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Chapter 81: Mortal Kings Might (1)

"His Majesty the Mortal King is truly terrifying..." Seeing the word "Amnesty", the cultivators from afar changed their expressions; they murmured: "His Majesty the Mortal King is truly unfathomable."

With just the word "Amnesty", it was able to suppress Royal Nobles. One could only imagine how frightening the Mortal King of the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom would be! As for the other people from the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, they couldn't help but take in a deep breath.

Zi Shan Hou gravely said: "Gu Tieshou, the Imperial Decree of His Majesty is right here; release them right now!" His hand held the Imperial Decree with its compelling momentum, causing others to run short of breath.

Gu Tieshou looked at the word "Amnesty", shook his head, and said: "Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou wanted to destroy my Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. Even the Mortal King's Imperial Decree wouldn't do! Execute!"

Gu Tieshou's words changed Zi Shan Hou's expression greatly as he yelled: "Gu Tieshou, don't make this mistake! Defying the Immortal Decree, this would bring about a calamity that would drown your Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect!"

Gu Tieshou ignored him and exclaimed: "Execute!"

Meeting Gu Tieshou's strong resolve, Zi Shan Hou shouted with an ugly expression: "Wait..." At this moment, he couldn't do anything but make concessions. If he didn't bring back Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou, then, not only would he be unsuccessful with his mission, the prestige of the Mortal King would also be provoked.

At this time, Zi Shan Hou made a concession. He spoke in a serious manner: "Gu Tieshou, let me bring Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou away. The day the Evil Infested Ridge opens, there will be a quota for your Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect."

Hearing Zi Shan Hou's words, Gu Tieshou couldn't help but pause for a little bit. The Evil Infested Ridge, to the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, was truly too important.

He couldn't help but look over at Li Qiye. Li Qiye smiled and said: "The Evil Infested Ridge originally was a territory of our sect; why would we need the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom's reward?! Execute!"

Li Qiye's words angered Zi Shan Hou till his body started trembling. He raised the Imperial Decree in his hand, and he shouted: "Junior, you should know the severity of this situation. The Imperial Decree is here! If you were to breach this decree, then all of the sects within the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom will encircle and annihilate your sect!"

"It's just a piece of torn paper, yet you still dare to act powerful and prestigious in front of my presence?!" Li Qiye narrowed his eyes. Finished with his words, his five fingers started to pull on the zither at his chest.

"Zhang..." The moment the zither's sound came about, from inside the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, a sword energy immediately flew forward. The moment the sword blade swept downward, one could only see the Imperial Decree be crushed and the word "Amnesty" split in half.

Everyone held their breaths at this moment. Cutting the Imperial Decree of the Mortal King, this was provoking his authority.

When the word "Amnesty" was cut in half, a "Dum" sound occurred; just like a golden godly law, the decree combined together again. The word "Amnesty" suddenly radiated a terrible light. In the blink of an eye, a majestic figure appeared from this light. The moment of his inception, his royal pressure was like a tsunami; it was like a flood of pressure was rushing and wailing forward directly to the grand earth.

Under the suppression of the royal pressure, even Gu Tieshou had to take several heavy steps back.

"The Mortal King's will..." Seeing the majestic figure emerging from the light, cultivators in the far distance couldn't help but burst into cries.

The majestic figure suddenly opened his eyes. It was as if this pair of eyes were real. Soaking in the sun and the moon with a rotating galaxy within them, it caused others to tremblingly prostrate on the ground.

"Provoking the royal honor, behead!" The figure had just opened his mouth, and the thunders rang in the air. When the words have not yet come out, his huge hand had already struck down, and the power of the one slash wanted to directly destroy Li Qiye. This slash was extremely matchless; under this slash, even the moon illuminating the sky would fall and sweep across all Royal Nobles.

At this moment, Gu Tieshou's colors were shaken. Even Li Shuangyan wanting to save Li Qiye was powerless.

"Roll...!" Li Qiye's gaze became serious as he coldly yelled, without making any other action.

Under this fiery and thunderous slash, a loud "boom" filled the air. At this second, many Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect's disciples couldn't bear to look because they all thought that Li Qiye would suffer a horrible death.

However, the moment the slash was about to kill Li Qiye, a gigantic hand from the heavenly sky came about. A huge explosion happened, and this gigantic hand shattered the shadowy figure. The will of the Mortal King bellowed, a strand of universal laws wanted to escape from the gigantic hand. However, this gigantic hand ground it with pressure and immediately crushed it. The figure of the Mortal King became scattered ashes and dispersed like smoke.

Everything happened so fast, so no one clearly saw where this giant hand came from.

During all of these occurrences, in the martial ground of the far Nine Saint Demon Gate, there was a stone statue raising his stone hand. This one hand stretched across the heaven and earth directly to the end of the sky; no one knew where this hand was going!

This stone hand, from the Nine Saint Demon Gate, flying from millions of miles away, easily destroyed the Mortal King's will. Even if the Mortal King's will could suppress Royal Nobles, under this gigantic hand, it was just a meaningless insect.

Seeing the stone hand appear then suddenly disappear, Li Shuangyan – standing next to Li Qiye – was shocked. Others didn't know what this gigantic hand was, but she knew!

A stone hand, trespassing through the world from the Nine Saint Demon Gate, reached out, and it easily destroyed the Mortal King's will – how frightening was this!

Li Shuangyan had heard her master say that the four stone statues were the Heavenly Protectors of the Nine Saint Demon Gate, but she essentially didn't know how powerful these stones statues, dubbed as the Heavenly Protectors, were.

Today, she finally found out the terrifying power of the four stone statues. And, she also understood why her master had acquiesced against Li Qiye that day. Demon Kings or Mortal Kings, they were nothing! Under the hand of the four Heavenly Protectors, they would easily be crushed!

At this moment, not only the cultivators watching from afar but all of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was in a daze. Zi Shan Hou lost his wits from shock!

The Mortal King's will frightened others so, but it was easily destroyed – who on earth did this?!

"Only a Mortal King? Even a Mortal Emperor still wouldn't reach the apex." Regarding this event, Li Qiye essentially didn't put it in his mind, and he said this in an incredibly calm manner!

At this moment, Li Qiye issued a command: "Execute."

"No..." Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou, at the moment of death, couldn't help but let out a loud cry. They didn't think that today, even the Mortal King wouldn't be able to save them!

The disciples of the sect regained their wits, and execution blades were raised, then fallen, beheading Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou; their heads rolled farther and farther.

In the end, the heads of Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou were neatly placed in wooden boxes by the disciples, and, under the command of Li Qiye, were brought to the front of Zi Shan Hou.

Li Qiye simply glanced at Zi Shan Hou as he calmly said: "I'll leave you with one message for you to deliver to the Heavenly God Sect: whoever blocks my path, I kill without mercy!" Since he was finished speaking, he turned around and left!

Zi Shan Hou's expression was extremely ugly, but, at this moment, he didn't dare to be reckless. He took the heads of Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou, and then he left in a hurry!

The moment the gigantic hand destroyed the Mortal King's will, in the Imperial City, a stalwart and domineering man suddenly trembled and let out a roar. His two eyes absorbed heavenly flames, and they suddenly opened. He then stood up.

The expression of the man was shocked. Standing on the high platform, he was gazing at the far distance; it was as if he was directly looking at the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. At this moment, his

demeanor became dignified. As the Mortal King, he used to divide and repress his royal subjects; however, today, his heart was in distraught, and his mind was in distress.

The man stood there with a pale expression, and he was without words for a long time. To someone with great talents like him, who had swept through the Heavenly Jewel territories, today, his Mortal King's will was easily destroyed without the slightest resistance. To him, this was not only a great shame but also an extremely harmful matter!

"Invite the Ancestor..."

Finally, the man gravely spoke, and he sent a messenger towards the ancestral ground of the Heavenly God Sect for guidance! To him, this matter was too shocking.

A stone hand crossed over the world, and it destroyed the Mortal King's will; inside the Nine Saint Demon Gate, there were disciples reporting to Demon King Lun Ri. Receiving the report, his expression was also shaken.

Inside the Nine Saint Demon Gate, Demon King Lun Ri summoned all of the elders. Within the secret room, the atmosphere became heavy.

"The news confirmed that one hand from our stone statue crossed the world, and it destroyed the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom's Mortal King's will!" Even though Demon King Lun Ri didn't show his face, his voice was still ringing in the secret room.

The Nine Saint Demon Gate's information gathering was extremely swift; they found out in the shortest amount of time.

Such an event caused the elders to gaze at each other. This was not only too sudden, but it was also out of the Nine Saint Demon Gate's control.

An elder gravely said: "It was definitely Li Qiye activating the Heavenly Protectors." This was something that couldn't be questioned; it was described vividly.

Even the entire Nine Saint Demon Gate didn't have anyone who could activate the four Heavenly Protectors; only Li Qiye could do it! Besides Li Qiye, who else could it be?

The moment of silence was broken by an elder: "Our Nine Saint Demon Gate and the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect are separated by millions of miles, and we're not inside the same country. This one hand of the Heavenly Protectors was able to cross the heaven and earth and easily destroyed the Mortal King's will!"

Here, the elder paused for a moment and continued: "Exactly how powerful are they?"

Regarding this matter, the elder's hearts quaked, and they stared at each other. This was a test for them. From the past till now, the Nine Saint Demon Gate had never heard of their Heavenly Protectors making a move. In reality, before Li Qiye came, the elders didn't even know about the existences of the Heavenly Protectors.

Flying across the world and destroying the Mortal King's will — this was an unbelievably sky shattering matter!

"It is time for us to take action." The moment the elders were in quiet contemplation, the voice of Demon King Lun Ri slowly appeared: "The conflict between the Heavenly God Sect and the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect needs to be reconciled."

Hearing the Demon King's words, the elders were surprised; one of them couldn't help but say: "Your Majesty, the Heavenly God Sect and the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect are mortal enemies. The Heavenly God Sect's will to destroy the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect has never ended. If we interfere, I'm afraid we would become enemies with the Heavenly God Sect."

Chapter 82: Mortal Kings Might (2)

"The Heavenly God Sect would have to think twice before declaring war on us." The sound of the Demon King Lun Ri rang again: "With two tigers fighting, one will definitely be injured. They only established their sovereignty for thirty thousand years, yet they dared to call themselves a Kingdom? Wait until they actually have the strength of a Kingdom, and then we'll talk."

Whether it is the Grand Middle Territory or the Mortal Emperor world, there are standards for sovereignty. Frontier small nations were not enough to join the standards, and they were not enough to reach the apex. The real powers have three different names, Country, Kingdom, and Ancient Kingdom.

So to speak, an Ancient Kingdom has the strongest power, Kingdom was second, and Country was last. As for smaller nations, they were not included.

There are also standards for these names. If it wasn't of an Immortal Emperor lineage, then it would be a Country. An Immortal Emperor lineage forming a nation would be called a Kingdom, and, if it had two Immortal Emperors, then it would be called an Ancient Kingdom.

In addition to having two Immortal Emperors, there were a few ancient nations that could have been called Ancient Kingdom. These nations must have been created long ago, and they had extremely great influence.

For an example, when the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect created their nation, it was called the Cleansing Incense Ancient Kingdom because their nation was founded during the beginning years of the Emperor Era; Immortal Emperor Min Ren was also the first Immortal Emperor of this era. The Cleansing Incense Ancient Kingdom made it through a whole era, so, even when it couldn't have a second Immortal Emperor, it was still called an Ancient Kingdom by others.

In fact, the Nine Saint Demon Gate's nation was also extremely ancient, but their influence that year was much less than the old Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect; this is the reason they only proclaimed themselves as a Country.

As for the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, according to the standards, they don't have the qualification to be called a Kingdom; at most, they are a Country. However, they relied on the Heavenly God Sect's ancestor still being alive, and he was self-proclaimed to be invincible; thus, they considered themselves a Kingdom.

Of course, many people feared the ancestor of the Heavenly God Sect, so they didn't dare to criticize them.

Demon King Lun Ri's words shook the spirits of the elders. They glanced at each other before one of them began to ponder. He then said: "Your Majesty, in terms of strength, our Old Ox Country is no weaker than the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, but the ancestor of the Heavenly God Sect is truly dreadful."

Bringing up the Heavenly God Sect's ancestor struck fear into the hearts of the elders currently present! The Heavenly God Sect's ancestor was truly too heaven defying. Not mentioning just the Grand Middle Territory, even gazing through the whole Mortal Emperor world, the ancestor was still a character that others were wary of.

"If Mu Shaodi from that year was still here, it wouldn't be the Heavenly God Sect's turn to dominate the Grand Middle Territory." Mentioning Mu Shaodi fifty thousand years later would still put listeners in awe. Mu Shaodi was the key character for the revitalization of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. Many considered him to be the second Immortal Emperor of the sect after Immortal Emperor Min Ren.

Mu Shaodi was heaven defyingly invincible. The moment Immortal Emperor Ta Kong was without the Heaven's Will, Mu Shaodi would be the strongest rival of Ta Kong. Rumors had it that when they were young and competing for the vacant Heaven's Will, they were at three wins and three defeats each. This record was such a brilliant glory!

"According to reliable sources, the Heavenly God Sect's ancestor is still alive. Even though he had not appeared for thirty thousand years, he is definitely alive in this world." Another elder couldn't help but say: "If the Heavenly God Sect's ancestor comes into being, I'm afraid our Nine Saint Demon Gate would have a difficult time opposing him, ah." [1]

Regarding the ancestor of the Heavenly God Sect, no matter who they were, three parts caution had to be given. So, regarding this matter, the expressions of the elders of the Nine Saint Demon Gate became solemn.

"The Heavenly God Sect's ancestor..." Demon King Lun Ri slowly spoke: "The Difficult Dao Era had passed, and a new era is coming. The Heavenly God Sect's ancestor's evening is already swiftly approaching. In the future, this world belongs to the young people." [2]

The Difficult Dao Era was only the last thirty thousand years. Fifty thousand years ago, Immortal Emperor Ta Kong carried the Heaven's Will, and he became an Immortal Emperor to rule over the universe. However, for unknown reasons, thirty thousand years ago the Black Dragon King suddenly became torrentially angry, and he extorted the Heaven's Will.

It was heard that the Black Dragon King, in this war against Immortal Emperor Ta Kong, fought one battle and tore apart the sky's curtain. Rumor has it that after this battle, in the end, the Heaven's Will was torn apart. Afterward, because of this, the world's energy was depleted, and the cultivators had a hard time practicing the Dao. This was why this era was called the Difficult Dao Era since this era had entirely tortured cultivators of the Nine Worlds for thirty thousand years. It was only ten years ago, when the Difficult Dao Era had come to pass, that the world's energy began to recover.

At this moment, Lun Ri paused, and then he said: "I greatly value Li Qiye. His future potential is second to none."

Hearing Lun Ri's words, the elders couldn't help but glance at each other. An elder did not completely agree: "Your Majesty, even though Li Qiye is a bit demonic, he is only of Mortal Physique, Mortal Life Wheel, and Mortal Fate Palace. With this innate talent, it is difficult to achieve anything in the end."

An elder couldn't help but exclaim: "That is correct. Your Majesty, with regards to physiques and life wheels, Shuangyan is countless times stronger than him."

In reality, Li Shuangyan's mission to the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was not agreed upon by all of the elders. However, Demon King Lun Ri overturned the opposition in the end, and he pushed for Li Shuangyan to go to the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect.

Lun Ri slowly said: "I did not misjudge his character."

The elders contemplated upon Lun Ri's words. Lun Ri, at the Nine Saint Demon Gate, had an extremely high status! Normally, the elders would not refute the opinion of His Majesty.

An elder who was still worried asked: "What if the ancestor of the Heavenly God Sect comes into being?"

"The Heavenly God Sect has its ancestor, but we have the four Heavenly Guardians! With the support of Li Qiye, we will have the support of the four Heavenly Guardians!" Demon King Lun Ri deepened his tone: "We will just have to see whether the ancestor of the Heavenly God Sect is powerful; or if our Heavenly Guardians are invincible! Our Progenitor was a generation's peerless demon. He left behind the four stone statues to be our Heavenly Guardians; this is enough to indicate their sufficient strength."

Even until now, no one knew how powerful the four Heavenly Guardians were; this was a complete mystery!

The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect emphatically executed Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhan Hou, and this matter was spread like a storm throughout all of the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom! This was a sudden shock to all cultivators and sects inside the Kingdom.

Especially the part where the Mortal King's will was destroyed, this made the sect masters hearts continuously quake.

Wary of the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom's strength, everyone didn't discuss it publicly; however, there were many secretly discussing and dissenting.

"Could it be that Liu San Jian was truly alive?!" Many older sect masters that knew the inside information couldn't help but mumble: "These thirty thousand years ago, Mortal Kings from the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect could be counted on one's fingers. Outside of Liu San Jian, who else could be so heaven-defying?"

Remembering the gigantic hand that easily destroyed the Mortal King's will caused many people's hearts to sink. The power of this gigantic hand was absolutely far above a Mortal King.

A cultivator excitedly asked: "This is the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect flipping the sky. They dared to even destroy the Mortal King's will; is this a war declaration against the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom?"

A few big characters thoughtfully said: "It could be that the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was laying low, quietly, for thirty thousand years. They must want to wash the shame that year away and rebuild their Ancient Kingdom."

"Even though it is unknown about who made the move behind the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, them wanting to rebuild their Ancient Kingdom, I'm afraid is without hope. Even protecting their nest would not be easy." Someone from the previous generation that had witnessed the battle thirty thousand years ago shook his head: "That year that Liu San Jian was still alive, they still weren't able to hold their Ancient Kingdom, and they had to run back to their nest in the end! The Heavenly God Sect's ancestor is still alive! It doesn't matter if Liu San Jian is still alive. They no longer have the chance to beat the Heavenly God Sect and rebuild their Ancient Kingdom."

Suddenly, there were all kinds of discussions. Some were on the sidelines waiting for the results while some were sharpening their blades. Even though the breaking of the status quo of the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom could be a calamity to some cultivators and sects, to the bigger sects, this was an opportunity to rise and fish in troubled waters.

Destroying the Mortal King's will – the entire Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was boiling in excitement. Before, the sect didn't dare to compete with the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, but, today, even the Mortal King's will was destroyed; this caused the disciples of the sect to have their blood boil, allowing them to see a hope for revival.

The disciples weren't the only ones who were shocked by reality. Even the protectors and the five elders were ecstatic. This was a matter that they couldn't ever imagine.

Within the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, Gu Tieshou was the strongest. He could be considered the number one of the sect, but the one word "Amnesty" of the Mortal King was enough to suppress him! However, not even mentioning the word "Amnesty", even the will of the Mortal King was destroyed! In the midst of everything, the five elders placed extremely high expectations towards Li Qiye!

Returning to the sect, all five elders were present; Li Qiye was also in the party. Today, Li Qiye was entirely on equal footing with the five elders, and they all considered him as the sect's revitalization leader!

"We don't need to be excited." In the party, Li Qiye said: "After all, our sect is still very weak and without any means. Regarding strength, we are not enough to compete against the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom and the Heavenly God Sect."

Li Qiye's words were the truth regarding the situation of the sect, the five elders did not object. After the initial excitement, their hearts were heavy because outside of Li Qiye, their ace card, they didn't have any other secret cards.

Li Qiye said: "In terms of internal and secret foundation, we are stronger than the Heavenly God Sect. Even though our Emperor merit laws are limited at the moment, it cannot be denied that we have a large amount of Virtuous Paragon merit laws and Heavenly King methods... In the end, we don't need to worry about not having merit laws; it is only unfortunate that we don't have the inheritors."

Even though the sect had lost the majority of their Emperor merit laws, in the end, they were still of Immortal Emperor lineage; they had a great number of Virtuous Paragons and Heavenly Kings, so they

had many merit laws from them. In reality, the sect having these merit laws still made countless cultivators and sects drool from greed.

"We are short of good masters." In the end, Gu Tieshou bitterly smiled and said: "I'm going to speak without being afraid of jeers. In reality, our brother's cultivations were essentially self-learned. We crawled back and forth trying to practice them."

Chapter 83: Daylight Sky Immortal Secret (1)

Elder Sun couldn't help but softly say: "Thirty thousand years ago, after the battle with the Heavenly God Sect, our losses were too great. Even though thirty thousand years had passed, we were still unable to recover."

The other elders were softly sighing as well. The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect's decline was a foregone conclusion after that battle.

For that battle, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect could be said to have exerted their entire strength in order to protect the Cleansing Incense Ancient Kingdom. After the fight, from grand elders to the ordinary disciples, eight or nine parts died in that battle. In the end, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was forced to return to their sect's ground.

Before the battle, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect had countless masters and many Virtuous Paragons, but only one part survived the battle.

Even though there were a few powerful grand elders, elders, and protectors surviving, they were only extending their last breaths. The fight that year was too tragic! Even the surviving grand elders were gravely wounded, and they could only rely on Fate Pills and Life Medicines to prolong their lives. After they came back, they immediately went into isolated cultivation; they had no way of coming into being again.

That moment, these surviving grand elders and elders, with the exception of the sect facing extinction, would not come into being again because their personal situations were not very optimistic!

In reality, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect not only lost the majority of their disciples, but they also emptied a large amount of treasures and spirit medicines of the sect.

During that battle to protect the Ancient Kingdom, the sect threw out many Life Treasures, immortal items, and they even wasted many physique pastes, Life Medicines, and Fate Pills. During the actual battle, countless disciples applied these medicines because, facing a grim overarching situation, they threw away caution to retaliate against the Heavenly God Sect.

They emptied the sect's treasure vault, and they could now only present a few treasures and spirit medicines. The was essentially the same as not having any — extremely hard to watch.

The talented disciples within the sect all died on the battlefield that year as well. This brought about the loss of the Emperor merit laws of the sect. Even with their large quantities of Virtuous Paragon and Heavenly King merit laws; unfortunately, their future disciples could only rely on themselves. Many of them went on the wrong Dao path, or a long winded path, and, without the support of Life Treasures and Spirit Medicines, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect became worse and worse as the days passed.

At the same time, the Heavenly God Sect established the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom. The recruitment for disciples at the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect became even more difficult. Any disciple with some modicum of innate aptitude didn't want to join the sect.

Hearing the elders recalling the situation, Li Qiye could understand that it was not easy for the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect to survive that year, let alone rise up again!

"If our Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect wants to rise, we must let go. For the younger generation, after passing the examination with promising potential, let them cultivate Virtuous Paragon and Heavenly King merit laws. If we want to overcome this ordeal, we must groom a new generation of disciples. Even though Virtuous Paragon and Heavenly King merit laws are wondrous, we still have to let go. It would be sufficient to only hold Emperor merit laws in our hands." In the end, Li Qiye came up with this proposal.

After the decline, because they lost their Emperor merit laws, the only complete Emperor merit law was the Kun Peng's Six Variants; thus, they were extremely strict with Virtuous Paragon and Heavenly King merit laws. Under normal circumstances, the ordinary disciples, without one hundred, no, several hundred years of examination, would not be taught these laws!

However, to the disciples, they missed out on the best cultivation period, and, without wise masters to teach them, their cultivation was dragged even slower!

The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was without an alternative course of action. The lack of Emperor merit laws made it so these Virtuous Paragon and Heavenly King merit laws were the most prized internal secrets of the sect. If they were revealed to the outside, then it would be an even greater blow to the sect.

"Emperor merit laws, we will get them back again."

Li Qiye's words managed to persuade the five elders.

Regarding Li Qiye's suggestion, the five elders ultimately unanimously agreed. Currently, the sect's only road was to rise up. Without rising up, then being destroyed by the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom and Heavenly God Sect was only a matter of time.

Wanting to rise up meant great changes. Otherwise, with the current conservative rules, saying they want to rise would only be empty words.

The moment the sect decided to reform themselves, at the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, a piece of news was spread. Old Ox Country, the Nine Saint Demon Gate went on an expedition to meet the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom! The Nine Saint Demon Gate's Demon King Lun Ri personally met with the Mortal King.

This news brought about many large waves of commotion. Not long before this, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect had just executed Dong Shenglong and Lie Zhen Hou as well as destroying the Mortal King's will. At this moment, the descendant and princess of Old Ox Country were present. Now Demon King Lun Ri was visiting the Mortal King? This was too much of a coincidence, ah!

No one knew the content of the two king's meeting, but, after Demon King Lun Ri's departure, the royal city of the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom released news that the conflict of Lie Zhen Hou and Dong Shenglong with the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was only a personal matter.

The Heavenly God Sect did not use an official method to announce this news; they instead used a secret channel, and it was still enough to say everything clearly.

Hearing this rumor, many of the sects within the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom couldn't help but glance at each other. They realized that the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect had successfully joined with the Nine Saint Demon Gate.

At this moment, many people understood why the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect dared to provoke the Heavenly God Sect; it was because they had the backing of the Nine Saint Demon Gate! Otherwise, with the declining state of their sect, where would they find the power to challenge the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom?

"The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect and the Nine Saint Demon Gate collaborating; I'm afraid they would still not flip the waves or winds." A sect master couldn't help but say: "Imagine that year; the Progenitor of the Nine Saint Demon Gate was the number one personal general of Immortal Emperor Min Ren, ah! The Nine Saint Demon Gate used to be under the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. Even though the Nine Saint Demon Gate is powerful now and the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect is declining, these two still worked together for hundreds of thousands of years."

"Water in the distance cannot extinguish the close fire." Someone else also said: "Even if they work together, the Nine Saint Demon Gate is too far from the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. With how weak they are, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect will be destroyed sooner or later."

This news set out many waves in the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom. The majority of sects were loudly clamoring with others regarding the new development.

As one of the main characters, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, led by Li Qiye, was unconcerned about the news.

In reality, in the beginning, when the five elders heard this message, they were quite surprised. The Nine Saint Demon Gate supporting them — this was completely outside of their expectations. However, seeing Li Qiye's calm demeanor, they understood that the support of the Nine Saint Demon Gate was not for them; it was for Li Qiye.

Inside the sect, Li Qiye, with the support of the five elders, began to aggressively reform the sect. He began by giving merit laws to new disciples. After examinations, the disciples with talents were given Virtuous Paragon and Heavenly King merit laws regardless of whether it was a Life law, Fate merit, or Physique technique...

In order to groom a group of disciples with potential, Li Qiye could be said to personally wield the blade as he selected his disciples. The distribution of the merit laws were all planned by him. His actions were to create a new central power for the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, and this new group of central power would be the future hope of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect.

He divided this central power into four parts. The second generation, including sectional leaders and protectors, were led by Protector Mo. Li Qiye chose Protector Mo because he was a loyal follower. He also valued Protector Mo's calm and steady cultivation. The third generation that had been formally accepted into the sect would be led by Qu Daoli. Qu Daoli was initially a disciple in the Scripture Library, but Li Qiye especially singled him out.

Li Qiye had his own reasons for choosing Qu Daoli. Qu Daoli had some fame and respect within the third generation disciples. Moreover, his talents were not bad. However, the most important thing was that Qu Daoli was prudent; as long as he could be refined and groomed, he would definitely become a grand character.

As for another part, it was the three hundred disciples of the Cleansing Jade Peak. This was a group personally groomed by Li Qiye. They were demonically trained under him, and this group would be led by Xu Pei.

Finally, the last part was the disciples who have not formally joined the sect. They would become the reserve force, and they were also the hope of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect in the future.

Initially, Li Qiye wanted Nan Huairen to lead these reserve disciples, but this brat was too smart. He willingly chose to stay by Li Qiye's side to be a personal servant, and he even quit his envoy position.

If it was anyone else, they would not make the same choice. One has to know that leading a few thousand disciples that have not formally joined the sect would be akin to having the same power comparable to a protector. Plus, Nan Huairen was a disciple with the qualifications to learn the Violet Yang Ten Sun Merit Law. If he could wait a few more years and practice hard, he could even become the youngest protector of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect!

However, Nan Huairen didn't choose such an option. He resigned from all positions and chose to stay by Li Qiye as a servant without any status! This decision might seem idiotic, but in fact, it was the most intelligent choice!

Li Qiye personally taught the Dao to the disciples with potential and strong willpower. Under the influence of Li Qiye's aggressive reformation, sectional leaders, protectors, and even the elders of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect were all practicing their cultivations even more.

Chapter 84: Daylight Sky Immortal Secret (2)

Having heard Li Qiye's lecture, not to mention the sectional leaders and protectors, even the elders were surprised. In the end, all five elders came to Li Qiye's door to ask him to lecture them.

At this moment, all five elders were extremely convinced by Li Qiye. From their perspectives, Li Qiye was taught by the Patriarch, so he knew the ultimate profound truths of the methods inside the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect.

Li Qiye said to the five elders: "Elders have been cultivating for more than a thousand years, and your Dao foundations are fortified. Unless you destroy and redo your cultivation from the start, to greatly soar forward would be impossible. At the moment, you can only fix the defects and maximize and optimize the Dao foundation with minor changes in your cultivation. However, as long as you all remain persistent, then, in the future, there is still hope to break through the Ancient Saint realm."

The five elders had cultivated for too long, and their Dao foundations were incomplete with defects. This was a forgone conclusion; unless the Dao foundation was destroyed, to make a big change was impossible. Li Qiye could only make minor adjustments for them!

Nevertheless, the elders were still very excited. They were self-aware that they had no chance of becoming Enlightened Beings, let alone Ancient Saints. At this moment, Li Qiye gave them hope and greatly motivated them.

Gu Tieshou's group attributed Li Qiye's knowledge to the Patriarch teaching him the Dao in his dream, so he inherited the peerless profound truths of Immortal Emperor Min Ren.

However, they didn't know that Immortal Emperor Min Ren was brought onto the road of cultivation by Li Qiye. After the flow of ten thousand ages, Li Qiye cultivated countless grand characters; he was naturally an unparalleled wise master.

Another thing that stirred the spirits of the elders was that Li Qiye, from his dream, found another incomplete merit law named the "Nine Cauldron Life Method". The even more exciting news was that, after Li Qiye meditated the Daylight Sky Merit Law, he was able to find the Heaven's Will Secret Law, "Daytime Sky Immortal Secret", of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect!

This caused the shocked elders to go for a long time without sleep. Heaven's Will Secret Law, ah! This would absolutely cause countless cultivators and sects to become crazy!

However, the "Nine Cauldron Life Method" and "Daytime Sky Immortal Secret" have become the top secrets of the sect. Besides the five elders, only Li Qiye knew about them.

The moment Li Qiye's Dao instruction sent the sect onto the proper track, it was time for him to personally cultivate. However, First Elder Gu Tieshou came to his door and brought him to the triangular old building to see one thing.

Li Qiye followed Gu Tieshou to the old building. Inside the treasury holding treasures and spirit medicines. They went to a corner where Gu Tieshou said: "After what you said the last time, I especially ordered some disciples to rearrange the Scripture Library, the Weapon Armory, and the Treasure House. Afterward, some disciples found this item, but we couldn't see its purposes. It is also extremely heavy."

An ancient tablet was placed in the corner, it was pitch black without any light. The top was etched with clear engravings, they were complex to the point of being burdensome. This ancient tablet had experienced an unknown amount of years and was filled with holes on top. This was not due to the erosion of time but rather sword markings.

Li Qiye, during his millions of years, had seen many treasures, but when he meticulously looked at this ancient tablet, his expression changed. This type of item, he had seen it once. Even though it was not the same ancient tablet in front of him, the item he saw was an item with a similar origin.

Finally, Li Qiye asked Gu Tieshou: "Where did this come from?"

"It is not clear." Gu Tieshou shook his head, and he said: "I was under the impression that this ancient tablet had always been in this place. As for its exact origin, I am not certain."

In the end, Li Qiye spoke: "I want this thing." The origin of this ancient tablet was not ordinary, and he wanted to examine it through.

Regarding Li Qiye's request, Gu Tieshou immediately agreed. At the moment, Li Qiye was akin to the sect master of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. Even if the sect master, Su Yonghuang, came back, she most likely wouldn't have the same authority as Li Qiye.

The moment they left the Treasure House, Gu Tieshou asked Li Qiye: "The sealed floors, is there no chance of opening them?"

Today, to Li Qiye, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect didn't have any secrets. Even the sixth floor of the Scripture Library was allowed for him to enter by the five elders. Gu Tieshou personally brought him to see the three sealed floors at the top as well.

"Hard to say." Li Qiye looked at the seal of the triangular ancient building; he only smiled and shook his head: "This is not important; there might be nothing in there. There is a chance that it was just an immortal sage sealing it to inspire future generations."

Gu Tieshou couldn't help but to ask: "Could you elaborate?"

Li Qiye smilingly answered: "In order to open the seal, I'm afraid it only needs a Virtuous Paragon to make a move. Think about it, the last three floors are rumored to have Immortal Emperor Life Treasures and Immortal Emperor items. The generational disciples of the sect desperately desired them, and even the protectors and elders would be eager to become Virtuous Paragons to obtain the Immortal Emperor treasures! Thirty thousand years ago, the loss in that battle was too frightening. If there really were any treasures left, I'm afraid it would have all been used during that battle; why the need to seal them?"

Hearing Li Qiye's words, Gu Tieshou felt it made sense. Thinking about it, if there were any spirit medicines or immortal treasures, it would have been used during the urgency of that battle. Nothing was more important than protecting the Cleansing Incense Ancient Kingdom.

The elders of many generations, in the last thirty thousand years, had looked forward to the Immortal Emperor treasury, but they didn't expect this. Thinking about it again, Gu Tieshou himself couldn't help but laugh, and he couldn't help but lament.

Coming back to Lonely Peak, Li Shuangyan brought a piece of news to Li Qiye: "The Alchemy Caster, Grandpa Sheng, of our sect has arrived. When can we start the Physique Paste's refinement?"

Li Shuangyan's sudden mention of this matter reminded Li Qiye. Recently, he had been too occupied with the reformation of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. He patted his head and said: "This trivial matter, I almost forgot about it."

Here, Li Qiye ordered Li Shuangyan: "Inform Elder Gu: tell him to carefully prepare the medicinal materials. In three days, I will prepare the cauldron, and we will start the Physique Paste refinement."

Li Shuangyan didn't raise a hint of demur, and she immediately followed the order. She, this heaven's proud daughter and princess of a country, revealed her docileness and gentleness.

Three days later, on Lonely Peak, Elder Gu had prepared all of the required medicinal herbs for Li Qiye, and Grandpa Sheng from the Nine Saint Demon Gate was also prepared to refine the Physique Paste.

For this matter of refinement, Elder Sun himself came to observe. As an Alchemy Master, it was a taboo to let others observe, however, Grandpa Sheng unexpectedly agreed.

Grandpa Sheng, in the Nine Saint Demon Gate, was not only an elder, but he was also the most powerful Alchemy Master. This time, Demon King Lun Ri sent him here for the refinement of Li Qiye's Physique Paste; it was enough to show his high respect for Li Qiye.

Seeing Grandpa Sheng, Li Qiye didn't hold back and asked: "How many times can Grandpa Sheng refine?"

Grandpa Sheng looked like a messy old man, but Elder Sun was very respectful towards him, even to the point of fearing him. One has to know that the elders of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect had no qualifications to meet an elder from the Nine Saint Demon Gate, let alone their most powerful Alchemy Master.

Elder Sun understood that Grandpa Sheng coming was all because of Li Qiye's face.

"Eight refinements." Grandpa Sheng was not a man of many words, so he was very direct.

"Grandpa Sheng is indeed the number one Alchemy Master of the Nine Saint Demon Gate, I can't believe you can refine it eight times." Hearing Grandpa Sheng, Elder Sun shockingly exclaimed: "This junior can do five stable refinements, but six refinements are absolutely not guaranteed."

Physique Pastes and Life Medicines could all be refined nine times. The higher the number of refinements, the better the essence!

Grandpa Sheng stared at Elder Sun and said: "The true test of an Alchemy Master is neither on Physique Pastes nor Life Medicines, it is on Fate Pills! A Fate Pill is the true essential test of an Alchemy Master."

"This is true." Elder Sun readily acknowledged these words: "If the Fate Pill's creation is unsuccessful, it would be a damaged pill. However, an incomplete pill was a small matter. If the cauldron was broken as well, then it would be a huge disaster. When I refine a Fate Pill, I can do three transformations, four transformations would definitely result in a damaged pill."

Physique Pastes and Life Medicines have nine refinements while Fate Pills have nine transformations. The Fate Pill was completely different from the Physique Paste and Life Medicine. If the Alchemy Master's skill was lacking, the Physique Paste and Life Medicine created by him would still be usable and only their effects would be greatly reduced.

However, the Fate Pill was different. If the Alchemy Master's power was insufficient and there was a mistake, the cauldron containing the Fate Pill would be destroyed. In the worst case, even the Heavenly Cauldron would be destroyed as well.

This was why there was a saying between all of the Alchemy Masters: that the true test for an Alchemy Master was the creation of the Fate Pills.

This was why, under the sect's circumstance of not having an appropriate Alchemy Master, Elder Sun could still refine five times with ease. Even though the beast marrow was lacking in years, he could still take the responsibility to be Li Qiye's Alchemy Master.

Even if his power was insufficient, and he couldn't make up for the lack of years in the beast marrow; the Physique Paste would not be incomplete, and the cauldron would not be destroyed. Only the quality of the Physique Paste would be greatly reduced.

"Eight refinements, this is enough to make up for the lack of years in the beast marrow of the Hell Iron Bull. Let us get started." Regarding the ability of Grandpa Sheng, Li Qiye recognized it.

To someone like him that was cultivating an Immortal Physique method, the best choice would be an Immortal Physique Paste along with an Alchemy Master that could do nine refinements. However, under the current circumstances of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, he didn't have a choice.

One could even say that with the sect's current situation, this was already the best possible condition.

Chapter 85: King Physique Paste (1)

"Open...!" Grandpa Sheng yelled and summoned his Heavenly Cauldron. Suddenly, a huge cauldron stood in front of Li Qiye and the others.

This giant cauldron was definitely large. It was as tall as two people, and it was double the size of a large water container. This cauldron had the shape of an Auspicious Beast, and the mouth of the cauldron was like the wide sea, seemingly able to swallow the three rivers.

During its emergence, strands of medicinal fragrances exuded from the body like a lingering blue smoke. This fragrance, like musk and cassia, was enough to let people know that the medicinal treasure inside this cauldron was absolutely first class.

"You fed it Eight Jewel Grass, Six Daisies Leaf, Violet Coral Branch..." Li Qiye smelled the aroma. He listed the medicinal plants one by one then looked at Grandpa Sheng to say: "It seems like Grandpa Sheng is well versed in tempering ointments."

There was an orthodox saying between Alchemy Masters: Boil Physique Paste, process Life Medicine, refine Fate Pill, and as for ointments, tempering was the main method. [1]

For Physique Pastes, the main method was boiling; Life Medicines used processing as the key; a Fate Pill's creation was from refinement; ointments came from tempering!

There were established systems for the creation of the Physique Pastes, Life Medicines, and Fate Pills. Only ointments didn't have a clear system for the Alchemy Masters.

Grandpa Sheng was surprised, and he stared at Li Qiye. Having only smelt the fragrances, yet he immediately knew the medicinal plants that were used to feed the Heavenly Cauldron and he also knew that he specialized in Golden Power medicines... This could be considered an Alchemy Ancestor with a perfect understanding of medicinal plants!

Grandpa Sheng astonishingly looked at Li Qiye, and he asked: "You cultivate the Dao of alchemy?"

Li Qiye shook his head. With a smile, he replied: "The Dao of alchemy, it is just a hobby of mine."

Finished speaking, he looked towards the cauldron of Grandpa Sheng and said: "The Origin Flame has a Yin property, but inside the softness, there is also firmness. This cauldron of yours was a natural Origin Yin Flame type; however, you threw in Eight Jewel Grass that has firmness inside the softness. Coincidentally, this type of Origin Flame is the most suitable for boiling the beast marrow of a Hell Iron Bull."

Here, he glanced at Li Shuangyan standing beside him.

Without a doubt, Li Shuangyan had reported his exact situation to the Nine Saint Demon Gate.

Li Qiye's continuous words frightened Grandpa Sheng. Understanding the essence of medicine and discerning the Heavenly Cauldron like this, this would require hundreds or thousands of years to have some minor achievement. Even more than one thousand years of studying wouldn't necessarily have such an achievement!

"You truly didn't cultivate the Dao of alchemy?" Grandpa Sheng was in sudden amazement, and only Elder Sun and Li Shuangyan were calm. They were accustomed to Li Qiye's unfathomable abilities.

Li Qiye nonchalantly answered: "It is only a minor hobby; I've read a few medicine scrolls."

Grandpa Sheng became silent. Only reading a few medicine scrolls, to immediately master the essence of alchemy and Heavenly Cauldrons, other Alchemy Masters might as well hang themselves and commit suicide. This matter was essentially impossible; even a genius wouldn't have the ability to read a few scrolls and understand everything. This required the accumulation of knowledge through time!

However, this boy in front of him was only fourteen years old; where would he find the time to accumulate all of the knowledge?

Grandpa Sheng naturally was unaware that the current system of alchemy originated from Li Qiye and the Alchemy God that year. If he didn't understand the essence of alchemy, then who in this world would?

"Begin."

Grandpa Sheng was confused in a daze while Li Qiye was calm in his thoughts. This matter, to him, was not enough to reach the apex.

Grandpa Sheng placed his palm on the Heavenly Cauldron, and nodded his head: "Beginning."

His words had just come out when the bottom of the cauldron emitted waves and waves of flames. They were not overly powerful, but they were not faint either. These waves of flames interlaced with each other, becoming a furnace; it was as if it could refine all existences.

Grandpa Sheng gravely yelled: "The corpse of Nine Longevity Tortoise, the spine of Windling Serpent, the tail of Blood Tiger, the brain of Fire Scorpion, the eyes of Fat Ghost..."

Elder Sun willingly stood by the side as an assistant. Hearing the voice of Grandpa Sheng, he immediately opened the treasure chest, and he threw in the medicinal materials, in order, one by one, into the Heavenly Cauldron; he also yelled: "The corpse of Nine Longevity Tortoise, one hundred and twenty thousand years; the spine of Windling Serpent, one hundred and ten thousand years; the tail of Blood Tiger, one hundred and ten thousand years..."

Finally, all of the supporting medicine materials were put into the Origin Flame of the Heavenly Cauldron. At this moment, Grandpa Sheng activated the Origin Flame. The Origin Yin Flame, with firmness inside the softness, became increasingly stronger; all of the materials were melted into a medicinal liquid, and it began to boil!

At this moment, the fire furnace within the Heavenly Cauldron began to emit a special fragrance; a stench without the stench, a sweet smell without the sweetness. Neither smelly nor sweet, this aroma was very unique.

At this point, Grandpa Sheng loudly yelled: "Drop in the beast marrow!"

Hearing these words, Elder Sun cautiously took out a treasure box, and he opened it. Inside was an item three feet long like a bone; this was the primary medicinal bone marrow for the Physique Paste.

Elder Sun threw the beast marrow into the medicinal concoction. In the beginning, the beast marrow seemed very ordinary, but, once the outside shell of the bones was melted away, the essence of blood finally started flowing out.

"Mooo..." At this moment, the roar of a bull rang inside. An Iron Bull the size of a fist appeared, surrounded by a Yin aura that wouldn't dissipate. It let out a long roar and started to crazily stampede, with its feet emitting continuous thunders; it was as if it wanted to shake the Heavenly Cauldron.

The beast marrow was the most important part of the spine from a Heavenly Beast. It contained all of the essences of the beast. Even when the beast died, all of its body essences remained in this marrow.

Even though the Hell Iron Bull was dead, the moment its essence came flowing out, others could still see the will of the Hell Iron Bull. No matter what type of beast marrow it was, they were not willing to be refined.

However, once it was inside the Heavenly Cauldron, even if it was not willing, it couldn't escape the fate of refinement.

Even though the will of the Hell Iron Bull was rampaging with an unstoppable presence as if it wanted to trample over the Origin Flame; however, at this moment, the Auspicious Beast's aura exploded. One could see the Auspicious Beast channeling the universal laws of the world; the entire Heavenly Cauldron became ferociously frightening, like a master waking up.

With the power of the Heavenly Cauldron exploding, it successfully suppressed the fast-moving Hell Iron Bull. In the end, the essence of the bull, along with the melted medicines, combined together.

A Heavenly Cauldron was not an item without life. One could say that it was created by the heaven and earth. Inside the cauldron, it was its own world, capable of suppressing all spirit medicines.

Of course, the Heavenly Cauldrons also had their own ranking. The power of the Alchemy Master was directly related to the Heavenly Cauldron – the stronger the Alchemy Master, the more powerful the cauldron would be.

The moment an Alchemy Master obtained a Heavenly Cauldron, it would be the time when it was at its weakest rank. Afterward, the Alchemy Master would continuously feed it flame sparks and medicinal plants, and they would also make Fate Pills and Physique Pastes nonstop, resulting in the Heavenly Cauldron becoming more powerful. This process was considered the fusion between the Heavenly Cauldron and the Alchemy Master.

Of course, there were some Alchemy Masters that inherited Heavenly Cauldrons from their predecessors. However, this inheriting process was very difficult. Especially when the rank of the Heavenly Cauldron was high, the integration process became nearly impossible for the Alchemy Master.

In the end, the medicinal pillar became a medicinal paste. This paste was thick and flaky. Inside the crimson red color was a hint of purple, emitting a special medicinal aroma. Observing this type of medicine paste was enough for others to like it.

However, the medicinal paste was not completed. At this moment, Grandpa Sheng changed his medicinal incantations, and he activated the Heavenly Cauldron. Inside the cauldron, a smell arose that was not of the medicinal paste, but from the cauldron's medicinal treasure.

The medicinal treasure absorbed and released the essence of the paste, and it fused together with the Origin Flame. At this moment, the Origin Flame seemed to be alive as it licked the Physique Paste. The entire cauldron slowly rotated in a circle, causing the flame to grind the paste and making the thick paste become a lot smaller.

This was the effect of the Heavenly Cauldron's medicinal treasure. Whether it was the boiling of a Physique Paste or the refining of a Fate Pill, only relying on the medicinal properties of the materials were not enough. Even the Origin Flame couldn't fuse all of the different properties together in harmony. At this moment, the powerful medicinal properties of the medicinal treasure were necessary in order to balance the materials — in conjunction with the Origin Flame — to achieve the harmonization of the paste.

When it came to the Physique Paste, the higher the amount of refinement, the closer the fusion would be to perfection. This process, besides the power of the Alchemy Master, was also decided by the medicinal treasure of the Heavenly Cauldron.

This process was no longer possible after the fourth refinement. At this moment, the Physique Paste became meticulously soft and smooth, like dragon fat. Even someone who was not privy to the arts knew that this was the good stuff.

"Unfortunately, the years of the beast marrow were not enough, I could only refine it four and a half times."

Grandpa Sheng, seeing this process, could only sigh and lament.

"Great, worthy of being an eight refinements grandmaster!" Seeing the Physique Paste inside the cauldron, Elder Sun couldn't help but exclaim: "If it was me, and the years of the beast marrow were insufficient, then I'm afraid I wouldn't even be able to sustain the fourth refinement; the medicinal effects would be reduced greatly!"

Elder Sun's Physique Paste refinement ability was stable at five refinements while Grandpa Sheng was at eight refinements. In principle, using the ability of Grandpa Sheng, five refinements wouldn't have been a problem. Unfortunately, the main driving material — the beast marrow, was not old enough, and he could only do four and a half refinements!

There were also ranks for Physique Pastes, from low to high: Houtian Physique Paste, Xiantian Physique Paste, King Physique Paste, Saint Physique Paste, and Immortal Physique Paste.

Not only were there ranks for these Physique pastes, but the number of refinements also affected their medicinal strength.

A Houtian Physique Paste only required one refinement. Even a novice Alchemy Master could refine this rank. Xiantian Physique Pastes required two to three refinements; King Physique Pastes required four refinements to six refinements. A Saint Physique Paste required seven to nine refinements, while an Immortal Physique Paste had to be made with nine refinements!

Currently, Li Qiye's Physique Paste was of the King level. At the time when the sect was looking for an Alchemy Master for Li Qiye, only two options were available: Elder Sun and Cao Xiong. Cao Xiong's ability was higher than Elder Sun by one step, and he was stable at six refinements. In theory, both of them had the qualification to refine a King Physique Paste.

However, in reality, the years of the Hell Iron Bull's marrow were not enough to be the main driving material for this King Physique Paste. Both Cao Xiong and Elder Sun wouldn't be able to refine it four times, and it would have a direct impact on the effect of the Physique Paste.

Chapter 86: King Physique Paste (2)

The Physique Paste's refinement has been completed. At this moment, Li Qiye was down to his trousers, and he jumped into the cauldron without hesitation, submerging his body into the paste.

At this moment, the Heavenly Cauldron slowly closed, and finally, the entire treasure cauldron was sealed; however, this was far from over. Grandpa Sheng took control of the cauldron, and he slowly withdrew the Origin Flame. The flame sparks were still licking the Physique Paste so that it would slowly boil.

Inside the cauldron, even Li Qiye's head was submerged into the Physique Paste. The pores in his entire body were relaxed, and he channeled the incantations of the Hell Suppressing Immortal Physique!

At this moment, there were thunderous sounds inside Li Qiye's body. The mercury-like Physique Paste pervasively invaded Li Qiye's body, and the essence of the paste combined with the body essence of Li Qiye.

The Hell Iron Bull's beast marrow, as the main driving force, was the most appropriate paste for Li Qiye's Hell Suppressing Immortal Physique. The slush of the paste covered Li Qiye's body.

He possessed a Mortal Physique. Even though he was cultivating an Immortal Physique, at this moment, his Physique had not yet been completed; thus, it was chaotically scattered.

However, the Physique Paste was refining the bones and muscles of Li Qiye, purifying the blood and flesh. Under the incantations, his Immortal Physique — once again — underwent changes, and his entire body was greatly transformed and improved by the medicinal effects.

Li Qiye's natural Mortal Physique was extremely weak; his muscles, bones, blood, and flesh were extremely feeble. Even though his body was improved after practicing the Immortal Physique, it was still not comparable to a natural Saint Physique.

This was why this baptism was extremely important to Li Qiye. To alleviate his innately weak body, he absolutely has to use a Physique Paste, the higher rank the better, to rebuild his body.

The entire process of body rebuilding was extremely painful. It was akin to the opening of all of his bones, crushing his muscles, and even taking out his bone marrow in order to use the Physique Paste to refine them.

Despite the arduous and painful process, Li Qiye was still able to withstand it without whimpering once.

It was unknown how long the process took. In the end, the Physique Paste was finally used up, becoming dried mud. All of its essences was refined by the Immortal Physique as it was absorbed into Li Qiye's Inner Physique.

An explosive "boom" occurred. At this moment, the inside of Li Qiye's body was being fried through and through, and finally, his Inner Physique had been successfully refined. A fist as small as a fetus and dark like iron was formed. This tiny Inner Physique was heavy beyond one's imagination, like the heaviest godly metal in this world. At this moment, the universal laws of the Hell Suppressing Immortal Physique, like strands of silk, covered this black Inner Physique!

In the end, the universal laws of the Immortal Physique covered the Inner Physique, slowly hid inside the heart, and the laws finally submerged within alongside the Inner Physique. However, the universal laws continued to rotate without stopping!

The Inner Physique was protected by the heart, the Life Wheel resided in the neck, and the Fate Palace was hidden in the Ni Gong meridian! [1]

A formed Inner Physique meant that Li Qiye had broken through the Physique Accumulation grand completion level and stepped into the Provisional Palace realm!

"Roll... Roll..." At this point, the Heavenly Cauldron opened its mouth. Li Qiye jumped out and smiled: "Success. I have imposed on Grandpa Sheng regarding this matter." [2]

At this moment, Grandpa Sheng and the others observed Li Qiye, and they saw that his entire body was blessed with powerful muscle; it was as if it was crafted from metals. It gave off an air of unlimited strength.

"King Physique Paste, ah! Truly unimaginable. Even a Mortal Physique could be refined into such a state." Seeing Li Qiye's body, Elder Sun couldn't help but become envious. The sect only had one King Physique Paste, and, at this moment, it went entirely into Li Qiye's body.

The perceptions of Grandpa Sheng and Li Shuangyan were more keen, especially Li Shuangyan; she had guessed the real Physique that Li Qiye was practicing. Their conjectures were not just on the physical body. At this moment, their observation of Li Qiye was affected by a powerful force; a force as heavy as millions of jin striking at one's face. it was as if Li Qiye's body was a godly mountain with an unfathomable weight. Only his body alone was enough to suppress all existences, and, after his metamorphosis, his body was like an extraordinary weapon! It was filled with strength and violence!

Li Shuangyan's shocked expression revealed that she was aware that Li Qiye refined his Inner Physique into the Hell Suppressing Immortal Physique. She understood the true meaning behind the completion of the Immortal Inner Physique!

Although Li Qiye had a long road ahead of him to reach grand completion, the moment his Inner Physique was completed, the foundation of the Immortal Physique was successful!

At this moment, Li Shuangyan was aware that this ancient body of Li Qiye, once activated, countless Life Treasures and True Treasures would not be able to withstand his pressure!

Grandpa Sheng couldn't help but exclaim: "Good Physique!" He didn't know the exact Physique Li Qiye was cultivating, but, just by feeling the pressure striking his face, he knew that this Physique was absolutely wonderful!

As for Elder Sun, he didn't ask for which Physique Li Qiye was practicing. It could have been a peerless Physique that the Patriarch taught him in his dreams.

So with regards to Li Qiye being able to absorb the entire Physique Paste, no one was surprised.

Even though any cultivator could use any rank of Physique Paste to refine their body, in reality, the moment of true refinement was also dependent on certain principles.

For example, a natural born King Physique, even without any Physique law, could still absorb the essence of a King Physique Paste. If the person also practiced a King Physique, then he could completely absorb the King Physique Paste's essence.

However, when a natural born King Physique used a Saint Physique Paste, the maximum absorption would be limited to two or three parts out of ten. This was a waste of the Physique Paste, and this could be remedied by practicing a Saint Physique to absorb a higher portion of the essences.

After Grandpa Sheng helped Li Qiye with his refinement, he didn't stay at the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. During his departure, he gave a message from Demon King Lun Ri to Li Qiye, telling him that he was always welcome as a guest at the gate!

Without a doubt, the Demon King greatly valued Li Qiye; otherwise, an ordinary disciple of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect wouldn't be repeatedly extended an invitation so many times.

After saying goodbye to Grandpa Sheng, Li Qiye came back to his courtyard to meditate. Regarding cultivation, he was more diligent than anyone; however, his cultivation was slowed down because of the reformation of the sect during the past half a year.

After the Physique Accumulation, there was the Provisional Palace realm. This realm was about forming a new Fate Palace within the Ni Gong meridian. It sounds simple, but building a new Fate Palace from scratch was not an easy matter.

Building a new Fate Palace was different from the natural Fate Palace. Cultivators called the natural Fate Palace the Master Palace while the created Fate Palace would be the Vice Palace or Servant Palace.

The Master Palace was where the True Fate resided, and it was also called the True Fate Master Palace. The new Fate Palace cannot replace the Master Palace due to this.

At the Provisional Palace realm, a cultivator could build one new Fate Palace; however, a cultivator during his life would not build just one new Fate Palace. In theory, a cultivator could have twelve Fate Palaces — also named the Twelve Palaces. [3]

In reality, from the ancient past till now, people having the Twelve Palaces were essentially non-existent! Some even say that this world essentially didn't have twelve palaces; at the very most, there were eleven palaces!

These words were not without reason. In fact, a cultivator with three Fate Palaces was already praised as being extraordinary. With six Fate Palaces, one would be considered a genius, even if his aptitude and Physique was ordinary; as long as he had six Fate Palaces, no one could deny his future prowess. As for having nine Fate Palaces, this was an extraordinary genius as high as the heavens; even throughout the ancient times till now, it would be difficult to find one! As for having more than nine palaces, there were very few known cultivators since the beginning of time!

Provisional Palace realm has five levels, and in order from lowest to highest, they are One Starting Palace, Two Gushing Springs, Three Igniting Fires, Four Breaking Grounds, Five Rising Pillars.

Li Qiye had stepped inside this realm. At this moment, on top of his Fate Palace was a transforming Kun Peng, flying around his True Fate. Waves after waves of incantations affected the Master Palace, causing Li Qiye's Ni Gong meridian to change!

There was a bone pillar rising in Li Qiye's Ni Gong meridian as Li Qiye channeled the Kun Peng's Six Variants nonstop. It slowly dug into the meridian, and the shape of a Fate Palace was slowly formed...

This was the Provisional Palace's One Starting Palace level. The process was extremely slow, but Li Qiye was not anxious. He knew this realm could not be rushed. Once a mistake appeared, it would directly cause the palace to collapse. If this happened, then opening a new Fate Palace in the future would be harder than traversing the highest sky!

Throughout the day, Li Qiye was immersed in this process. The second day, Li Qiye woke up from his heavenly meditation, and he saw Li Shuangyan waiting quietly at the door.

Stretching his tired back, Li Qiye signaled for Li Shuangyan to come in. After arriving inside, Li Shuangyan was just coldly looking at him, without saying a word.

Li Shuangyan. This type of heaven's proud daughter, even after following Li Qiye for so long, she was still as silent and cold as ever.

Li Qiye looked at Li Shuangyan and said: "Your Saint level Pure Jade Physique Merit Law came from the War God Temple."

Li Shuangyan gently nodded her head, without saying a word. She was a natural King Physique; in order to cultivate a Saint Physique, the Nine Saint Demon Gate expended a lot of effort in order to obtain the "Pure Jade Physique" that was appropriate for her cultivation.

Li Qiye gently nodded his head: "This Physique merit law from the War God Temple is not bad as it is capable of the Grand Dao."

Li Shuangyan couldn't help but to glare at Li Qiye. The Saint level Pure Jade Physique Merit Law; this Physique was coveted by so many. Even the Nine Saint Demon Gate expended blood and sweat in order to receive it from the War God Temple.

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Li Shuangyan's glare; this appearance of hers made her icy cold expression have three parts charm and seven parts beauty. She was already country-destroyingly beautiful, but this expression caused others' minds to sway and their souls to go crazy.

Such beauty, such style — it was something only Li Qiye could slowly savor. As for Li Qiye, regarding Li Shuangyan's disagreement, he said with a smile: "The War God Temple indeed has some hidden power, and they can be some parts arrogant. The Saint level Pure Jade Physique Merit Law, to the War God Temple, could be considered a good Physique, and, to the cultivators of the world, it would be an unimaginable Saint Physique. However, to me, it was only a common merit law; it is not enough to reach the apex."

Li Shuangyan gazed at Li Qiye and asked: "In other words, you have a Physique that is better than the level Pure Jade Saint Merit Law then?"

She knew that Li Qiye practiced the "Hell Suppressing Immortal Physique", and this meant that he had the Hell Suppressing Immortal Physique Merit Law.

However, she was a natural Pure Crystal Physique, and her body was completely different from the Hell Suppressing Immortal Physique. Even if Li Qiye passed it on to her, it would still be useless.

At this moment, she was practicing the Pure Jade Saint Physique; this could be considered a peak Physique merit law in this world. Outside of this merit law, wanting to find a Physique law that was superior to the Pure Jade Saint Physique was harder than hard, unless it was an Immortal Physique.

Li Qiye didn't consider the Pure Jade Saint Merit Law in his eyes; this meant that he had an Immortal Physique of this body type. Before, Li Shuangyan had suspicions of this, but, at the moment, Li Qiye had basically admitted this; he caused her heart to shiver.

A person having two Immortal Physique merit laws for different body types, what does this imply? Even looking at the whole Mortal Emperor World, the Nine Worlds, and all of the sects and lineages — especially the Immortal Emperor sects — having two Immortal Physique merit laws could not be counted past five fingers, especially not more than two fingers! [1]

However, Li Qiye actually possessed two Immortal Physique merit laws — how shocking was this? Of course, if Li Shuangyan knew that he had the Physique Scripture, then she would be at a loss for words. This was the origin law of all physiques; it could be said that all physique merit laws in existence in this world originated from this scripture.

"You are not too stupid." Li Qiye smiled: "The reason I called you in is to teach you the true incantations of an Immortal Physique merit law!"

"Teach me the true incantations?" Li Shuangyan's heart was distraught, she didn't dare to believe the little boy in front of her.

At this moment, Li Qiye sat formally and said: "Before teaching you the true incantations, I must make a few things clear to you."

Li Shuangyan had been staying with Li Qiye for almost a year. Very few matters could change his mood and very few matters could make him so formal, so this caused Li Shuangyan to shiver.

Li Qiye slowly spoke with an extremely solemn and a dignified expression: "If I pass down the true incantations to you, you must accomplish a few things. First, swear with your True Fate that, unless I give you permission, you will never pass it down to a second person, even if it was your closest person.

Second, never betray or oppose me; otherwise, accept the consequences. Third, this matter will not be told to anyone; this includes your master, Demon King Lun Ri!"

This air of seriousness coming from Li Qiye caused Li Shuangyan to be shaken. At this moment, her intelligence was able to guess something.

Li Qiye slowly continued: "You have to truly remember that I will not only personally slay you but I will also massacre the sect or the clan receiving this law should you teach this merit law to someone else! This law, without my permission, absolutely cannot be spread to others. In the future, even if an Immortal Emperor was to protect you, I will do as I said. Without my permission to obtain this merit law, the only fate available is the complete annihilation of the clan!"

This was the first time seeing Li Qiye's solemn expression. Li Shuangyan definitely trusted that his words were not originating from baseless arrogance. She believed that he will do as he said!

Li Shuangyan did not know the old stories of the Physique Scripture. It was in Li Qiye's possession for millions of years. In reality, he had passed on the Immortal Physiques to not only Immortal Emperor Min Ren. That year, Min Ren was given the word "Yang" from the Scripture, and he successfully cultivated the "Solar Immortal Physique."

Afterward, Immortal Emperor Min Ren didn't leave behind the "Solar Immortal Physique" to the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect because this was the agreement between him and Li Qiye.

In reality, it was not just Min Ren who obtained and Immortal Physiques. There were a few at a young age who reached an agreement with Li Qiye, and they finally cultivated the Immortal Physiques, actually becoming Immortal Emperors. However, they also didn't pass down these Immortal Physiques.

Li Qiye slowly said: "By giving away the true incantations, you will have to follow me. You can sign a contract with me and choose to follow me for one thousand years, ten thousand years, or your whole life. When the contract expires, you are free to leave! However, you absolutely cannot oppose me in the future. If the pact is broken... I do not need to repeat the consequences.

"Of course, you can also choose to not learn this merit law. As long as you follow me, in the future, I will grant you an even better Saint merit law than the one you are currently practicing! Make your choice now!"

Li Shuangyan stared at Li Qiye in silent contemplation. Without a doubt, this choice would greatly affect her entire life. As the heaven's proud daughter, she had many choices; however, today, she was facing a different situation.

"I am willing." Li Shuangyan eventually made her choice. She formally said her answer with a resolute demeanor. She, in one breath, chose to follow him for her whole life. Having made this decision with resolution and swiftness, she was indeed an intelligent person — she just made the biggest decision of her life.

"One day, you will understand that your decision is not incorrect." Li Qiye gently nodded his head: "In the future, when I crawl up to the peak, there will absolutely be a place for you."

Finally, Li Shuangyan used her True Fate to make a pact, and she swore to be loyal and follow Li Qiye. After obtaining her service, Li Qiye grinned: "Listen well, I am passing the true incantations to you."

Li Shuangyan shivered, and she focused her mind. She didn't dare to be careless. With a formal expression, she carefully listened to every word and sentence that came from Li Qiye.

Li Shuangyan was a natural born Pure Crystal Physique; this was one of the twenty-four King Physiques. Pure Crystal Physique and Substance Jade Physique were the same body type, and both are of the twenty-four King Physiques. They both could become possessors of a Pure Jade Physique, one of the eighteen Saint Physiques. Finally, with an Immortal Physique merit law, these two Physiques could become the Void Imperfection Physique, one of the twelve Immortal Physiques.

However, Li Qiye, at the moment, was passing down to her an Immortal Physique, directly skipping the Saint Physique. As for Saint Physiques, there were eighteen types. However, in this world, cultivators preferred to call them the twelve Saint Physiques.

This was because, within the eighteen Saint Physiques, there were only twelve that have a corresponding Immortal Physique. As for the other six Saint Physiques, they were extremely rare. Many people didn't even know what the other six Saint Physiques were!

Li Shuangyan was extremely serious, and she carefully listened to Li Qiye's instruction. She was a natural born King Physique, King Life Wheel, and Saint Fate Palace. Her aptitude could be counted only on one's fingers in this generation — definitely a genius within geniuses. To her, the only limitation was the merit laws because, in the end, the Nine Saint Demon Gate was not of Immortal Emperor lineage. For a genius like her to obtain an Emperor law, she would be even more unfathomable.

However, the Life Wheel and Fate Palace couldn't be changed. This was bestowed by the heavens. A natural King Life Wheel will always be a King Life Wheel, and it could not be promoted to the Saint Life Wheel. Only the Physique could be promoted to a higher realm through cultivation.

To Li Shuangyan, a King Physique was far from sufficient. If she could successfully cultivate an Immortal Physique, then in the future, she would truly be able to reach the peak.

The Physique Scripture had six words, and, at the extremes of each word, two Immortal Physiques were born. If Li Shuangyan wanted an Immortal Physique, she would have to cultivate the Void Imperfection Physique.

The Void Imperfection Physique originated from the word "Pure", meaning extreme purity. The two Immortal Physiques that accompanied this word was the "Void Imperfection Physique" and the "Soar Immortal Physique"!

Currently, Li Qiye was teaching her the Void Imperfection Physique, one of the two grand Physiques of Pure!

Li Shuangyan's talents were extraordinary; Li Qiye only had to say it once, and she was able to memorize the Void Imperfection Physique's incantations. Her mind was extremely moved by this merit law. This was the most profound and mysterious merit law she had come in contact with. Even as a genius, she had no way to understand the absolute meanings within.

Fortunately, Li Qiye explained the ultimate mysteries of the Void Imperfection Physique for her. At the moment, during Li Qiye's Dao instruction, this was the real shock for Li Shuangyan.

As the absolute genius of the Grand Middle Territory, the moment she heard the incantations of the Void Imperfection Physique, she was afraid that even within one hundred years, she still wouldn't be able to understand the ultimate mysteries of this merit law. However, at this moment, Li Qiye was preaching without stop; from simplicity to complexity, from shallowness to the depths! There was no resemblance to a fourteen-year-old! This was a supreme master of a generation.

Li Shuangyan, of course, didn't know that Li Qiye had spent countless years reading and meditating on the Physique Scripture. During this process, he absorbed the essence of many Immortal Emperors and the Mortal Race's immortal sages. Naturally, a genius like Li Shuangyan couldn't compare to him.

After the instruction, Li Qiye said to Li Shuangyan: "I have explained the Physique merit law to you. As for how much you can actually comprehend, this is up to your own cultivation. If you actually cannot successfully form the Void Imperfect Physique... then I could only say that you are the dumbest person in this world, and I was also wrong in judging you."

Li Shuangyan took a long time to regain her wits. When she did, she asked: "This merit law, cultivating it together with my existing Pure Jade Saint Merit Law, would there be flaws at the moment when I form my Inner Physique?"

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Li Qiye smiled and said: "If my instruction between the connection of two Physique merit laws possesses a problem, then there wouldn't be any perfect Physique merit law in this world! This merit law absolutely can merge with the Pure Jade Saint Merit Law you are currently cultivating. This Physique law is the ultimate progenitor of all Void Imperfection Merit Laws!"

Hearing Li Qiye's words, Li Shuangyan was in astonishment. This was the same as him admitting a particular matter, causing Li Shuangyan to bewilderedly stare at Li Qiye. She hesitated for a moment before finally asking: "This Physique merit law..."

"Correct, this Physique merit law originated from the Physique Scripture." Li Qiye interrupted her conjecture, looked into her eyes, and said: "But, this is only for you to know, understand?"

Li Shuangyan gently nodded her head, still in amazed. She stared at Li Qiye while exclaiming: "But, I-I heard that the Physique Scripture had not come into being for more than one million years! I also never heard of anyone ever possessing the Heavenly Scripture!"

The Nine Grand Heavenly Scriptures and the Nine Grand Heavenly Treasures — these were the supreme existences of this world. To cultivators, there was nothing in this world more valuable than the Nine Grand Heavenly Scriptures and the Nine Grand Heavenly Treasures.

However, since the beginning of time, no one had heard of anyone possessing a Scripture from the Nine Scriptures and a Treasure from the Nine Treasures!

They both never revealed themselves in this world, so many cultivators thought that their existences were only mere fabrications, that this world essentially did not have such things.

"Why is it strange?" Li Qiye revealed a nonchalant and amusing smile: "After the Desolace Expansion Era, the Physique Scripture had never appeared in this mortal world!"

After he obtained the Physique Scripture, it was immediately hidden. From the past till now, people who have actually seen the Physique Scripture were very few.

Li Shuangyan stared at Li Qiye. Finally, she didn't know what to say. If Li Qiye didn't personally pass down the Void Imperfection Physique to her, if Li Qiye didn't personally say that he possessed the Physique Scripture, she would never ever believe that a fourteen-year-old boy would be the owner of the Physique Scripture. The whole world would think that he was boasting.

Finally, Li Qiye asked: "Any other questions?"

Li Shuangyan hesitated for a moment before asking: "My Life Law and Fate Law, are there any defects?"

As a genius, asking a young boy much younger than her for advice — if others saw this, it would be an unexplainable matter.

In reality, when Li Shuangyan saw Li Qiye teaching Nan Huairen's crowd, she was not without temptation; she too wanted to ask Li Qiye for help. However, due to her pride and her inability to let it go, she was not able to ask him until the moment she swore with her True Fate. This shortened the distance between her and Li Qiye, so she was able to open her mouth for advice.

Li Qiye glanced at her and replied: "Regarding the Fate Law, your cultivation of the "Phoenix Bearing Method" has nothing to be critical about. This was a merit law passed down by your Progenitor, but it was not created by him. Don't always think about Emperor merit laws; in reality, there are times when Emperor merit laws are not the perfect choice...

"The Phoenix Bearing Method was obtained by your Progenitor from an ancient heritage. It was created by an immortal sage from the Demon Race with an extremely old beginning. It was formed during the Desolate Era, and it perfected during the Desolate Expansion Era. In reality, during the Desolate Expansion Era, many grand unfathomable characters appeared; they studied the Phoenix Bearing Method, but they couldn't perfect it. All the way till later, your Progenitor was fatefully fortunate, and he obtained the completed Phoenix Bearing Method."

Regarding this matter, Li Qiye kept on speaking. Outside of the late Nine Saint Virtuous Paragon, no one else knew more than him. That year, when Nine Saint Virtuous Paragon was still calling himself Nine Saint Heavenly Demon, he was without a sect. Frankly speaking, the former past of Nine Saint Virtuous Paragon was a wild chicken. Later on, he fatefully found the Phoenix Bearing Method, and it allowed him to become an unbeatable Virtuous Paragon that had swept through that generation. He could be considered the peak of Virtuous Paragons!"

Li Qiye continued: "As for your Life Law, the "Swan Cloud Method", even though it is not a top Life Law of this world and there is indeed quite a distance between it and an Immortal Emperor Life Law, since you practice the Phoenix Bearing Method, you must choose the Swan Cloud Method. This method was created by your Progenitor because he studied the Phoenix Bearing Method his whole life. Then, he created the Swan Cloud Method Life Law that was the most suitable to go with the Phoenix Bearing Method."

Hearing the smooth explanation of Li Qiye regarding her own methods, Li Shuangyan was dumbfounded with her mouth open. Because she practiced these two, she formally knew the origins and circumstances of them. In reality, regarding these two methods, the disciples of the Nine Saint Demon

Gate didn't necessarily know so many things; thus, Li Qiye was able to continue on with a full understanding of it.

This caused Li Shuangyan to be suspicious, prompting her question: "You really aren't a disciple of our Nine Saint Demon Gate?"

A disciple from a different sect understanding the highest methods from her Nine Saint Demon Gate like this — if this got out, then even the elders of the Nine Saint Demon Gate wouldn't believe it.

Regarding such words from Li Shuangyan, Li Qiye couldn't help but laugh: "Merit laws and the Life Law are without problems to you. The truth is that you lack a Fate Protecting Killing Technique. However, your Dao foundation is based on the Phoenix Bearing Method and the Swan Cloud Method; a Fate Protecting Killing Method, you will have an opportunity to learn at any time."

Here, he looked at Li Shuangyan and stated: "I know that your Nine Saint Demon Gate has several Grand Killing techniques, but they are not fitting for you. Plus, you clearly put your focus on formations, so you have no way of cultivating these Grand Killing techniques to their true annihilating realms! As for the formations of your sect, they really aren't so good, ah!"

Li Shuangyan was a little unconvinced with Li Qiye's words. Her Nine Saint Demon Gate had several grand formation techniques.

"You don't need to be convinced." Li Qiye smiled and said: "The moment I saw your formation, I immediately knew what formations the Nine Saint Demon Gate considers as grand formations. It was simply a small insignificant corner from the Formation Ancestor. You all definitely obtained a small and incomplete manual from the Formation Ancestor; however, your grand formations were not even one part out of ten of the Formation Ancestor's heritage.

Li Qiye's words left Li Shuangyan feeling dejected. The grand formations of the Nine Saint Demon Gate were renowned in the Grand Middle Territory, but, in the mouth of Li Qiye, they were not enough to reach the apex. She wanted to refute; however, Li Qiye revealed the entire origin of their formations, so she became helpless.

"You are adept in the Phoenix Bearing Method, not in the killing ways, so you are weak in your offensive capability. Regarding this, when comparing your talents to your battle prowess, a little gap indeed exists. Since you like formations, given the chance, I will find some Grand Killing formations for you that would be more suitable to your taste." Li Qiye finally came up with this conclusion.

Li Shuangyan wanted to say something, but then she stopped. Li Qiye glanced at her and spoke: "I know you have a corner of the Immortal Emperor Slaying Formation, but you need to listen to my words; don't go completing it! It would be a waste of your talents! This corner of your Immortal Emperor Slaughtering Formation is pitifully incomplete. To expend your energy on this matter would be a waste of your sweat and blood. I admit that you are a genius, but if you want to use this corner of the formation to understand the true profoundness... To be blunt, you don't have the qualifications! First, expend your effort on the Dao of cultivation."

Hearing Li Qiye's words, Li Shuangyan couldn't help but ask: "The Immortal Emperor Slaughtering Formation, is it still passed down to future generations?"

Unwittingly, she had considered the little boy in front of her as an all-knowing existence.

"Well..." Li Qiye cheerfully smiled, dragging on his answer.

Seeing Li Qiye's intentional teasing, Li Shuangyan snappily glared at him and said: "Don't act mysterious, hurry up and say it."

Again, her tone was unwittingly a little coquettish, unlike her normal cold as icy countenance; it was a very rare sight.

Li Qiye finally stared at her while answering: "Don't focus your thoughts on the Immortal Emperor Slaughtering Formation. Even if you have the complete version, you don't have the strength to understand it! As for the complete formation, in the future, there will absolutely be an opportunity."

Here, Li Qiye quietly sighed in lamentation. The Immortal Emperor Slaughtering Formation — such a distant memory, such unbearable memories.

Seeing Li Qiye's expression, Li Shuangyan didn't dare to ask anymore. Even though she didn't know the story, she could guess that there was a hidden past that no one else knew about.

Obtaining Li Qiye's instruction, Li Shuangyan began to cultivate the Void Imperfection Physique. During this time, she finally realized what was a supreme Immortal Physique and what was an ultimate Immortal Physique! It was no wonder why Li Qiye didn't bother looking at the Pure Jade Saint Merit Law; it was not comparable to this supreme Physique!

What made Li Shuangyan emotional was that because Li Qiye taught her the mysteriousness of the Immortal Physique, if she still wasn't able to complete it, then she would be the dumbest person in this world. So, to her, completing the physique was only a matter of time! Li Shuangyan had ten parts confidence in successfully achieving the Void Imperfection Physique!

Meanwhile, after Li Qiye had cultivated for a month, he called for Nan Huairen: "We will go to the Ancient Land's situation for a little bit."

Hearing Li Qiye's command, Nan Huairen immediately obeyed: "My master had been to the Ancient Land a couple of times; I will invite him to lead the way."

What was called the Ancient Land was the Ancient Land of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. In reality, the ancestral land of the current Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was only a tiny corner of its ancestral land that year.

That year, the ancestral land of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect were several hundreds of thousand miles long. After the sudden changes on top of the decline of the sect, it caused the ancestral land of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect of today to be reduced to a few main peaks.

Li Qiye wanted to return to the Ancient Land. Even though the five elders didn't know what he wanted to do, they all agreed.

Besides Protector Mo, Nan Huairen and Li Shuangyan also followed him.

Chapter 89: Cleansing Incense Ancient Land (1)

The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was founded by Min Ren during the early years of the Emperors Era. Its emperor's foundation could be said to be unshakable!

During the beginning of the Emperors Era, at the moment when the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was at its most prosperous state, it encompassed the whole Grand Middle Territory and commanded the entire Mortal Emperor World. One could only imagine how powerful it used to be.

A million years had passed, and the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect finally became weak. It no longer had the power to sweep through the world and rule over the Nine Worlds like before. However, the ancestral land of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect still remained.

The ancestral land of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect used to be extremely vast. Some said that when the sect was in its prime, it ranged around one million miles with thousands of ancient pavilions and countless disciples that were not just from the Mortal Emperor World! Even Charming Spirits, Heavenly Devils, and Stone Golems — these races that were favored by the heavens — joined the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect." [1]

The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect's glory was a path with no return; in the end, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect had to let go of its vast land and hide like a turtle in a corner of its old land.

Li Qiye's group went on their trip with Protector Mo leading the way. Because he had been to the Ancient Land multiple times, he could be regarded as a light car traveling on a familiar road.

Today, there were only a few dozen main peaks and the area only spanned for a thousand miles. This was incomparable to the old scale.

They left the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect on a straight road to the Ancient Land. One could see the rolling mountains and high peaks like a Dragon Tiger that was entrenched in the middle of this grand earth.

The Ancestral Land of the sect used to be a beautiful scenery of mountains and rivers, just like a land of immortals. However, today, from Li Qiye's eyes, this was not the case.

Closing the distance to the Ancient Land, he only saw death: dried trees and withered forest, bare mountains and empty rivers, devoid of birds and beasts; a land of stillness.

Observing along the way, he found that there were ancient temples and high pavilions inside the mountain ranges and deep valleys. Unfortunately, these ancient temples and high pavilions were broken into pieces and surrounded by wild grass and a deathly aura.

From the delicate engravings of these broken ruins, one could imagine the prosperity of that year, the majesty of that year.

Countless undulating peaks and many ancient structures were only ruins, today!

Traveling on this wretched ground, even Protector Mo gently sighed. A sadness and unwillingness to see the once invincible Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect falling into this state.

Li Qiye silently trod on this familiar ground that had entirely transformed in today's time. However, the decline of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect was not why Li Qiye's expression greatly changed. What

moved him was that he was walking on top of a grand ground, yet he could faintly feel the evil aura under the earth!

Li Qiye had felt this evil aura inside the Ghost Pavilion, before. He was familiar with it, and he knew the origin of this evil energy, but he couldn't imagine how this evil energy had appeared once again.

This land used to be filled with legends. That year, when Li Qiye was the Dark Crow, he was well aware. It was the same with Immortal Emperor Min Ren. It was indeed mysterious, and it was indeed legendary; however, it also buried a frightening existence.

Establishing the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect on this ground, Li Qiye had his own reasons that year. In order to get rid of future complications, Li Qiye had infiltrated the deepest part of this ground. After Min Ren shouldered the Heaven's Will, Li Qiye made him personally refine and use an invincible sealing formation on the deepest part.

In principle, this evil aura shouldn't have appeared again. In reality, after Min Ren had left and when he was the Dark Crow that appeared in this world again, he was keeping track of this land. After countless years and from era to era, he was still observing this land, but this situation had never happened before.

However, during his last deep slumber, only a short thirty thousand years had passed, yet this matter had happened and it greatly shocked Li Qiye.

Li Shuangyan, standing next to Li Qiye, couldn't help but say: "There is an ominous thing underground!"

As a genius, her spirit sense was extremely sharp. Walking on top of this land, she felt that there was an aura on the ground that caused her to become angry.

Protector Mo gently shook his head and sighed: "I heard that that year, there was a great change, and it brought about the decline of our Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect."

Nan Huairen was considered to be very informed within the sect, so he busily spoke in place of his master: "I heard that that year, we didn't actually lose to the Heavenly God Sect. If there was not such a strange event that happened to us, not to mention a single Heavenly God Sect, even ten would be easily destroyed by us."

"The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect did face a great calamity that year." Li Shuangyan changed her expression and said: "I've heard about the grand calamity happening at the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, but the later generations assumed that the sect was making an excuse for their grand defeat."

"Hmph, what excuses. I heard the elders say that if the grand calamity didn't happen that year, what the hell would the Heavenly God Sect be to us? When Immortal Emperor Ta Kong was still in this world, he wouldn't even dare to arrogantly say that he could destroy our Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect." Nan Huan Ren coldly snorted; his arrogance was as high as the heavens. Seeing his expression, it was almost as if he personally experienced the battle that year.

"Don't be madly impetuous!" Protector Mo yelled at this disciple: "An Immortal Emperor for a generation is someone that shouldered the Heaven's Will and ruled the heavens; who are you to say such careless words!"

Scolded by his master, Nan Huairen dejectedly lowered his neck as he awkwardly laughed. He was a lively person; even after the scolding, he didn't pay any heed and busily said: "I heard that the elders said the calamity that year was a mortal blow to our Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. Imagine that that year, a deadly disaster suddenly happened to our sect..."

"Don't make inaccurate statements in front of Young Master and the princess. Even Elder Gu didn't know many things regarding the disaster that year, only the bare minimum." Regarding his disciple running his mouth boastfully, as his master, Protector Mo glared at him once. At this moment, as a protector, he was referring to Li Qiye as "Young Master."

Nan Huairen, scolded by his master, awkwardly smiled. He finally said in a serious manner: "The unexpected event that happened that year, even the elders didn't know about it. Some said thirty thousand years ago, some said fifty thousand years. Basically, thirty to fifty thousand years ago, a strange calamity happened at our sect."

Li Shuangyan asked: "How was it strange?" Regarding this legend, she had also heard of it. However, she was not a disciple of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, so there was a large chance that her sources were inaccurate.

"This..." This question was difficult for Nan Huairen to answer. He could scratch his head for half a day without producing an answer. In reality, he only heard about this from the legends. The exact incident, he didn't know about. Even the elders — at their age — didn't know, let alone him.

Eventually, Protector Mo gently sighed and revealed: "There was an ominous appearance, a strange occurrence at the center of the sect."

As for the actual details of the ominous occurrence, Protector Mo himself didn't know. The upper echelons of the sect only knew that something negative had happened, but no one knew the details because all of the disciples who had personally experienced the event were no longer part of this world.

When Protector Mo and Nan Huairen answer, the initially quiet Li Qiye gravely said: "The sealing of this ground had a problem." His expression was rarely serious, but it showed a hint of coldness this time.

Li Shuangyan was shocked after hearing Li Qiye's words. Inside her Nine Saint Demon Gate, there was an ancient piece of writing that contained the words left behind by their ancestor, Nine Saint Virtuous Paragon. Legend states that Immortal Emperor Min Ren sealed this land then built the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect on it, leaving behind an unshakable emperor's foundation!

As for why Min Ren had to seal this land and what was sealed, the writing didn't mention. Future generations didn't know either.

At this moment, Li Qiye had spoken in a confident manner; without a doubt, it was as if he already knew beforehand. Li Shuangyan was perplexed since this was such an ancient matter. Furthermore, there were no concrete documents about it, so how did he know?

If one could travel around the boundary of the sect that year, then they would find that it was like a giant sea snail. This sea snail was extremely huge. Lying on the ground, it carried the entire ground of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect.

Today, the sect's ground was but a part of the tail of this sea snail. That year, the center of the sect was located on the spine of the sea snail.

The moment they reached the center of the sect of that year, they found that all of the trees and plants were withered. From these dead trees, one could see that this place used to be filled with ancient trees and bright godly grass with heavenly vines that covered the skies. It was a shame that today, this place was now a dead ground.

Stepping into the central area, they saw a strange scene. Outside of the center, all of the ancient temples and pavilions were entirely collapsed into ruins, but the center was not like that at all.

As the central area of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, Immortal Emperor Min Ren used to use this place to order the whole world and accepted the worship from all of the races of the Nine Worlds. Afterward, all of the sect masters of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect resided here to command the heroic crowd.

At this place, it would be described as having a forest of ancient pavilions and godly temples. However, today, they were all covered; it was as if the sky suddenly rained down mud upon them. Countless amounts of mud covered the buildings that became dried throughout the ages.

All of the buildings here seemed to be stuck in a thick layer of muddy paste, causing others to be unable to recognize their true appearance.

Chapter 90: Cleansing Incense Ancient Land (2)

Seeing this scene, Li Qiye stood silently on top of the land for a long time. This was the commanding center of the sect. At this place, not just Min Ren, but Li Qiye himself used to command the generals and soldiers from here. He brought an invincible army from this place and started an expedition to conquer the nine heavens and ten earths.

In order to revive the sect, the Ancestral Land had to be opened. Otherwise, the sect must be relocated because, at the moment, the land of the sect was too small and the earth vein that was moving the world's energy was too thin.

Li Qiye intended to begin by fixing the Ancestral Land to rebuild the sect, but, once he witnessed the scene before his eyes, he immediately knew what the ominous event that had struck the sect was!

The thing he hoped would never occur had happened. This caused Li Qiye to be solemn and a bit perplexed. In the end, who was the one to open the seal?! There was no chance that it was Immortal Emperor Ta Kong because, if Ta Kong forced open the seal, the entire sect would no longer exist. He would have needed to destroy the emperor's foundation, but, seeing the current situation, that was not the case.

If it was not an intruder that broke the seal, then who on earth opened this seal? Thinking about this, Li Qiye quietly contemplated.

Nan Huairen curiously observed everything in front of him. This was his first time here, and he couldn't help but take out his sword. He tried to pierce the stone paste on an ancient pavilion. However, no matter how hard he tried to chisel, he could only leave a small sword mark — the size of a rice grain — behind; essentially, he couldn't drill through this stone paste.

Protector Mo shook his head and said: "It is useless, Elder Gu had tried doing the same thing before. It was essentially impossible to drill through. If a person with a certain cultivation was to force it, then there will be a rebound effect."

"What is this?" Li Shuangyan, seeing the stone paste that encompassed the buildings, couldn't help but feel strange.

"The protection of the emperor's foundation." At this moment, Li Qiye spoke: "This ground was laid with an unshakable emperor's foundation. When a calamity presents itself, the emperor's foundation will automatically protect itself. This, to an extent, suppressed the evil energy that was under the ground from spreading. The protection is still here, and that means that the emperor's foundation is still here as well."

Li Shuangyan was touched by the fact that, even though there was a great calamity, the emperor's foundation was still standing. This was an Immortal Emperor lineage standing strong for millions of years — truly frightening. The hidden power of an Immortal Emperor lineage was incalculable. It seemed like, if there wasn't a huge disaster that year, even if the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect had truly declined, it was not an existence that could be provoked by the Heavenly God Sect!

"This will take some time." In the end, Li Qiye said these words. The seal formation had problems, and Li Qiye knew that this matter was serious. In order to revive the sect and rebuild this land, he absolutely had to infiltrate the depths of this land once more.

If this was the case, then he must have full preparations. He needs powerful generals and brave soldiers. This couldn't be rushed. Adequate arrangements must be made in order to be successful.

At this moment, Nan Huairen, who was looking around, found something and loudly announced: "There is a hole here."

Li Qiye's group hurried over. The place where Nan Huairen was standing was a valley of low elevation. Within this valley of dead vegetation, there was a big hole that was drilled straight down. No one knew how deep the cave was. There was only a black-as-ink color down below, as far as the eyes could see.

Carefully looking at the giant hole, one could see circular line patterns; it was as if a huge drill came down vertically in its creation. It was clear that this giant hole was not formed by a natural process.

"This giant hole wasn't dug too long ago." Li Shuangyan carefully observed the giant hole and eventually came to this conclusion.

Li Qiye meticulously observed the hole, and he made some careful analysis. In the end, he smirked and commanded Protector Mo: "Protector Mo, immediately return and bring me Violet Mulberry Trees, the more the better. Also, bring me a giant pot, three bottles of vinegar, six bottles of Dove Dark Water, and some Green Perfect Bones..."

Li Qiye listed a myriad of medicines, and, even though Protector Mo didn't know what Li Qiye wanted to do, he still remembered each of them carefully. After Li Qiye finished his instructions, Protector Mo immediately flew away without the slightest of doubts.

Once reaching the Heaven's Primal realm, cultivators could fly without relying on any treasures.

Seeing how Li Qiye's wanted so many items, Nan Huairen curiously asked: "Oldest Brother, what are you trying to do?"

Li Shuangyan was also puzzled. Li Qiye's list of items, many of them she had never even heard of before.

Li Qiye let off a smile and said: "I want to smoke a rat out of hiding."

Finished answering, he simply sat down and got cozy as he eagerly awaited for Protector Mo's return.

Protector Mo didn't dare to linger around, and he immediately came back after one day.

"Set up the fire."

After his return, he brought a large amount of Violet Mulberry Trees to Li Qiye; the pieces of wood were all dried. They immediately placed the dried wood in front of the giant hole and started a fire.

In a flash, the billowing smoke immediately infiltrated the cave. This smoke carried along with them a particular smell; it was a scent that was hard to describe by people.

The billowing smoke continuously circled into the cave. After a while, there was finally some movement. A thunderous noise appeared that shook the earth. It was as if there was a giant Earth Bull, turning over in his grave!

"Boom!" After a loud explosion, a humongous monster rushed out from the cave. Another "boom" exploded; this humongous monster created a large crater on the ground when he fell down.

"Who dares to disturb my slumber with this unpleasant smell?!" An ancient roar thundered. It was angered by being smoked out with this particular scent.

Seeing this humongous monster stomping on the ground, the group of Nan Huairen was dumbfounded. This humongous monster was not a particularly dreadful beast. It was a giant snail, but a snail that knew how to speak.

Seeing this humongous snail, only Li Qiye maintained his composure. At this moment, Li Qiye stood up, observed this humongous snail, and calmly said: "Not too bad. To be able to achieve Six Solutions; for your tribe, this is truly not an easy task."

These words of Li Qiye greatly surprised the snail. Its two big eyes on its tentacles gazed at Li Qiye. The ancient noise resounded again, like the strike of thunder: "Little Brat, who are you? To be able to know the Six Solutions interpretation?!"

"Who I am is irrelevant. What's important, however, is your appearance in this place!" Li Qiye calmly stared at the giant snail, and he said: "As for your comment regarding the Six Solutions, it is not a big deal; even the Eighteen Solutions, I can still theorize."

"Good Little Brat! Speaking nonsensical rubbish!! There is no one in the world that knows the Eighteen Solutions." The giant snail shouted: "No, that is not right! If there is indeed an Eighteenth Solution, then there is exactly one person that knows."

Here, the giant snail gazed intensely at Li Qiye, and his eyes triumphantly said: "Not right, not right! Outside of that existence, there is no one else in this world that knows the Eighteen Solutions. You are simply a little human brat; it would be a miracle if you know the Eighteen Solutions."

"The yellow peril lasting for ages, the ancient cauldron shining as deeply as the night's blue ocean, the divine scholar tree exists in the mulberry field, the Golden Crow coming and leaving..." [1]

At this moment, Li Qiye opened with a profound incantation that Li Shuangyan's group essentially couldn't understand.

Hearing Li Qiye's phrase, the snail was shocked in amazement. Its two eyes opened wide and glared at Li Qiye. In the blink of an eye, from under the snail's shell came a fat and gigantic hand. It suddenly grabbed Li Qiye.

In just a split second, Li Qiye was gripped by the hand and moved into the sky, causing Protector Mo and Li Shuangyan to be aghast. They wanted to take action, but Li Qiye waved his sleeve, signaling for them to calm down.

"You, how do you know this profound incantation?!" The snail's huge eyes gazed at Li Qiye in astonishment.

Li Qiye smiled, and he calmly said: "It was only the first part of the Seventh Solution incantation, nothing extraordinary; I could even say the Eighteenth Solution incantation."

The giant snail became impatient, and he couldn't wait any longer. His ancient voice yelled out: "Speak, hurry and tell me the Eighteenth Solution incantations!"

Li Qiye still calmly spoke: "The Eighteen Solutions is the thing that your tribe had always been searching for. For me to simply speak, it definitely won't be so easy. Follow me, and then I can think about it a little bit."

"Ignorant brat, you dare to negotiate conditions with this old man?!" The giant snail's temper snapped, and he roared: "Wait until I rip apart your sea of knowledge and extract your memories; let's see if you can still hide anything!"

Finished speaking, one tentacle turned into a strand of universal law, and it immediately pierced the forehead of Li Qiye, directly searching Li Qiye's sea of knowledge.

"Not good..." Seeing this scene, Li Shuangyan's expression soured. She knew that the situation was not favorable.

"Boom!" However, in a split second, the entire heaven and earth seemed to have exploded. The forehead of Li Qiye suddenly unleashed a strand of immortal light! Followed by a huge explosion, the giant snail was blown away into another corner of the world!

At this moment, Li Qiye was like a grand enraged Immortal Emperor, and the immortal light from his forehead directly suppressed Nan Huairen and his master to the ground. Even Li Shuangyan wasn't able to stand steadily.

Li Qiye drifted on top of the ground, and the immortal light from his forehead started to disappear. Even so, the moment this light exploded, Li Qiye was like an angry Immortal Emperor; all existences under the nine heavens and ten earths had to prostrate under this immortal light!