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Chapter 211: Wanting to form a team with Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng

Jia Lingwei was the first to react, once a one of a kind masculine aura hit her she immediately realized that she was caught in the arms of a man and was pressed to his bosom, subconsciously she reached up with her hand and was about to clip Ning Cheng. But then she immediately realized that the move she was going to make was definitely wrong, it was because she finally was able to clear her head and realize that this person had saved her once again.

She had not yet taken back her hand, when Yan Ji extended her hand and blocked Jia Lingwei this once. She and Ning Cheng had fought back-to-back before, as such the moment Ning Cheng had grabbed onto her and pressed her to his bosom, she instantly realized that this person was Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng had just saved her, how could she let Jia Lingwei start attacking him?

"Elder Sister Lingwei, Senior Apprentice Sister Ji, what are you doing?" Zhangsun Yan looked at Jia Lingwei's and Yan Ji's actions and immediately called out in bewilderment. Just now when the two of them blocked each other's hands, she had seen their actions clearly. These two people who were still tucked under Ning Cheng's arms close to his bosom were about to punch their saviour? But because of the multicolour rays of light flashing behind Ning Cheng's back she had forgot to inquire further about it.

At this moment, Jia Lingwei and Yan Ji were already put down by Ning Cheng, since the two people were all quite accomplished Profound Congealing Cultivators, as such even though they were fighting till now and their True Essence was almost depleted, they were still able to stand up by themselves.

Jia Lingwei was deeply embarrassed and with a face full of red, she hastily cupped her fists towards Ning Cheng and spoke, "Thank you Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, for specifically coming to our rescue."

Ning Cheng just nodded his head, indicating that he had already accepted her gratitude. For Jia Lingwei to thank him in such a manner, he thought it was as it should be, as he had really specifically come here to rescue them. Although he also had some thoughts on obtaining the Blood River Red Lotus, but if it was only for the Blood River Red Lotus, then he absolutely would not be in a rush to come here.

"Thank you Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng......" Yan Ji also quickly cupped her fists and thanked him, but in her mind she was still shocked as to how Ning Cheng was able to escape from the Blood River with the two of them in tow. It was as if he had teleported right to their location and then teleported out almost instantaneously, but then what kind of cultivation level was required to be able to actually teleport? Moreover, even if it was due to him cultivating an extremely abstruse Teleportation Cultivation Method, it was not something that anyone could get their hands on. If it was not teleportation, then the only possible option left was that Ning Cheng cultivated some sort of extreme flight type cultivation method.

Once must also know that the suction force produced by the eddy currents inside the Blood River was simply too frightening. Moreover, the suction force produced by them was even a number of times much more powerful than the whirlpools in the marshes usually found inside the Law's Way. It was precisely because of this that for a person to reach all the way to the Blood River Peak, they could only accomplish this by climbing through the narrow paths between the Blood River tributaries, but they

absolutely can't use flight type magical weapon or even try to ride flying swords to reach up. Even if Ning Cheng spent considerable time in cultivating a flight type cultivation method, how could he be not sucked in by the Blood River?

Ning Cheng spoke with a smile, "Since everybody now already knows that I am called Ning Cheng, then Junior Apprentice Sister Ji can also go ahead and call me as Ning Cheng."

At this moment the veil covering Yan Ji's face had already disappeared, so when Ning Cheng was speaking, he was also secretly scared at Yan Ji's beauty and paused for a short moment, moreover at this time because of perspiration on Yan Ji's face, it made it look like she was a bit embarrassed and distressed at the same time. Even so it did not affect her beauty even in the slightest, on the contrary it made her look even more beautiful.

Originally there was no need to hide such a perfectly beautiful face but because of the smoke and fire along with her sweat and perspiration, a few strands of her hair ended sticking to her cheek, in combination with her perfectly oval shaped face, it added a somewhat earthy feel to her. Although Ning Cheng had also seen a similarly beautiful face with an earthly feel before, but Ning Cheng could feel that this Yan Ji when compared to that Nalan Ruxue had a bit of tenderness and soft heartedness in her aura that she did not have.

This was absolutely not because Nalan Ruxue had a bad attitude towards him, but because when he had seen Nalan Ruxue for the first time, Nalan Ruxue's eyes were tightly closed. It was another peerlessly beautiful face, but with her eyes closed, it was also as if she was without a source of vitality. While Yan Ji not only had flashing big eyes, there were even several wisps of her hair sticking to her cheeks, which made a person feel that it was a bit surreal. At the time when he saw Nalan Ruxue open her eyes, he was faced with the intent to kill and was almost chased out of his life, so how could he have the leisure to enjoy and appreciate such a beautiful woman?

No wonder she and Nalan Ruxue were called as the 'Twin Lotus Flowers On A Stock'. It really was the case.

Seeing Ning Cheng staring at her, Yan Ji's face turned slightly red, if it was any other person she would have already gone into action, but she was quite delighted that it was Ning Cheng as she had a very favourable impression of him. It was also precisely because she was aware of herself being too beautiful, because of which she was used to wearing a veil on her face. Since it was Ning Cheng's first time seeing her facial appearance, it was quite normal for him to stupidly stare at her.

Ning Cheng was indeed slightly stunned for a moment, but it was only for a short while, before he bounced back. In his life he had already seen many beautiful women. Even those on the level of Yan Ji, he had seen three such women, as such he would definitely not drool over it and be rude. When he stared at Yan Ji and did not speak, it was not because he was overawed by Yan Ji's beauty, but because he was subconsciously making a comparison between Nalan Ruxue and Yan Ji.

Ning Cheng soon realized that it would really be impolite if he continued to behave in such manner, so he quickly spoke up, "At the beginning it was Junior Apprentice Sister Ji who had helped me, so repaying this favour was not something that would give me any extra trouble."

"Me and Junior Apprentice Sister Ji should change our clothes, Yan Yan you should also change your clothes quickly...." Jia Lingwei had already noticed that the piece of clothing covering Zhangsun Yan's belly was missing, exposing her pure white skin, but it seemed that she had unexpectedly failed to notice it till now.

"I know....." Although Zhangsun Yan gave an offhanded reply, but she did not know where she should go to change her clothes. Her lower belly that was exposed was originally ash grey in colour, but because she was held to Ning Cheng's bosom as he carried her, all the dust and grime covering that part had been cleaned off by Ning Cheng's clothes and had once again become somewhat white and clean, and had instead become somewhat conspicuous.

Ning Cheng glanced at Jia Lingwei's and Yan Ji's clothes that were now not covering much of their bodies and said, "You can change your clothes here, I will go and look for that Cheng Yixiao."

Back on earth, a dress that did not cover or obstruct one's body was all too normal. Some of the young girls intentionally used to dress up in torn up jeans, or even deliberately wore clothes with lots of exposure that not only exposed their bellies but also a lot more other things, moreover there were even many young girls who liked exposing and swaggering their navel rings and even showing off their toned bellies, as such it could be said that he was even accustomed to seeing such things.

Although he was near to the Blood River Mountain peaks, and although it was impossible for Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness to sweep a wider area, but at least his scope and range was much farther than Yan Ji and the others. At this point he saw Cheng Yixiao being surrounded by a pack of Blood River Otters, moreover Cheng Yixiao still had not reached the Blood River Peak. He was located at the start of the same continuous long winded narrow path that led to base of the Blood River Peak, while the place Ning Cheng's trio were currently standing was on the same path but were much nearer to the base of the peak.

The place they were at did not have any Blood River Otters at the moment, but the area Cheng Yixiao was in was blocked by swarms of Blood River Otters.

"Aaaah, Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng did they already come over?" Zhangsun Yan exclaimed, but then discovered that Ning Cheng had already disappeared from the spot he was standing and had gone far away.

"What are you being so freaked out about? A moment ago didn't you just come together with Ning Cheng, I didn't see you this nervous back then?" Jia Lingwei rolled her eyes at Zhangsun Yan, while simultaneously arranged the simplest of Concealing Array Formations.

Zhangsun Yan opened her mouth, but couldn't find the words to refute her. The fact was, Ning Cheng was still seen as a Devil Cultivator from other people's perspective.

After the three people changed their clothes and came out, they saw that Ning Cheng had still not returned.

"Yi! Is Big Brother Ning not yet back?" Zhangsun Yan asked in a doubtful voice.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng is coming over." Jia Lingwei suddenly spoke up.

Sure enough, just as her words finished, Cheng Yixiao had already appeared in the sights of the three people.

Yan Ji took out a veil and once again covered her face, by this tis time Cheng Yixiao had already arrived in front of the three people.

"You three clearly walked away in another direction, so how were you able to arrive here before us?" Once Cheng Yixiao saw that it really was Yan Ji and the trio, as such he couldn't help but voice out his doubts.

"Greetings to Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, it is because the three of us had taken a different route." Yan Ji quickly cupped her fists and gave out an answer.

Zhangsun Yan was extremely anxious and immediately asked, "Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, have you seen Ning... Oh Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng Xiaoning."

Just as she had involuntarily spoke out the word 'Ning' she was immediately rebuked by a serious glare from Jia Lingwei, and reacted in an instant, and hurriedly corrected her previous statement.

Cheng Yixiao originally did not know Ning Cheng, now that he heard Zhangsun Yan asked about Ning Cheng, he quickly spoke up, "You see aah, I was able to find you here because Elder Brother Cheng told me that I would find you here. To tell you the truth, Elder Brother Cheng's broad view really makes me feel ashamed of myself. We had escaped while leaving him alone, even then when Elder Brother Cheng saw me, he did not ridicule or even blame me, on the contrary he even told me you were also here. Thank god, that Elder Brother Cheng is still safe and sound."

"What happened to the others?" Yan Ji hurriedly asked.

Cheng Yixiao's eyes immediately turned gloomy and spoke as if he did not here the question, "He seemed somewhat disdained to be a companion with us, so he chose to walk alone. But before leaving, he said to lend a hand to Junior Apprentice Sister Zhangsun Yan as the replacement to the favour. He said that if not for Junior Apprentice Sister Zhangsun Yan leading the way, he would not have been able to find this place. I guess he should also be looking for the Blood River Red Lotus."

Speaking till this point Cheng Yixiao seemed to have suddenly thought of the question that he was asked and quickly added, "That's right, as for the people that arrived together with me, everyone dispersed to find their own Blood River Red Lotuses. I discovered that the Blood River Otter's flocks tend to be quite huge, as such it would be very difficult for a single person to succeed by themselves, because of which it would be better for us to team up once again."

Jia Lingwei's thoughts were quite exquisite, she had already realized that what Cheng Yixiao had spoken was also very correct. They had already tried this before, if there were more people with them, then they would have been able to keep a check on the Blood River Otters for a period of time, while they sent another person to collect the Blood River Red Lotus. Otherwise, if they delayed for a long time, the high tide of the Blood River tributaries would once again rise, at that time let alone trying to get their hands on the Blood River Red Lotus, even if they laboured as hard as they could it would end up in vain, and would only propping themselves for death.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, what do you think?" Jia Lingwei took a glance at Yan Ji.

Yan Ji also did not hesitate even for a moment and spoke, "I want to go find Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng to talk it over with him, if he also thinks that it's ok, then I would definitely want to team up with Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng."

"I would also like to be on the team of Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng." Zhangsun Yan quickly replied, although she was not afraid but she feared that Jia Lingwei would show some disagreement to forming a team with Ning Cheng.

Jia Lingwei on seeing this, knew that there was no other way and spoke with an apologetic tone to Cheng Yixiao, "Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, Senior Apprentice Brother Xiaoning had saved us twice, as such my viewpoint is also similar to that of Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, we are going to look for Senior Apprentice Brother Xiaoning to form a team."

Cheng Yixiao sighed and spoke, "Actually, even I would like to form a team with Elder Brother Cheng aah, whether he is with us or not are two completely different things, but what is the critical factor here is that he is a Devil Cultivator, as such I'm afraid that it would affect the Wu Nian Academy."

Yan Ji sneered and spoke, "If a 9 Star Academy is afraid of being destroyed by such a thing, then the existence of such a 9 Star Academy simply doesn't have any meaning."

After hearing Yan Ji's words, Cheng Yixiao spoke with a lamenting sigh, "Junior Apprentice Ji's words are definitely justified, an Academy that has been standing tall for such a long time would definitely not fall so easily. But it is different now, at the moment the war between the 9 Continents of the Yi Xing Mainland and the Yi Xing Ocean is in a ceasefire mode. Not only that, the two sides even have a bit of cooperation amongst them. If some of the enemies of an Academy found an excuse, no matter how weak it is, then it would inadvertently draw in the Yi Xing Ocean's cultivators to attack them."

"Moreover if not for me being Cheng Yishui's son, I would have not only preferred to leave the Wu Nian Academy, but would have done everything possible in my hands to make this Cheng Xiaoning into a heroic figure."

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At the moment Ning Cheng was in a good mood, he had already found out where the Blood River Red Lotus was growing. The Blood River Red Lotus grew on the Blood River Peak's summit, as such if one wanted to collect the Blood River Red Lotus, then one had to climb to the top of the Blood River Peak. But because of the Blood River tributaries immense suction force, flying in the sky over the Blood River was almost next to impossible, if one was even a tiny bit careless they would be sucked into the Blood River. Although this posed many difficulties to other people, but Ning Cheng was not worried about this at all, he had the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings that helped him solve this problem.

If Yan Ji had known that Ning Cheng had intended to use the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings to collect the Blood River Red Lotus, then she would have certainly come out to stop it. But it was really a pity that they did not know about this, moreover Ning Cheng with the help of the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings had already collected the first pair Blood River Red Lotus.

The Blood River Red Lotus actually came in pairs, and was matchlessly beautiful in appearance. The lotus leaves were as red as the maple leaves, and the lotus itself was the colour of a dark red rose, and was exuding a faint enticing aroma.

But at the same time, Ning Cheng was also surrounded by a group of Blood River Otters at the Blood River Peak's edge. But these Blood River Otters were different from the ones that had surrounded Jia Lingwei and Yan Ji, the Blood River Otters surrounding Ning Cheng had begun to grow a pair of wings, and had locked in Ning Cheng from all directions.

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Chapter 212: The Terrible Blood River

"Senior Apprentice Sister Lingwei, how could you be here?" Cheng Yixiao and Yan Ji were still speaking to each other, when another person's voice arrived interrupting their conversation. The one who asked the question was precisely the one in the middle of a small group walking towards them. It was none other than Nalan Ruxue, along with her were four male cultivators and a female cultivator, this team was entirely composed of people from the Wu Nian Academy.

Zhangsun Yan gave a cold snort, while Yan Ji was simply too lazy to even exchange a word with them. Only Jia Lingwei was the one who spoke up with a smile, "We are also here looking for the Blood River Red Lotus, it really is a coincidence to meet you all here aah."

Cheng Yixiao already knew that the Le Continent's 'Twin Lotus Flowers On A Stock' had a disharmonious relationship with each other, as such quickly spoke up to avoid a confrontation between them, "You people came at the right moment, the Blood River Red Lotus is something very difficult for a single person to obtain by themselves, as such I will once again propose that we form a team with all of us combined. Once we collect enough Blood River Red Lotuses, they would then be distributed amongst everyone depending on their contributions. Since everyone is together at the moment, let us get to the other side, I saw Elder Brother Cheng also go in that direction."

Finished speaking those words, he was the first to move onto the first fork on the path humming a merry tone.

Seeing Cheng Yixiao take the lead, the rest of the people also successively decided to follow him one after the other, even the Yan Ji trio also decided to follow them temporarily.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, when you said 'Elder Brother Cheng', were you referring to that Devil Cultivator Cheng Xiaoning?" Nalan Ruxue asked Cheng Yixiao in a small voice.

"Hmph, you are the real Devil Cultivator." Zhangsun Yan finally could not hold herself back, and immediately lashed out against Nalan Ruxue.

"Blood River Red Lotus...." But before Cheng Yixiao could even reply, one of the few people walking with them simultaneously cried out.

On the tops of two Blood River Peaks that were directly in front of them, were two Blood River Red Lotuses, each peak had a pair of Blood River Red Lotuses growing on them. Moreover, each of the flowers looked very tender and matchlessly beautiful, anyone who laid their eyes on them would immediately want to rush forward to cherry-pick those pairs of Blood River Red Lotuses.

Although the Blood River Red Lotus grew on the Blood River Mountains' Blood River Peaks, but all the people were aware that not every single one of the Blood River Peaks here had a mature Blood River Red Lotus growing on it. After being harvested for so many years, the number of Blood River Red

Lotuses here were already gradually dwindling. Although the Blood River Red Lotuses were collected from the peaks, they would still be able to grow back. But that was simply a very long process and would take an extremely long time for it to be mature enough to be harvested.

"Let's divide the people here into two sub teams. The two behind me will help in blocking the Blood River Otters. While the rest of the people will go to the other Blood River Peak....." Just as Cheng Yixiao finished speaking, he had already taken the lead to rush towards one of the Blood River Peaks. The path between the blood river tributaries near to the Blood River Peak was very narrow, as such not many a person would be able to go up.

He, along with Nalan Ruxue's group of five, altogether were already six people. Cheng Yixiao took two Late Stage Profound Congealing Cultivators as he rushed towards one of the Blood River Peaks, while the other Early Stage Profound Core Cultivator took the rest of the two people as he also rushed towards the other Blood River Peak.

But Jia Lingwei and her trio did not follow them, that was because they had not even reached an agreement with Cheng Yixiao to form a team with them. In any case they can't always form a team right after they spotted the Blood River Red Lotus behind them, right?

Moreover, Nalan Ruxue also did not follow up to help them collect the Blood River Red Lotuses, which made the Yan Ji trio not understand what was the matter with her.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Ji. Although I do not care how you see me, but the two of us have often been mentioned together in the same breath, moreover we both are also disciples from big Academies. If this Ruxue has made some mistake and offended you in any way, then I really would like the chance to apologize to you here. Furthermore, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, I really have no idea why are you acting like this towards me, I do hope you would be able to explain it to me, and make it clear as to what this matter is all about." After the rest of the people had rushed forward to collect the Blood River Red Lotus, Nalan Ruxue calmly looked at the Yan Ji trio and spoke.

Her tone was also mild, it was obvious that it was not to actually express her apologies, but because she had always thought Yan Ji as a Senior Apprentice Sister of hers. But the way she was holding herself in her eyes was not entirely in the style of a Senior Apprentice Sister. But because the two people's various speech tones and actions always had a hint of childish tendencies, because of which they were always called as the Le Continent's 'Twin Lotus Flowers on one stock.' Moreover, the people who usually met them every day would only say that as to pay some lip service to their existences. In the event of something happening between them, perhaps it might even spread out to the people who had grudges with their two great Academies.

"I have an opinion to share with you, even though the reputation of the Wu Nian Academy is something that touches the sky, I'm not from the Wu Nian Academy, so why must I be pleasant with you?" Zhangsun Yan was already smouldering with resentment towards her, now that Nalan Ruxue brought herself to the door, how could she let this opportunity go.

Nalan Ruxue's thoughts were apparently even more magnanimous than Zhangsun Yan's, as she still spoke in a calm tone, "Wu Nian Academy IS a 9 Star Academy, it is not something that I made up. As for the affairs of the Wu Nian Academy, they are the worries of the Academy Elders and the Academy Head, I'm just a small disciple that has no relation to it. Besides, I did not necessarily want you to be pleasant

towards me. Although I Nalan Ruxue might not have an extraordinary character, but it does not mean that I will always show warm feelings while end up meeting with cold rebuke."

Seeing the Jia Lingwei was going to speak up, Zhangsun Yan bluntly derided her, "I am not convinced by you who uses a borrowed knife to harm others, you even ungratefully plotted against Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng. Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng had braved danger and death to save you, yet you not only appreciated the effort, but even went so far as to plot against him, and even maligned him, is this how your so called 9 Star Academy conducts their affairs?"

"Weren't you only touched in your chest just once? Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng had also touched my chest, but do you see me calling out to others and secretly plotting against him with a borrowed knife? Not to mention me, even Senior Apprentice Sister Ji and Elder Sister Lingwei's chests were also touched by him, do you see them clamouring to plot against him? Is your chest so valuable? Is it not just meat and fat? Or is it that it is made out of Best Quality Spirit Stones?"

"Aah....." Nalan Ruxue stared at Zhangsun Yan in shock, although Zhangsun Yan was very young, but one should not speak out in such an irresponsible manner aah. Besides those remarks, the Zhangsun Yan from this time was completely different from the one she remembered aah.

Seeing Jia Lingwei silently looking at her, Zhangsun Yan finally realized that the cat was out of the bag now, as she had said the words 'Ning Cheng' out loud. Fortunately, this did not necessarily mean that Nalan Ruxue would realize that Cheng Xiaoning was Ning Cheng.

All these things were originally in the past, but now that Zhangsun Yan had brought it out in the open, Yan Ji's face immediately felt as if it was burning.

Jia Lingwei suddenly broke this extremely embarrassing situation and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ruxue, it seems that you really misunderstood that Ning Cheng. You should have realized it later that he had indeed saved you, Yan Yan is usually frank and candid with her words, I hope you do not mind it."

She was very depressed at the moment, how long had Zhangsun Yan followed Yan Ji? Yet her mouth had become even more outspoken.

"What?" Nalan Ruxue was still shocked and had only spoken two characters, but before she even had the time to even react, Yan Ji suddenly rushed sideways towards a distant Blood River Peak.

"It's Elder Brother Cheng....." Zhangsun Yan screamed out, as she hurriedly brought out her own magical weapon as she also hurried past her.

Ning Cheng was completely surrounded by endless hordes of Blood River Otters. With having no way out, he finally had no choice to bring out the True Cosmic Devil Axe. Using the True Cosmic Devil Axe to cast out an Axe Line, it immediately aroused a baleful Devilish Aura that felt that it could cover the entire sky.

Originally there were numerous Blood River Peaks here, and each Blood River Peak had many churning Blood River tributaries, giving out sounds that were enough to even shake the heavens. Ning Cheng just wanted to find a nondescript Blood River Peak and fight with the Blood River Otters above it, so that it would be difficult to discover him. But now that Ning Cheng had brought out the True Cosmic Devil Axe, then even if he did not want to be found out it would have been very difficult.

Jia Lingwei immediately rushed up and grabbed Zhangsun Yan, "Yan Yan, are you crazy, you are just an Early Stage Profound Congealing Cultivator, do you really want to court death that much? I will go there; you just wait for us with Ruxue here."

Zhangsun Yan finally sobered up, she knew that her cultivation was the worst among them, as such even if she wanted to help it would only prove to be a hindrance. But then she immediately thought of Jia Lingwei's True Essence being almost exhausted, and quickly spoke up, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lingwei, you cannot go there, your True Essence is almost exhausted, and has yet to be fully recovered."

"There is already no need for me to go up....."

Jia Lingwei was looking at that distant place where the river waters from the Blood River Peak were just about to surge, she knew that it was the prelude for the High Tide of the Blood River Peak and could only helplessly look on.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Ji....." Zhangsun Yan cried out in a shocked voice, as she once again rushed out only to find out that Yan Ji had already disappeared.

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Just as Ning Cheng was forced to bring out the True Cosmic Devil Axe at that time, he already realized that he had no choice but to retreat from that place, he had already observed that the aura of the Blood Rivers tributaries all around him were starting to surge, he came to the conclusion that it should be because of the high tide. Ning Cheng had already prepared himself for the Blood River High Tide, but he knew that he could not begin any later.

Sweeping out with the Axe Line's violent Killing Intent, even those Blood River Otters that were able to fly were completely defenceless under this kind of violent Killing Intent, and were instantly killed the moment the Axe Line touched them, exploding in a bloody haze.

In just a split second, Ning Cheng took back his axe while simultaneously retreated, he knew that if he continued to linger around the time of the high tide, then even if had the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings, his behaviour would simply be akin to seeking death,

Stimulating the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings, Ning Cheng slipped past the air above the Blood River tributaries. But then a powerful suction force erupted from a hidden whirlpool beneath the surface of the Blood River tributaries, apparently wanting to suck in Ning Cheng into the Blood River. Even then Ning Cheng was not much worried, all he had to do was to increase his power output to increase the acceleration produced by the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings.

He already was aware that flying over the Blood River would result in a strong suction force being directed at him, however as long as he had the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings then he only needed to increase the acceleration to be safe.

However, at this time the suction force, just like a dam bursting, reached towards Ning Cheng's body from the river, Ning Cheng's heart suddenly sank, he finally realized that his understanding of the Blood River Mountains was not fully correct.

The suction force acting on him now was a hundred times more powerful than before, not to mention that even if he crazily stimulated his Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings, even if he recklessly incited the Twin

Heavenly Cloud Wings to the point of destruction he would not be able to hold up against this kind of terrible suction force.

"Bang....." A huge Blood River Tide rushed over, this wave was as if it was attracted to Ning Cheng. Swallowing up Ning Cheng it swept him away down the Blood River.

Yan Ji had rushed close to Ning Cheng's place, she already realized that the high tide of the Blood River had already begun a moment before, and saw Ning Cheng being swept away by a huge wave from the Blood River. But before she could panic out loud or even react, the next wave had already swept towards her position.

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Chapter 213: At the Bottom of the Blood River

Ning Cheng had heard from other people before that the waters of the Blood River had very strong corrosive powers, now that he had no place to escape, his first reaction was to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead. But just at the instant the tide exploded onto him, Ning Cheng did not enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead, but rather used his True Essence to put up a shield around him.

Once the True Essence's shield could not protect him from the tides comprised of the blood coloured waters, only then would he try to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

But on this slice of the Blood River Mountains, there were already a lot of disciples from the big Academies that had already arrived, as such once the Mysterious Yellow Bead's Aura was exposed, then he definitely would not need to guess as to what would happen to him. Moreover, he also had the reputation of being a Devil Cultivator which was simply not good at all. In the case of not having any relevant benefits to them, even though the situation would plunge downwards for him, but at the very least it would definitely not give rise to the situation of some mighty figures taking the initiative to chase him to death. However, he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead, once the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura was exposed, then even if he managed to escape to the ends of this world, there would always be someone who would still hunt him down and kill him.

More importantly, he himself did not know if he could actually enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead, but at least he knew that at the moment his True Essence Shield could provide him with an ironclad support in here as long as he could keep it up.

What made Ning Cheng to let loose a sigh of relief, was that this Blood River's water and the water from the ordinary rivers did not seem much different. Other than a bit of fishy smell, it could even be called as the same. Even when he was at the early stages of the Essence Building Realm he could still create a True Essence Shield in the water, now that his cultivation was hundreds of times much more powerful than at that time, as such how could it pose any problem for him at the moment? Although the True Essence Shield was being hit repeatedly by the waves of the bloody water, but these impacts did not pose much of a threat to him.

Feeling the flow of the blood red waters outside, Ning Cheng was thinking of something that was completely unrelated to this affair.

Crashing into this Blood River did not seem to be such a great matter that it was made out to be, even if the waters of the Blood River had strong corrosive powers, but just using one's True Essence to form a

shield, one could easily guard against the waters of the Blood River, then why did it pose such a threat to the cultivators inside the Law's Waw? Why did Zhangsun Yan say that it was so fearful? According to her, once someone was whirled away by the Blood River, then even their skeleton would not remain behind.

At the moment he was surrounded on all sides by the waters from the Blood River, moreover there was nothing in here that could indicate that it could whittle away bones aah? One could even easily block this stuff with the help of a True Essence Shield. Ning Cheng believed that even if it was an ordinary cultivator, even they could easily achieve this.

The Blood River kept tumbling and surging downwards. Ning Cheng could only feel that he was also being brought downwards with the flow. But as soon as he tried to resist the flow, a strong suction force immediately got hold of him, moreover the force was so powerful that just a little more and it could have easily torn through shield guarding him. But he soon realized that if he followed the direction of the tumbling and surging, the force acting on his guarding shield was a lot lighter, at least it was not enough to break through it.

Ning Cheng was somewhat depressed in his heart, but at least he was able to to ascertain this fact early on. The suction force from the whirlpools inside the Blood River was still separated into strong and weak areas, if he had not collected the pair of Blood River Red Lotus, then he would have already been brought to the bottom of the Blood River.

He did not know for how long he had been suspended in such a situation, when Ning Cheng suddenly felt that the surroundings around him had seem to have suddenly become empty. Moreover, he could even feel dry ground underneath his feet. The suction force and even the Blood River waters had completely disappeared, while underneath his feet was sand granules that were completely pitch black in colour. The smallest of these sand granules were as big as the size of a pea while in contrast to it the largest was slightly bigger than a fist.

But what made Ning Cheng amazed was that this place was very huge, even when he deployed his Spiritual Consciousness to his maximum possible limit he still was not able to find the edge of this region, moreover what was even more terrible was that there was not even a scrap of Spiritual Qi in here. That's right, it was not that the Spiritual Qi in here was thin, but rather this place did not even have a hint of Spiritual Qi, it was even inferior to cultivation practice environment back on Earth.

Moreover, the entire surrounding area all around was covered in a dark red light, it was as if it was reflecting the colour of the Blood River, making it seem completely lifeless and without any vigour.

Ning Cheng carefully walked a few steps forward. Before he found some bones underneath his feet, along with fragments of magical weapons. Seeing this Ning Cheng's heart immediately sank. As his mind immediately conjured up the scene. If one fell into the Blood River then they would actually be transported to this place, but this place did not even have a scrap of Spiritual Qi, did not have any life, did not seem to have a way out, and did not even have the slightest sound. In this kind of place, other than dying, one would not have a second path to walk on. Even if one did not die, they would definitely go crazy if they stayed in such a place for a long while.

No wonder Zhangsun Yan had said that the Blood River was very corrosive, maybe it was because once a person fell into the Blood River they would be transferred here, in a place with no Spiritual Qi and

seemingly no way to come out, it would only lead to a slow death, without allowing anyone to come out.

Ning Cheng looked up at the sky, it was still a dark red in colour, one could simply not even know what was behind the dark red cover that covered the entire world. It gave a feeling of not being able to breath, which made Ning Cheng feel oppressed and irritable. He must exit this place, otherwise staying in this place was equivalent to a living death sentence.

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"Aaaah....." Zhangsun Yan blankly was still watching the distant thunderous sounds coming from the Blood River and was crying non-stop, and was mumbling on to herself for a good long while, "Big Brother Ning gone..... Elder Sister ... Elder Sister Ji was also unable to make it out....."

Nalan Ruxue and Yan Ji's relation was just one of acquaintances, as such when Yan Ji disappeared into the Blood River, she was not as sad as Zhangsun Yan, instead she asked in a doubtful tone, "Big Brother Ning? Isn't he Cheng Xiaoning?"

She had realized that Yan Ji had made a move to try and save someone, because of which she had asked out about it, however just as she asked about it, she felt that something was wrong.

Sure enough Jia Lingwei spoke with a sigh, "Cheng Xiaoning is Ning Cheng and Ning Cheng is Cheng Xiaoning, he was the one who had saved you people."

"WHAT?" Nalan Ruxue screamed out in alarm, and then spoke, "How is that possible? Ning Cheng only had the cultivation of Essence Building Realm, but Cheng Xiaoning, he was able to....."

Nalan Ruxue did not continue, as her thoughts finally struck upon the link between Ning Cheng and Cheng Xiaoning. Previously she did not know if that Cheng Xiaoning was Ning Cheng, moreover she simply did not even think about it, but now that she heard that Cheng Xiaoning was Ning Cheng, she immediately perceived the things that were common between them.

If Cheng Xiaoning truly was Ning Cheng, then when he spoke that he had rescued her from the hands of two Profound Congealing Cultivators, it would really not seem too strange at all. Thinking back to the time when Cheng Xiaoning, a single person, was able to easily take on dozens of Profound Core Cultivators all by himself, and could still leave in a safe and sound manner in both body and spirit, then even if he had the cultivation of Essence Building Realm, how could he fear two small Profound Congealing Cultivators?

Thinking back to the time when Ning Cheng had spoken to her in an extremely dull tone, Nalan Ruxue simply did not dare to believe it to be true as she subconsciously spoke, "If he truly was being treated unjustly, then he should have gone all out to explain it correctly to me, why was his tone and expression too mild to the point that he was not even bothered by it, moreover why did he show it as if he did not care whether I believed it or not?"

Zhangsun Yan's eyes immediately turned red, as she mercilessly spoke out, "Big Brother Ning simply does not care about your gratitude, did you think that he would threaten you to repay the grace he bestowed upon you? If so, then you truly made an enormous error in judging him. Do you think that you

will forever be a peerless beauty? Elder Sister Ji is many times more beautiful than you. If Elder Brother Ning wanted to take a liking to someone, then he would have definitely taken a liking to Elder Sister Ji."

Jia Lingwei immediately beckoned with her hand, motioning Zhangsun Yan to stop talking as she spoke up, "Yan Yan, you should not say something like that. Ruxue had not done it intentionally, moreover it is completely normal to be misunderstood in that sort of situation. Ruxue, you will have to speak out clearly about that situation, so that we all can have a look into what was the matter?"

At this time, Nalan Ruxue's mind was roaring with thunderous explosions, if Ning Cheng was really the person who had saved her at that time, then it was just as Ning Cheng had spoken about her being just ungrateful was really something too light of a word for her. This was the reason, that only she could understand. At that time when Ning Cheng had said that she was ungrateful because he had ended up using a life protecting magical weapon. Now that she thought about it, Ning Cheng's life protecting magical weapon was definitely that Escaping Talisman that he had used to escape. What if a moment ago Ning Cheng still had this Talisman, would he have been swept away by the waves from the Blood River?

At this moment Nalan Ruxue no longer had the kind of calm and self-confident feel to her from a moment ago, and was feeling completely helpless and was even somewhat frightened into inaction as she spoke up, "At that time there was an accident in the Angry Axe Valley. I was transferred out from the Angry Axe Valley and had just fell to the ground when I was sneak attacked by a person. As to who made the sneak attack on me, I was not able to see. I guess, that they should also have been an acquaintance that had entered the Angry Axe Valley...... Afterwards at the time when I woke up, I saw Ning Cheng pressing his hand over my chest, I"

Afterwards what happened, Nalan Ruxue did not need to speak about it, as Jia Lingwei and Zhangsun Yan already knew about it.

Originally they had also regarded Ning Cheng as a lecher, as such Nalan Ruxue simply did not think of any other reason. But now it was completely different as she herself was starting to doubt herself. She suddenly felt that this matter suddenly had a lot of suspicious points in it.

Jia Lingwei sighed and spoke, "I already know about the matter with the Angry Axe Valley, as after the accident, all the people were transmitted out in a random manner and at random exits. What I want to ask you is that at the time when you woke up, how far away were you from the Angry Axe Valley and how long were you out?"

"It seemed to have been for several days...." Nalan Ruxue spoke as her face immediately turned pale.

Jia Lingwei did not speak again, but Nalan Ruxue had already understood. If Ning Cheng really wanted to do those kinds of things with her, then would he have waited for the time she woke up? She was in the middle of a coma for several days, even if he wanted to do more than a hundred perverted acts on her, she could not have resisted it at all. But the fact was that she was completely safe and sound, and her body had not been violated at all.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Lingwei......" Nalan Ruxue's words were somewhat dry. She suddenly felt that she was the one who was extremely shameless. It could clearly be imagined as to why Ning Cheng had spoken to her like that at time. Even she was despising herself in her heart for being this kind of woman.

Fortunately, Master Shu had not ended up in killing Ning Cheng, but thinking that Ning Cheng was forced to use his Escaping Talisman at that time, leading to him being swallowed by the Blood River, it was the same as indicating that Ning Cheng was killed by her own hands.

Jia Lingwei patted Nalan Ruxue's arm and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ruxue, for the thing that you owe Ning Cheng, there is no use for guilt. Ning Cheng had saved you from the hands of two Profound Congealing Cultivators, if you are able to recall their names, then we can definitely look for those two Profound Congealing Cultivators and see if Ning Cheng had killed them. If not, then you can definitely help in killing them in future. As to the matters that Ning Cheng has not yet finished, in the future you can help him accomplish it, it would definitely make it up for you not losing your innocence. In fact, it is not only you who owe him, don't we all owe it to Ning Cheng?"

"I only know of a person called Sikong Kai...." Just as Nalan Ruxue spoke till here, her mind immediately went blank, she suddenly did not know what steps should be taken next.

"Sikong Kai? I know this person." Cheng Yixiao's hearty voice immediately arrived, he was in a good mood, as he had already collected a pair of Blood River Red Lotuses.

"Yi, Junior Apprentice Sister Zhangsun Yan, what is the matter with you? Where is Junior Apprentice Sister Ji?" Cheng Yixiao quickly realized that the atmosphere all around did not feel right, Zhangsun Yan's eye were red, and Yan Ji had also disappeared.

Jia Lingwei spoke in a gloomy voice, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji has been swept away by the Blood River....."

"...." Cheng Yixiao's mouth dropped open, and only after a good long while did he manage to speak, "What the hell went on here?"

Jia Lingwei once again recounted all the things that happened till the point that Yan Ji moved to save Ning Cheng.

Hearing that Ning Cheng and Yan Ji both were swept away by the Blood River, Cheng Yixiao gave out a deep sigh, as he turned towards the Blood River Peak from which Ning Cheng was swept away and gave a deep bow and spoke, "Elder Brother Cheng, whether or not you are a Devil Cultivator, you action and behaviour have made you this Cheng Yixiao's role model. Please accept this Cheng Yixiao's salute."

Seeing Cheng Yixiao offer a salute from the bottom of his heart, the two cultivators behind Cheng Yixiao, also followed suite as they cupped their fists and gave a deep bow. Their lives were saved by Ning Cheng, now that Ning Cheng had fallen, it was only right and proper to offer a respectful salute to Ning Cheng.

Jia Lingwei and Zhangsun Yan also followed suite as they bowed towards the Blood River Peak from where Ning Cheng was swept away, only Nalan Ruxue did not move as she was completely frozen over and was feeling completely helpless.

Jia Lingwei saw this and darkly sighed in her heart, she knew that at this time Nalan Ruxue's heart was tied in a knot, in the future it was highly likely that she would not even be able to exceed the Profound Congealing Realm. Seeing the other three people collecting the Blood River Red Lotuses in a distance, Jia Lingwei was just about to make the proposal to leave this place, when suddenly she heard Nalan Ruxue

speak, "Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, I want to ask you, how do you know that Sikong Kai? Just who is that Sikong Kai?"

Cheng Yixiao pondered for a moment before finally answering, "I know Sikong Kai from an auction that I attended, at that time he was accompanied by a companion. His companion at that time was Hang Jiaojiao who had come together with us on the airship, at that time I was only in the Intermediate Stages of the Profound Congealing Realm, as to his origins I am not clear about it....."

Hearing that Hang Jiaojiao was Sikong Kai's companion, Nalan Ruxue's face completely turned stagnant, she finally thoroughly came to understand what had happened.

The Gate Of Good Fortune

Chapter 214: The Limitless Array Formation

No wonder Ning Cheng who had changed his appearance to Cheng Xiaoning, had called out to Hang Jiaojiao to "Fuck Off". Only now could she easily make the connection, that was because Ning Cheng had saved her from the hands of Sikong Kai and Hang Jiaojiao.

Moreover, in the cabin hall, not only did she not help her saviour Ning Cheng, but had instead helped that Hang Jiaojiao to speak out against him. Cultivating this kind of behaviour, she estimated that in Ning Cheng's eyes she was a woman that was inferior to even trash.

She once again recalled Yue Ying's words, as her words once again resounded inside her mind.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Ruxue, you definitely misunderstood Big Brother Ning. Big Brother Ning is not that kind of a person, I and Big Brother Ning have lived in the same room for almost a year, in a way you can say that he is someone who I know best. If he really was the kind of person that you make him out to be, then I would have long since become his......"

"Senior Apprentice Sister Ruxue, I have also heard other people saying that Big Brother Ning is not a good person, but they all misunderstood him. However, after living together with him, I realized that he really was not the kind of person that the others had made him out to be, please believe in Big Brother Ning. At that time, perhaps because of some other reasons, it had led to you misunderstanding Big Brother Ning's intentions."

"Big Brother Ning said that sometimes what one sees is not necessarily the truth, initially I could have never understood this fact, but after Big Brother Ning explained it me, I was able to realize it...."

It was true that she had not investigated what the truth was, as such when she saw Ning Cheng call out to Hang Jiaojiao to "Fuck Off", and because she was already feeling irritated in her heart, she had come out on her own initiative to help Hang Jiaojiao. Maybe the fact was, that Ning Cheng had already known that Hang Jiaojiao was already the other nefarious cultivator, and was trying to do her a favour.

But even if Ning Cheng had explained it to her at that time, would she have believed it? In fact, after she had arrived at the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, Ning Cheng had explained it to her in clear resounding words, but she could never believe any of the words spoken by Ning Cheng at that time. If previously Ning Cheng had stood at the entrance to the valley, and spoke that he was going through the blue stone doors by himself, and even kill of all the Profound Core Cultivators blocking the path, would she have believed it?

She knew that she would have definitely not believed Ning Cheng's words at that time. Then why did Yan Ji believe in him? Moreover, even take the initiative to stand up to help him, how could Yan Ji be so far removed from her?

"Senior Apprentice Sister Ruxue. Are you alright?" Cheng Yixiao saw that Nalan Ruxue's eyes and expression were really peculiar, and hurriedly asked her a question.

Nalan Ruxue immediately jolted her mind awake, finally sobering up, just what kind of things was she thinking aah? How could she make a contrast against Yan Ji at this time?

"Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, I want to ask you something." Nalan Ruxue suddenly turned serious and asked Cheng Yixiao.

Cheng Yixiao did not seem to understand what Nalan Ruxue seemed to have meant, but his natural disposition was that of being straightforward. Not to say about a Junior Sister Apprentice from the same Academy, even if it were an ordinary person who asked him for his help, he would have still extended his hand, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ruxue, please speak your mind, we both are disciples from the Wu Nian Academy, if you have anything to ask then ask. If I am in a position to help you, then I will definitely help you out with the best of my abilities."

"Before, I had ended up falling into the hands of Hang Jiaojiao and Sikong Kai, and was almost close to being sullied. That Hang Jiaojiao has also arrived at the Law's Way with us, I want to ask Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng that if he meets Hang Jiaojiao, then can you help me get a hold of her, I have a few questions that I want to ask her." Nalan Ruxue bowed as she pleaded.

Cheng Yixiao's eyebrows immediately picked up, as he spoke out in an angry tone, "This person unexpectedly dares to lay a hand on the disciples of my Wu Nian Academy, even if Junior Apprentice Sister Ruxue had not spoken about it, once I came to know about it, then I will definitely not let her go."

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Ning Cheng had been walking in this vast and silent empty area filled with black sandy gravel for over two hours, the only thing under his foot beside it was bones and remains of magical weapons. Other than those there was nothing else here. The same scene was playing out within the scope of his Spiritual Consciousness. Ning Cheng simply took out a chair and sat down then and there.

The sands under his feet extended up till the eyes to could see. And all around his surroundings, it was completely empty, he was the only person sitting amongst the middle of the sands, if one drew a picture of him, then wouldn't it end up as a work of art?

Ning Cheng was just casually thinking, that perhaps one day he would also become dried bones scattered all around this place, then someone would take out a chair and sit above his bleached bones.

Ning Cheng had no idea as to what he should do now, not to say that he was not in the mood to practice cultivation, even if he was in the mood to cultivate, he did not dare to cultivate. Although he was a cultivator, but there was not even a scrap of Spiritual Qi here, once he ran out of Spirit Stones, what would he do then?

"Or I can peacefully stay here for another 200-400 years." Ning Cheng muttered to himself, for a Profound Core Cultivator the highest life span recorded was about 400 years.

Immediately Ning Cheng shook his head again, maybe before he even got to the end of his life, he might have already gone insane.

Or he could still continue with his Alchemy practice, but just Alchemy had no use in here, once he used up all the Spiritual Grasses, then what was he supposed to do then? Besides if he could not get out of this place, then what use would be of Alchemy? Go into seclusion? He only had 5,000,000 Spirit Stones, these Spirit Stones for him would soon run out,

Ning Cheng sat there alone for quite a long while, finally putting away the chair, he decided to first clear up the confusion of if this place was really as endless as it appeared to be.

Afraid that Grey Toottoot would be stifled, Ning Cheng took out Grey Toottoot from his Storage Bag, and put him on his shoulders. Then bringing out a flight type magic weapon, he prepared himself to go look for an exit.

Ning Cheng quickly discovered, that as long as he flew above a certain height, he would immediately be suppressed. But if he flew forward below a certain height, then no matter how long he flew, the environment was all the same along with the same deathly silence all around him. After continuously flying for ten days, Ning Cheng finally put away the flight type magical weapon, he felt that something was wrong, even if this place was extremely huge, he was still continuously flying forward for ten days, it was simply impossible for this kind of place to go on endlessly.

Just as Ning Cheng felt that something was strange, his Spiritual Consciousness unexpectedly found a cultivator in its sweep. Similar to him, this cultivator was walking on the black sand in a particular direction.

Ning Cheng immediately became wild with joy, and immediately stimulated his Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings as he rushed towards him.

"This fiend, were you also swept here by the whirlpools in the Blood River?" Ning Cheng had not yet arrived at the front of this cultivator, when he excitedly called out from behind.

However, Ning Cheng's heart quickly turned cold, this person's entire body was covered in rags and completely dirty, it was even sloppier than a beggar that lived on the streets. Not only that, he was so weak and emaciated that he almost looked like a bamboo pole. If Ning Cheng had not seen a Storage Ring on one of his hand, then he would have truly suspected if this person was really a cultivator.

He did not seem to have heard Ning Cheng's questioning, and was walking barefoot while muttering what seemed to be a prayer.

Ning Cheng got a bit closer to him, and could finally hear what this cultivator was mumbling about, "Without even the wind around, forming a sharp contrast, for the benefit of the first visitor, having a dark red color, for the wood and wind...... Chains of cloud arrays, those clouds attached to the heavens, should bring down red thunder......"

Ning Cheng was already a Tier 3 Array Formation Master, as such as soon as he heard the words of this person he immediately understood that this person was studying an Array Formation.

Looking at this man gradually go far away while still mumbling, he did not continue to follow this man, he knew that this man was studying some sort of an Array Formation in this place for a long time, and had ended up succumbing to his inner devils finally going crazy.

In the meantime, he also realized his own position, it finally hit him that he definitely was in the middle of an Array Formation. Moreover, this Array Formation might actually turn out to be a Natural Array Formation. If he could one day figure out this Array Formation, then perhaps he would be able to exit this place. If he was unable to figure out this Array Formation, then he might as well become something similar to the person who just passed him by a moment ago.

Just looking at the behaviour of the cultivator that passed by him a moment ago, Ning Cheng affirmed that the attainments of that person in the field of Array Formations was definitely higher than his own. At least that cultivator knew that this place seemed to be an Array Formation, and if he wanted to exit from this place then he had to get a good grasp on this Array Formation.

Ning Cheng once again moved around nonstop in all directions for 7-8 days, and met 5-6 cultivators in the same state as that person, all of them were in an emaciated condition. But all of them were researching the Array Formation.

Ning Cheng did not continue looking around, he even suspected that this Array Formation was somewhat strange. Once a person was caught inside, them they will not be able to extricate themselves.

But if one could not find the exit to the Array Formation, then they would also have to stay in here forever.

After a bit of hesitation, Ning Cheng finally decided to also start deducing this Array Formation. But he put a constraint on himself, once he was on the verge of sinking into it, he would quickly stop his deductions. Only when his mind was clear and sane, would he continue on with his deductions. Some of the cultivators here may even have higher understandings towards Array Formation than he himself, but Ning Cheng believed that with his computation ability, if he had enough time, then his understanding towards Array Formation would definitely soar up.

Computation and Memory Abilities were the two major elements for studying Array Formations, and by luck he happened to have both of them. What's more, he even had the Mysterious Yellow Origin. Presumably with the help from the Mysterious Yellow Origin, he would not have to go insane like the others, right?

Ning Cheng's idea was quite good, however he forgot that the others would have also had similar kinds of thought, thinking that they were more powerful than the others in this field, and would be able to extricate themselves from this place in a short moment, but in fact they were all overestimating themselves.

Ning Cheng's situation was also in a way similar to them. As soon as he entered the state of trying to deduce the Array Formation, in his consciousness an auxiliary Confinement Array Formation immediately appeared. As this Array Formation appeared in Ning Cheng's consciousness, it gave Ning Cheng a kind of feeling, that as long as he inferred this Array Formation, he could definitely get out of this place.

With the skills derived from his computation and memory abilities, one could even say that in the entire Yi Xing Mainland there was no one who was Ning Cheng's equal. His brain was simply like a high end computer, this Confinement Array Formation's entire layout, along with the location of each critical position was all quickly calculated, as he continued on with his deductions.

However, after he completely deduced the entire Confinement Array Formation, he actually discovered that if he wanted to open this Confinement Array Formation then he would have to unlock another Concealment Array Formation first.

In this way, as Ning Cheng started deducing Array Formations one after another, the number of Array Formations inside his mind were also growing more and more, while at the same time the original Array Formations were also getting bigger and bigger and even more complex. These Array Formations were as if his own consciousness had drawn out, one after the other they connected to each other, one after another they came closer to each other, extending far into the distance. Ning Cheng was continuously using his Spiritual Consciousness to continuously search around for information, while simultaneously simulating new projections of Array Formations one after another inside his mind.

At this moment, Ning Cheng was showing exactly the same traces as those cultivators from before, as he walked around, while simultaneously gesturing while sometimes mumbling something.

The only difference was, although Ning Cheng was really still deducing the Array Formation, but he had not lost his sanity. Compared to those cultivators from before, he was not doing it subconsciously, if he had done it like them he would have been unable to wake up in his entire lifetime, then even if he was able to find the exit in the end he would not be able to exit from the real Array Formation.

If there was no Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura supporting Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness, then even if Ning Cheng's computation ability was several times more formidable than the others, he in the end would not be able to escape the fate of losing his sanity.

Fortunately, the Mysterious Yellow Bead was a thing that bestowed good fortune, coupled with the support from the Mysterious Yellow Origin's Origin Aura, even if Ning Cheng feared descending into insanity, as long as the oil lamp had not completely dried out, the Mysterious Yellow Origin would be able to barely support him.

This Array Formation was linked to Ning Cheng's mind, although this was a land that seemingly was boundless and filled with black sand, it had gradually formed into a miniature world inside Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness.

One month passed by....

Three months passed by......

One year, two years, three years passed by......

In these few years, only Grey Toottoot was continuously loyally following behind Ning Cheng. Even if the pills given to him by Ning Cheng were many, Grey Toottoot still saved them up to eat. In this place, if there were no pills, then it would have directly starved to death.

At this time Ning Cheng had also become dishevelled, and looked like a tattered cultivator, but he still was deducing the Array Formation. During this time, he had brushed passed a few other cultivators, but nobody cared about him, and he also did not care about the other people.

But unlike the deductions of Array Formations by the other cultivators, the eyes of the others deducing the Array Formations were turning increasingly bleak, so much so that they had even turned turbid. While his eyes were getting brighter and brighter, moreover starting from the first month that he came in here, he had continued to throw out some Array Flags. If he had no Array Flags, then he would readily refine one out of bits and pieces of things all around him.

The Gate Of Good Fortune

Chapter 215: Yan Ji's Thoughts

Yan Ji was sitting near to a small lake with a dull expression on her face, this small lake in the endlessly expanding black sands was the only place with water, at the same time it was rather a lake filled with stagnant water.

It was because this lake was created artificially. This lake's water was condensed out of the magic techniques of everyone present here.

This place was the only inhabited place in all the surrounding black sands, moreover there were more than 30 cultivators living here. Some of them would die every year, but there would always be new cultivators coming in here.

This place, like all the other places, did not have any Spiritual Qi, moreover there was not even a single shred of life anywhere around them which was more than enough to make a person go crazy. If they did not talk to each other from time to time, then no one in such unusual conditions would be able to survive for even a decade let alone hundreds of years.

Some of the cultivators that fell into the Blood River managed to gather together and established a small colony of sorts at this place. Here they did not have to resist monstrous beasts, and as such other than living together, talking to each other, they would be able to at least provide a spiritual sustenance to each other.

Because all these cultivators lived together, they were still able to maintain their sanity. They knew that unless someone completely deduced this Array Formation, there was simply no way to come out of this hellhole. So all of them eventually chose to spend the rest of their lives here. At least it was much better than their mind falling into depravity.

Yan Ji was quite lucky, she and Ning Cheng had entered this place almost at the same time. She was lucky in that, in less than six months' time, she was able to find this place, moreover there was also a Senior Apprentice Sister from her Blue Cloud Academy here. It allowed her to quickly integrate into this small circle, and came to understand this small group of still sane people was actually established by a single person.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, falling into the Blood River yet still being able to find this place, you can be considered quite lucky. Don't think about it, once a genius comes down here one day, then they would be able to open this Array Formation. We can then all go out. You are already at the pinnacle of the Profound Congealing Realm, just think of a way to try and advance to the Profound Core Realm for the

time being. Then just slowly wait here. If at the time our life spans are nearing its end, and we still are unable to get out, then at least we still lived our lives here together." A woman wearing a grey sarong arrived at the side of Yan Ji, as she sat down beside her and slowly tried to persuade her.

She was Senior Apprentice Sister Xiang Zhilan from the same Academy as her that Yan Ji had met in this place, she had fell to this place over a century ago, moreover her cultivation had also not risen at all, when she had arrived she was at Profound Core 2nd Level, and even now, after more than a century, she was still at the Profound Core 2nd Level.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, when you fell down here, did you regret trying to collect the Blood River Red Lotus?" Yan Ji suddenly asked.

Xiang Zhilan dialled back her hair a bit, looking at the pool of stagnant water in front of her, she spoke in a calm tone, "To say that I did not have any regrets is certainly impossible, each time when it is time to collect the Blood River Red Lotus, there would always be many cultivators ending up falling to this place. Basically nobody knows or can predict when the Blood River Tide actually rises. Moreover, once they are caught by the suction force from the eddy currents inside the Blood River, then wanting to leave would be extremely difficult. I think that all those cultivators who could enter here are lucky, at least they were not corroded by the Blood River."

Xiang Zhilan had a mild-mannered temperament, as such although she had been trapped here for almost a century, combined with her not too anxious worrying, resulted in her not looking too old. As she spoke about her time in here, she still had a tiny smile on her face, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you asked me this, was it be because you regret trying to collect the Blood River Red Lotus?"

Yan Ji shook her head, "I fell down here not because I was trying to collect the Blood River Red Lotus. It was because I had gone to save someone, but in the end I could not save that person, resulting in winding up here."

"Was that person also the disciple of the Blue Cloud Academy?" Xiang Zhilan's immediate response was that the person that Yan Ji went to save was also from Blue Cloud Academy, otherwise she would definitely not have braved such huge risks to save this person.

"No, he and I are not very familiar with each other, but, but....." Yan Ji was not able to find the right words to describe her relationship with Ning Cheng.

Xiang Zhilan puzzlingly looked at Yan Ji, and spoke only after a good long while, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, if you were not very familiar with this person, then why did you try to save him in the Blood River Mountains? Ai, I really don't know what to say to you....."

"Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, I also cannot really explain it to you as to how it is. If my guess is correct, then, after he fell, he definitely would not be swept away by the Blood River. If he was then there is more than a 90% chance that he would have already found this place, so....."

Yan Ji had not finished her words, when Xiang Zhilan immediately asked in a surprised voice, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you are not implying that you want to go find this person, right?"

Yan Ji nodded and said, "I am definitely going to look for him."

"Are you crazy?" Xiang Zhilan had a mild temperament, but even then she could not restrain herself and spoke up. "It was already a huge kindness of the heavens to let you fall and find this place. Yet you still want to go look for him? Look for a person who you yourself do not know well? You know these lands are simply endless right, even if you wander around this place for a lifetime, wouldn't you only end up waking till your death? You should have seen some of those Array Formation Masters who had gone crazy in trying to deduce this Array Formation, some of them have been studying this Array Formation for several hundreds of years, and are still going on in their insanity."

Yan Ji gave a slight smile, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, you know that my temperament is different from yours, if I had to wait here till my death, then I would really go insane long before that."

"Just what kind of a person is he?" Xiang Zhilan looked at the determined expression of Yan Ji, and helplessly asked.

Yan Ji thought for a while before she spoke again, "Truthfully even I cannot say what kind of a person he is, but I definitely can say it with absolute certainty that there would certainly not be another such person in the entire Yi Xing Mainland. He had ended up saving a lot of people along the way, consciously or unconsciously, but he does not care much about the gratefulness of those people. There are even a few people that go to such an extent as to call him a Devil Cultivator, and as such disdain to be companions with him. He was also the one who had saved my life, but the reason that I admire him is not because he saved my life, truthfully I don't even know what he originally looks like......"

"You said he is a Devil Cultivator?" Xiang Zhilan asked in a startled voice.

Yan Ji nodded and spoke, "Others say he is a Devil Cultivator, but I don't think he is a Devil Cultivator. Even if he is a Devil Cultivator, he is a person that definitely deserves me saving him....."

Xiang Zhilan thought that since there was no way to get out of this place as such Yan Ji's such thoughts were simply meaningless, she sighed and said, "That person should be a male cultivator, right? Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, the reason you want to be with this male cultivator, is it because you like this male cultivator?"

Yan Ji was silent for a long time, then just shook her head and said, "No that's not it, he had changed his appearance, I don't even know what he originally looks like, not to mention of me liking him. Besides, I have not thought of liking a person, I want to have my personal freedom. I just like the way he is, certainly, if I was able to find him in here, then even if I had to stay here with him for several hundred years, at least I don't think it would be too lonely."

Xiang Zhilan did not speak anymore as she already understood Yan Ji's meaning. Falling to the bottom of the Blood River, it was equivalent to undergoing intolerable sufferings, it was not something that an ordinary person can live with. Even if she was a mild tempered woman, she still had a temporary companion who had accompanied her on this path. But her companion who had accompanied her for a few decades, ended up suddenly disappearing. She believed that Yan Ji over time, will turn out to be the same as her, and would look for a male cultivator from here to entrust themselves with each other.

She wanted to help Yan Ji and introduce her to a cultivator here, moreover that cultivator also obviously had good feelings towards Yan Ji. Moreover, he was not only the first person here, but also the only person among them who was able to cultivate in this sort of place, where no one else could. Moreover,

not only could he advance, his advancing speed was also very fast. When he had come in here, he was only at Profound Core 1st Level, but now he was at Profound Core 9th Level.

But Xiang Zhilan had never thought that Yan Ji would have thoughts of wanted to leave this place.

Yan Ji stood up, smiled and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, I must go......"

Saying this, Yan Ji as if she had remembered something, pulled off her veil and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, if I don't come back, if you have the opportunity to get out of this place in the future, then please inform the Yan Clan, that I had perished in the Blood River."

Xiang Zhilan simply gawked at Yan Ji's looks, and only after a good long while did she finally spoke up, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you are so beautiful, I have never ever seen a woman more beautiful that you in my life....."

"Junior Apprentice Sister Lan, Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, aah so you all are here, the Spiritual Grass Garden that I had planted turned up a few new Spiritual Fruits, I wanted to invite you to taste it together." Along with the sound, a man with a medium build strode over.

This man's complexion was somewhat pale unlike Xiang Zhilan, but he had a ruddy tone and was exuding a strong self-confidence, there was not even half a point of resemblance between him and the cultivators who had fallen to this place and were totally confined at the bottom of the Blood River.

"Greeting to Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan." Xiang Zhilan and Yan Ji quickly gave a bow towards this man.

This man was called Feng Yushan, and was also the male cultivator that Xiang Zhilan wanted Yan Ji to hook up with. Moreover, Feng Yushan was also the strongest person in their group, as such he was also taken in as their leader. Moreover, Feng Yushan's character was also quite good, and rarely ever tried to oppress others, moreover he was especially good towards her.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you......" Feng Yushan was dumbfoundedly staring at Yan Ji's face, he had never seen such a beautiful woman in his entire life. Before when he had seen Yan Ji with her perfect body, even though she was completely covered with her clothes, he already had realized that Yan Ji was definitely not ugly, but Yan Ji unexpectedly turned out to have such outstanding appearance that it was even more beautiful than his wildest dreams.

At this moment, he already knew that the person who he liked had finally appeared. This Yan Ji was the best Dao Companion he could hope for; nobody can steal Yan Ji from his side.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan, Senior Apprentice Brother Lan, I must insist on leaving, we shall meet again sometime....." Yan Ji once again offered a bow and had turned to leave.

"You can't go." Feng Yushan almost blurted out.

But Yan Ji did not hear what Feng Yushan spoke, she was blankly watching a ragged figure with messy hair who was staggering as he slowly walked towards them, all of a sudden the tip of her nose suddenly burst with sourness.

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Chapter 216: The puppy that does not take advantage of others

Yan Ji had seen a lot of such people over the years, but when she saw dilapidated figure, the tip of her nose immediately turned sour. It was because she instinctively knew that this person who was walking unsteadily in their direction was none other than Ning Cheng.

Lurching behind this ragged and staggering looking cultivator, was an equally sluggish looking puppy. This puppy was entirely covered in dirt, and its fur also looked completely dry, making its colours indistinct and unclear. But even though it looked like it could not walk anymore and would fall down dead any moment, it still stubbornly followed behind the person walking in front.

"Such a loyal and faithful pet beast....." Xiang Zhilan also saw the puppy following behind the parson, as she spoke in lament.

"Ai, this man would have definitely been very rich before coming here, not only does he have a pet beast but even has a Storage Ring. But even then, in this place people like him are all too many, the only way is to....." Feng Yushan's lamenting words had not yet finished, when he actually discovered that Yan Ji had already hurtled out towards this person.

Xiang Zhilan had already discovered that there was something wrong with Yan Ji's eyes, as such she immediately understood that this man who was walking in a staggering manner towards them was none other than the person that Yan Ji had wanted to save at that time, but had actually ended up not saving that cultivator.

Feng Yushan seeing Yan Ji rush out like that immediately understood that she definitely had some relationship with this staggering cultivator, as he hastily shouted from the back, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you can't touch him."

Yan Ji immediately stopped in her footsteps, as she anxiously turned her head and asked, "Why?"

Feng Yushan, at this time, was even more sure that his first guess was definitely right, and quickly spoke, "This person should have already fully realized that he was stuck in an enormous Array Formation, as such he or at least his subconscious mind has already sunk into the state of trying to deduce this Array Formation. If you move him now, then there would only be one possible outcome, that is he would completely fall into this enchantment and lose himself, unable to wake up ever again."

"What should we do?" Yan Ji had immediately started to panic.

Xiang Zhilan walked up to her, and spoke in a quiet voice, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, is this cultivator the man you had spoken about before? The one who had changed his appearance?"

Yan Ji was looking at the still-walking Ning Cheng and forced herself to calm down. She nodded her head and spoke, "Yes, Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, he is the one. Senior Apprentice Sister do you have a way to save him? If we continue to let him go on like this, it would eventually end up in in him being in a similar situation of an oil lamp going completely dry."

Xiang Zhilan was silent for a moment, and then spoke up, "I have seen scenarios like this before. Some people who were familiar to others were forcibly taken away, but the result was that each of those people ended up completely sinking into the enchantment, and never waking up at all. What Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan spoke is definitely correct, but there is one method that I have......"

"Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, you should have said this before aah." She could no longer wait for Xiang Zhilan to complete and immediately asked.

"Arrange an Entrapment Array in front of him, and allow him to automatically enter into this Entrapment Array. He will then sense this Entrapment Array, and will begin to crack this Entrapment Array. Once the Entrapment Array is broken, he'll think that he has finally broken through the Array Formation. At the same time that he breaks through this Array Formation, you can then go ahead and forcefully wake him up or allow him to sober up by himself. But this is only what I think, it is not something that I have ever tried before, as such I don't know if it would actually work or not."

Yan Ji immediately spoke up, "Then I will arrange the Entrapment Arrays."

Xiang Zhilan pulled Yan Ji, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, I can arrange those Entrapment Arrays, moreover the Entrapment Arrays should not be too bad, if they are too low a level, then it would not work. I have been trapped in this place for over a century, although I am not the same as the rest of the people trapped in this place, but I have actually studied a number of Array Formations during this time."

When Feng Yushan heard this, he immediately spoke up, "I will also be able to help you with this method, I can set those Array Formations. I am a Tier 4 Array Formation Master, as such it should be enough for this matter."

Yan Ji quickly spoke up, "Many thanks Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan, but I think it would be better if Senior Apprentice Sister Lan was the one who arranged them. I'm afraid that if the Array Formation is too complicated, then Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng would not be able to break it open.

Although Yan Ji had spoken these words with reason, but this reason was completely overshadowed by her woman's intuition. At that moment when she had pulled off her veil, it was to let Xiang Zhilan to have a look of her face, so that of by hap chance that Senior Apprentice Sister Lan was able to get out of this place and return to the Le Continent, she would then be able to draw out her face. But she had not thought that Feng Yushan would suddenly pop up, and see her face.

Moreover, after Feng Yushan saw her face, she immediately felt a type of possessing desire coming from him, it was simply an unspeakable intuition, and was the type that was completely inborn and natural. Although Ning Cheng had also seen her face before, but other than some appreciation in Ning Cheng's eyes, there was definitely not a naked desire in them to try and possess her.

Feng Yushan quickly laughed and spoke, "Yes, that's ok too, besides if you need any help then I am always nearby."

Yan Ji then spoke in a prime manner, "Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan, we can leave Senior Apprentice Sister Lan to the layout, the two of us will watch over from the edge, I'm afraid that if there were more people, it would end up affecting him."

"That also makes sense." Feng Yushan no longer spoke anymore, as he looked at this unkempt man in front of him that Yan Ji was so concerned about. However, he did not care much about it, in this place, he, Feng Yushan, was the heavens. A person who had already lost his mind and sunken into insanity, how could he even deem himself to fight against him?

Xiang Zhilan especially took care as she arrived a few hundred meters in front of Ning Cheng and quickly arranged an Entrapment Array, but just as Ning Cheng walked up to this Entrapment Array, he unexpectedly automatically turned a corner, as he moved past the Entrapment Array in front of him and continued to move forward.

"What's going on?" Xiang Zhilan also could not understand as she looked at Ning Cheng's back which was getting smaller and smaller as he walked farther and farther away from her. It stood for reason that once a cultivator, who had already sunk into the state of deducing the Array Formation, would definitely not have a conscious mind working, as such how could he possibly bypass her Entrapment Array?

But Yan Ji's eyes actually turned bright, since Ning Cheng bypassed Senior Apprentice Sister Lan's Entrapment Array, that showed that he definitely was not like the others, he was definitely not at all like those people who had already gone crazy. She quickly spoke up, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, I know what to do. I will continue to arrange several Entrapment Arrays in front of him, one day he will enter at least one of those Entrapment Arrays."

Although Yan Ji spoke such words, but what she meant was definitely not the case. What she thought was that since Ning Cheng can bypass the Entrapment Arrays, it showed a possibility that Ning Cheng was actually aware of what he was doing. She wanted to keep laying Entrapment Arrays, only to let Ning Cheng bypass them, perhaps then in the light of these it would help him completely change back his own original thoughts, in exchange for abandoning it and returning to the Entrapment Arrays at present in front of him.

Feng Yushan frowned, he had also similarly thought of this thing. This cultivator and the other cultivators who had sunken into deducing the Array Formation although they seemed to be the same on the surface, yet they had a dissimilarity between them, that is he should not have completely lost his mind. Perhaps Yan Ji's approach really might be able to wake this cultivator who was deducing the Array Formation's layout. But even then he no longer worried about it, he was just a Profound Congealing 5th Level Cultivator, even if he successfully woke up, he could easily kill him.

Xiang Zhilan also simultaneously came to understand it, she realized what Yan Ji really wanted to do, and immediately spoke out in surprise, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, your friend should have fallen into this state not a long while ago, as such he had not completely lost himself, I reckon your approach is still something possible."

Seeing her own idea being realized by Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, Yan Ji spoke with some embarrassment, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, it would be better if I was the one following this person, you and Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan can go back first."

"No need to worry about it, I will be coming with you. With the two of us together, we would be able to take care of each other, besides even if I returned back, it's not like there is anything important here that I have to take care of. Moreover, since the two of us will be walking together, you would also not be lonely." Xiang Zhilan spoke without hesitation.

Feng Yushan on seeing this, immediately spoke up, "Then I will be the first to return, after a period of time, I will come looking for you. If you need any help, then you can contact me through the Communication Pearl."

After Feng Yushan walked away, Yan Ji suddenly took out a Spiritual Fruit and approached Grey Toottoot who was still following behind Ning Cheng and spoke, "Come, here is something good for you to eat."

The pills that Grey Toottoot had at present were not many, but he knew that he must save something for eating later, as such he would sometimes wait for several days before he could eat a pill. Moreover, he did not know when the pills left with him would end up completely eaten up. But now that Yan Ji took out a Spiritual Fruit, it immediately yipped a few times, and with his little paws he directly seized the Spiritual Fruit from Yan Ji's hands.

But after he seized the Spiritual Fruit, Grey Toottoot did not eat it, instead put it directly into its Storage Bag. He seemed to understand that all the things that were eatable were precious at the moment.

"What a smart pet beast, I guess that it's reluctant to eat it at this moment." Xiang Zhilan spoke with a sigh.

Yan Ji took out more than a dozen Spiritual Fruits and passed it on to Grey Toottoot, Grey Toottoot only swallowed one of them while putting the remaining Spiritual Fruits away.

After swallowing a Spiritual Fruit, Grey Toottoot's fur that was dry and rough looking before became somewhat moist.

"This Spirit Beast should not have drunk water or anything that contained moisture for a long time, because of which it's fur also completely dried up." Xiang Zhilan once again spoke up with a sentence.

What made the two even more astonished, was that Grey Toottoot even unexpectedly took out a pill to give to Yan Ji. It was obvious that it did not want to take advantage of other people and cause them difficulties.

"It really has good principles and spiritual nature for a pet beast." Yan Ji was getting more and more surprised. As she received the pill, her heart wished that she could take Grey Toottoot as her own.

Seeing Yan Ji receive the pill, Grey Toottoot then once again turned around and immediately ran back to Ning Cheng as he followed behind him just a step back.

"Yi! Unexpectedly this pill turns out to be a top grade True Restoring Pill? A pill of this quality, I have definitely not seen it before, this pill is absolutely a top class within the top class pills....." Xiang Zhilan amazingly stared at the pill in Yan Ji's hands and spoke out in shock.

Yan Ji had also seen that the quality of this pill was extremely high, as she thought just what kind of a person was capable of creating such a pill? She was also really confused.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, I think that your friend is not someone simple." Xiang Zhilan spoke as she stared at Ning Cheng's back, a person who can give such a top grade pill to its pet beast to eat, can most definitely be easily categorized as a strange event.

Yan Ji took out a Jade Bottle, then putting the pill she received into the jade bottle, she spoke up, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, what kind of person do you think this Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan is?"

"Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan? He is very nice aah, since he is one of us cultivators trapped here, we also were able to obtain a few benefits from him. He is also an Alchemy Master, and was able to

raise a Spiritual Medicine Garden. Moreover, every time there are fresh Spiritual Fruits, he would bring them all out to share with everyone." Xiang Zhilan blurted out.

Yan Ji was silent for a moment, then spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, other than you and me, there are eight other female cultivators here, I also found that those eight female cultivator's relation with Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan is also a bit unclear, but...."

Xiang Zhilan sighed and spoke, "You want to ask why those eight female cultivators don't speak about their Dao Companions, right? Actually this is very normal, this is a place from where we can never get out, everyone here is simply looking for some psychological comfort. Moreover, their Dao Companions also know that everyone here has only temporarily grouped together, there is simply no need to care about these things."

Yan Ji nodded and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, I always feel something odd about Senior Apprentice Brother Yushan, as such no matter how it turns out with Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, I will not be going back again, Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, you...."

Xiang Zhilan nodded, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, I understand what you mean, the reason I proposed to come together with you, was because I myself did not plan on going back. Although there are many people there, that kind of life is not what I want. If it was still the past I would not have dared to even think about this, anyways the two of us both have each other as companions, as such it wouldn't be too lonely for a person. Besides, that little puppy is also really cute."

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Chapter 217: Waking up

Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan did not know that three months ago, Ning Cheng had already deduced the location of the exit of this huge Array Formation. He also concluded that as long as there was enough materials and resources to break through this Array, anyone can actually get out of this place anytime they wanted. But at this time, the reason he had not walked out of this place was because he wanted to still research this huge Array in its entirety, and learn how this Array actually came into existence, so that he could thoroughly break this Array Formation once and for all.

Moreover, with his current level of attainments in Array Formations, not to mention the Array Formations laid out by Xiang Zhilan, even if it were Level 4 or even Level 5 Array Formations, he can consciously bypass them. Nobody, other than him, knew that during these last three years, he had laid out and simulated countless Array Formations in his Sea of Consciousness.

Ning Cheng had actually started doing this after coming under the influence of the Array Formation, if he really was in an awakened state, then he would have never have attempted such a foolish thing. A person, for the first time, would want to find the exit to this place as early as possible, and once they found the exit then they would have hurried out of this place as soon as possible, how could anyone waste their time in here trying to find a way to completely break the Array?

This kind of a huge Array, just managing to get out of here alive can already be considered as heaven defying in itself, as to wanting to thoroughly break this Array Formation, taking Ning Cheng's superficial cultivation into consideration, the outcome would actually be much worse. Perhaps many years later, Ning Cheng would be able to solve this huge Array, but at least for now he was aware that he could not

do it. At least by virtue of his current ability it was impossible, unless his luck really went against the heavens, and suddenly found where the heart of the Array was located.

One by one the days passed continuously, Xiang Zhilan and Yan Ji patiently arranged various Array Formations in front of Ning Cheng, but Ning Cheng always bypassed the Array Formations and continued to move forward.

Grey Toottoot had already been fully cleaned up by Yan Ji. Grey Toottoot felt that Yan Ji did not have any malice towards it and meant no harm because of which he had eventually allowed her to get close to him, but then all of a sudden he immediately ran behind Yan Ji's behind and immediately started yipping loudly.

"What's the matter?" Xiang Zhilan looked puzzlingly at the still barking Grey Toottoot.

"I don't know aah, he and I already are familiar with each other. Although he had barked before, but he never barked like this before. Moreover, he has been barking incessantly at my behind." Yan Ji also spoke out in a dejected manner. If she and Grey Toottoot were not familiar with each other then it could still be explained. But now that they were already familiar with each other, as such now that Grey Toottoot was barking at her in such a manner, she also was completely unable to understand as to what the matter was.

Xiang Zhilan suddenly said, "It seems that this puppy really has quite a brain in him, you will have to take a look at it and see what the matter is all about."

Yan Ji also was having such thoughts, as she stared at Grey Toottoot and said, "What are you calling out for? I have already given you many Spiritual Fruits, and I have been arranging the Array Formations to help out your master....."

Grey Toottoot suddenly jumped up, and nipped Yan Ji's hind leg.

"How can you bite me?" Yan Ji hastily clapped Grey Toottoot, if she had not taken a liking to this puppy, moreover considering that he also was Ning Cheng's pet beast, she would have already slapped it dead.

"Wait Wait....." Xiang Zhilan's face slightly changed, as she placed her hands on Yan Ji's rear.

Yan Ji immediately turned red, even if it was Xiang Zhilan who was a female cultivator. She was not used to this kind of touch.

"Don't move." Xiang Zhilan spoke in a very solemn manner.

Yan Ji on hearing Xiang Zhilan's unusual tone, did not dare to move again.

After a while, Xiang Zhilan put down her hand and said, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you have a Spiritual Consciousness tag on you. The place that this puppy had bit you, is where the Spiritual Consciousness tag is located."

Yan Ji's facial expression immediately changed. "I am already trapped in this place, who could have put the Spiritual Consciousness tag on me?"

Xiang Zhilan did not speak, she had carefully swept through herself to see if there was also a Spiritual Consciousness tag on her, but she actually did not discover any Spiritual Consciousness tags on her. She

frowned and asked Grey Toottoot, "Can you sense if I happen to have any similar markings on my body?"

Grey Toottoot did not even look at Xiang Zhilan. As it immediately chased after Ning Cheng. Yan Ji followed him and hastily called out, "Little Grey. You should quickly help Senior Apprentice Sister Lan to point it out......"

Hearing Yan Ji's words, Grey Toottoot reluctantly turned and bit on Xiang Zhilan's robe near her ankles.

Xiang Zhilan's Spiritual Consciousness immediately fell onto the spot nipped by Grey Toottoot, and after a moment, her complexion immediately turned pale and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, there is also a Spiritual Consciousness tag on my body. Moreover, it is very hard to discern, if it was not for this puppy pointing it out, then just by spending a few hours they would have been able to find us."

Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan looked at each other, but did not speak, it was needless to say as to who was the person who put a Spiritual Consciousness tag on both of them.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, regardless of the person who put the Spiritual Consciousness tag on both of us, I think it is definitely not a good thing for us." Xiang Zhilan spoke with some worry.

But Yan Ji, compared to Xiang Zhilan, was much more decisive, she had already understood that this Spiritual Consciousness tag was placed on them by Feng Yushan, and immediately spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, you will have to help me cut off the piece of cloth on which the Spiritual Consciousness tag is placed, you will also have to cut off yours too and leave it here. We have to leave this place quickly."

"What about him?" Xiang Zhilan pointed at Ning Cheng.

"There are some things beyond our control." Yan Ji just spoke a single phrase.

Xiang Zhilan knew that they have already stayed here for a long time, initially she was somewhat indecisive, but now that Yan Ji had already decided for both of them, she immediately cut out the piece of her robe that had the Spiritual Consciousness tag on it.

After removing the Spiritual Consciousness tag, Yan Ji first immediately rushed to the front of Ning Cheng, and directly sealed Ning Cheng's five senses and quickly picked up Ning Cheng placing him on her back, while simultaneously speaking to Xiang Zhilan, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, you take Little Grey and quickly follow me, leave those Spiritual Consciousness tags here, we will have to escape immediately."

Xiang Zhilan understood Yan Ji's procedure, if they left like this, they would only be waiting for Feng Yushan to lose his patience, at that time it would be this male cultivator who she referred to as Senior Apprentice Brother Cheng, who would be the first one to suffer. Yan Ji also understood this point, and simply carried this male cultivator on her back and immediately started running.

Grey Toottoot was also grabbed by Xiang Zhilan, as the two of them immediately started running away from that place at their fastest speed. After running at full speed for a while, Yan Ji thought of something and immediately brought out a flight type magical weapon.

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A day later, Feng Yushan arrived at the place where Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan left the Spiritual Consciousness tags, at this moment he had an extremely ugly look on his face. He looked around, and finally decided on the direction to chase them down. But this direction, nevertheless was exactly the same direction in which Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan left.

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Although Xiang Zhilan was in control of the airship, but she was aware as to what Yan Ji was doing. Yan Ji was unexpectedly helping that male cultivator clean up the dirt and filth on him inside the cabin, although Yan Ji had not completely removed that male cultivator's clothes for the moment, but it was a matter that would happen sooner or later. Looking at her actions, Yan Ji would certainly end up striping this male cultivator completely nude.

Xiang Zhilan sighed, but it was actually not because of Yan Ji's actions. She was also one of the outstanding disciples of the Blue Cloud Academy, but unexpectedly she ended up together with such a cultivator, which made her unexpectedly recall some of her past memories. In her opinion, if they managed to leave this place, then Ning Cheng simply would not even deserve to be placed on an equal platform to even a single hair on Yan Ji's head.

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Yan Ji, at the moment had completely cleaned and straightened out Ning Cheng's hair, completely removing the disguise on Ning Cheng's face. When she shaved off Ning Cheng's beard, she suddenly froze as she thought. How could he be so young? This guy was definitely less than 25 years old.

Yan Ji naturally was not thinking about his appearance, but rather his intelligence. She herself was 24 years old and had painstakingly cultivated till her present level of Profound Congealing 9th Level. Even if it was in the Le Continent, there were not many people like her. But then at present looking at Ning Cheng, how could he be so young yet so powerful?

Ning Cheng's five senses were all sealed, but under the influence of the Mysterious Yellow Origin, they soon were starting to loosen up. Yan Ji did not have any killing intent directed towards him, as such he had been very calm all throughout. But at this moment, an intense sense of crisis loomed over, Ning Cheng almost instantaneously utilised the aid provided by the Mysterious Yellow Origin and immediately unsealed his five senses, even his consciousness was restored in a flash.

Yan Ji was still in the process of untying Ning Cheng's clothes with her hands, when Ning Cheng suddenly sat up and simultaneously grabbed Yan Ji's wrist.

"It's vou?"

"You woke up?"

Just as Ning Cheng recognized Yan Ji, at the same time Yan Ji was also pleasantly surprised to know that Ning Cheng had finally woken up, as the two of them spoke out simultaneously. If she knew that Ning Cheng would wake up this early and in such a simple manner, she would have started on him a long time ago.

Ning Cheng had already turned around all the things that had transpired during these past several days in his head, although he did not have even a few differences compared to the other people researching

the Array, but at the very least he was aware as to what he was doing and even his objectives were clearly defined.

After going through all these things, Ning Cheng quickly understood that Yan Ji was the one who was trying to wake him up.

"Thank you, isn't this the bottom of the Blood River? How can you be here?" Ning Cheng asked Yan Ji in a somewhat doubtful manner.

Yan Ji was delighted as she spoke, "At that time when I saw you surrounded by the Blood River Otters, moreover the Blood River Tide was also surging over to your side, I became worried about you, and immediately rushed in your direction, but instead of saving you, I ended up coming here."

Ning Cheng too, understood that originally there seem to be someone else who ended up coming here because of him. Now that he realized that it was Yan Ji, he immediately gave a sheepish and embarrassed sort of smile and spoke, "I'm sorry aah, I ended delaying you here for a few years."

Ning Cheng's regret was from the bottom of his heart, the few years he was stuck down here, it also meant that Yan Ji was also struck here with him since that time and had ended up delaying her cultivation. Although he did not have any significant delays in this regard, but no one knew that at this time he was already a Tier 6 Array Formation Master, and was just a single step away from reaching the level of an Array Formation Grand Master.

A less than 30-year-old Array Formation Grand Master, even if it was the entire Yi Xing Mainland, it would be considered as a shockingly monstrous talent.

Yan Ji did not listen to Ning Cheng's words, rather she simply did not care about it and spoke, "Never mind that aah, to be able to meet an acquaintance in this sort of place is not easy. And since we cannot get out of this place, I feel that there is simply no need for us to be so polite with each other."

Although Yan Ji had not thought of becoming Ning Cheng's Dao Companion, but her thoughts were still very simple, since they were already trapped in this place, so there really was no need for them to be so polite with each other.

Ning Cheng was going to ask Yan Ji to go out, when his Spiritual Consciousness swept towards Grey Toottoot. He had forgotten that he had left Grey Toottoot to his own devices and was feeling guilty towards him at this moment, if he hadn't left a Storage Ring with Grey Toottoot, then Grey Toottoot might have even starved to death.

"Grey Toottoot." Ning Cheng gave a call.

"Yi Yi..." Grey Toottoot immediately gave out a cry, while simultaneously excitedly started jumping around inside. Now that Ning Cheng had woken up, it meant that his rations were now available.

"You named him Grey Toottoot? It really is a cute and lovely name." Yan Ji finally was able to learn the puppy's name.

"First let me clean myself up." Ning Cheng saw that Yan Ji wasn't going to go out by her own initiative, as such he could only bluntly speak it out by himself.

Yan Ji immediately realized it, as she quickly took Grey Toottoot and left the cabin.

Ning Cheng then used the Dust Removal Technique on himself several times and cleaned himself up quickly, and changing into a fresh set of clothes, he finally came out.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, this is the Senior Apprentice Sister who I bumped into in here, Xiang Zhilan. Originally she is also from my Blue Cloud Academy, but has been trapped in here for almost a hundred years. Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, he is Ning Cheng." Yan Ji saw that Ning Cheng had come out, and hurriedly introduced the two sides.

Xiang Zhilan was also surprised and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, I never would have thought that you would be so young. It can be said that out of all the people who are studying and trying to deduce this Array Formation, and still manage to wake up, you are definitely the first one."

Xiang Zhilan was really surprised that Ning Cheng was able to wake up, moreover she had not thought even in her wildest dreams that Ning Cheng would be so young.

After Ning Cheng thanked Xiang Zhilan, he suddenly spoke up: "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, what person did you and Senior Apprentice Sister Lan offend? Why would anyone try to chase us in this sort of place?"

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Chapter 218: The Powerful Feng Yushan

As Ning Cheng asked the question, Xiang Zhilan's Spiritual Consciousness had already picked up Feng Yushan pursuing them. Her face turned somewhat ugly as she turned to Yan Ji and spoke, "It's Feng Yushan."

"Who is Feng Yushan?" Ning Cheng asked.

Yan Ji with the fastest speed recounted all that had happened between them. When Ning Cheng heard Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan were marked with Spiritual Consciousness tags, which were later found out by Grey Toottoot, he immediately patted Grey Toottoot's head with appreciation.

"It seems that you still have a Spiritual Consciousness tag on at least one of you, and judging by the situation it should be in a place Grey Toottoot cannot sense or reach." Ning Cheng solemnly looked at Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan and spoke up.

Xiang Zhilan immediately increased the speed of the airship as she sighed and spoke up, "Feng Yushan's Spiritual Consciousness tags are very obscure and hard to pinpoint, if not for Grey Toottoot, I wouldn't have been able to find it at all. I guess that if we had another Spiritual Consciousness tag, then it should be on my body. I guess that it was placed earlier on me. Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you will have to take control of the airship, as I go and change all my clothes."

Ning Cheng immediately interrupted Xiang Zhilan's words and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, I doubt changing clothes would be useful at this point. Since there is a Spiritual Consciousness tag on your body, then it may not necessarily be on your clothes. If it was on your clothes, then Grey Toottoot would have already found it. Feng Yushan is just a trivial Profound Core 9th Level, you don't have to worry too much about it."

Xiang Zhilan incredulously looked at Ning Cheng, just a trivial Profound Core 9th Level? This Ning Cheng's manner of speech really was too irresponsible, moreover his cultivation also seemed to be only at the Profound Congealing Realm.

Yan Ji saw the incredulous look on Xiang Zhilan and quickly spoke up, "I heard it from Senior Apprentice Sister Lingwei, that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, just being a single person, was able to battle against more than 20 Profound Core Cultivators, along with several dozens of Profound Congealing Cultivators simultaneously. Moreover, he was even able to finally kill all of them, and withdraw safely from that place. Moreover, other than those Profound Congealing Cultivators, there were also two who were at Profound Core 8th Level....."

Listening to Yan Ji's words, Xiang Zhilan's astonishment only increased even more as the level of incredulity in her eyes increased by a large extent as she looked at Ning Cheng. If not for her knowing Yan Ji before, she would never have believed such a preposterous thing. She even thought that Yan Ji and Ning Cheng were collaborating together to create an elaborate prank on her. A Profound Congealing Cultivator, even if they were at the peak of the Profound Congealing Realm, they would not be able to fight against even a Profound Core 1st Level, right? Not to mention fighting against more than 20 Profound Core Cultivators simultaneously? Moreover, there were even dozens of Profound Congealing Cultivators too?

Ning Cheng quickly spoke up, "It was just because I was in possession of a Broken Core Pearl, it was only a fluke win. Besides those Profound Core Cultivators did not come at me simultaneously, rather they were coming at me in batches."

"A Broken Core Pearl, even if you had one, it would still not be enough to kill so many Profound Core Cultivators, aah."

Xiang Zhilan immediately spoke out.

"There were also several other things....." Ning Cheng did not know how to explain, and could only vaguely speak out.

Even if one was able to bridge the gap in one's cultivation levels, it could only be done for minor levels within a realm. But for Ning Cheng, as long as they could not block his Axe Line's Killing Intent, then whether it was Profound Core or Profound Congealing Cultivators it made no difference. Besides, those more than 20 Profound Core Cultivators truly had not started out against him together, which ended up giving him a very big opportunity to exploit. In fact, the only people within that group that could really threaten him in a fight were the Profound Core 8th Level Cultivators, along with a Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator who was working in consort with the Profound Core 5th Level Cultivator. As for the other cultivators, they could not even stop his Axe Line's Killing Intent, and were easily cut down just like a knife through soy sauce.

Xiang Zhilan did not ask again, she estimated that Ning Cheng had used an Array Formation to achieve such results. After all she had personally seen Ning Cheng bypass her Array Formations. Although her achievements in the field of Array Formations were not bad, but in the eyes of Ning Cheng, those foreign objects were simply similar to floating clouds.

Ning Cheng swept out with Spiritual Consciousness and found that Feng Yushan was getting closer and closer to them, so he simply spoke out, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ji, you and Senior Apprentice Sister Lan leave first, I will stay back and deal with Feng Yushan, I will catch up with you later."

"Don't go, we can help you out." Yan Ji also crisply replied.

Xiang Zhilan's face was a bit gloomy, she knew her own state of affairs better than anyone else, although at present she was a Profound Core 2nd Level Cultivator, but because she had not practiced cultivation for over so many years, as such her cultivation was already backsliding. Once a fight actually started, her declining strength would basically not be enough at all. It was not that she was not willing to help, but because she had to face that Feng Yushan, who she basically did not have any qualifications to even go against.

Who was Feng Yushan? All the cultivators back at that place knew that he had a secret. As he was the only person in their group whose cultivation had always been on the rise, even though there were more than thirty Profound Core Cultivators living in that place, none of them dared to even slightly covet Feng Yushan's secret. Moreover, he had clearly demonstrated his strength once before, which made all the people in the group clear that even if they all combined their strengths, they would still not be a match against Feng Yushan.

"No, even if there was a chance that I was not a match against that Feng Yushan, I still have ways to escape him, moreover I certainly would be able to run away faster than that Feng Yushan. But if you came, you would not be much use at all. Even if Junior Apprentice Sister Ji is quite good, I can easily say that she would not be of any help even if it was just pinning down Feng Yushan for a few moments." Ning Cheng refused without any hesitation and bluntly pointed out the facts.

Although Yan Ji had not seen Ning Cheng killing dozens of Profound Core Cultivators, but she had faith that Jia Lingwei would definitely not lie to her. In addition to that, before when they were on the Blood River Peak, Ning Cheng had saved her and Jia Lingwei, it also showed that he definitely had the means to move quickly. Since Ning Cheng said that he can escape whenever he wanted to, then it should definitely be well founded.

Thinking till here, Yan Ji finally nodded and said, "Senior Apprentice Sister Lan, such being the case we will be going first."

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Ning Cheng watched as Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan left, but did not arrange an Array Formation. He believed that to deal with Feng Yushan he would not need to set up an Array Formation, moreover it was already a second too late to set it up.

Ning Cheng had just sent away Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan's airship, when Feng Yushan's flight type magic weapon landed in front of Ning Cheng.

Seeing Feng Yushan, Ning Cheng instantly realized that this Feng Yushan in front of him was definitely not ordinary. At least he was different from the other cultivators that he had seen here. Before he met this Feng Yushan, the cultivator in the best condition that Ning Cheng had seen was Xiang Zhilan.

But Xiang Zhilan was pale looking and there were hardly any True Essence fluctuations coming from her, apparently it was caused by her prolonged absence from practicing cultivation. But Feng Yushan's aura was quite energetic, Ning Cheng noticed that it was no different from the cultivators that he had seen outside, rather it can even be said that he looked even more energetic than them.

Feng Yushan was in no rush to chase Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan, and had even casually stored away his flight type magic weapon, as he sized up Ning Cheng and spoke, "You actually woke up, moreover I never would have thought that you would be such a young man. But you are just a cultivator at the intermediate stages of the Profound Congealing Realm, do you really think you can stop me?"

Feng Yushan originally had the heart to leisurely question Ning Cheng and as such did not get impatient at all, but when he finished asking his words, he suddenly realized something. His face immediately turned ugly, as he anxiously asked, "How did you wake up? Before waking up, were your clothes replaced, was your body also cleaned up?"

Ning Cheng initially did not understand why Feng Yushan was asking such irrelevant questions. If the Spiritual Consciousness tags of Feng Yushan had not already been discovered, then the first one to end up dying would have been him, then wouldn't he leisurely continue and chase Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan? Why would he worry about and even ask how his clothes got changed?

"Just answer me." Feng Yushan seemed to be on the verge of losing his patience.

Ning Cheng quickly understood what the matter was, as he showed a faint smile and spoke, "Who changed my clothes? Well certainly it was Junior Apprentice Sister Ji who helped me change, what's wrong, do you have any more questions that you want to ask me, like how did she do it?"

"I will tear you apart...." The calmness on Feng Yushan finally was replaced with an incomparable wrath in just a moment, as he raised his hand and brought out a pair of Yin Yang Dual Locks.

Just as these Dual Locks came out, Ning Cheng realized that these Dual Locks were at the very least a pair of Best Quality Spiritual Artefacts. These Dual Locks were not completely stimulated, but their diametrically opposed killing aura had fully locked down the space all around Ning Cheng.

The surrounding air all around Ning Cheng immediately became heavy, this pair of Yin Yang Dual Locks had obviously not fallen on Ning Cheng's head, but their imposing manner was getting stronger by the moment, which was making Ning Cheng feel more and more oppressed. It seemed as if the next moment, this kind of oppression would completely grind him into a meat pulp.

Ning Cheng immediately realized that this Feng Yushan was far stronger than those stranded in the Second Segment of the Law's Way, at least definitely stronger than the ones who had to rely on the Profound Core Cultivators blocking the entrance and looting others.

Immediately bringing out his True Cosmic Devil Axe, he directly tore through the killing aura of the Yin Yang Dual Locks while simultaneously blasting out with a matchlessly fiendish Devil Axe Intent.

This Axe Intent and the Yin Yang Dual Lock's Yin Yang Killing Aura immediately collided together, and sent out loud intermittent 'rumbling' sounds.

"Devil Cultivator....." Feng Yushan's face immediately changed, he immediately stimulated the Yin Yang Dual Locks in a more urgent manner, immediately materialising dozens of gigantic grey spheres that were condensed from the Yin Yang Killing Aura and his black coloured True Essence.

After Ning Cheng used the True Cosmic Devil Axe to tear apart the first wave of the Yin Yang Dual Locks' Killing Aura, he directly rolled up and stirred the Angry Axe's Killing Intent, giving rise to a whirlpool. This Axe Intent Whirlpool in just an instant clashed with the grey spheres condensed by the Yin Yang Dual Locks.

"Boom Boom Boom....." Just like a magazine filled with explosive rounds lighting up, horrendous explosive sounds burst through the silence and peace surrounding the area.

This land that was covered in black sands, was immediately torn open as the True Essence from the two people directly blasted open a huge crater.

"Ka....." After the Killing Intent and the imposing manner exploded out with loud rumblings, the True Cosmic Devil Axe and the Yin Yang Dual Locks solidly collided against each other.

Ning Cheng was forced back a dozen steps because of the powerful collision, and was barely able to keep his balance. He shockingly discovered that although his cultivation of Profound Core Realm looked the same as the others, the gap between him and others was as huge as the heavens and earth. In the exchange from a moment ago, he most definitely would have gotten himself killed if he had been the slightest bit careless. This moment when he clashed with Feng Yushan, compare to all the hundreds of fights he had with other cultivators, the effect was completely different.

This fight was quite different from the fights against ordinary cultivators as he treated most of them as spars, moreover having a larger amount of weapons also did not mean that it would be better, it was not simply a super positioning effect. Although he could still take down the opposite party, but if wanted to kill this Feng Yushan in an all-out frontal assault, then he would have to take the help of Array Formations. This Feng Yushan had already lived so long inside this place, as such his understandings regarding Array Formations would definitely not be bad.

But at the moment Feng Yushan was actually more shocked and frightened than Ning Cheng. His opponent's cultivation was indeed only at Profound Congealing 5th Level, as such the distance between him and the other party should be more than a thousand miles, yet his attack was only able to push him back a little. If this cultivator opposite to him did not have a secret, then even if he was killed he would not believe it.

The only reason he was alive in this place at this time, moreover even living while being able to cultivate, was because he had his own secret.

As such he had to take down this cultivator no matter what. As for Yan Ji, he was not afraid that she would be able to slip past him, as long as she was inside this place, then it was equivalent to her being inside his domain.

Ning Cheng was just thinking in what way to take down Feng Yushan, when he saw Feng Yushan wave his hand. Immediately a tall humanoid puppet appeared in front of Ning Cheng.

Looking at the formidable imposing manner emanating from this puppet, it immediately shocked Ning Cheng, this kind of imposing manner, he had only seen when he saw Kong Peng Peng fight.

Was this a Soul Essence Puppet? Ning Cheng immediately came to understand, that this definitely was a Soul Essence Puppet. If it was just a single Feng Yushan, then he could have still managed to come up with a countermeasure against him, but even then it would still be something that was bordering on unbearable, but with the addition of a Soul Essence Puppet, he would not even need to clash with him directly before dying.

Escape, he had to first escape from this place. As for taking care of Feng Yushan, he did not worry about it much, as one day he would definitely return to this place. As Ning Cheng thought till here, his Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings directly unfolded behind him, immediately issuing a multi-coloured glow, before disappearing from there in just the twinkling of an eye.

"Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings refined from the Twin Radiant Heavenly Cloud Leaves?" Feng Yushan's vision immediately turned sinister, although Ning Cheng had used the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings and had disappeared from in front of him in a flash, but he still was able to see them clearly.

At this moment, he was not angry that Ning Cheng had escaped, as at this moment his eyes were sparkling with a glint of surprise. He had completely not expected this kind of a situation, if one day he was able to get his hands on this Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings, then in his opinion, as long as he was trapped in this place, everything inside this place would eventually become his.

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Chapter 219: Searching The Whole Body

In the vast open space of this land that was covered in black sands, the sounds of explosions from the fight between Ning Cheng and Feng Yushan was able to travel quite far without any hindrances.

Even Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan, who were rapidly escaping and were already far away, were able to hear the explosive sounds, which immediately disturbed the hearts of the two people. They both looked at each other, but did not know if it would turn out to be better for them.

At this time, Ning Cheng suddenly appeared on the airship, and spoke in an urgent manner, "Feng Yushan has a Soul Essence Puppet on him, at the moment I am not a match against him. Put away the airship, I will carry you both, otherwise he will be able to catch up with us."

Xiang Zhilan and Yan Ji both simultaneously saw the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings behind Ning Cheng. At this moment Yan Ji finally understood why Ning Cheng was able to almost instantaneously move away from the Blood River Peak while carrying her. It was originally because Ning Cheng had obtained and refined the Twin Radiant Heavenly Cloud Leaves. Just how much of a good luck does he have aah.

However, the two of them were also not ordinary people, they both immediately understood Ning Cheng's meaning, that is Ning Cheng wanted to carry them away to make his escape. With the speed of the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings, that Feng Yushan really would not be able to catch up to them.

Yan Ji immediately put away the airship, and had just held Grey Toottoot in her hands, when Ning Cheng immediately embraced her and Xiang Zhilan's waist while simultaneously agitating the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings.

The Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings brought up a faint trace of multi-coloured light as they quickly vanished from that spot in a twinkling of an eye.

However, Feng Yushan who was closing in on them sneered and thought, "So you think you can escape from me? I refuse to believe that you would be able to fly continuously for a few years while carrying people."

For the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings, not to say tracking them down for a few years, even if he, Feng Yushan, had to pursue them for dozens of years, he was determined to do it.

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Although Yan Ji knew that at this time she could not afford to be squeamish, but when she was grabbed by Ning Cheng to escape, her heart still fluttered. Strictly speaking, this was only what she was feeling at this time. Moreover, this was the first time in her entire life that she had been held in such a way by a man. Previously, although she was carried away in the same manner when Ning Cheng saved her previously, but it was only for an extremely short period of time. She had not felt anything, before Ning Cheng had already put her down.

But this time, she was finally able to feel such a sensation. Suddenly she seemed to have understood why Nalan Ruxue, at the time when she suddenly woke up, wanted to fight against him without a second thought. If she did not have some good feelings in her heart towards Ning Cheng, then if it was someone else who had held her so tight against them in order to escape, then wouldn't she have also thought about it in the same manner?

NO, she and that Nalan Ruxue were different, she would have at least first asked for a reason, unlike that Nalan Ruxue who would attack without even asking for a reason.

As Yan Ji was indulging in such foolish flights of fancy, the others did not know what she was thinking. At the moment Xiang Zhilan was a lot calmer than Yan Ji, she could feel that Ning Cheng's bodily aura was different from the other cultivators that she had met till now, this kind of aura was indescribably pure and was something that she was not able to put into words. This kind of purity was something that one experienced only when one was just born, it was something that simply could never be expressed in words.

Xiang Zhilan did not know about the Origin Aura, but she could feel that Ning Cheng was definitely different from the others. Moreover, she had already understood that Ning Cheng embracing her and Yan Ji was only in order to escape and not for other anything else.

That Feng Yushan was also using a flight type magic weapon. And was always following them on their heels, but Ning Cheng wouldn't always be able to escape while holding on to the two of them, right? Even if Ning Cheng had the Twin Heavenly Cloud Wings, it would always require one's True Essence to operate, once Ning Cheng ran out of True Essence, then wouldn't Fang Yushan be able to catch up to them?

How should she remind this to Ning Cheng?

Xiang Zhilan felt a bit embarrassed in her heart, as she feared that even if it were them they would not be able to get out of this place. Anyhow, she was a disciple from the Blue Cloud Academy. Moreover,

she also was aware of the moral sense of shame, as such when she was reminded by Ning Cheng, she had a feeling that Ning Cheng suspected that there was another Spiritual Consciousness Tag on her body. She and Ning Cheng were not related to each other, as such how could she let Ning Cheng take care of this matter. Moreover, doesn't her Junior Apprentice Sister Yan Ji seem to have a relationship that was not ordinary with Ning Cheng?

Xiang Zhilan decided to look for the Spiritual Consciousness Tag on her body by herself, she believed that if she carefully and slowly checked out her body by herself then she would definitely be able to find the Spiritual Consciousness Tag.

Other than Yan Ji who was still immersed in her flights of fancy, Xiang Zhilan was not the only one thinking of such things. Ning Cheng, of course was also thinking of something similar. He had decided to search for the Spiritual Consciousness Tags on the bodies of Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan. He believed that with his current level of Spiritual Consciousness, as long as he was careful, he would not be found out by the two of them. It was not that he was intentionally wanting to do this, but because if this kind of thing was brought up even once, then it would only lead to more awkwardness.

If he was holding Ji Luofei, then he would have already used his Spiritual Consciousness to carefully check her out.

After determining that Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan were not paying attention to him, Ning Cheng immediately released his Spiritual Consciousness which fell on to Xiang Zhilan's body. He had already felt that the possibility of the Spiritual Consciousness Tag was higher with Xiang Zhilan, as for Yan Ji she had not entered this place for over a long time. If the Spiritual Consciousness Tag could not be found on Xiang Zhilan's body, only then would he try to seek it out on Yan Ji's body.

Ning Cheng used his Spiritual Consciousness very carefully, moreover as Xiang Zhilan was stuck close to his bosom as he flew, it provided him with even more convenience.

However, Ning Cheng quickly began to feel embarrassed to stand up like this, although this kind of scene that was uncovering in his mind had been previously seen by him on the covers of magazines and even some small movies but it was also completely different, as what he was experiencing was actually happening to him right now, while he was still holding both the women to his bosom.

Even if Xiang Zhilan had not practiced cultivation for a long time, with her cultivation in this place, she still had a snow white skin and even her body was quite voluptuous and well-rounded. This made Ning Cheng immediately go red in his face, after all, he still was a young virgin.

Ning Cheng just like a thief in general, used his Spiritual Sense to carefully probe Xiang Zhilan's body. He firmly believed that Xiang Zhilan would not discover him.

But half an hour later, Ning Cheng's hand shook, and almost let Xiang Zhilan to fall down to the ground. Moreover, even his complexion was getting more and more embarrassed. He had never thought that while he was carefully searching Xiang Zhilan's body, Xiang Zhilan was also using her own Spiritual Consciousness to carefully examine her own body.

The two Spiritual Consciousness had ended up unexpectedly colliding with each other on her abdomen. Just as Xiang Zhilan's Spiritual Consciousness met Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness at that moment, her body immediately shook slightly, but she instantly understood Ning Cheng's meaning. Under this

situation that Ning Cheng and she really did not know each other, and also the Spiritual Consciousness Tag not being found on her body, then each of them was afraid that it would become mutually awkward for the other party.

The thought of Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness looking all around her body, immediately made Xiang Zhilan's face to go weird. Although since the time she was here, she had formed Dao Companions with other people, but it was more for a kind of spiritual sustenance. But now that there was someone using their Spiritual Consciousness to carefully sweep over her body, how could she pretend to not to know?

She had unconsciously shook her body, moreover there were even a few reactions that made her feel ashamed. At this point, she could only close both her eyes tightly, as she recalled her Spiritual Consciousness. Fortunately, she felt that although Ning Cheng was using his Spiritual Consciousness to sweep her but at least he was well behaved, and had not violated her openly, and was really only trying to search for the Spiritual Consciousness Tag.

After Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness bumped into Xiang Zhilan's, it immediately became incomparably awkward and embarrassing for both of them. Initially he did not want to let Xiang Zhilan to know about it, as he believed that he can accomplish this by himself. But in the end he was finally found out, moreover he had even ended up colliding with the Spiritual Consciousness of that person on her own body.

However, even if that was the case, he did not recall his Spiritual Consciousness back, as this was not a casual matter. If Xiang Zhilan was like Nalan Ruxue, and would have immediately started swearing and accuse him of being a perverted wolf, then Ning Cheng would have rather immediately put her down and escape on his own.

There was a Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator with a Soul Essence Puppet who was chasing them. If he did not do this, then could he still be able to live out his life?

Fortunately, Xiang Zhilan recalled her Spiritual Consciousness back. Moreover, did not even say anything, not even a slight humph. Only her skin trembled a bit, however these tremors soon went back to normal.

Ning Cheng knew that Xiang Zhilan had realized the severity of the situation, and should have tacitly consented to his search.

Ning Cheng's guess was right, Xiang Zhilan had truly tacitly consented to let Ning Cheng search her entire body without restraint. In the beginning, she was still feeling ashamed and angry, but she quickly calmed down. She understood that Ning Cheng was not doing anything reprehensible, on the contrary if Ning Cheng had put this forward initially, then she would have definitely not agreed to it and it would even lead to more embarrassment between them.

Now that she found out what Ning Cheng wanted to do, she would absolutely not nose in with her Spiritual Consciousness, this kind of thing it would be better if she did not know, rather pretending to not know it would be the best in such a situation. She would not be shy and pass it up, moreover what she was even more horrified was that Ning Cheng's cultivation absolutely did not seem high at all. As such when he used his Spiritual Consciousness to examine her body, she unexpectedly was not even

able to perceive it in the slightest. If she had not used her own Spiritual Consciousness to sweep at the same spot, then she absolutely would not have sensed Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness.

After the time it took for an incense stick to burn, Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness concentrated onto the inside of the left ear of Xiang Zhilan. The Spiritual Consciousness Tag was placed under the skin, and was extremely vague. Taking Xiang Zhilan's cultivation and Feng Yushan's alertness from before, for Feng Yushan to place the Spiritual Consciousness Tag in such a place can even be considered as normal.

He knew it early on that the Spiritual Consciousness Tag would definitely be placed in hard to find spots. As such Ning Cheng would definitely not scan every nook and cranny from the top to the bottom of Xiang Zhilan's body only to make everyone embarrassed.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness was really formidable, since he had already found the Spiritual Consciousness Tag on Xiang Zhilan's body, his Spiritual Consciousness directly enveloped the Spiritual Consciousness Tag on Xiang Zhilan. Bringing out a jade bottle, he carefully extracted Spiritual Consciousness Tag, placing it into the jade bottle, before sealing it and throwing it away.

As Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness wrapped up and extracted the Spiritual Consciousness Tag, Xiang Zhilan was able to clearly perceived all of this in her mind, and let out a sigh. He had finally found it, otherwise given enough time, that Feng Yushan would have surely have been able to catch up with the three of them.

After removing the Spiritual Consciousness Tag from Xiang Zhilan's body, Ning Cheng did not continue on to search Yan Ji's body. After flying for a bit more time, he determined that Feng Yushan was not able to continue to track them. Out of the two of them, he understood that Yan Ji's body truly did not have a Spiritual Consciousness Tag on her, as such he basically did not have to search for it.

Yan Ji had still not sobered up from her fantasies, and was still immersed in her original foolish ideas, as such she did not think much of it at all. But once she finally returned to her senses, she immediately thought about the Spiritual Consciousness Tag.

"Aah, I remember, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, I and Senior Apprentice Sister Lan might have a Spiritual Consciousness Tag on us. If there really is one on us and we continued on like this, then wouldn't Feng Yushan catch up to us?"

"No, you do not have any Spiritual Consciousness Tags on you, that Feng Yushan should also not be able to catch up to us." Ning Cheng immediately replied.

After hearing Ning Cheng's words, Yan Ji did not respond, but Xiang Zhilan had already perceived the meaning of the words. She was certain that Ning Cheng had also similarly looked over Yan Ji's body, Yan Ji's cultivation was already lower than her own, as such she absolutely would not be aware of what Ning Cheng had done. Thinking of Yan Ji's attitude towards Ning Cheng, even if she knew about it she wouldn't think that what Ning Cheng had done something wrong. Since they could not leave this place in any case, and also since Yan Ji seem to be wanting to stay together with Ning Cheng till the end. As such using his Spiritual Consciousness to examine her body would also mean nothing much.

"How do you know?" Yan Ji doubtfully asked.

Xiang Zhilan did not want to let Yan Ji feel embarrassed and quickly spoke up, "The Spiritual Consciousness Tag on my body has already been found and even removed, it's just that you were not paying attention at that time."

Yan Ji once again thought back to the fanciful thoughts she was thinking, looking back at it once more, there were a few things that she should not have thought of, which immediately made her blush, as she hastily changed the subject and asked, "Where should we go now?"

Ning Cheng brought out a flight type magic weapon, "First let us come on board, and go look for a place, and then think of a way out of this place. This place is somewhere out of my calculations, as such I will have to go look for some similar markers."

"Get out of here?" Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan almost simultaneously cried out in amazement.

Ning Cheng nodded and spoke, "That's right, we can get out of this place. Although I am still yet to fully grasp this Array Formation, but I should be able to find the exit, it's just that I would not only require roughly a million or so High Grade Spirit Stones, but would also require a Best Quality Spirit Stone to open the Array Door."

Originally the two of them had merely suspected Ning Cheng's words that he spoke a moment ago, but when it came to the part when Ning Cheng said that he also needed a Best Quality Spirit Stone to open the Array Door, the two people had almost completely lost their minds. If Best Quality Spirit Stones were so easily available, then they would not have been called as Best Quality Spirit Stones.

The Gate Of Good Fortune

Chapter 220: Heaven Opening Talisman

"This place is also just another large swath of sand like any other place in here, what have we come to do here?" Xiang Zhilan and Yan Ji were puzzlingly looking at the same black sands that were devoid of any movement in front of them, they could not understand what Ning Cheng had come to do here.

"When I was still trying to deduce this Array Formation, although I was able to find a way to open it, but I had still not yet completely figured out this Array Formation. To open this Array Formation, we will need to put down a huge array consisting of Communication Array Flags, during the past few years I have already arranged these Array Flags in quite a few chosen locations, now all that is left is produce the required Spirit Stones as an offering at the heart of the Array. According to my deductions, this place here should be the heart of the Array." Ning Cheng explained.

"Do you really know of a way to get out of this Array Formation?" Xiang Zhilan really did not dare to believe those words as she looked at Ning Cheng, not to mention it was already impossible to obtain a Best Quality Spirit Stone in here, even if they were able to obtain a Best Quality Spirit Stone, Xiang Zhilan would definitely not believe that Ning Cheng could break the Array.

They already did not dare to imagine how many cultivators were and had been trapped in this place at the bottom of the Blood River since the start of its history, as such it wouldn't come as a surprise if one of them turned out to be a genius in the field of Array Formations. But they have never heard of any person that was able to get out of this place, let alone seeing a person that was able to break open this Array Formation.

Ning Cheng did not speak again. Rather than explaining it to them, it would be better if he did it by himself. He took out more than a dozen Array Flags and threw them out in a particular order, then spread out a few Spirit Stones around them so as to provide a Spiritual Source for the flags. After waiting for a few breaths, a black coloured irregular looking gate suddenly emerged out of thin air in front of the three of them.

"There was actually a hidden gate here?" Xiang Zhilan cried out in a frightened voice, while in her heart she was starting to doubt her own thoughts about whether or not Ning Cheng could really take them out of here.

"This gate will only be open for at most ten breaths of time, we should hurry up and go inside." During speaking, Ning Cheng had already taken a step forward and was the first one to enter the gate.

Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan on seeing this immediately followed behind.

When the three people finally came out of the gate and saw the scene in front of them, all three of them immediately froze.

All three of them had entered the Blood River Mountains and had eventually fallen to the bottom of the Blood River. The Spiritual Qi at the bottom of the Blood River was not just scarce, but rather it did not even have a single speck of Spiritual Qi. Although this place had a similarly long Blood River in front of them, but on the contrary, the Spiritual Qi present here was extremely rich and thick.

This Blood River in front of them was snaking away far into the distance, and one could simply not see its end at all. This river was also flowing out just like the Blood Rivers from the Blood River Mountains, the only difference was that the waters were completely smooth as they flowed without even single ripple. What was even more surprising was that this Blood River actually seemed to be flowing in an extremely huge circle, so much so that one could not even see the opposite side of this huge circle.

But this Blood River was actually not too wide. As they stood at the side of the Blood River, they could see that the width of this Blood River was not more than three feet. Within this huge circle created by this Blood River, was another similarly large swath of black sands. But in the middle of this large swath of black sand, was a huge skeleton. Moreover, there was a huge golden coloured talisman suspended on top of the skull.

"Such a huge talisman...." Yan Ji spoke out in amazement.

Ning Cheng also had never seen such a huge Talisman, this Talisman was truly huge with a radius of several dozen feet. Moreover, it was exuding an extremely mysterious yet frightening aura, if not for it being blocked by the Blood River, then even they would not be able to hold up against this kind aura for even a single moment.

"Why do I feel that this Blood River is actually acting as a Restrictive Array Formation around it?" Xiang Zhilan suddenly spoke up after a long time.

"Your eyes really are good, this Blood River is certainly acting as a Restriction, moreover not only is this Blood River acting as a Restriction, even the Blood River Mountains outside can also be considered as a part of this Restriction. Moreover, those Blood River Peaks on the Blood River Mountains are also part of the Restrictive Array Formation. But this Restriction actually seems to be a Natural Restrictive Array

Formation that actually came into existence in order to keep that Talisman trapped in here." Ning Cheng spoke in a solemn tone, he had been inferring and deducing Array Formations in equivalence of several decades, as such his insights and level of understanding towards Array Formations was far from being comparable to that of Xiang Zhilan.

"There seems to be a word written on the Talisman." Yan Ji had noticed it and immediately spoke up.

Xiang Zhilan nodded and spoke, "Yes, it says 'Heaven Opening' using the two characters, 'Heaven' and 'Open' to form the word."

Ning Cheng spoke, "I just used my Spiritual Consciousness to try and probe it, but although we are able to see it across the river, but my Spiritual Consciousness is unable to get across this Blood River. We should not even think of trying to cross this river, otherwise we all will absolutely be swept away by this Blood River. Whether or not that skeleton and Talisman are a good thing, I don't know, but since we cannot get close to it, then it would be better to quickly get down to what we have come here for."

Saying that Ning Cheng had already taken out a Best Quality Spirit Stone. "Fortunately, I happened to have come across a Best Quality Spirit Stone, with regards to High Grade Spirit Stones, you also do not need to worry about it."

"Can you really get us out?" Yan Ji originally did not have any plans of exiting this place, now hearing Ning Cheng not only say that he could get them out, moreover had even come up with a Best Quality Spirit Stone, she was completely bewildered and asked him in a daze.

Ning Cheng just gave an 'En' sound and spoke, "I suppose that this entire Array Formation, and even the entire Blood River Mountains outside were actually something created by this Talisman, which resulted in the Spiritual Qi from the outside to be absorbed and transported to this place. As such, getting out of this Array Formation is actually very simple, just find the Array Heart, and then offer a Spiritual Sacrifice to the river, this is what makes it somewhat different from other ordinary Array Formations."

"How do you know that you can open this Array in such a manner?" Xiang Zhilan blurted out, she had come from an 8 Star Academy, and the Academy also had many divisions, but she had never heard of an approach of using spiritual sacrifice as a means to break open an Array.

Ning Cheng had to say it, "It is something that I slowly was able to deduce, before when I was outside I had scattered a lot of Array Flags, it was only in order to open that gate and locate this place. Only when we arrived in here, can we continue with the Spiritual Sacrifice. If you end up getting trapped in that place the next time, then as long as you have sufficient Spirit Stones you would soon be able to get out. Moreover, the Spiritual Sacrifice is not to break open this Array, it is just to provide Spiritual Qi to the Blood River, so that it could actively transfer us out of this place."

Yan Ji glanced at Ning Cheng, but did not speak. She and Ning Cheng had not been together for a long time, but she simply couldn't stop herself from admiring and appreciating Ning Cheng. If she and Ning Cheng really ended up being trapped in this place together, then it would not really be unbearable to carry on. But once they got out, she and Ning Cheng would most likely end up only being as good friends.

Yan Ji did not speak, but that did not mean that Xiang Zhilan was not considering such things. If Ning Cheng really was able to take them out of this place, then there would definitely be a few things that she would have to help her clear out.

Before she used to think that they would not be able to get out of this place, as such she did not think much about the matter of Ning Cheng searching Yan Ji's body. But if they were able to get out of this place, then Yan Ji's body being glanced at by an outsider, would definitely not be a small matter. With Yan Ji's appearance and qualifications, after she steps into Profound Core Realm, there would certainly be lots of geniuses who would come to the Blue Cloud Academy to propose a marriage with her.

She could already tell that Yan Ji had a crush on Ning Cheng, but she also knew that no matter how much she liked Ning Cheng, even if she lost all her restraint, she would not be able to muster up the courage to ask Ning Cheng out to talk about anything. If Ning Chang had not seen Yan Ji's body then it was not a problem, although Ning Cheng was quite good, but Yan Ji's prospects were a lot brighter. It could even be said that it was Ning Cheng who ended up gaining a profit, while Yan Ji was still unaware of it. As for her own body being looked at by him, anyways once she got out, she would put her entire mind and heart into practicing cultivation over anything else.

Thinking till here, Xiang Zhilan directly opened her mouth and asked away, "Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, are you a rogue cultivator?"

"I can be considered a rogue cultivator, at the moment I am with the cultivator army, but after I get out of the Law's Way, I guess I would be leaving the cultivator army." Ning Cheng honestly replied, moreover he felt that there was no need to hide this from others.

"Although Blue Star Academy is just an 8 Star Academy, but it would sooner or later advance to a 9 Nine Star Academy. If you like, then I can introduce you to our Blue Star Academy." Xiang Zhilan intently stared at Ning Cheng and asked.

Yan Ji was also looking forward to Ning Cheng's answer, she was already all smiles with regards to Ning Cheng and she herself was looking forwards to such an event.

But Ning Cheng quickly replied, "Thank you Senior Apprentice Sister Lan for showing such kindness, but once I get out of this place, I probably won't be staying long in the Le Continent. Besides, my nature is itself to be free and live comfortably, as such being a rogue cultivator is much better suited for me."

Ning Cheng was already aware that his body held a lot of secrets, moreover the amount of resources needed for him to practice cultivation was simply horrendous, as such just this point alone was enough for him to not join an Academy.

"You will have complete freedom inside the Academy, moreover the core disciples not only have their own Immortal Caves, but they can also go to any place they wish to go, while also having the protection of the Academy. Besides, I think that if in the future you and Junior Apprentice Sister Yan Ji become Dao Companions, then it would also be very good....." Xiang Zhilan finally spoke what she was wanted to say.

Ning Cheng's heart was immediately shrouded in dark clouds, he already realized the meaning of Xiang Zhilan's words, and he knew that he would certainly end up as the subject of complaint all around. Although Yan Ji was truly a peerless beauty, but his thoughts had really not touched upon this topic. If the first person that he came across once he arrived in this world was Yan Ji, then there could still have

been a possibility of such a thing materialising. Although he was from the modern society back on Earth, it was still essentially monogamous. Moreover, in this world he already had Ji Luofei, as such he could not have such ties with Yan Ji. Not to say that him and Yan Ji not forming such ties, even if one day he was able to return back to Earth, then even if Tian Muwan took the initiative to come find him, he would definitely not search for any such connection between them.

The main problem was that this kind of peerlessly excellent woman, Yan Ji, was one of the Le Continent's 'Twin Lotus Flowers On One Stock', once he refused to such a deal openly, then it would certainly be equivalent to slapping the faces of lots of powerful people. Ning Cheng and Yan Ji had not spent a long time together, but even then he realized that Yan Ji had an extremely good temperament and was also quite head strong. Moreover, the reason Yan Ji fell into this place, was also in order to save him. Plus, there was also the fact that Yan Ji had also helped him before, if he rejected this proposal, then what was he supposed to say?

Xiang Zhilan was not a fool, once she saw Ning Cheng's expression, she immediately realized that she was too reckless. She totally did not expect, that in the face of such an excellent looking woman like Yan Ji, Ning Cheng would still hesitate.

Yan Ji's face also immediately turned a bit weird, she had always thought that Ning Cheng had a favourable impression of her, otherwise how could he come when Zhangsun Yan had pleaded with him for help? Although Ning Cheng came over, and although it apparently looked like it was in order to save her, but now it clearly looked like it was for the sake of saving Jia Lingwei.

She was just about to open her mouth to break this awkwardness, when Ning Cheng suddenly smiled and spoke, "Although Junior Apprentice Sister Ji is the most beautiful girl that I have seen in my life, However I am just a rogue cultivator....."

"Ok ok, it seems Senior Apprentice Sister Lan is really worried. I also have not yet advanced to the Profound Core Realm, as such these kinds of things can always be mentioned again after I advance to the Profound Core Realm. By the way, Senior Apprentice brother Ning, you said that you completed the Spiritual Sacrifice, just give it a try and see." Yan Ji immediately interrupted Ning Cheng's words, as she spoke with a smile on her face. This time when she spoke those words, her tone had also returned to normal.

Originally she did not necessarily feel that she and Ning Cheng could become Dao Companions, after all for such a person like her, the Academy would have already made the preparations for it. But now that Senior Apprentice Sister Xiang Zhilan had broken the ice on this matter, she herself found that she really had such thoughts about Ning Cheng. Especially after being aware that before this point they would not have been able to get out of this place, because of which this thought had become even more apparent to herself in her subconscious mind.

"Ok...." Ning Cheng finished speaking, as he took out a million High Grade Spirit Stones and immediately spilled it into the Blood River, while simultaneously bringing out a dozen Array Flags, before finally throwing a Best Quality Spirit Stones into the Blood River.

Just after a few breaths, the swath of Blood River in front of them suddenly trembled, as a thick Spiritual Qi Mist rose up from it forming into a whirlpool. The whirlpool was getting increasingly huge, as it slowly wrapped around the three people.

The three people were unable to bring out their Spiritual Consciousness, before they immediately felt their entire bodies turning into a single body of light. A burst of dizziness hit them and in the next moment Yan Ji and Xiang Zhilan appeared at the feet of the continuous peaks of the Blood River Mountains.

"We really came out?" Xiang Zhilan ecstatically looked around the endless Blood River Peaks stretching out in front of them, even if she had to die of old age she would rather choose to die inside the Law's Way rather than at the bottom of the Blood River where there was not even a scrap of Spiritual Qi. Although it was only scarce up here but at least it was better than nothing.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning?" The first thing that Yan Ji realized was not that she and Xiang Zhilan had come out, but rather realized that Ning Cheng had not come out.