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Chapter 1001: Battling Ding Si

The explosion tore open a massive wound in the Burial Shadow Fiend's body, and blue gore splashed out of it. The backlash in Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness instantly weakened, and he quickly took out the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort.

It was followed by a miserable scream from the Burial Shadow Fiend, no longer the 'Ji Ang Mu Lu' cry. At this moment, even if even more delicious human meat appeared in front of it, it was no longer in the mood to enjoy.

As the berserk aura within the Burial Shadow Fiend's body grew even more intense, Ning Cheng and Liu Fanglin quickly retreated. Looks like that attack severely wounded it from the inside.

Blue gore continued spilling out from the Burial Shadow Fiend's body and mixed in with blue sands raging around it while berserk power raged within its body. It no longer wanted to chase after Ning Cheng and Liu Fanglin. Then, suddenly, it transformed into a vortex of blue sand and rushed out of Ning Cheng's Second Bridge of Looking Homewards.

As the Burial Shadow Fiend's roar grew fainter and farther away, it became apparent that it had indeed decided to run away. The weaker Burial Shadow Fiends, following the fading roar, also disappeared without a trace.

Liu Fanglin, who now stood at the Bridge of Looking Homewards' bridgehead, stared in shock at the distant blue vortex and muttered, "So strong....."

Even the Dao Breaking Bead, which could kill ordinary Dao Essence cultivators, couldn't destroy this Burial Shadow Fiend. One should know that the reason why she hadn't used this bead till now was that this bead had a significant defect. That is, it took too long to activate. And more importantly, she hadn't met any opponent till today that could force her to use this bead.

Ning Cheng took out a healing pill and swallowed it. He raised his hand and collected the Seven Bridges Spirit Technique but didn't speak.

"Let's go; although we wounded the Burial Shadow Fiend, it might come back again." Seeing Ning Cheng not moving, Liu Fanglin spoke with some anxiety.

"It's too late. Someone doesn't want us to leave." Ning Cheng said as he looked at the seemingly empty swath of blue sands in front of him.

Without waiting for Liu Fanglin to reply, a cold laugh came over, "I really didn't misjudge you. You even knew that I would be trailing you. But more importantly, the Seven Bridge Spirit Technique truly lives up to its name. It even managed to push away the most powerful Burial Shadow Fiend."

"Ding Si?" Liu Fanglin blurted the name in shock.

A moment later, the figure of a grey-robed man slowly materialised in front of them. None other than Ding Si, who previously chose to divide the dao fruits with Ning Cheng.

Ding Si only glanced at Liu Fanglin before setting his gaze on Ning Cheng. "I heard that to cultivate the Seven Bridges Spirit Technique to the first stage, one must use the Seven Bridges Realm Boom. It looks like the legend about it is true; you actually got the Seven Bridges Realm Book. No wonder you weren't afraid of the Burial Shadow Fiends. It's a pity that now your first and second bridges are cracked. You can't bring it out again in your current state, right? At least not for a while."

After speaking, he then looked at Liu Fanglin again. "As for that second-rate Dao Breaking Bead, I'm afraid you only had one, right?"

"What do you want?" Liu Fanglin turned even more anxious. She knew Ning Cheng had used up a lot of strength. Just as Ding Si mentioned, Ning Cheng's ace card, the Seven Bridges Spirit Technique, couldn't exert its power right now.

As for fighting against Ding Si with her strength, she understood that she couldn't win even at her peak.

Ding Si waved his hand, and a snow-white mountain peak suddenly materialised above his head. "I don't want to kill you two. Ning Cheng, I will let you two go as long as you take out the Seven Bridges Spirit Technique and the Seven Bridges Realm Book. Since you two like to roam as a couple, you can get back to whatever you were doing before, happy and free. What do you think?"

Hearing the last sentence, Liu Fanglin's face heated up. She finally realised that she barely had any clothing covering her body. She quickly took out an outer robe and put it on.

"What if I disagree?" Ning Cheng gave a calm reply.

"It doesn't matter if you agree or not. After all, we can at least have a discussion about....." While speaking the word 'discussion', the snow-white mountain peak above Ding Si's head suddenly cracked open with water flowing down the crack like a waterfall.

The 'water' was actually an amalgamation of Ding Si's killing intent and momentum, which swept away the surrounding raging sand around them. At this moment, it felt as if everything under the snow-white mountain peak would be torn apart by the killing intent.

"Sabre Mountain Spirit Technique?" Ning Cheng's eyes contracted for a moment.

The Sabre Mountain Spirit Technique was a common hybrid technique found almost everywhere but was also one of the most difficult to cultivate. All because it required too many top-grade materials to be of any practical use. Moreover, just refining the sabre mountain didn't mean one could use it as is. It also required a considerably powerful spiritual consciousness to control it.

The spirit technique was essentially a mountain peak composed of countless sabres. Once it attacked, it would immediately unleash hundreds of millions of sabres onto the target. In fact, just the sabre intent from the millions of sabres alone could lock the opponent tightly and tear them to pieces.

A Dao Confirming Holy Emperor could still block or avoid it if it was just one ordinary sabre attack. But if countless ordinary blades gathered and rained down, even if they were just standard kitchen knives, it would result in a qualitative change in power. Similarly, if one could gather a significantly large number, even ordinary sabre strikes could kill Dao Confirming Holy Emperors.

One could break apart all domains and even spatial law constraints under a qualitative change resulting from hundreds of millions of sabre shadows. In fact, taken to the extreme, the entire space would transform into a new type of law-infused spirit technique: the Sabre Dao Law Spirit Technique.

What's more, Ding Si's Sabre Mountain Artefact didn't seem to be made up of ordinary sabres, but out of hundreds of millions of treasured sabres filled with sabre dao-focused killing intent.

The sabre shadows pouring down were so dense that they even looked like a violent river tumbling down a waterfall. Even their domains got shredded like thin paper as it swept towards. In fact, under the terrifying dao rhythm of this sabre mountain, they couldn't put up any resistance. Or at least that's what appeared in Ding Si's eyes.

Moreover, the sabre dao within it even suppressed the surrounding spatial laws. Therefore, even if Ning Cheng and Liu Fanglin wanted to escape, they would find it impossible to break through the turbulent flow generated by the sabre mountain.

Feeling the growing sense of death, Liu Fanglin again brought out her defensive bead, manifesting a multi-coloured curtain of light to block the sabre waterfall.

Unfortunately, once the sabre waterfall clashed with her bead's multi-coloured curtain, the curtain simply could even stop it for a moment before turning into rags.

"I didn't expect to die here; not like this." Liu Fanglin's eyes showed a trace of despair. She knew that Ding Si was powerful, but she never expected him to be this powerful.

If Ning Cheng could bring out his First Bridge of Coping, they may be able to hold him back for a moment or two. But now, she and Ning Cheng were already at the end of the rope and could only wait for death. They were both Dao Transformation Holy Emperors, so why was there a vast difference between her and Ding Si?

"Since you could discover my existence, it means that you cultivated a powerful spiritual consciousness cultivation method. At least strong enough to discover me and even break through my concealment restrictions." Ding Si looked at Ning Cheng, who was about to be torn apart by his sabre domain and spoke out flat.

But despite the blandness, he still couldn't suppress the hint of excitement. How could he not feel excited about obtaining the Seven Bridges Spirit Technique and the Spiritual Consciousness Cultivation Method?

"It looks like I chose the right time; maybe meeting you is my greatest luck....." Speaking of the latter, Ding Si could no longer maintain that indifferent demeanour.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....." Bursts of lightning and thunder erupted; the sabre waterfall couldn't tear Ning Cheng to pieces as Ding Si had thought. Instead, it crashed into a blue thunder fort with flickering lightning, causing splashes of lightning and thunder to erupt continuously.

At this moment, Liu Fanglin had already given up and accepted her fate of being crushed by the sabre lights. But she then suddenly found herself in the middle of exploding green and blue lightning bolts.

"Ah...." Liu Fanglin looked at Ning Cheng beside her in surprise.

She quickly realised that she currently stood within the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort with Ning Cheng. She had previously wondered why Ning Cheng hadn't used the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort before; it turned out to be for this moment.

The sabre waterfall, which had already locked onto Ning Cheng and Liu Fanglin and should have already crushed them, got blocked by a thunder fort. Ding Si's eyes widened, and he found that his spiritual consciousness couldn't penetrate the thunder fort. He could only see the lightning arcs from the collision of his sabre mountain's waterfall and the thunder fort.

"That's the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort....." Ding Si's tone wasn't just trembling anymore. The Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort was a treasure of incalculable value; it was something that surpassed spirit artefacts. No wonder it could block his sabre mountain. Just how many treasures did this Ning Cheng have on him?

Right, he must have found a place of inheritance. That's how he must have obtained the Seven Bridges Realm Book and the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort.

These things, I'll take them. Ding Si's heart grew fiercer and fiercer, and a golden glow appeared in his eyes. Choosing to kill Ning Cheng alone was the correct thing he had done.

The sabre waterfall bearing down on Ning Cheng suddenly retreated and rolled up like an unfolding dragon. It suddenly condensed into a thin stream and then blasted down.

Although the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort was famous for its defensive capabilities, its offensive capabilities were actually even more powerful. But Ning Cheng could only use it to defend and didn't even attack him. This made Ding Si clear that Ning Cheng couldn't use the thunder fort for attacking. In other words, Ning Cheng couldn't fully control the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort.

Even if you have the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort, so what? You can't even use the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort to counterattack me. I'll blast you to death even if it means pushing the sabre mountain beyond its limits. Knowing this, Ding Si became more and more grateful for his chosen timing. If he recklessly decided to kill Ning Cheng when he faced the Burial Shadow Fiend, he would have found it challenging to kill Ning Cheng. Even if he could mortally injure Ning Cheng, there was a chance that Ning Cheng would have escaped.

"Dao Friend Liu, you attack Ding Si with everything you got." As Ning Cheng felt the increasing pressure bearing down on him, he took out a pill and swallowed it. He also urged Liu Fanglin to attack with all her strength at the same time.

The pill he took wasn't a healing pill but an Exploding Spirit Pill. Ding Si's strength had gone far above his prediction. Although he had seen and faced quite a few Dao Transformation Holy emperors, none of them came close to being as powerful as Ding Si.

But despite the situation, Ning Cheng actually felt thankful. Thankful that he hadn't used everything he had when dealing with the Burial Shadow Fiend. Otherwise, he would have died today without a grave.

After hearing Ning Cheng's words and tone, Liu Fanglin didn't hesitate for even half a moment. The Indestructible Green Sword brought forth seemingly infinite sword curtains that quickly rushed towards the sabre mountain.

Each sword curtain containing her killing intent coalesced from her sword dao and blasted into Ding Si's sabre mountain. Unfortunately, even though Liu Fanglin focussed everything on offence, her sword curtains felt like mantises striking Ding Si's sabre mountain. The sword curtains simply disintegrated into countless sword lights and scattered.

However, at the same instant, Liu Fanglin and Ding Si felt Ning Cheng's aura growing exponentially stronger. Ning Cheng's aura quickly broke through the limit of Dao Sculpting and reached that of the early-stage Dao Raising Realm.

"Law Break....." Ning Cheng rushed out of the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort, ignoring the endless sabres raining down from the sabre mountain.

The laws around the area instantly weakened when Ning Cheng used the Law Break Spirit Technique. Even the majestic and overwhelming sabre mountain stalled for a moment. Liu Fanglin had no time to worry about Ning Cheng. Feeling the pressure drop, her Indestructible Green Sword transformed into a sword dragon and rushed towards the middle of the sabre mountain.

If she didn't fight for her life at this moment, then she would have no life later.

"Third Bridge of the Forgetfulness River....." A long grey bridge, seemingly made out of hazy mist, appeared in front of Ding Si. The mist from the bridge quickly spread out and surrounded everyone with a timeworn and endless dao charm.

"The road on the Bridge of the Forgetfulness River is far and long. When you enter, you forget the river; but when you leave, only ashes remain...."

The Bridge of the Forgetfulness River's dao charm quickly gathered and blasted over. Ding Si, slightly stunned by the development, quickly collected himself and furiously started to form various hand seals. "Sabre mountain breaking the river....."

The stalled sabre mountain surged once again. Whether this attack could break the Bridge of the Forgetfulness River, Ding Si didn't worry about it.

I'm not sure if this is the name of the spirit technique or the classification. I will clarify it once I gain more context.

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Chapter 1002: Ning Cheng's Ace Card

"Boom....." The sabre mountain's torrent blasted onto the bridge, forcing the bridge's dao charm to dissipate before it could fully coalesce.

In any case, Ning Cheng didn't expect this move to restrain Ding Si, whose power he understood after seeing the sabre mountain. But more importantly, his third bridge hadn't fully solidified, which meant it couldn't stop Ding Si, let alone restrain him.

Ning Cheng used the third bridge to provide cover for Liu Fanglin to complete her attack. Fortunately, Liu Fanglin grasped the timing perfectly. Her green sword dragon slashed towards the weakest section of the sabre mountain, which was its top, shaking the sabre mountain. The clash between the sabre

mountain's dao charm and sword aura even blasted the blue sands into oblivion, stalling Ding Si and his sabre mountain.

Ning Cheng was waiting for this precise moment. Once the mountain stalled, he raised his hand and brought out a long black arrow.

Once the long arrow appeared, suspended in the air, a five-coloured longbow also materialised with the arrow resting on it.

The arrow immediately began sucking in Ning Cheng's spirit essence and spiritual consciousness. Even after taking the Burst Spirit Pill, Ning Cheng's complexion turned pale under such an enormous suction force.

Raging killing intent immediately swept across the sky, and Ding Si could no longer move. He could only look at the arrow growing faint with each passing moment while more and more terrifying killing intent permeated the surroundings. His heart had already turned cold as if someone had plunged it into an icy cavern.

"5-Coloured Star Splitting Arrow....." Locked on by the 5-Coloured Star Splitting Arrow, Ding Si didn't dare move, even if he could. He started to regret taking action. He shouldn't have started so early and should have continued to wait for a better opportunity. Even if he had to take action, he should have been more vigilant and not let Ning Cheng's 5-Coloured Star Splitter Arrow lock onto him with its killing intent.

But at the same time, he never expected Ning Cheng to be so stoic. Why didn't he use the 5-Coloured Star Splitter Arrow when he was about to die against the Burial Shadow Fiend? Of course, Ding Si also didn't think about Ning Cheng using a Burst Spirit Pill. Did Ning Cheng already know that he was hiding in the shadows and deliberately stayed his hand to deal with him?

As the killing intent continued to surge wildly, it quietly transformed into a surging aura of death. Ding Si didn't even dare to tremble and kept his eyes glued to the fading 5-Coloured Star Splitter Arrow. But even if he knew that he couldn't avoid this arrow or even move, he wasn't willing to die like this.

As the aura of death increased and grew thicker, the 5-coloured longbow gradually got pulled back into a half-moon shape in the void around it. Seeing this, Ding Si's heart finally sank to the bottom. Facing this development, he clearly understood that he couldn't avoid the 5-Coloured Star Splitter Arrow.

Even Liu Fanglin, who wasn't the target, felt her body growing cold under this horrifying killing intent. For the first time since meeting Ning Cheng, she finally experienced Ning Cheng's true strength.

Initially, she thought that Ning Cheng's strength primarily came from his Seven Bridges Spirit Technique. Then, she saw Ning Cheng use that law-breaking spirit technique that weakened the worldly laws, laws of time, a top-level Heart Dao Spirit Technique 'None-To-Depend-On', and even the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort.

Yet, these powerful means weren't even his ace card. His ace card was actually the terrifying 5-Coloured Star Splitting Arrow. Ning Cheng's horrifying means and almost-sinister patience had thoroughly chilled her heart. She couldn't help but wonder how Ning Cheng would deal with that Burial Shadow Fiend if she didn't have the Dao Breaking Pearl?

“Stop, you can’t kill me. If you kill me, you will surely die without a burial place.....”

Just as the word ‘place’ left Ding Si’s mouth, the 5-Coloured Star Splitter Arrow shot out of the longbow and tore through the space with a dreadful tearing sound.

To what Ding Si said, Ning Cheng treated it as a fart. Ding Si had already set his mind to kill him, so why would he even care about Ding Si’s threat? Even if, after killing Ding Si, he immediately had to face several mature Burial Shadow Fiends besieging him, he wouldn’t hesitate to shoot that arrow.

“You....” A trace of ferocity mixed with resignation flashed in Ding Si’s eyes. Despite knowing that Ning Cheng would ignore his threat, he still felt furious in his heart.

“Boom.....” Ding Si’s body turned into a cloud of blood mist as the 5-Coloured Star Splitter Arrow went through his body. It even extinguished Ding Si’s spirit soul that tried to escape from the blood mist.

Ning Cheng opened his mouth and spat out several mouthfuls of blood, and he almost went into a coma. With his Sea of Consciousness injured by that Burial Shadow Fiend’s spiritual consciousness, he couldn’t even gather enough strength to isolate Ding Si’s storage ring. Even if Ning Cheng understood that Ding Si’s ring wouldn’t be simple, he couldn’t do anything.

He gained the only thing that wasn’t the arrow’s target; Ding Si’s artefact, the sabre mountain.

“Are you okay?” Liu Fanglin quickly sobered up from the shock in her heart and hurriedly went forward to hold Ning Cheng. At this moment, Ning Cheng’s face was as pale as a white sheet of paper.

Ning Cheng took a few moments to get his bearings and finally put away his things. “I have a True Spirit World; I’m going to enter it to heal my injuries. You take my True Spirit World to that place. Just call me when you arrive.”

“Okay.” Liu Fanglin agreed to Ning Cheng’s request without hesitation.

Ning Cheng did not dare let Liu Fanglin carry him on her back. But it wasn’t because of Liu Fanglin’s seductive power. Rather, it was primarily because they were just casual acquaintances and only knew each other’s faces. It did not mean that they had a long and deep relationship. With so many good things on him, who knows if Liu Fanglin would suddenly turn on him? Moreover, the True Spirit World belonged to him. Even if Liu Fanglin had thoughts about his things, he could at least detonate the True Spirit World and escape.

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Yan Ji currently was in Ning Cheng’s True Spirit World. With nothing else to do, she helped Ning Cheng take care of the spirit herbs in the True Spirit World that he hadn’t yet transplanted into the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Seeing Ning Cheng suddenly walk in with severe injuries immediately made her panic.

However, only Ning Cheng knew that even though the injuries looked heavy, they were much easier to recover than before. After all, he still had the Empyrean Consciousness Transmutation Pill along with several healing-type dao pills.

Therefore, with the help of the Empyrean Consciousness Transmutation Pill, Ning Cheng forcibly cut off the Burial Shadow Fiend’s spiritual consciousness. This immediately kick-started the repair process of his Sea of Consciousness.

As ten days passed by, Ning Cheng finally made a full recovery.

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After repeatedly assuring Yan Ji not to worry, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept out. However, he found Liu Fanglin's aura somewhat chaotic. Looks like she had been in another fierce battle not long ago and received more injuries.

Because he wanted to recover his strength as soon as possible, and Liu Fanglin was still looking for the Valley of Life, Ning Cheng had purposefully ignored her. After all, he needed to focus his mind on healing himself during these past few days. Moreover, he never expected that Liu Fanglin would get into another fight.

"What happened?" Ning Cheng quickly left the True Spirit World and asked.

"Thank heavens, you're finally out." The first thing that Liu Fanglin did was hand the True Spirit World Ring back to Ning Cheng.

Only after Ning Cheng put away the True Spirit World did Liu Fanglin say, "Two days ago, I met Wei Jingbing. I managed to severely injure him but also ended up with more injuries. I didn't know if he would ambush me again, so I left that area quickly and kept moving."

Ning Cheng didn't ask another question. Since Liu Fanglin met Wei Jingbing, it would be a strange matter if they didn't end up in a fight. Fortunately, he killed Ding Si. If Wei Jingbing had been with Ding Si, Liu Fanglin would have died without a chance of survival.

"How far away are we from that place?" Ning Cheng felt more concerned about the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf. After all, he had vowed to not stop till he helped Yan Ji recover her foundation.

Liu Fanglin hesitated before speaking up in some confusion. "There are not many things that can be used as markers in this place. After entering Burial Shadow Blue Sands, I only know that you need to move in the opposite direction once you meet the stacked wave-shaped blue sand vortex. As long as you go in that direction, you will encounter a huge grey stone stele. Once I reach that stele, I know where to go from there. But the weird thing is that despite exploring for a month, I still haven't found that grey stone stele."

Ning Cheng suddenly thought of the map he had taken from Daoist Gutless. One of the places marked on the map was exactly a grey stone stele. He quickly took out the map and said, "Is that the place?"

"Huh, how come you have this map?" Liu Fanglin spoke up in surprise. She then took out another map, exactly like Ning Cheng's, down to the smallest detail.

"I took it from a Daoist." Ning Cheng said, "It's just that I don't know how to find this stele. Since you have a method, let's go ahead and follow your method."

Liu Fanglin didn't know who this 'Daoist' was that Ning Cheng spoke about, so she could only nod, "Okay."

The blue sand vortexes in the Burial Shadow Blue Sands came in various shapes, and the stacked wave-shaped vortexes weren't many, nor were they few.

Ning Cheng and Liu Fanglin walked for more than ten days without a break, following the prescribed direction, yet they never saw that grey stone stele.

Moreover, even after walking for over ten days, Ning Cheng and Liu Fanglin didn't encounter any Burial Shadow Fiends. It was another thing that they couldn't figure out. Maybe they now feared the power of Ning Cheng's Seven Bridges.

"Wait....." Ning Cheng finally called out to Liu Fanglin. "If we continue like this, I'm afraid we might not find what we're looking for in our lifetime. I think I should take the lead from this point on."

Liu Fanglin's face turned slightly red from embarrassment. She obviously understood Ning Cheng's meaning. Ning Cheng suspected that the method recorded on the map wasn't entirely correct, which was why they couldn't find the place.

Now that Ning Cheng knew they were looking for an actual grey stone stele, he finally had a target. Previously, he didn't want to exert his spiritual consciousness fully because he didn't want to overexert himself. But with a clearly defined target at hand, he naturally couldn't go on with such a method.

Ning Cheng no longer restrained his spiritual consciousness and let it burst out. In just an instant, the area of approximately 10,000 metres around him clearly appeared in his spiritual consciousness's sweep.

Feeling that his spiritual consciousness had improved significantly, Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel overjoyed. After repairing his Sea of Consciousness with the Emyrean Consciousness Transmutation Pill, Ning Cheng felt that his spiritual consciousness improved. And now, he finally had confirmation.

Unfortunately, the Burial Shadow Blue Sands covered a vast area. As such, despite the range of his spiritual consciousness, he wouldn't be able to find that grey-coloured stone stele in a short time. In other words, Ning Cheng's way of searching for it was nothing more than a game of chance. Even if he divided the area into different sections, finding it would depend on luck. He might not find it even after a month or two if he had terrible luck.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng had luck on his side this time. On the third day, he finally found the grey stone stele.

This grey stone stele resembled a small mountain rather than a stone stele with no inscribed characters. However, there was no trace of that blue sand on it at all, as if the blue sands here didn't even dare to blow towards it.

Liu Fanglin walked up to the stele and made a small cut on her wrist to let out some blood. She then placed her bloody wrist on the stele, which instantly sucked away the blood on her hand. Just like the time when the 5-Coloured Star Splitting Arrow sucked away Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness, in just three breaths, Liu Fanglin's face turned pale like a white sheet of paper.

"Wait....." Ning Cheng, by now, understood that something was wrong. Although he couldn't tell what, he could tell that there was something wrong with that stele.

Ning Cheng had just called out when Liu Fanglin took her hand from the stele. She then turned to Ning Cheng and spoke up with a weak voice, "You have to do the same; otherwise, only I can enter the place."

Just as Liu Fanglin finished her words, a concealed door abruptly opened up behind the stone stele.

Ning Cheng took a deep breath. He could vaguely feel something wrong with this blood-sucking stone stele. But as to what was wrong, Ning Cheng simply couldn't put a finger on it. Liu Fanglin letting it suck her blood was one thing, but he wouldn't let it suck his blood.

"Fellow Daoist Liu, I think there's something wrong with this whole thing. How about this, I'll enter the True Spirit World, and you can take my True Spirit World inside." Ning Cheng said after some thought.

Liu Fanglin shook her head. "I'm afraid it won't work. It's impossible to use a miniature world to bring people inside; the same thing holds for your True Spirit World."

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Chapter 1003: Yan Ji's Recovery

"If it doesn't work, we'll think of something else. But you need to be more careful with your actions. That blood-sucking stele feels too weird; it seems to have absorbed 90% of your blood during those three breaths if I'm not wrong." Ning Cheng spoke up in a cautious tone.

While saying that, Ning Cheng took out a pill and put it in Liu Fanglin's hand. "Take this pill; it should help you with that blood loss."

"Dao Pill?" Liu Fanglin looked at the pill in her hand in shock. Where did Ning Cheng get so many dao pills? Didn't he know that even an ordinary dao pill was much more precious than the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf he was looking for? No matter how hard she thought about it, she couldn't figure out Ning Cheng's thoughts. After all, as a Dao Raising Pill Deity herself, a dao pill was still way beyond her reach.

Liu Fanglin knew that Ning Cheng was very mysterious. But despite her doubts about his origins, she still didn't question him and swallowed the dao pill.

Even if she was a Dao Transformation Holy Emperor, her body felt uncomfortable after losing almost 90% of her blood. But after swallowing the dao pill, her blood levels quickly recovered. Not only that, even her body felt much more relaxed.

"Brother Ning, you enter the True Spirit World. I will attempt to take you inside; if it doesn't work, we'll think of another way." Liu Fanglin said.

"Okay. You need to wait for three breaths after I enter the True Spirit World, and only then rush into that door; the faster you rush in, the better." After Ning Cheng finished speaking, he put the True Spirit World Ring in Liu Fanglin's hand and, with a flash, entered the True Spirit World.

Inside the True Spirit World, Ning Cheng waited for three breaths and immediately sent Yan Ji and himself into the Minor Five-Elements Formation within the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Ning Cheng wouldn't have to worry about anything if he wasn't carrying Yan Ji with him. But Yan Ji was a living and breathing human and wasn't the master of the Mysterious Yellow Bead. It meant that she couldn't enter it or stay inside it for too long. Moreover, with the bead's Wood Origin still incomplete, she would be in danger of being refined into nothingness if she stayed inside for more than a few breaths.

But Ning Cheng believed that the Minor Five-elements Formation he set up should be able to protect the person inside it for at least three breaths inside the Mysterious Yellow Bead. If it really couldn't hold out, he would have no choice but to use Liu Fanglin's method and let himself bleed out.

As long as he could endure for a few breaths in the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng felt sure that Liu Fanglin could take him in.

Even if the laws of this grey-coloured stone stele were of a higher level, it definitely couldn't be higher than those of the Mysterious Yellow Bead. If it was higher than the laws of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, this thing definitely would be beyond heaven-defying.

Liu Fanglin strictly followed Ning Cheng's words and waited for three breaths before starting. Gathering every scrap of her strength, she rushed into the gate behind the grey stone stele as fast as possible.

From what Liu Fanglin knew about this place, she should have been blown out by a powerful expelling force when she stepped over the gate's threshold.

But to Liu Fanglin's amazement, despite rushing into the gate head-first, she managed to cover a distance of more than ten metres without being pushed out.

On the other hand, just as Ning Cheng predicted, the moment Yan Ji entered the Minor Five-elements Formation, a powerful repulsive force tried to push him out. Fortunately, the Mysterious Yellow Bead had already recognised him as the master, so the expelling power got whittled down to a manageable level. It's just that the Wood Origin still wasn't complete; otherwise, it would have put Yan Ji in a disastrous situation if he had acted one moment too late.

Ning Cheng waited for another breath to pass before coming out of the Mysterious Yellow Bead and exiting the True Spirit World. Coming out, he found himself in a world of green. As for Liu Fanglin, she kept looking at the True Spirit World Ring in her hand with a dazed look.

"Thank you." Ning Cheng breathed a sigh of relief. He understood that he had entered the medicine valley.

"I didn't expect that a True Spirit World could bring people in; this is completely different from what I heard when I got the map." Liu Fanglin sighed and handed the True Spirit World Ring back to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng took the True Spirit World back and said hesitantly, "My True Spirit World is different. Although my world can bring people in, it doesn't mean that others can use the same trick. Also, be careful about that grey stone stele. No matter how I think of it, it's strange; you must be more cautious. As to what's wrong with it exactly, I don't know."

Ning Cheng wouldn't hesitate to examine her entire body several times if it was his woman, not missing even a single spot. However, he and Liu Fanglin weren't even close friends, so he felt hesitant about whether he should help her or not.

"I know. I will be careful." Liu Fanglin said casually. Apparently, she didn't take this matter to heart.

But since Liu Fanglin brought him inside, and even though he was a little worried that Liu Fanglin would misunderstand him, Ning Cheng still asked after hesitating. "If you don't mind, I can help you check it

out. My spiritual consciousness is different from that of ordinary people. If there is something wrong with your body, I have a high degree of certainty that I can help you find it. I will only be checking if there is anything wrong, not looking for any secrets.”

Hearing Ning Cheng’s words, Liu Fanglin’s face turned red. She suspected that Ning Cheng said those words on purpose.

She didn’t care about this issue because she had carefully checked her body with her spiritual consciousness even before Ning Cheng said those words. But despite the careful check, she didn’t find anything wrong with her body.

Moreover, the only reason she had decided to stick with Ning Cheng, apart from Ning Cheng saving her life, was because Ning Cheng didn’t look at her the same way as other people. At the very least, Ning Cheng didn’t look at her as if wanting to taste her body.

But then, she quickly thought back to the first time Ning Cheng saw her; that time, he definitely showed some impulses. As a woman born with a naturally charming physique, she quickly grew highly conscious of such things.

Now that Ning Cheng actually said he wanted to help her check her body, she immediately turned a little squirmy in her heart. Ning Cheng was definitely a powerful man, but he was still a Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor cultivation-wise. But it was also true that despite being a genuine Dao Transformation Holy Emperor, she was weaker than Ning Cheng. Even her best artefacts weren’t much of a match against Ning Cheng’s arsenal. But did that mean that she, as a Dao Transformation Holy Emperor, needed a Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor to help her check if there was anything wrong with her body?

“No thanks. Since everyone has come in, let’s each go our own way. I’ll take the right side; what about you?” Liu Fanglin had initially intended to continue with Ning Cheng. But with Ning Cheng bringing up the thought of checking her body, she could no longer stand with Ning Cheng as naturally as before. She even felt a slight revulsion in her heart. After all, being born with a naturally charming physique didn’t mean that she was fast and loose.

The gratitude she felt towards Ning Cheng also gradually dissipated.

Ning Cheng awkwardly touched his nose. He had no indecent intentions as Liu Fanglin thought. But since she misunderstood him and proposed to move separately, he couldn’t continue to insist on it. Nor could he rely on her help any longer. So he just nodded and said, “Then, I’ll take the left side. See you later.”

“See you later.” After Liu Fanglin finished speaking, her figure flashed, and she rushed towards the right side and soon disappeared from sight.

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There was at least one thing Liu Fanglin was not wrong about, not only were there many spirit herbs here, but most of them were rare varieties. Just the dao fruit trees alone, Ning Cheng counted at least three or four rare types.

However, before locating the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Lead, Ning Cheng didn’t have the heart to stop and carefully pick every spirit herb. According to Liu Fanglin’s words, he could only stay here for

fifteen days before this place forcibly teleported him out. Therefore, Ning Cheng had to find the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf within these fifteen days.

Ning Cheng moved along the path quite fast. In the beginning, he only stopped to collect the most valuable and rare spirit herbs along the way. But as he moved further down the path, and to save time, he simply ignored everything.

But as time passed day by day, Ning Cheng grew more anxious. Just when he felt that this place didn't have what he wanted, he finally saw a small patch of pale golden spirit grasses on the eleventh day.

Although they were spirit grasses, each spirit grass resembled a pair of leaves directly growing out of the earth. As for the leaves themselves, they were star-shaped.

Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf? Ning Cheng almost yelled out excitedly. He looked at the leaves more closely and confirmed that it was indeed the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf.

Ning Cheng held back his excitement and carefully dug out all twenty or so Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaves from the patch.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, I've found the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf." Ning Cheng carried the leaves carefully and entered the True Spirit World with great joy.

Yan Ji, staying in the True Spirit World, was just as excited when she saw that Ning Cheng had found the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf. In all honesty, just staying with Ning Cheng made her fully satisfied. But if she could recover her foundation and continue her cultivation, she would naturally want to cultivate to a higher realm. After all, she still wished to be strong enough to help Ning Cheng.

Being with her beloved, millions of years could easily pass by in a flash, so could there be anything like too much time? Only when she cultivated to a higher realm could she have more time.

"Then, let's quickly get out of this place. It's too dangerous here." Yan Ji still couldn't get rid of the image of Ning Cheng from a few days ago, when he came in with serious injuries.

"There's no hurry. I will refine the True Extreme Restoration Spirit Pill for you now. Once your foundation recovers, you can continue cultivating in the True Spirit World." Why would Ning Cheng wait until he left the Burial Shadow Blue Sands to refine the True Extreme Restoration Pill? With all the required spirit herbs on him, it would be better to refine the pill here rather than outside.

The True Extreme Restoration Spirit Pill was nothing more than a Dao Sculpting Dao Pill. Therefore, since Ning Cheng could already refine Dao Transformation Dao Pills without much effort, it wouldn't take him much time or effort to refine it.

The main ingredients required to refine the True Extreme Restoration Spirit Pill were the True Extreme Dao Fruit, Pill Marrow and Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf. Since Ning Cheng had enough for ten or so batches, he didn't feel much worried about failures during the refining process.

Fortunately, in the first batch alone, Ning Cheng had refined twelve top-grade True Extreme Restoration Spirit Pills.

Even a single True Extreme Restoration Spirit Pill had a sky-high price, even higher than many ordinary Dao Transformation Dao Pills. All because this pill required one of the most difficult to find ingredients.

It wasn't the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf or the True Extreme Dao Fruit, but the Pill Marrow. It's just that Ning Cheng happened to have a large quantity of very high-quality pill marrow.

Yan Ji also watched Ning Cheng refine the pills from the side. And when Ning Cheng refined twelve top-quality True Extreme Restoration Pills in the first batch, she felt equally excited.

Ning Cheng took a True Extreme Restoration Spirit Pill and put it into Yan Ji's mouth. The pill quickly transformed into a unique law aura, seeping into her body. This law aura quickly repaired her damaged foundation without a guiding force before dispersing into Yan Ji's purple palace and meridians.

Two hours later, Ning Cheng could clearly feel the changes in Yan Ji's body. The weakness in Yan Ji's body gradually disappeared, and dao rhythms started to gather around her body again. Even her cultivation level slowly climbed up, pushing her to the late-state Life and Death Realm.

When Yan Ji went through spiritual enhancement, it improved her cultivation qualifications by a few levels. Later, when Ruo Shi used that top-tier dao fruit to repair her spiritual roots, her qualifications had improved once again. This time, Ning Cheng used the True Extreme Restoration Spirit Pill to repair her foundation for the third time. So one could say that this time, Yan Ji's qualifications had reached the level of top geniuses of the Grand Essence Realm.

"Ning Cheng, I'm better....." After finding Ning Cheng back then, Yan Ji admittedly felt a little lost despite her satisfaction. As a result, she always felt a little hesitation in her heart. But now, she no longer felt hesitant and hugged Ning Cheng unreservedly.

All her efforts were worth it. She had done and gone through a lot for Ning Cheng, and Ning Cheng reciprocated the feelings and efforts and even went beyond it.

Ning Cheng finally took a breather as one of the stones weighing down on his heart had finally crumbled. He still had a lot of time before the Five Grand Realms' Alchemy Competition. Therefore, he wanted to go back and see Luofei and Ruolan after coming out of the Burial Shadow Blue Sands.

Thinking of Luofei, Liu Fanglin's incomparably seductive appearance inexplicably flashed in Ning Cheng's mind, triggering an unconscious reaction. Yan Ji, who still hugged Ning Cheng tightly, also felt this unconscious reaction as Ning Cheng's 'it' pressed against her body.

Although she dared to love and hate with a passion, she suddenly felt a little overwhelmed. Her body even trembled slightly out of anticipation.

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Ning Cheng could also feel Yan Ji's changes. He took a deep breath and gently pat Yan Ji's back. "Try to stop worrying about other things and cultivate here in peace. Feel free to use any cultivation resource you find inside. I'll dig up the spirit grasses outside, and then we can head back to see Luofei."

"Mm." Yan Ji could only mumble. Even though her cultivation had been restored, she did not have much strength to do anything at this moment.

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With Yan Ji cultivating safely in the True Spirit World, Ning Cheng naturally came out to harvest the spirit grasses here.

With Yan Ji now fully recovered, Ning Cheng no longer had any worries. Therefore, he harvested almost all the spirit grasses of some value in just a short while and transplanted them into the True Spirit World.

Just when Ning Cheng wondered if Liu Fanglin found the Ripple Bone Flower, he saw a clump of spirit grasses that he had never seen before.

To be exact, it wasn't 'grass' but a patch of flowers. Only an inch tall and a thumb thick, a small blooming flower the size of a rhizome. Unlike the Exquisite Star Golden Concealed Leaf, which only had a pair of leaves, this 'grass' was just a flower.

Ning Cheng had seen many kinds of flowers, both beautiful and ugly, fragrant and smelly. But he was sure that this flower was the most unique one he had ever seen. The open flower had several colours intermingling as light reflected off them. At first, one would only notice one colour, but more than a dozen different colours would pop out if noticed more closely.

Each blooming flower had two 'white' petals with a 'golden' stripe going down the middle. The whole flower looked captivating, yet it also gave people a sense of sadness. It seemed to be telling a story without an ending, a story that evoked many emotions within whoever observed it.

If one had to shorten it to a single phrase, the beauty of this flower would be that of poignant beauty.

It only took a moment for Ning Cheng to realise what kind of flower this was; it should be none other than the Ripple Bone Flower. He had read about the Ripple Bone Poison and the Ripple Bone Flower, but it was the first time he had seen this flower.

No wonder Liu Fanglin came here looking for the Ripple Bone Flower. After all, even he never expected to find it here. Maybe this place also contained the antidote for the Ripple Bone Poison apart from the Ripple Bone Flower.

Regardless of whether this place had an antidote for the Ripple Bone Poison or not, Ning Cheng decided to carefully dig up the flower and plant it in the True Spirit World. At the same time, he also instructed Yan Ji and everyone else inside about the highly poisonous nature of the flower.

If, after going out, Liu Fanglin didn't find the Ripple Bone Flower, he can give a strand to her in return for the favour of bringing him to this place.

Besides, the value of the Ripple Bone Flower was much higher than ordinary Dao Transformation Dao Fruits. As it wasn't only rare but also problematic to plant.

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Half a month passed quickly. Just as Liu Fanglin had said, Ning Cheng found himself teleported out of the valley at its end.

However, he saw no sign of the grey stone stele or Liu Fanglin. Looks like we got teleported out to different locations.

After making sure that there were no signs of Liu Fanglin around him, he started preparations to leave Burial Shadow Blue Sands.

Whatever be the case, Ning Cheng felt quite satisfied with this trip to the Burial Shadow Blue Sands. Although he encountered many dangers and almost died in this place a few times, he still obtained quite a big harvest. But more importantly, Yan Ji's foundation has been completely restored; even her qualifications also went up by another level.

However, he also understood that it wasn't easy to find the way out even if he didn't face the Burial Shadow Fiends. After all, many people entering this place died, not because of Burial Shadow Fiends, but mainly because they got lost and couldn't find their way out.

Ning Cheng's cultivation level was only at the Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor level. However, his Sea of Consciousness and spiritual consciousness was stronger than any Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor. Even an ordinary Dao Transformation Holy Emperor wasn't a match for him in this regard.

This especially came in handy in a place like the Burial Shadow Blue Sand that suppressed a cultivator's spiritual consciousness. But also because of this, many Holy Emperors came up with their own ways of stretching out their suppressed spiritual consciousness for survival. Just like how Liu Fanglin could bring out and use her coloured beads for defence.

After all, having a 'strong' spiritual consciousness essentially meant using their spiritual consciousness more fluidly in places with spiritual consciousness suppressions. Thus, giving them a higher chance of survival and a better chance of finding the way out.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness wasn't only powerful; it could also stretch out wider than others in the Burial Shadow Blue Sand, giving him a massive advantage. Moreover, after the battle with the mature Burial Shadow Fiend, no other Burial Shadow Fiend dared to sneak up on him. Thus, he managed to find an exit in just seven days and got out of the Burial Shadow Blue Sands.

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If one wanted to reach the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square from the Grand Essence Ruins, they would have to pass through a semi-deserted zone. However, many cultivators considered this area much more dangerous than even the depths of the Grand Essence Ruins.

That's because this area did not belong to the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square. In other words, no one would care if a fight broke out in this area. In fact, even if someone important died here, no one would come to perform even a courtesy inspection.

Because of this, many cultivators who ended up offending any of the named experts would die here even before entering the Grand Essence Ruins. After all, entering the Grand Essence Ruins at least presented one with a few chances of escaping, making it safer than this semi-deserted area.

At this moment, one could see a wretched-looking figure rushing towards the Grand Essence Ruins. One glance at this figure revealed several severe, almost fatal-looking, injuries. But despite pushing himself to the limits, this figure had to stop within this semi-deserted area, just a few short steps away from the Grand Essence Ruins' entrance.

“Qi Shisanxing. If I was you, I would remain hidden in the Grand Essence Mystic Realm till the end of time. Why bother pushing your luck?” A late-stage Dao Raising cultivator spoke up. An early-stage Dao Raising cultivator accompanied him, who quickly moved to block all escape routes.

Qi Shisanxing was about to curse profanities at them when he suddenly looked dumbly at a Starry Sky Wheel flying in the distance. Ning Cheng’s Starry Sky Wheel was all too familiar to him, but more importantly, he saw Ning Cheng standing at the front of the Starry Sky Wheel.

The same instant Qi Shisanxing saw Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng also noticed Qi Shisanxing.

After recovering her foundation, Yan Ji decided to stay in the True Spirit World and cultivate as suggested by Ning Cheng. While she did that, Ning Cheng had also managed to come out of the Grand Essence Ruins’ Burial Shadow Blue Sands and waited for Liu Fanglin for a few days near the entrance. Since she didn’t show up even after a week of waiting, Ning Cheng decided to no longer wait for her and started preparing to go back to the Stately River Star. But he never expected to see Qi Shisanxing, who he had not seen or heard of in a long time, right outside the Grand Essence Ruins.

However, Qi Shisanxing’s surprise at seeing Ning Cheng quickly dissipated and got replaced with anxiety. He quickly turned away and tried rushing out in a different direction. He prayed that Ning Cheng wouldn’t throw himself into the net to help him. The two cultivators blocking him were Dao Raising Holy Emperors; it would be a piece of cake for them to kill Ning Cheng, just like crushing an ant.

“Want to leave?” The toothy thorns in the hands of the early-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor transformed into a thorny canopy, completely trapping Qi Shisanxing. As the strong domain and the mighty pressure of a Dao Raising Holy Emperor swept over, Qi Shisanxing couldn’t even move a muscle before the canopy shrunk and bound him in place.

He had just succeeded in reaching the Dao Sculpting Realm, but his dao foundation hadn’t solidified yet. Therefore, it would be bizarre if he could move in the face of two Dao Raising Holy Emperors. If it wasn’t because these two didn’t want to kill him and only wanted to take him away, he would have died a thousand times at their hands.

After the early-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor bound Qi Shisanxing, he took out a rope-like artefact and tossed it. This artefact suddenly came ‘alive’. It immediately moved towards Qi Shisanxing and coiled itself around him as if it had grown eyes.

But just when this rope-like artefact was about to completely bind Qi Shisanxing, a dao flame suddenly materialised in front of Qi Shisanxing.

This dao flame immediately pounced on the rope-like artefact coiling around Qi Shisanxing and incinerated it to ashes with speed visible to the naked eye.

The early-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor, controlling the rope-like artefact, suddenly felt a sharp pain in his Sea of Consciousness. He immediately understood that his rope-like artefact had indeed burned away into ashes. At the same time, he also saw Ning Cheng abruptly appearing in front of them before stepping down and putting away the Starry Sky Wheel.

“Who are you? How dare you make a move against me for no reason?” The early-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor asked sharply.

He could see that Ning Cheng only had a cultivation level of a Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor. However, if Ning Cheng hadn't just burned away his rope-like artefact with ease, he would have already moved to kill Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng ignored this early-stage Dao Raising cultivator and collected the Star River Flame after it burned the rope-like artefact into ashes. He then directed it towards the thorny canopy around Qi Shisanxing and let it blaze till nothing remained.

Qi Shisanxing felt his body immediately loosening up and fell unsteadily to Ning Cheng's side. He couldn't help but look at Ning Cheng with a shocked expression. In fact, he couldn't even think of anything as he looked at Ning Cheng.

"Are you Pill Sage Ning?" The late-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor, who was about to make his move, quickly recognised Ning Cheng just before he was about to attack.

Qi Shisanxing quickly returned to his senses and asked in shock, "Ning Cheng, when did you become a Pill Sage?"

Qi Shisanxing knew that Ning Cheng was a Pill Emperor, but to say that Ning Cheng was a Pill Sage, he honestly couldn't believe it. The difference between the two was simply too huge.

"Let's talk about that later; first, tell me why these two guys are after you?" Ning Cheng kept a close eye on the two Dao Raising Holy Emperors and asked Qi Shisanxing.

Only then did he recall that Ning Cheng had not only burned down a Dao Raising Holy Emperor's artefact but also his spirit technique. When they were in the Grand Essence Mystic Realm, Ning Cheng and his cultivation level seemed similar, so how did Ning Cheng become so strong?

The late-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor didn't wait for Qi Shisanxing to answer before he cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng and said, "Since it's a friend of Pill Sage Ning, we dare not offend; let's all stop for....."

As this late-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor spoke, he quickly pulled the early-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor and immediately retreated.

Since Ning Cheng had no idea what started this matter, he didn't go after them as long as Qi Shisanxing was fine.

"Dao Friend Ao, why are you pulling me away? Although that person has a powerful flame, he's only a Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor. Wouldn't we be able to take care of him? How can we return and give our report if we retreat like this?" The early-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor asked with some reluctance.

The late-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor surnamed Ao replied solemnly, "Brother Huan, didn't you hear me call that man a Pill Sage?"

"So what if he's a Pill Sage? A mere Dao Sculpting Pill Sage dared to talk"

"Shut the hell up." Not waiting for this Holy Emperor surnamed Huang to finish, the one surnamed Ao quickly stopped him from saying anything else. "Other than his identity as a Pill Sage, he's also surnamed Ning....."

The Dao Raising Holy Emperor surnamed Huang didn't catch it the first time. But this time, he quickly connected two and two together and exclaimed, "You're saying that he's the Dao Essence Pill Sage, Ning Cheng?"

The Dao Raising Holy Emperor surnamed Ao only gave a short nod without answering.

After seeing that affirmative reaction, cold sweat started dripping down the Dao Raising Holy Emperor surnamed Huang's back. Even though they had a Dao Raising cultivation, facing Ning Cheng, a Dao Essence Pill Sage, was nothing more than wishing for death. No, they didn't know how to write 'death'.

What's more, Ning Cheng wasn't just a Dao Essence Pill Sage. He's even representing the Grand Essence Realm in the Five Grand Realms' Alchemy Competition. As long as he gave the word, every major force in the Grand Essence Realm would willingly trip on their feet to hunt them down. Even if Ning Cheng didn't say anything, people would immediately come after their heads if word got out that they tried to capture Ning Cheng's friend. Perhaps they might not even get to live long enough to see tomorrow.

"Fellow Daoist Ao, many thanks for your timely reminder. I'm giving up on this mission." The early-stage Dao Raising Holy Emperor surnamed Huang sucked in a cold breath and spoke with incomparable fear.

The Dao Raising Holy Emperor surnamed Ao also nodded, "I'm also giving up on it. I didn't expect Ning Cheng to have such a good relationship with Qi Shisanxing. Just pray that he doesn't come looking for us to cause trouble. As for continuing with the mission to capture Qi Shisanxing? Let others who are tired of living do it."

They no longer had the heart to talk and didn't even stay at the Grand Essence Public Square. In fact, they immediately chose to leave the Grand Essence Public Square through a teleportation array.

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Chapter 1005: Ripple Bone Poison

Watching the two Dao Raising Holy Emperors, who were chasing after him, flee in disbelief, Qi Shisanxing looked at Ning Cheng in bewilderment. "Ning Cheng, how did you become so powerful? How were you able to burn down a Dao Raising Holy Emperor's artefact, break that Dao Raising Holy Emperor's spirit technique, and even scare off the two Dao Raising Holy Emperors? And when the hell did you become a pill sage?"

When Ning Cheng saw that Qi Shisanxing didn't even know these matters, he understood that Qi Shisanxing hadn't come out in a long time. Otherwise, the news of him becoming a Dao Essence Pill Sage would have already reached Qi Shisanxing's ear long ago.

"Thirteen, we'll talk about these later. First, tell me, where did you disappear off to after coming out of the Grand Essence Mystic Realm? I was expecting some help from your old man when I decided to participate in the Grand Essence Great Meet. It's just that I never expected you to not show up, causing me to almost get killed by that old thing, Man Huishan." Ning Cheng had some suspicions that something had happened to Qi Shisanxing's old man. Otherwise, the Profound Moon Spirit Gate wouldn't have changed its Seat Master.

Qi Shisanxing's face suddenly turned ugly as he gritted his teeth. "When I returned, my mother immediately sent me to a place for 'secluded' cultivation. She said that I could only come out after

reaching Dao Sculpting Realm. In fact, the place where I was sent to wouldn't even open before I reached Dao Sculpting Realm. I told them that I wanted to come to see you at the Grand Essence Great Meet. But my father didn't listen and instead said that he would go in my stead to help you."

Ning Cheng grew even more suspicious. After all, during the Grand Essence Great Meet, Qi Shisanxing's father had never shown up. If Qi Shisanxing's old man had come, he wouldn't have given ten bottles of Empyrean Consciousness Transmutation Pills to the Star Treading Tower's master. Nor would he have been chased around by Man Huishan. With the status of Qi Shisanxing's old man, he absolutely wouldn't have lied about this to Qi Shisanxing. The only possibility left was that something had happened to Qi Changgui.

"Since I was trapped in the Grand Essence Mystic Realm for far too long, I didn't resist and decided to come out after shaping my Dao. But, before I could even start shaping my Dao, my sister forcibly opened the place where I was in secluded cultivation."

As Qi Shisanxing reached this point, his voice trembled slightly with anger. "My sister told me to not return to the sect after shaping my Dao and immediately head to the depths of the Grand Essence Ruins. She told me to search for the Grand Spirit Technique, Grand Essence Spirit Thunder. Only when I reached Dao Confirmation's Dao Essence Realm could I return to avenge my father and mother."

"What happened?" Ning Cheng asked solemnly.

Qi Shisanxing took a deep breath. But just when he was about to speak, a fast shadow rushed out from the depths of the Grand Essence Realm. This shadow swept past Ning Cheng and Qi Shisanxing and continued for a few breaths before reversing its trajectory and then landing beside Ning Cheng.

Qi Shisanxing, who was about to continue talking, immediately stopped when he saw someone coming toward them.

"Fellow Daoist Liu, I waited for you at the Grand Essence Ruins for a few days....." Ning Cheng recognised this person as Liu Fanglin. He only spoke a few words before stopping. Liu Fanglin had been injured once again. Why was it that every time he saw her, she would always show up with a new injury?

No, saying Liu Fanglin had gotten injured wasn't correct. Rather, she had been poisoned. Ning Cheng might not have known what poison Liu Fanglin got inflicted with if they had met a few months ago. But after obtaining the Ripple Bone Flower, Ning Cheng understood that she got poisoned by the Ripple Bone Poison.

Liu Fanglin had gone to look for the Ripple Bone Poison; how did she get poisoned by the same poison instead?

Liu Fanglin's cultivation level clearly was far inferior to that skeletal elder from the Void Star Sect. He could suppress the indications of poisoning so that no poisonous miasma spilled out of his body, making it difficult to tell what poison affected him. But with Liu Fanglin's current appearance, even those who didn't know anything about the Ripple Bone Poison could see that she was poisoned. And poisoned quite deeply.

“Brother Ning, I guessed that you should have come out. But I didn’t expect to see you here……” Liu Fanglin’s words were a bit urgent. Apparently, she also was well aware of her current condition.

“Wait……” Ning Cheng stepped Liu Fanglin. “Did Wei Jingbing also come out after you?”

Liu Fanglin nodded, “Yes, I poisoned him. But I never expected him to have a powerful spirit technique that caused a backlash……”

“You again?” As Liu Fanglin’s words fell, Wei Jingbing rushed out from the depths of the Grand Essence Ruins and landed not far away, staring at Ning Cheng and Liu Fanglin with a face full of hostility.

He then noticed Qi Shisanxing and spoke up with a startled expression, “Qi Shisanxing? You’re still alive?”

Qi Shisanxing’s murderous aura suddenly burst out. “Wei Jingbing, you bastard, your Wei Clan is nothing but a bunch of filthy beasts. Fortunately, my sister survived by luck. If anything happens to my sister, I will not leave even a single ant alive in your garbage of a Wei Clan.”

Ning Cheng could see that Wei Jingbing had been poisoned with the same Ripple Bone Poison.

Wei Jingbing ignored Qi Shisanxing’s angry curses, only stared at Ning Cheng and gave a cold snort. Then, he took out a flight-type artefact and quickly disappeared.

He had already witnessed Ning Cheng’s strength personally and had even fought a few rounds with Ning Cheng. Therefore, he knew that he wasn’t Ning Cheng’s match even if he was at his peak. Let alone now, when he was afflicted with the Ripple Bone Poison, which would soon cripple his cultivation.

Liu Fanglin didn’t know Qi Shisanxing, nor did she understand why Qi Shisanxing held a grudge against the Wei Clan. But when she saw Wei Jingbing fleeing, she said to Ning Cheng, “Brother Ning, I’m afraid I won’t live much longer. I no longer had any real friends after my husband’s death. But if there is still someone I can trust, it’s only you. I want to ask you to help me with one thing……”

Ning Cheng raised his hand to stop Liu Fanglin from continuing. “Fellow Daoist Liu, don’t talk about the matters of life and death for now. You should first follow me to the Grand Essence Public Square and find an inn to stay in. I may be able to help you detoxify the poison.”

“You can detoxify the Ripple Bone Poison?” Liu Fanglin subconsciously exclaimed in shock. She then collected herself and bowed to Ning Cheng, “Brother Ning, thank you for showing such kindness. However, there is no way to remove the Ripple Bone Poison without the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill.”

After saying that, she seemed afraid that Ning Cheng wouldn’t understand and explained, “Not to mention the preciousness of the ingredients for the Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pill. Some of them no longer exist in this world. Plus, even if you somehow obtained all the required ingredients, it would still be useless. The reason is that the Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pill is a Dao Transformation Dao Pill. In fact, it’s the most complex Dao Transformation Dao Pill in the world. I’m afraid that even a Dao Transformation Pill Sage wouldn’t be able to refine the Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pill.”

Ning Cheng stayed silent before speaking up, “I can’t guarantee that I can completely eliminate the poison. But if you believe me, come stay at the Grand Essence Ruins’ inn with me and wait for a while. If

you don't believe me, just tell me what you need my help with; as long as I can do it, I will definitely help you."

Ning Cheng asked Liu Fanglin to wait with him for some time at the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square because he was sure that as long as he showed up, Void Star Sect's Sect Master would also show up. After all, he needed his help in refining the Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pill. As long as the Void Star Sect's Sect Master came looking for him to refine the pills, he could also help Liu Fanglin get rid of the Ripple Bone Poison.

It's just that Liu Fanglin didn't trust him very much due to the misconception that arose when he said he would help Liu Fanglin check her body in the Valley of Life. It caused doubts about his intentions to rise up in her heart. If he insisted that Liu Fanglin should wait with him, it would only become counterproductive. Besides, everyone's fate was tied to their own decisions. Therefore, if Liu Fanglin wanted to leave the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square, then he could only wish her good luck and help her fulfil her last wish at the same time.

Liu Fanglin didn't expect that Ning Cheng would still claim to have a chance to help her with the poison even after her explanation. Replaced by anyone else, they might have doubted Ning Cheng's motives.

She looked at Ning Cheng's eyes for a long while before taking a deep breath and said, "Okay, I will wait with you for ten days. In any case, I can only suppress the Ripple Bone Poison for about a month. If it can't be detoxified within ten days, I won't be able to wait any longer. I would have to leave to take care of other things with the limited time I would be left with."

It's not that she believed Ning Cheng could help her get rid of the Ripple Bone Poison. Instead, it was because she really wanted Ning Cheng's help. If she were to reject Ning Cheng's requests one after another, then Ning Cheng wouldn't help her if she passed him her last request.

Ning Cheng only showed a faint smile, "If I can solve it, there would be no need to wait for ten days. If it cannot be solved, it would be useless even if we waited for ten years."

The Void Star Sect could easily find him if he stayed in the Grand Essence Public Square. In fact, it wouldn't even take them a full ten days. But if the Void Star Sect didn't come to him within ten days, then it meant that the Void Star Sect's Sect Master found someone else to refine those pills.

Liu Fanglin let out a long sigh and accepted Ning Cheng's decision. As she went through the conversation once again, she suddenly spoke up. "If you can really solve the poison in my body, I would also be willing to let you examine my body."

Ning Cheng felt speechless. 'Talking about helping you check your body as if it was a benefit. I'm the one helping you, not asking for a benefit. But then again, helping you check your body really did seem like a benefit.'

Ning Cheng couldn't help but rub his chin, not knowing how to respond to Liu Fanglin's words. Should he answer with an 'okay' or an 'I'm helping you, not asking for welfare'?

Qi Shisanxing walked over and patted Ning Cheng's shoulder. "Ning Cheng. You're awesome. Sister Liu is the most beautiful woman I've ever seen, congratulations."

He seemed to have forgotten that he was being chased around like a lost dog.

“Stop spouting nonsense. Fellow Daoist Liu and I are just helping each other. Thirteen, let’s head back to Grand Essence Ruins’ Public Square first. There are other things that we still need to talk about.” Ning Cheng quickly stopped Qi Shisanxing from talking nonsense.

Qi Shisanxing suddenly remembered his family’s situation and no longer felt like joking with Ning Cheng. Even his expressions turned gloomy.

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Spirit Thunder Tower. The largest inn within the Grand Essence Ruins’ Public Square.

Ning Cheng proposed that the three of them stay in a large suite. Unexpectedly, Liu Fanglin didn’t raise any objections. No matter what Ning Cheng thought, it had no effect on her. Besides, even a typical suite within the Spirit Thunder Tower usually consisted of seven or eight small chambers. As such, everyone had their own private space. As long as Ning Cheng didn’t come to her room, it wouldn’t matter.

Ning Cheng naturally wouldn’t go to Liu Fanglin’s chambers. Once they entered their suite, he immediately sat down to talk with Qi Shisanxing, which took a significant part of the day.

Condensing it to the bare minimum, Grand Elder Fei Feng had assassinated Qi Shisanxing’s father during a private cultivation session. All because of a mysterious artefact. Qi Shisanxing’s mother also suffered severe injuries trying to save Qi Changgui.

But despite the severe injuries, Qi Shisanxing’s mother managed to escape with Qi Yuling. At the same time, she told Qi Yuling everything, gave Qi Yuling a jade strip, and told Qi Yuling to tell Qi Shisanxing to never return to the sect. She asked Qi Shisanxing to follow the directions on the jade strip and search for the Grand Essence Spirit Thunder, a lost Grand Spirit Technique famous throughout the Grand Essence Realm.

Qi Yuling, however, didn’t go to her brother Qi Shisanxing right away. Instead, she first went to the Battlefront Cliff’s Wei Clan to look for Wei He. Fortunately, before she reached the Battlefront Cliff’s Wei Clan, she managed to overhear that the Wei Clan fully supported Fei Feng and prepared to take down both the siblings.

“What happened to your sister?” Ning Cheng quickly asked. Since Qi Shisanxing was being chased by two Dao Raising Holy Emperors, Qi Yuling’s treatment would definitely not be any better.

“She said she was going to another place and told me not to worry, just take care of my cultivation. Therefore, I decided to wait till I shaped my Dao before coming out. But just when I was readying myself to head to the Grand Essence Ruins, those two guys started to chase after me.” As Qi Shisanxing said this, the worry in his eyes could no longer be concealed.

Ning Cheng sighed and briefly explained his experience as well. But just as the two were about to end their conversation, Lou Fanglin’s voice came from outside the door. “Brother Ning, people from Wei Clan are here and blocking our suite entrance.”

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Chapter 1006: Going to your graves and apologising

Wei Clan? Ning Cheng stood up and walked out of the chamber with Qi Shisanxing. Wei Clan arrived quite quickly; did he really manage to find someone to help him in only a day?

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept out and saw three people outside. He knew Wei He and Wei Jingbing but didn't know the third one with the highest cultivation, a Dao Essence Holy Emperor.

Potentially facing a Dao Essence Holy Emperor, Ning Cheng didn't dare to open the restriction casually. Instead, his spiritual consciousness swept further to see if he could find an escape path if this Dao Essence Holy Emperor decided to make a move here.

However, Ning Cheng didn't expect that he would once again find a familiar person instead of an escape route. Void Star Sect's Percy.

Since Percy's here, Percy knows that he was staying in this place. But because he couldn't muster enough face to see him, he couldn't come up to meet him. But more importantly, since Percy was here, the dark-faced and slender-eyed Sect Master of Void Star Gate should also be on the way here.

Ning Cheng knew that the Void Star Sect wouldn't take much time to reach his suit. Therefore, Ning Cheng took a pill and handed it to Liu Fanglin. "You should take this pill first."

"What is it?" Liu Fanglin didn't understand why Ning Cheng gave her a pill. Even though she knew that Ning Cheng had many top-quality pills, it still didn't make sense to her.

"It can suppress your Ripple Bone Poison and prevent its toxicity from spreading." Ning Cheng babbled.

His pill had nothing to do with detoxification. Rather, its only function was to help Liu Fanglin conceal the overflowing aura of the Ripple Bone Poison. This way, no one else could see it.

He had to do this because the poisoned fellow from the Void Star Sect might recognise that Liu Fanglin had also been afflicted with the Ripple Bone Poison. If it happened, it would immediately lower his negotiating power.

After giving the pill to Liu Fanglin, Ning Cheng sent a message to Gong Yangdi, inviting him for a friendly visit. If the Void Star Sect didn't arrive at his door on time, he would at least have Gong Yangdi to help him.

Liu Fanglin was a Dao Raising Pill Deity. Therefore, when Ning Cheng gave her the pill, she understood it wasn't a detoxifying pill. Fortunately, she understood Ning Cheng's intent. He gave it to her, not for detoxification but to cover up the poisonous aura overflow.

Still, seeing Ning Cheng walk over to open the restriction, Liu Fanglin hurriedly shouted. "Don't. They have a Dao Essence....."

Whether Liu Fanglin agreed or not, Ning Cheng had already opened the suite's restriction. Liu Fanglin sighed on seeing this and didn't continue. Instead, she could only stand behind Ning Cheng with Qi Shisanxing.

As long as Ning Cheng didn't open the suite's restrictions, these people wouldn't dare to break the suite's restrictions. But now that Ning Cheng had opened them, they had no choice but to leave things up to fate.

The first one to walk in was the Dao Essence Holy Emperor. He glanced at Ning Cheng before his gaze moved on to Liu Fanglin. An imperceptible trace of eagerness flashed in his eyes. Following this Dao Essence Holy Emperor were Wei He and Wei Jingbing. Wei He nodded towards Ning Cheng, signalling everyone knew each other.

“Why did you attack my Wei Clan’s people?” The Dao Essence Holy Emperor’s gaze quickly returned to Ning Cheng. As for Qi Shisanxing, he ignored him.

As Wei Jingbing mentioned, Ning Cheng only had a Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor’s cultivation. But Ning Cheng defeating Wei Jingbing with such cultivation had truly shocked him. If they weren’t currently in the Spirit Thunder Tower, he would have immediately whisked Ning Cheng away to force out all his secrets. Unfortunately, they were in the Spirit Thunder Tower, which meant that his Wei Clan had to tread carefully.

Ning Cheng casually walked towards the chairs in the living room and sat down, then said with a smile, “Everyone, let’s sit down and talk.”

He wasn’t in a hurry anyway; he also didn’t want to start an open conflict with the other party, at least not until Gong Yangdi arrived. However, he still felt a bit puzzled. It was reasonable to say that his fame should have already reached this place. It was understandable that Wei Jingbing didn’t know he was a Dao Essence Pill Sage. But shouldn’t Wei He and this Dao Essence Holy Emperor already know about him? This made Ning Cheng feel a bit defeated even before starting.

Seeing Ning Cheng sitting down, Liu Fanglin and Qi Shisanxing sat beside Ning Cheng. The three people from the Wei Clan also seemed to have realised that Ning Cheng couldn’t jump to the sky, so they all sat down.

“Answer what I just asked.” Wei Clan’s Dao Essence Holy Emperor didn’t seem to be a man of patience. Evidenced by the fact that he immediately spoke up with a stern tone after sitting down.

Ning Cheng didn’t immediately reply. Instead, his spiritual consciousness swept into the Spirit Thunder Tower and saw Gong Yangdi hurriedly walking inside, and only then did he speak up, “You know, I also wanted to ask you something. Why does your Wei Clan want to go against me? Is your clan not afraid of extermination?”

This Dao Essence Holy Emperor was taken aback by Ning Cheng’s arrogant words. But he quickly reacted. No matter how big Ning Cheng’s background was, in this place, Ning Cheng had no choice but to let him trample on him.

“Pa.....” The Dao Essence Holy Emperor slapped the tea table in front of him into smithereens. “How dare you, did you think that being in the Spirit Thunder Tower, I, Wei Qi, can’t do anything to you? Believe it or not, even if I kill you right here, I would only have to make some concessions to the Spirit Thunder Tower.”

Ning Cheng indifferently replied, “I don’t believe it.”

Wei Qi suddenly stood up. But before he could even do anything, an even colder voice emerged. “Not to mention you, Wei Qi, even your entire Wei Clan can’t touch Brother Ning.”

Gong Yangdi felt quite happy in his heart. Although Wei Clan might have some status in the Grand Essence Domain, it was nothing more than wasted farts for someone like him. At best, they only had two Dao Essence Holy Emperors. What's more, they were both ordinary early-stage Dao Essence cultivators. So even if they pushed themselves, this would remain their limit for the rest of their existence.

Besides, he also knew Wei Qi, who could only greet him politely when they occasionally met. Yet, such a person had dared to be rude to Pill Sage Ning. It was essentially a heaven-sent opportunity for him, especially since Wei Clan didn't have any status in the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square. Thus, Gong Yangdi felt Ning Cheng would owe him a favour as long as he could brush away the Wei Clan.

"Brother Gong....." Wei Qi immediately recognised Gong Yangdi standing at the entrance and almost jumped back with a shocked expression. He could remain arrogant in front of Ning Cheng, but he could never dare be arrogant in front of someone like Gong Yangdi.

Gong Yangdi ignored him and looked at the pile of debris before showing a cold smile, "Fellow Daoist Wei truly has a big temper. Smashing things in Brother Ning's residence as soon as you lost your anger. Good, very good."

Wei Qi's heart sank. He naturally knew the strength and connections of Gong Yangdi and his background. But he also knew that this person would never offend others for no reason. Could it be that something big happened when he was in seclusion? He couldn't help but subconsciously glance at Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng was just a Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor; how could he be a brother to Gong Yangdi?

Sitting by Ning Cheng's side, Qi Shisanxing and Liu Fanglin's mouths and eyes opened up in shock and surprise. No wonder Ning Cheng didn't fear the Wei Clan and even dared to let Wei Qi inside. It turned out that he knew Gong Yangdi. What kind of person was Gong Yangdi? He was the Deacon-in-charge of the entire Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square, the one who could call for wind and rain with just a snap of his finger.

"Brother Gong, I didn't know that you and Ning Cheng were acquainted. But this fellow kidnapped Wei He's dao companion; because of which, I ended up chasing him here to demand justice from him." No matter what relationship Ning Cheng had with Gong Yangdi, Wei Qi had to try and justify his actions using the overarching truth.

Ning Cheng laughed, "Oh, enlighten me, will you; who is this person I abducted?"

"That's her. She is Wei He's dao companion, and you abducted her. We came here just for this matter." Wei Jingbing pointed at Liu Fanglin sitting beside Ning Cheng.

"Bullshit!" Liu Fanglin suddenly stood up and pointed at Wei Jingbing with a blue face. "Your Wei Clan is nothing but a pack of beasts and shameless bastards. My husband is Tu Qinfei of the Heavenly Star Pill Sect. Your Wei Clan and Heavenly Star Pill Sect secretly killed Tu Qinfei and forced me to marry into the clan, a clan of vile spawns....."

Qi Shisanxing, who kept quiet until now, suddenly interjected, "Wei Clan is truly a family of vile spawns. Wei He, one day I will personally skin you alive and get justice for my sister."

Wei He's face turned blue, but he kept his lips shut and didn't utter a squeak.

Wei Qi's body, on the other hand, surged with killing intent. However, he didn't dare to make a move in this place. If not for Gong Yangdi, he would have already burned this place down, disregarding the consequences. But since Gong Yangdi was here, he wouldn't dare make a move even if someone gave him ten thousand times more courage.

Feeling Wei Qi's killing intent, Gong Yangdi also frowned slightly. He wanted to make friends with Ning Cheng, and this was the perfect opportunity. However, he also didn't want to immediately deal with the Wei Clan, despite them being nothing but a bunch of ants to him. The best outcome would be if he could scare away Wei Qi and then deal with them later.

But at that moment, another voice rang outside Ning Cheng's suite. "Pill Sage Ning, long time no see. Void Star Sect's Wu Bufeng requests for an audience with you."

Three people gradually appeared standing at the entrance. Percy, the dark-faced Sect Master Wu Bufeng, and the skeletal elder.

Wu Bufeng?

Not only did this name shock Wei Qi to the core, even Gong Yangdi felt a little surprised. Gong Yangdi only knew that Ning Cheng was a Dao Essence Pill Sage. But only because of the broken pieces of news he obtained while managing the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square. He didn't know about Void Star Sect's request for pills.

What kind of person was Wu Bufeng? He was the sect master of one of the mysterious sects, the Void Star Sect. But more importantly, he was a Dao Fusion powerhouse. Why would such a person personally come here to request an audience with Ning Cheng?

Despite the shock, Gong Yangdi quickly understood why; Ning Cheng is a Dao Essence Pill Sage. However, Wei Qi and the others couldn't understand this development. At this moment, the shock wasn't the only thing in Wei Qi's heart; fear had also started to set in and seeped into his soul. After all, a Dao Fusion expert, even an early stage one, could wipe out hundreds of Wei Clans with just a wave of his hand.

Wu Bufeng, on the other hand, breathed a sigh of relief as he felt Ning Cheng's attitude towards them had grown more than a few grades better when compared to the Alchemy Discourse. After seeing the three of them walk in, Ning Cheng also stood up and spoke with a smile, "It turned out to be Sect Master Wu. Please come in and make yourselves comfortable."

Wu Bufeng's trio had naturally noticed the shattered tea table in front of Wei Qi, but they were here to ask for Ning Cheng's services. Therefore, they curbed their curiosity even if they didn't know what was happening.

Wei Qi finally sobered up and quickly bowed and greeted Wu Bufeng. Then, he cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng and said, "Pill Sage Ning, since you have a guest today, we will not disturb you."

"Do you want to visit again another day?" Ning Cheng said with an indifferent tone.

Cold sweat started to seep out of Wei Qi's forehead, "I dare not, I dare not....."

He had clearly heard Wu Bufeng address Ning Cheng as 'Pill Sage' and quickly made a few speculations in his heart. As such, he desperately wanted to go out and investigate Ning Cheng clearly before even thinking of doing anything.

Ning Cheng laughed, "Dare not?"

"Pa....." Ning Cheng's expressions suddenly turned furious, and he smashed the tea table in front of him as well, "I think that you, Wei Qi, very much dare to do so."

A chill ran through Wei Qi's heart. Ning Cheng dared to smash the table in front of the Void Star Sect's Sect Master and Gong Yangdi; that was enough to show Ning Cheng's enormous confidence.

"Pill Sage Ning, please forgive my actions. It's all a misunderstanding." Wei Qi bowed and admitted his mistake without asking for a reason.

Ning Cheng acted as if he didn't see it and still said to himself, "Coming to me to snatch a beauty and even damaging my top-grade artefact. What use is your apology? What if I had levelled your Wei Clan over a misunderstanding? Would everything become alright if I went to your graves and apologised?"

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Chapter 1007: Leaving after paying compensation

Because Ning Cheng didn't ask for help, the three people from Void Star Sect quietly walked in and sat down at the seats offered.

"What do you want?" Wei Qi asked in a gloomy tone.

Ning Cheng's gaze swept towards the tea table that Wei Qi had just smashed and gave a calm reply. "Although your Wei Clan's attempt at snatching a beauty didn't succeed, I decided to not pursue the matter. However, as I said earlier, that tea table you smashed was one of my top-grade artefacts. Since you destroyed my artefact, what do you think I should do?"

"I happen to have half a high-rank spirit vein. Please accept it as compensation for your loss....."

Hearing the claim that an ordinary jade tea table was a top-grade artefact, Wei Qi no longer wanted to stay here or even speak. Instead, he wished to disappear on the spot after slapping Wei Jingbing to death if he could. If it wasn't for this idiot, he wouldn't have come here to deal with Ning Cheng as if he was a rogue cultivator. Even if he had to come here, he would have investigated him thoroughly before making any decision.

Still, half a high-rank spirit vein to compensate for a smashed tea table, he almost vomited blood with the thought of it.

Ning Cheng replied indifferently, "I don't have any objection to the price. But there are two smashed tea tables here. Or did you think you could get away by compensating for one?"

"Ning Cheng; don't bully people too much." Wei Jingbing knew he had reached the end of the rope. After this incident, Wei Clan wouldn't care about him, let alone help him remove the poison. He had no choice but to hold onto whatever he could and fight back in anger.

Before Ning Cheng could reply, Qi Shisanxing, sitting at the side, reacted. "So what if Ning Cheng bullies your Wei Clan? If not for your family's behaviour, would Ning Cheng smash the tea table out of anger? Your Wei Clan has no choice but to bear the brunt of it."

"Thirteen, you took the words straight out of my mouth." Ning Cheng gave him a thumbs up and praised him.

When Wei Jingbing was about to reply, Wei Qi reached out to stop him, and with a calm face, he took out a ring and threw it to Ning Cheng. "It has a high-grade spirit vein. Can we leave now?"

"Seeing as you are sincere with the compensation, I won't bother with you any longer. But I have to comment; it seems you have many high-grade spirit veins lying around. First, it was half a spirit vein, but now it becomes a complete spirit vein." Ning Cheng confirmed that the ring contained a high-grade spirit vein and used a sarcastic tone to make a sarcastic remark.

Wei Qi didn't utter a single sound. He simply cupped his fists towards Gong Yangdi and Wu Bufeng's trio before immediately leaving.

After Wei Qi's group left, Ning Cheng cupped his fists toward Wu Bufeng and the others. "A few ill-mannered guests disturbed everyone's peace. Fortunately, there are no outsiders here."

After saying that, Ning Cheng waved his hand and restored the restrictions on the entrance to the suite. He then took out some spirit tea and asked Liu Fanglin to serve it to the guests.

As this happened, Gong Yangdi couldn't help but feel shocked that Ning Cheng knew the Void Star Sect's patriarch. In fact, the patriarch actually took the initiative to visit him. Because of this, he had to significantly restrain his actions and put up a solemn face.

However, since he still wanted to befriend Ning Cheng, he took the initiative to speak up. "Wei Clan simply has lost touch with what's going on. I really can't figure out what kind of strength they think they have to dare smash the table in Pill Sage Ning's residence."

Ning Cheng laughed, "Wei Jingbing got hit by the Ripple Bone Poison and wanted to ask for my help to detoxify it. It's just that I wasn't in the mood. The old man suddenly went berserk and started smashing things. Fortunately, the Wei Clan finally listened to reason and compensated for my tea tables."

Percy and the others felt a little speechless. Those tea tables didn't belong to you, right? Plus, a high-grade spirit vein in compensation for two smashed tea tables, this kind of reasoning wasn't something that even the top ten sects would accept.

Gong Yangdi didn't know the reason behind Wei Qi's anger. But it also didn't matter to him anyway. However, what surprised him was that Wei Qi came here to ask Ning Cheng to help detoxify the Ripple Bone Poison. Then again, in the entire Grand Essence Realm, no one else could do it if Ning Cheng couldn't detoxify the poison. As for seeking Pill Union's Union Master Sichen Qiutian? Don't even joke about it.

As for Qi Shisanxing and Liu Fanglin, they couldn't help but look at Ning Cheng speechlessly. Wei Qi had come over solely to teach him a lesson; when did he come to beg Ning Cheng to detoxify a poison?

Wu Bufeng cupped his fists and said, "Pill Sage Ning, my Void Star Sect only has enough materials for one batch of Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pills. I had to act cautiously then. Since I got the chance to meet you again, I wish to apologise personally for the slight I caused. That said, the purpose of our visit today is the same as theirs; we want to implore Pill Sage Ning for the pill. Of course, the Void Star Sect and I wouldn't force Pill Sage Ning. It would be entirely based on Pill Sage Ning's violation. If Pill Sage Ning still feels unwilling to help with the pill, we will leave immediately and never return."

Ning Cheng sneered internally and thought, "If I don't help you refine the pills, would you truly leave right away? Don't lie to me. I'm afraid that even if Gong Yangdi was here, you would probably take me away by force."

Ning Cheng understood this point clearly. Besides, if he wasn't willing to help with the refinement, he wouldn't have stayed here to wait for the people from the Void Star Sect. But even though Ning Cheng intended to refine those pills, he still felt a little upset. It all boiled down to one simple fact, he wasn't strong enough. If he had sufficient strength, he wouldn't have to tread cautiously around someone like Wu Bufeng.

Refining the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill? Liu Fanglin looked at Ning Cheng in disbelief. She finally understood why Ning Cheng asked her to stay in the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square. He truly had a chance to detoxify the poison. In other words, Ning Cheng had already predicted that the Void Star Sect would seek him out to refine the pill.

After all, the Void Star Sect was a mysterious sect that wasn't any less powerful than the ten major forces. In fact, in many respects, a mysterious sect's power surpassed that of the ten major forces. Therefore, it didn't feel strange to her that they could find the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill's ingredients. But what felt weird, however, was what grade of Pill Sage was Ning Cheng? Did Ning Cheng not know that he would be directly killed once he failed the refinement?

Ning Cheng showed a complicated expression as if pondering over an incredibly challenging problem. Staying silent for a few minutes, he finally replied, "For the sake of Sect Master Wu, I naturally can't refuse this favour. However, you should already be aware that refining the Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pill consumes too much, I'm afraid....."

Wu Bufeng sneered internally. 'Consume too much; just say directly that you want benefits.'

"Pill Sage Ning, if you can help my Void Star Sect refine this furnace of Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills, we would only need one-third of it. In addition, my Void Star Sect is also willing to take out two high-grade spirit veins and, at the same time, become life-and-death allies with Pill Sage Ning."

Wu Bufeng immediately opened with actual, tangible favours.

Ning Cheng, however, didn't take Wu Bufeng's words about being life-and-death allies to heart. It would be strange if one could obtain such an ally in exchange for benefits. Moreover, if the Void Star Sect had sincerely asked him to refine pills from the beginning, he wouldn't have asked for any reward from them at all. But now, it was just an exchange of services between two parties.

Fortunately, compared to putting forward the conditions himself, Ning Cheng felt slightly satisfied with Wu Bufeng's words. However, he could also tell the conditions surrounding Void Star Sect's skeletal

elder's poisoning weren't simple. There was even a possibility that they would immediately silence him after he refined the detoxification pills, or at the very least, lionise the benefits in their favour.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng deliberately made a show of gritting his teeth before replying. "Alright, I'll bite. I'll help you refine the Renewing Heaves Ripple Bone Pills."

Facing a Dao Fusion Holy Emperor, Liu Fanglin didn't dare transmit her voice to Ning Cheng but could only keep gazing at Ning Cheng. She hoped that Ning Cheng would understand what she meant. To hurry up and say that both parties should willingly step back in case of failure and that the Void Star Sect mustn't hold Ning Cheng responsible.

Ning Cheng, however, acted as if he didn't notice Liu Fanglin's gaze. Instead, he took out No Furnace and said, "Sect Master Wu, take out the ingredients."

Regardless, he understood Liu Fanglin's meaning. In fact, he knew that even if Wu Bufeng agreed to that request, it still wouldn't amount to anything. Once he failed the refinement, it would mean certain death, regardless of the conditions. Therefore, whether or not Wu Bufeng made a vow, it wouldn't mean anything.

Seeing Ning Cheng not even put forth any conditions in case of a failure, Wu Bufeng finally showed a slight appreciation. After all, even if Ning Cheng could become a Dao Essence Pill Sage, he still needed a backer. However, he immediately asked suspiciously when he saw Ning Cheng take out the pill furnace and ask him to take out the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill's ingredients. "Pill Sage Ning, do you plan to refine the pills right here?"

"Naturally." After Ning Cheng replied, he didn't speak again. He had his reasons for choosing to refine pills under everyone's noses.

"Good." Wu Bufeng raised his hand and took out a ring before placing it in Ning Cheng's hand. "Pill Sage Ning, all the required ingredients for the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill are inside."

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness seeped into the ring and found around two hundred spirit herbs. Each individual item had a restriction protecting it and was stored with considerable care.

He quickly found the primary ingredients for the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill: Broken Sky High Heaven Fruit, Silky Gauze Silver Phoenix Grass, Irregular Heart Tree's Tree Sprout, and Void Dewdrops.

Among them, the Broken Sky High Heaven Fruit was a Dao Transformation Dao Fruit, and the Silky Gauze Silver Phoenix Grass and Irregular Heart Tree's Tree Sprout were law-infused spirit grasses of the same level as the dao fruit. However, unlike the dao fruit, the Broken Sky High Heaven Fruit and Silky Gauze Silver Phoenix Grass were almost impossible to find spirit herbs. But even rarer than them was the Irregular Heart Tree's Tree Sprout.

But the most difficult-to-find ingredient wasn't the dao fruit or the spirit grasses, but the ingredient that contained no laws, the Void Dewdrops.

Void Dewdrops, as the name implied, only existed in the void. They were rare to the point of non-existence and would dissipate soon after they formed. Therefore, once a Void Dewdrop formed in the void, one had to collect it quickly or lose it entirely.

But more importantly, Void Dewdrops weren't only used for refining the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills. In fact, it was a primary ingredient in many high-grade detoxification pills. It was also a treasure that could be used to refine high-level healing pills but never appeared on the market.

The ring contained six Void Dewdrops, which showed how much effort the Void Star Sect had spent to collect these materials.

Usually, only three Void Dewdrops were needed to refine the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill. Still, Ning Cheng decided to use four to ensure success. As for the other two drops, he naturally would keep them for himself.

After ensuring no shortage of spirit herbs, Ning Cheng immediately set up a Spiritual Consciousness Restriction and brought out the Nameless Flame.

Seeing Ning Cheng start to put one spirit grass after another into the furnace, the crowd no longer dared to speak. Instead, they all gazed nervously at Ning Cheng sitting behind the restriction. Liu Fanglin's heart started pounding audibly at this sudden change; Ning Cheng dared to refine the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills. She doubted if even Sichen Qitian would dare to refine such a pill.

Recalling telling Ning Cheng that she was a Dao Raising Pill Deity and even asking Ning Cheng to look for her if he needed any help with pills, Liu Fanglin suddenly felt even more embarrassed.

At the same time, she thought of what if Ning Cheng succeeded in refining it. Wouldn't that mean she could also get rid of the poison? Just this thought alone made her heartbeat spin out of control.

Wu Bufeng could already hear Liu Fanglin's heartbeat. But with the sudden increase in volume, he glared at Liu Fanglin angrily. Liu Fanglin quickly realised her mistake and forcibly quelled her excitement before concentrating on Ning Cheng's alchemy. After all, there wasn't only a Dao Essence Holy Emperor in this room but also a Dao Fusion Holy Emperor.

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Chapter 1008: Reneging on a debt

Although it looked like Ning Cheng threw on one spirit grass after another haphazardly into the No Furnace, he was meticulous with refining them. After all, this batch of pills was related to his life.

Refining a Dao Transformation Dao Pill and a Dao Essence Dao Pill were two entirely different concepts, almost equivalent to the difference between heaven and earth.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng had refined a furnace of six Six Yin Spirit Pills. Even though he refined it using the help of the Bestowing Lawless Fruit, the alchemic experience from the refinement wasn't something that could be erased.

However, it was also a fact that it would be impossible for many talented alchemists to refine the Renewing Heavens Rippe Bone Pill even if they had refined many dao pills in the past. Fortunately, Ning Cheng had the experience of refining the Six Yin Soul Pill; as such, he didn't face much difficulty refining the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill.

Moreover, after Ning Cheng gained a deeper understanding of the Returning-to-one Dao and integrated the Returning-to-one Dao with his alchemic dao, his understanding of the alchemic dao had progressed far beyond ordinary Dao Transformation Pill Sages.

It also ascertained that Sichen Qiutian wasn't wrong when he said that the alchemic dao was a dao, perhaps even a great dao. After all, to become the best pill sage, one had to let their grand dao accommodate and integrate with the alchemic dao. With no integration between one's grand dao and the alchemic dao, the alchemic dao would be nothing more than what Sichen Qiutian classified as a minor dao.

On this point alone, Ning Cheng might have gained a much deeper understanding of daos than Sichen Qiutian himself. That's because what he pursued was the Returning-to-one Dao. What's more, even Sichen Qiutian admitted that Ning Cheng's grand dao had already surpassed his own.

As hundreds of spirit herbs melted in the furnace, the dao flame continued to refine away the impurities within them. Immediately after, the individual globs of refined medicinal essences began to fuse with each other and were repeatedly refined under Ning Cheng's alchemic dao rhythm.

As Ning Cheng mentioned earlier, he didn't use any pill art. What he did use, however, was his alchemic dao rhythm. Moreover, this dao rhythm would change every moment to adapt to the continuously evolving changes within the furnace.

The Broken Sky High Heaven Fruit finally broke down and integrated with the refined medicinal essence inside No Furnace. Its laws perfectly preserved.

The Silky Gauze Silver Phoenix Grass also broke down and fused with the growing glob of medicinal essence inside No Furnace, its laws intact.

The Irregular Heart Tree's Tree Sprout broke down and fused into.....

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The laws coalesced and grew clear as the glob of medicinal essence thickened further. Everything returns to one!

It didn't matter if it were the laws of the Broken Sky High Heaven Fruit or the laws within the Silky Gauze Silver Phoenix Grass and the Irregular Heart Tree's Tree Sprout. They fused with Ning Cheng's alchemic dao and then coalesced into one without any issues.

The Returning-to-one Dao's dao charm flowing within the pill furnace gradually expanded to envelop the furnace, forming a space filled with pill charms. At the same time, the pill furnace within this space kept making clear and rhythmic tingling-like sounds.

From the beginning to the end, Ning Cheng didn't face a scenario where the spirit herbs' laws collapsed, or he couldn't control the coalescence of laws. Under his Returning-to-one Dao's dao charm, everything seemed perfect.

The skeletal man kept a nervous gaze at Ning Cheng and the pill furnace while sitting outside the restriction. He could feel the strong pill charm from the pill furnace and knew that the stronger the pill charm, the higher Ning Cheng's chance of success. Yet, he still felt uneasy.

One could say that this was his only chance. If Ning Cheng failed, not to mention gathering the materials again, where would he go to find someone to turn the ingredients into the pills he needed?

If Ning Cheng failed, the Void Star Sect would certainly kill Ning Cheng. But it wouldn't help his condition and would also add more enemies. After all, Ning Cheng was a 'certified' Dao Essence Pill Sage from the Pill Union. Any sect that wanted to kill him needed to consider the consequences.

As for Liu Fanglin, she had already lost herself in Ning Cheng's alchemic pill charm. She was a Dao Raising Pill Deity but facing this dao rhythm, she was like a parched human in the desert who found herself in unexpected rain. She kept on sucking in this sweet rain.

After half a day passed, Ning Cheng suddenly tapped the furnace. At this moment, even Wu Bufeng stood up in excitement. They all knew Ning Cheng had reached the critical juncture to form the pills.

The Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pill was said to be light yellow in colour but had no smell. Because of this, no one could tell whether Ning Cheng succeeded or failed in forming the pills until he took them out.

Suddenly, six pale yellow streaks flew out from No Furnace and landed on a jade tray Ning Cheng kept suspended near him. The crisp tinkling sound the pills made as they fell onto the tray sounded like the heavenly music from an immortal, mesmerising everyone.

Ning Cheng should have succeeded since the pills had come out of the furnace, right?

Ning Cheng removed the restriction around him and came out with a tired expression while holding the pill furnace. "Fortunately, it wasn't a complete failure. However, half the pills couldn't form."

Ning Cheng naturally didn't fail in forming the pills. He hid six top-quality Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pills in the centre of No Furnace. After all, No Furnace was also a storage-type artefact, which these people shouldn't know.

This was also why he wanted to refine the pills in front of everyone. To tell Void Star Sect's Wu Bufeng that he only refined six pills with everyone as a witness.

Why would Wu Bufeng care what Ning Cheng did at this point? He only cared about the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills on the plate. He quickly reached forward, took hold of the jade plate, and carefully examined them using his spiritual consciousness.

Three of the six Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills were top-grade, and three were high-grade.

After a while, he excitedly held the jade plate in front of the skeletal man, "Ancestor Kang, it really is the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill....."

The skeletal man, addressed as 'Ancestor Kang', also showed a bit of red on his face. However, he looked a lot calmer than Wu Bufeng. Scrutinising the pills on the jade pills for a while, he finally took one of the top-grade Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill and put it in his mouth.

At this moment, everyone immediately focussed their gazes on this skeletal man, addressed as 'Ancestor Kang'.

Ning Cheng didn't say anything. Even if Wu Bufeng decided to go back on his word and took away all the six pills, he wouldn't say a word of nonsense. After all, these people were way more powerful than him; what could he do in this situation?

After only one incense stick's worth of time, a stream of black gas rose up from the top of the skeletal man's head. When Wu Bufeng saw this, he immediately set a powerful shielding restriction around the skeletal man.

A few moments later, a drop of black water slid down from the skeletal man's head which he immediately collected using a bottle made of unknown materials.

Immediately, an unbearable smell erupted from the skeletal man's body, and blood started to flow through his face again. Flesh also started to grow just below the skin of his emaciated body.

A vast and terrifying aura also emerged from his body. Not just Ning Cheng, but even Gong Yangdi, standing opposite him, felt shocked by this heart-palpitating aura. Gong Yangdi recalled something, and his face turned pale. He never thought the Void Star Sect had another Dao Perfection powerhouse. Moreover, this Dao Perfection powerhouse was hit by the Ripple Bone Poison and rescued by Ning Cheng.

There weren't more than a handful of Dao Perfection powerhouses in the Grand Essence Realm. Yet, one more now appeared in the Void Star Sect. Once news got out, it would immediately shake the Grand Essence Realm.

Was this the aura of a Dao Perfection powerhouse? Ning Cheng immediately guessed the cultivation level of this skeletal man and felt horrified. He already knew that the skeletal man was powerful, but he never expected him to be this strong. No wonder the Void Star Sect did everything they could to help detoxify the poison from him.

But what puzzled him, even more was that since this skeletal man was a Dao Perfection powerhouse, how could someone poison him? Moreover, who could actually poison a Dao Perfection powerhouse?

As the skeletal man's aura grew more powerful, it could soon be felt throughout the entire Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square. But the wildly rising aura didn't stop there; it kept growing exponentially. In just another hour, not just the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square but even the Grand Essence Domain could feel this powerful aura.

Many secretive experts rushed towards the Grand Essence Ruins, sensing this rising aura. In just a short time, the Spirit Thunder Tower in Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square got surrounded by experts from all over the Grand Essence Domain.

But even though many strong experts had gathered here, none dared to enter the Spirit Thunder Tower. This aura obviously belonged to that of a Dao Perfection powerhouse. Since a Dao Perfection powerhouse was in the Spirit Thunder Tower, who would dare enter it without permission?

Another two hours later, the skeletal man waved his hand, and the restrictions around him disappeared without a trace.

Even the rising aura instantly disappeared as if it never existed. When Ning Cheng and the others saw him, he had already changed his clothes. He no longer looked like an emancipated man; instead, he looked like an ordinary cultivator from the street.

Ning Cheng even had to rub his eyes, not because this Dao Perfection Holy Emperor, addressed as 'Ancestor Kang', had regained his cultivation. But he could not sense him at all even though this man stood in front of him.

It was as if this person had merged into the void, making it impossible to sense any trace of him. Moreover, even if people could 'see' him, he would still look like an ordinary cultivator, no, an ordinary mortal.

Ning Cheng sucked in a breath of cold air. Dao Perfection, it's genuinely terrifying.

"Pill Sage Ning, many thanks for your help. You can take your pill to detoxify your friend. After all, your friend's plight did bring me some benefits." Ancestor Kang looked at Ning Cheng and spoke up with a soft voice.

Ning Cheng felt taken aback. He understood what Void Star Sect's Ancestor Kang meant. That is, he refined the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill for him because he wanted to help Liu Fanglin with her poison. Apparently, he had already noticed Liu Fanglin's poisoning.

"Many thanks for the generosity, senior." Since the other party understood his actions, Ning Cheng no longer needed to continue hiding it. Concealing such things in front of a Dao Perfection Holy Emperor was idiotic. Fortunately, I put away the No Furnace a long time ago; otherwise, who could say if this fellow could see the six top-grade Renewing Heaven Ripple Bone Pills in the No Furnace.

"Ancestor Kang, have you truly recovered?" Wu Bufeng wasn't able to contain his excitement. After all, his Void Star Sect finally managed to bring back their Dao Perfection ancestor.

Ancestor Kang only nodded. However, only he knew that his strength was far from recovered. He needed to return to the sect and seclude himself for a few decades, but he couldn't just say it here.

Seeing Ancestor Kang's nod, Wu Bufeng finally restrained his excitement, took out a jade bottle and put two top-grade and one high-grade Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill into it.

Only five pills were left on the pill after Ancestor Kang used one. Therefore, according to the previous distribution plan, he should have taken at most one of the remaining five pills. But Wu Bufeng seems to have forgotten the previously agreed upon distribution plan. After taking away three pills, he said, "Pill Sage Ning, because we do not know the after-effects of the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills, so I will borrow two more pills for the time being. Once I'm sure there are no problems with the pill, I will return the rest to you."

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart. Sure enough, his guess had come true. Ning Cheng knew that Wu Bufeng would renege on his word when he wanted one-third of the pills. With this, he no longer felt guilty about wronging this dark-faced bastard. Borrowing two pills? Even an idiot could tell that Wu Bufeng wouldn't return these two pills.

Therefore, Ning Cheng didn't stand at ceremony and immediately put away the remaining two high-grade Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills before speaking. "Since Sect Master Wu wants to borrow the

pills, then Sect Master Wu can naturally can. I believe Sect Master Wu will return them in the future. We also talked about the payment of two high-grade spirit veins in exchange for the service. I wonder if Sect Master Wu can provide it to me now.”

Unfortunately, not only did Wu Bufeng take away extra Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills, but he also played dumb and didn’t take out the promised spirit veins. Therefore, Ning Cheng decided to take the initiative to ask for them. After all, he had only recently stepped into the Dao Sculpting Realm, so those spirit veins would be really useful for him.

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Wu Bufeng nodded. “Yes, we did agree to the two high-grade spirit veins. But because of our haste, we forgot to bring them with us. I will have to trouble Pill Sage Ning to come to Void Star Sect with us, not let Pill Sage Ning run around in vain. My Void Star Sect will also provide you with a surprise.”

Surprise your old bones. Ning Cheng cursed at him internally. Even an idiot could tell that this ‘surprise’ would be them trapping him in the Void Star Sect for countless years to refine pills for them.

When Wu Bufeng changed his mind at the Alchemy Discourse and refused to help him, Ning Cheng already understood that Wu Bufeng was a cunning bastard. Because he no longer believed in Wu Bufeng’s character, Ning Cheng chose not to push them with a sky-high demand. He even let Wu Bufeng propose the ‘compensation’ for his services, only to not pay back even half of what he vowed.

But still, he never expected this fellow to steep so low in shamelessness. The Void Star Sect was also one of the largest sects, yet they had to return to the sect to pick up the two high-grade spirit veins? Even a kid wouldn’t believe it.

Ning Cheng wouldn’t think much of it if it was the former matter. He could chalk it up to his poor positioning during the negotiation phase. But he did feel a little worried when Wu Bufeng refused to take out the spirit veins and instead asked him to come to the Void Star Sect to collect them.

Although he did want the spirit veins, he would never agree to this even if they offered it for free. After all, if he went there, he would definitely lose all his freedom, possibly even his life. Because of this, he felt perturbed that Wu Bufeng would do an about-turn and forcibly take him captive. His only hope was Gong Yangdi right now, who hopefully could make the Void Star Sect think twice.

Thinking of this, he quickly showed an expression of surprise, cupped his fists and said, “Many thanks, Sect Master Wu. I have long heard of the reputation of the Void Star Sect, I never thought I would be able to go and see it.....”

After saying that, Ning Cheng looked at Liu Fanglin with some hesitation.

Liu Fanglin saw Ning Cheng looking at her, and her eyes suddenly turned red. “Ning Cheng, I don’t care about you anymore, Go by yourself if you want. I’m just a bitter person anyway.”

Ning Cheng hurriedly said, “Don’t be like that, Fanglin. I won’t go to the Void Star Sect for the time being. But after I finish helping with your things, can I go to the Void Star Sect then?”

After saying that, Ning Cheng didn't wait for Liu Fanglin to speak before taking the initiative to apologise to Wu Bufeng. "Sect Master Wu, I'm really sorry. I have some urgent matters to take care of and have to leave immediately. Once I take care of my things, I will definitely make a trip to the Void Star Sect."

He secretly thanked Liu Fanglin in his heart. Fortunately, this woman was smart enough to know he didn't want to go. But he also couldn't make it too obvious in front of Wu Bufeng.

He already knew that refining this pill for the Void Star Sect would be playing with fire, but the risk still went beyond Ning Cheng's prediction. He had underestimated Wu Bufeng's shamelessness. He even thanked Wei Qi a little; if not for those three coming over, he wouldn't have invited Gong Yangdi. And without Gong Yangdi, he felt sure that the Void Star Sect wouldn't even speak of reason.

At this moment, he only hoped that Wu Bufeng still held some caution in his heart. After all, even though the Void Star Sect gained a Dao Perfection powerhouse, they still couldn't claim themselves as the king of the Grand Essence Realm. At the very least, he was still a Dao Essence Pill Sage in everyone else's eyes.

A trace of disappointment flashed on Wu Bufeng's face. But, just as Ning Cheng predicted, since Gong Yangdi was here, he couldn't take any direct action. After all, he knew that he was overreaching a bit. Although they managed to detoxify the poison out of Ancestor Kang, it would still take him at least a few dozens to a few hundred years to completely restore his vitality and cultivation. But more importantly, Ancestor Kang didn't speak.

"Then, I will wait for Pill Sage Ning at the Void Star Sect." Wu Bufeng said with a smile. "Pill Sage Ning, once you're free, you'll be able to find my Void Star Sect as long as you come to the Grand Essence Sea's Void Mist Mountains."

"Sect Master Wu's words, I'll take note of them." Ning Cheng replied politely.

In his heart, however, he felt slightly relieved. Since Wu Bufeng said that, he wouldn't choose to use force against him, at least not for now. But he also never expected the Void Star Sect, a mysterious sect, would be in the Grand Essence Sea. By the way, did a mountain range even exist in the Grand Essence Sea?

"Everyone leave; there's no need for everyone to gather here." Ancestor Kang suddenly spoke up with indifference.

The cultivators gathered outside the Spirit Thunder Tower heard Ancestor Kang's voice very clearly in their ears. But no one dared disobey the words and immediately returned to wherever they came from. Even if they discussed it among themselves, they did it through whispers and direct voice transmissions.

"Brother Ning, farewell." It wasn't until this time that Percy spoke, giving Ning Cheng his farewell. He knew that this moment marked the end of his friendship with Ning Cheng.

Only after the three people from the Void Star Sect had gone far away did Gong Yangdi cautiously ask. "Brother Ning, was that the Void Star Sect's Dao Perfection powerhouse?"

Compared to Ning Cheng refining the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill, the appearance of a Dao Perfection Holy Emperor was even more shocking to him.

Ning Cheng nodded, "It should be."

At this moment, he wasn't in the mood to say anything.

Gong Yangdi could feel that Ning Cheng was in a bad mood. Therefore, he casually spoke a few words before offering to leave.

After sending Gong Yangdi away, Ning Cheng then said to Liu Fanglin. "Senior Apprentice Sister Liu, many thanks for your help. Otherwise, I'm afraid I would have had to face quite a lot of bad luck."

Liu Fanglin also understood Ning Cheng's meaning. But she shook her head and said, "I should be the one to thank you. If not for me, you wouldn't have chosen to stay here for the refinement."

As Liu Fanglin compared what happened before and after, she had already developed an approximate idea. It should be the Void Star Sect that first came to Ning Cheng to refine the pills, but Ning Cheng must have refused the first time. This time, Ning Cheng purposely showed up to let the Void Star Sect find him.

"No wonder they are a mysterious sect. If any of the ten sects dared to do such a thing, they would have been attacked by the crowd a long time ago." Qi Shisanxing said disdainfully.

Ning Cheng just shrugged and didn't say anything.

He was like a child holding gold across the street, so it wasn't strange for the Void Star Sect to take advantage of it. What's more, he was the one who rejected the Void Star Sect before and even let the Void Star Sect know that he was refining those pills for Liu Fanglin and not the Void Star Sect.

Ning Cheng spoke up after a while, "What do you want to do now?"

Qi Shisanxing hesitated before speaking, "I'm going back to the Grand Essence Ruins. I must find the Grand Essence Spirit Thunder.""

Liu Fanglin bit her lips, "I'm going to do something, and when I'm done, I'll come back to you for help."

Ning Cheng knew what Liu Fanglin meant by 'help'. It was to help her with her examination. Why would he be in the mood to consider why Liu Fanglin would come to him for help after she finished her business? He simply wanted to leave this place as soon as possible.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Liu, Thirteen, immediately leave this place once we exchange communication beads. The Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square isn't suitable for residing long term. Even if Senior Apprentice Sister Liu wants to find a place to detoxify the poison, find someplace else." Ning Cheng finished speaking and handed both the detoxification pills to Liu Fanglin. "The two pills are for you."

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Percy sat quietly in a corner on an airship headed to the Grand Essence Sea. His expressions, however, looked terrible, almost enraged. His Sect Master had not only crossed the river using the bridge but also burned the bridge to ashes and upended the river. If he met Ning Cheng in the future, he no longer had the face to call himself Ning Cheng's friend.

Wu Bufeng glanced at Percy and said, "Percy, do you think I went a bit too far?"

Percy hesitated for a moment, stood up and bowed before speaking. "Sect Master, I think you should have at least given those spirit veins to Ning Cheng on the spot."

Wu Bufeng replied with a deep voice, "I didn't give it to him for a purpose; it's just....."

Ancestor Kang's voice came in time, "It's just that you want to ask why I didn't let you take Ning Cheng by force, right?"

"Yes," Wu Bufeng gave a respectful reply. "Ning Cheng is a Dao Essence Pill Sage who removed Ancestor Kang's Ripple Bone Poison. If we had a sitting Dao Essence Pill Sage permanently, our Void Star Sect....."

Although Wu Bufeng wanted to forcibly take Ning Cheng, since Ancestor Kang didn't speak, he didn't dare. Dao Fusion experts were strong, but a single Dao Fusion cultivator didn't mean much within the Grand Essence Realm.

Wu Bufeng didn't continue, but Ancestor Kang and Percy understood his meaning.

Ancestor Kang sighed. "If Ning Cheng truly was a Dao Essence Pill Sage, taking him away would not be an issue. It would be worth the risk for my Void Star Sect. But he's not a Dao Essence Pill Sage....."

"Ah...." Wu Bufeng and Percy both gasped in surprise and looked at Ancestor Kang in confusion.

Ning Cheng was a Dao Essence Pill Sage; they had seen it with their own eyes. Not only did they witness it with their own eyes, but even the Pill Union's Union Master Sichen Qiutian also acknowledged Ning Cheng as a Dao Essence Pill Sage. He even issued him with the Dao Essence Pill Sage's golden token.

Why did Ancestor Kang say Ning Cheng wasn't a Dao Essence Pill Sage?

Ancestor Kang replied with a solemn tone. "Ning Cheng must have gone to the Land of Broken Laws and encountered some amazing opportunities. Because when he was about to fail in refining the Six Yin Soul Pills, he took out a Bestowing Lawless Fruit and added it to the pill furnace."

"Ancestor Kang....." Wu Bufeng felt even more surprised. Ancestor Kang was no doubt a Dao Perfection powerhouse. But back then, Ancestor Kang didn't have any cultivation to speak of; so his gaze shouldn't have been stronger than his.

Seeming to understand Wu Bufeng's thoughts, Ancestor Kang shook his head. "I couldn't see his movements at all. And I also believe that Ning Cheng knew that no one could see his movements. But I've seen the Bestowing Lawless Fruit. So, as soon as he took out the Bestowing Lawless Fruit, I could feel its aura. When his refinement was about to fail, he forced the dissipating laws of Six Yin Soul Pills to converge with the Bestowing Lawless Fruit."

Percy didn't have much knowledge about this fruit, but Wu Bufeng obviously knew what the Bestowing Lawless Fruit was, and he took a deep breath on confirming it. Six Yin Soul Pill was invaluable, but Bestowing Lawless Fruit was even more valuable than the pills. In the words of ordinary mortals, Ning Cheng had exchanged gold for clay. Which not only was extravagant but also felt too defeating, right?

"If not for a lover, then Ning Cheng must have a good reason to want to go to the Five Grand Realms' Alchemy Competition this much. But one thing is certain, Ning Cheng is only a Dao Transformation Pill Sage, not a Dao Essence Pill Sage. Therefore, no matter how talented and accomplished a Dao

Transformation Pill Sage Ning Cheng is, it's not enough for my Void Star Sect to risk it all to get him." Ancestor Kang said in a soft voice.

Ning Cheng had no idea that he had invariably saved himself from a disaster by taking out the Bestowing Lawless Fruit.

"I just suspected that he had concealed a part of the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills, but I never imagined that he wasn't a Dao Essence Pill Sage." Wu Bufeng replied in a daze. Ning Cheng refined a whole batch of Six Yin Soul Pills, yet he only formed six Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills. After all, the latter was of a much lower grade when compared to the former. Moreover, some of the pills were of a worse colour, making him suspicious.

"Then, since we misunderstood Ning Cheng, let's return the two high-grade spirit veins to him." Percy quickly spoke up.

Wu Bufeng sneered. "Misunderstood him? Did you think Ning Cheng is as idiotic as you, that he was sincere in refining pills for my Void Star Sect? If that woman by his side wasn't also poisoned by the Ripple Bone Poison, would he have stayed in the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square to help refine pills? Besides, why do you think he could extort that spirit vein from Wei Clan? Wasn't it because he borrowed the name of my Void Star Sect?"

"Then, what if Ning Cheng comes to my Void Star Sect after helping his dao companion?" Percy felt Ning Cheng was still a friend worth making and felt guilty for their actions. There was another sentence he didn't dare to say; why did Ning Cheng refuse to refine the pills initially, and who was to blame for it? When he needed their help the most, our Void Star Sect could have helped him, but instead, they refused. After all, it would be strange for Ning Cheng if he actively looked for them to help refine the pills.

Wu Bufeng replied calmly, "If he really comes, he will be a member of my Void Star Sect."

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Chapter 1010: How could there be such a coincidence?

Ning Cheng naturally wouldn't go to the Void Star Sect. Therefore, after separating from Liu Fanglin and Qi Shisanxing, he changed his appearance to a middle-aged man. Then, he joined a group heading to Boundary Essence Spirit Sea City using the teleportation arrays set up on the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square.

After arriving here, Ning Cheng didn't call Yan Ji out; she was still cultivating inside the True Spirit World. Instead, he followed the instructions on the jade map Nalan Ruxue had given him and found a carefully concealed array formation at one of the remote edges of the Grand Essence Sea. Still, it took him a few days.

Whoever arranged this made significant efforts to keep it hidden from everyone's eyes. Even Ning Cheng thought he couldn't have set up such an arrangement with his current strength. Moreover, if Nalan Ruxue didn't tell him about this place and had not given him the map, he wouldn't have found it even if he spent several years searching for it.

Entering the concealment array, Ning Cheng appeared on a huge sea stone platform.

At first glance, people wouldn't notice anything peculiar about this sea stone platform. However, it had several powerful defensive arrays protecting it and was an extension of the teleportation array set up at its centre. Ning Cheng carefully looked at the disassembled areas of the teleportation array before sighing. He couldn't put it together with his current level in the Dao of Arrays, not even when he had all the disassembled pieces.

Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue clearly don't understand what they want to do. Going by their original idea, it would be impossible for them to restore this teleportation array, not even if they focus all their efforts on studying array formations and ignore cultivation. At the very least, it would require a few thousand years to study array formations, if not tens of thousands.

Moreover, it was based on the assumption that their accomplishments in the Dao of Arrays and cultivation were roughly equal; otherwise, even tens of thousands of years might not be enough.

Understanding this, Ning Cheng felt the itch to find that silvered-haired woman from the Silver Dragon Clan. After all, he still had no idea how she came to the Mysterious Yellow Starland back then. But thinking of his current situation, he immediately gave up on this idea.

The Silver Dragon Clan was in the Grand Essence Sea, while he and Man Huishan already had a deep grudge between them. Even if Man Huishan didn't take action against him because of his vow, who can tell if someone else would move against him? Besides, even if he returned to the four great starry skies through other means, *would he be able to return in the future?* After all, he still had to represent the Grand Essence Realm in the Five Grand Realms' Alchemy Competition.

After going over things a few more times, Ning Cheng decided to stay at the base of this teleportation array while cultivating and studying the array formation.

The Mysterious Yellow Bead, except for half-a-Wood Origin Bead, had all the five elements and was essentially complete. Therefore, even if Ning Cheng entered the Mysterious Yellow Bead for cultivation, others wouldn't be able to notice the Mysterious Yellow Aura from it. But just in case, before entering the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng still arranged a shielding array formation and took out the drop of Weak Water to cover up all minute traces of an aura overflow.

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As Ning Cheng secluded himself, the Grand Essence Domain quickly turned lively.

News about a Dao Essence Pill Sage refining a Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill and removing the Ripple Bone Poison from the Void Star Sect's Dao Perfection powerhouse spread like wildfire. But more importantly, the news that the Void Star Sect had a Dao Perfection powerhouse immediately shook everyone more than the former.

The sudden rise of the mysterious sect, the Void Star Sect, made many forces jealous, but it also propelled Ning Cheng's name to the forefront. Everyone also realised the usefulness of a Dao Essence Pill Sage at this moment. *After all, without a Dao Essence Pill Sage, who could rescue a Dao Perfection powerhouse from the verge of death?*

Almost every sect now wanted Ning Cheng's help refining pills and started looking for Ning Cheng. However, Ning Cheng seemed to have disappeared into thin air. No one had seen him after he refined the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pills for Void Star Sect in the Grand Essence Ruins' Public Square.

Even the Star Stepping Tower's master and Heaven Essence Sacred City's City Lord Le Jiesheng, who kept looking for Ning Cheng secretly, had no choice but to give up after receiving no news about Ning Cheng for a long time.

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Time continued to flow, and a year passed by in a blink. Digesting the previous epiphany about the Returning-to-one Grand Dao at the Alchemy Discourse, Ning Cheng successfully reached the middle-stage Dao Sculpting Realm.

After reaching the middle-stage Dao Sculpting Realm, Ning Cheng again concentrated on researching the Dao of Array. His attainments in the Dao of Array quickly improved from early-stage Spirit Array Master to middle-stage Spirit Array Master. However, what disappointed Ning Cheng was that even after becoming a middle-stage Spirit Array Master, it was still too difficult to restore the disassembled pieces of the teleportation array. In fact, the higher his comprehension of the Dao of Array grew, the more he felt the complexity and power of this teleportation array.

Ning Cheng estimated that even if he reached the peak of Spirit Array Masters, he still wouldn't be able to restore this teleportation array. But more importantly, even if he wanted to reach the peak of Spirit Array Masters, it would take him several decades, and only if he fully concentrated on researching the Dao of Arrays and did nothing else.

Ning Cheng sighed; he didn't know if he should continue down this path. After all, only two years remained before the start of the Five Grand Realms' Alchemy Competition. He understood that he couldn't return to the four great starry skies and come back within these two years.

"Ning Cheng, I need to come out to face the tribulation." While Ning Cheng struggled with the decision, Yan Ji's voice rang in Ning Cheng's ears. Unknowingly, Yan Ji's cultivation had reached the peak of the Life and Death Realm, ready to advance to the Eternal Realm.

Ning Cheng felt quite happy and surprised when he heard Yan Ji was about to advance. After all, he didn't expect Yan Ji to reach the Eternal Realm so soon. *Looks like Yan Ji's foundation had improved considerably after undergoing several baptisms.* Combined with his top-grade cultivation resources, it caused her cultivation speed to soar faster than his expectations.

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"Huh, someone's actually trying to cross their tribulation in this place?" The lightning arcs from Yan Ji's tribulation got noticed by three distant cultivators looking for resources at the edge of the Grand Essence Sea and immediately rushed over.

"It's a female cultivator advancing to the Eternal Realm." The three cultivators who came quickly sensed Yan Ji's cultivation.

Moreover, although the target of Yan Ji's tribulation covered a wide area, they also saw huge piles of spirit crystals arranged into several Spirit Gathering Arrays around her. Therefore, it immediately turned

their eyes red with greed. As for Ning Cheng standing farther away from the Spirit Gathering Arrays, seemingly her dharma protector, they didn't care about him at all. Rather, the trio's eyes were glued to the piles of spirit crystals around Yan Ji. With so much wealth in front of them, even if Ning Cheng walked right up to them, they wouldn't care.

Ning Cheng had chosen to stand far away from Yan Ji because he feared the intensity of Yan Ji's tribulation might shoot up because of his involvement. After all, Yan Ji didn't have a thunder-attributed spirit root. Therefore, if the tribulation grew larger because of him, it might result in severe injuries for Yan Ji. There was even a possibility that she could die because of the tribulation's intensity.

Noticing a few people rushing over with red eyes, how could Ning Cheng not understand what they intended? Therefore, he raised a hand and shot out a few lightning bolts.

His lightning bolts were the most elementary of attacks. In fact, they wouldn't pose any danger to an expert. But it was more than enough to deal with a few Eternal cultivators.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....." Four lightning bolts suddenly landed on the Eternal cultivators. One of them got struck by two bolts and immediately died, while the others suffered severe injuries. It instantly frightened them, and they turned around to try and flee.

"You've got guts to dare rush up when knowing there is someone protecting this place?" Ning Cheng took a step forward and instantly appeared in front of the two cultivators trying to flee.

"Senior, please spare our lives. We're working for the Pill Union and inadvertently offended you. We never intended to come over....." The late-stage Eternal cultivator had seen Ning Cheng casually taking out one of them and understood that Ning Cheng wouldn't hesitate to kill. Therefore, he quickly tried to use 'working for the Pill Union' as his shield.

Ning Cheng sneered, "Pill Union wants the help of two Eternal cultivators? Is your face whiter than your asses?"

"Haha....." A loud laugh arrived, followed by the appearance of a red shadow not far from Ning Cheng. "I don't know if the faces of these two are whiter than their asses, but they're not lying. They really are doing work for the Pill Union."

The red shadow Ning Cheng saw wasn't because of the man's clothes but because of his long red hair. His long red hair matched his body's motions, creating a shadowy red illusion.

Ning Cheng's gaze contracted slightly. He had seen this person before. When he had just arrived at the Grand Essence Realm and landed in the Grand Essence Sea, this red-haired man was the first person he saw in the Grand Essence Realm.

At that time, this red-haired man seemed to chase after someone, and his one attack had created a wave tens of thousands of feet high, which felt quite impressive back then.

But more importantly, the aftermath of the red-haired man's attack had almost killed him. Moreover, because he was just an Eternal cultivator back then, he felt quite depressed on learning that even an aftershock of someone's battle could kill him. Ning Cheng knew he would have died from the aftershocks if he had been closer to the epicentre. It's just that he never expected to see this red-haired man again after so many years.

Ning Cheng could now see that this person was at the peak of the Dao Transformation Realm, just a step away from reaching the Dao Essence Realm, the second step of Dao Confirmation. As for this person, although he only arrived just now, he could see that Ning Cheng held some jealousy towards him. As if he had done something bad to him.

“Huh, I think I’ve seen you before.....” The red-haired man finally spoke up with a frown after seeing Ning Cheng. After thinking about it for some time, he finally remembered. “Yes, I remember. I chased a one-horned scaly dragon near this place many years ago, and you were in the sea. Huh, something’s not right; how come you’re still alive?”

After finally recalling Ning Cheng, this red-haired man stared at Ning Cheng in amazement. Reasonably speaking, Ning Cheng was just a small Eternal cultivator back then. Falling into the Grand Essence Sea, he should have died long ago.

This red-haired man was already a half-step Dao Essence cultivator. But as long as this fellow didn’t intentionally make things difficult for him, he wouldn’t mind the interference. After all, he had already reached the middle-stage Dao Sculpting Realm, a cultivation level far stronger than the early-stage Dao Sculpting Realm. Moreover, since he could kill a peak Dao Transformation expert like Ding Si even as an early-stage Dao Sculpting cultivator, he didn’t need to feel any fear towards this red-haired man now that he had reached the middle-stage Dao Sculpting Realm.

As long as this fellow didn’t step into the Dao Essence Realm, he would still be in the Dao Transformation Realm no matter how far he went.

“Since this dao friend hasn’t died yet, how could I die first?” Ning Cheng gave an indifferent reply.

The red-haired man was taken aback for a moment; he didn’t expect Ning Cheng to dare talk in this tone. He reacted quickly, but instead of getting angry, he laughed and said, “Good, really powerful. In just a short time, you managed to reach Dao Sculpting from the Eternal Realm, so you do have the strength to say this. Let me introduce myself; I’m Ba Meng, known as the Border Sea’s Red Hair. It was my fault that I didn’t care about your life or death back then.”

Ning Cheng didn’t expect this red-haired man to be so open-minded. After all, this red-haired man’s cultivation level was much higher than his own, yet this person apologised for his conduct. But, to be honest, he truly didn’t care much about the red-haired man’s approach.

Besides, would any Dao Transformation expert care about the life and death of a small Eternal cultivator who had fallen into the sea? After all, Ba Meng’s cultivation was still far higher than his own. Of course, Ning Cheng believed it would be impossible for Ba Meng to know his actual combat effectiveness. Thus, because Ba Meng didn’t know his actual strength, his apology felt even more sincere.

However, Ning Cheng and Ba Meng have never known each other. *So why would Ba Meng intentionally show him such kindness?*

The two Eternal cultivators, who managed to survive, were already quite frightened after hearing Ba Meng say that Ning Cheng was a Dao Sculpting Holy Emperor. But now that the two heard Ba Meng say that he was the Border Sea’s Red Hair, it immediately sent chills down their spine. They secretly cursed at themselves; *why did they come out without looking at the time?*

Ba Meng finished and didn't wait for Ning Cheng to speak before pointing to the two Eternal cultivators. "They speak the truth, they should have come here to look for spirit herbs for Pill Union's Sheng Houtian. Pill Union's Union Head Sichen Qiutian wants to refine the Renewing Heavens Ripple Bone Pill to help detoxify Sheng Houtian. However, he's missing several spirit herbs. So the entire Grand Essence Realm is looking for those spirit herbs. Therefore, them claiming to work for the Pill Union isn't nonsense."

Ning Cheng felt taken aback. *Sheng Houtian got poisoned? By the Ripple Bone Poison? How could there be such a coincidence?*