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Chapter 641: Beyond Eternal

The news about the Mysterious Yellow Bead getting exposed was not something trivial. Since he saw the face of the pale-faced cultivator, then why couldn't that pale-faced cultivator see his face and the bead? Since that pale-faced cultivator saw his face, then Chuan Xinlou would also grow suspicious of him sooner or later. Moreover, since Zhongli Baichi had returned, then he would also be looking for him. At the same time, there was also Everlasting Holy Shrine's Sacred Master. She had initially thought that he had perished in the Changing Earth Mountains. Now that he unexpectedly showed up again, whether due to an escape talisman or something else, that Sacred Master would also keep an eye out for him.

With so many powerhouses looking for him, even a hundred Ning Chengs might not be enough to escape death. For now, nobody knew about his relationship with Ruolan, so she should be safe. As for Qionghua and Luofei staying in the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, although it looked dangerous, it was actually much safer for them compared to following him.

Most likely, he might end up dead at first sight. The Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land had a place where interfaces intersected. Therefore, if he wanted to grow strong enough to protect him and the ones he loved, then the only choice left was to leave this place. Although Cang Wei had already left this positional plane, Ning Cheng knew that he had done so using the Heaven Opening Talisman.

Moreover, although he could use the Starry Sky Wheel to fly around the different grand starry skies, it was still not possible to break through the interfaces with his current strength. Even if he wanted to return to the Graceful Star Mainland, he can't do it now.

Ning Cheng made up his mind at this moment, just like the time when he decided to return to the Rootless Black City. Even if he wanted to take Qionghua away from the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, he had to push his strength forward.

The shop assistant on hearing that Ning Cheng wanted both jade strips, turned happy and hurried to bring out the jade strips. During the wait, two cultivators passed by Ning Cheng, and Ning Cheng overheard one of them speaking, "Brother Wei, someone found a half-Spirit Artefact in the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land the other day, along with a broken cave relic. Wasn't it on the edge of the Reverse Mud Maelstrom? I remember that you were also there at that time."

"Yes, I was there, but still quite far from that place. When that broken cave relic appeared, more than a dozen people went for it, only to be swept away by the Reverse Mud Maelstrom. My strength couldn't compare to those that went in, so I chose not to go up...." The other cultivator answered.

During the conversation, they unknowingly walked past Ning Cheng.

The shop assistant finally brought the two jade strips. Ning Cheng paid the expected purple coins and left the Ancient Desolace Merchant House immediately. Although he did not know the specific location of the Reverse Mud Maelstrom, he felt sure that, it was one of the corners of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land.

Since someone could obtain a half-Spirit Artefact in this place, Ning Cheng finally understood why so many cultivators came to the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. There must be a lot of ancient caves and weapons here, and these cultivators definitely came here to find some opportunities.

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Half an hour later, Ning Cheng finally arrived at the edge of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. He had already gone through the detailed introduction about the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land and obtained a general understanding of this place.

This place was not only suitable for Body Refining Cultivators but was also a place for other cultivators to find treasures and other opportunities. Someone had even found a top-notch Beyond Heaven Spiritual Treasure[1] within the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, along with numerous Spirit Artefacts, ancient caves, ancient cultivation methods, apart from other heavenly materials and earthy treasures from different areas of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land.

Over countless years, many powerhouses managed to obtain quite a few fortuitous opportunities from this place.

Similarly, over countless years, innumerable cultivators had also died in this place. Staying at the periphery of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land provided some safety, and despite the Void Collapses, Spacial Blade Lights and Void Cracks, one could still escape the dangers with their lives intact, as long as one remained careful.

However, once one entered deep into the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, then even one's life would not be in one's control. Within the depths of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, Spacial Distortions were a commonplace occurrence, something that one would see everywhere.

As for the Spacial Collapses and Spacial Counter-currents along with Spacial Blizzards, they were simply some of the most common dangers within the depths. However, the most terrifying threat of all was that one simply couldn't predict when a shattered star, one that you were on, would suddenly explode.

Once a broken star exploded, then even if one were a Heaven Seated Powerhouses, it would prove difficult to escape from it unscathed. After all, this was not a peaceful place and had dangers everywhere. Perhaps one would end up in a Spacial Dislocation, after just escaping from that explosion.

As for the Reverse Mud Maelstrom, according to the jade strip, it was only marked as an ordinary danger zone within the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land.

The dangers of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land looked terrifying even to read but thinking about the people trying to locate him, Ning Cheng did not hesitate to step into the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land.

As soon as he stepped into the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, the sense of bleakness emanating from the vicissitudes of life became even more evident. It even birthed a strange fear within the depths of one's heart and mind. It felt like ancient ghosts, from the depths of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, were calling out to every cultivator around the area. However, if one stopped and carefully observed, these ghostly calls seemed to disappear completely.

Ning Cheng felt sure that this was not an illusion. Because of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, his instincts had grown much stronger compared to the past. Maybe the other cultivators thought that these 'illusions' were the result of the ancient history of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. However, Ning Cheng did not know of it in that perspective and walked forward with much more care.

He wouldn't stop because of this fear, even if he had to face some terrifying Soul Essence, Ning Cheng still would not show any concern. Even before his Sea of Consciousness had achieved nirvana, he did not feel much fear towards someone trying to take possession of his body. Now that his Sea of Consciousness had already undergone nirvana and metamorphosed into the starry sky Sea of Consciousness, even if some ancient spirit wanted to take possession of his body, what was there to fear?

Ning Cheng decided to head to a place called Moon Spirit Marsh for two reasons. The first was that the Moon Spirit Marsh was said to contain an interface rift, and the second reason was that the jade strip map of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Swamp had only a vague directional marker for the Moon Spirit Swamp, without any exact coordinates.

Since Ning Cheng could buy this jade strip, then obviously others could also buy it. If someone really did come after him, it would not be possible to guess where he would go. In any case, no sane person would willingly think about choosing to go to a place with vague directional markers on the jade strip chart. After experiencing many things, Ning Cheng did not feel much fear even if he had to face tens of thousands of people who came looking for him. Although he did not feel much trepidation, he still had to remain careful to avoid any major mistakes.

Ning Cheng didn't go far; at most, he had only walked a few dozen steps inside after entering the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land when he was stopped by a few people.

More specifically, he was stopped by four people: two men, and two women. The one with the highest cultivation among them was a tall male cultivator, with a bronze face and bright eyes. However, his eyes had two pupils each. In Ning Cheng's view, this cultivator had already reached the full circle of Heaven's Mandate Realm and was half-a-step into the Heaven Seated Realm.

Next to him was a female cultivator with a medium-sized built, with large eyes and fair skin, which made her a relatively good-looking woman. Although she wore slightly loose robes, it could not hide her inner beauty. This female cultivator also had a Heaven's Mandate Cultivation; however, judging by the fluctuations, she should have only recently entered the late-stage Heaven's Mandate Realm.

The other male cultivator was a head shorter compared to Ning Cheng but had quite the good looks with his hair bunched into a starry sky cultivator-styled bun on top of his head. He had middle-stage Undead Realm cultivation, similar to that of Ning Cheng.

As for the last of the four, and the other female cultivator, she had a relatively petite figure with average looks and thin yellow hair. She was also with the lowest cultivation among the four, only at the early-stage Undead Realm.

"This friend, I'm called Warren. These are my companions, Yu Wanxue, Ou Hongxin, and Dou Di..." The one who spoke was the tallest cultivator with the highest cultivation. Ning Cheng also noticed that when he introduced his companions, he introduced them in the descending order of their cultivation.

“Rogue cultivator, Cheng Nianqiong.” Ning Cheng did not feel any malicious intent from these people but still gave a fake name with cupped fists.

Warren spoke up with a warm smile, “Friend, here’s the thing, we’re heading to the Crow’s Nest. We originally were a team of five; however, one of our companions decided to leave because of a temporary affair. I see that you’re alone right now. So if you don’t mind, the five of us can form a team together.”

Ning Cheng knew a bit about the Crow’s Nest. According to the introduction on the jade strip, one could find top-grade raw materials for crafting flight-type weapons in this area. The jade strip mentioned that in ancient times, there used to be a Daoist Crow who had used this place to confirm his Dao. Sometime later, he then renamed the area where he proved his Dao to Crow’s Nest.

When Daoist Crow broke out of the positional plane, he left behind his Dao Confirming Insights. As for what Dao Confirming was, Ning Cheng simply didn’t overthink about it. In his opinion, Dao Confirming was something that only people at Cang Wei’s level would have to consider. In any case, only those who had gone beyond the Eternal Realm could break out of a positional plane.

Moreover, because this Daoist Crow was a demon, he had raised countless top-grade Flame Wind Crow Demons as his companion beasts. Most of these demonic beasts had already left the Crow’s Nest, except for a very few who left with Daoist Crow.

How could the demonic beasts left behind by a powerhouse who had confirmed his Dao be simple? Even the tail feathers left behind by the dead Flame Wind Crows, each one of those feathers was an almost priceless treasure. However, what was even more precious than those, was the fact that those Flame Wind Crows were flame-wind dual attributed demonic beasts. A small part of these Flame Wind Crows, over countless years of accumulation, and cultivating to a certain extent, would leave behind the flame of their life upon death. This flame was called as the Scarlet Crow Flame. Most of the cultivators went to this place in the hopes of obtaining this Scarlet Crow Flame.

Scarlet Crow Flame, whether one used it for Alchemy or Artefact-crafting, it was an exceptional flame in both fields.

However, Ning Cheng did not want to go to this place. He had the Starry Sky Wheel and the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. As for a flame, Ning Cheng had the Celestial River Flame. The only thing missing was not a flame or raw materials for refining flight-type weapons, but the method to evolve his Celestial River Flame.

Ning Cheng hesitated for a bit before speaking up with an apologetic voice, “I’m sorry, I don’t want to go to the Crow’s Nest. My cultivation is still too low to venture into such a place.”

In fact, it was not that Ning Cheng didn’t want to head to such a place; rather, he wanted to go to an area much deeper compared to this one.

Seeing Ning Cheng refuse, Yu Wanxue, the one with a pair of big eyes, suddenly spoke up, “Brother Cheng, if alone even we would not dare to go to that place. However, if the five of us team up, even if there were some danger, we would be able to help each other. Moreover, I’ve been to the Crow’s Nest once before and obtained information about a few things that no one can refuse. Those are things besides the Scarlet Crow Flame and the raw materials for flight-type weapons.”

Ning Cheng only showed a faint smile and did not ask any questions. He truly was not interested in this place.

Yu Wanxue also never thought that even after speaking to this point, this cultivator in front of her would not even show any intentions of asking any questions. From Ning Cheng's Celestial Wheels, she judged that Ning Cheng should be someone in the Undead Realm; therefore, according to logic, such a person would refuse her right away, at least not without asking a few questions.

Since Ning Cheng didn't ask, she had to continue, "According to the legend, after Daoist Crow confirmed his Dao at the Crow's Nest, he had left behind his Dao Confirming Insights. We want to head there to find Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insights because of a few clues I found during my previous trip. If found, we could then divide it among us."

"Friend, a lot of stary sky cultivators think that the Eternal Realm is the pinnacle. But the fact is that there are powerhouses beyond the Eternal Realm. However, a lot of people don't know about it. If we could obtain Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insights, it would be a great treasure for each of us." Warren explained from the side.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists and replied, "We don't even know each other, and there are also many other people here. Why did you specifically look for me to work together? How would this benefit me?"

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Warren showed a bitter laugh, "No wonder this friend has doubts. The truth is, most of the cultivators who come to the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land come with an already formed team. As for those who do not form a team, they have either too high cultivations or too low cultivations. Since all of us are in the Undead or above realm, the low-levelled cultivators would not want to join us. As for Heaven Seated Seniors, we don't dare to team up with them."

"To be honest, although we've asked some friends before, we couldn't find anyone willing to go with us. Therefore, although we just met this friend, we still wanted to ask if you wanted to join us. If this friend really does not want to come with us, then we can only go ahead with our group of four. In fact, as dull disclosure, we're not the only group going to the Crow's Nest to search for Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insights. There are quite a few groups. However, we believe that we have much better leads compared to others."

Ning Cheng could tell that these people really wanted to find another teammate; in any case, getting to see Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Intent was also a good thing. Besides, the Moon Spirit Swamp that he wanted to go was practically in the same direction as the Crow's Nest. The deviation was not too large.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng nodded, "Since these friends invited me with such warmth, I also want to see if I can obtain something."

Hearing Ning Cheng agreeing to their proposition, Warren and Yu Wanxue, both of them collectively introduced the other two in their team once again. They also described the situation of the Crow's Nest in detail. Ou Hongxin and Dou Di, perhaps because of lower cultivation, only gave a curt greeting to Ning Cheng after Warren introduced them before turning silent.

Ning Cheng brought out a weapon that was a middle-grade Dao Artefact, while the rest of them brought out Celestial River-class Battleships. Despite a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefacts having a higher intrinsic value compared to basic-grade Celestial River-class Battleships, among the few people here, even Dou Di, who had the lowest cultivation, used a middle-grade Celestial River-class Battleship. From this, one could see that the cultivators who perennially explored the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, definitely obtained some decent heritage.

“Dao friend sure has a decent weapon.” Warren looked at Ning Cheng’s flight-type weapon and praised it.

Warren didn’t mean it as a compliment. Although flight-type weapons were the easiest to handle out of all flight-related weapons, a middle-grade Dao Artefact still commanded a higher price compared to even a middle-grade Celestial River-class Battleship. Mainly because Celestial River-class Battleships could be mass-produced. Middle-grade Dao Artefacts, however, could only be crafted by top-grade Artefact-crafting Masters using relatively precious raw materials.

However, battleships also had their advantages over flight-type weapons, as they had a variety of technological weapons on board that could be used for both attack and defence. While an excellent flight-type weapon possessed much more flexibility.

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Yu Wanxue truly had not lied. As she took the lead, she quickly led them towards their destination. She even helped them avoid most Spacial Storms and Void Maelstroms, and although the group encountered some sporadic meteor streams, with everyone working together, they did not suffer any significant damage.

Ning Cheng secretly nodded to himself, these people definitely had good teamwork. If he had to go through this place alone, even with the introduction and the guidance from a map, it would still take him a long time to reach this place. These regions contained too many dangers, and if one was not careful enough, one might just end up swallowed by the space.

The group rarely spoke with each other along the way and carefully controlled their weapons. Ning Cheng had also seen quite a few other cultivator groups along the way, but only a few fights. Seeing this, Ning Cheng understood a few facts. The region itself contained many dangers, even on the supposedly safest path. Therefore, unless one had a deep hatred against someone, who would willingly get into a fight in this place?

The Crow’s Nest was relatively close to where Ning Cheng wanted to go, but very far from the periphery of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. As Ning Cheng followed the other four deeper and deeper, the desolation that he felt in the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land grew even more intense. As he spread out his Spiritual Consciousness, Ning Cheng would sometimes see a broken piece of land or an old dead tree floating within the space; however, no matter the location, it only gave off a feeling of indescribable sadness.

Ning Cheng understood that this phenomenon must have been because the land and vegetation in this place had borne the heavy emotions of this land’s masters before the collapse. Although the masters of

these lands had fallen and turned to ashes, those lingering emotions still affected the withered grasses and the crushed stones in this place.

Only if one's cultivation reached a certain extent, would one not be affected by these things. From this, one could also make out that the cultivators who fell in this place during ancient times, definitely had high cultivations.

At this moment, the Everlasting Blue Thunder City within Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness suddenly started shaking violently. Sensing the violent trembling, Ning Cheng felt shocked within his heart and subconsciously stopped.

The Everlasting Blue Thunder City was something that he had acquired within the Law's Way. As his cultivation kept improving, the refinement of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City also grew deeper and deeper in tandem. At this point, the projection of the Blue Thunder City that he could bring out no longer looked like an actual shadow. This 'shadow' even showed the walls of the city turning solid.

Even as the level of his refinement of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City grew deeper and deeper, it still wouldn't show any movement without the stimulation from his Spiritual Consciousness. However, he had not even touched the Everlasting Blue Thunder City this time. Yet, the Everlasting Blue Thunder City actually shook this violently within his Sea of Consciousness, which definitely meant that it was not a small matter.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness immediately swept out. Ordinary cultivators would not be able to sweep out over a wide range in this place. However, Ning Cheng had the support of his starry sky Sea of Consciousness, which made his Spiritual Consciousness far more powerful compared to the average cultivator.

A moment later, Ning Cheng discovered a broken star field a thousand miles away from him, with a large black arrow embedded into one of the larger pieces of rock. Ning Cheng had never seen such a large arrow before; not only was it huge, but as soon as Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness encountered it, he felt a one of a kind deathly repression coming from it. It created an unspeakable sense of discomfort within his heart, which caused his Sea of Consciousness to tremble violently, inducing a feeling of nausea. Not waiting for Ning Cheng to get over it, he ended up spurring a mouthful of blood the next instant.

After spitting out a mouthful of blood, Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness finally calmed down, and it no longer trembled and did not give the feeling of an imminent collapse.

When his Spiritual Consciousness came into contact with that black arrow, not only did it cause his Sea of Consciousness to tremble, even the Everlasting Blue Thunder City within his Sea of Consciousness shook with a much higher intensity. Ning Cheng took a deep breath and forcibly calmed the shaking Everlasting Blue Thunder City.

That black arrow also gave him a familiar feeling. With the reaction of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, coupled with the results of his Spiritual Consciousness sweep just now, Ning Cheng quickly realised why he felt a sense of familiarity with this black arrow.

When he had entered the Thunder Domain in the Law's Way and gained the acknowledgement of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, he had seen a person destroying a planet with a single punch. Then he saw a purple spear, this one spear had actually managed to counteract that annihilating explosion.

At that time, Everlasting Blue Thunder City's formidable Thunder Rays blew away and nullified the rest of destructive energies around it, showing its unique and supreme imposing aura.

But even so, a black arrow had suddenly shot into the Everlasting Blue Thunder City. Directly ripping open the surrounding void, it had forced the Everlasting Blue Thunder City into it. At the same time, it had also blasted the Everlasting Blue Thunder City's spirit into a different Spatio-temporal location. From that, Ning Cheng understood the terrifying power contained within this black arrow.

At this point, Ning Cheng felt sure that the black arrow that he had seen just now through his Spiritual Consciousness was the same one as that time. Moreover, from the jade strips that he had purchased, that black arrow was called the Foreign Heaven's Arrow. It stated that one should never use Spiritual Consciousness to look at the Foreign Heaven's Arrow. On the off chance that such a thing happened, the arrow would not just destroy that person's Sea of Consciousness, but even the body of the person would end up annihilated to dust. He had only arrived here and had not paid attention to such detail. Feeling the violent shaking of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, he had unconsciously swept out towards the black arrow.

Fortunately, he had the support of the starry sky Sea of Consciousness; as such, the residual power had not reached the level where it could cause the collapse of the Sea of Consciousness.

"Brother Cheng, why did you stop....." Warren asked, but when he saw Ning Cheng spit a mouthful of blood, he immediately changed his words, "Brother Cheng, we are not far from the Foreign Heaven's Arrow. You mustn't sweep out with your Spiritual Consciousness..... You didn't sweep out with your Spiritual Consciousness, did you?"

But then he quickly realised that it should be an impossible matter. Even with his Spiritual Consciousness fully deployed, it couldn't reach the location of the Foreign Heaven's Arrow. Ning Cheng's cultivation had not even reached his level, so how could his Spiritual Consciousness extend to the area of the Foreign Heaven's Arrow? Moreover, even if his Spiritual Consciousness somehow managed to reach the location of the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, spitting a mouthful of blood would be the least of one's concerns.

Ning Cheng quickly waved his hand and replied, "No, I just had to spit out a mouthful of congealed blood because of my internal injuries. It's much better now. Brother Warren doesn't need to worry about me. Just keep moving forward."

He would never admit that his Spiritual Consciousness could actually reach the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, which would have invariably exposed the might of his Sea of Consciousness. However, within his mind, Ning Cheng made a decision to return to this place in the future, once he obtained sufficient strength and take away the Foreign Heaven's Arrow. The Everlasting Blue Thunder City was in itself a potent weapon, yet this black arrow had still managed to force it into the void. Just what was the extent of this black arrow's power?

It was not that nobody wanted to take away the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, it's just that nobody had the ability or the strength to take it away. Although Ning Cheng had the starry sky Sea of Consciousness, even he couldn't take it away. At the same time, his cultivation was also not up to the mark.

After another half a month of continuously flying forward, Yu Wanxue, who led the way, finally stopped. Seeing that, Warren and the others also stopped. Ning Cheng put away his flight-type weapon and understood that they should have arrived at the Crow's Nest.

In the distance was a dark shadow of another broken star, supposedly the Crow Star, the place where Daoist Crow had gained enlightenment while in seclusion. However, at this moment, the Crow Star was in complete ruins, without any shred of vitality. Standing at the periphery, one could only feel a powerful one of a kind fire-attributed aura apart from the vicissitudes and desolation.

Ning Cheng could see a few cultivators rushing into the Crow Star from time to time through his Spiritual Consciousness. They presumably were like their group, who came here in the hopes of either obtaining Daoist Crow's Dao Confirmation Insight, or for collecting raw materials for flight-type weapons, or the Scarlet Crow Flame.

"That's Crow Star up ahead. No one's Spiritual Consciousness can extend over a range of ten square miles within the Crow's Star. Despite the damage to the Crow Star, Daoist Crow had laid out many unresolved restrictions and array formations. The only way to find Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insight within the Crow Star is through the joint efforts put forth by all of us. But you don't have to worry too much about it Brother Cheng. We are different from the others, we only have to explore a limited area. To keep in touch with each other, we'll leave communication pearls with each other." As Warren finished, he was the first one to take out a communication pearl.

Ning Cheng also took out a communication pearl, and Warren's party of four left their Spiritual Consciousness Tags over it.

"Let's go in. As long as it's not Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insight within the Crow's Nest, whatever treasures one obtains within the Crow's Nest would belong to the one who obtains it. If anyone of you found the location of Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insight, you need to contact the rest of us immediately. In any case, the place containing Daoist Crow's insights is not something that could be opened by a single person. No matter who finds it, they must inform the others in the group so that we could work together to open it." Yu Wanxue came forward and spoke.

Ning Cheng nodded to indicate his understanding; moreover, he also understood that the Crow's Nest, in fact, collectively referred to the Crow Star. However, there were also innumerable crows' nests within the Crow Star. Most of them were built by the Flame Wind Crows after Daoist Crow left, and these crows' nests would contain either Flame Wind Crow's tail feathers or the Scarlet Crow Flame.

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Chapter 643: The mistakes of the past

Ning Cheng followed the rest of the people into the Crow Star and immediately realised that his Spiritual Consciousness was once again different compared to others. Warren had said that one's Spiritual Consciousness could only extend to a range of approximately ten miles at most. However, he could quickly sweep to a hundred miles around him using his Spiritual Consciousness without putting any

effort. Some of the broken restrictions couldn't even stop him at all. If he were to extend his Spiritual Consciousness's range forcibly, Ning Cheng would be able to reach even further.

Looks like his Sea of Consciousness was much superior to that of the others, Ning Cheng mused to himself.

Although Ning Cheng did not have any clarity about the exact scope of the Crow's Nest in its prime, after coming inside, he only saw potholes, ravines mixed up with collapsed mountains and rivers everywhere his eyes could see. From this, he could speculate that a lot of cultivators used to live in this place. Not only that, when the Crow Star finally started to crumble, it definitely involved apocalyptic levels of destruction.

Yu Wanxue seemed to have a good familiarity with this place, although she did not use any flight-type weapons in this place, she swiftly moved through the area without any misstep. Not only did she not stop even for a moment, even her speed gradually increased.

Ning Cheng had initially thought that Warren was the one who initiated the search for Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insights, but it now looked like Yu Wanxue was the one who started it.

After the five of them rushed through the area for two days, Yu Wanxue suddenly stopped, and her expression quickly turned ugly.

"What happened? Junior Apprentice Sister Wanxue." Warren asked in a hurry.

Yu Wanxue turned to Ning Cheng and said, "I thought that I was the only one who knew about this gorge. But with so many people already here, it looks like I'm not the only one who obtained this information."

Hearing Yu Wanxue's words, Warren felt a little lost. With so many people already here, even if they found what they were looking for, their chances to obtain it looked very slim.

Ning Cheng smiled, "I don't think there is anything to worry about. Although there are many cultivators gathered here, I haven't seen anyone else coming to this place on our way here. In any case, we all still have the same chances. Moreover, fortuitous occurrences are only in the hands of fate. It would not necessarily fall into the hands of those who came here first. Since we already came here, it's better to go in and take a look at the situation."

"Brother Cheng is right. There are lots of forks within this gorge, and we anyway have to go into the gorge personally to search for what we want. In any case, one can only obtain this treasure if one is destined for it. If there is no destined connection, then even if that treasure appeared in front of you, you would not necessarily know about it." Warren immediately echoed Ning Cheng's sentiment.

"Well, that's that then." Yu Wanxue was the first to rush inside; apparently, Ning Cheng and Warren's words spurred her into action. One needed to have a destined connection with treasures to obtain them, if there was no destined connection, then even if you stood in front of a heap of riches, so what?

Ning Cheng also followed the rest into the gorge.

This gorge seemed to have a distinctive characteristic to it, the deeper one ventured inside, the more spacious it became. Moreover, the deeper one went inside, the higher number of forks would one find within the gorge.

Entering the depths of the canyon, Ou Hongxin was the first to choose a fork and enter. Warren decided on a different fork, and half an hour later, Yu Wanxue decided to enter a different fork to explore.

In the end, only Ning Cheng and Dou Di were left.

Dou Di had the lowest cultivation among the five, only at the early stages of the Undead Realm. Even Ning Cheng had higher cultivation compared to her.

After the two went deeper into the gorge, Ning Cheng felt a faint sensation of water coming from one of the forks in front of him. Since his Mysterious Yellow Bead had already integrated with the Water Origin Bead, he had become a little more sensitive towards Water Aura compared to the average cultivator.

Since the moment he stepped foot onto the Crow Star, Ning Cheng had not seen even a drop of water anywhere within the Crow Star. Nor did he feel any hints of water. Now that he sensed a trace of water aura, Ning Cheng immediately wanted to head inside and explore.

Just when Ning Cheng wanted to speak a few words before parting ways with Dou Di, Dou Di suddenly stopped and spoke, "Brother Cheng, please wait."

Ning Cheng already had intentions to stop and split ways, and now that Dou Di called out to him, he immediately stopped and asked a question in doubt, "Junior Apprentice Sister Dou, what's the matter?"

Dou Di hesitated for a little while before speaking up, "Brother Cheng, even though you recently joined our team, I feel that you're a little more reliable compared to Ou Hongxin. I initially wanted to ask Ou Hongxin to cooperate, but if Brother Cheng feels willing, I would like to work with you."

"What's this about working together? Besides, aren't we already working together?" Ning Cheng asked with a bewildered look over his face.

Dou Di spoke up directly, "Brother Cheng, I know some secrets about Daoist Crow. I had intended to return sometime later, but the news about this place has already leaked outside, which brought in a lot of cultivators to this place. Because of this, I have to push my plans forward. If Brother Cheng swears to not harbour any disloyalty, I would willingly share those secrets with you and give it my all to work with Brother Cheng."

Dou Di had a relatively petite figure, with average looks and thin yellowish hair. It gave her a very humble appearance. However, Ning Cheng didn't pay much attention to it. It wasn't until now that Ning Cheng actually observed Dou Di and even used his Spiritual Consciousness to probe her.

To Ning Cheng's surprise, Dou Di exuded a faint demonic essence aura, unlike other average cultivators. However, this aura was very weak, if Ning Cheng had not taken the initiative to probe her with his Spiritual Consciousness, he would have never perceived it.

Ning Cheng gave a calm reply, "I can cooperate with anyone. As long as they do not have a bad heart and don't scheme against me, I will also not do anything to them. However, I will never swear on such a thing. It's not a matter of courage, it's just that I don't want to swear on this kind of thing. If you believe

me, then we can cooperate; if you don't believe me, then it would be better to go our separate ways. I don't mind finding my own way within this gorge by myself."

Hearing Ning Cheng speak about finding his way within the gorge, Dou Di's eyes flashed with a slight surprise; however, this flash of surprise quickly disappeared. She then took the initiative to speak with Ning Cheng, "Brother Cheng, if I didn't believe in you, I wouldn't have said what I just said. I wonder, does Brother Cheng know about Daoist Crow's most terrifying spirit technique? "

"It should be something related to fire, I guess." Ning Cheng spoke with no certainty. As he pondered over it, Daoist Crow was a fire-attributed demonic cultivator, who most likely also possessed a top-grade flame. Therefore, it would be quite reasonable for this fellow's most powerful spirit technique to be a flame-related spirit technique.

Dou Di nodded, "That's right, Daoist Crow's most powerful technique is a flame-related Spirit Technique; however, no one knows what flame Daoist Crow used."

"Isn't it the Scarlet Crow Flame?" Ning Cheng asked with incredulity.

Dou Di spoke with a calm voice, "Although Daoist Crow had access countless tongues of Scarlet Crow Flame, the flame that he used was not the Scarlet Crow Flame but the Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds[1]."

"Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds?" Ning Cheng repeated the words in surprise. He now no longer was a person without any knowledge after reading through the book that Zhongli Baichi had given him.

Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds was a top-grade flame spark, second only to his Celestial River Flame. His Celestial River Flame's actual name was Celestial River Scarlet Flame and was ranked second within the entire vast expanse. Except for the non-existent first, one could actually consider his flame as the first listed flame within the whole vast expanse.

Moreover, the Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds occupied the fifth position among all the flames within the vast universe. This kind of fire definitely was an existence that could not be ignored.

"Yes, it's the Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds. When Daoist Crow obtained the Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds, he did everything possible to let his Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds undergo nirvana. Moreover, the Fire Origin Bead undoubtedly is the best material for letting a flame experience nirvana; however, no one would think of using the Fire Origin Bead for such a purpose. But Daoist Crow was not like other people; other people might not think of using this object in such a way, but he actually had thoughts of using it. He even found the Fire Origin Bead, and....."

Ning Cheng immediately interrupted Dou Di's words, "Are you saying that Daoist Crow actually used the Fire Origin Bead to let the Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds achieve nirvana?"

Although he had obtained the Fire Origin Bead and even incorporated it into the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng felt a little sceptical about Dou Di's words. Didn't it mean that there was more than one Fire Origin Bead? That shouldn't be the case though; from what he learned, every Origin Bead was a unique existence.

"Just keep listening." Dou Di continued, "After Daoist Crow obtained the Fire Origin Bead, he wanted to use the Fire Origin to let his flame experience the most powerful form of nirvana. For that, he opened up

a magma pool at the core of one of a planet with the highest density of fire, and then let the Fire Origin Bead into it to let it absorb all the Fire Origin Essence from the magma pool. Daoist Crow wanted to let his Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds go through the process of nirvana within this fire pool. However, before he could do it, enemies swarmed the area. During the time when Daoist Crow battled against one of those enemies, the planet with the Fire Origin Bead ended up pushed into a Void Collapse due to the battle between the two of them. Since then, that planet could no longer be found.”

At this point, Dou Di gave out a sigh, “Later, Daoist Crow could only use the Golden Foetal Flame Bead to let his Heaven Seizing Ancient Clouds experience nirvana. The place I’m heading is one of the caves of Daoist Crow, it’s where he let his flame undergo nirvana. Although Daoist Crow used a lot of Golden Foetal Flame Beads, he should have stored the rest of them there. As long as you are willing to cooperate with me, we can split them in half. If we find anything else, we’ll still split the loot in half.”

Ning Cheng did not immediately reply to Dou Di’s request. Moreover, he also knew that the Golden Foetal Flame Bead was another top-grade treasure for letting a flame experience nirvana.

However, he was not thinking about the Golden Foetal Flame Bead right now, but about the Origin Fire Pool that Daoist Crow had opened up to let the Fire Origin Bead absorb the Origin Fire within it. In addition to feeling regretful, he felt more regret about his ignorance at that time. Ignorance could truly kill people.

When he obtained the Fire Origin Bead, why didn’t he think about that magma pool? Moreover, he had also seen that once he took away the Fire Origin Bead, the temperature of the magma pool had immediately dropped. Sensing that change, he had thought it to be worthless. He never expected that the magma pool would turn out even more precious compared to the Fire Origin Crystals. In fact, when it came to preciousness, it was second only to the Fire Origin Bead. However, now the magma pool was already hundreds of millions of miles away, should he go back for it?

At this moment, he even recalled a line: ‘there was once a supreme treasure that had appeared in front of someone, which that fellow had actually ignored it. If only he could get the chance to redo that moment.....

Would such an opportunity appear again?

“Brother Cheng...” Seeing Ning Cheng stand there with his fists clenched, eyebrows locked, seemingly lost in regret, Dou Di called out in doubt.

“I agree to work with you, and if we manage to obtain the Golden Foetal Flame Beads, each of us will keep half of the loot.” Ning Cheng returned to senses and spoke with some helplessness in his voice. Since Daoist Crow could make do with the Golden Foetal Flame Beads instead of the Origin Fire Pool’s nirvana-inducing flames, then he could also use it.

Dou Di immediately spoke up, “Ok, that place is through here. Once we reach that place, breaking in would require the two of us to join forces. One cannot break into that place alone.”

Saying that she stepped into the fork next to her within the gorge. Ning Cheng also followed her inside; in any case, it was also the same direction as felt the trace of water aura.

It didn't take long for the two of them to reach a few more forks within the valley. Dou Di quickly selected one of the forks and stepped inside, while Ning Cheng also kept close behind her.

Moreover, Ning Cheng also felt that the forks that Dou Di selected were the forks that contained the most intense water aura. If it wasn't for Dou Di working with him, Ning Cheng reckoned that he would have most likely taken the same route.

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Chapter 644: Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Location

The fork in the gorge they just entered was a very long one. The deeper one went inside, the narrower the path forward. Dou Di kept running deeper inside, and half an hour later, Ning Cheng, who kept following just behind her, suddenly stopped.

Dou Di also stopped and looked back at Ning Cheng with a doubtful expression, "Brother Cheng, why did you stop?"

Ning Cheng pointed to the wall just behind him and spoke, "If there are treasures in this place, then it should be someplace here, not further inside. From what I sense, there should be a concealed defensive array formation around here. However, because of the long period of disuse, the concealed array formation has started to show some fragmentation."

Ning Cheng already was a Grade 6 Imperial Array Master, and when he came to this place, he felt a stronger trace of water aura flowing through this particular fork. Ning Cheng immediately swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness and used it to examine everything within the range of a hundred miles and found nothing even on reaching the end of the path. Moreover, this fork within the gorge only had a single entry point.

Dou Di, on hearing Ning Cheng's words, immediately took out a jade strip from her storage ring and swept it with her Spiritual Consciousness. Soon, her expressions turned a little embarrassed.

Knowing this particular location was the main reason why she looked for Ning Cheng to work together. However, she had not found this place till now; rather, it was Ning Cheng who first found it, which made her feel embarrassed.

"I'm sorry, I ended up walking past it." Dou Di's expressions once again returned to normal before she looked at Ning Cheng with some doubts, "How do you know about this place? Do you also have a map?"

Ning Cheng just showed a faint smile, "It doesn't matter how I know about this place. Getting inside this place is what's important. There are more and more people rushing in. If I can find this place, then it also means that others can also find it."

"Yes, we should hurry in." Dou Di understood that the fellow in front of her definitely had a secret. Why would he tell her about his secret?

Trying to cover up her embarrassment, she quickly brought out a weapon, "There should be a concealed defensive array formation around here. However, I can't break it alone. There is only one way to open it, that is, to attack together. If we work together, we should be able to break it open in at most two hours. As long as no one comes here during those two hours, we would succeed."

So that's why she wanted to look for someone to cooperate with; most likely, it would take her at least seven to eight hours to break open this place if she had to work on it alone. Attacking an array formation in this place continuously for seven to eight hours would definitely attract a lot of attention.

Ning Cheng shook his head. Instead of a weapon, he took out an array flag and spoke, "I'm sure that someone would find us here if we kept attacking this place for two hours straight. Let me handle this."

With that said, Ning Cheng kept dropping one array flag after another. In just half an incense stick of time, a small crack appeared in front of Dou Di.

Dou Di stared at Ning Cheng in shock. For this concealed defensive array formation, she needed someone to cooperate with her to break it down. So how could this fellow open it so quickly?

"Hurry in, someone's coming over." Ning Cheng did not wait around for Dou Di to ask questions before immediately stepping inside.

Dou Di, on seeing this, immediately rushed inside. Ning Cheng waved his hand and put away all the array flags, returning the scene to its previous state. This defensive array formation only targeted those trying to come inside. If one wanted to come out from the inside, they wouldn't need to break through it all over again.

"Brother Cheng, are you a top-grade Array Formation Master?" Dou Di finally couldn't help but ask. A top-grade Array Formation Master definitely would not be someone simple.

Studying array formations not only required a lot of time but also needed a strong foundation. This foundation was the array formation inheritance. When it came to Alchemy and Artefact-crafting, people could still manage to learn it by themselves through trial and error, as long as one has access to sufficient resources. However, when it came to array formations, if one wanted to study it, then one could only rely on the inheritance from the seniors of the past, and try to comprehend it by themselves. At best, building on the original heritage, one could only make a few breakthroughs on top of it.

Ning Cheng just gave a casual reply, "It's just a little bit of research. That doesn't make me a top-grade Array Formation Master. In any case, I've already located the Golden Foetal Flame Beads that you mentioned. Looks like they are quite a few in this place."

Around a few thousand feet in front of them was a small pool formed by a spring. The pool contained a decent quantity of water, along with a square platform in the middle of the pool. This square platform had five or six Golden Foetal Flame Beads placed over it.

Ning Cheng knew that using the Golden Foetal Flame Bead to induce nirvana within a flame would require the help of a top-grade spiritual pool. This spring pool must have been left behind by Daoist Crow after his flame achieved nirvana. This spring pool had helped Daoist Crow's flame to experience nirvana, and even after such a long time, it hadn't dried up. This definitely indicated that this was a good thing.

Dou Di quickly rushed over and grabbed two Golden Foetal Flame Beads before turning to Ning Cheng and speaking, "Brother Cheng, you're much more powerful compared to me. So I just need two Golden Foetal Flame Beads; as for the other things, you can have it. As for the spring pool, I just need a third of it."

For her, a third of the spring pool plus two Golden Foetal Flame Beads was more than enough for her flame to experience nirvana.

Ning Cheng raised his hand, put away the four other Golden Foetal Flame Beads, and casually spoke up, "I don't want the spring pool. You can take it with you."

Ning Cheng had already scrutinised this spring pool and found that it indeed was a Spiritual Pool. However, this Spiritual Pool was still not enough for his Celestial River Flame to undergo nirvana using the Golden Foetal Flame Bead. Besides, if he needed a Spiritual Pool, he could always find it.

"Many thanks, Brother Cheng." Dou Di felt overjoyed and quickly scrapped all the spring water within the spring pool. She also vaguely understood how Ning Cheng was able to find this place.

The Crow Star was a dried up place throughout, without even a drop of water. Once any trace of water actually appeared, it would truly be akin to a miracle. This fellow must have sensed the water aura coming from this place before finally locating this place. Since this fellow could sense the aura of water, then this cultivator definitely had a water-attributed main spiritual root, which would also make him quite sensitive to the aura of water.

As Dou Di thought about all this, Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness had already scoured every inch of this place. Looks like Daoist Crow only used this place to let his flame experience nirvana. There simply was nothing else in this place.

What Dou Di wanted the most was not the Dao Confirmation Insights, but a way to let her flame experience nirvana. Now that she obtained what she wanted, she truly felt grateful towards Ning Cheng.

Just when she was about to say her thanks, her and Ning Cheng's communication pearls lit up simultaneously.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Warren and Senior Apprentice Sister Yu Wanxue found Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Location, we need to quickly head over...." Dou Di, while in mid-conversation, rushed out of the room.

Ning Cheng had also seen the message on the communication pearl; however, he also understood that although Yu Wanxue found the real Dao Confirming Cave of Daoist Crow, several other people had reached it before them. They simply couldn't cope with so many people by themselves. If one wanted to get a piece of the action, then they would definitely have to call in the others for assistance.

Seeing Dou Di rush out of the cave, Ning Cheng quickly returned to the middle of the pool, picked up the stone platform that had the Golden Foetal Flame Beads placed on it previously, and threw it into his storage ring.

His Spiritual Consciousness had previously penetrated through the stone platform and found that it was hollow in the middle, with a jade card and the jade strip inside. Ning Cheng didn't know what these two objects were, or what they contained, but Daoist Crow definitely was not an ordinary fellow. Therefore, if Daoist Crow placed something within the stone platform, then it definitely would not be something ordinary.

If Dou Di had found out about it, he would have thought about sharing it with her as agreed. However, since Dou Di did not know about it, then he naturally would not hesitate to take it for himself.

Although Ning Cheng lagged behind Dou Di by a few breaths, Dou Di didn't care about it. In fact, even if Ning Cheng took the stone platform in front of her, Dou Di would not care. Even if the stone platform contained a secret, what would it matter to her? She had already obtained what she wanted and had willingly decided not to care about the stone platform.

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Ning Cheng and Dou Di quickly found Yue Wanxue, and with Ning Cheng arriving, all five of their team had once again gathered. However, their team was only of moderate strength in this place. Within the simple-looking stone hall, there were already thirty other people. The strongest among them was a group of six people, all Heaven's Mandate Cultivators.

Ning Cheng's team only had a middle-level standing in this place. Moreover, looking at the many empty shelves within this stone hall, he understood that the people here had already divided whatever the shelves contained among themselves.

Also, further down the stone hall, there were two sealed array entrances. Seeing that the people here haven't left yet, it most likely had something to do with the two sealed array formations.

"Brother Cheng, Junior Apprentice Sister Dou, you're finally here. Daoist Crow used this place for confirming his Dao. However, our strength is a little bit weaker compared to others. Even Senior Apprentice Brother Warren had to suffer some minor injuries a few moments to grab Daoist Crow's stuff." Seeing Ning Cheng and Dou Di come over, Yu Wanxue explained in a low voice.

Glancing at Ning Cheng, Warren voiced, "It was that group of six men who injured me. All of them have a Heaven's Mandate Cultivation. They are much stronger compared to us. For now, we must not fight against them recklessly. At this time, we can only rely on luck."

When Warren's words reached the part about relying on luck, his tone also turned somewhat helpless. Finding this place was to try their luck. But now, obtaining anything from here would involve a comparison of strength, not chance. The reason he said those words was because their team's power could not compare to the most formidable team here.

"Friends, we have more than thirty people here now. If anyone dares to call their companions over to this place again, don't blame me for not being polite." A burly man with a full face stood up and spoke with Celestial Essence-infused voice. It caused the rest of the people's eardrums to ache.

When the burly fellow spoke, he glanced at Ning Cheng's side with a fierce look in his eyes. Obviously, he felt very dissatisfied with Yu Wanxue calling in Ning Cheng and Dou Di. However, Ning Cheng and Dou Di both looked and felt ordinary; therefore, he simply did not take them seriously.

A cultivator with a full-circle Heaven's Mandate Cultivation, Ning Cheng judged from the celestial wheels behind this fellow. This person definitely was a powerhouse. Moreover, he even had formed a six-man team, all of them in Heaven's Mandate Realm. Not only was this fellow's strength a cut above others, but even this fellow's side was also at the top.

Seeing that no one dared to stand up to retort, the burly fellow with a full face gave a relatively satisfied nod before continuing, "Since everyone came here to search for treasures, then everyone here definitely has a destined connection to this place. Currently, there are two array entrances here, and

with 34 people standing within this hall. I suggest we form two groups of seventeen people each and then choose one of the array formations. But I'll say it now after you choose one of the array entrances, you can only enter that array entrance. Even if the things inside that array entrance do not satisfy you, you cannot enter the other array entrance. Otherwise, the other group will work together to kill you."

Ning Cheng sneered within his heart. He was an Imperial Array Master, someone who could already arrange Grade 6 Celestial River Array Formations and even use Spiritual Consciousness Attacks. How could he not figure out this burly fellow's trick? Although there were two array entrances here, one of them definitely was fake.

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Chapter 645: Choosing the array entrance

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness had long detected that the array formation on the right had some problems. That array formation had a relatively rough arrangement, and the grade of that array formation was lower than that on the left. Not only that, but Ning Cheng also felt minute quantities of Celestial Essence escaping from one of the array bases of the array entrance on the right. However, none of the array bases of the array entrance on the left gave out any Celestial Essence.

That is to say, as long as one's attainment in array formations reached the level of an Imperial Grade, one could easily sense that the one on the right was a Befuddling Array, which indicated that it was a fake array entrance. Not to mention about reaching the Imperial Grade in the understanding of array formations, even if a Celestial Array Master had a relatively strong Spiritual Consciousness, they would be able to perceive something off about it.

"Does any object to my opinion?" After Ma Ximen asked, he swept his gaze around the hall.

No one came forward to question him; after all, Ma Ximen's plan was not outrageous. In any case, unless someone entered through these array entrances before, no one could say for sure about which array entrance contained more things.

Ma Ximen immediately added, "Looks like everyone agrees with me. In that case, everyone, please decide on an array entrance by yourself. If one of the array entrances ends up with more people, I'll make the arrangements."

Although Ma Ximen's words appeared fair, Ning Cheng knew that this fellow would never choose the array entrance on the right.

"I'm going to the left..."

"We'll choose the left one too..."

In just a short time, eleven people choose the left entrance, while only three chose the right one.

Yu Wanxue suddenly came forward and whispered to them, "We'll choose the left entrance too. I'm slightly proficient with array formations. The array formation on the right is too rough to look like a place with treasures."

Ning Cheng also leaned towards the left entrance. However, he did not give an immediate reply. Seeing that everyone remained silent, Yu Wanxue quickly spoke up, "The five of us will take the left one, too."

Just as Yu Wanxue's voice dropped, another person spoke up, "The three of us choose the left one."

Ma Ximen stood up and spoke up with a stern voice, "Wait a minute, let's not make it a trend. Currently, no one has opened these two array entrances; therefore, no one knows which side contains what. With so many people choosing to go to the left, there are already more than seventeen people on the left. To save everyone's time, I, Ma Ximen, will help you get going."

After that, he pointed directly at some people who had not yet made a choice and spoke up with a loud voice, "You, and the rest of you..... Go to the right one. We're still missing a few on this entrance. A few people from this entrance should also go to the right. As for the six of us, we choose the right entrance. I do not believe that the treasures on the right side are not as good as the ones on the left....."

Ning Cheng felt very disdainful. Ma Ximen sure was shameless. He had quickly decided on twelve people for the right entrance. Moreover, since he said that his party of six would take the right gate, his teammates would certainly stand up against it. At the same time, because of the six of them, there were now eighteen people on the right.

Sure enough, as soon as Ma Ximen's words ended, someone in his team spoke up, "Brother Ximen, although we do not have anything against choosing the right entrance, this way, there are 18 people on the right and 16 on the left."

"Oh yes, I guess I got confused for a second." Ma Ximen patted his head and pointed at Ning Cheng's team, "The five of you go to the right, that way there are seventeen people on the right, while we will take the left entrance."

Warren's expressions immediately changed and wanted to stand out and speak. When they were all snatching the things in this hall, Ma Ximen had schemed against him, causing him some injuries. And now this fellow once again wanted to plot against them.

Just when Warren was about to stand up and speak, Ning Cheng stopped Warren and spoke, "Brother Warren, I was going to choose the right entrance anyway."

Ning Cheng initially thought that the right side was a fake array entrance; however, when his Spiritual Consciousness pierced through the rough array formation on the right side, it encountered a complete high-grade defensive array behind it. Ning Cheng already knew about the might of his Spiritual Consciousness, yet his Spiritual Consciousness Thorn could not even penetrate half an inch into this array formation. As for the array entrance on the left side, it did not have such a complete high-grade defensive array.

Ning Cheng also understood why his Spiritual Consciousness could penetrate through the array entrance on the right side. It was not because his Spiritual Consciousness and attainments in array formations were too strong. It was because these array entrances remained in this place unused for an unknown number of years, causing it to experience a considerable amount of erosion. Otherwise, not to mention the people on their side, even if a team of top-notch Array Formation Masters came here, even they would not be able to determine the better array entrance out of the two.

Ning Cheng changed his mind after seeing this high-grade defensive array. If not for this, he wouldn't have willingly taken the initiative to switch to the array entrance on the right. Perhaps, he might have even started a fight with Ma Ximen.

Yu Wanxue felt helpless. She knew that forcing their way to the left entrance could potentially cause the others to attack their group collectively.

Ma Ximen suddenly spoke up with an even louder voice, "Since we have equally divided ourselves for the two array entrances, we should immediately start to break it open. After entering through the array entrance, everyone can only rely on his or her destiny. If any cultivator from the array entrance on the right enters the array entrance on the left, anyone can kill them and vice versa."

With the 34 cultivators quickly split in half, it made it clear that the left side was entirely dominated by Ma Ximen and his team, while the right side had no one to take the lead for the time being.

Seeing that no one came forward to take the lead, a tall man stood out from their side and spoke to the crowd, "Friend, I'm called Long Xiu. We have four people on our team. Although I am untalented myself, we do have some understandings about array formations. If the 17 of us want to break this array formation together, we would need a leader....."

As Long Xiu spoke till here, he took a slight pause. He imagined that when he said this, someone would definitely say 'In that case, let Brother Long take the lead, and lead us to break this formation.' or something similar.

However, the imagined scene did not turn into reality. Seeing that, Long Xiu continued, "The left side have already joined forces to attack the array entrance, and we haven't even moved yet. So, I would like to nominate myself and lead you all to break this array entrance."

Long Xiu's four-member team had three Heaven's Mandate Cultivators and a cultivator in the Undead Realm. His own cultivation had reached the full-circle of the Heaven's Mandate Realm. From this, one could say that, superficially, their team's strength was comparable to Ning Cheng's side, and was even a level higher.

Although no one echoed Long Xiu's words, a few people came forward in support of Long Xiu after Long Xiu finished with his words.

Long Xiu glanced at Ning Cheng's side, which had five people, including two Heaven's Mandate Cultivators. Although their team showed a moderate strength on the surface, the number of people was still quite significant.

Since the moment Ning Cheng said that he had wanted to choose the right entrance, Warren had always wanted to hear Ning Cheng's reason for it. It's just that there were so many people here, which made it difficult to ask a lot of questions.

Ning Cheng saw Warren looking at him and immediately spoke up, "Let's go by ourselves, I'll lead the way."

"I agree." Dou Di was the first to stand behind Ning Cheng.

Yu Wanxue looked at Dou Di with doubts. Dou Di not only came to this place with Ning Cheng, but she even trusted Ning Cheng to this extent. It truly felt strange. According to her understanding of Dou Di, Dou Di seldom talked and rarely expressed her intent. She really couldn't figure out why she would show such direct support for this new Cheng Nianqiong.

Although such a doubt arose, it quickly dissipated, and she immediately spoke up, "I also agree to it."

Warren only nodded and said nothing. As for Ou Hongxin, he also had nothing to say.

"What does this friend mean? If you want to take the lead, then as long as everyone agrees to it, I would also have no objection to it either." Long Xiu looked at Ning Cheng and frowned.

Ning Cheng spoke up with a calm voice, "We don't even know each other, so there's no need to join together. The array entrance is right in front of you. Whoever goes in and finds something, is whom it would belong. If friend Long took the lead and if you found something, would you share it with the rest of us?"

"How could there be such a thing?" Long Xiu gave an angry retort.

"In that case, why should we work together? Everyone can go their separate ways." Ning Cheng finished and walked straight towards the array entrance on the right.

Seeing Ning Cheng walking past them, Warren and Yu Wanxue quickly followed.

"Brother Cheng, are we going to storm inside?" Warren quickly caught up to Ning Cheng and seeing Ning Cheng's well-thought-out look, hurriedly asked. He increasingly felt that Ning Cheng was not someone ordinary; moreover, even he did not show much interest in forming a team with the rest of the people. However, from the looks of it, even before the time the decision was made, this Brother Cheng seemed to have already formed his own ideas.

Warren had a vague feeling that even if he disagreed with Brother Cheng's choice, people's opinions would not sway him. It was a strange feeling, but it did not make him feel resentful.

"No, we don't need to break this array formation yet. Just keep an eye on where I step and then carefully follow my footsteps." Ning Cheng said while taking out an array flag.

When he reached the array entrance, he threw out several array flags. An instant later, a slit appeared within the door. Seeing Ning Cheng stepping into this slit, Warren and the others felt shocked, yet they quickly followed him inside.

At this moment, several people realised that Ning Cheng not only understood array formations but was also a formidable Array Formation Master. In any case, the grade of this array formation definitely was no inferior to one set up by a Grade 5 Imperial Array Master.

Long Xiu wanted to berate Ning Cheng. Judging by the celestial wheels behind Ning Cheng, which looked so vague and disordered, how could someone like him dare to be so rude to a cultivator who had already reached the full-circle of the Heaven's Mandate Realm.

However, in just a few breaths, Ning Cheng's party of five had disappeared from right in front of the array entrance.

Seeing Ning Cheng's party of five enter through the array entrance, no one could bear it any longer. Who would willingly stay here to listen to Long Xiu's nonsense, instead of rushing towards the array entrance?

It's just that by the time anyone managed to reach the slit that Ning Cheng had created, it had already closed up. They were directly blocked by the array entrance. Some of the more anxious cultivators had already brought out their own weapons and were pounding away at the array entrance.

At this moment, who would care about Long Xiu? All the people, without hesitation, brought out their weapons and simultaneously attacked the array entrance. If no one had gone in, everyone would have shown at least some patience. But now that someone went inside, no one would wait around patiently.

As for the array entrance on the left, where the cultivators were still attacking it, they also felt shocked. They all had thought that the real experts of the Dao of Array would have chosen the left entrance. After all, as long as one walked the path of array formations and had some deep understandings of it, they would quickly notice that the array entrance on the right was a bit rough and had some problems to it.

Now that Ning Cheng entered through the array entrance on the right with a few people, it was clear that this fellow's understanding of array formations was much higher compared to them. With such an Array Dao expert choosing the right entrance, did it not mean that there really was something better on the right compared to the left?

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Ning Cheng only took a few steps with Warren and the rest and in just half-an-incense stick worth of time, appeared in a narrow corridor, paved with black bricks. Even the few people standing here could vaguely hear the sounds of people attacking the array formation outside.

"Brother Cheng, I didn't expect you to be an expert in the Dao of Arrays. We really were lucky to get you to work together." Yu Wanxue also knew a little bit about array formations, and from what she saw, there was a real Grand Array at the other end of this corridor.

Warren also felt equally surprised. Even though Dou Di held suspicions about Ning Cheng's mastery in the Dao of Arrays, she still felt a heartfelt admiration towards him at this moment.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists and spoke, "Since everyone here is a team, working together is only natural. The array formation through which we entered, I believe it would take a considerably long time for the others to break it open. However, the array formation in front of us is the real array entrance that we have to break open by ourselves. If I didn't guess wrong, this array entrance is the real entrance to the treasures. As for the array entrance on the left, even if it contained something inside, it would not be much."

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Chapter 646: The Inheritance of Daoist Crow

Warren also cupped his fists and spoke up, "Brother Cheng, you're proficient in array formations. We'll all listen to you from now on. We'll do what you say."

As soon as Warren spoke those words, Yu Wanxue and the other also came up and said that they would listen to Ning Cheng. They could hear the noise outside growing increasingly louder. From this, they also understood that even if there were no cultivators outside who understood array formations, they would be able to break down the entrance quickly. Warren and the others apparently feared that they would

not have enough time to break through the array formation in front of them before the cultivators from the outside poured inside.

Ning Cheng did not speak any nonsense and directly spoke up, "In that case, I will not remain polite. Just keep a careful eye on the where I drop my array flags. As soon as I drop an array flag, immediately concentrate your attacks on that spot."

Although this array formation in front of them had worn down over time, Ning Cheng knew that it would be impossible for him to open it quickly. If he wanted to enter this array formation in the shortest time, then he would have to use the most direct way of breaking it open using brute force.

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With each array flag that Ning Cheng dropped, all five of them would immediately focus their attacks on the same spot. If Ning Cheng were alone, it would have taken him at least half a day to blow open a gap in the array formation using this method. But now that the five of them attacked a single spot simultaneously, in just over an hour, a gap finally opened up,

Ning Cheng was the first one to rush inside and immediately shouted, "Get inside quickly. This array formation can recover automatically, and will be restored soon ..."

Ning Cheng didn't need to remind them, and the four of them quickly rushed in just behind him.

Ning Cheng felt a strong Celestial Essence Aura the moment he walked through this array entrance. The surrounding Celestial Essence gas was pretty much on the same level as the Perpetual Moon Pill Gas that formed during cultivation. The only difference, if any, was that this Celestial Essence Gas was not as pure as the one created from the Perpetual Moon Pills.

In front of him was still a black stone path, with many structures that looked like houses on both sides of the trail. Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept into a few buildings inside and found that every chamber contained something valuable.

Not only were there tail feathers of the Flame Wind Crows inside, the chambers even contained some Dao Artefacts and weapons. There were also quite a lot of fire-attributed raw materials. Moreover, he also found several rooms holding the Scarlet Crow Flame.

Warren also sucked in a mouthful of cold air. There simply were too many good things in this place. However, all of them had their eyes set on Ning Cheng. After all, they couldn't have reached this place without Ning Cheng's help.

Ning Cheng secretly appreciated these fellows in his heart. If these people had immediately rushed out to grab everything in sight, he would also not hesitate to snatch away anything that got in the way. With his Spiritual Consciousness and means, he could easily take away the best things within those chambers in the shortest time.

But despite their eagerness and heat in their eyes, these fellows still did not lose their way and actually waited to seek the opinion of an Undead Cultivator.

“Brother Cheng, since you brought us inside, let me reiterate what I said before. We all will listen to you.” Warren was still the first one to speak. Not because Ning Cheng had cultivation lower than him, but in consideration to Ning Cheng’s feelings.

Ning Cheng nodded, “The left array entrance outside should most likely be a fake one. Although the cultivators on the left might treat it as a genuine one, once broken inside and found nothing on value, they all would immediately head here to grab everything in sight. So, just grab the things here as fast as you can. For now, let’s go our separate ways. Whoever obtains something becomes its owner.”

“Okay.” The four of them immediately felt satisfied with Ning Cheng’s words and thought that this temporary cultivator working with them definitely had a generous heart.

Warren quickly selected his targets and rushed into the chambers within the structures that he had already chosen. Ning Cheng decided not to enter these rooms but disappeared into the distance down the black stone path.

Because of the restrictions imposed on one’s Spiritual Consciousness in this place, the Spiritual Consciousness of Warren and others would only extend up to a distance of a mile at most. However, Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Consciousness could extend to a range of several miles, which allowed him to see a single hinged door at the end of this black stone path.

This hinged door appeared much thicker compared to the doors of the chambers along the path; however, the aura of vicissitudes escaping from the door allowed Ning Cheng to realise that there definitely was some good thing behind this door.

If Warren and others had initially shown indications to steal the things in here, Ning Cheng would have also not hesitated to sweep away most of the valuable items from the structures and chambers in the front, nor would he give them any chance to grab the items behind this door. But since Warren and others showed some decent morals, Ning Cheng decided to let the four of them go through the chambers on the outside, while he decided to concentrate only on this door.

Standing in front of the door, Ning Cheng immediately realised that he would not be able to open this door with his current abilities unless he somehow gained the ability to destroy the star. Even if he could destroy the entire star, he might not have obtained the things behind this door.

The defensive array over this door went beyond the scope of what he could break open; moreover, this defensive array showed no signs of weakening due to the passage of time. Not only that, Ning Cheng couldn’t even recognise the materials used for constructing this door.

Carefully looking at it, Ning Cheng found a spot at the corner of the gate, which looked like a slot for jade cards. Presumably, this place needed a key to open the door.

Ning Cheng brought out the previously collected stone platform and with a shake of his hand broke it open to take out a jade strip and a jade card from inside of it.

Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Consciousness swept into the jade strip and found that it contained a method to allow a flame to experience nirvana. However, Ning Cheng did not care too much about it right now. He put away the jade strip into his storage ring and placed the jade card into the slot on the door.

Ning Cheng wasn't sure if the jade card could open the door or not, but after he inserted the jade card into the slot, the door made a squeaking sound and a gap slowly opened. Ning Cheng immediately realised that he had done the right thing.

This jade card really could open this door. Ning Cheng raised his hand and took out the jade card before rushing in through the door. After Ning Cheng entered, the door slowly closed behind him once again.

What stuck one the most within the huge hall in front of Ning Cheng was a huge pill pond in the middle. Ning Cheng was familiar with such a pill pond as he had seen a similar one within the Time Wilderness. Back then, he had obtained almost half of the Perpetual Moon Pills within that Pill Pond. However, this pill pond in front of him was a few times larger compared to the pill pond within the Time Wilderness.

Unfortunately, this pill pond was empty, without a single pill in it.

Bypassing the pill pond, was something that resembled a sacrificial altar. Ning Cheng walked up to the platform and saw a sentence clearly etched onto the side of it, "If you want my legacy, then you must be a Demon Sect's disciple. Drip a drop of blood to pay respects, and if acknowledged, you can obtain the legacy. Otherwise, face complete extermination."

Ning Cheng felt speechless; it was just a legacy, but it required a drop of blood from a Demonic Cultivator. He had to call out Chasing Bull, and pointed it towards the altar and said, "Chasing Bull, here's your chance. Daoist Crow wants you to put a drop of blood before we get the treasure."

"For the master to give such an opportunity to me, this old bull will do his best." As Chasing Bull spoke, it forced out a drop of blood and let it fall onto the altar.

Ning Cheng believed that Chasing Bull's blood most likely met the requirement. If the blood of a Wind Seeking Heavenly Bull's blood did not work, then this old crow's conditions were simply too high.

Sure enough, after just a few breaths, red light erupted from the altar before condensing into a flickering shadow in front of Chasing Bull and Ning Cheng.

The flickering shadow stared at Ning Cheng and spoke up in a cold voice, "You dare covet this Daoist Crow's stuff with your cultivation alone."

Ning Cheng held up his cupped fists and spoke, "As a starry sky cultivator, or rather as a Dao Confirming Cultivator, you're still tangled up with people's cultivation, and if they are Demonic Cultivators? I really wonder how you managed to confirm your Dao. All beings are equal since the time heaven and earth split, who can say who is a demon and who is a human? It's truly a shame."

The flickering show remained silent for a long time and didn't even pay any attention to the fact that Ning Cheng was a human cultivator. Instead, it spoke up with a condensed voice, "If you want my legacy, then you must help me retrieve this one thing. Bring back the Fire Origin Bead and all the things ten miles around it. Bring them back to me."

Ning Cheng and Chasing Bull both understood what Daoist Crow wanted. But Ning Cheng naturally would not agree to it. Chasing Bull quickly spoke up, "As long as I obtain these things, this old bull will bring it back to you."

How could the flickering shadow not realise Ning Cheng and Chasing Bull's scheme? It gave out a sigh and didn't say anything more. After another breath, the flickering shadow disappeared.

A storage ring then appeared on the altar; apparently in tacit approval.

"Master, it looks like that Daoist Crow knew nothing about what you spoke. He doesn't even know about the equality of all beings, hehe....." Chasing Bull quickly tried to flatter him from the side.

Ning Cheng shook his head and spoke, "That's not it. He should be already aware that he couldn't do anything to us right now with only a projection. That's why he chose to retreat."

Ning Cheng had spoken quite correctly. As for the equality of all living beings and the other stuff, it was definitely all nonsense. If Daoist Crow could be so easily deceived, then he would have never become a Dao Confirming Cultivator. It looks like he decided to back off due to some unavoidable situation.

Ning Cheng raised his hand and grabbed the storage ring. Sweeping in with his Spiritual Consciousness, he found that it contained no restrictions whatsoever, nor did it hinder Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness in any way.

However, when Ning Cheng saw the inside, he felt utterly shaken. He had no choice but to admire Daoist Crow's wealth, and this was just a legacy that he left behind for future generations and nothing more.

It had many jade strips containing many different cultivation methods, piles of medicinal pills sealed by restrictions, followed by weapon after weapon, with bunches of top-grade Flame Wind Crows' tail feathers. Each of these items was not someone could easily buy on the outside.

The storage ring even contained three caskets filled with Scarlet Crow Flames. Ning Cheng's casual sweep of the three chests of Scarlet Crow Flames made him understand that these flames were of a much higher quality compared to the Scarlet Crow Flames that he had seen in those structures outside.

However, the biggest surprise for Ning Cheng was the pile of Perpetual Moon Pills, which erased the disappointment caused by the empty pill pond behind him. As Ning Cheng looked at this pile of Perpetual Moon Pills, he estimated that it contained at least ten million Perpetual Moon Pills. No wonder he did not find any Perpetual Moon Pills in the pill pond. Looks like this old crow had brought them all and collected it in this storage space.

As for Permanent Essence Pills that Ning Cheng had some expectations about, he did not find a single one inside, which he considered quite normal. With Daoist Crow's cultivation, Perpetual Moon Pills might not have any effect on him, but Permanent Essence Pills definitely would provide him with some help. Since such things still had some uses for him, then he, of course, would not leave them behind as a legacy to a disciple that he had never even seen before.

Ning Cheng had just put away the ring when the altar cracked open. In the middle of the split platform, he found another line of words, "The greatest enemy of my life is Bai Ziting. Be warned to whoever obtains my legacy; this person would also become a strong enemy of you in the future. Without confirming your Dao, you would never be this person's opponent, always keep this in mind. The jade card that you used to open the door is also the one that contains my Dao Confirming Insights."

Hearing that the jade card contained this fellow's Dao Confirming Insights, Ning Cheng immediately swept his Spiritual Consciousness into it. However, he could see nothing apart from the material that made up the jade card.

Ning Cheng pulled up the jade card and stared at it stupidly. How did this fellow expect others to see the Dao Confirming Insights recorded onto this jade card? Even if one wanted to split it, there was only one jade card. Who the hell could even use it?

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness once again swept through the entirety of this hall. Convinced that he did not leave anything unseen, Ning Cheng then let Chasing Bull into the True Spirit World before opening the door once again.

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Chapter 647: To stay behind and fight

Ning Cheng had just opened the door when a staggering figure rushed over.

"Dou Di? What's wrong with you...." Ning Cheng did not need to ask. His Spiritual Consciousness had already seen everything outside.

The array entrance through which they had come inside had already shattered; in addition to the other twelve people who had chosen the right entrance, the 17 people from the left entrance had also come inside.

Warren and Yu Wanxue lay collapsed on the ground with blood covering them all over. Warren had already lost his arms and half of his legs. As for Yu Wanxue, she had lost an arm. From the aura's of the two, Ning Cheng could see that both of them were seriously injured, including their Zifu. As for Ou Hongxin, the other member of their team, Ning Cheng did not see him anywhere near them.

Ma Ximen, who originally had chosen the left entrance, was holding a storage ring. Seeing the ring, Ning Cheng immediately recognised it as Yu Wanxue's ring.

"Brother Cheng, those guys came in and besieged us all. Senior Apprentice Brother Warren and Senior Apprentice Sister Wanxue suffered severe injuries, but Senior Apprentice Brother Ou Hongxin died...." Dou Di anxiously recounted everything as soon as she saw Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng nodded and spoke, "Let's go and see."

"We can't go there...." Dou Di had just spoken a few words when she immediately stopped. So what if they didn't go there? Those people could still come over here.

"Good kid. I really couldn't gauge you. Not only proficient in array formations but even understood that the true array entrance was within the right entrance." As soon as Ning Cheng came over, Ma Ximen spoke with a sneer.

Warren, who struggled to sit upon the ground, stared at Ma Ximen with an angry look, "Ma Ximen, do you have any shame? All of us had already picked sides, and now you even act so shamelessly to come over to the array entrance on the right."

Yu Wanxue looked at Ning Cheng in despair but did not speak. Even the bones of her shorn off arm had broken, and with her current cultivation, although she could regenerate it, it would still take some time.

Not to mention that Ma Ximen's people were also here. If she didn't even have a life, then why was there any need to talk about regenerating her arms?

"Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, those fellows not only robbed Senior Apprentice Brother Ou Hongxin's things but also killed him. They didn't even spare his corporeal body or even his life essence ..." Dou Di stood beside Ning Cheng and stared at Ma Ximen with hatred. Despite that, she knew very well that it would be challenging to leave this place alive.

Although Ou Hongxin had not spoken much, Ning Cheng felt that the fellow definitely had a shrewd mind, so he would definitely remain vigilant. Yet, most likely, he didn't expect to die by Ma Ximen's hands just after coming inside and making some small fortune. Although everyone had gathered in one place, this scene immediately caused murderous intent to overflow from Ning Cheng's heart.

Ning Cheng could also tell that if Warren and Yu Wanxue were not late-stage Heaven's Mandate Cultivators, they would have also died in the same way at Ma Ximen's hands just like Ou Hongxin. As for Dou Di, the female cultivator with the lowest cultivation, she managed to escape down the long path towards Ning Cheng. From this, he also understood that Dou Di was not someone simple.

"Looks like you really are shameless, even your words don't mean fart, isn't it? Since you chose the left entrance, how come you came to the right one?" Ning Cheng looked at Ma Ximen and spoke with a cold voice.

Ma Ximen's eyes flashed with a ruthless light. He stepped forward and spoke up, "That's true. I did say that. But Long Xiu invited us here, which was obviously not something that was discussed before. Since you're side invited us to help, and if we didn't help, it would only let down our friends. If not for that, I would have never come over. However, I came to know that you five wanted to take away everything here by yourselves. This is just too much, I, Ma Ximen, definitely can't stand for such behaviour."

No one came forward to speak for Ning Cheng, and Ning Cheng understood why. One, just as Ma Ximen stated, then five of them did indeed come inside to take away things by themselves. Second, Ma Ximen and the others were too strong.

Ning Cheng sneered, "How could this Long Xiu be worth even a fart? He can only represent himself, since when could he represent everyone on this side? At least, he doesn't represent me."

"You're looking for death..." Long Xiu had come inside a step later and could not get anything, which made him feel very depressed. Now Ning Cheng, a puny Undead Cultivator, dared to sneer at him for being a fart. What was this if not looking for death?

After he spoke those words, Long Xiu brought out nine concealed hooks, which gave out a tragic and otherworldly light over the black stone path.

Ning Cheng already knew that it would be impossible to get out of this situation without a fight; in any case, he also did not intend to let Ma Ximen go.

Almost at the same moment that Long Xiu brought out those nine concealed hooks, Ning Cheng also brought out a regular spear-type middle-grade Dao Artefact and took a step forward.

The formidable imposing aura and the mighty Domain instantly overwhelmed Long Xiu with the illusion that he was not facing an Undead Cultivator, but a Heaven Seated Cultivator. The might contained

within this Domain completely crushed his own Domain, making him feel uncomfortable all over. The next moment, a sense of deadly crisis rose from the bottom of his heart.

This fellow is not an Undead Cultivator, Long Xiu came up with the answer in just an instant. But at this moment, Ning Cheng's Domain had utterly suppressed him, and he had no room to step back. Panicking, Long Xiu crazily pumped in 100% of his Celestial Essence into the nine concealed hooks, which in response, gave out more gloomy lights with mournful sounds.

In the past, once ordinary people got swept by these nine concealed hooks' gloomy lights, the only path left for them was that of death. However, Ning Cheng was not an ordinary person. His Domain tore apart Long Xiu's Domain in almost an instant. With Long Xiu's Domain in shreds, the spear then gathered the spear shadows to form into a path, which completely shrouded Long Xiu's nine concealed hooks' gloomy lights.

As the path directly pierced through the empty space, the scorching spear lights felt like it had directly appeared in front of his eyes. Long Xiu could clearly feel the gloomy lights from his nine concealed hooks dissipating as if snow melting away under the hot sun. In just two breaths, he saw the endless spear lights sweeping over, while the gloomy lights from his nine concealed hooks dissipated completely.

This definitely was not something that he could resist. Long Xiu instantly realised. With his heart and soul on the verge of collapse, he cried out with everything he got, "Senior, please spare...."

However, Ning Cheng's Nothingness Flame Patterned Spear had suppressed his voice entirely. Therefore, even if Ning Cheng wanted to, he couldn't hear Long Xiu's words at all. Long Xiu's had nothing but regret filling his heart. Since Ma Ximen had come here, why did he help Ma Ximen speak? Nothing good ever came by meddling in matters that one couldn't handle.

However, his thoughts ended at this point. The next moment, his whole body alternated between scorching heat and icy cold as the Flame Patterned Spear Shadows passed through his body, tearing him to pieces. Even his Soul Essence could not escape annihilation.

"Plop...." Long Xiu's broken body fell to the ground, the nine concealed hooks in his hand fell to one side.

The cultivators on the sidelines fell silent. Since Ning Cheng could lead the way into this place then presumably he had a few tricks up his sleeves. However, no one thought that Ning Cheng could actually defeat Long Xiu.

The celestial wheels behind Ning Cheng looked vague, and at best, indicated that he was in the Undead Realm. While Long Xiu was an experienced cultivator at the full-circle of Heaven's Mandate Realm. Just by this contrast, Ning Cheng definitely should not be an opponent against Long Xiu. But the fact went beyond everyone's expectations. Not only did Ning Cheng defeat Long Xiu, but Long Xiu also couldn't survive a single move from Ning Cheng.

Some of the cultivators near to Ning Cheng, subconsciously retreated, while their gazes at Ning Cheng got clouded over by fear. Some people even thought that Ning Cheng was not a cultivator in the Celestial River Realm, but had already surpassed the Celestial River Realm and was a cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm.

Ma Ximen also felt shocked at Ning Cheng's attack, causing him to step back unconsciously while clutching onto a Tri-gate Truncheon.

The Tri-gate Truncheon was a very unique weapon and something difficult to craft, as it required one to have a strong knowledge of array formations apart from high proficiency in crafting artefacts.

This weapon looked no different from an ordinary long stick on the surface. However, the weapon had three hidden gates, namely the Bereavement Gate, the Soul Gate, and the Damnation Gate. When fighting against an opponent, once the opponent got locked in by any gate, that fellow would ultimately become a departed spirit under the Tri-gate Truncheon.

Ning Cheng had once crafted the Tri-gate Truncheon and knew that this weapon was not something easy to deal with; however, he still did not take it seriously. Since he could craft the Tri-gate Truncheon himself, why would he fear a single weapon? Although it might seem like arrogance on his part, the Tri-gate Truncheon was just a boomstick in Ning Cheng's eyes.

"Brother Cheng....." Warren and Yu Wanxue exclaimed in surprise from the side. Ning Cheng turned out much more powerful than they had imagined. No wonder this fellow dared to team up with them. With such a formidable skill, if they had any wicked thoughts in their hearts, this fellow could have easily killed them all.

Ning Cheng just nodded to the two of them before grabbing Long Xiu's storage ring and speaking to Dou Di, "Junior Apprentice Sister Dou, do me a favour and go help Warren and your Senior Apprentice Sister get back their severed limbs."

Warren and Yu Wanxue's shorn off limbs were only cut off from their bodies and not destroyed. This way, they could just pick them up and reattach it to their bodies. Otherwise, even if an Undead Cultivator could regenerate amputated limbs, it would still require the assistance of some high-grade Spiritual Grasses to speed up the process. Moreover, the regenerated limbs would have a relatively weaker strength compared to the original. And only through years of cultivation would the regenerated limbs reach the same level as the original limbs.

"Yes, Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng." Dou Di quickly rushed over to help.

If Dou Di had tried to do this before Ning Cheng killed Long Xiu, someone would have definitely stopped her. But now, no one dared to stop Dou Di.

"Were you the one who killed Ou Hongxin from our team?" Ning Cheng grabbed the spear once again and casually walked towards Ma Ximen.

Ma Ximen subconsciously retreated two steps, but then he felt that he should not back down and immediately stepped forward and spoke, "That's right, it was this grandpa Ma who killed him...."

The rest of his team members had also seen Ning Cheng's power. Yet they still rushed forward before the six of them fanned out into a semicircle to surround Ning Cheng. However, because of the fear of Ning Cheng, although the six people surrounded Ning Cheng in a semi-circle, no one struck out first.

Ma Ximen still did not feel reassured, and immediately shouted to the rest of the cultivators, "Let's fight together. This person definitely obtained many good things inside. Once we kill this person, we can then split the things on him equally."

Ning Cheng was not in a hurry to attack. He also glanced at the cultivators around him. When Ning Cheng's gaze swept towards them, several eagerly waiting cultivators felt cold sweat trickling down their backs and immediately dismissed the thought of going up against Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng had not even exposed his actual cultivation. Who could say for sure if he was a Heaven Seated Powerhouse or not; especially when he killed off Long Xiu with a single attack and spoke to Ma Ximen in such a calm manner?

"Dou Di, take Brother Warren and Senior Apprentice Sister Yu out first. I'll bring out their storage rings later." Ning Cheng turned his head towards Dou Di and spoke.

Dou Di did not hesitate to pick up Warren and Yu Wanxue before squeezing out of the crowd. Even when Dou Di took them out, no one came out to stop them. Even Ma Ximen didn't stop them. They all focused their attention on Ning Cheng.

After the Dou Di trio went out, Ning Cheng calmly looked at the more than twenty people in front of him and spoke with an indifferent voice, "From now on, I'll count to five. If you wish to stay here and fight me, then I will not show any mercy. If you don't want to become enemies with me, then just get the fuck out right now."

Ning Cheng finished, and without waiting for the people around him to speak up, he started counting, "5, 4, 3..."

Ning Cheng did not count slowly; rather, each breath was a count.

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Chapter 648: Powerful Dusk

When Ning Cheng counted to three, more than a dozen people decided to leave the black stone path. When Ning Cheng counted down to one, only fourteen people chose to stay back. In addition to the two cultivators who had initially selected the right entrance, the other twelve were the ones who came from the left array entrance. Of those twelve, Ma Ximen's team of six were all there.

"I don't believe that a cultivator in the Undead Realm would be able to block the siege of fourteen Heaven's Mandate Cultivators." Ma Ximen snapped back to reality and brought forward the Tri-gate Truncheon in his hand.

He was right in a way, the 14 people here were all Heaven's Mandate Cultivators. Therefore, when Ma Ximen made his move, the remaining thirteen people not only brought out their weapons but also attacked Ning Cheng almost at the same time.

To the confusion of Ma Ximen and the others, Ning Cheng did not even fight back but brought out a vague shadow of a blue thunder city. The reason why they thought it was a thunder city was due to the faint electric lights that roamed around this dim blue thunder city shadow like a flurry of dancing silver snakes.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....."

Explosions erupted as the various weapon lights bombarded Ning Cheng's Thunder City one after another. Although the attacks from these Heaven's Mandate Cultivator could not break through Ning

Cheng's Blue Thunder City, because of their full-strength effort, the powerful attacking force still forced Ning Cheng back.

The explosive attacks had indeed forced Ning Cheng back, but if one looked carefully, it looked as if Ning Cheng had intentionally let it happen. He used the force of the attacks to get close to the broken array entrance through which he had come inside this place.

Seeing Ning Cheng forced back this easily, some of the cultivator who went out regretted it. Some even wanted to come in again and besiege Ning Cheng. The only reason they had gone out was that they felt worried that Ning Cheng was a Heaven Seated Cultivator. But from the looks of it, Ning Cheng clearly was not a Heaven Seated Cultivator.

However, before those cultivators could even think of doing anything, Ning Cheng took out a large number of array flags and threw them out simultaneously. In just a few short breaths, the gazes and the Spiritual Consciousnesses of the cultivators on the outside were cut off.

"That Thunder City definitely is a Spirit Artefact. Let's attack together ..." Seeing Ning Cheng's Blue Thunder City blocking the joint volley of more than a dozen Heaven's Mandate Expert, Ma Ximen immediately cried out with a greedy glint in his eyes.

In fact, even without Ma Ximen's reminder, everyone understood that Ning Cheng's Blue Thunder City was not a simple thing. They would definitely attack Ning Cheng to snatch it from him.

However, this time, no one put in 100% of their power into their killing move. Ning Cheng was only a single person, once they killed off Ning Cheng, that's when the real blood bath would start to snatch away this fellow's resources. Therefore, they had to conserve their strength. Otherwise, one would end up making a wedding dress for someone else without even getting some soup to drink.

This time, Ning Cheng was not blown back like before; instead, he actually stormed into the siege, with the Everlasting Blue Thunder City still out, while shooting out six Spiritual Consciousness Blades.

In fact, he could produce more Spiritual Consciousness Blades, but to not waste too much of his Spiritual Consciousness and Celestial Essence, he decided to only use six blades. Ning Cheng directed these six blades towards the six cultivator with the weakest cultivations.

As soon as those six Spiritual Consciousness Blades shot out, the defensive ability of Ning Cheng's Blue Thunder City reduced by a huge margin. In just a few moments, a crisp katcha sound resounded, and the vague shadow of the Thunder City cracked open. The Everlasting Blue Thunder City, after all, did not have a weapon spirit to augment with the treasure. Once Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness could not support it, the defensive abilities would also decrease significantly.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....." As the Thunder City's projection shattered, six successive weapon lights struck Ning Cheng, and Ma Ximen's tri-gate Truncheon even managed to seal Ning Cheng's Life Essence. At least that was Ma Ximen thought.

"He can't move anymore. I've already sealed his Life Essence....." Ma Ximen called out in excitement, but before he could finish his words, he felt something wrong. His Tri-gate Truncheon clearly sealed Ning Cheng's Life Essence, but he did not even have a shred of control over Ning Cheng's Life Essence.

"No....." Ma Ximen had just said the word when he felt the space around him collapsing into a void.

In the middle of the Void Collapse, countless terrifyingly hot tongues of flames swept out in all directions. If he did not retreat quickly, the Void Collapse would not only suck him inside it, but the fire inside would even turn him into ashes. However, because of the Void Collapse, it made it increasingly impossible for him to retreat, as it seemed to pull him in forcibly.

Ma Ximen felt his soul leaving his body. Was this a spirit technique related to the Laws of Space? He had no time to think about it, and frantically burned his own Essence Blood to retreat one slow step after another.

The rest of the cultivators also had the same idea as Ma Ximen, and although all of their previous attacks were directed at Ning Cheng, once they got sucked into the Void Collapse, it would mean death.

Eight cultivators successfully managed to rush out of Ning Cheng's Maximal Flame Spirit Technique, while the other six, the weaker ones, got sucked into the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique, causing a tremendous explosion.

Although the six cultivators sucked into the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique wanted to retreat, but something had inexplicably cut off their connection to their respective Sea of Consciousnesses. The tearing pain left them unable to do anything for a short while. Maybe if they had a few moments more, they could have managed to retreat in time. However, Ning Cheng would never allow them those precious moments.

"Boom-Boom...." The Maximal Flame Spirit Technique expanded into a blazing fire, causing several miserable screams to erupt from the inside. As for Ning Cheng and the other eight cultivators, they used the force of the explosions to retreat.

Ning Cheng had wounds covering his body, and it looked bloody and horrible. However, only he knew that none of the injuries that he suffered was fatal.

Ma Ximen and the seven other cultivators stopped at the same time. Although they did not suffer too many injuries, everyone had paid a significant price to get out of the maelstrom formed by the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique that had tried to suck them inside. Ning Cheng, on the other hand, stood opposite to the eight people, on the other side of the ravine created by the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique.

After a face-to-face confrontation, the two sides once again ended up opposite to each other across a ravine. But the difference this time was that the number of people on Ma Ximen's side had reduced from fourteen to eight.

"This fellow is a Nirvana Body Forging Cultivator" A Heaven's Mandate Cultivator standing beside Ma Ximen spoke with fear clouding his eyes. If it were any other cultivator, stuck simultaneously by eight Heaven's Mandate Cultivators, even if not in the Undead Realm, his or her corporeal body would definitely reach the brink of collapse, if not already collapsed. Yet this cultivator in front of them, although covered in blood and looked severely injured, did not even have a single broken bone or a frayed sinew. If this person was not a Body Forging Cultivator, then who was?

What was even more frightening to them was that Ning Cheng had unleashed something similar to a space-related spirit technique.

Ma Ximen forcibly calmed down from his initial panic while still grabbing onto the Tri-gate Truncheon, before speaking, "We don't have to worry too much. What this person used was not a space-related spirit technique; however, it instantaneously absorbs all the fire elements within the area to cause a false spacial collapse. Let's attack together once again. He most likely can use this spirit technique only once at most. Even if he could use it again, we can still guard against it."

What Ma Ximen implied with his words was that Ning Cheng had not cast the real Maximal Flame Spirit Technique, but created a fake spacial collapse. Even if Ning Cheng reused this technique again, they would be prepared to avoid Ning Cheng's Maximal Flame Technique in time without the need of burning their Essence Blood. However, what no one knew was that Ning Cheng could easily cast the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique five to six times, without much exhaustion. No one here knew the strength of Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness.

"Together...." Despite their fear of Ning Cheng, all eight people rushed across the ravine towards Ning Cheng. This time, no one decided to hold back. They already understood by now that Ning Cheng was not an ordinary cultivator, but was an expert within experts.

Ning Cheng also did not concede even half a point at all. He also rushed towards the eight Heaven's Mandate Cultivators, completely ignoring the weapons lights shooting towards him and the suppression from their Domains. Stabbing out with the spear in his hands, eight seemingly ordinary-looking spear traces shot out.

Ning Cheng had waited for this moment since the start.

The eight people, including Ma Ximen, who attacked Ning Cheng despite the fear, felt puzzled. Although Ning Cheng's Maximal Flame Spirit Technique could be described as something unexpected, it was still quite powerful. So how could this fellow expect to injure them with just these eight simple spear traces? If these eight spear traces could actually hurt them, then they should really strip away their Heaven's Mandate Cultivation that they had painstakingly reached after so many years.

The rampaging Celestial Essence from the eight cultivators gathered and crushed down over Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain. Even if it had strength, it could not stop the eight of them from joining forces. The Celestial River Domain shattered apart inch by inch, and it felt like it would turn into nothingness in the next moment. Ma Ximen's tri-gate Truncheon also unleashed a sucking force that wanted to suck in the heart and soul of the cultivator it faced. If the soul of the cultivator grew even slightly weaker, perhaps the Tri-gate Truncheon might be able to lock it.

Seeing Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain break apart, and Ning Cheng about to turn into ashes under the joint attacks of the eight people, Ma Ximen immediately grew ecstatic. Stimulating their Celestial Essence to this extent, even if Ning Cheng could connect with the heavens, he would be unable to turn the situation around for himself.

Ma Ximen was not the only one feeling joy, but the seven other cultivators also grew happy at this sight. They didn't expect that such a formidable opponent who they struggled against just a few moments ago, would end up losing this quickly. It seems that a bitter battle was unnecessary. In such a scenario, even if it were a cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm, they would have to concentrate on defending themselves. With a single person facing the full-powered attacks from eight of them, even a cultivator who reached the Heaven Seated Realm would have to suffer some severe injuries.

However, at that very instant, the eight cultivators attacking Ning Cheng suddenly felt that their attacks seemed to be slowing down. A fraction of a moment later, it grew slower and slower, till the attacks completely froze.

Ning Cheng's plain and dull spear lights turned into a beautiful sunset. So beautiful that they simply couldn't even bear to continue thinking about killing Ning Cheng. They just wanted to immerse themselves in this beautiful sunset.

Ma Ximen was the first to sober up and roar. No, it wasn't a sunset, it wasn't a sunset at all. It was a spirit technique related to a particular law, the Laws of Time, the most challenging law to comprehend.

How could a cultivator in the Undead Realm comprehend the Laws of Time? This was an impossible matter. However, everything in front of him had come to a frozen stop. No, only one thing had not stopped; the eight spear lights that had concealed such a powerful attack.

Ning Cheng had taken great pains to cover up this area for using Sunset's Twilight. Since there were fourteen of them in this place, Ning Cheng himself wasn't sure if he could kill them all at the same time. Therefore, Ning Cheng first killed the weakest six using a combination of Spiritual Consciousness Blade and the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique. As for the remaining eight, Ning Cheng believed that he could definitely kill them all with the Sunset's Twilight.

Facts proved that Ning Cheng was right. Faced with his Sunset's Twilight, the eight Heaven's Mandate Cultivators reacted with endless fear in their eyes. None of them could break away from his Sunset's Twilight at this moment.

Even if they felt despair, they could only accept their destiny. That was the main difference between a Heaven's Mandate Cultivator and a Heaven Seated Cultivator. Although Heaven Seated Cultivator might feel despair while facing this level of attack but they could still break away from the Sunset's Twilight cast by Ning Cheng. As for these Heaven's Mandate Cultivators, not just their Celestial Essence, even their Spiritual Consciousness could not compare to Ning Cheng. Therefore, despite trying to use everything they had in their despair, they had no choice but to accept their fate. Instead of struggling during the final throes of death, it at least was better for them to die while appreciating the beauty of the sunset.

For the dying cultivators, this moment felt infinitely long, but for Ning Cheng, who cast the Sunset's Twilight, this was just a short moment.

The eight spear light, in just a flash, pierced through the glabellas of the eight people and brought out eight trails of blood while exiting.

"Laws of Time, I understand....." Ma Ximen spoke up with a weak voice while falling into the middle of the ravine. Whether it was mumblings out of despair or not, no one knew what he understood.

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Chapter 649: Departure

The Shielding Array that Ning Cheng had set up during the fight was not too high level; as such, the cultivators on the outside could easily hear the sounds of fighting and explosions coming from the other side of the Shielding Array. Some of the cultivators wanted to break it open and charge inside. In any

case, the only reason they came out was that they thought that Ning Cheng might be a cultivator beyond the Heaven's Mandate Realm. But now, even if they wanted to get inside, they felt more afraid that the people inside would have already killed Ning Cheng and would not share the loot with the new arrivals.

Warren and Yu Wanxue both had severe injuries, while Dou Di did not have the strength to go against so many people. They could only watch the cultivators eagerly jump towards Ning Cheng's Shielding Array.

However, before they could even do anything, the Shielding Array suddenly opened by itself and Ning Cheng appeared in front of everyone. People on the outside immediately swept their gazes and Spiritual Consciousness at Ning Cheng and behind him; however, no one came out after Ning Cheng. None of the fourteen people who had previously choose to stay inside came out with Ning Cheng.

Instead, all they found was a huge ditch behind Ning Cheng.

At this moment, all the cultivators fell silent. A few moments ago, they could clearly hear the sounds of a relatively large-scale battle coming from the inside, and now only Ning Cheng came out alone. Even a fool could guess that the cultivator standing in front of them had claimed the lives of those fourteen cultivators. Thinking back to how Ning Cheng killed Long Xiu in just one move, and now speculating that Ning Cheng had also murdered the other fourteen cultivators, almost everyone now believed that Ning Cheng was a full-fledged Heaven Seated Cultivator.

The two cultivators who stood in front of Ning Cheng's Shielding Array, eagerly wanting to break it open and rush inside, immediately shuddered and even trembled when they saw Ning Cheng casually walking out. As Ning Cheng's gaze swept over them, they quivered even more before they cried out, "Previously, senior....."

"Get lost." Ning Cheng just uttered a simple phrase.

The two cultivators were also in the Heaven's Mandate Realm, yet they did not even dare to speak half a word of nonsense before quickly retreating.

Ning Cheng killed 14 Heaven's Mandate Cultivators by himself. Moreover, none of them could see even a scratch on this fellow's body or any form of injury. In light of this, who would dare to stay in this place? Seeing the two cultivators retreat, the rest of the cultivators also bowed towards Ning Cheng before withdrawing. In just a few breaths, apart from Ning Cheng's remaining party of four, no one else remained.

Only Ning Cheng knew how he had managed to kill those 14 cultivators. That is, due to the help from his mighty starry sky Spiritual Consciousness and Sunset's Twilight. Moreover, the fact that the other cultivators didn't know about his spirit technique stemmed from the Laws of Time also played a huge role. Once everyone knew about his tricks, they would have definitely decided to attack him in batches. That way, he would have nowhere to hide. At that moment, even he would not dare to take all of them at once.

"Senior....." Warren and Yu Wanxue, along with Dou Di, uneasily came forward and saluted Ning Cheng with cupped fists.

Although they had teamed up with Ning Cheng, they had never realised that Ning Cheng was a Heaven Seated Cultivator. However, according to everything they saw, Ning Cheng must definitely be a Heaven Seated Cultivator; otherwise, he would have died under siege from those 14 Heaven's Mandate Cultivators.

Ning Cheng took out two medicinal pills for Warren and Yu Wanxue, and returned them their storage rings before speaking up, "We're teammates, so you don't need to go addressing me as a senior. These two medicinal pills can help you recover quickly. As for Daoist Crow's Dao Confirming Insights, I did obtain it. But this thing cannot be engraved, nor is it represented by words or images. Only a few can actually see it."

As Ning Cheng spoke, he took out the jade card.

Although Ning Cheng spoke with sincerity, Warren and Yu Wanxue did not dare to take it. Instead, they quickly swallowed the medicinal pills before bowing down to Ning Cheng and saying, "Many thanks to senior, for this life-saving grace. Since the Dao Confirming Insights cannot be copied, then it would be better to let it remain with senior...."

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh in his heart. He knew it was a helpless decision for them. They thought that there was a huge gap in their cultivation, which meant that these fellows would now not treat him the same way as before. After all, the three were not familiar to him, and the same went for the three of them towards him. They only met each other along the way.

"In that case, let's leave it like it is. We'll meet up later if we have the time." Ning Cheng also cupped his fists and spoke. However, he knew that it was unlikely to ever meet or continue walking together. Ning Cheng had his own plans, he would not continue as a team with Warren and the others.

But he still felt very grateful to Warren, and if it weren't for Warren, he wouldn't have obtained so many cultivation resources.

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After splitting from Warren, Ning Cheng quickly left the Crow Star. The Crow Star might contain many other good things, but Ning Cheng no longer felt interested in it. He wondered if he didn't have to leave this interface. With so many Perpetual Moon Pills, Ning Cheng just wanted to find a place to continue with his secluded cultivation.

"Wait...." Ning Cheng had just flown out of the Crow Star when he was stopped by two cultivators.

As soon as Ning Cheng stopped, one of the cultivators exclaimed in surprise, "That's him, do it...."

The two cultivators did not wait for Ning Cheng to speak at all, but brought out their weapons and immediately attacked Ning Cheng.

They were only two cultivators in the Undead Realm. Ning Cheng stretched out his Celestial River Domain and crushed them under it, with a single Nothingness Flame-patterned Spear Shadow, he erased the two of them from the world.

Although it only took a moment to kill those two cultivators, Ning Cheng did not feel even half a bit happy about it. When these two cultivators had seen him, they had immediately attacked him as if they

knew about him for a long time. But the fact was that Ning Cheng had never seen the two of them before today.

Those two cultivators, who obviously did not know him, suddenly attacked him out of the blue with actual excitement. Ning Cheng only needed to ponder over it for a moment before realising that someone must have wanted to capture him and even placed a huge bounty over his head.

As for the one who wanted to capture him, he vaguely felt that it might be the pale-faced cultivator from before, the one who saw his Mysterious Yellow Bead. Moreover, since two completely unknown people managed to recognise him in a place like the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, then it also showed that the wanted scope was definitely not small.

Ning Cheng thought that this definitely was not a coincidence. He immediately activated the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds and quickly disappeared from that location. After a slight change of direction, he still decided to head towards the Moon Spirit Swamp.

If he continued to stay in this place, then people would eventually find him even if he found a safe place to hide. For Ning Cheng, finding a relatively safe place for him definitely would help him temporarily, but he did not want to take that risk. That pale-faced cultivator was just too powerful. Not only was that fellow strong, he even had a formidable influence considering what happened a few moments ago. Ning Cheng had only recently arrived at the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, yet someone still managed to recognise him. Therefore, even if he decided to go to someplace else, there was a high chance that people would have again stopped him.

As Ning Cheng rushed towards the Moon Spirit Marsh at full speed, a pale-faced cultivator was also quickly approaching the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. He had immediately rushed out on learning that Ning Cheng had appeared in the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. In front of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he would put away any other matter.

Ning Cheng felt a little uneasy while flying with the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds for quite a while now. For ordinary cultivators, the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds was something that could grant the wielder with breakneck speed. The Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds was not only fast but also provided safety due to its flexibility while flying within the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. But due to the uneasy feeling within Ning Cheng's heart, he decided to bring out the Starry Sky Wheel.

The Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land was full of spacial maelstroms and even hidden interface fractures. Flying with the Starry Sky Wheel in this place would mean holding one's head and heart within one's hand. Fortunately, as long as Ning Cheng did not fly at full speed, he managed to avoid some of the dangers ahead of time.

In the beginning, he would occasionally meet some sporadic cultivators along the way, but as Ning Cheng flew deeper into the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, he encountered fewer and fewer cultivators.

Two months later, Ning Cheng had to put away the Starry Sky Wheel. By this time, he could no longer advance forward using the Starry Sky Wheel. Reaching this location, he found the place filled with spacial dislocations and spacial cracks. Even if a cracked planet suddenly split apart in the front, it would be a regular occurrence.

The call of vicissitudes in place caused Ning Cheng's heart to grow even tighter. However, Ning Cheng managed to keep his mind and heart focussed in the direction of the Moon Spirit Marsh.

Another half a month later, Ning Cheng finally came to a stop in front of a vast marsh. Rather than saying that this place was a marsh, it was more accurate to say that this 'marsh' was just a vast expanse of white. It contained no water, no soil, no vegetation, or anything that would resemble life. However, this vast area of white definitely resembled a little like a marsh.

Ning Cheng knew that he had reached his destination. This place was the Moon Spirit Marsh.

According to the jade strip he had purchased before entering, there was a spacial crack deep within the marsh, which might be where two interfaces intersected.

Ning Cheng would have liked to explore the outside of the swamp before carefully heading into it. But a sense of crisis kept lingering at the back of his mind. Because of this, he rushed into the Moon Spirit Marsh without hesitation after surveying the outside of the Moon Spirit Marsh for a few breaths.

After entering the Moon Spirit Marsh, Ning Cheng immediately slowed down. It was not that he wanted to slow down, but he needed to use his Spiritual Consciousness to keep an eye on the situation about him. If he found a spacial dislocation or a spacial crack, he needed that time to change directions.

Don't look at him having a forged body that had already undergone nirvana, if he ended up in a spacial dislocation, then even if his body's strength increased by ten thousand times, it might not be enough to survive.

The jade strips from the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land definitely were worth their price. Ning Cheng didn't have to look for long within the Moon Spirit Marsh before he saw a strip of space filled with space cracks.

According to the jade strip, this strip was where two interfaces intersected. It looked similar to Heaven's Way that he went through in the past. The Heaven's Way could be equated to an interface partition, but Heaven's Way from back then was more like an infant compared to a grandparent in front of this place.

Without the Mysterious Yellow Bead, even if that pale-face cultivator wanted to track him down, Ning Cheng would never dare to enter this place, which would have definitely resulted in his death. But with the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng did not hesitate to enter the Mysterious Yellow bead and rush into the interfacial-space crack.

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At the same time, the Everlasting Sacred Shrine within Nine Jewels Starry Skies' Nine Jewel Starland, had a vivacious atmosphere around it.

Whether it was the Nine Jewels Starland or even the Nine Jewels Starry Skies' famous cultivators, all of them came to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, including Nine Jewels Starry Skies' Starry Sky Emperor. Because the Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Sacred Master advanced to the Eternal Realm, they had to hold an Eternal Starry Sky Grand Ceremony, as it indicated the addition of another person on the level of Nine Jewels Starry Skies' Eternal Starry Sky Emperor.

Compared to the rest of the cultivators from the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, Ji Luofei looked a little anxious and even panicky. Originally, Mi Jin made an oath with Ning Cheng and even confirmed that as long as Shi Qionghua returned to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, she would definitely be put under the Everlasting Sacred Tree to heal.

But contrary to the oath, after Shi Qionghua returned, not to mention about sitting under the Everlasting Sacred Tree to heal, she couldn't even see the Everlasting Sacred Tree. Sacred Master rejected all of Mi Jin repeated requests to let Shi Qionghua sit under the Everlasting Sacred Tree for medical treatment with the words that she had not yet come out of seclusion and that everything would have to wait till she came out.

Because of this, Shi Qionghua had no choice but to stay outside. During recent days, she no longer could remain conscious for long periods. From this, anyone could tell that if she didn't quickly sit down under the Everlasting Sacred Tree to heal, she would permanently slip into a coma and never wake up.

Today was the appointed day for Sacred Master to come out and the day when the Starry Sky Grand Ceremony would take place. Ji Luofei came to visit with Uncle Master Mi Jin early in the morning. Yet she still had to wait for two hours before meeting Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Sacred Master under Mi Jin's leadership.

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Chapter 650: Escaping from the Sacred Shrine

"Ji Luofei greets Lord Sacred Master." Ji Luofei followed Mi Jin inside and quickly offered a bow.

This was the Sacred Master in front of them. She originally went by the name Mi Hui[1] and the one who told Ning Cheng to get lost. But compared to the past, her imposing aura felt more cohesive and mighty. Although the Eternal Realm and the Life and Death Realm only had a difference of one realm, the strength and power of the two could not even be remotely compared.

Mi Hui looked at Ji Luofei from top to bottom before speaking slowly, "You're Ji Luofei, Ning Cheng's Dao Companion?"

"Yes, Ning Cheng is this junior's husband." Ji Luofei replied with even more respect.

"Oh, how did Ning Cheng escape when he was trapped in the Changing Earth Mountain?" Mi Hui spoke with a flat tone.

Ji Luofei quickly replied, "My Lord Husband had a Void Cleaving Escape Talisman, which allowed him to escape."

Mi Hui nodded, "I understand, you can step back now."

Ji Luofei did not come here to answer Mi Hui's questions. She came here to ask Mi Hui's permission to let Shi Qionghua cultivate under the Everlasting Sacred Tree. Therefore, how could she back down at this moment? Hesitating for a short moment, she quickly bowed again before speaking, "Lord Sacred Master, Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua is currently in danger of losing her life because of the forbidden technique she used. Sacred Master, please let Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua cultivate under the Everlasting Sacred Tree....."

“You go down. I have my own opinions.” Mi Hui looked down and spoke with impatience.

“Lord Sacred Master.....” Seeing that the Sacred Master showed no intentions of approving Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua to cultivate under the Sacred Tree, Ji Luofei spoke up in a hurry, causing a slight increase to the pitch of her voice.

“Get down. A slut who sleeps around with a man dares to go against my will.” Mi Hui’s expressions immediately turned ugly. Raising her hand, she gave a slight wave. The next moment, Ji Luofei flew backwards like a broken kite, while spilling out a mouthful of blood.

“Senior Apprentice Sister Sacred Master....” Mi Jin quickly stepped forward to stop her.

Mi Hui looked at Mi Jin with a sombre look before speaking, “Mi Jin. It looks like you’re getting more and more confused. From now on, don’t casually bring in women who sleep around with men into my Sacred Shrine.”

Mi Jin did not dare to refute, but she still bowed and spoke, “Senior Apprentice Sister Sacred Master, Sacred Lady Qionghua.....”

“The Everlasting Sacred Tree is the most precious treasure of our Sacred Shrine. Qionghua did not obey the rules, made friends with evil spirits, and even entangled with men. Is she still qualified to be a Sacred Lady? She is not eligible even to ask for cultivating beneath the Everlasting Sacred Tree. Don’t even try mentioning about this from now.” Mi Hui spoke with a very disgruntled tone.

Hearing those words coming directly from Sacred Master’s mouth, Mi Jin did not dare to speak any more about it and hurriedly gave a bow to her. She had truly thought that Sacred Master valued Sacred Lady Qionghua like her own child. In fact, Sacred Master had truly appreciated Sacred Lady Qionghua in the past. Who knew that Sacred Master’s attitude towards Sacred Lady Qionghua would make a complete reversal after she advanced to the Eternal Realm? Compared to the past, it was like a contrast between noon and midnight.

Seeing that Mi Jin did not go on talking about the Sacred Lady, Mi Hui nodded. Her expressions softened a bit before speaking up, “There are too many guests today. You can go and entertain them and also announce that my Everlasting Sacred Shrine is going to choose another Sacred Lady.”

“Yes.” Mi Jin bowed. Although Sacred Master had always been strong compared to her, the Sacred Master right now gave her a completely different feeling. This Sacred master felt like a complete stranger to her. Not only was she strong, she even gave off the impression that forced people to revere her as the sole orthodoxy.

“Wait....” Mi Hui once again called out Mi Jin.

Mi Jin, in fact, was very fond of Sacred Lady Qionghua, but she also felt extreme fear regarding Ning Cheng. She didn’t want Everlasting Sacred Shrine to nurse a feud with Ning Cheng, nor did she want Qionghua to fall like that. Once Sacred Master decided not to let Shi Qionghua cultivate under the Everlasting Sacred Tree, Qionghua would definitely die. At that point, Everlasting Sacred Shrine and Ning Cheng would become sworn enemies, with hatred so deep, it would be impossible for the two of them to coexist under the same sky.

Mi Hui looked at Mi Jin and spoke, "Qionghua ignored the Sacred Shrine's kindness, entangled with men, and even used the forbidden technique, which seriously violates the rules set down within the Sacred Shrine. Therefore, she deserves the retribution coming her way. Go give her a swift ending, and take care of that Ji Luofei. As for Ning Cheng, I will take the opportunity to send out an arrest warrant during this ceremony."

Mi Hui said this because she hadn't come out yet. Once she came out, she would have known that Ning Cheng's arrest warrant had already been posted to every corner.

"Ah..." Mi Jin looked at the Sacred Master in shock. She couldn't have imagined that the Sacred Master would actually take such a hard stance. Not only kill Shi Qionghua but even Ji Luofei.

If she truly did this, then in the future once Ning Cheng returned, would there even be a speck of dust from the Everlasting Sacred Shrine remaining? With Ning Cheng's potential, it didn't seem impossible for him to reach the Eternal Realm by himself.

But because Sacred Master had now become an Eternal-level Powerhouse, she couldn't dare to say that no one below the Heaven Seated Realm could pose a threat to him. It would be akin to slapping Sacred Master in her face.

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"Sister Luofei." Shi Qionghua sat up weakly and called out after seeing Ji Luofei coming into the room. A moment later, she suddenly felt that something was wrong and stood up, "Luofei, are you hurt?"

Ji Luofei quickly came up and held Shi Qionghua from falling, while she spoke up with an anxiety-laden voice, "Big Sister Qionghua, Sacred Master won't let you cultivate under the Everlasting Sacred Tree. She even slapped me away from her. I'm afraid she will kill us eventually. And ..."

Ji Luofei had been trapped in the Bridge of Storms for so many years that she no longer was the same cultivator from the past who knew nothing about the world.

Shi Qionghua's eyes flashed with a hint of despair, and she slowly sat down before speaking, "I finally understand why Uncle Master Mi Cheng would rather leave the Everlasting Sacred Shrine and settle down in the Changing Earth Mountains. Looks like she was right."

"Sister Qionghua, when I first came in, Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi told me that someone seemed to have issued search warrants for Ning Cheng. I'm afraid that we can't stay here anymore. Once this person realises that Ning Cheng is our Lord Husband, we'll be in an even worse situation." Ji Luofei's tone grew even more worried.

Just then, Jing Yiyi rushed in eagerly.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi..." Shi Qionghua called out quickly.

Jing Yiyi spoke up with anxiety, "I just saw the wanted poster. It definitely is Ning Cheng and is personally issued by a mighty expert. Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, you should hurry up and leave this place with Junior Apprentice Sister Luofei..."

Shi Qionghua calmly asked, "Is Sacred Master really going to kill us?"

Jing Yiyi did not reply to Shi Qionghua's question. Instead, she took out a talisman and stuffed it into Shi Qionghua's hand, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, this is something Uncle Master Mi Jin left me. She asked me to tell you to leave Everlasting Sacred Shrine as soon as possible."

"Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, please send our thanks to Uncle Master Mi Jin." Ji Luofei picked up the Escape Talisman from Shi Qionghua's hands and not waiting for Shi Qionghua to speak up, she quickly put Shi Qionghua over her back before leaving the room.

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Everlasting Sacred Shrine was in full joy at this time, and nobody cared that Ji Luofei and Shi Qionghua had left. As for Sacred Master Mi Hui, she didn't put the two ants in her eyes.

In a Celestial River Battleship, Ji Luofei gasped and spoke up, "Finally managed to escape. Big Sister Qionghua, why did Jing Yiyi help us?"

"I've always been inseparable from Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, and Lord Husband also saved her life. Although it was Uncle Master Mi Jin who gave the talisman to her, she took a great risk this time in helping us ..." Shi Qionghua spoke with a sigh, but before she could finish her words, she fell down unconscious.

Ji Luofei quickly rushed up, picked up Shi Qionghua, and cried out in anxiety, "Sister Qionghua....."

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This was not the first time that Ning Cheng used the Mysterious Yellow Bead to enter a spacial collapse. According to his experience, as long as he waited for a period, he would break away from the chaotic space into a relatively stable zone.

But this time, the situation went beyond Ning Cheng's expectations. He stayed in the Mysterious Yellow Bead for nearly five or six days, yet the Mysterious Yellow Bead still rolled around within the spacial storms and maelstroms without stopping.

Two more days later, Ning Cheng stopped observing the scene outside. Instead, he took out the remaining Perpetual Moon Pills and started cultivating in the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Cultivating within the Mysterious Yellow Bead not only doubled his cultivation speed, but it also enhanced his ability to comprehend by a few times compared to cultivating on the outside. Ning Cheng started to gain a deeper understanding of this unique characteristic. In the first few months of cultivating inside, he had already reached the peak of middle-level Undead Realm. If it were outside, even if he had enough Perpetual Moon Pills and the aid of Mysterious Yellow Aura, it would have still taken a few years to get close to the middle-level of the Undead Realm.

Daoist Crow's legacy definitely brought significant effects to Ning Cheng. Even if he just consumed the cultivation resources, the ten million plus Perpetual Moon Pills would be more than enough for him to cultivate for a long while.

Four months later, Ning Cheng rushed directly into the later stages of the Undead Realm. Seven months later, Ning Cheng's cultivation finally reached the full-circle of the Undead Realm. Reaching the full-circle of the Undead Realm, and feeling the tumbling Celestial Essence within his body, Ning Cheng

immediately wanted to find a Heaven Seated Starry Sky Demonic Beast to check out the strength and the might of his Celestial Essence.

In the eighth month, Ning Cheng finally stopped cultivating. His cultivation eventually stabilised at the full-circle of the Undead Realm. Once he surmounted the tribulation, he would immediately step into Heaven's Mandate Realm. Ning Cheng knew that he was unlike other cultivators. Other cultivators did not need to surmount tribulations when advancing from the Undead to the Heaven's Mandate Realm, but he had to overcome an ordeal every time he had to break through a realm.

Sensing that the Mysterious Yellow Bead didn't seem to be rolling around as much as before, Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness barely managed to squeeze out. Through that, he found that there were fewer spacial maelstroms on the outside, and even spacial dislocations and storms were no longer visible.

A few days later, Ning Cheng finally came out of the Mysterious Yellow Bead and brought the Mysterious Yellow Bead back in the depths of his Zifu. When he finally came out, in addition to a few chunks of meteorites that whizzed past in the distance, there were only a few Void Wind Edges around him. As for the spacial maelstroms and cracks, they no longer appeared.

Ning Cheng guessed that he should have finally come out of the spacial crack zone, and realised that he had ended up travelling through the interface crack for over eight months within the Mysterious Yellow Bead. He couldn't estimate how far he had moved, but he was sure that this was not his starry sky universe.

Whether it was the same or not, the most crucial thing for Ning Cheng was to find a place to surmount the incoming tribulation and advance to Heaven's Mandate Realm.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept out and only found the void that surrounded him from all sides. He could not find any sort of mark nor any battleships or even any sort of flight-type weapons within its range.

Ten days later, Ning Cheng stopped over a broken meteorite. Since he could not find any land here, he could only surmount the tribulation within the void. However, Ning Cheng did not feel much worried about it, it wasn't his first time to overcome a trial within the void. Moreover, he believed that, with his current strength, he should easily be able to take on the tribulation thunderbolts for the Heaven's Mandate Thunder Tribulation.