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Chapter 71: I Understand

As the black robed man's fist moved towards him, Ning Cheng also punched out with his fist, which completely split apart the force of the incoming fist, just like a Great Axe, he even released his Killing Intent to the full. This was not a simple punch; it was as if his opponent's oppressive Killing Intent was completely split by an axe. As a result, the force from the fist of Xun Shun which was also filled with his Killing Intent was completely dispersed, but Ning Cheng's punch which seemed like an axe was still continuing towards him without even the slightest bit of delay.

"Bang" a muffled sound emerged, as Ning Cheng's fist directly blew back Xun Shun's fist.

Xun Shun had previously thought that Ning Cheng was just a cultivator in the Qi Gathering Realm, so he had not put him in his eyes, as such he had not used his full power during his attack. In his view, this fist of his was more than enough to break several teeth of Ning Cheng. He had never thought that Ning Cheng would be this powerful, by the time he could even aggregate more of his True Essence it was already too late, and the only option left for him was to retreat.

Ning Cheng understood this Xun Shun's idea, after Xun Shun saw that he could not take the force of his Axe Fist, he immediately retreated, while simultaneously Ning Cheng also sent out a kick towards him.

This foot solidly connected with his chest, but Xun Shun used the backlash from this kick to once again retreat.

Looking at this, it would seem that Xun Shun was kicked by Ning Cheng with his foot, but the fact was Xun Shu was actually not injured at all, as he just utilized that opportunity to retreat. Before he had wanted to teach Ning Cheng a lesson, but instead he was taught a lesson by Ning Cheng, and was even kicked away by him.

After losing such a huge amount of face, Xun Shun's face immediately turned red, and even held a bit of fear towards Ning Cheng, although he and Ning Cheng had barely exchanged a few moves, but just from that exchange he knew that Ning Cheng was definitely not an ordinary Qi Gathering Cultivator.

"Swish" a red Flying Sword appeared in the hands of Xun Shun, as the Killing Intent emanating from his body suddenly surged, it seemed that he really wanted to go against Ning Cheng once more.

This was something that Jue Jiao could not tolerate and finally said, "If you two guests want to fight, then please leave the auction immediately, you can go outside and fight. This is the auction house of the Yi Shui Courtyard, if everyone was like you two, then my Yi Shui Courtyard would not exist today as it is."

These words spoken by her were both a persuasion and a threat, but the complexion of Xun Shun immediately turned green, finally looking at Ning Cheng he coldly snorted and said, "Good, good, let me see today how would you be able to leave Xi Jia City."

Ning Cheng just patted down his slightly wrinkled clothes and replied in an indifferent voice, "That should be my, your father's, sentence, you fart of a person."

He and Xun Shu had barely exchanged 2 moves, so he knew that although he looked powerful, but his cultivation level was not even up to par to that of Xiong Qi Hua.

Ning Cheng also was able to guess that Xun Shun had someone behind him, and he believed that because of this person, he would definitely not be able to do anything to Xun Shun inside the city regarding this matter, but once he came outside the Xi Jia City then he knew that Xun Shun would definitely will try to stop him. As long as he was able to lure Xun Shun out of the Xi Jia City, he would definitely be able to kill Xun Shu, and moreover be able to walk away. Even if this incident came to light later, he would have already left the Xi Jia City.

Seeing Ning Cheng teach such a lesson to that arrogant black clothed man called Xun Shun, there was nobody in the room who dared to continue increase the price.

Ning Cheng finally was able to use the 4,000 Spirit Stones to buy Lian'e back.

Tai Shu Shi even forgot that Lian'e had already come over, and was still excited and said, "Big brother, you really have such a good skill, well done."

"Stone...." only when Lian'e called out in a trembling voice, did Tai Shu Shi woke up, he immediately stood up, and grabbed Lian'e's hands and said, "Lian'e, you can stop worrying, I had already promised you that I would definitely come here to save you."

Lian'e had stayed for many years in this place called Yi Shui Courtyard, so she was able to easily understand the expressions on Tai Shu Shi's face, moreover she also came to know from the words of Tai Shu Shi on how to address Ning Cheng, she immediately bowed to Ning Cheng and said, "Thank you Big Brother to help Stone to save this Lian'e."

Ta Shu Shi's mood was extremely relaxed and immediately said, "Let's go, it time for us to go out."

At this point Jue Jiao once again cried out sweetly from the stage, "Congratulations to Lian'e to be returned to her beloved person, it is the happiest thing for my Yi Shui Courtyard. The next one to come out, is actually the youngest girl from the Yi Shui Courtyard to be put on auction, she is just 18 years of age and is called Liu Han Yu. To get a better understanding of Han Yu, although she is extremely tender and pleasant looking, and even has a three-line Spiritual Root, but the main attracting point is that she even has a primary Spiritual Root."

"If not for the continued patronage of our guests here at my Yi Shui Courtyard's unveiling, we really would not have brought out such an excellent looking girl called Han Yu. The starting price for Han Yu is 2,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones...."

Just as Jue Jiao finished speaking, the red curtain behind her once again rolled up, and revealed a woman with short hair. This woman was exactly as Jue Jiao said, tender and pleasant, even her eyes were very alluring, but her face was extremely calm.

It really was Liu Han Yu, Ning Cheng darkly sighed in his heart, he did not know when Liu Han Yu had cut her hair, but her eyes showed that she had already resigned herself to die. However, it could also be seen that she also despised those persons who purchased women for their cultivation, once they were purchased by such people, even if they wanted to die they would have to ask for permission from their masters.

"I bid 2,100 Spirit Stones." Someone immediately bid.

"I put up 2,200 Spirit Stones."

"2,300 Spirit Stones."

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The price quickly rose to 2,500 Spirit Stones, when Xun Shun coldly glanced at Ning Cheng and suddenly said out loud, "3,000 Spirit Stones."

Just as Xun Shun said his price out loud, the surrounding people who wanted to bid immediately stopped themselves.

"3,100 Spirit Stones." Ning Cheng bid, immediately every person in the room held their breaths.

This young man who was carrying a Spear on his back, it seems that he really was not afraid of Xun Shun, he not only not feared him, but was even set on going against him.

Xun Shun's face sank, as he suddenly stood up, "Boy, just who exactly are you, to even dare to go against this Xun Shun?"

"Do I really have to fight against you? Idiot, just who do you think you are? To look down on everyone." Ning Cheng casually said. He already knew that this Xun Shun would not let him off and would always get in his way, so he might as well thoroughly enrage this fellow.

"Very good." said Xun Shun after he heard Ning Cheng's words, he then actually no longer continued to bid, and sat back down.

The inside of the room was completely silent, many of the people were very clear, it was not that Xun Shun was afraid of Ning Cheng, but because he wanted Ning Cheng dead. He will not haggle with a dead man, even if a dead man obtained many things, he would not be able to carry them off.

Xun Shun did not increase the price, plus even the other people did not come forward to snatch Liu Han Yu from Ning Cheng.

It was then that Liu Han Yu understood that it was Ning Cheng who bought her, and walked towards him, at this moment she was using her hand to cover her mouth, she could not believe that she would be able to see this person again, moreover even use more than 3,000 Spirit Stones to buy her. At this moment, the dead feeling in her eyes completely disappeared without a trace, and was replaced by a pleasant and overwhelming surprise.

In other people's eyes, it seemed that Ning Cheng certainly fancied her, and must have bought her to serve him. But for Liu Han Yu it was very clear, Ning Cheng definitely did not fancy her, but rather really only wanted to save her. Although she could not find the reason, as it was only a hunch of hers.

"Elder Brother Ning, I, I never thought that you would come to save me." When she was delivered to the side of Ning Chang and Tai Shu Shi, Liu Han Yu still could not believe that this was true.

"It seems that our meeting was pre-destined." Ning Cheng signalled that Liu Han Yu need not put this affair in her heart. Then he took out the Spirit Stones and finally walked towards the Yi Shui Courtyard's auction stage.

After Ning Cheng delivered the Spirit Stones, he immediately turned to the trio Tai Shu Shi, Lian'e and Liu Han Yu and said, "We are going."

Tai Shu Shi understood the meaning of Ning Cheng and immediately casted a meaningful glance at Lian'e.

Lian'e and Liu Han Yu had not been in this place for just a few days, so there was no need for any hints for them, they already understood the situation completely. Without saying a word, both of them followed Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi out of the room.

Xun Shun looked at the four departing figures with a sneer on his face, and also stood up, taking the few women that he had bought, he also quickly followed them out.

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The four of them ran out of the Xi Jia City, at their top speed that they could muster. But since Liu Han Yu and Lian'e's cultivation level was not as good as them, so they could not unleash their full speed.

After the time it takes for half an incense stick to burn, Ning Cheng stopped. He knew that if Xun Shun wanted to catch up to them, then he estimated that it would be somewhere around here. If it was only the two of them, then they could easily get way, but since Lian'e and Liu Han Yu were also with them, they would absolutely not be able to walk away from this place unscathed.

The remaining three seeing that Ning Cheng had stopped running also stopped. Tai Shu Shi knew that Xun Shun was a cultivator of the True Condensation Realm, and asked in a somewhat worried manner, "Big brother, did that guy already caught up to us, what do we do?"

Ning Cheng handed Tai Shu Shi a bag and said, "Stone, this bag contains the map that would lead you to the Hua Continent plus some Spirit Stones. You take Lian'e and Liu Han Yu and go ahead first, I will come follow later. If within three days, we do not meet, then we would definitely meet each other again in the Hua Continent."

When Tai Shu Shi heard the words of Ning Cheng, he immediately knew what Ning Cheng wanted to do, he wanted the three of them to first go ahead, and he would block Xun Shun alone, to let the three of them escape first.

"How would that be good? If you are going to fight, then let us fight together, whatever may be the outcome, plus I am also at Qi Gathering 9th Level." Tai Shu Shi refused without any hesitation.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile and said, "I have already killed cultivators of the True Condensation 5th Level, the true cultivation level of this Xun Shun is just a trivial True Condensation 2nd Level, it not that I do not have eyes. You staying here will only delay it a bit longer, you already know why I am doing this, it is to let you escape first, once you guys are able to escape I will follow you back with my fastest speed."

When Ning Cheng said that he had already killed a cultivator in the True Condensation 5th Level, it did not make Tai Shu Shi feel surprised. In this Ping and Yuan Continents, True Condensation Cultivators only cultivated incomplete Cultivation Methods and moreover they also did not pay any attention to cultivating one's Spiritual Sense, since Ning Cheng cultivated a complete Cultivation Method, so it was quite possible for him to achieve this.

"Hurry up, I am just a minor figure, you do not need to be worried about me." Ning Cheng said as he patted Tai Shu Shi's shoulders.

Tai Shu Shi's thoughts were very simple, seeing Ning Cheng so confident about himself, he also nodded towards Ning Cheng and handed him something and said, "Good, then we'll go first."

Liu Han Yu walked towards Ning Cheng, and had not even begun to speak when she saw the sunlight like smile on Ning Cheng's face and heard, "Congratulations to Liu Han Yu on leaving Yi Shui Courtyard, and thank you for giving me Spiritual Grass Tea, perhaps I may get another chance to drink such an exquisite tea once again."

Liu Han Yu answered, "I understand, take care of yourself."

With that, she gave a deep bow to Ning Cheng.

She certainly understood, Ning Cheng had saved her truly because she had served him the Spiritual Grass Tea, not because he took a fancy towards her. But that Spiritual Grass Tea, really ended becoming the most precious thing for her. No one knew this, but that cup of Spiritual Grass Tea that she had given to Ning Cheng, was many more times valuable to her than anything else, perhaps even more than her own life. For her, the most precious thing was actually not the cup of that Spiritual Grass Tea but the memories that it had given her.

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Chapter 72: A Narrow Victory

After Tai Shu Shi and the others went away, Ning Cheng quickly arranged a Killing Array Formation of his own creation with his fastest speed.

He had just finished arranging the formation, when "Shua" a blue coloured airship Type Artefact landed at a place not far from Ning Cheng, Xun Shun glanced in the direction that Tai Shu Shi and the others had already disappeared, as he calmly got down from that airship Artefact, it was obvious that he was not in a hurry and had full confidence in himself.

There were also four women in the airship, these were the four women that Xun Shun had purchased previously from Yi Shui Courtyard.

As Ning Cheng stared at Xun Shun who was descending from the blue airship, he let out a dark sigh thinking that this guy really was filthy rich, he even owned an airship type Flying Type Artefact.

"Idiot, but it really is a good idea, for you to try to stop me for a moment, and let the other three go first, ha, ha, ha......" Xun Shun looked at Ning Cheng and laughed, but his eyes did not even have a half a hint of a smile in them.

"In this Xi Jia City, if I, Xun Shun, want to kill somebody, then there has never been an exception...." while speaking, a red glow appeared in his hands as he gripped the red handle of a Flying Sword that he had previously took out in the Yi Shui Courtyard to try and kill him.

Ning Cheng just gently shook his body, and the broken Spear fell into his hands. He did not wait for Xun Shun to finish his speech, and said to the four women who were still on the airship, "You all have the chance right now, once me and this guy start fighting, I'm sure this guy would not have the time to look for you. If you do not want to become a useless cultivation furnace, then walk your own path."

When Xun Shun heard this, he was immediately stunned, he did not think that Ning Cheng would not only try to stall him for a moment to let Liu Han Yu and Lian'e escape, but would also dare to encourage the women he had just bought to try and escape.

He looked back at the four women as if he was really interested to see what they would do, and suddenly turned towards Ning Cheng and roared with laughter, "This father who even let that Tai Shu Shi escape is certain that he would be able to capture him, so why would I even be afraid of you people escaping from my airship? You can first think of how do you want to die, because after this you won't get another chance to pick how you want to die......"

Just as Xun Shun finished speaking, he immediately brought up the red Flying Sword in his hands, pointing it towards Ning Cheng, at this point he finally revealed his true cultivation level of True Condensation 2nd Level.

Ning Cheng knew that this Xun Shun cannot be compared to the ordinary True Condensation 2nd Level cultivators, it was because that he could sense that this guy also cultivated a nearly complete Cultivation Method, and seeing the way he was controlling the Flying Swords, he knew that his Spiritual Sense was also not weak. Otherwise he would not be able to control the airship Artefact and pursue him till this point, moreover he was confident that he would be able to catch Tai Shu Shi and that others.

Ning Cheng just flicked his hands, and the Spear that was wrapped in the blue cloth was immediately revealed, it was clear that the Artefact in his hands was a broken Spear. But once the Spear was grasped by his hands, it at once brought out a majestic Spear Light.

In the midst of the Spear Light and the red Sword Light that had not yet clashed together, Ning Cheng once again said, "You all can only live if you properly take this opportunity, now that I have given you the opportunity to you all to live again, if you not take this chance, then you fully deserve what happens to you all in your future life."

After listening to the words of Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng and Xun Shun saw it themselves, the four women in the airship who were hesitating till now no longer hesitated, they immediately jumped out from the airship, and did not even have enough time to even give out a thanks, when they scattered in all directions, and disappeared from their view in just a short while.

When Xun Shun saw that Ning Cheng really was successful in encouraging the women to escape, he immediately became angry to the point of almost vomiting blood. He was actually not worried that these women would be able to escape from him, but was angry because they were persuaded by a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 9th Level to escape, these idiots actually believed that he would be able to

take care of Xun Shun by himself. Since they were bought by Xun Shun, how could they even think of walking away?

As his anger surged, the murderous intent in the red Flying Sword immediately became even more sharp as it moved towards Ning Cheng. He wanted to first kill Ning Cheng, and then catch those bitches one by one and let them know what happens to the people who betray Xun Shun.

Xun Shun quickly snapped back to reality as he found that his red Sword Light unexpectedly did not break Ning Cheng's Spear Light, but rather was stopped short in front of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had brought out a total of 12 Spear Lights, when these Spear Lights were brought out, they were arranged neatly in front of him from west to east. However, these 12 Spear Lights quickly formed an ice line, which was invisible to the naked eye, once these icy lines connected with each other they immediately formed a Spear Formation. Finally, when all the 12 Spear Lights were linked together, it turned into an extremely cold Ice Spear Net.

"Ka Ka Ka Ka" After a dense snapping sound that was resounding throughout the area, the red Sword Light curtain was completely obliterated and could not be seen, only the handle of the Flying Sword was exposed under the ice sheet of the Ice Spear Net, but as for the Ice Spear Net, it was still holding strong. If one had to say why was the sword handle still sticking out, it was because the chill in the centre of the Spear Net was a bit stronger than the other outer areas, and as such could not continue to form the Ice Spear Net outside its range.

"You actually have a Profound Grade Spear Technique....." Xun Shun immediately understood the situation.

What Ning Cheng cultivated was a complete Cultivation Method, so him using his Spiritual Sense was not strange. Since he cultivated a complete Cultivation Method, then even if he was in the Qi Gathering Realm, he could still easily get rid of the Flying Sword of his opponent.

Ning Cheng could easily break his Sword Light curtain, and as such had the absolute upper hand in the battle, not because his cultivation was of a higher quality that his opponents, but because he also had a Profound Grade Spear Technique to complement it and bring out his full power.

"Puff Puff...." several bloody spurts flew out from Xun Shun's body.

This Xun Shun did not think even in his wildest dreams that Ning Cheng would have even mastered a Profound Grade Spear Technique, even if he knew about it beforehand, and was able to do everything possible to protect himself, he knew that he would still have been pierced through by several Spear Lights.

But at the moment he was not afraid of Ning Cheng, as he took out a pill and threw it into his mouth, then stretched out his tongue and licked the blood that splashed onto his mouth. At this point of time in his eyes appeared a crazy fire, he completely forgot about the four women that had escaped. No woman could be more important than a Profound Grade Technique, what he wanted the most was the Profound Grade Spear Technique that was on Ning Cheng's body.

Xun Shun did not continue to use his Flying Sword again, but rather slapped his Storage Bag that was hung at his waist, immediately some old looking copper coins appeared in his hands.

"Die for me." Xun Shun's mouth curled into a sneer, as he brought up those old looking copper coins as if he was offering it to someone.

These old looking copper coins immediately enlarged to the size of a dustpan with a square shaped hole in their centre, the next moment, it seemed that the air that was passing through the square shaped holes seemed to have stagnated.

Ning Cheng felt his own hand sink, the broken Spear in his hands suddenly felt extremely heavy. Ning Cheng immediately knew, that it was because of the old looking copper coins that Xun Shun had taken out. He forcibly gathered the Qi in his body, and wanted to once again send out an attack using the 36 Ice Spear Technique.

But just as he gathered his Qi to execute the 36 Ice Spears Technique, he immediately felt both his hands go numb, his hands unexpectedly could not hold the broken Spear, and he was immediately pushed away by a powerful force that surrounded him.

The next moment, he saw that his Spear directly flew through the square hole in the centre of one of the old looking copper coins.

When the Spear left his hands, he found that the heavy feeling in his hands also instantly vanished.

Xun Shun immediately chuckled, and once again brought up his Flying Sword and shot out three Sword Lights. Two of the Sword Light completely sealed up Ning Cheng's route of escape, while the third Sword Light was aimed at Ning Cheng's waist, it was clear that he wanted to slice Ning Cheng into two.

The Sword Light was extremely fast, plus now that he had lost his Spear, Ning Cheng did not have any room to block it, at this time what Ning Cheng wanted the most was a defensive weapon. If there was defensive weapon on him, he would not have to fear this Sword Light from his opponent, so he could only choose to rush towards him.

Looking at Xun Shun, his complexion was extremely pale, even the Flying Sword in his hands was trembling, it was obvious that those old looking copper coins needed a lot of his True Essence to control them.

Seeing the Sword Light aimed at his waist, Ning Cheng swung his hands as if it were an axe.

When the Axe Fist hit the Sword Light, it stopped it for a moment, and resulted in most of its power dissipating and it also eased up the pressure on Ning Cheng, but it still struck on Ning Cheng's waist.

Xun Shun secretly sighed in relief, he definitely did not want Ning Cheng to die so quickly, but Ning Cheng's fierceness was something completely unexpected to him. Now that he was facing his Sword Light, even if his opponent was more ruthless than him, his only fate was to be cut down in the middle.

"Swoosh" a sound of leather being struck could be heard, as Ning Cheng sprayed out a mouthful of blood, but abruptly did not retreat.

Xun Shun looked at the still intact Ning Cheng, and could see the exposed armour that was revealed on Ning Cheng's waist, he immediately knew what had happened.

Even if the Qi in his body was almost exhausted, he still once more gathered the rest of Qi and sent out another Sword Light, he wanted to strike at Ning Cheng once again.

Ning Cheng grabbed the broken Spear that was swept away, while simultaneously used his 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique. But his 7 Pleiades Ice Needle was not aimed at his opponent's incoming Sword Light, but rather it was aimed at his opponent with the intent of splitting him.

He had never met this kind of situation before, but he could see that his opponents combat experience was not very rich. Now that he knew that those old looking copper coins were the ones that were responsible for separating him from his Spear, how could Ning Cheng wait for his opponent to use it once more. While this Xun Shun had sent out the Sword Light from his Flying Sword, at the same time his 7 Pleiades Ice Needle had already crossed the distance between the two of them.

Only when the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle penetrated into his chest, did Xun Shun came to know that he was assassinated, and immediately called out in horror, "How could this be, why didn't my Five Treasure Fall Copper Coins not sweep away this Artefact......"

A powerful destructive force was wreaking havoc in his body, Xun Shun came to understand, that if he did not get help immediately he would definitely die here.

A bright red light emerged from his body, this light was like that of a meteor, as it shot out from Xun Shun's hand.

"What's going on?" Xun Shun cried out as he saw the bright red light that he had shot out to call for reinforcements had completely turned around just when it had only travelled 30 feet.

Ning Cheng immediately made the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle in his body to twist savagely, as Xun Shun's eyes immediately lost their lustre, he was still not willing to die as he kept staring at Ning Cheng, he really could not figure out how could he die by the hands of a mere Qi Gathering kid.

"I am also an Array Formations Master, before you came in, I arranged a small scale Killing Array Formation, to stop shameless people like you to call for help, idiot." Ning Cheng spoke as he blasted a punch out.

Xun Shun was directly blow away by the force of Ning Cheng's punch, but this time when he fell down, he was already a corpse. The bright red light that was blocked by the Array Formation, also stopped and dissipated in an instant.

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Chapter 73: Advancing to True Condensation In A Small Town

Ning Cheng with his fastest speed put away everything, even the airship Type Artefact that Xun Shun came in was directly put in his Storage Bag, after collecting all the things he quickly left.

Originally Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi were supposed to meet up with each other in three days, as he was worried that this Xun Shun would definitely call for reinforcements. If the reinforcements that he called for were too strong, he had even planned to temporarily escape to the Daan Forest. Now that Xun Shun had already been killed by him, and even the SOS signal that he had sent out was blocked, it gave a bit of relief to Ning Cheng. Since he and Tai Shu Shi and the others have not been separated for a long time, so he thought that he should be able to catch up with them.

However, after two hours, Ning Cheng stopped, he felt that something was wrong. He was obviously chasing the traces Tai Shu Shi left behind, but after coming here, he could not even find a single trace.

Ning Cheng tried to find the traces of Tai Shu Shi all around, but even after looking carefully he could not even find half a clue as to his whereabouts.

After quite a while of searching, Ning Cheng finally left that place, he decided to wait for them near the edges of the Thunder Fall Desert. He had already given the map to Tai Shu Shi, and he also knew that to go to the Hua Continent, Tai Shu Shi would have to go through the Thunder Fall Desert, and so would definitely pass through one of the entrances marked on the map.

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From the Yuan Continent to the Hua Continent, whether by flying or by walking, one must go through the Thunder Fall Desert.

On the outskirts of the Thunder Fall Desert, there were actually three small towns, Thunder Fall Town, Moon Sand Town and Firefly Town.

Of these three towns, the liveliest and the largest was the Thunder Fall Town. Every year there were countess cultivators arriving here from the Thunder Fall Desert. Besides the handful of people who come to the Thunder Fall Desert to look for treasures, most of the people here come to this town to pass through the Thunder Fall Desert to go to the Hua Continent.

But it was quite a well-known fact, that the number of people who can successfully cross the Thunder Fall Desert and enter the Hua Continent were truly very few. As many people would end up dying in the Thunder Fall Desert, as a result since a long time, this Thunder Fall Desert was also called by another name, the Bone Desert. Because once you went inside the desert, you could see the dense quantities of bones of the dead cultivators scattered around. The number of cultivators who died here were simply too many.

Even then, the number of people entering the Thunder Fall Desert never decreased, and arrived wave after wave.

Ning Cheng had the simple map that he had obtained from Kou Hong, so he did not enter the Thunder Fall Town, but rather entered the Moon Sand Town. This Moon Sand town, compared to the other two towns on the edges of the Thunder Fall Desert, had fewer resources and was far from the bustling atmosphere in the Thunder Fall Town.

Ning Cheng who was rushing with all his might, in one month arrived outside the Moon Sand Town. In this entire month, he never took out the things that he had obtained from the black robed Xun Shun from his Storage Bag to check them out. The main reason for that was of course to arrive at Moon Sand Town as early as possible, once he arrived at the Moon Sand Town, he could then wait patiently for Tai Shu Shi, if there was any problem, then he could easily run into the Thunder Fall Desert at the first sign of trouble.

Mixing himself with some wary adventurers that had also just arrived, Ning Cheng finally stepped into the Moon Sand Town just as the sun started to set.

Compared to the liveliness of Thunder Fall Town, Moon Sand Town looked somewhat desolate. Ning Cheng was certain that with his speed, he would definitely have arrived here earlier than Tai Shu Shi. All he had to do now was to wait for Tai Shu Shi in Moon Sad Town, and while waiting for him he could

even refine the two Artefacts that he had obtained from before, while simultaneously preparing to advance to the True Condensation Realm.

Whether it was those old copper coins, or that piece of airship Type Artefact both of them were really good items, and it made Ning Cheng to very much look forward to refining them, relatively speaking, he actually did not care much of the red Flying Sword.

There were very few pedestrians on the streets of Moon Sand Town and even the communication between them was very sparse.

Ning Cheng found a small unassuming place to rest, such type of unassuming dwellings was common for cultivators in this town, moreover such kinds of rest stops were very common in the Moon Sand Town. These cultivators would generally go out for several months for a trip and once they came back they would choose to seclude themselves, only when their resources for their cultivation were exhausted, would they once again leave Moon Sand Town. This went on again and again, until the day that they die.

The resources for cultivation in the Thunder Fall Desert were very few, and not everyone could undertake the task to go out searching for them. Although they knew of this, many cultivators would still choose this life, also because they did not have any other choice.

Ning Cheng was looking with some interest at his rest stop, it was called the Moon River, in this Moon Sand Town, this type of building like Moon River was something very common and would not attract any attention. Moreover, in this building, there were only a few scattered cultivators who looked very deadbeat.

Ning Cheng did not care much about it, after he entered his room, he immediately put up closed sign on the door, while he arranged several Array Formations inside the room, there were Concealment Array Formations, Defensive Array Formations......

Once all the Array Formations were completed, Ning Cheng first took out the old copper coins. These old copper coins had pulled away his Spear during his battle, which immediately surprised Ning Cheng. If he did not have the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle and the inner armour, then perhaps he would have been killed by Xun Shun.

This was mainly because his opponent lacked experience, but these old copper coins gave him a huge headache.

Refining these old copper coins was very difficult, and Ning Cheng almost took up 10 days just for that, it was only when he successfully refined the Restriction on one of the coins, did he come to understand why Xun Shun had to expunge so much strength and Qi to try and control this Artefact. That Xun Shun was only a cultivator at the True Condensation 2nd Level and coupled with his limited Spiritual Sense, it ended up extremely difficult for him to control it.

These old copper coins were called the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coins.

It was no wonder that his Spear was taken away by these copper coins, it turned out that this Artefact had a special magic imbued in it which can pull away other Artefacts, this Artefact really went against the heavens. Unfortunately, these old copper coins had a fatal flaw, it was that it could only snatch the Artefact that were constructed using the five elements. The 7 Pleiades Ice Needle was refined from the

stingers of Shadow Bees, and as such did not fall in the category of the five elements, as such these copper coins could not snatch them.

In any case, this was really a treasure, moreover it was a great treasure that he could use. As for the Restrictions on the rest of them, Ning Cheng did not continue to refine it, he planned to re-refine it later when he had the free time.

Compared to the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coins, the airship Type Artefact that he had acquired from Xun Shun was much easier to refine, Ning Cheng had only spent half a day to refine it, he not only refined this airship Type Artefact, but at the same time he also acquired the knowledge on how to operate the airship on his own.

As for the red Flying Sword, after just refining it for a bit, he threw it into his Storage Bag, he did not like Flying Swords much.

Then Ning Cheng finally took out the Storage Bag that he had taken from the black robed Xun Shun. Back in the Yi Shui Courtyard, this Xun Shun was extremely generous, so Ning Cheng was rather looking forward to the contents in his Storage Bag.

Ning Cheng did not have to spend much time in lifting the Restrictions on the Storage Bag, but when he swept the Storage Bag with his Spiritual Sense, he immediately became disappointed.

Going by the way that Xun Shun spent his Spirit Stones, Ning Cheng thought that he would at least have 30-40 thousand Spirit Stones in his Storage Bag, but in fact, his Storage Bag only had about 10,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones. If this man had bought Liu Han Yu and Lian'e, then he would then only have about 2,000 Spirit Stones left with him.

But in this Storage Bag there were actually several jade bottles filled with pills, and even more Jade Pieces. Ning Cheng took out one of the Jade Pieces, and swept through it with his Spiritual Sense, it was exactly how he had guessed. These Jade Pieces recorded information on how to use the cultivation of women as their own. Thus from this it could be seen, that Xun Shun's master was also not a good person.

Sweeping through the rest of the Jade Pieces, Ning Cheng found that they were all of the same type. So Ning Cheng felt disgusted with them and immediately burned them with his Fireball Technique, since he was from Earth, he could not come to accept such methods that existed in this world.

After obtaining the 10,000 Spirit Stones and coupled with his own 12 Thousand Spirit Stones that he had on him, Ning Cheng decided to finally attack the True Condensation Realm. Once he advances to the True Condensation Realm, he would then go out to look for Tai Shu Shi in the Moon Sand Town.

After the Spirit Stones were changed into powder by the usage of Ning Cheng, most of the dissipating aura from the Spirit Stones was blocked by the Array Formations that he had set up previously, although there was a part of the aura that the Array Formations could not block off. However, for the cultivators staying in this rest stop, this circulation of the Spiritual Qi, was not something that they would feel strange about.

One month later, Ning Cheng finally exited his room and went out to purchase some food before returning back to his room again. At this time, he was already at the peak of the Qi Gathering 9th Level, and was ready to finally advance to the True Condensation Realm.

Taking out the True Condensation Pill, Ning Cheng could feel that the entire Qi in his body immediately turned restless, Ning Cheng knew that he was finally truly ready to start the process to advance to the True Condensation Realm. Not feeling hurried in his heart, he started to slowly operate his Cultivation Method and started to transform the Qi in his body into True Essence.

With his complete Cultivation Method, and his cultivation level of peak stage Qi Gathering 9th Level, the Qi in his body in just a short while started to show signs of transforming into True Essence. Now with the help of the True Condensation Pill, which helped in starting the transformation of his Qi, he did not face much difficulty.

During the time Ning Cheng spent in close door cultivation, the piles of Spirit Stones stacked next to him were growing smaller and smaller. He did not know how long he had been sitting like that, but Ning Cheng felt that the Meridians through which his Qi, which was transforming crazily into True Essence, flowed was continuously sending out intermittent Ka Ka Ka sounds. At this moment, all the Meridians in his body expanded to double their sizes almost instantly.

Hu, Ning Cheng took a long breath, and suddenly stood up.

"Is this really True Condensation Realm?" Ning Cheng had just advanced to the True Condensation Realm, when he felt that his body now was several times much more powerful than when he was in Qi Gathering 9th Level, he could not help but exclaim out in amazement.

Before when he had not yet advanced to the True Condensation Realm, he always thought that the True Condensation Realm was just so so. After all, even when he was at the Qi Gathering 9th Level he could kill cultivators in the Middle Stages of True Condensation Realm, albeit with a little bit of difficulty, but now that he had finally advanced to the True Condensation Realm, he found that the True Condensation Realm and the Qi Gathering Realm really had too many differences.

The reason why he was able to kill cultivators in the True Condensation Realm till now, was simply because he had never met a real cultivator of the True Condensation Realm. If he had met with a real cultivator of the True Condensation Realm, how could he who was only in the Qi Gathering Realm match up to them? The formidable True Essence that they possess was basically not something a Qi Gathering Realm cultivator would be able to match up to.

Calculating the time, he had been staying in Moon Sand Town for nearly 2 months, since did not find any news of Tai Shu Shi during this time. Ning Cheng decided to not wait any longer, he would have to enter the Thunder Fall Desert alone and make his way to the Hua Continent.

Ning Cheng cleaned himself up, and got out of his room in the rest stop, he was prepared to leave behind some traces of him on the outside of Moon Sand Town. After Tai Shu Shi arrived at the Moon Sand Town, he would know that he had been here.

Ning Cheng had just got out of the small town, when he saw a bunch of people near the entrance of the small town, these people looked like they were having a heated discussion with each other.

Because Ning Cheng had a bit of curious nature so he squeezed his way in, there he found that there was a huge sign board outside the town with a notice posted on it.

There was huge portrait on the notice board, surprisingly it was his portrait, it also showed him to be carrying a long Spear on his back. The content of the notice was very clear, if anyone had any news regarding the person in the portrait then they had to report it immediately. Just the remuneration of reporting his sighting had a reward of 10,000 Spirit Stones and if it led to him being caught then they could receive a reward of 100,000 Spirit Stones, regardless of if he was dead or alive.

Looking at his own arrest warrant, Ning Cheng sneered in his heart. He had been in this Moon Sand Town for a long time, so if they wanted to catch him, then they could only dream about it.

"Hey, isn't that him, the person on the arrest warrant." At this point someone immediately found out Ning Cheng and exclaimed immediately.

Because of this cry, the surrounding people discovered that the person on the wanted poster was unexpectedly standing amongst them.

Some cultivators even took out their Artefacts, but they did not dare to rush out and capture Ning Cheng. The imposing aura that they felt from Ning Cheng made them feel that they really were not a match for Ning Cheng, if they forcefully came forward then the only thing that awaited them was death. Spirit Stones were good, but one needed to have a life to enjoy them.

Ning Cheng took out a Flying Sword, and after stepping on it, he did not fly away immediately, instead he said in a clear and resonant voice, "Go and tell that guy who issued the arrest warrant, that it was me who killed Xun Shun, I will be back after a few years. But I will definitely come back to kill him."

With that, Ning Cheng under the watchful eyes of the public, with just a sword flash disappeared from their eyes without a trace, while no one dared to pursue him.

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Chapter 74: Thunder Fall Desert

In less than an hour, Ning Cheng arrived at the edges of the Thunder Fall Desert, in front of his eyes was dark yellow misty world stretching out for as long as his eyes could see, it was somewhat similar to the world inside the Mysterious Yellow Bead, especially because of the yellow misty like fog that hung over the desert, because of which he could not clearly see in front of him.

At the edge of the desert, where he was standing, there was a huge boulder, this huge boulder had a simple map carved on it which showed the locations of the various entrances to the desert.

Ning Cheng did not hesitate for a single bit, and riding the Flying Sword, flew past the giant boulder into the desert. After the time it takes for a stick of incense to burn, Ning Cheng found that he had to get down from the Flying Sword in order to proceed forward.

Even if he already had the cultivation of True Condensation Realm, because of the violent sand storms in the Thunder Fall Desert, he could not properly control his flight on his Flying Sword. Similarly, he could also not make out the specific markings that he had seen in the map of the Thunder Fall Desert while flying.

Ning Cheng put away the Flying Sword, but on the contrary his speed actually increased when he travelled by foot. Although he had announced before in the Moon Sand Town to convey the message to the person who issued the arrest warrant that he would be back to kill him, but he knew that he was still far from being a match for that person, so the quicker he could escape the better it would be for him.

Three days later, Ning Cheng finally found the second marking from the simple map that he possessed, it was withered poplar tree.

Ning Cheng sat down among the withered up roots of the poplar tree, after running nonstop for three continuous days in the desert, he was feeling a little tired.

Just as Ning Cheng sat down, he heard an extremely frightening howl, which made Ning Cheng immediately stand up. A yellow dragon that was entirely made up of fine sand was rushing towards him at a very fast speed. Ning Cheng did not even have the room to try and counter, when he was directly swept up by this yellow dragon, and was simultaneously carried away by it as it flew away.

At this moment Ning Cheng could only utter a dark sigh in his heart towards this crazy turn of events, if it had been an ordinary person, they would have been smashed to pieces by just the charge of this yellow sand dragon.

Ning Cheng soon felt that something was not right, this sand dragon was just like a tornado, after he had been swallowed by the sand dragon, he could feel that this sand dragon going in a particular direction.

The reason why he felt that something was not right, was because Ning Cheng was already a cultivator at True Condensation 1st Level, a cultivator at the True Condensation 1st Level should not be someone who would be swept away by the sand blowing about in the desert, right?

With the sand piling around his feet more and more, constricting his legs, Ning Cheng started to feel a bad feeling in his heart which was growing heavier and heavier with each passing moment. He had a gut feeling, that if in the end he could not break free from these sand shackles then he would definitely be transported to a place that would really be unpleasant to him.

Thinking of that, the anxiety in Ning Cheng's heart grew to a huge extent, as he punched out with his fist. This fist contained the insights of the Killing Intent of the Great Axe that he had encountered in the Daan Forest, but since he did not have a Great Axe on him, he could only use this comprehension of its aura with only his fists. But it turned out, that when he used his Axe Fist, the effect seemed to be quite good.

"Bang" a sound emerged as his fist collided with the leather like skin of the mouth of the sand dragon, Ning Cheng directly blew open the sand dragon's mouth, Ning Cheng did not think and immediately shot out of the mouth of the sand dragon like an arrow.

The next moment, the yellow sand dragon had already gone far away while roaring continuously.

When Ning Cheng looked down, he found that other than the dragon hide armour that he had received from the old woman back in Nan Yuan City, the rest of his clothes had already disappeared, there were even numerous scratches on his body that he had received from the fine sand.

"Amazing." Ning Cheng exclaimed out, as he quickly took out another set of cloths to put on.

This Thunder Fall Desert even contained something like this sand dragon, if he failed to come out of this sand dragon, then what would have the result been?

At this time the sand dragon had already long since disappeared, but Ning Cheng found that he had lost his bearings. Ning Cheng looked in all four directions, trying to find the direction in which the withered poplar tree was, but feeling something under his feet, he subconsciously jumped up.

The place where he was just standing a moment ago had turned into a giant sand whirlpool, the sand all around it was pouring into this whirlpool, forming a funnel shape.

A powerful suction force was being transmitted from this whirlpool, this powerful suction force had appeared very suddenly, and Ning Cheng was almost sucked into this funnel shaped whirlpool.

Ning Cheng forcefully operated the True Essence in his body, and mounting his Flying Sword once again, he immediately rushed out of the whirlpool.

After a few breaths time, Ning Cheng finally landed on the sand, watching the terrible whirlpool from a huge distance away, for the first time he felt the fearful nature of the Thunder Fall Desert.

If he was sucked into this whirlpool, even if he did not lose his life, who knows what was inside this whirlpool?

It seems that he had to find a complete map of this place before he wanted to walk around in here, otherwise trying to get out of this Thunder Dessert would only be a dream for him. Even though he was walking on the safe line that was marked on the map that he had on him of this desert, he still met several dangerous situations over the past several days. Now that he had deviated from the original safe path of the map, the danger level had increased several times over. If that sand dragon had not carried him off, he would not have deviated from his original route.

Now Ning Cheng walked even more carefully, at the moment he could not go look for a way to reach the Hua Continent, but wanted to seek out the original path that he was walking before.

After five days passed by, Ning Cheng encountered more than dozens of similar sand whirlpools, but he managed to escape from every one of them. Fortunately, he did not meet any creatures like the sand dragon from before.

Ning Cheng knew that he could not go on like this, if he continued like this, then sooner or later he would end up dying in this Thunder Fall Dessert.

He stopped for a while, although he could not refine a Directional Plate at the moment, but he was actually able to make a simple compass.

Ning Cheng had just taken out the simple compass that he had made, when a fishy smell assaulted Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng immediately grabbed the broken Spear on his back, this fishy smell was definitely from a Monstrous Beast. He knew that there were many Monstrous Beasts in this Thunder Fall Desert, moreover these Monstrous Beast always travelled in groups, and if one was surrounded by them, then trying to get away from them would be really difficult.

Sure enough, just as Ning Cheng grabbed the broken Spear in his hands, when a 'Scrape Scrape' like grinding sound was transmitted through the sand. When Ning Cheng saw the Monstrous Beasts coming

towards him, he almost froze up. There were innumerable number of Monstrous Beasts rushing towards him.

These Monstrous Beasts were crowded too densely, one simply could not see the end of it. Moreover, these Monstrous Beast that were rushing towards him, were not just running on the ground, there were even many aerial type Monstrous Beasts flying towards him in the air too. Ning Cheng could even feel from the vibrations from the ground beneath his feet that there were also an equal number of Monstrous Beasts rushing towards him underground.

All these Monstrous Beast that were rushing towards him had many big and small pustules all over their faces, some of these pustules were even a foot long, they had sharp teeth which were dripping with a cloudy looking mucus, and made them look extremely ugly.

After these Monstrous Beasts saw Ning Cheng, they immediately flocked towards him, this made Ning Cheng's scalp tingle, he had never in his life seen such a disgusting and frightening scene.

At this moment he did not dare to hesitate, bringing up the broken Spear in his hands he immediately releases one Spear Shadow after another, these Spear Shadows immediately formed a Spear Net, and managed to block out those ugly Monstrous Beast just outside the Spear Net.

If he had to fight just one of these Monstrous Beasts then he would be able to easily gain an advantage over them with his strength, but if had to fight it out with all these Monstrous Beasts together then it may not even be possible for him to do so even with his most formidable strength, he had to think of a way out of this situation.

A bloody mist spread out in front of the Spear Net, the top of the head of a Monstrous Beast could be seen clearly as Ning Cheng immediately swept out a Spear Light with the intention to kill it. Ning Cheng could clearly see that just as this Monstrous Beast was split into two halves, it was instantly eaten up by the surrounding Monstrous Beasts, while the rest of the Monstrous Beast still flooded towards him, it seems that these Monstrous Beasts simply did not know the meaning of death.

The cultivation level of these Monstrous Beasts were not high, but the quantity of these Monstrous Beasts were simply too much. Groups after groups of these Monstrous Beasts were killed by Ning Cheng, but even then a large number of groups swarmed towards Ning Cheng. Not only that, these Monstrous Beast from the sand were also giving out an extremely nauseating smell. When Ning Cheng took a whiff of this smell, he instantly started to feel uncomfortable, but under the agitation of his True Essence, this uncomfortable feeling soon disappeared without a trace.

After fighting for a full day, Ning Cheng had already slaughtered innumerable quantities of these Monstrous Beasts. His 36 Ice Spear Technique also improved by leaps and bounds, now he could continuously shoot out 13 Spear Shadows, 14 Spear Shadows..... finally he improved the technique to the point that he could simultaneously shoot out 21 of those Ice Spear Shadows.

Unfortunately, even if he improved his skill with the Spear Technique, the Qi required for Spear Technique was also growing more and more, he simply could not keep up with the rate of his consumption of his True Essence. He did not know how many of these Monstrous Beasts he had killed till now, but this swarm of Monstrous Beasts did not show any signs in reduction in size, rather there were more and more Monstrous Beasts joining in.

Despair was rising in the heart of Ning Cheng, if he had known about this, then he might as well have chosen to be swept away by that sand dragon.

The situation in front of him was something really terrible, he simply had no way to get away. Whether it was by air, or on the surface of the sand or under the sand, the number of Monstrous Beasts were simply inexhaustible.

Just when Ning Cheng was thinking of a way to use the Mysterious Yellow Bead to help out with the situation at present, the endless sand Monstrous Beasts suddenly abandoned attacking Ning Cheng, but rather crazily started to escape from the side of Ning Cheng, and in just a short while, this dense horde of Monstrous Beasts had disappeared from his view.

If not for the sand underneath him that had been dyed a dark red colour from the blood of the slaughtered Monstrous Beasts, Ning Cheng would have definitely sworn that the scene just now was an illusion.

"My luck isn't that good right?" Ning Cheng could not believe it himself, he was sure that he was about to be killed by those sand type Monstrous Beasts, but then these sandy Monstrous Beasts suddenly and inexplicably retreated, if this was not one having good luck, then just what the hell was this?

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Chapter 75: The King In The Desert

Ning Cheng would never believe that his luck really was that good. He was not clear about what was going on, but then he heard an exploding sound coming from somewhere above his head, it was immediately followed by a thick lightning bolt that fell to the ground.

This thick lightning bolt fell in a place that was not far from where Ning Cheng was standing, when the lightning bolt struck the sand, it was instantly vaporised into nothingness, the vacuum created by it immediately birthed a giant whirlpool. The surrounding sand immediately fell into this giant whirlpool, allowing this whirlpool to get larger and larger. From this whirlpool emerged a formidable suction force, which even Ning Cheng could feel from a distance.

Ning Cheng, at this moment, immediately came to understand that those sand Monstrous Beasts had run away because they knew that this kind of lightening was going to fall, so fearful for their life, they finally escaped, once the lightning fell on those Monstrous Beasts, there was simply no need to ask what would have happened, even he imagined that those Monstrous Beasts would definitely be vaporised into nothingness just like the sand.

At this moment Ning Cheng knew that if he continued to stand in this place it would be really bad for him, so he immediately rushed out, and even followed the same direction that those Monstrous Beasts escaped in.

Just as Ning Cheng left the place he was standing in, a huge lightning bolt as thick as his thighs fell in the same exact spot, immediately the sand around the impact area was completely disintegrated into an extremely fine powder. This created another giant whirlpool which connected with the previous whirlpool, immediately increasing its size.

With that kind of formidable power that was emanating from the lightning strikes, not to mention a cultivator in the True Condensation Realm, even if it was a cultivator in the Essence Building Realm, if they were struck by even one of those lightning bolts, then the only outcome for them would be death.

Ning Cheng immediately increased his speed to the maximum possible limit, as he rushed forward in a straight line along the yellow sands.

When the third lightning strike stuck, it was very close to Ning Cheng's feet, although Ning Cheng was able to get away from it in time, but the aftermath that the lightning strike brought instantly shredded his clothes into thin strips.

As the third lightning strike struck the sand just below his feet, he found that the lightning was getting more and more intense, moreover it seemed to be getting even more difficult for him to evade them.

Ning Cheng, while fleeing, finally understood something about these lightening, although the impact area of these lightening was huge, but they always moved in a straight line. This time Ning Cheng no longer fled along the same route that he was running on, but rather slightly changed his direction.

"Boom Boom" sounds were unceasingly ringing behind Ning Cheng, although Ning Cheng was able to escape from those lightening, but he was not able to fully escape those sand whirlpools formed by it. Fortunately, Ning Cheng had prior experience in dealing with those sand whirlpools, although they were a bit unexpected, but they were not able to suck him inside. What truly made him afraid was the terrible lightning strikes behind him.

After running for almost a full day, the rumblings of thunder behind him was getting smaller and smaller, and finally completely disappeared along a different direction.

Ning Cheng finally stopped, as he continuously took in large mouthfuls of air and said to himself, "So this is the so called lightening that falls in this dessert, the most horrifying thing in this dessert are actually those lightning strikes."

Ning Cheng had just started to relax, when he heard an extremely loud howl and a whistling noise, and immediately a white light was visible to him coming from the distant horizon.

Someone? Ning Cheng quickly determined that this loud howl was actually artificial. At this time, he had once again lost his bearings because of those lightning strikes, so what he really wanted the most was to meet other people, he was afraid that he would miss this person, so he immediately hurried towards the white light.

After half an hour, Ning Cheng finally appeared at the periphery of this place, and immediately determined that there really was a human settlement here.

Not only was there humans here, but there even were several buildings similar to a yurt constructed here. Besides these yurts, there was even a vast swath of green vegetation, there was even a clear lake in it.

There were several guards protecting these temporary housings, when Ning Cheng looked them, he found that the cultivations of these guards were really poor, in fact most of them were only ordinary people, who did not emit any Qi fluctuations. At best, they only looked tough and only had a small amount of Killing Intent around them.

It is already extremely dangerous here, how did these people even get here? Ning Cheng was very surprised in his heart. In this place, even with his cultivation it was very difficult for him, he could be swallowed by the dessert anytime and anywhere, and yet he found that these guards staying here who did not even have any cultivation. Ning Cheng rubbed his eyes, and almost thought that he had seen it wrong.

Ning Cheng decided to have a look, in the shortest possible time, discarded the shredded clothes on him, cleaned his dust covered body, and put on a set of clean cloths, he once again put the broken Spear on his back. Then slowly moved towards the closest yurt, while simultaneously concealing his cultivation to make it look like he was at Qi Gathering 7th Level.

Although these people's cultivation levels were not high, there were even people who did not cultivate, he just did not want to display too much of his power.

Ning Cheng had just approached the nearest yurt, when two soldiers who were patrolling noticed Ning Cheng, and immediately walked towards him.

"Excuse me, my two friends, I have become lost here, and am very thirsty and hungry, could I borrow a bed from you for a short while." Ning Cheng did not wait for the two guard to approach him, and immediately walked over to them and spoke in a polite way while clasping his fist.

These two people looked at Ning Cheng from head to toe, while thinking of how Ning Cheng did not seem to look like he was very thirsty or hungry. On the contrary, it looked more like Ning Cheng was a next door neighbour who dropped by for a visit.

One of the two soldiers gave a meaningful wink to the other soldier, when the other soldier saw the wink, he quickly turned around and walked back.

After the other person left, the remaining soldier said to Ning Cheng, "Please stay here for a while, this is the dwelling place of our King Wang Nian, we must have to first report this matter before saying anything."

Ning Cheng had already noticed the look in the soldier's eyes, he immediately came to know that the opposite party was not someone simple. He casually relied, "Oh, in that case, I'll go look for some other place to rest."

With that, Ning Cheng turned around to leave.

When this soldier saw that Ning Cheng was leaving, he quickly arrived in front of Ning Cheng and stopped him and said, "My friend please stop, before we are able to clear up your background, you cannot leave here."

Ning Cheng raised his eyebrows and said, "Why, it's not like I can't find a place for myself? But when I came by here, you people did not even give me water to drink, do you think that I came to rob you?"

This soldier who had stopped Ning Cheng was just about to speak, when a deep voice could be heard, "King Wang says, that now that you have come here, why don't you just come in."

When Ning Cheng heard this voice, he knew that this speaker must at least be a cultivator at the True Condensation 3rd Level, it indicated that this yurt like building to appear here, was not a simple thing.

"Yes." The soldier gave a reverent cry before turning to Ning Cheng and said in a very polite manner, "My friend, come, follow me."

"Lead the way." Ning Cheng originally did not intend to go inside, but he really wanted to inquire about the route. If he could not find anything about the correct route, then he was very likely to die in this Thunder Fall Dessert.

These people dared to arrange so many temporary yurts, moreover there was even a desert oasis here, so the possibility of this being the correct route was more than 90%. This kind of opportunity, how could Ning Cheng pass it up?

Entering the range of the yurts, Ning Cheng discovered that these yurts were arranged in a unique orientation, forming a Defensive Array Formation, which happened to encircle the oasis in the middle. Just next to the oasis, there was a particularly large yurt.

The soldier led Ning Cheng to the front of this large yurt, and said, "Since our King Wang has summoned you, you can go in."

Ning Cheng used his Spiritual Sense to sweep around the surroundings, and found that there were no abnormalities, before gradually entered the yurt.

This particular yurt was very large, Ning Cheng felt that he had entered a large hall, there was at least several hundred square meters of area inside.

Sitting at the highest seat was a long haired barefooted girl, this girl looked very beautiful but looked extremely weak, the only uncomfortable thing that Ning Cheng felt was that her pupils were in a triangle shape, which made her beautiful face look somewhat disproportionate.

In Ning Cheng's view, she did not seem to possess any Qi fluctuations, so he could safely assume that she did not cultivate. But even if that was the case, this girl gave Ning Cheng a strange feeling.

On the two sides of this girl, there was a man and a woman standing, the woman had a rough face, but when Ning Cheng glanced at her he was surprised that this woman had the cultivation of peak Qi Gathering 9th Level. On the other hand, the man looked very delicate and had fair skin, and looked like a toy boy, but his cultivation level was already at True Condensation 3rd Level. Going down, on both sides there were two rows of four soldiers each, and all of them had the cultivation level of at least early Qi Gathering 9th Level.

In addition, in the corner of the hall there were three cultivators hanging from a rope, two men and a woman. This made Ning Cheng surprised, the three cultivators had the cultivation of True Condensation Realm, but the three of them did not even have the capacity to resist, as they hung there with their heads down, he could sense that the flow of True Essence in their bodies had become extremely sluggish. There were several soldiers standing beside them with a whip in their hand, from the scars on their bodies it could be seen that the wounds were inflicted on them by those soldiers.

The most miserable was the female cultivator, although she was at the True Condensation 2nd Level, her clothes were already shredded revealing the fair skin beneath it. But even this fair skin was scarred again and again, the fair skin could only faintly be seen from these scars.

These three people apparently still had a breath of life in them, when they heard the sound of Ning Cheng arriving, they immediately lifted their heads, and looked at Ning Cheng in a puzzled way.

An extremely peculiar smell was spreading from them, when Ning Cheng took a whiff of this scent he immediately felt a bit strange, it was similar to the scent that he had smelled from the Monstrous Beasts that he had fought before, these two odours were somewhat similar. This smell made him extremely uncomfortable, but fortunately circulating the True Essence in his body, this uncomfortable feeling instantly dissipated.

"My lord, this person trespassed into our King Wang Nian's sanctuary." The soldier who had brought Ning Cheng here immediately stepped forward and said while kneeling.

This girl who was called as the lord just waved her hand and said, "I know, you can go."

Once the soldier went out, this girl looked at Ning Cheng from top to bottom but could not even detect a shred of tension in him, Ning Cheng's cloths were very clean and was carrying a Spear wrapped in cloth behind him, and looked like he had actually come here for a walk, he did not seem the slightest bit uncomfortable. This girl frowned and said in a slow voice, "Who are you? For what reason did you charge into my North Jue Encampment."

North Jue? Ning Cheng did not know where this place called North Jue was, he had only come here to ask about the correct route that led to the Hua Continent, so he hastily bowed his head and cupped his fists in front of him and said, "My name is Ning Xiao Cheng, I was just passing through here, I really hope that me rushing through here might not have caused any misunderstandings."

The woman standing next to the girl, who had the cultivation of peak Qi Gathering 9th Level, suddenly shouted angrily at Ning Cheng, "You animal, speaking to the King in front of you and still not on your knees."

Ning Cheng's face sank, he had come here to find the right route, not to beg for mercy. Inside Ning Cheng's dictionary, there was no such thing as begging for mercy.

Ning Cheng suddenly proceeded to take a few steps forward, all the people were thinking that he was coming forward to speak with proper etiquette, but then Ning Cheng with a flash appeared in front of the rough looking woman, lifted his hands and delivered two resounding slaps to her face.

"Slap Slap...." two crisp sounds could be heard, the people then saw that Ning Cheng had already returned to his original position, but when they looked at the face of the rough looking woman who was just slapped, two purple hand prints could distinctly be seen on both of her cheeks.

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Chapter 76: Ning Cheng's Strength

Of the twenty people inside the yurt, the only person who could react to Ning Cheng who had slapped the rough looking woman was the only cultivator at the True Condensation 3rd Level. However, even though he was the only person who could react to Ning Cheng slapping the rough looking woman, he did not come up to block him.

While Ning Cheng had gone out to slap this rough looking woman, at the same time he was also ready to face off against the man at the True Condensation 3rd Level, once this man decided to join the fray, he

would have immediately sent out his Axe Fist towards him. He had not thought that this man at the True Condensation Realm would not come forward to stop him, which made Ning Cheng somewhat surprised, but then Ning Cheng immediately understood that there should be quite a gap in the status of him and that rough looking woman.

When the people saw that this outsider dared to hit the personal guard of their king, moreover the personal guard that their king favoured the most, all the people inside the yurt were instantly shocked.

The three cultivator who were hanging in the corner were looking at Ning Cheng in a surprised way, they did not know where Ning Cheng came from to have such a huge amount of courage.

"You are courting death...." The rough looking woman did not think that Ning Cheng would actually dare to hit her, and suddenly became angry. With her whole body shaking in anger, she pounced towards Ning Cheng.

The young girl sitting in the middle, who the people viewed as their master and king, immediately waved her hand, and the rough looking woman immediately stopped, although she still stared at Ning Cheng with extreme anger in her eyes, but she no longer continued to let her move towards Ning Cheng.

The young girl stared at Ning Cheng, and said in a cold voice, "Could it be that you are relying on your little skill, to come to my North Jue Encampment and assault my people at will? My North Jue Encampment is always hospitable towards others, you are just an invited guest, so it would be better for you to not swagger yourself before us."

Then she pointed to the three cultivators who were hung up in the corner and said, "Do you know why they have been hung there? That is because they wanted to come to my North Jue Encampment and show off their strength to others."

"Bah! If you want to use such a method to plot against me, then let me tell you that you really are nothing in front of me, moreover I your father, can kill every single thrash here if I wanted to." One of the men who was hung up, unable to use his cultivation, immediately said out with disdain.

"Oh, in that case, I'll put you down, then we can have a little spar, and see if whether or not you really have the guts to back up your words." That cultivator at the True Condensation 3rd Level finally spoke something albeit apathetically.

When the male cultivator who was being hung in the corner heard this cultivator at the True Condensation 3rd Level speak, he immediately fell silent, it was obvious that this person had suffered a huge loss against him before.

Going with the philosophy of 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend', Ning Cheng just laughed and said, "It seems that they were the ones you people plotted against, looking at the state of these three people I can definitely say that you all really are garbage."

"You don't seem to want to answer my question." The Killing Intent in the eyes of this girl was getting more and more intense, but the surrounding people could not notice it, they were still thinking about why their master and king was still this patient with him, and was still speaking quite nicely towards Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng suddenly once again began to walk forward, this time when the cultivator at the True Condensation 3rd Level saw that Ning Cheng walking towards his king, he quickly stepped forward, blocking Ning Cheng's path, while his entire body was surrounded with a heavy Killing Intent, as long as the young girl spoke just a few words, he would begin fighting immediately.

Ning Cheng stopped, staring at the girl he said, "Guest? I have been standing here for a long time, but the fact is I haven't been offered even a cup of tea? I have not even been offered a chair, but instead all that I got was barking from several dogs. It's just bad luck, bad luck."

Saying that Ning Cheng clapped his hands, as if clapping his hands would dispel his bad luck.

"Kill him." The young girl could not endure it any longer, and with her anger finally bursting, she coldly spat out those two words.

When the eight cultivators at the Qi Gathering 9th Level who were standing below her on either side heard her order, they immediately swarmed towards him. They had been waiting for their master to just say those words, now that they received their orders, they were not even half a beat slow to execute it.

Ning Cheng did not even bring out the Spear that he had on his back, with his cultivation of True Condensation 1st Level if he had to use his Artefact to go against a few cultivators in the Qi Gathering Realm, it would really be a joke.

Almost at the same time, he sent out four punches. Or rather than saying he sent out four punches, it would be better to say that he sent out four continuous axe strikes.

Although these four axe strikes were sent out one after another, but when he really executed it, it seemed as if he sent out those four attacks simultaneously.

An extremely violent Killing Intent momentarily enveloped the entire room, even the face of that cultivator at the True Condensation 3rd Level changed, he could sense the shadow of an axe in the punches of Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng was obviously empty handed, but it actually seemed that there were several axe shadows coming out towards him.

This person absolutely was their enemy, thought this man at the True Condensation 3rd Level as he flicked his hands, and an octagonal sided hammer Type Artefact appeared in his hands. He had not even come forwards, when he heard "Puff Puff...." four continuous sounds erupting all around him.

Of the eight people at the Qi Gathering 9th Level that were approaching Ning Cheng, four of them immediately fell to the ground dead. The other four were blankly looking at the blood spilling from the four corpses of their comrades, their complexion somewhat pale, they did not dare to continue come forward.

Even the young girl who the people called as their king became pale faced, and stood up immediately. Ning Cheng discovered that when this girl stood up, she was the same height as him.

"Hey, weren't you also were attacked by the poisonous gases from those cannibalistic sand Monstrous Beasts a moment ago, how is it that you not affected?" One of the male cultivators who was hung up in a corner called out in surprise.

"What is this poisonous gas from the sand cannibalistic Monstrous Beast that you speak of?" Ning Cheng asked in with a puzzled look on his face, he seemed to have guessed that it was probably the strange fishy and unpleasant odour from before, but under the operation of a single cycle of his True Essence, this unpleasant odour fully disappeared from his body, was it possible that this was the poisonous gas from those sand canine poisonous beast?

"This sand canine poisonous beast is one of the most dangerous of the Monstrous Beast in this Thunder Fall Desert, these Monstrous Beast usually travel in huge groups, moreover they not only travel on the land but even completely blot out the skies in the desert. Even their sharp beaks are filled with poisonous mucus, and their faces are covered with large tumorous growths, and seem to be only a foot long."

"If one saw these Monstrous Beasts, one had to immediately run away, otherwise the only thing that awaits them is death. Those tumour growths on the bodies of these Monstrous Beasts are also filled with an extremely poisonous liquid, once they are burst during a fight, it will immediately release a dense and highly toxic poisonous cloud. If a cultivator even takes a whiff of this poisonous gas, their entire body will become weak, and they would not be able to utilize their Qi or True Essence. This enchanter from the North Jue Encampment likes to collect this kind of toxic gas, because we were not careful about it, for just a few cultivators in the Qi Gathering Realm, this father would have already split them apart." This male cultivator hatefully replied.

That cultivator at the True Condensation 3rd Level suddenly whispered into the young girl's ear and said, "My King, this person has very probably taken the antidote to the poison, this antidote should have specifically been made to counter the poison of the sand canine beast, perhaps it might even be the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea. Looking at the strong Killing Intent on this person, it is absolutely clear that he is not simple to deal with, perhaps he might not be much worse than me."

The pale face of the young girl who was referred to as King eased up, she immediately said to the several other people in the room, "Tidy up the place at once, and also find a seat for our esteemed Mr. Ning."

"My King...." That rough looking woman was anxious to speak to her, but the young girl just waved her hand, and she swallowed the words that she was about to say.

The speed of the few remaining soldiers was very quick, and in just a short time, the room was entirely cleaned, there wasn't even a single blood stain on the floor, as if what happened just a moment ago was just an illusion.

"First take down those three people, I have to properly receive the honoured guest of my North Jue Encampment." The young girl casually pointed to the two men and the woman hanging in the corner and said.

He did not wait for the guards to carry away the three people, as Ning Cheng lifted his hands and sent out a few Wind Edges. The three people who were been hung up were immediately set free by Ning Cheng, as those Wind Edges that were sent out by Ning Cheng were more than enough to cut the ropes that were held in the hands of the soldiers.

"Ha ha, these friends look vaguely familiar to me, I have been waiting to talk with them about the good old days." Ning Cheng said while not caring about the young girl's attitude.

"Many thanks to the friend for our rescue, but since we are still affected by the toxic gas of the sand canine beast, so we are not able to utilize our True Essence, as such we have no way to repay the favour you have shown to us." The three people when, freed came towards Ning Cheng and immediately expressed their gratitude.

Ning Cheng just casually reached out and grabbed a few chairs, "Everyone please sit down, there is a saying in my hometown called the enemy of my enemy no that's not right, within the four seas all of us our brothers, so why the need to be polite."

"Well said, within the four seas all of us brothers." The three people in the True Condensation Realm immediately weakly clasped their fists, showing that they greatly approved of the words spoken by Ning Cheng.

"Clap Clap" that young girl who was called as their King this time did not have a shred of anger on her face, instead she just smiled, and clapped her hands and said, "What Mr. Ning said really is true, within all the four seas everyone are brothers, Mei Xu, why don't you go prepare a nice wine for all of us to enjoy for today, let us celebrate to this capable person called Mr. Ning."

The rough looking woman who had been slapped twice by Ning Cheng, when she heard those words she quickly bowed and said: "Yes, my King."

Finished saying that she immediately turned around and left.

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart, this rough looking woman called Mei Xu obviously had a Storage Bag on her, so how could she not have good wine in it? For this woman to go out, it was obviously to arrange some kind of method to trap him in this place.

However even though Ning Cheng knew about this he did not feel any fear, when he had come here he already knew that these people were nothing more than thugs. Although these yurts were arranged to form an Array Formation, but in his eyes it was not something that could threaten him. The most powerful person here was the man at the True Condensation 3rd Level in front of him, although he was powerful but it did not make him feel worried to be plotted against by them.

"This younger sister, I have a request, I know these three friends, but these three friends are infected by the toxic poison gas of the sand canine Monstrous Beasts. I can see that younger sister is quite well natured, how about you let me take a little bit of the antidote to help my three friends detoxify the poison from their body."

Ning Cheng cupped his fists in front of the one these people called as their king and said while smiling.

When the soldiers in the room heard Ning Cheng call their King as younger sister, they instantly became extremely angry.

When the little girl who was referred to as King by her people heard those words, anger and Killing Intent flashed past in her eyes, but then she immediately gave an apologetic smile and said, "To counteract the toxicity of the sand canine Monstrous Beast, one needs the Desert Spring Geocentric Tea, but it has to be taken beforehand for the best results. Even in a thousand years' no one has ever

seen the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea, and thus is an extremely priceless treasure, my North Jue Encampment is just a small tribe, how could we have such a precious thing. The reason that we are not affected by the poison is because we are directly in contact with it all year round, as a result we have grown accustomed to it."

"For Mr. Ning to not fear this kind of poisonous gas, must be due to the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea right, if Brother Ning is willing to part with the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea, then my North Jue Encampment is willing to buy it at a high price."

This woman not only said that she did not have anything like the Spiritual Grass Tea in question, but instead used the same words against Ning Cheng to counter question him. As if it was not enough, she also tried to provoke the three people who Ning Cheng had just saved to act against him. The meaning of her words was pretty obvious since you were not affected by the poison, then obviously you have an antidote to it on you, you keep babbling about brotherhood in all the four seas, why don't we see if you take out the antidote.

How could Ning Cheng not know the meaning behind those words spoken by that woman, just as went ahead to counter her words, the woman that he had just saved immediately spoke up and said, "Brother Ning, my clothes are already shredded, please....."

When Ning Cheng heard those words, he understood her meaning, as if being embarrassed due to his carelessness, he turned and looked at the young girl who claimed to be the king.

When the young girl saw Ning Cheng looking at her, she immediately said to the maid servant at her side, "Hurry up and get these three people here some proper dresses, we can't neglect the friends of Mr. Ning."

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Chapter 77: Lost Desert Country

Just as the feast was put together for them, the maid returned to the room with a change of clothes for the three people. Although it did not look like there was anything abnormal with them, but because of their lack of control over their True Essence, it was obvious that they were merely empty shells of their former selves.

Ning Cheng laughed at first, and then proceeded to greet the three people.

When the three people saw Ning Cheng greet them, they once again immediately stepped forward to express thanks. Ning Cheng also got to know the names of these three people, one of the male cultivator who seemed to have a fiery temperament, with a medium build, and a blackish skin was called Lou Hong Fang, he had the cultivation level of True Condensation 2nd Level. The other male cultivator was called Huang Yuan Bo, he had slender looking eyes, and was fair skinned, but only had the cultivation level of True Condensation 1st Level. While the woman cultivator was named Shi Pei Shan, she looked quite gentle, with an oval shaped face, gleaming eyes, which gave other people an impression that she was very assertive of her opinions.

Once these three people sat down, Ning Cheng asked them, "Were you three really poisoned by the toxic gas from those sand canine Monstrous Beasts?"

Lou Hong Fang angrily stared at that young girl, before saying with a raspy voice, "That's right, we were plotted against by this woman."

"Is there any way to solve the situation about the toxic gas?" Ning Cheng knew that year after year there were innumerable amounts of cultivators who walked through the desert, so they definitely would have some way to counter this. Although he did not have any way to get rid of the poison, but that did not mean that others would not know about it.

Because Shi Pei Shan had a wounded throat, so she spoke hoarsely, but when she heard the words of Ning Cheng, she took the initiative to reply and said, "The toxic gas that those poisonous Monstrous Beast carry is very difficult to detoxify, but she did not lie about it, only the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea can detoxify it. Because the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea is extremely difficult to find, as a result if anyone had the bad luck of meet those sand poisonous beasts in the Thunder Fall Desert, then it would be much better that they not fight them, and actively seek to escape far away from them."

Huang Yuan Bo looked at Ning Cheng and frowned before speaking, "The quantity of the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea required for detoxifying the poison is not much, just a drop of the medicinal solution is more than enough."

Ning Cheng lowered his head as frowned in thought, he did not care much about the words spoken by Huang Yuan Bo, what he was thinking about was the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea. Because he had never drunk such kind of tea, how could he not fear this type of toxic gas.

Luo Hong Fang and Shi Pei Shan also did not care much about the words spoken by Huang Yuan Bo, only that young girl who was being called as King by everyone had a hint of smile on her lips, obviously she knew that the seed that she had planted had sprouted. At least this Huang Yuan Bo believed that this Ning Xiao Cheng had the Geocentric Spring Tea on his body.

Ning Cheng at this time was thinking about the Spiritual Grass Tea that he had drank at that place, it was the cup of Spiritual Grass Tea that was poured to him by Liu Han Yu at the Yi Shui Courtyard, although it tasted slightly bitter, but it immediately quenched the thirst in his body, it would make a person to not be able to part with it, but was that really the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea? Liu Han Yu was just a down and out woman, how could it be possible for her to have this kind of precious Spiritual Grass Tea?

"Is it possible that Brother Ning was also passing through the Thunder Fall Desert?" Luo Hong Fang was a relatively straightforward person, and immediately made a noise to interrupt Ning Cheng's line of thought.

"Just so." It was at this moment Ning Cheng remembered what he wanted to ask them before, since he did not know anything about this North Jue Encampment, he was a bit certain that perhaps these three people were like Luo Hong Fang who were living in this desert and would perhaps have a map of this place.

"How did the three of you come here? Could it be that you are also like me, who wants to cross through this Thunder Fall Desert to go to the Hua Continent?" Ning Cheng directly asked.

When that young girl who the other people called as their King heard the conversation between those four people who she had never put in her eyes, her face immediately turned ugly, but it quickly returned to normal, she took the initiative and took out a jug of wine and helped Ning Cheng pour out a glass and

said, "I, on behalf of the North Jue Tribe, want to thank Mr. Ning here for his visit to our North Jue Encampment as our esteemed guest."

When Luo Hong Fang saw Ning Cheng reach out for the glass of wine, his face immediately became anxious, and was about to speak, but then he saw that Ning Cheng had already downed the glass of wine.

Ning Cheng certainly knew that Lou Hong Fang feared that the wine was poisoned, and now that those three lives were also tied to him, it was normal for Lou Hong Fang to be worried.

Ning Cheng was extremely careful when he had done that, he had already thoroughly checked out the wine a long time ago.

Seeing Ning Cheng to be all right, Lou Hong Feng felt relieved, and said out aloud, "The three of us really were going to the Hua Continent, originally we were a group of five, but two of our group perished on the way due to the lightning that fell from the skies. A day ago we accidentally found an ancient map, this ancient map turned out to be of the ancient Lan Yi Country that had disappeared in the Thunder Fall Desert countless years ago. We three were completely happy, and went out to look for the remains of that ancient Lan Yi Country, we did not expect that we would be plotted against by these despicable people here....."

Luo Hong Fang said as he still angrily glared at the face of young girl that people were calling as the King.

That young girl who was being addressed as King leisurely said, "Mr Ning, what brother Luo said is really true, but what he didn't say was that he had obtained this ancient map from a traitor of my North Jue Tribe. This map really is of the historic ruins of the Lan Yi Country, but what many people do not know about this point is that this ancient Lan Yi Country was the precursor of my North Jue Tribe. Initially when the Lan Yu Country was destroyed, many of the elders that protected the country ended up shedding their blood, some of the elders who fled the Lan Yi Country ended up establishing my North Jue Tribe, this Tribe is the only thing that was left behind from that era."

"Now that someone was going to excavate the remains of my Lan Yi Country's historical sites, I as the King of the North Jue Tribe, how could I let the remains of my Lan Yi Country to fall into the hands of others? Moreover, even the ancient map that they obtained was also from my North Jue Tribe."

Luo Hong Fang pointed at the young girl and laughed, "You say that your North Jue Tribe are their descendants, then I am too, do you have no sense of shame? Do not say that this North Jue Tribe is the legacy that the Lan Yi Country left behind, even if that was the case, even Lan Yi Country has no right to say that it was theirs. In the past, the reason why the Lan Yi Country chose to establish themselves in this desert, was not because this Thunder Fall Desert was really good for them, but it was because the Lan Yi Country found the legacy of a strong cultivator beneath the desert."

"Once the Lan Yi Country found that there was a legacy of a strong cultivator beneath the desert sands, so they immediately chose to migrate their entire country to the Thunder Fall Desert. None of them though that Lan Yi Country would have hit such a huge jackpot, after they established their country in the desert, instead of declining they actually prospered into a true country. Whether that historic relic was actually found or not I do not know, but the Lan Yi Country had increasingly thrived."

Ning Cheng really could not believe that someone could actually establish a thriving country in this Thunder Fall Desert, the fearfulness of this Thunder Desert, he had experienced it himself.

Seeing the still puzzled look on Ning Cheng's face, Shi Pei Shan took the initiative to speak, "Brother Ning, what Brother Luo said is indeed true, the Lan Yi Country had really founded a thriving nation in this desert moreover it had been thriving for innumerable years. Initially the Lan Yi Country was founded at the edge of the desert, but after passing through the countless years of change, along with the constant erosion from the Thunder Fall Desert, this Desert also became increasingly huge. Originally this Lan Yi Country was established at the edges of the Thunder Fall Desert, but it gradually moved to the depths of the desert. Because of this, it also led to the demise of the Lan Yi Country."

With the few words that Huang Yuan Bo heard from Shi Pei Shan, he then continued on with the explanation, "I heard that the Lan Yi Country was exterminated not because of the lightning and other creatures in the Thunder Fall Desert, but because someone from the Lan Yi Country found the resting place of a strong Sea Opening Realm cultivator, which resulted in bringing in all kinds of supreme masters to fight for its legacy. When these supreme masters started fighting in the Lan Yi Country, it resulted in the complete destruction of the entire Lan Yi Country. Afterwards when the most powerful yellow sand dragon in the Thunder Fall Desert passed by it, not only did all the cultivators stop fighting, but rather all the people in the Lan Yi Country disappeared without a trace. The Lan Yi Country was then completely absorbed by the desert just like a sponge soaking in water."

"Yellow Sand Dragon?" When Ning Cheng heard those words he immediately recalled the incident from a few days ago when he was swept away by a yellow sand dragon, he then had to use his fist with his comprehension of the true meaning of the axe to break through the yellow sand, and it was only then that he could escape.

Lou Hong Fang continued on with his explanation, "That's right, in this Thunder Fall Desert besides those horrible sand poisonous beasts, this Thunder Fall Desert still has those yellow sand dragons. These yellow dragon looks like a violent sand swirl that takes the shape of sand pillars, once you are sucked up by it, then it is very difficult to escape, finally you will end up being torn apart into tiny pieces by those Yellow Sand Dragons. What I just described to you was just a small Thunder Fall Yellow Dragon, the biggest Yellow Dragon is said to be thousands of miles long, if you meet this Yellow Dragon, even if it was a real country, I estimate that it would be completely swallowed by it."

Ning Cheng now understood, that the reason that he was able to escape was because it was probably a small yellow sand dragon, if it was a large one, perhaps he might have not been lucky enough to be able to escape.

But what Ning Cheng was most interested at this time was the resting place of the cultivator of the Sea Opening Realm, he was no longer the unknowledgeable fellow that he was when arrived in this world, he was very clear in his mind, about the different ways of the cultivation world. Because of limited resources, the people often fought with each other with their full strength, as a result most of these precious resources would no doubt be snatched by the others, you then could only look at other people advancing in their cultivation, while you were simply casted off to the side.

In this Yi Xing Mainland there were 9 major realms, the Sea Opening Realm was the realm directly below the Crucible Transformation Realm, once one stepped into the Crucible Transformation Realm, there

was a legend that these cultivators can even rip apart the heavens and the earth and travel to distant places in just an instant. Of course, this knowledge, Ning Cheng had heard about it from the mouth of Tai Shu Shi.

When he had come out of the Ping Continent, only then he had come to know that above the Essence Building Realm was the Profound Congealing Realm, and above the Profound Congealing Realm was the Profound Core Realm. As for what was above the Profound Core Realm, he did not have any knowledge about it at that point of time. It was only when he arrived at the Yuan Continent and exchanged information about Tai Shu Yi, that he came to know that above the Profound Core Realm was the Soul Essence Realm, and above the Soul Essence Realm was the Soul Sculpting Realm, and when one crossed through the Soul Sculpting Realm they would then step into the Sea Opening Realm.

It was thus clear that the burial site of a mighty cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm would not only be full of fearful things but would also be filled with incomparably precious treasures. So when Lou Hong Fang said that the Lan Yi Country established their country in this Thunder Fall Desert because of the tomb of the Sea Opening Realm Cultivator, Ning Cheng did not find it strange that the country ended up increasing in prosperity before they collapsed.

Ning Cheng suddenly looked at the young girl King and said, "My King, I think that the ancient map that Brother Lou had obtained should be with you right? Can you let me have a look at this ancient map to see what makes it so special?"

There was a slight change in this young girl King's complexion, she knew that Ning Cheng wanted the ancient map of the Lan Yi Country, but she had never thought that Ning Cheng would be so straightforward with it. If Ning Cheng had tried to beat around the bush even a little, she could certainly be able to find some sort of excuse and dodge it.

The man at the True Condensation 3rd Level standing by the side of the little girl King laughed and said, "Mr. Ning, I respect you as a guest of my King, for you to come to my North Jue Tribe is just destiny. We even served you good wine and were even quite hospitable with you Mr. Ning, but even then Mr. Ning you go on to ask so blatantly about the ancient map of our North Jue Tribe, do you think that my North Jue Tribe could be bullied so easily?"

"Is the map really of the North Jue Tribe? This map was obviously taken from my body when you searched me, how do you even have the face to say that this ancient map belongs to the North Jue Tribe?" Lou Hong Fang said in a sarcastic voice.

At this time, a burst of rapid footsteps could be heard as someone rushed into the room. Ning Cheng had a bit of doubt in his mind, who had such a big courage, to dare to directly rush into the yurt of the North Jue Tribe's King?

What he saw then was a young man, with thin eyes but thick eyebrows, and a hooked nose which made an extreme contrast with his face. When Ning Cheng glanced at the young man's cultivation, it turned out to be the highest of all the people here, he truly had the cultivation of the True Condensation 4th Level.

"Xiu Xiu....." this man with the hooked nose called out, but then when he saw Ning Cheng and the others, he did not speak out the rest of the words.

Calling the King of the North Jue Tribe as Xiu Xiu, evidently this hook nosed man's relationship with this young woman was not something simple.

"Yes, since we have found the ancient map, so I had sent out someone to signal you to come here." This young girl King who was just called Xiu Xiu said while laughing.

This hooked nose man's vision then moved over to Ning Cheng and the other people with him, he did not know who Ning Cheng and the other people were, but then again Xiu Xiu actually went ahead and directly spoke the matter of the ancient map in front of them.

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Chapter 78: Joint Exploration Of The Ruins

"Who are they?" The hooked nosed man swept his eyes in the direction of Ning Cheng and the others and asked.

Xiu Xiu pointed towards Ning Cheng and said while smiling, "This is Ning Xiao Cheng, the cultivation of Mr. Ning is something really astonishing, an ordinary True Condensation Cultivator is not something that could match up with him."

Ning Cheng suddenly stood up and cupped his fists in front of the hooked nosed man and said while laughing, "I haven't yet asked this friend's name?"

"I am North Jue's Pie Guang He, since Brother Ning is so amazing, we could really become much closer in the future." This hooked nosed man gave a false smile as he spoke to Ning Cheng while clasping his fist in front of him.

Ning Cheng did not wait for Xiu Xiu to speak again, and continued to speak, "These three are friends of mine, and also the ones who found the ancient map of the Lan Yi Country. Because they were a bit careless during their journey so they were infected by the poison gas of the poisonous sand beasts, Xiu Xiu was planning on helping them in detoxification. By the way, I do not know if Brother Pie has something called the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea to counteract the poison? If do have it, then it certainly would be the best."

Because of the abrupt words from Ning Cheng, Pei Guang He took out the antidote of the poison, but instead of giving it to him he looked in a puzzling way at the young girl called Xiu Xiu.

Xiu Xiu did not directly give the answer, but motioned for the people to sit down again and then said, "Although Lou Hong Fang and the others truly did obtain the ancient map, but they also offered the map to me. Since this map was lost in my North Jue's territory, what my idea is, that since we are all here together because of the ancient map, why not we go and explore the ruins together?"

When this Pei Guang He arrived, the young girl called as King by her people calmed her heart down. Although Ning Cheng was powerful, but he was only one person, now that Pei Guang he had arrived, he could easily take care of someone like Ning Xiao Cheng, as for Pei Guang He's strength, she was extremely clear about it. It was also because of this, that she changed her mind. it would be a lot better to pull these people together with them to explore the ruins. Even if they could not find anything, they could at least use them as cannon fodder if something unexpected happened.

Once Pei Guang glanced at the look in Xiu Xiu's eyes, he immediately understood the young girl king's viewpoint, he just laughed and said, "That's right, the ruins are vast and large. So if we could all band up together, then our strength would be even more powerful than before and thus we all would be much more safe during the exploration."

Just as he finished speaking, the rough looking girl called Mei Xu that the young girl had sent away came in and whispered something into the ears of the young girl called Xiu Xiu. Xiu Xiu just nodded her head, but did not express anything.

Ning Cheng had already swept out with his Spiritual Sense, he found that within the scope of his Spiritual Sense, there appeared many soldiers. Not only that, they also seemed to be arranged into a simple trapping Array Formation.

Ning Cheng looking at this simple Level 1 Trapping Array Formation was laughing in his mind, with this kind of elementary Array Formation, they dare to show off in front of him.

Luo Hong Fang suddenly exclaimed, "Going to explore the ruins together is not a problem, but first we need a solution for the poison in our bodies."

Pei Guang He suddenly said, "This is my oversight, I was originally called in to help you all in detoxifying, but because we ended talking about other things, I unexpectedly forgot about it. Even if the few of us do not go together, since you were the ones who helped us find the ancient map of my Lan Yi Country, it is my obligation to help you out."

While speaking, Pei Guang He had already taken out three jade cups, then he took out a grey gourd, and poured a little bit of green tea into the three jade cups.

"Three friends, please use this Desert Geocentric Spring Tea."

After listening to Pei Guang He said that it was the Geocentric Spring Tea, Lou Hong Fang was the first to completely drain the cup. Seeing Lou Hong Fang drink the tea, Huang Yuan Bo and Shi Pei Shan also did not hesitate to drink the tea,

After a few moments, Lou Hong Fang laughed, "Many thanks Brother Pei, the poison in my body has really cleared up. You can count on me, Lou Hong Fang, to help you out with the exploration of the ruins, I Lou Hong Fang never go back on my words."

Huang Yuan Bo also cupped his fists in front of Pei Guang He, to show his gratitude. Only Shi Pei Shan had not thanked Pei Guang He, but rather cupped her fists in front of Ning Cheng and said, "Thank you Brother Ning, for saving our lives."

When Lou Hong Fang heard what Shi Pei Shan said, he then slapped his head and said, "My mistake, the one I should be thanking is Brother Ning."

Saying that he once again expressed his gratitude towards Ning Cheng, when Huang Yuan Bo looked at them, he too expressed his gratitude towards Ning Cheng. But Ning Cheng actually felt that the thanks that Huang Yuan Bo showed was somewhat perfunctory, although Lou Hong Fang had not thought about it at first, but at least his thanks seemed to have come from the bottom of his heart.

"Well, now that the poison has been rid from your bodies, I am finally relieved, now let's discuss with everybody on how would we go ahead and find the ruins of the Lan Yi Country." This girl king really showed a relieved expression on her face, as she stood up and said.

Saying that, she passed a leather skin into the hands of Pei Guang He.

"This is the map we found." When Shi Pei Shan saw the leather skin in his hands, she immediately whispered in Ning Cheng's ears.

As if Pei Guang He heard Shi Pei Shan, after glancing at the map in his hands, he handed it Ning Cheng and said, "Brother Ning, wouldn't it be better to place this map in your hands?"

When Ning Cheng received the map, he also glanced at it, and then returned it back and said "Since Brother Pei is the host here, it would be better for the map to be in Brother Pei's hands."

Xiu Xiu actually looked doubtfully at Ning Cheng, wasn't the reason why Ning Cheng came here was for this map, but now that the map was being offered to him, he did not want it? What she would have never believed was that at the moment when Ning Cheng had taken a glance at the map, he had already thoroughly memorized and imprinted the contents of the map onto his mind.

Even if a cultivator was able to use their Spiritual Sense, they would have to sweep the entire map a couple of times with it to even memorize a portion of it, but sweeping it with their Spiritual Sense and completely branding it into their minds were two entirely different concepts.

"Or you can just give it to me." Lou Hong Fang said as although he had a favourable impression of Ning Cheng, but he actually did not like the way Ning Cheng did things. Since the others were giving you the map, why would he still refuse it?

"You can." Pei Guang He did not hesitate even one bit as he handed the map back into Lou Hong Fang's hands, and simultaneously stood up and said to Xiu Xiu, "Xiu Xiu, it is better if we leave right now, even though we have the ancient map of the ruins with us, if we do not rush out in a timely manner, I'm afraid that something unexpected might happen."

Xiu Xiu just showed a faint smile and said, "What Guang He said is correct, we should head out now. Me and Guang He, along with Yu Xing and Mei Xu, in addition to Mr. Ning and the three people along with Brother Lou, we are a total of 8 people."

This time this young girl king finally called out to one of the three former captives as Brother Lou, as for the other two she did not call out their names directly.

"Since the map is now in the hands of Brother Lou, then it would be better that Brother Lou lead the way." Pei Guang He said while smiling.

"No problem." Lou Hong Fang took the lead as he directly went out of the room.

The remaining few people also immediately followed him and went out of the yurt, even Ning Cheng followed behind Pei Guang He.

It was probably because of the arrival of Pei Guang He that Xiu Xiu decided to jointly venture out to explore the ruins, and also precisely the reason why Xiu Xiu had not activated the entrapment Array Formation that she had set up outside.

After leaving the yurt, Lou Hong Fang immediately picked up his speed, and quickly left the oasis that was dotted with those yurts behind in the dust. Ning Cheng and the other were silently following behind Lou Hong Fang, no one spoke a single word. As for the people who were calling the young girl as their king, as if on orders, did not follow behind with her, it was as if she knew that even if they took them along, they would not be of much use in exploring the ruins.

"I do not know how far is the North Jue Tribe from here? For the North Jue Tribe to come here, did they already know that there was an oasis here?" After the eight people walked for about an hour, Ning Cheng finally took the initiative to break the silence.

The young girl named Xiu Xiu showed a faint smile, she did not beat around the bush, and directly said, "This is a secret only for the tribe members along with their families from my North Jue Tribe, if Mr. Ning wants to know more about the North Jue Tribe, then you would have to join our North Jue Tribe for it."

Ning Cheng just leisurely said, "Even if I wanted to join the North Jue Tribe, I still have an issue that I have to resolve first and as such have to consult with King Xiu Xiu. I do not know if a noble like you have a map to the Hua Continent?"

Xiu Xiu did not even consider this for even half a moment, before she bluntly said, "No."

Shei Pei Shan walked up to the side of Ning Cheng and said, "Brother Ning, the map to pass through the Thunder Fall Dessert that you ask for, only a very few people possess it. However, if one wants to walk out of the Thunder Fall Dessert, as a rule, they will often have to encounter frequent whirlpools in the Thunder Fall Dessert. These sand whirlpools will often swirl in the sand in a particular direction, as long as you walk in the same direction, you can walk out of here."

"Many thanks." Ning Cheng thanked Shi Pei Shan and did not say anything more, since no one wanted to start a conversation, it was useless for him to try and speak.

After an hour, Lou Hong Fang finally stopped, pointing to a huge sand pit in front of him, he said, "We have arrived, it's right here."

Ning Cheng who had already memorized the map, already knew how to enter the ruins. According to the markings on the map, once they arrived at the entrance of the ruins, one would be able to see a giant sand pit. In the evening, when the moonlight shined over this sand pit, it will create three lunar shadows which would eventually overlap with each other.

This intersection point of the three lunar shadows was the actual entrance to the ruins of Lan Yi Country.

In this desert one would find numerous sand pits, but most of the sand pits here would end being filled up with sand over time. Since the map had already mentioned that the sand pit above the ruins would not be filled up with sand, it stood to reason that this particular sand pit would not disappear for no reason.

Sure enough, since the giant pit was right in front of them, it indicated that the map was indeed genuine.

"It appears that there still is about an hours' time for the moon to appear, I recommend that everyone should take a look at the map." Huang Yuan Bo suddenly opened his mouth to speak.

This map was already seen by the few people from the North Jue Tribe, but as for them, they only looked at it once, as a result he decided to make that proposal.

"Certainly." Lou Hong Fang took the initiative and gave the map to Huang Yuan Bo, but did not seek out Xiu Xiu's views.

Huang Yuan Bo also did not refuse, holding the map in his hands he repeated glanced at it as if trying to memorize it, and then gave the map to Shi Pei Shan. Shi Pei Shan also looked at the map a few times, before handing it to Mei Xu.

Mei Xu seemed as if she did not want to give the map to Ning Cheng, and kept looking at the map in her hands repeatedly. At last till the moon finally rose up in the sky, the map still remained in her hands as if she was trying hard to commit the map to her memory.

"Mei Xu, hand over the map to Brother Luo, Brother Luo please accept the map and continue to lead the way." Xiu Xiu said as she gave a dissatisfied look at Mei Xu.

Mei Xu seemed as if she suddenly understood the map, that she was holding in her hands for so long, and quickly handed over the map to Lou Hong Fang.

Lou Hong Fang did not care about it, but he pointed to the place in the sand pit where the three shadows overlapped at said, "I'll go in first, as for the rest, just follow me."

Saying that, he directly jumped at the place where the three shadows overlapped.

Just as Lou Hong Fang jumped at the place of overlap of the three shadows, he completely vanished, only the air around the spot where the three shadows overlapped quivered slightly, while nothing else in the surrounding changed. It was as if Lou Hong Fang had simply jumped into a pond, as if there was no risk at all.

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Chapter 79: Blue Sand City

The rest of the people also did not hesitate, and following the same trend jumped down. Just as Ning Cheng fell on top of the spot where the three lunar shadows overlapped, he immediately felt an enormous suction force spreading throughout all around him, he did not need to use any kind of Earth Escape Technique, and was directly carried away.

This was definitely a Transfer Array Formation, Ning Cheng was just thinking about this, when he stepped on to a field.

As for the rest of people, they all simultaneously fell around him in the same place, in the meantime Ning Cheng swept his eyes around taking in his surroundings, they were standing on a passage that was underneath the desert.

This passage seemed to go on as far as the eye could see, but the width of it did not exceed 3 or 4 feet. On both sides of the passage one could not make out the colour of the walls clearly, but the walls were inlaid with a rows of glowing stones that emitted a weak and dim light. As for what was underneath their feet, it was a simple stoned path, this stone path stretched into the distance and one could not make out where it ended.

"This should not be the true ruins of the country; the ruins of the country would not have such obvious artificial traces." Yu Xing, the True Condensate cultivator that guarded the young girl king spoke out first.

But Pei Guang He said disapprovingly, "Initially when the several elders of my North Jue Tribe escaped from the catastrophe of the Lan Yi Country, some of them must have returned back. Perhaps they had already found the remains of the Lan Yi Country, but because there were no more things remaining here, so they created this place, so that the later generations could more easily find the Lan Yi Country. Otherwise, from where did our map even come from?"

To say it such confidence, the words that Pei Guang He spoke actually felt quite reasonable. However, Ning Cheng thought that what Pei Guang He said was not completely correct, if what Pei Guang He said was correct, then they should be underneath the desert. As no one had visited this place in the middle of the desert for countless years, then the air inside this place should have been stuffy, with at least some hint of staleness in the air. But the fact was, when he came in, he couldn't even smell a single whiff of stale air, moreover there was even a slight draft blowing in their direction.

"Whether what you said is true or false is not much relevant, since we have already arrived here, we must go and take a look." Lou Hong Fang finished speaking, and took the lead and started walking along the passage.

After the time it took for half an incense stick to burn, Lou Hong Fang stopped in front of an ancient city gate, half of the city walls were already collapsed, and on the stone slab at the corner of the city gate, in a motley handwriting that was barely visible, was written 'Blue Sand City'.

"Here are the ruins of the Lan Yi Country, Blue Sand City was the capital of the Lan Yi Country." Lou Hong Fang said with a touch of excitement in his tone.

Blue Sand City showed the vicissitudes of life, in any case, what they had assumed before was certainly not false, the scene in front of them could only be manifested due to the passage of countless years of erosion by time. Ning Cheng even suspected that the draft of wind that he had felt earlier might have been an illusion.

"Blue Sand City is indeed the capital city of Lan Yi Country, originally the Lan Yi Country had a huge defensive battle Array Formation, I did not expect that even after the passage of countless years, the sand still could not completely bury the Lan Yi Country, it shows that the huge Defensive Array Formation is still working." Xiu Xiu said in a low voice as she watched the Blue Sand City.

Pei Guang He coolly said, "That may not be necessarily so, in the deepest parts of the desert one can find many desert geological faults, if this Blue Sand City happened to be separated by these Geological Faults, then even if there was no Defensive Array Formations, they would still not be buried under the sand."

"Since we have already come here, how can we cringe with fear?" Lou Hong Fang finished speaking, and once again took the lead and strode past the gates of Blue Sand City.

Yu Xing was the second to follow, the rest of the people did not hesitate any more, and quickly entered the city through the gate. Ning Cheng also strode into the Blue Sand City through the ancient gates.

After entering through the gate, everyone could feel a draft of decayed and dry air around them, which made the people a bit relaxed. Since this were the ruins of the Lan Yi Country, so this kind of draft filled with decay was common.

Many of the buildings that appeared to be shops were already damaged, with pieces from many of these building strewn across the street with a lot of sand covering them in a thick layer of yellow, it made the people to believe that the street was not very wide, although it also did not give the feeling of being crowded, it did give out an intense feeling of desolation.

The few people's footsteps could be heard all along the streets, as for the shops and stalls that sold various Artefacts and other materials on the streets to both foreigners and locals had long since turned to dust.

"Dried bones...." just as they continued to walk forward Ning Cheng heard Shi Pei Shan call out suddenly, she had just stepped on a skull, moreover this skull still was very strong.

"There are dried bones everywhere here, what is there to be surprised about it." The rough looking woman called Mei Xu who had been slapped by Ning Cheng said loudly with disdain in her voice.

Just as her voice faded, everyone could hear a 'crash' sound, as an otherwise complete looking shop building immediately turned to dust.

"The passage of countless years surely has taken quite a toll on the city, for even a human sound to have enough power to turn an otherwise complete looking shop building to powder." Pei Guang He said in a slow voice as he sighed.

Ning Cheng frowned, he again felt that something was wrong, this shop building that had turned to powder in front of them presumably because of the sound was very strange. In essence, this air draft that was filled with a rotten and stale scent had much more power in it that just the sound from when one spoke, it fact he was not aware of this decadent taste. He could only smell the scent of decay from the streets.

He even suspected that Pei Guang He also knew about this and understood this point, but he used his words in such a way as to cover up something.

The rest of the people no longer spoke anymore, on the entire street there were only those few people who were walking with 'whispering' footsteps, along the way they all saw countless skeletons and bones scattered around, but they had already become accustomed to it, and nobody thought that anything was wrong.

This street seemed to be endless, even after walking on it for an hour, although the few people had passed through a few curves along the way, they still could not see the end of this street.

"Huang Yuan Bo has disappeared." Suddenly Shi Pei Shan who was following behind Ning Cheng called out in a frightened voice again, everyone immediately stopped and turned around, they all discovered that Huang Yuan Bo had really disappeared.

The original eight people were carefully walking through the street, and moreover each of them were highly alert and vigilant, but when Huang Yuan Bo disappeared, the rest of the people did not know what had transpired.

"I think that something is truly strange here, everyone should be mutually careful with each other, what do you say Brother Ning?" Pei Guang He looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, his meaning was very clear, I do not want to go back to look for Huang Yuan Bo.

Ning Cheng smiled and said, "What Brother Pei suggested is really good, of course we will listen to the opinion of Brother Pei." Basically he did not even wait for half a moment and spoke in a way that meant that he would also not go back to find Huang Yuan Bo.

"Aaaah, blood....." This time it was Mei Xu who was screaming, everyone immediately looked at Mei Xu who was still screaming, taking a look past her, everyone knew why Mei Xu had screamed, at the building behind her there was a large pool of blood spreading out from beneath the shut door.

In a place such as this underground ruins, how could there be a pool of blood? Even if there was a pool of blood previously, it would have long since dried up, how could there be such a large amount of blood flowing out?

"Isn't it just a little blood? There is nothing to be surprised about it." Shi Pei Shan ironically called out all of a sudden, it was obviously because she was ridiculed by Mei Xu previously, and was extremely uncomfortable in her heart that she spoke out in such a manner.

Lou Hong Fang suddenly punched the front door, as he suddenly felt a little bit depressed, this was the only way he could think of to shake of this depression.

"Squeak." a sound came, the front door that Lou Hong Fang punched did not get smashed to powder as one would expect, but rather it was as if he had only pushed open the door. Originally Lou Hong Fang wanted to smash open the door with his punch, and then directly charge through the open door. But now that door just gave a loud squeak instead of blasting open as expected, his heart immediately started pounding in his chest.

There seemed to be a gloomy and cold atmosphere inside the room behind the door, and so after a short while as the rest of the people adapted to the lighting, they could clearly see the situation behind the door. This seemed to be a great hall of sorts, the hall still had many chairs all around and seemed to be a meeting place of sorts. As for what was further inside, one could not see clearly.

The blood that had flowed outside was coming from flowing out from a pattern that was inscribed on the floor of the main hall, the blood was flowing through this pattern as if it was a water stream, creating an endless boundary. Ning Cheng wanted to enter this hall and sweep it with his Spiritual Sense, but he found that when his Spiritual Sense entered the hall, it immediately disappeared without a trace.

Mei Xu who was unhappy because of Shi Pei Shan's sarcastic remark before, turned to Xiu Xiu and said, "My King, I will go forward first and have a look."

"You should be careful." After Xiu Xiu spoke that sentence, she did not prevent Mei Xu to go ahead.

Mei Xu took a step into the hall, as she quickly disappeared from the eyes of the crowd.

After a while, the few people suddenly heard Mei Xu's surprised voice, "Artefact...."

When Lou Hong Fang heard Mei Xu's voice he also immediately stepped inside, Pei Guang He together with Xiu Xiu and the three other people also immediately followed.

In just a twinkling of an eye, these five people disappeared from the vision of Ning Cheng and Shi Pei Shan, it was just like drop of water falling into the sea.

"Elder Sister Shi, do you not want to go in?" Ning Cheng looked doubtfully at Shi Pei Shan and asked.

Shi Pei Shan smiled and said, "It is not that I am afraid of death, since we are all looking for some opportunity, we should not fear death. It is just that I think that if I follow Brother Ning, I would have a much better chance."

Ning Cheng suddenly changed topics and asked, "How much do you know about Huang Yuan Bo?"

Shi Pei Shan did not understand why did Ning Cheng would suddenly ask about Huang Yuan Bo, she hesitated for a while before saying, "Huang Yuan Bo is a disciple from the Cang Yan 4 Star Academy of the Yuan Continent, the reason why we formed a team with him was because he is quite knowledgeable about Array Formations. Although he does not speak much, but his personality is quite good."

Ning Cheng was just about to speak, when he heard a rapid burst of footsteps, then he and Shi Pei Shan immediately saw Huang Yuan Bo rushing towards them. Huang Yuan Bo had a pale complexion and looked very flustered. After he saw Ning Cheng and Shi Pei Shan, he seemed relieved, and quickly rushed towards them, after catching his breath for a moment he said, "It really was too dangerous, if I did not understand Array Formations, I was sure that I would not be able to get out."

"What is the matter?" Shi Pei Shan hastily asked.

Huang Yuan Bo said with a fearful voice, "I had stepped into a Bewildering Array Formation, and ended up stuck inside it for a long time, if I had not found this door in front of me I wouldn't have been able to exit the Array Formation. Hey, what happened to the others?"

"They have already entered the main hall; we were also just about to go in before you arrived." Ning Cheng said, as he pointed to the pitch black main hall in front of him, then after saying that, he also proceeded to enter the enter the main hall.

Seeing Ning Cheng go inside, Shi Pei Shan also quickly went inside, Huang Yuan Bo glanced at the blood on the ground, and did not feel surprised, and also followed them inside.

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Chapter 80: The Grey Robed Man Atop The Blood Pool

After the three people including Ning Cheng entered the main hall, they immediately saw the other five people who had entered the hall before them. Not only that, their field of view was also unusually clear.

When one looked at the main hall from the outside, it appeared very bleak and desolate, basically one would not be able to make out anything inside distinctly, but none of them expected that when they entered the hall, they would be able to see the surroundings this clearly.

"Brother Huang, you are alright, it really is the best news." Lou Hong Fang said as he saw Huang Yuan Bo enter the hall, and greeted them with a happy feeling in his heart.

Ning Cheng could also now see clearly, in the innermost reaches of the main hall, there was an altar that had three Artefacts as if they were placed there as an offering. The middle one was a black ring, the one

on the left was a very ordinary looking Flying Sword, while the one on the right was a knife like Artefact. On both sides of this altar, there was a small door.

"Why didn't you go ahead and take the Artefacts?" Shi Pei Shan looked puzzlingly at the five people who had entered the hall before them and asked.

Once Ning Cheng had looked at the entire hall in front of him, he once again turned to look back at the entrance to the main hall through which they had arrived, it was similar to before, that is he couldn't see the outside clearly while standing inside.

"We cannot take them, just now when we went ahead to take a look, we were almost seriously injured. There is a Defensive Array Formation in front of the altar, once you get close to it, the Array Formation will automatically attack you. But now that Brother Huang has once again reappeared, and moreover since he is also an Array Formation Master, why don't we allow him to take a look at it to help us break it open?" Lou Hong Fang said as he looked in the direction of Huang Yuan Bo.

Huang Yuan Bo shook his head and said, "The level of understanding that I have towards Array Formations is very limited, and thus I cannot see it clearly."

Although Ning Cheng could not tell what this Array Formation in front of him was, but he could tell that the altar in front of them was not an ordinary altar, but rather a sacrificial altar.

Pei Guang He looked at Ning Cheng as he smiled and said, "Brother Ning, there is a door on both sides of the altar, of the eight people here, why don't we divide ourselves into two groups of 4 and enter the doors to see what is inside? As for the Artefacts on the altar, we can come back to it later."

Ning Cheng immediately replied, "Of course, I will take the left door, who would like to join up with me."

Just as he finished speaking, Ning Cheng was already moving towards the small door on the left and soon disappeared through it.

"I'll follow Brother Ning." Huang Yuan Bo immediately said as he followed Ning Cheng inside.

When Shi Pei Shan and Lou Hong Fang saw that, they also immediately followed behind. The distinction was pretty clear, and the eight people were divided equally into two groups of four.

"Xiu Xiu, these Artefacts are fake." Pei Guang He saw the four of them enter the small door on the left, and immediately said out loud.

Xiu Xiu nodded, it was apparent to them that these Artefacts in front of them were fake.

"How is it possible for those to be fake? What about the Qi fluctuations, if they were fake then why use the Array Formation to protect them?" Mei Xu asked as she did not understand.

Pei Guang He said with a sneer, "It is not only me and Xiu Xiu who noticed that these Artefacts were fake, I think that that Ning Xiao Cheng should have also noticed that these Artefacts were fake."

Mei Xu after being silent for a while, subconsciously spoke up, "If you already knew this, my King, then why did you let those four people go in, wont they take away the good things...."

"These are the ruins of our Lan Yi Country, if I let them in, then they definitely would not be able to come out. Mei Yu you can rest assured; we can easily leave whenever we want to." Xiu Xiu said in a calm voice.

Pei Guang He looked at Mei Xu pitifully, what the altar needed was a blood sacrifice, only then could it be opened. Of the four people along with Ning Cheng who had just passed though, it was certain that at least one of them knew that a blood sacrifice was needed, but now that there were only four people here, naturally they would have to choose a person as a blood sacrifice among them. He simply did not need to think; he had already selected Mei Xu for the blood sacrifice.

Mei Xu seemed to know nothing about this, and still tightly followed behind Xiu Xiu, while frequently watching the scenes in the surroundings.

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When Ning Cheng and the others entered through the small door, there were six dark corridors in front of them. And none of them knew what corridor should they enter.

Huang Yuan Bo. pointed to the second corridor from the left and said, "When I passed by the Array Formation from before, I also encountered this type of arrangement, we should go through the second channel."

After saying that Huang Yuan Bo immediately walked towards the corridor he pointed, Ning Cheng and the others did not have any objections and also followed behind.

"Brother Ning, I always felt that that Xiu Xiu has some ill intentions for us, but she not only helped the three of us get rid of the poison in our body, but even proposed to explore the ruins together, just why is she so good?" At the moment, since they were the only four people walking through the dark corridor, Shi Pei Shan finally said what she had always wanted to ask.

Huang Yuan Bo also spoke up, after walking towards Ning Cheng and said, "I've also had this doubt, but I just could not find anything....."

Huang Yuan Bo had not even finished speaking, when his hands suddenly emitted a white light, this white light directly shot towards the waist of Ning Cheng, and was as swift as lightning.

Almost at the same time, Ning Cheng also blasted out a punch.

This fist that was filled with an intense axe type Killing Intent directly flew towards the legs of Huang Yuan Bo, as that white light and the murderous Axe Fist came out it immediately filled the corridor in which they were in with thunder like rumblings, these rumbling were unceasingly resounding throughout the corridor.

"Bang" a dull thumping sound could be heard, as the white light from Huang Yuan Bo directly collided at Ning Cheng's waist.

It was followed by two distinct sounds of blood spurting, Ning Cheng's Axe Fist immediately split Huang Yuan Bo above his knees, causing the legs of Hung Yuan Bo to immediately separate from his body. But when the white light fell on Ning Cheng's body, it did not have any visible effect.

Lou Hong Fang and Shi Pei Shan had a shocked look on their faces as they looked at Ning Cheng and Huang Yuan Bo. They did not understand how they ended up in this sort of situation.

"How did you know that I was going to sneak attack you?" Huang Yuan Bo's face turned ugly as he finally snapped.

"You left the group secretly, and even arranged an Array Formation on the way back, I know that you would plot against anyone, but I truly did not think that you would plot against me. This is something a good man would never do, not only did I save your dog shit of a life, but in return you also planned to kill me." Ning Cheng said in a cold voice.

Hung Yuan Bo's face turned white as a cardboard as he said, "I really hate you so much, I should have attacked your legs."

He not only hated himself for attacking the wrong place, but he also hated himself for being negligent, if he had only sneakily attacked Ning Xiao Cheng's leg, then at least he would have been able to fight evenly with the opposite party. Who knew that this fellow was wearing an Armour Type Artefact inside? If he was not wearing the armour inside, his attack would have already sliced Ning Xiao Cheng in half.

Ning Cheng calmly replied, "You do not need to be hateful about anything, that is because I let you attack my waist."

The implication was that, if I had not allowed you to carry out your sneak attack, even without the armour you would not be able to hurt a single strand of my hair, much less split apart my waist.

Huang Yuan Bo suddenly stared at Lou Hong Fang and Shi Pei Shan and snapped, "Lou Hong Fang, Shi Pei Shan, if the two of you join hands together with me, then as long as the three of us collaborate, we can easily take care of him. Do you really think that he saved us? He definitely has the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea on him, but he chose not to take it out."

Shi Pei Shan frowned and said, "Huang Yuan Bo, this is not the first day that you came out, regardless of if Brother Ning has the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea on him or not, he still saved all of us. Moreover, now that problem of the poison from the sand beast in our bodies has already been solved, why would you still want to attack Brother Ning?"

"Solved? Ha Ha...." Huang Yuan Bo gave a miserable laugh and said, "If it had already been solved, this father would have already walked away, why would I have waited till now? That poison had temporarily been suppressed by Pei Guang He, can you not see that the Qi flowing in your Dantian is still not flowing smoothly?"

Although Huang Yuan Bo had the lowest cultivation among them. but he was a disciple from a 4 Star Academy, so he was quite knowledgeable in these matters. When Shi Pei Shan and Lou Hong Fang heard it they immediately tried it, at once they immediately came to understand that what Huang Yuan Bo said was indeed right, the poison was only suppressed temporarily, but was actually not solved.

Seeing the pale complexion of the two people, Huang Yuan Bo cried out in a bitter voice, "Ning Xiao Cheng is simply not afraid of the poisonous gas of those sand beast, how could you not believe that he does not have the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea on him? Even taking a few steps back, even if he did not

have the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea on him, but since he drank the Desert Geocentric Spring Tea, his blood can also be used to counteract the poison...."

Huang Yuan Bo's voice was getting smaller and smaller.

Lou Hong Fang and Shi Pei Shan suddenly turned silent, they both looked at Ning Cheng but no longer spoke. Lou Hong Fang was thinking on how to begin, while Shi Pei Shan was thinking why did Ning Cheng not give an explain for this.

Ning Cheng gave out a dark sigh in his heart, if he really had the Geocentric Spring Tea on him, he really would not have been stingy with it, but he does not have such a thing with him. As for letting him use his own blood to save the other two people, he was simply not so noble as that.

What nobody noticed was, Huang Yuan Bo's body was gradually shrivelling up, and the blood from his body was slowly seeping underground, disappearing from view.

"Rumble Rumble...." A burst of roar suddenly sounded inside the corridor, and the corridor in front of them immediately lit up.

Ning Cheng at this moment did not have any interest in continuing to act as a team with the two people, with just a flash of light he disappeared from in front of them along the corridor.

"Why didn't you begin? From what I saw, that Ning Xiao Cheng's cultivation is at most at Qi Gathering Realm." Huang Yuan Bo looked at Lou Hong Fang and Shi Pei Shan and asked.

Shi Pei Shan coldly swept a glance at Lou Hong Fang and said, "A moment ago I was truly hesitant, but I think that Ning Xiao Cheng certainly did not have the Geocentric Spring Tea on him, it is quite probable that he had already come here after drinking it."

"But "

Lou Hong Fang had only said a word when he was once again interrupted by Shi Pei Shan and said, "I will myself go find the antidote to the poison in me, if I drank the blood of my saviour, then I, Shi Pei Shan, would have failed as a human."

Saying that, she simply ignored Lou Hong Fang, she also did not realize that the ground was now littered with the dried bones of Huang Yuan Bo, and departed from the scene.

Lou Hong Fang touched his own hair, and murmured something, "It is indeed something difficult to do."

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Ning Cheng came out of the now brightly lit corridor, and immediately saw a line of blood below his feet, this line of blood was actually flowing in the same direction, moreover it did not show even the smallest signs of stopping or withering.

Ning Cheng looked around, and found that it was a very simple Array Formation. Looking in front of him he could see that there were many paths leading out, but this Array Formation was unexpectedly set up in the same direction in which the blood was flowing. At this time, he also did not hesitate for even half a moment, and directly followed in the direction of the blood line.

After the time it takes for two incense sticks to burn, Ning Cheng stopped in front of a huge pool of blood, there were various blood lines entering the huge blood pool feeding a constant supply of blood to it from all directions. But just above the blood pool sat a grey robed man, one could not determine his age, but looking at the Qi fluctuations that were emitting from his body, his cultivation level was definitely not low.

Just as Ning Cheng was looking at this grey robed man, the grey robed man immediately expelled a blood line from one of his finger, this eruption of a blood line fell on a giant boulder at a distance and instantly smashed it apart.

Ning Cheng took a look at the giant stone boulder, and saw that apart from being smashed to chunks, it was completely dyed in a dark red colour. It turned out that the blood flowing out of the person was a result of his cultivation practice. Ning Cheng already had a strong intelligence and wisdom from his various experiences, and immediately chose to exit through the door that he came from, but he unexpectedly once again circled back to the blood pool.

"Alas, I have been trying to reduce my difficulties in my cultivation practice, and barely came out of the blood pool, even the people coming here are getting less and less, it really is very awful." This grey robed man suddenly sighed.

"I think that there should be numerous copies of the map of the ruins of this Lan Yi Country, right?" Ning Cheng asked in a tone that was neither fast nor slow.