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Chapter 281: Golden Core Catching Fire

Ning Cheng, who was still cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain, was completely oblivious to all the things going on outside. At this moment, he had once again entered into that process of crazily absorbing the spiritual qi in the Small Spiritual Domain.

The Golden Core hovering over his Core Lake was continuously spinning, while at the same time the Golden Core was also gradually growing in size, there was even a touch of golden coloured radiance hovering just above the surface of core.

If not for Ning Cheng possessing tenacious and flexible meridians along with a powerful cultivation method, then for him to absorb such a crazy amount of spiritual qi, if he was replaced by any other cultivator, then even if they were able to absorb this much spiritual qi, the only outcome for them would be exploding from oversaturation. Not to mention utilizing this spiritual qi for their own cultivation, to grow their Golden Core.

But such a situation simply did not exist in Ning Cheng, it seemed as if no matter what quantity of spiritual qi was present, he could easily consume it all, and then transmute this spiritual qi into true essence that he could use.

It allowed him to cross from the Profound Core 1st Level to the Profound Core 2nd Level without any ripples. With Ning Cheng immersed in such a crazy method of cultivation, he simply stopped paying any attention to the flow of time.

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“Junior Apprentice Sister Kexin, congratulations to your advancement to the Soul Essence Realm, and also becoming a Core Disciple. I did not expect that you would only take a measly seven months, from being a Profound Congealing 9th Level Cultivator to becoming a Soul Essence 1st Level Cultivator. I estimate that you would soon leave me behind in dust.” On a peak that seemed to shoot straight into the sky, Xun Hanrui congratulated Liang Kexin in a heartfelt and delightful manner.

This mountain peak was the new immortal cave that Liang Kexin was bestowed once she advanced to the Soul Essence Realm and became a Core Disciple.

Liang Kexin also had a happy expression on her face, and listening to Xun Hanrui’s congratulations; she simply shook her head and spoke, “Senior Apprentice Sister Hanrui, I am aware of my own limits. Please don’t look at me advancing from the Profound Congealing 9th Level to the Soul Essence 1st Level in only seven months. It was only because of all the good fortune and preparations that I had accumulated over a long period of time. But for me to advance from the Soul Essence 1st Level to the Soul Essence 2nd Level, it would take me a lot more time than this. Moreover Senior Apprentice Sister Hanrui, you already are at the Soul Essence 3rd Level, I definitely would not be able to catch up to you in a short time.”

Liang Kexin was extremely clear on this point, the others might say that she cultivated to the Soul Essence Realm, but it would be more accurate to say that she re-trained herself to the Soul Essence Realm. Moreover, it also took her many years of preparation, along with Ning Cheng’s Mirage Stone and

his Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, coupled with cultivating for two months inside the Small Spiritual Domain, only then was she able to restore her cultivation to what it was previously. Now that all that she had accumulated had been completely consumed by her, her cultivation was bound to lag behind the others. She could only slowly accumulate more opportunities for the next breakthrough.

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning is still in seclusion inside the Small Spiritual Domain, and has still not yet come out, I really don’t know up to what extent has he cultivated to?” Xun Hanrui couldn’t help but think back to the point that Ning Cheng and Liang Kexin had both entered the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect together. At that time, Xun Hanrui was still at the Soul Essence 1st Level, but even then, she had a vague feeling that Ning Cheng was not far behind her in strength.

Liang Kexin gave a laugh, “Senior Apprentice Brother has nearly 20 months of cultivation time still left on him, it can easily be said that he would not be coming out for a long time. Senior Apprentice Sister Hanrui, let’s go back to the Academy Assignment Hall and pick up some assignments, what do you say?”

Xun Hanrui quickly replied, “I wanted to tell you about this, the Tian Continent’s Great Meet of the Academies is about to begin. We have to participate in the Great Meet as representatives of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, and many of the disciples have already made their way to the venue. This time there will be many elite disciples from the various academies who would be participating in the tournament. I came here to ask if you would want to go there, if so then let’s go together.”

“Tournament at the Great Meet of the ten major academies?” Although Liang Kexin apparently was not aware of a few things, but when she heard of the Tian Continent’s Great Meet of the Academies, she was immediately able to understand a few things.

Xun Hanrui nodded, “That’s right, over the many years our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect was squeezed out of the top ten academies. At present, it only exists as a quasi-first class academy, and can no longer squeeze into the rankings of the top ten academies. This time, my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect has managed to raise a few excellent disciples, as such has gained the qualifications to compete once again. This year, even the Academy Head has come out, and has accompanied most of them from the sect.”

“Senior Apprentice Sister Hanrui, then why did you not go with them?” Liang Kexin quickly spoke up.

Xun Hanrui couldn’t help but give a wry smile, “With my cultivation of Soul Essence 3rd Level, combined with my strength being very ordinary among the others in the academy, why would the academy let me participate in this tournament? However, we can go to observe the magical techniques of other people to help in our understandings, it certainly would have great benefits. Besides, the Tian Continent’s Great Meet of the Academies would also be bustling with a huge amount of people each time it is held. As such, there will always be various kinds of auctions and materials that could be purchased and exchanged. Maybe we would be able to purchase a few good things.”

“Of course, I would want to go there, where is this Great Meet of the Academies being held?” Liang Kexin quickly spoke up.

“In the Heavenly Dao Sect’s Heavenly Dao Public Square, there is a huge airship in the Rainbow Fall Makeshift Market that would directly take us to the Heavenly Dao Public Square. If we use our own flight type magical weapons to go over there, then we would not be able to reach there even if we were given a few days’ time.” Xun Hanrui replied.

Liang Kexin immediately replied, "I certainly would want to go there. Unfortunately, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning has still not come out of seclusion, with his temperament; he would certainly be shooting off towards the venue at the first instance."

"You understand Senior Apprentice Brother Ning that much?" Xun Hanrui asked.

Liang Kexin spoke with a smile, "The truth is I really do not know that much about him. I only know the same amount about him as you know; moreover, our relationship is also purely transactional. However, what I have realized about him is that he is a very emotional person, and is not someone who would let his friends suffer in the least, I feel that he is very trustworthy in this regard."

"Do you think that such a person like Ning Cheng would already have taken a Dao Companion?" Xun Hanrui suddenly asked something that was completely irrelevant.

Liang Kexin was surprised for a moment, she really had never thought about such things before, she had only viewed Ning Cheng as a friend until now, and really had not paid any attention to the matter of Ning Cheng having a Dao Companion. Now that Xun Hanrui had suddenly asked about such a thing, she couldn't help but freeze for a moment, before he immediately asked in a puzzling manner, "Senior Apprentice Sister Hanrui, you don't have a crush on Ning Cheng do you, and want to become Dao Companions with him?"

Xun Hanrui's face immediately turned red, before she quickly explained, "Just what are you thinking of in that head of yours, I just think of Senior Apprentice Brother Ning as a good friend of mine. The reason I asked this is because Senior Apprentice Brother Ning is still in seclusion, and there are talks about other academies coming our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to discuss a marriage alliance with him."

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning only has the cultivation of Profound Core 1st Level, who would specifically come here wanting to speak about a marriage alliance between academies involving him? Even such a thing is mentioned, would the academy really go through with it?" Liang Kexin spoke as if she simply did not believe such a thing was possible.

Xun Hanrui's face once again returned to normal, but she also did not understand this point, "Yeah, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace are both counted in the top ten academies of the Tian Continent, as such even if Senior Apprentice Brother Ning gave an even more impressive performance in the immortal cave, it would still not be enough for the two academies to take the initiative to propose a marriage alliance with their True Inheriting Disciples?"

Although she had only spoken a few words, but even she was aware that not to mention the academies, even if it was an ordinary Core Disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, they would unlikely choose Ning Cheng, not to mention being chosen by a True Inheriting Disciple.

"Severing Emotions Dao Sect and Floating Snow Palace?" Liang Kexin repeated the words in shock, before she suddenly spoke, "I know, it must be because these two academies have taken a fancy to the things on Senior Apprentice Brother Ning's body, they really are shameless."

Xun Hanrui shook her head and said, "Not necessarily, Ning Cheng just might have many more things on him, if it was just because of the Mirage Stones and Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, with the strength of these two academies, they could easily procure such things from outside. There is simply no need for them to propose a marriage; there must definitely be a different reason."

Liang Kexin suddenly giggled, “Well these things can only be worked on when Senior Apprentice Brother Ning comes out, only then can any decisions can be made about it. Besides, the True Inheriting Disciples of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace are also quite attractive, as such they barely qualify to be worthy of Senior Apprentice Brother Ning.”

Hearing Liang Kexin’s words and the light tone in which she spoke, coupled with her suddenly giggling in a girly manner, even Xun Hanrui could not help but burst out in laughter. Severing Emotions Dao Sect and Floating Snow Palace’s True Inheriting Female Disciples, how can they be barely worthy of Ning Cheng?

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Ning Cheng who was still in the Small Spiritual Domain, was crazily circulating his true essence as he finally broke through the barrier and advanced to the Profound Core 7th Level, however his Golden Core which was still crazily spinning over his Core Lake suddenly burst into golden flames making it resemble as a big fire seedling, causing a kind of horror inducing pain to flow into Ning Cheng’s consciousness.

“Puff...” Ning Cheng directly vomited out a mouthful of blood. At this moment, Ning Cheng could feel his entire body weakening at an alarming pace; at this moment, he basically would not be able to muster enough strength to even defend himself against a chicken. Moreover, no matter what he did, he simply was not able to even suppress, let alone extinguish the golden flames that covered his Golden Core; it was as if he had completely lost control of his Golden Core.

Not good, it seems he has finally gone over the threshold of absorbing spiritual qi in the Small Spiritual Domain; the Yang Qi was trying to incinerate his body. Fortunately, Ning Cheng had also heard the advices provided by the several Senior Apprentice Brothers and Senior Apprentice Sisters, he knew that the Yang Qi would burn one from inside to outside. If the accumulation of Yang Qi were light then at most you would lose your cultivation, but if it was too much then there, was even a possibility that even your corporeal body would turn into ashes and disappear.

At this time, Ning Cheng was aware that he should not dare to continue absorbing more of the spiritual qi here for his cultivation. He was even afraid of trying to mobilize the Mysterious Yellow Origin to heal himself. He was aware that the Mysterious Yellow Origin was comprised of Pure Yang Qi, if he mobilized it, then it would be equivalent to adding burning fuel to a volcano.

Looking at his Golden Core, even if one looked with their naked eyes, they would be able to see a thin layer of golden coloured fire that covered his entire Golden Core. Ning Cheng on observing this knew that there was simply no other way. He could only reluctantly try to control the Star River Seed to try to absorb these flames. He did not know if the Star River Seed would be able to absorb these flames or not, but at this moment he truly could not think of any other way.

But what made Ning Cheng completely shocked was that once he tried stimulating the Star River Seed, it was as if a fierce hurricane had swept over, completely swallowing the golden flames that had covered the entirety of Ning Cheng’s Golden Core.

Although his Golden Core turned a bit duller, but Ning Cheng who had just advanced to the Profound Core 7th Level in his cultivation fell back down to the Profound Core 6th Level. Although his cultivation

did not rise and instead fell, it actually made Ning Cheng feel relieved, why would he still dare to continue cultivating inside at this moment?

Feeling his true essence and strength slowly recovering, Ning Cheng couldn't help but be secretly scared in his heart. He was aware that there was a limit on how much one could cultivate inside the Small Spiritual Domain, and was also aware that once the phenomenon of Yang Qi trying to burn one's body occurred, then it would be extremely hard to turn it back.

However, from what he had heard, the phenomenon of Yang Qi trying to burn one's body would mostly occur when one was at the Great Circle of the Soul Essence Realm, even between the Soul Sculpting and above realm cultivators, such kind of phenomenon would rarely occur. Even among the Soul Essence Cultivators, such a scenario was still quite rare. Then why did the phenomenon of Yang Qi burning one's body occur in him who had just advanced to the Profound Core 7th Level?

Forget about the time remaining, he had only cultivated inside this place for just seven months and a few days into the eight month. He had originally intended to only come out after he cultivated to the Great Circle of the Profound Core Realm. Looking at the situation it seems that this was simply impossible. If he wanted to continue cultivating in here, then he would have to find something that would help him curb this kind of phenomenon of Yang Qi burning one's body.

It was fortunate that he was in possession of the Star River Seed, otherwise, he really had no idea as to how could he resolve the situation of his Golden Core spontaneously bursting into flames?

"There is never such a thing as a perfect existence." Ning Cheng stood up, and couldn't help but mutter helplessly to himself, "Fortunately, I have the Star River Seed."

"Huh...." As Ning Cheng thought about the Star River, he couldn't help but glance at the Star River Seed in his Zifu. Because of the absorption of the Golden Core Flame, faint golden traces unexpectedly appeared on the outside, as if something was about to break off from the inside of a shell.

Suddenly a crazy idea began to take shape in Ning Cheng's heart; there might be a chance for him to continue cultivating. If his Golden Core once again burst into flames, then couldn't he let the Star River Seed once again absorb the flames covering his Golden Core?

Insane? Ning Cheng immediately killed this idea before he could even act upon it. Even if he could make the Star River to break out of the shell with this approach, there was a huge chance that he might just end up ruining his Golden Core. Besides, who could say if he would be able to endure that kind of inhumane pain?

It seems that I really cannot continue cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain, Ning Cheng thought as he gave a long sigh. It was really unfortunate, as he still had almost a years' time left.

Well, everything ultimately has a limit on it. Moreover, even if the phenomenon of Yang Qi burning one's body did not occur, he would still have to leave the Small Spiritual Domain prematurely anyway.

As to trying to face the Soul Essence Thunder Tribulation to advance to the Soul Essence Realm, Ning Cheng was well aware that with his qualifications, if he truly wanted to advance to the Soul Essence Realm, then he would absolutely have to rely on the Soul Condensing Pill. Only after he went out and got hold of the Soul Condensing Pill, could he prepare himself for the Thunder Tribulation.

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Chapter 282: Ning Cheng Comes Out

"You came out." Ning Cheng had just stepped out of the Small Spiritual Domain, when the old man guarding the entrance of the Small Spiritual Domain took the initiative to speak a sentence.

"Yes, senior. This junior still has some time not used on the Jade Talisman, can senior please help me replace it with the equivalent jade cards. I will come here again later to continue cultivating." Ning Cheng handed over the partially crumbling Jade Talisman to the old man. He couldn't help but feel somewhat strange as to why this old man had taken the initiative today to strike a conversation with him.

Although he had come here once or twice, the old man had not even once taken the initiative to speak to him, let alone using this kind of somewhat polite tone. Besides, he had spent just over seven months inside, and had only advanced from the Profound Core 1st Level to the Profound Core 6th Level. For a cultivator cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain, this kind of speed was not very fast, but at the same time, it was also not slow either.

The old man was very skilled, and in a short while provided Ning Cheng with ten cultivation jade cards, and spoke, "Elder Bei came here to find you earlier to give you some things before he went on a trip."

"Many thanks Senior, this junior acknowledges." Ning Cheng put away the jade cards, and quickly thanked him with a sentence, especially after he came to know that Elder Bei had come to visit him.

Elder Bei was none other than Bei Youfa. Ning Cheng simply did not have any backing in the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, if one must absolutely say about his backing, then Elder Bei can be regarded as one of his patrons. Moreover, this person Elder Bei was also good natured, and also seems to appreciate Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng also very much respected Elder Bei, if there was no Elder Bei during the last assignment, then he might not have even be able to come back easily, let alone being richly rewarded.

So, once Ning Cheng came out of the Small Spiritual Domain, he directly made his way to the Distant Sword Peak. The Distant Sword Peak was the immortal cave where Elder Bei lived, as such although Ning Cheng had not come here before, he was still aware of the location of the Distant Sword Peak.

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The Distant Sword Peak was quite uncommon, in truth it was even inferior to the immortal caves that were provided to some of the True Inheriting Disciples. Ning Cheng could see from this Distant Sword Peak, that Elder Bei was quite fond of a type of ordinary yet flowing environment. If he had to say as to what was different about this place compared to others, then Ning Cheng would definitely say that it had a unique scholarly aura to it. This kind of aura was actually in perfect harmony with Elder Bei's Confucian Scholarly feel; rather it actually accentuated that point.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng really came out." Ning Cheng had just arrived outside the Restriction covering the Distant Sword Peak, when the Restriction automatically opened, revealing a teenage boy behind the Restriction who was standing with his fists cupped towards Ning Cheng.

"Yes, I came here to visit Elder Bei." Ning Cheng quickly replied.

This teenager took out a golden coloured jade strip and handed it Ning Cheng before saying, "This is something Elder Bei left for you, Elder Bei has gone on a trip to the Heavenly Dao Public Square."

"Many thanks, Junior Apprentice Brother." Ning Cheng put away the jade strip and immediately left the Distant Sword Peak, since Elder Bei was not here, then he first would have to return back to the Developing Sword Peak.

Once he was back inside his residence, only then did Ning Cheng took out the jade strip left behind by Elder Bei for the first time.

After looking at the contents of the jade strip, Ning Cheng silently shook his head, before he simply threw the jade strip back into his ring. As for the matter in the jade strip, he truly could not take this matter seriously. The Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace's True Inheriting female disciples have taken a fancy to him? Even to the point of gunning for a marriage alliance between the academies, just whom did they think they were trying to deceive.

Not to mention that Ning Cheng simply did not believe that the two academies finest female disciples would take a fancy to him, even if he did believe it, it was only a clump of farts to him in the end. Ning Cheng was from Earth; as such, a marriage was not a trifling matter to him. He was brought up with different customs compared to the cultivators here, that is, a marriage for him was something equivalent to a life changing majorly serious event. Not to mention that he already had Ji Luofei.

Moreover the feelings between him and Ji Luofei had started to develop after undergoing a lot of adversities, this kind of feeling and mutual understanding, compared to these academies shamelessly proposing a marriage alliance after getting to know that he possessed a lot of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar and Mirage Stones, was something that cannot be compared on the same level.

That's not right; Ning Cheng suddenly felt that his own thoughts on this matter were quite simple. The Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace were academies much larger than the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, why would these kind of behemoth academies take the initiative to propose a marriage alliance just because he possessed the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar and Mirage Stones? Even if they wanted these things in bulk, didn't the two of them already possessed the ability and the resources to easily procure them? Why would they stoop so low with other people?

This matter should not be as simple as it looks from the surface. Ning Cheng couldn't help but scratch his head, even when he thought about it for a long time; he still wasn't able to come up with a good reason. But he soon put it at the back of his head, it seems that even his academy has not taken this to heart, if the academy had truly taken this seriously, then why would Elder Bei leave after leaving behind just a single jade strip for him?

Since the academy was also not taking this seriously, then why should he let himself get bothered by it? As for the message left behind by Elder Bei, which suggested him to visit the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace, Ning Cheng simply went ahead and ignored it.

Even if the Floating Snow Palace possessed the Soul Refining Snow and Ice Domain, Ning Cheng still did not bother about it. The reason why the phenomenon of Yang Qi burning his body occurred was that he was cultivating inside the Small Spiritual Domain. Since he was no longer cultivating inside, as such this kind of thing would not be happening again, so why should he go to the Floating Snow Palace?

Moreover, even if he went to the Floating Snow Palace, would they even allow him to use their Soul Refining Snow and Ice Domain?

After putting aside the matter relating to the Floating Snow Palace and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, Ning Cheng instead focussed his attention on the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies that Elder Bei had gone to attend. This Great Meet of the Academies, was attended by almost all the elites from all over the Tian Continent, as such he wanted to find out if he would be able to purchase the Soul Condensing Pill from there.

The Soul Condensing Pill was a Rank 7 Pill. Refining it required the Essence Soul Fruit as the main spiritual grass along with several other extremely valuable spiritual objects. Currently Ning Cheng did not have any Essence Soul Fruits, let alone the various other things Ning Cheng needed for its spiritual growth. Moreover, he also was not able to refine a Rank 7 Pill. With his current accomplishments in Alchemy, even if he wanted to refine Rank 5 pills for the Profound Core Realm, it still would be very difficult.

Whether or not he could continue cultivating in the Small Spiritual Domain at this moment, it was not something very important to him. What was truly important to him currently was that he had to find a Soul Condensing Pill for himself, while simultaneously preparing himself for the Thunder Tribulation.

After sorting through all these information for a bit, the first place he wanted to visit was the Academy's Exchange Hall. He had a million contribution points; as such, he wanted to find out if he could exchange these contribution points for a Soul Condensing Pill. If he could use the contribution points to exchange for a Soul Essence Pill, then he would not have to go out in search for it. Besides, if he wanted to purchase a Soul Condensing Pill on the outside, the spirit stones in his possession might just not be enough.

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"You want to exchange it for Soul Condensing Pills?" The person responsible for the exchange of contribution points couldn't help but voice a question in doubt, but also not waiting for Ning Cheng to answer, gave a reply, "200,000 contribution points...."

"You can really exchange it for Soul Condensing Pills? And also for this cheap....." Ning Cheng was truly surprised as he immediately took out his Contribution Points Jade Card.

The person in charge of the exchange simply did not take Ning Cheng's jade card, but rather glanced at Ning Cheng before speaking in a light tone, "I have not yet finished 200,000 contribution points, plus an Essence Soul Fruit....."

Hearing the last three words, Ning Cheng almost shouted out a string of curses. If he had an Essence Soul Fruit, why would he exchange it for the Soul Condensing Pill, moreover even come here to the Academy Exchange?

However, Ning Cheng was also aware that there was no point in arguing for this kind of thing. He did not even finish with his request before he put away the contribution points jade card and started walking towards the Method Depository Pavilion.

Ning Cheng was aware that for the most parts, the people in charge of these halls, just like the cultivator responsible for the exchange, would not have too high of a cultivation. In general, these people were somewhat older, and are simply unable to make any progress in their cultivation. But when Ning Cheng laid his gaze on the old man with long eyebrows in the Method Depository Pavilion, he couldn't help but clench his heart. This long eye browed old man, although looked ordinary on the surface, however he was a cultivator beyond the Soul Sculpting Realm.

Moreover, in his heart he also had a vague feeling, that this old man's cultivation was far stronger than that of Elder Bei. Which meant that he was at least a late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator, or maybe even higher.

"Senior, I came to the Method Depository Pavilion to look for information jade strips." Ning Cheng spoke in a very respectful manner.

The old man with the long eyebrows was pondering over something like a tortoise shell that he was holding in his hand when he suddenly looked up, before giving Ning Cheng a glance, followed by a slight frown.

Ning Cheng became bit worried at the sight of this, but before he could speak up the old man suddenly spoke up, "Just look at the display array formation on the side by yourself."

Hearing the old man, Ning Cheng immediately took a note of something, that just behind this old man this was a display array formation. Followed by all kinds of Jade Strips containing information about the pavilions. Cultivation Method Pavilion 1st Level, using it for a day requires 100 contribution points, Cultivation Method Pavilion 2nd Level, using it for a day requires 1000 contribution points...

Even Artefact Refining Pavilion, Alchemy Pavilion....

Although Ning Cheng only casually looked at it, he could see that these were at least a few dozen different pavilions, moreover each of these pavilions seem to have many levels. It showed that this huge academy actually had a very rich heritage, looking at these many jade strips, he really could not make out as to how long did it take to accumulate this much.

Ning Cheng soon found the Materials Pavilion that he was in need of, and spoken "I want to go to the Materials Pavilion to look for some information..."

"Just press in 10,000 contribution points, you can go in by yourself after it, once you come out the excess would be returned to you." The old man spoke plainly.

Ning Cheng quickly took out his contribution points jade cars, and immediately deducted 10,000 contribution points out of it.

Seeing Ning Cheng disappearing into the doorway, into the Materials Pavilion, this long eye browed old man simply shook his head and thought, "It seems he is another one of those hedonistic son of rich parents, only at the Profound Core 6th Level and is able to cultivate in the Small Spiritual Domain to the point of inducing the phenomenon of Yang Qi burning the body. He truly can be considered as the first in this regard. He even has one million contribution points, just which bastard elder's descendant it he? What a complete waste of resources. If one wanted to cultivate in the Small Spiritual Domain then how

could the cultivation inside there be that simple, the Small Spiritual Domain is not just the Small Spiritual Domain, rather bluntly put it is something heavenly in nature.”

Since he had already entered the Materials Pavilion, Ning Cheng certainly did not know that he was someone already heavily despised by that senior, as at this time Ning Cheng was completely focussed in searching every scrap of information jade slips pertaining to the Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds.

He was aware of some of the features about the Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds, as he even possessed a pair of it, which he had refined into the Heavenly Cloud Wings. But as to upgrading the Heavenly Cloud Wings, Ning Cheng still was completely unaware as to how to proceed with it.

Now that he had procured a pair of Taintless Silver Wing Feathers, he was even more urgent on trying to find ways to upgrade the Heavenly Cloud Wings. In any case, the more powerful his Heavenly Cloud Wings could become, the more advantages it would bring to him.

The Materials Pavilion had all kinds of jade strips containing information on innumerable different materials, as such even with Ning Cheng’s powerful spiritual consciousness; it still took him a full three days to find the information relevant to him. It was actually in the most remote corner of the pavilion, did he find the introduction to the Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds.

After reading this jade strip, Ning Cheng finally understood as to how rare were these Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Cloud. Although the introductory jade strip of the Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds was not very detailed, but it did mention that after the Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds was refined into the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud and upgraded but one level at a time, then one more pair of glowing lights would emerge on the Twin Wings. When the pair of the glowing lights reaches six, then the Heavenly Cloud Wings would undergo a qualitative change.

As for what kind of qualitative change, there was no further information on it. However, there was also a number of other materials mentioned in it that could help in the upgradation of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud, along with a detailed description of how these materials could be refined into the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. After reading through the jade strip, Ning Cheng finally came to understand as to how the pair of Taintless Silver Wing Feathers could be used to upgrade the Heavenly Cloud Wings.

Putting back the jade strip, Ning Cheng quickly left the Method Depository Pavilion. He wanted to go back to his residence to upgrade his Heavenly Cloud Wings. Once his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud were upgraded, he would then immediately go outside and see if he would be able to procure the Soul Condensing Pill.

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Chapter 283: Hard To Shake Soul Essence Cultivator

Coming back to his immortal cave, Ning Cheng for the first time took out both his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds and the Taintless Silver Wing Feathers together. Ning Cheng had been refining his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds from the moment he obtained it; as such at this moment, his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds already had a pair of faint glowing lights on it.

He did not know if he refined this pair of Taintless Silver Wing Feathers into it, would this pair of faint glowing lights turn into two.

In accordance to the introductory jade slip, regarding the approach on how to integrate the Taintless Silver Wing Feathers, Ning Cheng slowly started to refine the Taintless Silver Wing Feathers, while at the same time carefully started to integrate it into his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

Twin Wings (双翅) and Twin Wings (双翼) only had a difference of a single character, however after being refined from the Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds it would be called as Twin Wings (双翅) of the Heavenly Cloud; however, Ning Cheng felt that it being called as Twin Wings (双翼) of the Heavenly Cloud would be more appropriate. After all, these wings were almost as long as his own body, plus his pair of wings were actually refined from the Twin Leaves of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds, as such it was possible to seize it at any time, meaning it was nothing different from a flight type magical weapon. Furthermore, now that he was now refining and integrating the Taintless Silver Wing Feathers into it, as such giving it the name as Twin Wings (双翅) would be much more appropriate.

[TL Note – For those who are confused, Wings (翅) are used for wings that are actually part of the physical body of living creatures, like the wings of birds. While Wings (翼) are used for those that are artificial and used externally, like the wings of gliders.]

A few days later, when the Taintless Silver Wing Feathers was fully integrated into Ning Cheng's Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, two pairs of faint glowing lights emerged on the two pieces of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud. Furthermore, these two pairs of faintly glowing lights were much softer than the glowing lights from before.

Ning Cheng raised his hand causing the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds to instantly disappear; he could feel that this Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds was much different from before. There were a slight flash of light around him, when the next moment he unexpectedly appeared ten feet outside.

So powerful, Ning Cheng thought while being pleasantly surprised in his heart, as he couldn't help but think that the price he spent on the pair of Taintless Silver Wing Feathers was fully worth it. Even if he wasn't able to procure the jade slip containing the possible whereabouts of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, it was still worth its value.

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"You want to purchase a Soul Condensing Pill?" In the Rainbow Fall Makeshift Market, a sales representative from the Pill House couldn't help but stare at Ning Cheng with wide eyes. He felt that he might have heard it wrong initially.

Ning Cheng immediately understood the confusion behind the question and knew that what he had asked seemed to be a bit improper, as he hastily spoke up, "I do want to purchase a Soul Condensing Pill, however I also am aware that something like a Soul Condensing Pill would be rarely appear in the market here, as such I would like to ask if you have any idea on where would I be able to purchase the Soul Condensing Pill?"

The man gave a smile of understanding, but still spoke with a bit of ridicule in his voice, "If it was any time before this, then it really would be quite hard to purchase this pill. However, at present there is

indeed a place where you could purchase it. That is the Heavenly Dao Public Square; the Heavenly Dao Public Square is where the Great Meet of the Academies is being held. Moreover, the Great Meet is something held for a full three months, and at present there is less than a month left for it to come to a close. However, during this time, almost all the good things in the Tian Continent would be concentrated on the Heavenly Dao Public Square. If you are able to reach that place, then I can guarantee that you would at least be able to hear some news relating to the sale of the Soul Condensing Pill, he, he....”

The last few of his words were to let Ning Cheng understand, that the Heavenly Dao Public Square would have a high chance relating to the sale of the Soul Condensing Pill, however it was not a thing that a Profound Core 6th Level Cultivator like him could lay his hands on.

Although Ning Cheng also understood the meaning behind the words of this man, but he still did not care about it. If he could have found the Soul Condensing Pill at the Rainbow Fall Makeshift Market, then he intended to find a safe place to continue cultivating to the great circle of the Profound Core Realm, and then get ready to assault the barrier of the Soul Essence Realm.

After buying the map of the Tian Continent, Ning Cheng immediately left the Rainbow Fall Makeshift Market.

The Heavenly Dao Public Square was not very far from the Rainbow Fall Makeshift Market; Ning Cheng estimated that with his upgraded Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud, he would be able to reach there within two days.

However, after Ning Cheng left the Makeshift Market, he did not bring out his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. Rather he simply brought out a low grade airship type spiritual artefact. With his powerful spiritual consciousness, the moment he left the Rainbow Fall Makeshift Market, he was already aware that there was someone tracking him. Even if Ning Cheng was found by the cultivator tracking him, he still did not have any fear.

Sure enough, an hour later, a pale red shadow suddenly rushed out before stopping in front of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng also jumped out of the airship before calmly putting it away, while at the same time calmly stared into the eyes of the figure who appeared in front of him, “Fu Shengnan. You are similar to a dog skin plaster in wanting to stick to me, is it even possible for a daughter like you to get married even if you come out to parade yourself. I believe that you should be aware that even the top ten major academies’ True Inheriting Disciples are rushing out in anxiety to marry me, the Mr. Perfect.”

[TL Note – “Mr. Perfect” here is actually an internet slang ‘Gao Fu Shuai’ that literally translates to ‘tall, rich and handsome’ but in a condescending yet prideful way.]

The red clothed female cultivator blocking Ning Cheng’s path was none other than Fu Shengnan, Ning Cheng had already guessed that this woman would definitely never be grateful to him; as such he decided that there was no need for him to be polite with her.

Although Fu Shengnan did not know what ‘Gao Fu Shuai (Mr. Perfect)’ meant, but she was certain that these were definitely some kind of boastful words. As her face alternated between green and red, she reluctantly spoke up, “Ning Cheng, although you had not taken the initiative to save me, but for the sake

of you saving me unknowingly once at that time, I will forgive you this one time. As long as you agree to one thing.....”

Ning Cheng suddenly burst into laughter. “You already know that I saved you, but you still want me to agree to something you want, is your self-perception that high? I really have no idea from where you get this sense of superiority from? Why does your mother and father not feel this kind of superiority? It really is a bit too weird.”

Fu Shengnan simply chose to ignore the scolding words of Ning Cheng, and spoke up while trying extremely hard to suppress her anger, “You must not approach that effeminate Xiaomei in the future from now on. It would not bring you any advantages.”

“Whether I choose to be close to Xiaomei or not, it is none of your business.” Ning Cheng spoke with disdain.

This woman had repeatedly plotted against him, if not for Ning Cheng being aware that he should not start a fight with her immediately, and also for the sake of her being Fu Xiaomei’s sister, perhaps he would have already finished her off once for all.

“Good, good, you asked for it...” Fu Shengnan finally couldn’t stop her body from trembling violently, she even said the words ‘good’ twice, before she suddenly brought out a flight type magical weapon, and instantly disappeared without a trace from that spot. Unexpectedly she did not even bother to speak anymore words to Ning Cheng.

With Fu Shengnan gone, Ning Cheng however did not leave, but rather he slowly took out his Profound Break Spear, while simultaneously speaking in a cold voice, “Better get out from your hiding spot. I’m in a hurry right now, so it would be better if you did not hide your head to expose your tail.”

Ning Cheng’s voice had just fell, when another shadow descended in front of him. This was also a female cultivator, wearing a green cultivator’s robe, with her hair tied into a bun. Coupled with her fair face, she was quite beautiful to look at. However this female cultivator was giving off a murderous vibe from her body, apparently she had come here to kill Ning Cheng. With her cultivation of Soul Essence 3rd Level, wanting to kill Ning Cheng, in theory, would not pose any problems.

“I can see that you were already aware that you were being followed by two people, Shengnan and me. It seems I underestimated you a bit. However, even if Shengnan and I do not team up against you, it would still take me only a breath’s time to kill you.” Once this green robe female cultivator finished, she was immediately covered with a dense layer of murderous aura, it felt as if this kind of imposing aura could even control the space around it.

Ning Cheng was behaving as if he simply did not feel this kind of terrifyingly sharp killing force, as he still spoke in a calm manner, “It’s quite strange. I do not know you, so why do you want to kill me? Even if you do want to kill me, then you at least have to give me a reason for it.”

“Since you are already dead, so what would giving you a reason be any good for?” As the green robed female cultivator spoke, she immediately waved the long damask in her hands a few times. The color of the long damask and the green robe that she was wearing, were of the same shade of green, allowing this green robed female cultivator to completely blend into it as she attacked. All Ning Cheng could see

in front of him were green coloured sword lights. It seems that with each shake of this green damask, the number of green sword lights would increase by several times.

Ning Cheng just gave a casual flick to his Profound Break Spear, causing 36 Profound Ice Spear Lights to instantly erupt from it, which transformed into a huge spear network. This almost instantly formed ice cold spear network immediately moved to block the countless green sword lights. When the Ice Cold Profound Ice Spear Lights and the Green Damask Sword Lights collided with each other, Ning Cheng immediately realized that the other party's true essence was not as thick as his own was.

He was already able to vaguely guess as to who this female cultivator was, when he came out of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, there was no one from the outside who knew about it. Moreover, it seems that this female cultivator and Fu Shengnan had come out individually to kill him; as such, he could absolutely be sure that she was also one of the people from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. However, this female cultivator was clearly not someone Fu Shengnan had called for help, if it was Fu Shengnan who called for her help, since Fu Shengnan had already left; there was no need for this female cultivator to stay here.

Because of all this, Ning Cheng simply did not have to guess, before he instinctively knew that this female cultivator was one of Wen Han's people. From the looks of it, he could guess that Wen Han was already at the Heavenly Dao Public Square, and this female cultivator had received the orders passed down by Wen Han, and as such specifically came here for Ning Cheng.

Moreover, all the cultivators were very clear on this point, that the gap between the Soul Essence Realm and the Profound Core Realm was not something that could be compared to the gap between the Profound Congealing Realm and the Profound Core Realm. At least in the Yi Xing Mainland, it was something extremely rare for a Profound Core Realm cultivator to be able to block an attack from a Soul Essence Realm cultivator. Moreover, even if there were such proficient Profound Core Cultivators around, they would have to be at least at the Great Circle of the Profound Core Realm in order to achieve such a result. Ning Cheng was only an intermediate stage Profound Core 6th Level Cultivator, compared to this green robed female cultivator who was at the Soul Essence 3rd Level, battling against her from any view was akin to showcasing a death wish.

Because of which this green robed female cultivator gave a cold sneer as she softly spoke, "Go die."

Just a measly Profound Core 6th Level Cultivator, even daring to use a spear technique to block her Green Damask Sword Light, if this was not courting death then what was?

If Ning Cheng were replaced by any other Profound Core 6th Level Cultivator, then it indeed would result in their death. However this kind of reasoning could not be applied to Ning Cheng, not to mention that Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness was already much stronger than the green robed female cultivator's, even Ning Cheng's true essence was much more resilient than hers. The only point on which Ning Cheng was inferior to the other party was that he had still not yet condensed the embryonic form of his Soul Essence, which allowed the other party in utilizing far less true essence and spiritual consciousness than him in battle.

However, Ning Cheng's powerful spiritual consciousness was tempered in the Chaotic Star Space, as such its strength and resilience was on a much higher level than this green robed female cultivator.

“Bang bang bang bang.....” The Profound Ice Spear Lights and the others party’s Green Damask Sword Light immediately collided together, causing enormous surges of true essence to burst out in the form of vortexes.

Those countless green damask sword lights were like beans being fried in a pan, as they rapidly shrunk down as they weakened. With the green damask sword lights grounded down, the green robed female cultivator finally was able to experience the terrible might of the spear light network, which immediately forced her to take a step back. An ice cold aura invaded her, while at the same time she also received many minor injuries.

“How is this possible.....” The green robed female cultivator was still shocked as to how such a thing was possible, when Ning Cheng rumbled towards her with his Cosmic True Devil Axe. At this moment, how could the green robed female cultivator look down on him, however, she really could not understand as to how Ning Cheng was able to grab this kind of opportunity?

A tearing distortion appeared in the air in front of her as the axe trace directly pierced through the distance between the green robed female cultivator and Ning Cheng. Everything in front of the Axe Trace, even the air itself, was directly torn apart into nothingness. Before the green robed female cultivator, the imposing aura of the Soul Essence Realm that she had release previously, had completely vanished into thin air under this fear inducing Axe Trace.

Seeing the incomparably clear Ace Trace make its way close to the point in between her eyebrows, she was even able to make out the fine Axe Lines around the Axe Trace. Seeing this, the green robed female cultivator was suddenly frightened out of her wits, how could she continue to think that Ning Cheng only had the cultivation of the Profound Core 6th Level? In anxiousness, she even started burning her essence blood, while simultaneously bringing out a small cauldron.

After this small cauldron was brought out, it immediately started to expand and reached the size of a ten feet wide huge cauldron, but not waiting for this cauldron to continue expanding its own imposing aura, Ning Cheng’s axe already struck the top of the cauldron.

“Boom.....” A horrifying sound blasted out, although the green robed female cultivator was not able to clearly see Ning Cheng striking out a moment before, she had instinctively brought out a huge cauldron for her defence, causing her to crazily spray out a mouthful of blood on being struck. The huge cauldron had opened up slightly for a short moment because of being struck by the Cosmic True Devil Axe, causing the Axe Line, with a very fast speed, to pass through the huge cauldron, as it made its way towards the arm of the green robed female cultivator.

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“Poof” A spurt of blood shot out like an arrow, as the green robed female cultivator’s arm was directly lopped off by Ning Cheng’s Axe Live, before it started to fall down.

The green robed female cultivator was completely shocked, she did not wait for her arm to land on the ground before she dived, caught it, and then rapidly retreated a moment later. She never thought that in front of her combat methods, she would still find herself at a loss of an arm against a Profound Core 6th Level Cultivator.

Ning Cheng simply did not think much of it, as he once again swept out with his Cosmic True Devil Axe. As he swept out with his axe, the berserk killing intent immediately took the shape of a vortex as he sent it smashing towards the green robed female cultivator. He wanted to take this opportunity to kill her for the last time. He knew that the reason he was able to lop off an arm of that green robed female cultivator, was entirely because this green robed female cultivator had completely underestimated him. If this green robed female cultivator had taken him seriously from the start, then he might have not necessarily succeeded. However, he was also aware that in the end, even if he could not kill this green robed female cultivator immediately, he at least would be able to wear her down to her death with some effort.

The green robed female cultivator was finally able to regain her wits, she at this moment finally understood that Ning Cheng was completely different from the other ordinary Profound Core Cultivators. Not only was he different from them, he was also in no way inferior to her.

At this moment, she was well aware that she could not continue on carelessly, the huge cauldron defending in front of her once again expanded, and in just a blink of an eye transformed into an even larger and huge cauldron that surpassed its previous ten feet size, completely encompassing her body.

That seemingly inexhaustible vortex comprised of axe shadows finally struck the top of the cauldron.

“Boom boom boom.....” Bursts of berserk explosions sounded out, even the surrounding sand and gravel were also ground up into dust.

However once the last axe shadow from the vortex finally struck, the green robed female cultivator was once again sent out tumbling continuously, causing the expression on the face of the green robed female cultivator to turn solemn. At this point, she fully understood that even if she did not underestimate Ning Cheng, she was not necessarily Ning Cheng’s opponent. At best, she might be able to end the battle in a draw. From the moment she had set herself on the path of cultivation to this present moment, she had never seen any Profound Core Cultivator as powerful and as fierce as Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng currently had his cultivation in the Profound Core Realm, once Ning Cheng advanced to the Soul Essence Realm, just how terrifying would he be then?

Ning Cheng was also similarly forced back by the true essence shockwaves, causing him to back up a few steps. He couldn’t help but give a dark sigh in his heart; it looks like it would not be easy for him to kill this green robed female cultivator, unless the other party decided to not escape. If not for him lopping one of her arm, then maybe he would have to use a few of his trump cards before he could gain an upper hand in the exchange.

The green robed woman at this moment forcibly calmed herself down, while she swallowed some pills, while simultaneously controlled her green damask to cover the space above her head. It caused an extremely sharp imposing aura to once again gather around her. She had already deduced that she might not be an opponent of Ning Cheng, but because of the arrogance built up in her because of her Soul Essence Cultivation; it made her reluctant to turn face and escape from a Profound Core Cultivator.

Originally, Ning Cheng wanted to continue attacking, but then he suddenly gave a cold snort and said, “Count yourself to be lucky today, next time you bump into me, you might not be so lucky.”

Finished saying that, Ning Cheng immediately moved to his side, before he instantly disappeared.

The green robed female cultivator stared in shock at the spot from when Ning Cheng disappeared from, and even seemed to have forgotten about her severed arm that she had just picked up. No matter what point of view she tried to analyse it, Ning Cheng had occupied the absolute advantage, as such why would he take the initiative to retreat?

As the green robed woman continued to stare in front of her stupidly, a red shadow descended, "Senior Apprentice Sister Xi Xing. Have you already killed....."

The red robed female cultivator had not finished, when she abruptly stopped speaking, as she realized that this green robed female cultivator had actually lost an arm. Seeing that, she couldn't help but freeze up for a long while, before she finally managed to ask. "What happened?"

The green robed female cultivator was still heavily terrified in her heart, she had not noticed Fu Shengnan's arrival however it seems that Profound Core 6th Level Cultivator had sensed Fu Shengnan's arrival even before her. No wonder this Profound Core Cultivator took the initiative to leave. It seems that he originally was aware that he would not be an opponent against two Soul Essence Cultivators.

"I am not his opponent." The green robed female cultivator called Xi Xing spoke in a trembling voice, as she tremblingly picked up her arm, and then took out a few pills before swallowing them and sitting down on the ground on the same spot to try to contain her injuries.

Hearing those words, Fu Shengnan's heart immediately went into shock; she had never thought that Xi Xing would not be an opponent for Ning Cheng. Although Ning Cheng's cultivation progress was not small, but he was still only at the level of Profound Core 6th Level in the end. Moreover, he had advanced to the Profound Core 6th Level inside the Small Spiritual Domain without coming out, as such theoretically he should not have much experience, so how could he contend against a Soul Essence 3rd Level Cultivator? It was something absolutely impossible.

With her heart full of doubts, Fu Shengnan could only wait for Xi Xing to stand up, before she hurriedly asked, "Senior Apprentice Sister Xi Xing, you said that you are not a match for Ning Cheng, is this really true?"

Xi Xing glanced at Fu Shengnan before speaking, "That is true, I am truly not his opponent. If not for you coming, I might have already died at his hands, this person is simply too terrifying. Currently he only has the cultivation of Profound Core 6th Level. Once he advances to the Soul Essence Realm, then all he would have to do is just raise his hand to kill me. Not to mention Wen Han, even it was Senior Apprentice Brother Que; I estimate that even he would not be Ning Cheng's opponent at that time. This time, I ended up falling to that Wen Han's schemes, if I had known that the person I was coming to kill would be this powerful, I would have definitely not coveted the point advantage that he offered."

As Xi Xing finished speaking, she brought out a flight type magical weapon before he turned around and flew away, without even asking Fu Shengnan if she wanted to come together with her.

Fu Shengnan looked at the disappearing back of Xi Xing, she was aware as to what her last words implied and also knew that they were directed at her, in order for her to pass them to Wen Han.

Silently watching the crisscrossing gullies that had formed at the site because of the battle, Fu Shengnan suddenly became somewhat scared in her heart. If she truly had gone after Ning Cheng at that time, then maybe before she could have the chance to leave, Ning Cheng might have already killed her. Compared to Xi Xing, she was well aware that the gap between the two of them was not small at all.

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Although Ning Cheng left but he was not joyful about it, with respect to other ordinary cultivators, he was indeed powerful enough to smile and laugh without any worries. However, Ning Cheng was well aware that his strength was far from being enough.

On this trip to the Heavenly Dao Public Square, he might end up meeting Wen Han, or maybe he might even encounter that sickly man from the Red Star Sword Faction. If he ended up meeting that sickly looking man, then there was nothing to say about it, the only thing he could do was to turn around and flee with all his might. But if he met Wen Han, Ning Cheng would not be willing to escape. He and this person were not even acquaintances, yet this person had plotted several times to kill him. How could Ning Cheng forgive Wen Han for it? Although he was a good person at heart but that did not mean that, he was someone who on being slapped on one cheek would immediately show the other cheek.

In case of no or absurd reason, if another person slapped him, if he did not slap them back at least ten times, then he would definitely feel uncomfortable in his heart, let alone Wen Han who plotted to kill him at least twice till now?

Unfortunately, if his Golden Core had not caught fire at that time, then he would currently be at the Profound Core 7th Level, and would have absolutely easily killed that Soul Essence 3rd Level female cultivator. Moreover, once he reached the Profound Core 7th Level, then he estimated that he would no longer have to be afraid of facing Wen Han.

The Profound Core 7th Level was classified as Late Stage Profound Core Realm, while the Profound Core 6th Level was classified as Intermediate Stage Profound Core Realm. Although there was only a gap of a single level, but this one level gap was not simple at all. As such, he had to cultivate to the Profound Core 7th Level before he could go to the Heavenly Dao Public Square, Ning Cheng thought until here and immediately stopped.

However, there was also the case that he did not have any backing in the Tian Continent, although Elder Bei was good to him, it was only because he was a disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. In other words, Elder Bei would also likely to have the same attitude towards Wen Han.

Was it possible to cultivate to the Profound Core 7th Level with just a few tens of thousands of spirit stones? If he could obtain a few 'Spiritual Mist Pills' then it would be the best, as the 'Spiritual Mist Pills' were one of the best pills for a Profound Core Cultivator to break past a bottleneck. He still had a few Mist Orchids with him, but unfortunately, he did not have the ability to turn the Mist Orchids into 'Spiritual Mist Pills'.

'Spiritual Mist Pills' were also Level 5 Profound Pills; as such he could not yet produce them.

Ning Cheng couldn't help but scratch his head, strength, it all boiled down to personal strength.

“How can I be so stupid?” Ning Cheng suddenly remembered that he still had approximately a million contribution points on him, although he could not exchange it for ‘Soul Condensing Pills’, but he could still exchange it for ‘Spiritual Mist Pills’.

That’s not right; I should first go and take a look at the location of the last assignment. As Ning Cheng thought about contribution points, he couldn’t help but think back to the last assignment of that ancient immortal cave, causing him to look forward to going there. Prior to his departure, he had warned the old Life Essence in the immortal cave. Forcing the old Life Essence to bury a few good things at the original location. Maybe that Life Essence really was fooled by him.

Thinking about this, Ning Cheng couldn’t help but feel a fiery heat rising up in his heart, he no longer went with the thought of going back to the academy for the ‘Spiritual Mist Pills’. With a flash of his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he instantly rushed towards the battlefield of the Great Liang True Country and the Northern Shang True Country, where the ancient immortal cave had appeared.

Now that the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds had been upgraded to Level 2, Ning Cheng couldn’t help but try to wield it in an unbridled manner, and in less than a day, Ning Cheng once again arrived at the location.

This place was still as desolate as before, full of potholes, with the background strewn about with broken pieces of weapons and magical weapon fragments, which accentuated its desolate look.

Ning Cheng put away the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, and fully stretched out his spiritual consciousness. He quickly was able to find the original position from where he had disappeared, before he landed on the ground.

With Ning Cheng’s current cultivation, although he had not yet learned any magical techniques that would help him move through the ground. But pushing aside the soil to enter the ground was still not much of a burden for him.

Ning Cheng did not cultivate any kind of earth related cultivation methods, plus since he was looking for things underground, coupled with his spiritual consciousness having a restricted range underground, his speed was also quite slow.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness was something that he had tempered in the Chaotic Star Space; as such, it was extremely powerful. Even when he had deployed it under the ground, his search range was much larger than any other ordinary Soul Essence Cultivator.

Searching for a full day, Ning Cheng was finally starting to get tired from continuously using his spiritual consciousness, without obtaining any results to show for the efforts. Just as he was about to curse at the Life Essence from that ancient immortal cave, he suddenly felt a tremble from surroundings.

It looks like there is someone fighting above, Ning Cheng immediately understood. He hurriedly concealed himself even deeper, while simultaneously sent out his spiritual consciousness upwards in a careful manner.

Immediately, Ning Cheng was able to see two Soul Essence 9th Level Cultivators bounce back in a tumbling manner seemingly from a clash. There were two people fighting, a man and a woman, who did not seem to be too old. As he observed for a while, Ning Cheng could feel that there was something

wrong. He could see that the female cultivator's actions were somewhat jerky in nature while at the same time she was also staggering as she moved.

It seems that this female cultivator has been poisoned; Ning Cheng immediately came to understand. Something that could poison a Soul Essence Female Cultivator of this level, it seems that this poison would definitely not be something simple.

Looking at these two cultivators clash, he could also deduce that these two definitely belonged to some major academy. Thinking of this, Ning Cheng had a thought in his mind, as he took out a Scryer Crystal and began to record everything.

"Jiang Jun you bastard, I Tan Yushan was truly blind, that I even took a fancy to a sick son-of-a-bitch like you. I finally understood today, as to how my master died....." The female cultivator seemed to already have realized that she would be dying today without a doubt, as she shouted out abuse after abuse.

That male cultivator called as Jiang Jun was still silent; however, he was quite swift and fierce with his actions, as he even took out a Talisman, activating it in an instant.

Ning Cheng was someone who could be said to be familiar with refining Talismans; as such, he only had to glance at this Talisman, before Ning Cheng understood that the one in the hands of the male cultivator was a Level 6 Flame Explosion Talisman. From his point of view, this male cultivator already occupied the absolute advantage, but now he even took out a Flame Explosion Talisman, it was clear that he wanted to end this battle quickly.

Ning Cheng sighed, he wanted to very much lend a hand, but he also knew that if he did that he definitely would die in the process. Even if he did not die, now that this male cultivator had brought out and activated that Talisman, it was already too late for him to make an attempt.

In the violent explosion that ensued, although that female cultivator somehow managed to escape death, but she was still blown back suffering grievous injuries. However, that male cultivator was also not someone soft hearted, as he threw out a flying sword that immediately pierced through the head of that female cultivator, killing her in an instant.

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Chapter 285: Heavenly Dao Academy

That male cultivator was very decisive in his actions, after killing that female cultivator, not only did he take away all the things of that female cultivator, but also turned the corpse of that female cultivator to a bloody mush, before leaving the scene quickly.

This was one poisonous fellow, Ning Cheng thought darkly in his heart. This female cultivator with the name Tan Yushan was clearly this male cultivator's Dao Companion, yet even then this male cultivator did not choose to show even half a bit of leniency in disposing her off. Unfortunately, his cultivation was truly not up for it, if he were currently at the Great Circle of the Profound Core Realm, he definitely would not have to bear with it, and would have come up and started fighting.

Even after the male cultivator left, Ning Cheng did not leave the place; he still continued to search underground. After another day passed by, Ning Cheng had almost lost his patience when a very small jade box appeared in the range of his spiritual consciousness.

Ning Cheng immediately made his way towards this jade box before he first swept it repeatedly with his spiritual consciousness. After making sure that this jade box did not have any kind of spiritual consciousness mark nor any kind of restriction, only then did he finally make a move to grab the jade box.

For this kind of jade box to appear suddenly in this location, it was definitely put here by that old fogey. Although this person seemed to fear him, but this old fogey should not be this stingy, right? How many things could such a tiny jade box contain?

Ning Cheng opened the small jade box in his hands by a small sliver, but before his spiritual consciousness could even enter the jade box, an extremely rich spiritual qi emerged which caused Ning Cheng's cultivation to immediately loosen up. It seems that as long as he sat down to cultivate, he would soon be able to advance to the Profound Core 7th Level.

Even if he was dying to take a look at what was inside, Ning Cheng immediately closed the jade box. Just what in the hell was this stuff? Why did it had such a rich spiritual qi? Moreover, he could feel that this spiritual qi and the spiritual qi from the Small Spiritual Domain were extremely different; it was even a dozen grades higher in quality than what was available in there. Moreover, he could not feel any kind of side effects from absorbing it, rather there was actually a refreshing feeling that he was feeling, causing even his perception to grow deeper than what it already was.

This thing left behind by that old fogey was definitely a treasure, Ning Cheng thought as he began arranging a Concealment Array Formation around him. After completing the arrangement of the Concealment Array Formation, Ning Cheng entered his miniature world with his fastest speed.

Once he entered into his miniature world, Ning Cheng once again took out the jade box and opened it, causing an extremely rich amount of spiritual qi to dissipate from the inside, which caused the spiritual grasses growing inside the miniature world to turn even more verdant.

Even Grey Toottoot, who was lazily sleeping in the middle of a spiritual grass patch, immediately shot up, as he moved to Ning Cheng's side while wagging his tale in an excited manner.

The jade box only contained a small piece of broken crystal like stone; however, this broken crystal like stone had a crystal-clear appearance. Even looking at it caused incomparable comfort.

"Just what is this crystal like stone? How can it possess such rich spiritual qi?" Ning Cheng couldn't help but utter those words to himself in shock. He immediately recalled that time when he was cultivating outside the immortal mansion; the spiritual qi from that time also seemed to contain the same aura that he felt at present. However, the aura within this crystal like stone was actually several times richer than the aura that he felt from the spiritual qi that spilled outside of that immortal mansion.

A good thing aah, Ning Cheng could already feel his own cultivation loosening up, causing him to become even surer that this little thing was actually a supreme treasure.

Unfortunately, that old fogey was too stingy, couldn't he simply give him hundreds of such things. If he did, then wouldn't he not have to always be troubled about finding resources for his cultivation?

This thought had just emerged in Ning Cheng's heart, when he immediately put it aside. The next moment, Ning Cheng sat down and began absorbing the spiritual qi emanating from this small broken piece of crystal like stone that he held in his hands for his cultivation.

This crystal like stone seemed to hold an endless amount of spiritual qi, which Ning Cheng was absorbing at an alarmingly fast pace, before he sent it towards his Golden Core, causing it to be repeatedly quenched. Just as the time it took for half an incense stick to burn passed, Ning Cheng's Golden Core once again returned to the state just before it spontaneously burst into flames. It resembled a bright golden sun that seemed to be crazily rotating above his Core Lake. Ning Cheng simply did not even have to put in any efforts, as his cultivation, for the second time, quickly broke through to the Profound Core 7th Level.

After once again breaking through to the Profound Core 7th Level, Ning Cheng, in addition to feeling his strength rise by a huge margin, found that the phenomenon of Yang Qi burning one's body did not manifest itself.

Sure enough, it was truly something good. However Ning Cheng did not stop, as he continued to absorb the spiritual qi from the crystal like stone for enhancing his own cultivation. Not knowing for how long it went Ning Cheng could once again feel his entire body tremble, as he broke through from the Profound Core 7th Level to the Profound Core 8th Level, piercing through the barrier between the levels in an unhindered manner. He could even feel the powerful true essence circulate back and forth through his meridians. Even his Sea of Consciousness expanded once again, allowing Ning Cheng to realize that his cultivation was enhanced qualitatively once again.

Just how could there be such a heavenly crystal like stone existing in this world? Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel shocked as he looked at the small piece of broken crystal like stone in his hands. The reason why he felt such an intense shock in his heart was not because of his cultivation experiencing a crazy upgrade, but rather because this crystal like stone was something that seemed to go against the heaven's will.

Ning Cheng himself was aware that his own practice of cultivation was something akin to a bottomless hole for resources, even if it were several millions of spirit stones, he would be able to absorb them clean in just a few months if not weeks, however even then his cultivation improvement would be extremely minuscule. But now, just this small piece of broken crystal like stone not only helped him advance from the Profound Core 6th Level to the Profound Core 8th Level, but even the color of this crystal only experienced a tiny bit of change. Just how much terrifying amount of spiritual qi does this small piece of crystal-like stone contain?

Even if he considered advancing from the Profound Core 6th Level to the Profound Core 7th Level as simple restoration of cultivation, then advancing from Profound Core 7th Level to Profound Core 8th Level, it truly can be considered as true advancement.

Even if he did not count this, he could feel that if he continued cultivating while absorbing from the piece of crystal like stone and attack the barrier between levels, he simply would not have to waste any effort. The barrier would simply breakdown in due course, and open up automatically. The spiritual qi that he absorbed from the crystal like stone, not only transformed quickly, it did not bring him even the slightest bit of discomfort.

Ning Cheng couldn't help but marvel at it for a long time; however, he did not continue cultivating. It was not that he did not want to cultivate, but rather he could not bear to use up this small piece of broken crystal like stone.

He was different from others. The higher he advanced, the larger the cultivation resources that he would require and consume. In the future, if he was stuck at a bottleneck in his cultivation, he could then use this small crystal like stone to break through the barrier. In the event of him using it all up in the Profound Core Realm, what would do if such a situation occurred in the future?

If he could once again meet that old fogey, it would be good, as if he met that old fogey he just might be able to force that old fogey to fork out a few more pieces of that crystal like stone. However, Ning Cheng could also guess that the old fogey absolutely did not have many things like this, if he had many of such things, then he would not have given him just a small fragment.

Forgetting about time he spent here, he couldn't help but curse at himself as to how he was now delayed by half a month. Ning Cheng carefully put the small piece of crystal like stone into the jade box before quickly stowing it away. Then coming out of his miniature world, he quickly rushed out of the ground.

With this crystal like stone on him, he now felt that he should really begin preparations to start condensing his own Soul Essence with even more urgency. If it was before, although he would still have to make a trip to the Heavenly Dao Public Square, but he was also clear that he would have to wade through the liveliest part of the area at this time with his head held low.

However, with his current cultivation at the Profound Core 8th Level, even if he ended up encountering a Soul Essence 9th Level Cultivator, even if he was not able to defeat them, he was confident enough to escape without any problems. The only thing he was worried about was meeting that sickly man in the Heavenly Dao Public Square. However, the Heavenly Dao Public Square was where the people from the major academies were gathered at, as such, there would definitely be many of the Crucible Transformation Elders from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect present there, presumably even if he met that sickly looking man there, the others would definitely not let him dare to act.

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The Heavenly Dao Academy has always been extremely famous in the Tian Continent, it had always been ranked as one of the first class academies of the Tian Continent since a very long time ago, and as such, its strength could also be considered as being at the apex of the entire Tian Continent.

However, a few thousand years ago, a triangular love affair emerged in the Heavenly Dao Academy, which led to its downfall. In the ages past, the most talented disciple of the Heavenly Dao Academy, Yan Fenghua, fell in love with two other female disciples of the same academy, Sang Yan and Xu Binglan. But because Yan Fenghua found it difficult to choose between Sang Yan and Xu Binglan, coupled with Sang Yan and Xu Binglan not willing to share a husband amongst themselves, it finally ended up in causing Sang Yan and Xu Binglan to end up in a fierce duel with each other.

This was actually the peak period for the Heavenly Dao Academy, as both Sang Yan and Xu Binglan were also exemplary genius disciples of the Heavenly Dao Academy. When the two disciples decided to fight it

out, it cause the masters of those two to also feel dissatisfaction, which ultimately lead to another fierce fight between the two masters of the female disciples.

In any academy, there would always be different factions present, as such even Sang Yan's and Xu Binglan's masters each had their own set of elders to support them, which led to even more elders supporting them from the sides. This situation grew to such a point that simply all control was lost, and it ended up in a huge slugfest between the two factions.

Yan Fenghua had the support of the Academy Head, but he knew that no matter which side he decided to help, it would only end up in a situation with crooked asses. With the result of the Academy Head's hesitation, the damage suffered by the Academy was immeasurable. Sang Yan's and Xu Binglan's masters ended up perishing in the scuffle, and the final battle finally subsided. But because Sang Yan and Xu Binglan suffered both physical and mental trauma because of the internal strife, both of them chose to leave the Heavenly Dao Academy, causing the once powerful academy to fall apart.

After leaving the Heavenly Dao Academy, San Yan created the Floating Snow Palace. While at the same time after Xu Binglan left the Heavenly Dao Academy, she created the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, and also set down the ironclad will and law of the academy, that all the men of this world were heartless and ungrateful, and if one wanted to enter the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, then they would have to completely sever their emotions, otherwise they would not even be allowed to cross the threshold.

Today, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace are ranked in the top ten academies, while at the same time the reputation of these two academies was not at all weaker than the current Heavenly Dao Academy.

Even if the Heavenly Dao Academy of today was not comparable to the past, but the style of the entire academy still was not something that the other academies could be compared with.

Ning Cheng who had just arrived at the Heavenly Dao Public Square couldn't help but be secretly surprised in his heart, as this single public square was itself comparable to an entire city. The Heavenly Dao Public Square, when compared to all the other public squares that he had seen, seem to contain everything that could be perceived. As long as you are able to think of a particular store, you would be able to find it here.

Having just entered the Heavenly Dao Public Square, he did not know where the Great Meet of the Academies was taking place. Although this place here was a public square, it might be more accurate to label it as a combination of innumerable makeshift markets. Ning Cheng even saw a huge field with the words 'Underground Fighting Pot' written on top. Seeing the words 'Fighting Pot', Ning Cheng once again recalled the time when he had just arrived in the Cang Qin Province. At that time, in order to give him a Qi Gathering Stone, Ji Luofei had ended up risking her life by continuously taking up challenges in the Fighting Pot back there.

He couldn't help but remember the promise that he made to Ji Luofei back then, that he would destroy the Fighting Pot in the future. What he would not have expected back then was that in just a few years, he would appear in the Tian Continent that was countless miles away from the Ping Continent. At this moment, he did not even know when he could go back.

Collecting his thoughts, Ning Cheng finally stepped onto the lively Heavenly Dao Streets. He was not particularly interested in the Great Meet of the Academies, but what he was truly interested was in the place from where he could purchase the 'Soul Condensing Pills', even if it was something that would only appear in an auction.

Ning Cheng walked into a small pill house, although this pill house looked bigger from the inside than the outside, it was still overcrowded. From this, it could be seen that the Great Meet of the Tian Continent attracted a huge number of cultivators to the Heavenly Dao Public Square.

"Are there any 'Clean Lotus Pills' for sale?" A slightly husky voice sounded out near to Ning Cheng.

Hearing this question, Ning Cheng immediately thought of the Blood River Red Lotus. The 'Clean Lotus Pill' was refined from the Blood River Red Lotus, this pill not only can help in purifying the impurities from the body of the cultivators, but it can also help in the removing the effect of pill poisoning. In addition to that, it also had another effect of helping a Profound Core Cultivator to break through a bottleneck; moreover, it would even have a slight effect on early stage Soul Essence Cultivators.

However very few people used the 'Clean Lotus Pill' to attack the bottleneck, that was because the Blood River Red Lotus was something too precious. Ning Cheng could also see that the cultivator who asked the question about the 'Clean Lotus Pill' already had the cultivation of early stage Soul Essence Realm, as such, it was apparent that the reason he asked for a 'Clean Lotus Pill' was not to breakthrough a bottleneck, but rather it was definitely for purifying his body of pill poisoning.

The sales representative replied in a very enthusiastic manner, "The 'Clean Lotus Pill' is quite a rare pill, senior you can only go to the Heavenly Dao's Cultivator Exchange Hall to procure it, as this type of pill is rarely sold by the ordinary pill houses. The Heavenly Dao's Cultivator Exchange Hall has cultivators from all over the place entering it. Moreover, they would bring their own precious treasures, in order to conduct an exchange with each other. However, you should be able to produce one or two precious treasures yourself in order to take a shot at the treasures inside, either that or you have to take out and show at least 50 million spirit stones before you are allowed in."

"I understand, thank you." The Soul Essence Cultivator, the one with the husky voice, thanked the man in one sentence before he immediately turned and walked away.

Ning Cheng on seeing this Soul Essence Cultivator leave quickly followed him. This kind of Cultivator Exchange Hall was exactly where he wanted to go.

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Chapter 286: Exchanging Using Force

The Heavenly Dao Public Square's Cultivator Exchange Hall is what I am looking for, Ning Cheng thought as he followed the Soul Essence Cultivator, passing through the main street before he arrived at a spectacular and luxurious looking Cultivator Exchange Hall. At a place high above, one could see a few golden coloured giant words suspended right in front of the main hall, 'Heavenly Dao Public Square's Cultivator Exchange Hall'.

As Ning Cheng arrived outside of this luxurious looking hall, he found that the entrance was guarded by two Soul Essence Cultivators, a man and a woman.

"This friend, do you have any items or magical techniques that you want to exchange here?" Ning Cheng had just walked up to the entrance, when that female cultivator took the initiative to ask him.

Ning Cheng also quickly replied, "I do have a few items that I want to exchange, however magical techniques can really be exchanged here?"

"Of course, in the Heavenly Dao Public Square's Cultivator Exchange Hall, not only can you exchange magical techniques, but even cultivation methods that you can immediately start cultivating in, to things that could help you breakthrough barriers in your cultivation, to even higher levelled things, all of them could be exchanged in here." The female cultivator spoke in a very proud manner.

Although Ning Cheng had joined the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, but in truth, he had never gone to its Main Hall to study. Moreover, since he derived his cultivation experience and guidance from his peers, as such he was well aware that it was something insufficient for his own cultivation needs. Now that he heard that he could get his hands on some cultivation methods for his cultivation, Ning Cheng immediately wanted to go inside to take a look.

Making up his mind quickly, Ning Cheng quickly spoke up, "I want to exchange a few items in there, but would also like to take a look at the exchange of magical techniques."

"You can go in, but you have to deposit 5 million spirit stones as admission fees, alternatively you can show that you have a spiritual object that is 6th Rank or above, or at the very least 50 million spirit stones with you to show that you can conduct an exchange here." The female cultivator quickly replied, judging from the way she spoke, anyone could guess that she had already repeated these lines many times in the past.

It is really quite expensive, Ning Cheng thought to himself. If a place similar to this appeared on Earth, then it would be considered in the Elite Club category. Just the entrance fees was five million spirit stones, it was just too much of a rip-off.

Seeing this, Ning Cheng took out a pair of Blood River Red Lotuses and spoke, "I have a pair of red lotuses will it be enough to let me in?"

"Blood River Red Lotus? Of course, you are eligible to enter with it. This is truly quite a rare thing. And is something everyone would come to seek once you enter with it." This female cultivator showed a surprised smile, before she composed herself and spoke, "If you are in need of anything then you can simply tell us about it, we'll mark it for you once they appear."

Ning Cheng pondered for a moment before speaking up, "I need resources suitable for Soul Essence Cultivators for their cultivation, either Soul Condensing Pills, or any other spiritual objects, that could help in advancing to the Soul Essence Realm."

"Ok." This female cultivator gave a nod, Ning Cheng, in her eyes, currently had the cultivation of Profound Core 8th Level, as such for him to search for a Soul Condensing Pill was quite normal.

The female cultivator took out a black and white jade card before she handed it to Ning Cheng and said, "You can go in, if you are interested in buying anything then you can just offer your bid on the array formation screen."

Although Ning Cheng did not have much understanding on this kind of bidding, but he still did not chose to continue asking about it, and directly entered the main hall. This kind of thing he could certainly be able to figure it out after he entered the main hall.

Only after Ning Cheng entered the main hall, did Ning Cheng finally understand as to what was going on.

The main hall was extremely huge, with many seats arranged in an ordered pattern in the middle of the main hall. Varieties of cultivators were sitting on these seats. However, these cultivators either were exchanging whispers with each other, or tasting the spiritual tea and other snacks that were being served to them.

There were also many stalls around inside the main hall, which some of the cultivators had set up to peddle their own stuff in full view, and were patiently waiting for people to come and enquire about them. Ning Cheng also went forward to get a good look at the things being sold, and found that all of them were quite high in quality. Just the lowest grade of spiritual grass being displayed was a Rank 5 spiritual grass that was rarely found. Moreover, just above the stalls, towards the centre of the main hall, there were ten huge display array formations suspended in mid-air.

As Ning Cheng glanced at the array formation screens, he could see a row of line appearing on top of one of those screens with the following words, 'Cultivator No. 436 is carrying a pair of Blood River Red Lotuses to participate in the exchange, with the demand being Soul Condensing Pills or spiritual objects of the same level that would help in advancing to the Soul Essence Realm from the Profound Core Realm.'

Ning Cheng looked at the jade card in his hands, and found the words 436 carved on it. He simply decided to find a place to sit down, before he began sifting through the information on the display array formation to search for things similar to the Soul Condensing Pill.

"Huh, there is a pair of Blood River Red Lotuses that appeared just now."

"It really is the Blood River Red Lotus; this thing is something that is rarely seen."

"Yeah, although this Blood River Red Lotus does not have a high rank, but it is something that is extremely rare."

With Ning Cheng's Blood River Red Lotus appearing on the display array formation, a variety of discussions erupted all around. Not long after, line after line of information started to appear below the Blood River Red Lotus, "No. 94 is willing to use spirit stones to purchase the Blood River Red Lotus, the specific price can be negotiable. No. 63 is willing to use a Broken Core Pearl plus a magical weapon to exchange....."

A short while later, row after row of information emerged below the display of Ning Cheng's Blood River Red Lotus. As Ning Cheng looked at this information, he couldn't help feel a bit satisfied in heart. It seems that paying 5 million spirit stones, as an entrance fees, can't be considered as expensive here. Since everyone could take out things of equivalent value for the exchange, it could be seen that this exchange might just end up being beneficial to everyone.

As Ning Cheng looked at the ever increasing lines of information appearing below the listing of his Blood River Red Lotus, a plan started to form in his heart. The Blood River Red Lotus, although was rare, was

not something particularly precious to him, as such he planned to set up a stall to sell the Blood River Red Lotus.

Ning Cheng had just set out to seek out a stall, when two quarrelling voices reached his ears.

“How can you be this unreasonable? I have not agreed to your price, so what can you do about it?” An aggrieved voice could be heard with a hint of anger contained in it.

Another voice replied in a very calm manner, “You have already agreed to sell this to me, and now you say that you do not agree to my price, did you think you could fool me. This place here is the Exchange Hall, not a place where you can play around. Not to mention that your Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is not even placed in the top ten academies, even if it was ranked within the top ten academies, it still would not have the qualifications to play around in this place in front of me.”

Ning Cheng originally did not care about this kind of fight, but when he heard the words ‘Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’, he immediately focussed his attention on them.

The people quarrelling were two Profound Core Cultivators; one of them was at the Profound Core 7th Level, while the other was at the Profound Core 9th Level.

That Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator’s face immediately turned red, “When have I spoken about my academy? Don’t pull my academy into this.”

“So what, your Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is ranked quite far behind in the Tournament for the Profound Core Disciples Group, and is not even as good as some of the other second rate academies. Even if I did not pull your academy into this, it would still be losing quite a bit of face anyway.” This Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator was still speaking calmly, but had instead directed his words towards the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect.

The Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator couldn’t help but tremble in anger, before he blustered, “Your Red Star Sword Faction is also not necessarily more powerful than my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, its only similar.....”

The Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator simply gave a smile before speaking, “Indeed it could be said that our academies are almost similar in strength to each other on a whole, but in this Tian Continent’s Great Meet of the Academies, I am already ranked within the top 4 of my academy’s Profound Core Realm Group, with being ranked in the top 40 in the overall ranking of the entire Profound Core Realm Group. As for your Rainbow Fall Sword Sect? If I am not mistaken, among the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Profound Core Realm Group that passed through the preliminaries, wasn’t the best assessment that it could scrape up was somewhere beyond the nineties? I alone am much better than your Rainbow Fall Sword Sect in this regard. Moreover, I am also ranked in the front of the top 100 of the preliminaries.”

This Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator started laughing after he finished speaking, showing that the calm that he put on was just a deliberate act.

As this Profound Core Cultivator laughed loudly, some of the nearby cultivators also started laughing together with him. When the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect arrived this at this meet, it indeed had quite the imposing aura, and seemed as if it was just a matter of time before it once again broke into the top ten academies of the Tian Continent. However, in the most important Profound Core Realm Group’s, and

the Soul Essence Realm Group's preliminary contest between the cultivators, they simply were not able to obtain even a decent result. As to trying to compete in the Level Surpassing Challenges, they ended up suffering a crushing defeat, as almost everyone ended up wiping the floor with them.

It can be said that if the same situation continued through the rest of the tournament, then not only would the final status of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect not rise, rather would actually drop a level.

The Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator truly had nothing to say regarding this, and just wanted to leave, but was stopped by that Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator, "You can leave, but you'll have to leave that behind."

"Do you really intend to use coercion to exchange things here?" A cold voice arrived.

As the words fell, Ning Cheng also came forward, causing all the cultivators to curiously stare at Ning Cheng, while they wondered as to who he was. Why would he actually dare and help this Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect?

Hearing that this cultivator was from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, Ning Cheng did not hesitate to come over. Not to mention that he himself was a disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, and had even enjoyed the benefits of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Small Spiritual Domain. Combined with the attitude that Elder Bei had shown towards him, Ning Cheng would definitely stand up help the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect even if he were not asked for it. What's more, this Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator was from the Red Star Sword Fact, an academy that he did not have a good impression over.

"Who are you? Where did you see that I was using force during the exchange?" The complexion of this Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator sank, as he stared at Ning Cheng and spoke in a cold voice. Especially after seeing that Ning Cheng was just a Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator, and yet still dared to question him. In his opinion, all those who did not have a cultivation higher than him, were all measly ants in his eyes. Even if their cultivation were higher than his were, with his powerful strength he still would not care much about it.

Ning Cheng simply did not pay any attention to this no name Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator, but rather looked at this Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator and asked, "What is the matter here, can you spell it out for me?"

This Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator was almost to the point of being helpless and isolated, but on hearing Ning Cheng's words, quickly spoke up, "I have ten drops of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, originally I wanted to exchange it for 'Spiritual Mist Pills' and some spirit stones. He brought out two inferior quality Spiritual Mist Pills and just 20,000 spirit stones, and wanted to exchange it for my Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, however I did not agree to any of it....."

Hearing this, Ning Cheng fully understood what was going on, he was sure that the Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator intended to use the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar in the same manner as him. If these ten drops of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar was equivalent to a tenth of a bottle of what he had originally sold to the Heavenly Stars Auction House, then two inferior quality Spiritual Mist Pills and 20,000 spirit stones truly were quite pitiful offers to conduct an exchange.

“The Red Star Sword Faction truly wins in having a great reputation, for a Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator to exchange things using force; it indeed goes along with its heritage.” Ning Cheng sarcastically replied.

This Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator on hearing Ning Cheng’s words, immediately started to overflow with a murderous aura. He could not bear such an insult, as he raised a palm with an intent to slap Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng sneered in heart; with his present strength, he did not even fear Soul Essence Cultivators, so why would he care about a Profound Core Cultivator? He did not even bother to bring out his imposing aura, as he also sent out a palm slap with his hand in the same manner.

“Slap” just like slapping a fly, Ning Cheng’s slap immediately shot towards the face, directly breaking the imposing aura of the Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator, before finally connecting with the face of that Profound Core Cultivator. Causing the smooth face of that Profound Core Cultivator to now sport a bright red slap mark.

If not for Ning Cheng being conscious about the fact that he was in the Heavenly Dao Public Square’s Cultivator Exchange Hall, the power contained in his slap would have been more than enough to directly shear off half the face of that cultivator.

After a brief shock, the Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator immediately roared, “I’m gonna kill you, you bastard.....”

With a roaring sound, the murderous aura once again erupted from him in an extremely unbridled manner, while he simultaneously brought out a pair of brown coloured Cloud Isolating Claws. At this moment, he had completely forgotten as to where he was standing.

With such a huge disturbance, all the gazes of the cultivators who came for the exchange immediately focussed in their direction. Ning Cheng simply gave a sneer, but did not make a move. He did not believe that the Exchange Hall would allow such an unbridled fight to continue, if they allowed it, then the Exchange Hall would have turned into a mess long ago.

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Chapter 287: Go Out On A Date At Night

“Stop, what is going on?” An ice cold voice arrived, which was then immediately followed by an extremely overbearing imposing aura.

The Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator who had brought out his magical weapon suddenly realized where he was at currently. The place he was at was not a casual place, but the Heavenly Dao Exchange Hall.

The Profound Core Cultivator from the Red Star Sword Faction immediately realized the situation he was in, as such although he was feeling an exploding anger building up in him he still was able to reel it in, quickly putting away his magical weapon, he immediately cupped his fists towards a black robed cultivator and spoke with the utmost respect he could gather, “Respected Deacon, this junior is Red Star Sword Faction’s Ding Liang, and was just now attacked by this cultivator with a slap on my face without any reason, causing me to get a bit carried away in anger.”

Ning Cheng had already taken a thorough look at this black robed Deacon that had come over and realized that he was already a Soul Sculpting Master. When he saw that this black robed deacon had turned his gaze towards him after he finished hearing Ding Liang's words, he also cupped his fists and spoke, "Venerable Deacon, this has already been seen by a lot of people here. This person relied on his own higher cultivation, to strong-arm my Junior Apprentice Brother into selling his stuff. Besides, he was the person who had raised his hand first, but because my strength was a slight bit stronger than him, it ended up giving me a small advantage against him."

The Profound Core 9th Level Cultivator's face turned livid, "You think you are stronger than me? I, in this years' Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies, represent the Red Star Sword Faction and am counted within their top 4 to participate in the Tournament for the Profound Core Realm. Even in the entire list for the Profound Core Realm, I am still ranked at the 37th place. Could it be that you are one of those other 36 people? A sneak attack is a sneak attack, if you have the skill then come fight me in a fair and just manner."

Ning Cheng just spoke in a light voice, "I did not come here to sightsee, I came here to the Exchange Hall to exchange a few things for the things that I want, not to come and start a fight some stupid and boring people....."

The Soul Sculpting Deacon suddenly spoke up, "In the Heavenly Dao Public Square's Cultivator Exchange Hall, if people are not able to resolve a matter peacefully, then unless the two parties are not separated by a full realm, then they can chose to settle it with a challenge. As long as the two sides agree, then you can immediately go onto the ring and begin fighting."

As the Soul Sculpting Cultivator finished speaking, he used his finger to point to an empty space to his right.

It was only at this moment that Ning Cheng came to understand that the open platform on the right side of the hall was originally used to resolve such disputes.

"Very well, let me allow you to spend some top quality time with me in this ring. It looks like you only know to speak words and not fight, if you can even measure up to my crotch, then I as a disciple of the Red Star Sword Faction, will be extremely generous and broadminded enough to spare your dog life."

Ding Liang had now completely restored his calm, but the killing intent in his words could even be felt by the cultivators nearby.

Ning Cheng simply did not care about Ding Liang or his murderous undertone, but rather simply asked a question, "Venerable Deacon, I want to ask something. Compared to the fights in the tournament arenas, is there any limitations or regulations in here?"

The black robed deacon gave a meaningful look to Ning Cheng before he spoke, "No, compared to the tournament arenas, fights in the ring of the Heavenly Dao Public Square's Cultivator Exchange Hall only has a single rule that is to not to kill your opponent, however it is up to you if you want to waste the cultivation of the opposite party or vice versa."

"I understand, since it is so then let me go and have a look if this person from the Red Star Sword Faction who is ranked in the top 40 of the Profound Core Realm, really as good as he claims to be." Ning Cheng finished speaking and immediately started walking towards the battle arena.

That Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator hastily held onto Ning Cheng and spoke up, "This Senior Apprentice Brother, many thanks for all the help that you provided. But this person's cultivation is simply too terrifying. I'm willing to eat this loss and forget about it."

"It seems that some people are afraid." Hearing the words of this Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator, someone immediately spoke up with ridicule.

Ning Cheng patted the Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator on his shoulder and spoke, "You might be willing to eat a loss, but I am not willing to suffer."

Finished saying that, Ning Cheng without any hesitation moved towards the battle ring.

"You truly have some guts." Ning Cheng once again heard another sarcastic voice, causing him to subconsciously look back.

An extremely handsome looking male cultivator was standing together with quite a mesmerizing and beautiful looking female cultivator. This female cultivator was definitely not even a single point inferior to the Le Continent's Twin Lotus Flowers on One Stock; moreover, the noble aura emanating from her was simply one of a kind. It seemed as if she had come from somewhere beyond the nine heavens, causing a man to not even dare to have a shred of licentious thoughts towards her. Although she wore a simple goose yellow coloured floral printed robe over her body, but it gave people an elegant yet flowing feeling even though the robe itself was completely still.

This kind of beauty appeared similar to the portrait of a magnificent imperial court. It was simply too beautiful to behold. Even Ning Cheng, who was somewhat used to seeing beautiful woman, couldn't help but secretly admire her from the bottom of his heart.

It seems that these two people had just come in; as such, the conflict between him and Ding Liang should not have been seen by the two of them.

"You don't have to look at me like that; I'm also from the Red Star Sword Faction. My name is Jiang Jun; remember the words that I spoke, that I am called as Jiang Jun. Along with the words Red Star Sword Faction." As this handsome looking male cultivator finished speaking, he suddenly turned towards Ding Liang on the battle ring and spoke, "Ding Liang, tear out all the bones from the body of this man. Also take out his Golden Core, however let him keep his dog life afterwards."

Ning Cheng had only seen this handsome looking male cultivator just once in his life before, that was when this Jiang Jun had killed his Dao Companion, Tan Yushan. Looking at him, it was no wonder that this person had killed his Dao Companion, turned out that he had originally taken a fancy to such a beautiful woman. Ning Cheng loathed such kind of scumbags, and allowed his heart to be filled with waves of unbridled killing intent; even towards the beautiful female cultivator standing beside him, Ning Cheng could help but feel secretly despised towards her in his heart. A person should really not look at the appearance, no matter if one had the most beautiful of appearances, dog shit would always be terrible to look at.

Ning Cheng suddenly gave a brilliant smile towards this handsome looking male cultivator before speaking up, "Red Star Sword Faction? I had heard a little bit of this academy, which doesn't seemed to be bothered about face. However, you spoke a bit incorrectly a moment ago, as I didn't really see you, you are just a Zhu Bajie, someone not even worthy of me to lay my gaze on, and it's just that I was a bit

distracted on seeing that girl by your side. I couldn't help but think that this girl is truly good to look at, so I wanted to ask if it would be possible to ask this girl out for a cup of coffee, while we stroll about in the night with each other as we talk about the meaning of life."

[TL Note – Zhu Bajie is a character from the work 'Journey to the West' with pig-like characteristics and armed with a muck-rake. Also, the raws indeed mention coffee.]

Ning Cheng had truly guessed it right, just as Ning Cheng finished with his words, Jiang Jun's robes immediately started to flutter without any wind, as a terrifying murderous intent rushed out towards Ning Cheng, "You are courting death...."

Ning Cheng immediately turned to the Soul Sculpting Realm Deacon and spoke with his fists cupped, "Venerable Deacon, I must now begin exchanging some moves with this Ding Liang on the battle ring. Although I am aware that the Red Star Sword Faction likes to play dirty, but I have not even entered the battle ring, when the people from the Red Star Sword Faction are already getting ready to deal with me, is such a thing in line with the rules?"

The Soul Sculpting Realm Deacon suddenly gave a cold snort before speaking up, "Jiang Jun, restrain your murderous intentions, otherwise you will be personally thrown out of the Cultivator Exchange Hall by me. In the Heavenly Dao's Cultivator Exchange Hall, anyone who wants to resolve their dispute in the battle ring, has to do it one-on-one, moreover they definitely cannot jump realms to issue challenges."

Even if Jiang Jun were prodded on with a cattle prod, he still would not dare to ignore the deacon here. Hearing those words, he could only suppress the killing intent towards Ning Cheng, while burying the hatred to the bottom of his heart; he cupped his fists towards the deacon and spoke, "I understand. He anyways would not be able to speak anyway."

"Senior Apprentice Brother Jiang, you can rest assured that I will let this madman know what regret feels like, I will dig out his Golden Core, and step on it....." Ding Liang who was already standing on the battle ring stared at Ning Cheng as he emphasized each word he spoke.

Ning Cheng simply lifted his middle finger towards Ding Liang and spoke, "I'm not your Senior Apprentice Brother, and it seems that your dog eyes are looking at the wrong place."

"He just wants to cause more misunderstandings that's all." Jiang Jun shook his head and spoke.

Ning Cheng took his sweet time as he walked towards the battle ring, when the beautiful looking female cultivator whom Ning Cheng was despising in his heart suddenly spoke up with a puzzling expression on her face, "You just spoke something about a Zhu Bajie and drinking coffee, what does it mean?"

Ning Cheng had not thought that this beautiful female cultivator would not only not show any expressions, but would rather show a curious desire towards seeking secondary knowledge, and would end up asking him about this sort of trivia.

"What you want to know is something very simple, but for that you will need to go out with me on a date at night, alone." Ning Cheng said without any care.

"I'm afraid that you might not have the chance to even come out of the ring." The female cultivator replied in a somewhat quiet and meek manner.

Ning Cheng simply gave a smile and spoke, "It doesn't matter whether you want to carry me on your back for our date or walk out of here with me."

"Good, then I will definitely go out with you on a 'date' to drink coffee." The female cultivator replied in a plain tone, as if it was something very ordinary for her.

However, Ning Cheng once again spoke in an exaggerated manner, "You really would go out with me for a coffee aah, are you not afraid that I simply am coveting you for your beauty, and then immediately use an enchanting poison on you to let you fall for me in a crazy manner, and then get on top of you, and then afterwards kill you after I'm done, before I then go look for another new flame for me to use. What would happen if I really turned out to be such a person....."

Some of the female cultivators who had a bit of knowledge towards her background couldn't help but become even paler in complexion, as they couldn't help but think that this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator simply had a bit too much courage, it's as if he simply did not know how the word 'death' was written. For him to actually dare to speak in such a manner towards the True Inheriting Disciple of the Floating Snow Palace, moreover a person who already had the cultivation of the great circle of the Soul Essence Realm, didn't he realize that all she had to do was to just raise her hand to completely grind this Ning Cheng to dust.

What was even more unexpected to the people present here was that this beautiful female cultivator not only gave a slight nod with her head but also replied with the words, "I'm not afraid."

"Very well, I just happen to like women like you. By the way, you wouldn't possibly be looking for an opportunity to climb on top of me, only to kill me later?" Ning Cheng gives a thumbs-up in her direction while combining it with a seemingly bewildering question.

This beautiful female cultivator still replied in a calm manner, "I am not a person from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, also it is unlikely that I would be getting on top of you, let alone kill you."

"Good, at least you do know what 'getting on top' means? Amazing. In other words, once you 'get on top of me', you would not kill me, right?" Ning Cheng this time raised both his hands to give a double thumbs-up in her direction.

"Enough. If you want to fight then hurry up and start, otherwise just get the hell out." Jiang Jun finally couldn't help but snap out loudly. He suddenly started suspecting that the words Ning Cheng spoke were specifically aimed at him, however when he had killed Tan Yushan, he was one hundred percent certain that there was no one around. So how could this puny Profound Core Cultivator know about it? Even if he did not map all the words spoken to his actions, however how could he not map the part about using poisons to him?

Although he was absolutely believed that he had not missed anything, however at this moment he couldn't be completely certain about this.

Just as Jiang Jun's words came out; Ning Cheng finally stepped onto the battle ring. Ding Liang, who had been waiting for a long time, was finally unable to wait any longer as he once again brought out his Cloud Isolating Claws.

Incomparably berserk Cloud Isolating Claw Shadows erupted in just a short instant later, as it shrouded the entire battle ring. At this moment, the entire battle ring was completely covered and enshrouded by Ding Liang's murderous aura while his killing intent filled the air. The cultivators standing at the side only saw a faint shadow of Ning Cheng standing in the midst of the endless claw shadows, as if he was completely helpless and overwhelmed, as he stared at those claw shadows rushing towards him.

Some of the cultivators began to sigh, although this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator had an extremely fierce mouth, but his words really were quite unkind. Now that the fight has finally begun, it would only end with his death.

At this moment, some of the sharp cultivators saw Ning Cheng swaying around a few times in the seemingly endless Cloud Isolating Claw Shadows. From the looks of it, from the way he was swaying around, he seemed to be looking for a way to get out from the seemingly endless claw shadows that surrounded him.

But then the next moment they saw Ning Cheng take out a black spear. He simply gave the spear a slight flick, before he once again put away the spear.

The entire battle ring was covered with the Cloud Isolating Claw Shadows, but when Ning Cheng put away his spear, all of it disappeared without a trace; even Ding Liang's murderous aura was also completely gone.

"Thump" A sound emerged, as Ding Liang fell down from the sky above the battle ring, while a broken Golden Core seemed to automatically roll towards the feet of Ning Cheng, while it seemed as if Ning Cheng had unconsciously stepped on it.

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Chapter 288: Who Let Me Be Soft-Hearted

".... Senior Apprentice Brother, get revenge for me....." Ding Liang who had just collapsed on the battle ring, raised his hand and immediately slapped his glabella with all the strength he could muster. With his meridians already completely broken down, and his Golden Core under Ning Cheng's foot, even if he was left alive, was there any meaning to it?

Only at this moment, did the cultivators in the main hall who were watching from the sidelines finally begin to react, as they sucked in a mouthful of cold air while thinking, from where did this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator come from? Too ferocious. He had really dared to kill a Profound Core Disciple from the Red Star Sword Faction; moreover, this was one of the disciples that would be participating in the finals of the Profound Core Realm Division representing the Red Star Sword Faction.

Ning Cheng casually walked down from the battle ring as he apologised to the Soul Sculpting Realm Deacon with cupped fists, "Venerable Deacon, I have not killed him; he had took his own life by committing suicide..."

The Deacon also gave a slight nod, before he turned away and left in an instant.

Jiang Jun shot a fierce glare towards Ning Cheng and spoke, "You will definitely pay for the things you did today, even if you regret it then it would be too late."

“Don’t chirp around like this, hurry up and collect the corpse, before it turns cold. As for threatening this young grandpa? Just wait patiently for your turn, this young grandpa will let you know what a real threat look like.” Ning Cheng swept a disdainful glance at Jiang Jun.

This person really was quite bold, aah, at this time none of the cultivators present in the Exchange Hall dared to look down at Ning Cheng. In the Tian Continent’s Great Meet of the Academies, for a person to be able to kill a cultivator ranked within the thirties of the Profound Core Realm Group with just a flick, how could such a person be simple? This person absolutely did not have the origins of a rogue cultivator. No matter how the Red Star Sword Faction decided to deal with this cultivator, it was a matter of the future; presently it would not be a good idea to provoke or even try to mess with him.

“At what time should we go out to drink this ‘coffee’?” The beautiful looking female cultivator on seeing Ning Cheng killing Ding Liang like a chicken, ended up having more than a touch of surprise in her eyes, but still took the initiative to come forward and ask Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng just gave a wave with his hand and spoke, “I don’t have free time currently, and didn’t you not see that I have a few serious things that needs my attention? So you better scoot to one side first, once I take care of the things on the business end of my side, only then would we be able to talk about the coffee thing again.”

Ning Cheng already had the feeling that this female cultivator seemed to be deliberately haunting him, which was already somewhat weird in itself. If he had known that she would behave in such a manner, he would absolutely not have spoken about inviting this female cultivator out for a coffee. He had thought that when this female cultivator heard his words at that time, she would absolutely throw a tantrum, so why then was she showing such a calm reaction? Moreover, would even take the initiative to come forward and ask him about going out to drink coffee? This made Ning Cheng a bit disappointed, as he did not achieve the purpose that he originally intended.

To persuade one to go out with words or to sympathise with one’s heart in the middle of creating mischief, Ning Cheng had originally sympathized with Tan Yushan who was killed by Jiang Jun, as such he used that as an excuse to sarcastically hoot at this yellow robed female cultivator with a few words, but he had never expected that even after taking all those words, the opposite party would not feel down, or even become angry.

“This Senior Apprentice Brother, thank you for helping me. I’m Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Inner Sect Disciple Zhang Qian.” This Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect finally was able to react, as he hurriedly came forward to thank Ning Cheng while still feeling shocked in his heart.

As the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s disciple, he still nevertheless had to take a bit of the responsibility for what happened. Someone had stepped out to help him out of consideration, if he could not even express proper thanks in return, then what was the use of him walking on the path of cultivation.

Ning Cheng just gave a light laugh and patted the shoulder of the Profound Core 7th Level Cultivator as he spoke, “It is just a small matter, and you don’t need to be polite about it. I am going to set up a stall, if you still have things you want to trade then you can come to my stall to exhibit your goods.”

Ning Cheng purposefully did not speak out his name, he was aware of the reputation currently attached to his name. Although very few people had seen his face previously, but the number of cultivators who had heard about his name were absolutely not a few. It was not that he was afraid of exposing himself, but because of the current matters, even if he had to reveal his name, he would only permit it after he gets his hands on the Soul Condensing Pill.

Ning Cheng and Zhang Qian moved to the side and took up a stall. However, the talks of the surroundings did not stop. Everyone was trying to guess as to which academy Ning Cheng belonged to in the end. Moreover, with his terrifying strength, why did he not represent his academy to participate in the Great Meet? One has to know that the Great Meet of the Academies was directly related to the major interests of the big academies.

Once one crashes into the top ten academies of the Tian Continent, then the comprehensive benefit that they would be able to enjoy would far exceed that of an average academy. Moreover the stronger the person was, the more attention the academy would place on them. However, this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator, he simply did not appear in the preliminary round of the academies for the Profound Core Realm Group, which in itself was quite an incredible affair.

“Blood River Red Lotus?” Ning Cheng had just finished arranging his stall, when someone immediately screamed out.

Then someone suddenly spoke out, “I understand now, he is No. 436, the cultivator with the Blood River Red Lotus.”

Knowing that the Blood River Red Lotus actually belonged to Ning Cheng, some of the cultivators who were badly in need of the Blood River Red Lotus couldn’t stop themselves from squeezing to the front, as they cautiously asked Ning Cheng the price for the Blood River Red Lotus.

Ning Cheng seeing that there were still many people who wanted to inquire about it, hurriedly stood up and spoke, “I will only exchange my Blood River Red Lotus for the Soul Condensing Pill or any other pills or objects that would help in advancing to the Soul Essence Realm. As for Junior Apprentice Brother Zhang Qing standing next to me with his Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, he only wants to exchange them for ‘Spiritual Mist Pills’ and spirit stones.”

“Although these things are truly good, but unfortunately there are only ten drops of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, it is just too little. I will use ten medium quality Spiritual Mist Pills plus a hundred thousand spirit stones in exchange for your Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, how about it?”

“I will use two Green Radish Amethyst Fruits in exchange for your Blood River Red Lotus, how about it? If you think it is less, then I will also add some spirit stones...”

All kinds of exchange offers could be heard all around. Although Zhang Qian had easily managed to trade for what he wanted, however Ning Cheng did not have an easy time in searching for the Soul Condensing Pill.

Seeing the mess of offers, Ning Cheng once again helplessly stood up and spoke with his fists cupped, “Fellow friends, I only need things that would help me in advancing to the Soul Essence Realm. Moreover, all of you have just seen what happened a few moments ago. My cultivation is somewhat of a handicap for me, allowing some people to rely on their own high cultivation levels, to easily threaten

me. Causing me to be very afraid in my heart. As such, I am very much looking forward to my advancement to the Soul Essence Realm, so that the threat to someone trashy like me would be a lot less.”

Some of the cultivators on hearing Ning Cheng’s words couldn’t help but secretly despise him, as they inwardly cursed at him who are you fooling by saying that you are scared? With that arrogant mouth of yours, who would even cause you to feel afraid?

“This friend, if you are willing to believe in me, then you will put away your Blood River Red Lotus, while I go find you a Soul Condensing Pill. We can then exchange it afterwards?” At this time, that stunning looking female cultivator who was standing not far away from Ning Cheng took the initiative to speak up.

“I’m truly sorry, but I do not believe in you. Since you are roaming around with a stinking insect, it would be best if you could move far away from me.....” Ning Cheng spoke in a quiet manner, while also was somewhat admiring that Jiang Jun. Even after all the insults that he had thrown at him, he had still not left, and was still standing on the side of the beautiful looking woman.

Jiang Jun on hearing Ning Cheng’s words, had blue veins pop up on his hands, but because he still had a bit of reason left in himself, as such he was able to keep his impulses in check. If it was any other place than the one they were in, he would have already begun ruthlessly torturing him.

The beautiful looking female cultivator on hearing Ning Cheng’s words immediately shut her mouth. Although it did not make her leave, but it also led to the situation of Jiang Jun not leaving.

At this point, several cultivators once again gathered towards a corner of the Main Hall, although Ning Cheng was doing his best to hawk his Blood River Red Lotus, but he always kept an eye out for the changing situations in the Main Hall.

When he saw that cultivators were coming out from a corner of the Main Hall, he immediately spoke with a startled voice, “Whoa, this Main Hall has other entrances?”

Some of the cultivators wanting to purchase Ning Cheng’s Blood River Red Lotus immediately gave a reply, “That place is where the exchange of magical techniques and cultivation methods is being held, as long as you have a black and white jade card, you can go there to exchange cultivation methods and cultivation pointers.”

Ning Cheng finally understood that the entrance area for the cultivators to exchange magical techniques and cultivation methods was at that corner of the Main Hall.

“Hey, is that the Blood River Red Lotus?” One of the cultivators who had just come out couldn’t help but speak out aloud on seeing Ning Cheng’s Blood River Red Lotus.

Ning Cheng felt a bit surprised as he looked in the direction of the voice. His gaze flicked from one face to another, before it finally rested on the face of an extremely cold looking Daoist Priestess. The Daoist Priestess was also staring back at him at the same time, along with a slight surprise that flashed past the eyes of this Daoist Priestess.

It once again turned out to be another extremely beautiful looking female cultivator, but this one was wearing the robes of a Daoist Priestess. Her beauty was in no way inferior to the yellow robed woman

who he had asked out for a coffee a few moments ago, and had peerlessly delicate features. With a pair of eyes that sparkled as bright as clear waters, coupled with her snow white robe, it made people think that this woman would simply fly into the heavens the very next moment.

Not only did her long hair, which was arranged in pleat, not cause the slightest damage to her temperament, but it also served as a contrast to enhance the snowy white skin of her neck. She was unexpectedly wearing a pair of thin yet common cotton bottomed shoes on her feet, causing her to resemble a homely little girl from next door one moment, while transforming into an unattainable fairy in the next moment. Her charm was such that every time a person gazed at her, they would be able to feel different things each time. Perhaps only the words 'heavenly beauty' could be used to describe her.

What was even more peculiar was that she was carrying a sword on her back. Ordinary cultivators would simply store their magical weapons inside their rings, and other than a few people, who had a strong enough background, would swagger around with their magical weapons in full display, however this kind of situation was simply rarely seen.

Although this beautiful looking Daoist Priestess was carrying a sword, but it wasn't even a little bit disharmonious to her image, rather it served to add an unspeakable flavour to her. However, people like this white robed Daoist Priestess, were also quite rare among rarities.

Ning Cheng frowned on seeing her. He felt that he had seen this white robed female cultivator somewhere before. As he raked his mind to think about it, he suddenly thought about the people he had ended up saving from that old fogey's ice house in the ancient immortal cave. This female cultivator was also among them. No wonder the other party had a trace of surprise flash past their eyes when they looked at each other; it seems that the other party had already recognized him.

However, Ning Cheng did not care about it much, since he was already recognized by the other party there was nothing that he could do about it. He still held up the Blood River Red Lotus in his hand and spoke, "If there is no Soul Condensing Pill, then I would also not be exchanging it....."

"Wait, I have a Soul Condensing Pill....." This white robed Daoist Priestess suddenly took out a jade bottle and immediately handed it to Ning Cheng before speaking.

Ning Cheng also took the jade bottle and took a peek inside it. He found that it not only contained a Soul Condensing Pill, but it was also a top quality Soul Condensing Pill. Although Ning Cheng himself rarely refined anything other than top quality pills, however he was aware that the attainments that he had in the field of pills was a bit lacking. It can only be blamed on his shortcomings that he was unable to refine the Soul Condensing Pill.

"Yes, it really is a Soul Condensing Pill. However, it is just that my qualifications are a bit too poor, as such just a single pill might not work. Since I have a pair of Blood River Red Lotus, then at least I should exchange it for two Soul Condensing Pills."

As Ning Cheng's words came out, it immediately caused the cultivators inside the Main Hall to break into a cacophony of discussions. Although the Blood River Red Lotus was something precious, however the pair of Blood River Red Lotuses were not that precious enough to be exchanged for two Soul Condensing Pills. Not to mention two, even if it was exchanged for a single Soul Condensing Pill of that quality, it could be considered as obtaining a sizable profit.

Moreover there were also a lot of people here who seemed to know the identity of this Daoist Priestess, and were also aware that it was the most difficult to bargain with the people from her academy, let alone her who was the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's True Inheriting Disciple. Wanting to rip off a True Inheriting Disciple from this academy was simply akin to not knowing the difference between living and dying...

But the surrounding cultivators soon gave out a sigh, this Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator dared to openly flirt with the disciple of the Floating Snow Palace, while not even taking the disciple from the Red Star Sword Faction seriously, as such why should he act in polite manner towards the disciples of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect? He was simply a lunatic. All of them were somewhat looking forward to how this Severing Emotions Dao Sect's True Inheriting Disciple would deal with this lunatic.

But what made the surrounding people even more surprised was the following words of the Daoist Priestess, "I only have a single Soul Condensing Pill with me, why don't you give me just a single stalk of the Blood River Red Lotus?"

Ning Cheng also did not find her request strange, for this female cultivator to speak in such manner, it can only be said that she was somewhat grateful for that time. Whatever the outcome, he had truly ended up saving their small lives, as such even if he asked for a few more pills suitable for cultivation in the Soul Essence Realm; it would not be too excessive, right?

Thinking that Ning Cheng put away the jade bottle that he received from the other party, before he picked up the pair of Blood River Red Lotus only to separate a stalk from it before he handed it to her, "It's truly a pity, this Blood River Red Lotus is something that is found in a pair, yet had to be abruptly separated at this moment. Well, you can keep it; just compensating me with some pills suitable for cultivation in the Soul Essence Realm is also fine by me. Alas, who let me be so soft-hearted?"

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Chapter 289: Underselling The Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar

The surrounding people couldn't help but gawk at Ning Cheng, although they had seen their share of shameless people, but they had never seen someone as shameless as him. A Soul Condensing Pill for a strand of Blood River Red Lotus, it can already be considered as a huge profit, yet this person even dared to ask for pills suitable for cultivation in the Soul Essence Realm? This was definitely not the problem of having a thick skin, but rather flowing into the rhythm of shamelessness.

Ning Cheng himself felt the temperature of his face rise up by a few notches because of the embarrassment he was feeling, even though he knew that this Daoist Priestess in front of him would definitely give him some pills if he asked, but he also became aware that he should not be so pushing. At the same time, Ning Cheng also knew that since he was pushing hard for the Daoist Priestess to fork out a few more pills, as such he decided to immediately leave this place once he got the pills. He would then immediately go out to look for a suitable place to advance to the Soul Essence Realm. He was aware that he couldn't be sloppy with this kind of thing.

If he had to rely on just himself to slowly move around in order to purchase the pills that he needed, then the time delay that he would have to experience would simply be too long. As for what would transpire here, he did not care much about it. It was not that he was afraid of how the Red Star Sword Faction would try to deal with him, as he could always go back to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to seek

asylum. However, he really did not want to waste time on such a boring and monotonous endeavour. Once his cultivation reached a high point, then all of these things would be akin to floating clouds.

Besides, in this place he had already experienced enough of affairs similar to biting the hand that feeds them, for Ning Cheng it was already more than enough. Although he had asked the Daoist Priestess for a few pills for cultivation in the Soul Essence Realm, he did not feel too much of a psychological burden, it was just that he was not used to this kind of a shameless practice.

“Ok, I have a bottle of Youthful Spirit Pills, and can also give it to you.” This one sentence almost made the people staring to become slack jawed while not believing the words they were hearing. This white robed Daoist Priestess actually agreed to Ning Cheng, they thought as they looked at her taking out a jade bottle and handing it to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng also was a bit sceptic as to how this thing turned out to be so simple, he was originally trying to hold an attitude, if it really did not turn in his favour, then he would simply forget about it. However, he still accepted and put away the goods, before he immediately turned around to walk away.

At this moment, even the rest of the cultivators present in the Exchange Hall felt that there was something wrong, whether it was the True Inheriting Disciple of the Floating Snow Palace, or the True Inheriting Disciple of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, both of them were showing an extreme amount of patience over this small Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator.

“This Senior Apprentice Sister, thank you. I hope that you remain young forever and live till the age of a hundred. I will be taking my leave now, if there is a chance in the future then we will definitely meet up.” Ning Cheng had already put away the pills, turned away, and immediately started walking away with a polite goodbye without being too wordy about it.

The white robed Daoist Priestess suddenly gave a smile and spoke, “I am a cultivator at the Great Circle of the Soul Essence Realm, and just a step further would allow me to enter the Soul Sculpting Realm, as such I would definitely have more than a hundred years to live, so when you wished for me to live till the age of hundred, were you really expressing your good wishes for me or were you speaking sarcastically to me?”

Ning Cheng suddenly found himself to be at a loss for words, he did not expect that the Daoist Priestess would cause him to choke on his own words. He had come from the Earth, and it was something of a habitual ritual, to wish others to remain young forever and live to the age of a hundred, it was actually a customary form of praise back there. However, in this place, staying young forever was too simple, and as for living to the age of hundred before falling was something considered to be as dying young.

“Well, then I wish that you live long till a million years, good bye.....” Ning Cheng simply could not wait to get out of this place.

“Do you think that we can go out to drink coffee now?” Waiting for Ning Cheng, that beautiful looking yellow robed female cultivator spoke in a serious manner, as she unexpectedly once again appeared in front of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng couldn't help but scratch his head as he spoke, “Young lady, there are a few urgent things that require my attention today. Why don't we go out to drink coffee at a later time? I'll treat you to

everything at that time, white spirits, wine, rice vinegar, soy sauce, cola, sprite, whatever you want, but not today, I will be taking my leave now.....”

“You are afraid that the people from the Red Star Sword Faction would come to find you, so you want to find a suitable place to advance to the Soul Essence Realm, don’t you?” This yellow robed female cultivator suddenly spoke out.

“Hey, how did you realize all that? It turns out that you are also quite smart. I have just been mortally threatened, and it indeed has caused me to be somewhat worried, so I want to find a place to improve my own cultivation.” Ning Cheng gave out a helpless sort of cry, and spilled out a few words.

He truly wanted to find a suitable place to advance to the Soul Essence Realm, but with the Red Star Sword Faction openly declaring their intentions to deal with him, it would be quite a difficult feat to accomplish. However if he used his Twin Wings and True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel, even Crucible Transformation Cultivators might not necessarily be able to catch up with him.

The yellow robed female cultivator simply spoke in an indifferent manner, “It would simply be a useless endeavour for you, especially since there are a lot of people here that are eyeing you. Unless you have some good means, trying to escape from this place would be very difficult. However if you go out with me for a coffee, these things would not matter anymore.”

Ning Cheng couldn’t help but feel a bit disdainful in regards to her words, no matter how good the tools there are, it would also be very difficult to escape? He did not believe that Crucible Transformation Cultivators could enter the Chaotic Star Space.

“If it was not because of a woman like you, wouldn’t I have been able to exit peacefully? Today, I just want to go out, unfortunately I do not want to go out to drink coffee with you, so what are you going to do about it?” Ning Cheng once again replied in a disdainful voice.

This woman was together with that Jiang Jun who he had already classified as nothing short of being a societal dreg, combined with how she always spoke as if nothing had happened, it caused Ning Cheng to feel very unhappy.

“She is the Floating Snow Palace’s Yin Kongchan, moreover the premier disciple of the Floating Snow Palace, who has not yet advanced to the Soul Sculpting Realm. Although she does indeed have all the qualifications to advance, however she herself is not willing to advance.” At the moment, that white robed Daoist Priestess suddenly supplemented with a sentence.

“Xu Yingdei, you are not bad yourself. You have also not advanced to the Soul Sculpting Realm, I estimate that it is because you were not able to grasp the chance to completely sever your emotions, which would end up bringing harm to others, anyways, isn’t this the usual means of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.” Yin Kongchan also returned a sentence in a cold voice.

Ning Cheng suddenly experienced a hint of clarity in his mind, in the jade strip that Elder Bei had left behind for him, it was mentioned that the Floating Snow Palace and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect had visited the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to propose a marriage. Weren’t the names of the two women mentioned in it, the one’s he heard just now? If these two women indeed were the same, then Ning Cheng completely understood as to why did these two women showed such a huge tolerance towards him.

But in what world would these two women deem him to be worthy in their eyes? Ning Cheng would never believe that these two women had truly taken a fancy to him. The Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Xu Yingdei wants to use him to sever her emotions, how was it any different from forgetting a lifelong companion? Against all expectation, why did they try to look for him? Looking at her being surrounded with many men and women, didn't she already have many better choices?

And what about this Yin Kongchan, Ning Cheng did not believe for a single moment that this woman would choose to marry him, let alone go out on a date with him. Did the people become blind to not see that Jiang Jun sticking to her like a dog skin plaster?

"Oh, I remember who he is; he is that Ning Cheng, the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Ning Cheng, who half a year ago had saved more than a hundred elite disciples of the major academies from that ancient immortal cave..."

When Ning Cheng heard those words, he knew that he was finally recognized by the people here. Although Ning Cheng did not have much worry for being recognized by the masses, but now that they had recognized him, he would have to be a lot more careful about his actions. Moreover, he also had no choice to not change appearance when he planned to seek asylum from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect at the time he joined.

"No wonder he is so powerful, I heard that he was not afraid of even the Life Essence of that ancient immortal cave."

"Don't you know anything? Didn't you hear about how he openly cursed at the Red Star Sword Faction's Crucible Transformation Elder Tang...."

The person behind the voice only spoke half of what he wanted to say, while he chose not to speak the rest of the words. It could be guessed that the person was somewhat afraid of the Red Star Sword Faction's disciples that were still present here.

Ning Cheng hearing until here cupped his fists towards the crowd and spoke, "Ladies and gentlemen, yes, I am indeed the Ning Cheng you speak of. Since everyone here already recognizes me, then why don't we discuss a bit of business here. I still have a small barrel of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar left with me, originally I had used half a scoop of it to wash my hands and feet during a very distressing period for me, as for why I used the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar in such a manner, I guess everybody already knows the answer to it, as such I would not be speaking much about it. In addition to the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, I also have a nine-coloured Mirage Stone, which I was able to obtain through an accident..."

Ning Cheng, after being recognized by the masses here, simply chose to disclose the things that everybody already seemed to know. And after the cultivators heard those words coming directly from the mouth of Ning Cheng in an open manner, they couldn't help but suck in a breath of cold air, as they thought to themselves, that the legends regarding him were definitely true, that Ning Cheng not only had the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar but also a nine-coloured Mirage Stone.

"But then again, I am someone timid by nature, along with having a low cultivation. Although I own a few good things, but I am always a bit frightened because of it. Some academies would always try to think of ways and using a variety of means to deceive me out of my things. Although all of us are

comparatively more honest, in the case of meeting deception, it would simply be too late to die with regrets... As such, today I will take this opportunity to trade away these two things, whether it is spirit stones, magical weapons, or various other treasures of the heaven and earth, as long as I am satisfied with it, I will conduct the exchange.....”

Finished saying that, Ning Cheng directly took out a jade barrel, before carefully placing it on the stall, and then took out another jade box and placing it alongside it on the stall. Now that his identity was found out by the others, eventually he would have to leave this place to search for a safe place to cultivate. As such, it would be better if he could earn a bit of spirit stones before he left. Once he sold out ‘all’ of his stuff, then the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and the Floating Snow Palace would have no reason to place importance on him, right?

“So you originally were Senior Apprentice Brother Ning. This is truly wonderful.” Zhang Qian had surprise plastered all over his face, as he moved to get ready to help Ning Cheng at the same time.

Ning Cheng did not place any restriction on the barrel; moreover, there was also no lid over the barrel. As such, the people had a clear view over the contents, and found that the jade barrel truly contained the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar. Regardless of whether or not Ning Cheng’s Mirage Stone was real or not, seeing so much Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar put on sale, they realized that the price would also not be too high.

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, what is the exchange price of your Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar?”

“Elder Brother Ning.....”

The cultivators present here were aware that they would not be able to afford to buy a Mirage Stone, however for the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, as long as it was being exchanged for spirit stones and not for Spiritual Mist Pills, everybody would then be able to afford it.

“Everyone, the price of each drop of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar is set for 20,000 spirit stones, while the price of the Mirage Stone is negotiable. If you want more Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, then you can only exchange for it.”

As soon as Ning Cheng spoke out the price, it immediately caused a huge stir among the masses, as it meant that everyone could have the chance to purchase it. Which cultivator among them present here did not have at least several hundred thousand spirit stones, if not a few million spirit stones?

“I want 50 drops.....”

“I want 30 drops.....”

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In just a short time, a crazy amount of people surged towards Ning Cheng’s stall, no matter what origins they had, no matter what kind of background they came from, all of them wanted to purchase the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar. With this item being sold at such a cheap price, if they ended up missing this opportunity, where else would they buy it from then?

Even Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei could not help but buy 50 drops each.

Although Ning Cheng's barrel was not small, even then, the barrel filled with Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar was almost completely sold out; this large barrel of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar brought him approximately 80 million spirit stones. In fact, Ning Cheng was well aware that this price was actually a lot cheaper than the price at which he had sold to the Heavenly Stars Auction House. Besides, who let him bring out this much of this stuff?

"Elder Brother Ning, I just received a request from my academy, they are willing to shell out 200 million spirit stones, plus four top quality Soul Condensing Pills, to buy half a barrel of your Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar." An eager voice sounded out, however at this time, most of Ning Cheng's Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar was sold out.

"Such a high price?" Ning Cheng's face immediately showed an extreme shock, which was then followed by a regretful expression.

"Alas, I ended up selling it cheaply. It really is a pity, why didn't you mention this earlier. Currently the amount of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar in my possession is not even equivalent to what is being held in the hands of the cultivators here. What a pity, it really is a shame."

Ning Cheng sighed to himself, before he cupped his fists and spoke "Friends, just look at how I sold my Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to you all at the lowest price, and ended up missing the opportunity to rake in a fortune, as such everyone must keep this in your hearts."

These cultivators had all bought Ning Cheng's Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, and couldn't help but give bright smiles towards Ning Cheng. Only the cultivator who proposed the offer of 200 million spirit stones, showed disappointment in his eyes. Ning Cheng was aware that the disappointment in the eyes of that person was not because he was unable to purchase the half a barrel of the Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, but rather was disappointed in himself because of his failed probe in finding out if he was hiding more quantities of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar on his body.

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As to the Mirage Stone, no one dare to even enquire about it, which was still within Ning Cheng's expectations. Although everybody here wanted the nine-coloured Mirage Stone, but all of them were aware that it was akin to a hot cake. Moreover, they wouldn't even be able to put a price on it anyway, as an object of this level simply did not have a clear price tag attached to it.

Ning Cheng felt a bit contented as he collected his things before he patted Zhang Qian's shoulder and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Brother Zhang, I'll be taking my leave now. See you around in the academy. Good bye."

Originally, Ning Cheng wanted to let Zhang Qian pass a message to Elder Bei asking for some help, but thinking that Zhang Qian might not have the qualifications to seek an audience with someone of his level, he simply chose to omit those words.

As Ning Cheng walked out of the Exchange Hall, Ying Kongchan and Xu Yingdei also immediately followed him out just behind him. As to Jiang Jun, who had clung onto the side of Yin Kongchan, he unexpectedly did not choose to continue following them, causing Ning Cheng to feel somewhat strange.

As Ning Cheng came out of the Exchange Hall, he immediately sped up, but although he was fast, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, these two people, still closely followed behind him.

Ning Cheng was just about to step out of the Heavenly Dao Public Square, when he finally stopped, as he looked back to the two female cultivators following him and spoke, "The two of you, bright people like you must not speak obscure words, otherwise this nonsense would go on incessantly without much of a justification. It would be better if you came out and spoke what you want before we separate. Yin Kongchan, I will be going into secluded cultivation currently, it would be best if you did not follow me. As for going out to drink coffee, I will ask you out for a drink some other time when I'm free."

"And Xu Yingdei, I saved you once, while you also allowed me to obtain some advantages from you, with this regard we are even with each other, so whether we meet or not after today is irrelevant. Moreover, every scrap of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar on me was sold out, as such, there is nothing extra with me to spare for your dowry. As for the Mirage Stone, if you really want it, then you can come to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to purchase it, in any case, I will not be able to run off with it. Now, I'm going to ask the two of you to go out and find a good home to marry into if you are only interested in marrying, just please don't follow me, okay?"

If not for these two women, he would have already used his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud to escape, before using an Escaping Talisman. But now that these two women were following him, as such he had no way to escape from this place without attracting attention.

Yin Kongchan replied in a soft voice, "Now is not the time to be discussing this, you should be looking for a way to deal with the imminent."

Yin Kongchan's voice had just fell, when Ning Cheng found himself surrounded by a number of cultivators, moreover as more and more cultivators arrived to surround him, he found that even the space around him was sealed up.

Ning Cheng's expression finally changed. As he looked into the eyes of Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, no longer having that easy going look.

Xu Yingdei seemed to know what Ning Cheng was thinking about and spoke, "Even if we did not follow you, you would still not be able to escape far. With Jiang Jun's personality, if he allowed you to safely exit the Heavenly Dao Public Square, it would truly be a strange thing. However for you to have stopped here, for you, it can be considered as a good thing."

However, it had to be said that Ning Cheng was also not much worried in his heart. Ding Liang ending up dead against him was completely normal for a challenge. If the Red Star Sword Faction used this fair and square challenge as a kind of reason to persecute him, then it would only serve to prove that the Heavenly Dao Academy was simply too weak.

But for some reason Ning Cheng also couldn't help but feel that something was wrong, as more and more cultivators gathered around him. It was as if he was being treated as the No. 1 fugitive. When did the Red Star Sword Faction enjoy this kind of appeal?

"You do not have to feel surprised about it; it is because Ding Liang is ranked within the top hundred in the preliminary round of Profound Core Realm Group in the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies. At this time, if any one of those cultivators ended up dead, all the academies of the Tian

Continent would get involved in a meticulous investigation. Otherwise, the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies would become completely messed up after the preliminary round."

Yin Kongchan's words immediately caused Ning Cheng to sober up, if the academies, in order to secure a better ranking, specifically engaged in assassinating the strong cultivators of their opponents, it would indeed turn the tournament into a chaotic mess.

"Ning Cheng, last time you saved more than a hundred True Inheriting and Core Disciples of the Tian Continent. For that, many of the Tian Continent's Academies are thankful to you. But why did you kill the cultivator participating in the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies?" When this voice fell, Ning Cheng immediately felt his surroundings to be filled with a powerful imposing aura, to the point that he couldn't even move.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei who were tightly following behind him till this moment were now behaving as if they were mute, unexpectedly not one of them decided to stand up and speak out to help him. At this Ning Cheng couldn't help but curse at them in his heart, it seems that he can only rely on himself to explain in detail the events that transpired within the Exchange Hall.

"Humph, complete nonsense. In the Heavenly Dao's Cultivator Exchange Hall, even if a duel were to break out, no one would be as vicious as you. I'm sure that this is a conspiracy concocted by your Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, using ten drops of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar to anger my Red Star Sword Faction's Profound Core Cultivator, and then use that opportunity to kill my Red Star Sword Faction's Profound Core Cultivator who had qualified the preliminaries. Since this place already is presided over by the Heavenly Dao Public Square's Deacon, as well as fellow friends from the major academies, for someone who uses such despicable and dirty means, what do you all suggest on how to deal with this situation?"

When Ning Cheng saw the cultivator speaking those words, he immediately knew that his old enemy was coming back to haunt him. It was none other than the Red Star Sword Faction's sickly looking Elder Tang Gongxi who had initially tried to force his secrets out of him, at this time that Tang Gongxi's face had a murderous look on it. While at his side, Jiang Jun kept staring at him with a sarcastic look on his face.

"Kill him....."

"Pinch him to death....."

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Tang Gongxi, as the Red Star Sword Faction's Crucible Transformation Elder, was immediately supported by many of the cultivators present there.

"Well, let's just do this, I won't kill him, rather I'll just take out his Golden Core, as a recompense and comfort to the departed soul of my Red Star Sword Faction's Cultivator Ding Liang. With Ding Liang's loss, my Red Star Sword Faction's results in the Great Meet's Profound Core Group would surely drop by a large margin....." As Tang Guangxi spoke, he had already raised his hand to grab Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng, at this moment, could help but feel a bit anxious in his heart, as at this time, he really was not able to move at all.

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“Haha... That Red Star Sword Faction’s Ding Liang was killed, killing him was good, truly good.....” At the place where the Rainbow Fall Sword sect was temporarily stationed, a Crucible Transformation Elder could be seen laughing heartily.

Bei Youfa, who was sitting on the side, gave a sigh, “Alas, although one of the cultivators of the Red Star Sword Faction who passed through the preliminaries was killed, but it would still not bring much of a benefit to our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. The overall strength of our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Profound Core Realm Group is truly a bit low.”

That laughing Crucible Transformation Elder disagreed, “Although those words are the painful truth, but if I looked at that prideful look on that Red Star Sword Faction’s Tang Gongxi one more time, it would only make me feel even more uncomfortable. I don’t know who killed this Ding Liang, but I have to say that their courage is truly quite high.....”

This Crucible Transformation Elder’s words had not finished, when the communication pearl on Deputy Academy Head Tantei Fei, who was also sitting on one side, immediately lit up. As Tantei Fei’s spiritual consciousness fell onto the communication pearl, his face immediately changed as he stood up immediately.

“What’s the matter? Senior Apprentice Brother Tantei?” Elder Bei on seeing the expression on the Deputy Academy Head knew that something was wrong.

Tantei Fei spoke with a sinking voice, “It seems that a Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s disciple is involved in this matter, I just now heard that Ding Liang was killed by someone from our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect.”

“What? Who was it?” The laughing Crucible Transformation Elder also stood up in shock, since when did our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect have a disciple this powerful?

“I don’t know yet.....” Tantei Fei spoke, but his communication pearl once again lit up, as his spiritual consciousness swept over the communication pearl, he immediately spoke up with urgency, “It seemed that our Inner Sect Disciple Zhang Qiang was being bullied by Ding Liang in the Cultivator Exchange Hall, seeing this, the Inner Sect Disciple Ning Cheng who had just arrived at the Heavenly Dao Public Square immediately moved to show an unyielding stance towards Ding Liang. Finally, it ended up in them battling it out in the Exchange Hall’s Battle Ring, where Ning Cheng killed Ding Liang. Currently Ning Cheng is entrenched by the Heavenly Dao Public Square’s Deacon and the cultivators from the Red Star Sword Faction, and is in heavy danger.....”

“Who is this Ning Cheng, to be able to defeat Ding Liang? Since when did we have such a powerful Inner Sect Disciple in our Rainbow Fall Sword Sect? Wait, I remember, was it the one from the last time.....”

That laughing Crucible Transformation Cultivator’s words were immediately interrupted by Bei Youfa, “Elder Ying, I and Senior Apprentice Brother Tantei will be leaving immediately to save Ning Cheng, and you should hurry up and inform the Academy Head of this matter. That Red Star Sword Faction’s Tang Gongxi and Ning Cheng have an enmity between them, I’m afraid that he would not be showing the self-respect of an old person in this scenario.....”

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At the same time, a 'bang' sounded out; as a crater was blasted open not far from Ning Cheng.

Even if the Heavenly Dao Public Square had extremely terrifying restrictions covering it, the exploding true essence caused even the space above the restrictions to shake violently. Those with poor cultivations were also affected by the shaking restrictions, and almost caused them to vomit out blood. Even the surrounded space that was sealed up had loosened up because of the impact.

Ning Cheng also gave out a sigh of relief; unexpectedly someone did come forward to help him, which was something that he hadn't thought of.

"Dao Friend Hu, what is the meaning of this? Not only was my Red Star Sword Faction's cultivator killed in the Heavenly Dao Public Square, but you also want to help the murderer?" Tang Gongxi's face was extremely ugly to look at. He found that his cultivation was not as good as the other party, as such he could only ask for accountability from the other party.

The one who had helped Ning Cheng was a middle aged cultivator with a beard, as he nonchalantly clapped his hands and spoke, "This Ning Cheng had saved the life of my disciple Li Lingfan, even if you want to lay his hands on him, you can only do so after these matters are cleared by a thorough investigation? Or is it that you are afraid that this matter is something different than what you are portraying, and would ultimately turn bad for your side?"

Ning Cheng then saw Li Lingfan, who was standing next to the bearded middle-aged cultivator, as he gave a nod in his direction. He immediately realized that it was Li Lingfan who had asked him to intervene. This man was quite slick, but at the same time he realized that he was also a person who knew how to show gratitude. Ning Cheng also cupped his fists towards Li Lingfan who was still quite far from him, as a token of gratitude.

"Hump, Tang Gongxi, I knew you would be shameless enough to bully a junior with your status. Did you think that my Rainbow Fall Sword Sect would tolerate your bullying?" A familiar voice arrived, causing Ning Cheng to feel even more relieved, as he realized that it was Elder Bei who was coming. In any case, as long as Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Crucible Transformation Cultivators came out, the sickly looking man would not dare to make a move on him.

Tang Gongxi's face contorted with extreme rage as he roared out, "Bei Youfa, this is the public square where the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academies is being held, did you think that your Rainbow Fall Sword Sect can hoodwink all the people present here? There is nothing else to say that it was Ning Cheng who took a life. As for why Ning Cheng killed him, I think that the deacon here can investigate it clearly....."

"The investigation is clear." Tang Gongxi's words had just finished, when the Crucible Transformation Cultivator who had stopped Ning Cheng initially spoke up.

At this time, there were more and more cultivators gathering around, apart from the ones from the major academies, even some of the rogue cultivators gathered around to watch the lively spectacle. Although many of the cultivators did not understand as to what was going on, but they were still paying attention to the words of the Crucible Transformation Cultivator in order to find the specific reason behind all this.

This Crucible Transformation Cultivator flew over and landed in between them, before he first held up his cupped fists in greeting and then spoke up, "All the Dao Friends present here, the Tian Continent's Great Meet of the Academy is something that has always been one of the biggest events hosted in the Tian Continent, as such we will absolutely not allow anything or anyone to cause trouble. It can be said that we have the task of protecting every cultivator here, moreover under our eyes no one can make a move to kill the cultivators competing in here without any valid reason. Anyone who would dare to take the initiative to make a move and kill the cultivators participating in the competition would be killed without mercy irrespective of their background."

A warm applause washed over following those words, as the words spoken by the Crucible Transformation Deacon resonated with the on looking cultivators.