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Chapter 291: The Chaos After The Truth

The Crucible Transformation Deacon continued, "As for the matter regarding Ning Cheng and Ding Liang, we have investigated it thoroughly, and found that it was Ding Liang who had taken the initiative to challenge Ning Cheng. However, his strength in the end was inferior to Ning Cheng causing him to end up with extremely serious injuries. Ultimately resulting in Ding Liang committing suicide by his own initiative. Because it was not Ning Cheng who took the initiative to issue the challenge, and coupled with the fact that Ding Liang's cultivation was higher than Ning Cheng, as such Ning Cheng does not bear any responsibility for this matter....."

Once the verdict was announced, it suddenly caused an even bigger sensation. Some of the people couldn't help but suspect that the Deacon was lying. Ning Cheng's cultivation was not higher than Ding Liang? Moreover, can even defeat Ding Liang who was ranked within the top 40 in the Profound Core Realm Preliminaries? One had to know that these 100 cultivators, who passed through the preliminaries of the Profound Core Realm Group, could even be said to represent the strongest Profound Core Cultivators in the entire Tian Continent.

Although the others were feeling shocked regarding Ning Cheng's cultivation, but Ning Cheng himself was shocked for some other reason. Fortunately, it was not he who had taken the initiative to challenge Ding Liang, if he had taken the initiative to challenge Ding Liang then wouldn't it mean that even if he tried to explain things in a completely justified manner, he would still be punished?

As Ning Cheng thought about it, waves of discomfort raged around in his heart, ultimately his strength was not strong enough to have the final say among these people. He was well aware that the people here would not choose to hear reason; rather it was only the strong who had the right to speak about the law and order.

Ning Cheng was also aware that even if he did not feel comfortable about this, currently he had no right to speak here by virtue of his strength. But even then, with a belly full of discomfort, he couldn't help but sweep his gaze towards Jiang Jun, before he suddenly gave a smile and spoke out, "Jiang Jun, didn't you say something about me regretting my actions a few moments ago? However, I am still alive and well."

After he finished saying this, Ning Cheng did not have intentions to leave this place, rather he intended to return to the place where the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect was stationed.

"I also hope that you are able to live well, if you ended up dying early, I will be quite disappointed, because at that time I would not know as to how I would repay you....." Jiang Jun replied without any expression on his face, however only he was aware about the waves of anger bashing around in his heart.

Ning Cheng suddenly spoke up, "Jiang Jun, you still want to threaten me."

"Although you are not worthy enough for me to threaten you. But you can definitely think of my words as a threat." Jiang Jun replied with a completely disdain filled voice. How was a Profound Core ant worthy enough to receive a threat from him?

Ning Cheng simply gave a mysterious smile as he spoke up, "Well, I just happen to recall something that I said before, that I will let you know what a real threat feels like. If one issues a threat, they would still have to deal with the consequences before walking away."

Hearing Ning Cheng's tone, Jiang Jun couldn't help but have a very bad feeling in his heart. How could he not feel that both Ning Cheng's tone and expression was something very strange?

Ning Cheng simply ignored Jiang Jun, as he spoke in an extremely clear and loud voice, "Excuse me, is there anyone here who knows Tan Yushan, or has any good relations with Tan Yushan?"

Jiang Jun, on hearing Ning Cheng's words, immediately turned deathly pale. He was now sure that it was definitely Ning Cheng who had seen them, at this moment he was inexplicably absolutely sure that he had seen the entire process of him killing Tan Yushan.

"Humph, a Profound Core ant and still so arrogant. I am Tan Yushan's Elder Sister Tan Yun, do you think that you can get away easily after trying to provoke my Great Change Island."

A disdainful voice arrived, Ning Cheng then saw a woman standing not far away from Jiang Jun, and from her tone, Ning Cheng could easily make out that this woman was intending to help Jiang Jun.

Ning Cheng once again spoke up, but this time with a tinge of contempt in his words, "You're younger sister was killed by a particular person, and yet you still want to help defend that person with your words. Your Great Change Island's logic is strong indeed."

"You dare to bullshit about Yushan's death. Go to hell...." Jiang Jun spoke out, which was followed by him shooting out a shadowy blur that tore through the air and almost in an instant arrived in front of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng gave a sneer, although he was not an opponent against Crucible Transformation Cultivators, but this Jiang Jun, who was just at the Soul Essence 9th Level, still dared to be arrogant in front of him. It looks like this person likes fighting with talismans a lot, as the thing that he had shot out was a peak level Rank 6 Shadowless Arrow Talisman.

However, just as Ning Cheng was just about to take action, he instantly stopped, as he felt Yin Kongchan move. A pair of white gloves, almost instantaneously, appeared over Yin Kongchan's hands, before she immediately made a move to grab that Shadowless Arrow Talisman with her hands, causing the intense amount of killing intent to converge into nothingness in almost an instant.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Kongchan, why do you want to help this arrogant and shameless asshole?" Jiang Jun asked as he shot an unbelievable look at Yin Kongchan. He was confident that Yin Kongchan would support him, moreover combined with the fact that Yin Kongchan seldom spent time with other male cultivators, it meant that at least she did not have any antipathy towards him. Moreover, she had also accompanied him through a few dangerous paths, which replaced by any other male cultivator, would simply be something impossible.

Jiang Jun already had a furious hatred towards Ning Cheng before this, especially when he saw how Yin Kongchan responded to Ning Cheng's attitude back then.

"If such a thing did not happen, then even if others create a hype for it, it should not even create even half an impact on you." Yin Kongchan spoke calmly.

Jiang Jun, who a moment ago was completely overflowing with anger, instantly turned calm and spoke, "It is as Junior Apprentice Sister Kongchan said. It was because I unexpectedly had some ill-intentions towards this man that caused me to forget my manners."

At this moment, Jiang Jun had once again restored himself to his previous young noble demeanour, with a calm tone, without even showing half a shred of anger.

Ning Cheng gave a dark sigh in his heart as he thought; this person is indeed a good actor.

"Ning Cheng, why did you, for no reason at all, say that my sister was killed? My sister has already condensed her Life Essence, so you have to take responsibility for what you speak. You are just a puny Inner Sect Disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, so it would be better if you did not invoke too much hatred towards your own academy." Tan Yun spoke in a stern manner, although she did not have disdain in her voice like before, but she still was a bit unhappy.

Ning Cheng simply sneered and spoke, "Your sister has already been killed, and I have already informed you about it, whether you believe it or not, it is none of my concern, moreover I do not have any obligation as to make you believe in me."

Tan Yun no longer paid any attention to Ning Cheng, she suddenly slapped her forehead, forcing out a drop of essence blood, while at the same time sent out numerous hand seal towards the drop of essence blood. After a few moments, her face suddenly changed as she roared, "Something really happened to Yushan. Who did it? Who was it?"

With the almost hysterical words of Tan Yun, several cultivators with powerful imposing auras descended to the side of Tan Yun. A black faced cultivator, seemingly unable to believe what was going on, cautiously asked, "What really happened to Junior Sister Yushan?"

Tan Yun had a very pale face, as she spoke word by word, "Yes, something truly happened to my sister, regardless of who killed my sister, I will draw out his soul and refine it. Jiang Jun, what the hell is going on? Why does it seem that Yushan ended up in a mishap?"

Originally, because of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Crucible Transformation Cultivators had come over, plus the Deacon who investigated Ning Cheng declaring that there was nothing wrong in the matter in which Ning Cheng had killed the Red Star Sword Faction's Ding Liang, many people were already on the verge of leaving. However, none of them expected that news about the death of Tan Yushan of the Great Change Island would suddenly emerge here; it once again aroused the curiosity of the people all around in order to know the results of what would happen now.

The Great Change Island was also one of the academies ranked in the top ten of the Tian Continent; as such, it was not an existence that anyone could bully.

However, Jiang Jun suddenly spurt out a mouthful of blood, with his eyes going completely bloodshot, as he roared, "Who was it, who dared to kill my Yushan. If I Jiang Jun did not tear that bastard apart, then I Jiang Jun cannot be called as a human. Yushan, I will take revenge for you."

"Ning Cheng, I had initially thought that you were spewing nonsense, but did not expect that your words would unexpectedly turn out to be true, you better speak up. Who in the end laid their hands on my Yushan? If you can say it, then it would help me avenge Yushan, for that I am even willing to become

your cow or horse, and even willingly.....” Jiang Jun did not even erase the trail of blood from his mouth, as he shouted like a dying convict on death row.

Jiang Jun was giving off an extremely sad and miserable feeling, even the onlookers were feeling a bit of compassion in their hearts towards him as they thought that this person simply had too deep of feelings towards Tan Yushan, to end up causing him this intense pain.

Before listening to Ning Cheng’s words, although Tan Yun had some suspicions towards Jiang Jun, but she was unable to determine the authenticity of them as such she couldn’t help but focus her attention entirely on Ning Cheng. Moreover, there seemed to exist some past enmity between Ning Cheng and Jiang Jun, as such splashing dirty water onto Jiang Jun in such a situation could also be considered as normal.

“Ning Cheng, if you are indeed telling the truth, then I promise you that no one here would dare to make a move on you. Although my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is not counted amongst the top ten academies, but it is not an existence that would let others bully us.” Seeing the several Crucible Transformation Cultivators from the Great Change Island stare at Ning Cheng, with anxiety written on their faces, Elder Bei suddenly took the initiative to smooth things out a bit.

Even the Deacons from the Heavenly Dao Academy and other major academies, at this moment were attentively focussing on Ning Cheng. This matter was not at all small to them; the Great Change Island and Rainbow Fall Sword Sect were seemingly on the verge of breaking into a fight, with the Red Star Sword Faction in the centre of it. If such a thing were allowed to happen, it would only lead to the complete destruction of the Great Meet of the Academies. Moreover, none of these three academies was something to be trifled with.

Ning Cheng suddenly gave a sigh and spoke, “Jiang Jun, I really thought that you were quite a good actor, but it looks like I was wrong, however it would be a huge loss if you did not take home the Best Actor Award.”

“Ning Cheng, in order to help avenge Yushan, you can say whatever you want and I will endure it without a word, but please tell me, in the end who harmed Yushan. Please tell me, please.....” The only thing missing from the act was Jiang Jun bleeding tears of blood; however, his extremely sad expression caused many people to sympathise with him.

“If I said that I will not say it.....” As Ning Cheng’s words came out, it caused innumerable amount of killing forces to envelop him, as if they wanted to tear apart Ning Cheng into a million pieces.

“You’re courting death.....” Whether it was the Great Change Island or the Red Star Sword Faction’s Crucible Transformation Cultivators, all of their killing forces swarmed towards Ning Cheng’s side. Ning Cheng only had Elder Bei and Deputy Academy Head Tantei Fei by his side, causing them to be dwarfed.

“If you don’t say it today, I will make you die the most miserable of deaths possible.....” Tan Yun’s entire body was overflowing with murderous aura, and seemed as if she would turn into a lioness at any moment and swallow Ning Cheng.

However, Ning Cheng still gave a disdainful glance at Tan Yun and spoke, “If it was not for me feeling sorry for Tan Yushan, I would have actually demanded at least a billion spirit stones from you for this.”

Saying that, Ning Cheng no longer paid any attention to Tan Yun, before he turned towards the others and spoke, "Friends, although I will not say who the one responsible for it was, rather I would just let everyone see who did it."

As Ning Cheng finished his words, Ning Cheng threw out a crystal ball, the crystal ball in just a blink of an eye transformed into a huge crystal array formation screen...

On the crystal array formation screen, the battle between Jiang Jun and Tan Yushan was shown in a clear manner, one could even see the expressions on their faces with their naked eyes.

"Jiang Jun, you son-of-a-bitch, I Tan Yushan was truly blind to even take a fancy to someone like you, you are worse than even pigs and dogs. I finally understand how my master died...." Tan Yushan's words immediately let all the others present there to finally realize as to who was the person responsible for all this.

Tan Yun gave an extremely enraged shout, "Beast, Yushan even dug out her heart and soul for you, and you still killed Yushan... Even killed Yushan's master, I'm going to rip your soul out..."

Tan Yun's face, at present, was streaked with tears. While she had already pounced towards Jiang Jun as she spoke. The Red Star Sword Faction's two Crucible Transformation Cultivators hurriedly stepped forward to the front; however, the Great Change Island's Crucible Transformation Cultivators were also not to be underestimated, as they immediately brought out their magical weapons as they sensed that a great battle was something unavoidable at this point.

"It was not me, it certainly was not me. This crystal ball is false....." Jiang Jun's face no longer had that sadness from before, only endless panic.

However, no one present there heeded the words of Jiang Jun, even a fool knew that the images imprinted on the crystal ball couldn't be faked. At this moment, all the people were only concerned about that great battle that was about to erupt, the Great Change Island and the Red Star Sword Faction were counted among the top ten major academies. Once the battle between them finally erupts, it would truly be earth shattering.

Some of the cultivators with weaker cultivations immediately chose to retreat from that place as fast as possible, as they knew that once the battle started, they would not even have the opportunity to retreat at all.

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Chapter 292: The Formidable Dao Master

"Stop....." A calm voice descended, which completely crushed the powerful auras of all the Crucible Transformation Cultivators present there.

Whether it was the Red Star Sword Faction's or the Great Change Island's Crucible Transformation Cultivators, because this of this extremely overwhelming aura, immediately ceased activating their magical weapons. However, this aura made a deep impression on Ning Cheng; he felt that as long as he even dared to violate the intent behind this aura, the next moment, the aura itself would crush him into nothingness.

As for Tan Yun, who had the cultivation of the Soul Sculpting Realm, even if she chose not to listen to those words, she herself was completely sealed up without even being able to lift a finger. Nevertheless, at this moment, even if she wished to make a move, her body simply would not listen to her commands.

Ning Cheng was extremely shocked in his heart, such a tyrannical cultivation; the level of this kind of cultivation absolutely had surpassed the Crucible Transformation Realm. According to what he had heard from Liang Kexin, the Tian Continent's the cultivators above the Crucible Transformation Realm have not passed through the Thunder Tribulation, however once they did surpass it, their strength would simply be extremely terrifying.

Ning Cheng had been feeling the sense of superiority towards others because of his explosive increase in strength after he obtained that piece of broken crystal like stone that had allowed him to quickly reach the late stages of the Profound Core Realm. However, after sensing that kind of incredible power, all his feelings of superiority disappeared without leaving even a shadow of a trace behind. Previously, he had compared his Profound Core Realm strength to the strength of the Soul Essence Realm; moreover, he was also not much concerned about that sickly looking Crucible Transformation Elder from the Red Star Sword Faction. As he knew that even if the sickly looking man dared to lay his hands on him in this kind of place, then he would have to first take into account the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect.

However, at this moment, in the presence of such a terrifying entity, if they ended up deciding to kill him, then even if Elder Bei decided to go all out, he would not be able to stop Ning Cheng's death.

"The Heavenly Dao Academy's Dao Master Xiao Bisheng has arrived..." The surrounding cultivator's whisperings were caught by Ning Cheng's keen senses; it was only at this moment that Ning Cheng realized that the cultivator that had arrived was the Heavenly Dao Academy's Dao Master.

After the surroundings turned completely quite, a person wearing a long blue green robe descended in the midst of everyone. But what made Ning Cheng feel a ridiculous amount of amazement, was that this person unexpectedly looked like a young man almost similar in age to himself. Although he physically looked the same age as himself, but as he stood there, causing the imposing aura around him to disperse into the surroundings, it gave others the feeling that he was in complete control of everything between the heaven and earth.

The blue green robed man, after descending looked in all four directions, before he cupped his fists in front of him and spoke, "Fellow friends. Since you all have come to my Heavenly Dao Public Square, then you all are my guests. Regardless of if there is any gratitude or grudges between you all, I cannot allow, in good faith, to settle them within my Heavenly Dao Public Square. What's more, aren't we also hosting the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies in this location? I hope that all of us here can give some face to the rest of the academies who came to participate here, or at the very least give some face to my Heavenly Dao Academy, if you can manage to do this, then I Xiao Bisheng would definitely give my sincerest thanks to you all."

"Of course, if you really wish to do whatever you like on my Heavenly Dao Public Square, then my Heavenly Dao Academy will not sit idly on the sidelines."

Although the Dao Master of this Heavenly Dao Academy spoke in a very polite manner, but it also revealed a sharp edge. The meaning behind those words was that if anybody dared to cause any sort of

trouble in the Heavenly Dao Public Square, then he simply won't bother to ask for the reason, and would directly make a move to deal with it.

"Dao Master Xiao, my younger sister was schemed against and killed by this beast, how can I not want to get revenge for this?" Tan Yun finally freed of her restraints, stood out and spoke with incomparable indignation in her words.

Xiao Bisheng sighed before he spoke, "I know that your younger sister was murdered, causing all the people here to feel distraught. It is just that the Heavenly Dao Public Square follows the rules of the Heavenly Dao Public Square, while the Great Meet of the Academies will follow the rules of the Great Meet of the Academies. Jiang Jun, although his behaviour is in line with a lowly beast, however he is still a cultivator participating in the Great Meet of the Academies who has passed through the preliminaries for the Soul Essence Realm Group. At least till the Great Meet of the Academies is concluded, no person here shall, for any reason, take the initiative to lay their hands on him, unless of course he himself has taken the initiative to battle it out with you."

"I understand, after all that is said and done. It seems that we'll have to just suffer through this because my Great Change Island does not have an apex level expert among us. In the future, once my cultivation surpasses the Crucible Transformation Realm, then regardless of any rules or laws, I will kill this bastard." Tan Yun spoke in a cold yet extremely tranquil manner; unexpectedly she did not continue to look for Jiang Jun to punish.

Xiao Bisheng gave a proud smile, "This custom is not something that my Heavenly Dao Academy alone has established, but rather something agreed upon by all the academies of the Tian Continent, moreover your Great Change Island is also one of them who agreed to it. Of course, if someday your cultivation is powerful enough to crush through all the academies of the Tian Continent, then you can definitely choose to set your own rules."

Jiang Jun, at this moment, did not have the expression of grief and indignation that he had from before, rather he just coldly gave a glance towards Ning Cheng. Moreover, his eyes clearly had a completely naked killing intent towards Ning Cheng, as was observed by all the people present there.

However, Ning Cheng simply had a calm smile on his face, as if he simply did not care about all this crass. Although he was afraid of the fearsome cultivation of someone above the Crucible Transformation Realm, however against someone like Jiang Jun, who only had the cultivation of Soul Essence Realm, he simply did not care much about it. Since he did not fear Jiang Jun at the present, combined with his belief that he would only grow stronger from now on, he knew that he would only grow stronger than Jiang Jun. Moreover, this kind of self-confidence was something that came from the depths of his heart.

"Everyone please return to your own stations, and once again begin preparing for the upcoming events of the Great Meet of the Academies." Xiao Bisheng spoke out, before his entire body turned blurry, before he soon disappeared.

The cultivators present on the public square also started to disperse in waves, not because Xiao Bisheng left, but rather all of them instinctively chose to disperse.

Ning Cheng also bowed to Elder Bei and spoke, "Many thanks to Elder Bei for helping me out once again, otherwise that sickly man would not have let me off."

Elder Bei just gave a laugh, “Ning Cheng you truly are something alright, handling this matter just the way I like. I guess that the Red Star Sword Faction truly had to swallow the pile of manure with the flies intact this time. Oh right, let me make the introductions for you, this is my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Deputy Academy Head Tantei.....”

Elder Bei did not forget to help Ning Cheng in introducing him to Tantei Fei, although Ning Cheng had stolen the show during the last assignment from the academy, he still did not have the qualifications to meet the Deputy Academy Head.

Ning Cheng had already vaguely guessed that the old man beside Elder Bei was a Deputy Academy Head, and now that Elder Bei had taken the initiative to introduce him, he also quickly gave a respectful salute and spoke, “Ning Cheng greets Deputy Academy Tantei.”

Tantei Fei gave a warm smile and a gentle nod before he spoke, “Good, the Academy Head will be returning to the station tonight, you first go and accompany those two fairies for a chat, before returning to the station in the evening to discuss a few important things.”

Ning Cheng looked at the place where both Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were standing, and spoke up in a somewhat helpless manner, “Yes, this disciple will certainly be back by evening.”

“Haha, it wouldn’t matter much even if you came back late at night or not show up at all too, just go ahead and have some fun. If you find yourself in trouble, then just crush this jade talisman.” Elder Bei gave a mischievous sort of smile, before he took out a jade talisman and handed it to Ning Cheng, before he directly pulled away Deputy Academy Head Tantei, and soon disappeared from view.

“We can go and have a cup of coffee now.” Yin Kongchan’s tone was still calm and tranquil without any waves, and spoke as if she had known Ning Cheng for a long time, as she asked him to accompany her for a cup of coffee.

Ning Cheng also spoke up in a somewhat annoyed manner, “There are not a lot of coffee shops out here. Look, only because you helped me out in dealing with a talisman, I’ll take you out for a cup of spiritual tea. Sigh, it’s just too much of a headache.”

Having said that, Ning Cheng looked at Xu Yingdei standing on her other side and spoke, “You can also come together, once all the matters are resolved between us, please leave me alone and don’t follow me around like a stalker.”

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Ning Cheng was currently full of worry as he walked down the streets of the Heavenly Dao Public Square, as he passed by several rest stops and spiritual tea shops, as if he simply did not care about them. Behind him, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were following him like shadows without speaking, while also not reminding Ning Cheng that he had already crossed several rest stops and spiritual tea shops.

Seeing two outstandingly beautiful female cultivators following behind Ning Cheng, moreover two female cultivators with extraordinary backgrounds to boot, coupled with Ning Cheng, caused the three people to quickly become the centre of attention on the streets. Causing many people to point at them and pass whispers amongst themselves.

Yin Kongchan behaved as if these discussions were simply something ordinary, even Xu Yingdei's face was calm, without even a hint of surprise.

However, only Ning Cheng had his mind wandering around, as he thought of other things.

Only after a good long while, Ning Cheng sobered up, sensing many eyes staring in their direction, he immediately knew that all of his actions were being carefully recorded and scrutinized. Causing him to hasten in finding a way out of this predicament between the three of them. At this time, he unexpectedly saw a somewhat familiar name.

"Hey, this place even has Starbucks?" Ning Cheng stared at the words in front of him with wide eyes, as his thoughts once again travelled back to a very faraway place.

"Do you come to this place frequently?" Xu Yingdei interrupted Ning Cheng's thoughts.

Ning Cheng walked into the rest stop, before he shook his head and spoke, "No, a long time ago, when I was still in school, I saw a coffee shop and it had a similar name."

The waiter in the rest stop, seeing the Ning Cheng trio enter, did not ask anything before he took the initiative to usher the three of them towards a quiet booth upstairs. Although the waiter did not know the identities of the three of them, but his intuition told him that these three people were definitely not simple.

"You said something about drinking coffee, is this place that coffee shop?" Yin Kongchan asked.

Ning Cheng gave a sigh before speaking, "I've never been to a coffee shop before as the prices are simply too high. I just used to buy some of the cheapest ones in the market, before coming back home and washing it down with some hot water."

"With your net worth, what coffee can you not drink?" Xu Yingdei suddenly spoke up.

"My hometown deals in paper money, not in spirit stones, can't you understand? If you understand then stop talking nonsense." Ning Cheng's mood suddenly became worse.

"Is your hometown far away?" Yin Kongchan still pressed on.

Ning Cheng frowned, before he waved his hand and spoke, "We're here to not talk nonsense, everyone into the booth now. Just directly say what you want to say, and be done with it once and for all, before we can then each go our separate ways."

Saying that, Ning Cheng took the initiative to enter the booth first. As for the waiter, after he brought a pot of spiritual tea, he also carefully backed out from the booth.

Ning Cheng raised his hands and shot out several restrictions, before he spoke up, "Just say what you want directly, otherwise you will just follow me around wherever I go. Don't you know that it only makes me feel that I don't have even a shred of privacy anymore?"

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At this time, in the temporary meeting hall where the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect was stationed at, it was currently filled with lots of cultivators. Other than a few Crucible Transformation Cultivators, there were

even many Sea Opening Cultivators, coupled with two Soul Essence Cultivators, and three Profound Core Cultivators standing in the middle of them.

Sitting at the seat of honour was a middle aged man wearing an impeccable and pure white robe, with a profound look in his eyes; it was as if there could be no secret that would remain hidden from them. This was none other than the Academy Head of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect who had just returned to the station, Rui Baishan.

“Zhang Qian, please explain the situation in detail once again.” The Academy Head looked at the Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator standing in front of him from top to bottom as he spoke.

The Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator immediately came forward and carefully spoke, “Yes, headmaster. At that time, I had gone to the Cultivator Exchange Hall, and had prepared ten drops of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar for the exchange.....”

Zhang Qian spoke with every detail that he could describe; even the words spoken by Ning Cheng before he entered the battle ring, he repeated them in almost the same manner.

“You mean to say that once Ning Cheng entered the battle ring, then all you saw were a few flashes, as he easily dodged Ding Liang’s Cloud Isolating Claw Shadows, before he shot out a long spear, which ultimately led to the death of Ding Liang?” Rui Baishan’s tone became somewhat stern.

“Yes, this disciple does not dare to lie at all. Senior Apprentice Brother Ning’s cultivation is definitely a lot higher than mine; as such this disciple is ashamed that I could not speak out Senior Apprentice Brother Ning’s movements in a clear cut manner.” Zhang Qian replied in the most respectful manner that he could reply.

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Chapter 293: The Incomparably Precious Mirage Tree

Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Headmaster Rui Baishan gave a nod, before he turned to the rest of the people and spoke, “If Ning Cheng really has such powerful strength, then not letting him participate would be a huge error.....”

“Headmaster, although our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect did not have a good result in the preliminary round of the Profound Core Realm, but there are still two among them who are ranked within the top hundred in the preliminary round. In accordance to the rules of the tournament, although Ning Cheng can be allowed in, but he would have to replace one of the two people qualified to participate in the finals of the tournament.” A Crucible Transformation Elder immediately spoke up.

“But then, it would be tantamount to taking away one of the hard earned spots by that disciple in the future, which would also be unfair to them. Moreover, this Ning Cheng himself does not seem to be very willing to participate in this tournament, if he was willing to participate in it, then he would have signed up for it long back.” Deputy Headmaster Tantei Fei spoke up.

Sitting beside Tantei Fei was a middle aged woman, who gave a snort before speaking up, “Ning Cheng has already brought so many problems to our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, as such letting him represent our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect in the Tournament for the Profound Core Realm, if it was not regarded as him being awarded extra grace, then what was it?”

Elder Bei had not spoken until now, but when he heard this woman's words, he immediately felt unhappy with it and retorted back, "Ning Cheng has also helped our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect plenty enough, where is the trouble you said that he brought? Besides, in our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, disciple participation is voluntary. However, I also agree with the words spoken by Senior Apprentice Brother Tantei a moment ago, even if Ning Cheng was willing to participate, it would be unfair to the other two disciples who entered the finals with great difficulty."

Rui Baishan raised his hand, causing the female cultivator to immediately stop what she was about to say, before he spoke, "Deputy Headmaster Tantei's words and Elder Bei's words does have some truth in them, although my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect might not be able to get into the top ten academies this time, but as a Sword Sect, that emphasizes on cultivating the righteous Sword Qi, we cannot force disciples into doing things that they are unwilling to take up....."

"Headmaster, all the Elders present here, Disciple Xian Caixue is willing to step down from the finals, and give my spot to Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng." At this moment, a Profound Core Female Cultivator amongst them took the initiative to step down, as she came forward and spoke with a bow.

The male cultivator, who was standing by her side, seeing the female cultivator come forward, also rushed up and spoke, "Disciple Liang Shi is also willing to trade places with Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng....."

Rui Baishan nodded and spoke, "Xian Caixue is ranked 81st, and Liang Shi at 92nd. But since it was Xian Caixue who took the initiative to stand out first, then the spot of Xian Caixue would be given to Ning Cheng. If Ning Cheng can break into the top ten within the Profound Core Realm, it would truly bring a huge blessing towards our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. Since Xian Caixue has given up her spot, the academy will also certainly provide her with appropriate compensation. After Ning Cheng comes back, we will once again discuss this matter with Ning Cheng, if Ning Cheng still does not wish to participate. Then it will also not be enforced from our end."

"Many thanks, Headmaster. Many thanks elders." Xian Caixue hastily thanked them with another deep bow. It was not that she hated giving up her spot to others, but rather she was well aware of her own strength, and was aware that it would be extremely difficult for her to even enter the top 50, let alone the top 10. Just going through the preliminaries required her to completely use up her full strength.

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"The matter that I want to speak about is something private. Is it possible that we could speak alone?" Xu Yingdei looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, without caring about what Yin Kongchan thought.

However, Yin Kongchan also replied immediately, "I also have a few things that are quite private to discuss with you, however for that you will have to spend some time alone with me."

Ning Cheng simply sneered and spoke, "There is nothing private to discuss about me, even if you want to immediately have sex with me you will have to speak up about it right now. If you do not want to speak about it, then just go out and do whatever you want. Just don't send some elder to annoy my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect later."

Xu Yingdei on sensing the resoluteness behind Ning Cheng's tone knew that there was no room for manoeuvre, as she decided to finally speak up, "If that is the case, then I will state it out directly. Me

wanting to become Dao Companions with you is not to deceive you, rather it is because I truly want to become Dao Companions with you. You can rest assured, that even if I succeeded in severing my emotions towards you, there would never be a second man in my life.”

Ning Cheng’s expression did not even fluctuate a tiny bit because of Xu Yingdei’s words, as he spoke out in a calm voice, “Bring out the reason in doing so.”

“You may think of it as love at first sight, when I was trapped in the Ice House, I saw how you carried yourself and dealt with that Life Essence in the ancient immortal cave. Seeing that, it left quite a deep impression on my heart, you can even say that I fell in love with you at that moment. Moreover, in my entire life until now, only you were able to succeed in making such a deep impression on me, as such it meets all the requirements of falling in love with you. Moreover, my Severing Emotions Dao Sect also does not wish to look for random people to fall in love with. Of course, I do have another reason for doing such a thing.....”

Ning Cheng once again sneered and spoke, “No matter how many times you say it, it all boils down to what you want, just because you want it, doesn’t it? What are the advantages for me? Moreover, is it that important for me to be in love with you? Xu Yingdei, you truly are an ethereal beauty, but if you think that you can make me do such things just because of your peerless beauty, then please forgive me for not going along with you.”

Xu Yingdei’s face also did not show even half a change in her expression, as she still spoke in a calm voice, “If I am not able to sever my emotions, then I will spend the rest of my life with you.”

Ning Cheng simply shook his head as he replied, “Such a thing happening is quite rare, isn’t it?”

Finished speaking to her, Ning Cheng then turned towards Yin Kongchan and spoke, “It’s your turn now.”

“Wait.” Xu Yingdei once again spoke up, “I have another reason, which is I guess that you possess a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree. A Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree is something very important to me, because of which I just want to ask you to give me just a small branch of it.”

Ning Cheng’s complexion immediately sank, although he did not ask Xu Yingdei, but in his mind he was wondering how Xu Yingdei knew that he had a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree in his possession. Or was this the real purpose of Xu Yingdei, what good impressions, wasn’t this any different from swindling others in the name of love.

Xu Yingdei seemed to know what kind of thoughts were going on in Ning Cheng’s mind, as such took the initiative to speak up, “The Mirage Ship Island had appeared once again, and it was from there that I was able to obtain the news, that a Nine- Coloured Mirage Tree was poached from the Mirage Ship Island. A Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree is countless times more precious than a Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone. No amount of true essence could be used to dig it out. Rather, the stronger the true essence one has, the more solid the Mirage Tree would become. Theoretically, even if it were a Crucible Transformation Cultivator, even they would not be able to poach a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree from the Mirage Ship Island. Although, I don’t know if my guess is right or not, but I reckon that the poached Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree is very likely to be on you.”

Ning Cheng on hearing till here had a complete change in his expressions, the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree that he had thrown into his miniature world, had completely withered up long ago. He had initially

thought that it was simply not worth anything at all, but from the tone of Xu Yingdei's words, didn't it imply that the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree was incomparably precious? Doesn't that mean...

"You have a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree?" Yin Kongchan stood up in shock, she finally understood why Xu Yingdei was showing this much affection towards Ning Cheng. Even if she weren't able to completely sever her emotions, once she really became Dao Companions with Ning Cheng, coupled with the fact that Ning Cheng possessed the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, she would definitely not miss anything. It seems that the Severing Emotions Dao Sect has truly calculated through many things.

By comparison, the Floating Snow Palace simply looked like it did nothing at all, the reason she had come looking for Ning Cheng to marry him, was entirely out of her personal behaviour and machinations, and however it was definitely not because she truly liked Ning Cheng.

"If this matter was known to anybody else, then I would not have been the one to come here today. Ning Cheng you should know that the matter regarding the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, there are less than 20 people who are aware of this including my Severing Emotions Dao Sect. If you had appeared in the Heavenly Dao Public Square, a month later from now when the Great Meet of the Academies ended, there would have been more than a million people wanting to send you to your death." Xu Yingdei replied in a calm and tranquil manner.

Ning Cheng remained silent, he did not admit that he did have a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree with him; rather he simply would not be able to admit to it. However, he was aware that he was in big trouble because of this matter, whether he really admitted to it or not. If the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree was really as precious as Xu Yingdei had made it out to be, stating that it was countless times even more precious than the Mirage Stones from it, then him trying to sell of the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar in order to reduce the amount of trouble coming his way, was something akin to a complete joke.

However, he was also aware that Xu Yingdei had at least spoken one true sentence, which is a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree would not be able to be poached easily no matter how much true essence was used. He had used the Power of Hope to dig out the Mirage Tree, however didn't the tree still wither up in the end? Moreover, from the expression on the face of Yin Kongchan, Ning Cheng could also make out that a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree was definitely not something simple.

Yin Kongchan and he finally were able to realize it now, as both of them had the same identical set of expressions on their faces, as both of them were equally surprised regarding the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, especially because one of them truly knew that the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree was something truly amazing.

However, Yin Kongchan's face once again returned to its previous tranquillity, before she sighed and spoke, "There is only one Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree in this world; moreover it is something that would only appear in the inner reaches of the Mirage Island. Ning Cheng, if you really do have the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree on you, then the trouble coming your way would not be small at all. No one would be willing to let go of the Mirage Tree, even if you have a huge amount of wealth, in front of the Mirage Tree, it is all illusory."

Ning Cheng on hearing those words, instead showed a faint smile, "I will admit that I was able to visit the Mirage Ship Island, and have also seen the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, however I have definitely

seen more than one tree. Not only were there more than one, there were in fact many, as such how can you say that they are so valuable? Did the two of your groups think that you can jerk me around?”

Xu Yingdei on hearing Ning Cheng’s words, immediately realized that the information that the Severing Emotions Dao Sect had obtained did not have any mistake in it. Since Ning Cheng had admitted that he had gone to the Mirage Ship Island, then it was highly possible that he truly possessed the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree. She looked at Ning Cheng with her pair of clear water like eyes, before she spoke, “You are wrong in this regard, there is indeed only one Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree in the world. The other Nine-Coloured Mirage Trees that you saw were all illusory, only one among them is real. Don’t you know what a ‘Mirage’ is? It is something ethereal and unreal, an existence that be seen with the naked eye but doesn’t actually exists. Even if you have seen it, it might just be fake in the end, which is what a mirage actually is.”

Ning Cheng sneered, “Even if I did dig out a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, it wouldn’t necessarily mean that I do possess that kind of good luck? How can you be so sure that I dug out the real Mirage Tree?”

“Because, it truly doesn’t matter which Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree you dug out, as long as you were able to dig it out, then it is the real one. While the remaining Mirage Trees would degrade into Eight-Coloured Mirage Trees in one year. Moreover the next time the Mirage Island appears, the highest grade of Mirage Stones that would be available on that island would be the Eight-Coloured ones. Next year, it would be only Seven-Coloured Mirage Stones, and so on, until the Mirage Island ceased to appear in this part of the world.” Xu Yingdei eyes were clear, just like an open and distinct black and white landscape painting, which made people to not show even a shred of doubt towards her words.

“Moreover, even if you obtained many Nine-Coloured Mirage Stones from the Mirage Ship Island, all of them would also eventually turn into nine stones, not one less or one more.....” Xu Yingdei spoke as she stared at Ning Cheng, as if expecting a flower would start blooming on his face.

Ning Cheng was completely surprised on hearing her words and quickly pulled out a pile of jade boxes, before he started opening each of the jade boxes one by one. Since these two women already knew that he was in possession of the Mirage Tree then it proved that there were other people who also knew about it, as such what good would it do to him to hide the Mirage Stones? Compared to the danger brought by the Mirage Tree, the Mirage Stones were simply nothing.

Ning Cheng, altogether had obtained 18 Nine-Coloured Mirage Stones, and had given one to Liang Kexin; as such, he should currently have 17 Nine-Coloured Mirage Stones in his possession. However, now that he had opened up the 17 jade boxes one by one, Ning Cheng discovered that out of the 17 jade boxes, only eight of them contained the Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone, while the rest of the boxes were empty. Seeing this he couldn’t help but suddenly freeze up.

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Chapter 294: Cooperation

Ning Cheng had the look of disbelief plastered all over his face as he looked at the nine empty boxes in front of him, if he had not known that nobody other than him had touched his ring, he would have definitely thought that they were stolen away.

Although Ning Cheng was stunned with the things in front of him, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were also equally stunned, as they thought just who in the world is this man, to be able to procure these many Nine-Coloured Mirage Stones. Both of them were smart women, as such they instantly understood from this that Ning Cheng had not only dug out the Mirage Tree, but had also obtained 18 Nine-Coloured Mirage Stones, only now the 9 unreal Mirage Stones have dissipated.

“It unexpectedly turned out to be real, however wouldn’t it mean that if I gave a person a Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone that Mirage Stone would also automatically disappear?” Ning Cheng immediately asked about what he was thinking.

Xu Yingdei spoke in a slow pace, “A Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone is something extremely rare, even if someone managed to obtain it before, they would never store it, and would generally use it all up. If it was not used, then I’m afraid that the Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone would also disappear just like the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree disappearing from the Mirage Island.”

Ning Cheng put away the Mirage Stones, while his face was a bit ugly to look at. The two women in front of him already were aware that he possessed the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree; as such, it was only a matter of time that this news would leak out to the rest of the world. At that time, even the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect would not be able to provide an asylum for him, then again, once they get to know that he possessed the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, would the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect bother to shelter someone like him?

Fortunately, he was able to meet up these two women here, otherwise, even if he did not put away the Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone that he had taken out in the ancient immortal cave, eventually it would be exposed anyway, at that moment he wouldn’t even know how he ended up dying.

“If you really have the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, if such an incident happened after this Great Meet concludes, you certainly would not be able to go back to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. However, since the Great Meet of the Academies is currently underway, as such there will be no one focussing on this. Moreover, because of this, you can also be assured that, the news of the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree has also not been completely compromised; as such, you still have the chance to get away. Of course, the prerequisite for that is that we should not speak about this matter.” Xu Yingdei finished in a light tone, as she swept her glance towards Yin Kongchan.

Yin Kongchan still spoke in a plain yet tranquil manner, “I at least am not like a person from a certain academy, who wants to use someone to sever their emotions. If I fell in love with a man, then I will definitely not sever my emotions for him. I will not only live for him but also die for him.”

“So to speak, your feelings towards Ning Cheng are true? Because of which you let the Floating Snow Palace ask for Ning Cheng’s hand in marriage?” Although Xu Yingdei did not even have half a shred of sarcasm in her voice, but Yin Kongchan was still able to feel a sarcastic undertone in her words.

Ning Cheng was no longer in the mood to ask Yin Kongchan as to why she wanted to be with him, the only thoughts that he had, was on how to leave the Heavenly Dao Public Square, and then escape as far away as possible.

“If you want to escape, then I can come with you.” As if Yin Kongchan was able to hear Ning Cheng’s thoughts, she suddenly spoke up.

Ning Cheng reeled in his thoughts, as he looked Yin Kongchan with puzzle written all over his face, "You really want to marry me?"

Yin Kongchan simply shook her head and spoke, "I don't really want to marry you, but of course, if you want me to marry you, then I could marry you. However, I will not enter into Dual Cultivation with you....."

Ning Cheng sneered and spoke, "Raising a hen only for laying eggs, since you won't enter into Dual Cultivation with me, so what would I come back to after marrying you? Just because you look beautiful, doesn't mean that my only purpose just to be raised by you?"

Yin Kongchan simply did not care about Ning Cheng's words, as she still spoke, "I had originally wanted my academy to propose a marriage with you because I had originally wanted you to give me something. Now that I have met with you in person, I know that it is something out of question, so I decided to conduct a business with you."

"What do you want?" Ning Cheng, currently was in a bad mood, as such even his voice was a bit higher in volume than usual while being completely blunt. He simply did not have the same amount of patience as shown by Xu Yingde and Yin Kongchan.

"The Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds." Yin Kongchan stated as she directly looked into Ning Cheng's eyes. She wanted to see if Ning Cheng would tell the truth or lie.

Ning Cheng, however, spoke with disdain, "One of you want my Mirage Tree, while the other wants my Twin Wings. To tell you the truth, I do have all those things, but unfortunately, I don't want to take them out anymore. If you want to rob it from me then come straight up, however I definitely am not someone easy."

"So you really have the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds....." Yin Kongchan heaved a sigh of relief, as she spoke up in a calm voice once again, "Since I have spoken about it, then I will definitely not rob you."

"You should have attended the Heavenly Stars Auction....."

Yin Kongchan's words were immediately interrupted by Ning Cheng, "You don't have to state something that others already know, especially since I sold a lot of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to the Heavenly Stars Auction House. Even idiots would be able to figure it out."

Yin Kongchan seemed to have not heard the ridiculing manner in which Ning Cheng spoke, as she replied, "I'm not talking about the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, but the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence....."

"So it was originally bought by you....." Ning Cheng instantly understood that when he was competing for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence's jade strip, a female cultivator had suddenly emerged out of nowhere, and purchased the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence's jade strip.

Although the Heavenly Stars Auction House would not disclose any news of their customers, but with the strength of the Floating Snow Palace, forcing the Heavenly Stars Auction House to reveal a bit of information of a solitary person without any background was too simple. So for Yin Kongchan to know about him from the Heavenly Stars Auction would not be too farfetched of a thing. Before, Yin Kongchan

had not known that he was Ning Cheng, but when he ended up exposing his stash of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, everything was made clear to her.

Ning Cheng had already understood that these two women already had their own plans; as such, he forced himself to calm down. He definitely wanted the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence jade strip, but at the same time, he also wanted to leave the Heavenly Dao Public Square, before escaping to a faraway place. If such a thing were not possible, then he would have to go back to the Le Continent to hide.

“Why do you want it? The Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds are not no longer the Twin Wings that you spoke about just now, but rather is called the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.” Ning Cheng no longer spoke any more nonsense towards Yin Kongchan. Since these things have already been exposed, it wouldn’t matter anymore. What he cared about currently was which path he should take now.

“We can work together to obtain the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. However, I will need your Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds for a chance to succeed in obtaining the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, as this thing is very important to me. Moreover, there is no other way to get close to the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, except with using the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.” Yin Kongchan spoke out in a straightforward manner.

“Ok, just give me a copy of the jade strip, I will directly go to that place and wait for you.” Ning Cheng spoke without hesitation.

Yin Kongchan retorted back in a light voice, “Although I don’t look like I think through things, but that does not mean that I am an idiot. Would you mind not talking to me in this idiotic tone?”

“Well, with your villain’s heart, just state the place and we shall meet at that place.” Ning Cheng already knew that Yin Kongchan didn’t believe in him, and was afraid that once he took that jade strip, he would simply kick her out of the fruits.

“I also want to go.” Xu Yingdei, who had been excluded until now, immediately spoke up.

Yin Kongchan still spoke with a tranquil tone, “I have the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence’s jade strip, Ning Cheng has the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, what do you have? Can it be that you did not have a handle on what could threaten Ning Cheng, so you want to use this as means to threaten him?”

Xu Yingdei spoke in the same tone, “I said that I might possibly be in love with Ning Cheng. I wouldn’t threaten someone I want to be in love with.....”

Ning Cheng raised his hands and immediately interrupted Xu Yingdei’s words, “Stop it already, I already told you that we do not have any kind of relationship between us. Moreover, I already have a fiancée, don’t you know about it?”

“Whether or not you have a fiancée, or even if you have a few other Dao Companions, it would not affect my feelings towards you.....” Xu Yingdei spoke in a light tone, “However, now is not the time to discuss about this, rather we should be talking about the cooperation. The Geocentric 9 Yin Essence is just as important to me as a branch from the Mirage Tree. Moreover, there is a chance that the locations marked on your jade strip might turn out to me wrong; in that case, I would be able to help you find the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.”

Yin Kongchan then looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, “Xu Yingdei want to be together with you just to get a feel of love from you, if she cannot even talk about remaining with you, then all this talk about love is simply nonsense. As for the rest of the words, I simply do not believe in them.”

Xu Yingdei also did not refute Yin Kongchan, rather just waved her hand, causing a small snowy white adorable looking Spiritual Fox to jump onto her shoulder.

“This spiritual fox is named Little Xun and can help in our search, if you cannot find the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, then as long as we are in the general vicinity, Little Xun will certainly be able to help us out.” Xu Yingdei finished, but did not care about Yin Kongchan, as she gazed at Ning Cheng.

Yin Kongchan showed a surprised expression for the second time, but it was only for a moment, before she composed herself and spoke, “You not only have this kind of treasure, but also brought it out to let it be seen by people, it seems that you really want to come, doesn’t it?”

Xu Yingdei was still looking at Ning Cheng, and did not answer Yin Kongchan’s words.

Yin Kongchan on seeing Ning Cheng about to speak suddenly grabbed the hem of his robes and spoke, “Ning Cheng, I can agree to go together with Xu Yingdei, but Xu Yingdei seems to truly be in love with you, however you have to be careful. People from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect only pay a lip service to the sentiment of love, but in actuality, there would not even be any friendship, let alone being acknowledged by them as family. As to when she would walk away from you, it would be when you are the deepest in love with her, at that moment, it wouldn’t matter if you lived or died, she would simply not care at all rather she might even take the chance to kill you if you are not dead already.”

Ning Cheng gave an indifferent smile, “Since that is the case, then let’s all go together.”

As for Yin Kongchan’s persuasion, Ning Cheng completely ignored it. Xu Yingdei might be cheap, but Yin Kongchan was also not much better. These two people were not even worthy to carry Luofei’s shoes, so why would they be worthy for himself? He was not the kind of man who liked to associate with people based on just appearances.

“Well, now that we have agreed to this, let’s talk about your situation.”

Xu Yingdei raised her hand before she put away her Spiritual Fox before speaking, “If I am not wrong, once you go back to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, you will end up in representing them in the finals for the Profound Core Realm. Moreover, both of us have assignments to be completed during the Great Meet, as such until before the Great Meet of the Academies ends, we won’t be able to leave anyway.”

Ning Cheng frowned, “I did not participate in the preliminaries for the Profound Core Realm, so I simply won’t be able to represent the academy in the tournament.”

Yin Kongchan spoke up with her own initiative, “Every Academy can substitute one person in the finals, and the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect has two Profound Core Cultivators who managed to break into the finals for the Profound Core Realm. Xu Yingdei’s guess is also quite correct, as the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect would definitely ask you to replace one of the Profound Core Cultivators to represent the academy in the tournament for the Profound Core Realm.”

When Yin Kongchan spoke about the matter relating to substituting a person in the finals, Ning Cheng realized that these two women might just be speaking the truth. It seems that he really might have to represent the academy and participate in the tournament.

“Maybe, we can talk about the rest after this Great Meet, by the way, any ideas on how we should get out of here.” Ning Cheng understood this point and immediately spoke up, whether he would represent the academy to participate in a tournament or not, it was not that great of a matter for him.

Yin Kongchan took out three pieces of talismans, “These are three Rank 7 Tagged Escaping Talisman, once activated it would allow you to completely escape the range of a Crucible Transformation Cultivator’s spiritual consciousness. The three of us will take one each, as long as we each leave behind a Spiritual Consciousness Tag on it, then even if we end up drifting off, we would still be able to appear in the same general vicinity.”

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Chapter 295: Ning Cheng Goes Up

“Disciple Ning Cheng greets the Headmaster.” After Ning Cheng finished with the customary rituals, he took a good look at the middle aged man with a plain face sitting in front of him. At the same time, thinking from the perspective of cultivation, the aura of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Headmaster Rui Baishan was a lot weaker when compared to the Heavenly Dao Academy’s Dao Master.

“Good, looks like your spiritual consciousness and true essence are really strong.” Rui Baishan softly spoke up. The moment he first laid his eyes on Ning Cheng, he was immediately able to discover that Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness was extremely powerful.

At the same time, Elder Bei who was sitting on the side gave a smile before suddenly speaking up, “Ning Cheng, the Headmaster’s temperament is quite gentle, so you can just relax.”

Ning Cheng couldn’t help but feel a bit funny in his heart when he heard those words; he was not even the slightest bit nervous from the start until now, so how could he relax even more?

Rui Baishan gave a small chuckle and spoke, “Ning Cheng is not even half a bit nervous, so how did your talks with the Floating Snow Palace’s Yin Kongchan and Severing Emotions Dao Sect’s Xu Yingdei go?”

Ning Cheng embarrassingly scratched his head before replying, “I think the two of them are quite good, however the two of them don’t get along well with each other.”

“What don’t tell me that you want both of them?” Elder Bei’s expression was completely honest, as he immediately asked in surprise.

Ning Cheng on hearing those words and seeing that reaction simply gave a smile and spoke, “Although there were no negotiations, but all three of us have agreed to meet together once again after the Great Meet ends. With the three of us to keep each other company, we would then go walk around for a bit. So after the Great meet ends, I might come back to the academy a bit later.”

Elder Bei and Tantei Fei looked at each other with bewilderment in their eyes; this Ning Cheng was also so strong in this regard? Just how did he even cultivate his skills?

Rui Baishan once again gave a smile and spoke, "Ning Cheng, there are some things that one must take care of by themselves; I hope that you would not have to suffer a loss. Anyways, the reason I have called you here at this time, is that there is a particular matter that I wish to discuss with you. Because you have been in seclusion, therefore it seems that that you were not able to sign up to participate for the Great Meet of the Academies. This time, my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's performance is quite poor, perhaps it could even be said to be worse than the last time's. Because of which I want you to temporarily replace Xian Caixue, to enter the finals for the Profound Core Division, what do you say about it?"

Ning Cheng had already guessed that something like this would happen, as such he simply replied without a shred of hesitation or reluctance, "Headmaster, the various elders, I am a disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. For me to contribute towards the academy is something natural, so of course I will not decline it."

"Good, Ning Cheng, it seems that I really did not read you wrong." Elder Bei said with a clap.

"Not only will you get rewarded for your contributions, it could be said that entering the top hundred in the Great Meet of the Academies would not only bring you the highest of honours, but would also entail a rich reward." Headmaster Rui Baishan spoke with a smile.

Ning Cheng had not thought about this point previously, but now that the headmaster had spoken about rewards, he couldn't help but immediately think about Xian Caixue who had given up her spot to him, because of which he quickly spoke up, "Headmaster, as the matter stands, wouldn't Senior Apprentice Sister Xian be suffering a loss because of this?"

"No, the academy will appropriately compensate her. Moreover, with her strength, she would also not be able to secure a lot of points." Another elder whom Ning Cheng did not know spoke up.

Ning Cheng slightly hesitated before speaking, "Either way, I hope that my rewards would be equally distributed with Senior Apprentice Sister Xian. I've already been cultivating in the Academy's Small Spiritual Domain, as such it could be said that I already received many benefits from the academy, because of which I cannot take advantage of Senior Apprentice Sister's hard work."

Rui Baishan also nodded, as he thought that Ning Cheng was quite good at heart, at least his actions proved that he was not a greedy person. However, he was also aware that Ning Cheng had a secret that he didn't want to say, that is Ning Cheng's attainments in Array Formations was absolutely not something to be looked down upon.

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It was at the central most area of the Heavenly Dao Public Square, where the Great Meet of the Academies was being held.

Today, this place was once again packed full of cultivators, however today was different from when the preliminaries were held. Where there were initially ten battle rings, the competition area now held only a single ring. Whether it was the Essence Building Division, Profound Core Division, Soul Essence Division or even the Rank Surpassing Challenges of the Tournament, all of their final rounds would take place in this one battle ring.

As for the disciples in the Profound Congealing Realm, they would not be participating in the Great Meet of the Academies. As such, the measure of the overall strength of an Academy would be taken from the strength displayed by their respective disciples in the Essence Building Realm, the Profound Core Realm and the Soul Essence Realm. Of course, the Rank Surpassing Challenges would bring in the most points and rewards. However, if your strength were far stronger than your peers were, then you would be able to obtain a high enough score in any division.

The finals for the Essence Building Division had already been concluded at this moment, while the finals for the Profound Core Division was just about to start. Properly speaking, there would not be a lot of people spectating the Tournament for the Profound Core Division, as people would many be interested in the Tournament for the Soul Essence Division, and the Rank Surpassing Challenges. The reason why there were so many people gathered here was mainly for Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Ning Cheng.

Going by the speculations of all the academies, Ning Cheng would certainly represent the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect in the finals for the Profound Core Cultivators.

The finals in the Great Meet of the Academies followed the challenge system of the tournaments, which is anyone who passed through the preliminary rounds can issue a challenge to any of the other 99 candidates in the tournament.

One victory would earn you one point. Winning a streak of ten victories would allow you to accumulate ten points. But if you lose one battle, a point would be deducted from your accumulations. Each cultivator, who passed through the preliminary round, would be starting off with a base score of one point. Any cultivator, once their score drops into negatives, would lose the qualifications to issue or take up challenges. In other words, if you have a point, but end up losing twice, meaning you ended up with a negative one point, then you directly be eliminated. Moreover, your negative points would mean that your academy would also have to suffer for it, as the score would be directly added into the overall score of the academy, causing the academy's overall score to drop.

Of course, if you won a ten round streak, there is also a possibility that you might end up with losing in a 9 round streak. However as long as your score is above or equal to zero, you would still be allowed to continue in the tournament. Moreover, you would also be given some control over the tournament, that is, once you managed to rake up ten points, and if you no longer wanted to participate in the tournament, you can then simply withdraw from the tournament ring with your score. Because the evaluations for the top ten academies would be determined with the final cumulative score, as such whether you decided to stop halfway, or just managed to hold onto you one point, or even not scored anything at all, your score would still be included into the final score of the academy.

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"Big Brother Ning, if I knew that you would also be coming here, I would have waited a few more days to come with you." Liang Kexin was very happy. It could be said that her harvest in the past few days was not small at all. Moreover, after hearing the news that Ning Cheng had come to the Heavenly Dao Public Square she had immediately rushed out and it was only that she was just able to locate Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng spoke with a smile, "Junior Apprentice Sister Kexin, when we parted the last time, we were both Profound Congealing Cultivators, congratulations on you finally advancing to the Soul Essence Realm before me."

Liang Kexin showed a pout before speaking, "My Soul Essence Cultivation is still not enough to even measure up to Big Brother Ning's palm, of that I'm very clear in my heart. Big Brother Ning, you must take the first place in the Profound Core Division....."

Ning Cheng lowered his voice before speaking up, "Even if I did not take the first place, I at least plan on helping the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to get into the top ten academies of the Tian Continent, I guess securing 20 points should be able to do it."

"20 points will not let you be ranked first; wait doesn't that mean winning at least 20 battles....." Liang Kexin almost bit her tongue as she spoke, however thinking back to previous displays of Ning Cheng's strength, although she was surprised, but at least was not overly surprised with it.

Ning Cheng shook his head, as he did not think much about it and spoke, "You see that guy on the battle ring. He has already won six battles in a row. With his momentum, he definitely is going to win ten consecutive rounds."

"I know that person, he is Yin Yang Dao Sect's Shen Buqun, he was ranked 11th in the preliminary round. It looks like he really wants to obtain that flight type magical weapon." Liang Kexin also gave a nod as she spoke.

Ning Cheng was slightly surprised as he spoke, "Is the award for the first place in the finals for the Profound Core Division a flight type magical weapon?"

Liang Kexin looked at Ning Cheng with a little incredulity as she spoke, "You don't even know about the rewards?"

Ning Cheng shook his head and spoke, "I really don't know. I just came here under the orders of the Headmaster. I was also resting for two days, before I came to participate in the tournament."

Liang Kexin was completely speechless when she heard those words, it was only after a good long while did she speak up, "You really are one of a kind, but whatever, the reward for the champion of the Profound Core Division in the Great Meet is not just a supreme grade Soul Condensing Pill, but also tens of millions of spirit stones."

"So rich?" When Ning Cheng heard the words supreme grade Soul Condensing Pill, he almost started drooling. He had undertaken many hardships, and had even resorted to cheatings and trickery, but had only obtained a single top quality Soul Condensing Pill. If he had known earlier that there was a supreme grade Soul Condensing Pill here, he would have tried every means possible to come to the tournament earlier.

Seeing this, Liang Kexin couldn't help but show a slight disdain as she spoke, "How is this rich, this is just the first reward for the first place. Once you manage to rake up 30 points along with your status of champion, then you would be rewarded with a best quality flight type spiritual artefact. Once you push up your score to more than or equal to 50 points along with your champion status, they will add another supreme grade Soul Condensing Pill to the awards. If your score breaks through 80 points or more, then they will also add a bottle of Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith....."

"Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith?" Ning Cheng stared at Liang Kexin with wide eyes, Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith for him, was countless times more precious than the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar.

If one ingested even a tiny amount of Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith, then it would be able to completely recover their depleted true essence in almost an instant, as such it was better than any other kind of panacea, moreover was also something that did not have any repercussion like pill poisons in consuming it, while being able to help one recover quickly. He had never expected that this tournament would have such a huge award. If they went with the severity of the awards, then wouldn't it mean that awards for the Soul Essence Division and the Rank Surpassing Challenges would be even better?

Even if Ning Cheng was not aware of the specific conditions for the awards, and even if awards for the Soul Essence Divisions were mostly pills for level advancement, the difficulty would not increase much for him. One has to know that it would be quite difficult for an ordinary person to score more than 30 points in the tournament for the Profound Core Division. Even if one was more powerful, their true essence was still something limited. Moreover, of those qualified to participate in this tournament, which among them did not have formidable strength?

"Junior Apprentice Sister Kexin, I will not talk anymore nonsense with you. I must grab those awards. Also, if I am not able to return back to the academy, then you will have to remember to take care of my immortal cave." Ning Cheng left behind a few words, while he already jumped towards the battle stage.

At this moment, all the people saw a Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator jumping towards the battle ring, causing them to be confused if that person really was Ning Cheng.

"Ning Cheng finally came up....."

"Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Ning Cheng finally came up....."

"Yes, he is definitely the Ning Cheng who took out a barrel of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to sell, provoked the feud between the Great Change Island and Red Star Sword Faction, which even led to the Dao Master to come out....."

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Chapter 296: The Eight Secret Words

Seeing Ning Cheng jump towards the battle ring, it immediately attracted many comments, even some of the Soul Essence Cultivators who did not care much about the tournament of the Profound Core Division, focused their attention on him.

"You're Ning Cheng?" Shen Buqun shot a glance at Ning Cheng, as he asked in a very bland tone.

Shen Buqun's body gave off an elusive aura, if one had to put it in words then it was a kind of fair and above-board aura from afar, but if one carefully observed him again, it would seem as if he had an outwardly submissive but inwardly evil-hearted aura, causing Ning Cheng to feel not very happy about it.

"Yes I am, let's begin." Ning Cheng did not bother to ask the other party's name.

Shen Buqun showed a faint smile and spoke, "You are wrong about it, I have already gone through seven rounds so I need a bit of a break. I hope that you can hold on for a few rounds before I can come up again. You must not disappoint me and allow others to kick you out."

Saying that, Shen Buqun took the initiative to walk off the battle ring.

The words of Shen Buqun were frank and above-board, although there were many people looking over; none of them ridiculed his courage to be small. Ning Cheng had a sort of fierce name on the outside, moreover was someone who was said to have easily killed Ding Liang, as such for Shen Buqun choosing to look at Ning Cheng's fighting prowess by taking the initiative to step down was something that was considered normal. However, Shen Buqun's tone was also very contemptuous, as if he did not put Ning Cheng in his eyes. Although he said that he wanted to take a break, but it was only something for him to be discrete about. From this, they speculated that he was gunning for at least 30 victories.

Ning Cheng just gave a smile, "Your name and your noble temperament reminds me of a person. Now that I look at you, you do resemble a lot like him. That man was nevertheless a master of a sect, and had mastered a very powerful sword technique. Alas, it was a pity that the sword technique that he learned had some flaws; otherwise, he might have become a supreme expert....."

"Oh, who is it?" Shen Buqun, who was still walking down the battle ring, could not help but turn around and ask with curiosity.

Ning Cheng spoke out in a calm yet loud manner, "As to who was it, I won't be able to tell you, but I can at least tell you about the eight secret words that could be said to be the basis of the peerless sword technique that the man cultivated. Of course, if you have not heard it before already, then let's make it clear that I am not at fault for it."

"Then I'll look forward to your advice." Shen Buqun's expression turned dignified, no matter what these eight secret words were, listening to it was a lot better when compared to not listening at all.

Not to mention Shen Buqun, even the countless cultivators watching the tournament, were paying a lot of attention to Ning Cheng's reveal of the eight secret words.

"Desiring to cultivate skills to the pinnacle, it is necessary to first castrate yourself." Ning Cheng spoke out in a completely serious tone.

[TL Note – The eight words actually are '欲练神功。必先自宫。' Taken from Jin Yong's novel '葵花宝典'. I could not find any eight-word combinations in English for these characters, so I decided to put it into a sentence as short as possible, while trying to retain the original meaning.]

"Hahaha....." The countless cultivators all around the battle ring burst into laughs, all the people could not help but think that Ning Cheng must have fabricated this myth, all in order to ridicule Shen Buqun.

Even the Floating Snow Palace's and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's female disciples who usually had a reserved expression, had to cover their mouths to laugh in secret. This Ning Cheng was simply too sarcastic to a fault, to use a sentence to catch Shen Buqun's attention, only to specifically speak such derogatory words.

Hearing the snickers of the female disciples seated below, a middle-aged female cultivator from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect suddenly spoke up with a frown, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, you are used to dealing and reading people. But this Ning Cheng seems to be a bit thick skinned, for Yingdei to choose him for severing her emotions, is it really the right choice?"

The female cultivator addressed as Qionghua was wearing a full-bodied white robe, giving her a delicate appearance of someone who had already risen above the worldly affairs, while at the same time if one

looked from a distance, she would look like an exquisite jade wrapped by immortal clouds. This kind of beautiful appearance was not even half a bit worse than Xu Yingdei's, however when comparing temperaments, hers' was even more stunning than Xu Yingdei. This person was none other than Xu Yingdei's master Shi Qionghua. Moreover, she was the one who had come to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to act as a matchmaker on behalf of Xu Yingdei.

Shi Qionghua replied in a tranquil manner, "This Ning Cheng's disposition is sincere and forthright, moreover he also possess an innately good nature, making him a lot different from the rest of the hypocrites of the Tian Continent. He also holds kindness in his heart; moreover, this kind of kindness is something that the cultivators of the Tian Continent lack. Yingdei's choice is good. Ning Cheng is definitely the most suitable man for her to fall in love with... But, sigh....."

That middle-aged cultivator on hearing Shi Qionghua sigh, once again asked her, "Qionghua, since Ning Cheng is the right choice, then why are you sighing?"

Shi Qionghua was silent for a good long while before speaking, "Senior apprentice Sister, although that Ning Cheng definitely is suitable for allowing her to fall in love; however he is actually not suitable for her in severing her emotions. Although he is ostentatious and pompous on the surface, but deep down in his heart, this person is actually someone very emotional and is someone with exceedingly rich feelings towards the people close to him. Once he falls in love, and once Yingdei successfully severs her emotions, he would then turn into a very pitiful person. So much so that it would end up ruining his entire life....."

Although the middle-aged female cultivator gave a nod, however she did not care about Shi Qionghua's words. Whether or not Ning Cheng was suitable for severing emotions was already irrelevant, as long as Xu Yingdei was able to sever her emotions towards Ning Cheng, it would be more than enough. Whether Ning Cheng died or lived, it was not something that concerned the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Xu Yingdei was the premier disciple of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect; as such, she was also the disciple on whom the sect has placed the most importance.

"I hope that Yingdei is heartless enough to be able to sever her emotions, she must not get herself sucked up into it." The middle-aged cultivator subconsciously replied.

Shi Qionghua spoke in a quiet voice, "Yingdei is my disciple. I know her pretty well. She'll successfully be able to sever her emotions; she is different from the others, as there is nothing in this world that would shake her Dao Heart."

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Compared to the laughing audience, after Shen Buqun heard Ning Cheng's words, he showed a faint smile before he spoke, "Quite an interesting lesson." Then, he simply turned around and walked away, not saying anything else to Ning Cheng.

So he knows how to be patient, Ning Cheng thought; however, he did not care about it.

After Shen Buqun got down, Ning Cheng stood atop the battle ring for a long time, however unexpectedly nobody came up, causing him to be a bit disappointed in his heart; it seems that having a fierce name on the outside might just prove to be a hindrance in here.

“Why isn’t anyone coming up, is this still a tournament.....”

As no one else stepped onto the stage to fight Ning Cheng, the spectators who had come to watch something interesting, could not help feel a bit irritated by the lack of action. Some of them immediately started shouting, to send people onto the stage.

“Let me be the one to seek for an advice.” A clear voice emerged, followed by a female cultivator wearing a lilac coloured robe as she landed on the battle ring.

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, I’m Star Gathering Mansion’s Lu Ruman, please enlighten me.” The female cultivator first cupped her fists towards Ning Cheng and spoke, before she brought out a pair of red swords.

Ning Cheng also nodded and spoke, “Star Gathering Mansion, aah I do know about it.”

He already was acquainted with the Star Gathering Mansion’s Kong Cheng and Xin Hai; moreover, he was also the one who had saved them.

“Although you are a friend of Senior Apprentice Brother Kong and Senior Apprentice Brother Xin, however I will not be showing you any mercy, take that...” Lu Ruman spoke as the pair of red swords in her hands turned into a sea of red smoke, as it completely surrounded and bound Ning Cheng in the middle of the sea of red smoke.

A pair of red swords condensed from the red smoke, which then moved to form a pair of giant red scissors. As this scissor opened up, it brought forth a burst of cold aura filled with killing intent, allowing Ning Cheng to feel that his flow of true essence was somewhat impeded.

This woman really attacks without a shred of consideration or hesitation, Ning Cheng thought in his heart. If it were an ordinary Profound Core Cultivator in his place, then in that case they would have found it to be extremely difficult to escape from this predicament.

However, her cultivation was not even comparable to Ding Liang; as such, it was definitely not good enough to go against Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng brought out his Profound Break Spear, only to send out two spear lights, pointing towards the open mouth of the giant red scissors.

“Dong dong” Two sounds emerged, followed by Ning Cheng backing up as he seemed to have been pushed a few feet back towards one side of the battle ring because of the attack, while breathing somewhat rapidly, giving others the impression that he had to struggle to escape the clutches of the giant red scissors.

“You are better than I expected to be able to escape from my Sword Crocodile Jaws... Then again let me show you what a real sword skill is.....” Lu Ruman originally thought that the masses had blown the details out of proportion regarding Ning Cheng killing Ding Liang; however, Ning Cheng at this moment seemed as if he barely was able to resist a single move from her, causing her previous suspicions to solidify in her heart. It seems that the rumours are not credible at all, only if one personally witnessed it, would they be able to realize the depth.

However, Ning Cheng was feeling quite funny in his heart because of this; it seems that this woman had a formidable self-confidence. However, he was also aware that if he had truly made a move on her, then

nobody would dare to come up again to challenge him. If Ning Cheng ran out of patience then would she even be able to pester him?

A pair of red swords once again appeared in Lu Ruman's hand, which then transformed into a pair of huge swords, crossing each other like a pair of scissors, covering half the battle ring with its open mouth pointed towards Ning Cheng. A 'snip' sound emerged, as the two swords closed in towards Ning Cheng.

The giant sword mouth almost was on the verge of cutting Ning Cheng into two halves, when Ning Cheng seemed to have started burning his essence blood, allowing him to escape the open jaws created by the swords.

The cultivators who were sitting in the sidelines gave out a dark sigh, if Lu Ruman's cultivation was just a little higher, then once she tied down Ning Cheng, even for just a single moment, it would have resulted in Ning Cheng's death.

From the perspective of the crowd, it seemed as if Ning Cheng also was having similar thoughts, as he lifted his hand to throw out a clump of talismans; these were only minor Rank 2 and Rank 3 talismans.

Countless Wind Edge Talismans, Fireball Talismans, Thunder and Lighting Talismans, Condensing Rain Talismans, Returning Spring Talismans and so on immediately exploded out, causing furious rumblings to engulf the entire battle ring. Obscuring what was happening on the inside from the eyes of the others.

Lu Ruman suddenly thought that it was a bit funny; this person truly was one of a kind all right to unexpectedly use some Rank 2 and Rank 3 Talismans against her. Such talismans against her were not even comparable to a mosquito bite. Moreover, this person even brought out Condensing Rain Talismans and Returning Spring Talismans. Was this not showing just how desperate the situation he was in?

Just as Lu Ruman was about to break free from the interference of these talismans, and then move on to grab Ning Cheng by his neck, she suddenly felt a sharp pain from her buttocks, followed by a strong force spreading out throughout her body. The next moment, she was as if a bullet shot through a gun as she shot out of the ring. At this moment, she could not even circulate her true essence.

"Bang...." Lu Ruman landed outside the battle ring, with her face flushed red.

Kicked in the butt only to end up losing the fight. This kind of failure made her both depressed and ignominious, in her view; Ning Cheng's fighting method was completely foul without any consideration to face. Using those countless talismans to interfere with her spiritual consciousness, and then sneak attacking with a kick to her butt.

"This guy has a lot of talismans; however all of them are just low level talismans..."

"I think that it was quite a good idea, unfortunately, this kind of approach wastes a lot of talismans."

"People always have spirit stones; you might just not know how many spirit stones one could earn from it in the Exchange Hall....."

A variety of discussions erupted, allowing Lu Ruman to feel a little relieved in her heart, as these discussions did not speak about her. This allowed the bright red flush, on Lu Ruman's face, to fade out gradually.

Just as Lu Ruman wanted to rush into the battle ring once again to get her revenge, someone had already rushed up before her. It was a red haired Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator.

“Burning Sun Weapon Sect’s Xi Yong asks for guidance.....” As Xi Yong spoke, a set of silver helmet and armour appeared over his body. While simultaneously, a huge umbrella shaped magical weapon appeared above his head with a round shield type magical weapon in front of him complementing it.

“You do not have to take out those low levelled talismans, I am completely covered in defensive magical weapons, even if you use your lower levelled talismans to smash onto them for a full day, you would not even be able to create a scratch on them let alone breaking them open.” Xi Yong spoke, as he saw Ning Cheng staring at his defensive magical weapons in a daze, causing a proud smile to appear on his face.

“Really powerful.....” Ning Cheng spoke in a voice filled with lament; he really felt that this sentence was quite fitting. One should be aware that one needed to have a strong spiritual consciousness just for simultaneously bringing out three or four defensive type magical weapons, let alone being able to use them all at once. It looks like this Burning Sun Weapon Sect truly has some skills, after all, only by coming out and experiencing things first hand would one be able to learn and grow.

Xi Yong no longer spoke, as he shot out just like a giant seal in the shape of a huge mountain, as he came smashing towards Ning Cheng’s head.

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Chapter 297: Someone Not Bound By Common Sense

All the people saw Ning Cheng bring out a long spear, before sounds of innumerable talismans exploding once again rang out. With the dense explosive sounds created from the explosions of the lower levelled talismans, the sounds of the two people’s weapons colliding or the burst created by the true essence explosions were completely drowned out.

Once the explosions created by the talismans started to die down, Ning Cheng once again took out a handful of talismans before he threw them out. Seeing this, the cultivators sitting on the sidelines were speechless as they thought, just how many of those lower levelled talismans does Ning Cheng have?

Then they saw Ning Cheng taking advantage of the countless exploding talismans, as he slipped behind Xi Yong, before he followed up by giving a casual sweep with the spear in his hand. Although it was an extremely simple move, however Xi Yong simply was not in a position to notice it.

“Bang.” Even if Xi Yong was wearing that silver armour that covered his entire body, that casual sweep from Ning Cheng’s spear had enough force in it that it had almost shattered his bones. Just like Lu Ruman, he was directly swept off the battle ring from this one move. Even the defensive magical weapons on him, all fell to his side once he crashed into the ground. However, Xi Yong still got up, just patted away the dust on his robes before he put away his magical weapons, with a seemingly calm expression on his face.

Some of the cultivators who knew him immediately came forward to inquire as to what happened; he simply shook his head and replied, “Was not careful enough allowing him to lay a sneak attack on me.”

However, only he knew in the depths of his heart that Ning Cheng was definitely not as simple as he looked on the surface. He was sure that Ning Cheng’s talismans did not have even half an effect on him,

and also became aware that Ning Cheng was just using the talismans to cover up his powerful strength, otherwise no one would come up on stage to battle him.

Ning Cheng had shown mercy towards him, of that he was very clear in his heart.

As Xi Yong was thrown off the battle ring by Ning Cheng, it was also observed by all the cultivators who came to watch the tournament, and realised that Ning Cheng really did seem to have a few means at his disposal to back him up.

Moreover, because Lu Ruman and Xi Yong were pushed out of the battle ring by Ning Cheng, they did not suffer much of an injury, causing more people to come up onto the battle ring to challenge Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng would always use a fixed set of moves to deal with all of them, at max he only had to bring out the ice type Profound Ice Spear Intent, coupled with numerous lower levelled talismans. If there was anyone powerful who came up to challenge, Ning Cheng just used the Profound Ice Spears to clash with the opposite party. Then used that opportunity to bring out a bunch of Profound Ice Talismans, before going up and sneak attacking them allowing him to sweep the opposite party out of the battle ring. Although he followed practically the same method in all the challenges and was quite boring to look at, but this set of his methods showed that he really had at least some capability for this tournament.

The one main reason that made people accept this kind of fighting was that they thought that Ning Cheng's true essence was limited, causing him to act in this manner. Moreover, although all of his opponents were thrown out of the battle ring, none of them was really hurt.

This was already the 13th straight victory for Ning Cheng, but Ning Cheng discovered that something was not right, as the time lag between the challenges was getting longer and longer. He had initially planned to win 80 rounds in a row. But the current situation seems that it would be hard to win even 20 rounds in a row.

Red Star Sword Faction's Jiang Jun stopped a Profound Core Cultivator from their side that seemed to be covered in a murderous aura, before he spoke, "Junior Apprentice Brother Jin Lin, its better if you did not go up. This person is playing the role of a pig to eat the tiger; you are absolutely not his match. The hatred between him and I is as vast as the oceans, so I will definitely find a chance to kill him."

This Profound Core Cultivator spoke up with doubt, "Senior Apprentice Brother Jiang, I managed to secure the 9th rank in the preliminary round for the Profound Core Division. I have already looked at his fights, and up till now, on the stage, the cultivators who came up to challenge him were at max ranked in their thirties."

A Crucible Transformation Elder seated on the side also spoke up, "What Jiang Jun said is correct. You are not Ning Cheng's opponent. This Ning Cheng already has the skill to enter the top three easily, probably even take the first spot. Moreover, he simply doesn't give even a single thought to the other academies' face, and is only putting up a show of fighting. Rather than challenging others, he is someone who will always wait for some other people to come up and challenge him."

Hearing the words from this Crucible Transformation Elder, the cultivator called Jin Lin forcibly reeled in his killing intent. Although he was not afraid of Ning Cheng, but towards the words of this Crucible Transformation Elder, he had no choice but to heed them.

Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Deputy Academy Tantei Fei laughed out, "Brilliant, this kind of substitution is absolutely brilliant; however Ning Cheng should also come down now. If I had known that he had the capability to win these many rounds, I wouldn't have hidden a few details from him....."

All the people around him also understood Tantei Fei's meaning, Ning Cheng already possessed 14 points at this moment, even if he did not rake in any more points, just this score alone was enough to pull the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect out its disadvantage. As to regarding Ning Cheng coming down, this was something like an unspoken rule that everyone knew about except him.

Ning Cheng waited on the ring for a long while, however no one came up, but just as he was starting to get dejected from the wait, a young man wearing a blue robe descended onto the battle ring.

"Heavenly Dao Academy's Leng Yu asks for guidance." The blue robed cultivator, once arriving on the battle ring, held up his fists towards Ning Cheng, while he stood there with an indifferent manner.

Ning Cheng took a good look at this Leng Yu, and realised that this person was much stronger than all the other Profound Core Cultivators that he had fought against until now.

"The one ranked third in the preliminary round, Leng Yu, also an expert from the Heavenly Dao Academy. It seems that we'll finally have a good show."

"An even stronger expert might not block the interference from the talismans..."

"Humph, Talismans, you think that using lower levelled talismans could have an effect on my eyes? Only idiots would think that Ning Cheng would just rely on those talismans."

Ning Cheng had a strong spiritual consciousness, as such when he heard those comments, rather than fighting he simply cupped his fists towards Leng Yu and spoke, "Elder Brother Leng, just a look at you and I can say that you are incomparably strong, I might not necessarily be your opponent, moreover I'm tired now, so I will be going down to take some rest."

Finished saying that, Ning Cheng simply ignored Leng Yu's surprised eyes, as he took the initiative to step down from the battle ring. Although he would not have any problems in gaining a victory against Leng Yu, but the problem would be that if he ended up defeating the cultivator ranked 3rd, who else would dare to come up and challenge him?

Ning Cheng, after raking in a 13 win streak, finally stepped down from the battle ring, causing many people to feel uncomfortable. It can be said that they were looking forward to see whom among Ning Cheng and Leng Yu was more powerful, however Ning Cheng unexpectedly took the initiative to step down.

As soon as Ning Cheng came down, Elder Bei immediately called Ning Cheng over.

"Ning Cheng, you did a really good job this time. I was afraid that you would not be aware of the main thing, as to when to advance and retreat from the battle ring." Rui Baishan was very pleased with Ning Cheng's performance on the battle ring.

"What do you mean by knowing about advancing and retreating?" Ning Cheng asked in a somewhat puzzled manner.

“The ten major academies, although there are some eligible to be ranked in the top ten major academies, however when it comes to cultivators participating in the competition, once they achieved a certain number of wins, they would take the initiative to step down, in order to leave some points to the others. The real competition amongst the Profound Core Realm will begin only when there is a dozen or so people left. The last to stand on the competition stage, can also be said to be the person at the first place who no one else wants to challenge. Although most of the time, the first ranked will have the highest score, but it is not absolute.” Elder Bei explained.

No wonder Liang Kexin said that about being ranked first, while also speaking about the rewards relating to the points. However, Ning Cheng still did not fully understand this and asked, “So why is there a reward set for winning 50 points, or that reward for 80 points?”

Rui Baishan shook his head and spoke, “Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith is something exceedingly precious, how something like that can be taken out as a reward? It is just a tiger’s roar to scare others in the end. It is not something to be taken seriously, not to mention that no cultivator here would be able to rake in 80 points, even if you had the ability to win it, you’ll simply end up being interrupted for a variety of reasons. However to win 50 rounds, that is still something that can be achievable albeit extreme difficult.”

Ning Cheng felt a bit defeated by such hypocritical rules, he was already ready to plough through to win that bottle of Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith, but unexpectedly ended up with being splashed with a basin full of cold water.

Elder Bei patted Ning Cheng’s shoulder and smiled before speaking, “This is very normal, you already had your winning streak on the stage; moreover the other nine major academies would also rarely send out their top experts early, this is something of a tacit understanding among all. Otherwise, if all the major academies sent in their top experts’ right at the beginning, then the rest of the rounds would simply be uninteresting to watch. Causing the major academies of the Great Meet to form a tacit understanding regarding it at present, moreover this tacit understanding is also something that is approved by everybody, therefore when the Academy Head spoke about coming down in time, it was a good thing. As for competing for the first position, it would only start when there are only a dozen people left in the end.”

“It seems that the reason Heavenly Dao Academy’s Leng Yu came up on stage, was because he felt a bit dissatisfied with you. It was a good thing that you stepped down in time, keeping everybody’s honour intact. Even if you have to fight with Leng Yu, I advise you to rest up for a while, once the other major academies obtain a certain score, you can then come forward once again to compete.” Tantei Fei smiled and spoke.

Ning Cheng had allowed the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to rake in 14 points, transforming him into a sort of hero in their eyes, even all the Crucible Transformation Elders seated here, were behaving in an amiable manner towards Ning Cheng.

Leng Yu who was still on the stage won two rounds in a row, and was clearly close to winning his third round. Ning Cheng suddenly started to feel that his interest and enthusiasm was starting to wane in this kind of major competition. If the prize of Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith was something that can be considered as non-existent, then wasn’t it equivalent for him to have a high expectation for nothing.

Ning Cheng once again returned towards the bottom of the battle stage, seeing the competition turning somewhat sluggish once again, he spoke up, "This competition is simply akin to some lukewarm water, and it really is quite boring."

"Just like lukewarm water? Wait for the competition for the final ten spots; then you will see what a life and death struggle is. As long as the cultivators on the stage did not die endlessly, they would use this time simply for the purpose of acquiring the qualifications for the last decisive battle nothing more." Liang Kexin, standing next to Ning Cheng, explained.

Ning Cheng had just heard the words of the seniors from his academy a moment ago, but still spoke up, "In fact, it's definitely hard for someone to score 50 points, but I still wish to obtain the Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith."

"50 points might be difficult to get, but 30 points have definitely been made by others on more than one occasion." Liang Kexin answered; before when Ning Cheng had rushed out, she simply did not have enough time to explain it to him.

Ning Cheng saw Leng Yu going through a seven win streak, before he chose to step down from the ring with a deadpan expression.

As Leng Yu stepped down, a gold robed cultivator flew onto the battle stage, "Red Star Sword Faction's Jin Lin asks to be provided guidance."

An asshole from the Red Star Sword Faction? Ning Cheng did not hesitate to fly onto the battle stage. It was already too late for Liang Kexin to react, let alone call him back.

Although many people were aware of the tacit understanding between the academies, however a majority of the cultivators spectating did not care about such an understanding, what they truly cared about was the degree of intensity of the matches. Now that Ning Cheng went on stage once again, it immediately drew a lot of enthusiasm from them.

"Why did Ning Cheng go up again?" Elder Bei had just talked to Ning Cheng, before he spoke up in a puzzling manner. Although Ning Cheng and the Red Star Sword Faction had some friction between them, however it was not a suitable time to deal with them.

"Humph, it seems that this guy really thinks that he is the best in the world." Some of the top ranked Profound Core Cultivators thought, as they felt a bit uncomfortable in their hearts. They are not even evenly matched currently, yet this person had once again entered the stage, did he want to bestow his points upon others?

Even some of the elders in charge of the judgements were frowning. The Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academy was held mainly to elect the top ten academies. As such even the unwritten rules were passed down from innumerable years, allowing even the ordinary academies to know about it. It was with these kind of rules and regulations that made the competition something worth seeing, but at the same time helped build anticipation. The anticipation towards the final rounds, towards who would win the most, and finally who would take the first place.

But now they ended up meeting a person who did not play by the common sense or even by the rules on the card. The competition was still far from the final stages to see who was the most powerful, when

Ning Cheng ended up breaking the unspoken rules. The problem was that although Ning Cheng had broken a rule, but it was an unspoken one, as such, there was actually no reason for them to stop others like him from coming out.

Although Ning Cheng did not know that he had ended up provoking an outrage, but he was aware that he had violated an unspoken rule. Even so, Ning Cheng was not afraid of it in the slightest. Anyways, after this tournament, he was going to escape immediately, why would he have to look in the four cardinal directions? No matter what happened after the tournament, he was only concerned about his award and his escape, as to the later events, it had nothing to do with him.

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Chapter 298: Fighting For Profound Core's No. 1 In Advance

"I already wanted to come up and teach you some things, but since you voluntarily came up to court death, then let me please fulfil that wish for you....." The corners of Jin Lin's mouth revealed a ferocious looking grin, as he raised his hand and shot out a blue coloured sword shadow towards Ning Cheng.

The sword-shadow that was just shot out also contained blue sword qi in it and in just a twinkling of an eye transformed into a surge of sword patterned waves, which then completely surrounded Ning Cheng.

Looking at this, Ning Cheng instantly became aware that this Jin Lin was a lot stronger than all the cultivators who he had fought on the ring until now. Moreover, this sword patterned wave was somewhat similar to his axe line. This wave was formed by the combination of true essence and killing intent. It was actually an extremely difficult thing to achieve, but since Ning Cheng had already gained significant insights into the axe intent, he was able to easily grasp this point.

At the same moment, Ning Cheng also gave a shake to the Profound Break Spear in his hand, causing 36 Profound Ice Spear Lights to blast out.

"Clang clang....." The dense killing intent contained in those attacks immediately exploded out causing the battle stage to be filled with a storm of noises. Once Ning Cheng's 36 Profound Ice Spears transformed into a net, the sword light could no longer advance.

Ning Cheng's spear network actually was able to block his sword; Jin Lin was simply unable to believe it. He immediately started crazily stimulating his true essence to send out wave after wave of sword lights to break through Ning Cheng's spear network.

"Bang....." The sword waves finally were able to burst through, completely tearing apart Ning Cheng's 36 Profound Ice Spear Light network. However, because of the powerful true essence backlash, it also caused Jin Lin to take a few steps back and halt his attacks.

However, although Ning Cheng did not even move an iota from his original position, he still somewhat admired the great strength of this Jin Lin in his heart. For a Profound Core Cultivator to cultivate to the level of Jin Lin; if they had to fight others from the same realm, then they would only have a few opponents who could match up to them; these words were not exaggeration but rather the truth.

However, seeing what happened just now, Jin Lin's complexion completely changed. The sword trace wave that he had poured almost his entire being into a moment ago was not even able to shake Ning Cheng by even an iota. This Ning Cheng was simply too formidable, it was only at this moment did he

realize that the words spoken by Jiang Jun and that Crucible Transformation Elder were definitely true, that Ning Cheng's strength was definitely much more powerful than him.

"Take my sword again..."

Jin Lin roared, as he used both his hands to swing his blue sword down with all his might, causing the air to completely split apart as a huge ten feet wide sword light erupted from it. The might behind this huge sword light gave the feeling that it could not only split apart the battle stage, rather anything and everything would be reduced to dust the moment they dared to stray into the path of this sword light.

A trace of blood flowed out from Jin Lin's mouth, seeing this even a fool would realize that Jin Lin was stimulating this sword at the cost of his future potential, to the point of even burning up his essence blood to power that strike. From this, it was obvious that he would go to any and all lengths to kill this Ning Cheng.

"Break for me....." The huge sword light was still rushing through the air, when Jin Lin's imposing aura exploded out with even more intensity. He already had a profound impression on Ning Cheng's strength, causing him to become aware that unless he went completely all out to kill him, he absolutely would not be a match against Ning Cheng.

"Kaka, boom..." The blue sword light finally collided with the spear lights that Ning Cheng had just condensed, sending out intermittent explosive sounds.

The 36 Profound Ice Spear Lights were once again torn through, causing the sword powered by the combustion of essence blood to rush towards Ning Cheng. Although he purposefully took a few steps back to abate the pressure, but the blue sword light did not dim at all, rather it once again widened and lengthened. The sword intent in it seemed to have been enraged as it swept towards Ning Cheng, and seemed as if it would not stop unless it diced him to pieces.

Ning Cheng was also somewhat angry, although he did not put Jin Lin in his eyes, but this person actually thought of killing him by burning his essence blood.

He shook the Profound Break Spear in his hand sending out bursts of chirping-like sounds mixed with some whines. Some of the cultivators with a high cultivations were very clear that the main reason why Ning Cheng's Profound Break Spear was giving off chirping and whining like noises, apart from being stimulated by the spear intent, was because the spear head had some cracks on it. If the spear head were not cracked, then the strength of that spear would have at least been double of what it was now.

"Bang....." The Profound Ice Spear immediately shot out towards the beautiful looking sword light, causing the true essence inside to explode out, simultaneously forming into a huge raging vortex.

Jin Lin felt as if a mountain had crashed onto his chest, as the pressure from the true essence vortex fell onto him. He finally wasn't able to bear it anymore as he directly spilled out a mouthful of the last bit of his essence blood. He could see that Ning Cheng was not even half a bit injured from his attack. Seeing the spear in his hand once again condense a spear light with a chilling killing glint, it caused his heart to immediately sink.

At this point, he finally understood with the utmost clarity that he was not just a little bit weaker than Ning Cheng, moreover the strength difference was not just that of a single level, but rather similar to the

gap between the Profound Core Realm and the Soul Essence Realm. Although he was ranked at the 9th place, in his mind, even Leng Yu who was ranked 3rd, was not necessarily better than he was. However, looking at the current situation it was very clear that the gap between him and Ning Cheng was as wide as the heaven and earth.

Thinking about the disparity between the Profound Core Realm and the Soul Essence Realm, Jin Lin's heart immediately turned cold, how was such a thing even possible? Was this person concealing his cultivation? Was he already a Soul Essence Cultivator, but was actually pretending to be in the Profound Core Realm?

Just as this thought had appeared, the spear had already arrived in front of Jin Lin's glabella, the next instant it just passed through him like passing through a paper covering a window.

Despair, fear and most importantly regret welled up from the depths of Jin Lin's heart; however, this kind of feelings were something that one felt at the brink of being swallowed into the darkness before it completely disappeared without even a trace of a shadow.

"Pata." Jin Lin's dead body finally fell onto the ground like a pile of rags.

The surroundings were completely silent, although the people here might be aware of the unsaid rules and regulations, but it was clear that no matter what level of competition, all of them only cared about a good show. Currently, the Profound Core Realm competition had only just begun, when it had already turned into something interesting to look at. One of the top ten academies, the Red Star Sword Faction's cultivator ranked ninth in the preliminary round was killed with a single spear.

The surroundings were silent for a moment, before everyone erupted with a huge applause and roars of appreciations. The cultivators spectating did not care who the participants were, all of them just wanted to witness the flowing of blood and the excitement that accompanied it.

The Red Star Sword Faction's Crucible Transformation Elder Tang Gongxi clenched his fists, as wished that he could immediately fly onto the stage and kill Ning Cheng in the most miserable manner. The Red Star Sword Faction had a total of two Profound Core Cultivators who had passed through the preliminary rounds, which was already the least among the top academies. However, now both of their Profound Core Cultivators ended up dying to Ning Cheng.

"Heavenly Dao Academy's Leng Yu asks for guidance....." Leng Yu who had stepped down from battle ring around before, once again stepped onto the battle ring for the second time.

If it were any of the previous Great Meets then such a thing would have never happened. But now that Ning Cheng ignored the tacit understandings for the competition, the other academies also began to disregard this tacit understanding.

All the people finally became aware that the most powerful people of the Profound Core Realm have started to make their move ahead of time. Ning Cheng's behaviour provoked the discontent of the Profound Core Experts who had not come out until now; as such, this kind of dissatisfaction can only be solved by battling out on the battle stage.

The one who had the biggest fist was the one who was allowed to speak.

“I had come up back then, but you ended up stepping down. I hope that this time you would not step down voluntarily, otherwise the next time you come up, I will definitely make sure to come up myself.” Leng Yu’s expression was cold, as his murderous aura overflowed from his body.

Ning Cheng just gave a smile, “You think too highly of yourself, the reason I stepped down at that time was because I was afraid that no one would challenge me again after I defeat you. Since no one is able to obtain 80 points anyway, then there is no point in me using the excuse to take a break, it would only prove to be troublesome for me.”

“Extremely arrogant.....” Leng Yu sarcastically spoke, while he gave a slight flick with his hand.

Ning Cheng did not see any magical weapon, nor did he see any kind of preparations being made beforehand, but he still felt a kind of ice cold killing intent that enveloped him.

At this time, Ning Cheng’s strong spiritual consciousness started showing its effect, as he perceived a faintly discernible slender string that was like the thin blade of a knife, slicing towards Ning Cheng’s waist.

Such formidable killing intent, Ning Cheng already had the strength equivalent to a late stage Soul Essence Cultivator, but even he could feel that if he was caught by this thin string, it might actually split him into two halves.

However, this only made Ning Cheng to take heart a rule, that he should never underestimate any cultivators. Leng Yu was only a Profound Core Cultivator, but was still able to bring out a magical weapon that unexpectedly would not be detected by the spiritual consciousness of ordinary cultivators. This person was definitely comparable to early stage Soul Essence Cultivators in strength and would absolutely be capable of challenging other experts in the Rank Surpassing Challenges.

However, if Ning Cheng seriously dealt with Leng Yu, then even if there were a few more Leng Yu’s, it would still not be enough to deal with Ning Cheng.

Leng Yu’s slender string did have time to split him into two, when the Profound Beak Spear in Ning Cheng’s head immediately moved to entangle that thin string, causing that thin string to curl around the Profound Break Spear a few times.

That thin string that was unable to be perceived using ordinary spiritual consciousness was completely entangled by Ning Cheng’s Profound Break Spear, causing it to be swept away. Even when Leng Yu forcibly used his spiritual consciousness to call back his magical weapon, it was akin to clay falling into the sea, without causing any ripples.

Leng Yu suddenly felt an extremely horrifying killing intent in the space around him, causing his heart to turn cold almost instantly. Ning Cheng had not only used his broken medium grade spiritual artefact to entangle his best quality spiritual artefact, but had completely trapped him. At this moment, if Ning Cheng wanted to kill him, then it would simply be as easy as cutting a pie, while he would not be able to even show a shred of resistance towards it.

How could a Profound Core Cultivator be powerful to such a degree? Even if his weapon fell into the hands of a Soul Essence Cultivator, he would still be able to communicate with his Drifting Air Mist String. But now that his Drifting Air Mist String was captured by Ning Cheng, all his channels of

communication were completely cut off, let alone recall it back. It was truly laughable as he thought back to what he said, especially about his thoughts about wanting to teach Ning Cheng a lesson. He could only hope that he would show his Senior Apprentice Brother Li Lingfan some face, as he thought I did not kill you, so you should not take it too seriously.

But at this time, he felt that things were quite the opposite, causing him to not dare move at the moment. He knew that, at this moment, if Ning Cheng truly wanted to kill him, then he absolutely did not have any means to resist. He can only resign himself to fate, and wait for Ning Cheng's decision.

"For the sake of Li Lingfan, I will not kill you; however you will have to step down by yourself." Ning Cheng plainly spoke the words that he wanted to say to Leng Yu. With that, he let go of Leng Yu, however Leng Yu's magical weapon, the Drifting Air Mist String, he did not return it.

Leng Yu's complexion was pale as he stepped down from the battle ring, at this moment he did not show even half a shred of pride that he had from before.

"How is it possible? Leng Yu actually lost?"

"Leng Yu was ranked 3rd in the preliminary round for the Profound Core Realm, how could he possibly lose? Moreover lose so easily?"

"Nothing is impossible, it can only be said that Ning Cheng is even fiercer than we imagined. What do you think, who would be coming up next, the second ranked Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Disciple Deng Xiaoyue, or the first ranked Thousand Buddhist Hall's Disciple Nei Xingxian?"

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A delicate looking girl was pulled back by another female cultivator from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, "Junior Apprentice Sister Xiaoyue, you are not an opponent for Ning Cheng, it would be better if you did not come up. Moreover, Ning Cheng also bestowed upon me a life-saving grace, perhaps he might also become a couple with Senior Apprentice Sister Yingdei in the future, so it would be better if you did not go up on stage."

"Alright, Senior Apprentice Sister Bu." The girl who was pulled back by Bu Mei replied, and took no further action.

"Thousand Buddhist Hall's Disciple Nei Xingxian asks for guidance from Elder Brother Ning." A monk with a few incense scars on his head spoke up as he landed on top of the battle stage.

Ning Cheng looked at Nei Xingxian in some doubt before speaking, "Are you a monk, or a Daoist?"

Nei Xingxian touched his bald head and spoke in an honest sounding voice, "Yes, I am a monk"

"Since you are a monk, then why are you so competitive?" Ning Cheng asked. If it were before, then he certainly would not talk such nonsensical things. But now Ning Cheng was aware that even if he defeated Nei Xingxian, he would still not be able to rake up 80 points. As such, whether he began fighting with Nei Xingxian immediately or not, it would not matter at all.

"Makes sense." Nei Xingxian returned a simple and honest reply, but the next moment he already brought out a grey coloured monk's staff. This grey coloured monk's staff then transformed into tens of thousands of staff shadows in just a moment, as they rumbled towards Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had never expected that Nei Xingxian, who looked so simple and honest, would actually hide such shameless cunning within.

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Chapter 299: Fear Breaks Nobody

Nei Xingxiang's attack looked like it was filled with a formidable true essence as it rushed towards Ning Cheng. However, Ning Cheng did not dodge or even attempt to evade it, not to mention bringing out a defensive magical weapon to counter it. Rather he grabbed his Profound Break Spear, poured his true essence into it, before thrusting out with it with an exploding imposing aura.

Some of the cultivators with a higher cultivation could see that Ning Cheng seemed to want to exchange blow against blow with Nei Xingxian.

"Boom boom boom....." The moment the monk's staff and the Profound Break Spear clashed, it immediately caused the terrifying vortex of true essence to erupt from the point of impact. This vortex formed from the true essence seemed as if it was capable of blowing apart the battle ring itself, as even the cultivators with poor cultivations could easily see the battle ring shaking to such an extent that it seemed it would collapse at any moment.

Some of cultivators who did not have a very high cultivation perceived Ning Cheng's and Nei Xingxiang's true essence to be on the same level, however only Nei Xingxian who had experienced the might with his own body knew that Ning Cheng's true essence was much more powerful than his own. Ning Cheng's Profound Break Spear was just a medium grade spiritual artefact; moreover, he could also feel that Ning Cheng had wrapped his Profound Break Spear in a layer of his true essence, as if he was afraid that the spear would end up damaged. Even if that was the case, it had not even resulted in half a point of drop in its power.

Nei Xingxian suddenly swung the Monk's Staff in his hand, allowing him to instantly pull out from the terrifying vortex formed from the true essence collision, while at the same time shook his Monk's Staff causing more than a dozen staff shadows to emerge from it. These staff shadows unexpectedly arranged themselves into an embryonic form of Entrapment Array.

Ning Cheng simply stopped continuing on with his attack, allowing Nei Xingxiang's staff shadows to fully arrange themselves into an array formation that surrounded him in the next instant. The reason why he had done that was because he was curious to see the array formation formed by the staff shadows under the stimulation of this monk, in the end it all boiled down to him being curious about this trick.

Some of the major academies' techniques were very formidable; as such, it wouldn't hurt to be a bit more aware of them. Today it was Nei Xingxian who was controlling his staff shadows into forming an array formation, if he was replaced by a Soul Essence Cultivator, or even a Soul Sculpting Cultivator, it might not be something simple for him to deal with.

"Elder Brother Ning, why did you stop?" Seeing Ning Cheng holding the Profound Break Spear in his hands, as if he was quietly waiting for the staff shadows to form into an array formation, it caused Nei Xingxian to instead let the staff shadows to dissipate. After completely stopping his technique, he couldn't help but ask in a doubtful manner.

At this moment, Ning Cheng really was not able to tell if this Nei Xingxian was someone really honest or someone really cunning. He was speechless for a while before he finally spoke up, "I'm just waiting for you to start. You don't have to worry about it, just continue with what you were doing."

"Okay." Nei Xingxian answered in a single word before he suddenly decided to add in another sentence, "Elder Brother Ning, in that skill from a moment ago, how much power did you use?"

"20 percent." Ning Cheng replied with a smile. He was sure that this monk would never believe his words.

"Just 20 percent true essence strength, yet unexpectedly was more than enough to not even allow me to advance an inch, formidable....." Nei Xingxian muttered to himself, unexpectedly he actually believed Ning Cheng's words.

After Nei Xingxian muttered some more words to himself, he then put away his Monk's Staff and spoke. "I'm not an opponent of Elder Brother Ning, many thanks for Elder brother Ning for showing mercy."

"Did you really believe it?" Ning Cheng looked at Nei Xingxian and voiced his doubt, in his opinion Nei Xingxian only showed honesty on the surface while being deceitful on the inside, so how could he believe his words?

Nei Xingxian quickened his pace as he walked down the battle ring, "Elder Brother Ning's words, this little monk naturally believes."

Seeing Nei Xingxian walking down the battle ring, many of the spectators were not able to react. They were originally expecting a showdown between a tiger and a dragon. But the first ranked in the preliminary round, Nei Xingxian, only exchanged a single move with Ning Cheng, before taking the initiative to step down. Or was he scared off by Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng was feeling somewhat dejected as he stood on the battle ring holding his Profound Break Spear. He was aware that there would not be anyone coming up onto the stage in the short run. However, he had already resolved his heart to not step down, since he wanted those things, then he will have to insist on it.

After Nei Xingxian went down, sure enough no one came up again. Although there were many cultivators from the preliminary round who had not yet had the chance to come up, but even so, not a single person dared to come up.

When there was a person whose cultivation was far stronger than the ones on the same level, moreover, this person chose to disregard the tacit understanding between the academies, it only served to show the glaring loophole in the rules at this moment.

It caused the cultivators wanting to spectate fights on the battle ring to immediately start booing, causing the surroundings to turn completely noisy, as they could see that nobody wanted to come up on the battle ring to compete with Ning Cheng.

The magnificent bloody battle that everyone was expecting did not happen; causing many of the cultivators present there to feel uncomfortable.

“Headmaster, should we send Liang Shi go on stage to call Ning Cheng down?” A Crucible Transformation Elder from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect finally couldn’t stand it anymore.

Rui Baishan shook his head and spoke, “Let him continue, Ning Cheng is already aware of the rules, written and unwritten, yet he still chooses to remain there without any intention of coming down, presumably he already has his own formulations. Elder Bei, you come with me.”

Elder Bei was also very worried about Ning Cheng, but now that the Headmaster had called for him, he immediately followed Rui Baishan to a secret chamber.

“Elder Bei, you are the one who had the most contact with Ning Cheng, how much do you know about Ning Cheng? Tell me all about it.” Rui Baishan immediately went straight to the point.

Elder Bei hesitated slightly, but then shook his head and spoke up, “The truth is, I myself do not know much about Ning Cheng, what I know is what I had obtained from Ning Cheng’s friends, only our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s True Inheriting Disciple Liang Kexin might know a bit more about him than me. Later, I also went and investigated a few cases related to him, and concluded that Ning Cheng had gone to the Mirage Gazing Island, if I have not guessed wrong then Ning Cheng should have definitely stepped foot onto the Mirage Gazing Island. Since he has a Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone on him, then he must have gotten it from the Mirage Gazing Island.”

“On the Mirage Ship Island, there is definitely a big chance to find a Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, and since he could get his hands on a Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone, then it is possible that he might also have the remaining eight Nine-Coloured Mirage Stones.” Rui Baishan concluded with a nod.

“Headmaster....” Elder Bei looked at the headmaster in surprise.

Rui Baishan beckoned with his hand, “Elder Bei, you do not have to worry, even if the Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone is something priceless, I will not covet something that was obtained by a disciple. Since Ning Cheng has been able to obtain so much at one time, as such he must have his own thoughts about it. If I did not guess wrong, then after this competition comes to an end, Ning Cheng would immediately try to go as far as possible from this place. It is precisely because he has already made up his mind on this decision, because of which he is determined to stand it out on top of the battle ring, all in order to force out the highest award.”

“Headmaster, please let me go up and persuade Ning Cheng, making him get down, then take him back to the academy into seclusion.” Elder Bei hesitated before he decisively spoke up.

Rui Baishan slightly shook his head and spoke, “If Ning Cheng had just obtained a single Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone then your approach would definitely be a good thing. However, if Ning Cheng obtained all the nine pieces of the Nine-Coloured Mirage Stones, then even if we sent Ning Cheng into seclusion, there would be countless people swarming towards our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. Although my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is not afraid of being threatened by anyone, but it does not have the strength to fight against the combined might of the rest of the academies. For Ning Cheng choosing to leave the academy, it indeed is the right choice.”

“You are afraid that Ning Cheng might bring an untold disaster to the academy....” Elder Bei spoke up in worry.

Rui Baishan stood up, before giving a calm smile and said, "My Rainbow Fall Sword Sect has been standing tall for countless years, how many ups and downs has it seen, so how could we break because of some fear?"

Finished speaking, Rui Baishan took out a jade box and handed it to Elder Bei and spoke. There is an Escape Talisman in it, once Ning Cheng steps down from the battle rings, you can help me giving it to him. I can help him out, but this is the only way I can."

"Do you want to convey anything else to Ning Cheng? Or do you want him to leave as soon as possible?" Elder Bei put away the jade box and asked.

Rui Baishan gave a smile, "He'll know when to leave."

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Ning Cheng stood there on the battle ring for a full hour, however no one came up to challenge him, at this moment Ning Cheng even took out a chair before sitting down in the middle of the battle ring. The finals of the Profound Core Division was supposed to be a splendid show, but at this moment, it had completely degenerated into something akin to a farce.

No matter what direction, at this time one could hear a cacophony of noises, as people talked non-stop.

At this time, a black bearded yet elderly man flew over to the battle ring.

Ning Cheng on seeing him hurriedly put away his chair. He had already seen too many experts in these few days. This elderly man had a powerful aura, which made Ning Cheng immediately realize that it was not a whit inferior to Xiao Bisheng, such a strong aura if directed towards him, would be enough to reduce him to ashes in an instant.

"Ning Cheng greets senior." Ning Cheng quickly bowed towards the old man.

The black bearded elderly man looked towards Ning Cheng, and gave a meaningful smile, before nodding, seeing this the audience almost instantaneously quieted down allowing him to speak, "I am the Heaven Alliance's Dao Master Mu Ziming, and also one of the evaluators of the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies. From this competition of the Profound Core Division, it can be seen that there are some loopholes in the rules for the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies. As such, once this year's Great Meet concludes, we will be re-formulating the rules for the Great Meet..."

These words immediately caused a sensation among the audience. Even if there were not interesting fights to watch, this matter in itself was exciting enough. Because it was just a single Profound Core Cultivator who had ended up forcing this change in rules for the Great Meet of the Academies.

Mu Ziming raised his hand, causing a heavy pressure to descend which forcibly cut off the noisy disturbances, before he continued to speak, "Now, I will announce that for this times Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies, Ning Cheng takes home the first place for the Profound Core Division, are there any cultivators here who object to this decision? If there are any objections then please step up to the ring and challenge him, if no objections, then it will be as decided."

Ning Cheng taking the first place, of course none of the cultivators competing had any objections about it. Ning Cheng had easily defeated one powerful expert after another, while sporting a very relaxed

expression, without even a hint of having gone all out, who in their right minds would be willing to go up against such a monster?

All the people at this moment realized that the current Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies would end up creating a legend that no one would be able to surpass. That was because the rules of the competition were actually forced to change because of a single cultivator, the ones that had never been broken before. Moreover, in just the first half of the Great Meet, they were actually forced to decide on the first place. While at the same time, no one could even object to that person taking up the first place, this was something that was unprecedented; perhaps there would never be anyone absurd as him in the future.

The public square had just quieted down, when it once again erupted in loud noises because of this matter.

"Although we have set the first place, but the following rounds will still be carried out, as the rest of the competition rankings also have to be determined." Mu Ziming's voice completely the entire noisy public square once again, once he finished speaking he then gave a smile as he looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, "What do you think?"

Ning Cheng quickly bowed again as he spoke, "This Ning Cheng naturally would not have any objections to the decision taken by the Dao Master, however I originally wanted to win that bottle of Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith....."

"Very well, just tell me what you need." Mu Ziming replied in a simple manner.

Seeing this, Ning Cheng also no longer remained polite, "senior, this junior only wants a supreme grade Soul Condensing Pill, plus a bottle of Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith, nothing else."

Although Ning Cheng was aware that he was facing a Dao Master, as such, the words he spoke could very well spell danger for him, but he had to do this if he wanted to escape from here in the future.

"Just these two things?" Mu Ziming asked with some doubt. He had initially thought that Ning Cheng would definitely ask for a lion's share of things, although Ning Cheng asking for the Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith could be considered as asking for a lion's share, but it was still much better than what he had expected, allowing him to form a much more favourable impression in his heart towards Ning Cheng.

"Just these two things." Ning Cheng spoke with affirmation.

Mu Ziming also nodded and spoke, "I'll give you the two of them."

Finished speaking, Mu Ziming took out two jade bottles before he sent them towards Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng also did not hesitate to put them away as he spoke, "Many thanks senior, if I have the ability to help you out in the future, then I will surely repay today's grace."

Ning Cheng was obviously not a fool, he could already sense the meaning behind Mu Ziming's words, as these two things were not something that were provided to him on behalf of the Tian Continent's competition, but rather was given to him from Mu Ziming's personal effects. Besides, even if the competition decided to award him, it was certain that he would not receive these awards.

“You can get down now, and make sure to look out for yourself.”

“Yes.”

Ning Cheng cupped his fists, before he quickly stepped down from the battle stage.

Ning Cheng had actually managed to change the rules of the competition that were being passed down for countless years, and had even caused a Dao Master to personally come up on stage to ask him to step down. It was something that was more than enough to stir the entire Tian Continent.

Because Ning Cheng finally stepped down, the competition between the Profound Core Division was once again started on the battle stage. Being ranked as one of the top ten academies of the Tian Continent meant gaining a lot of resources, as such who would be willing to fall behind. Moreover, with the continuation of the battle rounds, the competition only became more and more exciting.

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As Ning Cheng stepped down from the battle stage, he immediately started making preparations to leave this place as soon as possible, as to whether Yin Kongchan or Xu Yingdei would come after him or not, he currently did not care about it.

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Chapter 300: Leaving

What made Ning Cheng a bit surprised that once he won the first place for the academy, not a single elder came up to see, rather the first one to come up to see him unexpectedly was Xian Caixue.

Regarding Xian Caixue’s name, he had already heard about it from Elder Bei, that the reason he was able to participate in this competition, was because Xian Caixue agreed to let him take her spot.

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, this is something that Elder Bei entrusted me to bring to you, and is something of a reward from the Headmaster.” Xian Caixue handed a jade box to Ning Cheng and spoke.

“Then I would have to come and thank the Headmaster and Elder Bei.” Ning Cheng also put away the jade box and spoke.

Xian Caixue quickly stopped Ning Cheng and spoke, “No, I heard the Headmaster say that they were discussing something that is extremely important, as such they do not have the free time to meet you currently.”

Ning Cheng, whether for the good or bad, had been involved with the world of cultivation for a few years already; moreover, he himself was an intelligent character. As such, when he heard Xian Caixue’s words, he immediately understood that something was wrong. This particular time can be regarded as something critical for the Profound Core Division; moreover, they have also just taken the first spot, as such, whatever kind of important matter it was, the academy would at least not go into discussion over it at this time.

Thinking until here, Ning Cheng immediately opened the jade box to look at what was inside it. When Ning Cheng saw that there was an advanced level Escape Talisman inside the jade box, he immediately understood what was going on.

Headmaster Rui Baishan had sent an Escape Talisman to him not just as a reward but also as a reminder. That he had to escape this place quickly, and need not dally around here for even a moment more.

Ning Cheng then quickly put away the jade box, before he spoke to Xian Caixue, "Many thanks Junior Apprentice Sister Xian, the reason I was able to win the first place is because of you giving me your spot, as such please accept this pill from me. If there is a reward for the first place, then I will have to trouble Senior Apprentice Sister Xian to help me get it. If there is none, then just forget it, I will be taking my leave now because of an urgent matter."

Ning Cheng then immediately took out the top quality Soul Condensing Pill that he had received from Xu Yingdei and gave it to Xian Caixue, before he rushed out to leave this place, he was not even in the mood to go up and meet Liang Kexin who was standing not far away from him on the side.

Xian Caixue was a bit puzzled as she opened the jade bottle in her hands. But when she saw that, the jade bottle contained a Soul Condensing Pill; her hands couldn't help but tremble violently. This pill was something very precious, and she was aware that she had merely given up her spot. Yet Ning Cheng actually rewarded her with such a precious pill?

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Ning Cheng quickly found a deserted place after coming out, and immediately disappeared from there. Half an incense stick later, under disguise, he turned a corner. A few moments later, a small grey shadow rushed out from that corner and quickly shot into another street.

A small pet beast had suddenly left its master; such a scene was not strange on the streets. Things like these happened almost every day. Some of them were taken away, while some were able to escape.

However, this little grey thing had a very fast speed, and in just a short time left the huge public square.

This little animal was just a Class 3 pet spirit beast, a lot of cultivators with a high cultivation level had already noticed it, but no one was bored enough to catch such a low level spirit beast, let alone try to sell it. Of course, the other reason was that this pet beast simply ran too fast, if it were a bit slower, allowing a person to get a good look at it, then perhaps someone would have really decided to chase it down.

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Ning Cheng had just left, when Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Xu Yingdei came over.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning has already left to take care of some urgent things; if you want then you can wait for Senior Apprentice Brother Ning to come back, or is it that you want to give him a message?" Xian Caixue heard that she was here looking for Ning Cheng, as such quickly came up to greet her. Ning Cheng had just gave her a Soul Condensing Pill, this kind of grace, was definitely not a small one. At this time, how could she even be half a point depressed? As she was truly glad in her heart that she stood out before Liang Shi, to give her spot to Ning Cheng.

"Ning Cheng left?" Another voice arrived; the speaker was not Xu Yingdei, but rather Yin Kongchan who had just arrived after Xu Yingdei.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei shot a glance at each other, before both of them left the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's station together, leaving behind a puzzled Xian Caixue.

If Senior Apprentice Sister Luo Ziyuan was said to be Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's number one beauty, then both Yin Kongchan's and Xu Yingdei's looks were definitely something that trumped over Senior Apprentice Sister Ziyuan. However, these two stunning looking women, actually came side by side to look for Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng who was just a Profound Core Cultivator?

However, Xian Caixue thought that since her Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng was someone capable of forcing a change in the rules of the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies, while at the same time able to win the first place, while was also someone who did not back down against a Crucible Transformation Elder from the Red Star Sword Faction, it truly was not too strange for such a thing to happen.

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At this time, the small grey pet beast had already run out of the Heavenly Dao Public Square, as it finally stopped in a place where there was no one around.

The next moment, Ning Cheng's figure emerged. This grey spirit beast was none other than his Grey Toottoot; Ning Cheng knew that since the Headmaster had told him to escape, it in itself was indicative enough that the problem was getting more and more serious. He did not dare to escape from the Heavenly Dao Public Square in his usual form, as such could only use Grey Toottoot to help him out. Because of which, he had entered his miniature world ring before allowing Grey Toottoot to carry it in order to escape. If Grey Toottoot ended up being caught, only then would he burn all his bridges to make his escape.

Fortunately, Grey Toottoot's level was too low, as such even though people were able to notice Grey Toottoot; no one really put him in their eyes.

Once Ning Cheng came out, he first immediately put away Grey Toottoot, while simultaneously brought out his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds before disappearing into the distance. He did not immediately use Yin Kongchan's Talisman, as he did not trust this woman enough.

But Ning Cheng was soon able to perceive that there was something wrong, as he felt a spiritual consciousness lock onto to him from afar. Moreover, this spiritual consciousness was getting more and more clear, which meant that this person was getting closer and closer to him.

Ning Cheng was greatly shocked in his heart, as he wielded his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds to its utmost limit, causing its speed to turn incomparably fast, yet this person was still able to close the distance between them bit by bit, from this it could be seen that this person's cultivation was at least in the Sea Opening Realm, or might even turn out to be a Crucible Transformation Cultivator.

If the other party was a Crucible Transformation Cultivator, then even if used a Rank 7 Talisman, he would not be able to completely escape from the other parties range, rather it could be said that it was too late for him to use it. Just as the thought of using the Talisman came to him, Ning Cheng immediately gave it up, although the Headmaster had given him a Talisman; however Ning Cheng had not carefully looked at it if the Talisman contained any problems. Even if he had checked it out thoroughly, he would not be able to stimulate it in a short while.

As the spiritual consciousness that had locked onto him from behind became more and more clear, Ning Cheng was sure that as long as he dared to delay for just a few moments, the opposite party would be able to catch him. Moreover, he was also aware that stimulating an Advanced Level Talisman that he had not refined, would definitely take a few moments, which he did not have currently.

Ning Cheng, at this moment, could only do one thing, which was to crazily stimulate his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he was aware that he did not have the time to even stimulate his True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel.

With the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds being crazily stimulated by Ning Cheng, the spiritual consciousness that was getting more and more clear behind him finally was not able to continue closing the distance between them, but at the same time Ning Cheng was also not able to pull away from it.

“Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds? Good boy, the secrets stashed on his body are not small at all. No wonder you were able to obtain the Nine-Coloured Mirage Stone, that is because you have this kind of treasure on you.” A man wearing a mask sneered as he spoke to himself.

The man’s body at this moment had completely turned into a vague shadow, as he tightly followed behind Ning Cheng. He did not use a flight type magical weapon, as he was very much clear that in front of Ning Cheng’s Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, an ordinary flight type magical weapon simply would not be able to catch up. Moreover, the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds were extremely flexible, allowing the user to change their directions at any time and place, before the user disappeared without a trace.

At this moment, he was completely relying on his strong true essence and spiritual consciousness as he tightly followed Ning Cheng. Although the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds were formidable, however it would not last forever. Using the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds already required one to possess a powerful true essence and spiritual consciousness, once the true essence and spiritual consciousness was not able to sustain it any longer, it would immediately slow down to a considerable extent.

As such, this man was not afraid of Ning Cheng being able to escape from his hands, he was confident that his own true essence and spiritual consciousness was far stronger than Ning Cheng’s was.

But after tailing him for two hours, he finally felt that something was wrong. Even if Ning Cheng’s true essence reserves was deeper than the others were how could it be so formidable? Just how much true essence did his body contain? He definitely would not last longer than an hour before his speed comes down he consoled himself.

However, Ning Cheng’s speed simply did not come down at all; rather the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds were still being wielded in crazy manner. At this time, Ning Cheng was truly grateful towards Mu Ziming. If not for Mu Ziming giving him a bottle of the Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith, he would have long since been caught by that person. He was also glad that his powerful spiritual consciousness was tempered in the Chaotic Star Space, as it was primarily because of his powerful spiritual consciousness that he was able to support himself until now.

The heaven defying nature of the Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith was finally revealed in this situation. No matter how much true essence was consumed by Ning Cheng, all he had to drink was a minuscule sip of it, which would then completely replenish his depleted true essence.

Another hour later, Ning Cheng finally put away the bottle of the Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith, of which he had already consumed a third. He knew that at this point he was relatively safe because the spiritual consciousness was growing blurred before it eventually disappeared.

After that spiritual consciousness completely disappeared, Ning Cheng brought out an airship before flying for another half a day. Only coming to a stop at a desolate looking soil bank. In any case, he had to escape far away from this dangerous whirlpool of mess.

Resting up on the small desolate soil bank for an incense stick worth of time, Ning Cheng formulated a somewhat simple plan for his future path. He had to go search for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in any case, however whether or not he found it, he must leave this dangerous place called Tian Continent for now. At least, before he had the strength to protect himself, he would not come back here easily.

Unfortunately, he had no other way to return to the Nine Continent, except for using that Escape Talisman that would take him back to the bottom of the Blood River. Even the remaining Power of Hope would not be enough, which meant that he also would not be able to use the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel to go back. The reason he was able to arrive at the Tian Continent was purely luck, otherwise in that Chaotic Star Space, without any direction, who could say where the Buddha Fire Wheel would have taken him?

Ning Cheng finally took out the talisman given to him by Yin Kongchan and carefully scrutinized it, and did not discover any issues with it. On this talisman, there was only his, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingde's spiritual consciousness tag.

However, he did not know if he could use this talisman to reach its intended place, especially since he had already escaped this far.

Whether he could or could not, Ning Cheng did not care. If it was the later, then it only meant that the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was not written in his fate.

Ning Cheng stimulated the escaping talisman in his hands, causing the escape talisman to conjure an arrayed aperture. This arrayed aperture, in the next moment, wrapped around Ning Cheng, before it teleported him away.

How was this an Imprinted Escaping Talisman, this was simply a Minor Teleportation Talisman aah. Ning Cheng suddenly felt his heart clench, if Yin Kongchan plotted against him, while using this teleportation talisman to send him to a designated location, then didn't it mean that he was just like poultry sending itself to be slaughtered.

A burst of dizziness hit Ning Cheng as he went through the spacial teleport, but after a short period of time, Ning Cheng finally once again felt his feet touch the ground. When he saw the wilderness around him, only then did his nervous heart finally calmed down a little. Fortunately, Yin Kongchan had not plotted against him, at least for the moment.

Finding that there was not even a silhouette of a person within the range of a hundred miles of him, Ning Cheng's first reaction was that Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingde had not arrived yet. After all, both were going to participate in the Soul Essence Competition between the academies.

But soon Ning Cheng felt something different, as he could feel that the escape talisman had transferred three marks into his hands during the process. These marks were none other than the three spiritual consciousness tags. In addition to his own spiritual consciousness tag, the spiritual consciousness tags of Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were still fluctuating.

Ning Cheng was also a Talisman Refining Master, although he had never refined an escape talisman with a spiritual consciousness tag, but he was aware that this kind of fluctuations represented that him and the two people were not very far apart from each other.