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Chapter 581: I Like Qionghua

The most grandiose place within Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City naturally was the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. This was a fairyland within the city, with continuous pavilions shrouded in vibrant starry skies' Essence Qi and surrounded by verdant green mountains.

Cranes and colourful clouds drifting around the mountains made people unable to believe that this place was actually inside a city. This fairyland was, however, the abode of the Grand Culmination Starry Skies' Premier Emperor, Chuan Xinlou[1], and was the most famous of the many Celestial Emperor Mountains.

The grand starry skies contained many legends about Chuan Xinlou. People even speculated that Chuan Xinlou's cultivation had surpassed even Eternal-level Starry Skies Emperors. However, as to what realm this fellow belonged to, no one had any idea about it. As long as any starry sky emperor came to Grand Culmination Starry Skies, came to Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, they would never dare not to visit Chuan Xinlou.

At this moment, around a dozen people sat within a castle suspended in the air above the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. They were the Heavenly Emperors from the major starry skies[2] who had come to visit Chuan Xinlou, who was a proud person. However, despite being in a higher position and despite his pride, in the face of these starry skies' Heavenly Emperors coming to visit, he also had to take the initiative to accompany them.

"Did that Wanderer not come out yet?" Chuan Xinlou smiled and asked a servant standing beside him.

Usually, when Celestial Emperors[3] came to visit, they would discuss the general situation of each starry sky under their jurisdiction before proceeding to exchange cultivation-related information. However, because of the dazzling performance of Wanderer at Culmination Public Square, Chuan Xinlou and these starry sky emperors found another new topic for discussion.

Because of this, Chuan Xinlou gave the order to bring Wanderer to him at Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain the moment he came out.

"Reporting to the Heavenly Emperor, there is no news of him yet, he should still be on the top floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower." The servant quickly replied with a bow.

A black-faced man laughed before speaking, "This Wanderer can reach the 80th floor. It already shows that he has some remarkable talents. Looks like our Grand Culmination Starry Skies is about to obtain a true heaven-defying cultivator."

Hearing the black-faced man, a pretty-looking Daoist Priestess sitting not far from him spoke up softly, "This person inside the Celestial Scryer Tower is indeed a talented genius, but he is definitely not heaven-defying. As long as one is familiar with the starry sky attributes and also have sufficiently strong strength, it would not be impossible to climb to the 80th floor."

Chuan Xinlou showed a smile before speaking, "I agree with Brother Wu, this fellow is indeed a genius. However, I also agree with Junior Apprentice Sister Mihui's words. In fact, there is no way to enter the Nine-by-Nine Celestial Scryer Tower's 81st floor. Being able to climb to the 80th floor is already a

testament to this fellow's genius-level talents. However, because no one can enter the 81st floor, even if someone managed to climb to the 80th floor, they can only be considered as a genius at best, not heaven-defying."

"Why is that?" Someone immediately asked.

Chuan Xinlou smile and spoke, "Let's turn to Junior Apprentice Sister Mihui to answer your question."

The delicate and pretty-looking Daoist Priestess spoke up calmly, "That's because the 80th floor contains the most powerful barrier. It does not have attribute-related attacks or attacks that specifically target one's Sea of Consciousness. It does not even involve an issue with common laws. However, from the 80th to the 81st floor, I heard that one would have to understand a type of Spacio-Temporal Law. Whether it is the Laws of Space or the Laws of Time, these are not something that a Celestial Scryer Cultivator can comprehend; even touching the surface would prove impossible for them."

Having said that, the delicate and pretty-looking Daoist Priestess's eyes swept around at the various starry sky emperors before continuing, "Not to mention a Celestial Scryer Cultivator, even among us, how many of us can claim to have superficial knowledge about the Laws of Time or Space? At least, I haven't even touched them yet."

The surrounding starry sky emperors immediately sucked in a mouthful of cold air, the Laws of Space were still acceptable although stretching, but the tower also demanded comprehension of Laws of Time? This was just too heaven-defying. One needed to have at least a superficial understanding of both the Laws of Time and Space to clear the Celestial Scryer Tower. No wonder Chuan Xinlou said that it would be impossible for someone to enter the 81st floor; it truly was not just casual talk.

Chuan Xinlou once again showed a smile before speaking, "Everyone, you shouldn't ponder over it too much. Since that Wanderer can enter the 80th floor, it already proves that this fellow is the Premier Genius of our Grand Culmination Starry Skies. After he is sent out, someone will bring him here. No matter which starry sky he belongs to, I will......"

Chuan Xinlou had not finished his words when the servant standing beside him suddenly looked at a communications pearl in her hand before stepping forward. She then gave a bow before speaking with a trembling voice, "Lord Heavenly Emperor, Wanderer has entered the 81st floor, and the time stamp behind his name has also disappeared......"

"What?" Chuan Xinlou suddenly stood up. At the same time, his face also changed dramatically.

Even that Daoist Priestess, called Mihui, also stood up in shock. Only those people privy to the secrets of the Celestial Scryer Tower knew how heaven-defying it was for someone to climb to the 81st floor.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Levelled Heart, I want to go to Culmination Public Square to see it personally." Mihui no longer cared if her statement felt impolite. A cultivator managing to climb to the 81st level of the Celestial Scryer Tower definitely was worth her visit in person.

Chuan Xinlou also did not care about Mihui's rudeness and immediately spoke up, "Since everyone wants to go see, I will also come over to have a look."

Even if one had heaven-defying qualifications, for a Celestial Scryer Cultivator who could climb to the 81st floor of the Nine-by-Nine Celestial Scryer Tower, it definitely meant that this fellow had an

unparalleled secret. Whether to take this heaven-defying fellow as his disciple or for other reasons, he could not continue to stay here and wait.

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"How come it's you again?" When Ning Cheng walked up to the two female cultivators, and before he could speak, the female cultivator next to next to Shi Qionghua's look-alike frowned and spoke up.

Ning Cheng quickly apologised to this female cultivator and turned toward the young girl who looked like Shi Qionghua and asked, "You look like a family member of mine, her name is Shi Qionghua, can I ask your name?"

When the young girl heard Ning Cheng's words, she immediately showed surprised look; however, she did not have the time to speak when the female cultivator next to her stepped up in front of him and sneered, "It sure is a good way. I think you should already know where we come from?"

Ning Cheng nodded and spoke, "Yes, I heard that you come from Nine Jewels Starry Skies' Everlasting Sacred Shrine."

"Since you know about it, then don't you know that I am Jing Yiyi?" The female cultivator spoke with disdain.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi....." The young girl quickly spoke from the side, "But I don't know what my last name is?"

The female cultivator, named Jing Yiyi, looked at the young girl with no words, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, he is just looking for excuses. When we met him the last time, didn't you see how he acted."

After that, she then turned to Ning Cheng and spoke, "I don't know which starry sky you come from, but it looks like you don't even pay any attention to your cultivation. You can already see that someone had just now entered the 81st floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower, making many people envious and even determined to try to catch up to that Wanderer. Yet, here you are, trying only to know the name of a female cultivator all this time. Do you really have no shame?"

Ning Cheng knew that this Jing Yiyi had misunderstood him. However, just when he tried to explain, he heard that this young girl truly had the name 'Qionghua'. At this moment, he no longer felt the need for providing Jing Yiyi with any explanation and took a step forward in excitement as he spoke with a tremble, "Qionghua, it really is you...."

The young girl named Qionghua quickly took a step back; at the same time, Jing Yiyi stepped forward in front of Ning Cheng and snapped, "What do you want to do? This is the Culmination Public Square, believe it or not, I will call it right away."

Ning Cheng calmed down and looked at the young girl and said, "Excuse me, is your name, Shi Qionghua?"

Even if the young girl did not answer, Ning Cheng felt almost sure in his heart that this Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong in front of him was his Shi Qionghua.

The young girl hesitated for a bit before replying, "My name is Qionghua, but I don't have a surname....."

Jing Yiyi immediately pulled Qionghua aside and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, you don't have to say anything to such a person."

"Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, I just want to speak a few words with you in private." Ning Cheng spoke with a tremble in his voice.

Jing Yiyi turned impatient, she gave a grunt and asked, "What's your surname?"

Ning Cheng hesitated for a bit and decided not to conceal this matter, "My surname is Ning."

Jing Yiyi spoke with even more disdain in her voice, "Your surname is 'Ning', and you just said that my Junior Apprentice Sister is your family and that my Junior Apprentice Sister is surnamed 'Shi'. You think you could pass a person named Ning and a person named Shi as family members; what you want to say is that my Junior Apprentice Sister is your Dao Companion, right? Oh, even if I say that my Junior Apprentice Sister had never been out alone, perhaps you would say that my Junior Apprentice Sister was your Dao Companion in her last life. Do you still care about face anymore? Do not think that I would let you off for bullying my Junior Apprentice Sister.

Ning Cheng opened his mouth and wanted to say that, in fact, Shi Qionghua was his wife; however, she was his wife in her previous life.

"What? Lost your tongue, have you? I have seen a lot of people like you. Stay away from us from now on or don't blame me for being rude." Jing Yiyi grew angrier the more she spoke.

"Yiyi....." A stern voice interrupted Jing Yiyi's words.

Jing Yiyi subconsciously turned stiff, then quickly bowed before calling out, "Sacred Master...."

Qionghua also quickly bowed and spoke, "Sacred Master."

A Daoist Priestess wearing light blue robes then appeared in front of Ning Cheng. This Daoist Priestess looked very beautiful, but Ning Cheng could not gauge her age.

Hearing Qionghua call this Daoist Priestess as Sacred Master, he quickly cupped his fists and called out, "Greetings senior."

"Who are you?" The Daoist Priestess's eyes swept over Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng felt as if someone had poured a bucket of ice-cold water over his head, turning his body cold almost instantly. The gaze from this Daoist Priestess seemed to have penetrated his clothes, and he could not help but want to cover his crucial points.

Formidable cultivation, the only thing that Ning Cheng felt from her.

"Sacred Master, this man has been persistently hounding Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua. I was just about to chase him away." Jing Yiyi quickly replied.

The Daoists Priestess's eyes turned even colder, and the powerful aura emanating from her almost crushed Ning Cheng to a meat paste. However, Ning Cheng still stood in the same place, albeit with trembling legs.

Seeing Ning Cheng unexpectedly able to withstand the pressure of her imposing aura, the Daoists Priestess immediately recalled and dispersed some of her aura. However, she still spoke with a cold tone, "Do you like Qionghua?"

Ning Cheng opened his mouth but unexpectedly did not know how to answer. However, this Daoist Priestess's ice-cold and disdained filled eyes made him very upset in his heart. Qionghua was his wife, how could he not like her?

"Yes, I like Qionghua." Ning Cheng took a deep breath and spoke with a firm tone.

"Get lost." The imposing aura of this Daoist Priestess immediately surged and pushed out, pushing Ning Cheng back by almost ten steps. However, even after hitting several cultivators along the way, he still kept his legs firmly rooted to the ground.

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Chapter 582: Must Have Strength

"You again?" One of the female cultivators, who Ning Cheng had bumped into, looked at Ning Cheng in surprise before speaking up.

Ning Cheng also recognised this female cultivator. This woman had not only destroyed his battleship but had even coerced 100 million green coins out of him.

"Are you going to ask me to pay you a hundred million green coins again?" Ning Cheng coldly stared at this female cultivator wearing light-blue robes with an even icier tone. Facing Qionghua again, he could not break free from a feeling that he could not explain; rather, no one could tell it. In the final analysis, strength was all that mattered.

Although his strength had risen rapidly, even so, Ning Cheng could barely stand in front of that Daoist Priestess. At this moment, Ning Cheng had only one thought in his mind, cultivation.

He did not go back to look for Qionghua again; at this moment, it was nothing but a pointless endeavour. As long as he knew that Qionghua was in Everlasting Sacred Shrine, then one day, he would slap this Daoist Priestess away and take away Qionghua.

"Of course not, but is it not true that you bumped into me?" The blue-robed female cultivator did not turn angry and spoke with a very gentle tone.

Ning Cheng also gave a calm reply, "It is the truth, but with so many people on this public square, one would occasionally end up rubbing shoulders with others while walking. I'm sorry that I ended up bumping into you, but I had no intention of it."

"I'm not saying that you intentionally bumped into my business. It is just a trivial matter. Anyway, since we have met twice already. I guess it is a sort of fate. Let me introduce myself, I am called Su Dai. What about you?" Contrary to Ning Cheng's expectations, this female cultivator's tone, who had initially tried to pressure him to cough up the money, remained very gentle.

Ning Cheng had no goodwill towards this female cultivator, who had wanted him to kneel to her on the ground, and calmly spoke, "I'm just a rogue cultivator, a nameless man."

With that, Ning Cheng no longer wanted to waste his time talking with Su Dai and immediately headed towards Ziche Jun who looked at the entire proceedings from the side.

Su Dai bit her lip and stared at Ning Cheng's back. Of course, she understood Ning Cheng's meaning; that is, he was his own person and not someone who liked to climb up using others. Plainly put, this person simply did not put her in his eyes.

She had some curiosity towards Ning Cheng, especially since Ning Cheng was just a puny Celestial Scryer Cultivator. Yet, this fellow had readily taken out a hundred million green coins to pay her. Switched with a different cultivator, they would have definitely chosen to apologise to her by kneeling on the ground. And now when they met once again, he only mentioned a casual apology and even asked if he had to take out money. From this, she could understand that although this fellow had lost money to her, he did not feel even a bit afraid of her. Moreover, she also realised that he knew that she was in the wrong.

"Little Miss, this fellow looks interesting." The green-robed female cultivator in seeing her Little Miss staring at the back of Ning Cheng added a sentence from the side.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, you saw it too. That fellow looked everywhere for a chance to meet female cultivators. He just bumped into a few people, and yet 'coincidentally' he ended up bumping into a female cultivator who knew him." Jing Yiyi on seeing this situation spoke to Qionghua in a more flamboyant manner.

The Daoist Priestess, addressed as Sacred Master, who had pushed Ning Cheng back using just the pressure from her imposing aura, did not try to find him again on seeing that Ning Cheng had chosen not to come up again. Instead, her tone softened and asked, "Yiyi, since you and Qionghua are here, did the Celestial Scryer Cultivator who climbed to the 81st floor come down?"

"He hasn't come down yet. Just now, a man had come out, and everyone thought that it was he and almost ganged up on that fellow. However, when someone looked at the results, they found that it wasn't him." Jing Yiyi quickly replied.

"Heavenly Emperor Levelled Heart is here....." No one knows who called it out, but it immediately attracted a lot of attention.

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"Brother Ziche...." Ning Cheng had only just spoken the words when Ziche Jun quickly reacted and excitedly pulled Ning Cheng to the periphery.

Ning Cheng then patted Ziche Jun on his shoulder and spoke, "Brother Ziche, I know what you want to say, and I also know what you want to ask. These things, however, are secondary. The main thing is that you must help me obtain a jade card to enter the Immortal Jade Star. I anyway wanted to go into secluded cultivation for a while so I can only ask you about this matter. There is another thing on top of that which I need to ask from Brother Ziche."

Ziche Jun forcible calmed himself down and spoke, "Brother Ning, just tell me, as long as I can help, I will definitely help you."

Ziche Jun did not call Ning Cheng 'Wanderer' again but changed his form of address to Brother Ning again. Apparently, he understood that the name Wanderer could not be used anymore.

Ning Cheng whispered, "Brother Ziche, you already saw the brutal nature of that old Daoist Priestess from Everlasting Sacred Shrine. You also saw that the female cultivator whom I like is called Qionghua. You just have to keep an eye on her for my sake. Once Qionghua goes out alone, send me a message. If you think that the old Daoist Priestess is keeping an eye on her, then don't send me any message."

"I will get on it immediately." Ziche Jun quickly replied. Initially, he had only initiated contact with Ning Cheng for the Rootless Green Bamboo Leaves. Of course, Ziche Jun also appreciated Ning Cheng a bit. However, now that Ning Cheng had managed to climb all the way up to the 81st floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower, he really wanted them to become friends.

He knew that Ning Cheng most likely had a secret, but which cultivator did not have their own secrets? If Ning Cheng held a heaven-shattering secret and he ended up exposing it, it would not bring any good to him. Instead, Ziche Jun would end up with one of the most deadly enemies. Currently, Ning Cheng still had relatively low cultivation, so Ziche Jun could use this chance to become friends with Ning Cheng. This way, he could also have a powerful friend in the future.

"Brother Ziche, when will the Immortal Jade Star open?" Ning Cheng asked with some concern. He was worried that by the time the Immortal Jade Star opened, he might not have obtained an entry.

Ziche Jun knew what Ning Cheng felt worried about and gave him a reassuring look. He then whispered, "You will have to wait until all the participating powerhouses from the different Grand Starry Skies assemble, only then will it open. Don't worry, even if they all gather tomorrow, everyone would be informed about the opening."

"That's for the best. Brother Ziche, I will be taking my leave now. If you find something, remember to contact me immediately." Ning Cheng said his goodbyes to Ziche Jun and quietly left the Culmination Public Square.

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"Senior Apprentice Brother Wanderer, you returned at the right time. Master said that when he was not in the shop, Senior Apprentice Brother Wanderer would take care of the Artefact-crafting Store. I was worried and kept thinking about when Senior Apprentice Brother would return. Fortunately, you returned just in time." Ning Cheng had just walked through the entrance of Baichi Artefact-crafting Store when that Junior Apprentice Sister Yan immediately showed up with a face plastered with that professional looking smile.

Ning Cheng could not help but think that this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan really lived in the wrong place. If someone put her on Earth, she would definitely end up as a compelling character.

Ning Cheng did not answer Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's words; he just gave out a sigh and projected a face filled with sadness.

"What's the matter? Is something bothering Senior Apprentice Brother Wanderer?" Although this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan mentioned that she felt worried about Ning Cheng, her face still showed the same professional-looking smile.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, you can't call me Senior Apprentice Brother Wanderer anymore. I have to change my name." Ning Cheng's face showed even more bitterness.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan still showed the same smile as she spoke, "It is a very nice name, why would you want to change it?"

"Alas, it looks like a beautiful woman like Junior Apprentice Sister Yan just sits within the store all day. Must be quiet boring, ah." Speaking till here, Ning Cheng's words turned even more cryptic, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, don't you know that someone managed to climb up to the 81st floor of Culmination Public Square's Nine-by-Nine Celestial Scryer Tower?"

"What?" Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's hands trembled. Even the professional-looking smile over her face disappeared. Instead, it was replaced with shock.

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart. It looks like this Junior Apprentice Yan is not simple at all. Judging by her reaction, she knew how difficult it was to reach the 81st floor. Even for himself, if he had not touched the surface of the Laws of Time, Ning Cheng really could not have reached that place.

"Since you probably stay inside for most of the day, you might have not heard of this news. This matter had even drawn the attention of Heavenly Emperor Levelled Heart. Most likely, Heavenly Emperor Levelled Heart wants to invite that fellow over to his place." Ning Cheng did not hide this fact. In fact, he had heard about this from the mouths of others that someone by the title 'Heavenly Emperor Levelled Heart' had shown up. As for if this Heavenly Emperor really had the name Levelled Heart or Xinlou, he simply could not figure it out yet.

Seeing Junior Apprentice Sister Yan still showing a shocked expression, Ning Cheng simply sat down opposite to her and gave out a sigh, "Do you know what name this formidable character goes by, what else it could be but Wanderer."

"You mean to say that the cultivator who managed to climb to the 81st floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower is also called Wanderer?" Junior Apprentice Sister Yan finally came to her senses and asked in surprise.

Ning Cheng nodded, "Yes, now do you understand why I need to change my name? Even if you say that many people might have the same name, but how could there be such a huge difference? Alas."

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan finally calmed down and regained her professional-looking smile before speaking, "There definitely are many people with the same name. Senior Apprentice Brother does not have to change his name just because of such a reason. In any case, Wanderer is quite a good name."

Ning Cheng shook his head and said, "No, I've been watching the events unfolding on the public square. After Wanderer rushed to the 81st floor, all the beautiful female cultivators on the public square almost looked swooned as they called out his name. They definitely adore him. If I don't change my name, I'll end up beaten after school."

"Senior Apprentice Brother, what is 'after school'?

"Forget it, you only need to know that if my name still remains Wanderer, a lot of beautiful female cultivators would want to hit me. Anyways, just call me Senior Apprentice Brother Ning from now." Ning Cheng waved his hand and did not mention his full name. Junior Apprentice Sister Yan also did not press for his full name. In any case, he had no need for saying his full name in front of her.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan showed a slight smile and said, "Although Senior Apprentice Brother Ning looks so concerned, such a thing would not happen."

Although she said that such a thing would not happen, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan still replaced her form of address to Senior Apprentice Brother Ning.

"You think so? I was stopped by a female cultivator on the public square. If not for Heavenly Emperor Levelled Heart coming over, I most likely would have ended up on the receiving end of a beating." Ning Cheng spoke while gnashing his teeth as he recalled Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Daoist Priestess. One day, he would use his own imposing aura to push that Daoist Priestess back just like she did with him.

"Such a thing really happened?" Junior Apprentice Sister Yan also saw that Ning Cheng was not joking about it.

"Don't mention it anymore. Master Baichi said that I could stay in his room while he is away. I am going to rest. If someone shows up for crafting artefacts, you can take their materials as usual and put them away for the time being. Master Baichi has already taught me all of his skills. However, if someone wants to craft a Spirit Artefact, please refuse them for now as I cannot refine Spirit Artefacts currently." As Ning Cheng spoke, he walked to the second floor while taking out the jade card that Master Baichi had left for him.

"Yes, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan spoke with a smile. As she looked at Ning Cheng walking up to the second floor, she could not help but think, 'no wonder master decided to accept him as his disciple.' From the looks of it, this Senior Apprentice Brother and Master had a few things in common; at the very least, both of them had thick skins.

After Ning Cheng arrived at the place where Zhongli Baichi crafted artefacts, the smiling face of Ning Cheng immediately turned into a frown.

Although figuratively slapping Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's face brought him some comfort, it did not help much at all. That kind of helplessness and grievance that came from the bottom of his heart could not dissipate naturally. Strength, he must have power. Once the Immortal Jade Star event ended, he would immediately have to find a place to go into seclusion.

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Chapter 583: Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's Secret

Ning Cheng felt delighted with Zhongli Baichi's Artefact-crafting room. Not only was it rich in starry skies' Essence Qi, but it also contained many shielding restrictions that covered the entirety of the room. Although Ning Cheng could not find any Monitoring Array Formations, he knew that Zhongli Baichi possessed much higher cultivation compared to him. As such, even if he could not find any Monitoring Array Formations inside, he would not bring out the Mysterious Yellow Bead in this place, this was not his place anyway.

To enter the Immortal Jade Star, that Xiao Yu had even erased his own cultivation; as such, he certainly did not want to rush to the Celestial Bridge Realm for now. Besides, Ning Cheng also could not refine the Harmonising Celestial Pill right now; not to mention that the Harmonising Celestial Pill was a Grade 4 Celestial Pill, Ning Cheng could not even refine Grade 1 Celestial Pills. As such, it would prove very

difficult for him to advance to the Celestial Bridge Realm without the support of Harmonising Celestial Pills.

Since he was now at Baichi's Artefact-crafting Store, he could continue refining Dao Artefacts. But where should he obtain the raw materials? Thinking of this Ning Cheng immediately called out, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, bring in all the artefact-crafting raw materials we have. I am going to prepare for crafting artefacts. I think master should have already explained it to you before leaving."

On hearing Ning Cheng's voice, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan quickly came up. She did not question about the validity of the statement and instead, showed a smile before taking out a storage ring, and a jade strip, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, this storage ring contains the raw materials that customers brought for their artefacts, and the jade strip contains the specific requests from the customers. I will be downstairs till you call. Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, please do call on me at any time."

Ning Cheng took the storage ring and the jade strip before waving away Junior Apprentice Sister Yan with the words, "You can go down. If anyone comes to place an order for crafting artefacts, please collect the raw materials and pass them on to me after some time."

"Okay. Senior Apprentice Brother Ning." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan then bowed out from the room, which made Ning Cheng feel slightly happy in this heart. Although that cheap Master Baichi had left, looks like he did make some decent arrangements for him, even letting him enjoy the same treatment as the lord of Baichi's Artefact-crafting Store.

The moment that Junior Apprentice Sister Yan went down, Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness immediately swept into the storage ring. When he saw the mountains of raw materials inside the storage ring, he suddenly felt shocked. This storage ring contained tens of thousands of raw materials suitable for crafting middle-grade Dao Artefacts. Even if Ning Cheng had access to god-like speed in crafting artefacts, how long would it take to refine them all?

Hearing Ning Cheng's audible gasp from upstairs, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, who had just arrived at the reception desk, showed a faint smile.

Ning Cheng looked at the long list of Dao Artefacts on the jade strips that he needed to craft and immediately decided on practising refining them. With the raw materials in the storage ring, he could theoretically craft double the amount of the Dao Artefacts requested on the jade strip. With so many free raw materials at hand for practising, one could definitely make a windfall.

Although these raw materials could produce middle-grade Dao Artefacts, in Ning Cheng's perspective, these raw materials were not truly precious. Most of them were Grade 4 starry sky raw materials, while only a few were Grade 5 starry sky raw materials. Just Ning Cheng's storage ring along contained many raw materials even more precious compared to these raw materials.

Ning Cheng immediately brought out his Celestial River Flame; now that he decided to start the artefact-crafting process, he focused his entire mind on it. Although Zhongli Baichi had inspired his Artefact-crafting Process, all of his artefact-crafting skills and methods were something that he had learned by himself. Ning Cheng had no teacher to receive guidance.

Since he had already crafted a middle-grade Dao Artefact previously, Ning Cheng did not fail even once. As Ning Cheng crafted one middle-grade Dao Artefact after another, he immediately put them aside, and soon the middle-grade Dao Artefacts around Ning Cheng started to pile up into a small hill.

Crafting artefacts was a job that consumed a significant amount of Celestial Essence, and only in this Artefact-crafting Room did Ning Cheng truly realise its benefits. Zhongli Baichi's Artefact-crafting Store had an ample supply of Celestial Essence, which immediately offset the consumption due to the Artefact-crafting Process.

Middle-grade Dao Artefacts also had a grading system, and the difference between a good-quality middle-grade Dao Artefact and a poor-quality middle-grade Dao Artefact was huge. Ning Cheng's Mysterious Yellow Formless Cultivation Method was inherently suitable for corrections and finding a better way to do things. As such, the more middle-grade Dao Artefacts he refined, the better his Artefact-crafting Process got, and the more perfect his Artefact-crafting Technique grew.

When Ning Cheng refined hundreds of middle-grade Dao Artefacts, he finally stopped crafting more artefacts. He had come here to learn the art of crafting artefacts, not to take over the work of that cheap master. At this moment, he could easily craft middle-grade Dao Artefacts; including melting the raw materials and fusing them together at the same time. In addition to the slight concentration and hard work involved, Ning Cheng had absolutely no doubts regarding his mastery over the technique.

Ning Cheng put away the extra raw materials into his storage ring, put the hundreds of finished Dao Artefacts into another storage ring, and went downstairs.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning....." Seeing Ning Cheng coming down, Junior Apprentice Sister showed a dazzling smile.

Ning Cheng handed the storage ring in his hand to Junior Apprentice Sister Yan and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, I've finished with the list of Dao Artefacts you gave me. But I ended wasting a lot of the raw materials."

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan grabbed the storage ring, swept her Spiritual Consciousness inside, and found hundreds of middle-grade Dao Artefacts. Seeing all that, she could not help but send a disbelieving look at Ning Cheng, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, this.... This..... Did you craft all these?"

"Naturally. Who else but I could craft all those artefacts up there?" Ning Cheng replied with a laugh. "Now you can hand over the materials for the high-grade Dao Artefacts. I want to continue craft artefacts. I came here to help master, not to play around, you know."

"Yes, yes, please wait....." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, with excitement in her eyes, brought out another storage ring.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept inside and immediately felt slightly disappointed. Although the raw materials in this storage ring were of a higher grade than the previous storage ring, even the best out of them were only a few Grade 6 starry sky raw materials; moreover, they were rare to the point of being scarce.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, are there no Grade 7, Grade 8 or Grade 9 raw materials in here?" Ning Cheng asked with some doubts. The better the raw materials, the simpler would it prove to craft high-grade Dao Artefacts.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan showed a rare blush and spoke, "No, the only master has all the higher grade raw materials. These are the best raw materials that I have."

Something's wrong, Ning Cheng thought as he looked at this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan in doubt. This Junior Apprentice Sister Yan usually had a professional-looking smile plastered over her face. Even if she did not have better materials, she would not show such a blush. After all, these materials did not belong to her.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, do you have a Nirvana Flame?" Junior Apprentice Sister Yan seemed to have realised that she had gone out of character for a moment and quickly asked a question.

"Nirvana Flame? No." Ning Cheng shook his head, "How could I have a Nirvana Flame?"

This Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, on hearing that, looked at Ning Cheng in shock. Only after a good long while did she understand that Ning Cheng himself did not know about this piece of fact. She then explained, "When a flame evolves to a purple colour, it would then devour top-ranked fire-attributed starry sky raw materials to evolve into a starry sky flame, also called as Nirvana Flame. Otherwise, there is no way it could melt top-ranked starry sky raw materials. Senior Apprentice Brother, if you didn't have Nirvana Flames, how did you craft those middle-grade Dao Artefacts?"

Ning Cheng suddenly realised something; when he focussed on crafting those middle-grade Dao Artefacts, he had targeted most of his energy on melting the raw materials instead of concentrating on fusing the raw materials. If he had done it the other way round, his speed of crafting artefacts would have improved a lot faster; at the same time, the quality of the Dao Artefacts would also grow to another level. He had initially thought that it was the result of his low cultivation, but now it seems that his flame's quality was the main culprit.

Fortunately, he possessed a formidable starry sky Sea of Consciousness; otherwise, he could not necessarily have managed to craft middle-grade Dao Artefacts.

Although Ning Cheng did not understand much about the Nirvana Flames from Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's words, he realised that Junior Apprentice Sister Yan had opened this topic to distract Ning Cheng from his previous question. Just when he was about to receive the storage ring filled with artefact-crafting raw materials from Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, he suddenly spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, what happened to your hand? Show me."

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan did not react; rather, she subconsciously extended her hand towards Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng grabbed Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's hand and looked at it till Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's face turned red. Only then did he let go of her hand and spoke, "Looks like I looked too deep into it. Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, I'm going up to continue crafting artefacts."

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, please. If there is something here, I'll take care of it." The blush that crept over Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's face quickly disappeared and her professional-looking smile once again returned.

Ning Cheng nodded and returned to the room upstairs. Sure enough, it was just as he had guessed it. Ning Cheng only had to stay inside for a short while before he felt Junior Apprentice Sister Yan leaving the shop in a hurry, while also activating the restrictions of the Artefact-crafting Store on her way out.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile and immediately followed her out. He believed that this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan could not sense his Spiritual Consciousness mark. This Junior Apprentice Sister Yan had not given him a single high-grade raw material for crafting artefacts, only low-grade artefact-crafting raw materials. There definitely was a problem with her.

This Junior Apprentice Sister Yan did not know that Ning Cheng had decided to follow her; therefore, after she left Baichi's Artefact-crafting Store in a hurry, she took a few turns along the way before reaching a place Ning Cheng had visited before, the Transcending Dao Artefacts Store.

The reason why Ning Cheng had decided to pursue crafting artefacts, and the reason he got to know about that cheap master Zhongli Baichi, was all due to what he had learned from the Transcending Dao Artefact Merchant House. In addition to acquiring all kinds of materials and weapons, this place also sold all sorts of artefacts. Since Junior Apprentice Sister Yan came to this place, it definitely was not to purchase weapons; instead, the only plausible purpose for her to come here was to dispose of the Dao Artefacts in her hand.

At this moment, Ning Cheng still could not understand Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's intent. However, he realised that the materials that she had given him previously were most likely something that came from her private collection. Perhaps, they might even be the junk materials from Zhongli Baichi's Artefact-crafting Store. Maybe she had collected these materials to work on by herself in the future. However, she actually brought those Dao Artefacts that he crafted to sell them for money in this place. This woman really knew how to run things.

Just as Ning Cheng thought about whether to follow her inside to expose Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, a message from Ziche Jun suddenly interrupted his thought process. His communications pearl clearly showed that the female cultivator called Qionghua and her Senior Apprentice Sister had just left Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City alone. However, because of some matters, Ziche Jun could not continue following them.

Ning Cheng immediately sent Ziche Jun a simple message 'ok', and no longer felt interested in confronting Junior Apprentice Sister Yan. He quickly turned around and hurried out of the city.

The Gate Of Good Fortune

Chapter 584: Earth Nunnery

The Flying Celestial Chamber of Commerce was one of the most famous Chamber of Commerce within Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. At the same time, its Association Head, Su Qianhan, was also a powerhouse in the Life and Death Realm.

Unfortunately, although Su Qianhan had a considerably sized harem, he only had a single child, a daughter named Su Dai. That is why he not only loved and doted over his daughter, he also let her learn his cultivation method.

The cultivation method of a Life and Death Powerhouse obviously was not a bad one; as such, although Su Dai only had medium-grade qualifications, she could still be counted among the top geniuses within

her generation due to the top-tier cultivation method she cultivated in and the top-quality cultivation resources at her disposal. Because of this, like the other well-known geniuses of her generation, she managed to reach full-circle of Celestial Gatherer Realm at a young age.

However, Su Qianhan was a male, and his cultivation method inherently required feminine assistance for cultivation. Su Dai herself was a woman; as such, cultivating a cultivation method that demanded such female support caused her meridians to turn cloudy, making her incapable of fusing her insights to reach the Celestial Bridge Realm.

Moreover, because Su Dai demanded that her Dao Companion must be a person who would accompany her for life. This caused Su Qianhan to encounter a lot of troubles. After selecting dozens of potential candidates, Su Dai refused to see him on the same level; as such, Su Qianhan had to let her daughter choose for herself.

At this moment, within Flying Celestial Chamber of Commerce, Su Qianhan looked helplessly at his daughter standing in front of her. He gave out a sigh and spoke, "Dai'er, it's no use trying to find a Dao Companion that you described. The cultivator you mentioned is most likely a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator at best. Moreover, you didn't even exchange more than a few sentences with each other......"

"Dad, did you not say that I should try to look for a Dao Companion with a spine; moreover, as soon as possible?" Su Dai spoke in a disapproving tone.

"That is true, but you can't just select a random person. The ones that I selected for you, which one among them does not hail from a big academy or sect, and which one among them does not have a peak Celestial Gatherer Cultivation? Why can't you choose one from among them, why would you choose a rogue cultivator, who at best has a Celestial Shatterer Cultivation?"

Although Su Qianhan felt very angry, he still spoke with a soft tone.

Su Dai immediately retorted, "You haven't even met him, how would you know anything about him? Why do you not at least meet him first before giving a verdict?""

"Alright, I'll meet this fellow if you insist so much. Where is he now? With the Celestial Scryer Geniuses from the other grand starry skies starting to gather at Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, the Immortal Jade Star would soon open. Everyone knows that after entering the Immortal Jade Star, the first thing to accomplish would be to fuse and integrate with one's celestial wheels and advancing to the Celestial Bridge Realm. Only this would provide everyone with room for competition. If we end up dragging our feet, then I would rather you do not enter the Immortal Jade Star. Otherwise, how would you compete against a bunch of Celestial Bridge Cultivator with just a Celestial Gatherer Cultivation?"

Although Su Qianhan hated using his iron and steel like voice while explaining to his daughter, he still had to remind her.

Su Dai bit her lips, "Whether you agree or disagree, at least take a look. If you really think that he cannot match up to me, then I will listen to you even if it does not make any sense. Besides, even if we end up talking till our mouths run dry, the other party might not even consent to it, right?"

"Well, I'm also a Destiny Realm Powerhouse with a sizably vast Chamber of Commerce that spans several starry skies; how could a puny Celestial Shatterer Cultivator dare to disagree with my words?" Su Qianhan looked at her daughter and spoke in a somewhat disgruntled tone.

"If other people recognised me as the Little Miss of the Flying Celestial Chamber of Commerce, they would have also immediately recognised that my father is a Life and Death Powerhouse and would most likely agree to it immediately. If that is the case, then I do not want to be with such a person. Needless to say, this person simply does not have a spine." Su Dai spoke with some dissatisfaction and tried to backtrack her words.

"Ok-ok, I'll listen to you. Just tell me where can I find him?" Su Qianhan finally relented and agreed to compromise with his daughter.

Su Dao, on seeing that her father had relented, quickly spoke up, "This person doesn't seem to like staying in one place, and I don't expect him to stay in Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City for long. Therefore, I asked Lan Sha to wait outside the city. As long as he goes out of the city, she should be able to intercept that fellow."

Su Qianhan looked at his daughter's determine-looking eyes and shook his head in speechlessness. Looks like he spoiled his daughter a bit too much. If people did not know any better, they would have definitely believed that he had involved himself in 'marriage by capture'.

"Oh yes, Dad, do you have any news about that Wanderer who had climbed to the 81st floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower?" Su Dai, feeling satisfied, immediately turned happy, and asked a random question.

Su Qianhan shook his head, "I'm afraid there's no news of him. It looks like that cultivator had managed to disappear silently. Even when Heavenly Emperor Levelled Heart sent people to look around the Celestial Scryer Tower, no one could find even a shadow of this fellow. It really is a pity."

Su Dai did not think that it was something unfortunate. If this Wanderer only had climbed a little more than 50 floors, she would have felt slightly disappointed that she did not get to meet him. However, this Wanderer had managed to climb to the 81st floor, which also meant that this fellow had nothing to do with her. So why would she bother if this fellow came out or not?

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By the time Ning Cheng managed to exit Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, he could not find even the slightest shadow of Qionghua.

The Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City was in itself a huge place, and the Grand Culmination Starland covering an even more prominent area. Without any direction, it would prove impossible to find where Qionghua went.

"Little Miss had truly guessed it right, you did come out." A voice resounded, filled with joy.

Ning Cheng then looked at a female cultivator wearing green robes that had suddenly appeared in front of him. Seeing her, Ning Cheng could not help but frown. He knew this female cultivator, she had followed that Su Dai. Moreover, the only thing that connected the two of them with him was that Ning Cheng had ended up losing a hundred million green coins to Su Dai because his battleship had almost

ended up colliding with their warship. Moreover, the second time Ning Cheng met her was on the public square crowded with people. At that time, that Daoist Priestess from the Everlasting Sacred Shrine had pushed him back using her imposing aura, causing him to bump into them accidentally. However, despite the two occurrences, he had no idea why this woman had asked someone to wait for him in this location?

Seeing Ning Cheng not talking, the green-robed female cultivator quickly walked over to Ning Cheng and spoke, "My name is Lan Sha, and Su Dai is my Little Miss. The two of you already know each other anyway. For now, our Association Head wants to meet you, so you will have to come with me."

"I don't know you or this so-called Association Head. I'm sorry, I will not be coming with you." Ning Cheng categorically refused. Moreover, he could not understand what was going on.

Lan Sha whispered to Ning Cheng, "I know with certainty that you are a Rogue Cultivator. Anyways, coming with me will not bring you any harm. Moreover, the place you are accompanying me is the Flying Celestial Chamber of Commerce, which is quite well known within Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. I doubt you would even realise the benefits that you could obtain by just gaining the chance to sit down and talk in that place."

Ning Cheng did not even think about going to the Flying Celestial Chamber of Commerce. Rather, he thought of another thing, and immediately asked with a slow tone, "Lan Sha, have you been waiting for me for a long time to come here?"

"Yes, I've been waiting for you here. Little Miss said that you are a restless person, and will definitely leave the city at some point. It looks like Little Miss really was not wrong about you." Lan Shan smiled, clearly proud of her Little Miss's intelligence.

"That last time I was in Culmination Public Square, a Daoist Priestess had ended up suppressing me. You should know about that too, right?" Ning Cheng quickly asked.

Lan Sha spoke up with disdain, "I certainly am aware of it, but you don't have to worry about that woman. Our Association Head is not afraid of her at all."

Ning Cheng felt shocked hearing those words. That Daoist Priestess definitely felt like a powerhouse, and a powerhouse most likely at or above the Life and Death Realm. Yet this Flying Celestial Chamber of Commerce's Association Head did not fear her, which also pointed to this fellow's hidden strength.

"Did you also see the two ladies who came out with the Daoist Priestess?" Ning Cheng immediately seized the opportunity to ask more questions. He understood that Lan Sha knew about whom he wanted to look. Especially since this Lan Sha was also on the public square during the conflict involving him, Qionghua and the Daoist Priestess.

"I saw them not too long ago. The two passed by me. I did not bother to question the two, it would have been rude of me. Besides, did that woman have to resort to such actions because of just a few words? If someone spoke about liking me, I would feel too happy even to think about anything else. That Daoist Priestess just likes to makes a huge fuss about trivial matters?" Lan Sha spoke with a dismissive tone.

Ning Cheng, on hearing this, immediately feeling slight goodwill towards this Lan Sha. Yes, just as she said, he had not done anything terrible.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Lan Sha, we really do think alike. By the way, did you notice where they were heading?" Ning Cheng, despite the eagerness, spoke in a calm tone.

Lan Sha also immediately replied, "I didn't bother to see where they were going or ask them about it; however, when the two of them passed by me, they said something about a Changing Earth Nunnery and something about an invite. I don't know about anything else."

Ning Cheng felt so excited that he could not have imagined that he would hear such good news. He did not ask Lan Sha about this Changing Earth Nunnery's location; rather, if he requested Lan Sha about it unless she was a complete fool, she would immediately know what he intended.

"You and I are heading to the Flying Celestial Chamber of Commerce. However, I still have no idea about how to address you?" Lan Shan felt eager to converse with Ning Cheng and only at this time did she recall about her objective here.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Lan Sha, do you have a map of Culmination Starland?" Ning Cheng did not immediately answer Lan Sha's question.

Lan Sha's mind worked on a far less complicated level compared to Ning Cheng; therefore, she did not hesitate to take out a jade strip and hand it to Ning Cheng, "Here...."

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness almost instantaneously swept into the jade strip and immediately saw the vast and seemingly boundless Culmination Starland inside. It contained various Starry Sky Cities, Celestial River Cities, Corner City, Corner Bastions, Academies and Sects and the numerous makeshift markets. As Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept through, he could not find the Changing Earth Nunnery; however, he did find a Changing Earth Mountain.

Ning Cheng put away the jade strip and spoke to Lan Sha, "Junior Apprentice Sister Lan Sha, I have to take care of a few things first. I will definitely come to offer my thanks in the future."

Saying that Ning Cheng did not wait for Lan Sha to answer and quickly left the range of the Forbidden Space Restriction, brought out a flying-type weapon and promptly disappeared without a trace.

As Lan Sha watched Ning Cheng disappear, she finally realised something. Ning Cheng most likely was pursuing the two female cultivators. Understanding that, she suddenly gave a frown, "This fellow is indeed not someone easy to handle. It is for the better, I guess. I will have to report this to Little Miss once I return."

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Along the way, Ning Cheng stopped for asking directions a few times, but no one knew the location of Changing Earth Nunnery. Not to delay things, Ning Cheng simply gave up on continuing with the flight-type weapon and directly flew towards the Changing Earth Mountains using the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. If he could not find the Changing Earth Nunnery, then the next best option was to head to the Changing Earth Mountains. If he still could not find anything, Ning Cheng would then have to wait for the next opportunity to explain things to Qionghua.

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Changing Earth Mountains, a location thousands of miles away from the nearest corner city. Although such a distance was not too far for a starry skies' cultivator, it was also not too near. Moreover, because of such a considerable distance, apart from top-ranked powerhouses, the Spiritual Consciousness of other ordinary cultivators would not even manage to sweep through it.

Within a starland, as long as someone's Spiritual Consciousness could not cover it, that location could then be classified as a blind spot.

"What a beautiful place." Jing Yiyi stood outside the Changing Earth Mountain and gave out a sigh. The rolling greens of the foliage and the soft whites of the clouds intertwined together at almost every spot. One could even hear the occasional sounds of waterfalls along with the calls of various birds. No one in the world would not like such a place.

Qionghua, standing next to Jing Yiyi, also gave out a sigh and spoke, "It really is beautiful."

After giving a sigh, she then asked, "Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, do you really think that this Unclemaster Mi Chen (Seeking Earth) would accept Sacred Master's invitation and return to Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City with us?"

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Chapter 585: Startling Changes in the Earth Mountains

"Who knows, let's go inside. Whether or not Uncle-Master would return with us, she would at least not lose her temper on us." Jing Yiyi spoke with a sigh.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, do you know why Uncle-master Mi Chen hates our shrine so much? Even coming to the distant Culmination Starland to establish the Changing Earth Nunnery?" Qionghua asked with curiosity.

Jing Yiyi quickly pulled Qionghua aside and whispered in Qionghua's ear, "Junior Apprentice Sister, I'm telling you this only because you asked. Do not ask about it again in the future. Uncle-master Mi Yun[1] shared the same identity as you in the past, serving as the Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Sacred Lady. I heard that she had turned her back on the shrine after she became pregnant, because of which the Sacred Shrine killed her Dao Companion....."

"Ah..." Qionghua felt surprised on hearing this piece of information. The news about the pregnancy of the Sacred Lady of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine would prove too detrimental to it.

After the shock passed, Qionghua asked with some doubt, "But why is Sacred Master asking us to invite....."

Jing Yiyi did not answer Qionghua's words directly, but pointed to the verdant lands in front of them and said, "You can see that this place really is quite beautiful; however, only an Eternal-level powerhouse like our Uncle-master Mi Yun can enjoy such a beautiful sanctuary."

Qionghua understood what her Senior Apprentice Sister meant; the reason Sacred Master wanted to invite Uncle-master Mi Yun to return was all because Uncle-master Mi Yun was now a powerhouse in the Eternal Realm. In the face of such a powerhouse, it would be a huge joke to talk about trying to punish them.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, wait....." Qionghua suddenly stopped Jing Yiyi.

Jing Yiyi looked at Qionghua with doubt, "What's the matter?"

"Senior Apprentice Sister, do you not notice the faint stench of blood?" Qionghua pointed to the depths of the Changing Earth Mountains and whispered.

Jing Yiyi's countenance immediately changed, "This place really has a bloody stench, Junior Apprentice Sister we are leaving. Uncle-master Mi Yun loves cleanliness, and definitely would not live in a place with such a stench....."

"Senior Apprentice Sister, we did not encounter anything suspicious when we came in. But now that we are inside, it looks like someone put up an extra layer of Entrapment Formation on the outside."

Qionghua spoke with some anxiety.

"Get the communications pearl...." Jing Yiyi sputtered.

"We can't send out any messages. Something must have happened here, and no one is coming out. We need to quickly find a way out and then try to send a message." After repeatedly trying to send out messages, Qionghua finally put away the communications pearl and spoke.

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Ning Cheng immediately felt something wrong the moment he arrived outside the Changing Earth Mountains. There was an Entrapment Formation covering it.

Moreover, this Entrapment Formation was of a unique variety. It did not stop or had any effect on the people coming in, to the point that one would be hard pressed to find it from the outside. However, once anyone or anything tries to come out, this Entrapment Formation would immediately activate, even blocking any messages from transmitting out.

This Entrapment Formation was not of a very high-grade and was at best a Grade 5 Celestial River Array. Since Ning Cheng had studied array formations for a long time and had even refine quite a few array discs, it had allowed him to surpass the limits of Grade 3 Celestial Array Masters and reach a level infinitely close to becoming a Grade 4 Imperial Array Master. Although he has not arranged any Grade 4 Celestial Arrays yet, Ning Cheng thought that, with enough time and raw materials, he could definitely arrange a Grade 4 Celestial Array. It was just an issue of time.

Ning Cheng did not understand why Changing Earth Mountains would have such an Entrapment Formation around it; even if it wanted to arrange an array formation around it, it would prove more logical to set up a Mountain Protecting Grand Array instead of such an array formation.

That is not right, something definitely did not feel right about such an arrangement. Just as Ning Cheng thought about the Mountain Protecting Grand Array, he immediately felt wary. With such a beautiful looking place, someone would have definitely occupied it. Since someone definitely lived here, the next step would be to set up a Mountain Protecting Grand Array around these mountains. However, when he came here, he could not see even the barest hint of a Mountain Protecting Grand Array.

Even if was the Planet Protecting Grand Array of the Grand Culmination Starland, he could still find some clues regarding it. As such, he had no valid reason for not being able to see any hidden Mountain Protecting Grand Array around this place.

Ning Cheng did not immediately enter the array formation, and instead, looked around. In just a dozen breaths, Ning Cheng finally found a few clues. This place indeed had a Mountain Protecting Grand Array. However, this Mountain Protecting Grand Array had already disintegrated, to the point that someone even deliberately concealed all of its traces. If not for his attainments in array formation reaching infinitely close to the Imperial grade, he definitely would not have found these clues.

Whether or not was Qionghua inside, Ning Cheng had already planned to go inside and see. He arranged two simple Tearing Array Formations right at the base of the Entrapment Formation and just outside of the Changing Earth Mountains. These Tearing Array Formations did not have enough strength to break open the Entrapment Array Formation, but it could allow him to rush out of the Entrapment Formation in the shortest possible time.

After finalising the path of retreat, Ning Cheng then carefully entered the Entrapment Array Formation. After entering the Entrapment Formation, Ning Cheng finally realised that this definitely was an exceptional place to live.

No, something is wrong. Ning Cheng immediately detected the faint stench of blood. Ning Cheng had experienced too much slaughter already; as such, he was much more familiar with such a bloody smell. Just from this stench, he realised that something terrible must have happened here.

Ning Cheng did not immediately rush in, and instead, spread out his Spiritual Consciousness. In just a few moments, his Spiritual Consciousness swept by a huge stone monolith with the words 'Changing Earth Nunnery'. Although he sensed a few restrictions behind those words, even his starry skies' Spiritual Consciousness could not penetrate through it, causing him to see things in a blur.

Before seeing those three words, Ning Cheng still tried to weigh his options on whether or go inside or not. After all, his cultivation had only reached the Celestial Gatherer Realm. Since someone could arrange a Grade 4 Celestial River Array Formation right outside, then his or her cultivation definitely was not just at the Celestial Gatherer Realm.

However, after looking at those three words, Ning Cheng immediately threw aside those considerations. His figure flashed, and he quickly rushed inside. At the same time, Ning Cheng also cursed at that old Daoist Priestess in his heart. Sending two disciples in the Celestial Scryer Realm to this place, did she really want to send them to their deaths?

Ning Cheng had just crossed the monolith with the words 'Changing Earth Nunnery' when he saw a corpse lying on the ground. This was a female cultivator wearing Daoist robes, with a fair complexioned face and delicate looks. However, the robes covering her lower body had been torn open with blood oozing out from her ripped out intestines.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh within his heart. This truly was a cruel way to kill someone. However, when he thought that Qionghua had also entered this place, Ning Cheng immediately felt even more panic. Without even shooting another glance at the body, he immediately activated the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds and speeded up.

Along the way, Ning Cheng saw more bodies of dead female cultivators, all of them in the same situation, and all of them wore the same robes.

At this moment, in addition to worrying about Qionghua, Ning Cheng's countenance also gradually turned livid. If this were his planet, even if the perpetrator fled to the ends of the earth, he would definitely capture that beast and burn its soul in his Celestial River Flame for seven periods of seven years.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness stretched out without abandon; if it had form, one would see Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness moving forward like a slash from a blade. At this moment, he longer tried to restrain his strength. He wanted to find Qionghua as quickly as possible.

With his speed, even if Qionghua and Yiyi arrived earlier, he could still catch up to them.

"Aah." A scream echoed, which Ning Cheng detected through his Spiritual Consciousness; the next moment, he saw Jing Yiyi lying near a cavern within the mountain at the rear side of the Changing Earth Nunnery.

Qionghua had come with Jing Yiyi, but Ning Cheng only saw Jing Yiyi here, without any sign of Qionghua. Ning Cheng immediately pushed his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds to its limits and rushed straight towards this mountain's cavern.

This mountain cavern felt moist and filled with heavy miasmic stench. The gauze covering Jing Yiyi's face had long since disappeared, revealing her incredible beauty. At the same time, the robes covering her body had also turned into shreds. At this moment, she tightly clung onto a thick rattan vine beside her, while staring at the cavern in front of her in horror, completely forgetting about the state of her robes.

At this moment, she also seemed to have forgotten that she was still a Celestial Gatherer Cultivator, as she clung onto the rattan vine without even trying to get up.

"Where is Qionghua?" Just as Ning Cheng rushed over, and without caring that a man and a woman's body were different, wrapped one of his arms just below Jing Yiyi's chest and pulled her up.

Jing Yiyi shook her head and finally sobered up from whatever horror she just witnessed. When she saw Ning Cheng, her eyes immediately flashed with fear and asked, "How are you here? Why are you here? Did you kill everyone here....."

"Less nonsense, speak, where is Qionghua?" At this moment, where would Ning Cheng find the time to explain things to Jing Yiyi, and immediately shook Jing Yiyi to bring her to senses.

Jing Yiyi seemed to have turned even more scared experiencing Ning Cheng's madness and quickly replied, "Qionghua got sucked into that cavern. I need to hurry....."

Before Jing Yiyi finished her sentence, she found that Ning Cheng had already tossed her aside and immediately started rushing to the cave.

Jing Yiyi immediately understood that she most likely had misunderstood Ning Cheng just now, realising that the things she experienced and saw within this Changing Earth Mountain had nothing to do with Ning Cheng. What's more, in her eyes, this cultivator only had one or two vague celestial wheels that

faded in and out of existence; as such, this fellow definitely did not have the power to accomplish such horrifying things.

Now that she saw Ning Cheng rushing into the cavern after hearing that Qionghua had been sucked in, she did not have to think much and understood that he most likely had chased her and Qionghua to this place.

Bursts of sobbing sounds resounded, causing Jing Yiyi to shudder uncontrollably. At this moment, it felt like an invisible hand wanted to take her away, causing her to tremble subconsciously. Even if she only had a Celestial Gatherer Cultivation, she could not help but look around.

At this moment, she did not dare to rush into the cavern and did not dare to leave this place. Those dead female cultivators outside had made her both angry and scared. She felt frightened that if she tried to leave, something disastrous would befall her. But even staying at this place also made her feel similarly scared.

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Ning Cheng had just reached near the cavern when he felt a powerful suction, which he could not resist at all. Instead of resisting, he actually decided to rush into the cavern while riding this suction force.

The moment he got sucked inside, Ning Cheng's Treasured Thunder Spear immediately lit up. In just a few moments, a shadow of a female cultivator wearing a blue robe appeared within his line of sight.

That is Qionghua, without a doubt. At this moment, Qionghua kneeled on the ground, holding onto a huge protruding stone. The robes on her body were also not much better compared to Jing Yiyi.

Qionghua is all right, Ning Cheng had just thought of it and relaxed slightly when a faintly discernible yet a large grey-coloured hand grabbed Qionghua from the ground. This large hand reminded Ning Cheng of the time when he carried Luofei through the Falling Thunder Desert. He had also encountered a similarly large hand, which had almost taken away Luofei.

This time, he once again encountered a similar large hand, which wanted to take away Qionghua. Seeing that, Ning Cheng, who had barely managed to suppress his anger, finally exploded out. Although he had no idea about why this large hand had such a slow speed, Ning Cheng did not overthink about it. The Treasured Thunder Spear in his hand turned into a spear line that one could not trace at all, as it pierced through the surrounding space.

"Boom...." Violent Celestial Essence burst out and immediately rushed towards Ning Cheng's chest, sending Ning Cheng flying back while spurting blood. At this moment, Ning Cheng could avoid severe injuries if he decided to retreat a bit further. However, since Qionghua lay right in front of him, he could not withdraw. Stimulating the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds while not retreating, made his injuries even worse.

Qionghua also had gotten herself mixed up within the violent Celestial Essence explosion. However, Ning Cheng had already forced his way to the front and covered Qionghua with his body.

Sensing the familiar scent and touch, Ning Cheng instantly realised that he was not mistaken. This young girl in his arms definitely was his Shi Qionghua.

"Leave, go out and tell others......" A hoarse voice came from the depths of the cavern, making Ning Cheng feel even more puzzled. This voice definitely was of a woman.

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Chapter 586: Your Name Is Shi Qionghua

Whatever happened in here, Ning Cheng wanted to leave this place as soon as possible.

Ning Cheng had just taken a few steps back when a burst of buzzing-like sound erupted followed by an invasive killing intent that wrapped around Ning Cheng.

A Grade 5 Celestial River Trap and Kill Formation, Ning Cheng immediately realised as he was an Array Formation Master almost on the verge of breaking through Grade 4. As such, he could feel it the moment this Celestial River Array activated.

Immediately bringing out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, Ning Cheng knew that he had to retreat as fast as possible as he had no way to counteract a Grade 5 Celestial River Killing Formation. However, the only way to leave was to tear through this array formation, provided he managed to find one of the controlling nodes first.

"Chi" Another burst of killing intent tore through space and directly blew through Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain. Although this burst of killing intent had not slammed into Ning Cheng yet, Ning Cheng could still feel his Sea of Consciousness swaying violently.

"Katcha" The Everlasting Blue Thunder City's projection shattered; however, it still could not dissipate this burst of killing intent that surged towards him.

Ning Cheng immediately brought forth his Treasured Thunder Spear; he had barely managed to cast the Traceless Spear Intent, and it had not yet torn through the void when it encountered a terrifying force.

"Boom" The moment the explosion rang out, Ning Cheng spat out another mouthful of blood and slammed into a wall behind him. Although this wall enjoyed the augmentation from an array formation, giving it immense resilience, the array formation had already shattered due to the overpowering concussion from the previous explosion of Celestial Essence. Now that Ning Cheng crashed into it, the wall immediately broke down.

A rich Celestial Essence-filled air rushed out, and a large chamber appeared in front of Ning Cheng.

Although it was a large chamber, it had simple furnishings. It contained a stone bed and a jade statue placed at the edge of the stone bed. The figure was of a young man with clear and distinct features.

On the ground on one side of the room, sat a white-faced yet very beautiful looking Daoist Priestess over a praying mat. However, this Daoist Priestess had blood flowing down the corner of her mouth, and even the robes covering her body looked shredded into strips, exposing her white skin and a stunning figure.

Only a few steps from this Daoist Priestess was a handsome-looking man without any eyebrows slumped on the ground. A cyan-coloured long sword pierced through his chest and nailed him to a pillar by the wall, which had an array formation inscribed over it. This array formation made it so that this fellow

could not move at all. At this moment, his breath was in disorder, and even the celestial wheels behind this fellow looked vague and faint.

"An ant who hadn't even stepped into the Celestial River Realm managed to escape my killing formation. Even managed to stop my attack....." The eyebrowless man saw Ning Cheng crash inside with Qionghua, spoke up with a hint of disdain.

Ning Cheng shot a cold glance at this man without any eyebrows, while he deployed his Celestial River Domain to guard himself. Carefully looking at him, Ning Cheng calmly spoke up, "Nothing but a dead dog in the Heaven Seated Realm, yet claiming to act as the master of the universe."

Although Ning Cheng spoke with a calm tone, he knew in his heart that this fellow, who had a long sword pierced through his chest and nailed to the pillar, was dangerous. The other party could take his life at any moment and anywhere.

"Can you really see my cultivation?" The eyebrowless man nailed to the pillar by the long green sword looked at Ning Cheng in shock.

At this moment, Qionghua also came to her senses and quickly spoke, "Thank you, thank you, Senior Apprentice Brother, you can let me down now."

Ning Cheng carefully put Qionghua down, stood in front of her, and said, "This eyebrowless freak can still move, you have to be careful."

"Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Brother, for saving me....." Qionghua still whispered. Her face had turned red all the way to her ears. Not to mention her own identity, ever since birth, no man had taken her into his arms.

"Did Mi Hui sent you?" The Daoist Priestess, who sat on the praying mat, suddenly spoke up with a hoarse voice.

Qionghua quickly broke free from her embarrassment and said, "Yes, are you Uncle-master Mi Chen? How did this happen to you? There are many bodies of Senior Apprentice Sisters outside....."

The Daoist Priestess still spoke with a hoarse yet calm voice, "Go back, and tell Mi Hui that from the moment my husband died, I no longer belonged to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine. You should count your blessing that I did not come looking for revenge against Everlasting Sacred Shrine. This world no longer contains the one named Mi Chen[1], only Lu Hechen[2]......"

The eyebrowless man laughed, "Want to leave....."

During the conversation, an invisible hand once again grabbed Qionghua.

Lu Hechen gave a snort, "Hurry up and leave, don't get caught by him....."

Qionghua only had a Celestial Novice Cultivation; as such, she had no way of blocking this five-star palm. The eyebrowless man's invisible palm had just stretched out when she automatically moved towards it.

Ning Cheng would never let Qionghua fell into the hands of this eyebrowless man and once again blasted out with his Treasured Thunder Spear, shooting out another Traceless Spear Intent.

"Boom....." The horrifying Celestial Essence explosion immediately shook the space and Qionghua once again found herself within Ning Cheng's embrace, who protected her from the powerful aftershocks from the Celestial Essence explosion.

Ning Cheng's Treasured Thunder Spear gave out a buzzing-like sound before he was once again smashed back by the power of the explosion.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....." At the same time, Ning Cheng slammed into a Trap and Kill Formation, causing several killing lights to slash apart Ning Cheng's back, which then caused copious amounts of blood to flow down.

Ning Cheng had not yet fallen to the ground when he lifted his hand and threw out dozens of array flags. This caused the killing formation's killing lights to weaken before a safe space formed around Ning Cheng due to the array flags that he had shot out.

"Oh, I really did not think that a puny ant would not only have such strong Celestial Essence and Spiritual Consciousness but even know about array formations....." The eyebrowless man looked at Ning Cheng in surprise, as his eyes flashed with a strange glint. Should he keep struggling while nailed to this place, or should he take possession of Ning Cheng? In any case, he had not seen such a perfect corporeal body in his life till now. Not only was this a body-refining cultivator, but even this fellow's cultivation was far more powerful compared to other Celestial Scryer Cultivators.

Although the spear in Ning Cheng's hand looked average, that shadow of the Thunder City felt incredibly remarkable.

"Qionghua, wait for me to tear open this Trap and Kill Formation, then you can leave first. This eyebrowless freak can only use such despicable skills......" Ning Cheng knew that even if this eyebrowless man nailed to the pillar looked severely injured, this fellow was still a lot stronger than the current him. Although he wanted to leave this place with Qionghua unscathed, it seemed impossible judging by the situation. As such, he could only let Qionghua go first, while he blocked this fellow in front of him.

"What about you?" Qionghua obviously knew that she was the burden here. However, after asking that question, she immediately noticed the blood trickling down the back of Ning Cheng and immediately asked in a frightened voice, "Are you injured?"

Ning Cheng put Shi Qionghua down and took out a few array flags, "I'm fine. You do not have to worry about me. Wait till I tear apart this Trap and Kill Formation to let you out. After you go out, use these array flags to tear apart the Entrapment Formation outside the Changing Earth Mountain. I'll try to buy you enough time, enough for you to escape."

That said, Ning Cheng added another sentence, "Once you get out, immediately call for your Sacred Master, if you want to save me. Otherwise, we will all die in this place."

Even during the time when he handed the array flags to Shi Qionghua, Ning Cheng still kept his attention trained over the eyebrowless man. Fortunately, the eyebrowless man only stared at Ning Cheng with a strange glint in his eyes. Although Ning Cheng could not figure out what he was thinking, he did not care about it right now.

"Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Brother, Qionghua wants to know Senior Apprentice Brother's name." Apparently, she also had realised that Ning Cheng had to remain here, and decided not to argue. If she did not get out, Ning Cheng would find himself in even more danger. However, if she got out, she could still seize the small chance to save Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng smiled, "My name is Ning Cheng. Remember it but do not tell it to others. I have offended a lot of people. We used to be husband and wife, vowing to be with each other for the rest of our lives. Besides, I owe you a lot."

Qionghua did not immediately answer Ning Cheng's words, she obviously thought of her Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi's words; although his Senior Apprentice Brother Ning spoke with a polite yet urgent voice, it felt too glib-tongued. What was this about being husband and wife for the entire lifetime in the previous life; if not for the life-saving grace, she truly would have turned around and left.

"Is there anything else that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning need from me?" Although a little unhappy, Qionghua did not show it. Instead, she asked Ning Cheng if he had anything else to do. Even if it proved challenging, she would still help to pay back this grace.

After seeing Qionghua show a slight frown after hearing about them being a pair of husband and wife for a lifetime, Ning Cheng secretly gave out a sigh before staring at Qionghua and speaking with a slightly hoarse tone, "I have nothing else to ask from you, I just wanted to see your face again....."

With a slight hesitation, Qionghua pulled down the veil covering her face and looked at Ning Cheng while speaking with a steady voice, "I'm the Sacred Lady of Everlasting Sacred Shrine."

Seeing the familiar face appear in front of Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng almost went into a trance. He felt his throat closing up. How long has it been since he saw Qionghua's face? Since separating on Sifting Orchid Star, Ning Cheng had not seen Qionghua again. However, when he saw Qionghua again after all these years, the blue seas had already turned into mulberry fields, and the people involved no longer the same.

Was this Qionghua in front of him, not the one he loved, Shi Qionghua, or the original Qionghua, who used to call him as Husband? She did not even know his name. What's more, she said that she was the Sacred Lady of Everlasting Sacred Shrine, what did it mean for Ning Cheng?

Even if he left today, where would he go? Facing the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, could he really take away Qionghua, if she did not believe that she was his Qionghua?

"Separated by the yin and yang for several years, we meet again in a different place. Asking about a family name unknown, yet speaking of their name holding slight distress. Parting from the azure ocean, words left unfinished. Tomorrow's light, how much more could the autumn mountain bear?[3]"

Seeing Ning Cheng turning sentimental, the eyebrowless man manifested a few more array flags, causing three red lights to shoot towards Ning Cheng's glabella. Whether or not he could take possession of Ning Cheng's body, he must first seriously injure Ning Cheng; especially since he was currently nailed to one place.

The moment the murderous intent pierced through his Celestial River Domain, Ning Cheng's Everlasting Blue Thunder City suddenly appeared.

"Boom, katcha." Ning Cheng's Everlasting Blue Thunder City instantly broke; at the same time, the area occupied by his Celestial River Domain suddenly transformed into nothingness.

The Treasured Thunder Spear blasted out once again, and Ning Cheng threw out a few array flags. Utilising the moment when the eyebrowless man wanted to re-energise the Grade 5 Celestial River-level Trap and Kill Formation, Ning Cheng ripped apart the Trap and Kill Formation.

"Katcha......" Ning Cheng's Treasured Thunder Spear also ended up crushed by one of the red lights.

"Puff, Puff....." The other two red streaks broke through his Celestial River Domain and Everlasting Blue Thunder City. And even though Ning Cheng forced his body to move, two flowers of blood still bloomed over Ning Cheng.

"Strange." The moment those red streaks pierced through Ning Cheng's body, the eyebrowless man immediately felt that he could not seal up this fellow's meridians. From this, he also concluded that Ning Cheng definitely had a huge secret.

Ning Cheng grabbed Qionghua and threw her out of the Trap and Kill Formation while also shouting the words, "Hurry up and call in support. And you have a last name, you are called Shi Qionghua."

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Chapter 587: Earth Mountain Crumbles To Dust

By the time she heard Ning Cheng's words, Shi Qionghua had found herself thrown out of the cavern by Ning Cheng. With Ning Cheng blocking the array formation around the cavern with his array flags, it no longer produced a suction force. Shi Qionghua had just fallen to the ground when she immediately noticed Jing Yiyi looking around in panic.

"Ah, Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, how did you escape? Are you hurt?" Jing Yiyi, who was panicking, on seeing Shi Qionghua coming out, quickly came forward to support Shi Qionghua off the ground. Seeing a large amount of blood staining Shi Qionghua's robes, she thought that Shi Qionghua had suffered some severe injuries.

Shi Qionghua had no time to elaborate and quickly spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, let's get out and inform Sacred Master."

"How do we get out?"

"I have a few array flags, we can leave using them."

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Ning Cheng saw Shi Qionghua and Jing Yiyi leave the area through his Spiritual Consciousness, while also keeping a tight watch over the eyebrowless man.

"Puny ant, if not for my severe injuries, just a billionth portion of my cultivation would have been enough to pinch you to death." The eyebrowless man on seeing Ning Cheng able to use his Spiritual Consciousness with relative ease under lockup felt truly shocked in his heart, and at the same time, very angry.

Lu Hechen glanced at this eyebrowless man in disdain before speaking, "Fu Wumie, you're just a little Heaven Seated Cultivator, yet you dare to say such things. If not for you sneak attacking during mid-cultivation, this Lu Hechen would have already turned you into flying ash. Even if I lost my strength, I could still nail you to the Soul Locking Pillar."

Having said that, Lu Hechen ignored the eyebrowless man and turned her attention to Ning Cheng, "I believe what you said just now."

"Ah...." Ning Cheng felt surprised. Honestly, he could not figure out what Lu Hechen believed.

"You said that you and that female cultivator were husband and wife in her previous life, I believe you." After Lu Hechen finished, she then turned her gaze to the jade statue by the side of her bed, and her tired expression got replaced with a gentle look.

After a while, she looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, "That old tramp, Mi Hui, does not know anything about love. It is normal for her not to believe you. A person who does not have any love cannot notice love at all. She simply does not know how to love....."

Ning Cheng was about to speak when he once again heard Lu Hechen's voice ring out within his mind, "Although I nailed Fu Wumie to the Soul Locking Pillar, I could not manage to preserve my strength. This fellow secretly plotted against me while I was in mid-cultivation, causing my spirit soul to dissipate significantly. I can no longer reverse the situation with my remaining strength. Moreover, this Fu Wumie is also about to break away from the Soul Locking Pillar, and I cannot hold him any longer. Nor do I have any way to kill him. All I can do to help you is to forcibly activate the Soul Locking Pillar for a brief moment and stop him for a little more time with the remaining Celestial Essence and Spiritual Consciousness that I have. Whether you can grab this opportunity and escape, is completely dependent on your abilities."

Ning Cheng felt shocked when he heard this. No wonder this Fu Wumie attacked him sporadically; turns out, Fu Wumie wanted to delay things as much as possible and gain sufficient time. If Lu Hechen told the truth, then once Fu Wumie broke free from the Soul Locking Pillar, could he remain alive?

"Begin....." Just at this moment, Lu Hechen's shout reached Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness. At the same time, the Soul Locking Pillar started to shine brightly.

Ning Cheng did not overthink and brought out the Wishful Demon Axe, using it to cast the Sunset's Twilight Spirit Technique.

"Lu Hechen, I knew you would use this trick. After I break free, I, Fu Wumie, would definitely turn you into my slave. I am what you raised......" Fu Wumie roared; at the same time, his handsome face also turned hideous.

The cyan-coloured long sword piercing through his chest also swayed violently, with bursts of screaming like sounds. It felt as if in the next moment, the cyan-coloured long sword would immediately fly out, freeing Fu Wumie in the process.

As Lu Hechen saw this scene, her already-pale face turned even paler. If she could self-detonate, she would have done so already. However, she no longer had the strength to initiate a self-detonation. Yet, when she heard that she would be refined into a slave after death, Lu Hechen shivered all over.

As Lu Hechen's face turned white, while her body also started to shake violently, the intensity of Fu Wumie's roar also increased sharply. At the same time, the cyan-coloured long sword piercing through his chest trembled even more fiercely. However, just at this moment, the surrounding space seemed to have come to a standstill. It felt that someone had hit the pause button on the flow of time, causing everything to stop.

The cyan-coloured long sword stopped trembling, the Soul Locking Pillar shine froze, and even Lu Hechen's trembling body seemed to have gone still at this moment.

A vague axe shadow broke through the Spatio-temporal stillness, and in just a blink of an eye reached Fu Wumie's glabella.

"Time Law Spirit Technique....." Fu Wumie screamed in horror.

At this moment, he had only one thought in his heart; how was this possible, how could such a thing be possible.....

How could a punk Celestial Scryer Cultivator grasp a Time Law-related Spirit Technique? This should be an impossible matter. However, this axe that pierced through his skin showed that it definitely was a fact.

Fu Wumie's eyes flashed with extreme unwillingness. If he had recovered just a little more strength, even a tiny bit more, this Time Law Technique that had only touched the surface would not be much of a threat to him, and he could easily brush it away.

He was a prideful Heaven Seated Powerhouse; however, from the looks of it, he would fall to a Celestial Scryer ant. How could he willingly accept such an outcome? Even if he fell, he would make sure that no one would escape this place alive. This thought had just emerged when wild Celestial Essence fluctuations suddenly erupted from the eyebrowless man's body. At this moment, the eyebrowless man's dantian and Zifu were amid a rampage.

Time Law Spirit Technique? Lu Hechen also felt equally shocked as she saw the axe finally make contact with Fu Wumie's glabella. Although she had seen too many genius cultivators within Grand Culmination Starry Skies; however, she had never seen any cultivator who managed to understand the Laws of Time while within the Celestial Scryer Realm. This was not just shocking but horrifying.

"No, Fu Wumie wants to blow himself up....." Just as Lu Hechen felt Fu Wumie's berserk aura, she immediately realised that it was too late to remind Ning Cheng. Sensing that, she finally closed her eyes and calmed her heart down. She truly felt grateful towards this Celestial Scryer Cultivator; if not for this Celestial Scryer Cultivator, she would not ever be at peace even after death.

Unfortunately, no matter what methods she could think of, she could not save this Celestial Scryer Cultivator. Not to mention that Fu Wumie wanted to take down this Celestial Scryer Cultivator through self-detonation, even if this Celestial Scryer Cultivator somehow managed to escape Fu Wumie's self-detonation, he would not be able to escape from the forcible detonation of the Soul Locking Pillar. With Fu Wumie initiating self-detonation, the resulting explosion would definitely trigger the Soul Locking Pillar to explode immediately.

She had operated the Soul Locking Pillar for many years, and she had initially used it for cultivation. Every time her cultivation went slightly awry, she would immediately lock her soul using the Soul Locking Pillar. Once the Soul Locking Pillar exploded, it would definitely produce enough power to tear a void in this place.

When the Wishful Demon Axe sliced through Fu Wumie's glabella, Fu Wumie finally exploded, immediately creating a loud and horrifying explosion.

Once a Heaven Seated Cultivator decided to self-detonate, how horrifying would the Celestial Essence explosion be? What's more, what would happen if the Soul Locking Pillar exploded right after that self-detonation? The violent and berserk aura brought along a threat of death. After Ning Cheng finished casting the Sunset's Twilight Spirit Technique, his Celestial Essence and Spiritual Consciousness had almost hit rock bottom. Moreover, he knew that even if he was at his peak, Ning Cheng could never manage to block this explosion.

As such, the moment Ning Cheng noticed the explosion, he immediately entered the Mysterious Yellow Bead without any hesitation, without even bothering to recover the Wishful Demon Axe.

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As the violent Celestial Essence-filled shockwave erupted, Shi Qionghua and Jing Yiyi, who had just rushed out of the Changing Earth Mountain, were once again sent flying.

The two of them got blown away by the powerful shockwave before falling to the ground. Jing Yiyi stood up and spread out her Spiritual Consciousness towards the Changing Earth Mountain. The previous verdant and fairyland-like Changing Earth Mountain, at this moment, had transformed into dust that fell from the sky. Just beneath this falling dust was a deep and huge ditch.

The explosion turned the entire Changing Earth Mountain into ruins, erasing it from the maps.

Shi Qionghua also stood up, watching the distant explosion and the deep ravine that had appeared after the destruction of the Changing Earth Mountain. Her face only showed grief.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, Uncle-Master should have suffered a calamity. Hey, you don't have to feel sad about it....." Jing Yiyi helped Shi Qionghua wipe the blood off the corners of her mouth and tried to comfort her.

Shi Qionghua did not answer; her Uncle-master had died, that naturally made her sad; however, she felt more distressed about the death of that cultivator called Ning Cheng. Previously, when she heard Ning Cheng's words, she did not feel too happy about it. However, now that Ning Cheng had fallen, grief seemed to have taken over every inch of her heart. She felt sure that the other party would not have fallen if not for saving her.

Was what he told the truth? Was she really his wife in her past life? If not, if the two of them were strangers in entirety, why would he willingly sacrifice his life to save her?

"Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong....." Jing Yiyi on seeing Shi Qionghua silent, felt worried and called out; however, just before she tried to comfort her, she immediately recalled something, "Right, Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, how did you escape? And the array flags that helped us in ripping through the

Entrapment Formation, where did you manage to get them? If it weren't for you, the two of us would have also ended up buried in this place."

"Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi? Do you think that what that man on the Culmination Public Square said that day, about my name, do you think his words were true?" Shi Qionghua turned her head and looked directly at Jing Yiyi with bright eyes.

"Ah...." Jing Yiyi felt shocked on hearing Shi Qionghua's words and quickly reacted, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, don't overthink about it. You are the Sacred Lady of our Everlasting Sacred Shrine. Did I not tell you about Uncle-master Mi Chen? She was also a Sacred Lady just like you; however, she ended up falling in this place. She, she...... Liked a man, and then with that man, got pregnant....."

As she spoke till here, Jing Yiyi seemed to have awoken from a great shock of the past and immediately recalled what Ning Cheng was after. Remembering that, she immediately asked, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, did that cultivator, who kept pestering you, the one surnamed Ning, save you? No, no, how is this possible. That fellow at best looked like a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator; moreover, he did not escape. I guess that fellow made us his obsession and secretly followed us. I didn't expect that he would also end up falling, it truly served him right."

As Jing Yiyi spoke about it, she then recalled Ning Cheng holding her just below her chest and picking her up. This memory made her feel even more resentment. She was also a disciple of Everlasting Sacred Shrine. This fellow grabbed her chest for no reason. If that fellow had not died, she definitely would not have let him escape.

Shi Qionghua immediately sensed the disgusting attitude that Jing Yiyi had towards Ning Cheng and recalled Ning Cheng's words that he had a lot of enemies and that she should not talk about his name. Recalled all that, she lied for the first time, "Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, Uncle-master Mi Chen had saved me. However, I need to know if it was possible that what that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning said was true, especially since he chased us here?"

Jing Yiyi shook her head firmly and spoke, "It's absolutely impossible. I have seen a lot of cultivators like that fellow. They like to pursue beautiful female cultivators and then take away those female cultivators' Yin Essence before discarding them. Don't overthink it, just remember to focus on your cultivation, and try to harmonise with the Celestial Bridge as soon as possible."

"Senior Apprentice Sister, didn't you say that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning had chased us here, and after knowing that I was trapped in this place, deliberately plunged himself into danger to save me?" Shi Qionghua did not seem to understand Jing Yiyi's words.

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Chapter 588: Challenging the Store

"Absolutely not, if he had enough time, why wouldn't he escape; how could he possibly save you? Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, these kinds of starry sky cultivators only have their own self-interests in their hearts; as for people who truly have skills, they definitely possess good self-control. Otherwise, why would someone approach an unfamiliar female cultivator on a public square for no reason? He followed us here without knowing what happened in this place. If he knew about it, I am 100% sure that he would not have come." Jing Yiyi spoke categorically.

Thinking that it might not have been enough, she added more, "Within the starry skies, strength is everything. Dao Companions are just partners in the pursuit of the Dao. Once the two 'companions' end up encountering differences in each other, they would immediately choose to head their own separate ways. Don't ever believe that your Dao Companion would try to save your life, it's not going to happen....."

Shi Qionghua gave a sigh, "You said that Uncle-master Mi Chen turned her back on our Everlasting Sacred Shrine. Wasn't it because our sacred shrine killed her Dao Companion?"

Jing Yiyi's face turned red, she remembered that Uncle-master Mi Yue[1] and her Dao Companion seemed to be different from what she had spoken about; however, she quickly forgot Shi Qionghua's words and pulled her close in surprise, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, Sacred Master is coming."

Jing Yiyi's words had not ended when a delicate looking Daoist Priestess appeared in front of the two people, "What happened at the Changing Earth Mountain? How did this happen?"

Apparently, this Daoist Priestess had already noticed that the Changing Earth Mountains had transformed into a deep ravine.

"Sacred Master...." Jing Yiyi, after giving a bow, hurriedly described the tragic situation they saw within the Changing Earth Mountains.

The Daoist Priestess then looked at Shi Qionghua and asked, "Qionghua, as Yiyi said, was that how you managed to come out?"

Shi Qionghua immediately thought back towards this Daoist Priestess's even worse attitude towards Ning Cheng and decided to continue with her lie, "After disciple got sucked into the cavern, I found Uncle-master Mi Chen and an eyebrowless man slumped on the ground. Uncle-master Mi Chen sent this disciple out and gave this disciple a few array flags. These array flags allowed this disciple and Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi to escape from the array formation around the Changing Earth Mountain."

The Daoist Priestess showed a frown and immediately spoke up, "You and Yiyi wait for me here. I'll be right back."

As soon as the Daoist Priestess finished her words, her figure quickly disappeared as she rushed towards the Changing Earth Mountain that had transformed into a dust-laden ravine.

"Qionghua, why are you wearing two storage rings?" Jing Yiyi felt relaxed at this time, allowing her to notice that Shi Qionghua had two storage rings on her hand.

"Ah...." Shi Qionghua also realised that she really had two storage rings on her hand, one of which only contained a few simple restrictions; however, it definitely was not her storage ring.

Who put this storage ring on her hand? Shi Qionghua's thoughts churned slightly before she immediately thought of Ning Cheng. Most likely, this storage ring came from Ning Cheng. Only Ning Cheng had the opportunity.

"It contains some raw materials that I wanted to sell and exchange for some medicinal pills in Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. Because we came here in a hurry, I forgot to put it aside." Finished speaking, Shi Qionghua took off the storage ring and put it inside her own storage ring.

Jing Yiyi had some doubts regarding Shi Qionghua's words. She suspected that the other storage ring on Shi Qionghua's hand came from Uncle-master Mi Chen. If it came from Uncle-master Mi Chen then definitely contained some precious treasures. However, since Shi Qionghua did not say much about it, she also did not dig deep into it. Instead, she showed a smile and spoke, "I got injured a bit. I'm going to heal."

Shi Qionghua also regained her previous composure and nodded before hesitating for a short while and speaking, "Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, that person who had tracked us to the Changing Earth Mountain. Why did you not tell Sacred Master about it? I'm afraid that Sacred Master would think badly of it."

Jing Yiyi brought out an abode-type artefact before she smiled and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qiong, since you did not mention about it, then I also choose to not talk about it. If Sacred Master got upset, it would become tough for us to come out next time."

Seeing her Senior Apprentice Sister enter her abode, Shi Qionghua also brought out an abode-type artefact. After sealing it from the inside, she then took out the other storage ring.

Only simple restrictions covered the storage ring, which she quickly wiped off. Following which, the first thing that Shi Qionghua saw was a rusty copper coin. Moreover, when she picked up the copper coin, she found a jade strip under it.

As her Spiritual Consciousness swept inside the jade strip, a short text appeared within Shi Qionghua's mind, "Qionghua, this copper coin is called the Five-element Treasure Fall Copper Coin. You should keep it. In the future, you would understand why I gave you this copper coin. Even if you do not understand, think of it as your own weapon and do not give it to anyone else. There are also ten jade boxes inside, each jade box contains a Time Stone. These Time Stones contain traces of the Laws of Time; therefore, you must be very careful with using those stones."

"I also studied array formations for a long time, so if you use these restrictions in tandem with the Fiveelement Treasure Fall Copper Coin, it can help you suppress the aura of the Laws of Time. If you do not have any use for it, then I suggest to not taking them out. I have had to consume a lot of cultivation resources because of some problems in my cultivation method; therefore, there are only ten thousand Perpetual Moon Pills left with me. You can use them. Your cultivation is still too low to think about trying to harmonise with the Celestial Bridge early. Finally, please do not worry about me, I am fine."

"Time Stones?" Although Shi Qionghua had never visited Striking Order Starry Skies, it did not mean that she had no idea about Time Stones. This was a treasure coveted even by the Eternal-level powerhouses. How could Ning Cheng have so much wealth? How could he give her ten pieces at once?

Shi Qionghua did not take out the Time Stones. She knew that once this thing came out, there was a good chance that its aura would leak out.

Putting everything back inside the storage ring again, Shi Qionghua held the storage ring as she looked at it with a frown.

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Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept out and found that the surrounding explosion had already disappeared. Sensing that, he immediately came out of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Looking at the surrounding void, he understood that the explosion had torn through the fabric of space and pushed him into the void. This made Ning Cheng very worried. If he were still near Culmination Starland, it would be for the best. However, if he had not appeared near to Culmination Starland, would he not miss the opportunity to make a fortune from the Immortal Jade Star?

Ning Cheng took out a starry skies' directional compass, which he had previously bought in Eternal Starry Sky City. He knew that this starry skies' directional compass would only work near the Culmination Star Land. Any further and he would never be able to find a location lock.

A small bright spot appeared over the starry skies' directional compass. Seeing the two tiny words 'Culmination' over it immediately made Ning Cheng happy. As long as he could find the directional coordinates of Culmination Starland, he would not have to worry too much. It is just that Ning Cheng suffered some severe injuries, especially from the two red streaks of light that Fu Wumie had shot at him. Moreover, after Fu Wumie's red streaks of light pierced him, he had even cast the Sunset's Twilight[2], which aggravated his injuries even more.

Ning Cheng took out a Celestial-grade Battleship in his storage ring and connected the starry skies' directional compass before programming it to head back to Culmination Starland.

Since he could not use his original appearance, Ning Cheng once again put on the mask-type weapon and turned himself into a young rogue cultivator with a slight beard.

Ning Cheng chose to change his appearance not because he did not have any belief in Shi Qionghua but because he did not trust Jing Yiyi. As for the explosion in the Changing Earth Mountain, it was not something that Ning Cheng had not expected. Even now, Ning Cheng believed that the explosion definitely involved more than one Heaven Seated Cultivator's self-destruction. It definitely felt much stronger than the self-destruction of a cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm. Although the explosion did not cover a large area, it definitely could tear through the fabric of space. So, how could someone ordinary survive such a sudden eruption of energy?

If Jing Yiyi realised that he had somehow survived such an explosion, she would definitely think that he had some sort of top-grade weapon. Although he did not have any fear towards Jing Yiyi, that Daoist Priestess and Sacred Master behind her definitely made him somewhat fearful.

Using a Celestial-grade Battleship to fly through the starry skies was akin to riding a snail compared to Celestial River-grade or Starry Sky-grade Battleships.

However, Ning Cheng had no choice but to use this Celestial-grade Battleship as he did not want to expose his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. The Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds was an upgradeable type of a weapon, the higher one could upgrade it, the more formidable the weapon becomes. Moreover, there were too many powerhouses in this part of the starry skies. If someone discovered him using it, there was a good chance someone would want to take it from him.

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In the Baichi Artefact-crafting Store, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan sat with some worry. Since the last time she sold those middle-grade Dao Artefacts, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning had gone missing and had not returned yet. It would not have mattered much to her if Senior Apprentice Brother Ning had not come back, but what concerned her the most was that Master Baichi had also not returned till now.

Master Baichi had mentioned that he would return in half a month; however, it has already been a month.

"Is Zhongli Baichi not here?" A sudden voice awakened the still concerned Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, and she immediately stood up and looked towards the entrance in confusion.

Although Zhongli Baichi also called himself Baichi and his store was named Baichi Artefact-crafting Store, cultivators who wanted to custom design artefacts from him, even those powerhouses in the Heaven Seated Realm, would still honour him as Master Baichi or Master Zhongli. For someone to call out the name 'Zhongli Baichi' directly; moreover, in such a loud manner, she had never encountered anything like this.

At the entrance stood two cultivators, a man, and a woman. The male had a head full of red hair and a red face with very thick lips. The female cultivator, in contrast, looked petite, and although she looked average, the tight suit she wore accentuated the voluptuous curves of her body.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan showed a professional smile on her face and spoke with a clear voice, "Can I ask the two friends about what weapons you want us to create? Master is currently not in the store right now, so the two of you can just leave your materials here along with any other specific requirements."

"Haha, did you think we would need Zhongli Baichi to craft artefacts for us? Let me state this clearly, we came here to issue a challenge." The man laughed and spoke with a loud voice.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan still showed the same smile and continued, "Then you will have to return after Master comes back. As I said, Master is not here right now."

"I don't think you understand the situation, do you? My master is Jinming Qianbo...."

After the man said the words 'Jinming Qianbo', the profession smile over Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's face finally disappeared and turned into a shock.

She knew very well what those four words 'Jinming Qianbo' entailed. This person had lost to Master Zhongli Baichi during a prestigious Grand Meet for Artefact-crafting. Because of this, he lost a very precious treasure and had to move away from Culmination Starland.

As for what he lost, Master Zhongli Baichi had not told her; as such, she also had no idea about it, and only knew that it was something incredibly precious. Moreover, because of the loss of this thing, Jinming Qianbo developed a hatred as deep as the ocean for Zhongli Baichi. Now that Jinming Qianbo's disciples came to their doorstep to issue a challenge, it definitely did not have anything good in it.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan knew that this was a grave matter; she quickly calmed down and once again showed her professional-looking smile, "Two friends, I will definitely bring this news to Master."

The full-bodied yet petite female cultivator suddenly spoke up, "Aren't you also a disciple of Zhongli Baichi? So, why not represent your master; in any case, this match is all about the disciples. If you don't want to accept it, then take down the brand of Zhongli Baichi and apologise to our master before immediately leaving Eternal Starry Sky City."

The Gate Of Good Fortune

Chapter 589: Flame Nirvana Material

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's countenance changed, compete on behalf of her master? She could not even craft low-grade Dao Artefacts properly.

Seeing this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's countenance change slightly, the petite female cultivator showed a sneer and spoke with disdain, "This match will take place in front of the various grand starry skies' powerhouses. We just came here to issue the challenge. If you're afraid of some competition then just say it."

The female cultivator then turned to her companion and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Brother Bing, looks like you can go outside and erect a sign saying that Zhongli Baichi is afraid to accept our challenge. The famous Baichi Artefact-craft Store will cease to exist and will never get involved in Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City......."

Hearing those words, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's professional-like smile finally disappeared without a trace, and she replied with a chilling tone, "Although your master is not qualified to challenge my master, challenging me is barely enough for you I guess. As you wish, this challenge, I Cen Yan will accept it."

The petite female cultivator on hearing the words of Junior Apprentice Sister Yan did not refute; instead, she smiled and left a jade card with the words, "The venue of the challenge, ten days from now at the Eternal Heaven Artefact-crafting Pond, don't forget. Let's go, Senior Apprentice Brother Bing."

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan grabbed the jade card with a slight tremble in her hands. She knew that she could not go. However, she also knew that if she did not go, it would also ruin Zhongli Baichi's name. Just like Jinming Qianbo, who master had kicked out of Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, if their reputation took a dive, then leaving the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City would be a minor matter. Things would get a lot worse than what happened to Jinming Qianbo. However, if she went, it would most likely result in a loss. But, no matter what, it was better to lose by going there and participating than to not go at all.

The restriction on the door rippled, and a young man with a slight beard hurried through the entrance.

"What kind of weapon do you want to refine, please...." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan immediately put away the jade card and once again showed the same professional-looking smile over her face.

The young man waved and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, I'm your Senior Apprentice Brother Ning. Because I offended someone, I can only use the mask to change my appearance."

After saying that, Ning Cheng took off his mask to let Junior Apprentice Sister look at him before he once again put it on.

Seeing Ning Cheng's pale face, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan immediately realised that Ning Cheng had suffered some injuries. However, Ning Cheng's return definitely brought her a pleasant surprise.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning. I have been looking for you everywhere. Since you returned, we need to hurry....." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan really looked surprised. She worried about whether or not could she participate in the challenge; however, all her worries disappeared once she saw that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning had returned.

However, she still felt that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning might find it hard to defeat Jinming Qianbo's disciple. Moreover, she had not seen him craft anything better than middle-grade Dao Artefacts. It was a trivial matter to enter the competition and lose if she went by herself, but losing without showing up as master's disciple would be a huge deal.

Ning Cheng did not ask Junior Apprentice Sister Yan about anything; instead, he directly refused whatever she wanted to tell him and spoke, "I'm injured right now, so I'm going upstairs to heal. Don't bother me for now."

"Wait-wat." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan eagerly reached out and grabbed Ning Cheng's arm. Not waiting for Ning Cheng to speak, she immediately blurted out everything that happened a few moments ago. Even talking about what she knew about the hatred between Zhongli Baichi and Jinming Qianbo,

Ning Cheng spoke out with helplessness, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, even if I accompany you, it would be the same. Do you think that crafting middle-grade Dao Artefacts could help us win the challenge? Needless to say, I can already make out that this Jinming Qianbo is at least as strong as master, if not stronger.

Moreover, his disciples have also studied the art of crafting artefacts under him for a lot longer than I have. At the very least, that disciple could craft top-ranked high-grade Dao Artefacts. I have only learned about crafting artefact from our master a few days ago; how do you expect me to compete in crafting artefacts against experts who had studied this art for many years?"

With that, Ning Cheng stepped away and walked to the second floor of the store. After entering the second floor, he immediately activated the restrictions and sealed it up.

Not to mention that he felt sure of his loss, even if he had a chance to win, he did not want to take up the challenge. Ning Cheng knew that the only reason Zhongli Baichi had taken him in as his personal disciple because of his usefulness. Even if there was no such thing, Ning Cheng also did not want to take his life as a joke.

Going to such a competition would mean that there would be a lot many powerhouses, even stronger compared to Zhongli Baichi, observing the proceedings. What if someone found out about his Mysterious Yellow Bead? Did Cang Wei not discover his Mysterious Yellow Bead with just a glance? Who can be sure that powerhouses stronger than Cang Wei would not appear in this place? This place was the Grand Culmination Starry Skies, the supposed centre of the plane. Again, if that Daoist Priestess from Everlasting Sacred Shrine showed up and recognised him as Ning Cheng, what would happen then?

Even taking ten thousand steps back, even if people did not discover his Mysterious Yellow Bead, and no one recognised him as Ning Cheng. His Celestial River Flame was still a very tempting treasure. If someone felt jealous about it, could he keep it? Zhongli Baichi obviously had a better flame compared to him, which meant that he did not care much about his fire. However, could he guarantee that others would not turn jealous?

Three days passed by, Ning Cheng checked every inch of his body, convinced that he had fully recovered from the injuries inflicted by Fu Wumie, and felt a lot of relief. He stood up and was about to head out to find Ziche Jun. Once he obtained the entry jade card for Immortal Jade Star, he could then seclude himself until the Immortal Jade Star opened.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning...." Seeing Ning Cheng coming out, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan once again greeted him.

Ning Cheng spoke with sincerity, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, I really have no way to help you. I do not even have a high-grade flame, while my attainments in crafting artefacts remain quite normal. Besides, even if Jinming Qianbo's disciple won, that does not mean that he had won the challenge."

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan spoke with an even more sincere voice compared to Ning Cheng, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, as long as you can help me in participation, I can give you 500 million purple coins. That's all of my savings."

Ning Cheng had no intention to reveal this, but now that Junior Apprentice Sister Yan talked about offering purple coins to him in compensation, he immediately sneered and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister, are you really sure that 500 million purple coins are all of your savings? The hundreds of middle-grade Dao Artefacts should be worth more than 500 million purple coins, right?"

"How do you know about this? Did you follow me?" Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's countenance immediately changed. If Ning Cheng had not followed her, then how did he know that she had sold those Dao Artefacts?

Ning Cheng spoke in a calm voice, "You do not have to worry about it that much. I only saw you head to the Transcending Dao Artefacts Store. In any case, those were all refined from your materials, I do not have any opinion about it."

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's countenance finally recovered slightly, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, although what I did was not the right thing, you also did not suffer any loss, did you? The materials that I provided you were more than enough to craft thousands of Dao Artefacts. Even if you wasted some materials, I don't believe that you did not make any money out of it."

Ning Cheng showed a smile, "Yes, everyone earned a share. In any case, I do not have any opinion on it. However, you really should not lie to me that 500 million purple coins are all you got. It makes me quite upset."

"I really have only 500 million to my name. The hundreds of Dao Artefact brought in a little over a billion purple coins. However, my cultivation also needs a lot of resources, and I need to pay for it by myself." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan spoke with full sincerity.

Ning Cheng showed a frown, "How is this possible? How could hundreds of Dao Artefacts bring in only 'a little over a billion purple coins'? If I remember correctly, a middle-grade Dao Artefact can fetch a minimum of ten billion green coins, which translates to more than a hundred million purple coins."

"You come from a small place, right? In Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, only starry sky-grade battleships, high-grade Dao Artefacts, and best quality Dao Artefacts can command such prices. Low-grade and middle-grade Dao Artefacts do not fetch much income. The only reason why I managed to get such a

price for those middle-grade Dao Artefacts is only due to people knowing that I am from the Baichi Artefact-crafting Store. Otherwise, even in a smaller place, obtaining a hundred million purple coins for a middle-grade Dao Artefact would not be possible, even if someone pitied you." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan gave an unceremonious retort.

Ning Cheng had nothing to say in return as he never bought any weapon from this city. As such, he naturally had no idea about the exact price. From the conversation, he also realised the considerable loss when he purchased that defective middle-grade mask-type Dao Artefact.

Seeing Ning Cheng silent, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan hesitated for a while before continuing, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, the last time you asked me about Nirvana Flames, are you sure that you do not have a flame that has experienced Nirvana or at least close to it? Otherwise, it would be impossible for you to even start the process of crafting middle-grade Dao Artefacts."

"Did I not tell you that I don't have it?" Ning Cheng asked casually.

"Then I have a way to let your flame reach nirvana." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan stared at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng's eyes flashed with sizzling heat. He knew that his flame not evolving was a huge weakness. Now that this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan said that she had a way, Ning Cheng suddenly felt quite enthusiastic.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, as you said, if you really have a method, then I would have to thank you."

Seeing Ning Cheng still not speaking about participating in the competition, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's eyes flashed with disappointment. However, she again replied, "I don't want you to thank me, as long as you participate in the competition. At tomorrow's auction, there will be an item put on sale. That kind of item can help your flame reach nirvana. One could even argue that it would be the best choice. If you participate in the competition, then I have a way to help you buy it."

"What is it?" Ning Cheng asked eagerly.

"Fire Origin Crystal." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan stared at Ning Cheng and replied. "This thing is not something affordable by anyone. However, our Master left me something. If I take it out, then I should be able to buy the Fire Origin Crystal."

Ning Cheng stood there in stunned silence. Fire Origin Crystal could help evolve his Celestial River Flame. Why did he not think of it? He had a bunch of Fire Origin Crystals, if he knew about this, he would have used it all up for evolving his flame.

"Did you say that Fire Origin Crystals could allow a flame to reach nirvana?" Ning Cheng asked another question to quell his disbelief and for confirmation.

"That's right." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan replied with affirmation.

Ning Cheng asked another question, "Is Fire Origin Crystal the best material for flames to reach nirvana?"

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan remained silent for a short while before speaking, "Theoretically, Fire Origin Crystals are the best materials for achieving nirvana. However, you would require at least ten pieces. If you have only one piece of Fire Origin Crystal, then you can only say that it is just a top-grade Nirvana

material. At least it is better than no material. However, you can only find more than ten pieces of Fire Origin Crystals near the edges of where you would find Fire Origin Beads. People say that it is a treasure that even Eternal-level powerhouses would not be able to obtain."

"Are Fire Origin Beads precious?" Ning Cheng casually asked, while thinking about finding a place to let his flame undergo nirvana.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan gave a snort, "I heard that a planar interface will contain only one Fire Origin Bead, decide for yourself if such a thing is precious or not? You should have already heard about an Origin appearing within Immortal Jade Star, right?"

"I did hear about it, but I am still wondering if I can even get a spot to enter." Ning Cheng replied with honesty.

"You will surely die with such thinking." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan shook her head, "Whether it contains an Origin Bead or not, and regardless of who obtains it, it would definitely come out in the end. Do you know why the major powerhouses have not snatched it already? It is because the Immortal Jade Star is very fragile. The Immortal Jade Star would most likely collapse once the four grand starry skies clean it all up. Once its planet-protecting membrane collapses, everything inside will also disappear into the void. Because of this, all the powerhouses decided to join forces to seal Immortal Jade Star, only letting cultivators in the Celestial Scryer Realm to 'discuss' it among themselves and help the powerhouses grab the items from inside."

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Chapter 590: Selling Time Stones

"Is there a better flame nirvana material than Fire Origin Crystals?" Ning Cheng had already planned on using the Fire Origin Crystals to let his Celestial River Flame experience nirvana. In any case, his Celestial River Flame had evolved to a purple flame after consuming the Fire Origin Crystals. Now that he thought about why his flame had not reached Nirvana yet, it must be because the Fire Origin Crystals that it consumed were not enough. In other words, he had put away his Celestial River Flame too early. Maybe if he had waited a little more, his flame could have undergone nirvana.

Fortunately, he had also collected a lot of Fire Origin Crystals; as such, he felt confident that he could let his flame experience nirvana.

"Actually, you only need to read the book that Master Baichi gave you the last time, and you would not need to ask such questions. However, I guess you would need at least ten years to finish reading that book. Even for me, it took more than a dozen years to finish half of it. I heard that there is a type of Flame Essence in the starry skies, which is an excellent material for inducing nirvana in flames; however, it is only the second best nirvana material." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan replied.

"Then, is Fire Origin Crystal the best?" Ning Cheng asked subconsciously.

Cen Yan shook her head, "Although it can be considered as the best, it is certainly not ranked first. The Fire Origin Bead takes that spot. However, only people with significant brain damage would use the Fire Origin Bead to induce nirvana in their flames. Moreover, there are simply no records of someone using the Fire Origin Bead to induce nirvana. Therefore, the first ranked material that could help in inducing

nirvana is the starry sky flame essence. I had even purposefully asked master about it, but even our master has not seen it; he had only heard of it."

Ning Cheng immediately recalled the book. He had studied it for a few months and had thought that he had already finished it. However, when Ning Cheng looked at it once again, the contents of all the pages had once again changed. According to Master Baichi, if he wanted to finish reading the book, he would need at least two to three years with the current speed.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, although I really would love to obtain that Flame Nirvana Material, I would not be able to come to the competition." Ning Cheng spoke with some helplessness. He also felt slightly embarrassed about it. However, when it came to his own safety, he knew that he could not show any carelessness.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan took a deep breath and looked at Ning Cheng, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, it does not matter if you lose the game; in any case, your attainments in crafting artefacts is higher compared to mine. Moreover, I owe a lot to our master, and he treated me good over these years; now that our master is not currently here, I cannot let our master's name become the object of humiliation. I, Cen Yan, humbly request your aid, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning."

Ning Cheng finally realised that this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's real name was Cen Yan. He hesitated for a moment and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, there are several powerful masters among the many powerhouses that I have offended. Even if I wear a mask, there is still a high chance that people would recognise me. Moreover, I cannot bring out my flame in front of others. It is not that I do not want to, but because even if my flame has not evolved to its peak, once I bring it out, it would only result in my death once people discover it. It's not that I do not want to help you, it's just that I am powerless on a lot of things."

Can Yan spoke with even more earnestly, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, the mask-type weapon you use should have come from our master, right? That means it is a top-grade concealment weapon. Even Heavenly Emperor-level powerhouses would not be able to see through it unless they actively use their Spiritual Consciousness to try to decipher its secrets. However, as a top-grade powerhouse, how could they use their Spiritual Consciousness to observe a Celestial Scryer Cultivator? As for the flame, you do not have to worry about it, I have a Water Cloud Flower. If you are willing to enter the competition, I can give you this Water Cloud Flower."

"Is this Water Cloud Flower a flame?" Ning Cheng asked in surprise.

Cen Yan raised her hand and brought out a flame. When Ning Cheng saw it, the first thing he felt was a feeling of beauty, the second feeling he sensed was the water-attributed aura coming from it. Moreover, when Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness covered this flame, he immediately felt a terrifying heat coming from it, which had even surpassed the heat generated by his Celestial River Flame.

This flower-like flame even had a pale golden line that outlined its edges, which made this flower even more beautiful.

"My flame is a water-attributed flame; however, I do not have a water-attributed spiritual root. Because of which, my attainments in crafting artefacts remains average. However, my flame has already

achieved nirvana. Although this flame is just a normal one, one could definitely craft high-grade Dao Artefacts with its help. If Senior Apprentice Brother Ning feels willing to help, I can lend this flame to Senior Apprentice Brother Ning."

Cen Yan on seeing Ning Cheng staring at her flame explained everything without hiding anything.

Ning Cheng had to speak up at this point, "I'll first need to go out and clear my head. Once I come back, I will give you a reply."

"Ok, I will wait here for Senior Apprentice Brother's answer." Although Cen Yan knew that Ning Cheng most likely would reject her, she still spoke with the same earnest tone.

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Half a day later, Ning Cheng dug up a cave in a mountain range away from Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. His only purpose right now was to evolve his Celestial River Flame further.

Bringing out the Celestial River Flame, Ning Cheng then threw ten Fire Origin Crystals into it, one crystal after another. The purple-coloured Celestial River Flame turned hotter and hotter, and the ten Fire Origin Crystals that he had thrown into the purple flame disappeared quickly. Ning Cheng felt that the flame had grown more active. However, he also felt sure that the Celestial River Flame had still not reached nirvana, which made Ning Cheng disappointed.

Whether or not Fire Origin Crystals were the best Nirvana-inducing materials, Ning Cheng could not confirm it. However, he could now speak with surety that even Fire Origin Crystals could not let his Celestial River Flame experience nirvana. Maybe his Celestial River Flame was of a much higher grade.

Ning Cheng helplessly put away the Celestial River Flame and sent out a message to Ziche Jun asking about the jade card.

Ziche Jun's quickly reverted and told Ning Cheng he had managed to obtain a small booth for tonight's auction and was ready to purchase the jade card for the Immortal Jade Star. However, he also stated that he might not have enough celestial coins.

Ning Cheng immediately asked Ziche Jun to come to the Speed Celestial Rest Stop on Celestial Immortal Street, while also scolding himself for not thinking about it. The price of a jade card for entering the Immortal Jade Card would definitely be high. However, he forgot to give Ziche Jun any celestial coins.

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If one talked about the largest merchant house within Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, it definitely would be the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall. This was not a merchant house per se, but a palatial hall.

Even the highest top-grade stuff can be sold here without worrying that others would not be able to afford to pay for it. Similarly, if one wanted any weapon, as long as one could refine it and as long as you can come up with a suitable price, you can definitely get it in this place.

Moreover, of the people who can come to the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall, they definitely were not moneyless rogue cultivators, but some of the richest and the most influential starry sky cultivators. Therefore, every guest who entered through its doors had a dedicated female cultivator waiting on them.

At this time, a man with a white beard arrived at the entrance of the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall. This man wore a starry skies' robe that covered his face. At the same time, the Celestial Wheels behind this man looked fully fused, without even a hint of impurity within it, while exuding faint starry sky oppression. Just a glance at this person and one would immediately understand that this was a powerhouse in the Life and Death Realm, at least.

"Senior, what can I help you with today?" The man had just walked into the merchant hall when a female cultivator immediately came up and greeted him with a smile.

The man nodded and spoke with an expressionless voice, "This Emperor wishes to sell some treasures, bring this Emperor to see your steward."

Calling oneself as 'this Emperor', it definitely showed that this fellow was an Eternal-level starry sky powerhouse. Facing such a powerhouse, average cultivators simply had no right to speak at all.

"Yes, Lord Heavenly Emperor, please follow me." Although this female cultivator spoke with respect, her voice also indicated that the number of starry sky emperors passing through their doors was not a minority.

The man obviously was Ning Cheng with his appearance changed. It was difficult for others to stimulate Celestial Wheels; however, his Mysterious Yellow Formless' Formless Creation could simulate more than one Celestial Wheel. What he felt the most concerned was that if a starry sky powerhouse decided to test him with their Imposing Aura, it would immediately turn out bad for him.

The pretty-looking female cultivator quickly brought Ning Cheng upstairs and outside one of the rooms. Without waiting for her to talk, the restrictions protecting the room opened automatically.

A beautiful middle-aged woman sat inside on a chair and seeing Ning Cheng standing outside, immediately stood up and spoke, "Welcome Dao Friend to my Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall, Dao Friend, please come inside."

Ning Cheng nodded and calmly stepped inside. What worried him did not happen. Although this middle-aged woman looked like she did not have low cultivation, she did not oppress him with her Imposing Aura.

The pretty-looking female cultivator who had brought Ning Cheng to the room gave a bow before quickly leaving. The beautiful middle-aged woman then once again activated the restrictions on the door and took the initiative to help Ning Cheng pour a cup of tea. After asking Ning Cheng to take a seat, she then asked, "What treasures does Dao Friend want to sell?"

Ning Cheng did not speak; instead, he took out a jade box and put it in front of this beautiful middle-aged woman, before speaking after a short pause, "Dao Friend, look for yourself. This is what I obtained through some luck."

The beautiful middle-aged woman smiled and picked up the jade box and opened it. However, she immediately shut the jade box out of shock and even placed a few restrictions over it before speaking, "Is that a Time Stone?"

Ning Cheng smiled and took a sip of the Spiritual Tea before replying, "Yes, it is a Time Stone. I would like to sell this Time Stone. However, you will have to put a price on it."

The beautiful woman's eyes flashed with a scorching look, which soon subsided. Although she knew about Time Stones, and she recognised its priceless value, she could not touch the Laws of Time it contained. Unfortunately, Time Stones were a speciality of Striking Order Starry Skies and even Heavenly Emperor Striking Order could not obtain much of these treasures. This time, since the Time Wilderness had opened, it would mean that the Striking Order Starry Skies would have gained some Time Stones. However, the lord of that starry sky would never take them out.

But now, there was a Time Stone in her hands. Moreover, it was an egg-sized Time Stone, whose value simply could not be estimated.

"How many do you have?" The beautiful woman took in a deep breath and calmed herself down.

Ning Cheng replied with a smile, "Dao Friend must be joking. This kind of thing is just a lucky find. How could anyone obtain more?"

"Does Dao Friend want to put this Time Stone up for auction or do you want to sell it directly to us, the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall?" The beautiful woman spoke to Ning Cheng with eagerness. She hoped that Ning Cheng could sell this directly to her Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall.

Ning Cheng felt hesitant, selling it directly to them would not fetch a high price. However, if he put it up for auction, it would involve too many risks. After sending this to the auction house, Ning Cheng would have to wait for the other party to sell it before coming in to collect the celestial coins. In the unlikely event that someone decided to investigate where this Time Stone came from, what would he do then?

"My Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall is hosting a major auction tonight, and if you sent it there, you might get a good price today." The beautiful woman on seeing Ning Cheng's hesitation quickly offered another way out.

At this moment, Ning Cheng made up his mind that a fortune could be made at any time, but now was not the time to take that risk. He immediately replied, "I will sell it now."

"How much do you want for it? How do we pay you?" The beautiful woman on hearing that Ning Cheng wanted to sell it to them directly, spoke in an even smoother tone. However, she felt ecstatic in her heart. In this way, her Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall would obtain the most benefits.

"I haven't been here before, could you elaborate on that." Ning Cheng did not want to spend too much time here.

The beautiful woman nodded and spoke, "You can choose to exchange for other items, or you can let us pay you with Perpetual Moon Pills....."

"Pay with Perpetual Moon Pills?" Ning Cheng asked with amazement, "Why not use celestial coins?"

When the beautiful woman heard Ning Cheng's words, her eyes glinted with a strange light before she asked, "Dao Friend, are you saying that you want celestial coins?"