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Chapter 671: The Might of the Heaven Seat

Ning Cheng picked up one heap of Perpetual Moon Pills after another and put it into his True Spiritual World. This was not the Time Wilderness, no one could snatch this away from him. In other words, every Perpetual Moon Pill here belonged to him.

When Ning Cheng collected the last heap of Perpetual Moon Pills, a Dragon eye fruit-sized pale golden pill suddenly flew out.

Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill? Ning Cheng immediately recognised it and felt pleasantly surprised. He did not hesitate to fly up and seize this pale golden Celestial River Essence Qi Pill King as fast as possible.

The Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill was the best pill to advance to the Heaven Seated Realm. It formed naturally and even contained hints of Dao Charm. It definitely was a lot superior compared to the artificially refined Severing Filth Heavenly Pill and the Accordance Heavenly Pill. Moreover, the smaller the Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill, the better the quality of the king pill, and the higher the purity it possessed.

The Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill in the Time Wilderness was only the size of an egg, but this Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill was the size of a Dragon-eye fruit, which meant that it was of a much higher grade compared to the latter.

After obtaining a treasure like the Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill, Ning Cheng carefully placed it in a jade box before putting it away and walking towards the Permanent Essence Pill Pond.

This Permanent Essence Pill Pond was much smaller than the Perpetual Moon Pill Lake. Ning Cheng estimated that it contained somewhere around a million Permanent Essence Pills in it. But even so, he felt satisfied with it. Permanent Essence Pills, in any case, were far more valuable and harder to obtain compared to Perpetual Moon Pills.

This time, Ning Cheng did not immediately put the Permanent Essence Pills into his True Spirit World. There were only a million Permanent Essence Pills in here, which means that if he wanted to store them away, it would not take more than a breath. But thinking back to the feeling Ning Cheng got when he obtained the Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill, it allowed him to gain a new understanding about his Dao, which was based on the Returning to One. Therefore, he felt that advancing to Heaven Seated Realm within the Permanent Essence Pill Pond would produce even better effects.

Although he had never tried surmounting major realm tribulations in the void, with his current strength and the Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill, plus the Permanent Essence Pill Pond, the likelihood of advancing to the Heaven Seated Realm was more than 90%.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng arranged a simple defensive array around the Permanent Essence Pill Pond before diving headfirst into it.

Ning Cheng had just entered the Permanent Essence Pill Pond when the pure and extremely rich Essence Qi washed over him. He didn't even have to operate his heavenly cycle, yet the Celestial

Essence contained in the Permanent Essence Pills automatically integrated with the Mysterious Yellow Origin and started to scour his meridians.

Ning Cheng quickly sat down, took out the Celestial River King Pill, and threw it into his mouth. He wanted to use it with the Permanent Essence Pill's Essence Qi to search and strike the barrier to the Heaven Seated Realm.

The moment the Celestial River King Pill entered Ning Cheng's mouth, it turned into a gurgling river filled with Celestial Essence, which was completely different from the one formed by Permanent Essence Pills. However, it quickly zeroed in on Ning Cheng's cultivation barrier and struck it without even the need for Ning Cheng to guide it consciously.

At the same time, a unique Dao Charm Aura spread out from this river formed from this Celestial River King Pill that quickly submerged Ning Cheng's mind and body. Ning Cheng freely let the aura from the Celestial River King Pill to wash through his body and remove all the cultivation obstacles he would have had to face in the Heaven's Mandate Realm if he wanted to move forward naturally.

"Boom-Boom...." Damp explosions echoed through every inch of Ning Cheng's meridians as a powerful impact force slammed into the Heaven Seated Realm's cultivation barrier, the barrier that Ning Cheng could not even perceive previously let alone touch.

Ning Cheng's body trembled violently. This impact not only violently shook the cultivation barrier, but the backlash produced also shook his corporeal body. Ning Cheng immediately realised that if he had not attained Body Forging Nirvana, just this single shockwave from the Heaven Seated Realm's cultivation barrier would have been more than enough to shatter his corporeal body.

Fortunately, his attainments in forging the body had already reached a point that a single step forward would let him advance to the Celestial River Body.

"Bam....." The formidable Celestial River Essence Qi within his body once again struck the Heaven Seated Realm's cultivation barrier. However, the shockwave produced this time was just too intense, to the point that Ning Cheng couldn't stand it anymore. It forced him to spit out a mouthful of blood.

His situation regarding advancing to the Heaven Seated Realm was just too strange. Even under such favourable conditions, the barrier stood still without any movements. This made Ning Cheng not want to strike again with full force. He felt afraid that the next shockwave might just completely shatter his corporeal body.

Just when Ning Cheng reigned in the Celestial River Essence Qi King Pill from continuing with the assault, a line of lightning arcs descended without any warning. Ning Cheng couldn't even count them all, but an estimate suggested that it contained more than a hundred lightning arcs.

Ning Cheng roared and stood up. However, instead of bringing out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, he actually flew up. This thunder tribulation felt like it wanted to take full advantage of Ning Cheng's most desperate situation, which immediately made Ning Cheng angry. If he tried to protect himself from this Thunder Tribulation, he would have to weaken his control over the impact force to strike the Heaven Seated Realm's cultivation barrier. If his situation with the Heaven Seated Realm's advancement were an ordinary one, it wouldn't have mattered. But at this moment, this situation with the Heaven Seated

Realm was just too perverted, to the point that it looked like heaven itself didn't want him to breakthrough.

If it had waited a little longer, as long as he broke through the cultivation barrier to the Heaven Seated Realm, the Thunder Tribulation would not have mattered much and would even be quite helpful to him. But the heavens did not work according to one's wishes; he hadn't even managed to make a crack in the Heaven Seated Realm's cultivation barrier when the Thunder Tribulation descended, which was akin to taking advantage of the fire to rob the house.

"Boom-Boom-Boom-Boom...." The lightning arcs bombarded Ning Cheng in a furious onslaught. Ning Cheng already had no clothes on him; therefore, this descending Thunder Tribulation instantly blew open Ning Cheng's skin upon contact. Even if Ning Cheng had a full-circle Celestial Body, his bones could not withstand even a single lightning arc from this Heaven Seated Thunder Tribulation. At the same time, if it weren't for his full-circle Celestial Body, he would have definitely died even before the Thunder Tribulation stuck him.

"Kaka...." As the lightning arcs kept descending, Ning Cheng's bones kept shattering one after another, before reassembling under the operation of Ning Cheng's formidable Body Forging Cultivation Method and insane determination.

"Dong-Dong...." This wave of thunder tribulation had just ended, and the next wave of Thunder Tribulation arcs had not yet descended when Ning Cheng felt his heart suddenly beating violently. A moment later, his skeleton and torn up corporeal body healed in almost an instant.

A stronger sense of strength suddenly surged into his mind. This almost insane increase in his body's physical strength made Ning Cheng roar again. This sense of power had pushed his spirit to the extreme.

At this moment, although Ning Cheng had not advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm, his body had broken through the limits of the Celestial Body and metamorphosed into the Celestial River Body.

Although the Celestial Body and the Celestial River Body only had a difference of one character in their names, the power gap between the two couldn't even be compared on the same level.

"Boom, Boom...." More lightning arcs stormed down towards him with abandoned; however, Ning Cheng brought out his Nirvana Spear and thrust it forward.

This one spear was the one he had comprehended after realising some of the Dao Laws in Returning to One. This was no longer a spear per se, but a real spirit technique that combined several spear skills.

All the lightning arcs seemed to have been swept away by this single spear, but when the spear shadows dispersed from Ning Cheng's hands, the scattered lightning arcs once again shot towards Ning Cheng's body.

But the effect it produced was much different from the last wave. This time, these lightning arcs only managed to create some red and white marks on Ning Cheng's body on impact. It could no longer draw any blood from Ning Cheng. Moreover, his Spear Intent could now control these lightning arcs to a certain extent; although it could not wholly disperse the lightning arcs, it could at least control their descent, which meant that these lightning arcs could no longer hurt him.

Ning Cheng felt truly amazed at the power coursing in his forged body after it advanced to the Celestial River Body. Could he now go through that spacial collapse maelstrom by himself?

“Boom.....” Right at this moment, the third wave of lightning arcs descended.

This time, Ning Cheng did not try to control the lightning arcs to forge his body further; instead, he combined it with the Celestial River King Pill’s residual Celestial River Essence Qi and his Celestial Essence to initiate a full-scale strike on the Heaven Seated Realm’s cultivation barrier.

Because the barrier to his Heaven Seated Realm was too strong, his body, before advancement, could not adequately handle the backlash created from the impact. But now that he managed to attain the Celestial River Body, even if he had to experience a shockwave twice as strong as before, it would not shatter his body.

“Bang.... Katcha.....” This single concentrated strike finally blew open a crack in his Heaven Seated Realm’s cultivation barrier.

Ning Cheng’s heart immediately filled with joy, as he once again gathered every shred of Celestial Essence in his body and bombarded the cultivation barrier to the Heaven Seated Realm with full force. As for the raging lightning arcs descending and striking his body, he simply ignored it all; rather, he absorbed the Thunder Source within it for his own use and attacked the Heaven Seated Boundary with more full-force strikes.

“Boom.....” Another violent shock passed through his body. Despite the higher strength and sturdier nature of Ning Cheng’s Heaven Seated Realm’s barrier compared to the others, it finally blew wide open. The billowing Celestial Essence Gas swept over and then got absorbed without a trace.

After advancing to the Heaven Seated Realm, Ning Cheng’s body started absorbing the Starry Sky Essence Qi as if it were a bottomless pit. As for the potent Celestial Essence Pill Gas, the moment it formed, it immediately got absorbed without leaving even half a trace left behind.

Lightning arcs continued to fall, but Ning Cheng now did not need to bother with the Thunder Tribulation again. Instead, he sat down inside the Permanent Essence Pill Pond to absorb the Thunder Source and the Celestial Essence Pill Gas from the Permanent Essence Pill Pond.

If someone watched the proceedings, they would have found the Permanent Essence Pill Gas around Ning Cheng continuously decreasing, while Ning Cheng’s cultivation showed no significant improvements. The reducing Permanent Essence Pill Gas only helped him stabilise his cultivation in the Heaven Seated Realm.

Ning Cheng felt a little bit shocked. Although he didn’t open his eyes, he knew that after his advancement to the Heaven Seated Realm, he truly would need a seemingly endless supply of Starry Sky Essence Qi.

Time passed by as Ning Cheng’s body crazily absorbed the Starry Sky Essence Qi. Even after the lightning arcs above Ning Cheng’s head dissipated, Ning Cheng still did not stand up.

However, a powerful aura of cultivation started to gather and coagulate around Ning Cheng. This time, even if a cultivator in the Life and Death Realm stood in front of Ning Cheng, they definitely would feel

alarmed, almost horrified even. The imposing aura oozing out and gathering around Ning Cheng was so powerful and dense that it even formed a circle after circle of corporeal auric patterns around him.

But despite the imposing aura growing more and more powerful, Ning Cheng still did not show any signs of waking up.

One day, one month, one year.....

Even Ning Cheng did not think that he would have to spend this much time in consolidation after surmounting the tribulation. When he finally opened his eyes again, his cultivation had firmly solidified at the early-stages of the Heaven Seated Realm.

However, Ning Cheng felt dumbfounded by what he saw in front of him, or rather the lack of something in front of him. Simply put, there was not even a single Permanent Essence Pill remaining in the pill pond. That is to say, he was the only 'object' in this Permanent Essence Pill Pond.

Did someone take away the rest of the Permanent Essence Pills? Ning Cheng shook his head as soon as he thought about it. Such a matter was just impossible.

But the fact was that he had only advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm; how was it possible for him to use up all the Permanent Essence Pills? But then he recalled the scene of his crazy absorption of the Starry Sky Essence Qi from the Permanent Essence Pills. If he had to go through such an insane absorption process in the future, could he continue pushing his cultivation forward?

Then, thinking about the quantity of Perpetual Moon Pills that he had obtained previously, Ning Cheng waved his hand and brought out a small pile of Perpetual Moon Pills. Although Perpetual Moon Pills had lower effectiveness compared to Permanent Essence Pills, he at least had a large quantity of it.

However, Ning Cheng quickly grew disappointed with the results. Although he could absorb the Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation, the effect produced.....

Ning Cheng shook his head and put away the rest of the Perpetual Moon Pills. He knew that if he used Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation from now on, even if he had nearly a billion Perpetual Moon Pills, it would only help him advance to the late-stage of Heaven Seated Realm, and that was in the most optimistic scenario. Moreover, it would eat up a lot of time. In other words, although he obtained an insane amount of Perpetual Moon Pills, it wouldn't be of much use for him.

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Chapter 672: Is it really worth escaping

Something's not right, Ning Cheng thought as he put away the Perpetual Moon. But even when he put away the Perpetual Moon Pills, he could still sense a dense amount of Starry Sky Essence Qi coming out of the Permanent Essence Pill Pond.

After a few breaths, he traced the source of Starry Sky Essence Qi to a spot near the bottom of the pond pill. There definitely was something mysterious inside this Permanent Essence Pill Pond. As Ning Cheng thought it, he raised his hand and grabbed the pill pond.

If he were still in the Heaven's Mandate Realm, even if Ning Cheng grew more powerful, he would not be able to shake the pill pond. However, at this time, Ning Cheng's hand managed to shatter the

Permanent Essence Pill Pond. Immediately, a huge natural array formation materialised in front of Ning Cheng.

Just below this natural array formation, he felt an even denser Starry Sky Essence Qi that poured into the array formation. This came from a few-feet long Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein.

Ning Cheng knew about Spiritual Veins. When he was in the Graceful Star Mainland, he had obtained a couple of them, though incomplete. Therefore, when he sensed the Essence Qi Vein, Ning Cheng immediately recognised that it might be an actual Starry Sky Spiritual Vein.

Standing at the edge of this Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, he could tell that it was initially at least a few hundred or maybe even thousands of feet long. However, because of the prolonged use, the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein had shrunk to the size of a few dozen feet.

Although the Starry Sky Essence Qi within this Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein felt far less pure compared to what one found in Permanent Essence Pills, it still made Ning Cheng happy. His cultivation needed large amounts of high-grade Starry Sky Essence Qi; as for whether it was pure or not, it didn't matter much to him.

With the purifying and scouring effects of the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura, Ning Cheng could absorb impure Starry Sky Essence Qi for cultivation. The Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura easily washed away all the impurities.

Ning Cheng raised his hand and carefully grabbed this small Starry Sky Spiritual Vein before sending it into the True Spirit World.

Sure enough, the Starry Sky Essence Qi gathering within the Permanent Essence Pill Pond disappeared after Ning Cheng removed the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein.

Ning Cheng immediately understood a few things on noticing such a phenomenon. The Permanent Essence Pills in this pool and the Perpetual Moon Pills that he collected previously should have formed because of this Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein. More specifically, the Perpetual Moon Pills took shape from the aura spillover from the Permanent Essence Pills produced by the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein. Moreover, because of the long period of isolation in this place and under the effects of the natural array formation, it ended up producing a large number of pure pills. This shrunk the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein to just a few feet of what it was initially.

If he hadn't come over, this Starry Sky Spiritual Vein would have eventually depleted and fully consumed under the effects of the natural formation.

Now that Ning Cheng removed the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, this place would no longer produce any more Starry Sky Essence Qi. Ning Cheng carefully searched around and confirmed that this place only had two pill ponds. Now that he had already taken away all the Essence Qi Pills and even the Essence Qi Vein, it didn't make any sense for him to stay here.

It's just that he had used a convenient way to come to this place, but had no idea on how to get out of this place.

Ning Cheng carefully tried tracing his steps back along the original path. In any case, after obtaining the Celestial River Body, as long as he did not encounter a sudden Spatial Dislocation, the Spatial Wind Edges flashing around in this area had no effect on him.

Half a month later, Ning Cheng stopped. At this moment, not to mention tracing the original path he came in, he could not even find the location of the spatial collapse maelstrom through which he had come in.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh. Even if he did find the location of the spatial collapse maelstrom, so what? Could he go out through it? How much spatial power did that maelstrom contain? Even with his current cultivation, he could not confidently say that he could force himself out of through that violent maelstrom. No, it was almost impossible.

A spatial blade swept past Ning Cheng, but Ning Cheng remained indifferent to it. He had no idea of how to get back to the Grand Culmination Starry Sky. Maybe he could leave this place through one of the spatial dislocations.

During the moment of hesitation, Ning Cheng found a spatial dislocation extending towards him. Ning Cheng immediately entered the Mysterious Yellow Bead and let the Mysterious Yellow Bead fall into this spatial dislocation.

Apart from trying this method, he really couldn't think of any other way out of this place.

Once the spatial dislocation swallowed the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng immediately swept out within his Spiritual Consciousness. However, he quickly recalled it back. Ning Cheng could barely stretch out his Spiritual Consciousness within a spatial collapse. But within this spatial dislocation, even if his Spiritual Consciousness grew twice as powerful, the chaotic space outside immediately ground it to nothingness upon contact.

Once someone entered through a spatial dislocation's gaping maw, even a Life and Death Expert would find it challenging to survive for more than a few moments.

A few days later, Ning Cheng still couldn't stretch out his Spiritual Consciousness. Therefore, he decided to give up for now and settled down within the Mysterious Yellow Bead to cultivate.

Cultivating within the Mysterious Yellow Bead anyway provided much better and stronger effects compared to the outside. Moreover, Ning Cheng even had the few-feet long Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein. As such, he did not have to worry about not having any Starry Sky Essence Qi to absorb.

After advancing to the Heaven Seated Realm, Ning Cheng's cultivation now needed extreme quantities of Starry Sky Essence Qi. Moreover, while cultivating, the scene around him looked like that of a giant whale sucking up huge amounts of water. But the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein kept spewing out Starry Sky Essence Qi Mist from beneath him, keeping Ning Cheng shrouded within it.

The dense Starry Sky Essence Qi and the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura merged like two streams combining into a giant whirlpool and kept circulating around Ning Cheng. At the same time Metal, Fire, Water, and Earth Origin Aura also emerged and continually fused into this giant Starry Sky Essence Qi Whirlpool within the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Ning Cheng's cultivation rapidly increased, while his meridians continued to expand to accommodate the growing flow of Celestial Essence. Even his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness issued roars as it stretched outwards, one layer at a time.

With such insane absorption and cultivation speed, if replaced by someone else, no one would be able to sustain this for long before succumbing. However, Ning Cheng had still not reached the point of succumbing to the Devilish Flames, or rather, it seemed like he simply didn't have such a limit. The only change that one could observe was that the speed of Ning Cheng absorbing the Starry Sky Essence Qi grew faster the higher his cultivation climbed.

At this time, Ning Cheng forgot that he was still inside the Mysterious Yellow Bead that was drifting around in the spacial dislocation. Immersing himself in such carefree cultivation, it truly made him happy to the point of being ecstatic. He couldn't help but feel that there was nothing more enjoyable than cultivating within the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

"Boom....." A loud explosion erupted within his Sea of Consciousness, forcing Ning Cheng to sober up immediately. He suddenly opened his eyes and found that he not only advanced to the middle-level of Heaven Seated Realm, but his Sea of Consciousness had also expanded to twice its previous size.

Ning Cheng stood up in joy. He raised his hand and waved it casually, forming a hundred feet long wind blade that flew forward at almost breakneck speed. This wind blade even managed to carve out a huge gully through the yellow mist of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

My cultivation improved once again. Ning Cheng thought as he took in a deep breath. For Ning Cheng, improving his cultivation was of the utmost importance.

As his Spiritual Consciousness swept out again, he found that the void outside the Mysterious Yellow Bead was no longer chaotic. He only saw a few spacial wind blades that flew past the edge of his Spiritual Consciousness and looked quite ordinary.

Had he already come out of the spacial dislocation? A moment later, Ning Cheng confirmed that he had indeed come out of the spacial dislocation. As for that Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, which was initially a few feet long, it had almost completely disappeared. From this, Ning Cheng estimated that he might have cultivated for at least half a year.

Ning Cheng quickly rushed out and swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness.

In just a moment, Ning Cheng confirmed that he had not reached the starry skies, he was still inside the void crack. If this place was not the Eternal Night Domain, then it definitely was someplace similar to the Eternal Night Domain.

Bringing out a middle-grade Dao Artefact, Ning Cheng immediately shot forward. At the same time, he pushed his Spiritual Consciousness to its limits while controlling the flight-type weapon. In any case, Ning Cheng first had to find someone to find his current bearings.

For almost half a month, Ning Cheng did not meet a single cultivator. With such results, Ning Cheng decided to bring out the Starry Sky Wheel to move around, a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact was just too slow.

Bringing out the Starry Sky Wheel, he had not yet pushed it to its full speed, when Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness detected a flight-type weapon's shadow pass by the edge of its range. A moment later, another flight-type weapon brushed past at speed no slower than the previous flight-type weapon.

Were there cultivators here? Ning Cheng did not hesitate to catch up to them with the Starry Sky Wheel. With his cultivation at the middle-level of Heaven Seated Realm, even if he encountered cultivator in the Eternal Realm, he would be able to escape easily.

The Starry Sky Wheel was so fast that even though the two flight-type weapons had pushed their speeds to their peak, Ning Cheng still managed to pass the flight-type weapon in the lead and stop in front of it.

The speeding weapon on seeing Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Wheel stop in front of it had no choice but to stop unless it wanted to crash into it.

Ning Cheng stood at the front of the Starry Sky Wheel and found the flight-type weapon he stopped to be somewhat familiar. Soon he realised why it looked familiar. The man who came out of the weapon, which had just come to a stop, was Song Chengbo, the person who he had saved before.

Seeing Song Chengbo, Ning Cheng questioned himself once again if he had returned to the void around the Eternal Night Domain. Despite the disappointment of not reaching the Grand Culmination Starry Sky, Ning Cheng felt slightly relieved that he had at least returned to the Eternal Night Domain's void.

"This friend, why did you stop" Song Chengbo had just come out and had spoken only half a sentence when he immediately recognised the person who stopped him. He exclaimed in amazement, "Brother Ning, is that you?"

Just when he said those words, the other flight-type weapon caught up to them.

Ning Cheng vaguely understood that someone wanted to chase down Song Chengbo.

"Brother Ning, something huge had happened in the Temple of Fallen Stars, and I thought that you could not manage to come out. I truly didn't expect to find you here." After Song Chengbo recognised Ning Cheng, his eyes flashed with genuine surprise and delight.

"Brother Song, who's hunting you?" Ning Cheng's gaze slipped past Song Chengbo and looked at the other flight-type weapon that had just arrived.

Song Chengbo's expression grew sour, "Who else? I truly had gone blind to partner up with such an ungrateful bastard."

Without Song Chengbo needing to explain, Ning Cheng already saw the cultivator chasing him. This cultivator had dark skin and was one of Song Chengbo's teammates he met before entering the Temple of Fallen Stars, Bian Shiyan. Moreover, this Bian Shiyan quite vocally denied Ning Cheng teaming up with them when they stood in front of the two pillars, implying that he would hold the back.

But Ning Cheng quickly understood why Song Chengbo decided to flee. When Ning Cheng met Bian Shiyan back then, this fellow was only at the full-circle of the Heaven Seated Realm. But this person had already advanced to the Life and Death Realm at this moment. Since Song Chengbo was still only at the late-stage of Heaven Seated Realm, he naturally would have to flee on meeting him.

Ning Cheng knew that Song Chengbo had left the Temple of Fallen Stars to settle accounts with Bian Shiyan. But from the looks of it, Song Cheng did not know about Bian Shiyan's advancement to the Life and Death Realm, which forced him to flee after finding Bian Shiyan.

"Haha, this little ant is still here. Huh, this flight-type weapon looks quite good ..." As Bian Shiyan spoke, he raised his hand and put away his own flight-type weapon before walking towards them in the void.

"Brother Ning, escape quickly. I'll help you stop this bastard." Song Chengbo, on seeing Bian Shiyan walking over, anxiously cried out.

Although Bian Shiyan couldn't see Ning Cheng's cultivation that did not mean Ning Cheng couldn't see his cultivation.

Ning Cheng showed a sneer. He no longer needed to escape such a situation using the Starry Sky Wheel. Instead, he put away the Starry Sky Wheel with a wave of his hand while with another wave, he stretched out his other hand and grabbed a high-grade spear-type Dao Artefact.

Escape? Why would I willingly escape from a cultivator who has just advanced to the Life and Death Realm?

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Chapter 673: From where to leave

Bian Shiyan felt worried that Ning Cheng would suddenly escape; therefore, he put away his flight weapon in preparation to prevent Ning Cheng from escaping.

Ning Cheng's flight weapon could overtake his and Song Chengbo's flight weapons, which meant that Ning Cheng had a much higher quality weapon compared to them. Moreover, although he could not recognise the Starry Sky Wheel due to Ning Cheng's continual refinement, he could still tell that the Starry Sky Wheel was an unusual weapon.

Now that Ning Cheng actually put away his flight weapon, it almost felt like a heaven-sent opportunity for him.

Seeing Ning Cheng put away his flight-type weapon, Song Chengbo felt shocked. But then he gave out a sigh and said, "Brother Ning, you truly are one of the few good friends I ever had the privilege to meet with, and even fight alongside each other. Song Chengbo still enjoys some good luck, I guess."

Although he oozed with imposing aura, his tone and words already indicated that he and Ning Cheng were not Bian Shiyan's opponents even if they joined forces.

Ning Cheng didn't care about Song Chengbo's pessimistic tone. Instead, he gradually walked forward in the void while grasping tightly on to the spear that he had just brought out.

Bian Shiyan had only recently advanced to the Life and Death Realm and had not even stabilised it; therefore, even if Ning Cheng did not fully deploy his Domain, Bian Shiyan's Domain could not suppress Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain.

Instead, as Ning Cheng moved forward step by step, the aura from his Celestial River Domain started to overwhelm Bian Shiyan.

At this moment, Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain not only contained the scorching aura of fire but also gave off a mysterious aura that resembled Time, and an even subtler yet definite aura of thunderbolts.

"Boom....." Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain and Bian Shiyan's Domain finally made contact, causing the violent Starry Sky Essence Qi between the two people to explode. It immediately transformed into a Celestial Essence Vortex in the void.

Song Chengbo, who originally had prepared himself to do everything he could to fight alongside Ning Cheng, couldn't help but look at Ning Cheng in a daze. From what he saw, Ning Cheng's strength appeared to be on the same level as Bian Shiyan. In fact, after the two Domains collided, the shockwave couldn't even force Ning Cheng back by a step, or even ruffle his robes.

Powerful. Ning Cheng definitely had stepped into the Heaven Seated Realm. Otherwise, Heaven's Mandate Cultivators would never be able to contend against Life and Death Cultivators.

Bian Shiyan also felt shocked. This person was only an ant in the Heaven's Mandate Realm in his eyes, yet this fellow's Domain could still contend against his Domain; moreover, it even had a slight upper hand.

"You're not in the Heaven's Mandate Realm; you're at least at the peak of the Heaven Seated....." Bian Shiyan stared at Ning Cheng in shock, even forgetting about the giant streamer that he had bought out.

"Less nonsense. Have a taste of my spear first...." As Ning Cheng spoke, the spear-type Dao Artefact in his hands shot out.

As that single spear shot out into the giant vortex formed by the collision between Domains, it suddenly paused as fierce spear momentums filled it up one after another.

Even if Bian Shiyan had advanced to the Life and Death Realm, he could not catch even the slightest trace of Ning Cheng's spear within it. It seemed that every point in the vortices could transform into Ning Cheng's Spear Shadow. Moreover, it felt as if these vortices had nothing to do with the power contained in Ning Cheng's spear.

This was the true Traceless, utterly different from the previous Traceless Spear Skill that Ning Cheng used, which were just traceless Spear Shadows.

This was a Spear Intent Spirit Technique.....

Bian Shiyan immediately understood that Ning Cheng had managed to integrate his Spear Intent into his Spirit Technique fully. At this moment, he could no longer hesitate and quickly unfurled the huge banner in his hands.

"Die for me....." Everything around the two froze to a standstill at this moment, even the vortex filled with Ning Cheng's Spear Intent slowed down to a pause.

"Time Spirit Technique....." Song Chengbo shouted in horror, completely forgetting about his decision to help. He never thought that Bian Shiyan had access to Time-related Spirit Techniques.

When the huge banner had unfolded, everything had come to a standstill. If this was not the result of Time-related Spirit Technique, then what else could cause this?

However, Ning Cheng knew it very well that it was not a Time-related Spirit Technique. Looking at the understandings of the Laws of Time, he was far stronger than Bian Shiyuan was. Yet, even Ning Cheng's Sunset's Twilight was not a real Time-related Spirit Technique., which meant that Bian Shiyuan's giant streamer was also not. The effect from before was just a defensive measure of that giant banner. Unfortunately, Bian Shiyuan never imagined that Ning Cheng's Spear Intent Killing Move was not the vortex at all.

After gaining epiphany at the Temple of Fallen Stars, Ning Cheng's Spear Dao Spirit Technique was no longer limited to just one spear skill. Traceless was no longer the same traceless on the surface, it had already transformed into pure killing intent without any trace.

In the moment that the Spear Intent within the whirlpool paused, concealed and barely discernible Spear Shadows pierced through the void between Ning Cheng and Bian Shiyuan. In just the twinkling of an eye, they emerged before Bian Shiyuan's glabella. This was Ning Cheng's real Traceless Spear Intent.

As the aura of death washed over him, Bian Shiyuan's soul almost flew out. He immediately sprayed out a mouthful of blood, which then turned into a blood-red shield in front of him.

"Boom.... Katcha...." An explosive sound emerged as Bian Shiyuan's blood shield, and Ning Cheng's Spear Intent collided followed by a crisp katcha sound.

Bian Shiyuan shot back tumbling within the void before he finally managed to find some footing while he looked at Ning Cheng in horror. He even forgot to wipe away the bloodstains at the corner of his mouth. The exchange between the two had happened too fast. Although he had taken up a defensive position, he still was at a considerable disadvantage in that encounter.

Song Chengbo also sobered up and looked at Ning Cheng in surprise before speaking up, "Brother Ning, you reached the Heaven Seated Realm, ha-ha...."

He had already prepared his heart for death, but he didn't expect Ning Cheng to be so powerful. Not only could Bian Shiyuan not push Ning Cheng back, the later even occupied a significant advantage over the former.

Ning Cheng showed only a faint smile. He had only used just 50% of his current strength. Not even fully deploying his Celestial River Domain or integrating it into his attack. He just wanted to test how different was his newfound power compared to cultivators who had just advanced to the Life and Death Realm. And now, Ning Cheng clearly obtained the answer. This Bian Shiyuan simply wasn't his opponent, if he used his full strength.

Sure enough, hard work always begets results. Moreover, Ning Cheng had spent an enormous amount of cultivation resources to reach this level, and it definitely showed.

"Brother Song, I'm going to kill this fellow today. Please keep a watch and don't let him get away." Ning Cheng said and took a step forward. The void around him seemed to have gone still when he made this step.

Ning Cheng had full confidence in defeating Bian Shiyuan and even killing Bian Shiyuan. But as a Life and Death Expert, he definitely would have a few means to escape. Therefore, he asked Song Chengbo to help keep watch and not let Bian Shiyuan escape.

Bian Shiyao, who felt surprised on hearing Ning Cheng's remarks, suddenly shot a cold look at Ning Cheng out of the corners of his eyes. From the looks of it, Ning Cheng truly was an expert, but his cultivation was yet to reach the Life and Death Realm. As a cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm, this fellow wanted to kill a powerhouse in the Life and Death Realm; is he not afraid of cutting his tongue in this wind.

"Ant not knowing the immensity of the heavens and depths of the earth....." Bian Shiyao had just spoken a few words when he swallowed the latter part of the sentence. He felt an oppressive force twice as strong crushing down on him.

"Kaka...." His Domain immediately started giving out crackling sounds.

Shit, that bastard had not used his full strength.

Just when Bian Shiyao thought of this, he immediately felt multiple blades rushing towards his Sea of Consciousness.

Spiritual Consciousness attacks, at this moment where would Bian Shiyao find the time or energy to speak. The giant banner in his hand completely unfolded, and the gap between him and Ning Cheng filled with endless streamer shadows.

Each streamer shadow contained a mind-shaking aura, which rushed forward in waves. These streamer shadows, like billowing waves, immediately clashed with Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness Blades, trying to suppress it.

Sure enough, a good weapon could actually help one in suppressing the Spiritual Consciousness of the opponent. Ning Cheng himself was an Artefact-crafting Master, so he understood that Bian Shiyao's giant banner did not only have a shielding effect, but it also had the effect of suppressing the opponent's Spiritual Consciousness. Once it successfully managed to contain the opponent's Spiritual Consciousness, even if the opponent had formidable strength, they would only taste defeat. Moreover, Bian Shiyao hadn't brought out any attack-type weapon yet; therefore, this giant banner presumably also had an attacking effect.

Unfortunately, this thing had little use for Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng immediately unleashed his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness without any reserve, Spiritual Consciousness Blades burst out one after another. These Spiritual Consciousness Blades instantly shattered Bian Shiyao's streamer shadows. But even so, these Spiritual Consciousness Blades still lacked the power to reach Bian Shiyao's Sea of Consciousness.

"Boom-Boom" Celestial Essence explosions erupted, bursting at the seams between the Domains of Ning Cheng and Bian Shiyao. Although Bian Shiyao's Domain was slightly weaker than Ning Cheng was, it could still block against Ning Cheng's Domain a few moments ago. However, at this moment, with Ning Cheng unleashing the full might of his Domain and with the added support from the Spiritual Consciousness Blades, Bian Shiyao's Domain quickly broke down, exposing Bian Shiyao to the full force of Ning Cheng's killing intent.

Bian Shiyao's eyes flashed with a little panic, and he fully understood that Ning Cheng truly had not tried his best before.

Just as Ning Cheng suspected, Bian Shiyan's giant streamer shadows immediately converged and folded themselves into an iron halberd.

This iron halberd took shape the moment Bian Shiyan's Domain broke apart, which helped him block Ning Cheng's Long Spear Dao Artefact.

"Boom" As the explosion weakened, Bian Shiyan's body gradually started fading away.

This fellow wanted to escape. Ning Cheng immediately rushed into the whirlpool formed by the broken Domain and punched with full force.

"Puff...." With flesh and blood flying, Bian Shiyan's lower half turned into blood mist on connecting with Ning Cheng's punch before he disappeared completely.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh. He knew that Bian Shiyan had successfully managed to escape. However, as Bian Shiyan lost half of his body, his cultivation would definitely fall down to the Heaven Seated Realm. But he managed to escape with his life.

Song Chengbo quickly flew over and spoke with some shame, "Brother Ning, I really am useless. I could not stop him."

Ning Cheng smiled, "It's not your fault. He had a high-grade Escape Talisman. We wouldn't have been able to stop him even if we wanted."

But these words were just to comfort Song Chengbo. Ning Cheng knew that if he actually used his full power from the start then even if Bian Shiyan had a stronger Escape Talisman, he wouldn't have managed to escape.

Nevertheless, knowing one's face was not equivalent to understanding one's heart. Although Ning Cheng and Song Chengbo had somewhat similar personalities, they had only met each other by pure chance and did not have a deep friendship. Moreover, Sunset's Twilight was his killer ace, and he didn't want to use it in front of Song Chengbo.

"Brother Ning, if not for your help, I'm sure that this Song Chengbo would have already ceased to exist. You saved me once again." Song Chengbo sincerely thanked Ning Cheng with cupped fists.

Ning Cheng simply waved his hand and spoke, "Brother Song, these are not worth mentioning. You don't have to care too deeply about it. But I do want to ask Brother Song about a matter. Does Brother Song know about a way to leave the Eternal Night Domain?"

Song Chengbo also did not hesitate and immediately spoke up, "There is a place I heard a long time ago from where one can leave the Eternal Night Domain, but ordinary cultivators simply would not be able to go through that place."

"Which place?" Ning Cheng asked.

"The Eternal Night Single File Gorge. Truth be told, there are many other places to leave the Eternal Night Domain, such as the Temple of Fallen Stars. But for ordinary cultivators, only the Eternal Night Single File Gorge would provide a slightly higher chance of a successful passage. Anywhere else, like the Temple of Fallen Stars, one would only meet a dead end, unless one possessed some heaven-defying luck apart from having extremely high cultivation." Song Chengbo gave out a sigh after he replied.

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Chapter 674: Fighting Duan Gantai Again

“Where is the Eternal Night Single File Gorge?” Ning Cheng quickly asked. He really did not want to stay in this place anymore. Although the void around the Eternal Night Domain stretched out endlessly, the Eternal Night Domain was the only stable starland he had found till now. Moreover, his current cultivation was still not enough for him to establish a foothold in the Eternal Night Domain. But even if he could prove himself in the Eternal Night Domain, he would still want to head back to the Grand Culmination Starry Skies.

Song Chengbo took out a jade strip and handed it to Ning Cheng, “This is the Void Positional Diagram for the Eternal Night Single File Gorge. But even at my fastest speed, it would take more than half a year to reach it from this place.”

After a short pause, he immediately shifted to the most important thing, “In fact, for a starry sky cultivator, time is not the most important factor to consider. The most important factor is the dangers within the Eternal Night Single File Gorge. It is said that some people did manage to traverse the Eternal Night Single File Gorge and reach the other side, but it is only hearsay. No one can say for sure. As for the Temple of Fallen Stars, one would need at least a cultivation in or above the Eternal Realm, but even for cultivators in the Eternal Realm, majority of them would still face death.”

At this point, he gave out a heavy sigh, “How many cultivators who reached the Eternal Realm would willingly stay in this place? In this void, all the decent cultivation resources have already been taken away, leaving behind only those in dangerous areas. Going to those places to search for resources is akin searching for a place to bury themselves.”

“Brother Song, can you tell me more about the Eternal Night Single File Gorge?” Ning Cheng could understand what Song Chengbo meant, but that would not deter him.

Song Chengbo said that all cultivation resources that could be found have already been excavated and taken away, which indicated that he definitely had a profound experience about it. Although he could use the Mysterious Yellow Bead to enter that void collapse maelstrom, he probably was the only one who could do it. In other words, if he didn’t have the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he wouldn’t be able to find the cultivation resources inside of it either.

Song Chengbo nodded, “The Eternal Night Single File Gorge is in fact just two towering cliffs facing each other with a half-foot wide space in between. It’s said that one had to go through the middle of these two cliffs to leave this place. But no one has any idea about the length of this gorge between the cliffs or what lies behind it.”

“Moreover, there is an allusion in this void that someone once wanted to go out from the Eternal Night Single File Gorge. Yet, hundreds of years after he entered the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, his cry could still be heard from the outside. In other words, he was trapped in the middle of the Eternal Night Single File Gorge.”

Ning Cheng spoke up with some doubts, “Brother Song, isn’t half a foot of width already very narrow for a cultivator? Besides, if cultivators cannot shrink their skeletons, they could still use a small companion beast to explore and carry them around. Why can’t they use that method to go through the distance?”

Song Chengbo shook his head with a wry smile, "Brother Ning, you've already been to the Temple of Fallen Stars. In places where one could cross over to different interfaces or positional planes, one simply wouldn't be able to use their Spiritual Consciousness. Moreover, within the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, not only would one lose their ability to use Spiritual Consciousness, the laws governing that place would immediately shackle one's Celestial Essence on stepping inside. Besides, only the outer entrance of the Eternal Night Single File Gorge is half a foot wide. Is it narrower or wider on the inside, no one knows as one's Spiritual Consciousness cannot sweep in."

"As for the 'walls' on both sides of the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, it is made up of void displacements and spacial turbulences. It's just like the two giant pillars through which you had to go through to get to the Temple of Fallen Stars. No one knows about the origin and the endpoint of those spacial dislocations and turbulences....."

At this moment, Song Chengbo seemed to have recalled something and asked Ning Cheng with a little more expectation in his voice, "Brother Ning, you could use your Spiritual Consciousness in the Temple of Fallen Stars, which shows that your Spiritual Consciousness is much stronger compared to an ordinary cultivator. Maybe you can also use your Spiritual Consciousness in the Eternal Night Single File Gorge. In fact, if you could actually use your Spiritual Consciousness and Celestial Essence in the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, passing through that half-a-foot entrance would pose absolutely no problems for you. Even if you can't get out, you could still make your way back."

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness scanned through the jade strip and noted that the Eternal Night Single File Gorge really was very far from here. However, he didn't mind it, the Starry Sky Wheel was much faster than average flight-type weapons. Therefore, he immediately made up his mind to go and see if he could use his Spiritual Consciousness and Celestial Essence there; if not, then he wouldn't go in.

For an ordinary person, even if they leaned sideways and tried to travel through a half-a-foot path of unknown length, it would definitely result in death.

"Brother Ning, I heard that something terrible happened in the Temple of Fallen Stars, which made me feel worried about you. But now that you seem okay, then it's the best thing. As for the gorge, I suggest you not go there for the time being and try only when your cultivation improved by a few levels." Song Chengbo on seeing Ning Cheng put away the jade strip felt concerned that Ning Cheng would immediately want to head out for the Single File Gorge and took the initiative to persuade him.

Ning Cheng smiled and spoke up, "Many thanks, Brother Song. By the way, when I left the Temple of Fallen Stars, it looked the same. So what happened?"

Song Chengbo gave out a sigh and spoke, "Previously, by venturing into the Temple of Fallen Stars, one could occasionally find some cultivation resources. One could even use that place to understand some Dao Laws relating to spirit techniques. But now, the Temple of Fallen Stars is completely filled with an endless blood river with terrifying space devouring powers."

"If it weren't for the two huge pillars that blocked the surging blood river, it would have already surged into the void outside the Eternal Night Domain. It's estimated that even if the Eternal Night Domain lay at the far corner, the blood river would still swallow it all up, and there would no longer be an Eternal Night Domain."

“The two pillars blocked the raging blood river?” Ning Cheng felt shocked and asked himself how the two pillars could block the raging blood river.

“That’s right.” He said, “But it’s definitely not a long-term solution. If it is not resolved, then the blood river inside would eventually rush out from behind the two pillars and sweep into the void outside the Eternal Night Domain. By then, the only intact starland within the void of the Eternal Night Domain, the Eternal Night Domain, would be swallowed by the blood river without leaving any trace left behind.”

“Because of this, all the Eternal-level Cultivators in and around the Eternal Night Domain have gathered around the Temple of Fallen Stars, trying to prevent the blood river from rushing into the void of the Eternal Night Domain.”

Ning Cheng quickly caught the critical words from Song Chengbo’s sentence and immediately asked, “Brother Song, you mean there is no cultivator in the Eternal Realm in the entire Eternal Night Domain right now?”

“I’m certain of it. If any Eternal Realm Cultivators stayed behind in the Eternal Night Domain, they would only be waiting for death. I once went back to the Temple of Fallen Stars to look for you, but instead of you I saw a lot of cultivators in the Eternal Realm arranging array formations around the Temple of Fallen Stars.” Song Chengbo replied with confidence.

Ning Cheng then cupped his fists towards Song Chengbo and spoke, “Many thanks, Brother Song. I’m heading back to the Eternal Night Domain to collect some debts before heading to the Eternal Night Single File Gorge in a year. If Brother Song wants to go out, you can wait for me in or near the Eternal Night Single File Gorge in a year. ”

Song Chengbo was about to ask if Ning Cheng needed any help, but immediately thought back to Ning Cheng’s horrifying attack, and couldn’t help but swallow the words he wanted to ask. Instead, he simply nodded, “Ok, if I show up at the Eternal Night Single File Gorge a year later, I’ll go and have a look inside with Brother Ning. If I’m not there, Brother Ning doesn’t have to wait for me.”

After that, Ning Cheng and Song Chengbo exchanged communication pearls to exchange information with each other before separating again.

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After Song Chengbo left, Ning Cheng brought out the Starry Sky Wheel and directly shot towards the Eternal Night Domain.

Initially, he didn’t intend to head back to the Eternal Night Domain to look for Su Clan. Although he had advanced to the middle-level of Heaven Seated Realm, Ning Cheng had a clear understanding of his strength. He had no problems in going against cultivators in the Life and Death Realm, but what if an Eternal-level Cultivator stopped him? What’s more, in the Eternal Night Domain, apart from cultivators in the Eternal Realm, there was also that Eternal Night Public Square’s Aura Locking Grand Array, which did manage to incite some fear in his heart.

But now that all the cultivators in the Eternal Realm from the Eternal Night Domain have already left to the Temple of Fallen Stars, if he did not go pay a visit now, then when would he get another chance? It was not in his character to swallow the fact that someone had plotted against him for no reason. If he

did not have any strength, then he really would have no chance and would have had to swallow such a grievance and move on. But now that he had an opportunity, why would Ning Cheng willingly give it up?

Ning Cheng had now already advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm and had already refined more than 60 layers of restrictions covering the Starry Sky Wheel. Therefore, supplied with a large pile of Perpetual Moon Pills, the well-lit Eternal Night Public Square appeared in the range of Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness in less than a month.

Putting away the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng intended to enter the Eternal Night's Grande Public Square with the most ordinary identity, and then arrange for several exit points on the edge of the Eternal Night Public Square's grand array formation. He would never let himself be trapped in the Eternal Night Public Square, unlike the last time where it had almost caught him.

At this time, another light flew over, and when Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness detected that light, he immediately stopped.

"Haha, old friend, I've been looking for you everywhere. I truly did not expect you to come here so soon....." With the sound of laughter, Duan Gantai's familiar figure appeared not far from Ning Cheng.

As Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept over, he couldn't help but feel deeply shocked. Ning Cheng himself had obtained so many opportunities, and yet he only managed to advance to the middle-level of Heaven Seated Realm due to the help from the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

But this Duan Gantai in front of him had also reached the middle-level of Heaven Seated Realm. In other words, his strength was no weaker than the current him.

"Oh, did you find out that you had not given me enough Permanent Essence Pills and have now come to give me more because of the last time I helped you?" Ning Cheng asked with a calm voice.

Duan Gantai squeezed a few words out of his teeth, "That's right, I just felt that I had too many Permanent Essence Pills to use. So I wanted to ask Brother Ning for help. By the way, I've also recently learned about some new spirit techniques and wanted to ask Brother Ning for one or two pointers....."

When he reached the last word, Duan Gantai flicked his hand, and a dark red knife light shot out. Ning Cheng's already extended Celestial River Domain, under this knife light, began to melt like ice and snow under fire, creating one crack after another.

Then a circle of ripples took form around Duan Gantai from the dark red knife lights. These ripples were like Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain, which fully protected Duan Gantai.

A Blade Domain, Ning Cheng felt shocked. This was his first time to encounter such an expert. After breaking his Domain, this fellow could even use it to form his own Blade Domain.

Ning Cheng immediately threw away the thought of acting in carelessness and extended his hand, bringing out a high-grade long spear Dao Artefact.

Without any sign of gathering power, without augmenting the power of Domain, he shot out the spear as if it were a casual throw.

Duan Gantai clearly saw Ning Cheng casually bringing out a common long spear-type Dao Artefact, yet he still found himself struggling to breathe. Ning Cheng's long spear had brought forth a powerful

suppressive spear intent, which could completely ignore his killing light. No, it ignored everything before the long spear, even space. It was just like how his knife light that could ignore Ning Cheng's Domain, filled with strength, confidence, and arrogance!

"Boom....." Just when the knife and spear collided, a violent Celestial Essence storm burst open. The huge Celestial Essence storm that formed was even more shocking than the one created in the previous battle between Ning Cheng and Bian Shiyao.

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Chapter 675: Cooperating Again

Duan Gantai flew back ten feet before coming to a stop in the void while shooting a disbelieving look at Ning Cheng. He never imagined a cultivator at the same cultivation level as him to be able to counter his attacks. Strictly speaking, this was not a match at all. He had started first, forcing Ning Cheng into a defensive position. Yet despite taking the lead, it ended in a stalemate; no, he was the one pushed back.

Duan Gantai's heart tightened. Where in the name of the heaven's did this bastard come from? Duan Gantai understood his own strength very well. Although both of them had only exchanged a move, he found that Ning Cheng was no weaker than he was, even slightly stronger. If he truly wanted to take him down, he would have to use everything he got.

Since he had his trump cards, who could say the party lacked any?

If one talked about shrewdness, then Duan Gantai's shrewdness surpassed 99% of the cultivators. He never fought a battle without full confidence of victory. In other words, if he decided to fight against someone, then he had to be fully assured of success before starting. Therefore, he would only break into an all-out fight if he had complete confidence in winning.

Since the start of his cultivation, the only time he had suffered a loss was when he decided to scheme against Ning Cheng that time. Even so, he still had a secret method to fall back on to save his life.

As for entering the interface and positional plane cracks scattered across the Eternal Night Domain, he did not think much about it. He was different from other people. The others mostly came here out of helplessness, but he came here intentionally. His only goal was to become a real powerhouse, and for that, he knew that he had to go through many hardships and dangers.

A few years ago, Ning Cheng was able to block his blow at the Eternal Night Public Square, even pushing him back to leave the Eternal Night Public Square and forcing him to use his secret method. Because of that, he had already regarded Ning Cheng as a powerful rival, which was why he wanted to get rid of Ning Cheng the instant they met.

But the facts shocked him once again. Ning Cheng not only advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm as him, but he also had the same strength as him. There were even indications that Ning Cheng might be slightly stronger of the two.

"Haha. Brother Ning really is powerful. That knife technique[1] was my most powerful method, yet Brother Ning managed to block it easily. This junior brother not only admires you but is even willing to bow down to you." Duan Gantai did not hesitate to pick up the dark red knife and spoke to Ning Cheng with a free voice with cupped fists, after a short laugh.

Ning Cheng tapped the long spear Dao Artefact in his hand on the ground a few times and made a frightened expression, "Brother Duan, you just scared the living soul of me with your knife. Fortunately, I managed to burn a thousand years' worth of longevity along with half my essence blood in time to defend against it. Since Brother Duan is so powerful, I would like to ask you for some more advice."

Duan Gantai secretly cursed at Ning Cheng. You look healthier than anyone does; burning a thousand years' worth of longevity, did you think everyone else is an idiot? However, he still said, "Brother Ning, we both have our own troubles. If you and I went all out and ended up injuring each other, it would not be good for either of us."

Duan Gantai would never partake in an uncertain battle. Let this bastard keep pretending to be a grandson, I won't fall into this meaningless and unknown battle. The more he valued Ning Cheng, the more casual he wanted to act in front of Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng would invariably expose his own cards. Only when he felt sure about killing Ning Cheng, would he strike and resolve things in one go.

"Brother Duan, forgive me for criticising you." Ning Cheng looked serious, "But even if one were a heaven defying cultivator, if one feared a little danger and harm, one would then have to face many additional difficulties to make any progress in the future. For example, as you just said, you have too many Permanent Essence Pills on you, and you want to send some of it to me for cultivation. Although I really don't have any more Permanent Essence Pills on me anymore, how could I take your Permanent Essence Pill for nothing? Let me give Brother Duan a hand in polishing your moves, that way it would weigh less on my conscience...."

While speaking, Ning Cheng slowly gathered Celestial Essence into the long spear in his hands, apparently wanting to start once again.

Duan Gantai heavily cursed at Ning Cheng in his heart. Not to say about him not having any surety about a victory against Ning Cheng, even if he was sure of it, he hoped that the fight between him and Ning Cheng would be pushed back for now. He came here for some essential things, not for an all-out battle with Ning Cheng.

"Brother Ning, let's forget about it. I still have some ..."

Ning Cheng directly interrupted Duan Gantai's words, "I'm still missing a hundred thousand...."

Ning Cheng wanted to say a hundred thousand Permanent Essence Pills, but he knew that even if he told that, Duan Gantai would not take it out. He just wanted to play a few tricks with Duan Gantai to test the waters. In any case, Ning Cheng knew that despite having the capability of suppressing Duan Gantai, this fellow still could escape from him. Since he couldn't kill Duan Gantai immediately, he decided to extort him a little.

But he had not even finished his words when Duan Gantai interrupted him, "Yes, yes. I just happen to have exactly a hundred thousand Perpetual Moon Pills. By the way, I still have around 5000 Permanent Essence Pills on me. Let me help you by giving it to you. Since Brother Ning and I came here for the same thing, then let's not bicker about some measly cultivation resources."

During the conversation, Duan Gantai took out two storage bags filled with pills.

Ning Cheng couldn't help but curse at this fellow. This kid talked quite the talk but didn't even take out a storage ring. Moreover, this fellow only talked about pills, which meant that he probably would not get anything else even if he pushed for it.

'Something was at least better than nothing'. Ning Cheng thought as he waved his hand and put away Duan Gantai's pills. He smiled and asked, "Brother Duan, I have really missed you too much over the past few years, and I wanted to find you. It's just that I didn't know if I would have ever found you, much less see you here."

Duan Gantai clapped his hands and spoke up with a tone tinged with surprise, "I've just been wondering why I was in such a good mood these days. I always had an inkling that Brother Ning would eventually appear in the Eternal Night Domain, and lo-and-behold, you're here Brother Ning. By the way, Brother Ning, the Eternal Night Domain still has the Su Clan. Back then, they tried to scheme against the two of us. Why don't we two brothers join hands once again and pay a visit to the Su Clan? What do you think, Brother Ning?"[2]

"This ah...." Ning Cheng showed a frown as if pondering over it. This Duan Gantai really had the same idea as him, to take advantage of this opportunity to plunder. Although Ning Cheng didn't know about how many good things Su Clan had, Duan Gantai definitely would know about it. Duan Gantai, a sly bastard like him, would never tie himself up as the Su Clan's son-in-law for no reason. Maybe Duan Gantai had already planned to not just go to the Su Clan but also take the initiative to reveal some information and divert Su Clan's attention towards him.

After hesitating for a long time, Ning Cheng spoke up, "I'm afraid that we're not strong enough; besides, the Su Clan is a little too strong. If anything happens, I wouldn't be able to escape. I don't even have any talismans...."

Duan Gantai's heart had nothing but contempt for Ning Cheng right now. Not able to escape? Last time, this father almost did not get to survive because of you. See me? You just want me to die early.

Although he despised Ning Cheng, he could only follow Ning Cheng's words and say, "Let's arrange for an exit route beforehand this time. I'm a little proficient with array formations and can arrange a few Delaying Array Formations. Once activated, it can delay the Eternal Night Public Square's Aura Locking Grand Array for three to five breaths before it fully closes. Three to five breaths would be more than enough for us to make our escape."

Duan Gantai had already seen Ning Cheng's level of array formation and concluded that it was far inferior to him, which was quite reasonable. He had reached the level of a Tier 7 Array Emperor through a lucky encounter. Such a thing was not something that everyone could obtain.

"Then let's do it, Brother Duan. But in case we can't escape, you don't have to worry, I will give my life to help Brother Duan escape." Ning Cheng clenched his teeth and spoke.

Duan Gantai simply ignored Ning Cheng gnashing his teeth and said, "Brother Ning, since I started this thing and I'll be the one to put up the Delaying Array Formation, what about dividing the loot? I mean 20% of it is...."

Ning Cheng obviously wanted to make a small fortune when he came here to target the Su Clan, but he simply had no idea what the Su Clan actually had. Now, Duan Gantai clearly wanted to obtain more of

the loot; therefore, he did not hesitate to interrupt Duan Gantai, "Brother Duan, whatever Su Clan has, you and I already have a rough estimate of it. The reason why I want to go to the Su Clan is the same as yours. But I underestimated Su Clan's strength."

"I agree with your distribution plan. Apart from the 20% put aside, the rest would be divided equally between us. Since I know about the relationship between Su Baijiao and Brother Duan; therefore, 20% ..."

This time Duan Gantai interrupted Ning Cheng, "Brother Ning. When the two of us met previously, we managed to cooperate quite well with each other. Let's just divide the loot equally and not put aside 20% of it. That way, we won't have to take the trouble of splitting it three ways."

He did not doubt Ning Cheng's words, with Ning Cheng's cunning mind, he would never 'accidentally' go to the Su Clan and deliberately expose the treasures on him. Therefore, Ning Cheng and his purpose were the same.

Ning Cheng nodded, "That's good."

In his heart, however, Duan Gantai cursed at him for not speaking about this earlier.

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Duan Gantai did not brag, his attainments in array formation were not necessarily higher compared to Ning Cheng, but he still managed to arrange the Delaying Array Formation without any flaws. Seeing this, even Ning Cheng had to admire Duan Gantai's skills. Moreover, as Ning Cheng saw it, Duan Gantai did not play any tricks in arranging the Delaying Array Formation. The array flag could truly be commanded by either of the two.

After entering the Eternal Night City, Duan Gantai whispered to Ning Cheng, "The most powerful cultivator within the Su Clan right now is only in the Heaven Seated Realm. Brother Ning, should we first kill everyone in the Su Clan and then proceed with looting, or do we first loot them and then kill?"

Ning Cheng couldn't help but despise this fellow in his heart. This fellow really was cruel and merciless. He had only come to the Su Clan to snatch Su Clan's cultivation resources. Moreover, this Duan Gantai was even the son-in-law of the Su Clan for some time, yet he still wanted to kill them all.

"Since the Su Clan is so cruel and merciless, and thinking back to how we almost got caught and killed by the Su Clan, it's only natural to want to kill them all. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. How about we grab things first, then destroy the Su Clan later?" Ning Cheng showed a smile as he looked at Duan Gantai.

Once he obtained what he wanted, Ning Cheng anyway did not plan to stick around to kill cultivators from the Su Clan needlessly and would quickly walk away. As for Duan Gantai, let him keep thinking that it was better to kill all of them. Ning Cheng didn't believe that the Su Clan's Eternal-level experts would leave without leaving behind a Transfer Talisman or something similar for emergencies. With the Transfer Talisman, one could return to the clan in just an instant. At that time, it would not end well for either of them.

Moreover, according to what Duan Gantai said, the Su Clan controlled the Eternal Night City's Aura Locking Grand Array. If he got caught in the Eternal Night City, who knows what would happen?

“Ok, then we’ll do it that way. As for those bastards from Su Clan, I can’t wait to swallow their flesh and blood. If it weren’t for Brother Ning wanting to take things first, I would have definitely killed my way in through the front door.” Duan Gantai spoke with a harsh tone. His tone indicated that he wanted nothing more than to immediately kill all the people from Su Clan, but because of Ning Cheng’s ‘persuasion’, he barely managed to suppress his killing intent.

Without any cultivators in the Eternal Realm watching over the Eternal Night City, Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai quickly managed to gain entry through the Su Clan’s Defensive Array Formations.

“Brother Ning, how was your previous investigation? According to what I found, Su Clan’s Eternal Pill Pond is not situated in the backyard but in the front yard.” After entering Su Clan’s Defensive Array, Duan Gantai continued to transmit information to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng felt surprised, did the Su Clan really have an Eternal Pill Pond? No wonder Duan Gantai was in such a hurry to return after all the Eternal-level Cultivators from the Su Clan departed. Although he accurately judged that Duan Gantai wanted to get rich while also wanting to retaliate for past grievances, it now looked like Duan Gantai’s original purpose was not only the same as his but actually much more on-point than him. In other words, it was mainly for the Permanent Essence Pill Pond.

Duan Gantai had acute senses; therefore, when he noticed the slight change in Ning Cheng’s behaviour, he instantly realised that he had been fooled again. Ning Cheng had no idea that the Su Clan had a Permanent Essence Pill Pond. This made him gnash his teeth in anger.

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Duan Gantai felt furious once again and understood that he could not leave Ning Cheng at this time unless he did not want the things here.

“Oh, it looks like Brother Duan and I have the same idea. I also guessed that Su Clan’s Permanent Essence Pill Pond is in the front yard.” Ning Cheng spoke with a smile while secretly sweeping out with his Spiritual Consciousness. Soon, he found a different defensive array formation in the front yard.

It was quite reasonable for Su Clan’s front yard to have a defensive array formation, but it was unusual to have such a high-level defensive array formation that even Ning Cheng could not see through. If not for Duan Gantai’s reminder, Ning Cheng truly might not have thought about it all. Now that Duan Gantai practically confirmed it for him, he directly brought out a long spear and used it to attack the hidden defensive array formation.

When Duan Gantai saw Ning Cheng’s target for the strike, his expressions changed once again. Did he guess it wrong? Did Ning Cheng know about it just like him?

In any case, Ning Cheng’s attack immediately revealed the concealed defensive array formation.

Duan Gantai immediately rushed up and threw out several array flags. He was much better than Ning Cheng was when it came to opening array formations. Therefore, after throwing out several array flags, a gap immediately appeared in the defensive array formation revealed through Ning Cheng’s attack.

Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai almost simultaneously rushed in through the gap and appeared over a long stony path.

Neither of them spoke and ran straight along the stony path. The moment the two entered, the two immediately felt the vibrant starry sky Essence Qi permeating almost every inch of this place. They simply did not need to exchange any words to know what was happening.

After a few breaths, Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai stopped in front of a huge Permanent Essence Pill Pond.

Vibrant starry sky Essence Qi oozed from this Permanent Essence Pill Pond. But Duan Gantai, on seeing this Permanent Essence Pill Pond, couldn't help but mutter in surprise mixed with anger, "We had to go through so many hardships for just this measly amount of Permanent Essence Pills?"

Ning Cheng could understand Duan Gantai's feelings. Although the two of them managed to reach this place, it had taken a decent amount of preparation and planning. However, inside this Permanent Essence Pill Pond, they only found a hundred thousand Permanent Essence Pills. These Permanent Essence Pills were spread across a thin layer at the bottom of the Permanent Essence Pill Pond. This quantity was much worse than the Permanent Essence Pills that Ning Cheng found within the spacial collapse vortex.

"Something is better than nothing." Ning Cheng smiled and raised his hand to grab half of the Permanent Essence Pills. Ning Cheng did not go back on what he said to Duan Gantai and left the other half for him.

Duan Gantai put away the other half of the Permanent Essence Pills and gave out a sigh before speaking, "Brother Ning, you really are my role model. You have a much better mentality than I do. Looks like I will have to seek out more advice from you in the future. But just like you said, something is better than nothing."

After that, his tone turned into an indignant one, "This time, we obtained too little. Brother Ning, let's act separately for now. You go to the Su Clan's Starry Sky Spiritual Grass Garden to grab the high-grade Starry Sky Spiritual Grasses while I go into the Su Clan to kill all of them. I have to take revenge for the wrongs we suffered."

After Duan Gantai said that, he did not immediately move. Seeing that, Ning Cheng sneered in his heart. Duan Gantai, did you think you were a good actor? You just want me to go away so that you could make a fortune by yourself. Going to get revenge for past grievances? Just as I don't believe that dogs don't eat shit, I don't believe anything you say.

If it weren't for Ning Cheng who knew and even witnessed the secret of the Permanent Essence Pill Pond previously, he might have actually taken up Duan Gantai's offer. He might have even tried coercing Duan Gantai to reveal the location of the Su Clan's Starry Sky Spiritual Grass Garden.

But Ning Cheng now knew that most Permanent Essence Pill Ponds had a Starry Sky Spiritual Vein that spat out Starry Sky Essence Qi at their core. As long as one managed to utilise a unique array formation, this Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein could then help one condense Permanent Essence Pills continuously. At the same time, Ning Cheng could also tell that the Permanent Essence Pills in this Permanent Essence Pill Pond definitely came into existence due to the Starry Sky Essence Qi spewing out from it, which meant that there was definitely a relatively large Starry Sky Spiritual Vein under this Permanent Essence

Pill Pond. Since Duan Gantai wanted him to leave first, it indicated that he also lusted for the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein.

“Brother Ning, let’s act quickly. Otherwise, the longer we drag things out, the worse it would get for us.” Duan Gantai urged him. He did not dare to go in first; rather, he felt afraid that if he went in first, Ning Cheng would immediately pocket the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein.

Ning Cheng nodded, “Ok, but there are just too few Permanent Essence Pills here.” As Ning Cheng spoke, he immediately stuck the Permanent Essence Pill Pool with his spear in anger.

This Permanent Essence Pill Pond mainly produced Permanent Essence Pills and did not have any particularly high-level defensive measures integrated into it. Therefore, Ning Cheng’s spear strike filled with ‘anger’ quickly shattered the Permanent Essence Pill Pond, revealing half of a Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein.

“Oh, there is also a Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein here. Haha, Brother Ning, I will have to thank you properly this time.” Seeing Ning Cheng’s outburst revealed the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, how could Duan Gantai not know that Ning Cheng also knew about this secret. Therefore, he could no longer pretend to be confused and immediately rushed up to pull it out.

This Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein was about 40 to 50 feet in length. But, the moment Duan Gantai pulled out the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, it immediately alerted the entire Su Clan.

Ning Cheng had already taken the opportunity to split the vein and take away the more substantial portion of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein before throwing it into his storage ring. A Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein was different from a Permanent Essence Pill. Moreover, unless one laid the cut pieces side by side, no one would be able to make an accurate comparison of its quality. Of course, this was for other people. Duan Gantai, with just a glance, was able to see that Ning Cheng had put away a share slightly denser than the one he obtained.

However, before Duan Gantai could speak, Ning Cheng quickly spoke up, “Brother Duan, you go to the Su Clan’s Starry Sky Spiritual Medicine Garden, I’ll take my revenge on the Su Clan’s cultivators.”

Finishing his words, Ning Cheng’s figure flashed, and he rushed out. By this time, the cultivators from the Su Clan had already surrounded the area outside the pill pond. However, with Ning Cheng’s current cultivation and speed, the Su Clan’s cultivators couldn’t stop him at all.

After rushing out of the Su Clan, his figure flashed a few more time, and he finally rushed out of the Eternal Night City. As for killing the cultivators from Su Clan, he left that kind of thing to Duan Gantai.

After putting away the portion of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, Ning Cheng understood that the strength and influence of Su Clan would start to take a sharp plunge from this moment. This spiritual vein not only provided Permanent Essence Pills for Su Clan’s high-level cultivators but also Starry Sky Essence Qi for the rest of the Su Clan for cultivation. With the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein removed, it would truly be strange if the Su Clan would continue to prosper.

Duan Gantai almost immediately followed Ning Cheng out of the Eternal Night Domain. Just when Ning Cheng left the Eternal Night Public Square and brought out the Starry Sky Wheel, Duan Gantai also managed to rush out of the Eternal Night Public Square.

Ning Cheng was not in a hurry to escape. Therefore, when he saw Duan Gantai coming out, he deliberately slowed down. Duan Gantai had a large number of Permanent Essence Pills along with at least a few dozen-foot long Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein. In terms of cultivation resources, this fellow definitely was wealthy.

“Brother Ning. I was quite worried about you. I didn’t think that you would truly manage to come out first.” Duan Gantai caught up to Ning Cheng and spoke with a concerned tone.

Ning Cheng immediately understood the underlying sarcasm in Duan Gantai’s words; in other words, Duan Gantai implied that he ran away quickly like a coward. However, in respects to Duan Gantai’s taunts, Ning Cheng didn’t care at all. “Brother Duan, did you have a good harvest from the Su Clan’s Starry Sky Spiritual Grass Garden?”

“Oh, don’t mention it. When I saw Brother Ning rushing out, I couldn’t help but worry about others besieging Ning Cheng. Therefore, I quickly rushed out to see if I could provide some help. I did not have any time to collect the Starry Sky Spiritual Grasses. How could those Starry Sky Spiritual Grasses compare to Brother Ning’s safety? By the way, where is Brother Ning going now?” Duan Gantai spoke with a sigh.

Ning Cheng held a significant portion of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, which he longed for the most. Although he and Ning Cheng each obtained ‘half’ of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, if the two segments of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein were put together, the effect would definitely be several times stronger than cultivating individually with just a section.

A Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein provided the most benefits as a whole. Once cut into pieces, it would be akin to hurting its Essence Qi foundation.

“I’m going to look around for a while. It would be better if I could find more cultivation resources.” Ning Cheng replied with a smile. He knew that Duan Gantai wanted to grab the part of Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein with him. In fact, didn’t Ning Cheng also want Duan Gantai’s cultivation resources? However, he knew that it would be really challenging to obtain things from Duan Gantai.

“Brother Ning, I have an idea. But I wonder if you’d be interested in it?” Duan Gantai laughed as if not caring about Ning Cheng’s words.

Ning Cheng spoke up with an indifferent attitude, “You know that I’m most lacking in cultivation resources right now. If there is an exchange of cultivation resources somewhere, then I naturally would be interested in it. What idea does Brother Duan have? Can you share it with me?”

“Brother Ning, have you heard about the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor? In fact, the Perpetual Moon Pills were first named by the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor....”

When Duan Gantai spoke about Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor, Ning Cheng’s heart almost skipped a beat. Others might not have heard of the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor, but he had definitely heard of this being. According to the legend, the Time Wilderness belonged to the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor. Moreover, he had obtained a lot of benefits from the Time Wilderness. Even Sunset’s Twilight, Ning Cheng had developed it within the Time Wilderness.

Duan Gantai showed a smile, “Although Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor has already fallen, it is said that he had countless treasures. However, I happen to know the location of Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor’s most precious treasure house, the Temple of Time. However, to open the Temple of Time, one needs the Perpetual Moon Time Key, and I just happen to have a Perpetual Moon Time Key. Since both Brother Ning and I want the same thing, and if Brother Ning wants to, we can continue to work together.”

Ning Cheng felt his heartbeat increasing. Didn’t he possess the Perpetual Moon Time Key? How did Duan Gantai get it? And where the hell did this Duan Gantai come from? How could he even know about the Temple of Time?

“Brother Duan, can you show me the Perpetual Moon Time Key?” Ning Cheng asked with cupped fists. This time, he really wanted to see Duan Gantai’s Perpetual Moon Time Key.

Duan Gantai also did not stand on ceremony, took out a half-foot long black key, and said, “This is the Perpetual Moon Time Key.....”

Duan Gantai’s words suddenly came to a halt. Although the Perpetual Moon Time Key remained in his hands, it gave off a screeching-like noise. He had obtained this Perpetual Moon Time Key a long time ago, but it had never shown such a reaction. The only possibility of this happening was that there was also another Perpetual Moon Time Key nearby. But there was nothing but void all around them, which meant that Ning Cheng had a Perpetual Moon Time Key on him.

“Brother Ning, do you also have a Perpetual Moon Time Key on you?” Duan Gantai had an even more shocked expression on his face compared to Ning Cheng as he asked. How could there be such a coincidence in this world? He wanted to use the lure of Perpetual Moon Time Key to pit against Ning Cheng, but he never expected that he would end up making such a play in front of another owner of the Perpetual Moon Time Key. It would be impossible to fool Ning Cheng with just a Perpetual Moon Time Key.

Ning Cheng did not know about the Temple of Time, unlike Duan Gantai. As such, he wanted to learn about the Temple of Time from Duan Gantai. Therefore, he immediately took out his Perpetual Moon Time Key.

Ning Cheng’s Perpetual Moon Time Key was of a dark-grey colour, and when it came out, it immediately gave out the same screeching-like noise as Duan Gantai’s Perpetual Moon Time Key.

Duan Gantai, on seeing that Ning Cheng had really taken out a Perpetual Moon Time Key, could no longer conceal the genuine surprise covering his face, “Brother Ning, it looks like even the heavens want us to continue working together. There are only three Perpetual Moon Time Keys. Therefore, once we find the other person with the Perpetual Moon Time Key, we can then open the Temple of Time.”

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“How do you know that there are three Perpetual Moon Time Keys?” Ning Cheng asked, wondering if this something intentionally passed down by the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor.

Duan Gantai showed a smile, “It’s just luck that I managed to obtain something left behind by the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor. From that, I understood that the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor kept his

most precious treasures in the Temple of Time, and it also included several spirit techniques related to the Laws of Time. However, to open the Temple of Time, the three Perpetual Moon Time Keys must appear at the same time. These three keys are black, grey and white in colour, respectively.”

Ning Cheng could help but think that this person enjoyed some exceptional luck. Since Duan Gantai said that he obtained this information from something, then it most probably was a part of the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor’s inheritance.

“I wonder if Brother Duan can tell me the location of the Temple of Time?” Ning Cheng asked with a polite voice and cupped fists. Since he had to ask Duan Gantai for this information, then he had to use a respectful tone.

Duan Gantai’s expressions immediately turned serious as he spoke, “Brother Ning, we are still missing the last Perpetual Moon Time Key. I believe that you and I are both very concerned about the Temple of Time. In that case, we should sincerely cooperate with each other. This cooperation is totally different from when we worked together in the Su Clan. It is a cooperation without any prejudice.”

Ning Cheng couldn’t help but curse within his heart, it would be strange if he believed Duan Gantai’s ‘sincerity’. However, just like Duan Gantai, he also put up a serious expression and said, “What Brother Duan said is correct, this time we should cooperate sincerely. Previously, when I severed the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein, I accidentally cut off a bit more. Therefore, I would like to immediately return this extra portion of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein to Brother Duan.”

Although Ning Cheng did not believe that Duan Gantai would sincerely cooperate with him, he was sure that Duan Gantai, just like him, was also very concerned about the Temple of Time. Since he had a Perpetual Moon Time Key, then Duan Gantai had no choice but to work with him. Conversely, even if he wanted to enter the Temple of Time, he would also have to work together with Duan Gantai.

Duan Gantai laughed, “That’s not necessary. Since we would be cooperating with each other, it means that we are friends. What’s the need to talk about an extra portion of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein? Brother Ning, although we had some minor misunderstandings in the past, I would like to make a proposal to make our cooperation sincerer.”

“Brother Duan, please speak.” Ning Cheng responded with a solemn tone.

“Brother Ning, I have a Connecting Spirit Silk. Does Brother Ning know about the uses of the Connecting Spirit Silk?” Duan Gantai spoke with a more relaxed tone.

Ning Cheng shook his head and spoke, “I’ve never heard of it. What is this Connecting Spirit Silk?”

Although he said that, Ning Cheng felt shocked in his heart. This person was so wealthy that he even had a Connecting Spirit Silk. As a Celestial River King who could refine high-grade Dao Artefacts, how could Ning Cheng not know about Connecting Spirit Silk? Connecting Spirit Silk was something extremely challenging to create; at the very least, he could not create it with his current capabilities.

The Connecting Spirit Silk was invisible and formless, something that ordinary Spiritual Consciousnesses cannot detect. To make this object, one not only needed a robust Spiritual Consciousness and high-level Artefact-crafting Skills but also extremely precious Artefact-crafting raw materials.

Connecting Spirit Silk only had one effect. That is, it would tie two people together invisibly. Once one of the two went beyond a certain distance, the other person would immediately know about it. At the same time, the Connecting Spirit Silk also produces a strong pulling force, and would always pull the two people towards each other if they were within a certain distance. Moreover, only if the two parties involved mutually agreed to remove it would the Connecting Spirit Silk come off.

Duan Gantai explained, "Connecting Spirit Silk would help us not wander away from each other easily. There are two tokens for this thing, and we each would have to refine one. When we find the Temple of Time, we can then remove the Connecting Spirit Silk. Brother Ning, what do you think about such an arrangement?"

This time, Ning Cheng couldn't understand what Duan Gantai meant. From the looks of it, Duan Gantai was playing with fire. This person most likely had also realised that he wouldn't be able to grab his Perpetual Moon Time Key from him, so he wanted to use this method to tie both together. There were potentially two purposes for this. One was to find an opportunity to kill him, which would give all the things he owned to Duan Gantai by default. The other purpose was to continue working together till they reached the Temple of Time; in that case, he wouldn't immediately make a move to kill Ning Cheng but would allow him to spy on his movements.

In fact, Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai both felt the same way. Ning Cheng was also afraid that he would lose track of Duan Gantai. Once Duan Gantai left, where would he go to search for the Perpetual Moon Time Key with Duan Gantai?

Duan Gantai wanted to kill him, but he also wanted to kill Duan Gantai for the same reason. Moreover, Ning Cheng was sure that Duan Gantai had a way to remove the Connecting Spirit Silk without his consent.

However, Ning Cheng did not feel afraid because of it. He could easily cast the Sunset's Twilight within his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness. Since Duan Gantai could remove the Connecting Spirit Silk without his consent, he could also remove the Connecting Spirit Silk without Duan Gantai's permission.

If he could cast Sunset's Twilight in his Sea of Consciousness, he could use that momentary pause to sever his connection with the Connecting Spirit Silk.

Ning Cheng hesitated for a while before he spoke, "I don't have any problems with it. But I'm afraid that if Brother Duan met an unexpected demise, would I be able to ever untie the Connecting Spirit Silk?"

Although these words might sound like a cheap jab, the fact was that Ning Cheng wanted Duan Gantai to know that without Duan Gantai, Ning Cheng wouldn't be able to untie the Connecting Spirit Silk.

Duan Gantai cursed at him within his heart. You should go meet an 'unexpected demise'. However, the smile over his face grew more complacent, "How would it be possible? If I were in any danger, I'm sure Brother Ning would not sit by and do nothing. Brother Ning can rest assured that even if you die, I will help you unlock the Connecting Spirit Silk."

"In that case, so be it. Also, Brother Duan, where should we go from here?" Ning Cheng smiled and did not continue that topic. He had already expressed what he wanted to convey.

“I know of a place called Mysterious Yellow Starland. This starland is quite far from the Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor’s Temple of Time. However, with our speed, we could reach it in at most twenty years from there.” Duan Gantai replied.

“How do we get to this Mysterious Yellow Starland?” Ning Cheng asked with a calm voice. However, he couldn’t help but feel something strange about it in his heart. This name sounded pretty much the same as his Mysterious Yellow Bead.

“Does Brother Ning know about the Eternal Night Single File Gorge? If we go through the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, we can then reach the Mysterious Yellow Starland.”

Eternal Night Single File Gorge? Ning Cheng didn’t expect that he would have to go through the Eternal Night Single File Gorge this early.

“Ok, let’s head to the Eternal Night Single File Gorge. Brother Duan, give me a Connecting Spirit Silk token, I’ll bind it now.” Whether or not he went to the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, Ning Cheng immediately agreed to Duan Gantai’s proposal.

“It’s really a pleasure working with you. I knew it was for the best to seek out Brother Ning for cooperation.” Duan Gantai took out what seemed to resemble a formless ring and passed it to Ning Cheng, “This is one of the tokens of the Connecting Spirit Silk. Brother Ning, as long as you just looped the ring around your wrist and injected it with a little bit of spirit sense, the Connecting Spirit Silk would automatically attach itself to you.”

As soon as Ning Cheng obtained the Connecting Spirit Silk, his spiritual consciousness immediately swept towards it. This Connecting Spirit Silk looked and felt like air, and did not seem to have any weight as it rested over his palm.

Ning Cheng knew that he had not guessed wrong at least one thing. With his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness, coupled with the Spiritual Consciousness Blades, if he wanted to sever the connection with the Connecting Spirit Silk, he would not have to go through Duan Gantai.

Knowing that the Connecting Spirit Silk would not have any effect on him, Ning Cheng did not hesitate to put the Connecting Spirit Silk over his wrist and injected a trace of his spirit sense into it.

Seeing Ning Cheng not hesitate to wear the Connecting Spirit Silk, Duan Gantai couldn’t help but have some admiration towards Ning Cheng in his heart. This fellow surnamed Ning might have a shrewd mind, but he also had courage. Seeing that, Duan Gantai naturally could not fall behind. He took out another Connecting Spirit Silk token and put it on.

When Duan Gantai wore the Connecting Spirit Silk, Ning Cheng immediately felt Duan Gantai’s distance from his position. Moreover, every movement of Duan Gantai appeared within his range of perception. From this, Ning Cheng also realised that all his actions were also under Duan Gantai’s surveillance.

“Brother Ning, from now on, we would have to work together as we both are now in the same boat and strive to get to the Temple of Time as soon as possible.” Duan Gantai smiled and spoke to Ning Cheng with cupped fists.

Ning Cheng also smiled and spoke, “Brother Duan said it right. Let’s head to the Eternal Night Single File Gorge now.”

Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai both spoke with sincerity and with cupped fists. Then, both brought out their flight-type weapons and flew towards the Eternal Night Single File Gorge.

Although Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai reached an agreement, the Su Clan within the Eternal Night City had turned upside down. Just as Ning Cheng guessed, the moment that he and Duan Gantai walked out of the front yard and left, Su Clan's Eternal-level powerhouses immediately teleported into the Eternal Night City. However, all they saw was a Su Clan drained of its Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein.

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A few months later, Ning Cheng stood before the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, finally understanding why it had such a name.

The Eternal Night Single File Gorge was truly like its name, with towering cliffs on both sides facing each other. As one's spiritual consciousness swept out, one would only find chaotic space everywhere. But in the middle of the two cliffs was a narrow path about three inches in width. The oppression one felt within this confined space was enough to oppress people to death, let alone allow them to pass through this seemingly endless path.

"Brother Ning, this place is a little narrow, making me a bit unsure about it. If Brother Ning also does not feel sure about it, we'll have to find another way through it." Duan Gantai spoke with sincerity.

Ning Cheng spoke up, "To tell the truth, I do not have much confidence either. How about Brother Duan leading the way? When we reach the Temple of Time, I promise to work harder. Moreover, I also have an appointment with a friend, but it's not time yet. Let me send my friend a message."

Duan Gantai quickly replied, "Brother Ning, since we are in this together, I naturally would not hurry without you."

Ning Cheng affirmed that Duan Gantai had a way to get through the Eternal Night Single File Gorge. Since Duan Gantai could go through the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, then it also meant that Duan Gantai could use his spiritual consciousness in this place. Ning Cheng prepared himself for this; moreover, since Duan Gantai can pass through the Wood Transformation Forest, his spiritual consciousness could extend at least a few feet around him in that place.

Song Chengbo's reply arrived quickly. He said that he can't reach the Eternal Night Single File Gorge within a year and let Ning Cheng go in first.

"My friend can't come for the time being. Brother Duan, please lead the way." Ning Cheng waved a polite hand and wanted to see how Duan Gantai would pass through the Eternal Night Single File Gorge.

"Ok, I'll go in first. If Brother Ning needs help, just shout." Duan Gantai finished, and seemingly not afraid of Ning Cheng coming up behind him, directly rushed into the Eternal Night Single File Gorge.

Ning Cheng clearly saw Duan Gantai's body becoming as flat as a hair in just an instant, allowing him to quickly pass through the gap between the two cliffs and disappear from his vision. If it weren't for the Connecting Spirit Silk, Ning Cheng couldn't have felt Duan Gantai's location.

As expected, this fellow really could use his spiritual consciousness and celestial essence. Moreover, not only could he use then, he could even take a leisurely stroll in this place.

Seeing this, Ning Cheng became even warier of Duan Gantai. However, he still decided to rush into the Eternal Night Single File Gorge. As soon as he entered the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, Ning Cheng's body turned soft, and in just a few breaths, it disappeared from the entrance of the Single File Gorge.

As Duan Gantai felt Ning Cheng's location and the distance from him, he couldn't help but curse at this bastard within his heart. He understood that this bastard surnamed Ning, not only could use his spiritual consciousness and celestial essence in this place, he was also no weaker than him.

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Chapter 678: Mysterious Yellow Starland

After entering the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, Ning Cheng finally learned that what Song Chengbo had said about this place was not nonsense at all. If there were no way to use one's spiritual consciousness and celestial essence here, this place would turn into his or her graveyard.

He'd been moving forward in Eternal Night Single File Gorge for a month now, yet he still could not see a way out of this place. Not only that, there were still blade lights and spacial storms occasionally scraping through the area. If it were a regular place, where one had access to their celestial essence and spiritual consciousness, one would not need to concentrate too much to avoid these blade lights and the storms.

But this was not an ordinary place. Ning Cheng's starry sky spiritual consciousness finally managed to stretch out to a range of 30 feet after a month. However, because of severe restrictions this place put on the spiritual consciousness, Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel even more afraid of Duan Gantai. Duan Gantai seemed to be more capable in this place compared to him, which showed that this person's spiritual consciousness was no weaker than his own, maybe even more powerful.

Faced with spacial blades and storms within the Single File Gorge, ordinary cultivators in the Heaven Seated Realm, even if they could bring out their spiritual consciousness and use their celestial essence, they would still suffer a lot of injuries if they continued to walk in this place for a long time. However, Ning Cheng, who kept a close eye on Duan Gantai through the Connecting Spirit Silk, found no sign of injuries. Therefore, either Duan Gantai was a Body Forging Cultivator, or he had a way to protect himself from injuries.

The Single File Gorge went on like a bottomless pit. Although Ning Cheng could cultivate while walking, he did not dare to do so within this Single File Gorge. Not just because he had not yet passed through the Single File Gorge, but mainly because of time bomb like Duan Gantai hovering around him.

If he had not heard from Song Chengbo that one could indeed leave through the Eternal Night Single File Gorge, Ning Cheng would have thought that the Single File Gorge was a trap set up for him by Duan Gantai.

Six months later, Ning Cheng had still not come out of the Single File Gorge. Ning Cheng couldn't help but give out a sigh at this; unfortunately, he had not wholly refined the Starry Sky Wheel. If he had fully refined the Starry Sky Wheel, he could then transform the Starry Sky Wheel into a specific shape and then control the Starry Sky Wheel to pass through this Single File Gorge.

The only thing Ning Cheng felt thankful was that his spiritual consciousness could now cover a range of nearly a hundred feet around him. This place held dangers all around and might not be a good thing for him, but at least it helped in tempering his spiritual consciousness.

Because Ning Cheng kept his spiritual consciousness in a continuous state of concentration, it could stretch out beyond a hundred feet if focussed in one direction. This allowed his spiritual consciousness to sense a spacial dislocation that had suddenly appeared not far from him. If he had continued to rush forward with the same speed, this spacial dislocation would have torn his body in half. Not to mention that he had a Celestial River Body, even if he had a Starry Sky Body, it would not have stopped this spacial dislocation.

In a hurry, Ning Cheng refused to think of anything else; forcibly distorting his body, he managed to avoid the spacial dislocation in an instant.

However, despite avoiding the spacial dislocation, Ning Cheng still felt scared and broke out in cold sweats. Fortunately, his spiritual consciousness could extend to a range of a hundred feet; otherwise, it would have been impossible to avoid it with its speed. Because of this experience, Ning Cheng subconsciously slowed down. If he had to face more spacial dislocations, then it would only make things more dangerous from this point on.

At the same time, he grew even more vigilant towards Duan Gantai. This person had obviously escaped that same spacial dislocation, yet he did not give him a single warning about it. Apparently, Duan Gantai wanted to see him torn into two halves by it.

Ning Cheng felt sure that if he could not have avoided the spacial dislocation, Duan Gantai would have immediately turned back to kill him.

However, whether Duan Gantai warned him in advance or not, Ning Cheng did not care about it. If he was in the front, he might also not have alerted Duan Gantai. What Ning Cheng did feel a bit concerned about was that Duan Gantai had not reduced his speed at all. How could he continue rushing forward with such quick speed?

If it were not Duan Gantai's spiritual consciousness extending over a more considerable distance compared to the range of his spiritual consciousness, then the only other explanation was that Duan Gantai must have traversed the Single File Gorge in the past. If that were the case, it would make sense that he knew where the spacial dislocations would pop up in this place.

Sensing that Ning Cheng had slowed down, Duan Gantai gave out a sigh. This Ning Cheng was the first worthy rival in his life. He had once travelled through the Single File Gorge previously and had made a point to memorise the locations of all spacial dislocations within this path. Yet, even though Ning Cheng had followed him with such speed, Ning Cheng still managed to avoid the spacial dislocation. This also highlighted Ning Cheng's strength.

Knowing that Ning Cheng had turned cautious, the other spacial dislocations would no longer pose any threat to Ning Cheng. Therefore, Duan Gantai also decided to decrease his speed.

Another two months later, Ning Cheng's surroundings turned utterly empty, with only an occasional spacial wind blade blowing around. Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness also expanded, reflecting the surrounding void in his spiritual consciousness.

Out of the Single File Gorge, Ning Cheng truly felt happy in his heart. He must have come out of the Single File Gorge.

“Brother Ning, this younger brother really admires you. I had encountered several critical situations and almost died on the way here. Yet, Brother Ning was able to safely navigate through the Eternal Night Single File Gorge.” Duan Gantai’s voice came from somewhere up ahead, indicating that he had already come out of the spacial wind blade clusters.

Ning Cheng’s body returned to normal and quickly left the spacial storm and arrived not far from Duan Gantai. He gave out a laugh and said, “I just have some good luck on my side. The spacial dislocations along the way had nearly cost me my life several times. If not for Brother Duan’s help, I don’t think I could have made the trip to the Temple of Time.”

Duan Gantai could clearly hear Ning Cheng’s sarcasm, but he gave a chuckle and said, “Brother Ning, let’s go to the Mysterious Yellow Starland and prepare ourselves before heading to the Temple of Time, what do you say?”

Ning Cheng gave a casual reply, “Brother Duan seems to be familiar with this place, and since Brother Duan brought me here, then, of course, I would continue listening to Brother Duan.”

“Then this younger brother will take the lead,” Duan Gantai showed a smile and brought out a high-grade airship-type Dao Artefact before quickly flying away.

Ning Cheng did not take out the Starry Sky Wheel this time and instead brought out a middle-grade airship-type Dao Artefact and followed.

A month later, standing on the deck of the airship-type Dao Artefact, Ning Cheng could already see an area up ahead that resembled a starry sky. Although he was not sure if this region was still in the same positional plane as the Grand Culmination Starry Sky, Ning Cheng knew that he truly had left the void crack between the positional planes and interfaces.

Another month later, a huge starland appeared in front of Ning Cheng. Unlike the Eternal Night Domain, this starland was a real starry sky mainland. Moreover, this starland was by no means grey like the Eternal Night Domain but had layers of green surrounding it.

“Brother Ning, this is the Mysterious Yellow Starland, a completely independent starland and separate from the other starry sky starlands. Don’t worry, I’ll take you to get an identity card for the starland.”

From Duan Gantai’s words, Ning Cheng instantly understood that this person had come to the Mysterious Yellow Starland in the past.

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This Mysterious Yellow Starland handled the procedures for the Identity Jade Cards in roughly the same manner as the other starlands. Just as Ning Cheng predicted, Duan Gantai did not need an Identity Jade Card, nor did he have to go through any of the other required paperwork. He could directly enter the Mysterious Yellow Starland with Ning Cheng.

“Brother Ning, I have been to the Mysterious Yellow Starland before, but you need to know that there are six most powerful forces in the Mysterious Yellow Starland, collectively referred to as ‘One Sect, Two Clans, and Three Unions.’”

Ning Cheng quickly spoke up, “Brother Duan, please elaborate.”

Duan Gantai revealed a slightly smug expression, "The 'One Sect' refers to the Impermanence Dao Sect, the 'Two Clans' refer to the Tie Clan and Shui Clan of Moyi City[1]. The 'Three Unions' refer to the Interdependence Chamber of Commerce, the Mysterious Yellow Chamber of Commerce and the Scattered People Assembly. Moyi City is the same as the Eternal Night Domain's Eternal Night City and has an extremely high status throughout the Mysterious Yellow Starland. Therefore, we'll be heading to the Moyi Starry Sky City,"

At this point, Duan Gantai deliberately paused and asked, "Brother Ning, do you know what the speciality of the Mysterious Yellow Starland?"

Ning Cheng shook his head and spoke, "I don't know. Brother Duan, please enlighten me."

Duan Gantai smiled and spoke, "Even if I did not say anything about it, you would have come to know about it as long as you entered Moyi City. Throughout the Mysterious Yellow Starland, the most popular article is wine. A wine called 'None to Depend On'."

Ning Cheng felt surprised. He never imagined that the original 'None To Depend On' Wine came from the Mysterious Yellow Starland. But Ning Cheng quickly quelled the surprise, realising that this place most likely was in the same positional plane as the Grand Culmination Starry Skies. If he explored things here, he might be able to return to the Grand Culmination Starry Sky and see Luofei and Qionghua.

Duan Gantai did not pay attention to Ning Cheng's expression and continued to speak in a complacent tone, "The None To Depend On Wine is the premier treasure of the Interdependence Chamber of Commerce. All the supply of None To Depend On Wine within this starry sky comes from the Interdependence Chamber of Commerce. However, they produce only very little of this wine every year, which means that it's out of reach for most of the people. But Brother Ning, if you want it, I can buy some for you."

"Is Brother Duan from the Mysterious Yellow Starland?" Ning Cheng casually asked. However, he was very concerned about the answer. If Duan Gantai truly came from the Mysterious Yellow Starland, then Ning Cheng would have to be even more careful, as it would mean that this was Duan Gantai's home. At that point, it would truly be strange if he obtained any harvest by following Duan Gantai.

Duan Gantai gave a casual wave, "I'm not from the Mysterious Yellow Starland. I used to live in the Mysterious Yellow Starland for some time and had built up a relationship with Moyi City's Shui Clan. For some reason, the elders of the Shui Clan promised me that if I could advance to the Heaven Seated Realm, I could then marry Shui Clan's premier beauty Shui Wuchang, on the added condition that I would marry into Shui Clan."

Ning Cheng's mind had nothing but black lines at this moment. How was this surnamed Duan involved everywhere? No, how was it that people would readily accept him as their son-in-law?

Seeing Ning Cheng frown, Duan Gantai quickly spoke up, "Brother Ning, you don't have to worry. Shui Clan is an upright family, completely different from Su Clan. There is no way that they would make any moves to trick you or me."

Ning Cheng suddenly smiled and nodded; however, he felt truly disdainful in his heart. Wouldn't they do this if they did not know what's on you? He was now sure that Duan Gantai had many treasures. As

for what treasures Duan Gantai had, if Duan Gantai himself did not reveal them, then no one would know about it.

While the two people conversed, Duan Gantai landed outside a huge city. This city had an array formation filled with shimmering lights covering it from all sides, which made it look like a city suspended in clouds, giving it a stunning appearance.

Above the city's entrance, one could see three characters 'Moyi City'. On the side, and embedded into the array formation, was an incomparably huge stone tablet with twelve words, "Always apart, abandoned heart; looking at the distant stars, none to depend on!"

"Oh, Senior Shui advanced to the Eternal Realm." Duan Gantai spoke in amazement.

Ning Cheng then saw a huge banner erected on the other side of the entrance, which read, "Congratulations to Moyi City's Senior Shui Guangxi for stepping into the Eternal Realm and achieving the supreme Grand Dao. Dao Friends from all sides of the Mysterious Yellow Starland are welcome to the Shui Clan's hall to congratulate Eternal Starry Sky Emperor Shi Guangxi! Come partake in the grand ceremony!"

"Brother Ning, Senior Shui Gongxi has stepped into the Eternal Realm. I must go to attend the celebration to congratulate him. Does Brother Ning want to come with me? Regardless, I suggest that Brother Ning should come together with me, that way we could avoid many unintentional mistakes." Duan Gantai spoke up again.

"Okay, then I will come with Brother Duan to explore this place." Ning Cheng showed a smile and spoke up.

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Chapter 679: An old friend in Moyi City

Ning Cheng had been to the Eternal Night Domain's Su Clan, and now he was standing in front of the entrance to the Shui Clan. At this moment, he only had a single thought in his heart. That is, the difference between Eternal Night Domain's Su Clan and Shui Clan was akin to the difference between a thatched cottage and a golden palace. Moyi City's Shui Clan, the imposing aura oozing from these words merged with the defensive formations around the Shui Clan, which not only made it look elegant but also very majestic.

"Brother Ning, I'm planning on sending 100,000 Permanent Essence Pills. What are you going to offer? You need to know that you can't just offer a casual gift or send in too little; otherwise, you might not even gain entry to the main hall." Duan Gantai stood in front of Shui Clan's entrance and asked in a low voice.

Ning Cheng shot a disbelieving look at Duan Gantai, "Brother Duan, aren't you giving too much away? A hundred thousand Perpetual Moon Pills?"

Duan Gantai spoke up with a straight face, "This can't even be considered much. Apart from sending the hundred thousand Perpetual Moon Pills, I plan to also send the half Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein that I obtained. Who among the guests visiting the Shui Clan doesn't have a high status? If I send anything

less, even I might not get to enter the main hall. What's more, the Shui Clan and I have some connections, so I'll do my best."

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart, Duan Gantai, you might be Shui Clan's son-in-law, but I, Ning Cheng, am not. Although he felt disdain, he still spoke with a calm expression, "Brother Duan, I'm just a poor man. You also know that I do not have many good things to send. I can only send a million Perpetual Moon Pills."

Ning Cheng might not have much of other things, but he had a lot of Perpetual Moon Pills. However, he can't just arbitrarily bring out a flood of it either. Ning Cheng felt that it was more than enough to take out a million Perpetual Moon Pills. He and the Shui Clan didn't have any relationship and had only come here to 'participate' in the Eternal Starry Sky Emperor's ascendance ceremony. As for going to the main hall, he did not care about it at all.

"Brother Ning, if you only sent a million Perpetual Moon Pills, you might not even be able to step through the Shui Clan's entrance.[1]" Duan Gantai felt somewhat speechless. It was one thing for this surnamed Ning to have a cunning mind, but this person was even stingy.

"Never mind then, it's better if I did not go inside. I'll wait for you outside." Ning Cheng said without batting an eye. He did not believe that Duan Gantai would make a losing sale. Duan Gantai most likely had a purpose for sending so many things as congratulatory gifts. As for Ning Cheng, he had nothing to do with it. He anyways lacked cultivation resources; therefore, how could he possibly 'gift' it to others?

Duan Gantai showed a frown, "Brother Ning, it's not that this younger brother is forcing you to send a gift. But it's because of the Connecting Spirit Silk between us. If it were an open area, it would not have mattered. But there are all kinds of array formations all over this place, not to mention many powerful cultivators. Moreover, the Shielding Array Formations in this place would also have some effect on the Connecting Spirit Silk."

"What's more, if an expert notices our Connecting Spirit Silk, they might decide to break it. Breaking the Connecting Spirit Silk is just a trivial matter, but in that scenario, the two of us would be in a lot of danger. Therefore, when in Moyi City, it's better to remain close to each other, at least let's not get too far apart."

After a moment of hesitation, Duan Gantai spoke up, "Brother Ning, I have an idea, but it might wrong you a little. You can pretend to my steward. That way you can follow me inside without the need to give any gifts."

Ning Cheng understood what Duan Gantai wanted to say. What steward, to put it bluntly, Duan Gantai wanted him to act as his servant. However, Ning Cheng didn't care about it at all and gave a casual reply, "Whether a butler or a steward, I don't care."

He anyway did not have enough cultivation resources for himself; therefore, he can't take out a hundred thousand Permanent Essence Pills and the other half of the Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein. Besides, he truly could not take out the hundred thousand Permanent Essence Pills as he did not have it.

While Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai 'negotiated' with each other, two slim figures walked past them. Of these two female cultivators, the female cultivator on the left wore a blue robe and did not have a

celestial wheel. When Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness subconsciously brushed past her, he felt an intense shock pass through his heart. He simply could not gauge the cultivation of this female cultivator.

Even the female cultivator on the right did not have any celestial wheel. However, when Ning Cheng's gaze fell on the female cultivator on the right, also wearing a blue robe, he felt stunned. He felt an intense familiarity with this female cultivator's figure.

Just when Ning Cheng was about to stretch out his spiritual consciousness to take a closer look at this female cultivator in blue robes, an extremely overbearing spiritual consciousness swept down. It immediately caused his chest to tighten up, forcing Ning Cheng to quickly retract his spiritual consciousness and even subconsciously take a step back.

The overbearing spiritual consciousness, on realising that Ning Cheng had retreated, did not choose to target him. Ning Cheng, at this moment, felt secretly horrified. He confirmed from the sweep of that blue-robed female cultivator's overbearing spiritual consciousness that she had terrifyingly high cultivation. Moreover, Ning Cheng also affirmed that this female cultivator cultivated a genuine spiritual consciousness cultivation method, which was far stronger than his made-up spiritual consciousness cultivation method.

Duan Gantai quickly understood that Ning Cheng had suffered a loss with just a glance. He smiled and spoke up, "Brother Ning, this place currently has mighty experts from every corner. Please don't casually sweep out with your spiritual consciousness. Even if you see a beautiful female cultivator, don't sweep around; otherwise, hehe..."

By this time, Duan Gantai had already walked up to the huge entrance to the Shui Clan. After what Ning Cheng experienced a moment ago, he decided to indulge this person for now.

"Butterfly Mountain's Duan Gantai sends a gift of one hundred thousand Permanent Essence Pills.... And half a Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein..... Congratulations...." Duan Gantai's gift immediately shocked the cultivator receiving the offerings at the entrance. This sort of gift was just too generous. If everyone could give 'gifts' like Duan Gantai, then the Shui Clan would have sent out many more invitations.

Ning Cheng also lamented the 'generosity' of Duan Gantai. He had already guessed that Duan Gantai was much wealthier compared to him, but even so, Duan Gantai truly was a little too generous. Even Ning Cheng couldn't help but doubt if the person in front of him was the Duan Gantai he knew.

Not only did the items shock the cultivator accepting the congratulatory gifts, but even the cultivators behind them, along with those who had just gone inside, all of them turned around to look at Duan Gantai.

"Haha, virtuous nephew, it hasn't even been a decade.... Huh...." A laughing voice greeted them, but it had not finished its words when it exclaimed in surprise. The voice then continued with a pleasantly surprised tone, "Nephew Duan, you really stepped into the Heaven Seated Realm. Good, good.... I truly did not misjudge you. It looks like my Shui Clan will enjoy double the happiness today."

Ning Cheng, by this moment, could clearly see the new entrant. This was a white-faced middle-aged cultivator, who possessed quite the handsome looks. As for his cultivation, it looked somewhere around the early stage of Heaven Seated Realm.

Duan Gantai quickly gave a ceremonial bow, "Duan Gantai greets Uncle Qiao. Meeting after a decade, I can see that Uncle Qiao's cultivation has also improved by another level."

"Haha, Gantai, you don't have to speak with such politeness with me. We're family now. If one talked about cultivation, who here could compare to nephew Gantai." The middle-aged man pulled on Duan Gantai's hand and spoke with what seemed like a genuinely happy expression.

Ning Cheng on seeing this middle-aged man pull on Duan Gantai's hand so enthusiastically felt a strange chill pass through his heart. Wasn't this a trend common among people with same-sex preferences?

Duan Gantai did not forget Ning Cheng and quickly pointed at him and said, "Uncle, this person is your little nephew's steward. Steward Ning, this is my elder uncle Shui Caiqiao, Junior Apprentice Sister Shui Wuchang's father."

Ning Cheng knew that Shui Wuchang was Shui Clan's little princess, and now he got to see that she was also Shui Caiqiao's daughter. Regardless of if Shui Caiqiao had taken a fancy to Duan Gantai, Ning Cheng still couldn't understand why he wanted to marry his daughter to Duan Gantai?

"Ning Cheng greets Senior Shui." Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel a little sick with all this. He was a Heaven Seated Cultivator, and Shui Caiqiao was also a Heaven Seated Cultivator, with not a particularly high cultivation. Yet, he still had to call him 'Senior', which was a bit sickening for him.

Shui Caiqiao, on seeing the celestial wheels behind Ning Cheng, estimated that Ning Cheng was somewhere around half-step to Heaven Seated Realm. However, since Ning Cheng was Duan Gantai's servant, he did not care about him at all and only gave a random nod before once again enthusiastically starting a chat with Duan Gantai, "Gantai, you go to the guest hall first. After attending the Clan Head's advancement ceremony, we both can then go see Wuchang."

"Ok, this Gantai will obey." Duan Gantai's performance was more respectful than a grandson.

Ning Cheng felt secretly speechless at this while thinking back to the killing intent that Duan Gantai had unleashed when talking about the Su Clan. He couldn't help but admit that this Duan Gantai truly was an excellent actor.

Under the guidance of the welcoming cultivators from Shui Clan, Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai entered the Shui Clan's guest hall. At this moment, the guest hall already contained many cultivators. Although these cultivators did not intentionally release their imposing aura, Ning Cheng still felt it the moment he walked into the room.

However, since he was now a Heaven Seated Expert, this combined imposing aura had no effect over him.

Knowing that anyone who entered this hall was most likely an overlord of a region, Ning Cheng did not carelessly use his spiritual consciousness. Instead, he just swept around the room with his eyes. However, when he saw the two female cultivators from before once again, his eyes suddenly stopped.

No wonder he felt quite a familiarity from the back of that female cultivator. That female cultivator, wearing a light blue robe, turned out to be Tian Muwan. But wasn't Tian Muwan on Earth?

Then Ning Cheng's gaze moved to the other blue-robed female cultivator standing next to Tian Muwan. Tian Muwan currently had a Celestial Shatterer Cultivation, which meant that it most likely had something to do with this female cultivator.

As for Tian Muwan, she kept her head down, and no one knew what she was thinking. Therefore, although Ning Cheng saw her, she didn't see Ning Cheng.

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Chapter 680: The Powerful Female Cultivator

A Heaven Seated Cultivator wearing a colourful robe walked onto the main stage set up in the middle of the guest hall and gave a ceremonial respect-filled bow towards all the cultivators in the room before he spoke, "Respected distinguished guests and friends...."

"Wait...." Everyone knew that the Heaven Seated Cultivator was about to talk about the Eternal Starry Sky Emperor's Ascendance Ceremony; however, no one expected that someone would dare to interrupt the words of this Heaven Seated Cultivator at this moment.

In just a moment, everyone's gaze immediately focussed on the person who interrupted the words of the Heaven Seated Cultivator from the Shui Clan. It was almost a slap to the face of the clan, as it was a special ceremony hosted to commemorate and celebrate the ascendance of a Shui Clan's cultivator to the level of a Starry Sky Emperor. Although it cannot technically be categorised as face-slapping, it was one of the most direct forms of provocation.

This person would die, a single thought rang through all the hearts of the guests present in this hall. Even Ning Cheng felt that the one who interrupted the person from the Shui Clan in mid-sentence would face a lot of trouble. Who would happily tolerate this kind of interruption, let alone Moyi City's famous Shui Clan?

However, Ning Cheng felt slightly surprised when he realised that the person who interrupted was the young-looking female cultivator next to Tian Muwan. Although he could not see this female cultivator's cultivation level, he could sense that this female cultivator was not someone simple at all. A female cultivator without a celestial wheel, but an unfathomable cultivation level, it immediately made him recall Zhongli Baichi's words. If this woman did not cultivate using a Primal Chaos Cultivation Method, then the only explanation was that the origin of her cultivation method was entirely different compared to those from this positional plane.

As for thinking that this female cultivator cultivated a garbage cultivation method, Ning Cheng wouldn't believe it even if this woman openly declared it. If a garbage cultivation method could help her cultivate to the extent that one couldn't even see her cultivation, then this garbage cultivation method was just too formidable.

He had wondered about the identity of this cultivator who had brought Tian Muwan here, but it looks like he might not have the chance to investigate it himself.

In truth, Ning Cheng didn't truly care about that blue-robed female cultivator. However, when Ning Cheng's gaze fell on that female cultivator's face, only the word 'stunning' rang through his heart; an exquisite beauty. In his view, only Shen Qinyu could match her in looks.

Shen Qinyu, admittedly, was the most beautiful woman Ning Cheng had ever seen till now. When he first saw Shen Qinyu's original appearance, what he experienced was not Shen Qinyu's 'beauty', but an exquisite landscape painting paired with the most delicate song.

At this moment, Ning Cheng once again experienced a similar level of beauty when his gaze landed on the female cultivator wearing the light blue robes with a kingdom-toppling face. However, her beauty and Shen Qinyu's beauty were of two completely different types.

Shen Qinyu's beauty invoked a feeling of looking at an exquisite landscape painting, akin to watching hibiscus flowers slowly emerge from freshwater. But this female cultivator's appearance invoked an impression of an elegant and delicate sculpture that came into being naturally. A perfect face without any trace of blemish, with skin fair mixed with hints of reds. Just from her face alone, she looked like a woman of 28 years. She even had bright and innocent-looking eyes, as if any ugly thing would just melt away into nothingness if gazed upon with such eyes.

To Ning Cheng's surprise, he felt a hint of an inexplicable immortal aura coming from this female cultivator. This immortal aura within Ning Cheng's mind arose due to the ancient Chinese legends he had read as a child. However, now that he started cultivating, and even became a starry sky cultivator, he knew that starry sky cultivators were utterly different from the immortals in those ancient legends. Yet still, he couldn't help but feel that this female cultivator had some resemblance to those legendary immortals from ancient Chinese history.

Ning Cheng quickly retracted his gaze and noticed that the rest of the cultivators seemed to have their gazes glued to the face of this female cultivator wearing the pale blue robe.

"How dare a woman like you dare to be so disrespectful in the guest hall of my Shui Clan. Get out of here...." Two cultivators in the Heaven Seated Realm, standing next to the main stage of the guest hall, rushed up almost at the same time. Judging by their movements, they apparently wanted to grab this female cultivator in pale blue robes and throw her out.

"Bang-Bang.... Boom...." Two shadows had just rushed out when a series of muffled sounds emerged. An instant later, all the cultivators in the guest hall including Ning Cheng, saw two big holes suddenly appear in the walls of the room with shock plastered all over their faces.

Apparently, the two holes came into existence when the female cultivator in the pale blue robes did something to the two cultivators in the Heaven Seated Realm, the same two cultivators who wanted to throw her out. To the people within the hall, no one had any idea of what this female cultivator wearing a pale blue robe did.

Even cultivators in the Eternal Realm can't blow away two cultivators in the Heaven Seated Realm this quickly. To put it in another way, even if one could blow them away, the defensive array formations augmenting the walls of the room were not just for show. How could someone open a hole within the walls of the room under such protection, let alone two at the same time?

At this moment, the whole hall turned silent. The only possibility was that this female cultivator's cultivation level had surpassed that of the cultivators in the Eternal Realm. No wonder this woman dared to interrupt the speech. This sort of courage stemmed from her personal strength.

“Humph.” The female cultivator gave a cold snort as if she had stuck a fly instead of a person, with a disgusted expression.

Striking people from the Shui Clan at the Shui Clan’s Eternal Starry Sky Emperor’s Ascendance Ceremony, this definitely was a big deal. However, the several cultivators from the Shui Clan could only dare to look from afar, not daring to come forward at all.

“Back down...” A stern voice sounded, and the Shui Clan cultivators, who wanted nothing more than to run away from this place, quickly retreated, and disappeared without a trace.

A powerful imposing aura descended, to which Ning Cheng instinctively deployed his Celestial River Domain. But he kept it wrapped around him instead of spreading out, which immediately blocked the majestic aura from reaching him. His gaze immediately locked in with the cultivator who just arrived. This cultivator had a head full of blonde hair and was almost two meters tall. He had a long horse-like face which one could commit to memory with just a glance.

“Shui Clan’s disciples didn’t understand the rules and ended up offending Dao Friend. I hope that Dao Friend would not take this incident to heart just because of them. This old man is Shui Guangxi, can I ask this Dao Friend’s surname.” The blonde horse-faced cultivator respectfully asked the blue-robed female cultivator.

Ning Cheng also realised why he felt such a formidable imposing aura. Turns out, this person was Shui Clan’s Clan Head, Shui Guanxi, the one who just advanced to the Eternal Realm.

The blue-robed female cultivator nodded and spoke, “Dao Friend Shui, I’m surnamed Ye, and strayed onto the Mysterious Yellow Starland by mistake. Today, I just wanted to take the opportunity to borrow Dao Friend Shui’s Eternal Hall to purchase two things.”

Ning Cheng instantly recognised that this female cultivator surnamed Ye had an intelligent mind. The things she wanted most likely were rare treasures, at least not the kind that one could purchase from ordinary merchant houses. Shui Guangxi’s Eternal Ascendance Ceremony would attract the most powerful and the most influential characters within the Mysterious Yellow Starland. Which meant that these people would have things that one might not get at ordinary merchant shops.

However, regardless of the strength of this female cultivator, Ning Cheng didn’t quite agree with the way she did things. If it were him, he certainly would not have used such a radical approach. He would wait till Shu Guangxi’s Eternal Starry Sky Ceremony finished before talking about an exchange. Under normal circumstances, such kinds of exchange events regularly happened between cultivators; therefore, there was no need to be in such a hurry.

“So, it was like this. Since Dao Friend Ye chose to grace my Shui Clan, then it is my Shui Clan’s honour to cater to you.” Shui Guangxi smiled and spoke with cupped fists and polite words, without any hint of dissatisfaction.

After that, he then turned towards the rest of the guest cultivators in the hall and spoke up with cupped fists, “Today is a big day for me, Shui Guangxi, to have become an Eternal Starry Sky Emperor. I thank you all for coming to celebrate this day with me at my Shui Clan. Originally, this ceremony was supposed to be slightly longer, but because Dao Friend Ye needs to exchange for a few things, then I, Shui Guangxi,

would like to act as the host for today's exchange meeting before proceeding to the rest of the ceremony. I truly cannot delay things for Dao Friend Ye just because of my selfish wants."

Ning Cheng naturally understood the Shui Guangxi's seemingly weak posturing was not his actual intention. This blue-robed female cultivator offended him. Most likely, even if someone here had the things that this blue-robed female cultivator needed, no one would dare to trade for it out in the open in this hall. At least not until the person wanting to sell had the strength, and was not afraid of retaliation from Shui Clan.

The blue-robed female cultivator frowned, clearly understanding the truth. She held up her cupped fists and spoke, "Dao Friend Shui, I acted in reckless abandon due to some anxiety. I think it would be better to wait until the end of Dao Friend Shui's ceremony before holding the exchange gathering."

Shui Guangxi pondered over it for some time before nodding, "Then thank you, Dao Friend Ye."

Shui Guangxi stepped back after seemingly resolving the conflict. A moment later, Starry Sky Spiritual Fruits and Spiritual Wine started coming out as flowing waters. In the middle of the hall, a dance troupe consisting of all-female cultivators came in and started dancing. At least, it felt like a joyous atmosphere, without any hint of the conflict from a moment ago.

Not knowing if it was because of the fear of the blue-robed female cultivator surnamed Ye or something else but the dancing did not last long. Shui Guangxi then nodded to the cultivator presiding over the ceremony.

The cultivator immediately stood up and waved his hand, and the dancing women quickly moved back with grace, "Today is a good day to celebrate my Shui Clan's Patriarch becoming an Eternal Starry Sky Emperor. However, our Shui Clan has more happy events to share with you all. On this joyous day, many of the starry sky elites have come here to partake in our joy. Therefore, my Shui Clan decided to use this opportunity to choose a husband for Wuchang. That way, he could join hands with Wuchang and travel the starry sky together in the future."

Ning Cheng looked at Duan Gantai sitting in front of him. This person had spent so much for just a gift, which meant he had a few things planned out. Therefore, Ning Cheng didn't think that Shui Clan would announce to 'choose' a husband for Shui Wuchang and not specifically mention Duan Gantai. He couldn't help but sense a little schadenfreude when he thought back to how Duan Gantai's efforts now looked like drawing water with a bamboo basket.

As this cultivator finished, a woman wearing a flowing scarlet robe walked out accompanied with Shui Caiqiao.

When Ning Cheng saw Shui Wuchang, he felt amazed that this woman looked no worse than Tian Muwan. That kind of delicate appearance gave her a unique charm that people simply could not ignore. However, Ning Cheng could feel that this female cultivator called Shui Wuchang has a somewhat artificial quality to her.

Shui Wuchang's cultivation had reached the full-circle of Heaven's Mandate Realm, but the celestial wheels behind her looked extremely clear. From this, one could see that she not only had potential but also powerful strength to back it up and push her forward.

A burst of applause rang out, and many of the younger cultivators looked eager to put on a good show. Of the cultivators present in this hall, which one was not a reputed powerhouse from a good background? These powerhouses naturally did not come here alone, some of them had even brought their own children while some came with their family's promising descendants.

Shui Wuchang was not only beautiful, but she was also an exceptional genius. Therefore, who among here did not want to tie a relationship with Shui Wuchang to draw in close with the Shui Clan.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Wuchang, I got this little thing from an auction and immediately wanted to send it to you. Although it might look like presenting borrowed flowers to the Buddha, I hope that Junior Apprentice Wuchang would not mind it." A man in silver robed stood up and handed a jade box to his attendant. The attendant quickly brought the jade box and respectfully presented it to Shui Wuchang.

Shui Wuchang reached out and took the jade box before opening it casually. However, when she saw what was inside the jade box, her expressions slightly changed, and she immediately showed a radiant look. She then turned to the silver robed male cultivator and spoke, "Many thanks, Big Brother Ruan. But it's quite a precious gift...."

The silver robed man smiled and stepped up in front of Shui Wuchang, "This little thing is not worth mentioning. Junior Apprentice Sister Wuchang, if you do not accept this, then it would mean that you look down on this Ruan Chi."

Duan Gantai suddenly whispered, "Brother Ning, you'll have to help me deliver something later."

This Duan Gantai really thought of himself as his master. Ning Cheng thought as he gave a cold snort, "Brother Duan, my delivery service is quite expensive, nor do I easily help another person run errands."