-forming spiritual things would definitely not be a problem. Why not give it some serious thought?”

Lan Haitian made one last effort.

“The Immortal Sect is a place that ranks people by seniority. The current Vice Hall Master, Nascent Soul Superior Narcissus has already achieved Nascent Soul Formation, but behind him, Gongsun Jielu and the overall leader of your Patching Heaven Group are queueing up. After these two obtain the Baby-forming Spiritual Things, I might have to compete with you. That would be too draining on my heart and mind, and too time-consuming. It’s not what I desire,” Chen Mobai gave a reason. After hearing this, Lan Haitian’s eyes reflected an indescribable emotion.

“I’m very grateful that Brother Chen does not wish to compete with me,” Lan Haitian said.

After his “Taoist pill formation,” Lan Haitian naturally also harbored ambitions for the Hall’s resources for Nascent Soul Formation.

Though he had always been modest, deep down there was an arrogance that made him feel supreme over everything in the Immortal Sect.

He believed no one within the sect was his competitor in this regard.

But having witnessed Chen Mobai slaying Master Huakai with three sword strokes, he knew that now he had a rival.

If Chen Mobai truly had the intention to join the Hall of Orthodox Law, then a hundred years later, they might indeed engage in an intense competition for the Nascent Soul spiritual resources.

But the invitation was the intention of the Righteous Law Hall Master, personally conveyed by the Sky-Mending Group overall leader—it was an order Lan Haitian could not refuse to carry out.

Fortunately, Chen Mobai did not waver and still had no intention of coming out of seclusion.

This made Lan Haitian feel both relieved and very grateful.

“Brother Lan, you also supported me quite a bit during my Foundation Establishment phase, no need to be so formal,” Chen Mobai said.

Whether it was the matter of Little Red Sky, or answering Chen Mobai’s questions after his own “Taoist pill formation,” Chen Mobai had not forgotten any of it.

“Since that’s the case, Brother Chen, there is another matter I need to inform you about. I hope you are mentally prepared.”

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At that moment, Lan Haitian suddenly spoke with a somber expression, causing Chen Mobai’s own expression to become serious as well. Chen Mobai thought Lan Haitian was going to announce a major purging of those related to the Ascension Sect that had been captured during the cleansing of Red Sandstone City.

Lan Haitian, “How much do you know about the matter of Qing Nu?”

Chen Mobai, “Huh!”

Chen Mobai hadn't expected Lan Haitian to bring up this topic. Only then did he realize that although Lan Haitian had arrived earlier, he had waited until after Qing Nu left before coming out of hiding.

Was this the important issue he had come to discuss today?

Chen Mobai, "I only know she looks exactly like Master Xin Ji's daughter, and the mastermind behind the scenes must be some prominent figure in the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect."

After hearing this, Lan Haitian nodded slightly. He even expanded his own domain to preclude anyone else from overhearing his next words.

Lan Haitian, "The experiment that took place over forty years in Yu Wood City was called the 'Immortal Sprout Cultivation and Adjustment Plan'. Its official purpose was to assist those cultivators in the Immortal Sect who had lost or damaged their bodies due to cultivation accidents."

Immortal Sprout Cultivation and Adjustment Plan!

Chen Mobai was puzzled upon hearing this. What did this have to do with Qing Nu and the others?

Lan Haitian, "Using bionic genetic technology, artificers could fabricate the limbs or certain organs that cultivators needed to replace their own deficient parts. Initially, this was designed for medical purposes. But underneath the surface of this plan, Master Xin Ji was actually attempting to fully clone and adjust a human being in order to revive his own daughter."

Lan Haitian, "Those who supported Master Xin Ji from the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect aimed to create a reincarnated body that would avoid the secrets of the embryo, circumvent karmic forces, and sidestep Immortal Sect laws during the Soldier Rebirth Technique."

Lan Haitian, "Moreover, these artificially adjusted human embryos could be an attempt to edit the talent of a Spiritual Root at the genetic level. If we could ensure that the reincarnated body possessed a Heavenly Spiritual Root, then, without the secrets of the embryo and with the essence of a Nascent Soul Superior plus the resources of the Immortal Sect, it is estimated they could return to their original realm within sixty years."

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai's face underwent drastic changes.

He finally understood why the laboratory contained the likes of Qing Nu with a Heavenly Spiritual Root and even other rare Different Spiritual Roots such as Wind Spiritual Root and Dark Spiritual Root.

The original intent of the experiment was to create embryos with extraordinary talents to enable the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect to undergo reincarnation via the Soldier Rebirth Technique.

"Who is it?"

Chen Mobai forced himself to calm down, lifting his head to look at Lan Haitian as he asked coldly.

Without being explicit, Lan Haitian knew what he was asking—the identity of the Immortal Sect higher-ups who were backing the experiment.

"I don't know that much. I can only access the records of the Immortal Sprout Cultivation and Adjustment Plan up to this point. Beyond that, only the Courtyard Heads of The Three Great Halls or a Vice Hall Master would have the authority."

Lan Haitian shook his head. However, even this statement revealed key information.

The mastermind behind the Immortal Sprout Cultivation and Adjustment Plan must be, at the very least, at the rank of Vice Hall Master of the Immortal Sect.

Or possibly... one of The Three Great Halls Courtyard Heads!

Chen Mobai couldn't help but recall the scene where he met Kong Feichen in Jumang Academy, saying that their tragic childhoods were caused by The Three Great Halls of Xianmen Courtyard Heads.

Where did he find this information?

Was the Ascension Sect involved, or was there someone from that sect within the upper ranks of the Immortal Sect?

Lan Haitian told Chen Mobai about this because, with his current realm and strength, Chen Mobai was deemed to have the qualification to know about it.

After all, he was deeply backed and considered the future successor of the Dance Tool Dao Academy.

Given that two of The Three Great Halls Courtyard Heads were from the Repairing Heaven Institute, there could be a potential clash with this dominant force in the Immortal Sect when the matter was thoroughly investigated in the future.

Fortunately, though the Dance Tool Dao Academy only had two Nascent Souls, they had an ancestor at the Divinity Transformation stage, Baiguang, who could offer resistance should a conflict with the Repairing Heaven Institute arise.

Upon reflecting on this, Chen Mobai suddenly realized another detail!

Back in the Mountain and Sea Academy, Hao Cao said that he encountered the reincarnated body of Ancestor Baiguang!

Moreover, that body had not yet awakened its own consciousness!

Combining what Lan Haitian had said about the Soldier Rebirth Technique with this new piece of information, Chen Mobai's eyes widened as he gasped in shock.

"What's wrong?"

Seeing Chen Mobai's reaction, Lan Haitian couldn't help but curiously ask.

"It's nothing, just a bit shocked after suddenly learning the true nature of the matter!"

Chapter 993: Devour God Technique After sending Lan Haitian away, Chen Mobai sat alone under the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, deep in thought.

If Ancestor Baiguang had indeed disassembled and reincarnated, it would mean that the Immortal Sect now had only Leading Star Ancestor as a Divinity Transformation expert!

In that case, wouldn't their Dance Tool Dao Academy's most significant backing have vanished, reducing their power to the bottom of the Four Great Daoist Sects?

Fortunately, Chen Mobai could count on the support of the Repairing Heaven Institute.

But if future circumstances arose where the masterminds behind the Immortal Sprout modulation plan were the two Hall Masters of the Repairing Heaven Institute, he would be utterly powerless.

He could only hope that Qing Nu wouldn't become obsessed over this matter in the future.

As Chen Mobai's thoughts wandered, he suddenly remembered the girl named Xiao Hei he had met at the Five Peaks Immortal Mountains.

She lived on Ancestor Baiguang's Wangxian Peak and possessed the very rare Pure Yin Body. Could she be the reincarnation of Ancestor Baiguang?

To arrange for oneself a top-tier Pure Yin Body after reincarnation would be entirely plausible.

Though her age seemed a bit off, if she truly was Ancestor Baiguang, then Xiao Hei's age could not be judged by her appearance.

The more Chen Mobai thought about it, the more likely it seemed.

However, to know the truth, he would still need to ask Hao Cao or Pei Qingshuang.

Aside from the Nascent Soul Superiors of the immortal sect, those two, teacher and disciple, were likely the most familiar with the matter concerning Ancestor Baiguang's reincarnation.

But probing into this matter would not be without risk and could even draw the attention of Leading Star Ancestor.

After some contemplation, Chen Mobai felt that a cautious investigation would be better.

Moreover, as his cultivation level rose and his status within the Dance Tool Dao Academy faction grew, he would eventually find out the truth from Master Chengxuan.

He decided to proceed step by step, first focusing on his cultivation and enhancing his realm.

Chen Mobai ultimately opted for a steady approach, for he was already on the Broad Avenue of cultivation. With the resources of the Tianhe Realm, reaching Golden Core Perfection was a certainty, so there was no need to draw undue attention from the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect over this matter.

Additionally, Chen Mobai harbored another speculation in his heart.

He wondered if the mastermind behind the Immortal Sprout modulation plan in Yu Wood City was Ancestor Baiguang.

After all, he knew that Yu Huiping, a disciple of Ancestor Baiguang, was a descendant of Yu Zi, the first City Lord of Yu Wood City. Ancestor Baiguang was also a descendant of this lineage, having moved to Red City Cave Heaven with his parents when he was young.

If Ancestor Baiguang was the mastermind, it would explain why the Immortal Sect was so wary of Mo Shen.

That would be the worst-case scenario.

Pondering this, Chen Mobai felt an increased sense of pity for Qing Nu.

If things were as he suspected, even if she fulfilled all her potential as a Heavenly Spiritual Root, she might only be able to continue her existence in the Immortal Sect by forgetting her tragic childhood.

In that case, it would be better for Qing Nu to defect to the Ascension Sect with Kong Feichen.

For some reason, this thought surfaced in Chen Mobai's mind.

If such a situation did arise, what would he do?

After some reflection, Chen Mobai could only shake his head and wryly smile.

Although he was close friends with Qing Nu, he could not abandon his parents, relatives, friends, and mentors in the Immortal Sect for her sake.

If Qing Nu left the Immortal Sect, he could only offer his understanding and bid her farewell.

He just hoped that day would never come.

Because if Qing Nu truly joined the Ascension Sect, that would mean they were on opposing sides.

Amidst his tumultuous thoughts, Chen Mobai involuntarily sat down to meditate and cultivate the Nourishing Thought Forge God Technique, hoping to dispel the clutter in his mind.

As his cultivation level grew higher, his emotions seldom fluctuated.

He practiced the Nourishing Thought Forge God Technique because he remembered that it was through its contemplation, focusing on the Azure Jadeite Sycamore, that he had established the foundation of his Divine Sense.

Having witnessed Yu Tianguang's body used by the Devour God Technique to manifest as the vessel for the descent of the Divine Control Pavilion Master, Chen Mobai felt a mixture of awe and curiosity toward the technique.

While Yu Tianguang was transcribing it, Chen Mobai was nearby, so he memorized the contents of the "Azure Jadeite Charm," which contained the secrets of the Devour God Technique.

During his time overseeing Danxia Mountain Range, he also downloaded the standard version of the "Azure Jadeite Charm" from the Immortal Gate National Library.

After comparing the two, he found Yu Tianguang's transcription to be much more profound, with nearly double the content. After eliminating the differences between the two versions, he obtained a scripture of over thirty thousand words.

Is this the Devour God Technique?

With the forbidden technique in his possession, Chen Mobai was naturally curious, but he had always been prudent and would not jeopardize his future by cultivating the Devour God Technique.

However, taking a look wouldn't be a problem.

Though he didn't dare to search the internet for related terminology due to the lack of guidance, and his understanding of the technique was somewhat hazy, he at least grasped the general cultivation framework.

The main principle of cultivating the Devour God Technique is encapsulated in two phrases: "the Way of Heaven, reducing the surplus to compensate the insufficient," and "the Way of Humanity, reducing the insufficient to serve the surplus."

Among these, the Way of Heaven is the proper method of cultivating the Devour God Technique, while the Way of Humanity is the reason it is considered a forbidden technique by the Immortal Sect.

The so-called Way of Heaven involves seeing oneself as the insufficient part, then drawing from the surplus to enhance one's Divine Sense.

For example, in the "Azure Jadeite Charm," Shi Qing or the Divine Control Pavilion Master regarded the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree as the surplus of Heaven, while the human form was the insufficient part.

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Therefore, while contemplating the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, one can construct a bridge between the human body and the tree using the Path of Heaven, allowing the vast but unconscious spiritual sense of this fourth-order spirit plant to surge towards the contemplator, speeding up the enhancement of the meditator's divine consciousness.

The closer one is to the Azure Jadeite Sycamore, the more rapidly the contemplative cultivator improves.

For the Azure Jadeite Sycamore itself, since it has been stuck at the bottleneck of the fourth grade superior for hundreds of years, the spiritual power it swallows and the divine consciousness it generates are unconsciously scattered between heaven and earth. Hence, meditating on the Azure Jadeite Lucid Strategy will not cause any depletion to the Azure Jadeite Sycamore; instead, it helps nurture the mountains and rivers of Red Sandstone City.

Although Chen Mobai is not sure whether these contents are true, he suspects that this is why Yu Tianguang was deceived and ended up unknowingly cultivating a forbidden technique.

The Devour God Technique hidden within Yu Tianguang's Azure Jadeite Lucid Strategy is probably detailed in the Path of Heaven's cultivation content for the sake of disguise, while the Way of Humanity is only briefly mentioned in passing, as a contrast.

If Yu Tianguang had been more cautious and attentive, he might have been able to detect the nuances in those two lines.

Those two lines were added by Shi Qing in her own speculative tone, hypothesizing about the advancement of the Azure Jadeite Lucid Strategy to the Nascent Soul.

She assumed that the sycamore trees sprawling across Danxia Mountain Range, when cut down, could be used for alchemy, artifact refining, talisman making, among other raw materials. However, the pure and unconscious spiritual thought contained within would dissipate between heaven and earth, without perfect utilization.

If these bound-to-be-dissipated spiritual senses of the sycamore trees were to be concentrated within the human body, then over time, accumulating little by little, they would eventually pile up like a sand tower or converge like a deep pool, transforming into a mighty torrent of divine consciousness that breaks through all obstacles and bottlenecks.

This is the Way of Humanity, to sacrifice the insufficient to sustain the surplus.

After reading the Devour God Technique, Chen Mobai couldn't help but marvel at its profound mystery.

This Way of Humanity was likely the key to how Yu Tianguang became implanted with the God Seed by the master of the Divine Control Pavilion; just like the ubiquitous sycamore trees, ready to be harvested and cut down when needed.

After dispelling the stray thoughts using the Nourishing Thought Forge God Technique, Chen Mobai then activated the Divine Manipulation Technique to cultivate his divine sense until dawn, when he finally slowly opened his eyes.

After getting up, he looked at the giant Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree beside him and couldn't help but sigh.

Although the foundation of his divine consciousness was forged by contemplating this very Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree,

now, even when he is closest to it and practices the Art of Divine Consciousness, it merely results in a clearer image of the sycamore tree in the sea of his consciousness, with almost no enhancement.

It seems that only the Devour God Technique provides the rapid growth described by Yu Tianguang.

Initially thinking he had found a shortcut to divine consciousness cultivation, Chen Mobai couldn't help feeling a wave of disappointment after his trials.

Indeed, the path of cultivation can only be taken one step at a time, with the expenditure of resources.

After achieving Core Formation, due to his Fire Spirit Body and Heavenly Fire Spiritual Root, and coupled with the fourth-order superior spiritual qi and spirit stones from Giant Tree Ridge, Chen Mobai's progress in cultivating spiritual power was almost equivalent to constantly consuming Qi-replenishing Spirit Water.

He felt that in another two years, he would easily break through to the second layer of the Gold Core.

However, in comparison to spiritual power, the progress of his divine consciousness was somewhat inferior.

Although relying on the effects of the Golden Liquid Jade Return Pill, he had progressed to the second layer of the Golden Core, the Divine Manipulation Technique had reached its limit after attaining the Golden Core Realm.

Although it could continue to enhance, achieving an accomplishment in divine consciousness would still require a more suitable Divine Consciousness Technique.

Chen Mobai's goal was threefold: the Sun Golden Crow Method, the Candle Dragon Xianguang Technique, and the Vermilion Phoenix Facing the Sun Diagram.

Many cultivators cultivate the Pure Yang Scroll among the Immortal Gates, which is the most suitable method honed over thousands of years.

Chen Mobai has always liked to follow the established path, preparing to switch to another Divine Consciousness Technique after reaching Core Formation.

But because the key Coagulating Spirit Incense was not yet available, he had been delaying it.

Now that he had acquired the Devour God Technique, Chen Mobai felt an unusual stir in his emotions for the first time in a while.

Because after reading through it, he was confident that if he cultivated under the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree in the manner of the Path of Heaven as described by the Devour God Technique, he could elevate his divine consciousness to the perfection of the ninth level of the Gold Core within a hundred years.

Fortunately, Chen Mobai was very rational.

After memorizing the gist of the Devour God Technique and comparing it, he turned the paper into ashes.

This version was definitely not suitable for cultivation; however, if there was an opportunity in the Tianhe Realm in the future, he could consider reworking it.

See if he could extract its essence and contemplate the Great Dao Tree within the Divine Tree Secret Realm, drawing its spiritual sense with the Path of Heaven.

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After all, the main reason Yu Tianguang was defeated was because he was unknowingly implanted with a God Seed by the Shenyu Xuanzhu using the Way of Humanity at some point.

But with Chen Mobai's cautious personality, he would definitely want to confirm that there were no problems after changing the main subject of his contemplation before he might attempt it.

However, with his talent and comprehension, if he wanted to revise the Azure Jadeite Lucid Decree, which contains the essence of the Devour God Technique, to focus on the Great Dao Tree and ensure there would be no traces of any Forbidden Technique, he would probably need to drink a lot of Enlightenment Tea.

He could only hope that Zhuo Ming would manage to cultivate the Enlightenment White Tea tree to Rank-3 soon.

At this moment, Chen Mobai realized how precious the tea tree gifted to him by Wen Ren Xuewei was.

To cultivators from Immortal Gate, it might seem like getting whatever cultivation technique they wanted was just a matter of downloading it, so why bother thinking for themselves, but for Chen Mobai, who had personally experienced the effects of Soul Awakening Dao Pills and Enlightenment Tea, these items were extremely useful.

This was especially true for someone like him who needed to disguise himself.

Moreover, Chen Mobai felt that his understanding of the Devour God Technique might just be superficial, and to avoid potential hidden dangers, he still needed to be in a state of enlightenment to fully comprehend it.

At this time, the sunrise began to light up the sky.

The first rays of sunlight filtered through the leaves of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree and fell on Chen Mobai, making him feel as if he had seen the bright path of Dao.

Just then, a graceful figure flew up, her brows and eyes picturesque, her face clear and beautiful, and at the sight of Chen Mobai, a smile appeared on her lips, incomparably beautiful.

“Here.”

Qing Nu came over and, with a look of seeking approval, handed the box she was holding to Chen Mobai.

“Oh, it’s arrived so soon, thank you!”

Chen Mobai knew well what it was and opened it happily.

It was precisely as he had requested: three Spirit Sealing Tubes made to the standards for storing Great Sun Qianyang Fire.

After Qing Nu took note, they were custom ordered from the Sky-Mending Group Team Two, and naturally, Chen Mobai had also given Lan Haitian a heads-up, otherwise it wouldn't have been completed so quickly.

After all, Sky-Mending Group Team Two was specifically responsible for making various peculiar magic artifact equipment, and their workload was already full. Only after Lan Haitian, the deputy group leader, personally made a call were they able to put Chen Mobai's order for the Spirit Sealing Tubes on the fast track.

"What are you planning to do with this?"

Seeing Chen Mobai inspect each Spirit Sealing Tube carefully, Qing Nu couldn't help but ask with curiosity.

"I plan to cultivate a powerful kind of flames."

Chen Mobai did not hide this from Qing Nu, and upon hearing it, she assumed he meant the Great Sun Qianyang Fire and decided not to inquire further.

Now that he had the Spirit Sealing Tubes in hand, the only thing missing was the Spirit Coagulation Talisman.

Chen Mobai did not call upon his contacts to purchase these as he had been trying to draw them himself during this time.

With his current Golden Core Realm, if he focused on learning a single Talisman Paper, it was quite simple for him to achieve success.

After only a few attempts, he mastered the Rank-1 and Rank-2 Spirit Coagulation Talismans.

Although he kept failing at the Rank-3, he felt progression with each failure.

“Let me help you grind the ink!”

Seeing Chen Mobai bring out the Talisman Brush and ink, Qing Nu stood by his side and, with a gentle wave of her hand, began to help.

“Thank you very much!”

Chen Mobai naturally nodded with a smile. Perhaps it was having a beauty by his side that boosted his motivation and desire to perform, by evening he had successfully completed a Rank-3 Spirit Sealing Talisman.

And with the successful experience in hand, what followed was a natural string of successes.

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Chen Mobai tested his Qingyang Fire to ensure that the Spirit Sealing Tube and the Spirit Condensation Talisman would work. After confirming this, he took out a golden Taoist Talisman Paper.

The patterns on this talisman paper resembled flames, glittering and dazzling to the eye.

“What is this talisman? Did you draw it?”

Qing Nu asked curiously. She knew Chen Mobai was an outstanding Talisman Maker, having shown off a bit in the past couple of days, easily mastering Spirit Condensation Talismans from Rank-1 to Rank-3.

She felt that with Chen Mobai’s talent, his prowess in making talismans should be comparable to her own alchemy skills, or perhaps even more outstanding.

However, this was an illusion on her part. Chen Mobai could only achieve this because of his Golden Core Realm.

“This is an ancient talisman that I obtained from opening a Void Blind Box. It came with two types of elixirs, which I was hoping you could help me identify.”

Qing Nu didn't know what a Void Blind Box was, after all, it was a precious resource that only Golden Core Masters could utilize.

After Chen Mobai explained, a look of realization appeared on her face, and then she curiously took over the identification of the Xu Tian Wu Jin Dan and Blood Spirit Pill, completing it with extreme professionalism.

Their effects were fine, though the toxicity was slightly above the standard.

"It might be due to being stored for too long, or perhaps, poor preservation," Qing Nu offered a couple of reasons on behalf of Chen Mobai, sparing him the need for excuses.

"This ancient talisman, after years of my research, I have found it to be an extremely powerful True Fire talisman. My Pure Yang Scroll can accommodate and control it, so I thought of refining it and nurturing it to increase one of my magic duel techniques."

As he spoke, Chen Mobai ignited the Golden Flame Sword Talisman with a flick of his fingertip.

After the Spiritual Power Injection, the patterns on the talisman paper burned like real flames, and as the golden flame light flickered and emerged, a heat wave that slightly distorted the void radiated and soon the very ground began to char, attesting to the high temperature of the Golden Flame.

Even as Qing Nu activated her Water Spiritual Power, she still felt the heat on her body, and sweat continuously broke out.

Seeing Qing Nu sweating, Chen Mobai signaled her to step back, and then he immediately picked up the Spirit Sealing Tube.

Once the power of the Golden Flame Sword Talisman was ignited, even if not directed at an enemy, it would slowly dissipate over three to four days.

Chen Mobai had already fully comprehended the Red Flame Sword Jue, and if he relied on using his alchemy flames and essence of spiritual power to condense the Green Flames Sword Sha, he could refine a trace of “Golden Flame” each day. It would probably take two to three years of effort to refine the amount of Golden Flame in this sword talisman.

After all, it was personally drawn by the Nascent Soul Cultivator Ancestor Hunyuan, and the grade of this Golden Flame Sword Talisman had already reached the peak of Third Rank.

Even if Chen Mobai could condense the same amount of Golden Flame, the power of the sword talismans he drew would be far inferior to this one.

He divided the ignited Golden Flame of the sword talisman into three and injected it into three Spirit Sealing Tubes, then affixed the three prepared Third Rank Superior Grade Spirit Condensation Talismans.

In this way, he had the seeds of the Golden Flame.

Next, by continuously refining them with the Flame Manipulation Technique from the Pure Yang Scroll, and once he was able to completely control them, he would then use the Ignition Technique to continually expand and enhance the Golden Flame.

When the Golden Flame reached maturity, that would mean the Flame Sun Slash had been mastered.

By then, in terms of magical dueling, even without using the Purple Electric Sword, he would be unchallengeable within the Golden Core Realm.

“I feel that the power of this Golden Flame is no less than that of the Great Sun Qianyang Fire.”

After Chen Mobai sealed away the Golden Flame, the scorching heat that was distorting the void and charring the ground vanished. Qing Nu gently wiped the fragrant sweat from her forehead, feeling a bit frightened as she came closer.

She felt that if even a spark of that Golden Flame had landed on her, she would have likely been reduced to ashes instantaneously.

“It’s decent. Now that I have these three tubes of Golden Flame as True Fire seeds, I can quickly master a Third Rank Superior Grade True Fire sword technique. In the future, when I incorporate the Great Sun Fire into it, I can even raise its power to Rank-4.”

The Flame Sun Slash of the Red Flame Sword Jue is based on the sublime condensation of Golden Flame from the Green Flames Sword Sha, while the Extreme Sun Slash requires the incorporation of the Great Sun Fire.

This approach is similar to that of the Great Sun Qianyang Fire, but the upgrade path is smoother than that of the Great Sun Qianyang Fire. Additionally, because it is used in combination with sword techniques, it has a stronger combat capability.

It just goes to show that the Tianhe Realm puts more effort and skill into studying magic duels than the Immortal Gate.

Chen Mobai’s Green Flames Sword Sha was already fully matured, and with the seeds of Golden Flame, plus the profound techniques of the Pure Yang Scroll, he could easily master the Red Flame Sword Jue to its peak if he did not spare any Spirit Stones.

This sword technique would be his signature move in the Eastern Wilderness, and perhaps in the future, he might even have the opportunity to try obtaining the mighty Fen Tianjing Di.

Even without that opportunity, once he refines the Extreme Sun Slash to its limit, Chen Mobai could find a way to switch to the route of the Great Sun Qianyang Fire since both techniques involve the Great Sun Fire, leading to different paths with the same destination.

“You really are amazing!”

After hearing all this, Qing Nu couldn’t help but look at Chen Mobai with a face full of admiration.

Even with her Heavenly Spiritual Root, she had struggled immensely just to master a Third Rank True Water Technique, while Chen Mobai was already preparing to cultivate a Rank-4 battle technique.

“I just have a bit of talent in this area,” Chen Mobai said modestly, then he attempted to draw out a strand of Golden Flame from the Spirit Sealing Tube and began refining it with the Flame Manipulation Technique of the Pure Yang Scroll.

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This spell, reputed to control all the fires of the world, finally had its moment in his hands.

Three days later, Chen Mobai had completely mastered one of the Gold Flames.

Next was the use of the Ignition Technique.

The power of this spell lay in the ability to use Pure Yang Spiritual Power as fuel to ignite the fire that the cultivator mastered thoroughly.

Chen Mobai immediately transformed the Gold Flame he controlled with the Flame Manipulation Technique into a seed, constantly infusing Spiritual Power and catalyzing it with the Green Flames Sword Slaughter to enhance it.

Unfortunately, the Ignition Technique was too consumptive of Pure Yang Spiritual Power.

With Chen Mobai’s Gold Core first-layer Cultivation Level, he could only support it for three days, after which, even while situated atop the most abundant Fourth Grade Spirit Vein of the Danxia Mountain Range, he needed to meditate and cultivate for seven days to recover.

This is no good, it’s too slow!

Chen Mobai couldn’t help but frown slightly, the main reason being that his current task was to stay put here, and in addition to Qing Nu, Lan Haitian also came from time to time to talk to him about the latest cleanup situation in Red Sandstone City, so he didn’t dare to use Spirit Stones to recover.

If he didn't care about conserving Spirit Stones, his recovery time could be reduced by more than half.

Why hasn't the Peach Blossom Sage come yet?

Just as Chen Mobai grumbled daily, finally, on a breezy and sunny clear day, he waited for the headmaster of the Jumang Academy to arrive.

Lan Haitian, leading a group of law enforcement cultivators from the Wangwu Cave Heaven, stood respectfully beside a beautiful woman in a pink and white long dress.

Riding the clouds in the sky, they flew toward where Chen Mobai was.

This was Chen Mobai's first encounter with the Peach Blossom Sage.

To be honest, in his life, he had seen many beauties, whether it was Meng Huang or Yan Bingxuan, all with beauty that defied nature, thousands of charming and enchanting looks, he had also seen the youthful and vibrant Shi Wanyu, and Qing Nu by his side was even more of a national beauty, stunningly unconventional.

But compared to the Peach Blossom Sage, they all seemed to pale in comparison.

Her beauty was not like a human's, as if she held all the beauty of every woman Chen Mobai had ever seen, with flowing ink-like black hair, slender phoenix eyes with a clear smile, like the bright moon or lakes, high and delicate nose, rosy cheeks, flawless oval face paired with her reddened lips, all making her skin more radiant than snow, clear and lustrous as jade.

The Peach Blossom Sage possessed the voluptuous figure of a mature woman, yet the fine and fresh beauty of a young girl, and even in her brows and eyes, there was a youthful vivacity, anyone who looked upon her would see any kind of feminine charm they wished to see.

[This must be what a sylph is like!]

Somehow, this thought surfaced in Chen Mobai's mind.

And at this moment, the Peach Blossom Sage had already descended with Lan Haitian and a large group of people to the peak of the Danxia Mountain Range, her eyes fixed on the towering Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree.

"Paying respects to the Sage!"

Chen Mobai immediately went over with Qing Nu to give their salutations.

"Greetings, Headmaster!"

Qing Nu also followed suit in greeting her.

After hearing this, the Peach Blossom Sage turned her head, saw Qing Nu, smiled lightly, and nodded slightly as a return gesture.

Then, the Peach Blossom Sage kept sizing up Chen Mobai, whose bone structure was clear and distinguished, and her gaze grew more and more approving. Yet, within that approval, there was also a hint of faint regret.

"Shuang has told me about you. She said you're not bad."

As Chen Mobai felt increasingly self-conscious under the Peach Blossom Sage's gaze, she finally spoke up.

"Elder Sister Pei's swordsmanship is dazzlingly brilliant; I deeply admire it. Since our parting at the Mountain and Sea Academy, we've often exchanged insights on the path of sword cultivation."

This was the truth; Pei Qingshuang often chatted with Chen Mobai, usually under the guise of seeking advice on the Sword Dao.

If it were someone else, Chen Mobai would have pretended not to notice.

But in the case of Pei Qingshuang, he was willing to engage in exchange, sharing his own revelations on the Sword Dao.

Although Chen Mobai's Sword Dao Realm was granted by the Empowerment of the Great Dao Tree, it was a solid realm. After many years of application, at least his firsthand experience in use far surpassed that of Pei Qingshuang, a Foundation Establishment Practitioner.

Especially when his sword light transformed and he evolved the Five Elements Sword Slaughter Formation, such a Sword Dao Realm could only be achieved by a handful of sword dao grandmasters in the Immortal Gate, such as Nangong Xuanyu.

Pei Qingshuang, at the ninth layer of Foundation Establishment, spent the long wait for the Golden Liquid Jade Pill cultivating her bond with the Qing Shuang Sword, attempting to attain the unity of man and sword, Clear Heart of Sword, as well as practicing the Cold Frost Sword Evil to pass the time.

Among Chen Mobai's Five Elements Sword Sha, the Water Attribute Sword Killing was based on Profound Ice Evil, similar to her Sword Evil. Relying on the experience of having gone two steps further, he often pretended to be an expert while chatting with Pei Qingshuang.

A person's reputation, like a tree's shadow!

Since Chen Mobai was mistakenly recognized by the Immortal Gate as having achieved Taoist Golden Core, Pei Qingshuang had started to regard him as a second Ancestor Baiguang, treating his words as gospel truth.

Moreover, Chen Mobai's Sword Dao Realm was indeed two levels higher than hers; his advice was indeed true and useful experience. Each time, it benefited Pei Qingshuang immensely, enlightening her.

As a result, every time Pei Qingshuang returned home, she praised Chen Mobai as the person with the greatest swordsmanship talent under heaven and earth in front of the Peach Blossom Sage.

When the mother and daughter chatted privately, they would be a bit more unrestrained. In Pei Qingshuang's opinion, Ancestor Baiguang was not as good as Chen Mobai at the same age and stage.

And for such an outstanding talent to be indifferent to fame and fortune and wholeheartedly devoted to family was extraordinary.

Such character was simply the most ideal son-in-law material.

It's just that Pei Qingshuang was still a bit too shy. Every time the Peach Blossom Sage asked her if she had taken a liking to Chen Mobai, she would talk around the question or directly run out the door with the excuse of going to drink tea with Wen Ren Xuewei to avoid the issue.

"Chen Mobai, would you be willing to join my Jumang Academy?" asked the Peach Blossom Sage suddenly, catching Chen Mobai entirely by surprise.

"This... I graduated from the Dance Tool Dao Academy, and my teacher's position is still there, Peach Blossom Sage's kindness is appreciated..."

Among the Four Great Daoist Sects, Jumang Academy and Dance Tool Dao Academy have the best relationship. In the past, Che Yucheng and Master Xin Ji were sworn brothers.

And Master Chengxuan's success in Nascent Soul Formation was much indebted to Jumang Academy for providing a tube of Heavenly True Water to help him escape the calamity of Heart Flame burning his body.

But even with such a good relationship between the two sects, was it appropriate to steal his talent while so many people were watching?

Not only did Chen Mobai think so, Lan Haitian also had the same thought.

"I'm not asking you to transfer your position to Jumang. Instead, I'm asking if you would transfer your household registration here. My daughter, Shuang'er, although she cannot bear children, has inherited my appearance and figure. The higher her cultivation, the more beautiful she becomes. I have

considered all the outstanding men in the Immortal Gate, and you are the most pleasing to my eyes. Would you be interested in becoming Tao companions with her, to spend the rest of your life together?"

Chen Mobai considered himself to have a strong psychological resilience, but he was still a bit shaken by the Peach Blossom Sage's blunt proposal.

"This... I don't have any romantic feelings for Elder Sister Pei, and I am a man of few words who knows only cultivation and farming. I can't really be considered a good match, so I must decline!"

Chen Mobai thought about it and decided to follow his heart, gently declining.

This kind of matter required a firm decision; indecision would only lead to chaos. There was no need for ambiguity.

As soon as he finished his statement, everyone present looked at him with astonished eyes. This was an offer of marriage from a Nascent Soul Superior, and Pei Qingshuang could grow to be as beautiful as the Peach Blossom Sage, potentially the future number one beauty of the Immortal Gate.

Only the gaze by Chen Mobai's side was not one of shock, but of tenderness and trust.

It was Qing Nu.

Having spent so many years together, she had absolute confidence in Chen Mobai. She believed he was someone extremely proud, with neither family background nor beauty fitting his criteria for a spouse. The friends he chose to spend time with were soulmates with whom he shared mutual understanding.

He would never treat someone differently for being useful!

What about a fairy child like Pei Qingshuang!

In Chen Mobai's eyes, her place was certainly not as significant as Qing Nu's, and perhaps not even as high as Yan Bingxuan's.

Thinking this way, Qing Nu felt that all the hardships she had endured in life were worth it for meeting Chen Mobai, a partner with whom she could share complete devotion.

“It’s because of you that I am able to persevere in the bitter sea of the Immortal Gate.

Qing Nu was an orphan, with her brother and sister gone, her teacher Gu Changfeng nearing death, she no longer had any family ties to hold onto in the Immortal Gate.

The pillar of her heart was solely Chen Mobai.

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“You are the master of the Purple Electric Sword, and my daughter is the master of the Qing Shuang Sword. If you two practice the Purple Green Demon Refining Heavenly Book together and condense the Nine Heavens Pure Spirit Purple Brilliance Energy, your chances of breaking through to the Nascent Soul will also greatly increase. Won’t it be wonderful to be the next revered immortal couple like Qing Shi and Qing Jing, envied by all with your swords combined?”

Peach Blossom Sage continued to persuade, which was her main reason for wanting Chen Mobai as her son-in-law.

With her backing, Pei Qingshuang’s Core Formation would definitely not be a problem. Even if she failed this time, consuming some of her own Nascent Soul Superior’s lifespan, she could still help Pei Qingshuang exchange for another Golden Liquid Jade Pill.

But when it comes to Baby-forming Spiritual Things, even she cannot provide Pei Qingshuang with a second portion.

That is to say, if Pei Qingshuang cannot succeed in “Nascent Soul Formation” in one go, she may have to stop at the Golden Core Realm for the rest of her life.

And within the Immortal Gate, the best thing to increase the chances of Nascent Soul Formation and most suitable for Pei Qingshuang is to practice the Purple Green Demon Refining Heavenly Book.

Although her daughter has not yet communed with the Qing Shuang Sword, Peach Blossom Sage knows this is just a matter of time. As long as Pei Qingshuang can form her Gold Core, and her cultivation level gets higher, the hopeful Qing Shuang Sword will eventually submit.

Purple Lightning Azure Frost combined, will allow one to draw upon the Two-yi Qi with even more composure and refine it into Nine Heavens Pure Spirit Purple Brilliance Energy, something that even someone of Peach Blossom Sage's status knows.

After reviewing the battle report of Lan Haitian's slaying of the Master Huakai, submitted by Peach Blossom Sage, she was utterly shocked to learn that Chen Mobai had already mastered the Sword Heart with the Purple Electric Sword.

She was very aware of her daughter's talent in the Sword Dao. Although part of it was due to the Enlightenment Tea she provided as a special treatment, her daughter was only slightly behind the four geniuses such as Hao Cao and Nangong Xuanyu within the Immortal Gate.

But compared to Chen Mobai, the gap was immense!

It could only be said that the Qualification of Deification was terrifying indeed!

Having her own daughter as a stark contrast, Peach Blossom Sage was fully convinced of Chen Mobai being the number one talent of the Immortal Gate.

That was also one of the reasons she took on the mission at Red Sandstone City.

To see if she could entice a distinguished son-in-law!

"I am deeply flattered by your high regard, Senior, but I feel that relying on external help for Nascent Soul Formation is not steady at its foundation, so I wish to achieve it on my own."

Since Chen Mobai had already refused from the beginning, he naturally wouldn't back down subsequently.

However, he still thought of an excuse and expressed that, if he succeeded in forming his Nascent Soul in the future, without affecting the foundation, he would use the Purple Electric Sword to help Pei Qingshuang.

Upon hearing this, Peach Blossom Sage's face turned colder.

Forming Nascent Soul on his own!? What a joke!

Even she, a Heaven and Earth Spirit Plant with profound roots, needed continuous drip irrigation of the Water of Ten Thousand Transformations by the sages of the Jumang Academy to achieve Transformation.

She admitted that the lad might possess the Qualification of Deification, but he was being overly confident to the point of arrogance.

[It seems, I'll have to wait until he has suffered enough before trying to recruit him as a son-in-law again.]

Peach Blossom Sage had a long lifespan and was confident she could wait until after Chen Mobai reached Golden Core Perfection and hit a wall before the Nascent Soul stage.

Behind Peach Blossom Sage, there was a group of young men and women with youthful faces. Although all were at the Foundation Establishment level, one could tell at a glance that they were students of the Jumang Academy who hadn't yet left the Ivory Tower.

At this moment, they all looked up to Chen Mobai with faces full of admiration.

In the last twenty or thirty years, Chen Mobai was the legend within the Scholarly Mansion of the Daoist Academy and the target they aspired to chase.

And today, after Chen Mobai decisively rejected Peach Blossom Sage, expressing his confidence in forming his own Nascent Soul, their shock and reverence grew even more.

A stunning beauty and the opportunity to form a Nascent Soul, none could make him lower his head or bend his eyebrows.

Was this the confidence and Dao Heart of the number one talent of the Immortal Gate?

“If that is the case, I’ll take over from here. You can leave.”

After Chen Mobai reiterated his refusal, the previously smiling face of Peach Blossom Sage turned cold, and with a gentle wave of her sleeve, she turned and walked toward the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree.

How quickly she turns her face!

Chen Mobai was a bit unaccustomed to Peach Blossom Sage’s manner. Everyone in the Immortal Gate had always been polite to him.

“The Courtyard Head is just like that, rather straightforward. She doesn’t like beating around the bush,” explained Qing Nu, who had approached and whispered in Chen Mobai’s ear.

Perhaps due to being a Spirit Plant undergoing Transformation, Peach Blossom Sage was at the Nascent Soul Realm as soon as she transformed, unlike the Narcissus Sage who had mingled in the Kunpeng Daoist Institute for ten years, being notably willful and speaking her mind.

After all, she started as a Nascent Soul, and in the entire Immortal Gate, only the Huashen Ancestor could make her wary.

So hearing Chen Mobai repeatedly decline her kindness, Peach Blossom Sage was naturally quite displeased.

If it weren’t for the presence of Ancestor Baiguang from the Dance Tool Dao Academy behind this young man, Peach Blossom Sage would definitely not have let it go so easily.

But after hearing Peach Blossom Sage dismiss him, Chen Mobai was instead delighted.

“Then I will leave the rest to Senior. I appreciate your hard work.”

After the polite exchange, Chen Mobai cheerfully packed his tea table and other items he had placed at the mountain’s summit and left the area in high spirits.

[This guy...]

Seeing Chen Mobai’s manner, Peach Blossom Sage couldn’t help but feel even more annoyed. Back in the Daoist Academy, just a look from her would make people underneath helpless yet smiling bitterly, and they would basically agree to whatever she wanted.

“Courtyard Head, if there’s nothing else, I’ll take my leave as well.”

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At this moment, Qing Nu also came over and asked Peach Blossom Sage a question.

“In a moment, we’ll need to set up the Water Yuan Qing River Array, and I remember you have a Heavenly Water Spirit Root, which would be perfect to lend a hand.”

However, Peach Blossom Sage stopped Qing Nu. This time she had brought a group of students from Jumang Academy, treating the task as a fieldwork internship. With the help of Qing Nu, an exceptional graduate, it would make things much easier for her.

“Oh...”

Upon hearing this, the smile on Qing Nu’s face, which was there because Chen Mobai had refused Peach Blossom Sage, instantly collapsed, and she responded with a lowered head.

“Lan Haitian, you lead the people of the Immortal Gate to suppress the Fire Veins of Danxia Mountain with Spirit Nails at these locations. Once I direct the students to drive the Array Flags in, you can release them...”

Peach Blossom Sage quickly started to give orders. With a sweep of her slender right hand through the air, a huge three-dimensional map materialized, vividly displaying the entire Danxia Mountain Range. Then, with a movement of her left hand, a blue-green Array Diagram emerged on top of the 3D map. Once the two overlaid each other, red and blue points began to light up.

The red points indicated the Fire Vein Spirit Trees that Lan Haitian needed to suppress with Spirit Nails.

The blue points indicated the locations where the Jumang Academy needed to insert the Array Flags.

All present were at least Foundation Establishment Practitioners, and after Peach Blossom Sage explained once using the 3D diagram, they essentially had a firm grasp of the details.

Then, through continuous coordination, they began to suppress the Fire Veins, the Spirit Plants, setting up the Large Formation, the Spiritual Pivot...

When Chen Mobai arrived at the foot of the mountain, he looked back and saw that the mountain was bustling with activity. He left with peace of mind assured that everything was under control.

With Peach Blossom Sage overseeing the situation, even if the Shenyu Xuanzhu (Divine Control Pavilion Master) returned in person, nothing could go amiss!

Moreover, because of the incident with Master Huakai, Red Sandstone City was probably now on the priority list of the Immortal Gate, and in the future, the Sky-Mending Group would definitely pay special attention to this place. Thus, there was no longer any need to worry about infiltration by members of the Ascension Sect.

After leaving the Danxia Mountain Range, Chen Mobai made a trip back to Red Sandstone City.

In addition to checking on his parents and family, he also wanted to find out if anyone he knew had been detained by Lan Haitian.

He found quite a few.

The principal of the Immortal Gate's Fifth High School, as well as several teachers who graduated from the two major local academies, were still being held.

In addition to these Qi Cultivators, there was also Lu Hongsheng, his former desk-mate who had returned from military service and attended university at a local academy, and Shi Qujin, a Foundation Establishment Practitioner with whom Chen Mobai had a good relationship...

After learning that Chen Mobai had returned, his high school homeroom teacher Chai Deyun, Lu Hongsheng's wife Yu Shu, his old classmate Shi Jingjing, and others came knocking with gifts in hand.

"I'll go ask for you."

Chen Mobai was always personable, but since it concerned the Ascension Sect, he also needed to understand the situation.

Chen Mobai waited two days until Lan Haitian came back from the Danxia Mountain Range, and he invited him for a meal.

"These have almost all been investigated and can be released."

Upon hearing this, Lan Haitian was very straightforward and released everyone except Shi Qujin the next day.

"The status of a Foundation Establishment Practitioner is different. If we are to release one, the procedure is much more complex and requires the approval and seal from the Department of Law Enforcement in Wangwu Cave Heaven. But rest assured, I have already spoken with Lan Haitian about this, asking him to expedite the process as much as possible."

Chen Mobai sat at home, facing Shi Jingjing, Cao Yaling, Shi Yuanqing, and Xu Yuan, as he spoke to the four of them.

Shi Qujin, a graduate of the Red Dawn Institution, had rarely left Red Sandstone City, and as a Foundation Establishment Practitioner, he was a key suspect and thus detained.

Even though Cao Yaling and Shi Yuanqing were both Foundation Establishment Practitioners who had come personally for this matter, they were helpless.

“Thank you, old classmate, for helping to facilitate the connections.”

As Shi Qujin’s daughter, Shi Jingjing, kept thanking Chen Mobai when she left. She had married Xu Yuan, and neither of them had succeeded in Foundation Establishment. After returning, they held their wedding and now had a son and a daughter.

Had it not been for the issue of Shi Qujin’s detention, they would have been described as blissfully married.

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“Of course, Brother Shi and I have a good relationship. As long as it has nothing to do with the Ascension Sect, I will definitely help.”

After exchanging a few pleasantries, Chen Mobai watched as his four old classmates left, feeling somewhat nostalgic.

The scenes of their playful fights and jests in the classroom seemed like they were just yesterday, but in the blink of an eye, the vivacious and lovely Shi Jingjing had become a mature woman.

Even as Foundation Establishment Practitioners, Cao Yaling and Shi Yuanqing were restrained and respectful in front of him, a sight that rendered Chen Mobai somewhat lonely.

Time slipped away, and things could never go back to the way they were.

Moved by these thoughts, Chen Mobai knew that the time he could spend with his family would grow less, so he took his parents back to Green Mountain Village to celebrate the Spring Festival with his grandparents.

After the New Year, Chen Mobai returned to Yu Wood City.

He didn't go to see Gu Changfeng and continued to govern effortlessly as before.

On the contrary, both Yu Wood City and Qing Sang Academy, having heard of Chen Mobai's splendid achievement of slaying Master Huakai with three sword strikes, took the initiative to visit him, inquiring if he had any instructions for the new year.

To this, Chen Mobai announced everything would proceed as normal, then left behind a Formless Puppet and returned to Giant Tree Ridge.

His first act was to check on Luo Yixuan's Soul Lantern, and upon confirming his little disciple was still alive, he summoned Zhuo Ming.

"Master, recently while tending to that black Spirit Plant, I heard an inexplicable voice offering me guidance..."

After reporting her duties, Zhuo Ming hesitated and then revealed the matter of receiving pointers from Zhou Shengqing.

"That is the Taoist voice of a predecessor. Listen to it, and if you have questions in the future, you can also confide in it. Perhaps you will receive answers."

Knowing it was Zhou Shengqing, Chen Mobai reassured Zhuo Ming, treating him as another teacher.

"Yes, Master!"

With Chen Mobai's permission, Zhuo Ming felt at ease. In the Tianhe Realm, even within the same sect, switching factions while your master is alive is a very serious matter.

Liu Wenbo was not at Giant Tree Ridge; he had gone to the Ming Nation last year, arriving at the Hunyuan Immortal City of the Five Elements Sect before Chen Mobai.

After meeting his disciples, Chen Mobai summoned Yue Zutao, who reported on some issues concerning the sect.

The main concerns were Rock Country, Sky Country, and Rainbow Country, where resistance was more common due to being recently conquered territories. Fortunately, Town Guards from the sect had brought many disciples with them, and being backed by the Divine Wood Sect, they were able to bring Foundation Establishment Practitioners over at any time, and the situation was now mostly under control.

“In Rock Country, Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace has sent another Golden Core Cultivator, Fang Xuanyang, who, with Treasure Color Mountain’s Nanxuan Sect at the core, is gradually nibbling away at the Loose Cultivators using Foundation Building Pills. Sect Leader, what do you think is the best way to handle this?”

In the end, Yue Zutao brought up an issue he couldn’t handle on his own.

Another Golden Core? Chen Mobai frowned slightly. He was tempted to take up his sword and go to Rock Country and cut down Fang Xuanyang, but remembering Zhou Shengqing had not yet achieved his Legal Body Nascent Soul and that Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace had real Nascent Soul Cultivators, he soon calmed down.

Maybe this Fang Xuanyang was sent by Xuan Xiao Taoist Palace specifically to test whether Zhou Shengqing had achieved his “Nascent Soul Formation.”

“I will write a letter; you deliver it to E Yun.”

After a moment of thought, Chen Mobai decided to smash Nanxuan Sect on the field of commerce, squarely and fairly.

After Yue Zutao left, Chen Mobai began his seclusion in the Longevity Wood Dojo.

With a continuous supply of Top-grade Spirit Stones, he significantly accelerated the speed of enhancing his Golden Flame with the Ignition Technique. In just a short month, he had condensed the nine Green Flames Sword Slaughter into a fist-sized Golden Flame.

This mass of Golden Flame was precisely the minimum requirement to use the Flame Sun Slash.

That day, as those in Divine Wood City, including Yue Zutao, worked in their offices, they suddenly felt two strong and violent fluctuations of Spiritual Energy coming from the direction of the Everlife Wood, followed by a warm wind. The snow on the rooftops instantly melted into water, a scene that surprised them all.

Among them, only Xie Yuntian of the Sword Training Department seemed to realize something.

He looked toward the Longevity Wood Dojo where Chen Mobai was located and couldn't help but feel awed!

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“Junior Brother, your Flame Sun Slash is truly formidable!”

Above the Everlife Wood, Fu Zongjue summoned back the Golden Sun Puppet from midair, its body charred black, with a hint of shock in his voice.

Although the puppet suffered no substantial damage, the Rank-3 Divine Wood Shield it wielded had a deep sword mark that reached the core, inflicting essential damage. Even if it were repaired, it would drop in grade.

“I've just perfected it and can't quite control the power yet, causing Senior Brother to lose a Magic Artifact.”

Chen Mobai said apologetically, while condensing a stream of glittering golden flames in his palm.

“It’s only a Divine Wood Shield. I still have three spare ones in my storage bag; it’s no trouble at all.”

Fu Zongjue didn’t mind at all. With practiced movements, he removed the near-shattered Divine Wood Shield from the right hand of his Golden Sun Puppet and replaced it with an identical piece.

The Divine Wood Sect may not have much else, but it certainly has an abundance of Wood Attribute Spirit Materials.

As a Core Formation Ancestor of the sect, he had access to all the top-ranked materials of the sect.

Fu Zongjue had mined plenty of Golden Sun Spirit Trees to create his Rank-3 puppets, and even cut off some branches from his own Fourth Order Everlife Wood to use in the core parts of the puppets.

These puppets, used for battle, naturally need to be equipped with wooden armors, Wooden Swords, Wooden Shields, and other such Magic Artifacts.

All of these were made by the sect’s Artifact Refining Department from the Third Rank Superior Grade Golden Sun Spirit Wood. Even if the Artifact Refining skill was second-rate, just the grade of the materials piled up to Rank-3.

In Fu Zongjue’s Storage Bag, besides some easily damaged puppet parts, the rest were these Rank-3 Wood Attribute Magic Artifacts.

So after losing one, Fu Zongjue didn’t feel the slightest bit of pain.

It’s just that the power of the Flame Sun Slash was a bit beyond expectation. After penetrating the Divine Wood Shield, although controlled by Chen Mobai, a bit of the fiery force still seeped into the Golden Sun Puppet.

If it weren’t for the fact that the Golden Sun Spirit Wood had undergone the tempering of Qingyang Fire during its transformation and inherently had resistance to fire, it probably wouldn’t just have a charred surface after enduring the Flame Sun Slash but would instead be ablaze.

While Fu Zongjue polished the puppet's surface, Chen Mobai took the exchanged Divine Wood Shield for inspection.

He touched the profound sword mark left by the Flame Sun Slash, the intense burning heat still lingering within. If he didn't possess a Fire Spirit Body, any other Foundation Establishment Practitioner touching it would likely have their fingertips melted in an instant.

"With the cultivation of the early Golden Core Stage, to master the Red Flame Sword Jue to completion, Junior Brother's talent in the Sword Dao truly deserves to be called the best in the Eastern Wilderness."

As Fu Zongjue watched the ball of golden flame in Chen Mobai's palm, gentle as a water droplet and responsive like an extension of his arm, he couldn't help but exclaim in amazement.

This Sword technique had been passed down in the Five Elements Sect until now, and only Ancestor Hunyuan, who cultivated the Five Elements simultaneously, had reached such a realm before.

Because Sheng Zhaoxi of the Fire Vein did not favor swordsmanship, he cultivated another art called the Great Sun's True Fire Art instead.

And Mo Douguang, who was skilled in swordsmanship and had also tried five elements cultivation to Cultivate into Chaotic Dao Fruit, only managed to condense a wisp of Golden Flame after many years and stopped progressing due to the difficulty of control, as he did not possess a Fire Spirit Body.

Hence, Chen Mobai's current achievement in the Red Flame Sword Jue could already be claimed as the best in the Eastern Wilderness.

"It's just a pity that within our sect, there isn't enough Green Wood Evil; at most, I can cultivate two balls of Golden Flame..."

Chen Mobai said with a hint of regret. With the Ignition Technique, as long as there is enough Spiritual Power, he could endlessly produce Qingyang Fire, but another crucial component, Green Wood Evil, had already been depleted by him.

Giant Tree Ridge already possessed the most abundant Green Wood Evil in the Eastern Wilderness.

In former days' twenty-one strands of Green Wood Evil, due to Chen Mobai's meteoric rise, Xie Yuntian reluctantly conceded time and again, changing from extreme unwillingness to willing consent. Besides the two strands he condensed himself, all the rest were given to Chen Mobai.

Out of the nineteen strands of Green Flame Sword Sha Chen Mobai condensed, one was formed into the Green Flame Sword Talisman, bestowed to Luo Yixuan for protection; two were burnt to exhaustion in a Magic Duel through the use of the Flame Explosion Technique, so initially, only sixteen remained.

But Giant Tree Ridge, due to its bountiful geographical environment, generates a strand of Green Wood Evil every two years or so, adding eight more over the years.

Given his positions as Sect Leader and Core Formation Ancestor, he naturally had priority in using them.

It's just a pity that even if he condensed all of them into Green Flames Sword Shaolu, according to the standard of combining nine into one ball of Golden Flame, Chen Mobai could at most cultivate two balls.

And if he truly wished to reach the peak of the Red Flame Sword Jue's Extreme Sun Slash, he would have to wait another hundred years for the generation of Green Wood Evil.

For Chen Mobai, who always prefers to use resources to accelerate his cultivation speed, this is somewhat hard to accept.

"Although in the Eastern Wilderness, Giant Tree Ridge has the most Green Wood Evil, other sects and cultivator families have these kinds of Evil Qi resources, too. Junior Brother can use the sect's name to make purchases."

Fu Zongjue naturally wished for Chen Mobai to cultivate the Extreme Sun Slash as soon as possible. It was a consistent Rank-4 move, and no one in the entire Eastern Wilderness would dare to face this sword!

“Senior Brother and I think alike. I’ve already instructed Yue Zutao to handle this matter. It’s just unfortunate that many of the purchased Green Wood Evils are below Rank-2 in quality.”

Chen Mobai had also immediately thought of using Spirit Stones to buy Green Wood Evil from other powers.

However, those cultivator families, due to limited heritage, mostly had Earthly Fiendish Qi of Rank-1 grade.

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Chen Mobai also asked Ma Gang from the Spirit Vein Division to arrange for the Earth Masters of the sect to search the dense forests scattered across the Eastern Wilderness for Green Wood Evil. For Rank-2 Green Wood Evil discovered, aside from one thousand sect contribution points, he was willing to offer an additional one thousand Spirit Stones as a reward.

“I remember that Back to Sky Valley has Rank-2 Green Wood Evil. After all, the first medicine field in the Eastern Wilderness belongs to them, and they have the conditions to nurture the Earthly Fiendish Qi. When you visit, junior brother, you can mention this matter. Yan Shaoyin must be a frightened bird right now and will not refuse you,”

Fu Zongjue suggested another idea. After hearing this, Chen Mobai’s eyes lit up, and he nodded.

If he couldn’t find enough Green Wood Evil throughout the Eastern Wilderness, then Chen Mobai would have to resort to the last method.

He would pass down the technique for artificially creating Earthly Fiendish Qi used by the Immortal Gate.

At the Repairing Heaven Institute, he didn’t just learn about governance, warfare, commerce, finance, and other knowledge. He also accompanied Yan Bingxuan in studying the famous Yuanqi system courses, especially the content on artificially creating Earthly Fiendish Qi, which he researched intensively.

After all, considering the need to launder the origin of Earthly Fiendish Qi here in the Tianhe Realm, this was the simplest method.

Because Green Wood Evil is one of the seven Earthly Fiendish Qi that the Immortal Gate can mine, there was an abundance of research material. As such, various organizations within the Immortal Gate have completed the experiments of artificial synthesis, and the theory is already perfect.

However, would the disciples of the Divine Wood Sect be willing to sacrifice their hard-earned Spiritual Power to convert it into the base Five Elements Essence needed for Green Wood Evil?

This concern was the only thing Chen Mobai worried about. After all, cultivators in the Tianhe Realm place great importance on cultivation level and realm, and converting Spiritual Power into Five Elements Essence can cause delays in their cultivation.

Possibly many Divine Wood Sect disciples, who aspire to the great Dao, would not be willing to undertake such a task.

Nevertheless, Chen Mobai's thinking was progressive. If the sect could not collect enough Five Elements Essence internally, he would then spread the task to the seven subordinate nations, dozens of Cultivator families, and countless Loose Cultivators. Surely, someone would be willing in exchange for Spirit Stones, elixirs, Magic Artifacts, and other resources.

He was firmly convinced that even in the Tianhe Realm, as long as the price was high enough, people could be persuaded.

Having tested the Flame Sun Slash with Fu Zongjue, confirming it had the power of a Third Rank Superior Grade, Chen Mobai set his mind at ease and continued to condense the second orb of Golden Flame.

Time flew swiftly, and soon a month had passed.

In the Shenmu Hall!

Chen Mobai stood with one hand on his chest and the other behind his back. In the palm of his hand were two orbs of Golden Flame glowing like brilliant golden spheres, which he twirled continuously, reminiscent of the eternal motion of Tai Chi.

The Vice Hall Masters and department heads from the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions who stood in two flanking rows watched this scene with furrowed brows, their faces filled with trepidation.

The hallmark of the Great Achievement of Red Flame Sword Art, this spectacle had already been spread throughout the entire Divine Wood Sect by the mouth of Xie Yuntian over these days.

Everyone knew that the explosive power of one of these orbs of Golden Flame was enough to incinerate half of Divine Wood City.

Before long, Yin Qingmei and Mu Yuan, who had been summoned, stepped into the hall. After paying their respects to Chen Mobai, they too retreated to a position closest to the door with pallid faces.

The two were highly sensitive to the Golden Flame, as they had both grasped the essence of the Longevity Scripture and had outstanding, if not excellent, Wood Spirit Roots.

The feeling was akin to that of a child, uninitiated in cultivation, who had encountered tigers and wolves in the wilderness, instilling a sense of dread.

“For this trip, where I will be visiting the major sects of the Eastern Wilderness, Mu Shizhe, Xi Shizhe, and Yin Shizhe will accompany me. Consider it an opportunity to broaden your horizons,”

As the sound of Chen Mobai’s voice fell, Mu Yuan, Xi Jinghuo, and Yin Qingmei each stepped forward and nodded in agreement.

These three were the ones among the Foundation Establishment members left in the sect, apart from Zhuo Ming, with the greatest hopes for Core Formation. As the Sect Leader, it was natural for Chen Mobai to cultivate them properly.

In fact, Chen Mobai also wanted to bring Zhuo Ming along. Having a disciple who understood his preferences and could provide thoughtful care would make the journey much more comfortable.

But he reconsidered, thinking of Xiao Nanshan's Spirit Field Spirit Rice experiment, the transplanted Immortal Peach Tree, the Enlightenment White Tea, Zhou Shengqing's Soul Nourishing Wood – all these could not do without Zhuo Ming. It would be better to leave this precious disciple back in the sect.

Moreover, Chen Mobai did not consider himself incapable of enduring hardship and did not need constant attendance.

Once in Ming Nation, he would reunite with his senior disciple Liu Wenbo which meant he would only need to endure by himself in the Snow-blowing Palace and Back to Sky Valley.

At this moment, Chen Mobai found himself particularly missing Luo Yixuan, his younger disciple.

With her by his side, there would be no need for such worries.

“After I leave, Nephew Yue will have the hard task of staying behind to act as Sect Leader in my stead and manage all the affairs of the sect,”

Upon hearing these words, Yue Zutao immediately stepped forward from the left row, accepted the command, and then bowed to the people of the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions.

With Chen Mobai as their backing, everyone was respectful and reciprocated the gesture.

“Reporting to the Sect Leader, as the face of our Divine Wood Sect, bringing only three people seems insufficient. Coincidentally, my disciple Li Yixian has also succeeded in Foundation Establishment a few years ago. Why not let him accompany you to gain some worldly experience, and he can assist by handling some miscellaneous tasks under your command.”

After delegating all the tasks, An Jinghui, the head of the Puppet Division, stood out, wanting to include his own disciple in the travel party as well.

He had realized that the persons Chen Mobai brought with him were all the most promising in the sect. If Li Yixian could join them, even if he couldn't reach the step of Core Formation in the future, at least he'd be able to build good relationships with the sect's cultivators who might reach that stage.

An Jinghui was one of those rare masters in the Tianhe Realm who genuinely considered his disciple's future.

Chen Mobai had a decent relationship with him and also had a good impression of Li Yixian, the slightly chubby disciple, who had served under his command during the campaign at Shake Mountain Peak, so he nodded in agreement.

“Sect Leader...”

Little did he know that with this nod, the rest quickly caught on and began introducing their own disciples and relatives to Chen Mobai, also hoping to join the delegation to visit the East Wilderness Major Sects.

Since Chen Mobai had made this concession, he naturally had to treat everyone equally.

“Each of the Three Halls and Twelve Divisions shall send one person; report the list to Yue Zutao. We set out early tomorrow morning.”

After saying this, Chen Mobai left Shenmu Hall with Zhuo Ming.

After seeing him out respectfully, the crowd immediately turned and surrounded Yue Zutao.

“Sect Leader, here is this month's Longevity Tree Sap!”

After returning to his Longevity Wood Dojo with Zhuo Ming, a female cultivator with an air of clear and elegant spiritual water respectfully approached and handed him a snow-white porcelain bottle.

“Thank you, Gu Yan, for your hard work.”

Chen Mobai smiled as he took the bottle and nodded to Gu Yan.

In the entire Divine Wood Sect, aside from his own disciples, only Gu Yan had free access to his dojo. Occasionally, when there was a sudden errand or someone to be summoned, Chen Mobai would have her run the task.

Because of this, within the Divine Wood Sect, Gu Yan was seen as half a disciple and a maid of Chen Mobai.

Chen Mobai handed the bottle of Longevity Tree Sap to Zhuo Ming beside him.

“Take this to the Alchemy Department later and have Zeng Woyou and Yan Shimai refine it into Longevity Dew.”

“Yes, Master!”

Chen Mobai hadn't forgotten about nurturing his Longevity Dao Body. With Gu Yan's continuous harvesting and condensing of Longevity Tree Sap, he felt very hopeful about reaching great achievement in this Body Forging Technique.

The creation of the Longevity Dew was an ancient alchemy recipe, and Zeng Woyou had already failed to make it twice.

But now that Chen Mobai had ample resources, such a loss was just a slight heartache.

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