

## Read The Gate Of Good Fortune - Chapter 0041 – Separated

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“An Yi you are now a Junior Apprentice Sister, I introduced you to her once, this is the Clear Heart Academy’s Senior Sister Apprentice Yong Gu Yun, Senior Sister Yong helps the Clear Heart Academy in choosing which students to take back.....” when Ning Cheng and An Yi comes out, Lu Xue introduced An Yi with enthusiasm, besides her, there were already several people gathered near her, some of them were telling each other the dangers and the resulting experiences that they had come across, some of them were saying that it was time to choose students from the Ping Continent for the Clear Heart Academy.

Le Bohong was also with Lu Xue, there was also a circle of people gathered around them, and were jubilantly discussing things with each other.

Ning Cheng knew that he himself did not belong to any of the circles, those people gossiping around in the circles, the worst cultivation among them was Qi Gathering 6th Level, while Yong Gu Yun was at the pinnacle of the Qi Gathering 8th Level. In contrast, his cultivation of the Qi Gathering 4th Level really did not belong in this place. Since An Yi was able to become friends with the enthusiastic Lu Xue, he estimated that it was because of her Spiritual Root. If An Yi was the same as him, having a Hybrid Support Spiritual Root, surely even she would not have the qualifications to be in that circle.

An Yi already was a person who did not talk much, especially after her Master’s death which was a great blow to her. However recently, she had been following Ning Cheng and even risking her life together with him, and had seen too many things, after seeing so many things her heart was slowly starting to open up. In addition, Lu Xue was also a woman, so there were a lot of common topics between them. As Lu Xue deliberately wanted to become close friends with her, she thought that An Yi had no experience in such matters and thus gradually integrated her into her circle.

Ning Cheng also did not go interrupt them, as he was looking at the huge airship Type Artefact in front of him. On his planet Earth, he had never boarded a plane, but he knew how big the planes were. Now in his opinion, even the largest plane was smaller than the huge airship Type Artefact in front of him by at least a dozen times, this was a genuine giant.

This huge airship Type Artefact was going to fly, he did not know if it purely depended on Spirit Stones, or if there was something else that powered it. He did not believe that this kind of huge airship did not have a power source, as it would not fly for no reason.

Only when it was time to board, did An Yi had the opportunity to excuse herself to go call Ning Cheng.

“Who is he?” Yong Gu Yun thought she knew everything about An Yi even better than herself, she also similarly had a Pure Spiritual Root, and thus paid a high attention to An Yi, now that An Yi had specifically gone to call a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, she asked with some doubt.

Lu Xue looked back at An Yi and said while sighing, “That is An Yi’s cousin Ning Cheng, An Yi and his relationship doesn’t seem to normal.”

Yong Gu Yun immediately asks, “What is Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Root?”

Lu Xue shook her head and said, “I heard that it was a very disappointing multi line Hybrid Support Spiritual Root, he and An Yi are just opposites in this matter.”

“Impossible, in the waters of the Mingot Sea, how can one with a multi-line Hybrid Support Spiritual Root cultivate? Looking at his Qi fluctuations, he should be at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, right?” Yong Gu Yun asked in a surprised way.

“It is because of luck; he had obtained 5 Qi Gathering Pills.” Le Bohong came over with a smile, “However Ning Cheng is still quite good, and is highly principled, unfortunately, it seems that in this life, he is likely to stop at just the Qi Gathering Realm, I think that it would be even difficult for him to reach the Qi Gathering 7th Level.”

“If that is the case, he really should not go to the Clear Heart Academy. To arrive at the Clear Heart Academy, An Yi would certainly be taken in as a disciple by an Elder in the Essence Building Realm, it would be difficult for Ning Cheng to see her again.” Yong Gu Yun said while smiling and looking in the direction of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not know what the others were thinking of him, however he was a person from Earth, he was already well versed with the changes in human feelings. He could even anticipate what would happen to him once he arrived at the Clear Heart Academy, he would definitely not be treated well. At this time An Yi came to him to call him to get on board, he swept his eyes over the rest of the students from the Clear Heart Academy, and said to An Yi, “An Yi, with your Spiritual Roots you can easily go into the Clear Heart Academy, and would definitely have a well-known teacher to guide you, you can even become a core student of the Clear Heart Academy. The chances of us meeting in the future will be very few, it is better if I share some of my Spirit Stones with you now.”

An Yi in her mind was very surprised, and hastily said, “Big Brother, I will always be together with you, my master also said this, she wanted me to be together with you.”

Ning Cheng forced out a wry smile and said, “An Yi, at that time your master had said that, because at that time you did not have any friends, and also did not have anyone else, now that you have friends, you could clearly focus on your cultivation in the Clear Heart Academy. If your master was still alive, even she would not want you and me to be together.”

“No, I must be together with you.” An Yi stubbornly said. She did not have many reasons to argue with Ning Cheng, she simply felt that she would only be happy in being together with Ning Cheng, it just felt comfortable in her heart.

Ning Cheng sighed darkly and said, “We must leave Mingot City, wait until we reach the Clear Heart Academy and cultivate hard, I believe that the Clear Heart Academy will give a lot of training resources to you. Moreover, even your master said that your background is not ordinary, if your cultivation level does not rise up, there is absolutely no way of knowing your origins. More importantly, if you became the core disciple of the Academy, and if you and I are still together, maybe the Academy would think that I am the one who was holding you back.”

An Yi fell silent, she no longer was the pure young nun who had just stepped out of the temple. She understood the meaning of Ning Cheng’s words, Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Root was very poor, if she went along with Ning Cheng, perhaps the Academy would kill Ning Cheng for holding her back. In this period of time together with him, she had already seen too many bloody things.

“I understand; I will remember Big Brother’s words.” An Yi already had secretly made up her heart, she must try hard in cultivation, when her cultivation level was high enough, then she would help Ning Cheng in seeking more Spirit Stones.

Ning Cheng in his heart was very upset, now when he saw An Yi, going to the Clear Heart Academy, he knew that it would be very difficult for them to meet.

“After I arrive at the Academy, I would definitely have more cultivation resources, you do not have to give me those things immediately. The amount of cultivation resources needed by you are definitely more.” An Yi had seen Ning Cheng’s cultivation, she knew that Ning Cheng needed a scary amount of Spirit Stones to cultivate. Although Ning Cheng had obtained several hundred pieces of Spirit Stones previously, she knew that it was definitely not enough for him.

“An Yi, let’s go aboard.” Lu Xue called from afar.

Ning Cheng took An Yi’s hand and said, “Come on, let’s go aboard.”

Miao Li Hu who was standing far away to one side was staring at the back of Ning Cheng and An Yi with raw hate, he pledged in his heart, even if he had to sacrifice the Wolf’s Palace, he would secretly follow them to the Ming Ye country, then he would try to find opportunities to kill Ning Cheng.

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Ning Cheng had not guessed wrong, when he and An Yi went aboard, An Yi was put in a better room than him, only after Ning Cheng asked the other people to show him the

way did he know, that this airship really had a partnership with the Clear Heart Academy and the Ming Ye Country.

Ning Cheng was also not the only person who occupied his room, but there were also five other people whom he did not know, who were also staying in that room. These five people were very young and had the same characteristics, the oldest one was about 20 years in age.

This made Ning Cheng relax a bit, his cultivation level in this room was finally not the worst one. This room had five people, and there were only two of them who were at the Qi Gathering 4th Level.

“Are you also students from the Clear Heart Academy?” Ning Cheng asked as he cupped his fists. His was a bit surprised in his heart, even if it was the Clear Heart Academy, cultivators in the Qi Gathering 2nd Level earning 2 Low Grade Spirit Stones for the fare was definitely not a simple thing, right?

One of them who was the same as Ning Cheng, a teenager with the same cultivation level of Qi Gathering 4th Level said, “Of course not, are you not going to the Clear Heart Academy to be selected, are you also not going to participate in the admission selection of the Clear Heart Academy? Only by passing the Academy’s selection, would you be considered as a student of the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, before he had heard that this airship had a partnership with the Min Yi Country and the Clear Heart Academy. It seems that this ship went around the whole Ping Continent, in all directions to select youths with good aptitudes to enter the Clear Heart Academy, once they pass the test, they would then become the students of the Clear Heart Academy. Le Bohong said that one required 2 Spirit Stones to embark on this airship, perhaps it was to help him open a backdoor for him and An Yi.

Ning Cheng quickly familiarized himself with the other people, these people were just like Ning Cheng had guessed them to be, they all had come from different regions to join the Clear Heart Academy, and were getting ready to participate in the selection tests of the Clear Heart Academy. The qualification of several people in his room could be considered as the bottom of all the people on board, despite being in the bottom, the worst one of them had a better qualification than Ning Cheng, at least they had a primary Spiritual Root.

“What would happen if we fail the tests?” Ning Cheng suddenly thought, if they failed in passing the entrance test, the Clear Heart Academy would certainly not recruit them, it was certain that there would not be any airships that would send them back.

A skinny teenager who was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level clenched his fist and said, “I have to pass it.”

Seeing him and Ning Cheng, the teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level said with contempt, "If you could really pass the test, then the rest of us can reach the moon in a single jump, if you can't pass, you could only stay in the Ming Ye Country to seek living. If someone wants to return home from Ming Ye Country, you would just be seeking death."

Finished saying that with a sigh, he said, "If you have at least Yu Hong Feng's type of Spiritual Root, then you do not have to worry."

"Who is Yu Hong Feng?" Ning Cheng asked.

"He is a person who selected by Yu Anguo, I heard that he would only select students who have a golden Spiritual Roots. Even the elders on the airship are very polite to him, he has boundless prospects ....." The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level replied with some envy in his voice.

Ning Cheng was moved in his heart, a Pure Spiritual Root was given such attention, would that also mean that An Yi would also share the same attention?

At this time, the door of the room was opened with a slight squeak, and a boy wearing a blue robe came in carrying a wooden tray, on the wooden tray were several similar lunch boxes.

"Here is your dinner." That blue robed youth said without even showing the slightest feeling.

Ning Cheng knew that there would be a person who would come to deliver the food, it seems that the treatment here was not as bad as he thought. It seemed that the other teenagers in the room were already accustomed to it, and hurried to take their lunch boxes. After Ning Cheng took his lunch box, he asked the meal delivery boy in a very kind way, "Excuse me my friend, where does the disciples with Pure Spiritual Roots live?"

The meal delivery youth gave Ning Cheng a surprised look, and then he said, "They live in the core area, do not try to go looking for them, otherwise you would soon be kicked out of the airship."

The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level heard the exchange, asked in a puzzled way, "Is Yu Hong Feng not the only person with a Pure Spiritual Root?"

"Of course not, I have heard that this time in the Mingot Sea they were able to find a person with a Pure Wooden Spiritual Root." The meal delivery youth immediately replied.

Ning Cheng knew that the other party would definitely keep An Yi safe, having heard that, he understood that An Yi would definitely be properly taken care of. But he was still

very worried in his heart, and also asked, "If I wanted to meet one of the students with the Pure Spiritual Roots, will there be trouble?"

"It is not troublesome, tomorrow night the people on board will throw a welcoming party for the two people with the Pure Spiritual Roots. If you have the ability to get the admission tickets, then you can go see them." This meal delivery youth smiled at Ning Cheng thinking that he was overestimating his own ability, after saying that, he did not continue to exchange words with Ning Cheng, and turned around to leave the room.

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#### Chapter 0042 – You're Such A Bitch

The meal delivery boy had just left, when the gate was shoved open again, this time a middle aged beautiful woman came in.

Besides Ning Cheng, when the other five teenagers saw this middle aged beautiful woman they immediately stood up and immediately bowed to salute her, at the same time they respectfully called out, "Elder Lan....."

This middle aged beautiful woman slightly nodded her head, and looked at Ning Cheng and asked, "Are you called Ning Cheng?"

Ning Cheng felt that the eyes of this beautiful middle aged woman were very stern, and did not understand why this Elder would trouble herself to find him.

"You, come with me." this middle aged woman did not even wait for Ning Cheng to reply, and said while she already turned around to leave the room.

Ning Cheng, for some unknown reason, also followed this middle aged beautiful woman out of the room, after turning through a few bends in the airship, they entered a luxurious room which was shared by six people.

This middle aged beautiful woman sat down in the seat of honour in the room, and did not wait for Ning Cheng to sit down, and only asked in a light voice, "According to what An Yi said, you and An Yi's relationship does not seem to be that of two close cousins, before An Yi's master had departed, she asked you to take care of An Yi."

Ning Cheng did not speak, he knew that An Yi was very pure and simple minded, in the face of these crafty fellows, it was not unusual for these things to be asked. He only hoped that An Yi did not say about the Mysterious Yellow Bead to them, and also that he required a scary amount of Spirit Stones for his cultivation, these kind of things must not be spread around.

Once An Yi even mentioned about it, then he could only wait for his death. Ning Cheng believed that An Yi should know how to differentiate between good and evil, as this kind of thing should not even be vaguely mentioned, and she should more so not take the initiative to say it.

After the beautiful middle aged woman finished speaking, she again did not wait for Ning Cheng to reply and said again, "Regardless of whether An Yi is your cousin or not, I hope you will stay away from An Yi. It would be good for you as well as An Yi. An Yi has a limitless future, and you have a three-line Hybrid Support Spiritual Root, your greatest achievement will only be in the Qi Gathering Realm, if you and An Yi remain in contact, it would only affect An Yi."

Ning Cheng also said in a light voice, "I know that An Yi will have a limitless future when compared to me, but before that, I must confirm that An Yi gets to receive the best care in the Clear Heart Academy."

Ning Cheng already knew that the Clear Heart Academy would properly take care of An Yi, but the words that this beautiful middle aged woman just spoke, made him upset.

The beautiful middle aged woman showed a faint smile, "You can."

Saying that she took out a Jade Card which she gave to Ning Cheng and said, "Tomorrow evening we will hold a welcome party for An Yi and Yu Hong Feng on the airship, you can rely on this Jade Card to enter the area, when the time comes, you can look at An Yi from the corner, otherwise you already understand what would happen."

Ning Cheng took the Jade Card, and silently turned and walked out of the room, he was too lazy to even properly thank this middle aged beautiful woman.

At this time an extremely pretty girl hurriedly rushed in, and brushed past Ning Cheng who was just exiting the room. She also took a glance at Ning Cheng, at the same time voiced out a few words.

"Master, who is this person? He does not even have the basic courtesy." This pretty girl was staring at the retreating figure of Ning Cheng, and asked that middle aged beautiful woman.

The middle aged beautiful woman frowned and said, "Although his qualifications is very low, but he has an obstinate character, and is extremely proud in his heart. He did not even reply to my words a moment ago, and did not even say a greeting, it seems that I really can't let him come with us to the Clear Heart Academy."

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Ning Cheng returned to his room, inside the room, the few people were looking at him with a strange look in their eyes, however no one came forward to question him, and

also no one came to strike up a conversation with him either. Ning Cheng was also not in a very good mood, and closed his eyes to attempt cultivating the Array Formation Methods.

The day passed by in an instant, in the second evening Ning Cheng arrived at the welcome party area, the party hall was already crowded, and was also very lively and loud.

Ning Cheng was from Earth, although he did not attend the evening banquets, parties or the like, but he had seen countless of them on the television. But this was the first time for Ning Cheng to participate in such a party, although there were no modern amenities here, but Ning Cheng was sure that this luxurious evening party aboard the airship was not one bit inferior to the high class parties back on his planet Earth.

There were rows of Illuminating Array Formations that lit up the entire party hall like a fairyland, there were even young girls wearing colourful butterfly like dresses and holding plates of food and wines interspersed in every corner. There was a soft gentle music that was playing which Ning Cheng had never heard before, when a person heard this, they would start to feel a very pleasant feeling of enjoyment.

There were many cultivators who participated in this party, and none of them were lower than Qi Gathering 5th Level, moreover there were many people who he could not clearly sense their cultivation levels.

Le Bohong was also walking around with a smile on his face, while talking with a few people who Ning Cheng could not even sense their cultivation levels.

Ning Cheng, other than the few people beside Le Bohong, could not recognize the rest of them. At this time, a burst of sweet music could be heard, under the light of the dimming moonlight, Ning Cheng saw An Yi.

At this point, An Yi was like a princess, the cloth robe that she was wearing earlier had already disappeared, and she had changed into a set of light yellow skirt. While her head was still wrapped in a white scarf, but it actually made her look like a fairy, as her already beautiful face became more refined just like an otherworldly fairy.

An Yi walked into the hall with a smile on her face, and her eyes were full of happiness. Clearly, although she had never come in contact with such a scene, here adaptability to it was very strong, at least in her eyes there was no hesitation or anxiety. Lu Xue and Yong Gu Yun accompanied An Yi on her side, showing that the status of An Yi was even higher than them.

As An Yi entered the party hall, there was burst of warm and enthusiastic applause.

Just behind An Yi and the others appeared a very handsome boy, his eyes had a trace of pride in them, and was walking with extreme confidence plastered on his face. Ning

Cheng did not ask, he could already guess that this person should be the one with the pure gold Spiritual Root, Yu Hong Feng.

An Yi stood on the stage and accepted the crowd welcoming her, at the same time, she was also looking in all directions as if searching for someone. Lu Xue whispered in An Yi's ears and said, "Junior Apprentice Sister An Yi, these people here are the Elite Disciples and teachers of the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng will not be able to come here."

An Yi nodded, and retracted her gaze, there was more than a trace of sadness in her eyes.

"The fact is you shouldn't have come on board." An indifferent voice sounded in Ning Cheng's ears.

Ning Cheng suddenly turned around, and saw a familiar young girl. This young girl was precisely the one he had seen when he had gone to see the beautiful middle aged woman. at that time, he was coming out of the beautiful middle aged woman's room, and this young girl happened to rush hurriedly inside. Although she only brushed past him, Ning Cheng still remembered her very clearly.

"At least I know my cousin is being treated very well, I am finally relieved." Ning Cheng said with a light laugh, finished saying that he turned and was about to leave. If he did not come on board, he would have definitely died in Mingot City.

The young girl suddenly said, "I think that it would be better if you got off the airship on the next stop. Believe me, it's for your own good."

After the girl said such strange words, she turned around and moved towards the middle of the bustling crowd in the party hall.

Ning Cheng frowned, he did not have a good feeling. He was just about to reach for a wine glass on the table beside him to drink, when he heard a familiar voice once again, "You've seen your cousin An Yi, she is getting along very well, so you do not have to worry about her."

"Many thanks senior, I really don't have to worry about it anymore, this junior takes his leave." Ning Cheng gave up his thought of picking up a wine glass and said, as he turned around, he found that he was talking to the beautiful middle aged woman who had given him the Jade Card, but at this moment there was not even an expression on her face.

The beautiful middle aged woman said indifferently, "Letting you come here, was because you are An Yi's cousin, you should understand this thought well. I was looking for some matters pertaining you, you will come with me."

The bad feeling in Ning Cheng's heart was growing more intense, but he had no leeway to resist, and could only follow the beautiful middle aged woman out of the party hall.

After the time it took for half an incense stick to burn, there was a light breeze blowing, Ning Cheng discovered that he was standing on the deck behind the airship. Under the airship was the endless blue sky and vast white clouds, those light breezes were coming from an Array Formation that was arranged in the rear of the airship, and it seemed that the breeze was contained. As one could imagine it, if it was not for these shielding Array Formations, just by standing in this place, one would be immediately thrown out due to the airship's fast speed.

Looking at the endless blue skies and the vast white clouds under his feet, Ning Cheng was feeling somewhat dizzy, at this point he completely understood what the beautiful middle aged woman had brought him here to do.

"You want me to jump down from here?" said Ning Cheng as his expression became ice cold, letting a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level to jump from this high in the air, other than the path of dying, there was no other second path.

The middle aged beautiful woman naturally nodded and said, "That's right, you must jump down from here, you have no choice."

"Why is that? I have already agreed to not seek out An Yi anymore." Ning Cheng said as he clenched his fists, he knew that these people had no disregard for human lives, however this was too outrageous. Just because he knew An Yi, and An Yi had a Pure Spiritual Root would they kill him, how could this make any sense? It was as if, if he was alive, An Yi would not feel at ease in cultivating.

"For the future of An Yi, I have the responsibility to help An Yi in cutting off the worldly burdens from her life peacefully. You don't want to fight me, I can tell you beforehand, that I am Elder Lan Yin Yue of the Clear Heart Academy, with the cultivation level of True Condensation 8th Level. You are merely a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 4th Level, I don't even need to move, and can make you get down from here immediately. But because you are An Yi's cousin, I do not want to force you, you can jump by yourself."

This middle aged beautiful woman said all these words in an impassive tone as if she was just asking for him to do something trivial.

"Ha Ha...." Ning Cheng laughed, "When the mother is a whore, then the child will also be a bitch, you do not like to force me, Bah."

"You are courting death....." the originally extremely calm and quite Lan Yin Yue after listening to Ning Cheng, immediately was overflowing with a Killing Intent.

Ning Cheng knew that he did not have any ability to resist, he walked to the edge of the airship's side and stared at Lan Yin Yue and just said a few simple words, "Lan Yin Yue,

this father does not need you to begin, this father will choose himself. There will be one day, that you will regret today's events, you self-centred bitch.....”

Lan Yin Yue heard Ning Cheng calling out to her as a bitch, and was suddenly trembling with anger, she did not even wait for Ning Cheng to begin, but Ning Cheng had already jumped from the airship's side on his own initiative, he knew from the face of Lan Yin Yue, that other than him jumping down, there was no second way to go.

The airship's speed was very quick, so when Ning Cheng jumped, the airship had already flown far away. Lan Yin Yue was still unable to quell her anger that had built up inside her, she did not expect that a mere Qi Gathering 4th Level runt would dare to humiliate her. If she could fly, she would have certainly flown out of the airship, catch Ning Cheng again, and tear him up inch by inch.

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#### Chapter 0043 – Ning Cheng's Demise\*\*\*

Just as Ning Cheng jumped out of the airship, he was buffeted by the strong winds blowing outside the airship, it was only then he realised how fast the airship was travelling, in just a blink of an eye it had already transformed into a tiny speck by the horizon.

But at the moment, he did not care about it, he was falling at a fast rate as the initial momentum from the ship was also helping him plummet even faster towards the ground. He, in just a short moment, fell through the cloud cover and was immediately soaking wet, which further added to his weight and speed, in short, he knew that if he did not do something, then there would not even be a shred of flesh on his body if he ended up striking the ground.

He was already an exceptional student back on earth, and with his memory and comprehension capabilities, he was able to immediately deduce what would happen if he ended up striking the ground. Let alone dying, there would not even be a complete corpse left of him, he definitely could not rely on his Mysterious Yellow Bead, let alone rely, he could not even draw out the Mysterious Yellow Qi from it by his own will!!

By now he was able to see a vast and dense forest in front of his eyes, it would be a really grand and majestic sight if a person was looking at it while standing on the ground, but for Ning Cheng it was a horrifying sight which induced an unprecedented terror in his heart. He knew that if he fell into the forest, even if by some god sent miracle that he didn't die, he would end up gravely injured and would not even be able to defend himself from even attacks from normal wild beasts.

At the moment, he was wildly circulating his Qi in his body while trying to provoke some kind of action from the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he even took out the Ling Shis that he

had in order to get some kind of reaction. But because his heart and mind was in a turmoil, he could not get himself to calm down, after all he was from Earth, and although there were sports back there like skydiving he never once attempted such a dangerous sport in his entire life. He was always in awe of the people who were showing of those sports on the television.

But all his efforts were of no avail, as he plummeted towards the forest. As the trees of the forest came closer to him, he realised that those tree were not normal tree but rather they were gigantic in size. Although he did not want to but his brain automatically calculated the rough size of those tree, and the results were staggering, those giant trees were hundreds of times larger than the biggest trees back on Earth, the Red Woods.

After he exhausted his Qi, he knew that now there was no hope that he would survive. He gritted his teeth and tried hard to work his brain into overdrive but could not come up with any solution. He knew that he could not survive his fall, so he was kind of regretting not creating a scene back in the airship, he did not know when, but his feelings towards An Yi had slowly changed from a simple brother sister love to something akin to real love between couples. He was regretting not saying anything about this to An Yi, for he feared that An Yi would reject him, thinking him to be similar to the guys that her master had warned her about.

He was regretting not fighting those bastards from the Clear Heart Academy for taking An Yi away from him, he really was regretting not fighting against that Elder Yan who had forced him to jump off the airship, he was really cursing himself for having such a spiritual root that even his own family did not even see him as a human. He knew from the memories of his previous self, only his grandfather and Ji Luo Fei, after he reincarnated, had some good feelings for him, but as for others, they always looked at him with eyes full of disgust, they never even regarded him as a human. When he met An Yi, only then something changed inside him, although at first he only felt a sisterly love towards An Yi, but now that he was dying, An Yi's image gradually replaced that of Tian Mu Wan's in his heart.

At this moment, unlike before when he used to fondly remember about Tian Mu Wan, but now there were only two people in his heart, his younger sister Ning Ruolan and An Yi, Tian Mu Wan had already faded into the back of his mind. While thinking of the two girls, he felt sad for Ning Ruolan, he did not know that if he died would he even return to Earth, back to his sister. Or if he would really end up dying and disappearing from the world.

Although it took a long time to describe this, in reality it was only a few seconds, and Ning Cheng in just those few seconds had already gotten extremely close to the tree tops of the forest. Now he could clearly see the tree tops and even the leaves of the trees, but he knew that with his body devoid of Qi and with him falling with such a huge velocity, he could not even turn his head no matter how much he willed himself. If not

for his body being strengthened to Qi Gathering 4th Level, he knew that his body would already have been shredded a long time ago due to air friction.

He knew that the top of the giant tree would end up piercing his chest, most like even his chest. In short he knew that he had no chance of surviving.

At the moment the tree top pierced though his skin of his chest, he last thoughts were "Ruolan, Luo Fei, An Yi, I am sorry."

The tree top had already pierced though his chest and was moving towards his chest as he predicted, but it was at this moment, the Mysterious Yellow Bead finally reacted, and in an instant sent out rivers of the Mysterious Yellow Qi throughout his body. It immediately covered his entire body, even destroying the invading tree top, but it was already too late, as it had already pierced though his heart completely.

But rather than Ning Cheng dying, there was a brilliant flash in the sky as a bright ball of light immediately engulfed Ning Cheng. It started to expand rapidly, anything that came in contact of the bright ball of light was immediately disintegrated, whether it was trees, beasts or even water, everything was disintegrated at the molecular level. That ball of light expanded till it reached a diameter of 1 kilometre, destroying everything in its path, before it suddenly vanished without even a trace, all one could see was a huge crater on the ground.

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Ning Cheng knew that he had died, he had definitely felt the tree top pierce though his chest and even his heart, by rights he should have died. But he could feel a cool air surrounding him, he could hear a few voices but he couldn't make out what they were or who did they belong to, as at this moment he had a splitting headache along with an intense pain from his chest area.

His first thought was that, he somehow miraculously survived his fall, and that pain from his chest was from the tree top piercing his chest. It seems that he was somehow saved. Anyways, the main point was he was alive, he wanted to sit up and see his surroundings to see if he was in any further danger. But then he suddenly felt that, he was definitely not in a forest, perhaps his saviours had taken him back to some kind of shelter. He felt although these people had saved his lives, perhaps they were not as magnanimous as he was thinking them out to be. Maybe they were waiting to warm up to him before killing him, after all in the entire time he was on that place, he had encountered all kinds of madmen.

He found that he still had a strand of Qi in his body, but it was very weak, but he still circulated that weak strand of Qi through his meridians, to restore a bit of his hearing. As his hearing was gradually restored, he could make out faint and broken phrases, as the person who was speaking them was speaking in a very fast speech.

“..... it really was a miracle.....hit by a meteor.....” one of the fast speaking persons

“Doc.... Will.....k” the other fast speaker

“Will my brother be Ok”. This time he could definitely hear a crisp voice with a heavy concern in it. That voice was just like a bolt of lightning for Ning Cheng. He could never forget that voice no matter what, for that voice was something that he fondly remembered every single time he closed his eyes. The last time he saw the owner of that voice was when he had given a star shaped pearl hair clip to her in front of the Jiangzhou Academy’s entrance back when he was on Earth. That voice’s owner was none other than Ning Ruolan, the closest person to him in the entire world and also his younger sister.

He could forget Tian Mu Wan, he could forget Ji Luo Fei, he could even forget An Yi, but Ning Ruolan, his younger sister, no matter if had to go through insane torture, or getting roasted in hellfire, to meet his younger sister even for a single time, he would even give up his entire life. The only reason why he did not attempt to commit suicide when he appeared in that ancient world was because he did not know if it would lead him back to his home. He did not know if he could go back to his younger sister who he cherished the most the entire world. After all she was his only family and they had supported each other since they were kids. And although Ning Cheng was said to be an exceptional student, his younger sister was actually much more smarter and better than him. But he never once felt jealous, but rather he felt absolute pride in his younger sister. After all she was the only person who had been with him since childhood.

Ning Ruolan never knew her parents, as they had died when she was just a baby, it was all up to her big brother Ning Cheng who took care of her. For Ning Ruolan, Ning Cheng was much more than just an older brother, he was her father, her mother, her best friend. He always helped her without asking for anything. Although many people thought that she was better than Ning Cheng, as not only she was 3 years younger than him, but even was a senior at the college, unlike her brother who was a junior. But knew very well knew about her big brother Ning Cheng’s capabilities, and always admired him and was always proud to have such a brother.

But then her world was completely shattered that day, that day she wanted to surprise her older brother by showing the gift that she had got for him. She had been repeatedly trying to call him, but there was never an answer, she thought that her brother was finally doing some adult stuff with his girlfriend, Tian Mu Wan. When she thought of that, she blushed a bit, and decided to call her brother later so as not to disturb him.

But for some reason a restless feeling was getting stronger and stronger in her, she had a foreboding that soothing bad might happen. She tried to put those thoughts away, but she couldn’t, she ended succumbing to it, and called her brother. But she still could not get a response, she tried multiple times but every time got the same response “The subscriber you are trying to reach is out of coverage area.” The bad feeling in her gut was getting heavier and heavier every passing moment. She finally could not take it

anymore, and called up Tian Mu Wan's number which her brother had given to her to only contact in emergencies, if he was not available, after all Tian Mu Wan and Ning Ruolan had never met before.

She called her up, and set up a meet with her in order to find what had happened to her brother, as it was obvious that he was definitely not with her. She being a girl who understood everything about her brother was thinking, it couldn't be that they split up, did they. But still, no matter how upset her brother became, he would always talk to her no matter what, it was kind of an unwritten rule for them to not have any secrets between them. Although she was also thinking that she just might be overreacting, maybe her brother was tied up in some construction related work that he would do. As occasionally he used to work a bit late at the construction site when one of the other people were absent.

But when she met Tian Mu Wan at the café across the college, she kind of felt proud of her brother to have such a stunning girlfriend, but then she looked at the expression on her face. Immediately she felt a foreboding in her heart as she thought, something is wrong. She did not hear what Tian Mu Wan said, and immediately asked for the whereabouts of her elder brother. For her, even if her elder brother's girlfriend was in front of her, her concern for her brother's wellbeing topped anything else.

But then she saw, rather than replying to her, Tian Mu Wan immediately turned and ran out of the café. She knew immediately that something bad had happened to her brother. She did not think of anything else and immediately followed Tian Mu Wan out of the café. She wanted to catch her and find what the hell was wrong, but Tian Mu Wan was running like a crazy person, without any regards to anything, she was even ran across the road causing a mass crash of cars.

She kept running till she reached the site where the meteorite fragment struck, Ning Roulan was feeling extreme dread in her heart, although she did not want to but very gory images were flashing through her mind. Was her big brother here? Did he get struck by something? She did not want to but the reality was in front of her. Tian Mu Wan was hysterically talking to an emergency worker working on the site. She approached the two of them, and heard a bit of their conversation:

"Lady I do not know what you're are taking about. The entire area was cleared off before I got here. Go ask the supervisor there."

After going on like this for a few minutes, they came to know that there was a body that was carried out, it seemed to be of a young man , other than that they did not know anything else about it.

They immediately asked about where the body was taken to, they wanted to make sure if that body really was of Ning Cheng. Both the girls were already on the verge of their minds collapsing. They really did not want to believe that the body was really Ning Cheng's. Ning Ruolan immediately decided that she would definitely get to the bottom of

this, if it was because of an accident that Ning Cheng was here then she would still have a bit of compassion towards of Tian Mu Wan, but if turned out that it was because they had a breakup, then she would do everything in her power to take down that bitch, Tian Mu Wan and her family, no matter how powerful her family is, she vowed to make her suffer miserably.

Although she knew that her reasoning was flawed, but her entire world was on the brink of collapse, without her big brother she did not know how could she continue living.

She wanted to blame someone for this, no matter how absurd the reason was, she wanted to vent. While those thoughts in their minds they headed to the morgue, where the body was taken. On getting there they were informed that the body from the crash site was not actually a dead body, but was charred so bad that the emergency responders thought that he had died. Only after coming back to the hospital did they find that miraculously, that youth had survived, albeit in a very critical condition.

They immediately brought them to the room where he was being kept after being operated on. The doctor came forward and took out some burnt things that he had obtained from the person. When they saw those burnt things both Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan almost fainted. How could they forget those things, it was precisely Ning Cheng's items. It was especially true for Ning Ruolan as she always saw that wrist watch on Ning Cheng's hand. It was a keepsake from their parents, which Ning Cheng always kept on him no matter what.

They immediately knew that the person resting on the hospital bed in front of them was definitely Ning Cheng, and were completely overjoyed, although he was heavily injured, he was alive. That was all that mattered to them.

Both of them clasped each other's hands and began sobbing. The doctors found it a bit awkward but did not come forward to interrupt them. He knew from their reactions, they were someone close to that person.

After a few minutes of crying they sobered up, and asked the doctor:

"How is he?"

"Will my big brother be OK?"

It was at that time that Ning Cheng finally opened his eyes, and the scene in front of immediately confirmed his suspicions, as tears started to flow down his face. They were not tears of pain nor they were tears of sadness but they were genuine tears of joy. They were tears of joy for seeing his little sister Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan. Although he now did not feel the same way about Tian Mu Wan as he did before, nevertheless he still felt glad and genuinely happy in his heart. It even made the extreme pain that his body was in to feel as it was nothing. Finally, a miracle did happen, finally was able to reunite with his sister.

But then something else happened that shocked him to the core, he could now freely control the Mysterious Yellow Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead by his own.....

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That water spout kept spurting for the time of about ten breaths, then once more dropped back into the lake. The entire lake went back to how it was originally, if not for there being a few ripples on the surface of the lake, Ning Cheng could have sworn that his eyes were playing tricks on him.

Meanwhile Ning Cheng could clearly feel, that the water spout that was shot out had an extremely rich Spiritual Qi in it, the Spiritual Qi in it was much richer when compared to the surroundings.

Ning Cheng had a feeling from before that this place was the Daan Forest, so he did not dare to be reckless, regardless of what was at the bottom of the lake, with his present cultivation level he definitely could not explore it. If his cultivation level was higher, he would perhaps go down to the bottom of the lake to have a look at the situation, but at the moment he did not dare to move from there.

Drawing himself away from the lake, Ning Cheng found himself in front of a giant tree that had a diameter of nearly 15 meters, he planned to temporarily cultivate in the heart of this giant tree. Back on Earth, there were not many trees having a diameter of even 10 meters, but here, one could find them everywhere, just like water in a lake. The one in front of Ning Cheng was not even the thickest, the reason why he decided to cultivate while hiding inside this particular tree, was so that he could directly see the movements that were happening in the lake.

Ning Cheng also thought that he should begin to make this tree as a nest for himself, after he got to the top of the tree he came to know that this tree already had a huge cavern in its heart. There was a fishy smell coming from inside the cavern. He did not know which Monstrous Beast did those remains belonged to. From his perspective, the tree looked hollow, these remains from the Monstrous Beast in the cavern of the tree should not have been from many years before.

Ning Cheng cleaned the cavern in the tree in a bit, and also arranged a Concealment Array Formation and an Attack Array Formation around the top entrance of the tree cavern. He did not dare to arrange an Array Formation by the side of the lake, the quality and level of his Array Formations was very low, although he could barely understand a Level 2 Array Formation, but with the level of his Array Flags that he had refined previously, he could at most arrange only some of the Level 1 Array Formations.

Sitting in the tree cavern, Ning Cheng also arranged another Level 1 Concealing Array Formation to hide his Qi, with this he felt a bit relieved. After arranging all the Array Formations, it made Ning Cheng understand that whatever place it might be, one had to understand a lot of things on their own, the more one was able to understand about their surroundings, the better it would be for their survival. If he did not know about Array Formations, and was similar to what he was in the past, he could only pray that people would not be able to find him here.

Now that he had arranged the Array Formations, even if the Monstrous Beasts attacked him, he would know about it before hand.

While sitting in the tree cavern, Ning Cheng was able to look at all the changes happening in the lake with his own eyes, this enabled him to be at ease as he cultivated, as he could examine the changes in the lake at any time without showing himself.

Next Ning Cheng took out more than 200 Spirit Stones, as he intended to advance his cultivation to the Late Stages of the Qi Gathering Realm.

As Ning Cheng started his cultivation, he once again forgot everything else, he again began to turn the Spirit Stones into powder, as the Qi from the Spirit Stones began to intertwine with the Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead and started to constantly wash through his entire body. Ning Cheng could vaguely feel that as his cultivation level was advancing, at the same time, even the quality of his Spiritual Roots was also advancing the same way.

Even with the supplement of Qi, Ning Cheng often had to eat something. He also was not able to continue cultivating continuously as he had to carefully guide the Qi flow perfectly, which was also very taxing mentally.

As the days passed by, when the Qi in his body had gathered to a certain extent, a soft sound resonated throughout his body, and immediately a strong flow of Qi rushed through all the Meridians in his body. Some impurities were also expelled from his body through the pores on his skin, with the powerful Qi flowing through the medians in his body, Ning Cheng knew that he had finally advanced to the Qi Gathering 5th Level.

Ning Cheng heaved a sigh, when he opened his eyes, he found that the Spirit Stones that he had taken out had all been used up.

“Ridiculous.” Ning Cheng said just one word to himself, he had used more than 200 Spirit Stones to advance from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, it really showed that his qualifications were really at the bottom.

Not only that, the time it took to advance from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, he had already used up a month. If this continued, the other remaining Spirit Stones that he had in his possession would absolutely not be enough to even advance to the Qi Gathering 7th Level.

Ning Cheng took out the two Jade Pieces that had two Magic Techniques in them, now that he had advanced from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, even his Spiritual Sense had more than doubled in strength, he thought that he should now be able to see the contents of the Jade Pieces. He was already running out of Spirit Stones, so he might as well study the Magical Techniques exclusively.

Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Sense did not let him down, as his Spiritual Sense swept through the first Jade Piece that contained a Magical Technique, he could clearly see the contents of the Jade Piece, ‘Profound Grade 36 Ice Spears’.

Once he could understand the contents of the Jade Piece, Ning Cheng almost broke his contact with it and swore, that son of a bitch Fang knew that he only had a Flying Sword, and he actually gave him a Spear Technique. Although it was a ‘Profound Grade’ technique, but how would it be useful to him? How could he even get a Spear Type Artefact to complement it, let alone this, this type of technique was also not even suited to his Spiritual Roots.

Although it was not easy to obtain these high level Magic Techniques, but he could actually not cultivate it. Although Ning Cheng was very depressed, he still looked at this 36 Ice Spears Technique once again.

He did not see anything good, and became even more depressed. Cultivating to the last of the 36 Ice Spears Technique, it can form 36 Ice Spear Lights, these 36 Spear Lights can be interconnected and used to form an Ice Lance, similarly one can even use it to form an Ice Spear Array. Under the shadow of the 36 Ice Spears, one’s opponent would not even have the opportunity to get away. This was simply a killing machine.

Although this was an extremely precious technique, he could not cultivate it, Ning Cheng sighed as he put the Jade Piece aside, and took out the other Jade Piece that had another Magic Technique. Seeing the several characters from the Jade Piece made Ning Cheng livid, ‘7 Pleiades Ice Needles’. This was also a Profound Grade Technique, but was again an Ice technique.

Ning Cheng knew his own Spiritual Roots, he had a three-line Hybrid Support Spiritual Roots – Fire, Wood, and Earth. The present Ning Cheng had a certain understanding about Spiritual Roots, he knew that the Ice Spiritual Root did not belong to his already

different Spiritual Roots, those cultivators who had such roots were already focussed on heavily to train.

Ice type techniques, only the cultivators who have an Ice Spiritual Root or a combination with Ice Spiritual Roots can cultivate such techniques, and only they would have the greatest effect of it. If a cultivator with other types of Spiritual Roots tries to cultivate it, the effect would be really low or in some cases may even harm the user.

This 7 Pleiades Ice Needles technique was much more sinister and ruthless, however it also needed a small needle Type Artefact that was thinner than an ox hair, if cultivated to the extreme, this 7 Pleiades Ice Needles technique can even prevent the soul from escaping. It can be used to sneak attack others, and was virtually impossible to guard against by other people.

“A vicious Magic Technique, but I like it.” Ning Cheng thought to himself after he read about it, but his heart was even more depressed. Even if he liked it, how could he even use it? Not to mention that he did not possess an Ice Spiritual Root, even if he did possess an Ice Spiritual Root, and could cultivate the 7 Pleiades Ice Needles Technique, he did not have any needle Type Artefact.

Ning Cheng scratched his head in distress, he knew that he could bring out his Spiritual Sense with his cultivation at the Qi Gathering Realm, and it was already very remarkable, but then again he did not know any Magical Techniques, compared to others, he was far worse.

The Magic Techniques that he grasped now, in addition to the Wind Edge, it was just the Fireball technique. These were irrelevant to the Spiritual Roots and were just the foundation Magical Techniques, anyone could cultivate them. Besides the Flame Edge technique that he had derived earlier, he only had a slightly stronger Sword Light, this was only because of the Flying Sword. If he met an opponent with a similarly strong Artefact, his Sword Light would be nothing to speak of.

Ning Cheng was thoroughly disappointed with the Magical Techniques that he had received from the Jade Pieces, and came out of the tree cavern. He was already cultivating in the tree cavern for over a month, and was already feeling bored and out of his mind.

Standing on the bund near the lake once again, Ning Cheng was just getting ready to use the clear water of the lake to clean himself, when suddenly he once again saw the lake spew out a water spout several feet high into the air, this water spout was exactly the same he had seen a month ago, and it still had a rich Qi in it. The only difference was, it seemed that the water spout was a bit higher than before.

After ten breaths, the water column once again dropped down, and the lake was once again calmed down.

Ning Cheng calculated a little, he quickly discovered that the previous time that the water spout had appeared and the one today were exactly one month apart.

So this waterspout was regular, and also had a rich Qi, Ning Cheng wanted to enter the lake and see what was causing it, but then realised that he did not have a Magic Technique of his own, and suddenly felt somewhat discouraged.

These Profound Grade Techniques, 36 Ice Spears and 7 Pleiades Ice Needle, definitely had an imposing appearance, but how would he be able to learn it?

Could he use his Flying Sword in the place of a Spear? On this Jade Piece, it was mentioned 36 Ice Spears, he could try to cultivate it and change it into 36 Ice Swords. Although his Spiritual Roots did not have an Ice Spiritual Root in them, but he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead, who said that it certainly could not be cultivated? Ning Cheng thought of it, and once again became excited, he directly took out the Flying Sword, and tried to cultivate with the sword as he had no Spear. Who knows, if he could cultivate the 36 Ice Spears to the end. then this Magical Technique would have to change its name to 36 Ice Swords.

Although Ning Cheng's perception and memory were already unparalleled, but he was worried that with his Spiritual Roots, he would not be able to cultivate the 36 Ice Spears Technique.

When he resorted to the Flying Sword, and started to cultivate the 36 Ice Spears Technique, he immediately knew that he wanted to cultivate it more than before. Circulating his Qi under the incantations of the 36 Ice Spears Technique, unexpectedly an Icy Sword Light formed without any delay, he discovered that this thick Ice Sword Light and his Spiritual Sense were somewhat similar and combined them without any delay, bringing out a strange Sword Light from his Flying Sword.

He was only worried that he did not have an Ice Spiritual Root in his Spiritual Roots, and wanted to see how long he could use his Spiritual Sense to support and control such a thick Sword Light?

"Pop" a sound was heard, because his Spiritual Sense was not enough, the Flying Sword in Ning Cheng's hand fell to the ground. Ning Cheng was not surprised but was actually happy, he laughed and said, "I really have superior qualifications than that of others, and can even master Ice Techniques with ease ....."

Although he was excited he did not stop, and praised himself, Ning Cheng actually knew, that he could now cultivate the 36 Ice Spears Techniques and it had nothing to do with his qualifications, it was certainly due to him being related to the Mysterious Yellow Bead. He even suspected that he had the help from the Mysterious Yellow Origin, he suspected that there was an addition of an Ice Spiritual Root, but he could not test this theory at the moment, as he was not confident about it. Only in the future, if he had the

opportunity, he would go up to the Spiritual Root Testing Artefact to test it, to see if he really had one more branch of Ice Spiritual Root.

Having the opportunity to cultivate the Magical Techniques, Ning Cheng took great pains to patiently control the Flying Sword, again and again casting the modified version of the 36 Ice Spears that he created. Initially he could only cast out a single Sword Light, but with the constant revision of the 36 Ice Spears Technique in his mind, three days later, he was able to cast up to three Ice Sword Lights.

Five days later, Ning Cheng was able to cast up to five Ice Sword Lights. But Ning Cheng knew, that with his current cultivation level, five Ice Sword Lights were his limit. If he does not use his Flying Sword, he could then cast two more Sword Lights. But without using his Flying Sword, the Sword Light that he casted would only have a limited power. Thus it could be seen, that the Spiritual Sense was really the good stuff.

While cultivating the 36 Ice Spears technique, Ning Cheng would certainly not miss out on the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique. But because he did not have a needle Type Artefact, he could only use his Flying Sword instead. Even when he replaced the flying needle with the Flying Sword, Ning Cheng was constantly revising the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle in his head. On the tenth day, Ning Cheng was already skilfully controlling the Flying Sword to attack sneakily. But because the Flying Sword had too much volume, he could not completely pull off the sneaky part of the attack.

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#### Chapter 0045 – A Vicious Person

The place where Ning Cheng was cultivating was extremely quiet, besides the red eyed Monstrous Beast who had chased Ning Cheng initially, Ning Cheng did not meet any other Monstrous Beasts.

However, in the past one month, Ning Cheng had already combined together the 36 Ice Spears Techniques and the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique, first he casted the Ice Sword Light, then used another sickle Type Artefact for the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique, concealing it within the Ice Sword Light and using it for a sneak attack.

Unfortunately, it was not the true 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique, if he had a needle Type Artefact to perform the real 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique, then even if he were to face a cultivator at the pinnacle of the Qi Gathering Realm, he could dare to fight with them. That hand sickle that he was using, was the Artefact that he had acquired from that Taoist Pu, unfortunately when used with the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique, the performance was only subpar, a far cry from the original one.

Even if that was so, Ning Cheng believed that with his present strength, combining the 36 Ice Spears and the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique, an ordinary Qi Gathering Cultivator would not be able to fight against him.

On this day, Ning Cheng was still thinking about the sickle Type Artefact in his hand that he had obtained from Taoist Pu, and how could he refine it into a thin needle afterwards, when he heard a soft sound that was transmitted by the wind.

Was someone coming? Ning Cheng immediately affirmed that he had not misheard, he could determine that someone definitely was coming. This place was deep inside the Daan Forest, an average person would absolutely not be able to come to this place, even a cultivator of the Essence Building Realm would not dare to pass through the Daan Forest alone, what kind of person would dare to come here? The reason why he did not dare to walk out of here, was because his strength was very low, and as such he could not dare to run around recklessly in such a place.

Ning Cheng at that time, first decided to hide in the tree cavern, he had to determine before, if the person coming here was an enemy or a friend, he did not want the others to know that he was living in this place.

Ning Cheng did not have to hide and wait for long, when slight, steady sound of footsteps arrived, this made Ning Cheng even more careful. Although there was the sound of the footsteps, but these footsteps sounded extremely calm, and carried a dignified atmosphere with it, obviously those people's cultivation level was not low, it was at least higher than his own cultivation level.

After a dozen breaths, two men and a woman carefully walked over, and appeared in front of the lake.

"Qi Shui, is this the lake you spoke about?" the speaker was the man in the rear, his head was very small, however he had a robust body, which made people think that he was not balanced.

Hearing the questioning of the person, the man in the front with a long beard stopped, pointing to the front of the lake that was not far from him he said, "That's right, Fei Chen, this is the Daan Forest's Yong Qing Lake. Only a few people know about it, and I am one of them, that is because I have the ability and the skill to cross the Daan Forest. When I passed by here the last time, I had accidentally found it."

Ning Cheng, after listening to those words felt shocked in his heart, he knew about the dangers of the Daan Forest, even Ji Luo Fei's aunt did not dare to say that she could cross the Daan Forest by herself. Could this long bearded man really have such an ability? To be able to cross through the Daan Forest? But since Ning Cheng could vaguely perceive the cultivation level of this long bearded guy, he should be a cultivator in the True Condensation Realm. Presumably the man and the woman with him, were also cultivators in the True Condensation Realm.

A cultivator of the True Condensation Realm, although their cultivation level was good, but how could he say that he could easily pass through the Daan Forest? Unless he had the map of the Daan Forest. One must know that the Daan Forest is the wall dividing the two continents, only with the safety of the map, can one cross the Daan Forest and arrive at the Yuan Continent from the Ping Continent. Otherwise, one would absolutely be killed by the Monstrous Beasts that roam around in the Daan Forest.

“Well, if it really is as Qi Shui said, then after we get that thing, we can head back, and go across the Daan Forest to the Yuan Continent together.” said the small headed man.

“I also agree.” said the woman in the middle, also with the similar cultivation level as the other two.

Now that he had heard the three people speaking with each other, Ning Cheng understood that these three people had come to get something from the lake. But he actually did not know what was the thing that they had come for. At this time Ning Cheng did not dare to even make the slightest movement, any one of the three people could easily kill him in a second, once he was discovered, he would just simply die.

“I already told you, the strange poisonous fog that this thing ejects is highly rich in Poison Qi, so it’s better if we take the Detoxification Pill first, and then incite enough anger in it that is forced to come up. once it is angered and comes up, I and Fei Chen will step forward to attack. Sister Fan Hong will be hiding in the back, once we draw it out of the water, we three will immediately descend to kill it. As long as we do not let it go back into the lake, the three of us can absolutely get rid of it.” After the long bearded man finished speaking, he took out three pure white pills.

He took one of them first, and the remaining two he handed them to the other two cultivators. While his eyes kept staring at the centre of the lake.

The other two cultivators of the True Condensation Realm grabbed and immediately swallowed the pill, and the woman cultivator who swallowed the pill retreated back a few steps, and hid in the wake of a giant tree.

“Fei Chen, I will shock it out of the lake, you hide along the perimeter, while you are waiting to catch up with me, seal off his path from the back.” After the long bearded Qi Shui said those words, he immediately took out a jet black round bead the size of a fist, then with a flick of his hands, this round bead just like an artillery shell, was shot into the lake by him.

After a few breaths, a huge ‘crack’ sound emerged from the bottom of the lake, and the huge lake directly exploded, at this moment, you could even see a vortex like hole forming in the middle of the lake.

“AAaaah.....” a loud roar could be heard, almost at the same time, a five or six-meter-long dark red Monstrous Beast charged out of the whirlpool’s eye.

Ning Cheng's heart shrank, it turned out that this Monstrous Beast was unexpectedly a Flood Dragon. On Earth, this was the stuff of the legends, unexpectedly he saw such a sight today. This Flood Dragon was covered entirely in dark red scales, which seemed to blend harmoniously from the top to the bottom, it was extremely beautiful, even the four giant claws looked like four giant iron rakes. What surprised Ning Cheng was that this Flood Dragon unexpectedly had a single horn on its head.

The Flood Dragon's entire horn was white, with a length of about a meter, it was positioned in the centre of the head of the Flood Dragon. After this horned Flood Dragon came up, it just swept its tail once, and immediately waves of dozens of feet in radius was whipped up. These large waves moved towards the shore, completely wrecking the plants near to the shore into the ground.

Ning Cheng could clearly sense the strong Qi, this was definitely one from the Essence Building Realm, perhaps it was even something that surpassed the Essence Building Realm. For a Monstrous Beast to surpass even the Essence Building Realm, it was probably a Class 4 Monstrous Beast.

When he had met that Wen Ji Liu in the Cang Qin 2 Star Academy, he had also seen the imposing manner of Ji Luo Fei's aunt. But no matter what person he compared it to, their imposing manner could not even be compared to this One Horned Red Flood Dragon in front of him. These three cultivators of the True Condensation Realm daring to challenge this One Horned Red Scaled Flood Dragon, it was just akin to seeking death.

No matter how Ning Cheng thought, he could only wonder why these three people had come to seek their deaths.

"Qi Shui, what's going on? This is definitely not the Class 2 Red Poisonous Python, it is clearly a Class 4 One Horned Flood Dragon, how could you make such a mistake....." That small headed cultivator in the True Condensation Realm also could feel the terrible Qi of the One Horned Flood Dragon, and suddenly called out in a panic stricken voice, while simultaneously turning around to run away.

Are you kidding me, with just a few cultivators of the True Condensation Realm, you wanted to get rid of a Class 4 Monstrous Beast, if this was not courting death then what was?

Ning Cheng was also covered in cold sweat, he did not expect that the place in which he was cultivating, was the home to a Class 4 Monstrous Beast. He also did not know if this One Horned Flood Dragon even cared about him or not, or if it had simply not discovered him. But Ning Cheng found the probability for such a thing to happen was zero, how could such a Monstrous Beast not be able to sense him?

"Really, the last time that I came here there definitely was not a One Horned Flood Dragon here. This One Horned Flood Dragon must have gotten rid of the Red Poison

Python before, and then took over the lake as its own.....” the long bearded man also said in panic.

Ning Cheng who was watching this from the side felt that this long bearded man did not seem to be very scared, this made him feel very strange about it.

If Ning Cheng was also able to feel this point, then even that cultivator called Fei Chen in the True Condensation Realm could also feel it. Not waiting for him to respond, that long bearded man had already retreated behind him, and simultaneously kicked Fei Chen's lower back.

Originally the True Condensation Cultivator wanted to rapidly retreat, but was kicked in the back, instead of going forward, he immediately fell into the wide open mouth of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

The Horned Flood Dragon having food delivered directly to its mouth obviously would not be polite, and directly swallowed the male cultivator of the True Condensation Realm by the name of Fei Chen.

After that the long bearded man immediately retreated back once more, after the One Horned Flood Dragon swallowed the man called Fei Chen, he had already arrived to the side of the woman cultivator nearby. At this time this woman cultivator knew that she and the other person were deceived by this long bearded man, and once this long bearded man came over, she immediately took out a Flying Sword.

But just as she tried to use the Flying Sword, she immediately fell down powerlessly.

“Ma Qi Shui, you evil and cruel bastard, we were like brothers, you unexpectedly even poisoned Fei Chen and me.....” as this woman cultivator said those words, the long bearded man kicked her body, and sent her flying into the mouth of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

That One Horned Flood Dragon did not hesitate even for a bit, after swallowing the woman cultivator, it uttered another burst of roar, and rushed towards the long bearded man. The next moment, a number of blue watery lights were sprayed out from the horn of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

At this point the long bearded man unexpectedly took out a round shield, he apparently wanted to block the giant water spray from the Horned Flood Dragon.

“Bang Bang.....” after several successive hits, the round shield of the long bearded man was completely broken to bits by the water spewed out by the Horned Flood Dragon.

At the same time that the round shield broke apart, the long bearded man threw a bomb on the ground as the long bearded man flew out due to the formidable water spouted by

the Horned Flood Dragon and directly crashed into a giant tree, spouting several mouthfuls of blood. This one instance, made the face of the long bearded person become as white as a sheet of paper, he apparently did not think that this One Horned Flood Dragon would be this powerful.

But this time, however he did not choose to escape, but instead took out a four winged sword Artefact, apparently he wanted to fight the One Horned Flood Dragon with it.

At this time, the giant flood dragon suddenly issued a loud roar, and unexpectedly dropped in front of the long bearded man, endlessly rolling on the ground. In the time it takes to brew a cup of tea, the original giant One Horned Flood Dragon rolled into a huge hole. Some of the giant trees near the dragon was completely destroyed by the powerful force from the dragon, while emitting countless cracking sounds.

Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, while sighing darkly in his heart that this man named Ma Qi Shui was quite sinister and ruthless. This guy had come with two companions, and even gave everyone a Detoxifying Pill, but the fact was that this Detoxifying Pill was an extremely fierce and terrifying poison. When the two cultivators who had already eaten the poisonous pill were swallowed by the One Horned Flood Dragon, the poison was completely transferred to the One Horned Flood Dragon.

The One Horned Flood Dragon also understood the situation, rolling to the side, it simultaneously fled towards the side of the lake. It looked like it wanted to enter into the lake to detoxify the poison from its body.

The long bearded person similarly understood that time was very essential, he did not give any thought to his injury, and directly grasped the four winged sword Artefact with his hand, and approached the One Horned Flood Dragon.

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#### Chapter 0046 – The Land Of Cultivation

The long bearded man gathered the entire Qi in his body for his attack, the Four Winged Flying Sword Artefact shot out a Sword Light that was nearly 10 feet long, before this Sword Light, the Sword Light brought out by Ning Cheng were totally incomparable. Before when Ning Cheng used his Flying Sword, although he could bring out a Sword Light, and although it seemed to be a bit longer, but compared to the Sword Light in front of him, it wasn't even remotely similar.

The Sword Light from the Four Winged Flying Sword directly stabbed into the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, when the Sword Light and the scales of the One Horned Flood Dragon collided with each other it caused sparks to fly in all directions, creating sounds that resembled irons clashing.

The Sword Light completely dispersed after that, but the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, that was just stabbed, did not even have a scratch on it. But it seemed that the long bearded man anticipated that his Sword Light wouldn't be able to break through the scales on the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, as such even after that previous Sword Light, he unexpectedly followed up with another three equally powerful Sword Lights.

"Poof....." when the fourth Sword Light from the long bearded man pierced the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, a piece of the scale on the One Horned Flood Dragon's neck was directly cracked open exposing the soft neck below it, while at the same time its blood shot out like an arrow from the wound.

Ning Cheng could see that the blood spurting from the wound was purplish red in colour, one could see that the two poisonous pills that he had given to the two people from before were terrifying to the extreme.

When the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon was punctured, the One Horned Flood Dragon started to shake like crazy, and swept out its huge tail without any warning.

Because the long bearded man had already used up his Qi in the several consecutive strikes with the Sword Light and moreover was not even at the Essence Building Realm, this time when the One Horned Flood Dragon swept out its huge tail, he simply had no way of escaping, and was directly hit with it on his waist.

The long bearded man spurted out bloody arrows from his mouth, and was swept away once again by the One Horned Flood Dragon, and hit another giant tree in a distance. Ning Cheng could hear the sound of bones cracking from the entire body of the long bearded man.

Ning Cheng in his heart thought that he really deserved it, this kind of guy who would betray his friends in such a manner, was someone who he despised the most. It would be best if the One Horned Flood Dragon would also swallow that guy.

The One Horned Flood Dragon, under the effect of the poison, with its neck broken open, could only use its tail to attack with the last bit of consciousness that it could gather before dying. After it swept out towards the long bearded man with its tail, it started to slow down, after trembling for a bit, it completely stopped.

The long bearded man who had just fallen to the ground took out a black bottle, and after pouring its contents into his mouth, slowly stood up.

"Haha, I, Ma Qi Shui had been planning this for nearly two years, I finally succeeded today....." he laughed as blood still dripped from the corners of his mouth, but his eyes, beyond a doubt, revealed his excitement.

“Is that so? Then I should say that, I waited for two months, and finally succeeded today.” Ning Cheng’s voice immediately made the long bearded man to stop laughing abruptly, he did not think that in this place there were still someone who dared to stay. Then he immediately saw Ning Cheng jump down from a giant tree.

When Ma Qi Shui saw Ning Cheng, he understood his own situation instantaneously, he had become happy too early. At this point of time his heart was filled with endless regret, he regretted that he did not look for others before coming here, he did not even bother to look if someone was here previously. If he had paid even a little more attention, he would never have this kind of result.

But he soon calmed down, staring at Ning Cheng he said with a cold voice, “Although I am severely wounded already, if I am really desperate to attack, you who are a mere Qi Gathering 5th Level are still not qualified enough to put you in my eyes. The One Horned Flood Dragon’s skin, we can split it half, one half for me and the other half for you, and then we go our separate ways.”

Since Ning Cheng was already thinking about acquiring the map of the Daan Forest, he already decided to absolutely not engage in trade with this person. However, he knew that if could not acquire the map, then he could not walk out of here.

“I heard that you have the map of the Daan Forest, give me your map, and then maybe we could talk about something else.” Ning Cheng said emotionlessly.

“All right.” Ma Qi Shui finished saying and reached out into his Storage Bag on his waist with his hands.

Ning Cheng did not wait for the other party to take out the map, and already took out the Flying Sword in his hands and immediately produced five thick Ice Sword Lights, “I also heard that at the bottom of the lake there is a Spiritual Essence Spring? Even if there is no Spiritual Essence Spring, this young master still wants to kill you.”

At the moment the long bearded man was completely defenceless.

“Puff Puff Puff.....” the five thick Ice Sword Lights directly pierced through Ma Qi Shui’s chest, giving rise to five spurts of blood from the wounds, these five blood spurts, the moment they came out, immediately froze into blood ice.

“You.....” Ma Qi Shui unwillingly pointed his face towards Ning Cheng, he really did not even plan to begin his scheme, when this Qi Gathering 5th Level bastard took the opportunity to attack. He really did not understand, why Ning Cheng did not even wait for him to take out the map before doing anything else.

Ning Cheng once again swept out a Sword Light from the Flying Sword in his hands, and loped off Ma Qi Shui’s head which like a football, was swept away.

Ning Cheng's time here did not add up to even six months, but his cultivation level was soaring up in a straight line. Since Ma Qi Shui was putting his hand onto his Storage Bag to take out something, without even seeing the stuff from his Storage Bag, he just went ahead and killed him as he felt that he was up to no good, he also feared that there probably was no map.

Moreover, if this Ma Qi Shui had lied to him, even if he forced the other party to make a copy for him, he estimated that the other party would not make the real map. Moreover, with the kind of injuries that Ma Qi Shui had, even if he wanted to make a map, he would not be able to.

After Ning Cheng killed Ma Qi Shui, he first arrived at the side of Ma Qi Shui, grasped his Storage Bag and threw it into his own Storage Bag. While simultaneously throwing several fireballs, turning Ma Qi Shui into ash.

Tiding up Ma Qi Shui, Ning Cheng then returned next to the One Horned Flood Dragon which was killed by the poison from Ma Qi Shui, at this time the One Horned Flood Dragon was surrounded in a big pond of black blood. A fishy odour assaulted his nostrils, making Ning Cheng immediately feel a wave of dizziness.

So strong, Ning Cheng was secretly startled in his heart. He had just caught a whiff of the odour, and was already feeling dizzy from it.

Ning Cheng quickly took out a cloth and covered his nose and mouth, then approached the One Horned Flood Dragon.

Even though Ning Cheng did not know what materials would be needed for refining, but he knew that the entire body of the One Horned Flood Dragon was a treasure. A Class 4 Monstrous Beast would have a monster core, but he just didn't know what this One Horned Flood Dragon ate so much, to be able to form a monster core.

Next Ning Cheng took the Four Winged Flying Sword Artefact that was embedded in the One Horned Flood Dragon, then taking out his own Flying Sword, he proceeded to break open the One Horned Flood Dragon's skin.

The hard skin underneath made Ning Cheng understand that he had overestimated his own strength, he was only at Qi Gathering 5th Level, he could simply not cut the skin of the Monstrous Beast with his present strength, obviously this One Horned Flood Dragon's skin was hard.

This Flood Dragon's body was highly toxic, Ning Cheng did not dare to put this thing into his Storage Bag, moreover he did not know if his Storage Bag could even hold the One Horned Flood Dragon.

Fortunately, this place did not have any other people besides him, this One Horned Flood Dragon was just killed, although the smell of its blood had already scattered, but

the blood still had a highly toxic odour. The sense of smell of a Monstrous Beast was quite sharp, thus no Monstrous Beast would approach a place which extruded such a strong toxic odour.

Ning Cheng spent exactly two days, just to peel off a little bit of the Flood Dragon's skin, also taking out the Flood Dragon's horn and the Flood Dragon's muscles, he put it into his Storage Bag. Especially the Flood Dragon's horn, Ning Cheng had decided to find someone to refine it into a needle Type Artefact for the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique. Once he had the needle Type Artefact for the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle Technique, he could cast his technique with its most powerful form.

He did not find the core of the Flood Dragon, he did not know if that the core of the Flood Dragon had already melted after it died, this alone made the Flood Dragon to fall from a Class 4 Monstrous Beast.

After handling these things, Ning Cheng completely burnt down the head of the Flood Dragon, and then buried the rest of the burnt residue in an empty place.

After Ning Cheng finished reorganizing, although it still looked to be in total disorder, it was much better than before.

Although he had made a small fortune, Ning Cheng did not chose to return to the tree cavern to cultivate. But rather first jumped onto the lake water.

According to the words of the long bearded man, the lake had a Spiritual Essence Spring inside it. The reason why this One Horned Flood Dragon had occupied this lake, was because of this Spiritual Essence Spring. Now that the One Horned Flood Dragon who was the overlord of the lake had been killed, him entering the lake would certainly not be dangerous.

In fact, what Ning Cheng guessed was not wrong, after he entered the lake waters, he could easily swim to the bottom of the lake and arrived next to a huge pile of rocks without any difficulty. A hint of strong Qi was escaping from the huge rocks, Ning Cheng was easily able to find a huge cavern within the groupings of the huge rocks.

This cave was the place where the One Horned Flood Dragon cultivated, now that the One Horned Flood Dragon had already disappeared, Ning Cheng did not have to worry of facing anything dangerous, and directly swam into the huge rock cavern. The water in the cavern was getting lower and lower as he swam forward, after Ning Cheng swam to the back of the cavern, he found that one could even walk inside.

After the time it took for an incense stick to burn, he had already left the water in the cavern completely, when a ray of light appeared in front of him. Ning Cheng looked in marvel at a pair of giant pearls, this pair of giant pearls were glowing, if one had obtained such a thing on Earth, it would have caused a stir worldwide. Even if it was not the Earth, if it was this place, this pair of glowing pearls were also priceless.

A slight breeze was blowing inside the cave, Ning Cheng immediately understood that this cave was connected to a place outside.

Ning Cheng again walked about 10 meters into the cave, an artificial pond of around ten feet in diameter appeared in front of him, a fountain was gushing out in the centre of this artificial pond. An aura rich in Qi was escaping from this artificial pond, Ning Cheng did not know if this was the Spirit Essence Spring that the long bearded man talked about.

Next to this little Spiritual Essence Spring, there was a flat stone almost the same size of the pond itself, the stone was completely worn smooth. Ning Cheng did not need to guess, he knew that this flat piece of stone was the place where the One Horned Flood Dragon cultivated. This was because the One Horned Flood Dragon had a large body, by continuously coiling around its body, which was several feet long, it had completely worn down the flat rock.

So this really was the Spirit Essence Spring, this made Ning Cheng's heart to pound loudly. Even when he had obtained more than 500 Spirit Stones, he was not this excited. Here not only was it a great place to cultivate, he even had a constant Qi source.

Spirit Stones were expendable goods, moreover he did not have many of them, in this place he could cultivate quietly, this was the cold hard truth, it was no wonder that the One Horned Flood Dragon could cultivate to the level of a Class 4 Monstrous Beast. Unfortunately, even though the One Horned Flood Dragon cultivated to such a level, its experience was poor, otherwise with its strength, even if there were dozens of people like the long bearded man, it would still not be enough to even scratch it.

Ning Cheng walked some distance around the cave again, and discovered no other things there. There was only a breeze coming from somewhere above, then after circulating once, it returned once again.

Ning Cheng decided to make this cave his base for cultivation in the first instance, but he was not in a hurry to start his cultivation, rather he once again returned to the giant group of rocks at the bottom of the lake. Using the Flying Sword to cut them apart, in only a short time, he had the entrance to the cave completely blocked.

Because the One Horned Flood Dragon had a high level of strength so it did not need to block the entrance, as no other Monstrous Beast would come to snatch the Spirit Essence Spring from it, but it was not possible for Ning Cheng to do the same. As his cultivation was too weak, only at a mere Qi Gathering 5th Level.

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Chapter 0047 – The Overlord Of A Region

After blocking the original entrance to the underwater cavern, Ning Cheng was still not greatly assured about his safety, and also arranged a simple Defensive Array Formation, and then once again returned to the Spiritual Essence Spring.

Ning Cheng did not take out the materials that he had pillaged from the One Horned Flood Dragon. He knew nothing about how to refine them, especially the horn of the Flood Dragon, he planned to find a person to refine it into a thin needle shaped Artefact for him to use. At this point of time, Ning Cheng took out the Storage Bag that he had acquired from the long bearded man, what he wanted to know was if the long bearded man really had the map of the Daan Forest with him.

The long bearded man must have used the Storage Bag according to what An Yi had said, it should rather be actually called a Storage Pocket, as the space inside it was very small. There were also very few things in it, besides a few low level Spiritual Grasses which could easily be found outside, there were still several unknown pills, he was not able to ascertain what kinds of pills they were as he could not clearly see the contents of the jade bottle in which they were stored, other than those, it did not have anything else.

The most precious thing that the long bearded person had, should be the four winged Flying Sword which Ning Cheng had snatched away previously.

Ning Cheng after going through the contents of the Storage Bag of the long bearded man conveniently threw it back into his own Storage Bag, but was a bit disappointed in his heart. He could not find the map, that is to say, in the future he could only rely on his ability and strength to get out of the Daan Forest. The long bearded man had said before that he could cross the Daan Forest by himself, he knew that this was not a lie to deceive other people, he suspected that he had already recorded the map to safely pass through the forest in his head.

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He had not been cultivating for many years, being in the situation with the Spiritual Essence Spring in front of him, Ning Cheng almost employed all his time into improving his cultivation. The usage of the Spiritual Essence Spring by Ning Cheng and the One Horned Flood Dragon were clearly different, the One Horned Flood Dragon also knew that it could not completely absorb the rich Qi that was emanating from the Spiritual Essence Spring. But as Ning Cheng had already killed the goose that laid the golden egg, he feared that he could only absorb just a little bit of it before it disappears, just how could he economise the usage?

One month later, Ning Cheng advanced to the Qi Gathering 6th Level, three months later, Ning Cheng broke through to the Middle Stage of the Qi Gathering Realm, advancing to the Qi Gathering 7th Level. At this time the Qi in his body had already formed into a stream, just like the powerful undulations that came from the cultivators in the Essence Building Realm, the Qi in his body felt incomparably powerful. Five months

later, Ning Cheng advanced to the Qi Gathering 8th Level, at the same time he decided to leave the almost used up Spiritual Essence Spring.

The rich Qi inside the Spiritual Essence Spring had almost been consumed completely, for it to gather this kind of rich Qi in the Spiritual Essence Spring again, he estimated that it would take at least 3 years for that to happen.

Ning Cheng believed that one would not stay here waiting for three years, he was already at the Qi Gathering 8th Level, and would soon advance in rank to enter the Qi Gathering 9th Level. Once he reached the Qi Gathering 9th Level, then he would have to face the issue of advancing into the True Condensation Realm.

In the Ping Continent, a True Condensation Realm cultivator was rarely seen, because of the poor Qi sources and the Spiritual Root issues, advancing to the True Condensation Realm was very hard.

Transformation of Qi is something that a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 9th Level has to achieve in order to advance to the True Condensation Realm, Ning Cheng saw from the Jade Piece that Fang Jiyan had given him that some people just stagnate and be contented with just being in the True Condensation Realm, but Ning Cheng certainly was not that type of a person. To him being promoted to the True Condensation Realm was still really insignificant.

To advance to the True Condensation Realm really needed more than ten kinds of precious Spiritual Grasses, however the most important thing, and also the most difficult to get out of those was the Golden Cicada Fruit. As Ning Cheng already had the Golden Cicada Fruit, he decided to get out of here and try to find someone who could refine it into a True Condensation Pill.

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Ning Cheng obviously thought that this matter was a bit too simple, Daan Forest or not, because he had already advanced to the Qi Gathering 8th Level he would have to find his own path out of here. For the entire month, Ning Cheng still remained around the edge of the lake.

It was not that he did not want to go out, but during this months' time, Ning Cheng discovered that each region in the Daan Forest was under the protection of a powerful Monstrous Beast. Looking for a way out during this period, he had met more than ten Class 2 Monstrous Beasts, there were even two times where he met a Class 3 Monstrous Beast.

If he did not ran away fast, those Class 3 Monstrous Beasts would have chased him down to kill him, and then he would have no way to remain near the fresh water lake.

However, Ning Cheng was not without a harvest, the various Monstrous Beasts tacitly approved to not approach the fresh water lake making it so that the fresh water lake became his territory by default, this was because Ning Cheng had killed numerous Class 2 Monstrous Beasts which served as a deterrence to the other Monstrous Beasts.

Ning Cheng was now at the Qi Gathering 8th Level, as such now he could cast 12 Sword Lights of the 36 Thick Ice Swords Technique that he had modified previously. This was however not his biggest gain, his greatest gain was his cultivation of Qi Gathering 8th Level, which allowed him step on his Flying Sword and fly for a short distance.

Tapping into the Flying Sword methods that Ning Cheng had modified from the Jade Pieces he had obtained from Fang Jiyan, made Ning Cheng very satisfied with himself. In the Ping Continent, even some cultivators of the True Condensation Realm could not use the Flying Swords to fly, but now he, who was at the Qi Gathering 8th Level had already achieved it.

Even though Ning Cheng knew that a high cultivation level was needed to ride the Flying Swords, when he finally stepped onto the Flying Sword and started to fly truly, his heart was beyond excited. Before when he had shot the Fireballs and the Wind Edges for the first time, he did not experience this much excitement. Fortunately, Ning Cheng was also aware of his own capabilities, he clearly wanted to fly out of the Daan Forest, but he knew that his cultivation level was too poor to achieve that.

In a month's time, Ning Cheng had already killed hundreds of Class 1 Monstrous Beasts. He constantly looked for a way out, as a result constantly had to pass through the territories of other Monstrous Beasts, this also caused him to repeatedly fight with the other Monstrous Beasts. At one point, he had even killed dozens of Class 1 Demon Wolves. Using the Profound Grade 36 Thick Ice Swords to kill those Demon Wolves, it was almost like a simple wheat harvest.

During this time, Ning Cheng also found out a pattern, if he passed by the territory of a Class 3 Monstrous Beast, if the Class 3 Monstrous Beast's cultivation level was too far from his, that Class 3 Monstrous Beast would just be too lazy to even bother with him. But if he were to pass through the territory of the Monstrous Beast whose cultivation level was almost the same as his, it would ultimately lead to a fight.

After working out the pattern, Ning Cheng finally understood why he was able stay for so long near the fresh water lake, it was because the One Horned Flood Dragon just didn't take any notice of him. It originally regarded him as a dispensable tiny ant, after Ning Cheng experienced these things, he understood that all the lower levelled Monstrous Beasts that came within the scope of the high levelled Monstrous Beast were just regarded as lunches for them.

If this high levelled Monstrous Beast wanted to eat them as its lunch, it could just do it anytime it wanted. In other words, before when he tried to survive near the Freshwater

Lake for two months, in fact he was actually regarded as a lunch for the One Horned Flood Dragon. Once the One Horned Flood Dragon decided to come out, it could always be able to get rid of him easily.

On the contrary, if his cultivation level was almost the same as the Monstrous Beast, the Monstrous Beast would think that he had come to snatch his domain, and would immediately come out to protect its domain from being encroached by others.

It was because he knew about this point, Ning Cheng did not hesitate to ruthlessly kill the Monstrous Beasts that approached the freshwater lake. According to the law of the jungle, he can absolutely never give the Monstrous Beasts the illusion that those Monstrous Beast can easily bully him.

In this one month of slaughtering, Ning Cheng's combat experience and his mastery over the two kinds of techniques advanced by leaps and bounds. With his current experience, if he was still at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level and had the Flying Sword, he absolutely would not be injured.

After Ning Cheng spent his time crazily killing the Monstrous Beasts, many of the Monstrous Beasts around the freshwater lake already got to know about Ning Cheng's aggressiveness, and knew that he did not show any mercy or consideration. Later on, as long as Ning Cheng did not stay for a long time in their range, the Monstrous Beasts were not willing to come out and fight Ning Cheng, and would directly allow Ning Cheng to pass by their territory.

To Ning Cheng, even if he wanted to leave the fresh water lake, he could not find a way out of this place, and it would definitely not be a good thing for him. At least in the area of the fresh water lake, he was the overlord of the place.

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"Whir Whir....." At this time a Brown Bristled Bear was facing Ning Cheng and let out a muffled sound, but it did not dare to pounce on Ning Cheng. It had roared at Ning Cheng, because Ning Cheng had once again come into his territory, and moreover he also stayed in his territory for a long time.

This Brown Bristled Bear was an Early Stage Class 2 Monstrous Beast, it had already been defeated twice by the hands of Ning Cheng, fortunately those two times Ning Cheng was just passing through its territory. But this guy, who was troublesome in its eyes, unexpectedly came here once again, moreover he did not walk away immediately, and was even digging around in his territory.

"Go to hell, I am just looking for a piece of magnetic iron to walk around, you really talk too much, don't blame me if I use my hands." Ning Cheng waved his Flying Sword in his hands as he shouted those words while he stabbed towards the Brown Bristled Bear.

He had really come here to look for a piece of magnetic iron, he still had more than 300 Low Grade Spirit Stones on him, Ning Cheng felt that even though he had more than 300 Low Grade Spirit Stones it still would not be enough for him to advance to the Qi Gathering 9th Level. What's more, he would have to go out to look for someone who could create a True Condensation Pill for him.

Even after more than a month, as he could not find a way out, he decided that he had to find a piece of magnetic iron so that he could use it to make a compass. Ning Cheng guessed that this place should also be a planet, that resembled a big magnet. He wanted something to help him pinpoint a fixed position, as long as he could follow a single direction, he would eventually walk out of this place one day. Even if the compass that he made pointed to the south, it wouldn't influence him at all.

This Class 2 Bristle Bear did not know that Ning Cheng was looking for a piece of magnetic iron, and once more roared at Ning Cheng, it wanted Ning Cheng to get out of his territory as fast as possible.

Ning Cheng saw that this Bristle Bear was unable to comprehend what he said, it was just simply offering itself to be sacrificed to his Flying Sword, and prepared to begin.

At this time, a burst of rapid footsteps transmitted, it seems as if someone was rushing over from the side. Ning Cheng immediately gave up the idea to fight the Bristle Bear with his hands, and stared at the person who had just rushed out.

It was a young man whose entire body was covered with injuries, and his Qi was almost negligent, one couldn't even see if he was a cultivator or not. When he saw Ning Cheng, his eyes suddenly lit up, however he immediately fell to the ground because of exhaustion.

"Senior....." although he fell to the ground, this young man had not fainted, and still looked at Ning Cheng with a bit of hope, he apparently hoped that Ning Cheng would come to his rescue.

This young man had just fallen to the ground, when a Black Wolf Monstrous Beast immediately came over. This Black Wolf was already at the pinnacle of the Class 1 Monstrous Beasts, after it had caught up with its target it first saw the Flying Sword in the hands of Ning Cheng, almost at the same time it saw Ning Cheng, this Black Wolf Monstrous Beast immediately turned around, and in just two breaths time, it had already run into the depths of the forest, disappearing from his sight.

Ning Cheng did not care about the Black Wolf that had escaped, he subconsciously touched his face, while in his heart he thought did he look really old? Why would a person older than him call him a 'Senior'? One needs to know that he was a bit less than 18 years of age. His hands touched the beard on his face, which made Ning Cheng guess that he perhaps looked like an uncle which had experienced the vicissitudes of life.

Ning Cheng took out a Jade Bottle and gave it to the man lying on the ground and said, "I do not have any lifesaving Elixirs, but only a little water, you can drink a little of it."

Although Ning Cheng said that he only had a little water, the clear water that he had was actually not common water, it was taken from the Spiritual Essence Spring, and still had a rich Qi in it.

This young man looked in fear at the distant place where the Bristled Bear was rather than at Ning Cheng, but in his eyes there seemed to be some hope, when Ning Cheng handed him his water he did not answer, but immediately took out a package and gave it Ning Cheng and said, "I cannot go on, please help me deliver this package to the Hua Continent's Falling Star 5 Star Academy's Meng Yu Jing, let her give it to my younger brother Kou Xiu Yuan, just say that this was given to you by Kou Hong....."

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#### Chapter 0048 – A Pair Of Pearl Hair Clips

"Stop, you're kidding me right, I can't even get out of the Daan Forest, how can I even leave the continent? Sorry, but once you recover, you can go ahead by yourself." Ning Cheng refused without even hesitating, the continent where he was, he was very clear about it. Not to mention that he could not even get out of the Daan Forest, even if could leave the Daan Forest, he would not be able to get out of the Ping continent.

When this young man heard the words of Ning Cheng, his eyes immediately showed anxiety, and even his expression became urgent, "My Qi Meridians are already broken, my Dantian is also crushed, there is no way for me to cultivate Qi. I have the map....."

When the young man said the word 'map', the corners of his mouth overflowed with blood, even his tone was breaking up.

But Ning Cheng spirit was greatly lifted, "You really have a map to get out of the Daan Forest?"

The young man apparently did not have the strength to explain anything to Ning Cheng, he tremblingly took out a leather roll from inside his clothes and said, "This leather roll is the map, inside it has the Command Medallion of the Clear Sky 5 Star Academy of the Hua Continent, with this you could easily enter the Clear Sky Academy, I am giving it you, I beg you please be sure to deliver that wrapped package into the hands of my fiancée Meng Yu Jing....."

After saying those words, this young man really was not able to support himself, he once again slightly raised his head to look at Ning Cheng before letting it fall to the ground. When Ning Cheng heard that it really was the map that he desperately wanted,

he immediately stepped forward to grab the leather roll and said, "If I ever have the opportunity to go to the Hua Continent, I will certainly repay the favour."

As if he heard the commitment of Ning Cheng, this young man heaved a sigh of relief, and drew his last breath.

Ning Cheng was gloomy in his heart, in this place, life was just like a bubble of soap, which could be easily broken. This young man called Kou Hong, wasn't he his own portrayal? If someday he also ended up dying like this, who would he fondly remember at that moment?

Ning Ruo Lan's lovely and cute face appeared in front of his eyes, Ning Cheng sighed, in his entire life here, he may not even get the opportunity to see his little sister.

Ning Cheng suddenly became even more sad, he did not go ahead and look at the leather parchment roll and the package that was given to him by the young man, he just picked up the young man, turned around and quickly left the Brown Bristle Bear's territory.

Seeing Ning Cheng leave, the Brown Bristled Bear felt relieved, it turned around and returned to its lair.

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Ning Cheng returned to the perimeter of the freshwater Lake, buried the young man by the side of the lake, erected a simple tombstone, and wrote a few simple words on the tombstone, 'The grave of Kou Hong'.

The reason why he helped Kou Hong by putting up a tombstone, was because Ning Cheng in his heart saw his own future the same as him, plus it was also a thanks to Kou Hong who had left him the map.

Ning Cheng did not open the wrapped parcel that he had received from Kou Hong, however he swept through it with his Spiritual Sense, it appeared to be a jet black wooden box, in addition to that, there was a letter and a Storage Bag. He assumed that Kou Hong wrote this letter for his fiancée Meng Yu Jing, he just did not know why Kou Hong did not place all these things in the Storage Bag.

It seems that it was not an option for Kou Hong, if Kou Hong had a choice, he would certainly not give these things to a stranger.

Putting the package into his own Storage Bag, Ning Cheng took out the leather skin map. Opening the map, sure enough he saw a Command Medallion. He did not know what material the Command Medallion was made of, but it already looked very old. There was a carving of two characters on the emblem 'Clear Sky', presumably this emblem was the admission voucher to enter the Clear Sky 5 Star Academy.

Ning Cheng was not very interested in entering the Academy, mainly because his Spiritual Roots were always changing, he did not dare to enter the Academy where they would repeatedly test his Spiritual Roots.

When Ning Cheng opened the leather skin map, he immediately came to understand that he could finally exit this place. For him, this map, was simply too perfect, an extremely detailed route was marked on it, moreover even the territories of several high levelled Monstrous Beasts were also marked in detail on it. There were even labels of the Monstrous Beast on their marked territories, however the highest ranking Monstrous Beast that was marked on it was just a Class 2 Monstrous Beast, this level of Monstrous Beast simply did not pose a threat to Ning Cheng.

Not only that, but the map also included a lot of references. With the help of this map, Ning Cheng could easily find where exactly he was in this kind of place, he was currently in the territory of a low levelled Monstrous Beast in the Daan Forest. There were even a few places marked, where even Class 5 Monstrous Beasts would frequently appear.

That was not all there was to this map, there were also routes on the map that one could walk to go to the Yuan Continent. Between the Yuan Continent and the Ping Continent was a vast and endless desert, this map even had a recommended route through it, however it did not have any frame of reference, as such one would need have a Direction Plate to find his bearings.

Ning Cheng did not have a Direction Plate, but for him it was not important, as he still did not want to go out of the Ping Continent at the moment.

From the map in his hands, although the place he was, was in the Daan Forest, but it was far from the depths of the Daan Forest. He wasn't very far from the Ping Continent from his position, on the contrary, if he wanted to go to the Yuan Continent, the journey was more than a dozen times longer than that to the Ping Continent.

From Ning Cheng's viewpoint, he does not even want to return to the Ping Continent, but rather he wanted to go to the Yuan Continent to have a look. After all, not only the Yuan Continent was near to the Hua continent, but the Hua Continent was also considered to a Quasi-Intermediate Class Continent.

After thinking it over, Ning Cheng decided to first pay a visit to the Nan Yuan City of the Ping Continent. Nan Yuan City was the real capital of the Ming Ye Country. moreover, the Clear Heart Academy was also in that place. The reason why Ning Cheng decided to take the risk and go to that place, was because he still had some worries about An Yi. Although those people treated An Yi as a princess in general, it was because An Yi had said that she had a Pure Wooden Spiritual Root. However, if An Yi accidentally tested out to not have a Pure Spiritual Root, then what would happen to her?

After he arrived in this world, he had spent the longest time with An Yi. Moreover, An Yi had also graciously saved his life, in his heart, he had already regarded An Yi as one of his closest person. If there was no one to take care of An Yi, then for a single person to stay alone in the Nan Yuan City, in the end their fate would be absolutely tragic and pathetic.

Of course his cultivation level being too low was also one of the reasons for not going to the other Continents, other than that, Ning Cheng wanted to go to the Nan Yuan City to look for a way to change the Golden Cicada Fruit into a True Condensing Pill. If he could advance to the True Condensation Realm, so if he wanted to pass through the Daan Forest again, then his safety would be more guaranteed.

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With the help of the map, Ning Cheng became extremely familiar with his surroundings, and in just two days, Ning Cheng had already come out of the Daan Forest.

At this time Ning Cheng was no longer the same person who had just escaped from the Cang Le City, he did not even shave off his beard. Coming out of the Cang Qin Province, along with the hardships he faced in the Daan Forest from time to time, Ning Cheng simply did not look like a teenager, rather he looked like an adventurer who had gone through a lot.

There was a continuous mountain range outside the Daan Forest, Ning Cheng did not take out his Flying Sword to fly during the day, instead he concealed his cultivation level to appear at Qi Gathering 4th Level. Even if he wanted to ride his sword, it was something that he did only at night.

An Yi was in the Nan Yuan City, but Nan Yuan City also was the place where Lan Yin Yue resided. He and Lan Yin Yue had a great enmity between them, with his current cultivation, he was not a match against Lan Yin Yue. The reason why he had not shaved off his beard, was precisely to make him look older. This trip to the Nan Yuan City, he absolutely could not let his acquaintances recognize him.

A day later, Ning Cheng met a team of adventurers near the edge of the Daan Forest, Ning Cheng bought a map of the Ming Ye Country from these adventurers.

Ning Cheng's Qi was limited, intermittently flying through the night on his Flying Sword had already made him tired, but during the day he just walked faster to recover his Qi.

So after walking and flying alternatively, almost a half a month later, Ning Cheng arrived at the outskirts of the Nan Yuan City.

Ning Cheng although did not disguise himself as an adventurer, but because of his long stay in the Daan Forest, having to constantly fend off against the Monstrous Beasts,

along with his beard, he simply did not even need to make the effort, as he already had the image of a battle hardened adventurer.

Compared to the Cang Le City and the Mingot City, the Nan Yuan City was magnificently large. Ning Cheng was completely unable to fathom how long were the walls of Nan Yuan City extended, the huge gate that led to the city exuded an extreme vicissitude of life. Wherever he looked, it only showed the long history of the Nan Yuan City.

Was this really the capital of the Ming Ye Country, Ning Cheng was secretly wondering in his heart, if this was the place where the legendary 9 Star Academy was located, he just could not get a handle on the extent of this huge and magnificent city.

There were many people passing through those huge gates, there were two teams of City Guards placed on either side of the gate, which clearly demonstrated the strength of the city. On the outside of the city walls, there was a piece of eye catching announcement. Ning Cheng glanced at it from a distance, written on it was apparently the matter about the recruitment of students into the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy. There were not many people in front of the notice, so it was obvious that the notice was pasted there a long time ago.

Ning Cheng wanted to have a look at the contents of the announcement, but he held back his curiosity. If at this time he went to see the contents of the announcement, he would definitely be seen as someone who came here for the first time.

He only took a glance at the announcement, and followed the numerous people together into the Nan Yuan City, after entering through the gates, he was not subjected to being questioned by the city guards.

Ning Cheng imagined that there would be more people in Nan Yuan City, and it would be almost crowded everywhere. Compared to the Cang Le City, Nan Yuan City was very orderly, at least no one dared to ride a horned beast and dashed wildly through the streets.

On both sides of the streets stalls, shops, restaurants and the others kinds of entertainment areas were completely packed with people, it was like a large avenue, which was bustling with excitement.

Ning Cheng felt that the majority of the people on the streets were ordinary, although there were some cultivators among them, but their cultivation level was not very high. He relaxed a bit, thinking that as Lan Yin Yue had an exceptional background, she would not go onto the streets and rub shoulders with ordinary people.

“What a beautiful pearl hair clip.....” A crisp sound attracted the attention of Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng turned his head to see a young girl wearing an ordinary sarong

robe standing in front of a stall, while looking at the pearl hair clip in her hands with admiration.

When Ning Cheng's eyes fell onto the pearl hair clip in her hands, he was suddenly startled, immediately taking a step forward, he picked up another pearl hair clip from the stall with his hands, it was exactly the same.

"How much does it cost?" Ning Cheng grabbed the pearl hair clip and asked the owner of the stall, while he stared at the other pearl hair clip in the hands of the young girl.

These pearl hair clips originally appeared to be a pair, this young girl wearing the sarong robe was holding one, so Ning Cheng could only obtain one of them, of course he wanted to certainly buy the full pair of the pearl hair clip. He did not necessarily want the girl to have it, he wanted to just immediately buy it out, if this young girl wanted to, he could ask the young girl for a favour to help her, so that she would give the pearl hair clip to him.

The reason why Ning Cheng was so excited, was because this pair of pearl hair clips was not only the same ones that he had given to his younger sister, but it was even of the same blue colour, not only that but even the shape was exactly the same, the same snowflake shape. If one did not consider the materials it was made from, then this pair of pearl hair clips and the pair of pearl hair clips that he purchased on Earth, there was basically no difference between them.

When he had bought the pair of pearl hair clips initially, one of them was thrown away by Tian Mu Wan, and the other one was in the hands of Ning Rou Lan. Today he once again saw the exact same pearl hair clips, wasn't it just heaven's will?

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#### Chapter 0049 – Asking For The Moon

"One gold coin." the stall owner obviously was very good at running his business, seeing Ning Cheng and the young girl wearing the sarong talk about the pearl hair clip, he immediately charged an exorbitant price.

What's more, today the Nan Yuan City was filled with people from the outside, not to say about a gold coin, he even could charge 10 gold coins, as long he could find a person who took fancy to it, someone would definitely buy it.

The hand of young girl wearing the sarong trembled slightly, on the mention a gold coin, "How does such a pair of pearl hair clip cost 1 gold coin? Just how is this possible....."

In her view, even if this pearl hair clip was very delicate and beautiful, it would be at most be a few dozen copper coins, which was even less than a silver coin.

The stall owner said with an unhurried pace, "My pearl hair clip is unique, you would never find a second pair like it, moreover it was personally created by the Imperial Casting Master, how could you say that this price is expensive? Moreover, I only said that it is one gold coin for a pair, but not a gold coin for each one."

Ning Cheng also knew that the stall owner was charging an exorbitant rate, but not to mention about 1 gold coin, even if he charged him a 1000 gold coins it would not be too much money to him. Moreover, for him a gold coin's role was getting smaller and smaller. The thing he needed now the most was Spirit Stones, even Qi Gathering Stones to him would not be much useful.

"Boss, then if I will take out a gold coin, will you sell me the two pearl hair clips to me?" this sarong wearing young girl said as she looked at the pearl hair clip in Ning Cheng's hand, gritted her teeth and said. She had come here to the Nan Yuan City to participate in the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy, but she had become too fond of those pearl hair clips, and when she held onto one of the pearl hair clip in her little hands, she had a kind of an extremely tranquil feeling, she felt that this pearl hair clip was something made for her.

Since childhood, she had never spent such an extravagant amount of money just to buy a small hair ornament.

"No way." the stall owner said firmly, while he simultaneously looking at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng heard the tone of the sarong wearing young girl, it seems that she really liked the pearl hair clip. However, this pearl hair clip was something necessary for him, from the time he saw the same pair of pearl hair clip in Nan Yuan City, he basically couldn't express the surprise he felt in his heart. What this simple pair of pearl hair clip represented, this to Ning Cheng, was as if an invisible hand of god was guiding him towards it.

The young girl also looked at Ning Cheng, with her eyes filled with hope, she really hoped that Ning Cheng would give her the pearl hair clip. She was not a fool, she could clearly see why the stall owner had raised the price, it was not because that the pearl hair clip was really precious, but because she was competing with someone else, and the person who she was competing with was standing beside her.

Ning Cheng gave the young girl an apologetic look and said, "I'm really sorry, this pearl hair clip means a lot to me. If you could afford to part with it, will you be willing to give me the pearl hair clip in your hands? I am willing to buy you another pair of the pearl hair clips, that you can casually choose."

The sarong wearing girl had a very rustic appearance, but Ning Cheng actually discovered that she and An Yi were not much different, she had a pair of eyes that were bright and clear, that innocent look in them made it look as if it could directly see into people's heart, it made people unable to think of rejecting her in their hearts. But Ning Cheng affirmed, that she did not cultivate, her body did not emit even half the undulations of Qi cultivation.

After listening to the words of Ning Cheng, this young girl slightly frowned, not because Ning Cheng was not willing to give the pearl hair clip to her. She knew that in Nan Yuan City, seeing a gold coin was very rare, she estimated that she was the only such person who could actually afford it.

The reason she frowned was because Ning Cheng said that he was willing to spend such an extravagant amount of money to even buy a pair of pearl hair clip for her, this made her feel that this person was extremely frivolous. A man buying a pair of pearl hair clip for a woman, was not something that was casually done.

She shook her head, and put the pearl hair clip down and said, "This pair of pearl hair clip is not to be separated, since it has a lot of meaning for you, then I can give it to you."

She said this with a gentle and demure tone, it made it seem as if giving the pearl hair clip to Ning Cheng was a natural affair.

Ning Cheng quickly took out 2 gold coins and gave them to the stall owner, then thanked the sarong wearing girl from the bottom of his heart, "Thank you, you can choose any pair of pearl hair clip, and I will buy it for you."

This time the young girl wearing the sarong directly refused and said, "You do not need to, it was just that I liked the unique snowflake shape of the pearl hair clip, I do not need other people to buying things for me, I can take out 2 gold coins by myself."

These words did not have a direct connection to Ning Cheng, he really missed his little sister Rou Lan, for her he was not willing to let this pair of that pearl hair clips to fall into the hands of a stranger.

A person who was standing on the side who had seen the exchange clearly, said with a ridiculing and sarcastic voice, "A man was unexpectedly competing with a woman for a pearl hair clip."

That sarong wearing young girl was obviously afraid to cause more disputes, so she did not dare say anything, quickly turned around and walked into the crowd, and very soon disappeared from his view.

Ning Cheng ignored the words of other people, after he received the pearl hair clips from the stall owner directly, he did not leave, but rather asked the stall owner, "Boss,

did all these huge amounts of people in the Nan Yuan City came to participate in the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy? Although the Clear Heart Academy is large, it wouldn't need these many people right?"

The stall owner who received the two gold coins was in a really good mood, after listening to the words of Ning Cheng, he immediately shook his head like the tail of the rattlesnake and said, "How could it be that, though there are a number of people here, but majority of the people come here to this city to compete for business. So if you want, you could go to the Spiritual Root Testing Plaza, there you will find many such stalls everywhere."

"Spiritual Root Testing Plaza?" Ning Cheng did not understand it and asked again.

The stall owner patiently replied, "You came here to attend the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy right? To participate in the selection, you will first have to go to the Spiritual Root Testing Plaza to test out your Spiritual Roots. Only when you pass the first test of your Spiritual Roots, only then will you be eligible to enter the Second Spiritual Root Test in the Clear Heart Academy."

After saying this, the stall owner was afraid that Ning Cheng did not understand it, and said it with extreme pride, "This time our Clear Heart 3 Star Academy of our Ming Yi Country is recruiting for disciples, it is not that simple, if one was selected, then he might even be able to ask for the moon."

"Oh, then what is going on here?" Ning Cheng was really curious now. Being selected to join the Clear Heart Academy, would certainly be of great honour and luck, but that does not mean that one could just ask for the moon.

The stall owner was very proud, as if the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy was his own private property, "You have heard of the Hua Continent right? Yi Xing mainland has 9 Continents, among the 3 Lower Class Continents, the Hua Continent is the largest with the densest Spiritual Qi, in case one's status was good, then they could even go to an Intermediate Class Continent."

"I know, I know, but I need to ask for more detail," Ning Cheng quickly lowered himself and cupped his fists, he really wanted to go to the Hua Continent once.

The stall owner was very satisfied with the attitude of Ning Cheng, even if he did not have to attend to his business, he carefully explained to Ning Cheng, "I heard that the Hua Continent has five 5 Star Academies, three years later there will be a competition between these five 5 Star Academies in one of the Lower Class Continents. Once one of the 5 Star Academies won the competition, then they would acquire a great advantage and benefits"

"These 5 Star Academies for the sake of coming out on top in the competition three years from now, are simultaneously recruiting the best disciples from Ping, Yuan and

Hua Continents. All the 3 Stars and above academies are participating in the selection of outstanding disciples from their respective academies. My Clear Heart Academy naturally is one of those Academies, as long as you get selected for the Clear Heart Academy, you might even have the chance to even go to a 5 Star Academy.”

“What are the great benefits that the students of Academy would receive?” Ning Cheng subconsciously asked, even if the 5 Star Academies had great advantages, he still found it very strange and was also curious about it.

“I do not about that.” The stall owner said with some embarrassment.

“I know about it, but you need to sell me that pearl hair clip that you just purchased.” A hoarse voice sounded next to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng turned around to see an extremely sturdy and robust young man, this young man was not only extremely robust, moreover he was wearing coarse homespun clothes on his body. Ning Cheng immediately guessed that this young man must have some relationship to that sarong wearing young girl.

When Ning Cheng saw that, he first thanked the stall owner, and turned to the young man and said, “Since my friend is keen on wanting the pearl hair clip, then let’s go to a quiet place to talk about it.”

Ning Cheng did not want to give the pearl hair clip, but he wanted to know about the situation. Although this youth did not seem to have any background, but it did seem that he knew much more about the things around here than the stall owner.

This young man simply did not think much, he immediately nodded and said, “Ok, you can lead the way. No matter what you ask, as long as I know about it I will tell you, but the condition is that you have to give me the pearl hair clips.”

He seemed to be very honest and straightforward, Ning Cheng took a glance at him and immediately determined.

Ning Cheng did not have much interest in what information the youth had, but because the Nan Yuan City’s stalls and restaurants were already very crowded, he was unable to find a peaceful place to sit so he just wanted to find a quiet place first.

Ning Cheng brought this youth to a somewhat less secluded place, and said bluntly, “Friend, this pearl hair clip is extremely significant for me, I have no way of giving it to you. However, I have only arrived in the Nan Yuan City, there are a lot of things that I don’t understand, and thus I have to ask others.”

The reason why he chose this youth to inquire, was because Ning Cheng felt that the opposite party was an extremely simple and a very honest person, moreover he did not seem to be a cultivator. Asking him, one who did not cultivate, was a lot safer,

otherwise, if he asked a Qi Gathering cultivator of Nan Yuan City that why did he not know why the Clear Heart Academy was recruiting disciples, then they would definitely suspect him. If it was any other place then he could forget about it, but here he had Lan Yin Yue as his personal enemy.

After listening to Ning Cheng's words, a trace of sadness flashed across the young man's eyes, "Before when my younger sister found me, she looked somewhat depressed, since childhood, I did not let her suffer any grievances. After I asked her, I came to know that the pearl hair clip that she liked was bought by someone else."

"How did you know that it was me?" Ning Cheng blurted, with so many people on the street, and coupled with the fact that the sarong wearing young girl had disappeared not a long time ago, he was only there because he wanted to ask a few questions to the stall owner, it was because of that delay that he had not walked out. Arguably, this youth had not seen him buy anything, and thus by rights he should not have known that he was the one who had bought the pearl hair clip.

The youth embarrassingly took out a handkerchief and said, "I said that I would certainly help her get it back, so she drew a picture for me, I could recognize that you were the same person as the picture....."

Ning Cheng saw the picture drawn on the handkerchief and immediately became sluggish, in this world there was still a person who was this skilful with their hands. This picture had quite a few strokes, but his image was fully outlined on the face of the handkerchief. This type of work could even be compared to the lifelike photo from a digital camera, rather this hand drawn portrait was even more realistic.

Ning Cheng had always been proud of his abnormal memory and analytical skills that could not be compared to anyone, but today he knew, that he was not the only person with the most abnormally powerful memory. Just with a glance, even the most minute of his facial expression were captured and drawn with a very fine detail, just how many so called geniuses could even compare to that?

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## Chapter 0050 – Medicinal Pills Are Hard To Get

"In my heart, my younger sister is a princess, but she is like me and lives in poverty. A few months ago, after my sister heard that the Clear Heart Academy was recruiting students, she in her heart always wanted to go to such a place, but she was never willing to tell me about this matter, she was afraid that I would be worried. The only thing that I could do to help her, was sell everything from our home immediately, then accompany her to come here to participate in the selection exam." This youth said these words with a voice filled with great and strong love, he had always looked at his sister as if she was the stars in the sky, all he could think of was how to help her.

“What if your sister fails in the selection exam, what would you do then? Don’t you have a family back at home?” Ning Cheng asked this time, while in his heart he was thinking that it was not this youth but his sister who was going to participate in the selection exam. He thought of him and his younger sister Ruo Lan, how he had to take care of his younger sister Ruo Lan, how he had similarly left everything from his home, and followed her younger sister to Jiangzhou.

Wasn’t this youth and him very much alike?

When he heard Ning Cheng’s questions, this youth replied with pride, “As long as someone is selected, my sister will definitely be one of those who are selected, there is nobody more outstanding than my younger sister.”

Ning Cheng did not criticize this young man, as a person who cherished his younger sister to such an extent, his words also resonated strongly with him, and did not cause a bad impression of the young man in his eyes.

“This time my sister will definitely be selected for the Clear Heart Academy, I wanted to help her get back this pearl hair clip, it may be the last thing that I may be able to do for her. So, I request you to make a promise with me. Although I do not have much gold, but I will try to give you as many gold coins as I can.” Said the young man with a pleading tone in his voice. He was obviously not a fool, he knew that once his sister gets selected for the Clear Heart Academy, she would not be able to be involved with him any longer.

Ning Cheng did not say anything else, he just took out the pair of the pearl hair clips and handed it to the young man and said, “I also very much love my little sister, you can give this to your younger sister. For your younger sister to have a big brother like you, she must be very happy.”

When he gave the pearl hair clips, Ning Cheng also sighed in his heart, suddenly he was somewhat envious of the young man in front of him. At least he could still see his sister, even under the same sky.

“Ah.....” this young man did not think that Ning Cheng would speak in such a good way, he already did not have much hope for it, but Ning Cheng actually gave him the pearl hair clips.

For a moment he did not react, and then he hastily started pulling out gold coins from his pouch. Ning Cheng just waved his hands and said, “I do not want your gold, for me gold coins are just something superfluous. The reason why I gave you the pearl hair clips, is because I also have a younger sister, she also liked this type of pearl hair clips.....”

“Ah, this, this.....” this young man was a simple and honest person, he knew what it meant to love someone. His sister was his only younger sister; then doesn’t somebody

else's sister would not be a younger sister to someone? But he was reluctant to return the pearl hair clips back to Ning Cheng, so at this time he unexpectedly came up with a solution.

"Why don't we take one each? You can then deliver the one you have to your younger sister." This young man hesitated a bit before handing a pearl hair clip to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng pushed it away and said, "No it's okay, these pearl hair clips are originally supposed to be a pair, you must not tamper with it. Moreover, in this lifetime, I possibly cannot see my little sister again. Keeping the pearl hair clip on me, will only make me sadder, it would be better if you gave it to your younger sister."

This young man was not well versed with words, he did not know how to come forward and comfort Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng just smiled and said, "Didn't you say that when I gave you the pearl hair clips, you would tell me about the competition between the 5 Star Academies of the Hua continent? Also what does 'coming out on top' mean?"

The young man saw Ning Cheng change the topic with his own initiative, he just heaved a sigh of relief, he hastily picked up the pearl hair clips and said, "I heard that in the Yi Xing Mainland, the high levelled continents in order to enhance the strength of the low levelled continents, decided to set up a 6 Star Academy on the Hua Continent. This 6 Star Academy, will be the only 6 Star Academy in all of the three Lower Class Continents. But there are five 5 Star Academies in the Hua Continent itself, as a result of that, it created a problem on how to decide which one of the five 5 Star Academies would be promoted to a 6 Star Academy."

"For the sake of fairness, the people of the high levelled continents of the Yi Xing Mainland decided to adopt the form of competition to select which one of the Academies who would advance. The five 5 Star Academies would send out their most outstanding disciples for this competition, the Academy with the most outstanding achievement and results, will be supported to advance to a 6 Star Academy, the other four 5 Star Academy would become the subordinates of this newly formed 6 Star Academy."

The young man embarrassedly scratched his head and said, "This is what my younger sister told me, it was also a person from the Clear Heart Academy who told these things to my younger sister. In fact, the reason why the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy is recruiting students, is so that it could conduct a selection, to determine the best and the most important disciples, it is very likely that they would be sent to the Hua Continent to participate in the competition. After going to the Hua Continent, those 5 Star Academies will once again screen them."

"I understand, thank you." Ning Cheng nodded, he finally understood what was going on, it was evident that the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy was not just selecting the disciples to enter the Clear Heart Academy. The last time when the Falling Star 5 Star

Academy had come to especially select disciples, perhaps it was because they were taking advantage of the favour of the Ping Continent's ancestor Lian Hao Yan, and then select some outstanding disciples from the lot for this purpose.

The young man apparently felt that although he had to answer the two questions that he was supposed to answer, it was not enough to repay Ning Cheng for the pearl hair clips, and added another sentence, "Elder Brother if you want to participate in the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy, you need to go to the Ming Pu Plaza on the outside courtyard of the Clear Heart Academy to first test out your Spiritual Root, only then would you be eligible to enter the Clear Heart Academy. Me and my little sister are going there tomorrow to take the test, half a month later, the Clear Heart Academy will officially begin to recruit students."

Ning Cheng once again thanked him, and prepared to leave first to find a place to stay.

This young man actually gave the handkerchief in his hands to Ning Cheng and said, "This picture is yours, so I am just returning it to you."

Ning Cheng did not know whether to laugh or to cry as he pushed his hand back and said, "I do not need it, I'll take my leave now, I wish you and your little sister good luck, hope you can get selected into the Academy."

He was talking about people falling in love, certainly this young man can't have such a thick skin, casually giving away a woman's handkerchief to a complete stranger.

It was not until Ning Cheng went far away, that this young man was mumbled it to himself, "This person really is a great man."

Ning Cheng certainly was not a person who was on good terms with everybody, in this young man he saw his own shadow, because of this he took the initiative to give the two pearl hair clips to him.

At this time Ning Cheng was looking for a place to stay in the Nan Yuan City, after he secured some accommodation, he would then go to the Ming Pu Plaza to have a look, and even test out his Spiritual Root.

Ning Cheng was very clear, to meet with An Yi would certainly not be simple. An Yi would certainly be inside the Clear Heart Academy, with nobody to take him there, he was clear that he had to go through the entrance of the Clear Heart Academy. If he wanted to see An Yi, he could only wait for the time when the Clear Heart Academy officially started recruiting disciples, till then he could only go and fish through the troubled waters.

The inns in the Nan Yuan City were already packed to the full, Ning Cheng was still very far from the place where the Clear Heart Academy was located, because of the city being so crowded he had to spend nearly 10 times the price to find a place to stay.

After finding a place to stay, Ning Cheng did not stay in that place. He had come to this Nan Yuan City not only to look for An Yi, but to look for some other things as well. The most important things were of course finding someone who could help him in refining the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle and a True Condensation Pill.

Regardless of whether it was refining the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle or exchanging the Golden Cicada Fruit for a True Condensation Pill, Ning Cheng could not be careless about it.

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Feiyan Pill Pavilion, it was one of the three big Pill Stores of the Nan Yuan City. However, the location where it was situated was relatively remote, it was at the Northern edge of the Nan Yuan City.

At present Nan Yuan City was packed with people, even though the Feiyan Pill Pavilion was located in a remote area, there were still many cultivators coming and going through its doors.

Ning Cheng was wearing a large hat that covered his face, and carrying a black cloth package on his back, he entered the Feiyan Pill Pavilion. In the Nan Yuan City, people who dressed like him were not uncommon.

Some people did not want to be recognized by others, still some people intentionally pretended to be deep. Speaking of Ning Cheng, no matter what, the more such people were present the better it was for him, at least he did not appear to stand out of the crowd.

“I’ll take a bottle of Spiritual Qi Restoring Solution.”

“Give me a small bottle of Returning Spiritual Qi Solution.”

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When Ning Cheng came in, he heard a variety of noisy voices. The majority of requests were for the purchase of different kinds of Spiritual Solutions, there were also some wanting to buy Pills, while there were also a few others who were bargaining back and forth.

Compared to the Cang Le City and the Mingot City, the Nan Yuan City was much more standardized, at least there were no one shouting about Pills openly.

Ning Cheng after listening for a long time, became aware about the rough prices of some of the items, a single bottle of Spiritual Qi Restoring Solution was going for 10 Qi Gathering Stones, it had the ability to recover a part of one’s Spiritual Qi for an Initial Stage Qi Gathering Cultivator. The small bottle of Returning Spiritual Qi Solution was a

spiritual healing solution, and also costed 10 Qi Gathering Stones, it can only be used to heal some common injuries.

As for the Spiritual Qi Solutions that had better effects, the price for those rose up in straight line. Ning Cheng moved towards a salesperson who looked busy and asked, "Excuse me, do you have a few Higher Level Medicinal Pills to sell?"

Ning Cheng was very careful, when he looked at most of the Spiritual Solutions and the Pills sold here, Ning Cheng already had some doubts if he could purchase the True Condensation Pill in the Nan Yuan City.

"High Levelled Medicinal Pills? What kinds of Medicinal Pills do you want? Returning Qi Pills? Rejuvenating Pills? or True Returning Pills?" The sales person stared at Ning Cheng and directly asked. After he asked, with extreme pride in his voice he said, "We the Feiyan Pill Pavilion do not sell inferior quality medicinal pills, but in this place, you cannot purchase pills in the same way as other places in the Nan Yuan City. Of course, if you want to truly buy a high level medicinal pill, then we are required to authenticate your credentials and establish your identity, otherwise they are not for sale."

A True Returning Pill can even be used by early True Condensation Realm cultivators to recover their Spiritual Qi, but this type of medicinal pill requires authentication and verification of one's credentials, doesn't this mean that the True Condensation Pill which was even more precious than the True Returning Pill would be even more difficult to buy? Ning Cheng now understood, that in this kind of place like the Nan Yuan City, although he could use the Spirit Stones and Spiritual Grasses that he has to buy the medicinal pill, but he knew that he could not act rashly.

He said with a slight exaggeration, "According to your statement, if I wanted to buy a True Condensation Pill, or to buy an Essence Building Pill wouldn't I need to bring out my entire family tree for verification and authentication?"

The surrounding cultivators when they heard Ning Cheng talking about something interesting, immediately roared with laughter.

The salesman did not care about what was said and replied, "You all should be foreign cultivators, many of you do not understand the rules of Nan Yuan City. The True Returning Pill is something that is hard to come by in the Nan Yuan City, of course selling it is not an easy thing. As for the True Condensation Pill, although I should not say this, but it is not something that we sell in the Feiyan Pill Pavilion, as for the Essence Building Pill, I am afraid that even in the entire Ping Continent you would not be able to buy it."

"According to you, if I found a bunch of Golden Cicada Fruits, can I not use the same to get the True Condensation Pill?" said someone, helping Ning Cheng who also wanted to ask those words the most.

The salesman still unhurriedly replied, “If you can really get the Golden Cicada Fruit, then you would not have to worry about the True Condensation Pill. As a go between our Pill Pavilions, the Clear Heart Academy’s Pill Division’s Elders, will surely help you concoct the pill. Of course, refining the pill for you will require an appropriate remuneration.”

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