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Chapter 271: The Terrifying Core Lake

Ning Cheng unscrupulously kept absorbing the spiritual qi, transforming it into his true essence, before finally leading it to fill up his Core Lake. Although the speed and volume of the spiritual qi that Ning Cheng was absorbing was horrifying to the extreme, but to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Small Spiritual Domain, this amount of spiritual qi was still insignificant.

As a month passed by, Ning Cheng slowly let out a breath, before he finally opened his eyes. His eyes were full of joy and a kind of satisfaction, this was a feeling that one simply wouldn't be able to understand if one cultivated only with the help of spirit stones.

Although he was still at Profound Congealing 7th Level in his cultivation, but his Core Lake was now completely filled. Ning Cheng, at this point, was very clear in his heart that he could easily advance to the Profound Congealing 8th Level and even Profound Congealing 9th Level but with just a thought, at most he would only have to wait for a few breaths in between. For him, whether he was at Profound Congealing 7th Level or the 9th Level, there was basically no difference, the difference would arise only when he advanced in a qualitative manner that would cause his Core Lake to expand once again.

Ning Cheng stood up, with the benefits of cultivation that he was able to obtain in this place; he really did not want to leave this place. However, Ning Cheng still felt that the cultivation in the Small Spiritual Domain was not as simple as what it was made out to be, he made his way to the deeper parts of the Small Spiritual Domain, and once again found a light blue coloured stone protruding above the ground before he finally sat down in front of it.

Sure enough, Ning Cheng could feel that the effect of cultivating here was much better than his previous location; it seems that the deeper you went inside the more obvious the effect it would have on your cultivation. However, Ning Cheng was also aware that this change was very small, it not for him absorbing terrifying amounts of spiritual qi, and was replaced by an ordinary cultivator then maybe they would not be able to feel this difference.

Ning Cheng decided to stay right here and cultivate until his three months of time was completely used up, and set up a simple defensive array formation around him, before finally starting to cultivate.

"Katcha." As Ning Cheng once again started to cultivate, there was simply no need for his to strike the barrier to the Profound Congealing 8th Level, allowing him to break through that gap between the two levels with ease. He stepped into the Profound Congealing 8th Level, causing his Core Lake to once again congeal to an even thicker state while its size expanded almost exponentially.

It seems that the previous guess that he had made was definitely not wrong, whether he forcibly advanced quickly or slowly advanced in natural manner in his cultivation, the results would still be the same for him. Although there would definitely be some gaps in his strength between the two methods, but this gap would simply be insignificant.

The newly expanded Core Lake on his advancement to the Profound Congealing 8th Level once again started to fill up. Ning Cheng did not even have to wait for a long time before he once again stepped into the Profound Congealing 9th Level.

At the Profound Congealing 9th Level, Ning Cheng could now literally feel the surging true essence in his Core Lake, giving him a strong sense of power that almost made Ning Cheng think that he could now kill a Soul Essence Cultivator alone, without anyone's help.

With his Core Lake giving out roaring like surges, the expanding and congealing Core Lake was once again filled up in almost no time. However, Ning Cheng was aware that he had to advance to the Profound Core Realm inside this place in one go. If he could not advance to the Profound Core Realm inside here, then the next time he wanted to advance to the Profound Core Realm without having such a good place to help him out, it would turn out to be very difficult for him.

With Ning Cheng continuously absorbing the spiritual qi, the liquid true essence in his Core Lake was constantly being reinforced. The true essence kept surging in his Core Lake while at the same time was cycling through his meridians, which gave Ning Cheng a very painful feeling as if he was being torn up from the inside. It even caused some of the impurities in his body to be squeezed out by the strong true essence, showing that the true essence was essentially washing Ning Cheng's body clean from the inside and out as it cycled through it.

Ning Cheng soon felt that something was wrong, although he did not have a master to learn from, he knew the process of advancing to the Profound Core Realm. During the process the Core Lake would continuously surge, before a golden core solidified suspended above the space above the Core Lake.

But his Core Lake, although was continuously surging around, but it was unexpectedly starting to compress the true essence, as the quantity of the true essence continued to reduce, it induced even more absorption of spiritual qi turning it into more true essence.

As time passed by, Ning Cheng was increasingly feeling weird about this, would this situation continue indefinitely. Just how much of spiritual qi would he have to absorb to form the Golden Core aah? If the three month time period was over, and he was transmitted out, then what would he even use for cultivating? Spirit stone? That would just turn out to be a joke.

Although he knew that something was amiss, but Ning Cheng did not dare to suddenly stop cultivating. At least until this moment, even though his Golden Core has not yet started to form, his strength was still increasing, there was simply no doubt about this fact.

As a few more days flashed past, the liquid true essence in Ning Cheng's Core Lake was still under constant compression and recompression. Spiritual qi was also continuously being absorbed and transformed into new true essence repeatedly, without showing even half a hint of change.

In the end, Ning Cheng simply stopped caring about it. And instead only focussed on the constant absorption of spiritual qi for his cultivation, who cared if he could not form his Golden Core in time? As long as his strength was continuously on the rise. The only thing he felt a bit depressed about was that the time of three months was simply too short for him.

Not knowing for how long he had been cultivating for, this particular day the liquid true essence in Ning Cheng's Core Lake suddenly stopped increasing. Ning Cheng was still in doubt when he saw the liquid true essence that was compressed to an extreme point in his Core Lake suddenly collapse into a point, before transforming into a huge and crazily rotating vortex.

He was finally starting to form his Golden Core; Ning Cheng almost went mad with joy. He knew that this phenomenon was the prelude for the formation of the Golden Core.

With his crazy absorption of spiritual qi, while simultaneously operating his cultivation method, it finally brought him to the point of forming his Golden Core.

After a full three days, the huge vortex in Ning Cheng's Core Lake suddenly disappeared. Replaced by a dragon eye fruit sized Golden Core suspended just above his Core Lake.

This Golden Core contained a terrifyingly powerful true essence, making Ning Cheng convinced that at this moment he could casually take care of even a late stage Profound Core Cultivator. At the same time, his Golden Core was surrounded by an indescribable Dao Charm aura, allowing Ning Cheng to experience even more new things regarding cultivation. He even felt that his grasp and comprehension of that spear from the Thunder Domain City had also grown much clearer.

Although he did not understand as to why there was liquid true essence still left in his Core Lake after the formation of his Core Lake, Ning Cheng still chose to put his efforts on taking control of his Golden Core in order to accelerate the consolidation of his cultivation.

After the formation of the Golden Core, the Core Lake also began to slowly calm down. As Ning Cheng continued to cultivate, he could feel that the speed of his absorption of spiritual qi now was much faster than it was ever before.

In just a few more days, Ning Cheng was finally able to completely consolidate his cultivation at the Profound Core 1st Level. With such vigorous true essence and powerful spiritual consciousness, Ning Cheng could not help but shout out in joy. As to how powerful he was currently, it was something even he was not able to predict, only by going against a Soul Essence Cultivator would he be able to find out to what extent has his power grown to.

At this time, Ning Cheng immediately wanted to try and bring out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City residing in his Zifu to test out his current strength, even if he could not bring out the Blue Thunder City, he felt that bringing out that kind of flickering shadow would certainly not be a problem, however Ning Cheng forcibly held back on his impulse.

He was inside the Small Spiritual Domain and had been cultivating for a long time, and was also not aware if he was being monitored. Moreover he also had to be extremely careful about this kind of a wonderful thing, in case he was being monitored, it was still ok if he was seen to be cultivating in a fast manner, but once he brought out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, and such a thing was noticed, then it would definitely not be a good thing for him.

Ning Cheng had a hunch, that this Everlasting Blue Thunder City was not a simple magical weapon at all.

"Don't know how much time I am left with." Ning Cheng spoke to himself, as he looked down at the jade symbol that he had tied to his wrist. He could see that the jade symbol had already lost his brilliance, and had become somewhat grey.

Just over half an incense stick time later, 'Katcha' a sound rang out, Ning Cheng saw that the jade talisman had finally disintegrated into flying ash, while simultaneously a powerful force immediately surrounded Ning Cheng taking him away.

The old man was still at the entrance of the Small Spiritual Domain. That old man on seeing Ning Cheng coming out, showed a faint smile, before he shook his head.

It was obvious that he knew Ning Cheng had been cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain for three full months, but had only reached the 1st Level of the Profound Core Realm, causing him to feel somewhat disappointed. In the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, any other Profound Congealing 7th Level Cultivator, if cultivated for three months in the Small Spiritual Domain, would have at the very least reached the Profound Core 3rd Level. Cultivating for one month inside the Small Spiritual Domain was equivalent to ten years of cultivation in the outside world; this was definitely not an exaggeration but rather a fact.

Ning Cheng cleaned himself up, and gave a brilliant smile to the old man before speaking, "I will be leaving now, later when I have the free time I will often drop by this place."

Finished speaking, Ning Cheng also did not wait for the old man to answer, before he quickly left the entrance. Others may not be satisfied with his progress, but Ning Cheng was more than satisfied with it. Moreover the reason he had said the words that he would be dropping by this place more often, apart from feeling happy, was because he was finally aware of the effect of cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain, he had already made up his mind to look for every possible way to obtain even more cultivation jade cards for the Small Spiritual Domain.

Therefore, even though Ning Cheng left, he however did not go back to his residence, rather he rushed directly to the Assignments Hall. He knew that to obtain the Small Spiritual Domain's jade cards, it was necessary to go and undertake assignments, moreover undertake those assignments, which the academy had attached a significant importance. Only by completing the assignments attached which the academy paid importance to, would he be able to obtain the cultivation jade cards of the Small Spiritual Domain.

Ning Cheng had just left the entrance of the Small Spiritual Domain, when a Profound Congealing Disciple keeping an eye on the outside of the Small Spiritual Domain sent out a message.

"Good kid, so he finally comes out." A Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator in the Rainbow Fall Makeshift Market spoke out in a ferocious manner, as he looked at the communication pearl in his hand. The next moment he had already left the makeshift market.

This Profound Core Cultivator was none other than the Profound Core Cultivator who was scammed out of a hundred thousand high grade spirit stones by Ning Cheng three months ago, because of which he not only was ridiculed by others everywhere, it even cause his cultivation to stagnate.

"Haha, Elder Brother Hu, long time no see. I see that you have finally come out of the Small Spiritual Domain, your strength also seemed to have advanced considerably, hearty congratulations aah." Ning Cheng was still looking at the academy assignments on the display array formation, when a warm voice sounded out from behind Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng looked back at the Profound Core Cultivator who had called out to him, and asked in a puzzled voice, "Who are you? Did you just call me 'Hu' a moment ago?"

[TL Note – The character for 'Hu' literally translates to 'Con/Rob']

This Profound Core Cultivator's heart immediately sank, he increasingly had a bad feeling, but even if the feeling was not good, now that this person was caught by him, he did not fear anything.

This Profound Core Cultivator suppressed the anger rising in his heart, and was barely able to speak out the words, "Junior Apprentice Brother Hu, I'm old Wang who lives next door to Han Wen. We met three months ago, don't you remember? Three months ago, I had also brought you your hundred thousand spirit stones, you said that you would let me borrow a cultivation jade card for the Small Spiritual Domain, I'm that old Wang aah."

Ning Cheng frowned, and put on a thinking face, before he spoke out after a moment, "Old Wang next door to who, I do not understand what you are trying to say, sorry, it seems you got the wrong person."

Ning Cheng shook his head and turned away.

At this point, the Profound Core Cultivator who had called out to him was sure that he was cheated; he gave a sneer, and with a single step arrived in front of Ning Cheng, "Cheating this grandpa out of spirit stones, and still wanting to live peacefully? Dream on."

"So you want to rob me?" Ning Cheng in almost an instant was overflowing with a murderous aura, and in just a short period of time, all the people in the Assignments Hall shifted their focus on where Ning Cheng was. They could not help but think as to who among the two had such a huge courage, to dare bring out such an intense murderous aura in the Assignments Hall.

That Profound Core Cultivator on sensing that intense murderous aura coming from Ning Cheng was completely shocked in his heart, not waiting for him to speak up, a cold and stern voice immediately descended, "What is going on? Dare to bring out such a murderous aura in the Assignments Hall, who has such big courage?"

As this voice descended, a middle aged Soul Sculpting Deacon appeared in front of Ning Cheng and that Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator.

"Respected Deacon, this Profound Core Senior Apprentice Brother, relying on his cultivation being higher than me, blocked me to rob me of my spirit stones. I did not want to give it to him, but he intended to use force, as an Inner Sect Disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, even if his cultivation is stronger than me, I will not submit to him." Ning Cheng was also quite the crafty fellow, and was the one to complain first, as he certainly knew the importance of having an upper hand.

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"Is that so?" The Soul Sculpting Realm Deacon's eyes flashed with a hint of killing intent, as he stared at this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator.

This Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator's face immediately turned pale as he quickly gave a terrified bow and hastily spoke up, "This is really not the case esteemed Deacon. This Junior Apprentice Brother is named Hu You¹, had previously lied to me and cheated me out of a hundred thousand spirit stones, the only reason I stopped him was to take back the spirit stones belonging to me....."

"You dare to lie and even cheat your Senior Apprentice Brother of the same sect out of spirit stones? Your courage really knows no bounds aah." The Soul Sculpting Deacon also felt that Ning Cheng was not

completely honest; rather he was instead more convinced that this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator's words were at least partially true.

Ning Cheng looked at this Profound Core Cultivator and spoke without haste, "You are a Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator and definitely not a child, how can I deceive you out of your spirit stones? Why don't you share how I 'so called' cheated you out of your spirit stones in front of me and all the great experts present in this place?"

"That's right, we have to hear it." The cultivators, who had already surrounded them and were watching from the sidelines, were also quite curious as to how Ning Cheng had fooled the spirit stones out of him.

This Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator quickly spoke up, "Three months ago, this man said that I owed him a hundred thousand spirit stones, at that time I was confused, and just went ahead and gave it to him, and now I can't help but think that I was deceived by him."

Ning Cheng simply did not explain anything, he simply spread apart his hands as a sign of exasperation, before he cupped his fists towards the Soul Sculpting Cultivator and spoke, "I have nothing more to say, the esteemed Deacon's judgement should be quite good."

"Hahaha....." Just as Ning Cheng finished talking, the people surrounding them suddenly burst into laughter. This reason was definitely out of ordinary, if other people said that you owed them spirit stones when you yourself don't know, and even asking you to return those spirit stones, would you ever return it immediately? If that were the case then wouldn't this mean that all the people in the world were simply fools?

"Next time, at least find a better reason....."

"Well, at least you could have said that someone else owed you, it would at least be a bit more reasonable."

The Soul Sculpting Cultivator literally stared at this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator, before speaking up after a good long while, "You better be on your way to the Law Enforcement Hall for your punishment, if this thing is repeated another time, I will personally throw you out of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect."

"Yes, esteemed Deacon....." This Profound Core Cultivator did not dare to dispute the matter regarding the hundred thousand spirit stones, as he quickly gave a bow and led himself to be punished.

That Soul Sculpting Cultivator then turned to Ning Cheng and spoke in a cold voice, "You should know better, the next time you might not be so lucky."

Ning Cheng's heart clenched, as he hurriedly cupped his fists and spoke, "Yes, many thanks for the esteemed Deacon's help."

He immediately knew that the Deacon was aware that there was something fishy going on and even suspected that he was playing a few tricks. But because this Soul Sculpting Cultivator was too lazy to investigate such a trivial matter, so he only gave him a warning.

After the Profound Core Cultivator and the Soul Sculpting Cultivator Deacon left, Ning Cheng still kept looking at the huge assignments screen in the Assignments Hall in a leisure manner. For a trivial thing

like this, he really did not put it to heart. If that Profound Core Cultivator were not greedy for his cultivation jade cards, he would also be disinclined to gain those measly hundred thousand spirit stones.

Unfortunately, even after Ning Cheng at the display for a long time, he found only three assignments that had Small Spiritual Domain's cultivation jade cards as a reward.

The first assignments was to help out a disciple with Soul Essence Cultivation of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, who had ended up dying in the Mirage Gazing Island for no apparent reason, as such there was a need for someone to investigate into this matter, but the people to be dispatched should have a cultivation of at least Soul Essence 7th Level. This made it so that only the people on the level of elders could undertake this assignment. Moreover, it only awarded a month of cultivation time; as such, Ning Cheng directly skipped it.

The second assignment was to track down the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's traitorous disciple Lei Junfeng, for his evil conduct within the academy, and had even stolen the Academy's glaze picture scroll. As long as one was able to track him down and retrieve the glaze picture scroll for the academy, they would be awarded a year's worth of cultivation time in the Small Heavenly Domain, along with a huge amount of pills and spirit stones as rewards.....

Ning Cheng was quite surprised in his heart, my goodness; just what kind of evil did this Lei Junfeng even commit? To be assigned a year's worth of cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain as a reward to just track him down. Ning Cheng's eyes suddenly had a fiery glow to it, he simply could not wait to run out immediately to track down and catch this Lei Junfeng.

"This Senior Apprentice Brother, about the 9th assignment for tracking down Lei Junfeng, just what kind of mistake did he even make to warrant this kind of reward?" Ning Cheng immediately hailed a Profound Core Cultivator hanging around the Assignments Hall.

"Hey, aren't you Senior Apprentice Brother Ning....." This cultivator turned around and immediately recognized Ning Cheng, and even called out Ning Cheng's name.

Ning Cheng was slightly surprised for a moment, before finally thinking of something, "Oh, I had not recognized you a moment ago, you must have been one of the Junior Apprentice Brothers selected from the time I became an Inner Sect Disciple."

Ning Cheng could see that the opposite party was at just the Profound Core 1st Level, and guessed that he was also one of the people who had entered the academy at the same time as him. As such, he no longer remained polite.

"Haha, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning's prestige is spread quite far and wide, and is known by practically all the people from back then, especially for the fact that you actually dared to openly turn down a Core Disciple standing inside that arena. Senior Apprentice Brother Ning really does possess a boldness that is rarely found anymore." The cultivator on speaking until here couldn't help but give a thumbs-up, apparently that move from Ning Cheng at that time had earned his admiration.

Ning Cheng simply smiled and held up his cupped fists before speaking, "That is already a thing of the past. Can it be possible for me to ask this Junior Apprentice Brother's name?"

This cultivator seemed to be quite happy to become friends with Ning Cheng and quickly spoke up, "My name is Jin Liangan, with my immortal cave in the Bright Sword Peak."

"I live in the Developing Sword Peak, Junior Apprentice Brother Jin is welcome to drop by anytime. By the way is Junior Apprentice Brother Jin also here to pick a few assignments?" Ning Cheng had been inside the Small Spiritual Domain for almost a good period of time; as such, he had no choice to find an acquaintance, especially one who would be willing to talk to him.

Jin Liangan gave out a sigh before speaking up, "That's right, although being an Inner Sect Disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is actually much better than being a rogue cultivator, but you need to find some assignments suitable for yourself. Otherwise, it would be too hard for you to advance. Right, there has been many times that elders took the initiative to teach enmasse, but why didn't Senior Apprentice Brother Ning attend? In fact, those elders really were quite good with their teachings, moreover after gaining pointers from the elders, many of us actually broke through the Profound Core Realm in one fell swoop."

Although Ning Cheng was aware of the matter related to the teachings, he quickly spoke up, "I really was not aware of it, do the sect elders really give out exclusive teachings to the Inner Sect Disciples?"

Jin Liangan couldn't help but stare at Ning Cheng with wide eyes, before speaking, "No, not personally but as a group, don't you even know this? Of course, if there were no sect elders guiding us, then how are we any different from rogue cultivators? Moreover, you can even borrow cultivation jade strips from the academy, and can use the contribution points you gained from the assignments in exchange for pills, jade strips, and even for cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain....."

"Is this for real? How come I did not see those things before?" This time it was Ning Cheng who was staring at this person with wide eyes, he simply did not know anything about these rules.

Jin Liangan scratched his head and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, it seems for certain that you did not carefully look at the jade strips given by the elder, all the notes in the jade strips were self-explanatory. You see all the assignments, in addition to the main rewards; you will also be awarded with contribution points."

Ning Cheng only at this moment was finally able to understand what those numbers behind each assignment meant, those numbers actually indicated the contribution points attached to it.

Ning Cheng immediately fished out the two jade cards from inside his storage ring, and found out one of those jade cards really had a detailed description of all the basic things, while the other one was a blank jade card, with the words 'Contribution Points' written on top of it.

Damn, Ning Cheng couldn't help but pull at his hair; he had mainly come to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect for cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain. After he found the information regarding his immortal cave, he simply did not care about the rest of the information on the jade card; he had even thought that it was the academy's most basic cultivation methods for cultivation. Later when Xun Hanrui and Liang Kexin came over, he had ended up getting three months' worth of cultivation jade cards for the Small Spiritual Domain, as such he was no longer in the mood to even look at the so called academy's most basic and lower levelled cultivation method.

But what he had not thought that rather than it containing the academy's most basic cultivation method for cultivating in, it would turn out to be a jade card for contribution points.

"I really want to go to the Small Spiritual Domain to cultivate, just how many contribution points would it even require for being able to cultivate in there for a month?" Ning Cheng quickly asked.

Jin Liangan simply shook his head and spoke, "Who here doesn't want to go into the Small Spiritual Domain to cultivate? Wanting to use contribution points to exchange for cultivation time, although it is possible but is extremely difficult. Unless you undertake the very difficult assignments released by the academy's Assignments Hall, it would be really difficult, nearly borderline impossible for you to trade for it. There are many difficult assignments here, some even with a reward containing cultivation jade cards, like the 9th assignment pertaining to tracking down Lei Junfeng; if you were able to accomplish them then you simply would not have to trade in your cultivation points. Take the last one; if you had gone to the Great Liang True Country, then you would have been directly awarded a month's time of cultivation in the Small Spiritual Domain. But it can also be considered that you were quite lucky for not going....."

Ning Cheng quickly asked, "You spoke something about the 9th Assignment, I have a question that I want to ask you, that Lei Junfeng has been labelled as a traitor to the academy, in the end just what did he do to earn such an ire? How is the reward for just tracking him down so high? One year of cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain, it simply too incredible to even think straight about it."

"No, don't put it like that; rather it would be better to not be envious about this assignment. Not only is the difficulty of this assignment too high, moreover how can anybody even know where he had disappeared? And this Lei Junfeng is also someone extremely powerful, when he was in the late stages of Soul Essence Realm, he could easily battle an early stage Soul Sculpting Cultivation to a standstill and even escape without any problems. I heard that he was able to advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm, as such with his ability, if one did not have the cultivation of Sea Opening Realm, then it would be better if they did not think of taking him head on."

Jin Liangan speaking until here suddenly lowered his voice before continuing to speak with Ning Cheng, "Do you know what Lei Junfeng is being persecuted for? He raped the academy's Deputy Academy Head Dan Wenyao's Dao Companion, Bei Xialan; you tell me if this kind of person's courage is not higher than the heavens....."

Jin Liangan suddenly remembered that Ning Cheng was also quite a bold person, and did not continue with his words, instead laughed embarrassingly.

Ning Cheng stunned for a good long while, this, this was simply too preposterous right? This person even dared to sleep with the wife of the Vice Academy Head. No wonder this assignment posed such a high level of difficulty, not to mention that no one even knew where Lei Junfeng was hidden, even if one was aware of it, just what kind of a person would be required to capture him.

"Junior Apprentice Brother Jin, didn't you also say that I was lucky that I did not go to the Great Liang True Country, why is that?" Ning Cheng suddenly remembered the last part of the sentence that Jin Liangan spoke previously.

Jin Liangan lips pursed before he spoke up, "If you looked at the 17th assignment you would come to know about it. Three months ago, a few of the True Inheriting Disciples along with a few Core Disciples

were dispatched to the Great Liang True Country and the North Shang True Country's battlefield, as a part of the assignment. As such, no one expected anything out of ordinary from this assignment. But not only did the disciples that were dispatched not come back, but there was not even a shred of news about them."

"A bit later, the 17th assignment was once again opened, and a few more disciples were sent, but once again, not a single one came back, and neither did any news about them was received. At this moment, the 17th assignment is actually opened for the third time, even if the rewards this time is even higher than before, who would even dare to take up this assignment?"

Ning Cheng then saw that there were a number of rewards written below the 17th assignment, but the most attractive among them for Ning Cheng was the years' worth of cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain. Not only that, it even awarded one million contribution point as a part of the reward.

My goodness, the rewards on this assignment was simply too lucrative to pass up on. At the same time, Ning Cheng also couldn't help but think of Liang Kexin and Xun Hanrui, the two of them could be considered as his friends, and had gone missing while undertaking the academy's assignments, as such, he was quite worried about them.

"Junior Apprentice Brother Jin, since there are so many disciples who have gone missing, why did the academy's Elders and other senior experts not go? Also why would they re-release this assignment once again?" Ning Cheng asked in a puzzling manner.

Jin Liangan spoke in an even lower voice, "How could they have not gone, many Crucible Transformation Experts were dispatched, but even though there were many Crucible Transformation Experts dispatched, there simply was no result at all, nor could they even find out what the problem was. Only cultivators at the level of Soul Essence Realm or below could go in, only to suddenly go missing. And it's not just the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, it's the same with the True Inheriting Disciples and Core Disciples from the other academies too, and are also similarly missing."

Hu You – The characters for Hu You literally translate to 'To Con / To Rob'. ←

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Chapter 273: Taking Up The Assignment

"Let me go and ask to see if it's still available." Ning Cheng patted Jin Liangan's shoulder and then went to Announcement Office of the Academy's Assignment Hall.

"Can I ask....."

Ning Cheng had not yet spoken his request yet, when he was immediately interrupted by a female cultivator inside, "Give me your identity jade card and the assignment number you want to apply for, I don't want any other nonsense."

Ning Cheng helplessly spoke up, "I want to apply for the 17th Assignment....."

An impatient look flashed past that female cultivator's face as she heard Ning Cheng's words as if she was annoyed with it, she looked up at him as if she could not believe what he was saying and once again repeated the words, "You said you want to apply for the 17th Assignment?"

"I would have explained it to you if you had allowed me to explain, so I directly spoke what I wanted to apply for." Ning Cheng spoke up in a somewhat depressed tone.

The female cultivator unexpectedly did not verbally attack him, but rather frowned a little before speaking up, "Up till now, our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect included, all the people with the cultivation of Soul Essence Realm, who applied for the 17th Assignment, or the disciples who followed the ones with the Soul Essence Cultivation there, none of them have returned, nor is there any message from them. Are you sure you want to apply for this 17th Assignment?"

Ning Cheng already knew this, so he just asked, "I would only like to ask one thing, if I was not able to complete the assignment, and return halfway, will I be punished for it?"

"No, participating in this assignment is completely voluntary." The female cultivator spoke up, without any hesitation.

Ning Cheng after confirming the words once again, immediately spoke up, "Ok then I will apply for this 17th Assignment."

At worst, if he ended up finding it to be too dangerous, then he would simply not go ahead with it. In case he hit the jackpot, and found out even a few clues of what the academy was looking for, then the academy's reward was enough for him to cultivate in the Small Spiritual Domain for more than a year.

The female cultivator also did not try to persuade Ning Cheng anymore, as she nodded and spoke up, "This time there are a few changes to the 17th Assignment, there will be disciples from the other academies participating alongside you, after you reach there, the elders stationed there will tell you more about what has to be accomplished. Here is the jade card pertaining the details of the assignment and also a map. Take it, and good luck."

Ning Cheng came out of the Assignment Hall's Announcement Room, and found Jin Liangan and several other Profound Core Cultivators huddled together discussing something. It seems that they were discussing about what assignments that they would be able to undertake together. Ning Cheng gave a casual greeting to Jin Liangan and the others and immediately left the Assignments Hall.

Not even going back to his residence for some preparations, Ning Cheng directly headed out to the Great Liang True Country and North Shang True Country's battleground of the Great War. He still had some worry about the Liang Kexin duo.

As to what happened to the two true countries due to the Great War, the jade strip was quite vague about it, and only had a general idea about what had transpired.

It seems that a few years ago, at the border between the Great Liang True Country and the Northern Shang True Country, an ancient immortal cave had appeared unexpectedly. The Northern Shang True Country was the first to learn of this news, as such was the first to make a move to occupy that area, in order to explore this suddenly unexpected appearance of the ancient immortal cave.

But shortly afterwards, the Great Liang True Country also found out that there was an ancient immortal cave that appeared within its borders, so of course it would definitely allow the Northern Shang True Country to occupy it. Using this as an excuse against the Northern Shang True Country, the Great Liang True Country immediately moved to abduct the princess of the Northern Shang True Country, with the

condition that if they wanted the Great Liang True Country to give back the princess then they would have to cede that territory to them as compensation.

Because of this incident, the two countries ended up going through years of great wars. Resulting in almost countless casualties. Finally, this news ended up being exposed to the world, causing some of the academies to get involved in this matter. At this moment, this matter has already spiralled out of control, and was something that neither the Great Liang True Country nor the Norther Shang True Country would be able to control.

Once the ancient immortal cave was exposed to the outside world, the war between the two countries came to a temporary halt. This ancient immortal cave was not only extremely old but was also seemingly extremely vast from the inside, and only the cultivators at the Soul Essence Realm or below the Soul Essence Realm could enter. There were even rumours that the deepest part of the cave was extremely rich in spiritual qi, however only cultivators at the Profound Congealing Realm or below can enter that place.

As such when some of the Soul Essence Cultivators came to explore out this immortal cave, they would also bring one or two Profound Congealing Cultivators with them, because once they all reached that place, there would be no way for them to enter it.

But this matter started to get strange from this point on, these academy disciples on reaching the battlefield between the two countries, although were able to go into the ancient immortal cave, but unfortunately had ended up gone missing. When even the last person that went in was not able to make it back, there was simply no way to figure out as to how all of these people went missing in the first place.

At the very beginning, this immortal cave only had a single entrance, which was still visible, but for those who arrived later, the ancient immortal cave started to gradually disappear. Even as this ancient immortal cave disappeared completely, whether it were the Soul Essence Realm cultivators or the cultivators following those Soul Essence Cultivators, there were simply no signs of any of them appearing at the position of the immortal cave.

All these disciples, who had come here to complete their assignments, were all elites of the influential and long standing academies and sects, causing the Crucible Transformation Cultivators of their respective sects and academies to not be able to sit still. Some of the Crucible Transformation Cultivators even headed out to investigate, however not one of these Crucible Transformation Cultivators were able to find out even a single clue. Fortunately, although these Crucible Transformation Cultivators were not able to find any clues, nevertheless they did not give up on the disciples who went missing on this assignment.

But still, it caused this matter to turn into a mystery, with more and more disciples going missing, some of the rogue cultivators were also roped in to take up the academy assignment. But it still ended up in them going missing like the other people. In this manner, the disciples wanting to take up this assignment were also growing fewer in number.

In order to find the truth of this mystery, it was necessary for at least a few cultivators below the Soul Essence Realm to take up the assignment to find at least a few clues, allowing the Crucible Transformation Cultivators to also act accordingly towards the missing cultivators.

Ning Cheng put away the jade strip. In his heart, he was very clear that if someone wanted to pick up this assignment, then these people would simply be playing the role of either cannon fodder, or taking over the job of a mouse.

Ning Cheng was also aware of his own situation, since he had already experienced cultivating inside the Small Spiritual Domain. As such, in the future, if there were no Small Spiritual Domain, it would simply be too difficult for him to advance. In order to get that years' worth of cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain, he had no choice but to take it up. Besides, he was also not a person without any escape methods, if the worst came to worst, he could simply crush the talisman given to him by that skeleton, and once again re-enter the bottom of the Blood River.

Ning Cheng simply took out a flight type magical weapon, which was a medium grade spiritual artefact, and in order to arrive early, Ning Cheng not only fully stimulated the flight type magical weapon, he also used his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud to aid in his speed. Even if that was the case, it was only after ten days, that he reached the location marked on the map in the jade strip.

The place in front of him seemed to be an endless desolated area, which was filled with potholes as far as the eyes could see, with pieces of broken weapons and even debris from lower levelled magical weapons strewn about everywhere. There were even many places where the soil had turned dark red; apparently, it was because too much blood had seeped into it.

Within the range of Ning Cheng spiritual consciousness, there was nothing other than a dark grey building.

According to the brief on the jade strip, Ning Cheng knew that this dark grey building was the temporary set up for anyone wanting to undertake this assignment. They had to first come to this grey building, and then listen to the instructions of the Academy Elders stationed there.

Ning Cheng put away his flight type magical weapon, and had just arrived at the door of this huge grey building, when he was stopped by two cultivators, "Which Academy?"

My goodness, the two gatekeepers in front of him were cultivators in the Soul Sculpting Realm.

"This junior is Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Inner Sect Disciple Ning Cheng, and has come here this time to specifically undertake this assignment." Ning Cheng quickly cupped his fists and replied in a polite manner.

The Soul Sculpting Cultivator on the left nodded and spoke, "The Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is on the left side of the third floor."

"Many thanks." Ning Cheng once again thanked the two of them before he sped up the staircase inside the building.

"Alas, a month ago there were groups of Soul Essence Cultivators that were assigned to this assignment, now just look at what kind of people come here, even a Profound Core 1st Level Cultivator came here to take up this assignment." The other Soul Sculpting Realm Cultivator seeing Ning Cheng dash off, couldn't help but shake his head and speak out with a sigh.

The Soul Sculpting Cultivator, who replied to Ning Cheng, spoke disapprovingly toward the other Soul Sculpting Cultivator, "He is the third person today, during these several days, there is simply no one who

want to even apply for this assignment. I guess that this place will soon be forgotten, although there were a lot of disciple that have disappeared here, but even until now there has not been a single clue regarding this.”

“This kind of thing is not something that we would be able to manage.....”

Although Ning Cheng had already entered the building, he was still able to hear the words exchanged between the two Soul Sculpting Realm Cultivators.

“Come in.” Ning Cheng had just arrived at the door of the third floor of the building, when a voice suddenly entered his ears.

What a powerful cultivation, this sound was simply nothing ordinary at all, as there was not even half a shred of distortion in the sound transmission. Seeing this, Ning Cheng also did not dare to hesitate before he quickly opened the door and went inside.

There were five male and female cultivators sitting inside the room, while two young looking cultivators stood in the middle of the room.

There was not even a shred of aura spilling out from these five male and female cultivators, but they still managed to give Ning Cheng a strong sense of suppression. Ning Cheng simply wasn’t able to see or even sense the cultivation of the people in front of him, causing him to immediately understand that these five people definitely must be Crucible Transformation Cultivators.

“Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Inner Sect Disciple Ning Cheng greets the five seniors.” Knowing that these five people in front of him were Crucible Transformation Cultivators, Ning Cheng did not dare to neglect his manners, as he quickly bowed to give his greetings.

“Oh, quite good, even though your cultivation is somewhat low, but you are quite calm.” An old man on seeing Ning Cheng’s calm look, spoke up while nodding his head.

Sitting on the right side was a middle aged Confucian looking scholar who also nodded with satisfaction as he looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, “Ning Cheng, I think that you should be already aware of the dangers pertaining to this assignment, as such even if you give up now, it would be excusable. Up until now, none of the disciples who undertook this assignment has returned, as such there is simply very little favourable news. This assignment will also be scrapped soon, and would be replaced by another method to track them down.”

Ning Cheng on listening to the middle aged scholar’s words, immediately was able to gleam a few underlying meanings, the first was that this assignment was truly very dangerous, and the disciples participating in this would only be playing the role of cannon fodder to find clues. Second, because there was simply no to very little news received from the cannon fodders, this assignment would soon be scrapped. And third, was that the other party was trying to persuade him to give up on this assignment.

Although he was a Crucible Transformation Cultivator, but he still cared about the life and death of an Inner Sect Disciple, it could be seen that this Crucible Transformation Elder had a personality that was still much better than what the others had.

Ning Cheng once again cupped his fists and spoke, “Many thanks for such words from senior, I already am aware that there were True Inheriting and Core Disciples from my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect involved

in this assignment. I am just an Inner Sect Disciple, and the only reason I am participating in this academy assignment, is to not only contribute towards the academy, but also for using this time to enhance my own cultivation.”

A beautiful looking woman gave a short giggle before bursting into a laugh, “Elder Bei, this kid from your Rainbow Fall Sword Sect really knows how to speak his mind aah, moreover to the point even.”

Ning Cheng hearing these words was able to understand not all of the five Crucible Transformation Cultivators here belonged to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect; there should be others from other academies.

The middle aged scholar also gave a laugh, “Junior Apprentice Sister He flatters me. Your Star Gathering Mansion’s disciple and Severing Emotion Dao Sect’s Baby Nuwa both are much stronger than Ning Cheng”

Finished saying that, the man from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect then directly turned to Ning Cheng and continued, “Ning Cheng, you along with Star Gathering Mansion’s Xing Hai and Severing Emotion Dao Sect’s Bu Mei, will be reviewing this situation together. Remember that as long as you can find some clues and return, it would be equivalent to performing a meritorious service. Take this jade talisman, once you find anything wrong, immediately crush this jade talisman, and you would immediately be teleported away.”

“Yes, this junior understands.” Ning Cheng quickly acknowledged as he stepped forward to receive the jade talisman.

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Chapter 274: Karma House

The Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s middle aged scholar, on seeing Ning Cheng take the jade talisman, stood up and gave a gentle smile towards the other two young looking man and woman standing in the middle of the room before speaking up, “This time our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Ning Cheng has the lowest cultivation, both of you are at the Soul Essence 1st Level, so I hope that you would take care of your Junior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng.”

That young looking male cultivator on hearing the words of the middle aged scholar, quickly spoke up, “Please be reassured Senior Bei, this Xin Hai will definitely look after Junior Apprentice Brother Ning.”

The other beautiful looking woman gave a stare at the young looking male cultivator standing beside them as if he was up to no good and spoke up, “Listening to someone as fat as you speak while gasping for breath, and although the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect has a solid foundation, however even if there was another Soul Essence Cultivator, after they leave here, they might necessarily not be better than this Ning Cheng.”

Ning Cheng only at this moment knew that he might have somehow wandered in between these two young looking man and woman, who were none other than Xin Hai and Bu Mei with whom he had to set off together. This Xin Hai was still polite as he responded to the words of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s middle aged scholar, but that Severing Emotion Dao Sect’s Bu Mei acted as if she did not even hear anything, and was standing motionless.

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“Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, your cultivation at this moment is truly a bit too low, so it would be better to be behind me. Once anything goes wrong, I advise you to immediately crush the jade talisman in your hands.” Once Xin Hai came out, he really seemed to show some care and consideration towards Ning Cheng.

“Many thanks Senior Apprentice Brother Xin.” After Ning Cheng thanked him once, he added another sentence, “Why would that Crucible Transformation Senior think that it was certain that it would turn out the same as previous?”

Xin Hai spoke up in a dignified tone, “The problem is this place itself, it’s not without reason that those Crucible Transformation Seniors would think that nothing would come out of this venture, rather it is just that compared to all those Crucible Transformation Seniors, we are basically nothing. There is also that odd place, the location where the immortal cave appeared, which is inaccessible even to the spiritual consciousness of those Crucible Transformation Cultivators.”

“Doesn’t it mean that there is an array formation there?” Ning Cheng asked.

Xin Hai nodded and spoke, “Listening to what those Crucible Transformation Seniors spoke, there is indeed an array formation these. But even a Tier 9 Array Formation Grand Master is not able to see through the array formation here, let alone for us to even look at it.”

Speaking till here, Xin Hai changed the subject, “You are just a Profound Core Cultivator, and yet you still dared to come here, it in itself is quite amazing, but you should still listen to the advice I gave you, although the reward given by the academies is quite tempting, but you also need to have the ability to earn it.”

Ning Cheng already had a bit of understanding towards Xin Hai’s mettle. As such, he was quite sure that Xin Hai was not trying to ridicule him, but rather had good intentions with his words.

“I will try to be careful, and besides didn’t Senior Apprentice Brother Hai say that he would keep an eye on me, as such how could I not feel assured.” Ning Cheng also spoke out in a random manner.

Sure enough, Xin Hai gave a grin, before he stretched out his fat palm and patted Ning Cheng’s shoulder before speaking, “Junior Apprentice Brother Ning can rest assured, even if there is something dangerous, as long as we crush the jade talisman in our hands in time, we can be transferred out in the same moment. Although I will definitely look after you, but you also have to pay attention at all times. Severing Emotion Dao Sect’s Junior Apprentice Sister Bu’s cultivation is also very powerful; as such she will also be looking after you and would be able to help you out in a whisk or two of a second.”

From the time they met with Ning Cheng, until this moment, that young looking female cultivator only gave a frown, but did not speak even a single word.

“Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, you should pay attention from this point on, once we cross this yellow line we would have already entered the dangerous area. All the disciples who came looking for the immortal cave, each and every one of them have gone missing after crossing this line.” Xin Han pointed towards a thick yellow line at their foot, and reminded Ning Cheng with a sentence.

Ning Cheng stepped over the yellow line, and was once again greeted by the sight of an incomparably desolate land in front of him, looking at the craters that seemed to have been created due to the recent

war; he couldn't help but speak out in doubt, "There is simply nothing here aah? There are no mountains or valleys or even rivers here, how can someone go missing....."

Ning Cheng suddenly stopped speaking, he found that Xin Hai and Bu Mei who were just by his side a moment ago had unexpectedly disappeared, there was simply no sign of them, and had completely disappeared without a single fluctuations.

Just as a creepy scalp tingling sensation arose in Ning Cheng, he felt his entire body covered in a light, the next moment he appeared in an incomparably dark hall. Not to mention about crushing the jade talisman, he simply did not even have the chance to even respond to what was happening. Only at this moment did Ning Cheng immediately crush the Jade Talisman, unfortunately it did not even have the slightest effect.

There seemed to be no one in this incomparably huge hall other than him, in addition to it there was also the cold chill that he was feeling on the outside. Nevertheless, this icy coldness also induced a gloomy feel to the surroundings apart from making one feel cold.

Ning Cheng immediately focussed his attention, he couldn't help but feel as if he wouldn't be able to exercise control over himself in this place.

This certainly was a transmission array, but it seems that the level of this transmission array was simply too high, something against which even a Tier 9 Array Formation Grand Master would feel helpless. It also looks like Xin Hai and Bu Mei were sent to different places since they were not with him here.

Although Ning Cheng was paying full attention and was always using his spiritual consciousness to observe the surroundings, but even so, he chose to stay in the hall for a long time. He confirmed that there was no danger here, with the only different feel being a strange yet powerful aura surrounding the hall all around. If Ning Cheng had not come into contact with the Power of Hope previously, he certainly would not have known what this strange power was.

Since Ning Cheng had already come into contact with the Power of Hope, he was able to sense this. However, although this mysterious power seemed to be similar to the Power of Hope, he was able to tell that this power definitely was not the Power of Hope that he was knew.

At the same time, Ning Cheng also found that there was no way to exit from the hall; as such, there was no choice but to go deeper into the hall. When he finally made his way to the deeper parts of the hall, he could see a glimmer of weak light emanating from there; moreover once his spiritual consciousness came into contact with the seemingly weak looking light he couldn't help but feel extremely comfortable. This light was something produced by spiritual qi, Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel moved in his heart, as he immediately accelerated his pace towards it.

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At the same time, in a snow white house that seemed to have come from a fairy tale like world, there were more than a hundred cultivators frozen. All of these cultivators ranged from Profound Congealing to Soul Essence in strength.

The snow white house that seemed to be made from pure white ice had a strange name to it. It was called the 'Karma House'.

All the cultivators in this Karma House had a common characteristic. That is, each one of them were frozen in crystal like clear icicles. And all of these cultivators had brought out their own magical weapons that seemed to have covered their body from top to bottom. Although they were not able to move, but at least they were able to resist the terrifying cold emanating from the icicles.

Suddenly, one of the cultivators trapped inside the icicles gave a slight tremble, before the lustre on his defensive magical weapon turned dark. Soon a 'Katcha' sound emerged followed by a faint shadow, which floated out from the cultivator, before it floated into the mouth of a huge cauldron that was sitting on top of the ice house. The next moment, the ice encasing this cultivator's body started melting with a speed visible to the naked eye, as it slowly disappeared.

The remaining cultivators trapped in their own icicles remained silent on watching this scene, other than desperately stimulating their magical weapons to block the cold chill from the icicles, there was simply no other means to survive.

This kind of scene was something that occurred on a daily basis in this Ice House. Initially, there were many disciples from the influential and long standing sects and academies trapped in here, along with the many rogue cultivators who had undertaken this assignment. After being teleported to his place, each one had no choice but to come to this ice house, only to end up frozen. The only thing that they could do was to resist the cold seeping into them with everything they got, once they were unable to continue resisting it, their soul would simply float out of their body, before being sucked into the ice house's huge cauldron.

Once the soul disappears, the corporeal body, that is the flesh and bones, would start rotting and would disappear with a speed visible to the naked eye. Once the corporeal body melts off, all the magical weapons and other belongings would also disappear completely, as if they never existed in the first place.

Besides, the power of the icicles trapping them in this ice house did not seem to be related to their cultivation. Rather, if one really wanted to make a comparison then the higher ones overall strength was, the more powerful would be the frozen icicles encasing you.

Once you end up frozen inside this ice house, you could only rely on a good defensive magical weapon. If a cultivator had a strong spiritual consciousness and true essence then they would be able to resist for a bit longer. But even for them, they would only be able to resist for a tiny bit longer. In the end, they would still turn into ice dregs before they disappeared without a trace.

Only at this place, can one see the difference between a rogue cultivator and disciples from the sects and academies. Of the ones who could use magical weapons to protect themselves for a few months before they disappeared after being frozen, most of them were academy disciples, and only an extremely few rogue cultivators. But with the passage of time, the icicles in the ice house grew less and less in numbers, and from the initial more than a thousand icicles, there were now just a little bit more than a hundred left.

Seeing three more Taoist shadows falling in three different corners, all the people trapped in the ice house knew that there were three more icicles that were going to be added to the ice house.

Although the people who arrived recently could not see the ice house, but the people trapped inside the ice house were able to clearly see the people who just arrived. They themselves had also entered the same way, and once they tried to touch any of the treasures inside the hall, they were immediately teleported to the ice house where they were immediately encased and frozen in an icicle.

This hall and the ice house's name was very strange, if you did not try to take anything from the inside, then you would not be teleported into the ice house. But the fact was, after they entered the hall, there was not a single cultivator among them who could not hold himself or herself back from trying to take away the things from here. Moreover, after entering the hall, the only thing that they seem to remember was that this place was just an ancient immortal cave, and only knew that they had come here to find good things. As to why it was like that, it was probably because their consciousness was blurred, or maybe it was not important, or maybe none of them even wanted to think about it.

"How come Ning Cheng is here?" Liang Kexin, who was also frozen inside an icicle, was able to identify Ning Cheng in a single glance, before she sighed. Although Ning Cheng was really powerful, but she was certain that, he would also be joining them soon and soon turn just like her, frozen in the ice house, slowly waiting for death,

In this ice house, the number of Profound Congealing Cultivators able to survive for three to four months without dying absolutely were no more than five, and Liang Kexin was one of them. However only she knew was aware that the reason she was able to survive until now was that she used to be a cultivator in the Soul Essence Realm in the past. As such, the cards in her hand were far more than what an average Profound Congealing Cultivator could possess, even if that was the case, she was also acutely aware that she would only be able to resist for a day or two more before she ended up falling.

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"Low Grade True Artefact?" Xin Hai had just been teleported inside, causing him to feel slightly surprised, but when he saw a low grade True Artefact in front of him, he did not hesitate to reach out and grab it. At this moment, he completely forgot how or why he had come in.

The cultivators frozen inside the ice house couldn't help but shake their heads, if that was even possible for them, this person's resistance was simply too poor, and simply couldn't help but get his hands on a low grade True Artefact. But then thinking of themselves, their shaking heads couldn't help but turn into a deep sigh. Were they also not the same as that person? Didn't they also see a piece of treasure, and then reach out to grab it, only to end up teleporting into the Karma House?

The instant Xin Hai grabbed the low grade True Artefact; he was immediately swept over by a power that he was simply not able to resist, causing him to immediately realize that it was not something good. It was only at this moment that he was finally able to remember as to what had transpired. However, before he was even able to react, the next moment he appeared in the ice house, and was frozen inside an icicle.

Looking at the more than a hundred icicles inside the ice house, with each icicle containing a trapped cultivator, Xin Hai finally was able to piece together as to what had happened. No wonder, why there were so many cultivators who disappeared. It seems the cultivators here were also originally like him, who wanted to grab the treasure, only to end up frozen inside the ice house.

His thoughts had just reached this point, when a light flashed in the ice house, as another icicle that was similar to a pillar, appeared out of thin air inside the room. Looking at Bu Mei inside the pillar, Xin Hai shook his head and knew that Junior Apprentice Brother Ning would also be joining in with them soon.

A burst of an ice cold wave hit him, causing him to feel that his corporeal body was being torn apart from the inside out, in order to absorb his soul. Xin Hai quickly brought out his defensive magical weapon, using it to cover his entire body, only after which he felt a little better. He was also able to notice Ning Cheng immediately, Ning Cheng had also walked into the hall the same way he entered the hall before.

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Chapter 275: Greedy Nature

Ning Cheng followed the source of the weak yet bright light into a new huge hall, although this huge hall was not brightly lit, but at least it was much better than the similarly huge dark hall from before.

Not only that, this huge hall was also decorated in a very luxurious manner, Ning Cheng was simply not even able to recognize all the precious materials used in just the upholstery. Moreover, the hall was also filled with an incomparably rich spiritual qi, allowing Ning Cheng to guess that this huge hall was the place that everyone was looking for inside the immortal cave.

However, it was simply too easily found out by him, making Ning Cheng unable to believe as to what was happening.

As Ning Cheng's gaze swept out, he couldn't help but think about the ancient immortal cave, especially as to why there were not a lot of treasures here? He had only thought of this, when a best quality flight type spiritual artefact appeared in his vision.

Best quality flight type spiritual artefact, it would be highly attractive even for a cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm. Ning Cheng took a few steps forward and arrived next to this best quality flight type magical weapon, which was an incomparably exquisite looking Wind Chariot type of a magical weapon. It could be said that there would simply be no low levelled cultivator who would be able to hold himself or herself back in the face of such a tempting flight type magical weapon.

Moreover Ning Cheng also found that there was absolutely no kind of restriction placed on this best quality flight type magical weapon, meaning he could simply grab it and easily make it his own.

Liang Kexin, who was still encased in the icicle, on seeing Ning Cheng rush towards the flight type magical weapon, couldn't help but give out a sigh. It could be said that she knew Ning Cheng's character; as such, she was absolutely sure that he would reach out to grab it. Once he did that, he would immediately be entombed in the ice house together with them.

Almost all the people trapped inside the ice house thought that Ning Cheng would definitely reach out to grab it; however, Ning Cheng did not immediately move to grab this flight type magical weapon.

Although this best quality flight type spiritual artefact was something extremely precious for all the lower levelled cultivators, but Ning Cheng could be said to be an exception. Ning Cheng already possessed the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud, and had also recently obtained a brand new pair of Taintless Silver Wing Feathers. Coupled with his True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel, which was powered

by the Power of Hope, he would be able to travel much faster than the best quality flight type spiritual artefact in front of him.

Because Ning Cheng was in possession of many good things, as such he did not immediately move to grab at it the first time.

But this did not mean that Ning Cheng did not like the best quality spiritual artefact, the fact was that this best quality spiritual artefact did indeed create a few ripples in his heart. Although it was not much useful for him, but that did not mean it would also be useless to others. Didn't he also have Ji Luofoi to think of?

Moreover, because Ning Cheng did not immediately move to grab this flight type magical weapon in front of him, he was starting to become aware that there was something wrong with it. Although it was just a best quality spiritual artefact, but from this flight type magical weapon he could feel a hint of a different kind of spiritual qi.

That's right it was definitely different. This spiritually enhanced qi was fundamentally different from the spiritual qi that he usually absorbed. Not only were they not the same, but it was also several grades higher in quality. Although this spiritual qi was a few grades higher in quality, it still gave him a sort of familiar yet unfamiliar feeling.

But because Ning Cheng had an extremely powerful memory, after a short moment of pondering, he was able to remember where he had encountered this kind of spiritually enhanced qi before. It was in the bottom of the Forbidden Cold River. That cold river was originally called as the Thunder Fall Scorching River, but because an immortal mansion had fell into the river, it turned into an ice cold river. Ning Cheng was also aware that the main reason for the Thunder Fall Scorching River to turn into an ice cold river was the Star River Fire Spark in his Zifu.

Initially he had followed the white haired old woman into the bottom of the cold river. The white haired old woman entered the immortal mansion, while he who was still outside the mansion ended up being acknowledged by the Star River and absorbed the spiritual qi that was spilled out in order to cultivate outside the immortal mansion. That spiritually enhanced qi was exactly the same as the one from now, and was extremely beneficial for cultivation practice.

Could this place be an Immortal Mansion? Was it the same as that Scorching Immortal Mansion?

As he thought of this, Ning Cheng couldn't help but think of the white haired old woman who was thrown out of the immortal mansion at that time; moreover, it even looked as if she was seriously injured in the process. His cultivation when compared to the cultivation of the white haired old woman was as huge as 108,000 miles if not more, and yet she was still thrown out as if she was just garbage in general.

Being thrown out was still good, at least it was much better than dying in that kind of place.

Whether or not this place was the same as the Scorching Immortal Mansion, Ning Cheng felt that the things in here should not be limited to just one or two magical weapons, if he could refine the entire immortal mansion, just how much would he be able to gain? Once he refined this immortal mansion, it would be equivalent to owning everything inside this immortal mansion, all for his own use.

He had the Everlasting Blue Thunder City in his Zifu. As such, who can be sure if he could or could not refine the immortal mansion?

“Just a trivial best quality spiritual artefact, nothing to speak of.” Ning Cheng muttered to himself, unexpectedly bypassing this flight type magical weapon as he continued to walk forward.

What he actually was thinking was about how to find the mansion stele to refine the immortal mansion. Once he found the mansion stele, he could then refine this immortal mansion as his own. Not to mention a best quality spiritual artefact, even if it was just a single brick from inside, it would all belong to him. In the end, if he could not find the mansion stele, only then would he decide to come back and take away this best quality spiritual artefact.

What happened? All the cultivators trapped frozen inside the icicles of the ice house stared at Ning Cheng in a puzzling manner. He was just a Profound Core 1st Level cultivator. As such, how could he have an indifferent face with a best quality flight type magical weapon readily available for him? Moreover, did he just glanced at it before moving on? This kind of disposition, wasn't it was a bit incredulous?

Even Liang Kexin was looking at Ning Cheng in a puzzling manner, even if she was paler than before, with her hands trembling slightly, but even in that condition she did not understand why Ning Cheng did not reach out to that piece of best quality spiritual artefact. In her opinion, Ning Cheng was not a person who was willing to suffer a loss, as such how could he disregard this kind of opportunity?

Ning Cheng had only taken a few steps forward, when he once again saw a magical weapon in front of him. Moreover, this was not a best quality spiritual artefact, but rather a low grade true artefact; moreover, it was also a flight type magical weapon.

It was a very fine looking airship type magical weapon. Ning Cheng had seen many airship type magical weapons, but he could say with surety that he definitely did not see any airship type magical weapon that was as exquisite as the one in front of him.

Ning Cheng subconsciously raised his hands in order to grab it, but that rich spiritual qi emanating from it immediately startled Ning Cheng awake. He instantly understood that this place might definitely turn out to be an immortal mansion, moreover he couldn't help but think that once he ended up touching this low grade true artefact, he might just end up with the same fate as that white haired old woman from back then, if not worse.

Encountering two pieces of magical weapons one after another in front of Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel agitated in his heart, causing him to secretly make up his mind, that he must do everything in his power to find the mansion stele of this immortal mansion. He even vowed to himself that he would not rest before he found it.

As for the reason why he was abruptly transmitted here, Ning Cheng had already completely forgotten about it. Currently there was only a single thing on his mind and that was turning the immortal mansion into his own. He wanted to completely refine the immortal mansion, and not just take one or two things from inside.

Barely able to suppress the fire growing inside him, Ning Cheng spoke out in a casual manner, “Oh, a mere low grade true artefact for a magical weapon, such garbage can be found everywhere in my family’s backyard, forget it, let’s look for other things.”

After speaking those words, Ning Cheng immediately speeded up his pace as he moved forward. While in his heart, he couldn’t help but think that this immortal mansion would soon turn into his own personal backyard.

Just a mere low grade true artefact? How can a low grade true artefact be something trivial? Even if it was a Crucible Transformation Cultivator, a low grade true artefact, and that too a flight type magical weapon, it would be something extremely precious to them.

At this time, the cultivators frozen in the ice house were speechless, and couldn’t help but think as to what kind of a freak was he. Was his mind really that noble or was he truly completely different from them? If it were they, could they even be able to hold back that kind of temptation?

Even if the Soul Essence Cultivators trapped inside the icicles were relatively relaxed, even they could not help but stare at Ning Cheng with wide eyes. They definitely had never seen such a quirky person in their life.

As Ning Cheng looked forward to finding the mansion stele to refine this immortal mansion into his own, he also couldn’t help but feel that he seemed to be always attracted by the magical weapons in this place, and that there was something very important that he seem to be unable to recall, or rather there was something that he was reluctant to even think about.

A soft and gentle white light appeared in front of Ning Cheng, causing Ning Cheng to stupidly stare at a matchlessly beautiful awl shaped flight type magical weapon in front of him. This was definitely another flight type magical weapon, but this was actually a medium grade flight type true artefact. There were a pair of faintly visible wing on either side of this awl shaped flight type magical weapon, couple with two grooves just above the hidden wings, which was the place where one could place spirit stones for its stimulation.

This awl shaped flight type magical weapon gave Ning Cheng the feeling that once he hopped onto it, then even a cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm might not necessarily be able to catch up to him. This thing was definitely better than his True Brahman Buddha Fire Wheel, and was exactly the stuff of his dreams. Although the speed of the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel could be a lot faster than what he is aware of, but it needed the Power of Hope to stimulate it, moreover he was also aware that he was running low on the Power of Hope.

I have to take away this thing; Ning Cheng immediately stepped forward to grab it. But just as his hand was almost on the verge of touching it, he suddenly remembered something, when he said that a best quality flight type spiritual artefact was something trivial, he was then presented with a low grade flight type true artefact. When he said that the low grade flight type true artefact was something trivial to him, he was then presented with a medium grade awl shaped flight type true artefact.

It seemed as if, if he were unsatisfied with something, then the grade would simply increase arbitrarily.

In that instant, Ning Cheng immediately reacted; he immediately recalled that he was still in an immortal mansion-like place. He was still looking for the mansion stele, and was ready to refine the immortal

mansion into his own, how could he forget something like that? Ning Cheng slowly took back his hand, and began concentrate on circulating his true essence.

With his true essence circulating through his meridians, his Sea of Consciousness immediately cleared up, and his Zifu also cleared up in almost an instant. He finally recalled something that he was not able to recall before, that is, he had not come here on his own accord, but was forcibly transmitted here.

This place was absolutely eccentric; Ning Cheng slowly spoke to himself in a baited breath. Fortunately, he had experienced many things, and had even encountered an immortal mansion before, moreover, he even had had many good things of his own, and as such, he definitely would not be attracted to something small. Moreover, his Zifu was also remoulded by the Mysterious Yellow Origin, as such, it was definitely not ordinary, and was able to help him sober up quickly.

Seeing Ning Cheng reach out to the medium grade awl shaped flight type true artefact, all the people trapped inside the ice house gave out a deep sigh. Fortunately, this person was still normal, if even the medium grade awl shaped flight type true artefact could not tempt him, then he really was too perversely abnormal.

But then all the people couldn't help but feel stunned, as every one of them saw Ning Cheng actually turn away once again. What was happening? How can a person's will be this powerful?

Ning Cheng in his heart couldn't help but be secretly scared, once his mind sobered up, he completely understood as to what was going on.

Now that his mind was cleared up along with his Sea of Consciousness, it was only at this moment that he found that the inside of this place was not normal at all. Once someone was transported inside, his or her greedy nature would be amplified to an extreme level. If they could not control themselves once inside, they might not even be able to realize as to how they ended up dying.

If the medium grade awl shaped flight type true artefact had appeared in the beginning, then maybe he might have really succumbed to it. Fortunately, the magical weapon that appeared in front of him in the beginning was just a best quality spiritual artefact, which he really did not put in his eyes.

Knowing that there might be someone controlling these things from the shadows, Ning Cheng couldn't help but raise his guard up around his heart, as he swept out with his spiritual consciousness; however, he was not able to find even the slightest bit of strangeness around him.

Ning Cheng suddenly took out a few pieces of high grade spirit stones from the inside of his ring and threw it at the awl shaped flight type magical weapon and said, "Doesn't this thing look like a trough used to feed chickens? Garbage, it's just rubbish. It's just an eyesore; no it's even worse than an eyesore."

"Clang clang...." As the few spirit stones fell on top of the flying awl, Ning Cheng had already turned around and was walking away.

Ning Cheng could not see the ice house, but the cultivators inside the ice house were all staring at Ning Cheng. How could a medium grade flight type true artefact be just a trough to feed the chickens? Just what was going on in that person's head? Also, what's with him throwing spirit stones at it?

At this moment the huge cauldron in the ice house suddenly quivered, it was as if there was a surge of anger coming from the huge cauldron. All the cultivators frozen inside the ice house were only concerned with the antics of Ning Cheng; as such, they completely ignored the huge cauldron.

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Chapter 276: Garbage, Garbage

Ning Cheng guessed that this place was something similar to an immortal mansion, and the entrance to it was controlled by someone or something, as such his mind was constantly thinking about countermeasures, however he did not know that there were actually a huge number of eyes looking at his actions.

“Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar?” Ning Cheng had just taken a few steps forward, when he saw a huge jade barrel, the jade barrel was without a lid as such the contents inside the barrel could be seen clearly. It turned out to be a barrel filled with Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar.

Although the cultivators inside the ice house were frozen alive, but when they saw that much quantity of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, they couldn’t help but show a covetous glint in their eyes.

“Hey, how come there is a big barrel filled with used bath water in here? It looks like the person who stayed here seemed to like living dirty, otherwise why would he even collect used bath water? This is just too perverted.” Ning Cheng was still trying to recall how and why he had come in, while he spoke his words aloud in a disdainful manner.

Ning Cheng even used his spiritual consciousness to repeatedly sweep at this Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, and finally determined that this was not an illusion, but rather the true Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar. However, in his heart, he couldn’t help but have a feeling that this Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar in front of him was not at all real. With this kind of fake stuff in front of him, although he was not able to identify if it was truly fake or not, he couldn’t help but have a feeling that he really should not touch it.

However even if it was truly the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, Ning Cheng would still look at it with disdain. Saying that the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar was something akin to bath water was also not completely wrong, at least he and Yan Ji had used this thing to actually take a bath and on more than one occasion.

But what if he did not have a huge quantity of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar in his possession currently? Wouldn’t he just forget thinking about how he came in once again, and grab the barrel of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar and throw it into his ring?

After Ning Cheng said that this barrel of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar was only fit to be bathwater, he could feel that the place seemed to be filling up with an intense anger. This made Ning Cheng surer that there was definitely someone inside controlling all these things, and because he showed disdain towards all the things inside this place it ended up causing the one controlling to become very angry. Fortunately, he definitely had a few good things on him, and his Zifu was also remoulded by the Mysterious Yellow Origin, as such, it would definitely not be easy for him to fall into that greed inducing realm, not easy at all.

Although Ning Cheng did not know why there were so many good things appearing one after another here, but he was sure that the reason why these good things were continuing to come out was actually to allow him to take them away. He at present unexpectedly did not even touch anything, wasn't this equivalent to saying 'What else can you come up with for me?'

Thinking of here, Ning Cheng instead took out a jade wooden scoop. This scoop was actually filled with his own Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar taken from his Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar Pond. He first washed his hands with the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, after which he made an exaggerated show of throwing away the remaining Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar onto the ground before saying, "This father uses this stuff every day to bath, if not for using it for washing my hands and feet, I at least use it daily to wash my ass. Is this place a doghouse or what, how could it be filled with garbage? Coming here really made me excited in my heart initially, but it really let me down, it is just too disappointing aah....."

Although he was spewing out disdain filled words from his mouth, Ning Cheng tightly held the talisman he had received from the skeleton in his hand, if the situation turned south, then he would immediately crush the talisman. Ning Cheng trusted that this talisman given to him by that skeleton would definitely be extraordinary, and would certainly help him in teleporting back to the bottom of the Blood River. If he really could not even hold his own ground, then what use was it to discuss about saving others?

Anyways, he currently also possessed a few best quality spirit stones, as such it would not be that big of a deal to go there once again. Since that skeleton can give him a talisman before, then he certainly could give him a second one.

When Ning Cheng said that the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar was only something trashy that he used to bath with, the cultivators trapped in the ice house could help but stare at Ning Cheng in shock. This was Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar aah, just a dozen drops of it was more than enough for a cultivator to help them in their understandings. Yet there was a barrel full of it in front of him, and the only thing that Ning Cheng said was that it was just a bucket of bathwater.

Some of the trapped cultivators couldn't help but think that Ning Cheng might somehow be aware that he would not be able to take these things, because of which he was spewing all those words. But Ning Cheng was just a Profound Core 1st Level Cultivator, how could he be aware of such things? If he was not aware of this point, how could he control himself in front of such precious things?

The huge cauldron on top of the ice house could not help but roar out in exasperation. The bouts of shaking immediately attracted the attention of the cultivators trapped in the ice house.

Although all the people knew that they were trapped and encased in the icicles, they were aware that in case they were not able to resist, then their soul would automatically flow out into the huge cauldron. But now that huge cauldron was shaking quite strongly, it caused all the people to be surprised.

However, the people trapped in the ice house once again focussed their attention on resisting the cold coming from the icicles, all of them were aware that even if they panicked it would be of no use. The existence of this ice house seems to be working on a set principle, that is, you must take the initiative to take its things, only then will it be able to trap you in the ice house. And once you were trapped in the ice house, as long as you were able to resist the cold, you would not have to worry too much. As for the

existence residing in the huge cauldron, it would also not force you to spill your soul into the huge cauldron.

Ning Cheng at present was constantly cursing about the things here being completely rubbish and junk, and would not even touch the things here let alone grabbing it. As they looked at the seemingly angry existence in the huge cauldron, they couldn't help but think that maybe there might be a chance for them to be rescued. Thinking of all these things, almost all the people were looking forward to Ning Cheng cursing the things here to be garbage even more. The more badly he could curse the better it might turn out to be.

However all of them were aware that not only the things here were not rubbish but on the contrary all of them were actually good stuff of top quality.

But when Ning Cheng really took out the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, and even used the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to wash his hands, before throwing away the jade scoop still containing a part of it onto the ground, all the cultivators trapped there were completely shocked. Dear god, this person really was not faking it, it turns out this thing in this person's eyes truly was garbage aah.

It seems that the cultivators trapped in here were aware that Ning Cheng understood that he couldn't take the things in here casually; causing them to lift the doubt, they had initially. It seems that the Profound Core Cultivator, in the end, was really aware that he couldn't touch the things here casually; either that or he really felt that the things here truly were garbage?

Only Liang Kexin knew that Ning Cheng really did possess a lot of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, as to how much, even she was not very clear about it.

At the moment, the existence in the huge cauldron who was simmering in anger also gradually quieted down, it seems that even it was shocked with Ning Cheng really taking out the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, and really using it as bathwater to wash his hands and even throw it onto the ground. If Ning Cheng was not deliberately doing this, then what else could it do?

The huge cauldron was itself an extremely ancient and terrifying existence, moreover it also cultivated in Karma, as such, it was aware that for each cause that existed, there would be a corresponding effect that would come into play. If Ning Cheng really did not covet his immortal cave as a cause, then there was simply no way for it to bring out an effect.

As the huge cauldron gradually stabilized itself, more and more good things continued to appear in front of Ning Cheng.

"Medium grade attack type true artefact? Rubbish."

"High grade defensive type true artefact? Garbage."

"Rank 8 Prefecture Levelling Pill? Trash"

"Possible Temporal Transformation's Killing Intent Pill? Waste"

"Junk....."

“Hey, there is a humongous Pill Cauldron here.....” As Ning Cheng moved forward, all the while calling out to the things as garbage, he finally stopped in front of the foot of a humongous pill cauldron that was a high grade true artefact.

The existence in the huge cauldron, who was almost on the edge of exploding out of anger, finally let out a long breath. This kid finally stopped. This father will not believe that there is nothing here that would tempt you. Although he did not care about the soul of a Profound Core kid, but seeing all that had happened, he was growing increasingly impatient to try it out, it now wholeheartedly wanted to find what this Profound Core kid’s soul tasted like.

All the people trapped inside the ice house were nervously watching Ning Cheng’s actions, none of them knew if Ning Cheng would finally make a move to grab this pill cauldron.

Ning Cheng circled around the pill cauldron for a long time, before he gave out a sigh and spoke, “Originally, I wanted to take this back to use as my toilet, but just how many edges does this thing even have? Can anyone even sit on it to do his or her business? Although this is not garbage, but it is also not much different from garbage. It is just garbage outdoing garbage. Phooey.....”

After spitting a few times into the pill cauldron, he finally spoke up, “Just looking at it not only make my eyes hurt, but also worsens my mood.”

Even if it did not understand the phrase ‘Garbage outdoing garbage’, it still brought the existence inside the huge cauldron to almost the tipping point, it was enraged to such an extent that it was even thinking of going completely against its own Dao of Karma, to bring Ning Cheng directly into the ice house and then forcibly entombing him in the icicles.

However, that existence still had its own intelligence, with its current cultivation, just trying to maintain this immortal cave was proving to be difficult, once it violated its Dao of Karma then it would once again have to sink into slumber for countless years.

Ning Cheng’s had already gotten control of his sanity, and was now much clearer on what was going on, he knew that everything happening was to get him to fall into someone’s control, and these continuously emerging magical weapons and pills were the biggest clue to him.

But he also knew that the only thing that he could do was to repeatedly call out to the person secretly keeping a watch over him, and then immediately start face to face negotiations.

Ning Cheng’s grip on the talisman in his hand tightened, before he suddenly said to himself, “Don’t know why there is not a single Mirage Stone here, but with this kind of garbage piled up in the immortal cave, I guess it’s difficult for such a good thing to appear here.”

Ning Cheng had just finished his words and had not gone far when he saw a jade table appear in front of him with two white objects placed over it; these were exactly the Mirage Stones that Ning Cheng had just voiced.

Ning Cheng gave a sneer in his heart, it seems that this fellow really thinks that as long as one could enter the inside of this place, they would completely forget about the cause and effect, and would completely lose themselves in here, regardless of their origins. Unfortunately, he happened to have become aware of this cause and effect. Just as he had spoken about Mirage Stones, the Mirage Stones

appeared right in front of him. If these things were not fake, then he would truly have to refuse to believe in anything.

“Hey, it really is a Mirage Stone, Hahaha... Lucky, I guess I’m truly lucky.” Ning Cheng showed a surprised expression as he rubbed his hands together, at the same time, he also looked up and gave out a laugh filled with pride.

“Little grasshopper, although this father’s cultivation is not even a billionth of what it was originally, did you really think that I would not be able to concoct such a trivial thing?” The existence inside the huge cauldron triumphantly looked at the spirited Ning Cheng.

But what it never thought was that, Ning Cheng who looked extremely excited would suddenly go into rage, “Look at the quality of these Mirage Stones, not even a single Mirage Stone with more than seven colors. I understood that this place was rubbish, but I truly did not expect it to be so thrash. For this father, even a nine coloured Mirage Stone is just garbage that I can throw around anytime I want. Just a mere seven coloured garbage Mirage Stone and yet it is placed on the jade table as if it’s the most important thing in the world. What is this place, an immortal cave for a beggar? Disappointing, truly disappointing. Better to leave this place, it’s just too boring in here. Pooh pooh!”

As he spit twice, Ning Cheng casually threw out a nine coloured Mirage Stone as he said, “This grandpa already has many ten coloured Mirage Stones, talking about seven coloured Mirage Stones in front of me is just daring me to disgrace you. Don’t worry, this grandpa will give you a nine-coloured Mirage Stone to play with, take it and play with it to your heart’s content, poor sod.”

Ning Cheng’s words suddenly made the cultivators trapped in the ice house to burst out into laughter, despite their situation. Even if they knew that they might not be able to escape this place, but Ning Cheng’s move truly allowed them to hit back at it.

“Asshole, Mirage Stone can only go up to nine colors, how can there be a ten color one?” The existence inside the huge cauldron finally could not help but unleash the anger building up inside it, even if its body was just a faint flickering shadow, it still rushed out of the huge cauldron towards Ning Cheng with a huge roar. It really could not figure out from where such a quirky Profound Core Cultivator came from. Even if it had to regret its actions later, it would be completely fine with it to trap this person, right?

Ning Cheng took a deep breath, before he turned a bit excited. He could see the outline of an ice house slowly appearing a short distance in front of him. The ice house had three words hanging from above, “Karma House”. Moreover, there were also more than a hundred icicles outside on it, with each icicle seemingly encasing a cultivator inside.

“Liang Kexin? Xun Hanrui?” Ning Cheng immediately recognized two people trapped inside the icicles. Then Ning Cheng saw the recently disappeared Xin Hai, then Bu Mei, and the remaining several Soul Essence Cultivators from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. All of these cultivators had a common characteristic, that is, all of them were trapped in an icicle.

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Chapter 277: A Spear That Could Scare You To Death

“Let me see how you can still control yourself in front of me, you little bastard.” The flickering shadow from the huge cauldron roared with a touch of disdain in its voice.

Ning Cheng immediately turned towards the source of the sound that was the flickering shadow. He suddenly had a strange feeling as he looked at the body of the flickering shadow; he couldn't help but feel a sense of familiarity coming from it. When he had gained the acknowledgement of the Thunder Domain City, it had also allowed him to witness the projection of that Great War between those mighty cultivators, and this flickering shadow seemed to have an aura that was similar to them.

Which meant that this shadow was definitely once a terrifying power, and was maybe hiding here in order to restore his cultivation to the previous peak. Looking at it, he could see that it was also in the same condition as that Fang Jiyan.

"Quite a nice sounding name you got there, you old fogey. Karma House huh, only when there is a cause will a result exist. At present you trapped me inside here without a reason, so in the future you will definitely suffer retribution as the result." Ning Cheng looked at the Karma House for just a short while, before he suddenly smiled and spoke.

"When did I trap you? You came in here by your own violation." The flickering shadow suddenly retorted.

Ning Cheng just gave a slight smile, "I was looking for some useful fragments of magical weapons on that battlefield. Didn't you just bring me here to play with without any reason and also without my permission?"

Ning Cheng felt that when he spoke the word 'Karma' back then, the flickering shadow seemed to have become particularly tensed, and simply spoke up out of an impulse.

"You're just speaking nonsense, since you do not even put a high grade true artefact in your eyes, how can you care about some lower levelled magical weapon fragments? Lying is also subjected to retribution from Karma you know." The flickering shadow retorted back without any hesitation.

"The hell you know about anything." Ning Cheng scolded it back with disdain as if it truly was something needed, while he simultaneously took out his own Profound Break Spear, "You can take a look at the magical weapon that I use, it's just a medium grade spiritual artefact. Yes, this spear is cracked a little. And I only have the cultivation of Profound Core 1st Level, for you to bring out magical weapons that I can't even use; doesn't it mean that they aren't any different than garbage for me?"

Just what kind of logic was this? The flickering shadow immediately turned silent and only after quite a long while did it retort back "Even if you cannot use it in presently, you can still use it in the future, besides do you even know how many spiritual artefacts you can exchange for a single true artefact?"

Ning Cheng also spoke up in a tone that sounded extremely despising to the ears, "Can you guarantee that I could use them in the future? What if my cultivation stagnates? What if by any chance I am not able to exchange them in the future?"

The flickering shadow felt that if it continued to talk with him in such manner then its own recently formed body might just end up collapsing in anger, causing it to hastily retreat into the huge cauldron once again, it did not want to continue arguing with Ning Cheng. "You have friends here; I know you just want to ask me one thing, which is to let me let your friends go."

Ning Cheng was still holding the talisman in his hand; as such, he was simply not afraid of this flickering shadow on the outside. He once again spoke up in a disdain filled voice, "Why do I have to ask you to let go of my friends? You think you are some kind of a god or something. A single spear from me can easily shatter those icicles of yours; you think I am as helpless as you are? If you could have made a move on me, then you would have already made it a long time ago. You old fart."

Although he had spoken in such a manner, but Ning Cheng was still very afraid in his heart.

"What did you call me?" The flickering shadow roared out with an angry voice from the inside.

"You're just a clump of farts; don't tell me that you lived for such a long time, that you even forgot what an 'old fart' means?" Ning Cheng spoke with a cheerful smile. Despite the fear of this flickering shadow rampaging in his heart, he did not believe that this flickering shadow had the ability to lay his hands on him. If he indeed had the ability to do so, then it would never be unable to bear this much of ridicule thrown its way.

At this time, Ning Cheng suddenly heard a 'Katcha' sound. Followed by a sight of a few flickering shadows coming out of the icicles, before these spilled out flickering shadows fell directly into the huge cauldron. After this bunch of flickering shadows disappeared into it, the cultivators trapped in those icicles also disappeared at a speed visible to the naked eye.

"You old fart, so you were relying on devouring the souls of other people to heal yourself, are you even concerned about face?" Ning Cheng furiously cursed out. He had originally thought that Liang Kexin was just trapped frozen in the icicle, but now it seems that if he did not save her, then perhaps Liang Kexin might just turn to scraps.

The flickering shadow's voice once again resounded out, "Don't think that I do not dare to make a move on you, these people are all here because they triggered my cause, so I can and I will use their souls for my own effect. This is all Karma. If you dare offend me, then even if it means going against my own Dao of Karma, then even if I have to receive the Karma of the ant like cultivator like you, I will personally kill you."

"Oh, so doesn't it also mean that your life will be finished. Since you yourself cultivate and also pay a lot of attention to Karma, do you even know of my origins? You want to kill me; do you think that you can take the responsibility of such a huge amount of Karma? You already have a huge amount of Karma attached to yourself from the ones you devoured, but even then it seems that you would end up with a premature death, doesn't it mean that your cultivation is simply fart in the end." Although Ning Cheng was spewing out gibberish nonsense, he had already come to understand a few things.

When this flickering shadow brought the cultivators into this place, he had already planted the cause, but the effect was something too huge for it to handle. Causing it to use up its own soul as compensation.

What Ning Cheng did not notice, was that when he was casually spewing out such bullshit, it ended causing the flickering shadow to turn completely shocked, moreover it even caused it's just slightly solidified shadow to lose some of its light.

"Regardless of whether I am able to regain my cultivation or not. You can't see me. Since you can't see me and I will in no way leave this huge cauldron, so how can you even make a move against me? Let me

tell you the truth, every single inch of this huge hall is filled with my power.....” The flickering shadow spoke with a laugh.

“Your power? You just rely on Karma.....” As Ning Cheng spoke till here, his heart suddenly skipped a beat, he just remembered that at the moment he came in here, this place seemed to be filled with a power that was almost similar to the Power of Hope, was that the Power of Karma?

If the Power of Hope could be manifested as a force, then who can be sure is the Power of Karma can also be manifested as a force?

“I finally understood a few things, you old fart, although you rely on this thing, perhaps you are also afraid of this Power of Karma, am I right? Do I have to really fear your Power of Karma? Truth be told, I can completely destroy it with just a flick of my hand.....” Ning Cheng had only spoken what he thought, whether he was right or wrong, he could only determine it from the next words from the flickering shadow.

“Just who are you?” The flickering shadow once again came out, before it once again dived into the huge cauldron, leaving only a small part of it peeking outside the cauldron. From the trembling tone of its voice, it could be seen that it was now truly extremely afraid of Ning Cheng.

No one in this broken Yi Xing Mainland knew about the Power of Karma, and the ones who did know about this were definitely not cultivators from the Yi Xing Mainland. If he also was the same as it, and was someone who was able to escape that disaster all those years ago, then maybe it had been in hiding for too long in this corner that it simply was not able to recognize those powerhouses from the past.

Thinking that Ning Cheng might turn out to be one of those powerhouses from back then; the flickering shadow couldn’t help but shudder in fear as it gave a wave, causing the ice house that Ning Cheng was seeing in front of him to instantly disappear. Moreover, the cultivators trapped inside the ice house were also not able to see Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng was also able to feel that this flickering shadow was harbouring some sort of fear against him, and was increasingly feeling that his old fart might just be a remnant of a person from a very long time ago. But currently he was very worried about Liang Kexin and Xun Hanrui, and knew that he had to seize this opportunity to rescue the two of them. There was also that Xin Hai, that person was also someone good, as such, he had to think of a way to save them.

Thinking about the things until here, Ning Cheng suddenly flicked the Profound Break Spear in his hand and spoke, “Who do you think this young grandpa is? Let me allow you look at this move then you’ll know who this little grandpa is.”

Using the Profound Break Spear to draw out an untraceable arc, he suddenly stabbed out with it. A berserk spear intent burst out, causing the entire huge hall to look like it had suddenly lost all its colours, a one of a kind desolate killing desire seemed to have completely filled the entire huge hall. It felt as if not to mention the huge hall, even if was a huge planet, in the face of this kind of berserk killing intent, it wouldn’t be able to resist it for a single moment before it turned to ashes.

The flickering shadow suddenly started trembling violently, and in just a twinkling of an eye, it’s slightly solidified shadow became incomparably faint.

“You must be him, must be him.....” The flickering shadow barely was able to speak up in an extremely trembling tone, with its entire body visibly shaking. If it had teeth, then Ning Cheng would have definitely heard the sound of teeth clanking against each other in fear.

“Talk less nonsense with this young grandpa, because of a lot of things happening, this young grandpa is not able to remember a lot of things, if you want to make a move against me, then I will not hesitate to shred you into bits.” Ning Cheng was also secretly shocked in his heart as he witnessed the power of his own spear, although it was still not even a billionth in power when compared to the original, it still caused that old fart to almost die out of fear.

Seeing that the flickering shadow seemed to be panic stricken, Ning Cheng suddenly gave a laugh and spoke, “You better hurry up and show yourself out of the ice house, and let me save my people. Otherwise, he he.....”

This time that flickering shadow did not dare to spout even a single nonsense, and allowed the ice house to once again turn visible. Ning Cheng immediately saw the icicle in which Liang Kexin was trapped frozen, but at this moment Liang Kexin was visibly trembling, it seemed as if at any moment her soul would flow out causing her body to dissolve.

Ning Cheng immediately entered the ice house, and shot his spear just above the icicle trapping Liang Kexin. ‘Katcha’ a sound emerged as the icicle trapping Liang Kexin instantly shattered, allowing Liang Kexin to collapse onto the ground, as she spat out a mouthful of black blood.

Ning Cheng immediately took out a pill and handed it to Liang Kexin and spoke, “Junior Apprentice Sister Kexin, you go ahead and heal up yourself first, I’ll go and save Junior Apprentice Sister Hanrui.”

Finished speaking, Ning Cheng once again shot out his spear just above the icicle that was encasing Xun Hanrui. Xun Hanrui was a lot stronger than Liang Kexin was; as such the moment she came out, she immediately cupped her fists towards Ning Cheng and thanked him, “Many thanks for Senior Apprentice Brother Ning’s help.”

Under the eager eyes of the many, Ning Cheng directly went towards the front of the icicle entombing Xin Han, and once again shot out with his spear.....

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, I want to save the rest of the Senior Apprentice Brothers and Senior Apprentice Sisters” Xun Hanrui could not bear it as she looked at the longing filled eyes from inside the icicle pillars, as she asked in a whisper.

Ning Cheng also had noticed the numerous longing filled eyes, and suddenly spoke up, “Old fart you better open all these icicles, all the ones inside are friends of mine.”

Finished his sentence, Ning Cheng instantly remembered what had happened inside the Law’s Way. At that time, he also had saved many people, but in the end, the only thing that he received was hatred from the majority of them.

“Hey, wait wait.....” Ning Cheng suddenly saw Fu Shengnan and Wen Han; even if he had to save others, he would not save the two of them.

“Katcha... Katcha.....” Burst after burst of ice shattering sounds emerged, causing Ning Cheng to realize that his words were obviously a bit late, as all the icicles ended up shattered.

All the cultivators felt that they were given a new lease of life; there were even several cultivators who excitedly cried out tears of joy.

“... if there is nothing else, then I’ll go.....” The flickering shadow was cowering inside the huge cauldron, and only spoke with its blurry head exposed.

Ning Cheng at this moment was truly angry at this flickering shadow for the fact that he opened all the icicles too fast. He had even ended up rescuing garbage like Fu Shengnan and Wen Han, and could not help but immediately speak out, “Why leave? Why do you want to go? I worked extremely hard to come here, other than saving the people out here, I did not even obtain the slightest advantage, so how can I let you leave? You can casually bring out hundreds of best quality true artefacts and high grade true artefact, aah, even that pill from before can be considered to be quite good, you can also casually.....”

The flickering shadow almost cried out bitter tears as it quickly spoke up, “Those were all manifested with the Power of Karma, although they really are real, but at the same time they are also not real. Besides, you can only look at them but not touch them.....”

Ning Cheng gave a grunt, as he picked up his own nine-coloured Mirage Stone that he had casually thrown out, and only spoke, “I see, then I also can’t give this away? You got me here that means you planted the cause, but now you don’t have any fruit for me, you can figure out the rest for yourself.”

Speaking until here, Ning Cheng suddenly remembered something, and quickly spoke out with a sound transmission, “You can go if you want, but you’ll have to get me some good stuffs later, you can bury it here... Aah, bury it deep underground. I will come back later to get it. As long as you can get me the good stuff and bury it in here, it would end up resolving the knot of Karma between us.”

Ning Cheng couldn’t help but think that if this flickering shadow gave all the good things to him, and in front of all the cultivators here, wouldn’t it turn out to be troublesome for him? Although he did not believe, even for a moment, that this old fart did not have anything good with it, but he also did not dare to overly persecute this flickering shadow. In case he ended up going too far in messing with it, it might just turn worse for him.

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Chapter 278: Angrily Cursing At Crucible Transformation

Ning Cheng’s sound transmission had just finished, when all the cultivators present in the huge hall felt a burst of emptiness, before everyone fell down like a pack of dumplings.

The icehouse was gone, even the huge cauldron and the exquisite huge hall had also vanished. The surroundings once again turned completely desolate, filled with potholes and fragments of broken magical weapons as far as the eyes could see. However looking at this scene, all the people were clear that they had finally come out from that terrible icehouse.

Some of the cultivators even knelt on the ground with happy tears pouring down their faces, many of them were clear on this point that if there was a delay of even a few days then they might not have been able to come out.

Many of the cultivators came forward one after another to offer their sincerest thanks towards Ning Cheng, some of them even wanted to come up with spirit stones and pills to give to Ning Cheng as

thanks. However, thinking back to the scene of Ning Cheng using the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to wash his hands and feet, as well as the sight of him casually tossing out a nine-coloured Mirage Stone, all of them could not help but hold back on that thought.

Xun Hanrui suddenly sent a sound transmission to Ning Cheng, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you using the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to wash your hands and feet was seen by everyone here, you should start paying a little more attention from now on."

Ning Cheng was badly surprised in his heart; he obviously had not seen or even felt the others when he had taken it out. That old fogey might consider the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to be something trivial, but to the other cultivators it was actually something precious.

Thinking until here, Ning Cheng could not help but think in his heart that this old fogey was truly quite cheap with its methods. That old bastard had actually put him out on live broadcast, that son-of-a-bitch.

"Elder Brother Ning, many thanks for your life saving grace. I am Heavenly Dao Sect's Disciple Li Lingfan, in the future if Elder Brother Ning wishes to visit my Heavenly Dao Sect, then this Li Lingfan will definitely leave everything and come have a drink with you as a welcome." A young looking man with the cultivation at the great circle of Soul Essence Realm made his way to the front of Ning Cheng and gave a deep bow as he clasped his fist as a form of respect. When he was still trapped in the icehouse, Xun Hanrui had whispered a few things to Ning Cheng, allowing him to hear a part of it, because which he called out to him as Elder Brother Ning.

Liang Kexin already was aware that Ning Cheng was poorly informed about the academies, as such quickly sent out a sound transmission to Ning Cheng, "Heavenly Dao Sect is counted among the ten most powerful and influential sects and academies, and is even ranked above our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect."

Ning Cheng on hearing those words also quickly cupped his fists and spoke in a polite voice, "I was just lucky to be able to save Senior Apprentice Brother Li, how could someone like me naively come to the Heavenly Dao Sect only to bother you."

"Haha, I did not expect that I would one day be saved by a Profound Core Cultivator. Many thanks, Elder Brother Ning; although your cultivation is lower than me, but you still saved this Kong Cheng's life, it means that you are now my lifelong friend." A man with a sturdy yet wild appearance took a few steps forward, as he cupped his hands and thanked Ning Cheng.

Xin Hai quickly spoke up, "Elder Brother Ning, Senior Apprentice Brother Kong Cheng is my Star Gathering Mansion's True Inheriting Disciple, this time you not only saved Senior Apprentice Brother Kong Cheng, but have also saved me. I really am grateful for it. Please do forgive me about my ravings of helping you earlier; I truly did not know my place....."

Ning Cheng and Kong Cheng exchanged a few more polite words, before Ning Cheng patted Xin Hai's shoulder and said, "Elder Brother Xin, you really don't have to be so polite, I am already aware that you really wanted to help me in full sincerity previously. It's only by luck that I was able to save you..."

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning. Floating Snow Palace's Zhong Nianyun thanks you for the life-saving grace that you bestowed on me. In the future if Elder Brother Ning finds the time to visit my Floating Snow Palace, then this Nianyun will certainly treat you as an honoured guest." A thankful voice arrived

followed by a young and slightly shy looking beautiful female cultivator, with the cultivation of Soul Essence 6th Level.

Liang Kexin's voice also came in a timely manner, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, Floating Snow Palace is also one of the ten top influential and long standing academies of the Tian Continent."

Ning Cheng also quickly returned the salute. He felt that even if he did not receive even the smallest of benefits from saving these people, and regardless of if their thanks were sincere or false, at least he might just be able to make a few friends.

For the time being, there were more and more cultivators coming forward to thank Ning Cheng, but at this time, seven or eight shadows suddenly arrived at the crowd's periphery, "Why did all of you suddenly appear here? What exactly happened?"

The speaker was a red-faced old man; Ning Cheng only took a single look at this old man to know that he was a Crucible Transformation Cultivator. At the same time, Ning Cheng also saw the original five cultivators that he had met before, they also had the same puzzled face as they looked at them. However, there were also faint traces of being pleasantly surprised on them.

Although because of the sudden appearance of the ancient immortal cave, which was a cause of the deaths of more than a thousand cultivators, but at least more than half of the elites of the academies who had undertaken the assignment had survived.

The first to come forward was also the first to come forward to thank Ning Cheng, Li Lingfan, as he gave a bow before speaking, "Reporting to Elder Yong, that ancient immortal cave contained the Life Essence of a Magical Weapon; it was that Life Essence of the magical weapon which had trapped us in there. It was in order to catch the cultivators at the Soul Essence Realm and below to devour their souls, all in order to restore its cultivation. This time, it was fortunate that Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Junior Apprentice Brother Ning was able to save us all, and even scaring the Life Essence away....."

Although Li Lingfan had called Ning Cheng as 'Elder Brother Ning' previously, but referring him as 'Junior Apprentice Brother Ning' in front of this old man was also not contradictory. The reason he had called Ning Cheng as 'Elder Brother Ning' was to thank him for his life-saving grace, in other words it was to be polite to him. Calling him as 'Junior Apprentice Brother Ning' at this moment, was because Ning Cheng's cultivation was lower than his was, moreover he and Ning Cheng were also not from the same the same academy.

The few elders on hearing Li Lingfan's words in front of them, already had many questions that they wanted to ask, but hearing the last sentence, all the people present immediately focussed their gazes on Ning Cheng's body.

"Were the cultivators here truly saved by you?" The Crucible Transformation Elders stared at Ning Cheng and asked in unison.

Ning Cheng was aware that he would have to find a suitable reason to get out of this predicament.

Now seeing all the Crucible Transformation Elders asking him the same question at the same time, he did not dare to show half a moment of neglect. He quickly stepped forward and spoke, "Yes, it was because this immortal cave had an ancient Life Essence left behind, this Life Essence could only rely on a

huge cauldron to keep itself from dissipating. The rest was as Senior Apprentice Brother Li had just said; currently this Life Essence is currently far from recovering, and as such can only devour the souls of some of the cultivators with weaker cultivation to help itself heal.....”

“Even if that was the case, this Life Essence could easily swallow the souls of all of you, so how could you save everyone?” This time that beautiful woman from the Star Gazing Mansion was staring at Ning Cheng before she asked her question.

Ning Cheng quickly recounted the things that happened from inside the immortal cave, including the icehouse, along with the variety of real yet unreal magical weapons and pills, including a few bits about the Karma House and other things.

“So that Life Essence was forced by Karma, and only when the cultivators tried to get their hands on the magical weapons, would it begin?” Another Crucible Transformation Cultivator asked. This Crucible Transformation Cultivator had a very pale face, and looked as if he was eternally sick. Combined with his questioning tone, it really made Ning Cheng feel uncomfortable.

“It is just my guess; I am not very clear about the specifics myself.” Ning Cheng cautiously replied.

The sick looking Crucible Transformation Cultivators was still staring at Ning Cheng and asked, “All the other cultivators were caught and captured, so why did you not get captured by it? Instead, how were you even able to force that Life Essence back?”

“Because I have a 9-coloured Mirage Stone, because of which it did not make a move on me, as for that Life Essence being forced back from me, I guess that it was because it was not able to reap any Karma from me.....” Ning Cheng was truly dissatisfied with the questioning tone of the other party, although he was answering carefully, but he still was feeling very uncomfortable in his heart. He had obviously rescued his people, so why would he show such an attitude against their lifesaving benefactor?

The sick looking man gave a sneer, “A 9-coloured Mirage Stone still has such an effect? How come I didn’t know about it?”

Ning Cheng at this time was simply too lazy to answer, just who did this guy think he was, did he think that he could pull a 2-5-8 on him, and make him look like a criminal.

[TL Note – ‘Pulling a 2-5-8’ in a Mah-jong Rule Reference.]

“Can you explain the process of you using the Mirage Stone in detail, or is it that you do not want to reveal the rest of the secret?” The sick looking Crucible Transformation Cultivator was clearly not satisfied with Ning Cheng’s answer, causing his tone to turn even more severe.

Ning Cheng finally could not hold back his temper anymore, as he immediately gave a sneer and spoke, “Just who in the hell are you? Why do you want to hover over my head so much? I am from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, and had come here to rescue my fellow sect members; I did not expect that there would be a few supercilious white wolves that would be so ungrateful with it. What does it matter as to what method I used, it is none of your business, if I am not willing to say it to you then what will you be able to do?”

He did not know which academy did this sick looking man belonged to, but he was sure that from the people that he had ended up saving; a few were definitely disciples from his academy. It was fine if this

person had not thanked him for it, but relying on his own high cultivation to question him in such a manner. Wanting to ask him about his secret? Stop dreaming.

“Little bastard, it seems you have a death wish.....” The sick looking man was now completely overflowing with a murderous aura, as he raised his hand to catch Ning Cheng.

At this moment, Ning Cheng immediately felt the space around him seal up, even if he wanted to move he would not even be able to twitch his finger. Ning Cheng could not help but give out a dark sigh in his heart, the gap between their cultivations was simply too huge.

“Bang” At the same time, another hand stretched out, blocking the hand of the sick looking man from grabbing Ning Cheng. The surging true essence had even blasted open a huge crater at a distance.

“Since when did the disciples from my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect need disciplining from your Red Star Sword Faction? Did your Red Star Sword Faction think that it had unified the entire Tian Continent under its name?” A disdainful and contemptuous voice arrived, allowing Ning Cheng to guess it right, that it was the voice belonging to Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Elder Bei who had made a move to save him.

“So, for this kind of impudent little Profound Core beast, what’s wrong in me trying to teach him some manners? Bei Youfa, don’t you think that you are just trying to protect your shortcomings a bit too much?” The sick looking man was still quite indignant.

Ning Cheng gave a sneer, “Old beast, you are just too young to be posturing in front of this young grandpa; you really should not take yourself too seriously. I might not know what kind of academy is this Red Star Sword Faction, but with such ungrateful garbage like you in it, I simply do not need to think about it. Not to say that even if this grandpa had no secret, even if I did have a secret, did you really think that I would spill it out to an old bastard like you? Why don’t you tell me your secrets then? Idiot, doesn’t this mean that you are just a dog living in an old man’s body...”

This sick looking man had an extremely strong cultivation, although it was countless times stronger than Ning Cheng’s, he could still not escape his cursing and rebuttals, even if he was a thousand times stronger than what he already was, he would still not be Ning Cheng’s opponent in this field. Being scolded in such a manner by Ning Cheng, he simply could not help but suddenly break out in anger, while at the same time his face also turned even paler.

However, he also knew that with Bei Youfa here, he absolutely would not be able to do anything to Ning Cheng.

Although Bei Youfa was a bit happy and also melancholic in his heart at the same time, he still showed a calm face on the surface as he spoke to Ning Cheng, “Ning Cheng, although some people are in need of scolding, but not only is your cultivation a bit too low, but you also have a bit of an etiquette problem. In the future, if you have a chance, then be sure to visit the Red Star Sword Faction to explain to them clearly. Ok.”

“Yes, I understand.” Ning Cheng also knew about when to quit when ahead. The reason why he was cursing aloud in such a manner was not just for shutting up a single person, but rather shutting the mouths of the rest of the Crucible Transformation Cultivators too, it was also to prevent these Crucible Transformation Cultivators to question him one by one.

In addition, once he got back to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, and received his reward, he would then be able to once again enter the Small Spiritual Domain to cultivate. As to what happened on the outside, it did not matter to him.

“Fellow Dao friends, you can judge for yourself, for a little Profound Core ant to be so uncultured and uneducated.....” The sick looking man from the Red Star Sword Faction was obviously someone who would not be able to calm down easily.

“Okay, okay, everyone let’s just take a step back. This is not a great matter to be pondered upon by all of us, it is obvious that Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Ning Cheng has expended great efforts, and was able to save so many elite disciples of our academies, as such we should really not interrogate him like a prisoner.” A slightly lean looking cultivator came forward and spoke.

The rest of the few Crucible Transformation Cultivators also came forward and helped Ning Cheng with a few words, Ning Cheng had truly saved many of the elite disciples, and as such how could the elders be not happy with it?

Although these elders had a few suspicions about Ning Cheng’s words, but none of them continued to ask Ning Cheng about how he was able to withstand the temptations. Not only that, they even came forward to invite Ning Cheng to visit their respective academies as an esteemed guest.

Whether it was a bona fide invitation with good intentions, or invitations with bad intentions, Ning Cheng still refused them one by one with politeness. His strength was already very lacking, but now that he had accumulated enough contributions, it gave him exactly what he needed, and that was cultivation time. So why would he waste his time to visit other academies or even go out looking for danger?

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Chapter 279: The Limits Of Small Spiritual Domain

Although the major academies did not get any benefits, but at least the situation with the ancient immortal cave was finally resolved, moreover they also did not lose the elite disciples of their academy. At the same time, they also finally became aware of the existence of such an immortal cave, but this ancient immortal cave was not something to be taken casually, as not anyone could take away the things inside it.

Ning Cheng and the other disciples from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect followed the Crucible Transformation Elder Bei Youfa back to the academy. This time there were no Soul Essence Disciples that perished from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, but among the disciple below the Soul Essence Realm, there were only two remaining, Liang Kexin and Feng Zhen.

“Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, we were not able to get the chance to thank you properly before, this time we finally found the chance to come thank you. If not for your words back then, then let alone we True Inheriting Disciples and the Core Disciple, but rather none of the rest would have been able to come back.” Seeing Ning Cheng and Liang Kexin chat with each other along the way, Que Hongshui and Luo Ziyang deliberately spoke out in a loud voice and specifically thanked Ning Cheng in front of everyone there.

“We are all disciples of the same academy, it’s just a trivial matter nothing to speak about.” Ning Cheng quickly spoke up in a polite manner, he was well aware that he needed the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect for

a long time for his cultivation, as such if he could make a few friends along the way, then of course he would not mind it.

Luo Ziyang smiled and spoke up, "It might be a trivial thing for you, but it is not a trivial matter for us. Anyways, in the future if you are in need of any kind of help within the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, you can always come to the Feiyang Sword Peak to find me."

Just as Luo Ziyang finished speaking, she immediately came forward and handed a gold coloured jade card to Ning Cheng and spoke, "I had heard from Junior Apprentice Sister Hanrui that you want to spend time in the Small Spiritual Domain for cultivation. I have a cultivation jade card worth a month, you can have it."

Ning Cheng had only spoken in a perfunctory manner, but now Luo Ziyang had come up with a cultivation jade card for the Small Spiritual Domain, he couldn't help but feel surprised with it, but nevertheless he still quickly took the jade card and said, "Many thanks Senior Apprentice Sister Ziyang, I really was lacking in this kind of jade cards. Having a low cultivation truly is not a good thing....."

He would definitely not think that he should not take this jade card, being rewarded by a jade card for a life-saving grace would definitely not be excessive.

On seeing this, Que Hongshui also quickly removed a cultivation jade card of the Small Spiritual Domain and handed it to Ning Cheng and spoke, "I have seen that you have quite a few good things, as such I really was raking my brains all along on how to thank you. I truly did not know that you liked these kinds of jade cards, I also have a gold one with me which is equivalent to a month's..."

"I have one too....."

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In just a short period of time, Ning Cheng was able to gather four cultivation jade cards for the Small Spiritual Domain, although they were all for a month each, but all of them added up to a full four months. Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel ecstatic in his heart, he had not yet gone to receive the rewards from the academy, when he had already acquired four jade cards as such once he finally went to collect the reward he knew that it definitely would be a hugely abundant harvest.

Because of being rewarded with the jade cards, Ning Cheng also couldn't help but be impressed by the Senior Apprentice Brothers and Senior Apprentice Sisters who he had saved. At least these people were not like those crafty fellows from the Law's Way. Moreover there was also a common language between each other, causing him to feel even more joy the more they talked.

At the same time, the more time Ning Cheng spent talking to these people from the same sect, the more information he was able to learn about the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect.

Not only cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain was much better than the outside, but also at the same time, the deeper one could go, the better it would prove for them. Moreover, you also had to find a place by yourself; Ning Cheng realized that these places were actually similar to the blue stone that he had selected initially. There was a variety of such stones in the Small Spiritual Domain. Once you found a stone that was most suitable for you in absorbing spiritual qi, then it might just end up as a huge blessing for you.

However, the cultivation jade card for the Small Spiritual Domain was also something very precious; as such only, a handful of the cultivators would spend much time on trying to find such stones. That was because even if you sat down in any place to cultivate, it would still turn out to be countless times faster than the outside.

However, the most important information that he was able to gleam was that one could not endlessly cultivate in the Small Spiritual Domain. That was because the spiritual qi in the Small Spiritual Domain was heavily yang oriented in nature, and once you ended up cultivating to a certain degree, you must stop your cultivation practice temporarily. Otherwise, the Yang Qi would burn your body from the inside out, killing you in the most miserable of manner.

Hearing this news, Ning Cheng immediately asked, "But I had gone inside to cultivate for three months, how come I did not feel anything?"

Que Hongshui laughed and spoke, "It necessary to cultivate to a certain extent for such a phenomenon to manifest, your cultivation of Profound Core Realm is still not up to par. It is not just you but even we might not experience anything like this, only those at the Soul Sculpting Realm and above would be able to have a clear feeling about it."

Ning Cheng finally came to understand, no wonder he did not see any of those powerful figures cultivating inside the Small Spiritual Domain. There was actually such an after effect that would come into play in the future.

"Then what is the solution for this?" Ning Cheng quickly asked. He had joined the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect only for the Small Spiritual Domain. Now that he found that cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain was equivalent to risking one's life, wasn't it just awful?

"There are definitely a few ways, you can try and find a Dao Companion for dual cultivation as a way to reconcile and harmonize the Yin and Yang within your body. You can also try to find some extreme yin oriented spiritual medicines to abate the effects. But these methods are not the best way, and the effect it would have on you would also be limited." Que Hongshui gave a somewhat detailed explanation.

Luo Ziyang suddenly interjected, "The best way to resolve this issue would be utilising the Floating Snow Palace's Soul Refining Snow and Ice Domain. If you cultivate in the Small Spiritual Domain for a period of time, and then go spend some time in the cultivating in the Soul Refining Snow and Ice Domain, not only would it not remain a problem anymore, but at the same time it would also smoothen out your cultivation. Unfortunately, the Soul Refining Snow and Ice Domain is under the control of the Floating Snow Palace, outside people simply would not be able to get in."

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At this time in the main cabin of the airship type magical weapon, Bei Youfa was leisurely drinking tea, when a voice suddenly arrived from outside of the restriction on the entrance, "Disciple Wen Han requests an audience with Elder Bei."

"Come in." Bei Youfa waved his hand causing the restriction on the entrance to dissolve.

"What is the matter you wanted to talk about?" Bei Youfa looked at Wen Han and asked in puzzling manner.

Wen Han quickly gave a customary bow, and then cautiously spoke up, "Elder Bei, there must be a huge secret on Ning Cheng's body. He is someone who even used the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar as a hand sanitizer, moreover even a nine-coloured Mirage Stone is just garbage in his eyes. Moreover the most important thing is that he was not even the slightest bit affected in the ancient immortal cave, not even with the numerous magical weapons strewn about..."

"What do you exactly want to say?" Elder Bei put down his cup, as he looked at Wen Han and asked in a faint voice.

Wen Han bit his lips and spoke, "I think that Junior Apprentice Brother Ning has definitely made great contributions this time, and the academy should also reward him appropriately, but Junior Apprentice Brother Ning should also report his secret to the academy in detail as a recompense for the graciousness the academy has shown in allowing him to cultivate in it."

Elder Bei gave a sigh directed at Wen Han and spoke, "I have already heard that Ning Cheng had only joined the academy just three months ago, from which point does the grace of nurturing him come into play? Besides, my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect advocates disciples keeping their own secrets. Not to say about Ning Cheng, in my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, which Core Disciple or True Inheriting Disciple or even the Elders, which one of them does not have a secret or two of their own?"

"Wen Han, if I forced you to hand over your secrets to the academy, how would you react? I suggest that you do not walk in the footsteps of that Tang Guangxi from the Red Star Sword Faction. If you were able to learn to be grateful, then it would also enable you to climb to a higher peak. You have good qualifications yourself, do not harm yourself in going down this path, it is still not late for you to rectify your behaviour, otherwise once you feel it's good, then only path available for you would be going down."

Wen Han's face just couldn't help but alternate between red, blue and green, before he finally managed to speak in a respectful manner, "Yes, this junior understood the lesson." Finished speaking, he cautiously backed away.

Elder Bei couldn't help but shake his head and sigh at such a sight. He wanted to warn Wen Han of what he wasn't seeing in Ning Cheng, but seeing what transpired, he was also well aware that Wen Han would definitely not stop because he said so. In the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, the disputes between disciples were something common; he could only try to mediate things from the sidelines, but cannot directly move to interfere in such matters.

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If one was asked as to who was currently on the limelight in the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect recently, then it was absolutely Ning Cheng without any doubt.

Ning Cheng had only completed a few months since the time he had joined the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, yet he still dared to risk his life by taking up the 17th assignment of the academy. Not only that, he had only just entered the academy as an Inner Sect Disciple yet he was able to perfectly complete the 17th assignment, allowing him to not only save more than a dozen disciples from his own academy but also more than 100 elite disciples from other academies. This was equivalent to putting half the Tian Continent in debt to him, allowing him to earn a heaven shaking reputation.

At this moment, there were legends of Ning Cheng circulating around each corner of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect.

“You know, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning had broken into the ancient immortal cave all by himself, and saved more than a 100 elite disciples of the major academies. Elder Bei had also personally accompanied Senior Apprentice Brother Ning to help him receive his rewards. Even the Deputy Academy Head Tantei had come out to meet Ning Cheng.....”

“Of course I know this thing, but I heard that not only are the major academies utterly grateful towards Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng, I also heard that he was going to be promoted to a True Inheriting Disciple.”

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng was originally a Soul Essence Cultivator, had had forcefully regressed his cultivation, so of course it was just a matter of time that he would be promoted to become a True Inheriting Disciple.”

“Come on, I heard that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng was a rogue cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm, when he was inside the ancient immortal cave, he suddenly released the seal he placed on his cultivation by himself, while at the same time sealing and killing the nefarious cultivator that had trapped the other elite disciples.....”

“You can’t just say anything; cultivators above the Soul Essence Realm simply cannot enter the ancient immortal cave.”

“Better not pull a fast one on me, that Ning Cheng is only a Profound Core 1st Level Cultivator, the only reason he was able to accomplish all that was because he was able to resist the temptations within the immortal cave. I will give you a real piece of news to open your eyes, people from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace have come to meet the people from our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. I heard that they want to act as matchmakers so that their own elite True Inheriting Disciples could marry Ning Cheng.....”

“Bullshit, as you said that Ning Cheng is only at the Profound Core 1st Level, while the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and Floating Snow Palace’s elite True Inheriting Disciples are all at least at the late stages of the Soul Essence Realm, why would those people take the initiative to propose a marriage alliance between the sects?”

“Hehe, do you even realize how rich Ning Cheng is? He has the things most needed by the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and Floating Snow Palaces, forget it, you shouldn’t speak about things that you don’t understand.....”

The cultivator, who had laughed, simply turned around and no longer participated in the discussion, and soon left the area.

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As the talks about Ning Cheng were raging outside like a storm, at this time, Ning Cheng had already arrived at the Small Spiritual Domain. Elder Bei was quite good to Ning Cheng, not only did he personally accompany him to receive his rewards, he was also aware that Ning Cheng was very much in need of

cultivation jade cards for the Small Spiritual Domain, as such he himself took the initiative to bestow upon Ning Cheng an additional three months' worth of jade cards.

Ning Cheng also reciprocated in kind, and gave Elder Bei three full bottles of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar. Although the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar was finally exposed, Ning Cheng still felt that he must not bring out this big volume more than once.

At this point, Ning Cheng, even if he did not have to use the one million contribution points that he was rewarded with, he still had nineteen months' worth of cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain. Although the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect did not obtain any benefits from this Academy Assignment to the Great Liang True Country, but it still undoubtedly revealed the heroic spirit of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. Not only Ning Cheng was rewarded for his efforts, but even all the cultivators who had participated in this assignment were also rewarded with a month's' worth of cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain.

Liang Kexin also had received a month's worth of cultivation time in the Small Spiritual Domain, even if Liang Kexin repeatedly said that one month of time was more than enough for her, Ning Cheng still gave her back a jade card that he owed Liang Kexin.

Ning Cheng, who now still had eighteen months of cultivation time with him, did not rush to immediately start cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain, rather he took his time in searching for a place where the spiritual qi was the most abundant.

After wasting four days, Ning Cheng finally was able to zero in on a piece of white stone.

Once he found the location for his cultivation, Ning Cheng then proceeded to calmly arrange a variety of array formations. He decided that he would cultivate at this spot until he reached the Great Circle of the Profound Core Realm before he went out. If not for the fact that the Small Spiritual Domain was not suitable for crossing the tribulation, he had actually planned to use up all eighteen months of time inside this place.

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Chapter 280: Visiting To Discuss Marriage

In the guest welcoming hall of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, an old man could be seen accompanying a beautiful woman as they spoke with each other. In addition to the old man, there was also a middle aged man in Confucian scholarly robes who was accompanying the two of them from the side.

"Junior Apprentice Brother Bei, you and Ning Cheng can be said to be somewhat familiar with each other, can you help me out in explaining a few things to Palace Master Sang." The old man who was sitting at the main seat looked at the middle aged old man and spoke with a smile.

The old man was none other than one of the three Deputy Academy Heads of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, while the one woman he was accompanying was Palace Master Sang, one of the seven Palace Masters of the Floating Snow Palace, Sang Jiezhū. As for the middle aged scholar, he was none other than the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Elder Bei Youfa, who was very optimistic about Ning Cheng.

Elder Bei hesitated for a bit before he spoke, "Palace Master Sang, although Ning Cheng was able to accomplish a few things but it was something solely out of luck, in all honestly his cultivation is simply

too low, only at the Profound Core 1st Level. Just the cultivation of the Floating Snow Palace's Core Disciples is already in the Soul Essence Realm, while the cultivation of your True Inheriting Disciples is even higher. Moreover, each one of the female disciples of the Floating Snow Palace is someone equivalent to a maiden fairy in the mortal world, how can a small Inner Sect Disciple of my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect enter their eyes? Moreover warrant Palace Master Sang to personally come to my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect?"

Sang Jiezhū just gave a smile and said, "Ning Cheng is definitely someone with extraordinary potential, although his cultivation is only at the Profound Core 1st Level, I believe that with his ability, he would soon become the focus of development within the academy. Combined with the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's world famous Small Spiritual Domain, for Ning Cheng to advance to the Soul Essence Realm, I believe that it would not require much time."

The Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Deputy Academy Head Tantei Fei on hearing these words also gave a smile and said, "In the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, in order to use the Small Spiritual Domain, even if one had extraordinary future potential, they would have to make a huge contribution towards the Academy, moreover the Small Spiritual Domain is also not a panacea."

Sang Jiezhū simply did not seem to care about such a thing, and still spoke with a smile, "After my Floating Snow Palace's True Inheriting Disciple Zheng Nianyun went back and spoke about the matter regarding Ning Cheng, it caused a lot of the female disciples of my Floating Snow Palace to hold him in high regards. Ning Cheng also has a great future, maybe he might even become a True Inheriting Disciple soon. As such my Floating Snow Palace naturally cannot wrong him, Yin Kongchan is one of my Floating Snow Palace's disciple with the best qualifications, I believe that even with her appearance and qualification, she barely is worthy of Ning Cheng....."

"Yin Kongchan? Palace master Sang, are you referring to the Yin Kongchan, who took the ninth spot among the top Soul Essence Realm Disciples of the ten major academies?" Bei Youfa spoke out with an incredulous expression.

Yin Kongchan already possessed the cultivation level of the great circle of the Soul Essence Realm a few years ago; at this moment, there was a high chance that she was now a cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm. Moreover, Yin Kongchan's appearance was absolutely no less inferior to his own Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Luo Ziyān. With this immeasurably excellent disciple, how can she be barely worthy of Ning Cheng? It was not that Ning Cheng could not marry other people, but why would the Floating Snow Palace want their most outstanding disciple to marry Ning Cheng? Moreover, why would they even advocate a marriage alliance between the academies?

"That's right, a few years ago, the listings of the top ten Soul Essence Realm Disciples from the major academies had a huge change, and Kongchan really took the ninth spot." Sang Jiezhū spoke out casually.

Bei Youfa and the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Deputy Academy Head gave a glance at each other before Elder Bei spoke up, "Palace Master Sang, Ning Cheng still is cultivating in seclusion in the Small Spiritual Domain, we also cannot arbitrarily call the shots on such a matter, moreover only after he comes out would he be able to reply to you."

"Of course, it is only natural, since this matter is related to martial nephew Ning Cheng, so of course; this matter would require his personal approval." Sang Jiezhū empathetically replied.

After saying that, she was just about to ask as to when Ning Cheng would be coming out when Tantei Fei suddenly spoke up, "What a good day is it today, for even the Severing Emotion Dao Sect's Elder Shi to also grace my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect?"

Tantei Fei stood up and spoke with an apologetic voice to Sang Jiezhū, "Palace Master Sang, please allow me to receive Elder Shi....."

Sang Jiezhū also spoke up with a smile as if she did not care about such a thing, "Perhaps I know the reason why Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua decided to bless us with her presence. Deputy Academy Head Tantei should definitely receive her, I have also not seen Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua in a long time, it would also be good to get together with Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua and catch up about the old days."

Unfortunately, Tantei Fei could only give an exasperated nod. He knew that although Sang Jiezhū spoke in a nice and polite manner, but the fact was that the Floating Snow Palace and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect have a huge rivalry between them.

Just a short while later, Tantei Fei came in with a woman wearing a white robe. The woman's face was expressionless, bordering on coldness. This female cultivator held her hair in a simple bun, and was carrying a large sword strapped to her back.

The woman on coming in also saw Sang Jiezhū, and was slightly stunned for a moment, before she immediately restored her expression to what it was originally, before she cupped her fists towards Bei Youfa and spoke, "Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Shi Qionghua greets Senior Apprentice Brother Bei....."

"Cluck Cluck, Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua truly is getting more and more beautiful as the years pass by; even my heart is moved looking at you." Although this Shi Qionghua did not take the initiative to greet Sang Jiezhū, but Sang Jiezhū actively took the initiative to make a greeting to this Shi Qionghua.

Her words were also not wrong, although Shi Qionghua had an eternally cold expression on her face, but she was absolutely beautiful. Not only was she matchlessly beautiful, even her delicate and pretty appearance was by no means vulgar, combined with her not so ordinary name, one simply couldn't help but compare her to an exquisite jade. If she stopped at a place, then it would feel as if she was a mass of light clouds wrapped together, making other people who gazed at her to feel a sense of inferiority.

[TL Note – 'Exquisite Jade' here is written as 'Qiong Yu' in Chinese which has an almost similar pronunciation to 'Qionghua' which is her name, that translates to 'Exquisite Flower'.]

"Does not dare, Junior Apprentice Sister Sang is also not ugly to look at." Shi Qionghua's tone was flat, as she returned a sentence without any flavour.

Seeing the two people exchange words that might lead to further provocation, Elder Bei quickly led Shi Qionghua to sit down, and personally poured a cup of top quality spiritual tea for Shi Qionghua.

As Shi Qionghua took a sip of the spiritual tea, Elder Bei also spoke up in a polite voice, "For Elder Shi to visit my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is truly an honour for my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect....."

Shi Qionghua still spoke in a plain manner, "Although I am here for some matters, but am unaware of if your Academy's Ning Cheng is still available?"

“Once Ning Cheng came back, he went into seclusion inside the Small Spiritual Domain; it could be guessed that he would not be coming out within a short period of time.” Elder Bei quickly replied, while in his heart he was vaguely feeling that Shi Qionghua’s purpose in coming here might just be similar to that of Sang Jiezhū.

Sure enough Shi Qionghua gave a slight frown, before he replied, “Ning Cheng’s cultivation is truly quite low. Cultivating in seclusion is also a good thing.”

Tantei Fei could help but speak up, “Could it be that Elder Shi knows Ning Cheng?”

Shi Qionghua also replied immediately, “I do not know about Ning Cheng, but since this time Ning Cheng saved my Severing Emotion Dao Sect’s True Inheriting Disciples Xu Yingdei and Bu Mei, I specifically came here to thank him. I also asked about him from Bu Mei, and found that Ning Cheng is quite a good disciple. Moreover, my disciple Yingdei also has quite a good impression of Ning Cheng; as such, I also want to propose a marriage between Ning Cheng and Yingdei. If Elder Bei can agree to it, then our two factions can also be joined through the marriage.”

Sang Jiezhū gave a soft smile and spoke, “Severing Emotions Dao Sect actually took the initiative to talk about love, it is indeed somewhat unusual.”

Shi Qionghua once again showed a slight frown. Tantei Fei on seeing this immediately stepped in between them and spoke, “I on behalf of my sect’s Disciple Ning Cheng thank the two of you for showing such love. It is just that Ning Cheng is still in seclusion, and this matter also needs to go through him personally. So, once Ning Cheng comes out, I will let him personally go to the Floating Snow Palace and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect to return the courtesy.”

“If that is the case, then I will be taking my leave first.” Shi Qionghua was unique in this regard, as she walked out as fast as she came in.

Seeing Shi Qionghua leave, Sang Jiezhū also stood up and gave a smile to Elder Bei as she spoke, “Although I will also be taking my leave now, but I am definitely looking forward for martial nephew Ning Cheng visiting my academy.”

Elder Bei also quickly spoke up, “The seven Palace Masters can rest assured, once Ning Cheng comes out, I will certainly advise him to go visit the Floating Snow Palace.”

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After seeing off Severing Emotions Dao Sect’s Shi Qionghua and Floating Snow Palace’s Sang Jiezhū, Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Elder Bei finally spoke up, “Senior Apprentice Brother Tantei, what do you think about Shi Qionghua and Sang Jiezhū? This is simply too weird, Ning Cheng is just an Inner Sect Disciple, is it truly necessary to propose a marriage alliance between the academies?”

Tantei Fei gave a sneer, “If I did not guess wrong, then these two academies have set their sights on Ning Cheng’s things.”

Bei Youfa couldn’t help but angrily speak out, “Ning Cheng saved the pitiful lives of the disciple from their academies, and yet they still lust over trying to deduce Ning Cheng’s possessions, it is something that a good person would not do. Senior Apprentice Brother Tantei. If Ning Cheng really agreed to it, I really do not know how they would deal with him. Wouldn’t they simply grab Ning Cheng’s things before

they then disposed of Ning Cheng? Doesn't this mean that the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace have simply degraded to such a low?"

Tantei Fei shook his head and spoke, "It might not be that way. These two academies are also counted among the top ten academies within the Tian Continent. As to why the Severing Emotions Dao Sect is willing to allow their disciple to become Dao Companions with Ning Cheng, it is something that could be guessed quite easily. If one wanted to cultivate to the pinnacle in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, then they would have to let go of their feelings, in other words sever their emotions."

"To be honest, Shi Qionghua came here to simply find a puppet for the disciples from her sect. There are quite a few female disciple who seem to have developed some feelings towards Ning Cheng and are now in need of severing their emotions. Once Ning Cheng turns into a waste in their hands, not only Ning Cheng would voluntarily hand over his good things to those people, he would also become something equivalent to a dog to be stepped on by the people there. Since she came here to look for Ning Cheng, then it just shows that their True Inheriting Disciple Xu Yingdei already has some sort of an impression of Ning Cheng, which might need Ning Cheng's body as a release for those emotions."

"Sigh, I knew that something like this might happen, however this is something that the rest of the elders from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect might just agree upon." Elder Bei sighed.

Tantei Fei also sighed, "The truth is even I am somewhat tempted to take action. Although that Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Shi Qionghua did not speak about it, but I know that they would definitely have to split the spirit stone mine that they found in our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. With helping a True Inheriting Disciple wanting to sever their emotions, plus a nine-coloured Mirage Stone, and an unknown quantity of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, I'm afraid that the Severing Emotions Dao Sect has long since calculated their profits, and would absolutely not suffer in the process."

"I will definitely not agree to it, I have already seen that this Ning Cheng is quite an honest fellow. Although he might have some Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar on him, along with even a nine-coloured Mirage Stone, but these are all the disciple's own gains. Unless a disciple themselves is willing to contribute it to the academy, the academy will also not take the initiative to deprive them of their gains." Bei Youfa immediately replied with decisiveness.

Tantei Fei immediately put up his hand, "These are things that we simply cannot control. If the Academy Head and the rest of the elders are in favour of this, then we trying to oppose it would simply be useless. However, the Academy Head is quite an upright person and should not agree to it. However, what truly went beyond my expectations is the proposal of Floating Snow Palace's True Inheriting Disciple Yin Kongchan marrying Ning Cheng. If the Floating Snow Palace insists on their disciple Yin Kongchan and Ning Cheng tying the knot as Dao Companions, then the advantages might actually be much greater than what we would get from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect."

"You saying that the Floating Snow Palace would be willing to share their Soul Refining Snow and Ice Domain, would they really share it with our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect?" Bei Youfa carefully asked a question.

"I'm afraid so, I estimate that they also are after Ning Cheng's nine-coloured Mirage Stone and the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar. But what I truly don't understand is why did they chose Yin Kongchan for this." Tantei Fei gave a nod and replied.

Bei Youfa once again sighed and spoke, "If that is the case, then I no longer have any way to help Ning Cheng. All I can do is give him some more time in seclusion inside the Small Spiritual Domain. I know a thing or two about Yin Kongchan from the Floating Snow Palace, Yin Kongchan is someone who is wholeheartedly focused on the Dao, even if she and Ning Cheng became Dao Companions, I estimate that she would not truly enter into dual cultivation with Ning Cheng."

"Whether this is truly as it is or not, we cannot guess it, but one thing for sure is that there definitely is a deeper reason behind such a thing. For both these academies, even if they were just after Ning Cheng's Mirage Stone and Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, it still arguably would not be a bad idea. They already have countless ways to make Ning Cheng willingly come up to them. Is there really a need of any other reason for them to do this? Or is it that our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect truly in the dark about it?"