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Chapter 711: The Lively Covered Snow City

Named Descendant Celestial River's Second Revenant Star!

Wasn't this where he first went looking for Ruolan? He had also visited Second Revenant Star while exploring the trail of the metal origin. But back then, he never expected the Mysterious Yellow Aura to leak out during secluded cultivation, which resulted in him almost dying at the hands of Guo Sangan. It had forced him to flee to the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land and enter Eternal Night Domain.

After learning that the Ancient Shadow Temple had appeared in Second Revenant Star, Ning Cheng decided to go visit the Ancient Shadow Temple. Since this mystic realm appeared on Second Revenant Star, maybe he might cross paths with someone familiar. If a cultivator from Graceful Star Mainland did come to the Ancient Shadow Temple, he could then at least ask them for information about Ruolan.

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The Starry Sky Wheel flew at a much higher speed compared to average flying weapons. But after the Starry Sky Wheel entered Named Descendant Celestial River, Ning Cheng quickly understood the attraction of the Ancient Shadow Temple and put it away. Most of the flight-type weapons he saw along the way were heading to one place, Named Descendant Celestial River's Second Revenant Star.

Just as Ning Cheng heard, Second Revenant Star looked quite lively right now. As for Covered Snow City, the closest location to the Ancient Shadow Temple, it was already bursting to the brim with people. The formerly desolate Covered Snow City now seemed filled with beautiful skyscrapers. Starry sky chambers of commerce from different regions rushed up like cats smelling fish to set up shops and stores.

Land prices in Covered Snow City skyrocketed in just a day and now even a small store in Grand Culmination Starry Sky's Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City did not cost as much as it did in the Covered Snow City.

Initially, no one earned much money; including people who took possession of the more favourably positioned properties in this area. Of course, only those who had the strength could occupy these locations; otherwise, even if one held the spot, other people would rob it from the weaker ones and might even eliminate them to remove competition.

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"There are too many people here." Chasing Bull, who walked behind Ning Cheng, felt excited. It liked being around such lively places.

Chasing Bull was right; there really were too many people here. But Ning Cheng and Chasing Bull had still not yet entered the Covered Snow City; in fact, they were still some ways from the actual Covered Snow City. However, even this area brimmed with people and activity. Makeshift markets and trading venues could be found almost everywhere outside of the Covered Snow City, attracting hordes of cultivators and crowds from all over the place.

Coming to this place, Ning Cheng did not see any signs of the Ancient Shadow Temple; instead, he only saw a sea of people. This reminded him of the days when he was on Earth when all the major tourist attractions would attract hordes of crowds during the holiday season.

“Master, there are too many people outside the Covered Snow City. But it might not be as bad as inside the city.” Chasing Bull whispered on the side.

Ning Cheng understood Chasing Bull’s meaning. Since there were already so many people outside the Covered Snow City, wanting to enter the city, then there must be more people inside. Chasing Bull’s words did not mean that it feared crowds; it implied that they would have to squeeze through the crowds.

But Ning Cheng planned first to explore Covered Snow City. Besides, even if he wanted to enter the Ancient Shadow Temple, he would have to exit through Covered Snow City’s east gate. Since he was coming from the west side of the Covered Snow City, it meant that he would have to cross through the entire city and exit from the opposite side to reach the Ancient Shadow Temple.

“If you want to take your companion beast into the city, pay up 20,000 green coins for two.” The guard at the city gate stopped Ning Cheng and spoke.

20,000 green coins was not a small amount for an ordinary cultivator, but Ning Cheng couldn’t care about it. Since he spent 10 Perpetual Moon Pills as a reward before coming here, why would he care about 20,000 green coins? He grabbed a thousand purple coins and put them in the guard’s hand and casually spoke up, “Keep the change.”

For any cultivator at Ning Cheng’s level, they exclusively used Perpetual Moon Pills and Permanent Essence Pills, sometimes even Starry Sky Essence Qi Veins. Celestial coins, however, were just optional, almost marginalised, objects for them. Even Celestial Essence Stones had a much greater use to him than celestial coins.

By this time, Ning Cheng and Chasing Bull had already moved quite far. Only then did the guard realise that he had made a fortune and quickly ran up and thanked them, “Many thanks for the reward, Senior.”

Celestial coins practically had little to no use for Ning Cheng, but for ordinary cultivators, this was a valuable cultivation resource. With this in hand, one could buy medicinal pills, weapons and practically anything else they currently needed...

Although Chasing Bull didn’t make a wrong estimation, the inside of the Covered Snow City did not look as crowded as the outside.

Ning Cheng quickly understood why. It should be because of the 20,000 green coins as the entry fees for the Covered Snow City. For an ordinary cultivator, it was a very high price.

Ning Cheng naturally did not come here to buy weapons or medicinal pills, he just came here to explore the Covered Snow City and reach the other end. At the same time, his spiritual consciousness continually swept out in waves. The shielding restrictions could not stop Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness as it passed by. Fortunately, Ning Cheng only had the intent of locating someone he might know. Although his spiritual consciousness penetrated into the restrictions, it did not damage or destroy

it; as such, no one dared to come out to say anything. Besides, how could it be simple to use spiritual consciousness to break shielding restrictions?

As time passed, Ning Cheng finally made his way to the bridge connecting the east and west part of Covered Snow City but did not find even a single acquaintance.

Although the words 'East Gate Grand Bridge' felt impressive, the imposing aura from the bridge felt even more impressive. Apparently, someone rebuilt this East Gate Grand Bridge not too long ago. Passing the East Gate Grand Bridge, everyone could see the newly built luxurious-looking merchant houses and various pavilions.

"Master, should we go in and look around. The merchant houses here look really beautiful." Chasing Bull kept following Ning Cheng, but because it didn't get to enter a restaurant, it started to feel a little bit envious of the people here.

Ning Cheng did not feel like going to a restaurant and spoke without much thought, "Once we get out of the east district, we'll circle around to the Ancient Shadow Temple. If we don't find anyone here, we'll head back to Culmination Starland."

Chasing Bull put its head down in dejection, and did not dare to say anything as it followed Ning Cheng past the East Gate Grand Bridge.

Ning Cheng had just passed the East Gate Grand Bridge when a Daoist shadow flew out of a building near the end of the bridge. The shadow flew directly towards Ning Cheng's while spraying blood through the air. Apparently, someone had forcibly blasted this figure out of the building.

Ning Cheng didn't even need to stretch out his hand, his domain managed to stop the Daoist shadow from hitting him.

The figure lightly landed on the ground before staggering a few steps back and stopping. It was a middle-aged man with some vicissitudes and undead cultivation. If it weren't for Ning Cheng's domain, he would probably have broken at least a few bones.

The man didn't seem to realise that someone had helped him. After landing on the ground, he immediately rushed towards the pavilion with blood-shot eyes.

Ning Cheng shook his head. Looks like this fellow did not care about life or death. Beaten to almost an inch of his life and saved a few moments later, this fellow still rushed up without any care.

However, before this man could rush up, someone came out of the pavilion.

Ning Cheng did not bother with it much; such things happened almost everywhere and every day. Besides, he also had no idea about who was right and who was wrong.

"Lu Yu, Lu Yu....." The man didn't care about the two cultivators rushing towards him, as he kept frantically yelling the words 'Lu Yu' while rushing towards this luxurious pavilion.

Ning Cheng stopped; he suddenly felt some familiarity with those words 'Lu Yu'. A moment later, he recalled who Lu Yu was, the elder sister of Xuan Yu[1].

Orchid Borough Celestial River's Orchid Borough Celestial River King had taken initially taken fancy to Xuan Yu's elder sister Lu Yu. However, Lu Yu already had a person she loved, with whom she later escaped with from Orchid Borough Celestial River. As a result, Orchid Borough King shifted his anger towards Lu Yu's family. Fortunately, Xuan Yu managed to replace her elder sister and married Orchid Borough King, calming his anger towards her family.

Later, once all of Xuan Yu's relatives died, she then eloped with his friend Jing Wuming on the way to Striking Order Starland. At that time, Jing Wuming showed interest in entering the Time Wilderness. However, Ning Cheng did not see him inside the Time Wilderness and didn't know if he actually went in.

Ning Cheng didn't know if this Lu Yu was truly Xuan Yu's elder sister, but if she were, then for Jing Wuming's sake, he would help.

Personally, Ning Cheng didn't have much of a favourable impression of Xuan Yu's elder sister Lu Yu. To stay with her companion, this woman gave up her family. And from what he heard, there was a good chance that without her younger sister, her family would have definitely perished under Orchid Borough King's anger.

"Let's go and have a look." Ning Cheng walked up.

Chasing Bull, who had shrunk away from the chaos around it, on hearing his master finally showing some interest in going to a restaurant, quickly led the way.

"The restaurant is busy right now, come back later." The shop assistant stopped Chasing Bull but directed his words towards Ning Cheng behind Chasing Bull.

Chasing Bull opened his mouth wide and sneezed before speaking, "My master came here looking forward to checking out your restaurant, better you quickly open the door and welcome my master upstairs, and then take out the best wine for my master. This grandpa bull will take your second best wine."

The shop assistant looked at Chasing Bull in shock. A talking demonic beast was already a surprising thing, but what felt even more outrageous was that this demonic pet actually dared to say such words in a restaurant belonging to the Ji Clan, was it tired of living?

The two cultivators who stopped the man rushing to the restaurant also felt stunned on hearing Chasing Bull's words. Both of them thought of the same thing, where did such arrogant-sounding stupid bull come from.

Ning Cheng slapped Chasing Bull's head and said, "Leave it. If you don't know how to speak, then don't speak. Don't talk without a chin, or even open your mouth. Just how many people do you want to offend in one day?"

"Master, I have a chin." Chasing Bull murmured with its head down and didn't dare to talk.

"What a big face, what a big tongue. I'd like to see who wants my restaurant to open doors and greet them with its best wine?" A dismissive voice came over, followed by a male cultivator wearing a brocade-lined robe.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept into the pavilion and found the decorations inside even more luxurious and magnificent than the outside. His spiritual consciousness did not hesitate to break the restriction on the second floor and found a female cultivator in one of the rooms, with blood all over her body and in ragged clothes.

When Ning Cheng saw this female cultivator, he immediately knew that she was Lu Yu, who had eight points of similarity with Xuan Yu.

Knowing that it was indeed Lu Yu here, Ning Cheng ignored this man in a brocade-lined robe and instead walked to the front of the man who they had now restrained and asked, "What's your name?"

The man had a face filled with resentment, but unfortunately, the people here had already restrained him, and he couldn't resist at all. Now that Ning Cheng asked, he subconsciously replied, "I'm called Dong Li."

Then he froze and stopped speaking. How could he suddenly reveal his name?

"So you're Lu Yu's Dao Companion, the one wanted by Orchid Borough King for escaping Orchid Borough Celestial River." Said Ning Cheng with a flat voice.

Dong Li turned sluggish. He and Lu Yu had been hiding in this inconspicuous place for many years. How did this cultivator standing in front of him know about this matter?

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"How are you able to speak? I sealed off...." The cultivator who had bound and sealed Dong Li spoke up in surprise. But before he could finish speaking, Ning Cheng kicked him away. Even the other cultivator standing next to him went flying under Ning Cheng's kick.

"Dong Li go upstairs and bring Lu Yu. You both will be leaving with me." Ning Cheng said after kicking away the two cultivators who had sealed Dong Li.

Dong Li quickly sobered up and realised that someone wanted to help him. Despite the nagging feeling at the back of his head, he repeatedly thanked Ning Cheng, "Many thanks senior, many thanks."

Although he spoke the words of thanks repeatedly, he moved even more quickly, and in just the time it took for him to complete two more sentences, he rushed into the restaurant.

The male cultivator wearing the brocaded robe, who had just come out of the tavern, looked at Ning Cheng with a frown but did not dare stop Dong Li. The two cultivators who had sealed Dong Li were both Heaven's Mandate cultivators, yet this person had easily blown them away with just a single kick. Was this person a Heaven Seated expert?

No matter if Ning Cheng was a Heaven Seated expert, he did not dare to oppose Ning Cheng, at least not right now.

Seeing Ning Cheng's actions, Chasing Bull then strolled towards the male cultivator with the brocaded robe, stretched out its hoof and rubbed it over the cultivator's dress, "Kid, you have some good clothes. At least it makes you look like a person instead of a dog."

The male cultivator wearing the brocaded robe didn't dare to contradict the words of Chasing Bull but secretly set out several messages.

In just a few minutes, Dong Li helped Lu Yu out. By this time, Lu Yu had already changed to a clean dress, but the scars around her neck still looked glaring.

"This Lu Yu thanks senior for the life-saving grace." Lu Yu acted in a more composed way compared to Dong Li and immediately thanked Ning Cheng after coming out.

Ning Cheng waved his hand, "No need to mention it. You both will come with me. When I leave the Second Revenant Star, I can take you both away."

Ning Cheng understood that the person who could occupy such a large area and build such a luxurious merchant house in this spot definitely would have an extraordinary background around these parts. If he left after saving Dong Li and Lu Yu, these two would fall into the hands of others once again. As for finding justice for Lu Yu, or getting revenge for her, Ning Cheng didn't even consider it. Too many similar things happening everywhere. As such, he would not get himself involved unless someone tried to go for the people close to him.

Lu Yu spoke with a grateful voice, "Many thanks, senior. But we two juniors and Senior don't seem to know each other."

Ning Cheng understood what Lu Yu worried about; the two had been hiding here for many years in relative obscurity, which instilled a habit of caution in both of them. Without knowing the identity of the person who 'saved' them, it might prove dangerous and unsafe for them to follow him.

After understanding Lu Yu's thoughts, Ning Cheng only gave a simple explanation, "You don't have to worry; I saved you because of Xuan Yu. I know Xuan Yu, and I know why you're here. So I decided to help you two in passing."

Lu Yu was not a little girl who did not know much about the world. She had already experienced many things. Therefore, hearing Ning Cheng's dull tone and seeing his expression, coupled with him knowing Xuan Yu, she quickly put things together and understood the problem. However, she only pursed her lips and didn't explain.

Chasing Bull loved to talk. Not only did it like to speak, but it also liked doing a lot many things like gossip. Since Ning Cheng didn't state the reason clearly, it couldn't bear the tension in the air anymore and spoke up, "You two have no experience at all. Just looking at the luxury of this restaurant, you should have already known that you wouldn't be able to handle it. The two of you were only asking for death trying to look for trouble in such a restaurant."

In Lu Yu's view, Chasing Bull was a companion beast, but since it could follow their saviour openly, it showed that it had a not-so-ordinary status. Moreover, even the combined imposing aura of the couple could not match up to this companion beast's aura.

Despite having Celestial Bridge cultivation, she quickly understood that she had to treat this beast as a senior. Therefore, she replied with a respectful tone, "Senior Spirit Beast[1], this area originally belonged to Dong Li and me. We used to have a store here, but because of the appearance of the Ancient Shadow Temple, people from Ji Clan quickly took over this place. Ji Clan has also taken over and demolished

most of the shops and stores here without providing any compensation. To build this building, no one knows how many innocent people have died under Ji Clan's hands."

Hearing Lu Yu addressing it as 'Senior Spirit Beast', Chasing Bull spoke up with pride, "Well, you do have a good vision, I'll give you that. But if that's the case, then why are you still alive?"

It knew that the title 'Spirit Beast' was just an honorific title for a companion beast. Even if someone looked at the entire starry sky, no one could say if it actually contained any spirit beasts. Besides, even if it did have spirit beasts, how could a spirit beast become someone else's companion beast? Regardless, the reason why Chasing Bull felt pride well up inside it was that it indeed was a real spirit beast.

"It's my fault. Yu'er and I had set up a temporary business outside the Ancient Shadow Temple, which allowed us to make some money. However, as more and more people started pouring into this place, Yu'er became worried. So we decided to leave. But before leaving, I just wanted to look at our old shop once more, the shop that we had built from the ground up. I didn't expect that they would capture us here for no reason. If not for Senior...."

Dong Li left the words trailing, but Ning Cheng understood that if he had not intervened, Dong Li and Lu Yu would have most likely died here today.

Lu Yu added more, "Most likely, someone in the store recognised me and wanted to take me back to Orchid Borough Celestial River King. But it doesn't feel right. I've been away from Orchid Borough Celestial River for so many years, so it's reasonable to say that even if they released a warrant for me back then, no one should have recognised me from it today."

Ning Cheng sighed; he knew and understood a bit more than what Lu Yu knew about the things going on right now. If not guessed incorrectly, Orchid Borough Celestial River King most likely had not yet found Xuan Yu. He must have released a wanted poster for her. Most likely, someone confused Lu Yu and Xuan Yu, as they practically looked the same, and wanted to catch her for the reward.

Since Xuan Yu was still out in the open, it also meant that Jing Wuming was alive.

Seeing Ning Cheng not speaking, Lu Yu spoke up with some worry. "Senior, the people who you taught a lesson a few moments ago, are people from Ji Clan. Even this merchant house belongs to Ji Clan. Since senior saved Dong Li and me from this place, I'm afraid, I'm afraid....."

Chasing Bull gave a snort, "What's there to be afraid of? Even if this Ji Clan doesn't come, there would be no need for my master to take any action; this old bull will take care of them with just a stomp."

Dong Li carefully spoke up, "Ji Yangyao is the Named Descendant Celestial River's Celestial River King. I heard that he is an expert in the Life and Death Realm. Moreover, the Celestial Lord of the Named Descendant Celestial River's Second Revenant Star is Ji Yaozhi, who has just advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm. Moreover, Ji Hongliu is the owner of this merchant house. She is Celestial River King Ji Yangyao's granddaughter. Senior ..."

"Humph, this Ji Clan isn't even worthy of being a piece of shit. When we went to Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain, even Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor had to stand respectfully in front of this old bull." Chasing Bull started to brag.

Dong Li and Lu Yu rarely ventured out and lived in seclusion in this place, but that did not mean they knew nothing about the world outside. They had at least heard of Heavenly Emperor Chuan Xinlou of the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. Therefore, when they heard Chasing Bull say that they not only had been to the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain, but even Heavenly Emperor Chuan Xinlou had to talk to them respectfully, both of them felt secretly frightened. They couldn't figure out if what Chasing Bull said was true or false.

When Chasing Bull saw the frightened look on Dong Li and Lu Yu's faces, it spoke up with even more pride, "Master, why don't we buy this piece of land from Ji Clan and then move our Cheng Ruolan Artefact-crafting Store here from Culmination Starland?"

Ning Cheng didn't bother to deal with Chasing Bull's motor mouth. Instead, his spiritual consciousness swept out to scan the area.

"Cheng Ruolan Artefact-crafting Store?" This time, both Dong Li and Lu Yu spoke up in surprise.

Ning Cheng subconsciously looked at Dong Li and Lu Yu and couldn't figure out why they had spoken up in surprise on hearing about his artefact-crafting store, especially since it wasn't even in business or famous.

Seeing Ning Cheng looking at their surprised faces, Lu Yu quickly replied, "Senior, back when we still had our store here, there was also a store with the name 'Cheng Ruolan' opposite to us. But it was called Cheng Ruolan Restaurant."

"Did you say there was a restaurant named Cheng Ruolan here? What was the name of the owner?" Ning Cheng quickly forgot that Lu Yu was still a female cultivator. He reached out and grabbed Lu Yu by her shoulder, as if afraid that she would disappear the next moment.

"The owner's name was Helian Mingzhe. He ran the restaurant with his granddaughter, Helian Dai...."

Only hearing half of Lu Yu's words, Ning Cheng let go of her in disappointment. Within this vast starry sky, it was not surprising to have stores with the same names. Even so, he decided to look into the whereabouts of this Helian Mingzhe.

"They also had a helper by the name of Ning Ruolan. In fact, the restaurant changed its name to Cheng Ruolan because of Ning Ruolan."

Hearing Lu Yu's words, Ning Cheng felt stunned. After staying still for a few moments, he asked with a trembling voice, "Do you know where Ning Ruolan is? Where is she?"

"Senior...." Lu Yu felt something amiss and called out in an unsure tone.

Ning Cheng then took in a deep breath and then spoke to Lu Yu and Dong Li with cupped fists, "I'm called Ning Cheng and am Ning Ruolan's elder brother. I came here to search for Ruolan. Please, can you tell me Ruolan's whereabouts?"

Lu Yu and Dong Li stood there with their mouths open in surprise and couldn't speak for a while. Ruolan's cultivation was as low as it could get in these parts, so how could she have such a powerful elder brother? This...

“Hurry up and speak, don’t stand as a mute.” Chasing Bull saw Lu Yu and Dong Li going into a daze and spoke up in dissatisfaction.

Lu Yu quickly came back to her senses and spoke up, “Cheng Ruolan Restaurant, like our store, was forcibly taken away by Ji Clan....”

Ning Cheng, feeling panic rising in him, interrupted Lu Yu’s words, “Is Ruolan all right?”

After a moment of silence, Lu Yu replied with an uncertain tone, “I’m not too sure about it. A few months ago, I saw Helian Dai in front of the Ancient Shadow Temple; she seemed to have opened a temporary store there. Since Helian Dai looked alright, then Ruolan should also be fine.”

Ning Cheng, feeling anxious, quickly spoke up, “Hurry up and take me to this Ancient Shadow Temple where you saw Helian Dai last time.”

“Yes, senior.” Lu Yu and Dong Li quickly led the way.

At this time, Ning Cheng had no intention to settle accounts with Ji Clan. He had to find Ruolan first before having a talk with them. If he could not find Ruolan, or if something happened to her, he would completely uproot this Ji Clan for occupying his sister’s Cheng Ruolan Restaurant.

So what if this clan had a Celestial River King? He just killed a Sacred Master of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine. He even had plans to go to Endless Void Docks and trample it to dust. Why would he care about a mere Celestial River King?

Moreover, he felt sure that Striking Order Heavenly Emperor would not hold him accountable for killing Named Descendant Celestial River’s Celestial River King. Even if Striking Order Heavenly King wanted to hold him responsible, he was not afraid of it.

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The Ancient Shadow Temple was not far from the east gate of the Covered Snow City. As Ning Cheng followed Lu Yu through the eastern part of the city, it only took half an hour before they reached the peripheral area outside the entrance to the Ancient Shadow Temple.

At this moment, the perennial snow covering the area had already melted away due to the interference from various array formations surrounding the temporary buildings, makeshift markets, and temporary abodes scattered all around. Shadows kept flashing by, and the air rang with crashing and booming sounds.

Lu Yu quickly brought Ning Cheng to the place where she saw Helian Dai. She pointed to a newly established merchant house and said, “At that time, this merchant house was not here. Helian Dai had opened up a temporary shop in that location. But from the looks of it, someone seems to have driven away Helian Dai from here.”

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Chapter 713: You Have Guts

Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness swept out and everything around him appeared within the range of his spiritual consciousness. However, he did not see any trace of Ning Ruolan, nor did he find any clue relating to Helian Dai according to the description given by Lu Yu.

Ning Cheng then walked into the merchant house that Lu Yu referred to and saw many people inside. From this, he could tell that this merchant house enjoyed a decent business. Besides, from the looks of it, this merchant house seemed to deal primarily in acquiring spiritual grasses and selling medicinal pills.

“Call the storekeeper.” Ning Cheng forcefully squeezed in, separating the crowd near the counter. Ruolan’s trail ended here, so why would Ning Cheng show any patience to stand around.

Moreover, most of the people here were rogue cultivators, which meant no one would willingly create trouble. Therefore, when they realised that Ning Cheng had squeezed in with questionable intentions, the cultivators crowding the counter automatically stepped away before Ning Cheng used any force. Some of the less courageous cultivators even decided to leave the store.

“Stand in line at the back, or get out. If you want to make trouble here, then you came to the wrong place.” The shop assistant shouted when he saw people moving away from Ning Cheng, especially the cultivators around the counter. Some of the cultivators even began to leave. This store enjoyed good business; as such, it didn’t matter if there was one more or one less Ning Cheng, but it would matter if many people decided to leave because of this person.

Before Ning Cheng could speak, Chasing Bull stepped forward and put his hoof on the counter, “Did you not hear my master? Call the storekeeper. This old bull will only count to three. If that storekeeper doesn’t come forward by then, this old bull will disassemble your store personally.”

Chasing Bull had been travelling with Ning Cheng for a long time; as such, it knew a little about the temper of its master. At this time, it had to put up an excellent performance; otherwise, there was a good chance that its master might think of it as useless and throw it back into the ring.

As Chasing Bull’s imposing aura spread out, the shop assistant immediately felt difficulty in breathing. He didn’t wait for Chasing Bull to start the count and quickly took out a communication pearl before sending out a few messages.

“Chasing Bull, take your hoof off the counter. Ask about things clearly before doing anything.” Seeing the shop assistant sending messages, Ning Cheng patted Chasing Bull’s head.

“Yes, master.” Chasing Bull completely ignored the gazes directed at it and respectfully took away its hoof from the counter; however, it felt proud. Looks like I didn’t make any mistakes this time; otherwise, master would have definitely slapped me instead of just giving a light pat on the head. This also proves that the new pleasing technique works on master. How could those little wasps compare to this old bull from now on, humph?

The storekeeper soon came down. He looked like a kind man with a goatee, but with cultivation at the peak of Heaven’s Mandate Realm.

“This friend, how can our store help you?” The storekeeper had a much better vision than the shop assistant had and immediately spoke to Ning Cheng with cupped fists as soon as he came out. He couldn’t see Ning Cheng’s cultivation, but he could tell that Chasing Bull’s cultivation and imposing aura did not lose out to him. Such a powerful companion beast would definitely have an even more powerful master. At the very least at the late stages of Heaven’s Mandate Realm. As for being a Heaven Seated cultivator, he dismissed the thought immediately. He could tell that Ning Cheng was not old, and any

starry sky cultivator would have to cultivate for a long time to reach that level. They wouldn't just experience overnight success.

Ning Cheng asked in a flat voice, "How long has your store been here?"

The storekeeper with the goatee suddenly felt his heartbeat accelerate for no reason, and it gave birth to a bad premonition. However, he still answered with a polite voice, "We've been here for a little less than three months."

"The Ancient Shadow Temple has been open for a long time. How come you obtained such a good place so late?" Ning Cheng asked with a sharp voice, staring directly into the storekeeper's eyes.

The storekeeper with the goatee immediately came back to his senses and thought about why he felt afraid of this person? Even if this person were a Heaven Seated cultivator, no one would dare to treat him this way. He also had a Heaven Seated expert backing him; moreover, that expert was at the middle stages of Heaven Seated Realm.

As soon as he thought of it, the voice of that storekeeper with the goatee grew louder, "This friend, how we got this place has nothing to do with you, right? My store is a branch of Named River Chamber of Commerce. If you have any question, please go to the Named River Chamber of Commerce's headquarters."

Lu Yu, who just managed to get to Ning Cheng's side, quickly spoke up, "Senior, Named River is one of the five largest chambers of commerce within Named Descendant Celestial River; its master, Fu Yinghe, is also a Heaven Seated Powerhouse...."

The shop assistant on hearing Lu Yu's worried voice gave out a scornful snort.

Ning Cheng nodded and still stared at the storekeeper with the goatee and said, "So why did I hear that you snatched this merchant house from someone else? The previous store owners should be Helian Mingzhe and Helian Dai."

The man with the goatee knew that Ning Cheng told the truth. Therefore, he spoke up in a cold voice, "This is the matter concerning my Named Descendant Celestial River. Don't bother asking about it. Please see yourself out; you are no longer welcome here. What we do here is only the business of our merchant house."

Hearing those words, Chasing Bull lifted its hoof and let it fall onto the counter. But this time, the table disintegrated under Chasing Bull's hoof as it spoke up. "Lord Goatee, it's already a blessing that my master chose to talk to you. My master may have a good temper, but this old bull does not. Do you really want to dare challenge this old bull's bottom line?"

Having said that, Chasing Bull lifted its rear two hooves and kicked at the sample cabinets near the counter. In just a moment, the area around the table turned into a huge mess.

This time Ning Cheng did not say anything at all. If Helian Dai had sold the store through a formal transaction, the storekeeper would have definitely mentioned it. But hearing the words of this goatee bastard, he immediately understood that they had taken over the store by force.

“You....” Seeing Chasing Bull behaving in such an unbridled manner, the storekeeper’s countenance finally changed. He could tell that Ning Cheng felt no fear towards Named River Chamber of Commerce. At the same time, he also knew that it was too late to call in reinforcements, and directly brought out a sword.

Ning Cheng didn’t care about the storekeeper bringing out a sword at all. Instead, he turned to the lively cultivators around him and said, “To anyone who can tell me how this merchant house appeared here, I will give you a middle-rank flight-type Dao Artefact.”

After speaking, Ning Cheng raised his hand and brought out an airship-type Dao Artefact. The airship looked extremely delicate. However, the aura of Dao Charm flowing around the airship made it so that one’s spiritual consciousness could not penetrate it all. In just a glance, the surrounding cultivators understood that this was a top-quality middle-rank Dao Artefact airship.

In fact, even the worst middle-rank Dao Artefact airship would have turned the people here crazy. So how could such a Dao Artefact airship brought out by Ning Cheng not move them?

“I know....”

“I also know....”

In just a moment, more than a dozen people came forward and shouted.

No matter how famous the Named River Chamber of Commerce was, it could not stop these cultivators from drooling over Ning Cheng’s Dao Artefact airship. Even Lu Yu and Dong Li, who stood behind Ning Cheng, sported a hot glow in their eyes. A middle-rank Dao Artefact airship? How many years would it take to save enough celestial coins to buy one?

For a starry sky cultivator, a good flight-type weapon meant better chances of staying alive.

“You speak.” Ning Cheng pointed to a fierce-looking cultivator at the peak of Heaven’s Mandate Realm.

The reason he picked this cultivator was that a middle-rank Dao Artefact airship was just too attractive in the hands of an ordinary cultivator. If a cultivator with lower cultivation got it, there was a good chance that the cultivator would not be able to keep it and even die.

The cultivator at the peak of Heaven’s Mandate Realm, on hearing Ning Cheng’s words, quickly came to the front and spoke. “Senior, I know of this matter very well. There used to be a wine store run by three people here. The owner was Helian Mingzhe. I don’t know the names of the other two, but they were two female cultivators with low cultivations. Named River Chamber of Commerce came here a little later. Since they couldn’t occupy this location before, they forced the three people away.”

“At that time, Helian Mingzhe reacted a bit slowly and got injured in the scuffle, and the one who hurt Helian Mingzhe was Storekeeper Quan. After Helian Mingzhe’s injuries worsened, the two female cultivators quickly took him away. As for where they went, I don’t know. In fact, this store, previously run by Helian Mingzhe, is not the only one occupied by this merchant house. They have forcibly taken over the shops of several rogue cultivators around these parts.”

Ning Cheng’s gaze turned cold, and he looked at the man with the goatee, “You are Storekeeper Quan.”

Fear flashed through the eyes of the man with the goatee. But before he could answer, the cultivator at the peak of Heaven's Mandate Realm, the one who had just answered Ning Cheng's question, spoke up, "Yes, he is Storekeeper Quan."

When Ning Cheng looked at the expression of that man with the goatee, he understood that the cultivator at the peak of Heaven's Mandate Realm had not lied. With a wave of his hand, the middle-rank Dao Artefact airship fell into the hands of that Heaven's Mandate cultivator with the words, "That thing belongs to you now. The rest should get out of this place."

After that, Ning Cheng reached out and slapped. The man with the goatee couldn't get the chance even to scream before Ning Cheng blasted him out of the store. Ning Cheng's slap even destroyed the store.

"Plop...." When the man with the goatee fell to the ground, all his meridians had shattered, indicating that Ning Cheng had destroyed his cultivation.

The cultivators outside, who had no idea of what was going on, only saw the man with the goatee blown out of the store by Ning Cheng and destruction of the store.

The cultivators who ran out of the store before this happened, quickly disseminated what had happened inside. In just a short amount of time, almost all the cultivators in this area came to know that Named River Chamber of Commerce had forcibly driven away and taken over the stores of rogue cultivators previously operating here. From the looks of it, it seems someone had finally come to take revenge. As such, there was bound to be a fierce battle with Named River Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone looked at Ning Cheng coming out of the broken merchant house, but no one knew what Ning Cheng wanted to do. What's more, everyone wondered about the origins of this man. How could anyone dare to challenge the Named River Chamber of Commerce blatantly, especially since it was one of the top five chambers of commerce in Named Descendant Celestial River?

As for the news about Named River Chamber of Commerce taking over other businesses run by rogue cultivators here, people mostly considered it a standard operation for them. If Named River Chamber of Commerce could not find a place for themselves here, did not force the rogue cultivators away from occupying such a prime location, then this would have been quite abnormal.

However, for someone to come here, drive out the storekeeper of Named River Chamber of Commerce's merchant house, and even take it down, that was even more abnormal.

Ning Cheng spoke up to on looking cultivators, "Friends, please step back and leave this place. I'm going to arrange an array formation here."

Ning Cheng had wrecked the merchant house of the Named River Chamber of Commerce, so why would anyone dare to go against his words right now?

As the crowd quickly cleared the area, as Ning Cheng waved his hand again. The merchant house, which had not collapsed entirely, finally disintegrated into dust. After smashing every inch of the merchant house, Ning Cheng continued, "Named River Chamber of Commerce seized my friend's wine store, and today I'm just taking it back...."

Although everyone appreciated Ning Cheng's actions in his or her hearts, no one came forward to echo this sentiment. Who here didn't know the notoriety of Named River Chamber of Commerce? No one here would willingly fight Named River Chamber of Commerce for just a few words.

"From today, this place will become the Cheng Ruolan Restaurant again. As for Named River Chamber of Commerce, it will soon disappear from Second Revenant Star; no, it will disappear from Named Descendant Celestial River."

As Ning Cheng's voice rang out, the chatter immediately died down. The area turned extremely quiet. Declaring to wipe it out was equivalent to becoming mortal enemies with Named River Chamber of Commerce. If it were just a matter of competing for territory, there would have been a chance of resolution by discussing and compensating the affected party for losses. But declaring to wipe out Named River Chamber of Commerce, just where did this cultivator come from, how could someone speak so recklessly?

"You have guts, but can you back those big words? I, Fu Yinghe, came here especially to see if you really could wipe out my Named River Chamber of Commerce. Not to mention that my Named River Chamber of Commerce will not disappear, you'll be the one to disappear first." A frost-filled angry voice emerged, and then a middle-aged man in a brown cultivators' robe landed in front of the destroyed merchant house.

"Fu Yinghe, the master of Named River Chamber of Commerce, he really came." Someone in the crowd whispered immediately.

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Fu Yinghe, the head of Named River Chamber of Commerce, he really came here. Everyone understood that a good show would ensue.

"That's him. He was the one who acted arrogantly in our Ji Clan's restaurant. He not only beat our people but also took away Orchid Borough Celestial River King's wanted woman." One man wearing brocaded robes pointed at Ning Cheng from within the crowd and spoke with gnashing teeth to a black-robed male cultivator standing next to him.

"Uncle Baisen, you go and take him down. I want him to beg for death, let this ant know the consequences of offending our Ji Clan." The brocade-robed male spoke almost word for word. However, he knew that he was not Ning Cheng's opponent. If he could have taken down Ning Cheng, he would have already rushed forward.

The black-robed male cultivator, called Baisen, waved at the brocade-robed male, "Let's wait for a bit. Fu Yinghe is here. This person not only provoked our Ji Clan but also provoked Named River Chamber of Commerce. I want to see how he plans to deal with it. If he can't even cope with Fu Yinghe, why should my Ji Clan even bother with him?"

The brocade-robed man did not dare to contradict him and just muttered, "Uncle Baisen. If Fu Yinghe can take him out, would I even get the chance for revenge?"

The black-robed male cultivator showed a smile, "Revenge can never be obtained easily. But if Fu Yinghe can beat this person, then he would definitely humiliate him. At that time, you can go up and get revenge in whatever way you want. As long as you are in Named Descendant Celestial River, Named River Chamber of Commerce will have no choice but to give our Ji Clan some face."

"Many thanks, Uncle Baisen." The brocade-robed man felt overjoyed on hearing this.

Ning Cheng calmly stood with his hands behind his back as he glanced at Fu Yinghe before speaking with a calm voice. "If people from your Named River Chamber of Commerce did drive the owners of the previous winery away and even hurt them just because they walked a little slower, then Named River Chamber of Commerce should no longer exist in Named Descendant Celestial River."

"Haha...." Fu Yinghe laughed in anger. "I've seen crazy people before, but I've never met anyone as crazy as you. Since that is the case, allow this Fu Yinghe to tell you that my Named River Chamber of Commerce doesn't need an unknown ant telling us what to do. Since you destroyed my Named River Chamber of Commerce's merchant house today, use your flesh and blood and your life essence to pay for it...."

While speaking, killing intent kept oozing out from Fu Yingzhe and pressed down layer by layer. The nearby cultivators continuously retreated. Yet under the suppression from the imposing aura, they all felt extremely uncomfortable.

Ning Cheng kicked Chasing Bull beside him and said, "Chasing Bull, take care of this fellow. He's not worth my hands."

Chasing Bull looked forward to watching its master kill Fu Yinghe before going up and acting arrogant once again. It never expected that its master would send it up to fight. It quickly put down its head and spoke with a mournful voice, "Master, I'm still a child...."

"Go up and fight. If you lose, then stay in the ring and never ask to come out." Ning Cheng flicked at Chasing Bull's tail.

Hearing that it wouldn't be able to come out on losing, Chasing Bull immediately rushed forward. Staying inside with those damn wasps with no chance of coming out, suicide would be a much better option. Now that it saw the outside world, how could Chasing Bull willingly go back inside to live by itself?

This old bull really would have to lead a lousy life if that happened. Besides, since master told me to fight, he definitely would not let me die.

After Chasing Bull consoled itself with this, it rushed straight up, seemingly ignoring Fu Yingzhe's domain suppression. Opening its mouth, it spat out a thick blade light. At the same time, it lifted its front hooves and stomped down at Fu Yinghe.

"Looking for death...." Fu Yinghe, on seeing that a Starry Sky Grade 6 demonic beast dared to ignore his domain, gave a snort and punched out. He felt too lazy even to bring out a weapon.

He believed that as long as this stupid bull remained within the range of his domain, it would have to exert a lot of strength to move even an inch. This way, he could easily smash it to a pulp with his fist. One punch, one move, it was more than enough to kill this stupid bull.

This wild yet young cultivator most likely pretended arrogance by concealing his cultivation. Therefore, Fu Yinghe wanted to let this bastard know that not everyone was a coward.

However, Fu Yinghe felt something wrong the next moment. His domain showed no effect over this stupid bull. Moreover, his domain was cracking apart inch-by-inch, indicating suppression from an even stronger domain. He also felt his fist suddenly slowing down.

Suppression from an Eternal expert, Fu Yingzhe's expressions suddenly changed. Only an expert in the Eternal Realm could suppress him with such an absolute advantage. He didn't know that Ning Cheng was only at the Life and Death Realm, but his domain and spiritual consciousness went beyond even ordinary cultivators in the Eternal Realm.

Before he could even speak, Chasing Bull's Wind Edge arrived. This Wind Edge completely ignored Fu Yinghe's domain and directly collided with his fist.

"Poof...." A stream of blood erupted and Fu Yinghe's fist bones broke instantly. It's just that the cultivations of Chasing Bull and Fu Yinghe were too far apart; therefore, even with Ning Cheng's help, its attack could only break Fu Yinghe's fist.

Chasing Bull grew ecstatic on seeing this. If I knew that it would be this simple, this Grandpa Bull would have volunteered for it, instead of letting master look down on me. It reaffirmed that its master would not send it out just to die, and this incidence further cemented it.

Ning Cheng frowned when he saw that Chasing Bull's Wind Edge lacked power. Looks like this stupid bull did not have any real ability apart from flattery.

Therefore, to finish this quickly, Ning Cheng shot out several spiritual consciousness blades. With Ning Cheng, possessing stronger cultivation compared to Fu Yinghe and secretly helping Chasing Bull against Fu Yinghe, how could Fu Yinghe survive?

As the several spiritual consciousness blades cut into Fu Yinghe's Sea of Consciousness, Fu Yinghe's Sea of Consciousness suddenly cracked.

Fu Yinghe had already gone into panic mode when the Wind Edge breaking his fist. But when he suffered severe injuries to his Sea of Consciousness, it made his fist even less effective. As for taking out a weapon, he simply did not get the chance at all. Even if he had a chance, Fu Yinghe understood that he was not an opponent of this man standing not far from him.

He realised that he had made a blind judgement. This unknown young cultivator was an absolute powerhouse. Other people might not have sensed Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness blades, but he naturally experienced their power first hand. However, before Fu Yinghe could even speak, Chasing Bull's hoof had already fallen.

"Katcha...." Chasing Bull's hoof struck Fu Yinghe's chest directly, immediately breaking his sternum and forcing him to spew several mouthfuls of blood. Chasing Bull did not let go and took the opportunity to raise its hoof once again.

Ning Cheng knew that if he didn't take any action, then even if Fu Yinghe suffered severe injuries today, Chasing Bull would not be able to kill him. Therefore, Ning Cheng raised his hand and threw out a fireball, and simultaneously took away Fu Yinghe's ring while still in the air.

In just a few dozen breaths, Fu Yinghe turned into ashes. Ning Cheng had previously upgraded the Scarlet Crow Flames to Nirvana Grade 3 using the leftover Fire Origin Crystals, and Fu Yinghe had not undergone any type of body refining. Therefore, Fu Yinghe couldn't last long surrounded by Ning Cheng's Scarlet Crow Flame.

Chasing Bull proudly stood at the place where Fu Yinghe fell and raised its head before speaking, "Just a puny chamber master, yet dares to fight me; this old bull could still kill you with just a sneeze."

Whether or not Chasing Bull could do it, the crowd immediately went silent. No one could tell if Ning Cheng took action. Therefore, everyone looked at Chasing Bull with awe. Looks like the demonic beast was the stronger of the two, it definitely was a powerful bull demon. No wonder this young cultivator dared to go against Named River Chamber of Commerce so openly. Many people couldn't help but think that if they had such a powerful demonic beast as their pet, maybe they could have also dared to provoke Named River Chamber of Commerce.

"Go..." At the far end of the crowd, the black-robed male cultivator called Baisen pulled that brocade-robed man away before rushing out and quickly disappearing.

Ning Cheng's gaze coldly followed the back of the black-robed male cultivator. However, he didn't try to catch them. Now was not the time for it, his primary focus was to find Ruolan.

"Uncle Baisen...." It was not until they passed through the Covered Snow City's East Gate did the brocade-robed man speak up in horror. He never expected the arrogant bull would be this powerful. It killed the master of Named River Chamber of Commerce as if he was just a common fly; no, as if it was as natural as breathing.

"Pa..." After the black-robed male cultivator put down the brocade-robed man, he immediately slapped him. Five bloody marks appeared over the brocade-robed man's face, forcing him to open his mouth and spit out a few teeth.

"Uncle Baisen...." The brocade-robed man looked at the black-robed male cultivator with some disbelief.

The black-robed cultivator originally had a bronze-coloured face, but now it looked red in anger, "Ji Zhengsheng, you bastard. You actually dared to create such a big enemy for my Ji Clan."

After Chasing Bull killed Fu Yinghe, Ji Baisen understood that Ji Clan now had a powerful enemy. Although Ji Clan was not afraid of such an opponent, this kind of opponent was not something the Second Revenant Star's Celestial Lord Ji Yaozhi could handle. In terms of cultivation, Ji Yaozhi couldn't even match up to Fu Yinghe.

If that bull could kill Fu Yinghe, then it could also kill Ji Yaozhi or even him, Ji Baisen. Perhaps only the foremost person of their Ji Clan, Named Descendant Celestial River King Ji Yangjiao, who had reached the Life and Death Realm, can kill that arrogant beast.

"Uncle Baisen, that man knows about our Ji Clan, but did not dare talk about it in the restaurant, we don't need to....."

"Pa...." This brocade-robed man named Ji Zhengsheng didn't finish his words when Ji Baisen slapped him again.

“Pig.” Ji Baisen pointed to Ji Zhengsheng and said, “You really are a pig. Didn’t you see that he was looking for someone? He didn’t touch your broken merchant house because he got a clue there. The reason he made a move against Named River Chamber of Commerce was that the clues about the people he was searching for ended there. If you don’t believe it, then just wait and see if that person will return to your broken restaurant. I’m sure, in the end, whether he found them or not, he will come back to our Ji Clan’s establishment at the end of the East Gate Grand Bridge.”

Ji Zhengsheng felt shocked on hearing this, and only spoke up after a long time, “What should we do?”

“What else can we do? Tell the Celestial Lord about it immediately, and at the same time, pass on the message to our Ji Clan’s ancestor, Named Descendant Celestial River King as soon as possible.” Ji Baisen spoke with an ugly expression.

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After Ning Cheng killed Fu Yinghe, the surrounding cultivators no longer dared to make even the slightest sound. Some of the weaker cultivators, who did not want to involve themselves with this matter, started to carefully step back. Fu Yinghe’s death showed that the words of this strange cultivator, the talks about uprooting Named River Chamber of Commerce from Named Descendant Celestial River, were not just some random ramblings, but an ironclad fact. Since Fu Yinghe died today, he wouldn’t even need to do anything to Named River Chamber of Commerce. It would disappear automatically.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists towards the spectating cultivators and spoke up, “Friends, there were three cultivators who had opened a wine store here before this merchant store came up. But Named River Chamber of Commerce drove the three people away by force. Does anyone here know where these three people went? If you do, I can give you another middle-rank flight-type Dao Artefact.”

While talking, Ning Cheng waved his hand again and threw out a middle-rank Dao Artefact airship. At the same time, he asked Lu Yu to project the image of Helian Dai in the air for everyone to see.

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Chapter 715: This Temple Is Mine

For the wealthier cultivators in Heaven’s Mandate Realm or even some in the Celestial Bridge Realm, a middle-rank flight-type Dao Artefact was definitely a precious treasure, precious enough to scramble head-over-heels for it. But this area mostly contained rogue cultivators who did not carry much wealth; moreover, many cultivators here were in the Celestial Bridge Realm.

Therefore, when Ning Cheng took out a middle-aged flight-type Dao Artefact, it immediately caught the attention of almost every single cultivator present here. Everyone immediately started asking each other about the whereabouts of the previous three people who ran this place.

However, many people didn’t know about the three in question. Besides, even if they did, they wouldn’t tell others about it.

Ning Cheng’s gaze swept through the crowd. After half-an-incense-stick worth of time, an old man with white hair and beard, and with cultivation in the Undead Realm, came forward after some hesitation.

After arriving in front of Ning Cheng, he bowed before speaking, "Senior, I only heard a few words exchanged between those three people, so I'm not completely sure about the authenticity of it."

"Whether authentic or not, you should speak first." Ning Cheng said immediately.

"Yes." The old man didn't dare to hesitate, "I was here when the two female cultivators moved away from this place, supporting a male cultivator with a sickly face between them. One of the female cultivators said something about heading to the Ancient Shadow Temple, but the male cultivator said that he could not go to the temple in his current state. He also said that the two female cultivators' cultivation was too low to explore that place. As for whether they really went in, I'm not sure as I didn't follow them."

"When did this happen?" Ning Cheng asked in a deep voice.

The old man quickly replied, "It's been almost three months, right after their shop got occupied."

Ning Cheng's gaze swept through the crowd again, "Who else knows the exact news?"

No one in the crowd came forward to speak. In fact, of the cultivators here, who would be free and bored enough to keep track of others, especially since they had nothing to do with them? As for fooling this expert with such a powerful demonic pet, no one even dared to entertain such a thought.

Seeing that no one else came forward with news about Ning Ruolan, Ning Cheng put the middle-rank Dao Artefact into the hands of the old man, "This airship is yours."

The old man felt pleasantly surprised at seeing the airship hovering over his hand. Quickly coming to his senses, he shouted, "I'm selling this flight-type weapon to the highest bid."

For him, the most important thing was not the flight-type weapon, but celestial coins. With enough celestial coins, he could buy all sorts of medicinal pills. Besides, the flight-type weapon in his hands was too hot for him to handle.

Ning Cheng didn't care too much about it. He arranged an array formation that covered the ruins. Then, just after completing the array formation, he put up a huge sign, Cheng Ruolan Materials. Although much bigger than the signs of the nearby stores, no one dared to speak up that this sign might affect their business.

Even Named Descendant Celestial River's remaining four chambers of commerce did not dare to say anything about the sign affecting their business.

Ning Cheng believed that as long as Ruolan came here, she would definitely recognise this sign. Even a look at this sign would tell her that he was here. In this place, only he and Ning Ruolan knew about the significance of Cheng Ruolan Materials.

"I'm going to the Ancient Shadow Temple now. You can come with me if you want." Ning Cheng looked back at Lu Yu and Dong Li, who led him here.

Lu Yu had a calculating mind. She knew that if she followed Ning Cheng and received Ning Cheng's protection every time, it would not help her and Dong Li in making a connection with Ning Cheng. If they wanted to make a reliable connection with Ning Cheng, they had to leave a more profound impression in the eyes of this Senior Ning.

Thinking of this, Lu Yu bowed, "Senior, Dong Li and I will stay here and wait for senior to return. Besides, we might get in your way inside the temple with our low cultivations."

Ning Cheng was just about to remind them about the potential revenge from Ji Clan. However, he quickly understood Lu Yu's intent. Lu Yu wanted to stay here, despite the fear, in case Ruolan and others returned after seeing the sign. She wanted to risk her life to wait for Ruolan to show that she did have a clear heart. She wanted to prove that for the sake of Ruolan, she did not mind putting her life in danger.

"Ok, you can stay here. I'll leave a cave abode. Crush this jade talisman the moment Ruolan returns or if there is any danger." Ning Cheng took out a jade talisman and gave it to Lu Yu. At the same time, he also brought out a cave above and integrated it with the original array formation.

"If you look after the place well, my master will not treat you two too badly." Chasing Bull also pretended to put up a pretence.

"You stay here too." Ning Cheng spoke while glancing at Chasing Bull.

He didn't think that Ji Clan would take the initiative right away. Besides, even if Ji Clan did want to harm them, he could arrive in time the moment Lu Yu crushed the jade talisman. In case Ruolan returned, there was still Chasing Bull here, so it could at least flee with them. At least in speed, Chasing Bull had an overwhelming advantage.

Chasing Bull did not dare to refute Ning Cheng's words. Fortunately, there were so many people here; therefore, it didn't matter if others stayed with it or not, it felt quite satisfied with the arrangement.

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Ning Cheng reached the entrance of the Ancient Shadow Temple, but a blockade of restrictions stopped him. Four late-stage Heaven's Mandate cultivators stood at the front, blocking the only entry that also had a layer of restrictions covering it.

"What's going on?" Ning Cheng looked at the entrance and doubtfully asked.

The Heaven's Mandate cultivator at the front respectfully saluted Ning Cheng before speaking up with cupped fists, "Friend, all cultivators who want to enter the Ancient Shadow Temple must pay 10,000 purple coins. It's a requirement set up the Celestial Lord."

The four of them stood guard at the entrance of the Ancient Shadow Temple and naturally knew what had happened a few moments ago. Ning Cheng's companion beast had easily killed Fu Yinghe, the founder and master of Named River Chamber of Commerce. They understood that all four of them could not match up to a single hoof of this companion beast, so how could they dare to be rude to Ning Cheng?

At this time, many cultivators followed behind Ning Cheng and wanted to see if Ning Cheng would actually pay the entrance fees. Many people hoped that Ning Cheng would not pay the fees and even open the entrance to them. That way, everyone would be able to make a fortune following in the footsteps of this person.

10,000 purple coins meant nothing to Ning Cheng, but to ordinary cultivators, even if they saved up for many years, they would not be able to amass 10,000 purple coins. It also showed that despite wanting to enter the Ancient Shadow Temple, many cultivators would not be able to do so.

Ning Cheng guessed that the purpose of this entrance fees was to reduce the number of entering cultivators, while at the same time adding some extra money to the coffers. It also pointed to the fact that if any cultivator obtained some good things inside and wanted to come out, they would have to go through another round of exploitation. Thinking of those cultivators who came from afar, how could they stop after reaching this entrance? Apart from the huge capital spent to arrive here and enter, those cultivators from afar would also have to find a way to get the items obtained to the outside undetected.

Ning Cheng felt worried. If this entrance fees had been set up since the start, Ruolan would definitely find it impossible to get in. Three people would mean 30,000 purple coins. Running just a small restaurant would not generate them such a huge chunk of money.

“When was this entrance fees set?” Ning Cheng asked after some thought.

The cultivator, who had initially spoken to Ning Cheng, replied once again with a respectful voice, “A little more than two months ago, on the order of the Celestial Lord.”

This fellow had repeatedly mentioned the words ‘Celestial Lord’ to Ning Cheng to let him know that this place still came under the jurisdiction of Second Revenant Star’s Celestial Lord. He can’t think of this place as those stores opened by Named River Chamber of Commerce.

“Are you implying that this place belongs to Second Revenant Star’s Celestial Lord Ji Yaozhi?” Ning Cheng’s tone turned cold. He already planned to visit the gates of Ji Clan eventually. Since Ji Clan had forced Ruolan away from this place and he had no idea if she was alive or not, the hidden intent in those words immediately flared the anger already burning in his heart.

“Exactly.” The cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm gave out a sigh of relief, finally having to move away from the euphemisms for the Celestial Lord’s name.

However, he quickly felt something wrong. What was wrong? This cultivator standing in front of him had directly called out the Celestial Lord’s name. Moreover, seemingly without any respect.

Just when he figured out the problem, Ning Cheng gave out a snort, “There’s no need for you to stay here anymore. From now on, there will no longer be a tollgate here. Anyone can enter or leave this place freely. As an ownerless mystic realm, it belongs to everyone.”

Another cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm standing at the back spoke up with an anxious voice, “How is it ownerless? Since this mystic realm appeared in Second Revenant Star, it naturally belongs to the Celestial Lord.....”

Ning Cheng laughed before speaking, “It appeared in Second Revenant Star, so it belongs to the Celestial Lord, heh. Looks like this Celestial Lord really has some prestige. But since I’m the closest to the entrance of this mystic realm, I declare that this Ancient Shadow Temple now belongs to me.”

“You....” The cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm instantly turned furious at Ning Cheng and did not know what to say.

But Ning Cheng did not let him speak at all. Raising his hand, Ning Cheng slapped the air a few times. The slaps immediately blew away the four cultivators. The next moment, Ning Cheng brought out the Nirvana Spear. From this display, he could understand the overbearing and bullying behaviour of the Ji Clan. They had even set up an entrance fee for an ownerless mystic realm.

The Nirvana Spear shot out a few spear shadows, “Katcha, katcha...”

Ning Cheng blew away all the restrictions covering the entrance in just a few breaths. With nothing blocking the access to the Ancient Shadow Temple, anyone could now enter the temple without paying a single celestial coin.

The crowd felt emotional at this and immediately applauded. At the same time, no one wanted to fall behind and rushed into the Ancient Shadow Temple.

Ning Cheng stood at the entrance and said, “Everyone, if you see her, please do help me look out for her. When I come out, I will definitely reward you all.”

Ning Cheng then drew an image of Ning Ruolan but did not mention that Ruolan was his sister. He only portrayed their relationship as ordinary friends. Moreover, others would only extend their help if there were some benefits involved. If he mentioned a familial bond, who knows if someone harbouring a grudge against Ruolan, might end up capturing her to gain favour from Ji Clan?

“Many thanks, Senior. We definitely will keep it in mind.” The cultivators who went in vowed one after another. Besides, this was just a simple promise to help if they could. Moreover, it was also a good thing to develop a good relationship with such a formidable expert.

Every cultivator who rushed into the temple first cupped their fists and bowed towards Ning Cheng as a form of thanks.

Ning Cheng also did not hesitate anymore and rushed into the temple. Ning Cheng did not feel any familiarity with the Ancient Shadow Temple, but he did feel the weirdness of its name. It made him worry about Ruolan. If Ruolan truly entered the Ancient Shadow Temple, it might turn out dangerous for her, especially with her cultivation.

Blue-coloured stones made up the path leading to the Ancient Shadow Temple, and every step on it made a distinct noise. However, Ning Cheng couldn't see the surrounding scene, even with his spiritual consciousness. As Ning Cheng walked a few meters inside, he felt his body turning empty and instantly realised that this path was actually a transfer array.

Looks like if one wanted to ‘enter’ the Ancient Shadow Temple, one had to go through this transfer array. It implied that the Ancient Shadow Temple was definitely not just ‘outside’ the east gate of the Covered Snow City.

Ning Cheng landed on the ground a moment later and found that the surrounding area did not look like a hall, yet his spiritual consciousness could not extend far in any direction. He did not immediately step up to check the situation but turned around to see if he could still get out.

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Chapter 716: Compensation

Looking behind, he saw a path paved by bluestone, the same one that led him in here.

Ning Cheng felt relieved and confirmed that it was just a transfer channel. If someone wanted to head back, he or she could just walk down this bluestone path to initiate the transfer.

Only after confirming this did Ning Cheng start to observe the surroundings. It looked empty, like an abandoned public square, instead of a hall.

However, Ning Cheng quickly determined that this place really was a hall but lacked any starry sky aura. This hall did not seem to have any boundaries; he couldn't even see the ceiling of the temple to gauge the size.

At this time, cultivators continuously poured in from the outside and landed not far from Ning Cheng. The cultivators, after coming in, quickly dispersed and rushed deep into the hall.

Ning Cheng avoided the incoming cultivators and arranged a transfer array in a concealed spot not far away from the exit before entering the deeper parts of the hall.

After walking for a dozen or so miles, Ning Cheng found traces of restrictions and array formations. It's just that someone had already smashed them apart, allowing Ning Cheng to see the scenes behind the broken restriction through his spiritual consciousness.

He saw many bluestone passages branching out in different directions leading to different areas. He saw a cylinder with no visible top at the end of one path, a dried-up starry sky Spiritual Spring Pool at the end of another one...

Everything he saw, further cemented the idea that this area was indeed was a gigantic palatial hall, and he had appeared near the outer periphery of it, or rather the public square at the entrance of the main hall.

Ning Cheng didn't need to break the restrictions by himself; he chose an already broken layer of restriction and entered.

Although many cultivators poured in from the outside, they seemed to disappear after coming inside and scattering.

After entering this place, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness forced its way out. This time he saw things even more clearly. He saw many forks along the different paths with several small halls between each bend. These halls came in all shapes and each had layers of restrictions on the outside. It's just that most of the defensive restrictions were already broken and nothing remained on the inside.

Pushing further, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness no longer could force its way forward.

However, instead of exploring every path, Ning Cheng chose a fork and soon met up with some other cultivators who took this fork before him. But because Ning Cheng moved quickly, he left these cultivators behind in just a short while.

Along the way, Ning Cheng saw more and more cultivators joining hands to break restrictions. Once they broke open the restrictions, they would immediately scramble inside and would regularly find many items, including various weapons, cultivation methods, and even starry sky spiritual grass gardens. But

there were also some areas with restrictions that when broken open had nothing in it, equivalent to wasted efforts.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept through these areas behind both the broken and intact restrictions, and a few things that even caught his eye.

But if the Ancient Shadow Temple only contained such things, then Ning Cheng found it a bit of a misnomer.

However, he didn't come here for exploring the Ancient Shadow Temple. He came here to find Ruolan. He didn't particularly care about the treasures he saw. Rather, his only worry was that he didn't know which path she had come in or if she had come in.

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Deep in another passage of the Ancient Shadow Temple, a large group of people surrounded a swamp. To be precise, this large group of people was somewhere around in the middle, attacking something.

Even Ning Cheng wouldn't have expected to find a swamp inside the Ancient Shadow Temple.

But despite the expectations, there truly was a vast swamp here, but it was different from other regular marshes one would find anywhere else. It was as if someone had explicitly created it for some specific purpose. One could also see a few paths leading to the middle as they crisscrossed each other, dividing it into smaller sections.

This large group of people surrounded one of these smaller sections, which seemed sealed under a layer of restriction, with a shining white sheet of light underneath it. However, despite the restrictions covering it, it could not stop the starry sky Essence Qi escaping from the inside.

That's right; this small section actually contained a Perpetual Moon Pill Pond, a small one. Although the Perpetual Moon Pills at the edge of the pill pond looked black due to the sludge, the Perpetual Moon Pills in the middle still had a crystal sheen to it. Everyone could tell that those Perpetual Moon Pills were of superior quality at first glance. Moreover, this patch of Perpetual Moon Pill Pond seemed to contain at least tens of thousands of Perpetual Moon Pills.

Since this small section contained a Perpetual Moon Pill Pond locked behind a layer of restrictions, cultivators immediately surrounded it and started attacking. As one could imagine, the moment the layer protecting this Perpetual Moon Pill Pond burst, the surrounding cultivators would quickly swarm towards it.

"Little Dai, you will attack a spot together with me later. This way, we would have a better chance." A yellow-robed female cultivator spoke to a green-robed female cultivator next to her.

"Ok, I know Sister Ruolan."

The green-robed female cultivator had just answered when she received another transmission, "Little Dai, don't attack with all your strength, this layer of restriction will crumble soon. As everyone rushes forward, use your strengths wisely and only snatch the Perpetual Moon Pills nearest to us. Remember, do not get too greedy, just grab some and leave. And don't try to grab the crystal-clear Perpetual Moon Pills in the middle; just snatch some from the edges."

The green-robed female cultivator did not speak this time. She understood what Ruolan meant.

These two female cultivators were Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai who entered the Ancient Shadow Temple. Helian Mingzhe had severe injuries and could only hide in a concealed location and recuperate for now. Helian Dai and Ning Ruolan had decided to venture into the Ancient Shadow Temple to find some cultivation resources. It's just that the cultivation of these two could not match up to the others in here, and no one wanted to team up with them. The two could only follow others and pick up things that others didn't want.

Sure enough, Ning Ruolan didn't speak incorrectly. The layer of restrictions covering this segment of swamp quickly shattered with a 'katcha' sound. With that, dense Starry Sky Essence Qi rushed out, and the nearby cultivators swarmed in immediately.

Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai also rushed in. They had already conditioned themselves and did not target the pure white Perpetual Moon Pills that were rich in Starry Sky Essence Qi and without any impurities. The two only snatched the ones on the edges and rushed out in an instant.

In fact, compared to their speed, others were even faster. Fortunately, Ning Ruolan had the right idea. If they wanted to snatch the pure and superior quality Perpetual Moon Pills in the middle, they might not even manage to reach it.

Even if the two of them wanted to grab some of the dark-coloured Perpetual Moon Pills at the edge, polluted by the marsh, they would only have one chance. By the time the two made the decision to retreat, the crowd had already wiped the pill pond clean.

Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai had positioned themselves accurately, which was the only reason they managed to grab some pills. Some of the cultivators with higher cultivations than Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai wanted to snatch the higher-quality Perpetual Moon Pills, the whiter ones in the middle with stronger Starry Sky Essence Qi. As a result, they got nothing.

More than a dozen experts in Heaven's Mandate Realm quickly divided the high-quality Perpetual Moon Pills in the middle.

"Little Dai, let's go." Ning Ruolan knew that even if she and Helian Dai had snatched some dark-coloured Perpetual Moon Pills, someone would definitely take notice of them; therefore, it was better to leave quickly.

"Ok, Big Sister Ruolan, I grabbed sixty Perpetual Moon Pills." Helian Dai felt pleased and sent a message to Ning Ruolan. She couldn't help feeling excited.

Ning Ruolan also felt very excited in the same manner and sent a message, "I also grabbed 83, let's go....."

"Wait....." Two cultivators with Celestial Shatterer cultivations stopped Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai. One of them was a male cultivator at the late-stage Celestial Shatterer Realm, and the other was a female cultivator at the middle-level of Celestial Shatterer Realm. The two of them previously wanted to snatch the pure white Perpetual Moon Pill in the middle, but unfortunately, they did not have the required strength. As such, they got nothing.

Ning Ruolan watched the two warily, "What do you two want?"

“Why did you push me when snatching the Perpetual Moon Pills?” The dark-faced male cultivator asked in a very disgruntled tone.

Ning Ruolan knew that the other party wanted to look for faults and could only say, “We never met you. My companion and I entered the pill pond in a completely different direction from you. It would be impossible for us to have encountered each other.”

The people around them understood that this pair with higher cultivation could not obtain any Perpetual Moon Pills; so, they wanted to blackmail it out of others. To say that two Celestial Novice cultivators dared to push Celestial Shatterer cultivators to snatch Perpetual Moon Pills, no one would believe it unless one was insane. Because this pair’s cultivation was not particularly outstanding, they would never dare to make a move on others and could only find someone with worse cultivation, the two Celestial Novice cultivators.

But despite understanding this, no one showed any interest to come forward to help. In this place, getting involved might not be the best thing for them. Besides, such kind-hearted cultivators practically didn’t exist.

“What do you want?” Helian Dai naturally understood what was going on.

The female cultivator frowned, glanced at Helian Dai and Ning Ruolan and said, “Us two could have grabbed at least two or three hundred Perpetual Moon Pills if you hadn’t pushed us. But we didn’t even get a single Perpetual Moon Pill. I don’t care about the quality of your Perpetual Moon Pills, as long as they are Perpetual Moon Pills.”

Helian Dai’s expression suddenly turned ugly, “Me and Big Sister Ruolan, all added up, only obtained a few dozen Perpetual Moon Pills, You want us to compensate you with two hundred of them, why don’t you just flat out rob us?”

At this moment, four more cultivators came over. Apparently, they saw many people here and wanted to know if something good had appeared.

“Really? So you want to push us around. Brother Shao Kui, I don’t know, can you help make the decision here?” The male cultivator with Celestial Shatterer cultivation knew that he could not continue persecuting Ning Ruolan openly, so he cupped his fists and asked a cultivator standing near to them, a cultivator with a late-stage Heaven’s Mandate cultivation.

The Heaven’s Mandate cultivator called Shao Kui spoke up with a smile, “What else can I say? Naturally, it means compensation. If they blocked my path to resources, hehe, it wouldn’t be as simple as compensating with some pills.”

Having said that, the murderous aura from the cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm spread out, and Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai subconsciously stepped back.

The cultivators nearby quickly understood that the reason why that Celestial Shatterer male cultivator looked for someone else was to tell others that he had connections to a cultivator in the Heaven’s Mandate Realm. As such, people from the crowd should not even trouble themselves with this matter. It especially was a warning to the cultivators who had just come in, a warning not to get involved.

“I’ll pay, but we only have a total of thirty Perpetual Moon Pills.” Helian Dai held back the pain in her heart, stretched out her hand, and took out thirty Perpetual Moon Pills. All of the pills looked dark and caked with dirt. After looking at the situation, she already knew what to choose. But even so, she hid the 30 other Perpetual Moon Pills.

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Chapter 717: Helping Others Too Much

“Haha, so you’ll make things difficult for others if they hinder your path to resources? This father, Gong Xiuzhu, now definitely wants to see it. If you got any means then, by all means, let me see if I, Gong Xiuzhu, can get in your way.” A full-faced male cultivator stood out and disdainfully ridiculed the cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm called Shaokui. After saying that, he also brought out his weapon, apparently ready to start fighting at any time.

The cultivator, called Shaokui, felt surprised for a moment. He did not expect that someone would actually stand up and speak for two Celestial Novice ants. The only reason why he had spoken up in the couple’s favour was that he knew that Celestial Shatterer male cultivator’s elder brother, who was also a late-stage Heaven’s Mandate cultivator. However, that did not mean that he would actually fight for those two against that cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm.

“Senior, I only said those words because these two deliberately blocked our path to snatch Perpetual Moon Pills. Elder Brother Wan Shaokui just wanted to help me by putting in a good word.” That Celestial Shatterer male cultivator immediately felt things going south and quickly tried to come up with an explanation. He never expected that a cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm would actually stand out to speak up for Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai.

“Is that right? Today, if I was the one blocking your path to resources, would you take me on too?” Gong Xiuzhu spoke up with disdain.

At this moment, a few more cultivators with Heaven’s Mandate cultivation came in. They also felt somewhat curious about the situation. Why was this Gong Xiuzhu, who usually remained indifferent to the world, suddenly act so righteous at this time? Was it because of these two female cultivators?

But when they saw the two female cultivators, especially Ning Ruolan, they immediately understood.

“Everyone, if you see her, please help me look after her. When I come out later, I will definitely reward you.” That was what that senior had said before they entered the temple. The female cultivator in the yellow robe in front of them, wasn’t this person the same female cultivator that senior had asked everyone to look after?

“Humph, bring it on then.” This cultivator in Heaven’s Mandate Realm called Shaokui initially didn’t intend to step in and start fighting, but that Gong Xiuzhu was just too aggressive.

“Haha, it’s not just Dao Friend Gong Xiuzhu blocking your path to resources, even I, Ban Kang, am not happy with your face and will block your way to wealth. Today, if you dare to touch even a hair of these two Junior Apprentice Sisters, I, Ban Kang, will personally destroy you. Try me if you don’t believe it.”

“And I, Huai Yushan....”

“Count this Bei Junyi too....”

In the blink of an eye, all the four Heaven's Mandate cultivators who had just arrived came forward, all in support of Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai.

Not to mention the dumbfounded surprise of Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai, the rest of the cultivators present here also could not understand what was going on. They had roamed and explored the Ancient Shadow Temple for about two or three months, but now they collectively wondered how helping others had suddenly turned fashionable? Why did several Heaven's Mandate Cultivators step up to help these two female cultivators?

Ning Ruolan quickly came forward and spoke up with a respectful tone and cupped fists, "Many thanks, seniors. The fact is that these two people want to coerce out our stuff."

She didn't understand what was going on, but she quickly realised that these several seniors in Heaven's Mandate Realm truly wanted to help her. Therefore, she immediately came forward to thank them.

"Is that so?" Bei Junyi felt that he should show off a bit more, especially now that he stood up for them. He rushed up to the male cultivator who wanted to coerce Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai and slapped his face.

The male cultivator never thought that this person would actually lay hands on him. But even if he did know about it, he would have no way to resist or avoid it. A Celestial Shatterer cultivator and a cultivator in the Heaven's Mandate Realm, the difference in realms was too huge.

"Slap." With a slap from Bei Junyi, the Celestial Shatterer male cultivator shot back tens of meters while spraying blood in the air before directly falling into the swamp. Bei Junyi didn't plan to kill this person; otherwise, a slap would have been more than enough to kill that Celestial Shatterer male cultivator.

Wan Shaokui's expressions turned ugly. However, he just gave a snort before turning away and leaving. He would be humiliating himself even more by staying here; moreover, he knew that he wouldn't be able to beat those four by himself.

With Wan Shaokui gone, how would this Celestial Shatterer couple dare to speak even half a word of nonsense? As for continuing with the coercion, they didn't even dare to think about it anymore. The Celestial Shatterer male cultivator climbed out of the swamp, pulled the female cultivator down and apologised before quickly retreating from this place.

There were four Heaven's Mandate cultivators who stood out to help these two Celestial Novice female cultivators. Unless everyone here turned completely stupid, no one would even think about creating any trouble for those two anymore. The rest of the cultivators also left quickly, leaving behind only the four newly arrived Heaven's Mandate cultivators along with Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai.

Helian Dai also quickly came forward to thank them, if it weren't for these four cultivators in Heaven's Mandate Realm, they might have lost all their Perpetual Moon Pills. However, she still felt a bit uneasy; they had no connection to these four people, so why did they help them?

"You're welcome; this is how it should have been." Gong Xiuzhu, who seemed to be the leader of the group, felt delighted that he could actually help Ning Ruolan; however, he spoke up with a relatively dismissive tone.

"How it should have been?" Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai felt even more confused.

Just then, a loud explosion erupted in the distance. Extremely rich Starry Sky Essence Qi soared into the sky. Even Gong Xiuzhu and his group could feel the surge despite being so far away from the source.

“Something good is coming out.” Ban Kang said with bright eyes before turning to the others and saying, “Let’s hurry up and go have a look.”

Not to mention Ban Kang, but the other three cultivators in Heaven’s Mandate Realm also wanted to go and check it out. Gong Xiuzhu eagerly glanced at Ning Ruolan, since they just saved Ning Ruolan, they naturally could not ask her for benefits right away.

But Huai Yushan spoke up first, “Two junior apprentice sisters, there must be something coming out there, do you want to join us to take a look?”

Although these four people had rescued them, Ning Ruolan felt a little nervous around them. Therefore, when these four asked if they wanted to go with them, Ning Ruolan naturally did not feel willing. Besides, with their cultivation, even if they went with them, they would not get any benefits.

Thinking of this, Ning Ruolan bowed again and cupped her fists before speaking. “Our cultivations are still low, and we were already preparing to go out. So we would like to pass up on the offer.”

“Ok, you can leave first. In the future, we will definitely come to visit your shop.....” Gong Xiuzhu quickly spoke up.

The Cheng Ruolan Material Store was almost right out the Ancient Shadow Temple. Once they came out later, they could then go meet the senior who had asked them to look out for the girl. Therefore, even if Ning Ruolan did not stay with them, they would definitely obtain benefits in the future.

Seeing the four Heaven’s Mandate Cultivators really leaving, Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai felt a bit uncomfortable. Helian Dai asked in doubt, “Big Sister Ruolan, why were they so kind to us? Do they know us from when they came to our restaurant to have a drink? But our restaurant is already gone? Besides, we never had any seniors in Heaven’s Mandate Realm coming to our store in the past.”

Ning Ruolan also frowned at this. She couldn’t understand what was going on. After thinking over it for some more time, “No matter what, let’s get out of this place first and stay far away from this place for some time.”

“Okay....” Helian Dai quickly responded and left the place following Ning Ruolan.

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Brother Zhu, why didn’t you explain to her about that senior asking others to help her?” Ban Kang asked after the four went far away from Ning Ruolan.

“You really are stupid. Everyone knows that we saved those two female cultivators. Those two would definitely go out and talk about it later, eventually reaching senior’s ears. If we deliberately pointed to them that we were entrusted by that senior to look after them, the sentiment they would have felt would be much weaker than what they feel right now. Besides, since we wouldn’t have to speak about it ourselves, and coupled with that senior’s generous nature, how could we lose out on the reward?” Gong Xiuzhu spoke up with a dismissive tone.

“That’s right, Brother Zhu, you said it right. If we had pointed it out, others would have thought we were trying to scheme them through a show of kindness. If we pretended to know nothing about it, that senior might give us more rewards.” Huai Yushan immediately agreed.

Bei Junyi, who followed along, also spoke up. “Then it would be better for us to get to that place quickly and then go out immediately.”

The other three people looked at Bei Junyi silently, apparently agreeing to his words. If it weren’t for the explosion of Starry Sky Essence Qi, indicating a potential emergence of a treasure, they would have also left immediately with Ning Ruolan.

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Ning Cheng stopped in front of a layer of mist that seemed similar to Primal Chaos. Even his spiritual consciousness could only penetrate about a dozen feet into it. It had a toxic feel to it. From what he observed, the aura inside it would smash anyone to pieces the moment one tried to enter the mist. He hadn’t expected to encounter such a thing either. He never expected that walking down one of the bluestone paths lined with layers of restrictions would lead to such a place.

Although Ning Cheng felt sure that Ning Ruolan would not be able to enter this place, he couldn’t help but feel curious as he stepped in to see what was behind the mist exuding such a violent aura.

Lacerating blade lights immediately struck Ning Cheng’s skin, causing a lot of pain despite the strength of Ning Cheng’s Starry Sky Body. From this, Ning Cheng understood that this mist not only contained a toxic aura, it also carried a powerful bite. If any ordinary cultivators tried to come in, the fog would have immediately shred that cultivator apart.

After Ning Cheng walked in a few hundred meters, a huge door appeared in front of him, blocking his path. There were only four words over the gate, Ancient Shadow Temple.

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath, looks like this was the real entrance to the Ancient Shadow Temple. The areas he passed by definitely were not the real thing. Moreover, as if to drive home the point, this Ancient Shadow Temple gate truly looked like an ancient shadow.

Ning Cheng tried to explore the door with his spiritual consciousness but found that his spiritual consciousness could not seep into it at all.

Around this gate, he also found a few Grade 9 Starry Sky Array Formations, even a few array formations that went beyond Starry Sky Grade 9. Seeing this, Ning Cheng understood that with his current ability, it would not be easy to open the door to the Ancient Shadow Temple. Moreover, Ning Cheng also noticed that someone had been here recently and had attacked the door judging by the situation around the array formations. However, they couldn’t open it.

It looks like the person who came here before went out to find someone to help. Ning Cheng guessed. Besides, with the level of array formations and restrictions around the real Ancient Shadow Temple, ordinary cultivators definitely would find it impossible to open it.

Ning Cheng did not even attempt to attack the door. With his cultivation and the level of attainments in array formations, even if he really wanted to open the door to get in, it would still take him a long time.

For Ning Cheng, the most important thing right now was not to enter the Ancient Shadow Temple but to find Ruolan.

Ning Cheng decided to retreat. He knew that with his own strength, it would be tough to find someone in the Ancient Shadow Temple, especially when his spiritual consciousness could not extend everywhere. Instead, Ning Cheng decided to retreat and wait near the entrance. That way, he could instruct the cultivators entering the Ancient Shadow Temple that no matter who met Ning Ruolan, they had to ask her to come out. That way, he could achieve a better efficiency compared to searching on his own.

Fortunately, he arranged a transfer array near the entrance; therefore, he didn't need to retrace his steps at all. As long as he brought along the transfer array flags, he could return to the original entrance.

Throwing out several Transfer Array Flags, several rays of lights emerged from the Transfer Array and wrapped around Ning Cheng. In just a few breaths, he returned to the entrance.

Just as Ning Cheng stepped out of the Transfer Array, he saw two female cultivators rushing towards the exit. One of them looked extremely familiar.

"Ruolan...." Ning Cheng forced down the emotions welling up inside him and shouted

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Chapter 718: Inerasable Familial Bonds

Ning Ruolan stopped abruptly and looked around subconsciously before murmuring to herself, "I think I heard my big brother's voice."

If Helian Dai had also not heard the shout, she would have definitely suspected that Ning Ruolan was hallucinating out of nervousness.

"Is it really your big brother?" Helian Dai asked with a trembling voice. She had often heard Ning Ruolan speak about her big brother.

"Ruolan." Ning Cheng yelled again. His cultivation had reached the Life and Death Realm. When it came to strength, he didn't fear going up against Eternal Realm experts. But now seeing Ruolan, his steps turned heavy. It also felt as if a heavy burden of worry that was just starting to emerge from the deepest parts of his heart had suddenly disappeared.

"Brother, it really is you....." Ning Ruolan rushed towards Ning Cheng in tears, forgetting that she had already passed the age of crying. Living in this strange place, facing this kind of suppression, this level of loneliness and suffering, it had forced her to hide all emotions.

But seeing her big brother Ning Cheng, she couldn't keep it in check anymore. If given the opportunity to do it all over again, she would never wilfully go out alone to find her big brother.

Ning Cheng reached out and held Ning Ruolan as she crashed into him with red eyes. He could feel the hardships Ruolan had to go through during these years. When they had separated back then, the cultivation resources left to Ruolan would have only allowed her to cultivate to the Crucible Transformation or maybe Plundering Life Realm.

Yet irrespective of Ruolan's qualifications, she managed to reach the Celestial Novice Realm, how could he not see the hardships that she must have gone through?

Ning Ruolan hugged Ning Cheng tightly. She was afraid that once she let go, her big brother would disappear again. Even so, she still felt it a bit unreal, like an illusion.

"Are you Big Brother Ning Cheng?" Seeing the reunion of brother and sister, Helian Dai felt her nose turning sour. Within the boundless starry sky, how could it be easy for two cultivators from low-level interfaces to meet up after separating for so long?

Ning Cheng gently patted Ning Ruolan on the shoulder and nodded to Helian Dai, "Yes, I'm Ning Cheng. You must be sister Helian Dai. Many thanks for you and your grandfather for taking care of Ruolan for all these years."

"How do you know that?" Helian Dai asked in surprise while looking at Ning Cheng.

"Well, I asked around, and it led me here to you." Ning Cheng gently brushed Ning Ruolan's hair. Even though Ruolan had grown over the past many years, he still saw her as his younger sister, who needed his care.

Ning Ruolan looked up and spoke up with tears in her eyes, "Brother, I'm dreaming, aren't I?"

"No, from this day forward we siblings will stick with each other. You don't have to worry about anyone bullying you anymore." Ning Cheng gently wiped off the tears from Ning Ruolan's face.

"Ok, we'll go to Orchid Borough Celestial River. I heard others say that Orchid Borough Celestial River has a lot of mystic realms and much richer Starry Sky Essence Qi....."

While Ning Ruolan spoke, she seemed to have suddenly remembered something, and quickly took out two handfuls of dark-coloured pills from her ring and put them in Ning Cheng's hands. She then smiled and spoke, "Brother, I got these Perpetual Moon Pills in the Ancient Shadow Temple. I collected 83 pieces, use it up for cultivation. Once your cultivation gets better, we would not have to worry about others bullying us....."

83 Perpetual Moon Pills was a substantial amount of wealth for an ordinary Celestial Novice cultivator. Moreover, it would take a long time to amass.

Ning Cheng looked at Ruolan's smiling face streaked with tears, and looked at the 83 Perpetual Moon Pills in his hands and felt his nose turning sour. Truthfully, he had never seen Perpetual Moon Pills of such quality. Not to mention these tainted Perpetual Moon Pills, his ring even contained more than a billion Perpetual Moon Pills. Moreover, each pill contained much larger quantities of Starry Sky Essence Qi. In other words, they were incomparably pure Perpetual Moon Pills compared to those in his hands.

Even those he regularly used to pay others, the pills with him were of much better quality than these things. Moreover, of these 83 Perpetual Moon Pills, some of them still had silt and mud covering them; from this, anyone could tell the origins of these Perpetual Moon Pills and that they were something recently obtained.

“I’m sorry, Ruolan.....” All of a sudden, Ning Cheng felt something welling up in his heart. In this ever-fickle starry sky, 83 Perpetual Moon Pills covered in sludge, what did it mean for my sister? These pills must be the most precious thing on her. However, she took them all out without any hesitation.

Why? Because he was Ruolan’s big brother. An inerasable familial bond irrespective of time or space.

Glancing at Ruolan’s ring, he realised that it was the one he gifted her at the beginning. From this, he understood how difficult it must have been for Ruolan.

Ning Cheng took out a jade box and carefully put all 83 black-coloured Perpetual Moon Pills into it one by one before speaking while trying to hold back the redness from his eyes, “Ruolan, these are the best pills I received. I definitely will treasure them.”

“Brother, we can’t stay here. After we go out, you will have to find a place to cultivate and use up all these Perpetual Moon Pills.” Ning Ruolan quickly spoke up. She couldn’t calm down on seeing her big brother’s excitement. She truly felt anxious, as if she believed that these pills would help her brother advance to the Eternal Realm.

“Big Brother Ning Cheng, I also have 60 Perpetual Moon Pills, you can have them.” Helian Dai also held out a bunch of pills in her hands. They were the same dark-coloured pills.

Ning Cheng looked at Helian Dai in a daze. Finally starting to understand why his sister decided to stay back with Helian Dai. This girl didn’t behave like conventional starry sky cultivators. Besides, one could easily read her thoughts off her face. She really did want to give away her pills to help Ruolan’s big brother and even protect them.

“Big Brother Ning Cheng, do you not want my pills?” Seeing Ning Cheng looking at her and not taking the pills, Helian Dai’s face turned a little red.

Ning Cheng quickly took out another jade box, carefully put Helian Dai’s Perpetual Moon Pills in it, and then said, “Little Sister Dai, from now on you’re my sister just like Ruolan. No one will ever bully you again.”

Even if knowing perfectly well that Ning Cheng spoke those words to comfort her, Helian Dai still spoke up in excitement, “Thank you, Big Brother Ning Cheng.”

Ning Ruolan reluctantly freed her arms from around Ning Cheng but still held on to Ning Cheng’s hand. Separated from her big brother for too long, she truly did not want to experience that loss once again. In this world, she had only one relative, and that was her big brother. Even if she lost her life, she didn’t want anything to happen to her big brother.

“Ruolan, Little Dai, let’s leave. We’ll return to the Ancient Shadow Temple later.” Ning Cheng spoke with a soft voice.

The moment he saw Ruolan, he made a decision to settle down on Second Revenant Star. From this day forward, Second Revenant Star would be his planet. As for that Ji Clan, since those bastards dared to snatch Ruolan’s restaurant, they had better not blame him for taking over Second Revenant Star. If Ji Yangyao wanted to come for him, he wouldn’t even mind taking over Named Descendant Celestial River.

The position of Celestial River King didn't necessarily get inherited or designated by Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, did it? If it was, Ning Cheng decided to change it to a non-inheritable one from this day forward. Daring to mess with my sister Ruolan, this Ji Clan definitely had gone blind.

"Brother....." Ning Ruolan hesitated, "I lost Grey Toottoot."

In fact, Ning Cheng already noticed that Grey Toottoot was not with Ning Ruolan. Moreover, he also didn't see any Spiritual Beast Bag on Ruolan. But Ning Cheng didn't ask about Grey Toottoot. He understood that since Ruolan didn't have the Spiritual Beast Bag, then Grey Toottoot definitely must not be here.

To him, it all okay as long as Ruolan was fine.

"As long as you're fine, everything's okay with me. Did someone take away Grey Toottoot?" Ning Cheng comforted her softly. He knew Ruolan very well. Although he was not at Ruolan's side, he left Grey Toottoot with Ruolan. She would have definitely pampered it and keep it close to her.

Moreover, with Grey Toottoot's nature, it certainly wouldn't leave Ruolan on its own. Since Grey Toottoot was not here right now, the only possibility he could think of was that someone might have taken it away.

"No." Ning Ruolan shook her head. "Grey Toottoot saw that I had insufficient cultivation resources, so it would regularly look for cultivation resources by itself when we went out exploring. During the first few explorations, it often brought back something good. But one time, when Grey Toottoot and I were looking for some starry sky spiritual grasses in a wasteland, it got lost there. I went there to find it many times, but could never find it. Grey Toottoot never came back since then."

After that, Ning Ruolan lowered her head, feeling a little low.

Ning Cheng patted Ruolan's head, "Don't take it to heart. After we settle down in Covered Snow City, I'll go with you to find it."

"Big Brother Ning Cheng, we can't live in Covered Snow City right now. The price of land there is currently even higher than the price in Descendant City." Helian Dai quickly spoke from the side.

Ning Cheng smiled, "The price of land in Covered Snow City will come down soon."

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At the entrance of Cheng Ruolan Materials outside the Ancient Shadow Temple, two men and one woman kept looking at the bull in front of them with strange gazes. They had come here looking for Ruolan, but this bull not only stopped them, it even questioned them repeatedly.

"One of you three is Zhang Qian, the other is Li Lingfan, and the other is Luo Ziyuan. Am I right? Do you have any evidence to prove it?" Chasing Bull had taken out a pier and sat on it, looking hilarious.

Li Lingfan felt speechless as he stood there. How could he provide evidence for being himself? Once again, he cupped his fists and spoke up, "Senior Spirit Beast did not hear it wrong. All three of us are indeed friends with Ning Ruolan and came from the same place. We came here looking to meet with Ruolan."

“I know Ning Ruolan. But from the looks of it, the three of you don’t seem to have a place to stay, am I right? Seeing that my store is in a good position and that I know Ning Ruolan, you want to come here and take advantage of it, am I right?” Chasing Bull thought that it had seen through the trick and spoke up with a positive tone.

Li Lingfan and company suddenly found themselves stuck in a bind. If they said no, the three of them then truly would have no place to go, which was one of their reasons for coming here. But if they said yes, it would mean admitting it outright that they came here to take advantage of the fact that they knew Ning Ruolan.

“Your shop does sit on a prime location, so this king decided to come here personally to take over it.” A chilling voice arrived followed by a man wearing a headband appearing outside Cheng Ruolan Materials.

A powerful, almost violent, imposing aura surged out, forcing Chasing Bull to stand up immediately. It couldn’t bear this formidable aura and spoke, “Who are you? Do you really want to go against this old bull?”

“Orchid River Celestial River King.....” Lu Yu, who stood behind Chasing Bull, suddenly shivered. She was too familiar with the man in front of her. Big nose and small eyes, if it was not Lilan[1] Yanlang, the Orchid Borough King, who else could he be?

Orchid Borough Celestial River King stared at Lu Yu with a grin, “You sisters really are good, outstanding even. You both managed to play me, a Celestial River King, in the palm of your hands. I have to admire you for it. I didn’t know you liked wild men so much, but you don’t need to worry about it anymore; I will make sure to find tens of thousands of men to serve you.”

“Haha, Brother Orchid Borough, I haven’t seen you in a long time. Coming to my Named Descendant Celestial River and not coming over for a drink, it’s not good, you know.” Another laughing voice emerged followed by a grey-robed figure descending in front of Cheng Ruolan Materials.

“Named Descendant Celestial River King....” Someone murmured in a low voice.

The surrounding cultivators immediately turned silent. Two Celestial River Kings had shown up in this place at the same time. Who would dare to make any noise in such a situation? Li Lingfan and company also started sweating all over. Why did two Celestial River Kings suddenly appear here? Moreover, why did it look like Orchid Borough Celestial River King held some grudges with the people of Cheng Ruolan Materials?

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Chapter 719: Frighteningly Powerful

“So it’s Brother Ji. Sorry, I came here in a hurry. But I did plan to visit Brother Ji later. I hope it didn’t alarm Brother Ji, and if so, please do forgive me.” Lilan Yanlang stood with cupped fists in front of Named Descendant Celestial River King, Ji Yangyao and spoke with a not-so-warm tone.

Ji Yangyao didn’t seem to care about Orchid Borough King’s tone and still spoke with a smile, “In any case, since Brother Orchid Borough is here, let me do my best as a host and a friend.”

Orchid Borough Celestial River King shifted his gaze to Lu Yu and spoke with a cold tone, “I came here to find someone. I would have left after finding this person. But it seems like someone is sheltering this

person. But since this is a good site, I suddenly don't want to leave anymore. I want to stay here and do some business."

As a Celestial River King, he naturally was not an idiot. Someone had informed him about Lu Yu's presence here, which was the main reason he came here. But this Ji Yangyao arrived just behind him. From this, he could tell that Ji Yangyao also received this information, but this fellow purposefully waited for his arrival before showing up.

Regardless, he found the situation quite strange. Taking in everything, he found no particularly remarkable person within the crowd. Why did Ji Yangyao put up such an act just to rope him in? If he had grabbed Lu Yu and sent her to Orchid Borough Celestial River, he might have felt more grateful for it.

Ji Yangyao laughed, "These are just trivial matters. I was just about to invite Brother Orchid Borough to work together before you showed up here. You see, I found a perfect place within the Ancient Shadow Temple, but I'm just too weak to explore it by myself, and wanted to find some like-minded friends to team up and explore it."

"That's easy to do, but it will have to wait till I take this person away." Orchid Borough Celestial River King raised his hand and punched at the array formation that Ning Cheng had arranged.

Chasing Bull knew that it would have to bear the brunt if it didn't do anything right now, so opening its mouth, it shot out a blade light.

"Boom...." With a bang, the fist's imposing aura burst Chasing Bull's blade light burst into nothingness. The strong shockwave forced Chasing Bull deeper into the defensive array formation around store rubble.

Lu Yu and Dong Li hurried over to help Chasing Bull.

"Hmm...." Ji Yangyao frowned while looking at Chasing Bull, as well as the defensive array that the Orchid Borough Celestial River King has just punched.

He had previously received news that a formidable demonic bull had appeared in Covered Snow City that had killed the master of Named River Chamber of Commerce, Fu Yinghe without much effort.

Since this demonic bull could kill Fu Yinghe without even letting him fight back, its strength should definitely be at least on par with him, Ji Yangyao. This was also the main reason why he wanted to rope in Lilan Yanlang.

But it wasn't worth all the trouble now, did it? Although Lilan Yanlang had just advanced to the Life and Death Realm, his real strength remained slightly worse of the two. So how could that punch push back the demonic bull and even injure it? From the looks of it, if not for the protection of the defensive array, that punch would have definitely killed that demonic bull.

Which meant that this defensive array did not look as simple as it looked on the surface. Only a powerful Array Formation King could arrange such a formidable defensive array.

"Quickly, call master...." After Chasing Bull got up, it immediately yelled at Lu Yu to call Ning Cheng.

“Ah, senior.....” Just as Lu Yu took out the jade talisman, she saw Ning Cheng coming over with Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai.

Chasing Bull also saw Ning Cheng and no longer hid behind the defensive array formation. It immediately rushed out and cried with a miserable voice, “Master, while you were gone, your bull was almost killed by these people. A group of Celestial River Kings attacked me. I wanted to protect Cheng Ruolan Materials, but they severely injured me. Master, you have to avenge me.....”

Chasing Bull said those words with a miserable tone and even put up a performance filled with snot and tears.

The people around the edges felt speechless. A group of Celestial River Kings attacked you? How could one exaggerate things this much? From the looks of it, this fellow couldn't even contend against a punch from Orchid Borough Celestial River King. The only reason it could keep its life was due to the defensive array. With such skills, how could it be worthy of being attacked by a group of Celestial River Kings? Besides, there was no group of Celestial River Kings here. Only Orchid Borough King and Named Descendant King.

Ning Cheng knew that Chasing Bull was spewing bullshit. He ignored Chasing Bull, but his gaze moved to Orchid Borough Celestial River King and Named Descendant Celestial River King's side. The two of them were at the Life and Death Realm. Moreover, they were both at the early stages of the Life and Death Realm. To be honest, this level of cultivation couldn't even let him warm up.

“Sect Master Ning, Ruolan.....” Luo Ziyang was the first one to call out in surprise.

“Sect Master.....” Zhang Qian felt equally surprised. He truly didn't expect to meet Sect Master Ning in this place. In his mind, Ning Cheng was akin to a deity. Even Sect Master Rui Baishan could not match up Sect Master Ning in his heart.

Li Lingfan smiled, “Brother Ning, I didn't expect to see you here. Sorry, I should be addressing you as Sect Master Ning.”

Ning Cheng also saw Luo Ziyang as the three of them came over to greet him. He felt quite happy to see those three in this place. Ning Cheng had always been looking out for an acquaintance but hadn't found any. But now, in addition to his younger sister, he met three acquaintances at the same time.

“Zhang Qian, Ziyang, Lingfan, wait with Ruolan for a bit. I have a few words to exchange with those two great men who injured my companion beast.” Ning Cheng showed a grin.

Ning Ruolan also saw Orchid Borough Celestial River King and Named Descendant Celestial River King. Although she didn't know and had never seen Orchid Borough Celestial River King, she had definitely seen Named Descendant Celestial River King, Ji Yangyao, once before. Moreover, she also knew several people standing behind Ji Yangyao, Second Revenant Star's Celestial Lord Ji Yaozhe and the scarlet-robed female cultivator who slapped her...

“Brother....” After seeing these people clearly, Ning Ruolan was so shocked that she grabbed Ning Cheng's hand and said, “You can't go up, they, they....”

At this moment, Ning Ruolan only held fear and confusion in her eyes, and could not find the right words to describe it at this time.

If she were alone, it would have been fine. But now that her big brother was here, she really did not want it to affect her big brother. What should she do? Could she do anything? At this moment, she felt utterly lost. She also couldn't process this matter thoroughly, especially since she had already given up the restaurant. Why would people from Ji Clan try to look for and stop them? Moreover, even Named Descendant Celestial River King was here in person.

Helian Dai also quickly came up and grabbed on to Ning Cheng, "Big Brother Ning Cheng, you can't go up. Let's just pay the penalty and leave."

But then she realised something, would it really work? Against a Celestial River King, even if they fled for tens of thousands of miles, that person would still catch up to them and kill them quickly at any time. So how could they escape against two who stood right in front of them?

"For what crime? Why should we make amends?" Chasing Bull spoke despite the injuries. Now that Ning Cheng had returned, it once again started to feel pride well up inside it.

For what crime? Helian Dai also felt at a loss. She couldn't think of any crime that they would have to pay.

Ning Cheng frowned when he saw the fear in Helian Dai and Ning Ruolan's eyes. He looked at Helian Dai and asked, "Little Sister Dai, what's scaring you to this extent?"

Helian Dai spoke up on the verge of tears, "She almost killed Big Sister Ruolan back then, and she is here again...."

When Ning Cheng heard this, the murderous intent he kept suppressed within immediately burst out, causing Helian Dai, who stood next to him, to shudder subconsciously. Ning Cheng quickly reigned in his killing intent and asked in a cold voice, "Tell me who did it."

"The one in scarlet-robos... she came again. When we met last time, she slapped Big Sister Ruolan and almost killed her with that slap...."

Before Helian Dai finished her words, Ning Cheng disappeared. Even Named Descendant Celestial River King Ji Yangyao couldn't stop or even see Ning Cheng move. On appearing once again, everyone saw Ning Cheng holding that scarlet-robed female cultivator in the air by her neck.

"Put down Hongliu." Ji Yangyao turned furious and pressed down his domain over Ning Cheng. If Ji Hongliu were not in Ning Cheng's hands, he would have moved to kill Ning Cheng instantly.

However, when his domain collided with Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain, it could not produce even the slightest ripple at all before disappearing without a trace.

Ji Yangyao felt shocked, and his anger instantly evaporated. A moment later, he forcibly calmed himself down. He immediately understood that the information he received before coming here was incorrect. That demonic bull was not the powerful one, this young man in front of him was.

Ning Cheng ignored Ji Yangyao completely, pulled Ji Hongliu closer to him while still grabbing her neck, and asked, "Before, when you tried to kill my sister Ruolan, did you beat her up?"

Ji Hongliu had already gone into shock. She never thought that even with her grandfather Named Descendant Celestial River King and her uncle who was the Second Revenant Star's Celestial Lord

present here, someone would still dare to pick her up like a rubber chicken. She couldn't put up any resistance at all. One had to know, she was also a cultivator in Heaven's Mandate Realm.

"If you don't say it, then you don't need to say it. Go to hell." Ning Cheng's chilly killing intent invaded and overwhelmed Ji Hongliu's consciousness.

Ji Hongliu shivered uncontrollably before finally speaking, "Yes, I slapped her, but she walked away quickly, so I didn't kill her...."

Caught in Ning Cheng's hands, she found no reason not to give all the facts.

Seizing my sister's shop and even trying to kill her, let's see what ability your Ji Clan has.

Ning Cheng then raised his hand, slapped Ji Hongliu's face twice, and said coldly, "I usually don't hit women; I'd rather kill them directly. But since you 'only' hit my sister, I'll make an exception today."

After slapping her two times, Ning Cheng flung his hand and threw Ji Hongliu away.

Ji Hongliu screamed in horror after falling to the ground, "My foundation, you ruined it...."

With her foundation ruined, her cultivation quickly dissipated; it also indicated that she could no longer cultivate again. Within the starry sky, if cultivator's cultivation scattered, or the foundation destroyed, it was akin to a judgement worse than a death sentence.

After Ji Hongliu screamed those words, she quickly lost conscious.

Numerous cultivators looked at Ning Cheng in shock. Initially, they had all thought of Chasing Bull as the powerful one, but now they understood that the real expert was not the demonic bull, but the master of the demonic bull. Despite two Celestial River King present here in person, he had easily managed to ruin Ji Hongliu's cultivation. This showed that the strength of this person did not lose out to any of the two Celestial River Kings.

Orchid Borough Celestial River King also felt equally shocked. He had already recognised Ning Cheng the moment Ning Cheng walked in here. Moreover, Orchid Borough also knew that his Imperial Concubine had run away with Ning Cheng's friend. However, before he could even do anything, things had taken a turn for the worse. Just the thought of that little cultivator growing to such a terrifying level made him feel appalled.

"Brother...." Ning Ruolan, who was also in a state of panic, finally understood that her Big Brother Ning Cheng was already an expert. Moreover, an expert no weaker than the two Celestial River Kings. At this moment, nothing could replace her inner joy and surprise. She was even trembling a little from the excitement. Her big brother was the most powerful. Regardless of the place, irrespective of the time, nothing could ever change this fact.

"Ruolan, Sect Master has always been the most powerful." Luo Ziyang could also feel Ning Ruolan's excitement and reached out to keep her steady. She also felt equally shocked in her heart. In her view, Ning Cheng always remained the strongest, no matter when or where they met.

"Yes, Sect Master is definitely the most powerful." Zhang Qian didn't feel too surprised. No matter what Ning Cheng did, Ning Cheng's actions would no longer shock him anymore.

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Chapter 720: You Don't Deserve It

"Who the hell are you?" Ji Yangyao didn't go to check on Ji Hongliu, whose cultivation Ning Cheng had abolished; instead, he stared coldly at Ning Cheng.

From what he saw, Ning Cheng had a deep comprehension when it came to the Dao of Array, but at the same time, this person had also easily destroyed Ji Hongliu's cultivation. How could this person be a nameless junior? If it wasn't a result of body possession, the only other possibility was that this person was an expert from another Grand Starry Sky.

"Bah, how could someone like you even dare question master? This old bull had followed master when he decided to visit Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain; do you even know where it is? Do you even know about Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain? That's Heavenly Emperor Chuan Xinlou's domain. You should at least know Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, don't you? Even he calls my master as Brother Ning. Do you know Gua Sangan? My master declared it openly back then that he would go to the Endless Void Docks in the future to kill him and erase the docks out of existence. Yet, that fellow didn't even dare to let out a fart in front of my master." Chasing Bull once again spoke up with great pride.

Although it didn't mention that they had only stayed at Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain for less than an hour, it did mention almost everything that had transpired.

Ji Yangyao felt shocked on hearing Chasing Bull's words. He couldn't verify if what Chasing Bull said was the truth or not, but if what this demonic bull said was the truth then Ji Yangyao truly was not qualified to question Ning Cheng. Regardless of it was the truth or not, he now felt some regret. From the looks of it, he seemed to have indulged the people from his Ji Clan a little too much.

Ning Cheng did not speak to Ji Yangyao and instead glanced at the still-shocked Orchid Borough Celestial River King and said, "King Orchid Borough, long time no see. You do remember me, don't you?"

Orchid Borough Celestial River King no longer dared to act as arrogantly as when he first arrived. He cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng and said, "Yes, I do know you. If I remember correctly, you should have come from my Orchid Borough Celestial River. Your name is Ning Cheng."

Ning Cheng nodded, "Looks like you do have a good memory. Since I once used your name in Orchid Borough Celestial River's Revolving Jade City, I won't pursue the matter of you hurting my companion beast. However, that doesn't change the fact that I don't particularly care about you, so you'll still have to pay my bull for the injuries. As for Lu Yu, she helped me find my sister, so she's under my protection from this day forward. Actually, you should have already realised that someone had set you up. That's why you appeared here to set you against me."

While speaking, Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain started suppressing the latter. Inch by inch, Orchid Borough Celestial River King's domain started to shatter.

Orchid Borough Celestial River King's expression suddenly changed. Experiencing such a formidable imposing aura, he now felt sure that he was not Ning Cheng's opponent. Only an Eternal-level expert could crush my domain this easily.

“Many thanks, Brother Ning.” Orchid Borough Celestial River King, like the reflection in a mirror, now clearly understood why Named Descendant Celestial River King wanted to rope him.

Initially, he didn’t care much about the backing behind Lu Yu, so it didn’t feel too unusual that someone wanted to use him using her. But now that he experienced Ning Cheng’s power, and realised that Ning Cheng had also come from his Orchid Borough Celestial River, it effectively changed his thoughts.

Ning Cheng spoke in a calm voice, “If you’re thinking about why I didn’t kill you, it only because you’re at least not as bad as that fellow. Although you threatened Lu Yu to the point that she had to flee Orchid Borough Celestial River, and even forced Xuan Yu to become your woman, those two matters only reflect your incompetence. Both women didn’t even like you and had to run away with others by risking their lives, yet here you are still feeling reluctant to part.”

Having said that, Ning Cheng shook his head. To be honest, he did feel some pity towards Orchid Borough Celestial River King. Orchid Borough Celestial River King hadn’t done anything particularly reprehensible; it’s just that he used disgusting tactics to pick up girls. This person mostly leveraged his strength and his position as the king of Orchid Borough Celestial River to get women. If he really wanted to pursue Xuan Yu or Lu Yu, he could have done it through other better means instead of flexing his strength and power.

In fact, Orchid Borough Celestial River King never truly opened up to Xuan Yu despite his ‘love’. From this, Ning Cheng could tell that this person held up his hands for fear of falling and kept his mouth shut to avoid looking vulnerable[1]. Because of this, ‘his’ women would always run away with other men. In the same way, he also didn’t approve of women like Xuan Yu, despite him and Jing Wuming becoming sworn brothers. Therefore, he would not kill Orchid Borough Celestial River King, at least not for the sake of Xuan Yu’s sister.

Moreover, Orchid Borough Celestial River King had also shown some kindness to him in the past. Although this kindness was not intentional, Ning Cheng had definitely taken it to heart. Of course, if Orchid Borough Celestial River King didn’t want to accept this outcome, he would definitely take action.

“Go back and manage your own celestial river. Focus on your business. In a world filled with fragrant flowers, why bother with a single flower? Xuan Yu and Jing Wuming both are my friends, so don’t even think about going after them either. If meant to be for you, it would have been for you. If it was never meant for you, then your strength would also be useless.”

“The only reason I’m saying this to you right now is that you haven’t done anything yet. Otherwise, I would have never talked to you at all and you would have ended up with the same fate as Merchant Seeking[2] Celestial River King. He robbed my friends and used all sorts of tricks, so I killed him.”

Ning Cheng’s words felt like a giant drum banging over the head of Orchid Borough Celestial River King. Did Ning Cheng really kill Merchant Seeking King? But then his thoughts sifted to all the ridiculous things he had done over these past years, running around the starry sky for two women, wasn’t it akin to putting the cart before the horse.

Yet, he still went ahead and did it. He continued to think that Xuan Yu and Lu Yu had nothing to rely on and that he could suppress them at will. But with Ning Cheng stepping into the picture, he suddenly

realised that he really did act in stupidity. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that he had gone crazy because of it.

"Brother Orchid Borough, don't listen to his nonsense. He's just afraid to face the two of us together." Ji Yangyao shouted from the side.

Ning Cheng didn't even bother to speak. He really didn't care if the two joined forces.

Orchid Borough Celestial River King ignored Ji Yangyao and spoke to Ning Cheng with cupped fists, "Many thanks to Brother Ning for reminding me. This Lilan Yanlang will take his leave, and will be waiting to welcome Brother Ning at Revolving Jade City."

When Ning Cheng heard Orchid Borough Celestial River King speak about Revolving Jade City without even a momentary pause, he knew that this person had understood his intent. That is, despite being a dignified king of a celestial river, he ran around looking for a woman who eloped with someone else. It was practically moronic.

After finishing this sentence, Orchid Borough Celestial River King specially sent a ring to Chasing Bull before taking out a flight-type weapon and rushing into the void in an instant before disappearing without a trace.

Failing to persuade Orchid Borough Celestial River King to deal with Ning Cheng, Ji Yangyao's expressions turned extremely ugly. Although he hadn't started yet, he already suspected that he was not Ning Cheng's match.

"Pay up 100 million purple coins and leave Second Revenant Star. That will be the end of this matter." Named Descendant Celestial River King stared at Ning Cheng and said in a cold voice.

Despite the fear due to Ning Cheng's presence, as the Named Descendant Celestial River King, he didn't want to appear weak in this place. Once he showed weakness, he would definitely lose his prestige as the Named Descendant Celestial River King. In any case, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor would not let a weak cultivator take control of a celestial river.

When he mentioned 100 million purple coins, it didn't really mean anything to him. Therefore, for a powerhouse like Ning Cheng, 100 million purple coins would also mean nothing. If there weren't so many cultivators standing on the sidelines, he would have rather given something to Ning Cheng himself to leave him in peace, which would have nothing to do with Orchid Borough Celestial River King showing weakness.

Ning Cheng sneered, "Ji Yangyao, I think you're still dreaming. Let me tell you, Second Revenant Star no longer exist from today, I renamed it to Jiangzhou Star and will remain the same from this day forward. As for Named Descendant Celestial River, you don't deserve to have it."

After saying that, Ning Cheng did not feel like talking nonsense anymore and brought out his Nirvana Spear.

The Nirvana Spear swept up a piece of space and locked on to Ji Yangyao, while his Celestial River Domain suppressed the later with its crushing imposing aura. Besides, when it came to cultivators in the Life and Death Realm, Ning Cheng really did not plan to use excessively ruthless moves.

Sensing his domain shattering, Ji Yangyao understood that he could no longer escape a fight. No matter who wanted to snatch his star and his celestial river, he would not give up without a fight.

The same moment that Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear shot out, a grey-coloured axe chop also shot out. It came from his weapon, the Void Breaking Axe.

The moment the Void Breaking Axe came out, it brought along numerous axe shadows that quickly formed into a powerful axe intent vortex before colliding with Ning Cheng's spear shadows, resulting in a loud explosion that obscured the sky.

The spectating cultivators quickly started retreating. If caught up in a battle of such level, they would definitely end up dead.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng had already decided that Second Revenant Star would be his planet from now on. Therefore, once he initiated a fight with Ji Yangyao, he kept the scope of the celestial essence explosion limited and suppressed it to the limit.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....." Traceless spear shadows exploded one after another under the effects of the axe intent and left behind only a single trace. That was the real killing intent trace within those traceless spear shadows.

"No wonder you can become the king of a celestial river, you definitely have some moves. Since you use an axe, take a look at my axe too....." Ning Cheng ignored the Nirvana Spear and simply punched.

A fist shadow materialised out of axe intent, a killing move Ning Cheng used back in the True Cultivation World when he did not have access to an axe. But now he used that same move to deal with an expert at the early stage of Life and Death Realm.

"Axe intent....." Ji Yangyao screamed in astonishment. He did not expect someone to use fists to condense such a powerful murder-filled axe intent. This axe intent, condensed into a fist shadow, immediately shot out towards Ji Yangyao's Breaking Void Axe's axe shadows and seemed to cover up the entire sky.

"Pa-Pa-Pa-Pa....." The surrounding area turned even more turbulent under the continually shattering axe shadows.

Ji Yangyao's heart sank. He felt sure that Ning Cheng did not use all his strength while he had definitely gone all out.

Ji Yaozhe and Ji Baisen, who watched the battle from the back, both had Heaven Seated cultivations. Naturally, they could see Ji Yangyao's situation. The two almost immediately rushed out and brought out weapons to strike at Ning Cheng.

Three against one, every one of the cultivators standing at the sidelines knew it was a bit shameful, but no one dared to speak up at this time. Such terrifying battles were usually not accessible to them at all.

"Back off, leave....." Ji Yangyao was just about to cast his own spirit technique. But Ji Yaozhe and Ji Baisen had already stepped up to help. He understood by now that even with Ji Yaozhe and Ji Baisen assisting him, they would not be a match against Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng showed no fear and remained calm; as the Axe Fist still raged on, his Nirvana Spear once again shot out traceless spear shadows.

As the spear shadows shot out, the surrounding space started shattering apart like a frozen sheet of ice, with cracks spreading in all directions. This attack, unlike the previous one, contained a new spear trace.

Ji Yaozhe and Ji Baisen had only cast one move. Rather, before they could complete their attacks fully, they found themselves wholly suppressed under Ning Cheng's domain. They could only watch the spear trace pass by them.

One move, Ji Baisen and Ji Yaozhe had just come up when they both died under the single strike from Ning Cheng.

Ji Yangyao saw Ji Baisen and Ji Yaozhe dying in front of him, and almost instantly snapped. A burst of terrifying imposing aura erupted from him, and his body started to turn blurry.

"Don't even bother." Ning Cheng spoke with a flat tone. Ji Yangyao wanted to consume himself up to cast a grand spirit technique. But under the suppression from his domain, Ning Cheng didn't give Ji Yangyao that opportunity.

As soon as Ning Cheng's words ended, a more horrifying explosion erupted where Ji Yangyao stood. Within this explosion, space itself seemed to have disappeared.

"Space Spirit technique... No, it's not a space spirit technique...." Ji Yangyao murmured to himself in despair. His illusory figure solidified for a moment, allowing the explosion to swallow him whole.