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# Chapter 1 - Awakening

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After turning 6 years old, there was always strange inscriptions appearing in Guo 12th's mind along with a strange sound resonating within his ear. The strange sound has caused Guo 12th to have trouble sleeping every night. However, to Guo 12th's surprise, it never affected his body's mental state. Guo 12th decided to ignore the sound. And as time passed, he even started to chant along with the sound in his mind.

He has chanted for 2 years before the sound grew fainter. Even though the sound has become faint, he has already grown accustomed to the it so he continued to chant through the nights without any problem. The next morning after chanting, he would always feel energized. Like an addiction, he would feel uncomfortable if he did not chant. He even began to chant without realizing it himself whenever he had free time.

When the sound and inscriptions completely disappeared, Guo 12th was 8 years old. On that night he laid on his bed and continued to chant the words out of habit. There was a total of 167 words and 167 pronunciations. As he continued chanting, he suddenly felt his mind ripping, it was very painful and a massive surge of memory entered his mind. Afterwards, Guo 12th immediately lost consciousness.

It felt like a strange and bizarre dream.

Guo 12th woke up early the next morning. He yawned, stretched, sat up on his bed and began to look around.

Guo 12th was not himself anymore, although his appearance was the

same. He clearly understood that he was not himself, he has successfully reincarnated. As the passage of souls required an extremely strong soul, the inscriptions and sound from his mind actually helped cultivate and strengthen his soul.

Guo 12th was overjoyed because it was the second time he has successfully reincarnated. His original soul did not disappear. It was like receiving a precious treasure when he successfully reincarnated the first time, because of it he has lived a long and unique life. That road was full of difficulties, just like a pawn crossing the river. If he failed, everything would for naught.

*[t/n] Pawn crossing over the river is a term used in a chinese board game similar to chess.*

At the age of 8, Guo 12th did not understand much about his own world. He could only recall that he had a father, a mother, and some brothers and sisters. He was the 12th child of the family, and his last name is Guo. His father have 6 wives and 17 children. He has only been to the small courtyard and the house his parents lived in. Therefore Guo 12th did not know much about the world because he has never even stepped outside his house before.

He carefully observed his room in detail. It was very simple, it had wooden floors, a low bed, and rough sheets. There was a small table with a copper pot, a clay bowl, and also an oil lamp. Besides these items, there was nothing more.

Thinking with his past memories, Guo 12th was shocked. It seemed that this was not the original world he was from. Even though the writing seemed to be traditional Chinese characters, looking at the

clothes he was wearing, it looked like a costume from the past. He wondered if he had reincarnated to ancient times, but which dynasty could this be?

Guo 12th quickly calmed down. Since this was his second successful reincarnation, he has gained patience and had confidence from his past experience that he could survive in this world. Guo 12th did not care where he was going to be reincarnated, he only cared whether or not his soul could be awakened with the reincarnation. Since the the reincarnatation succeeded, he could face any challenges.

“12th! 12th! Wake up!”

Guo 12th opened the door and saw a young boy standing outside. He said, “6th Brother, I am awake.”

Guo 6th said, “After breakfast, father will send you to the ancestral temple for a test.”

Guo 12th asked curiously, “Test? What test?”

Guo 6th smiled and said, “Don't worry about it. You wouldn't understand even if I told you.”

When eating breakfast, Guo 12th experienced what having a big family was like. There was over 30 people in the room, mostly children. A small table with soup and bread was placed in front of everyone. An old man with strange patterns on his face and arms was responsible for serving the soup and bread. If anyone wanted more, with a shout, the old man

will give them more.

Guo 12th was never a curious boy, but now after the reincarnation with an awakened soul he wanted to know more about everything. He quietly asks, “6th brother, Uncle Puer... what are those patterns on his body, Oh! those patterns are moving!”

Guo 6th continued to eat while vaguely saying, “He is a Fu Warrior. You are still young...you will understand when you get older.”

“6th brother, what is a Fu Warrior?”

Guo 6th drank his soup and said, “12th, what is wrong with you today? You usually act like a carefree chicken... Uncle Puer is a stray Fu Warrior who was taken in by our father to handle small chores.”

Guo 12th realized that he had wasted his last 8 years because he knew nothing about this world. But upon further review, there was no way for him to know about the outside world because he was always focused on the inscriptions and sounds in his mind. It is actually extraordinary for an 8 year old to cultivate and strengthen his soul to the point where the soul awakens with memories attached.

“Fu Warrior?”

Guo 12th thought this world is going to be interesting.

After breakfast, Puer came up to Guo 12th and said, “12th, Master asked me to take you to the ancestral temple.” Afterwards, he also called Guo

10th and 13th Guo. Guo 12th learned that his 11th brother has died at the age of 3.

With three 8-year-old children, Puer led them into the Guo ancestral temple.

The Guo ancestral temple is a castle that was build with rectangular shaped stones. Guo 12th found it strange that there were patterns on the stones. The patterns were very strange, they looked like both characters and pictures and they were similar to the ones on Puer's body.

Handrails were built on the 6 foot wall, every dozen or so meter there were towers connected. How could this be considered a temple? It was more like a stronghold. Guo 12th wondered why this castle-liked temple was build. Was the world outside not peaceful?

He was not scared of death, Guo 12th have lived through war. In his first life, he was a monk who was very well-versed in Buddhist teachings. By chance he stumbled upon the scriptures for cultivating the soul thus learning it. In his first reincarnation, he was born as a farmer living through extreme poverty. He later joined the military and led his own unit. After retiring due to injuries, he opened a small shop with the help of a friend and maintained livelihood. He had gotten married, but did not have any children. Later on, he learned that with soul cultivation he never bear any children.

From a soldier's perspective, the castle like temple was built perfectly with no weaknesses. The only thing that confused him was how the design of the temple seemed a bit too advanced for its time.

As Guo 12th's mind was wandering around, he followed Puer and entered the temple gates. There was a large open space inside with around a hundred children, who were also around 8 years old. They were all being divided into groups of 10. Puer appeared to be familiar with the procedures that were going on, he led the 3 children into a group and said, "You guys line up here and come out when the test is done. I will be waiting outside." Then he turned around and left as if he was forbidden to stay any longer.

Guo 10th and 13th Guo laughed and talked to each other, but they ignored Guo 12th.

Guo 12th was not interested in their childish chat and he was delighted that he was not disturbed. He was observing his surroundings and from the small matters, he would make assumptions. For example, all the adults here were sturdy and had a murderous aura. From a former soldier's point of view, he could tell that these people have experience in killing either people or monstrous beasts, or else they could not let out such a strong murderous aura.

Unfortunately, Guo 12th did not have any useful memories of the past 8 years, and most of the time was spent on food, he could even be considered a big eater. The rules of the Guo Clan did not seem normal. When a child reached 5 years old, they would have to live in isolation, and be allowed out when it was time to eat. It was rare for the child to see their parents, only at the beginning of the month would they be allowed to see them.

Laundry was scheduled to be taken cared of and the children did not have to work at all. To Guo 12th, it felt like a boarding school from his previous life, minus the learning, it was similar to how small animals were bred in captivity.

More than 10 Elders from the Guo Clan entered and a few stayed outside, 3 of which were Fu Warriors with their bodies covered in patterns. They were all quite old, Guo 12th predicted that the Fu Warrior Elders were about 60 years old.

There was no announcement to start, but the children up front already started the test.

Guo 12th got on his tiptoes and tried to see up ahead, he wanted to see what was being tested. Yet, he could not see anything because the children in front of him completely blocked his view. The children did not care about the test at all, they laughed and giggled while causing a ruckus. But Guo 12th was not a child, he knew the Guo clan must have a reason for all the tests, it should even be an important event.

“What is the purpose of this test?”

Guo 12th could not resist it anymore, he asked Guo 10th, but Guo 10th ignored him and turned around to talk to someone else. An unfamiliar child said, “My uncle said this is a test of potential...but, I don’t know what the potential is.”

Guo 12th said, “My name is Guo 12th. What is your name?”

“I am Guo Egg!”

Guo 12th secretly shook his head. That name really made people speechless, it seemed people here did not care about names. He said,

“Guo Egg, thank you.”

Guo Egg was very tiny, he looked like a child who was only 6 or 7 years old. After hearing Guo 12th's thankfulness, he was extremely happy and said, “Guo 12th, my uncle said that if you have potential, the clan will train you and even let you go outside...but, I don't want to go outside! If you get sent out...you wouldn't be able to see your parents again.” He really did not understand the meaning of potential.

Guo 12th was in the 4th group. The pacing of the test was not too slow, and after about 2 hours, it was his group's turn.

The test is very simple, without the child doing anything, an object the size of a lighter was placed on their forehead, then after a few words, they would wait for 2 minutes and it was done.

Guo 12th focused on the Elder who was administering the test.

The man's face was very thin, had a snow-white goat beard which seemed to be well groomed, and a pair of slender eyes filled with wisdom. His eyebrows were also white. He wore a long robe which attracted Guo 12th's attention. It was not made of hemp, cotton, or silk. It had a light green color decorated with patterns. As Guo 12th looked carefully, he discovered that the patterns looked similar to the patterns on the temple's stone wall. A belt the width of a palm had rectangular-shaped objects hanging on it. Guo 12th did not clearly see what those objects were.

Guo 12th continued thinking. In reality he was not just a simple 8 year old child, he knew a lot of things. But this world was just too strange to

him. Who were Fu Warriors? What is the purpose for these potential test? What is the difference between this world and his previous one? He did not know. The previous time, he reincarnated into the same world so he could easily fit in. This time was different, the world felt strange to him.

“Child, what is your name?”

The green-robe Elder administering the test kindly asks.

“Guo 12th.”

To the side, there was someone in charge of recording. The green-robe Elder said, “Stand still with your eyes looking at me.” He gently touched his waist with a finger and a rectangular-shaped object appeared in his hand. He immediately placed the object on Guo 12th’s forehead and said, “Stare and look...Ahem, not with your eyes but with the strength of your mind.”

Guo 12th thought to himself, “How many children can understand what you just said?” He simply closed his eyes and focused his mind on his forehead.

All of a sudden, he saw pieces of complex patterns on the rectangular shaped object. Looking at the patterns, they seemed smooth. He was very surprised, was there eyes on his forehead?

The green-robe Elder suddenly enlarged his eyes when he saw the object on Guo 12th’s head flashed with a red glow. He was delighted and

said, “Ah! FuZhou potential! Someone have FuZhou potential!”

“Quick! Bring Elder Chen here! Tell him we found a child with FuZhou potential.”

Guo 12th was fascinated by the object on his head. It was beautifully crafted and made him feel comfortable. All of a sudden he began to understand what that object was, it had the power of the soul. The object on his head enabled him to see through the soul.

“All set, child, open your eyes.”

The object on this forehead disappeared. Guo 12th opened his eyes and noticed that the green-robe Elder was staring at him kindly, and then Guo 12th asks. “Grandpa, is the test done?”

The Elder pleasantly said, “Guo 12th, you can call me Grandpa Hong, stay with me for now.” He then asked one of the Fu Warriors, “Is Elder Chen here yet?”

The Fu Warrior answered respectfully: “Already sent out a letter, he should be here soon.”

The Elder nodded, and proceeded to the next child, “Child, what is your name?”

“Guo 10th!”

The Elder placed that object on Guo 10th's forehead and repeated the process. This time, the object flickered with a light yellow glow instead of a flashing red glow. The Elder said with a bit of disappointment, "You have warrior potential." The Fu Warrior then handed Guo 10th a token and said, "Take this back home and show it to your family."

The next one to take the test was Guo Egg, he also have warrior potential. However, 13th Guo did not have any potential so he did not receive any token.

Guo 12th waited patiently by the side. He noticed that most of the children had warrior potential, and only a few either had Zhou potential or Fu potential. For now, he was the only one with FuZhou potential.

Even though he did not understand what FuZhou potential was, he knew that it should not be ordinary since the Elder only requested him to follow along.

About half of the children remained by noon, they were taken to have lunch. The Elder took Guo 12th to a restaurant outside the ancestral temple. Inside the restaurant, Guo 12th met the Patriarch of the Guo Clan, he was a fat old man with an amiable smile.

The Guo Clan was recognized as the second largest clan around, it consisted of millions of people. The main branch alone had 200,000 people. Being the Patriarch of the Guo Clan, he possessed a lot of influence. Having this title allowed the Patriarch to accompany the Elder.

The Patriarch was extremely happy because a child with FuZhou

potential belonged to the Guo Clan. The Patriarch said with smile, "It's all thanks to Elder Hong Chang Feng that our Guo Clan can produce a FuZhou Knight."

Elder Hong said with a laugh, "It is not due to me, if he did not have potential then I cannot do anything to help."

Guo 12th kept on eating without saying a single word. He was constantly wondering what a FuZhou Knight was, are they exorcists? They shouldn't be...then what is it? He was confused and had the impression that this world was just too strange.

The food was very simple. A big plate of unfamiliar meat with a few unknown wild vegetables mixed in, which was delicious. In addition, there was another pot of roasted meat, sliced into big pieces. And a bamboo basket with a lot of steamed buns.

12th realized that his body had a very big appetite. He was only half full after eating 10 steamed buns, with a few pieces of meat. He was surprised that as an 8 year old child, he is eating more than ever compared to his previous life.

Elder Hong was eating even more, he ate huge pieces of meat and before he even swallowed them he was already getting ready to grab another piece. What was even stranger was the way the Elder ate the steamed buns, he would grab a bunch at once, squeeze them together and stuff it all into his mouth.

By the time Guo 12th finished the food which can feed 17 people, he was finally satisfied. He just quietly listened to what the Patriarch and

Elder Hong had to discuss. The two men ate and talked at the same time and finished everything on the table. After everything was gone, the server brought out a copper bowl filled with water for everyone to clean up.

The test continued until the evening. Guo 12th was the only child who had FuZhou potential. Out of the over 100 children, only 60% had warrior potential, 8% had Zhou Knight potential, 3% had Fu Knight potential and the rest did not have any potential. Since there was a child with FuZhou potential Elder Hong was satisfied.

At this time another Elder arrived, it was Elder Chen who came to give Guo 12th another exam to confirm his FuZhou potential. Elder Chen was also extremely delighted after the exam. Guo 12th paid extra attention towards Elder Chen because Elder Chen seemed to be a highly esteemed figure who also had Fu Warrior symbols on his body and the aura that Elder Chen released was on a different level compared to the Fu Warriors from the Guo Clan.

Elder Chen began to leave after the exam, Elder Hong quickly ordered Guo 12th to follow him. The 4 children with Fu Knight potential and the 9 children with Zhou Knight potential also followed along.

Every child was accompanied by a Fu Warrior, while Guo 12th was directly following Elder Chen.

Elder Chen's name was Chen Chun Zhai, he was already 80 years old. He advanced to FuZhou Master from FuZhou Knight at the age of 47. After becoming a FuZhou Master, Elder Chen became even more influential. In this world FuZhou Masters were held in extremely high regards, they were a high existence in this world. FuZhou Masters were

powerful because they had the strength to move the world!

From Guo 12th's perspective, Elder Chen was at most 50 years old, and seemed younger than Elder Hong, but from their interaction it was clear that Elder Hong treated Elder Chen with a higher level of respect.

Elder Chen had a very dignified look. He had a composed rectangular face, tall nose, deep set eyes, a set of thick black eyebrows, and a loud and clear voice. His posture was similar to a well trained soldier.

Guo 12th was still very calm and silent, causing Elder Chen to be impressed and satisfied. An average child would not be as calm and patient as Guo 12th. Elder Chen also noticed how Guo 12th did not have any traces of fear in his eyes which was an essential quality required to become a FuZhou Knight.

"Guo 12th, the Patriarch of your clan has already informed your family of what happened, you just need to follow me," Elder Chen said.

Guo 12th says,"Ok, thankyou Grandpa Chen, thankyou Grandpa Hong."

Elder Hong gently smiles and says, "It is rare to see a child being so respectful."

Elder Chen then says, "Being respectful is good, but 12th you have FuZhou potential so you do not always have to be so respectful. Once you advance into a FuZhou Knight you have to understand that your status is different from others, you will only have to be respectful towards a few

people."

Elder Hong shook his head and said," Elder Chen he is just a child you do not have to ..."

Elder Chen glared at Elder Hong and said,"Did I say anything wrong?"

Elder Hong helplessly said,"Of course not, you are correct FuZhou Master."

Elder Chen was purposely acting arrogant, he said, "Good then, go take care of the children."

A quick thinking Fu Warrior quickly gathered some companions and took the children with them.

Everyone was led towards the reception area, at first Guo 12th imagined it was going to be a luxurious place, but when he arrived he discovered that the area was not the least bit luxurious, the only compliment Guo 12th could give was how the area was so spacious. There were huge wooden tables, the floor was also made of wood and there were torches lid up on the walls. The food consisted of large portions of meat, bread, soup, and rice.

In the reception area, for the first time since Guo 12th's soul awakened he met his parents of this world. His father was named Guo Liang, he had 6 wives and Guo 12th's birth mother is Li Guo. In this world, unless the women can become Fu Fighters, their status will be low. The only purpose females had in this world was to give birth, and until they have

given birth they would not be recognized within the family.

*[t/n] I used the term Fu Fighters to group Fu Warriors, Zhou Knights, Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights together.*

Guo 12th did not have any feelings towards his parents because his soul have just been reincarnated after the soul awakening. Even before the soul awakened Guo 12th has been living independently ever since he was 5 years old, it would have been difficult for them to become fond of each other.

Elder Chen noticed that Guo Liang was very excited of his son having FuZhou potential, meaning the status of his family will rise. Even though Guo Liang could not remember how Guo 12th looked like, it did not ruin his happy mood.

Guo 12th sat next to Chen Chun Zhai looking at the food in front of him. He sighed to himself while looking because his body could not resist the smell of the food and his mouth was already beginning to water.

Chen Chun Zhai asks, "12th are you hungry?"

Guo 12th nods and say, "Yes, Grandpa Chen."

Chen Chun Zhai says, "Then you should eat, you do not have to mind anyone here, when you begin your FuZhou training you are going to have to eat a lot more and not only these simple dishes, but delicious dishes too."

Guo 12th did not know what to say, but his body once again could not resist the food.

In his former life, Guo 12th would sometimes go for many days without eating anything except trash, but now in his current body it was impossible to resist the hunger.

Without a care on the world, Guo 12th ran up to the food and began stuffing it in his mouth, then all of sudden a voice which sounded like thunder can be heard, causing Guo 12th to almost dropped his piece of meat. He became disgruntled wondering why a person needed to be so loud.

A Fu Warrior rushes in and quickly kneels down in front of the Patriarch screaming like thunder, "Oh Ah! Patriarch! Bad news!."

That thunderous phrase, "Oh Ah!" has caused Guo 12th to drop his food, the voice was just too terrifying.

With Elder Chen present, the Patriarch quickly tries to control the situation, "Thunderstorm! Why are you being so loud, What's wrong?"

At this moment, Guo 12th was able to recognize the Patriarch's strengths. The Patriarch was grand and resembled an imposing figure. The reception area, which a few moments ago was noisy and bustling suddenly became quiet and everyone got out of the way. The only noise that can be heard was the crackling sound of the torches.

## Chapter 2 - Fu

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Guo Lei is the name of the Fu Warrior who entered, because his voice is as loud as thunderbolts, people nicknamed him Thunderstorm. As time went by, everyone has forgotten his real name. Guo Lei is a small team leader within the Fu Warriors of the Guo Clan, but because no Fu Knight adopted him, he continued to serve as a guard of the Guo Clan.

"Patriarch, Uncle Guo Yi came back with severe injuries! We rushed here after learning where the FuZhou Master was, please save Uncle!" said Thunderstorm in a lower voice which still sounded like rolling thunder.

Patriarch Guo Da Guang was shocked, not believing this news. He quickly sobered up and said, "Quick! Carry him in quickly!" He then ordered everyone else to leave. He ran to the front of Chen Chun Zhai and with a bitter smile, he said: "Elder Chen, I'm really sorry to bother you."

Chen Chun Zhai was silent, nodding his head gently.

Guo Da Guang said in a relieved tone, "All materials will be paid by the Guo's family, with an additional one thousand five hundred Black Fu Bills."

A burst of noise came from the outside and a group of half naked Fu Warriors entered. Guo 12th noticed that all of these Fu Warrior had patterns all over their bodies.

Four big men came in lifting a stretcher where a sturdy middle-aged man laid unconscious. They placed the stretcher on the table and took off the animal hides worn by the man. The man's body was covered with layers of patterns, causing his skin to be barely visible. Four huge wounds can be seen, from the top of his chest to the stomach, with blood oozing out rapidly.

Chen Chun Zhai walked over there, with Guo 12th following as it was a good opportunity for him to learn. Guo 12th has seen many people die in his previous life, he was not afraid of the bloody appearance of Guo Yi. Chen Chun Zhai saw Guo 12th's calm and collected reaction causing him to give an even better evaluation.

"He is a Fu Knight!" Chen Chun Zhai said in a surprise after seeing Guo Yi.

Fu Warriors and Fu Knights are on completely different levels. Fu Warriors are generally weaker and have a lower cultivation level than Fu Knights. It is extremely difficult to rise to the levels of Fu Knight from Fu Warrior. Not only do one need to spend a lot of money and materials, they also need the help of either a FuZhou Knight or a Fu Knight.

Patriarch Guo Da Guang's forehead was full of sweat as he saw how Chen Chun Zhai has become a little annoyed, and quickly said, "Elder Chen, Guo Yi didn't follow any FuZhou Knight or Fu Knight, he became a Fu Knight through the training of the Guo Clan."

Chen Chun Zhai was relieved. In general, one who has risen to the levels of a Fu Knight would require the help of either a FuZhou Knight or a Fu Knight. But Guo Yi was able to reach the level of a Fu Knight by solely relying on the cultivation techniques from the Guo Clan, his ability

should be treasured by the clan.

Chen Chun Zhai replied coolly: "I thought he was Fu Warrior!"

Guo Da Guang said hurriedly: "Trust me, I know the rules, you will be rewarded if you save him."

Guo 12th understood that they were negotiating. He could tell that Chen Chun Zhai was being aggressive. It seemed that Chen Chun Zhai just wanted to confirm the Patriarch's promise, not wanting the Patriarch to play tricks later.

Chen Chun Zhai said, "Bring a pot of hot water, and also gather a few quick-handed people.

The Patriarch yell: "Quick, ask people to come quickly!"

Guo 12th said: "Grandpa Chen, let me help!"

"You? Are you not afraid?" said Chen Chun Zhai, he recognized the qualities needed for a 8-year-old child to offer help in such a bloody atmosphere. From Guo 12th's calm expression, he could tell that there was not a hint of fear in the child.

Chen Chun Zhai unconsciously said: "Okay, go clean up the wounds." He treated this as a test for Guo 12th.

Guo 12th was a soldier in his previous life, it was not difficult to stop

the bleeding and place bandages over the wounds.

Guo 12th brought in a big wooden tub, and began to clean the wounds with a cloth. The wounds were very severe causing onlookers to become frightened from just a look. The wounds should be caused by the claws of a monstrous beast. Luckily it was not life-threatening, Guo Yi is unconscious because the amount of blood loss is just too severe.

Even though the wounds are large and scary looking, Guo 12th is able to clean them up quickly because they just reached the flesh without damaging any internal organs. From this incident, Guo 12th realized that even though he is only 8 years old, he had the strength of an adult from his previous life.

"All set, Grandpa Chen." said Guo 12th.

Chen Chun Zhai was surprised, the techniques used by Guo 12th was strange, fast, and clean. It was equivalent to the work of a professional. he asks, "Good! 12th, where did you learn this from?"

Guo 12th responds with, "Just cleaning up the wounds is not difficult at all."

Chen Chun Zhai was speechless from the response. He walked to the front of Guo Yi, observed closely, and said: "Patriarch Guo, more than 70 Light Fu on his flesh is damaged and will have to be removed. You don't have to worry about the wounds. I have 4 Fu medicines in hand, it should be enough to save him. However, you will have to find a FuZhou Master to heal him with Light Fu when he gets better."

Guo Da Guang said: "We will, we will! Elder Chen please save him."

Chen Chun Zhai stared at the wounds, while a chopstick-sized wooden needle covered with patterns appeared in his hand. The wooden needle moved along with the patterns on the wounds. Guo 12th stood close by and he clearly saw how the wooden needle began to glow.

Along with the movements of the needle, the patterns on Guo Yi's wounds gradually disappeared. The skin turned back to its original color. After half an hour, the skin around the wounds were clean with no patterns remaining. Chen Chun Zhai put away the needle, and a green leaf appeared in this hand.

Guo 12th thought the leaf was special just from a look. The leaf had layers after layers of patterns. A faint medicine fragrance can be smelled. He thought, "Can this be Fu medicine? It is really magical, completely different from the medicine used in my previous life."

Chen Chun Zhai placed the Fu medicine on one of the wounds and gently touched it with his fingertips. Guo 12th suddenly felt a wave of soul energy, the energy was very clear causing him to be shocked. Guo 12th suddenly thought, "Did he use the power of the soul to activate the Fu medicine? How can the power of the soul be used?"

He was astonished by what happened next.

The Fu medicine melted very fast and spread along the wound. The wounds healed quickly, in about 2 to 3 minutes, there was only a red line left on the wound. After Chen Chun Zhai used 4 Fu medicines, the wounds were completely healed. Although Guo Yi was still unconscious,

his life was not at risk.

Chen Chun Zhai washed his hands and said: "Patriarch Guo, we were truly lucky this time. If I did not bring 4 Fu medicines with me, the amount of blood loss would have killed him. You owe me 160 Black Fu bills for the procedure, and 2000 Black Fu bills for each Fu medicine."

Guo Da Guang answers straightforwardly, "Okay! Thank you Elder Chen! Thank you so much!" He knew that Chen Chun Zhai was not overcharging him, and just asked for the amount to cover the cost. If he went out to buy the Fu medicines used, it would cost him around 2600 to 3000 Black Fu bills each. He knew that as a FuZhou Master, Chen Chun Zhai can buy them at a better price.

"Black Fu Bills?" Guo 12th thought to himself, this place did not use gold or silver as currency, instead, it used Black Fu Bills? How did a Black Fu Bill look like? Why didn't he know about this?

"12th young master!"

Guo 12th turned around, and saw Uncle Puer timidly standing by his side and asked: "12th young master? Uncle Puer, why are you addressing me like this?"

Puer humbly smiled and said: "12th young master, you are now a noble, I can not address you like before."

Guo 12th shakes his head, he did not like such titles and said: "Uncle Puer, what can I help you with?"

Uncle Puer glanced at Chen Chun Zhai secretly and fearfully mumbled: "12th young master, your father wants you to come back home, he also asks the FuZhou Master...to come together with us..."

Chen Chun Zhai quickly gives Uncle Puer a glance causing him to stop talking.

Guo 12th was planning on returning home soon, even though his father Guo Liang did not show any love for Guo 12th he was still his father in this life, he says, "Grandpa Chen..."

Chen Chun Zhai clearly heard the conversation, and nodded with a reply, "I will go with you." Even though he has only met Guo 12th for half a day he was attracted to this special child.

Guo 12th smiled and said: "Thank you Grandpa Chen."

Chen Chun Zhai said: "Let's go, it is late." He was followed by 4 Fu Warriors, the other Fu Warriors were watching over the children.

Following Uncle Puer, they quickly arrived back home.

Guo Liang along with his 6 wives and a few hired Fu Warriors, respectfully greeted Chen Chun Zhai. Guo Liang tells the servants to bring out the food. Big pieces of meat, large pots of soup, and a big basket of steamed buns were served.

Both of them did not have dinner yet. Guo Liang was extremely hungry and quickly began to eat.

There is no expectation with the food here, you only need to fill up. Very soon, the food on the table was gone. The servants brought out warm water for everyone to clean up, afterwards everyone sat back down to their seats.

Chen Chun Zhai looked at Guo Liang, and said with a surprise, "You are a Flame Warrior?"

Guo Liang said bitterly: "Yes, but I was unable to improve further, so I came back home to get married and contribute to the family. Haha, I am simply the most common Flame Warrior."

Chen Chun Zhai asks, "How many Fu can you use?"

Guo Liang said, "Around 20 to 25 Fu, I can't use any more than that."

Chen Chun Zhai nodded, "It is pretty good if you can use 25 Fu, but after 25 Fu, how long do you have to wait to use another one?"

Guo Liang said: "I can recover in 15 minutes."

Chen Chun Zhai said: "Then you are a pretty good Flame Warrior, which Flame Fu can you use?"

Guo Liang showed a hint of embarrassment and said: "I can only use

two Flame Fu, the Rocket Fu, which can be fired up to 50 steps away, and Exposition Fu. I cannot find any other Flame Fu that are suitable to me."

Even though Guo 12th did not understand what was going on, he memorized the conversation in order to understand it out later.

Chen Chun Zhai thought for a moment and finally said, "I really like Guo 12th, he has great potential, take this Fire Moon Fu as a gift. This Flame Fu needs to be refilled after activating 6 times, if not, it will be destroyed after its 8th activation."

Guo Liang was overjoyed, this Fu was made by a FuZhou Master it is alot more powerful than the ones created by a Fu Knight. With this Fire Moon Fu, his strength can at least be doubled. He said his thanks in a hurry and put the Fu into his bag very carefully.

With a wry smile, Guo 12th began to feel a bit of resentment towards his father for being so thoughtless.

Guo Liang said, "12th is an honest child, please look after him."

Guo 12th almost laughed out loud. In fact, being a monk in his past life, he was very honest. He chanted Buddhist scriptures all day, he stayed in the temples his whole life. Reincarnated to his second life, he went through countless hardships. Although he strived to be honest, it was not easy for him.

Guo Li, Guo 12th's biological mother was as silent as the other 5 mothers. She sat there the whole time and later returned back to the

rooms inside. Guo 12th wondered why the mother-child relationship in this world was so cold.

Soon, the servants brought out two crates. Guo Liang handed a small bag to Guo 12th and whispered, “12th, here’s some money for you, there are 60 Black Fu Bills, 100 Silver Fu Bills, and a few Green Fu Bills. Inside the crates are some clothes and a blanket for you, buy anything you need. Keep this money safe, understand?”

Even though it was not a lot of money, Guo 12th felt his father's sincerity. He nodded and thanked his father with a smile.

Guo Liang went inside the room and brought out a small wooden box. He said, “Elder Chen, I obtained this bone a long time ago, but could not get a good price for it. It has no use for me now, please take it with you.”

Guo 12th curiously looked at it while Chen Chun Zhai showed no interest. He opened the box and his expression suddenly changed. “A patterned bone!” he cried. This bone is the same size as an adult's palm. It is snow white with light blue patterns faintly visible.

Chen Chun Zhai placed the bone on his forehead, and a dazzling light began to glow from the light blue patterns on the bone. A while later, Chen Chun Zhai happily said, “Good, it turns out to be a complete patterned bone, a very good gift.”

Chen Chun Zhai passed the bone to Guo 12th, and said, “I am not sure what beast this bone belongs to, but it is surely from an ancient beast since the beasts nowadays do not have such nice bone patterns.”

Guo 12th handled the bone very cautiously and Chen Chun Zhai laughs and said, “You do not have to be so cautious, this bone is very hard, the only downside to it is its size. The value would be very high if it was a little bit bigger.”

Guo 12th took a look at the bone and it was beyond his understanding of what it was even with his experience from his previous lives. He could not think of anything similar between any animal bones he has encountered with and the patterned bone he is currently looking at. The bone had a shiny glow and was clear like jade, it also resembled naturally formed rocks which have their own unique beauty.

Guo 12th placed the bone on his forehead similar to what Chen Chun Zhai has done. Soon a dazzling light began to glow from it too. Chen Chun Zhai had his mouth wide open and was completely shocked at what he has just witnessed. This child can also activate the patterned bone which was a FuZhou Knight's ability.

The patterns on the bone was very complex, Guo 12th quickly felt lightheaded. He placed the bone down while shaking his head and said, “Ah, very complex patterns...”

Chen Chun Zhai looked very serious and asked, “12th, can you clearly see the patterns inside the bone?”

Guo 12th did not understand why Chen Chun Zhai looked so serious, he replies with, “Yes, I can clearly see the patterns, but it is very complex, I am confused from just looking at the lines.”

Chen Chun Zhai had mixed emotions, this was the first time he had

met a child with so much potential. His ability was promising.

Even though Guo Liang was a Zhou Warrior, his knowledge and experience were limited. He did not know how amazing his own son was.

Chen Chun Zhai put the bone away and ordered a Fu Warrior to carry Guo 12th's crates, then he said his farewells to Guo Liang and left.

Guo Liang sent them out to the door, and watched them walk away.

After awhile, Guo 12th would occasionally turn around and see his father still standing by the door. He pondered on why the people of this world do not show their love towards their families. His father probably cared for him, but concealed it, Guo 12th did not have the soul of a typical child, he could easily see through his father's masked feelings with his observation.

That night, Guo 12th followed Chen Chun Zhai and slept in a grand hotel.

The next day, Guo Da Guang brought parents to say their farewells to their children. 14 children were definitely leaving. 4 who had Fu Knight potential, 9 who had Zhou Knight potential, and Guo 12th who was the only one with FuZhou potential. 26 children with Fu Warrior potential was also selected to leave. There would be a total of 40 children leaving.

The Guo Clan lived near the Qing Chang River.

The easiest and safest way to travel through was by boat. No one would

walk on the road if they could use boats, since walking on the road was very dangerous.

There were three ships in total, Chen Chun Zhai led the 14 children and more than ten Fu Warriors to one of the ship. Hong Chang Feng along with a dozen Fu Warriors and an Ice Zhou Knight went on the ship that was in the front. The rest of the 26 children went on the last ship.

Guo 12th was not as excited as the other children which made Chen Chun Zhai very surprised. While other children were playing at the deck, Guo 12th followed Chen Chun Zhai to the cabin and asked, “Grandpa Chen, is there any books here?”

Chen Chun Zhai was shocked and replied, “You know how to read?”

Guo 12th nodded, “I know a little bit.” He did not know whether the words here would be the same as his previous life.

From Chen Chun Zhai’s waist, he took out a few books. Guo 12th was amazed and quickly asks, “Grandpa Chen, where did you get these books from? How can they appear out of nowhere so suddenly?”

“This is a Fu hidden bag, which can only be used by FuZhou Knights, Fu Knights, and Zhou Knights, Fu Warriors cannot use this item. It can be used to store Fu or small objects, you will be able to make these yourself in the future.” says Chen Chun Zhai.

Guo 12th was shocked. This world really have magical items, in his previous life these items would only appear in novels. He could not wait

to become a FuZhou Knight and quietly yearned for that moment in his heart.

Chen Chun Zhai had a total of three books. They were “Animal Research”, “Tree Species”, and “Jade”.

Chen Chun Zhai said, “You need to study these to become a FuZhou Knight. You can ask me any questions, I will be in the next cabin.”

Guo 12th was overjoyed, he said in a happy tone, “That’s great, thank you Grandpa Chen.”

Chen Chun Zhai was happy and said softly, “Relax at the deck when you are tired. We will be living in the ship for 3 months.” Then leaves the room.

Guo 12th could not wait to open the first book “Animal Research”. This book introduced the beasts of the world. He noticed that the animals from this world had similarities to the ones from his previous life, even the names were similar. But there would also be essential differences between the two.

For example, the wolves here looked similar to the ones in his previous life, but the wolves here were classified into many categories. The fiercest wolves were the same size as a calf and according to the book, these wolves were strong to the point where even Fu Warriors cannot rival them. However, these types of wolves were uncommon and it was mostly just common wolves roaming around. Common wolves were fierce as well, with sharp claws and teeth, which would cause ordinary people to have trouble escaping.

The “Animal Research” book recorded more than 50 types of animals. There were even a few birds recorded, but the majority of the book had information on beasts which lived on land, to Guo 12th the information from the book was eye-opening.

The next book, “Tree Species” recorded many different types of rare tree species. Again many of them were similar to the ones from his previous life. The trees in this world were not used to make furniture, but to make Fu. FuZhou Knights and Fu Knights would use different tree species as raw materials.

The book, “Jade” held information on different types of stones and jades used as raw materials for creating Fu.

A month later, Guo 12th spent most of his time relaxing his mind. The experience he gained from his previous life helped him become more composed and patient. He not only finished reading the three books, he also fully memorized them. Thanked to his strong soul, he had an extraordinary memory.

Since this world was still very strange to Guo 12th, he would always have questions for Chen Chun Zhai and would also ask for his advice. Chen Chun Zhai was impressed by Guo 12th's hardworking actions. Guo 12th had unwittingly learnt a lot from Chen Chun Zhai. And finally began to get a better understanding of this world.

Although it is hard to believe, Guo 12th understood that he has entered a strange world of FuZhou. FuZhou in this world is comparable to science and technology from his previous life. Both plays an extremely

important role in the development of the world. Only those who have mastered the power of FuZhou can stand on the peak of this world.

From the month of studying and learning from Chen Chun Zhai, Guo 12th understood the cruelty of this world. Guo 12th learnt that not only was there fights with monstrous beasts, there would also be fights between men. In this world there were many secret areas, many strange existences, and many rare raw materials for Fu making, but in order to find and obtain them, one had to kill all their enemies.

How big was this world? Even FuZhou Master Chen Chun Zhai cannot give a clear answer. This FuZhou world, to Guo 12th is full of wonders and adventures, Guo 12th was filled with admiration, thinking about the world.

The weather gradually became colder. Guo 12th could not find suitable clothing from the crates. Luckily Chen Chun Zhai gave him a leather robe, otherwise he would freeze to death by the time they reached their destination.

On their way to their destination, there would occasionally be beasts that would come drink from the Qing Chang River. These beasts had a very bizarre appearance, which caused Guo 12th to be filled with astonishment.

Ke Lala!!

A black dot appeared in the sky and it was moving very fast as if it was flickering. It was a big bird which resembled an eagle. Guo 12th instantly recognized the beast since he read “Animal Research”.

“Thunder Eagle! Hide!” he shouted and ran as quickly as he can to the cabin.

## Chapter 3 - Huo Bao

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Again Guo 12th became aware of how amazing his body was, He could not believe how fast he was running. With a few steps he was already by the cabin door. He knew that Thunder Eagles are good at lightning attacks, but as long as everyone is hidden inside the ship the attacks cannot penetrate through.

Guo 12th felt at ease when he entered the cabin. After reading "Animal Research" Guo 12th understood that Thunder Eagles preferred using their longer ranged lightning attacks over close range combat.

“Everyone get inside the cabin, nobody should stay out on deck!” Chen Chun Zhai said with a dignified and bossy tone, nobody dared to disobey his orders.

The Thunder Eagle was flying in circles above the ships, constantly observing the ships. Fortunately everyone has already ran into the cabin. The ships were empty without a single shadow. The Thunder Eagle continued to hover above the sky unwilling to give up and patiently waited for people to show themselves.

Chen Chun Zhai knew the Thunder Eagle’s habits very well, he loudly said, “No one should go out without my permission. The helmsman needs to pay attention to the direction of the ship, and do not get too close to the riverbanks.

There were often large beasts appearing around the riverbanks. Even if the ship was a few meters away from the riverbank some beasts can jump

directly onto the deck . It would be dangerous if the beast got onto the ships, as it would damage the ship as they fought. Therefore, it is best to sail along the main channel.

The Thunder Eagle continued to hover above the skies until sunset and finally flew away.

Guo 12th went back to his own cabin, and while later, Chen Chun Zhai came in asking, “12th, you just saw a Thunder Eagle, how do you feel?”

“It was huge...and fast! Even though I did not see any attacks, I believe it would not be easy to deal with.”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “Thunder Eagles usually live in the grasslands. It is rare to see one come to the forest. This one should be an adult Thunder Eagle. Their attacks can instantly kill a Fu warrior. Provoking them would not be wise.”

“The ships will arrive at the Li Clan tomorrow, we need to restock our supplies there. You can go ashore and visit the shops. Here is your reward for cleaning up Guo Yi’s wounds.” He gave a small bag to Guo 12th, “If you decide to go shopping, ask one of the Fu Warriors to accompany you...and be careful not to be tricked by the vendors.”

Guo 12th was truly thankful, he could tell that Chen Chun Zhai treated him very well. When Chen Chun Zhai left, he opened the bag and saw 160 Black Fu Bills. By now Guo 12th was able to distinguish between the bills, one Black Fu Bill equals 10 Silver Fu Bills and 1 Silver Fu Bill equals 10 Green Fu Bills. The Green Fu Bills had the lowest value.

The Li Clan? Guo 12th recalled how his mother's last name was also Li. She seems to be from the Li Clan. However, it was meaningless because he did not even know where his mother lived before.

The next morning, the three ships arrived at the Li Clan, there was a lot of other ships lined up around the dock.

Guo 12th went shopping with two Fu Warriors.

Chen Chun Zhai and Hong Chang Feng went to visit the Patriarch of the Li Clan in order to discuss the supply problem. All the other children went to play with the Fu Warriors.

Guo 12th did not in a rush to buy basic commodities, he first looked for a bookstore and bought a dozen books. Then he bought paper, pen, and ink. And finally he set off to find commodities because he heard that the destination will be very cold so he had prepare for it.

Guo 12th noticed that the value of Fu Bills were very high, a leather robe only cost 6 Black Fu Bills. And a bowl of rice and meat was only 1 Silver Fu Bill, it was very cheap. He even treated both the Fu Warriors to lunch.

When he returned to the cabin, Guo 12th began to read.

Chen Chun Zhai did not come back until the evening. He immediately gathered everyone to depart after the supplies were restocked.

Time went by quickly and two months passed by. Everyone was tired of

living in the ship. During this period the ship resupplied twice. Every time the ships arrived at a dock, Guo 12th would go out and buy books to read. He needed to learn everything he can about the FuZhou World.

A month ago, they experienced their first snow, and the weather was extremely cold. It was even colder than Northeast China where Guo 12th lived previously. The water by the riverbank even start to freeze. Only the main channel can be sailed. There were even beasts who used the ice to reach and attack the ships. Thankfully the Fu Warriors and Zhou Knights killed all the approaching beasts, keeping everyone safe.

The ships finally arrives at the destination safely.

Guo 12th always wondered where Chen Chun Zhai planned to bring everyone. He had asked Chen Chun Zhai before, but he was unwilling to talk about it.

Before arriving to their destination, Guo 12th noticed that the ships were not even on Qing Chang River anymore, but on a smaller branch river. The ships sailed for three days before arriving to a mid-sized town. It was in the evening when they arrived. Snow covered the floors and the roofs.

A lot of people were waiting by the dock. Everyone was wearing a thick leather robe. After the ships docked, everyone went aboard the ships. Guo 12th looked at them with curiosity and found that they were mostly women.

A middle-aged woman walked in front of him and gave him a hug. She put her leather robe on him and said, "Child, what is your name? I will

be your Auntie from now on and take care of you! Put on this robe, it is very cold, you children from the South will not be accustomed to the weather here.”

Even though Guo 12th's appearance was a child, he did have the soul of an adult. He felt a bit embarrassed, but he can tell that the woman was being honest. He wondered if she was going to be his caretaker. He said with a blank smile, “My name is Guo 12th.”

The woman walked him off the ship and said, “My last name is Lan, you can call me Auntie Lan, or just Auntie... I will call you 12th.”

All the children with Fu Knight or Zhou Knight potential had their own personal caretaker, and the 26 children with Fu Warrior potential had 5 caretakers.

Guo 12th thought that Chen Chun Zhai must be from a very powerful organization. Without an abundance of resources how can they provide caretakers for all these children? In addition, Guo 12th was pretty sure that there were children from other Clans besides his Guo Clan, which meant there were even more caretakers.

Chen Chun Zhai walked over and shouted, “Xue Mei! Is Xue Mei here?”

An elderly woman answered, “Elder Chen, I am here, what do you need?”

Pointing at Guo 12th, Chen Chun Zhai said with a frown, “Assign two Fu Warriors and one more caretaker to him. One is not enough!”

Guo 12th wanted to say no, but it seemed rude to refuse Chen Chun Zhai's kindness and arrangements. He said to himself, "I will settle down first."

Xue Mei had a look of surprise, "That...is the highest level of treatment."

Chen Chun Zhai said impatiently, "Go arrange it quickly!"

Xue Mei answered, "I will do it right away."

Chen Chun Zhai shouted, "Ok everyone, do not stay at the dock, hurry up into the town." He then said to the woman standing next to Guo 12th, "As a reminder, take good care of 12th. You can stay here if 12th is satisfied with your care after 3 months. Understand?"

Auntie Lan happily replied, "Yes, I know all the rules, please trust me."

Chen Chun Zhai gave a nod of satisfaction and ordered them to enter the town with him.

The town did not have any inns. Everyone lived with the townspeople. Chen Chun Zhai lived in the Mayor's house.

The Mayor's whole family was waiting outside, they warmly welcomed them into their home.

Guo 12th walked into the yard. The Mayor's house was built from large stones. It was not very tall, but when he stepped inside the house, he noticed that the house has been dugged 10 feet deep into the ground. It was 10 feet above the ground! A huge copper pot filled with coal was placed in the middle of the house. It warmed the air around the house and filled it with the smell of burning coals.

Around the copper pot, there was 4 chairs. The Mayor invited Chen Chun Zhai to sit on the chair and asked his family to bring out the food. There was a wooden plate in front of everyone along with two knives for the meat, a pinch of salt and two pieces of breads.

Guo 12th realized that the meat here was unlimited, while the bread was limited.

Guo 12th did not know that this place was surrounded by wild animals, meaning meat was very common, while bread was very precious because wheat cannot be grown here and was completely dependent on outside transportation. In the winter, wheat was transported even less causing bread to become a sort of luxury.

The Mayor seemed to be very passionate and kind towards Guo 12th, which caused him to be confused. Guo 12th thought to himself, "It is so strange, I have neither power nor money, why is he so passionate towards me?"

After dinner, the Mayor brought in a boy. He said to Chen Chun Zhai with a smile, "Elder Chen, this is my son." and signals his son and quickly says, "Come over here kowtow towards Elder Chen!"

The boy looked strong and healthy, resembled a fierce leopard. He came up and saluted and quickly kowtowed towards Chen Chun Zhai, “Huo Bao is here to pay his respects to Grandpa Chen!”

Chen Chun Zhai had a serious expression, “Elder Huo, Mayor Huo, what is the meaning of this? Kid, stand up!”

The Mayor replies with, “Elder Chen, you promised me last time!” The Mayor was in fact very nervous and carefully said, “Huo Bao is 12 years old now, I know that all the children who accompanies you have FuZhou potential. I am just wondering if you can let Huo Bao follow him.”

Chen Chun Zhai had a little laugh and said, “You are such a cunning old fox.”

The Mayor says with a hint of embarrassment, “Huo Bao is very good at hunting, he was able to defeat a bear this spring. You know how cruel the bears are in the spring.”

Chen Chun Zhai lightly asked, “Was it an adult bear?”

“Of course not, the bear was only one year old. Huo Bao is only 12 years old, it is still extraordinary to kill a young bear at his age.” The Mayor responds with.

Chen Chun Zhai says, “It is indeed not easy, 12th, do you want to take him to be your supporter?”

The translation uses the word follower, but I think

supporter/companion/assistant will describes this role better.

The Mayor tensed up. Even Chen Chun Zhai cannot make this decision for Guo 12th. Guo 12th asks with a smile, “Grandpa Chen, what is a supporter?”

Chun Zhai Chen answers with, “12th, you have high FuZhou potential, it will not be a problem for you to advanced into a FuZhou Knight. Every FuZhou Knight have someone to support them, even Fu Knights and Zhou Knights have a supporter. You have to understand that even though a FuZhou Knight is powerful, the protection from a Fu Warrior is necessary when you are out in the wilderness.”

Chen Chun Zhai continues, “The Mayor wants his son Huo Bao to become your supporter, his role is to protect you, collect materials and to handle all the chores for you. These are the responsibilities of a Fu Warrior supporter.”

Guo 12th thought for a moment and says, “If his role is to support me, what do I have to provide him with?”

The Mayor carefully stared, it was the first time he has seen a child who had such a calm mind. “This child will have a bright future.” He thought.

Chen Chun Zhai looked at Guo 12th with a satisfied expression and answers, “Of course, you will have responsibilities towards him too, you will provide for all his basic necessities and provide him with all the Enhancing Fu he needs to become stronger.”

Guo 12th asked, “What is an Enhancing Fu?”

Chen Chun Zhai smiles, “It is commonly known as Tattoo Fu.”

Guo 12th recalled the patterns on Uncle Puer’s body. He now understood that those were not patterns, they were FuZhou. He said, “Can I learn how to make Tattoo Fu soon?”

Chen Chun Zhai nodded, “I am taking you to a place so you can be advance to become a FuZhou Knight.”

Guo 12th simply says, “Ok then, I will need to examine him for a year, if we can get along he can become my supporter.” He knew that if he carelessly accepted, Huo Bao will be following him for life and it would be painful if they did not get along.

Mayor Huo was very happy. He did not care about the one year examination. FuZhou Knights will rarely accept a supporter without careful inspection. Most Fu Warriors are cultivated as a child together with the FuZhou Knights themselves. This was not a relationship of masters and servants, but a relationship of brothers!

Chen Chun Zhai Said, “Congratulations Mayor Huo... your family have great luck! Remember the child I brought in last time? 12th is a hundred time better than him!”

Mayor Huo was thrilled, “Elder Chen, is that true? Great! Great!”

Huo Bao concentrated his attention towards Guo 12th. Guo 12th was

shorter than him by half a head, was polite and had delicate features which made him look harmless. But when Guo 12th glanced at him, he felt a hint of intimidation and his heartbeat quickened, it reminded him of his encounter with the bear last spring.

Guo 12th was also observing Huo Bao. Bao Hua has a very good figure, bald, light eyebrows, and small eyes. His head had a very unique triangular shape, wide nose, big chin, and thick neck. Guo 12th thought that Huo Bao was born to be a warrior.

Both of them were satisfied with each other.

Guo 12th stood up and said, "I am Guo 12th, very nice to meet you."

Huo Bao was surprised with the sudden introduction and quickly stood up, "Huo Bao, nicknamed Leopard, hope we could get along." His stern look faded away with his smile.

Mayor Huo laughed, "Leopard, go prepare yourself and follow 12th tomorrow. Remember 12th is still young, you have to take good care of him."

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Early in the morning, everyone got onto a sled led by snow dogs. The snow dogs here were muscular, had extremely long fur, and resembled moving clouds as they ran, these dogs looked very majestic. These snow dogs can only be seen here.

Each sled can carry up to eight people, and it was pulled by twenty one snow dogs.

Guo 12th was sitting on one of the sleds together with the dog trainer, three Fu Warriors, Chen Chun Zhai, Huo Bao, and Auntie Lan.

There was 200 people in total, including the luggages and supplies, a line of forty sleds were formed.

Guo 12th asked, "Grandpa Chen, where are we heading to?"

"Up the mountains!" Chen Chun Zhai answered.

Guo 12th wanted a more informative answer so he asked Huo Bao very quietly, "Huo Bao, do you know where we are going?"

"You really do not know?" said Huo Bao.

Guo 12th said impatiently, "Why would I ask you if I knew!"

"We are going to the North Fu Sect." Huo Bao answered.

"North Fu Sect?" Guo 12th says.

Chen Chun Zhai glanced at Guo 12th and with a faint smile he said, "The North Fu Sect is formerly known as the North Fu Alliance, this alliance flourished and became the North Fu Sect. You will become a

disciple of the North Fu Sect.”

Guo 12th curiously asks, “Is there a relationship between the Guo Clan and the North Fu Sect?”

“The Guo Clan is one of the branch clans that follows the North Fu Sect.” Said Chen Chun Zhai.

Guo 12th was surprised, “The Guo Clan is just a simple branch clan?”

Chen Chun Zhai nodded, “The Guo Clan can be considered to be second-rate even among the other branch clans.”

Guo 12th shook his head in disbelief, just how much influence and power does this North Fu Sect have? Is it even more powerful than a country? He then asked again, “Why is the North Fu Sect located up the mountains? Isn’t it better to be by the plain?”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “It is necessary for the North Fu Sect to be here on the mountains because they are defending against the beasts and wild men from the North.”

The sleds were very fast, causing the wind to blow very hard. Even with a leather robe Guo 12th was constantly shivering. Auntie Lan said, “12th is still getting used to the cold weather here.” She clutched him in her arms and covered him with another leather robe, “This should keep you warmer.”

Guo 12th felt very awkward because nobody cared about him in his

previous life, but now Auntie Lan was showing him warmth from the heart.

Although the leather robe worn by Huo Bao was not as thick as Guo 12th's, Bao Hua did not care because he has already gotten used to the freezing temperature here.

Guo 12th finally peeped his head out from Auntie Lan's arms and asked, "When will we arrive?"

Huo Bao looked at Guo 12th and could not help laughing out loud. Chen Chun Zhai looked back and gave him a smile as well.

To keep Guo 12th warm, Auntie Lan wrapped him with a few extra leather robes which made him look like a cotton ball.

Guo 12th sighed as he really did not like being treated as a child. He was seventeen when he was "awakened" from his previous life, therefore he could not act like a young child.

Chen Chun Zhai resisted laughing and said, "It should take about seven to eight days, do not worry and just rest on the sled."

Guo 12th withdrew his head back into the robe ball which made Huo Bao laugh. Bao Guo thought this was amusing.

Chen Chun Zhai turn said, "Bao Guo, 12th is only eight years old, it is his first time in these mountains, there is nothing funny about it."

Huo Bao immediately stopped laughing with a face full of shame.

There were many settlements along the way, there were even some supply stations. Since the sled team was so enormous, not many beasts would dare to approach them.

When the sled team almost reached the last supply station they finally encountered a large group of beasts. It was a pack of Ice Blood Wolves, the sled team quickly went into a circular defensive formation.

Chen Chun Zhai calmly commanded, “Has the help signal been sent?”

“Yes!” replied a Fu Warrior.

“Good, Chang Feng, you are responsible for the safety of the children. I will lead the warriors to kill these Ice Blood Wolves!” Chen Chun Zhai said with an air of confidence.

The dog trainers commanded the snow dogs to form another circular formation and the fourteen children with Fu Knight, Zhou Knight and FuZhou potential including Guo 12th were ordered to go inside it. The next layer was for the remaining twenty-six children who had Fu Warrior potential . The sleds were the last defense, creating a barrier in front of the snow dogs. On the outside were all the warriors, and they were directly facing the Ice Blood Wolves.

“Auntie Lan, hold me up.” said Guo 12th, he wanted to stand on top of the luggages. Auntie Lan warned, “Be careful not to fall!” For the past

few days Guo 12th has gotten closer to Auntie Lan and he believed that Auntie Lan truly cared for him.

“I can finally see them!” Guo 12th said with a hint of excitement as he stood on top of the luggages.

Ice Blood Wolves usually traveled in packs of a hundred. The group in front of Guo 12th was unbelievable, this group had a total of four hundred, and was commanded by a Wolf Emperor.

Huo Bao was holding a steel knife, standing next to Guo 12th, as his duty was to ensure Guo 12th's safety. Bao Hua says, “It is unusual for a pack of Ice Blood Wolves to be this large, there must be a Wolf Emperor in the pack.”

Ice Blood Wolves were very similar to the common wolves, the main difference is that the Ice Blood Wolves were larger in size. According to the “Animal Research” book, the Ice Blood Wolves were not the most powerful wolf types, but when they attacked in a group it would not be easy to escape.

Guo 12th thought that this will be a good opportunity for him to observe the capabilities of the Fu Fighters before arriving at the North Fu Sect.

[t/n] I used the term Fu Fighters to group Fu Warriors, Zhou Knights, Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights together.

Chun Zhai Chen said loudly, “Get ready! The Ice Blood Wolves are

preparing to attack! Their skin is nice, it can become good quality leather after the battle! Lets kill all the wolves and their mothers!”

“Kill the...wolves' mothers!” All the Fu Warriors yelled in unison while laughing.

Even Guo 12th and Huo Bao got excited from Chen Chun Zhai's battlecry.

## Chapter 4 - North Fu Sect

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Hong Chang Feng quickly walked behind each Fu Warrior and gave them a slap in the back. The Fu Warriors quickly got excited as though they have been injected with stimulants. The FuZhou on their body began to glow. Guo 12th discovered this and asked, "Huo Bao, do you know what is Grandpa Hong doing?"

Huo Bao was definitely aware of what was going on since he also had Fu Warrior potential. He said, "Grandpa Hong is a Fu Knight, he is now activating the FuZhou on the Fu Warrior's body."

Guo 12th curiously asked, "They can't activate it themselves?"

Huo Bao smiled, "Of course they can, just not as fast and effective as a Fu Knight."

Guo 12th nodded and continued watching.

Hong Chang Feng activated the FuZhou for all the Fu Warriors, and quickly returned. Fu Knights were not suitable for battle.

"Grr..Grrr.."

The wolves started to howl. They did not immediately attack, they quickly surrounded the sleds and began to run in circles. It was frightening to see over 400 wolves running extremely fast. You could barely hear them run, it was like seeing ghosts.

The fur on the Ice Blood Wolves were not red, it was either light green or white. A moment later, a cold aura appeared and began to spread, this was an unique ability of the Ice Blood Wolves. Even though the cold aura was not lethal, it would cause everyone's reactions to slow down. Once the aura has reached its peak, the Ice Blood Wolves will launch their attack.

“In your dreams! Fire Rain's Heaven Descent!”

Guo 12th tiptoed up to see what was happening. A red line rose from Chen Chun Zhai's hand and it quickly dispersed. One became two, two became four, Four became 16... More and more red lines appeared, as the 4 words were being chanted, “Fire Rain's Heaven Descent.” Suddenly a burst of fire rained down like a waterfall.

The wolves were too fast, they ran through the fire rain. The fire rain was not strong enough to defeat them. However, the cold aura completely disappeared and the fur on a few wolves burned since some ran slower.

With a loud howl, the wolves no longer ran, they launched the attack immediately.

The wolves quickly gathered and attacked in one direction. Guo 12th was shocked, “The wolves know how to coordinate their attacks?”

A Fu Warrior shouted, holding a meter long stick in his hand, it was strange that he held it sideways. An Ice Blood Wolf leapt up and attacked him furiously. Guo 12th watched carefully. He saw a flash on the tip of the stick and the Ice Blood Wolf was cut in half.

This happened in an instant, Guo 12th clearly saw a crescent shaped light appear on the tip of the stick, and with a blink it disappeared. It appeared for less than 2 seconds. Only 2 seconds, and the Ice Blood Wolf was cut in half.

Huo Bao seemed to know what Guo 12th was thinking, he said, "That is a Fu blade. That warrior is well trained, he has good control over the blade. Normally a Fu blade cannot be activated for too long, but with his way of activation, it could last longer. It should be a high class Fu weapon."

The battle was beginning to heat up, with howls from wolves and shouts from Fu Warriors. Hong Chang Feng shouted, "Fire!".

The few Fu Warriors in the back held onto longbows and began to shoot. With a glance, Guo 12th knew that the longbows were not the same ones from his memory. The arrows were shot upright in straight lines at the speed of light and explode when they reached the target.

An arrow can kill an Ice Blood Wolf, just like a bullet from a sniping rifle from Guo 12th's previous life.

Approximately 20 Fu Warriors were directly fighting the wolves. A few Fu Warriors standing behind supported with bows and arrows. Although they were holding the wolves back, there was already signs of weakness in front of such a large group of wolves.

Chen Chun Zhai did not do anything after releasing the fire rain. He was the commander and was responsible for the safety of everyone. He

was waiting for a good opportunity to strike back.

The Fu Warriors rushed into the wolves, but they could not hold off their attacks. Some wolves took the opportunity to rush in front of the wall of sleds. The dog trainers ordered the snowdogs to attack the wolves. There were about 800 snowdogs, being a ferocious beast themselves, within seconds they ripped the wandering wolves into pieces.

The Ice Blood Wolves' cold aura was their trump card. Once the cold aura disappeared, they were no longer threatening.

Ah Woo.....Ah Woo

The howl of the Wolf Emperor can be heard, the wolves instantly stops attacking and began to retreat. In just three minutes, over 70 wolves were killed. A dozen Fu blades were drenched in blood. A few Fu Warriors were wounded, and one had their neck bitten off, and died amongst the wolves.

Guo 12th watched the horrible battle without any discomfort, he had experienced battles a hundred times more tragic than this. He said, “The wolves are leaving!”

Huo Bao asked curiously, “How do you know?”

Guo 12th said, “Because they would not gain any advantages if they continued fighting. Even though they could kill us, the majority of them will also die. The Wolf Emperor without his large group would not survive for long too”

Sure enough, with a few howls, all the wolves ran into the mountain.

A total of 8 Fu Warriors were injured, two were heavily injured, and one was dead. Encountering the wolf group when they almost reached their destination made Chen Chun Zhai gloomy. The death of the Fu Warrior made him even angrier. He said, "Immediately start the treatment, keep everyone alive, and rush to the last supply center as quick as possible. It's getting dark! Quick, prepare the sleds."

Everyone knew the importance of this matter, when it was nighttime in the mountains, it will be colder and the risk of encountering dangerous beasts also increased. It would not be a surprise if the group gets annihilated when a beast appeared. This thought caused everyone to be very anxious.

The night came quickly. While rushing to the last supply center, Chen Chun Zhai shouted loudly, "Do not look so sad! Keep an eye out in all directions! Archers, be prepared to ward off any beasts that approaches."

Guo 12th saw that Huo Bao looked anxious, he said, "Huo Bao, relax, we will be fine."

Auntie Lan was also very nervous, she held 12th very tight. Huo Bao said, "12th, you do not understand, the nighttime in the mountains is extremely dangerous. It is very common to be attacked by beasts, especially for a group that is moving as fast as us. Hopefully we will arrive at the supply center faster."

"The snowdogs began barking towards the distance...horse hooves!"

“Here comes the rescue team!”

The sound of the horse hooves grew louder and stronger. Guo 12th closed his eyes and listened carefully, a moment later, he said, “There are one hundred and twenty riders, I am certain of it.”

Huo Bao laughed and said, “That can't be right, you cannot even see them...I heard that there weren't many horses in your hometown.”

Guo 12th smiled and said, “I guess!”

The cavalry was a very powerful versatile force. The horses here were strong. They could not only travel long distances, their short sprint was also impressive. Guo 12th had his own cavalry in his previous life. He loved horses, his black stallion have saved him many times by taking him out from the battlefield.

“Elder Chen, order the sleds to move faster, twenty riders will lead the front. I will take take one hundred riders to the rear, don't worry, we won't leave anyone behind!”

The person who called Chen Chun Zhai, Elder Chen should have great abilities. Chen Chun Zhai felt totally relieved, and said loudly, “Elder Dao! Thank you!”

The sleds continued ahead.

Huo Bao was shocked, “One hundred and twenty riders!” He could not believe his eyes, “There is really one hundred and twenty riders! 12th, how did you guess? That’s impossible!”

Guo 12th laughed and hid his head behind Auntie Lan’s arms. There was nothing to worry about since he was a child. In fact, he thought it was nice and warm resting in Auntie Lan’s arms. The wind outside was like a sharp knife, cutting on his face.

Huo Bao suddenly thought Guo 12th was mysterious. But he could not do anything if Guo 12th did not give an answer.

About a hour later, dots of light can be seen not too far away. Huo Bao said excitedly, “I see lights! We have arrived!” He was just a 12-year-old child and after a day of difficulty, seeing the destination really made him happy. Today was truly difficult!

Even though the supply center was not big, it was safe. It was surrounded by walls which kept most of the beasts out. In additions, all supply centers have an underground hidden room, in case unstoppable beasts entered, it was a life saving place.

As everyone arrived in the supply center, freshly cooked meat and a big pot of soup was prepared. Everyone was sleepy and tired, especially the children. They ate with big bites, and went to bed straightaway.

The next morning, after breakfast they continued towards the North Fu Sect. It was a smooth journey since they were escorted by the cavalry.

The North Fu Sect was the overlords of the north, thousands of family depended on it. In the north, the North Fu Sect was the most powerful.

Guo 12th saw a huge mountain city. It was the headquarters of the North Fu Sect, covering a radius of thousands of miles. It not only brought together numerous experts, but there was also a countless number of ordinary people living there too. Many merchants set up their business headquarters there. This was the largest city in the north, a holy land for learning FuZhou, and a distribution center for rare Fu materials.

When they arrived into the city, 26 children with Fu Warrior potential were taken away. The 14 children including Guo 12th were following Chen Chun Zhai, they arrived at a carriage and headed towards the mountain behind the city. It took them half a day to get through the mountain. The back of the mountain was a restricted area, only people of the North Fu Sect were allowed to enter.

While traveling through the city, Guo 12th noticed that even though the city was large, the people living there was not luxurious. So far, this world gave him the feelings of simplicity, but what really intrigued him was the power of FuZhou. He made up his mind to learn FuZhou so that he could have another powerful secret for his next reincarnation.

He has always wondered how such a large city with such a huge population, can get all its food for the people living here. What was the solution to this problem? It was impossible to just rely on hunting. If one pig a day was enough to feed 3 people, this city had at least millions of people, could there be millions of pigs to eat everyday?

He also knew that grains cannot be grown here. All of the grains came from the outside. The people here mainly ate meat, not grains. Where did

all these meat come from?

Of course this was not an issue he worried about, it was just a question he had in mind.

The carriage arrived at a mountain pass. There were dozens of Fu Warriors standing guard and a few Fu Knights wandering about. After a quick inspection, the Fu Warriors allowed the carriage to pass.

One gate after another, the inner they went, the more strict the inspections. To Guo 12th's surprise, they were still at the outer edges of the mountain. Chen Chun Zhai told him that they were still far from the inner court.

“When will we reach the inner court? It is almost nighttime.” Huo Bao asked Guo 12th quietly. He was not as patient as Guo 12th.

Chen Chun Zhai responded, “What's the rush? We will not reach the inner court today and will have to stay here for a night. There are more people coming as well, we will test 12 more people.”

The carriage stopped in front of a courtyard. Chen Chun Zhai said, “This is the outer reception courtyard. 12th and Bao, follow me. Chang Feng, you take the remaining children.”

At the entrance of the courtyard, an old man came up with a smile, “Elder Chen...You find anyone good this time?”

Chen Chun Zhai grinned and answered, “Elder Zhao, we will be

conducting the tests tonight, come check it out if you are interested.”

Although Elder Zhao’s hair and beard were completely grey, and had a big age spot on this face, he was still strong and hearty. The way he held his cane was like holding a sword.

Chen Chun Zhai said, “12th, this is Grandpa Zhao.”

Guo 12th stepped forward and saluted, “Grandpa Zhao, nice to meet you.”

Elder Zhao laughed, “Did you come from the South? You will get used to the cold in a few years. Your name is 12th? What a strange name.”

12th smiled and said, “Grandpa Zhao, my surname is Guo, full name is Guo 12th.”

Elder Zhao laughed and said, “You must have been the twelfth child! The Southerners have good fertility.”

Elder Zhao arranged rooms for everyone after the small talk. Chen Chun Zhai and Guo 12th were given a small courtyard. They moved in there together with Huo Bao and Auntie Lan.

After dinner, Chen Chun Zhai took Guo 12th and Huo Bao out to the courtyard. The reason he took Huo Bao was because he also wanted to test him. The tests today were hosted by Elders within the inner court. Here they tested for special classifications, the test results will be much more accurate than the ones taken at the Guo Clan. This will determine

which path the children will take for learning and developing.

A row of elders with white beard, black and white beard, or brown beard were present for the testing. Each one had a different expression, some were serious, some looked kind, or was laughing, Guo 12th counted 27 elders total, there was no nobody which looked young. Upon closer review Guo 12th noticed the row of elders had 2 old ladies sitting together having a chat.

Chen Chun Zhai came in and saluted, "Chen Chun Zhai has come to see Shi Shu and Shi Gu."

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*<http://ironbodhisattva.blogspot.com/2013/01/relational-terms.html?q=relational+terms>*

Guo 12th also stepped forward and saluted, "Guo 12th has come to see all you Grandpas and Grandmas."

An Elder sitting in the middle twirled his beard which reached his chest with his hands, smiled and said, "Little Chen, no need to bother. Is he the child you mentioned in your letter...the child with FuZhou potential?"

Chen Chun Zhai responds, "Yes, Shi Bo, his name is Guo 12th. I have never seen anyone with higher potential."

This Elder was very influential within the North Fu Sect. He was a peak

FuZhou Master who was about to breakthrough to become a FuZhou Grandmaster. He was much more powerful than Chen Chun Zhai. His responsibility in the North Fu Sect is to nurture his disciples. He had a countless number of disciples. His name was Chang Ye Ran, nicknamed Wild Uncle.

Chang Ye Ran gently stoked his beard, said cheerily, “Ha Ha, We have all read your letter...everyone has come to see...”

An old woman said, “Little Chen, if he's really that great...I want him as my disciple!” she was Chen Chun Zhai’s Great Aunt.

Chang Ye Ran said with a cough, “Aunt Chen, it is not time to take disciples yet, everyone has come to see too.”

Aunt Chen said, “Everyone have disciples except for me. I will not compromise this time!”

The Elder next to her said, “The test has not even started yet, why are you so impatient!”

“Of course I am impatient! Ahem, I know everyone of you fight for the ones with good potential and hide from the ones who don't. This time I was the first to react, if you guys don't let me get a good disciple this time...Women are not so easy to deal with!”

Ye Ren Chen coughed again and said, “Aunt Chen. Don't forget, it's not only up to the masters to pick their disciples, the disciples can also pick their masters. Now, let us begin the test, the 13 other children will go

first, 12th will go last.”

Within the 13 children, 4 have Fu Knight potential and 9 have Zhou Knight potential.

The test was very detailed, all the elders were a little disappointed because they were not satisfied with the children’s potential. The best among the 13 children only had low level Zhou Knight potential. Even though the test was not 100% accurate, it has at least 80% accuracy.

After the 13 children left, Chang Ye Ran sighed, "There are fewer and fewer children with good potential. What are we going to do in the future..."

The next to go was Huo Bao. The test result was not bad, he was classified as a mid-high level Fu Warrior.

Finally it was to Guo 12th's turn, all the elders got off their seats and gathered around. Guo 12th was somewhat nervous. He understood that his potential will decide his learning conditions, whether he will have a good teacher, or the resource materials that he can use. He clearly understood that this is a critical moment.

Chang Ye Ran took out a long ruler. Technically this was not a ruler, but a specially refined FuZhou tool used for testing potential. The shape is similar to a ruler, with flashing rays of silver. Chang Ye Ran got in front of Guo 12th and said, "Child, do not be nervous." and placed the long FuZhou tool on his forehead.

"Remember, starting from the left...read as much FuZhou inscriptions as you can..if your head begins to ache or you begin to feel dizzy immediately stop, do you understand?"

Guo 12th nodded, closed his eyes and focused his mind.

He successfully sees the FuZhou inscriptions. At the beginning, the inscriptions were very simple it was very easy to follow along, Guo 12th did not think it was difficult. After all, his soul was stronger after having two awakenings. Gradually, the inscriptions became more and more complex.

Huo Bao was standing to the side and he could clearly see the FuZhou on Guo 12th's forehead. Starting from when Guo 12th closed his eyes, there were FuZhou inscriptions flashing one after another, very fast. After the flashes of more than 20 inscriptions, it slowed down and continued to flash every 15 seconds.

The elders became fanatical, some even started shaking with excitement, Chang Ye Ran's mouth was wide open. Aunt Chen almost drooled, as if she had found a rare treasure, she was tightly clutching the old woman's arms next to her.

The speed of the FuZhou inscriptions were beginning to slow down even more, almost one per minute. Guo 12th was obviously a little tired, but he still did not give up, still trying his best to read the next word.

Finally, Guo 12th stopped. His soul still had strength, but the FuZhou inscriptions were too strange. The inscriptions were getting more and more complicated, he did not want to waste his previous efforts by

reading it wrong. It took him two or three tries to figure out the more complicated inscriptions and the time it took was too long.

Guo 12th let out a big sigh, and said regrettably, "The FuZhou inscriptions were too complicated. I don't think i can..."

Chang Ye Ran gently patted Guo 12th on the shoulder and said with a gracious smile, "Child, very good, very good!" It was not only good, his potential was one of the rarest and highest levels, a FuZhou Grandmaster potential.

"Little Chen, take 12th back to rest, there is no need for the rest of the tests. Just bring him to the inner court tomorrow."

Chen Chun Zhai bowed and took Guo 12th and Huo Bao away. When they stepped out of the door, they heard someone shouting, "He will be my disciple, do not steal him from me! Whoever wants to take him will have to take him over my dead body!" It was the voice of Chang Ye Ran.

A sharp shout from Aunt Chen, "You old f\*\*k! Others might be scared of you, but I am not! I said from the beginning, he will be my disciple!" Aunt Chen was screaming.

"Don't f\*\*king say that! You don't even know what 12th thinks..."

"I will fight for this...."

"Do it! You old..."

As they walked further away, the noise became fainter. Guo 12th heard everything with a cold shiver. Chen Chun Zhai covered his forehead with one hand and held Guo 12th's arms with the other. He wanted to leave as quick as possible since it was embarrassing.

Huo Bao was also frightened. He looked pale and followed after them.

When they reached the small courtyard, Chen Chun Zhai said good night and went back to his room. Guo 12th also went back to his room and began to chant. This was the secret to his successful reincarnations, he had to continue chanting.

An hour later, someone knocked on the door, Fu Warriors opened the door and Chen Chun Zhai went out. A while later, Chen Chun Zhai came back and closed the door. In less than ten minutes, someone knocked on the door again, Chen Chun Zhai went out again, and came back. Back and forth, four or five times, Chen Chun Zhai simply did not sleep. He brought a chair and a leather robe outside. He sat in front of the gate ignoring the cold just to keep the gate opened.

"Ha Ha, Little Chen has not slept yet, I have something to discuss with you."

"Elder Wu, 12th has already gone to bed, let us discuss this tomorrow at the inner court..."

"Ah, Elder Wu is also here..."

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Guo 12th thought that this has gotten a little out of control. The elders took turns coming over and disturbed them. Chen Chun Zhai was afraid to offend anyone because he was younger than the powerful masters of the North Fu Sect. This made him very upset.

"Little Chen..."

Guo 12th could not help but have a cold shiver, he knew that it was Aunt Chen's voice.

"Shi Gu."

"I am your Great Aunt! Not your Shi Gu."

"Yes, Great Aunt..."

"He He, Little Chen..."

Chen Chun Zhai had a shiver. Guo 12th stopped chanting and hid in the blankets as Aunt Chen's laugh was horrifying.

## Chapter 5 - Disciple

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The next day, Guo 12th walked out of his room and Auntie Lan helped him clean up. Chen Chun Zhai came out of his room with a big yawn. Guo 12th couldn't help laughing as he saw dark circles under his eyes. He had been disturbed the whole night and did not sleep at all.

Huo Bao also came out and said, "Grandpa Chen, who came over last night? I am so sleepy, they were too loud." He continued, "Are we going to the inner court today? Am I living inside the inner court from now on, Grandpa Chen?"

Chen Chun Zhai did not sleep for the whole night. He was cranky. "Of course you will be living in the inner court, you are a disciple of the inner court! Go prepare your belongings right now! Get ready to leave!"

12th quietly waved his hand, motioning to Huo Bao to be silent. Chen Chun Zhai did not get enough sleep, whoever talked to him will be out of luck.

Huo Bao was not a fool, he immediately understood 12th's intentions, and quietly went back to his room to pack.

After having breakfast, they went in a carriage and left for the inner court.

On the way, there were elders on horseback riding along. What was interesting was that they were all surrounding 12th's carriage. Chen Chun Zhai said with a bitter smile, "12th, you are in big trouble."

Guo 12th surely understood what was happening, but he chose to play the fool. He smiled, “Grandpa Chen, how will I be in trouble, you will always be here to help me.”

Chen Chun Zhai said to himself, “I can't help you this time, these elders are scary... sigh, let us get to the inner court as soon as possible.”

There were three carriages in total, with hundreds of people surrounding it. There was only a dozen elders, but hundreds of their supporters followed. A strong group was heading towards the inner court.

Huo Bao asked softly, “12th, did all of them come for you?”

Guo 12th said, “I am just a child. I do not know anything. Don't ask me!”

Chen Chun Zhai was amused and said, “It is good to be a child, worry free, nothing to be annoyed with.”

The inner court was located in a vast valley, looking from the valley, it looked like there was a city inside. It was not exactly a city, but the combination of big and small towns. Chen Chun Zhai explained, “This is an important station of the inner court, it is divided into 2 sections, with a total of 4 regions. The FuZhou Knight station, Fu Knight station, Zhou Knight station, and Fu Warrior station covered the two regions of the first section.”

“The second section had mostly service facilities, which also covered

two regions. You will come in contact with these two regions when you start learning FuZhou.”

“You will be living here until you become a FuZhou Knight, I don't think it will be difficult for you to advance, but I suggest you stay inside until you become a FuZhou Knight before considering going to the outside world. The outside is just too dangerous, only until you are a FuZhou knight, will you be able to survive.“

Guo 12th was silent for a moment and asked, “How difficult is it to become a FuZhou Knight?”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “FuZhou Knight...is the weakest amongst the Fu Knight, Zhou Knight and Fu Warrior... it is also the hardest to advance. Fu Knights rarely jump into battle, Zhou Knights and Fu Warriors have to fight to grow stronger. A FuZhou Knight is actually the combination of a Fu Knight and a Zhou Knight. However, when FuZhou Knights advance to FuZhou Masters, they will be more powerful than the both the Fu Masters and Zhou Masters. “

Guo 12th asked again, “What is the difference between the Fu Knight and Zhou Knight?”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “Fu Knights mainly produce FuZhou, and Zhou Knights mainly use Fuzhou. There is not a strict difference between the two, some Fu Knights can use FuZhou to attack, and some Zhou Knights can make good FuZhou. However, FuZhou Knights have the most balanced abilities.”

“Someone with middle FuZhou potential could perhaps be less

powerful than Fu Knights or Zhou Knights with high potential. However, if someone have high FuZhou potential, they will be very strong, they are not someone a Fu Knight or a Zhou Knight can compare to”

Guo 12th now understood why the elders are fighting for him to be their disciple. He was happy that he did not hide his actual strength. He asked, “If someone had middle FuZhou potential, how do they usually cultivate?”

Chen Chun Zhai smiled and said, “That is the advantage of having FuZhou potential, they could choose either to cultivate as a Fu Knight or a Zhou Knight. A single development path will be more effective. “

The elders listened to their conversation in silence. They were very surprised because the questions asked did not seem to be from a child. 12th would always find the critical points to ask. He was only eight years old and started to learn the differences between the professions. They recognized that 12th was considering his own future. This kid really is quite extraordinary.

Guo 12th thought for a moment, and asked again, “Fu Warriors....What is their role?”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “ Fu Warriors exist as an attachment to the Fu Knights or FuZhou Knights. They will be uncomfortable if they leave their Fu Knight's or FuZhou Knight's side. A Fu Warrior cannot properly grow without their Fu Knight or FuZhou Knight.“

12th asked, “Why?”

Chen Chun Zhai then explained, “Because the growth of a Fu Warrior’s strength relies on the use of Enhancing Fu. The Enhancing Fu has to be provided and created by Fu Knights or FuZhou Knights. Others cannot create it. Fu Warriors will not change their masters once they have chosen one and even if they decide to change, there will be no Fu Knights or FuZhou Knights willing to accept them. That is the reason why wandering Fu Warriors exists. If they lose their masters, they will be in situation that is more miserable than ordinary people.”

Guo 12th said, “Now I understand, Fu Warriors do not have any other abilities except for going into battle. They will have difficulty surviving once they lose their masters. Because of their pride, they are not willing to run to another master, but would rather serve as an ordinary guard.” 12th thinks of his Uncle Puer.

Chen Chun Zhai said, “That is why Fu Warriors would rather die themselves, than let their masters die. Also, good Fu Warriors are trained when they are young, very rarely do one gets trained when they are old, even if they have a Fu Warrior Master potential.”

Guo 12th could not help but be marveled by this bizarre world.

Chen Chun Zhai said, “12th, you have to remember that Fu Warriors are not servants, they are brothers, they are our most solid shield and our sharpest spear. We have to respect our supporting Fu Warriors. We have to do our best to enhance their strength.”

Guo 12th nodded and said seriously, “I understand and I will.”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “Huo Bao, you are lucky.”

Huo Bao let out a giggle and said confidently, "I will do whatever I can to protect 12th, until the enemies step over my dead body, I will not give up!"

12th felt warm. He did not say anything, but he made up his mind to treat Huo Bao as his lifetime brother.

Chen Chun Zhai said, "12th, my grandson also have Fu Warrior potential, let him follow you from now on. Ha Ha I really have high expectations of you."

Guo 12th nodded and said, "Grandpa Chen, please ask him to come over. I will also have to examine him for one year, it will be important for the both of us."

Chen Chun Zhai admired Guo 12th's calmness and reasoning. He did not seem like an 8 years old child. He had neglected his status while talking to him. "Sure." He said.

The elders riding on the horses were glancing doubtfully at each other. 12th has given them too many surprises. Their appreciation of 12th was becoming stronger and stronger.

The carriages road for three hours, before finally reaching the destination.

The elders said goodbye to Guo 12th and left. Chen Chun Zhai knew that the elders will help Guo 12th even if he did not become their

disciple. Guo 12th understood that as well, thus he pretended to be cute using his childlike appearance and sweetly called them by grandpas and grandmas which made them all joyful.

Huo Bao was obviously not familiar with situations like these, he did not know what to say. From his appearance, he was four years older than Guo 12th. But in reality, he was the real child who did not know how to socialize. It caused others to think Guo 12th was smart for his age.

The FuZhou Knight's Station was a small town. There were hundreds of individual courtyards and every FuZhou Knight could occupy one, Half of the courtyards were empty. Chen Chun Zhai's house was at the border of the town. Chen Chun Zhai had arranged for Guo 12th to live next to him.

Chen Chun Zhai said, "I will get some Fu Warriors for you. These Fu Warriors are warriors of the inner court and you do not have to pay for them as you are just temporarily borrowing them. Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin will take care of your daily life. A couple of days later I will introduce you to my grandson."

"Auntie Lan, go tidy up the room, I will take 12th and Huo Bao to the inner court to handle some affairs."

Auntie Lan was very happy. She knew that Guo 12th will have a promising future. She felt so lucky this time, because living in the inner court was very safe.

In this world, safety will always be uncertain, unless you are someone who have power or was able to rely on your family for protection, the only

other way to have a feeling of safety was to live in the big cities. But in the cities if you weren't able to find a decent job, then you will very likely starve to death. And if you choose to live in the wild the beasts will most likely kill you. In this world it is truly a blessing to be alive.

Guo 12th and Huo Bao followed Chen Chun Zhai to the registry of the North Fu Sect.

Chen Chun Zhai had arranged everything in advance, but the identification cards can only be applied personally. The person had to leave their Fu Prints so the Fu Knights could create their identification cards.

Guo 12th's identification card was gold while Huo Bao's was black. Chen Chun Zhai explained, "12th, you will be a disciple here for four years. Your expenses during this period will be paid for by the inner court. After the four years are up, you will have to pay for your own rent and the expenses of your supporters whether or not you advance into a FuZhou Knight by that time. Now for yourself, let me remind you, FuZhou Knights are a very Fu Bill consuming profession."

"Huo Bao also have four years, during these four years, the inner court will provide the basic Enhancing Fu. But remember the inner court will only pay for four of your Fu Warriors. If you have five, you will have to take care of the 5th one yourself."

"The number of people you can take care of right now are, four Fu Warrior potential disciples, four Fu Warriors provided by inner court that are responsible for your safety, two aunties that are responsible for your daily life, and you. A total of eleven people, and later you might even hire more people to serve you."

Guo 12th asked, "What is the average expenses for a FuZhou Knight, including the number of Fu Bills?"

Chen Chun Zhai laughed, "10 thousand Big Fu Bills a year is my most conservative estimate, but 20 to 30 thousand is pretty conservative too, depending on how the Fu Bills are spent."

[t/n] The colors of the bills were not mentioned in the raw.

12th was shocked, "That much?"

Chen Chun Zhai's face became tense and serious, "That was my most basic and conservative estimation. It is fairly common to spend 70 to 80 Big Fu Bills every year if you want advance and become powerful. 12th, you have to figure out ways to make money, if you wait until the end of your apprenticeship period of four years, it will be the death of you."

This suggestion was very important. However, Guo 12th still felt puzzled and he thought to himself, "Would an 8 years old child understand what Chen Chun Zhai meant? An 8 years old child taking care of 10 adults, was just too scary."

Of course Guo 12th was an exception. A child might not understand, but 12th clearly understood that money was everything. He would starve if he did not have enough money, not to mention studying and advancing.

Chen Chun Zhai also felt puzzled, looking at Guo 12th who was silent

and did not seem to care. He then said, “Actually, you don't have to be too worried...”

Guo 12th said, “I'm not worried!”

“.....If you are under the apprenticeship of a powerful FuZhou Master, you will have lots of opportunities to make money.”

Guo 12th asked, “Where do FuZhou disciples go to study?”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “They would either follow their FuZhou Masters if they have been acknowledged, or if they did not become an apprentice yet, go to the FuZhou Hall. There will be a FuZhou Knight and a FuZhou Master there to assist the disciples in case they have questions. There are also books for disciples to rent or purchase.”

“Is it self study?”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “Self study? Yes, it is an appropriate term to describe it, the disciples here all does self studies except for the ones who have masters.” He looked at Guo 12th and saw that he was thinking of something. At last he asked, “What are you thinking of?”

Guo 12th gave an innocent smile and asked, “Grandpa Chen, the grandpas and grandmas yesterday...who is at the highest level? I mean... who have the most money?”

“What?”

Chen Chun Zhai was stunned. He has lived for more than eighty years, of course he understood Guo 12th's intentions. "12th, you mean..." He wanted to confirm. When he was 8 years old he was still ignorant, but 12th was already so knowledgeable.

12th said shyly, "Grandpa Chen, you know that...I am far away from home, my family cannot help me, so...finding a powerful master will be of great help to me, right?"

Chen Chun Zhai answered unintentionally, "Yes, it is pitiful, you have to find a good master..."

Guo 12th asked immediately, "Who is the best master among them?"

Chen Chun Zhai said, "The one with the most profound strength is Chang Ye Ran and he also have the most money! Wild Uncle...Ah, 12th, you cannot have these types of ideas, FuZhou Knights should be independent, they do not take advantage of others!"

Guo 12th pretended to be wronged and said, "I am not. I just want to find a powerful master, and that is it. Hehe, Thank you Grandpa Chen." 12th's heart has already decided who he wanted to be his master. It did not matter who was the master as long as they treated their disciple well and was wealthy.

Chen Chun Zhai shook his head, he felt misguided. An 8 years old child could not think this much he thought. He said, "12th, remember, don't rush to find a master, drag on for a period of time first."

“Why?” Guo 12th did not understand.

Chen Chun Zhai laughed, “Ha Ha, there is a policy here. All the elders want to make the children with good potential their own disciples. But these children were rare so the elders would quarrel endlessly every time they discovered one. Therefore, a policy was created which states, not only can elders choose their disciples, disciples can also choose their own masters, plus nobody is allowed pressure them.”

“Therefore...when all of them choose the same child, that child will be the deciding factor. During that period, the elders can communicate with them, they can make promises, they can give them gifts, but they cannot request the child to take them as their master. After a while, the child will choose for themselves!”

With a twinkle in his eyes, Guo 12th smiled and said, “Great! Great! I like this policy!”

Chen Chun Zhai sighed to himself, “What is there not to like? This policy was created just for those children with good potential.” If Chen Chun Zhai was not planning on introducing his grandson to Guo 12th, he would not have given such a detailed explanation.

“Do we have to wear this? Or just put it in the pocket?” Guo 12th asked while playing with his identification card.

Chen Chun Zhai said, “You have to put it on your left chest. You are a disciple so you will have to wear a disciple's uniform for four years. This uniform will be your best protection in the inner court, no one will be

rude to you and no one will dare to bully you. When four years are up, you don't have to wear it anymore.”

A cold wind blew into the room.

An elder sneaked into the room and saw them. The elder said loudly, “Little Chen, what are you doing here...Is 12th here?” Chang Ye Ran appeared smiling.

Chen Chun Zhai gave a meaningful smile, and said, “Oh, what a coincidence? Ha Ha, I brought 12th here to apply for his identification card. “

Guo 12th salutes, “Good to see you Grandpa Chang!”

Chang Ye Ran patted 12th's head, smiled and said, “This child is so polite. 12th, two days later I will have a feast at my house, come join me. You probably never tried any Fu food before. Come try some at my house, Ha Ha, it's decided... I will send someone to pick you up.”

He then turned around and disappeared before 12th could give an answer.

12th was dumbfounded. Chen Chun Zhai cursed inside, “This old fox.” He said to 12th, “12th, don't be surprised. There will be more strange events in the future, you will have to get used to it.”

“It started already?” Guo 12th talked to himself in surprise.

Chen Chun Zhai laughed, “You’re right, it has started!”

Guo 12th smiled and with a good feeling he said, “Want to go to the FuZhou Hall and get some books?”

It took them five minutes to reach the FuZhou Hall. After getting a lot of basic books, Chen Chun Zhai said, “12th, you don't have to rush to read the books, get settled in first. When you start reading and have a question, come by my house...I can temporarily help you since my mission is over, I have a lot of free time.”

Guo 12th lived in a small courtyard, which was arranged specially for disciples. It can accommodate up to 30 people, but right now only ten people lived there, so it felt very spacious.

The most important thing in the courtyard was not the buildings on the surface, but the huge laboratory underground, it was an essential place for learning FuZhou. The walls, floor, and ceiling were all reinforced with Fu inscriptions and there were specialized inlets, outlets and can even produce fire. Guo 12th was quite astonished by seeing how advanced the room was.

Guo 12th was not interested in science in his previous life. Although he had a college degree, it was from a military academy, this did not mean he disliked science, his ability to learn was not objective. He loved to learn new abilities because he understood that the more abilities he had, the easier it was for him to survive. It was always nice to learn.

Guo 12th had four years to grow. He was very nervous. These days, Guo

12th would read some books about the history of the world as well as notes about FuZhou Knights. He already gained a general understanding of this world. It was different from his previous world, there are no concepts or existences of nations here.

The harsh environment of this world has caused the conditions for the humans to so bad that it was beyond Guo 12th's imagination. If humans did not unite, the possibility of destruction was extremely high. As a result, powerful sects like the North Fu Sect have emerged to unite the humans.

North Fu Sect represented the north, East Fu sect, also known as Sea Fu Sect, represented the east. The west was a prairie and it was protected by the West Fu Sect, known as Beast Fu Sect. In the south, there was the South Fu Sect, which was made up of two sects, respectively the Insect Fu Sect and the Plant Fu Sect.

The four biggest sects have gathered the power of humans together to create a small footing in this horrible environment. The strength of each sect was also powerful.

In order to live safely, Guo 12th had to learn to survive here. Maybe he would get reincarnated back to his old world, he cannot die here. Even though he had never experienced death, he guessed that he would lose the power of reincarnation if he dies, meaning he would disappear forever.

Living to his third life, Guo 12th was still not satisfied. It was better to live even more. When he realized he was not in his original world, the experience of living in another, completely different world became one of his strongest desires.

Guo 12th carefully cleaned up the underground laboratory. It had a raw material storage room, material processing room, underground flame room, cleaning room, as well as an experimental hall, also known as Fu producing hall. He did not ask anyone else to help. Even though he was only 8 years old, he has the strength of an adult from his previous life, thus he finished cleaning up quickly.

Guo 12th went back to his master bedroom upstairs.

The master bedroom was small because the winters in this world was extremely cold. A wooden table took up most of the space in the room. The walls, floor, and the ceiling of the room were all reinforced by Fu inscriptions, it was used to block the cold air and to release heat. There was a coat hanger next to the wooden table and besides that, there were no other items. The door leading to the underground laboratory was next to the coat hanger.

Right outside of the master bedroom was the reading room, where Guo 12th would go study, the room has been cleaned up nicely by Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin.

The books from the FuZhou Hall and the ones he bought were placed neatly in a row on the bookshelves. There were paper and inkstones on the desk. Guo 12th was familiar with the use of brush since he had learn to write using the brush in his previous life. He was good at calligraphy.

He read books during the day, and chanted at night. The quality of sleep was superb because of his strengthened soul. Four hours of sleep each day was enough for him to feel refreshed mentally and physically.

Three days went by. That afternoon, Huo Bao came into the reading room and said, “12th, there are two carriages outside with 2 Fu Warriors, they came to pick you up to Grandpa Chang Ye Ran’s house.”

Guo 12th smiled and said, “Good, let's go together.” He really wanted to see how Chang Ye Ran planned to attract him.

## Chapter 6 - Teacher

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Between these three days, only Chang Ye Ran had sent Guo 12th an invitation, all the other elders did not approach him. Guo 12th wondered if there was a tacit agreement between everyone. He couldn't figure it out, and just chose to not think about it. 12th was patient and decided to wait and see how things would develop, since he did not have anything to lose.

The carriage soon arrived at the gate of a manor. The manor was located to the north of the town, covered a very large area, and guarded by ten Fu Warriors.

A middle aged man came out and welcomed Guo 12th with a warm smile, "Are you little brother Guo 12th? I am Chang Hao Ran, my father is waiting for you inside." 12th looked at his identification card and figured out that he was a Fu Knight.

Guo 12th smiled, "Uncle Chang, nice to meet you. I am Guo 12th and this is my brother, Huo Bao." Huo Bao bowed and saluted. Then they followed Chang Hao Ran into the manor.

Guo 12th suddenly realized that there were no other guests. He asked, "Isn't this a banquet?"

Chang Hao Ran smiled, "Yes, the banquet is for you. You are the only guest invited by my father."

Guo 12th couldn't help but laugh, who would host these types of

banquets? This excuse seemed awful. Following Chang Hao Ran inside, he realized that this manor was a hundred times bigger than the small courtyard he lived in. It was easy to get lost if he was careless.

Ten minutes later, they arrived at a charming little room.

Chang Ye Ran was standing by the door and said happily, “Here you are, 12th! Come sit inside, it is cold out there.”

The wooden floor was covered by a thick animal fur. Chang Ye Ran asked the servants to bring four low tables. He sat down cross-legged and said, “Let us all sit down. Hao Ran, tell the kitchen to serve the meals.”

Guo 12th smiled, “Grandpa Chang, are we having Fu food?”

Chang Ye Ran nodded, “You are right. You probably never tried this before. Ha Ha, Fu food is what FuZhou Knights should be eating.”

The servants brought out a few dishes on wooden plates. When Guo 12th saw the different dishes he had a look of surprise because the dishes contained, stir-fried vegetables, mushroom stir-fried with pork, a steamed fish, and soup. He could tell it was carrot pork rib soup from just the smell.

Guo 12th was on the verge of tears. These so-called Fu food were the home style dishes from his previous life. He was very happy that he could eat these dishes again.

A bowl of rice was served to him.

Guo 12th laughed at the thought of never having rice again in this world. He really did not expect to see it here, he felt this trip was worth it. 12th was a glutton in his previous life, he loved eating and also enjoyed cooking. In this life, he never thought of enjoying good food because he was always trying to adapt to the new environment.

Chang Ye Ran smiled, “These ingredients were all planted by me and grew up relying on my cultivating Fu. Check out how they taste.”

Guo 12th noticed the rice was a little different from the ones in his previous life. It was a little bigger, had a better smell, and appeared to be light green. He tried a mouthful, it was very delicious, soft and smooth, sweet and waxy. He could not help but praise, “Good! Very tasty rice!”

Not only the rice, but all the dishes tasted surprisingly good. 12th could tell that the dishes only used a bit of salt with no other seasonings.

Guo 12th was reluctant to eat fast. He ate slowly to carefully taste the flavors.

Huo Bao ate at a great speed and even finished his bowl of pork rib soup within three minutes. He licked his lips and mumbled in a low voice, “It is very tasty, but not enough to fill my stomach.”

Chang Hao Ran finished his dishes fast too, just not as fast as Huo Bao. Only Chang Ye Ran and Guo 12th ate slowly.

Chang Ye Ran paid attention to his eating manner, and Guo 12th

cherished the taste from his previous life. However, Chang Ye Ran misunderstood Guo 12th's actions. He mistakenly thought that Guo 12th was acting calm when faced with the temptation of delicious food, he thought 12th's mind was strong and mature and therefore could resist temptations. He believed 12th was a really good candidate for FuZhou cultivation.

It took Chang Hao Ran and Huo Bao less than ten minutes to finished all their food, while Chang Ye Ran and Guo 12th spent forty minutes. All the bowls were clean, not even a drop of soup was left. Nobody in this world would waste food, not even wealthy people.

“Thank you Grandpa Chang for the hospitality.”

Guo 12th sincerely thanked. He was thankful that he could taste such great food, which made him remember his previous life.

Chang Ye Ran was satisfied too, especially after seeing Guo 12th's expression, he smiled, “12th, you can come over whenever you have time. It is not a problem to treat you to few meals even though Fu food is limited.”

“12th, what plans do you have for the discipleship?”

Guo 12th said to himself, “Oh! It is starting.” Chen Chun Zhai already reminded him earlier, therefore he answered leisurely, “I am still thinking about it, he he, Grandpa Chang, I just arrived in the inner court and started to learn. I want to spend some extra time to get familiar with the things here first.”

These words were perfect.

Chang Ye Ran smoothed his beard, hesitated for a moment, and felt puzzled inside and thought, “This child has great skill in speaking, he can speak without causing any misunderstandings.” He then said, “Oh, you can come see me if you encounter any problems. I will help you solve them!”

Guo 12th neither accept nor reject, instead, he said respectfully, “Thank you Grandpa.”

Chang Ye Ran knew that Guo 12th just answered for the sake of courtesy, he did not even know how to respond. He cried inside, “What the heck, is he really a child? He is more cunning than adults.”

In fact, Guo 12th did not mind taking Chang Ye Ran as his Teacher. He just wanted to learn more about him. As the strength of his Teacher was linked closely to the success of his own growth, he did not want to act rashly.

Chang Ye Ran used the most common method to attract a disciple, which was to befriend them. However, this method required time and patience, and he could not be too forceful. “12th, with your potential, you can practice both Fu and Zhou at the same time, but I suggest for you to practice Fu first, then consider practicing Zhou.”

12th’s interest increased when it came to FuZhou. Even though he read a lot of books, he still had a lot of questions regarding FuZhou because he never had any opportunities to perform what he has learned. It would be nice to get advice from Chang Ye Ran. He asked, “Do you know what

is the fastest way... to cultivate into a FuZhou Knight?"

"As far as I know, four years! Your cultivation will be a great success if you become a FuZhou Knight by the age of 12!"

Guo 12th was silent for a moment, and asked, "What about those who have middle potential?"

Chang Ye Ran said, "Around 8 to 30 years."

Guo 12th was shocked, "That long?"

Chang Ye Ran said, "FuZhou is a very profound art. One is unable to comprehend the true meaning of FuZhou if they do not spend enough time on it. In order to succeed, one will have to dedicate a lot of their time, one needs to have a strong understanding of FuZhou, they cannot give up and always think about learning more...It is not easy to cultivate into a FuZhou Knight."

"No need to worry, Ha Ha, you have plenty of time to learn as you are still young and just started."

12th knew that ordinary people would not live a long life. Same as people in his previous life, they could probably live up to 60 years old. Those with stronger bodies might live up to 70 or 80 years old. It was rare for ordinary people to live up to that age. The environment here was harsh and there would often be savage beast attacks. It was a blessing to live to an old age, but it was normal to die young.

It was totally different for people who practiced FuZhou. Their life could be doubled if they successfully cultivated. FuZhou Knights, Fu Knights, and Zhou knights can live up to 120 years. Fu Warriors can live up to 100 years, just a bit less than the Knights. If one cultivated into a FuZhou Master, Fu Master or Zhou Master, they could live up to 200 years. Fu Warrior Master could live up to 160 years. Of course it was another story if they died in battle.

If one even further cultivates into a FuZhou Great Master, Fu Great Master, or Zhou Great Master, they could live up to 300 years. Fu Warrior Great Masters can live up to 250 years. But it is very difficult to cultivate to the levels of Great Masters. Even for big sects like North Fu Sect, there will not be more than forty people who has reached the levels of Great Masters. They are the true pillars of the sect and do not appear easily.

Guo 12th did not care about these life issues since he had the ability of soul reincarnation, which was almost the same as being immortal. What he need to avoid was his soul dissipating so he can reincarnate successfully.

“This is a book Fu Knights commonly used, take it as a gift from me.” Chang Ye Ran took out a matchbox sized Fu and gave it to Guo 12th, “Different from other books, this is a Fu book, it contains some of my experiences and insights, this will be helpful to you.”

Guo 12th took it and played around with it for a while, before asking, “How do I use it?”

Chang Ye Ran asked a servant to bring paper and pen. Chang Ye Ran drew a pattern on the paper and said, “This is a Word Lock Fu.” Then he

drew another pattern, and smiled, “This is a Fu Key, every Word Lock Fu is similar, but every Fu Key is different. Try memorizing this Fu Key and open the Word Fu Lock using it.”

Guo 12th had read books about the Fu inscriptions during these three days. He had gained a little understanding about the usage of Fu inscriptions, but he had never tried it before. Hearing what Chang Ye Ran said, he held onto the Fu book happily. He saw the Fu inscriptions in his mind and it was indeed the same as what Chang Ye Ran had drew on the paper.

Observing the Fu Key closely, he tried to draw it on the Word Fu Lock with his mind. After five minutes, Guo 12th gave out a sigh of relief because the Fu book he was holding suddenly grew bigger and changed into a bookbox. He was joyful, and said, “Success!”

Chang Ye Ran’s face changed a bit, Guo 12th's potential was monstrous. He gave Guo 12th the Word Fu Lock and Fu Key without expecting him to succeed. Chang Ye Ran planned to help 12th when he could not open the Fu book, in order to entice him. Who knew this child only needed 5 minutes to open the Fu Lock and open the Fu book.

Chang Ye Ran gave Guo 12th an unbelievable look, and couldn't help but ask, “12th, have you done this before?”

Guo 12th said, “Never, this is my first time using Fu words, this is so interesting, so amazing!”

Inside the Fu bookbox, there were eight books. A four book set, “The Making of Basic Fu”, a two book set, “The Record of Special Fu Words”,

the other two were “Clear up doubts of Bone Fu” and “The Making of Black Fu Bills”. When Guo 12th saw the name of the last book, his eyes opened and said excitedly, “The making of Black Fu Bills? Black Fu Bills can be made?”

Chang Ye Ran smiled, “Of course they can be made, where did you think the Fu Bills on the market came from? However, they can only be made by Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights.”

In Guo 12th’s mind, only the government was allowed to produce money, private manufacturing was illegal. But in this world, you can create money by yourself. That was incredible.

Chang Ye Ran said, “12th, you cannot make any Fu Bills right now. Disciples can only make Green Fu Bills, and once they get familiarized with that process they can continue on to make Silver Fu Bills. Black Fu Bills are usually made by Fu Knights or FuZhou Knights, but they will be reluctant to make Bills anymore when they have cultivated to the ranks of Fu Master and FuZhou Master.”

Guo 12th now understood how those children with FuZhou Knight or Fu Knight potential could support their own little group after four years. They could simply create the money themselves, they surely will never be out of money. It seems like the only ones who will never have a lack of money will be the Fu Knights or FuZhou Knights. They were more powerful than businessmen since they will never lose.

Chang Ye Ran said, “You can get the books about the production method of Green Fu Bills and Silver Fu Bills from the FuZhou Hall, but the production method of Black Fu Bills will not be easy to obtain. Hmm, you can treat it as a gift from your big uncle.”

Guo 12th did not know how to respond. He was silent for a moment, and then said, “Grandpa Chang, I will think about this seriously.”

Chang Ye Ran was finally relieved, this child was really not easy to impress. After all, He only gave such a statement. He laughed, “Okay, it is getting dark, 12th, go back and take a rest, come visit me when you have time.”

Guo 12th thanked and got to leave. He sat on the carriage and returned to his courtyard.

Nobody came to visit Guo 12th for ten straight days, which he thought was odd. Finally on the day when Chang Ye Ran and Chen Chun Zhai came to visit, 12th understood everything has changed.

Inside the sitting room, a pot of charcoal was burning. They sat cross legged next to the pot. Chen Chun Zhai said, “12th, your Teacher has been determined.”

Guo 12th was surprised, “Who is it? Is it Grandpa Chang?”

Chang Ye Ran said with a bitter smile, “I don't have such good fortune. Little guy, the one who fancies you...is a great master cultivator in the North Fu Sect. You are really lucky.”

Guo 12th asked, “Grandpa Chen, who will be my Teacher?”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “There are three FuZhou Great Masters, five Fu Great Masters, eleven Zhou Great Masters, and fourteen Fu Warrior Great Masters in the North Fu Sect. There is the fewest number of FuZhou Great Masters, but they have the most authority. Ha Ha, this time...one of the FuZhou Great Masters fancied you and decided to take you as their disciple.”

Chang Ye Ran said, “It's a great event when a FuZhou Great Master take in a disciple, but this FuZhou Great Master does not like creating a commotion, and thus he will not hold a grand party to celebrate. Today we are going to take you over to visit him.”

Guo 12th surely understood that the higher the cultivation of his Teacher, the better it will be for his future. He would have a higher starting point with the knowledge of his Teacher, thus distancing himself from his peers. Guo 12th stood up and said, “Ok, I'll go get changed.”

Although 12th did not take a bath, changing into some clean clothes was a show of respect for his future Teacher.

Each great master has a large plot of land, their estate was huge like a state within a small country. Many people relied on the FuZhou Great Masters. Fu Warriors alone would reach up to two to three thousands. There were hundreds of Fu Knights and Zhou Knights. Ordinary people who served in the Great Master's estate was even more massive, having reached the ten thousands.

There was an old man wearing coarse clothing, Guo 12th's first impression of this old man was that he was very old, had a slight hunched-back, started to bald and with the remaining bit of hair left he created a pigtail. The old man had very little eyebrows, a very sparse

beard, and when the old man laughed one could see his few remaining teeth, two large veins on his hands and a lot of age spots, this person was obviously very old.

“I am Luo Jie”

Guo 12th whispered to himself, “Oh, very strong lungs, his voice does not sound like an old man's.” 12th saluted respectfully, “My name is Guo 12th, nice to meet you Grandpa.”

Luo Jie stared at Guo 12th and said, “I am not that old! I am only 218 years old! I am still young, call me Teacher from now on!”

Guo 12th was shocked, 218 years old! He was older than the sum of the ages from his previous two lives. What kind of monster is he? “Yes, Nice to meet you Teacher.” Guo 12th said willingly.

The appearance of Luo Jie did not look like a FuZhou Great Master at all. He knew Guo 12th had great potential from the first glance. This inner power he sensed was necessary for every FuZhou Knight. The potential Guo 12th possessed was enough to compare to the FuZhou Masters. This made him very satisfied, therefore he directly requested Guo 12th to be his disciple.

Chang Ye Ran sighed inwardly. He was just a step away from reaching the cultivation of a FuZhou Great Master, but this step was extremely difficult. If he had cultivated into a FuZhou Great Master, Guo 12th would not have been taken away by Luo Jie. Chang Ye Ran felt dismayed with these thoughts.

Luo Jie ordered the servants to do a few things before greeting, “Ye Ren, Little Chen, sit down please. 12th, come sit down next to me. Ah, it's not easy to raise such a big family... Oh 12th, have you started to study in the FuZhou hall?”

12th said, “Not yet, I just picked up a few books, but have yet started to practice.”

Luo Jie smile, “That's good, that's good. Don't go to the FuZhou Hall from now on. That stuff is too simple and will be a waste of time. 12th, do you...want to live with me or come over once a while? Hmm...I think you can self study for now and come live with me when you reach the cultivation of a FuZhou Knight.”

Guo 12th nodded and agreed. He did not want to live with him right now because he just only began studying, most of the knowledge was easy to understand and there was no need to learn it from a FuZhou Great Master. It would be a waste of his Teacher's time.

“Grandpa, here I come!”

A big strong man entered. His body was covered in layers of Fu inscriptions which seemed to be moving if one looked closely. Guo 12th could now distinguish a bit between the professions, and he knew that this man was a powerful Fu Warrior Master.

“Luo Lao, this is my young disciple, Guo 12th.”

Guo 12th did not understand why his Teacher would introduce him to a

Fu Warrior Master. He showed his respect and said, “Nice to meet you Brother Luo.”

Luo Lao nodded, “No need to be so polite, how old are you Little Brother?”

Luo Jie said, “He is 8 years old. You can't bully him. Take your team and support 12th from now on.”

Luo Lao said unbelievably, “Grandpa, you are asking me to support 12th?”

Luo Jie rolled his eyes and said with a hint of dominance, “Why? You are unwilling?”

Luo Lao was frightened and quickly said, “Ha Ha, Grandpa, how would I dare... this just happened so suddenly. I will! I will! Of course I will! He is my younger brother...”

Chen Chun Zhai gave Guo 12th an envious glance. He only had one Fu Warrior Master in his group, and he treated him as a great treasure. He never expected Guo 12th, as a disciple, would be supported by a Fu Warrior Master, especially such a powerful Fu Warrior Master. Chen Chun Zhai knew that amongst the supporters of Luo Jie, there was one Fu Warrior Great Master and at least seven or eight Fu Warrior Masters. He never thought that Luo Jie would gift one to Guo 12th without batting an eye.

Luo Jie said, “Luo Lao, don't think you are mistreated, this child will be

a FuZhou Great Master in the future.”

Luo Lao smiled reluctantly. Because Luo Jie was his Grandpa, he did not dare oppose his decision. Luo Lao's team had a total of seven people, including four Fu Warriors, one Zhou Knight, and one Fu Dan Knight who was rarely seen. Using such a powerful team to protect 12th was indeed a bit excessive.

Guo 12th could only express his thanks, but cannot refuse.

Luo Jie handed 12th a Fu book and said, “These are methods to cultivate FuZhou power, I hope you can master these as soon as possible. From now on, come over every 10 days, and I will personally check your progress.”

Guo 12th said, “Yes, Teacher, but...what is FuZhou power?”

Luo Jie said patiently, “The so called FuZhou power is Fu power that is used by Fu Knights, Zhou power that used by Zhou Knights, and Wu power that used by Fu Warriors, all these are actually very similar, it is the power to activate the Fu.”

“Fu power and Zhou power are similar but also different. Fu power tends to restrain the Fu, thus it is relatively calm. Zhou power tends to resist Fu, thus it is more violent. FuZhou power has both features and Wu power is quite special because it can only be activated by Fu inscriptions. When one's Wu power is strong, they can activate specific Fu weapons, such as Fu swords and Fu spears.”

“Whether a person can control the power of Fu depends on their potential. People like you who have high potential are born to possess FuZhou power. For those who have middle potential they will need to cultivate for a long time in order to activate their inner potential, so they can obtain Fu Power, Zhou Power, or Wu Power. There are certain people who have no potential at all...they are the most bitter and miserable.”

Luo Jie was truly a FuZhou Great Master. He can clearly explain all the different powers with only a few sentences. He said again, “The cultivation of different powers will have different methods. The methods I just gave you are meant for FuZhou Knights. Study hard, try your best to bring forth your FuZhou power as quick as possible, and then you can start creating Fu.”

“Fu is the most important, it means everything. When you have cultivated your FuZhou power you can begin learning more about Fu. These are the fundamentals, right now, cultivation of your FuZhou power is your highest priority.”

No matter if it was Chang Ye Ran or Chen Chun Zhai, they were all closely listening to Luo Jie. Even though they already knew about everything explained, they did not express any impatience. FuZhou Great Masters are an existence that garnered their respect.

Luo Jie continued, “Four years, according to your potential. Study the raw materials and its purification methods first. Then study the Fu inscriptions, the production of Fu and how to control Fu. Hopefully you will be promoted to FuZhou Knight within four years.”

Chen Chun Zhai and Chang Ye Ran sat up in surprise, the expectations seemed too high.

“Oh, I hope you can cultivate your FuZhou power within three months.”

Guo 12th did not understand the meaning, he nodded, “Yes, Teacher, I will try my best to meet your expectation.”

Chang Ye Ran said, “Isn't this too rushed?”

Luo Jie said coolly, “Not too rushed, some methods can be studied together but with more difficulty, but if 12th put in all his efforts, I think he can achieve it.”

“Okay, that's it for today. 12th, ask Luo Lao to bring you here 10 days later.”

Everyone stood up and got ready to leave, just as they went out the door, a beautiful girl came in and said, “Grandpa, your guests?”

“Who is this child? He is cute! Call me Auntie...”

Guo 12th could not help laughing, such a little girl wanted to take advantage of him. He said, “I am Guo 12th, a disciple of your Grandpa, according to seniority, I am your Uncle! Call me Uncle...”

Everyone was shocked. It was very strange for an 8 years old child to say that.

## Chapter 7 - FuZhou Power

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There was an absolute silence, no one said anything for 30 seconds. And all of a sudden, Luo Jie laughed loudly, causing him to cough. The girl was frightened. She came forward hurriedly and patted Luo Jie on the back using her small hands. “Grandpa, what's so funny! You... Grandpa, is he really your disciple?” The girl asked.

Luo Jie smiled, “Yes, he's correct, you should call him little uncle!”

“12th, this is my granddaughter, Luo Wei Jie. Ha Ha, she has FuZhou potential as well, she is still a disciple, but she will be advancing soon.”

Luo Wei Jie said curiously, “12th? What a strange name!”

Guo 12th grinned, “Not strange at all, if you have 17 brothers and sisters, and your parents didn't want to waste time and effort thinking of names, using numerical ranking is the easiest choice.”

Luo Wei Jie was surprised, “Grandpa, is he really 8 years old?”

Guo 12th did not wait for Luo Jie's response, “How old do you think I am?” he asked back.

Luo Jie smile, “Okay, this girl is problematic...12th is indeed 8 years old. There is no need to lie.”

Luo Wei Jie said happily, “This child is so funny, he speaks like an elder. He he...” 12th suddenly realized that Luo Wei Jie was walking towards him. He was after all only 8 years old and his body was still not fully grown. When arguing with a 20 years old person, he will be at a disadvantage if they decide to use violence. Therefore, 12th did not wait for Luo Wei Jie to come closer, and said, “Teacher, I am leaving...Good bye...” He quickly ran away regardless of his image.

“Aiyaya, this child is too crafty!”

Luo Jie Yelled, “Little Jie, come back! No respect!”

Chang Ye Ran and Chen Chun Zhai left with a smile. Luo Lao followed them and said to Guo 12th, “Little brother, I will bring my team to your courtyard in a few days.”

Guo 12th said, “Brother Luo, you don't have to live with me yet. He He, but please come pick me up every 10 days, you can decide how you spent the rest of your time.” Of course 12th understood that Luo Lao was reluctant to support him. He just could not disobey Teacher's words, therefore 12th gave Luo Lao the authority to do as he pleased.

As expected, Luo Lao said happily, “Sure...EH...” he realized that he would get in trouble if his Grandpa finds out. “Let us get to know each other first.”

Luo Lao could not figure out why his Grandpa asked him to follow an 8 years old child. Luo Lao's team had a bit of fame in the North Fu Sect. The 7 man team was strong. It will be shameful if people found out they were following a disciple.

Luo Lao was struggling inside. He did not dare to disobey his Grandpa's words. And now he could only take it one step at a time. He did not know how to tell his teammates.

12th was not interested in what Luo Lao was thinking about. The only thing he focused on was to get stronger and to remain safe. His safety was required, to successfully reincarnate again, which was his ultimate goal.

It was late noon when 12th got back to his courtyard. The sky was dark, snow was swirling heavily, and the exhaled air was quickly turning into ice on a piece of leather that was covering his mouth and nose. Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin were waiting for him by the door. Seeing 12th come back, they quickly stepped forward, "12th, come in quickly, be carefully not to catch a cold."

Guo 12th enjoyed the care from them and thus has gotten closer to them. He smiled and said, "Auntie Lan, let us eat together."

Auntie Xin said, "12th, we've received flour and meat today, Ha Ha, we weren't expect this much."

12th asked casually, "How much?"

Auntie Xin said excitedly, "300kg of flour, 600kg of meat, 400kg of big bones for soup, and 100 Big Fu Bills! These will last for ten days!" She was an ordinary person, living outside and has never seen so much food, therefore she was a little excited. The truth was that the food given to 12th's group was not that much.

There was a total of eleven people. 30kg of flour, 60kg of meat, and 40kg of bone will be used everyday. Each person will eat around 2.5kg flour, about 6kg meat, and some soup, however, people in this world had a gigantic appetite. Children like 12th already ate a lot, without needing to mention those Fu Warriors.

Guo 12th calculated a bit and knew that the food wasn't that much, but he did not want to spoil Auntie Xin's happy mood. He simply said, "I will leave the cooking to you."

Auntie Xin was in charge of all the chores at home, while Auntie Lan was responsible for taking care of Guo 12th's daily needs.

After dinner, Chen Chun Zhai brought in a child.

In the small living room, Guo 12th met his second supporter, Chen Bing, who was ten years old.

Guo 12th observed Chen Bing carefully. The child looked indifferent, was not very sturdy, had a slender physique, had shoulder long soft black hair, an oval face, and looked very delicate. But his tilted eyes and eyebrows made him look fierce. His lips were tightly closed, sitting there without saying a word.

Chen Chun Zhai felt uncomfortable, "Little Bing has always been quiet since he was young. He might seem cold on the outside, but he is passionate inside. He will only talk to people he is familiar with."

Guo 12th has met a lot of children with this type of behavior in his previous life. He did not need to do anything. They would get familiar with each other as time passed. 12th said, “Grandpa Chen, take it easy. Just let Chen Bing live here for now, we will consider everything later when he gets familiar with everyone. Huo Bao, take Chen Bing to his room.”

Chen Chun Zhai sighed to himself, “12th acts more like an older brother than Chen Bing.” He said, “I will ask the servants to bring over food and commodities for Little Bing.” He stood up and said, “I will leave him to you 12th. You can punish him if he does anything wrong, you do not need to be considerate of me.”

This was the rule, as a supporter, they need to have the resolve to sacrifice their life for their master, this rule was determined by profession and did not mean they were inferior. Supporters are not servants, but family, Guo 12th clearly understood that. However, in a battle, supporters will have to obey their masters, even if they make a wrong decision. Therefore, it is really important for Fu Warriors to choose their own masters. It will not be only bad luck to choose a foolish master, it might even cause them their lives.

Guo 12th said, “Grandpa Chen, I will take good care of Chen Bing. Now let him get familiar with Huo Bao first, so that they could discuss cultivation methods.”

Chen Chun Zhai was very satisfied with 12th’s arrangement. He left trustingly.

Guo 12th did not mind being lively, but he preferred to be alone. This deep rooted habit was formed in his first life. He was a monk at that time

and has always practiced alone. As a monk it was normal to be alone for dozens of days. Over time, 12th has fallen in love with the sense of solitude, and this habit has continued to this life.

After sending away Chen Chun Zhai, he chatted a bit with Huo Bao and Chen Bing and told Huo Bao to take care of Chen Bing. After, he went to the underground laboratory and started to organize everything he had received.

A money bag from his father with 60 Black Fu Bills and 100 Silver Fu Bills inside. On the way to the North Fu Sect, he used around 2 dozen Black Fu Bills. Later, Chen Chun Zhai gave him 160 Black Fu Bills. Therefore he had about 200 Black Fu Bills left. He was really poor.

He will receive 100 Black Fu Bill every ten days as a disciple of the North Fu Sect. The money was used to support the living conditions for everyone in his courtyard. He could not use it for his personal use.

Chen Chun Zhai gave him three books when they were on the ship, “Animal Research”, “Tree Species”, and “Jade”. The golden identification card he received in the inner court. The patterned bone Chen Chun Zhai received from his father.

The Fu books Chang Ye Ran gave him. These books should only be owned by FuZhou Masters, but Chang Ye Ran gave them to him in order to tempt him to be his disciple.

The Fu Books from his teacher Luo Jie. 12th realized that the books were rarely seen Great Fu Books when he opened them. It included all the basic courses for FuZhou Knights, as well as “The Complete Volume

on Enhancing Fu” for Fu Warriors. The most precious book was, “FuZhou Power”, which was a book that specifically described the cultivation of FuZhou power.

This book was obviously hand-written, it did not use the common wood printing. Every page contained comments and pictures, which should have been written and drawn by Luo Jie. With a quick glance, 12th could tell that the book was definitely not an ordinary book sold in the market, it should be an extremely valuable book.

Guo 12th understood that he had to cultivate his FuZhou power first in order to learn about the purification of raw material. Knowing that time was precious, he quickly began to read the book about FuZhou power.

Guo 12th was quickly indulged with the book. The book was approximately an inch thick, there were not many words describing the cultivation of FuZhou power, most of them were comments, explaining the methods of cultivation in great details. This was the reason why Luo Jie was certain that 12th could self study.

Guo 12th was reading at a very fast pace. He used two hours to finish reading and then meditated. He was not in a hurry to practice. As a child with the soul of an adult, he was surely different from the other children. 12th wanted to absorb and digest the contents of the book until it was fully understood. He decided to memorize the whole book.

A moment later, he stopped meditating and began to memorize, just like how he chanted the monk scriptures.

For five consecutive days, apart from sleeping, eating, and chanting

scriptures during the night, 12th was memorizing the book. . Thanks to his strengthened soul, he had an extraordinary memory. He fully memorized the book after reading it a couple of times. Even though he already memorized the book, he did not stop reading it. He read it over and over again as if he wanted to engrave the contents into his soul.

With the methods of FuZhou cultivation in his mind, he carefully put away the book on the 5th day. He still did not start to practice, instead, he continued to think about the implications of the content. He took notes of what he did not understand and thought about those constantly.

Ten days quickly passed by, Guo 12th gained his own insights and perspective regarding FuZhou power. And today was the day to go visit his teacher Luo Jie. He sat on Luo Lao's carriage.

“Brother Luo, weren't you bringing your teammates over? How come I have never met them yet...”

Luo Lao hesitated and did not know what to say. He wanted to speak with his teammates regarding these changes, but could not utter a word. Plus he did not feel any pressure since Guo 12th stayed in the underground laboratory all day. He then decided to take his time, but ten days has already passed by.

Guo 12th smiled softly and did not ask anything more. He bent this head into the leather robe against the freezing wind.

The whole trip was quiet, and soon they arrived at the estate of Luo Jie.

Luo Lao was afraid to see Luo Jie. He excused himself and waited outside. Guo 12th walked inside, led by a Fu Warrior.

Luo Jie was not in his room. The Fu Warrior leading the way said, “I can only lead you up to this point, Young Master 12th, please go yourself, someone ahead will lead the way.”

Guo 12th nodded and thanked the Fu Warrior. He walked forward without hesitation. Another Fu Warrior was waiting ahead after two corners. The Fu Warrior saw 12th and motioned him to follow him without saying anything. Soon they arrived in front of a stone cottage. There were two Fu Warriors guarding the door. One said, “Master commanded for Young Master 12th to go down directly.”

Guo 12th went into the stone cottage. There was nothing inside except a door, which was a hallway leading downwards. He knew that it should lead to his Teacher’s laboratory.

The hallway was not long and there was no barriers or traps. 12th went inside. He was astonished with his mouth wide opened when he saw Luo Jie.

There was an exceptionally big and sturdy man, naked, standing on a circular stone stage. Guo 12th noticed that there was many Fu inscriptions engraved onto the stone stage.

Guo 12th was not surprised at how sturdy the big man looked, but was surprised over the fact that Luo Jie was standing in front of the big man.

A silver book was floating in front of Luo Jie's chest. It was about the size of an opened magazine, 2 inches thick, flashing out silver halos. The book was like an object with high speed vibration. Guo 12th could not read it clearly, he could only see the size and the color, but not the contents. He saw Luo Jie clicking on the opened page of the book solemnly with his finger.

A streak of faint red glow popped up and hit the big man in his chest. His body began trembling and the Fu inscriptions on the stone stage began to rotate. A light green glow extended up towards his feet. Soon, the big man stopped trembling and gradually calmed down.

Guo 12th was observing carefully and noticed the stopping point of the red glow was at the collar-bone. The bright red Fu inscriptions appeared on the skin, and gradually printed itself onto the skin, becoming tattoos.

Luo Jie clicked on the open-page again and another streak of red glow popped up and hit the big man on the chest. Guo 12th already figured out that Luo Jie was helping the big man enhance his strength.

Guo 12th waited for two hours before Luo Jie finished the enhancement.

The big man respectfully saluted Luo Jie, put on his clothes and left. Luo Jie used his finger to click on the silver book, and the book closed mysteriously. As Luo Jie breathed, the book shrank quickly, becoming a cloud of glowing silver mists, and floated into his mouth.

Luo Jie saw Guo 12th staring at him with a face of astonishment. He smiled and said, "Don't be surprised, this is the Innate Fu Book of a

FuZhou Great Master.”

“Innate Fu Book?”

Guo 12th only understood the basic knowledge of a FuZhou Knight, and did not know anything about FuZhou Great Masters. For the first time he has seen the FuZhou Great Master’s methods of enhancement, he felt it was awesome. It was simply too amazing.

Luo Jie smiled, “Do you know what's the difference between a FuZhou Knights and a FuZhou Masters?”

Guo 12th shook his head and said, “I don't know.”

Luo Jie said, “The difference between them was, FuZhou Knights do not have Innate Fu. They would need to be promoted to FuZhou Masters in order to possess their own Innate Fu, and FuZhou Great Masters... possess Innate Fu Books. Of course, Innate Fu Books have different forms, for example, Innate Fu Volumes, Innate Fu Collections, etc, but, they all share similarities.”

Guo 12th understood that he was very lucky because many FuZhou Knights and even FuZhou Masters do not have the chance to see an Innate Fu Books. He asked, “Was that Uncle enhancing his strength?”

Luo Jie said, “The Fu inscriptions on his body were too messy, I was helping him fix it. He is not my supporter. He was introduced to me by an old friend.”

Guo 12th understood it was not easy to ask a FuZhou Great Master for help. His Teacher would not necessarily agree to help if this big man was not introduced by his friend.

“How were the ten days of practice? Hey!, you still have not started?”

Luo Jie was a little surprised. Everyone could not help but immediately start practicing once they have received the methods of FuZhou power, but there were no signs of practice showing on this little child’s body, which made it feel strange.

“Correct, Teacher, I did not start yet.”

Guo 12th said easily, as there was nothing to hide.

Luo Jie sat down cross-legged, and signals Guo 12th to sit down, then he said, “Oh, can you tell me the reason why you are not in an hurry to start?” He was very patient. He can easily control his temper at his age.

Guo 12th said, “Teacher, I believe that no matter how much I practice in the future, the first step is to completely understand the contents of FuZhou power. I cannot start practicing without fully understanding what it truly is. The second step is to remember and further understand the contents. And the final step is to begin practicing.”

Luo Jie praised 12th inside, “This child is not simple. He has a very clear mind at such a young age.” He asked, “Do you understand everything yet?”

Guo 12th said, “I have a lot of doubts and questions, therefore I am coming to consult with Teacher.”

12th took out a paper and a brush, asked all his questions one by one while recording them carefully. Cultivation is very important, which mean one should not be careless. Luo Jie acknowledged 12th's approach to learning. This was the attitude a professional should have, observant and diligence.

Luo Jie explained everything in detail, and sometimes even checked 12th's notes to see if he had written anything wrong.

There were many patterns written in the book “FuZhou Power”. Luo Jie demonstrated them all, so Guo 12th could have a better understanding. It was difficult to master the essentials of the actions by simply looking at the patterns in a book.

Time flew by. They went through the questions one by one. Luo Jie was teaching earnestly and Guo 12th was learning sincerely. Both of them forgot about dinner. When Guo 12th's stomach began to rumble loudly, Luo Jie noticed that it was already nighttime. He said, “This should be all, you can start practicing when you have completely understood everything.”

Guo 12th rubbed his sore wrist, placed away the brush and ink, organized his papers and said, “Teacher, I am eating here. I will starve to death before I get back home!”

Luo Jie laughed happily and said, “No problem, no problem, I will ask the kitchen to make more food, let us go eat!” He commanded a Fu

Warrior to tell the kitchen and then walked out of the underground laboratory holding onto 12th's hand.

Guo 12th was very satisfied with the gains today, as was Luo Jie. This disciple was not only smart, but also studious. And 12th again ate the Fu food.

Truly a FuZhou Great Master, the level of Fu food cooking was a level above Chang Ye Ran's. Guo 12th was very satisfied with the Fu food. It tasted even better than all the delicacies he had from his previous life.

Guo 12th said goodbye and left after dinner. Poor Luo Lao just grabbed something to eat outside because he did not dare meet Luo Jie.

Looking at the depressed appearance of Luo Lao, Guo 12th could not help, but laugh inside. 12th did not tease him, as a strong Fu Warrior, Luo Lao was not one to be trifled with. He went into the carriage and looked over the notes he had taken and compared them to the original ones from the book. He tried to find the solutions to the problems by looking through the original notes from the book and comparing it with the new ones.

The next day, Luo Jie sent someone to give 12th, four carriages of basic materials and tools to practice. Luo Jie was not worried about 12th at all, even though 12th has not begun to cultivate FuZhou power yet.

There were four carriages of supplies, three of them contained materials, and one of them had tools that are specially used by FuZhou Knights. Without mentioning the value of the materials, the tools alone were worth 10,000 Black Fu Bills.

Guo 12th was not a naive little child, he was shocked at the amount Luo Jie casually sent to him. This is the advantage of having a good Teacher. In fact it was also because of 12th's own efforts, which had earned his Teacher's appreciation, thus causing him to send the tools and materials so that he could focus on practicing.

However, Guo 12th could not use any of the tools and materials until he has successfully cultivated his FuZhou power, therefore he moved all the materials and tools into his laboratory. He then took out his notes and started to make the final conclusion. He had already understood the contents of "FuZhou Power", and also understood how to go on with the practice. He had also figured out all the answers to the questions after his Teacher's explanations. 12th went through everything again and tried to find any questions he might have missed.

Spending a whole day, Guo 12th made sure that there were no other questions. Only then did he begin to cultivate.

To cultivate FuZhou power, one did not simply sit down and meditate, they had to follow along a set of movements. The set of movements was strange, only requiring one to constantly walk with a strict rule regarding the direction. But there was a lot of movements for the arms and wrists, and the movements of the fingers were the most complicated.

There were 9 sets of basic movements in total, with each set having 36 different moves.

The FuZhou power would be cultivated after successfully finishing the 36 moves of the first set, but it was very difficult to finish these 36 moves.

Because besides the moves, one's mind must be highly focused until it reached a state of enlightenment, only then can the traces of FuZhou power emerge.

Once a trace of FuZhou power emerges, it will continue to grow as long as one puts in continuous effort.

The movements of the first set not only cultivated FuZhou power, the 36 moves were also the most basic Fu controlling methods known as the “36 Move Methods”. With 9 sets of movements there will be a total of 324 moves for Fu control. These were the basic methods every FuZhou Knight must be familiar with.

Luckily Guo 12th had memorized the whole book and could remember all the patterns in his mind, otherwise it would have been difficult to practice while looking through the patterns on the book.

Guo 12th started mirroring the moves. He did not seek to immediately enter a state of enlightenment, instead, he wanted to be familiar with all the moves first. He spent two days to get familiar with all the moves.

Being familiar with all the movements will not be enough to cultivate the traces of FuZhou power, Guo 12th clearly understood this, he stopped practicing the moves, rested, ate, chanted, and slept until he felt refreshed. Eventually he decided to start to practice again.

The 36 basic moves were not very complicated, the only thing a little complicated were the movements associated with the fingers and wrists. After Guo 12th began to feel confident with all the moves, he started to concentrate his mind and performed the movements over and over, in

order to reach the state of enlightenment.

Guo 12th was not a child, his mind was completely that of an adults. In addition, he had more life experiences than many adults. He had lived through three lives, with his first as a monk, he had his own unique sense of cultivation. As a result, he quickly entered the state of enlightenment, performing the 36 moves unconsciously.

It felt like sleepwalking, like a feather floating within the wind, the feeling was incredible. Together with the repeated movements, Guo 12th immersed himself in the state of enlightenment. For a total of 8 hours, he was moving tirelessly. At the beginning, it took him 20 minutes for a complete set, but towards the end completing a whole set only took a few minutes. His mind was more and more focused, and a trace of FuZhou power emerged.

Suddenly, Guo 12th stopped moving, in the trance of the moment, he woke up.

## Chapter 8 - Strength Enhancement

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Standing in the laboratory, Guo 12th had a look of confusion. This was FuZhou power? He had a strange feeling because according to his understandings, FuZhou power felt very similar to soul power. Going through two successful reincarnations, he could feel the power of his soul, and the benefits of it getting stronger, but why does soul power and FuZhou power feel so similar?

Guo 12th cared a lot about his own soul, every night he would still continue to chant the soul inscriptions. The main difference between his current life and his previous two was that he could distinctively feel this own soul now. He could actually feel the power of his soul, which has never happened before, he only had a blurred feeling in his previous lives.

Under Guo 12th's deliberate chase, he repeated the movements, trying to find the traces of FuZhou power within him. As expected, he had already successfully brought out his own FuZhou Power. But what confused 12th was that his FuZhou power was infusing with his soul.

By concentrating with his soul, the feelings of confusion did last long. A moment later, he started chanting the soul inscriptions. The inscriptions has already been engraved deeply into his soul, 12th noticed that his soul was shifting every time he chanted. The inscriptions were not long, only contained 167 words, he could finish chanting in less than a minute. After a while, he figured out that his soul would condense a little everytime it shifted.

Guo 12th let out a big sigh, he knew that he was being impatient. After

all he was only 8 years old, he needed more time to grow and more time to understand the mysteries of the soul. 12th naturally felt that the FuZhou power he was currently learning is closely related to his own soul. Whether it was good or bad, he did not know yet.

Guo 12th thought for a moment and then walked out of the laboratory. He felt a little tired after practicing for a few days in a row. He was not very excited even though he has successfully cultivated FuZhou power.

Walking out from his room, he saw two people sitting in the reading room.

“Huo Bao, Chen Bing, what’s up?”

Huo Bao smiled, “12th, we want to perform the first strength enhancement.”

Chen Bing said, “FuZhou Hall.” He meant for the first strength enhancement to take place in the FuZhou Hall. He did not talk a lot, thus only said three words.

[t/n] FuZhou is two words in Chinese.

Guo 12th asked, “You guys want me to come along?”

They both nodded at the same time, Guo 12th smiled, “Ok, I will go together with you guys.”

12th called two Fu Warriors to go with them. Since the FuZhou Hall was not far away, they did not need to use the carriages. The five of them walked out the door, Guo 12th was still wearing a thick leather robe, as he was still not comfortable in the cold. There was a thick layer of snow on the street but no one cleaned it, they walked through the snow and soon arrived at the FuZhou Hall.

A servant led three of them into the Fu Enhancing Room.

Chen Bing said, “Grandpa.”

The old man sitting inside the room was Chen Bing's grandpa. Chen Chun Zhai came to perform the strength enhancement for his grandson. He also wanted to talk to 12th. Since Chen Bing was a supporter of 12th, he will be relying on 12th for his strength enhancements in the future. Therefore Chen Chun Zhai asked Guo 12th to participate.

Guo 12th saluted respectfully, “Grandpa Chen, nice to see you.”

Chen Chun Zhai looked at Guo 12th questioningly, a moment later, he asked, “12th, you've already cultivated FuZhou power? How is this possible...in such a short period of time.”

Guo 12th said, “Ha Ha, I have cultivated just a trace of FuZhou power yesterday, it can be regarded as a success.”

Chen Chun Zhai shook his head with an amusing smile. It was very difficult for people with FuZhou potential to obtain the initial traces of FuZhou power. Normally after the potential test, children would need to

spent several months of great effort practicing to obtain FuZhou power with the results never guaranteed. And because their age was usually young, the children were mostly passive when starting to learn. Even the children with high potential would still need to go through a period of time before they start to understand the importance of FuZhou power.

Guo 12th really did not seem like a child. It was unbelievable that he was able to successfully cultivate FuZhou power in such a short time. Chen Chun Zhai could only compliment in his heart. He said, “12th, your speed of cultivation... Ha Ha, let's just talk about the strength enhancements. There are 5 types of Enhancement Fu, they are Light Fu, Shadow Fu, Bone Fu, Inner Fu, and Cleansing Fu. Cleansing Fu is used to take out the Enhancement Fu that has already attached to the bodies.”

“Light Fu is for Fu Warriors and Fu Warrior disciples. Bone Fu for Fu Warrior Masters, Inner Fu for Fu Warrior Great Masters...and Shadow Fu for Zhou Knights and FuZhou Knights.”

Guo 12th asked, “We can use Enhancement Fu too?”

Chen Chun Zhai nodded, “Zhou Knights also need to engage in combat, Shadow Fu will help them enhance their strength, even though it can't be compared to the enhancements of the Fu Warriors, it is still much stronger than ordinary people. FuZhou Knights must use it too if they prefer to engage in combat.”

“So...Huo Bao and Chen Bing will use Light Fu to enhance their strength this time?”

Chen Chun Zhai smiled, “Yes, the most basic Light Fu will be used for

their initial strength enhancement, so they can get accustomed to the physical changes that will occur. But before that, I need to confirm their combat styles...I already know Chen Bing's style, but not Huo Bao's.

Guo 12th felt a bit ashamed because he has not been giving Huo Bao and Chen Bing any attention since he was busy studying and cultivating. He asked, "Grandpa Chen, what is Chen Bing's combat style?"

"His preferred combat style is stealth and the use of the bow. This type of Fu Warrior is adaptable and agile. Huo Bao, when you hunt, do you prefer the use of traps or direct attacks?"

Huo Bao answered, "I prefer using direct attacks, until the prey gives up."

Chen Chun Zhai nodded, "Hmm, I understand, your combat style is aggression." He continued, "It is the combination of strength and speed." Chen Chun Zhai told 12th.

Guo 12th asked, "Do we still need another team member with a strength and defense combination?"

Chen Chun Zhai nodded, "Yes, you are missing two members, one should have the combination of strength and defense, and the other should have Bao Hao's combination, one to attack and the other to protect you and the Zhou Knight."

"Zhou Knight?"

Chen Chun Zhai said, “Within a combat team, having 4 Fu Warriors is the most common. If the team leader is a FuZhou Knight, 5 people can complete a team since the FuZhou Knight can be either a Fu Knight or Zhou Knight...but if a Fu Knight and Zhou Knight join the same team, the team's combat power will be better.”

“Zhou Knights and Fu Warriors are the same, they both need to rely on the FuZhou Knights or Fu Knights. But Zhou Knights are a lot more flexible than Fu Warriors, they can choose to join a team on a mission, and then choose to either stay with the team or leave when the mission is over. The attacking power of a Zhou Knight is very strong, Ha Ha, they are proud people.”

“There are also teams that are led by Fu Warrior Masters. They normally have their own supporters and is together only when there are missions, for example...Luo Lao's team.”

Guo 12th smiled, “I understand, now let's start.” 12th has slowly begun to understand the basic rules of this world. Everything he had learned from the past 8 years were useless, but in the last 6 months he had gained a lot of useful information and started to gradually understand the world.

Although Chen Chun Zhai had Innate Fu, he did not use his most precious Fu like how Luo Jie did. He commanded a Fu Warrior with a few words and soon, the temperature of the room quickly rose. Chen Chun Zhai slowly took off his leather robe, and said, “Bao Hao, you first, Little Bing can sit on the side.”

Guo 12th felt a little hot, and he also took off his leather robe.

Huo Bao asked, "Grandpa Chen, do I need to take of all my clothes?"

Chen Chun Zhai said, "Not need, just take off your top."

Huo Bao looked nothing like a 12 years old child. He had a lot of muscles, a thick chest, and extremely sturdy arms. Together with his shiny triangular shaped baldhead, an aggressive aura can be felt.

Chen Chun Zhai was amazed and said, "Truly like a small leopard, so aggressive for a 12 years old, Ha Ha." Chen Chun Zhai swept his hand over his waist, and a piece of red Fu appeared between his fingers. The Fu was bouncing on his fingertips, just like a wisp.

Guo 12th hesitated for a moment, he noticed that Chen Chun Zhai's finger moved similar to one of the movements from the 36 Moves Methods. He wondered inside, "Is that how one controls Fu? But it did not seem like he was controlling it, it is more like natural movements."

Chen Chun Zhai said, "This is a Light Fu that is used to activate the power of the body. Since Huo Bao is still young, the Light Fu will only have limited power, it will let him get accustomed to the physical changes that will happen."

"This is the strength enhancing stage, Huo Bao, go stand there."

The circular stone stage looked much simpler than the one in Luo Jie's laboratory. The Fu inscriptions on it were several levels lower. It did not take 12th long to realize that Luo Jie was a FuZhou Great Master, and

his enhancing stage was made by himself, which was definitely stonger than the ones in FuZhou Hall.

Chen Chun Zhai said, “Huo Bao, you should already know the pain which comes with strength enhancement, but to be a Fu Warrior this is unavoidable. Do you have confidence to overcome it?”

Huo Bao fearlessly looked Chen Chun Zhai in the eyes and said, “I can do it!” If one wanted to survive in this world, they would need strength. In the wild only the ones with power will have the freedom to go wherever they wished. Huo Bao already understood this rule from his first hunt.

Chen Chun Zhai moved his hands like a dance, and a red glow was gradually emerging from the Light Fu. He intentionally moved slower so Guo 12th can clearly see the changes, the Light Fu was getting brighter and brighter, he said, “12th, look carefully, Huo Bao, do not move.”

The Light Fu became a streak of red glow. A completed Fu inscription appeared and quickly engraved itself onto Huo Bao's chest. “Chee Chee”, as if a hot iron fell into water. Huo Bao grunted and his body began to tremble violently. Chen Chun Zhai said, “Bear with it! The first Enhancement Fu is the most critical!”

A lot of sweat appeared on Bao Hao’s face, his eyes widen, mouth pouted, and was breathing heavily. The red Fu Inscriptions was engraving itself onto his chest, like an image from a projector. Chen Chun Zhai yelled, “Condense!” The red glow gradually faded away. The inscriptions were fully engraved into his skin.

Chen Chun Zhai smiled, “All set, you do not need to hold it in, scream all you want.”

Huo Bao yelled with a loud roar, “Ah... the f\*\*king pain! Aiyaya...” He constantly waved his hands, performed some attacks, grinding and stomping for 2 minutes until the pain dissipated. His face turned white and he said, “That was horrible...but I made it!”

Guo 12th suddenly sees the same Light Fu appearing within Chen Chun Zhai’s hands, he asks, “Is this a Treasure Fu?” Treasure Fu are Fu that can be used multiple times, it required the maintenance from Fu Warriors to restore the Fu power used. Normally Treasure Fu can only be activated a limited time before it needs maintenance. If it were used passed the limit it would be useless and abandoned.

Chen Chun Zhai nodded, “The effects of one time use Fu is not very good. Treasure Fu are different, Ha Ha, there will be no problems with this Treasure Fu.”

Guo 12th understood a little because he had read about it in books. He said, “Hmm, I understand, Treasure Fu can be used many times, so you can notice if there are any problems, but for one time use Fu, problems will be unknown.”

Chen Chun Zhai said, “Ok, it is Little Bing’s turn. Huo Bao, take a rest. Starting from tomorrow, you guys need to train in the Strength Enhancing Hall. I hired a Fu Warrior Master to be your temporarily teacher. First, get used to the power of the Fu Inscription.”

Huo Bao wiped the cold sweat from his face, put on his leather robe

and said, “Thank you for your hard work Grandpa, please accept my respect.”

Chen Bing took off his leather robe and stood up on the strength enhancing stage. He was only 10 years old and was a lot thinner than Huo Bao. 12th was a bit worried that he might be unable to stand after the enhancement. But Chen Bing was even tougher than Huo Bao. He endured the pain without saying a single word. Even when Chen Chun Zhai allowed him to scream, he was still as quiet as a mouse.

“That’s it for today. Strength enhancement is a gradual process, it should not be rushed. Ha Ha, some Fu Knights in another sect wanted to get stronger as soon as possible, so they kept increasing the use of Light Fu without considering the wellbeing of the Fu Warriors. As a result, the Fu Warriors can never advanced to become Fu Warrior Masters. We do not need to be so anxious for quick success.”

“We will perform the second strength enhancement when you both get used to the Fu Inscriptions of this Light Fu. Normally at the second strength enhancement, Light Fu can be used twice, and thus there will be two Fu Inscriptions engraved onto your body.”

Guo 12th asked, “How many times... to become Fu Warriors?”

Chen Chun Zhai smiled, “To become a Fu Warrior...Ha Ha, around 600 Light Fu, and that is only a junior Fu Warrior. It takes 6 years to absorb and understand the 600 Light Fu strength enhancements. Even for Fu Warriors, cultivation is not easy.

“12th, I have just finished the basic Enhancement Fu for Huo Bao and

Chen Bing. In the future you will have to do it yourself if there are children with Fu Warrior potential joining your team. You cannot handle the Treasure Fu right now, just use the one time used Fu. This is a process that you must go through, Ha Ha, I will come over and help you double check if I have time.”

Guo 12th said his thanks. It is much better to have the support of an elder than to figure out everything on your own.

In order to strengthen the effects of the Enhancement Fu, Huo Bao and Chen Bing went straight to the Strength Enhancing Hall. Chen Chun Zhai and Guo 12th went back home.

Guo 12th could not wait to practice again when he gets home. He was eager to increase his own FuZhou Power because Chen Chun Zhai has given him motivation as Huo Bao and Chen Bing started their journey to become Fu Warriors, he did not want to be left behind.

Practicing the 36 moves over and over again, 12th's FuZhou power increased a bit everytime. Eventually, he started to feel a sense of pain in his soul, it was a strange feeling because it did not feel like any pain he has experienced before, 12th felt his soul swelling up, making it difficult to continue practicing. He sat down slowly and began to chant his inscriptions.

The feeling of reading the inscriptions was a lot different than usual, each word from the inscription was like water from an oasis, falling into his mouth that was hungry and thirsty. The fresh and pleasant feeling deeply intoxicated his body and eventually reached his soul.

The swelling pain from his soul completely disappeared. Guo 12th realized that practicing nonstop would hurt his soul, but with the soul inscriptions the soul would magically heal. He used a moment to think about what happened while smiling nonstop. He has figured out a method to strengthen his soul while cultivating FuZhou power at the same time. It was to practice FuZhou power along with chanting the soul inscriptions.

12th figured out that FuZhou power is also soul power. When chanting the soul inscriptions, 12th's soul would become more pure and condensed, but the amount of soul power never increased. The amount of soul power could only be increased a little through successful reincarnations. But now, FuZhou power could increase the quantity of soul power, and the soul inscriptions could refine the soul, making it more pure. They worked perfectly together.

Guo 12th was very excited because he was not expecting such a huge benefit. This meant that he could cultivate much faster than others, when others might need to spent a month he might only need a day. The stronger one's strength, the safer they would be.

Guo 12th was extremely excited in his mind, he thought this life was lucky. His most boring life was his first one when he chanted scriptures all day for his whole life. He did not experience anything fun, but even though it was boring he did not have any bitterness towards that life. His second life was unlucky, he was born into a poor family, and if not for his own efforts, he would have been more miserable than his first life.

This life seemed like a triumph over adversity, even though he did not know how he lived before the soul awakening, luck has always accompanied him afterward. He has been living happily from the time his soul awakened and until he arrived at the North Fu Sect to start his

life as a disciple. The secrets he found out today was very important to him, his next reincarnation might be totally different because of this.

Guo 12th clearly understood the principle over training. He did not plan to cultivate crazily, although he had the soul inscriptions, he was satisfied with cultivating just a little faster than others. In addition to cultivating FuZhou Power, FuZhou Knights also need to learn a lot of other materials like raw material extraction, Fu Inscription study, and Fu making, there were a vast amount of information 12th can learn. Time was limited, and he cannot even waste a little.

After a half day of rest, Guo 12th started the practice on the second set of movements.

The 36 moves of the second set was a bit more complicated than those in the first set. Guo 12th spent three days to master them. According to the experience from the first set, he entered the state of enlightenment very quickly. He noticed that this set of movements had brought him a little more FuZhou power.

Both Huo Bao and Chen Bing have been very tired lately. They went to the Strength Enhancing Hall everyday to do their extreme training. They need to be proficient in many different combat arts. But the most important step was to activate the power of the Light Fu through practice, thus reaching the goal of strength enhancement.

They both worked very hard and has absorbed the power of the first Light Fu in 5 days. Therefore, Chen Chun Zhai performed the second strength enhancing Light Fu for them. The second enhancement added two Light Fu tattoos, one on their back and the other on their forehead. This time they spent 10 days to absorb the power.

Luo Jie could not help smiling when he saw Guo 12th. He thought 12th was great because he has already cultivated his own FuZhou power and in such a short period of time. The speed of cultivation was faster than anyone he knew.

As a FuZhou Great Master, he could easily notice the progress of Guo 12th, but what he could not notice was the reincarnated soul.

Luo Jie said, “12th, you can practice the methods of controlling basic Fu. Hmm, I will give you some one time use Fu and you can try them out. I already gave you the books on the subject, you can start to practice after reading it.”

Guo 12th was surprised, “I can control Fu?”

Luo Jie said dismissively, “Of course, you can learn to control Fu once you have cultivated your FuZhou power. The basic methods are introduced in the book, “FuZhou Power”. You can also learn other special Fu Controlling Methods later when you have already mastered the basic methods. Hmm, it's still a too early to tell you about those.”

Guo 12th started to ask questions, and Luo Jie answered them one after another. The teaching style was special, Guo 12th liked it a lot and Luo Jie did not oppose because it was easier for him. Guo 12th spent a lot of time trying to figure out the answers to all his questions before asking. Once Luo Jie answered them, Guo 12th would remember it and seriously try to fully understand it.

Guo 12th did not have many questions since he only completed up to

the second set of movements, he still had plenty of time, and was not in a rush.

Luo Jie was very satisfied with Guo 12th. 12th has mastered two sets of movements in 10 days, and the questions he asked were all important, once he figured out the answers, there will not be any more questions in regards to these two sets of movements.

Soon, class was over. Guo 12th organized all his notes, stood up, and sincerely gave thanks.

Right afterwards, a Fu Warrior came in and reported, “Zhou Great Master Wu Qi Rong is here.”

Luo Jie said happily, “Brother Wu is back?”

A hearty laughter came from outside, “Ha Ha, Brother Luo, long time no see...how have you been lately? I heard you recently took in a good disciple?”

Guo 12th looked at the door curiously and said to himself, “Zhou Great Master? That should be the same level as my Teacher. Ah, I have to come over to Teacher’s place more, so I can meet other Great Masters. Even though I won't be talking to them, I will still look familiar to them.” 12th's thoughts were totally different from other children's, he understood the benefits of personal connections from his first life so he decided not to leave yet.

The elder had white hair and a beard, he looked like a venerable elder

with high sense of discipline. He only wore a simple white robe in cold weather, he walked into the room with a lot of energy without carrying anything a Zhou Knight or Zhou Master would normally carry.

Guo 12th noticed that his hands were clean and snow-white with big palms, and strong and slender fingers like a young man's. He was followed by several servants who were carrying two wooden cases. Guo 12th felt like he was shot by needles when the elder glared at him.

Luo Jie grinned and said, "You must have gathered a lot this time, Ha Ha, have you been gone for more than a year and just came back?"

Wu Qi Rong smiled, "Yes, I just came back...and rushed to see my old friend. This is your disciple? This child looks smart."

Without waiting for Luo Jie's command, Guo 12th quickly stepped forward, "Grandpa Wu, nice to see you."

Wu Qi Rong said, "You don't need to be so polite, what is your name child?"

Guo 12th said, "Grandpa Wu, I am Guo 12th." He had to act young since he was technically just a child.

Luo Jie said, "Brother Wu, guess how long this child has been cultivating?" Even he could not help show off.

Wu Qi Rong looked at Guo 12th carefully for a moment and said, "According to his level, I guess he has been practicing for a year? Ha Ha,

you asked me to guess, it can only mean that this child is cultivating very fast, how about half a year? 3 months? Hmm, 3 months is a little exaggerated, Brother Luo, has he been practicing for half a year?”

Luo Jie said happily, “...20 days! The first 10 days were just studying, he didn't practice at all...Ha Ha, that is too say, 12th has only practiced for 10 days! Ha Ha, can you believe it?”

Wu Qi Rong said loudly, “That's impossible!”

Luo Jie said, “Brother Wu, you don't know, but after he arrived at the North Fu Sect and finished the potential test, there was almost a disaster. Ha Ha, if it didn't happen, I would have never received such a great disciple.”

Wu Qi Rong has an increased interest in what happened, he asked, “What disaster? Tell me!”

Luo Jie said, “Let us sit down first, standing at the door... Ha Ha, it is disrespectful to you!”

Guo 12th was confused and said to himself, “Disaster? What disaster?”

## Chapter 9 - Hidden Worries

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Luo Jie and Wu Qi Rong sat down cross-legged. 12th intentionally sat down next to Luo Jie. He did not want to leave, he wanted to listen to their conversation. Even if it was just a casual chat he might be able to gain new information regarding the world.

Wu Qi Rong asked with interest, “How is this possible? Heh, only practiced for 10 days...I can't believe it.”

Luo Jie said, “You should know Chang Ye Ran, right? He was the host when 12th came here to have his test taken. There were more than 10 FuZhou Masters present and after the test results, they all wanted to take 12th as their own disciple. They then started bickering and and argued with each other until the Sect Master got involved. Ha Ha, they almost proceeded from words to fists.”

“You know Master Qi’s temper. He yelled at them while banging his fist on the table, and in the end he chose me to take 12th as a disciple. Ha Ha, I was just planning to take a look and wasn't going to get involved if 12th was not up to standards. Ha Ha, I noticed something strange the first time I saw him, his potential is monstrous!”

Wu Qi Rong sighed, “How come I never encounter such good events.”

Luo Jie said happily, “12th has FuZhou potential.”

Wu Qi Rong replied sourly, “I knew it, you discriminate against us Zhou Knights!”

Luo Jie smiled, “I wouldn't dare, but it is impossible for a child with FuZhou potential to be the disciple of a Zhou Knight. Wouldn't you want to find him a Fu Knight teacher as well?”

Wu Qi Rong laughed, “I'm too lazy to argue with you.”

Luo Jie asked with a soft smile, “What did you find this time?”

Wu Qi Rong said, “A lot, but I made an enemy with a group and killed several of them.” His expression was a little sad, he continued, “One of my Fu Warrior Masters... didn't make it. Motherf\*\*\*ers, those bastards from the West Fu Sect tried to rob me. I killed 3 of them without stopping to take a breath...two Fu Warrior Masters and one Beast Fu Master, the rest ran away. If I was not busy trying to save my own people, I would have kill them all.”

Luo Jie asked, “Who? Who was killed?”

Wu Qi Rong's voice revealed a hint of hatred, he said, “Xiao Gan Meng. It is most regrettable that he did not die in combat, but died to their despicable sneak attacks. Ai, he died without any justice...Beast Fu Sect... Motherf\*\*\*ers, I will never let anyone from the Beast Fu Sect off.”

Luo Jie shook his head with a bitter smile, he sighed, “So it was little Meng.” He waved over a Fu Warrior and said a few words. Guo 12th who was next to him clearly heard what was said, Luo Jie ordered his supporters to send some Black Fu Bills over to Xiao Gan Meng's family, and also to ask his family if there were any requests that he could help settle.

Guo 12th noticed that people in the North Fu Sect have benevolence, which he liked a lot.

Wu Qi Rong took a deep breath and said, "Forget it. Let's not talk about this, let's not talk about something depressing. Elder Luo, this time I killed an adult Black Kui."

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Luo Jie was astonished. He stood up, pointed at Wu Qi Rong, and said with a stutter, "You...you...you are not afraid of death! How dare you quarrel with an adult Kui? Did you enter the Mysterious Region of Wild Beasts? Didn't you say you were just going to the Western Prairies?"

Wu Qi Rong laughed, "Brother Luo, let me finish first!"

"You're right. We went to the Western Prairies and came across the entrance to the Mysterious Region of Wild Beasts. If I didn't go in, how would I find any treasure?"

Luo Jie said with a bitter smile, "That is the treasure site of the West Fu Sect, you went in there...Ai, no wonder, hmm, now tell me how did you fight against the Black Kui? Did a Fu Warrior Great Master defend it's attacks, how did you kill it? Did you get a Fu Warrior Great Master to cooperate?"

Wu Qi Rong said, "There was no help from any Fu Warrior Great Masters, it was just good luck...the Black Kui fought against an Earth

Dragon. It defeated the Earth Dragon, but also got severely injured. We attacked it when it was injured, that was it...a few of our people got injured, otherwise we would not have been sneaked attacked by the juniors from the West Fu Sect.”

“Earth Dragon? What kind of Earth Dragon?”

Luo Jie's eyes glowed and asked hurriedly.

“Blood Earth Dragon! Ha Ha, the very rare Blood Earth Dragon!”

Luo Jie suddenly became excited and said, “You're saying, the Blood Earth Dragon is also your reward? You are lucky! You must've collected a lot of blood from the Blood Earth Dragon, right?”

Wu Qi Rong said, “What a pity, I couldn't collect much. I only collected a lot of blood from the Black Kui, the Blood Earth Dragon died first, and most of its blood flowed out by the time we killed the Black Kui, we could only collect a few bottles...”

Luo Jie interrupted, “Sell it to me! Or trade for my Fu!”

Wu Qi Rong said, “The blood and bones from the Blood Earth Dragon could be used to refine high grade Blood Fu, that is the most special Fu amongst the Strength Enhancing Fu. Heh Heh, if you can help me refine two Blood Fu, I will trade you 4 bottles of the Blood Earth Dragon blood!”

Luo Jie said firmly, “5 bottles for 2 Blood Fu!”

Wu Qi Rong exclaimed, “You Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights are just like vampire. OK! Deal!” He waved to order someone to carry in a wooden case. “My acquisition this trip was pretty good, here are some small gifts for you. Ha Ha, I just want to let you take a look at the quality of these items.”

The wooden case opened and the smell of blood spread into the air.

There was a row of finger sized crystal bottles filled with blood. The colors were all different shades of red. From light red to pink, vermilion to bright red, and some were burgundy, similar to human blood.

There were also 4 bones, each one had Fu Inscriptions on it, the bones were not big, but looked gorgeous and mysterious. There was also animal fur that has been cut into book sized pieces. Looking at them closely, the furs were from 6 different types of beasts, two pieces each. There were 4 pieces of palm sized bloody red scales. The rest were all frozen meat, wrapped in wax paper.

Luo Jie took out a piece of bloody red scale and looked at it carefully, “Good stuff, it is a complete blood scale, it has more than 300 stripes. This Blood Earth Dragon should be more than 300 hundred years old. Ha Ha, this is a good material for making the Innate Fu. Brother Wu, you will be rich!”

Wu Qi Rong said with a bitter smile, “Not too rich, I used up most of my Attack Treasure Fu, most of them were activated beyond their limit and became Abandoned Fu. Therefore I would like to use these materials to exchange for some Attack Fu. Otherwise...there is no way for me to go

out, we Zhou Knights are just like toothless tigers, we cannot do anything by ourselves.”

12th just understood the pains of Zhou Knights. They had to rely on Fu, but they could not make it themselves. As a result, they needed to trade their materials for Fu, but if they were supported by a Fu Knight or a FuZhou Knight, then they will have a lot less to worry about. They would only need to concentrate on hunting and collecting precious materials from their prey.

The problem with Fu Knights was their growth. The combat power of a Fu Knight is relatively weak, therefore at the beginning they were the poorest as they required a lot of material to study and get stronger. They will gradually become wealthy once they get stronger.

At the beginning, FuZhou Knights will have the most difficulty, that's why people with FuZhou potential will choose to train towards a specific path, for example, either a Zhou Knight or a Fu Knight. If they were in a large sect like the North Fu Sect, they can truly become a FuZhou Knight where they can get the support and time to develop both their Fu and Zhou. However, even in big sects there were not a lot of FuZhou Knights.

Luo Jie was very satisfied with the gifts Wu Qi Rong brought. He took out a wooden box and said, “Here you can first take these two Treasure Fu. We can calculate how to trade when you bring your list of materials. Don't worry, the Fu that I make will be even better than those made by other Fu Great Masters, it will be more suitable for you.”

Wu Qi Rong let out a red mist from his mouth, and suddenly a scroll appeared. It was the Innate Fu Scroll of a Zhou Great Master. 12th thought it looked similar to an ancient bamboo slip from his previous

life.

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With a click, the Innate Fu Scroll opened, Wu Qi Rong tossed the two Treasure Fu inside it, and they were sucked in. Guo 12th could clearly see that the two Treasure Fu got sucked into the scroll where it stored many other Fu. As Wu Qi Rong inhaled, the Innate Fu Scroll fell into his mouth. He smiled, “I have to collect them little by little, or else my group cannot go out and fight.”

Guo 12th couldn't believe a Zhou Great Master would say something like that. He seemed very kind and gentle, like an Enlightened Master from his previous life.

Wu Qi Rong patted his forehead and said, “Ai, I am truly an old man with no memory. Come! Child, this is a gift for you.” he took out a Fu Book and said, “This is a Fu Book, it has been with me for many years. Ha Ha, I'll give it to you as a gift, and this is the Fu Key.”

Guo 12th opened the Fu Book using the key after saying thanks to Wu Qi Rong. There were two books inside, the first and second volume. The name of the book was “Zhou Chanting Formulas”. He asked, “What are Zhou Chanting Formulas?”

Wu Qi Rong said, “This book is for Zhou Knights, you can use it as well since you have FuZhou potential. The Zhou Chanting Formulas were methods used to quickly activate Fu. You can't use it yet, but wait until you become a FuZhou Knight, this book contains many of my comments and explanations.”

Guo 12th was very happy, he loved books, it was very lucky to receive books from a Zhou Great Master. He sincerely said his thanks.

12th did not care about the materials from the Blood Earth Dragon or the Black Kui. The only use he had for them was selling them because he didn't know what to do with them right now even if Wu Qi Rong gave it to him. But of course, Wu Qi Rong would not give him such precious materials as gifts.

“Ah, I also have a weird Beast Fu for you. I stole it...it got damaged by me. These are the instructions, you can open it when you get home, Ha Ha, remember, having good Fu control is crucial for using the Beast Fu.”

The Fu was wrapped in a piece of paper.

Guo 12th knew that Wu Qi Rong wanted a private chat with his Teacher, so he left after receiving the gifts. Luo Jie said a few words, and then asked a Fu Warrior to take him home.

Wu Qi Rong saw Guo 12th leave, and said, “Brother Luo, your disciple has great potential.”

Luo Jie shook his head and said, “Brother Wu, say whatever you want to say. We have been friends for many years, you cannot hide your true thoughts from me.”

Wu Qi Rong said, “I was very surprised this time when I entered the Mysterious Region of Wild Beast. According to the previous conditions, it

should be opened once every two years, for a duration of one month. But this time we stayed inside for 6 months and didn't notice anything strange. We could have continued to stay inside for a couple more months if we had enough supplies.”

Luo Jie said, “The situation in the North is not stable right now, the savages are ready to make their move, the winter this year was quite cold, according to my predictions...they will start their attack at the start of spring. A few days ago, the Sect Master sent over a Fu letter, it said that the Mysterious Region of Flame in the North Fu Sect has signs of opening soon, maybe in the summer or next year, not sure yet, but people within the North Fu Sect have already started to sign up. Do you think there is a connection between the Mysterious Region of Flame and the early opening of the Mysterious Region of Wild Beast?”

Wu Qi Rong sighed, “I'm not sure. Ah, the world has become chaotic again. I'm getting old and the young generation have never experienced the bloody slaughters. It is hard to survive in these unstable times.”

Luo Jie said, “The North Fu Sect is doing pretty good on raising disciples, we spent a huge amount of Fu Bills each year recruiting suitable disciples. The strength of the North Fu Sect should not be underestimated.”

Wu Qi Rong said, “Those bastards from the Beast Fu Sect are getting more and more arrogant. If there were no agreement among the 4 Unions...Ah, forget it. I'm too lazy to bother with them, as long as they don't mess with me I won't bother with them.” The so-called 4 Unions represented the four biggest sects. They were all established in the form of Unions, and later converted into sects.

Luo Jie said, “We have to make early preparations, Ah, I hope it will not be like last time, with a countless number of casualties.”

Wu Qi Rong said, “It shouldn't be so serious, at least this winter is safe.”

Luo Jie said, “Yea, nothing should be happening this winter, Ha Ha, Brother Wu, can I take a look at the list now?”

Wu Qi Rong took out a few pieces of paper, browsed through it a little and handed it over to Luo Jie. He said, “The most valuable reward from this trip was the Blood Earth Dragon and the Black Kui, the rest are not worth mentioning.”

Luo Jie held the list, calculating carefully, reading it over and over again. Then he said, “Brother Wu, the Beast Cores from the Blood Earth Dragon and Black Kui are not in the list. You're not planning on selling them?”

Wu Qi Rong said with a smile, “Of course I'm selling them. I'm planning on informing some Fu Great Masters and letting them bid. Whoever offers the most will get it, or they can trade it...for Spirit Fu!”

“Spirit Fu? Brother Wu, don't tease me. How many Spirit Fu are in the world? It is the best FuZhou for making Innate Fu. If all my Innate Fu were made by Spirit Fu, heh heh, I can still advance...Which Fu Great Master will use a Spirit Fu to trade for materials?”

Wu Qi Rong smiled, “It's ok if I can't trade for it. I'll try to buy it...oh

but wait, I'm too poor, unlike you Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights, all of you are rich!”

“Stop complaining, you have complained for a hundred years, Ha Ha.” Luo Jie tapped on the paper unreservedly, and said, “These are all I need.”

Wu Qi Rong took the piece of paper back and read it carefully, “Ai, it's very tiring talking with you. You can't take this much, there are a few elders waiting too, what am I going to do if I give everything to you?”

Luo Jie said happily, “I didn't take them all.”

Wu Qi Rong laughed a little and said, “You sneaky guy! You chose all the good things, others will only pick from trash.”

They were old friends and knew each other's temper very well. They would often debate and quarrel, especially when trading. Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights all have a businessman's personality, even though they were normally generous, they became very stingy when it came to trading.

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Guo 12th rushed back home and immediately went to the laboratory. He put away the Fu Books and took out the Beast Fu.

The Beast Fu was a peculiar Fu, it can only be attained at the West Fu Sect. The West Fu Sect also known as the Beast Fu Sect had a specialty

where they could seal a beast or the beast's spirit, and when combined with other materials, the Beast Fu will be formed. A Beast Fu usually have the magic power of the beast, but a good Beast Fu could even be superior to the original beast, but the production was very difficult, and only Beast Fu Masters knew how to make it.

The Beast Fu Sect also had another set of Strength Enhancing Fu, which is related to beasts.

This Beast Fu is a high grade Beast Fu. It was not used for combat, but for warning and detection, it could also be used to find stronger beasts. It sealed two variants of Mastiff like dogs. Guo 12th loved dogs since his previous life, so he was very happy when reading the instructions on the Beast Fu. Following the instructions on the paper, he used the power of his soul, and began to unseal it.

Two small dogs appeared, similar sized to the pet dog 12th had in his previous life. They were a little ugly, with a flat face and a coat of black fur. Once they appeared, they wandered around 12th, sniffed his smell, and then sat down obediently, waiting for his order.

Guo 12th tried to walk a few steps and they immediately followed, which gave off feeling of them being well behaved.

Slowly, Guo 12th noticed that the Command Formula Wu Qi Rong provided was incomplete. 12th tried to command the dogs, they can detect and alert, but they could not find any powerful beasts. Guo 12th thought for a moment and felt relieved, this Beast Fu was stolen by Wu Qi Rong, it was not made by him, of course he could not understand all the Command Functions.

He withdrew the dogs and put away the Beast Fu. This was just a minor event, his focus was on cultivating FuZhou power. That was his real goal.

A head leaned in and said softly, “12th, 12th here?”

Guo 12th replied snappily, “Huo Bao, what are you doing sneaking around like that? Come in, I just came back a while ago, what's the matter?”

Huo Bao came in with a smile and said, “There is a new teammate coming.”

Guo 12th was surprised, “Who? How come I didn't know about this?”

Huo Bao said, “He's already here, I heard that he is the grandson of a Fu Making Master. Hmm, his grandpa is here too.”

Guo 12th said, “Ok, let's go and see.” After knowing the different professions of the world, 12th knew that Fu Making Masters were powerful. He surely did not want to ignore them and headed out with Huo Bao. The underground laboratory was a restricted area, no one was allowed to enter except for Huo Bao, Chen Bing, and Auntie Lan.

An elder and a teenager.

Guo 12th could not help but scratch his head. He had recently met too

many elders and did not interact with many peers. He thought to himself, this was his third life, so he was in fact an elder too. It is more comfortable dealing with elders than with children.

“Hello, I am Guo 12th.”

The elder’s face was covered by his beard and moustache, most of it was already white. He dressed completely different when compared to Luo Jie and Wu Qi Rong. He was like a millionaire, wearing a beautiful luxurious white leather robe, a leather hat that had white long fur, without any impurities and seemed to be from a huge white fox. The Fu belt on his waist was especially made for Fu Masters. His wrist was clasped with some rapid use Wrist Fu, which seemed expensive and honorable.

“I am Tian Xing Hong. I am here to visit you. Since you are the disciple of Great Master Luo, you are known in the North Fu Sect.”

The child sitting next to him looked at Guo 12th curiously. That child had a strong figure that was comparable to Huo Bao's. He sat there like a small mountain, even though he looked big and well-built, his facial expression was still immature.

“Nice to meet you, Grandpa Hong!”

Tian Xing Hong was very happy, since he was sensitive about his reputation, his strict expression became soft when seeing 12th’s manners. “This is my young grandson, Hong Shi, He He, nicknamed Stone, he is 11 years old and has Fu Warrior potential, I heard that you still need supporters, so I brought him over. Hong Shi has good physical strength and high Fu Warrior potential. Would you like to take him as

your supporter?”

Guo 12th basically will not refuse anyone. He planned to take 4 Fu Warriors and even considered on taking more. So far he only had two supporters with Fu Warrior potential. According to the books, Guo 12th understood that Fu Warriors were very important to FuZhou Knights. FuZhou Knights had to rely on the protection of the Fu Warriors in order to go out to hunt or collect raw materials, atleast until they have cultivated to the levels of FuZhou Great Masters.

FuZhou Knights are the strongest and weakest profession in this world, especially at the beginning, they had to rely on the help of Fu Warriors.

“Yes, no problem, but Grandpa Hong, I will need a one year examination.”

Tian Xing Hong nodded, “This is your policy, I understand.” He continued talking to Hong Shi, “Hong Shi, you will live here with 12th from now on, remember, if you want to have a bright future, you have to work hard and get along with your teammates, understand?” Even though his tone was serious, the word “understand” was filled with love.

Huo Bao smiled, he stepped forward and said, “Grandpa Hong, I am Huo Bao, I will look after Hong Shi from now on.”

Tian Xing Hong nodded with satisfaction and said, “Good, good, you guys get along, my grandson is very honest, he should get along with everyone. Oh yeah, 12th, I will send someone to bring you something in a few days, remember to take it. Don't refuse, it's just a small token of my affection!”

Guo 12th did not refuse. He was extremely poor right now. He had to provide for many people, and these gifts will help him a little. He said, "Thank you Grandpa Hong!"

Tian Xing Hong laughed, "Good! Good! So young, but already so straightforward, good! Ok, I will be leaving now."

Guo 12th asked, "Huo Bao, do you know Hong Shi?"

Huo Bao smiled, "Yes, we met at the Strength Enhancing Hall. Hong Shi was there training and didn't have anyone to support yet...so..."

Guo 12th nodded. He did not blame Huo Bao, it was very important to find compatible teammates, so they can develop synergy in combat together. He asked, "Does Chen Bing know him too?"

Huo Bao waved and said, "Come out Chen Bing, He He, in fact, it was Chen Bing who picked Hong Shi, he said Hong Shi have the best physical features to be a defensive Fu Warrior."

Hong Shi said, "Let's help each other from now on." He seemed very rational, which was rare amongst the children.

Guo 12th was very satisfied. He smiled, "Good, Huo Bao, Chen Bing, and Hong Shi, if you guys find someone who has good potential and compatible with you in the Strength Enhancing Hall, ask him to come see me, I will take him in as well!"

Huo Bao felt very happy since he has helped Guo 12th.

Guo 12th was interested in their training in the Strength Enhancing Hall. He asked, "What type of training have you guys done recently? Oh yeah, Hong Shi, have you done the Light Fu enhancement yet?"

Hong Shi replied, "I have done the Light Fu enhancements three times. It was grandpa who helped me perform them, he said the first time is very important and the ones in the future will not be as important because it can be cleansed away if an error occurs. The effects from the first one is the best. Along with Huo Bao and Chen Bing, I am also doing the most basic training."

Guo 12th said, "You three should practice on working together, if you guys have synergy then you guys will become more powerful."

Huo Bao said, "Hmm, I will pay attention to the relevant Fu Warrior techniques."

Hong Shi said, "We will have to find the 4th supporter as soon as possible, or it will be harder for him to work together with us."

Guo 12th nodded and said, "Hmm, let me think about it, I think I should go ask my teacher, his connection is wider and he should be able to find us one."

"No need to find, I will bring you one!"

Guo 12th was shocked, "Grandma Chen!"

Aunt Chen brought in a girl. 12th was confused and said, "Grandma Chen, we are looking for a Fu Warrior, not a Fu Knight or a Zhou Knight."

Chen Bing's face turned green. His grandpa already felt dizzy every time he met this Aunt, not to mention him. He had a headache when he saw the girl behind Aunt Chen. "Cousin, what are you doing here?" he said with a bitter smile, "Good to see you Grandaunt."

Aunt Chen said with a slight smile, "Little Bing is here too, that's good, you guys can look after each other."

"Grandma will not bring you a child with Zhou potential or Fu potential. This girl have Fu Warrior potential, 12th, you just need one supporter, Little Hong will be with you from now on!"

"Ah? Ah! How is this possible..."

Guo 12th was shocked.

## Chapter 10 - Registration

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Aunt Chen pushed the little girl towards Guo 12th forcefully. Chen Bing did not look good, but he could not say anything because Aunt Chen was an Ancestor Level Elder to him, he simply was not qualified to say anything.

With a bitter face, Guo 12th said, "This... this will not be convenient!"

The Fu Inscriptions on the Fu Warrior's body will be engraved by him, meaning the Fu Warriors will need to take off their clothes. It will not be convenient if the Fu Warrior is a girl.

Aunt Chen thought to herself, "This little child thinks a lot." She said, "There is nothing inconvenient about it, she will become your wife then, you can do anything you want!"

Due to the influence from his first life, Guo 12th was not interested in romance. And also in his second life even though he had a wife, he could not bear any children, which made him realize that there was a drawback to the soul reincarnations, he could not have any children and was destined to a lifetime of loneliness. Therefore he did not want to carelessly harm girls. 12th quickly said, "Grandma Chen, I cannot accept her!"

"What? How dare you!"

Guo 12th was not a child. He was not scared of Aunt Chen. "Grandma Chen, I am not taking her...what can you do about it?" he smiled.

Aunt Chen was speechless after hearing what Guo 12th just said because he was right, what can she do? His teacher was the FuZhou Great Master Luo Jie, she could not afford to offend him. A moment later, she forced a smile, “12th, our Little Hong is a very lovely girl, she is a great chef and the most important aspect is that she has Fu Warrior potential. She can become great if you train her ... just take her!”

Chen Hong’s face turned from blushed red to pale white. She felt very embarrassed.

“Grandma, let's go home!”

The little girl’s voice was soft and tender, she seemed irritated and with a delicate look it was hard to believe that she had Fu Warrior potential.

Aunt Chen was extraordinary thick-skinned. She said, “I can't do anything to you...this old woman can distinguish between kindness and hatred very clearly, if you don't take her, you will be completely offending...this old woman...”

Guo 12th said, “Are you threatening me?” He was only 8 years old, he slightly leaned up in an upright position and a hidden force spread out. The pressure from his soul was released unintentionally, Aunt Chen’s face immediately changed.

Aunt Chen felt a little regret, she stepped back and said, “If you're not willing, then it's ok, I'm leaving!”

Guo 12th coldly said, "Wait!"

Aunt Chen's face did not look good, she asked, "Why?"

Guo 12th said, "Are you leaving after threatening me? It will not be that easy! You can either come together with me to see my Teacher, or we can go to see the Sect Master. I need someone to give an explanation, how can an elder bully a disciple like this. Since I entered the North Fu Sect, I have never heard of someone forcefully requesting to become someone's supporter. Is this a policy of the North Fu Sect?"

Aunt Chen could not say a word, she had looked down on Guo 12th. She thought that he was just a child who will be scared of her and accept her request if she scared him. She did not expect that he had so much courage and such clear thinking at such a young age. She felt like she was riding a tiger.

[t/n] Riding a tiger is a Chinese expression describing a situation where someone is stuck in a difficult position and cannot find a way out.

Chen Bing opened his mouth and then closed it, he did not know what to say.

Guo 12th stood there with arms folded. He looked at Aunt Chen quietly.

After awhile, Aunt Chen said bitterly, "You are a stubborn little child! I was just kidding, don't take it so serious!" she tried to get off the hook. Otherwise, she would be ashamed. The situation will be serious if Luo Jie gets involved.

Guo 12th laughed in his mind, with just a few words, Aunt Chen felt threatened. This elder is unreasonable, only knows how to bully little children. He said, "Oh, Grandma Chen was just joking. Ai, 12th is still young, I did not realize this was a joke. I was truly scared."

Poor Aunt Chen, an elder who was over 100 years old, was being toyed with by an 8 years old child. She said, "Ok, ok, Grandma loves to joke with children..."

Aunt Chen was sad as she took the girl and prepared to leave, but Guo 12th said, "She can stay, but I have a condition."

Aunt Chen looked up in surprise. She didn't think Guo 12th would agreed, "What condition?" she asked.

In fact, Guo 12th understood that there was no need to offend Aunt Chen, in addition, to the grace of Chen Chun Zhai, and Chen Bing who was his Fu Warrior supporter, it will not benefit anyone if he offended Aunt Chen. "Her name is Chen Hong?" he asked.

Aunt Chen nodded, "Yes."

Guo 12th said, "Her strength enhancement will not be performed by me, Aunt Chen you will find someone else to do it. If you agree, she can stay for the one year examination. If you think that is suitable...I can accept her."

Aunt Chen wondered and said, "Is that the reason why you're not

willing to take Chen Hong?”

Guo 12th's face could not help turn red. He said, “That is just one of the reasons. Another important reason is the girl's lack a fierce aura and ambition, it will be tough to be survive in the wild.”

Aunt Chen was astonished, “You're only a child, how come you know so much?” she asked.

Guo 12th thought to himself, “I have lived the duration of 3 lifetimes. If you are my enemy and look down on me, you won't know how you'll die.” He said, “I read books!”

Aunt Chen said, “Chen Hong, you will be with 12th from now on, your cousin is here as well, he will take care of you. There will not be any problems.”

Guo 12th realized that Aunt Chen was not a bad person. She was only a little overbearing and unreasonable. Luckily, she acted with courtesy and was not too desperate to achieve her goals.

Chen Bing let out a long sigh of relief after Aunt Chen left. “Ai, 12th, I'm impressed, you dared to talk that way with my grandaunt. Aiyaya, she scared me to cold sweats.” he said. He glanced at his nervous cousin and said, “Cousin, did you get forced to come over?”

Chen Hong's eyes turned red, “Brother...”

Chen Bing felt overwhelmed, “Ai...ai! Don't cry... do not cry!”

12th knew that it was not a good idea to comfort a girl when they were about to cry, because they will only cry harder. He turned around and left. He said, "Huo Bao, help prepare a room for Chen Hong, I have to go back to studying!" Just as he stepped outside the room, he heard Chen Hong burst into tears. He sighed in his mind, "Ai, there will be trouble!"

All 4 Fu Warrior members are gathered, but 12th was not satisfied with the last member. He went to the underground laboratory and started cultivating.

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Spring arrives after winter.

Guo 12th was 9 years old, he has cultivated up to the 6th set of the basic movements. Within the time of one winter he has learned how to control Fu. Currently his FuZhou power was capable of activating an Attack Fu 6 times, or activating one-time use Fu 3 times and afterwards he would need to cultivate and replenish his FuZhou power.

For the whole winter, Guo 12th stayed home cultivating and did not go anywhere, except to his Teacher's estate and the Fu town. His soul power was very strong, but it was odd that he could not use all its power. Every time he cultivated FuZhou power, it would condense and infuse within his soul, which would affect his Fu controlling and Fu making abilities, but he was confused and could not figure out the reason why.

12th could not ask his Teacher for an answer because reincarnation was his biggest secret, he will never disclose this to anyone. Therefore, he

could only find the answer himself.

Besides practicing, he would read books in his free time. He had read about 100 books in the winter, and most of them were read a few times thoroughly. Although he did not find an answer, his knowledge quickly increased.

Eventually, Guo 12th had a theory that maybe he could get rid of this problem when he becomes a FuZhou Knight. Right now, 12th's soul was still not strong enough and he still needed to cultivate more FuZhou power to strengthen his soul.

Practicing with the materials his Teacher provided, 12th was able to make some simple one-time use Fu.

12th was also pretty good at refining materials, but always felt that something was missing.

At his Teacher's estate, Luo Jie listened to his doubts, and couldn't help but laugh, "You lack real combat experience, only in the wild...will you trigger a FuZhou Knight's true power, and grow rapidly. You are still too young, 4 years later, you should be able to advance into a FuZhou Knight. "

Guo 12th asked, "FuZhou Knights can also use strength enhancements, if I start using strength enhancement now, how long will it take for me to become a FuZhou Knight?"

"You can start your strength enhancement at anytime using Shadow

Fu. It's better to make the Fu yourself, and it's best to perform the enhancement on your own. Since you can control Fu now, you will know where to enhance and where not to. The creation of Shadow Fu is not difficult, but some of the potions will be hard to find, I have some that you can take when you leave.”

Guo 12th sighed again, it was very lucky to have a good Teacher. They will help you solve problems even without you needing to ask. 12th knew that Luo Jie truly cared for him, at the beginning Luo Jie only appreciated his talent, but after being together for over the winter, Guo 12th has become his favorite disciple because of his intelligence and diligence.

Luo Lao received a mission during the winter. He led his team and left the North Fu Sect and was still not back yet. Guo 12th did not know whether they were not willing to come back or did not finished the mission yet. But 12th did not care, Luo Jie got another Fu Warrior Master to protect him.

After saying goodbye to his Teacher, 12th went back home and went straight to the underground laboratory. The laboratory has totally changed, he arranged the lab according to his past memories, which became more scientific and practical.

Guo 12th has always wanted to try making Shadow Fu, but couldn't because he did not have all the materials. After Teacher Luo Jie has given him all the critical materials, the Shadow Fu material list is complete.

The creation of Shadow Fu is not complicated, because Shadow Fu is basically a one-time use Fu, unlike Light Fu which can either be a one-

time use Fu, or a Treasure Fu. The Fu Inscriptions on the Shadow Fu were also easy. It could be mastered if one practiced a couple of times. Guo 12th tried to make Shadow Fu before, but because he did not have the materials to make the Fu Frame, he has never been successful in making it.

The Fu Frame of the Shadow Fu was made by a type of fish fat. This type of fish was cultivated in a farm so it was not very expensive and this time Luo Jie gave him 1kg of fish fat, when only 25g will be required to make the Fu Frame for a Shadow Fu.

The fish fat was similar to lard in his previous life, a creamy white paste. Guo 12th took out a Fu mold, the size of half an adult's palm and as thick as a finger. He carefully filled it with the fish fat, and then used a jade scraper to smooth over the top. He then took out a bunch of purified materials, mostly fluids and powder.

The first step was to use a thin Fu needle to engrave Fu Inscriptions onto the smooth Fu mold. After a few attempts, 12th finished engraving with satisfaction. Then he held a crystal bottle, and took out a dropper. The dropper was a tool made by himself according to his memories from the past, because this tool did not exist in this world.

The dropper sucked up the solidifying fluids from the crystal bottle, and quickly filled in the markings of the inscriptions. Then 12th sprayed a layer of reactive fluid and the whole Fu mold began to boil.

A lot of white steam was produced with a strong fishy smell filling his nostrils. Guo 12th carefully observed with his squinted eyes, the production of Shadow Fu was totally different from Attack Fu. It was very simple, it would be successful as long as the correct procedures were

followed and good purified material was used.

Guo 12th waited quietly, about 10 minutes later, the Shadow Fu in the Fu mold began to shrink. It shrank to the size of a Mahjong and as thick as a cardboard. Then the semi-finished Shadow Fu was done.

*[t/n] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahjong>*

When holding the semi-finished Shadow Fu, 12th felt like it was made with soft plastic. He checked it carefully and thought that the first step was successful.

Afterwards, 12th took out some herbs given to him by his Teacher and began to purify them. There were special tools used for purification so it was easy to extract the essence of the herbs.

During this period, Guo 12th had made a total of 5 semi-finished Shadow Fu, placing them on the stone table.

He dropped the essence of the herb on the Shadow Fu, and together with a drop of reactive fluid, the Shadow Fu was complete. Guo 12th completed 5 one-time use Shadow Fu in 1 hour.

But he did not dare use it on himself yet. Instead, he placed them to the side and planned to bring them to his Teacher so it can be inspected. He had to be careful since he planned on using them on himself.

The good point of making Shadow Fu was that it required very little FuZhou power. Because of that 12th can make at least 15 Shadow Fu.

However, if 12th was making one-time use Attack Fu, with his current FuZhou power he could only make 3. Therefore, after finishing 5 Shadow Fu, he continued to make 2 one-time use Attack Fu. This was his everyday routine, he was amassing low level one-time use Fu.

Since Guo 12th didn't need to rely on selling Fu to get materials, he carefully saved the one-time use Fu he completed each time. Right now, he has already saved up more than 200 Fu. Although they were one-time use Fu, they were valued at more than 10,000 Black Fu Bills, of course, he had no plans on selling them.

Besides making Fu, he had to learn how to control Fu and how to use Attack Fu, these were the requirements for Zhou Knights. 12th had decided to learn Fu and Zhou together from the very beginning, so simply knowing how to make Fu is far from sufficient.

Guo 12th quickly cultivated the 6th set movements a few times, then cultivated from the 1st set to the 6th sets movements together. Soon his FuZhou power has been replenished and the remaining FuZhou power was absorbed by his soul.

With a stretch, he finished cultivating. Then he went to freshen himself up, changed into a disciple uniform, and walked outside.

Luo Zhan was the second Fu Warrior Master that was sent by Luo Jie, different from Luo Lao, Luo Zhan did not have a permanent team. He was simply a supporter. Of course, he was only borrowed from Luo Jie, and was not truly Guo 12th's supporter. His duty was to temporarily protect Guo 12th.

Guo 12th left home together with Luo Zhan and two other Fu Warriors. Luo Zhan asked, “12th, do you need carriage?”

Guo 12th smiled, “Uncle Luo, there is no need. I just want to go to the Fu town and see if there are any new books in the bookstore, or maybe even find some special used books.”

The Fu town was the marketplace of the inner court. There were many Fu towns in the inner court. One of the largest Fu towns is in the region where FuZhou Knights lived, the other famous one was within the region where Fu Knights lived. Because of the job characteristics of the Fu Knights, they became the main trading profession. They not only need to purchase different materials, but also need to sell the Fu they make.

Recently, Guo 12th became a frequent customer of Fu town, the place he liked the most was the bookstore. Sometimes there were new books and sometimes there were lots of used books. He liked to buy the used books more because they were not only cheaper, but also offered a greater variety of topics. Since this world clearly divided all the professions and different sects , there has been many books recorded with information with regards to these topics. As a reincarnated person, reading was the best way to better understand the world.

The bookstore was always a crowded place in Fu town. Not only disciples, but sometimes masters would enter and buy books. Everyone was equal in the bookstore, if you find a good book, you can be considered lucky, but it was normal to find nothing. The bookstore was a place of relaxation.

The bookstore was made of stones. The interior was wooden and covered by fireproof FuZhou. There were all kinds of books on the tables,

Fu books and other precious books were stored in the bookcases.

There were many chairs in the lobby, people would sit there and read their books.

When 12th arrived at the bookstore, he walked straight towards the books. Luo Zhan and the other two Fu Warriors sat down and waited by the chairs. An old man saw Guo 12th and stepped forward immediately, he smiled and said, “12th, you have time to come by today?”

The old man was the owner of the bookstore, he had a broken arm, one blind eye, two scars on his face, and his smile was a little scary. He used to be a FuZhou Master, but after he got severely injured in combat, his Innate Fu got destroyed. He was lucky to be alive, but was later degraded back to FuZhou Knight. He couldn't use many Fu after having a broken arm, so he ended up opening a bookstore in Fu town.

Guo 12th knew him quite well, he smiled and said, “Grandpa An, good to see you. Are there any good books recently?”

The old man's last name was An, full name An Zheng Yan, it is said that he is a native from the south. He said with a smile, “12th, the old rule, look for them by yourself, but there was a new book written by Fu Qing who is a Fu Great Master, it was published by the inner court. He He, many people already bought it, you can also take a look.”

Guo 12th asked happily, “Where? Let me see.....”

An Zheng Yan took a book from the closet behind him. “Take a look, He

He, the price is not cheap.” He said.

“Insect Fu, Plant Fu? What is it?”

An Zheng Yan said, “Insect Fu and Plant Fu are strange Fu that can only be attained in the South Fu Sect, they are different from the North Fu Sect, it will be helpful if you know about them.”

Guo 12th nodded and asked, “How much?”

“47 Black Fu Bills.”

Guo 12th was shocked, “Wow, that is really expensive!”

An Zheng Yan smiled, “This is written by a Fu Great Master, it's not expensive at all.”

Guo 12th said with a bitter smile, “Grandpa An, it is expensive to a poor disciple like me.”

An Zheng Yan said, “Don't pretend to be poor, everyone knows that you are the disciple of a FuZhou Great Master. Oh yeah, according to the old rules, disciples have 20% off, you can pay 37 Black Fu Bills instead.”

Guo 12th took out his money bag and paid 37 Black Fu Bills, he was always willing to spend money on books, but of course he must act poor in order get lower prices.

12th handed the new book to Luo Zhan and then went back to searching for used books. The used books were cheap, which were his favorites. A dozen used books might only cost 1 Black Fu Bill and almost every visit 12th could buy a couple dozen.

Guo 12th selected a dozen used books and placed them next to him. He was looking at another book when the conversation of two people next to him grabbed his attention.

“Have you registered? The registration for going to Ye Guan City has started!”

“Not yet, I am still a disciple. Disciples are not qualified for the battles in Ye Guan City!”

“Who said that? Early spring battles will be very fierce. As disciples, we don't have to fight, we can watch from the side. He He, I have not seen any savages before. Let's go and see... If I kill a few, the sect will reward me. I registered yesterday...and I saw other disciples there.”

“Forget it, how much skill do you have as a disciple? Although you have Zhou Knight potential, you don't even that many one-time use Fu. Do you want to be eaten by the savages there?”

“I'm not going to the battlefield, how can I be eaten? I'm just going observe and learn. In case I get sent to Ye Guan City in the future when I am a Zhou Knight...If I know nothing then that would be awful...”

“...You are Zhou Knight potential, in the future...you will join the

battlefield...of course...I have Fu Knight potential...”

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They left the bookstore while talking, and their voices gradually disappeared. Guo 12th went over to An An Zheng Yand asked, “Grandpa An, what is Ye Guan City?”

“Ye Guan City? Why are you asking about it?”

Guo 12th said, “I just heard someone say that disciples can register to go to Ye Guan City. There are savages there, He He, I am a little curious.”

An Zheng Yan became serious, and said, “Ye Guan City is located on the northern tip, right next to the Savage Gate. It gets attacked by savages every spring, the most important mission for the North Fu Sect is to resist the savages' attacks. That place...is a bloodbath, many people from the North Fu Sect will die there.”

Guo 12th heard a bit about Ye Guan Cheng before, he did not seek to learn more about it since he was busy cultivating and studying. He nodded, “I see.”

An Zheng Yan asked, “Are you planning to go to Ye Guan City as well?”

Guo 12th was not that passionate, and he knew he did not have the power to defend himself so he said, “No, I was just curious.”

An Zheng Yan nodded, “Ye Guan City...is not a lucky place.”

Guo 12th organized the books he has chose, paid for them and got ready to leave.

“12th! 12th! Ah, it's so hard to find you!”

Huo Bao and Hong Shi rushed into the bookstore. Guo 12th said, “What happened?”

“Grandpa Luo is looking for you, he asked you to go to his estate.”

Guo 12th said, “Teacher is looking for me? Did he say why?”

Hong Shi said, “No, he only told you to bring us along with you. Chen Bing and Chen Hong are already waiting in the carriage and waiting for us to go together.”

Guo 12th nodded. He called over Luo Zhan and the two Fu Warriors to follow, then said good bye to An Zheng Yan.

Soon, they arrived at Luo Jie’s estate. Guo 12th was very familiar with his Teacher’s estate he knew all the Fu Warriors who guarded the gate outside. They went straight inside without any trouble.

Luo Jie was waiting inside, Guo 12th led his 4 teammates to salute, and said, “Teacher, I'm here.”

“12th, do you know there are disciples going to Ye Guan City?”

Guo 12th was surprised, “Yes, I just heard about it in the bookstore in Fu town.”

Luo Jie said, “I have already registered the five of you to go, Luo Zhan will go too.”

Guo 12th did not understand, “Teacher, I'm only 9 years old...am I too young to go there?” He didn't want to go at all. Staying in the inner court, he could concentrate on cultivation without any worries. 12th knew that it was miserable outside.

Luo Jie said, “I'm not telling you to engage in combat. I just want to you experience life and complete some simple missions, and if possible... observe the combat styles and get used to the brutal battles as soon as possible. You don't want to go?”

Guo 12th could not do anything but smile, how could he refuse? “When are we leaving?”